PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 September 65 25/1200Z	2. LOCATION Okinawa
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION A/C
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Nine	Investigating official regards as probable A/C sighting of DC-3 window lights.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 - 15 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Nine lights in shape of round dots. Size of head of pin. Formation "V" shaped. Appeared at 70 deg elevation moving to horizon in 10-15 seconds. Straight flight. Bluish color. Sighting at night. WX cloudy overcast with holes in overcast. Dark night.
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)

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UFO

a. Description.

1. Shape - round dots of light.

2. Size - head of pin.

3. Color - bluish white.

4. Number - nine.

5. Formation - Vee shaped.

6. None.

7. None.

8. Sound - none.

b. Description of course of objects:

1. Movement of lights.

2. 75 or 80 angle of elevation.

3. Near Horizon.

4. Straight flight path.

5. Went behind trees.

6. 10-15 seconds.

c. Manner of observation:

1. Ground-visual.

2. N/A.

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3. N/A.

d. 1. 25/1200Z

2. Night

e. Immediately behind Camp Kue Hospital, Okinawa. Coordinates 26° 20' N 127° 50' E.

f. 1. N/A.

2. Bartlett, Michael H., RA19796283, USA Med Center, Mail Clerk, appears to be reliable.

g. 1. Cloudy, overcast, holes in overcast, dark.

2. Weather station Kadena Air Base. Wind surface 090/5kts, 6000'-110/02, 10000'-210/02, 16000'-260/16, 20000'-260/28.

3. Measured 2400' broken.

4. 10 miles.

5. 6-9/10

6. None.

7. Attachment.

h. None.

i. Okinawa ADCC was notified and reported no sighting.

j. Local traffic.

Overflights: (1) CL-44 25/1230Z 19000' passed SW to NE. (2) C-141 25/1205Z 37000' passed NE to SW.

Arrivals: DC-6 arrived from West at 1213Z, C-130 arrived from SW at 1207Z, C-130 arrived from NE 1256Z, C-130 arrived from SW 1229Z, C-130 arrived from NE 1140Z, KC-135 arrived from SW 1259Z. Weather balloon released from KAD Weather station at 1118Z. Rocket firing from Kagoshima range with impact coordinates 28° 33' N 132° 30' E, 229 07 N 132° 00' E, 28° 21' N, 134° 20' E, 27° 34' N, 133° E. From 25/1130Z to 25/1200Z.

k. Base Operations Officer Kadena Air Base.

The following are findings and opinions of the investigating officer.

1. Window lights from the DC-6 passenger plane that landed at Kadena approximately 13 minutes after the estimated time of observation. (Time of sighting is estimated as the observer did not have a watch.) The landing runway at Kadena Air Base at that time would have been 05. If the aircraft landed on 05R and entered on a right base for 05R he would come extremely close to the observed track (north to south). Several cloud layers were reported at the 25/1152Z observation. (700' scattered 2400' broken 5500 broken and 30000' overcast). The observer indicated that he observed the lights through holes in the clouds and also at times they could be seen through the clouds. This would also lend probability to the theory that this might have been an aircraft overhead. Observer stated however that he could remember no aircraft noise. An aircraft letting down to the traffic pattern or on landing approach would not necessarily create such noise.

2. The probability that the rocket firing could have caused the sighting is remote due to the distance of the impact point (approximately 250+ NM) from KAB.

3. The presence of low clouds (700') at the time could have caused reflections of lights from the ground.

4. When interviewed the observer appeared to be reliable. However, several facts should be brought out. Age of the observer, 19, both soldiers lying on the grass, at night, admittedly both talking themselves into a good case of homesickness, their lack of familiarity with flying objects.

5. The Okinawa Air Defense Control Center was queried at the time of reporting and indicated no unusual sightings of unfamiliar tracks.

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