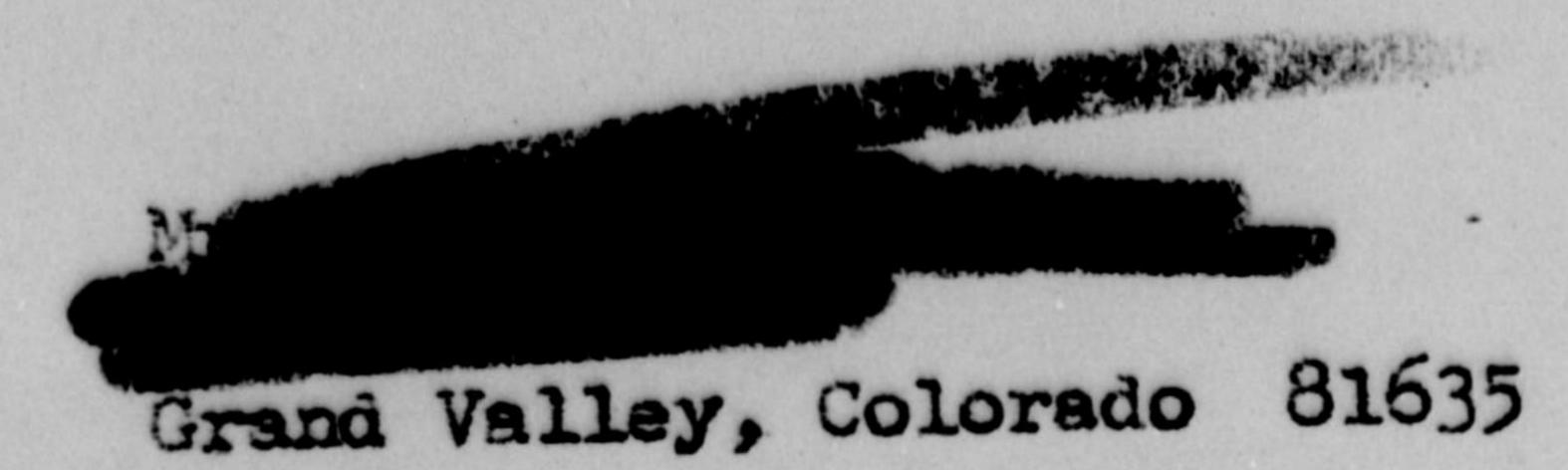
PROJECT 10073 RECORD	
11. 03. 78 4 TIME GROUP 13. 13. 13. 18. 08. 29/0430Z	2. LOCATION Near Grand Valley, Colorado (One Witness)
3. NOURCE Givilian 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Other(MISSLE LAUNCH)
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10-15 seconds 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual 7. COURSE Straight up 8. PHOTOS D Yes XX No 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	The observer was facing SW from Grand Valley, Colorado when he observed an orange light moving straight up. The light went out and then came back on a few seconds later and stayed on approximately ten seconds. COMMENTS: At 2124 local an Athena missle was launched from Green River, Utah. The burning characteristics of the boosters for the payload of the Athena would be very similiar to those reported by the observer.

FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

atheren missile. 28 March 68

27 JUN 1963

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/26 Jun 68 UFO Observation, 28 March 1968



Reference your unidentified observation of 28 March 1968. On the evening of 28 March 1968, at 9:24 pm, an ATHENA missile was launched from Green River, Utah. The burning characteristics of the boosters for the payload of the ATHENA would be very similar to those reported by you; therefore, the object you saw and reported was very likely the ATHENA.

Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

1.1 JUN 1968

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/10 Jun 68
UFO Observation, 28 March 1968

Das Cruces, New Mexico 88002

- 1. The Aerial Phenomena Office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object (UFO) report from Grand Valley, Colorado, which occurred on 28 March 1968 at approximately 9:30 pm, local time.
- 2. The witness was facing southwest when he observed an orange light moving straight up. The light went out and then came back on a few seconds later and stayed on for approximately ten seconds.
- 3. Were there any missile launches (possibly from Green River or Blanding, Utah) on the night of 28 March that could account for this sighting? We would appreciate your comments as to a possible cause for this sighting.
- 4. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

FOR THE COMMANDER

HECTOR MUINTANTILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office Aerospace Technologies Division Production Directorate



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, NEW MEXICO - 88002

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17 JUN 1968

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SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 28 Mar 68

Commander

ATTN: TDPT (UFO)

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

- 1. Reference your letter, 11 Jun 68, subject as above.
- 2. On the evening of 28 Mar 68, at 2124 hours, an ATHENA missile was launched from Green River, Utah. The burning characteristics of the boosters for the payload of the ATHENA would be very similar to those reported by your observer; therefore, the object he saw and reported was very likely the ATHENA.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

RUBERT A. J. DYE

Executive Officer, NRO

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC) WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE OHIO 45433



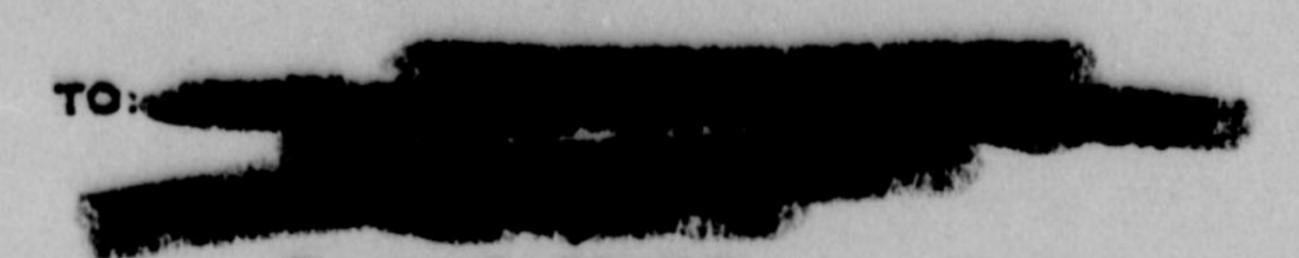
REPLY TO

TDPT (UFO)

SUBJECT:

UFO Observation 28 March 1968

71.00.000



Grand Valley, Colorado 81635

Reference your recent unidentified flying object sighting which you reported to the Air Force. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific investigation. Request you complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the self-addressed envelope. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

MECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office Aerospace Technologies Division Production Directorate

1 Atch AF Form 117 w/envelope

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