

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 October 1962		2. LOCATION Atlantic (E of Cape Canaveral)		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>missile</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 27/2315Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE east	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observation of blast off of satellite from position 50 miles east of Canaveral. Bright ball of orange light on horizon. First 2 dgr of flight observed at which time object went behind clouds. Moments later observed at 40 dgr elevation on Easterly heading. Tail of light assumed three colors. Red, white and blue with red the leading color. Again obscured by clouds and final observation of faint white streak in east.				11. COMMENTS Launch of Explorer XV from Cape Canaveral at 2315Z. Placed 1962 Beta Lambda into orbit.	

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is forwarded as a matter under the cognizance of your office, and the writer has been so advised by a copy of this memorandum.

REMARKS

TEST 6146 Delta 14
(S-3B). Placed
EXPLORER XV into
orbit (1962 B COMBAT)
Launch from Cape Canaveral
23/15:01 Z2700

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AT 2315 GMT 27th. OCTOBER 1962 EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK FROM PUERTO CORTES, IN STELLAR OBSERVED POSITION LAT. 28 27½ N. LONG. 79 34½ W. AT A DISTANCE OF 50½ MILES DUE EAST OF CAPE CANAVERAL WE OBSERVED BLAST OFF OF ROCKET SATELITE. AT FIRST THERE WAS VERY BRIGHT BALL OF ORANGE LIGHT ON THE RED HORIZON. LOW CLOUD PERMITTED US TO SEE ONLY THE FIRST TWO DEGREES OF FLIGHT BUT A FEW MOMENTS LATER THE ROCKET WAS OBSERVED AGAIN THROUGH A BREAK IN THE CLOUD AND IT WAS THEN AT AN ALTITUDE OF ABOUT 40 DEGREES AND APPARENTLY ON A DUE EAST COURSE. IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT WE ALL OBSERVED THAT THE TAIL OF LIGHT COMING FROM THE ROCKET ASSUMED THREE DIFFERENT COLOURS* RED WHITE AND BLUE - RED BEING THE LEADING COLOUR. ANOTHER MOMENT LATER IT WAS OBSCURED AGAIN BUT WAS FINALLY SEEN AS A FAINT WHITE STREAK OF LIGHT IN THE EAST. OBVIOUSLY A VERY LUCKY CHANCE ENABLED US TO BE IN THE VICINITY TO WITNESS THIS WONDERFUL SIGHT. BAROMETER 30.30" AIR TEMP. 75 F. SEA 85 F. WIND NNE 4-5.

Voyage: No. 11. HOMEWARD BOUND FROM PUERTO CORTES, HONDURAS TO NEW YORK.

Vessel (name, flag, kind): M.V. "BOXHILL" BRITISH, GENERAL CARGO FREIGHTER.

Master: CAPT. [REDACTED]
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