

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 January 1955		2. LOCATION Kalispell, Montana		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP (18 Jan 55) Local 1815 MST GMT 19/0115Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION momentary		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE Southwest, S	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright flash of light accompanied by a loud explosion. Oblong object observed moving at high speed.			11. COMMENTS Probable meteor.		

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II. SUMMARY: At 0115Z 19 Jan 55 (1215 MST 18 Jan 55) a bright flash of light accompanied by a loud explosion was heard by residents in and around Kalispell, Montana (GRID 3917). The information contained in this report was obtained by talking with persons who either observed the disturbance or talked to persons who did.

III. INVESTIGATORS: 2nd Lt. JERRY P. DIBOSE, AG 30-16-346

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X. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Highschool Student

Location: Kalispell, Montana

[REDACTED] was in his back yard chopping wood at approximately 1815 EST 18 Jan 1955. Suddenly a bright light lit up the surrounding area to the extent that he could definitely see a house on the other side of a small lake on which he resides (distance approximately three quarters of a mile). Approximately five minutes after the flash of light a loud explosion was heard. [REDACTED] said that he saw more light when the explosion sounded.

Y. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Unknown

Location: Kalispell, Montana

[REDACTED] was on duty as part of Operation Skywatch. At approximately 1815 EST 18 Jan 1955, she observed a bright flash of light from over head. Miss Kamp saw an object, oblong in shape (perhaps teardrop) moving at a high speed towards the S.W. An explosion followed some five minutes after the initial flash of light.

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PART ONE, Report, IP-UFOE-1  
Statement of Dr. Edward P. Neumann

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A telephone call to Dr. [REDACTED] vice president and head of the astronomy section of [REDACTED] produced negative results. Dr. Neumann had not observed the disturbance and unless Lt. [REDACTED]'s call had not even heard of the occurrence of the light and explosion.

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2nd Lt. USAF

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Statement of Mr. J.B. Firebaugh

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Mr. [REDACTED] a liaison officer 20th AF (USAF), was asked to check on commercial traffic in the Kalspell area at the time of the disturbance. This was done. There were no flights in the Kalspell area at the time.

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PART THREE, Rep. IR-UFOB-1  
Statement of Mr. John Hall

### STATEMENT

A telephone call was placed to Mr. [redacted], United States weather station at Kalispell, Montana (PH 3917). Mr. Hall did not observe the disturbance but got several eyewitness reports from persons who did. The following paragraphs contain information obtained from these sources.

#### 1. SOURCES [redacted]

Occupation: Rancher

Location: Kalispell, Montana

A little after six o'clock MST, on 18 Jan 1955 Mr. [redacted] was walking through his back yard when suddenly he saw a bright flash from overhead. The surrounding ground was lit up with a violet color. Mr. Logie saw a handron shaped object with a very small trail behind it. The movement was to the S.W. at a very high rate of speed. Some two to five minutes passed before he heard any sound and then the sound was a loud booming explosion. However the sound did not come from directly overhead but from a southerly direction.

### STATEMENT

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*James P. DUBOSE*  
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PART FOUR, Repr. #1-UROB-1

The following excerpts are taken from the COC (Combat Operations Center) 29th AD (Det), Great Falls AFB, Montana.

- 0125Z- A.L. Hippert saw a large red flash explosion. Hippert was in BHPD 5101. Explosion was 2 miles south and 1 mile west of his position. Telephone is Helena 73161. Time of explosion was 0115Z.
- 0130Z- Received more information on explosion from [REDACTED] in BHPD 5326 at 0100Z. His telephone number is Roman 14381.
- 0340Z- Additional information on explosion from [REDACTED]. Heard sound before the flash. There were two flashes and two explosions. The flashes were very high and moved westwardly. Major Lineasy, Wing Controller, called Capt. Coley in reference to entry 0125Z. He received call from 15th AF. We will pass all new information on this to him.
- 0420Z- [REDACTED] said a group of people at Kalispell, Montana heard an explosion, saw a flash, heard a rumble. Estimated altitude of the explosion to be 40,000 feet and 20 miles from Kalispell. The time was between 1800 1815 EST.
- 0525Z- Brody (A C & W site) called us with this information from Railway (Spokane) which railway received by monitoring a transmission from a Carnival flight to Igloo (Walla Walla, Wash.). The pilot of Carnival flight leader saw a bright orange and blue flash in approximately the same position of other reports at approximately the same time.
- 0640Z- Backlog- 0140Z. Checked base operations, Lowery Flight Service and notified Major Batten at GADE in regard to explosion. Notified CAD and sheriff's office also. Sausage (ACW) site reports Helena received a report on meteor approximately 100 miles south. Reported point of explosion approximately 20 minutes after explosion.
- 1220Z- Checked with Lowery flight service in regard to explosion at 0115Z. They report no a/c are down. GADE was notified of this.

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2nd Lt. USAF

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**PART FIVE, Repts #1B-UEOB-1**

Since there was no report of a distinct object and there was no evidence to be found in the area, it is the opinion of the investigating officer that this disturbance was created by a small meteor penetrating the earth's atmosphere and exploding from contact with heavier air.

*[Signature]*  
 JOHN P. THIBODEAU  
 2nd Lt USAF  
 Officer in Charge

**COMMENTS of Approving Officer:**

The high speed, light and explosion indicate the probability of a meteorite. No aircraft were known to be within the general vicinity. None reported missing.

*[Signature]*



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