PIROJECT 10073 RECORD

	PROJECT 100/3 RECORD
. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
1 Sep 87 22/0250Z	Van Nuys, Ct.lifornia
3. SOURCE Civilian	Other (MISSILE)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
S. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
Not reported.	Object was a brilliant white light which appeared. Object
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	was observed in the NW skies from observer.
7. COURSE	
NW	
8. PHOTOS	
TY Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
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UFO Observation, September 21, 1967

Van Nuys, California 91406

1. Reference your letter of September 22, 1967 regarding your unusual observation of September 21. Your sighting was probably caused by a missile which was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base at the approximate time of your observation. Vandenberg Air Force Base officials explained that the Minuteman I missile does not often produce the effect which you observed, but when it does, the effects can be seen for extremely long distances. These unusual formations are produced by light passing through the vapor trail of the missile and not by a missile blowing up.

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2. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

MANATT, Colonel, USAF Director of Technology and Subsystems

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Van Nuys, California 9/40 September 22, 1967

Hector Quintanilla, Jr., Major, USAF Department of The Air Force Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Sir:

At 7:50 PM on 9 21 an unusual sight was observed in the northwest skies over Los Angeles.

Very briefly, this was a brilliant white light which seemed to explode into a large gaseous blue and green cloud. I will eliminate further details as I am sure you will be receiving many other letters regarding this matter.

I would appreciate your opinion or explanation as to the nature of this occurrence.

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26 Sept. 1967

Called Vandenburgh AFB and asked about the sighting. Sgt. Hayden said that the sighting was almost undoubtedly caused by a minetman I which was launched at 1928 local. He said that the missle does not often produce this effect but when it does it can be seen for extremely long distances. It is produced by hight passing through the vapor trail of the missle and not by a missle blowing up.