PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

27 February, 1960	ry, 1960 Las Vegas, Nevada		12	Was Balloon Probably Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMTS/05303 5. PHOTOS CI Yes XXNo	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATIO D'Ground-Visual D'Air-Visual Civilian	D Ground-Rodor D Air-Intercept Rador	000 000	Possibly Balloon Was Alteraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Was Astronomical Meteor Probably Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF COSSERVATION 2-15 seconds	one	9. COURSE East	000	Insufficient Date for Evaluation Unknown
Circular object size of a arm's length, white to li with a tail of sparks about long as the object. Looks star.	ight green color out ten times as	Description meteor.	is t	typical of a large

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 16 SEP 52)

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TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB

RJWZNF/27TH ADIV (DEF)

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RJEZHQ/COFS USAF

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UNCLAS OI-23 0009. ACTION ADC, 27TH AIRDIV, ATIC, COFS USAF

(AFCIN) AND OSAF, (SAFIS). UFO PD ALFJ (1) CIRCULAR, (2) SILVER

POLLAR AT ARMS LENGTH, (3) HOT INANDESCENCE, WHITE TO LIGHT

BLUISH GREEN (COMPARED TO ACETYLENE TORCH FLAME) (4) ONE (5)

N/A, (6) VERY BRIGHT LIGHT, (7) TRAIL OF SPARKS ABOUT 10 TIMES

LENGTH OF MAIN LIGHT SOURCE, (8) NONE, (9) COMMMENT BY CIVILIAN

A/P CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR: (THE OBSERVATION) WAS LIKE A

METEOR OR FALLINGNSTAR, BUT WAS THE BRIGHTEST ONE HE HAD EVER

SEEN. (ESTIMATED SIGHTING 10 TO 15 IN LAST SIX MONTHS). BRAVO

(1)-THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE LIGHT, (2) 10 DEGREES TO 20 DEGREES

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PEGREES ABOVE HORIZON AT ABOUT 315 PEGREES TRUE, (3) 10 PEGREES TO 20

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FOXTOT (1)

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