

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 Oct 55	2. LOCATION 1. NW of San Angelo, Tex 2. 50 Miles N of Del Rio, Texas	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 14/1600Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE military (pilots)	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. Five seconds 2. thirty seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS None	9. COURSE 1. W to E 2. Easterly
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1. One reddish-orange fireball, size of a dime held at arms length, left a white smoke trail as curving towards the earth. Appeared to burn out in brilliant flash. 2. One blazing light moving easterly and descending. Orange in color and appeared to observers to compare to blazing and falling a/c. Observers searched area with negative results.	11. COMMENTS Meteor sighting.	

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RJEWLP/COMATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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XUNCLASSIFIED/SWOI 5111-10. UFOR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 230-2, PARA 7,
UFC, THE FOLLOWING MSG AGE IS IN TWELVE PARTS.

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT.

- A. LARGE RED FIRE BALL.
- B. SIZE OF A DIME HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH
- C. REDDISH ORANGE
- D. ONE EA.
- E. N/A
- F. N/A
- G. WHITE SMOKE TRAIL NOTED FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE SECONDS DURATION.

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PART II. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

A. DUAL OBSERVATION.

B. LOW LEVEL 30,000 FEET

C. 31 DEGREES FROM OBSERVER'S POSITION. ALTITUDE 30,000 FEET.

D. FROM WEST TO EAST CURVING TOWARD GROUND.

E. APPEARED TO BURN OUT WITH A BRILLIANT FLASH.

F. FIVE SECONDS.

PART III. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

A. AIR TO AIR VISUAL

B. RADAR

C. AIRBORNE P-47E AIRCRAFT TAIL NUMBER 53-2349. ALTITUDE 30,000 FEET
HEADING 120 DEGREES. SPEED 480 KNOTS GROUND SPEED. HOME STATION
WALKER AFB, ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO.

PART IV. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

A. 14/1600Z

B. DAY

PART V. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 31 DEGREES 45 MINUTES NORTH, 101 DEGREES
31 MINUTES WEST.

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PART VI. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER:

A. R. J. W. FLK

B. VICTORIANA, FRANK L. MAJOR, 337TH FIGHTER GROUP, 44-13040, ROBERTSON, TEXAS

QUALITY OF REPORT -2.

PART VI. METEOROLOGICAL AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. 30 DEGREES AT 50 KNOT AT 3,000 FEET.

B. UNLIMITED DAWNING

C. UNLIMITED VISIBILITY

D. NONE

E. N/A

PART VIII. NEGATIVE

PART IX. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: REPORTED OBSERVATION TO MIDLAND AND SAN ANGELO RADIOS. ADVISED NOTIFICATION OF FLIGHT SERVICE, FORT-WORTH AREA. NOTIFIED FLIGHT SERVICE UPON LANDING AT WALKER AFB.

PART X. LOCATION OF AND AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING:
NEGATIVE.

PART XI. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER: CAPTAIN, USAF, ACTING DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, 509TH BOMB WING,
COMMENTS: NONE. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF
THE SIGHTING: NONE

PART XII. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: NEGATIVE

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NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)

SOURCE: CRIFO Newsletter 4 Nov 55

14 Oct 55
New Orleans, La

"SPACE FIREBALL BLOWS UP, SETS OFF LOUISIANA FIRES"

Case 110, At least five southern states, 10:00 a.m. Oct 14, '55—Quoted above are the giant headlines which appeared in the *New Orleans States*. The story itself filled two columns. Clippings received from other cities indicate similar concern, but for all acknowledgment we refer to a report sent in by Richard Hall of New Orleans who paraphrases Hall's report in which he quotes from the *New Orleans States*: "Mysterious fireball . . . set off a flurry of plane crash reports from Brownsville, Texas to Mobile, Alabama. One object, described as a single-engine plane, was reported down in Lake Pontchartrain as the fiery things streaked through the air in days past. Spokesmen at New Orleans Airport said the fireball 'definitely was a meteor.' New Orleans police searched 10 sq. miles for two hours before giving up search for object at 2:05 p.m. Miss Vacherie then reported smoke from the crashed object and some people went into the swamps to search for it. A pilot at McAllister Field said 'plane crash reports had been sent there from Lake Pontchartrain and the surrounding water. Burnt leather and insulation were found'." He reported the New Orleans Airport had observed the fireball and said he witnessed the crash near the lake. He described the fireball as "a large orange-red ball. It caught fire and exploded. It was very bright." A pilot who saw the fireball said he had seen a fiery object in the sky over Mobile before and that "it looked like a meteor."

Exploded in seconds and there was nothing left but ashes in Mobile now the fireball came over their heads . . . with blue fire from the rear. Suddenly, the fire seemed to go out and the object dropped near the Chrysler Plant. Dennis Lassau of Lucy, La., said the meteor left a vapor trail in the sky for 45 minutes." Quoting the *States* again, "Hundreds of miles out in the Gulf of Mexico ships altered their courses to search for planes they believed crashed." The *Sun*, Baltimore, reported, "Control tower operators at Brookley AFB, Mobile said they saw 'fireball' explode on the edge of the military reservation. Pilots of three military aircraft near Mobile reported seeing a 'red rocket' about the same time." Dr. Fraser Thompson of Tulane University Observatory, said about twelve explosions, continuous, "one would be followed by another." The fireball exploded and was sighted by many people. The writer believes the meteor object was a meteorite. He notes that none of the reports indicate that a crowd gathered around the scene. Much of the information is taken from the *New Orleans States*.

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