PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Sep 61	**2. LOCATION** Johnson Is., Pacific	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 18/1230Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 min	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** 1	**9. COURSE** S

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Air crew sighting of objt estimated at 80 mi distance as elevation of 40-50°. Size estimated larger than basketball with tail 5x as long. Oblong shape. Color bluish white. Speed in excess of jet a/c. Course of objt S80° with flat trajectory. after 2 1/2 sec of flight sparks shot off. Intensity & speed constant. Objt desappeared over horizon. Radio operator described as reddish color & observed for 3 sec. Left trail of sparks similar to emery wheel. EOM operator could not describe color Only light w/red sparks trailing. Ordinanceman described as burst of fire.

11. COMMENTS Sighting descripted as police observation.

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P 190905Z
FM COMHAWSEAFRON
TO RJHPKH/COMD HAWAIRDEFDIV KUNIA
INFO RBWPPG/COMWESTSEAFRON
RBHPB/CINCPACFLT
RJWFALB/CINCNORAD ENT AFB COLO
RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASHDC
RBEPL/CNO
RBEPW/SECNAV
RUHPFS/CINCUSARPAC
RBHPA/CINCAC
RJHPKM/PACAF
RJHPKM/PACAF BASE COM HICKAM AFB
P 190427Z
FM CTG NINE TWO PT ONE
TO CTF NINE TWO
O 190045Z
FM CTU 92.1.3
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1. CIRVIS REPORT.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS A COMMENTARY FROM CREW MEMBERS OF PATRON -22 WHO OBSERVED AN U.F.O. ON 18 SEP 1961 AT JOHNSVTON AFB. 181230Z.

3. PLAN CAPTAIN- INITIAL OBSERVER OF THE OBJECT. REMAINED IN VIEW FOR 5 SECONDS. INITIALLY APPEARED APPROX 80 MILES DISTANCE. ANGLE OF ELEVATION APPROXI 40-50 DEGREES. SIZE ESTIMATED LARGER THAN A

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BASKETBALL IN DIAMETER AND FIVE DIAMETERS IN LENGTH. OBLONG IN SHAPE AF WHITE ADBLUISH IN COLOR. ON APPROXCOURSE 180 DEGREES AND AT A SPEED FASTER THAN THAT OF A JET INTERCEPTOR. SEEMED ON A BALLISTIC TRAJECTORY.TO-AND-ONE-HALF SECONDS AFTER INITIAL SIGHTING SPARKS SHOT OFF FROMNOSE. SIMILAR TO A SPARKLE. THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN COURSE/SPEED OR TRAJECTORY. OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN A SHOOTNG STAR BUT LOW ALTITUDE AND PROXIMITLY CAUSED OBSERVER TO QUESTION THIS. LIGHT INTENSITY WAS SIMILAR TO NORTH STAR AND REMAINED CONSTANT. OBJECT VANISHED OVER HORIZON.

4. RADAR OPERATOR: OBJECT POINTED OUT BY PLANE CAPTAIN. APPEARED AS A BALL OF FIRE FLASHING THRU THE SKY. OBSERVED OBJECT FOR APPROX 3 SECONDS, REDDISH - ORANGE IN COLLAR. COURSE 180 DEGREES. FASTER THAN A JET AIRCRAFT. ANGLE OF ELEVATION 25-30 DEGREES. APPEAREDCLOSE TO ISLAND. APPROX TWO TIMES SIZE OF NORMAL STAR. CORSE/SPEED REMAINED CONSTANT BUT RAPIDLY LOST ALTITUDE. LEFT RED - ORANGE STREAK IN SKY. SIMILAR TO SPARKS FROM AN EMERY WHEEL.

5. ECM OPERATOR - SAW OBJECT FOR 2-3 SECONDS. SIZE SIMILAR TO ROTATING AERODROME BEACON. NOT CERTAIN OF COLOR, BUT WAS LIGHT. SAW BRIGHT RED SPARKS TRAILING FROM SIDES. JUST PRIOR TO LOSING SIGHT OF OBJECT SAW SPONTANEOUS BURST OF LIGHT, BRIGHT RED IN COLOR. OBJECT DID NOT ALTER COURSE/SPEED. SPEED APPEARED NO FASTER THAN A JET FIGHTER. SEEMED AT LOW ALTITUDE AND CLOSE TO ISLAND.

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6. ORDNANCE MAN - OBSERVED OBJECT FOR 3-4 SECONDS. ANGLE OF ELEVATION APPROX 35 DEGREES. COURSE 180 DEGREES. APPEARED CLOSE TO ISLAND. FOLLOWED OBJECT THRU APPROX 1; DEGREES OF AZIMUTH. FASTER THAN A JET AIRCRAFT. SIMILAR IN SIZE TO AERO DROME BEACON. OBLONG IN SHAPE, SIMILAR TO A BULLET. FIRE TRAILING OFF SIDES AND TAIL. SAW BURST OF FIRE AFTER INITIAL SIGHTING. NO COURSE/SPEED CHANGE. ALTITUDE SEEMED NOSE DOWN.

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