MILITARY AIR

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
29 Nov 60

2. LOCATION
S of Kyushu Island, Japan

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 1838
GMT 0938Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
10 min

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
E

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
No shape; size--equizalent to North Star fm 21,000 ft; color--white, similar to second to fourth magnitude star in color; no features; Seemed to follow observers flight course. Unusual movement of white light against star background. Angle 45° fm horizon to zenith, azimuth fm 350° to 30° when sighted. About 45° above horizon at 2 o'clock position with sudden disappearance. Flight path--090° to E to start with, then followed straight path. No maneuvering; appeared to slow down on a parallel course at 030°. Appeared to be in orbital path.

11. COMMENTS
Duration suggests artificial satellite. However, check with Spacetrack rules out satellite. Balloon was launched after sighting was made; no known a/c in area. Possibly balloon launched fm Communist territory, as it is known that balloons are launched fm an area NE of Japan. Due to inability to correlate object with some known object, report is evaluated as unidentified.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
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☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☒ Unknown

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U N C L A S E F T O 3130C-I U-11-217. UFO. FOR USAF-
AFCIN AND SAFS. ALL OTHER ADDRESSEES FOR INTELLIGENCE. REFERENCE
PAR 15, AFR 200-2, DATED 14 SEP 59. DATA IS SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:
ITEM ALPHA: DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: (1) SHAPE: NONE (2) SIZE:
EQUIVALENT TO NORTH STAR FROM 21,000 FEET (3) COLOR: WHITE,
SIMILAR TO SECOND TO FOURTH MAGNITUDE STAR IN COLOR (4) NUMBER:
ONE (5) N/A (6) FEATURES: NONE (7) TRAIL: NONE, APPEARED TO
OBSERVEJZ TO FOLLOW A TRAJECTORY PARALLEL TO THEIR FLIGHT COURSE.
(8) NO SOUND (9) NONE. ITEM BRAVO: DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF
OBJECT: (1) THE TWO OBSERVERS NOTED AN UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OF A

WHITE LIGHT AGAINST A STAR BACKGROUND (2) THE ANGLE WAS 45 DEGREES FROM HORIZON TO ZENITH AND THE AZIMUTH WAS FROM 350 DEGREES TO 30 DEGREES. (3) ABOUT 45 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON AT TWO O'CLOCK POSITION WITH A SUDDENT DISAPPEARANCE. (4) FLIGHT PATH: 090 DEGREES TO EAST TO START WITH, THEN FOLLOWED A STRAIGHT PATH. NO MANEUVERING BUT APPEARED TO SLOW DOWN ON A PARALLEL COURSE AT 030 DEGREES. APPEARED TO BE IN AN ORBITAL PATH, ALTHOUGH OBSERVERS HAVE NEVER SEEN SATELLITE TRACKS BEFORE. (5) INSTANTANEOUS (7) DURATION OF SIGHTING: TEN MINUES. ITEM COCOA: MANNER OF OBYKRVATION (1) AIR VISUAL (2) NONE (3) TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: T-33, SERIAL NUMBER 554409, ALTITUDE 21,000 FEET, HEADING 15 DEGREES, TAS 320 KNOTS, HOME STATION KADENA AIR BASE. ITEM DE

TA: TIME AND DATE OF SIGNTING (1) 0938Z TO 0948Z, 29 NOV 62. (2) LIGHT CONDITIONS: NIGHT. ITEM ECHO: (1) LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: FOURTEEN TO FOUR MINUTES SOUTH OF TARPON, NORTH OF AMAMI OSHIMA, WEST TO SOUTHWEST OF YAKU-SHIMA. ITEM FOXTROT: IDENTIFYING INFORMAT WN ON OBSERVERS: (1) N/A (2) BLWLIN, ROY L., JR., LT COLONEL, 313 AIR DIV, ASSISTANT DO, ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY: B-2. (2A) BROWN, FRANK B., MAJOR, 313 AIR DIV, IG/OPS. ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY: B-3 ITEM GOLF: WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF SIGHTING: (1) OBSERVERS REPORTED VISIBILITY UNLIMITED, OVERCAST CLOUD DECK,

TOPS 14,000 FEET. (2) REPORT FROM NEAREST AWS: SURFACE WINDS SE 8 KNOTS, 130 DEGREES, 5,000 FEET 260 DEGREES 12 KNOTS, 10,000 FEET 290 DEGREES 21 KNOTS, 15,000 FEET 290 DEGREES 40 KNOTS, 20,000 FEET 280 DEGREES 43 KNOTS, 30,000 FEET 270 DUREES 59 KNOTS, 50,000 FEET 260 DEGREES 72 KNOTS, 80,000 FEET 250 DEGREES 09 KNOTS. (3) CLEAR (4) TEN MILES VISIBILITY (5) CLOUD COVER CUMULUS TO EAST, ALTO CUMULUS TO WEST. (6) NONE (7) TEMPERATURE GRADIENT 58 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT AT SUFRACE, DEW POINT 56 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. ITEM HOTEL AND INDIA: N/A ITEM JULIET: POSSIBILITY OF BALLOON SIGHTING WAS OBVIATED BY DIFFERENCES IN TIME OF REPORT AND ACTUAL RELEASE. BOLLOON RELEASED AT 1122Z,NIGHTING AT 0938Z. COLONEL BOWLIN STATED HE CHECKED WITH NAVY, 15, AND OTHER UNITS IN AREA FOR POSSIBILITY OF AIRCRAFT IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING. NEGATIVE REPORT FROM ALL UNITS. ITEM KILO: OFFICER PREPARING REPORT: CAPTAIN JOHNNY W. SHANKS, AO 592455, CHIEF OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, 313 AIR DIV, APO 239. POSSIBLE EXPLANATION:

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WAS SUBMITTED ON 25 OCT 58. ITEM LIMA: NONE.

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Evaluation of UFO Sighting

313th Air Division
ATTN: Chief, Operational Division
APO 239
San Francisco, California

1. Reference your message 31300-I U-11-217, dated 30 November 1960, reporting the sighting of an UFO, and requesting an evaluation of the same.

2. A check was made with Space Track to determine if the object observed was possibly an earth satellite with negative results. The object reported cannot be correlated with any known object; therefore, the sighting is being carried as "unidentified." In the future if additional information is received which results in identification, your office will be informed of our findings.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

for PHILIP C. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E2 Robert A Friend Major Date 16 Dec 60

AFCIN-4E2 H E Mathieu Date 12/19/60