PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 October 1962	2. LOCATION Donaldsville, Louisiana	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Possible Missile ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 17/1119Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Coast Guard	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS / 9. COURSE	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Merint rpt of celestial phenomena appearing in the East coming up from the horizon. Brilliant white glow, circular in shape. Obj then descended to 30 dgr elevation & appeared to make a ragged circular course leaving huge white vapor trails. Disappeared to the South on incline of 50 dgr at great speed.

11. COMMENTS

Missile launch schedule did not have launch at this time; however, this rpt does not contain all launches. Sighting made fm Louisiana in direction of Eglin, Patrick, and Cape Canaveral. Since obj sighted was characteristic of a missile launch observation, the case is evaluated as probable missile.

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ACTION: CIN-17

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INFO: ARMY-2, NAVY-2, CMC-8, JCS-35, OSD-15, NSA-7, CIA-11, OOP-2, DIA-10, DIA/CIIC-3, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (119)

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RUECJD/COMDT COGARD

RUEGUF/COMEASTAREA

RUCKKC/COMSIX

RUCKYC/COMEIGHT

RUCKSH/COMFAIRWING ELEVEN

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MERINT. FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM COAST GUARD CUTTER WHITE ALDER

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INCOMING

QUOTE 171119Z SIGHTED WHILE AT ANCHOR IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER ONE QUARTER MILE BELOW DONALDSONVILLE, LA FERRY ON RIGHT DESCENDING BANK. A CELESTIAL PHENOMENA APPEARING OVER EASTERN HORIZON BEARING 090 DEGS FROM ANCHORED POSIT, APPEARED IN BRILLIANT WHITE GLOW OF CIRCULAR SHAPE AT 090 DEGS, DESCENDED TO APPROX 30 DEGS, AND APPEARED TO MAKE RAGGED CIRCULAR COURSE LEAVING HUGE WHITE VAPOR TRAILS AND DISAPPEARED ON INCLINE COURSE OF APPROX 50 DEGS, TRAVELING SOUTH AT PHENOMENA SPEED. VISIBILITY 8 MI WITH BROKEN CLOUD BANKS. UNQUOTE.

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