

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Dec 60		2. LOCATION Wheelus AB, Tripoli, Libya		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 type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical Meteor <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 0000 GMT 2216Z		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 Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-6 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE N-S or SN-SE		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A ball of flame with tapering flaming tail 6 times diameter of ball. Ball was fire orange; tail, lighter shade of orange to yellow. Observer making visual weather observation, noticed object at 250°, elevation 14°. Uncertain as to azimuth and elevation at disappearance.			11. COMMENTS No a/c in area. Description and duration characteristic of meteor. Sputnik IV reentry this date; however description and duration indicate meteor observation.		

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TO USAF ATTN AFCIN-1B- WASH DC

ATIC ATTN AFCIN-4A WPAFB

PROJECT TRACK L G HANSCOMB FLD BEDFORD MASS

INFO 2WEA GP LINDSEY AS GER

174E2+
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[REDACTED] FR 13WDO001-L DUTY OBSERVER AT WHEELUS AB
REPORTS SIGHTING OF A FALLING OBJECT LEAVING A TRAIL OF FLAME. OBJECT
SEEMED TO BE LARGER AND SLOWER THAT A SHOOTING STAR. DATE AND TIME OF
OBSERVATION, 02 DEC CURR, 2216 GMT. AZIMUTH, 250 DEGREES. ELEVATION, 14
DEGREES. MOVEMENT, FROM NORTH TO SOUTH OR FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTH
EAST.

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FROM: AFIC W-P AFB

TO: WHEELUS FLD, TRIPOLI, LIBYA *RUTOAK*

UNCLAS/AFCIN-LE2x 12-3508-E

DET 13, 21 WEA SQ, YOUR MSG 13 WD 000-L, DTD 3 DEC 60, REQ THE ALLEDGED SIGHTING BE INVESTIGATED AND RPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEPT 59.

DATE 7	TIME 0815
MONTH DEC	YEAR 1960

SYMBOL AFCIN-LE2x		SIGNATURE <i>Philip G. Evans</i>	
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required) Maj Robert J. Friend		TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE PHILIP G. EVANS Colonel, USAF Deputy for Science and Components	
PHONE 69216	PAGE NR. 1	NR. OF PAGES 1	
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My Friend

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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INCOMING MESSAGE

AF IN : 9909 (3 Dec 60)

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ACTION: CIN-14

INFO : OOP-3, SAFS-3, OOP-CP-1 (22)

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PROJ SPACE TRACK L. G. HANSCOM FLD BEDFORD MASS
INFO 2 WEA WG LAS GER

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APPEARED TO BE LARGER AND SLOWER THAN

A SHOOTING STAR X DATE AND TIME OF OBSERVATION

CMM XERO TWO DEC CURR CMM TWO TWO ONE SIX GMT RPT GMT X AXIMUTH

CMM TWO FIVE XERO DEGREES X ELEVATION CMM ONE FOUR DEGREES X

MOVEMENT CMM FROM NORTH TO SOUTH OR FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST

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TO ATTC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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UNCLAS 13WD 12-M-2.

Friend

YOUR AFCIN-4E2X 12-3528-E. SIGHTING INFORMATION PER AFR 230-2
FOLLOWS.

A. DISCRIPTION

- (1) A BALL OF FLAME WITH A FLAMING TAIL.
- (2). PEA SIZE TAPERING TAIL FROM SIZE OF BALL TO NIL. TAIL LENGTH 6 TIMES THE DIAMETER OF BALL.
- (3) COLOR, FIRE ORANGE, TAIL LIGHTER SHADE OF ORANGE TO YELLOW.
- (4) NUMBER, ONE ONLY.

B. SIGHTING RESULTED FROM

PAGE TWO RJTOAK 122A

(1) OBSERVER MAKING VISUAL WEATHER OBSERVATION AND NOTICED
OBJECT DURING OBSERVATION.

W AZ 250 DEGREES, ELEVATION 14 DEGREES.

(3) UNCERTAIN AS TO AZEMUTH AND ELEVATION AT DISAPPEARANCE.

(4) BELIEVED TO BE N-S COULD BE ANY DIRECT FROM NW-N TO

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(5) DISAPPEARED SUDDENLY.

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(6) 5 - 6 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) FROM WEATHER OBSERVATION TOWER APPROXIMATELY 120 FT ELEV.

(2) NONE, EYESIGHT ONLY.

(3) N/A.

D. (1) 2216Z, 2 DEC 63.

(2) MIDNIGHT LOCAL TIME.

E. OBSERVER LOCATED ON CATWALK OF WEATHER OBSERVATION TOWER
LAT 32 DEGREES 54 MINUTES, LONG 13 DEGREES 15E NEAR TRIPOLI, LYB.

F. OBSERVER A USAF WEATHER OBSERVER, [REDACTED],
[REDACTED], RELIABLE.

B. WEATHER CONDITIONS CLEAR VISIBILTIY 10 MILES, TEMPERATURE
53 DEGREES F, DEWPOINT 49 DEGREES F, WIND SURFACE 200/03, 6,000 FT
220, 10,000 FT 240/25, 16,000 FT 300/15, 20,000 300/25, 30,000 FT

260/40, 50,000 FT 250/45, 80,000 FT 260/43.

H. NEGATIVE.

I. N/A.

J. NO KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC OR LEASE OF BALLOONS IN AREA AT THE
TIME.

K. MAJOR WININGER, COMDR DET 13 PREPARING OFFICER, BELIVE
THIS TO BE A BOMFIED SIGHTING OF METEOR OR A REENTRY OF A SPACE
VEHICLE. OBSERVER HAD NOT BEEN ALERTED TO WATCH FOR SUCH PHENOMENA.

L. NOT APPLICABLE.

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