

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 Jan 61	2. LOCATION 3 mi SE of Portales, New Mexico		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 <i>METEOR</i> <input checked="" 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 0733 GMT 141433Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input 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		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4-5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Burning mass like a ball of fire, size of quarter at arm's length. Bluish-green glow. Black exhaust trail, five inches long at arms length. Sighted 45° above horizon, due N. Disappeared 20° above horizon, 297°. Disappeared instantaneously.		11. COMMENTS There were no satellites re-entering at this time. A large number of people are reported to be seeing balls of fire flashing across the sky, mostly on the West Coast. The description and duration is characteristic of a fireball.	

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I. NONE

PART TWO: DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

A. CAME IN LINE OF SIGHT

B. FORTY FIVE DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON, DUE NORTH

C. TWENTY DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON, TWO NINE SEVEN DEGREES

D. SMOOTH ARC

E. BRIGHT BURNING FLASH INSTANTANIOUS

F. FOUR TO FIVE SECONDS

PART THREE: MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. N/A

PART FOUR: TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

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PART FIVE: LOCATION OF OBSERVER

A. 34 DEG 13 MIN 40 SEC N AND 103 DEG 17 MIN 10 SEC W, THREE MILES

PORTALES NEW MEXICO

PART SIX: IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER

A. CIVILIAN, MR [REDACTED], PORTALES, NEW MEXICO

PART SEVEN: WEATHER AND WINDS

A. CLEAR, VISIBILITY FIFTEEN MILES

B. CANNOT AWS, WIND DIRECTION/VELOCITY IN DEGREES AND KNOTS,

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SURFACE 320 DEG/7, 6000' 330 DEG/20, 10,000' 330 DEG/35, 16,000'

330 DEG/45, 20,000' 320 DEG/40, 30,000' 320 DEG/65, 50,000' 280

DEG/50, 80,000' 280 DEG/10

C. CEILING CLEAR

D. VISIBILITY FIFTEEN MILES

E. AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER NONE

F. THUNDERSTORMS NONE IN VICINITY

G. TEMPERATURE GRADIENT

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- D. VISIBILITY FIFTEEN MILES
- E. AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER NONE
- F. THUNDERSTORMS NONE IN VICINITY
- G. TEMPERATURE GRADIENT
- A. SFC TO 8000' -1 DEG C PER 1000'
- B. 8000' TO 24,000' -2.5 DEG PER 1000'
- C. 24,000' TO 30,000' -0.6 DEG PER 1000'
- D. 30,000' TO 34,000' ISOTHERMAL
- F. KNOWLEDGE OF BALLON RELEASE NONE

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UNCLAS ABG/BDOO 21-405. SUBJ: UFO. THIS MESSAGE IN SEVEN PARTS.

PART ONE: DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

- A. FIRE BALL
- B. QUARTER COIN AT ARMS LENGTH
- C. BLUISH GREEN GLOW LIKE ARC WELDER
- D. ONE
- E. N/A
- F. BURNING MASS
- G. EXHAUST TRAIL, FIVE INCHES LONG AT ARMS LENGTH, BLACK
- H. NEGATIVE SOUND