

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 January, 1960		2. LOCATION (03-45N 168-25W) Near Johnston Island		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Flare</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>1700Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Given		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE Ascending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object appeared from below ascending. Bright white and cast glow as it passed to the rear of the a/c. A/C at 11,500 ft alt. At peak elevation the shell burst into a orange flame with black smoke. Appeared to gain in intensity as ascending. Duration not given. Electronic interference in area from missile range activity. CNO				11. COMMENTS Probably a star shell or flare of some sort fired for identification or other reason in connection with the missile range activity.	

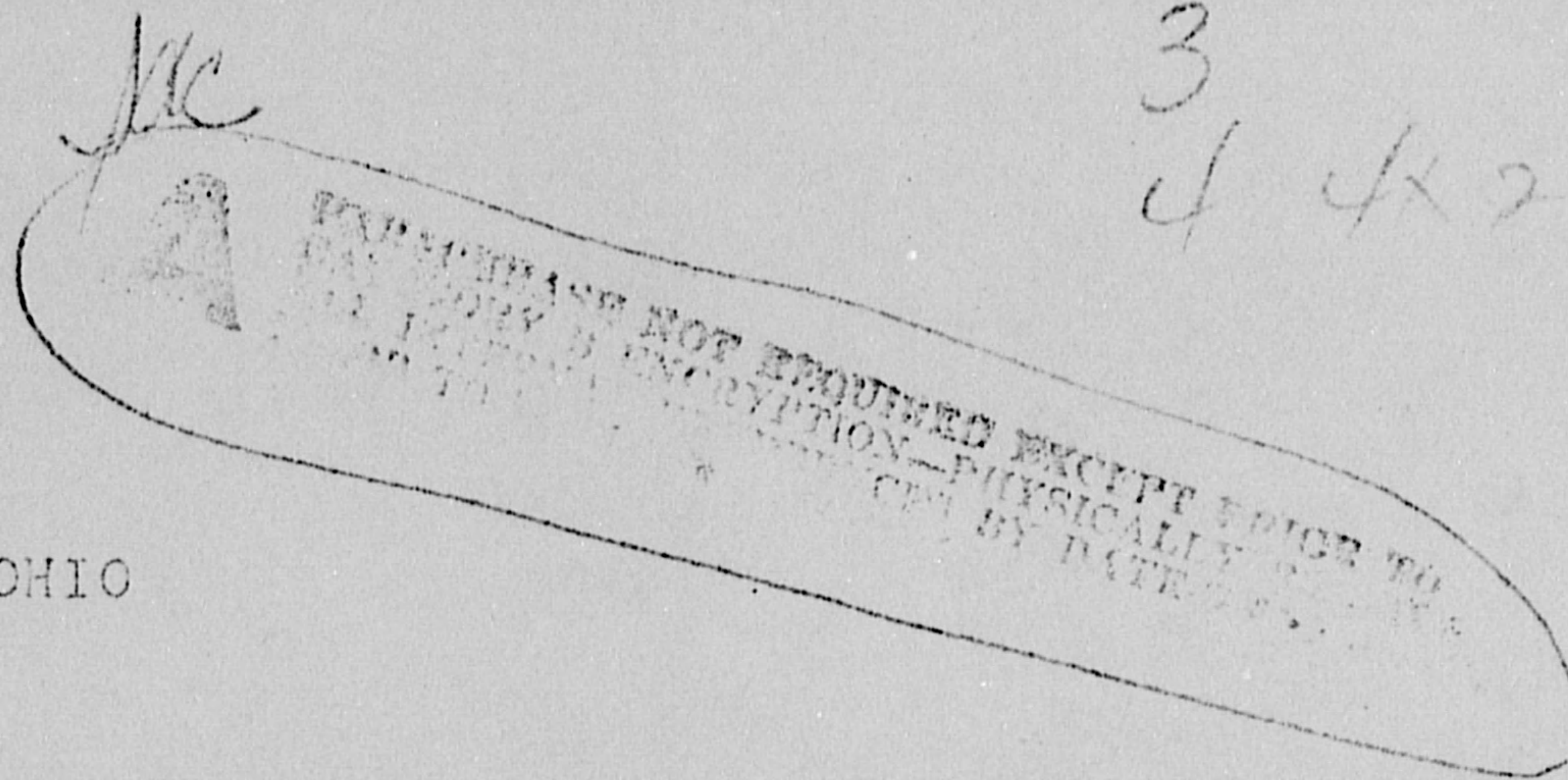
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LIGHT ABOVE AND BEHIND AIRCRAFT. OBJECT WAS APPARENTLY
INCREASING IN ELEVATION, AS IT APPROACHED HIGHEST ELEVATION
OBJECT APPEARED TO EXPLODE AND TRAIL FLAME, DARK AND WHITE
SMOKE, WHITE LIGHT BECAME MORE INTENSE. ORANGE FLAME AND
DARK SMOKE SIMILAR TO BURNING AUTOMOBILE TIRE. AS LIGHT PASSED
TAIL IT WAS SUFFICIENTLY BRIGHT TO LIGHT UP TAIL AND WING
SURFACES. ONE OBSERVER REPORTED OBJECT BREAKING UP. ANOTHER
SAW TWO LIGHTS AS OBJECT PASSED BEHIND AIRCRAFT. WEATHER BROKEN
CUMULUS EST BASES AT 3000 FEET TOPS AT 9000 FEET, BROKEN HIGH
STRATUS EST 14000 FEET. FOR FACAF ELINT CENTER. FILM SUBMITTED
WITH RAW DATA NOT DEVELOPED.

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