

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Jul 60	2 LOCATION 5 mi NW of Big Delta, Alaska		12. CONCLUSIONS D Was Balloon Probably Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION —	Ground-Rodor Air-Intercept Rodor	Possibly Balloon Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft
	6. SOURCE Civilian	9. COURSE descending	Was Astronomical Meteor Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical
	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		Other Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown
Brilliant yellow flash with heavy black smoke with variantensity, trail larger the smoke several miles long, toward earth and burned ou after flash.	ying degrees of an flash. Trail of then object dipped	Probably a dayl:	ight meteor.

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FEET, SEVERAL MILES LONG THEN OBJECT DIPPED DOWN TOWARD THE EARTH AND BURNED OUT. (5) INSTANANEOUSLY AFTER FLASH. (6) ESTIMATE 5-18 SECONDS. C. (1) GROUND VISUAL FROM AUTOMIBLE IN MOTION. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. D.(1) 89/86457 JULY 1968. (2) DAY. E. 5 MILES NW OF BIG DELTA ON HIGHWAY. F. (1) CIVILIAN-

RELIABLE. G. (1) CLEAR. (2) 6000', 220 DEGRES/

13KTS. 18000', 190 DEGREES/12KTS. 16000', 180 DEGREES/8KTS. 20000',

UNKNOWN. 30000' UNKNOWN. 50000' UNKNOWN. 80000' UNKNOWN. (3) NONE.

(4) 50 MILE. (5) 6500' SCATTERED. (6) NONE. (7) TEMPERATURE 56 DEGREES

DEW POINT 38 DEGREES. H. NONE. I. NONE. J. NONE. K. CAPTAIN E.B. COLLIE,

HGS 11 ADIV (DEF) INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN

THIS REPORT WAS NOT OBTAINED UNTIL 13/20007 JULY 1960 BECAUSE MR KEIM

WWS CN A FISHING TRIP AT THE TIME OF SHIGHTING AND DID NOT RETURN HOME

UNTIL 15 JULY 1960. TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH MR KEIM OBSERVED

THE TRAIL OF SMOKE, HOWEVER THE FLASH HAD OCCURRED PRIOR TO THEIR

OBSERVATION. THE PREPARING OFFICER HAS NO EXPLANATION AS TO THEIDENTITY

OF THE OBJECT. THE COURSE OF THE OBJECT AND TRAIL OF SMOKE WAS PARALLEL

AND TO THE RIGHT OF THE HIGHWAY LEADING TO BIG DELTA. A CHECK WAS MADE

AITH FAA AT FORT GREELEY TO DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL SIGHTING HAD BEEN

MADE: THERE WERE NONE REPORTED. 1. NONE

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UNCLAS FROM DOI 18335-G. ACTION ADE, AAC (ACS/I),

ATIC, HO USAF (AFCEN SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (SAFIS). IN ACC
DANCE WITH AFR 200-2, SECTION C, PARAGRAPH 15, SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECTS (8F0), THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED: A. (1)
UNKNOWN. (2) DIME. (3) BRILLIANT YELLOWISH FLASH. (4) ONE. (5) NONE.
(6) NONE. (7) LARGE TRAIL OF REAVY BLACK SMOKE, WITH VARYING DEGREES
F INTENSITY. TRAIL LARGER THAN FLASH. (8) NONE. (9) NONE. B. (1)
TRAIL OF SMOKE. (2) 48 DEGREES FROM HORIZON AT APPROXIMATELY 125
DEGREES. (3) 28 DEGREES FROM HORIZON AT APPROXIMATELY 125 DEGREES.
(4) TRAIL OF SMOKE HORIZONTAL TO EARTH, ESTIMATED ALTITUDE 8000

1 HIT

Location 5 mi. Nw of Big Delta, Alaska
Date 9 July 1960 Hour (Z) 06453
WX High scattered clouds, vis 50 mi, winds 5w and 5 at 8 to 13 knots
Description A brilliant yellow flash size of dime left a large trail of
heavy black smoke with varying degrees of density, estimated to be several
miles long. was first seen 40 deg elev at 125 deg, disapp 20 deg elev at 125
deg, trail was horizontalto earth and parallel with the road, was viewed for about 5 to 10 seconds Direction of Motion descending
Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) None reported to be reentering at this time.
Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) Probably a daylight meteor
Radar Analysis (ArCIN-4E1) None
Natural Fhemomena (Ball Lightning, etc)
Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. Fuled out-no acft reported to have crashe
Other
Evaluation of Source Reliability Poss reliable

Analysis and Conclusions: If it had been an acft burning it would not have travelled so far and would not have left such a long trail of smoke as that that reported by the witnesses. There were no acft crash reported. The object is typical of a large meteor that is seen during daylight, burning up and leaving a trail of smoke.