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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Feb 62	2. LOCATION 18.30N 164.25E (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 17/1418Z	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 not given
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING CIRVIS report. Described as possible rocket reentry. Greenish color with white sputtering tail. Visible from 45° elevation through 20° elevation. Direction not reported. Duration not given.		11. COMMENTS Although duration was not given, it was reported as a possible reentry, and thus would be short. It failed to include breaking up and the reddish color associated with reentries; therefore, it is more probable that the sighting was a fireball. Color and flight indicate this. There is enough information to classify this as a meteor sighting.

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TO RJHPKM/PACAF HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RBHPQ/COMHAWSEAFROM PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

INFO RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASHINGTON DC

RBEPW/CNO WASHINGTON DC

CBEPW/SECNAV WASHINGTON DC

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RBHPA/CINCPAC CAMP H M SMITH HAWAII

RJHPFS/CINCUSARPAC FT SHAFTER HAWAII

RBHPB/CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

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RUAGEL/COMUSTDC TAIPEI TAIWAN

RBHPHH/HAWSEAFROM KUNIA TUNNEL

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UNCLAS/CIRVIS/NATS AIRCRAFT 10153 AT POSITION
1830N16425E AT 17/1418, HEADING 080 DEGREES,
REPORTS SIGHTING WHAT APPEARED TO BE ROCKET
REENTRY. BEARING 110 DEGREES FROM AIRCRAFT
POSITION. OBJECT WAS GREENISH WITH WHITE
SPUTTERING TAIL. VISIBLE FROM 45 DEGREES THROUGH
20 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON. DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
NOT REPORTED.

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CNTR PHNL. ADCC KUNIA. HAWSEAFRON OPERATIONS CONTROL CENTER KUNIA
SAR WAKE. CIRVIS REPORT T10153 AT POSITION 1850N 16425E AT 171418Z
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