

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<b>1. DATE</b> 8 November 1956	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Rapid City, South Dakota		<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local _____ GMT 09/0233Z	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b> Military		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> eight to ten seconds	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> one	<b>9. COURSE</b> SE to ESE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> One object, shaped like flame from jet fighter with afterburner on, colored blue at head, shading into orange at tail. Obj appeared 5 to 10 feet long fm approx one mile. Obj was seen as a flame trail--no solid obj was visible. Obj was observed flying at a very high rate of speed, faster than any jet. Obj flew on a straight and level flight path except for a sharp pull-up at the end of the observation when the light went out. Obj was observed visually for 8 to 10 seconds.		<b>11. COMMENTS</b> Probable meteor sighting.	

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FM COMDR 23TH BOMB WG HWY ELLSWORTH AFB SDAK

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJMPGU/COMDR 29TH AIR DIV HANSTRON AFB MONT

RJEDUP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WPAFB OHIO

RJEP10/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AF USAF WASH 25 D C

INFO RJEDMH/CINCSAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR

RJMPRH/COMDR 15 AF HARCH AFB CALIF

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/UNCLAS//DOI 23299 SUBJECT UFOB. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AIR FORCE REGULATION

23-2, DTD 12 AUGUST 1954, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

1.

- A. SHAPED LIKE FLAME FROM JET FIGHTER WITH AFTER BURNER ON.
- B. APPEARED FIVE TO TEN FEET LONG FROM APPROXIMATELY ONE (1) MILE.
- C. BLUE AT HEAD, SHADING INTO ORANGE AT TAIL: EMITTING ORANGE COLORED SPARKS
- D. ONE (1)
- E. NOT APPLICABLE

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F. NONE

G. FLAME TRAIL, NO SOLID OBJECT VISIBLE

1. VERY HIGH RATE OF SPEC: FACTOR THAT ANY JET AIRCRAFT OBSERVER  
EVER SAW

2.

A. CHANGE OBSERVATION

B. JUST ABOVE HORIZON APPROXIMATELY 21.2 DEGREES

C. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY (30) DEGREE ELEVATION; APPROXIMATELY 23.4  
DEGREES

D. STRAIGHT AND LEVEL EXCEPT SHARP PULLUP AT END OF OBSERVATION; NO  
DECREASE IN SPEC

E. STARTED SHARP CLIMB AND LIGHT SUDDENLY WENT OUT

3.

A. GROUND-VISUAL

B. NONE

C. NOT APPLICABLE

4.

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B. NIGHT

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5. FORTY-FOUR DEGREES, ZERO TWO MINUTES, FIFTEEN SECONDS NORTH, THREE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THREE DEGREES, SEVEN FIFTY LINE, ZERO ZERO SECONDS WEST

6. MILITARY: ~~REDACTED~~, CAPTAIN, FOURTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON,  
FLIGHT ENGINEER ON COMBAT CREW AND ASSISTANT SQUADRON FLIGHT LINE  
MAINTENANCE OFFICER. COMPLETELY RELIABLE

7.

YPR Z ERPTV QPH PP Z EQPMPV QYNPPP Z ETPOTV WPHPPP Z ERPTWTV  
EPNPPP A EYPRPV TPNPPP A ERPTV QP PPP A NOT AVAILABLE.

- C. UNLIMITED
- D. GOOD
- E. NONE
- F. NONE
- G. NEGATIVE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE

11. ACTING CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, WITH BOMBARDMENT WING. THE OBSERVING OFFICER WAS RELUCTANT TO MAKE HIS REPORT FROM FEAR OF RIDICULE. THIS EXPLAINS DELAY IN REPORT. THE OFFICER IS A MATURE, LEVEL HEADED INDIVIDUAL WITH SEVEN YEARS SERVICE IN THE AIR FORCE. HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE OBJECT OF HIS REPORT WAS NOT CAUSED BY ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS, AND THAT IT WAS NOT A METEOR. HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE SIGHTING FITS A JET EXHAUST EXCEPT FOR THE TERRIFIC SPEED. NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT COULD GO FROM THE HORIZON TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY

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THE ( ) MILES PAST THE OBSERVER IN FLIGHT ( ) TO THE ( ) SECONDS AS HE DESCRIBED HIS SIGHTING. THE PREPARING OFFICER HAS NO OPINION AS TO THE IDENTITY OR CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING.

12. NONE

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*Possibly fireball,  
Speed duration  
fits meteor*