

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 November 1962	2. LOCATION 11.59N 160.49W	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 17/0920Z	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 breaking up	9. COURSE falling
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Crew of merchant vessel sighted bright object breaking up. Red in color. Initial flash 20 dgr elevation. Object falling.		11. COMMENTS Duration not reported. Sighting could possibly be decay of satellite, however, data shows no decay for this date. Also possible bolide sighting. Information too limited for evaluation.

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INFO : CIN-17, OOP-2, OOP-CP-2, SAFS-3, ARMY-2, NAVY-2, CMC-8,
JCS-35, DIA-10, OSD-15, NSA-7, CIA-11 (115)

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FM 326 AIR DIV KUNIA FACILITY HAWAII

TO RUHLKM/PACAF HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RUKAC/COMALSEAFRON KODIAK ALASKA

RUWSPG/COMWESTSEAFRON SAN FRANCISCO CALIF

RUHPQ/COMHAWSEAFRON PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

INFO RUEAHQ/COFS USAF WASHINGTON DC

RUWGALB/CINCNORAD ENT AFB COLO

RUHPA/CINCPAC CAMP H M SMITH HAWWBF

RUHAFS/CINCUSARPAC FT SHAFTER HAWAII

RUHPB/CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

RUUAUZ/COMUSJAPAF FUCHU AS JAPAN

RUAMCR/COMUSKOREA SEOUL KOREA

RUAGFL/COMUSTDC TAIPEI TAIWAF

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MERINT/FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM VESSEL M/V ACONIS AT 170920Z.

"SIGHTED BRIGHT FLASH DEAD AHEAD OF US. IT WAS RED IN COLOR AND

WAS NOT A STAR BECAUSE THERE APPEARED TO BE OBJECTS FALLING DOWN.

MY POSITION ACCORDING TO MY LORAN 11 DEG 59' N. 160 DEG 49.5' W. THIS

FLASH WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON ABOUT 20 DEGREES. WE ARE STEAMING

TO INVESTIGATE." NO EVALUATION.

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17/2123Z NOV RUHLKH

NOTE: ADV CY TO OOP-CP, CIN AND DIA.