

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Jun 59		2. LOCATION Pacific 33.05N 134W		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Fireball ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 18/1215Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian Pilots			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 4		9. COURSE East	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Four globules of fire, rnd, size of dime, intense bluish-white. All four globules covered approx eight inches.				11. COMMENTS The ATIC opinion is that the objects of this sighting were probably meteors (Fireball type).	

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CIRVIS X FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM OAKLAND ARTC X UNITED FLIGHT 36
HONO TO SFRAN SIGHTED ROCKET IN WATER POSIT 33-05N 134W AT 181215Z X
SURFACE VESSEL PICKED UP ON RADAR 35 MILES NORTH OF ROCKET POSITION X
TRANSOCEAN FLIGHT 406 SFRAN TO HONO AT 19000 FEET REPORTED SAME
DETAILS AS UNITED FLIGHT PLUS SIGHTING OF FOUR WHITE FLARES X ON ARRIVAL
SFRAN PILOT UNITED FLIGHT 36 ADVISED THAT ROCKET OBSERVED DESCENDING
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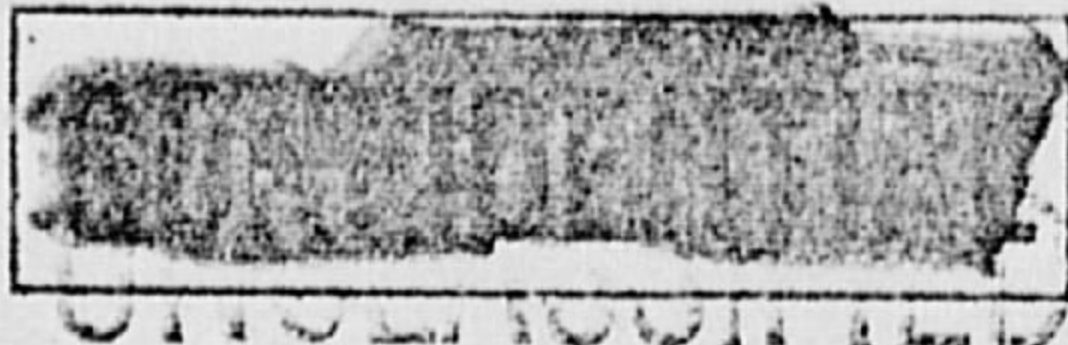
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MY 181620Z AND CCGD TWELVE 181634Z NOTAL. CIRVIS EVALUATION.
UNITED FLIGHT 3 AND TRANSOCEAN FLIGHT 406 SIGHTING AT 181215Z.
USS L K SWENSON AND USS PASSUMPSIC BOTH REPORT NOTHING SIGHTED.
NO KNOWN USN OR USAF SOURCE OF REPORTED ROCKET. EVALUATED AS
IMPROBABLE THREAT TO US BUT POSSIBLY A ROCKET OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN.

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1006TH AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

22 JUN 1959

SUBJECT: UFO Report

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Attn: LtCol McCord (AFCIN-1)
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In compliance with verbal request of LtCol McCord, AFCIN 1, the pilot of United Airlines Flight #36 was interviewed on 20 June 1959 by Maj Karaghiosoff, Det 1, this organization. Results were transmitted by phone to this unit.

a. Description of Objects:

- (1) Shape: Four (4) globules of fire, round.
- (2) Size: Size of dime held at arms length.
- (3) Color: Intense bluish-white.
- (4) Number: Four (4).
- (5) Formation: Four (4) round globules of fire were approximately one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) inch apart. All four (4) globules covered approximately eight (8) inches. They were arranged in rows of two (2) globules fixed in space relative to each other.
- (6) Discernible details: None.
- (7) Tail, trail, etc: None.
- (8) Sound: None.
- (9) Other: None.

b. Description of Course of Objects:

- (1) Flash of light in corner of eye called observers attention to the object.
- (2) When first observed, objects were three (3) degrees above horizontal (observed from an altitude of 19,000 feet).
- (3) Objects dissappeared slightly above horizontal.

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(4) Flight path: Straight line. Ten (10) degrees down the trajectory.

(5) Objects dissappeared instantaneously.

(6) Objects were visible for two (2) seconds.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Time -date: 181215Z, June.

(2) Light Condition: Night.

d. Location of observer: 3305N-134W at an altitude of 19,000 feet.

e. Identifying information of Observer:

(1) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, ATHERTON, California; pilot of United Airlines.

f. Weather:

(1) Observer's account: fog.

(2) Official report: Wind 4,000', clear at aircraft altitude, visibility good, no storms, no clouds, cold front west. Overcast extended 3,000 - 4,000 feet high.

2. After the sighting pilot sent the following three messages via radio to his flight operations:

a. "United Flight 36 wishes to report rocket firing at 1215Z hours at position of aircraft 3305N134W. Have picked up surface vessel on radar at 35 miles NW of our position". (Time of report 1232Z).

b. "Entire sky lighted up and at altitude above us, there appeared to be four (4) balls of fire". (Per Western Sea Frontier request 1330Z).

c. "Rockets appeared to be 35 miles North. Color bluish white". (Time of message 1333Z).

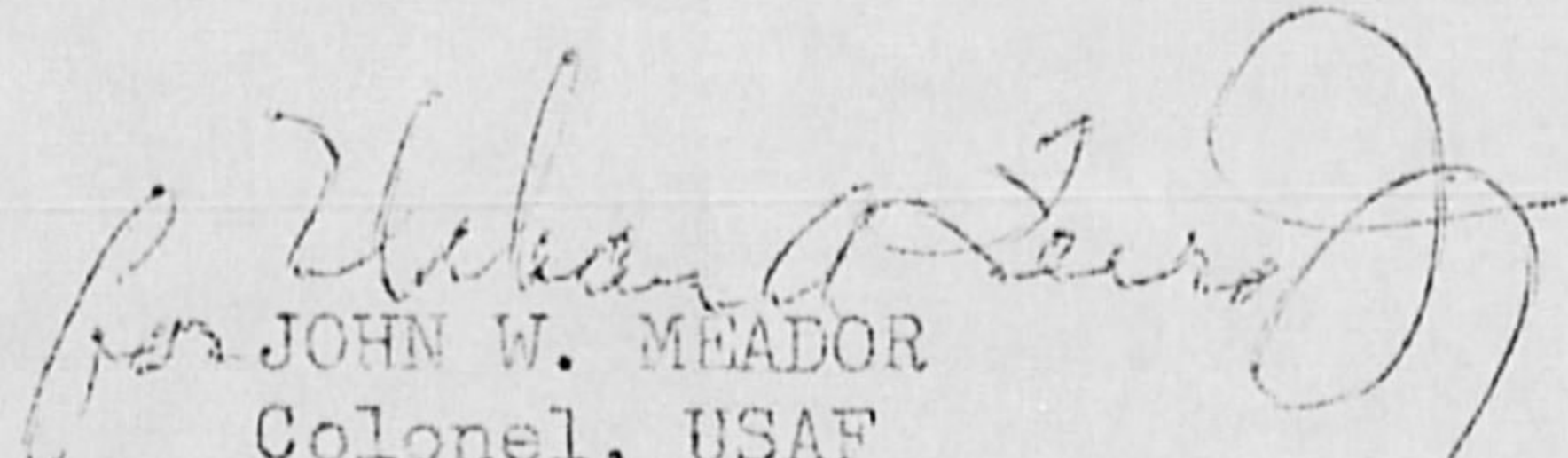
3. Description of aircraft: DC-6, flight 36, United Airlines, San Francisco International Airport, estimated IAS 185 knots, heading 063 degrees true, altitude 19,000 feet.

4. The pilot took the following action after sighting:

a. Reported via radio to his flight operations in San Francisco.

- b. Changed frequency and attempted to contact the surface vessel. Overheard the following: RANGER and TAIWAN or CREST ONE. Conversation in English indicated they were changing the frequency.
- c. Did not switch to 121.5 (Emergency VHF) because as he stated "I did not want to alarm anyone".
- d. Did not alert the passengers or the crew members.
5. Co-pilot of the flight 36, sitting on the right saw only flash and nothing else.
6. The pilot stated that he overheard a pilot of a Transoceanic Flight to report the sighting. After the report, United Airlines pilot determined that the Transoceanic flight was approximately 120 miles West from his (United Airlines) position.
7. Transoceanic Office indicated that the pilot in question is Mr. [REDACTED], Captain of [REDACTED] 02, [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] is still in Honolulu and is expected to return on 22 June 1959. Turner sent the following message to his San Francisco Office: "0-4060 at approximately 1218 323 135W flash lasting about 30 seconds". *22 June*
8. The following additional data were gained from pilot of the United Airlines Flight 36:
- "I watched the subject for two (2) seconds and I think it traveled 115 inches and then lights went out".
150 in 2 sec
- "I saw four (4) lights heading approximately 090 degrees true. Estimated altitude of 22,000 feet. Distance from my aircraft approximately 30 miles. Path ten (10) degrees down trajectory, was above horizontal when it dissapeared. No radar contact.
9. Pilot believes that lighting was a rocket because of the following:
- a. Flash of intense light was similar to lighting or blast-off of a rocket. (he said that he observed static firings of rockets from air).
- b. High rate of speed.
10. Navigational charts, etc. of the Flight 36, available at United Dispatch Terminal, Flight Operations, c/o Capt. BELDING. Maj. Karaghisoff will obtain them on 22 June 1959.

11. Major Daraghisoff was instructed to contact and interview Transoceanic Pilot, [REDACTED], upon his arrival in San Francisco.


JOHN W. MEADOR
Colonel, USAF
Commander

The number of meteors reported as flying saucers or spaceships has diminished in the last few years, but the Air Force has continued to investigate all doubtful or puzzling sightings to determine whether they in any way represent a possible threat to the nation's security. Every sure identification of a UFO as merely a meteor, not a ballistic missile, brings a certain amount of relief.

A typical case, successfully solved, is that of June 20, 1959. About 2:15 A.M. the pilot of a United Airlines flight over the Pacific reported by radio to Flight Operations that he had observed an apparent rocket firing about thirty-five miles west of the plane position; radar detected the presence of a surface vessel at about the same position. The pilot first noticed a flash of light, then the entire sky lighted up and he saw four round, fiery globules, of an intense bluish-white color, with no tails. Flying two by two in a straight line, they made no sound and disappeared after about two seconds. The weather was clear and calm, the visibility excellent. The copilot, sitting at the right, saw only the first flash, but the pilot of another plane some 120 miles to the west reported seeing the same objects at the same time [18].

Because this sighting occurred in a very sensitive area where military officials were expecting a Russian test firing of an ICBM, the Air Force made an exhaustive study of this report and identified the object as a meteor. Their evaluation proceeded as follows:

The United Airlines pilot estimated the distance of the objects as only about thirty miles and their rate of travel at some 15 degrees in two seconds. These figures indicated a velocity of approximately 14,500 miles per hour, about the speed of a ballistic missile. But the relatively low altitude, the flat trajectory, and the fact that a visible "power plant" was apparently still operating at this stage of flight ruled out the possibility of a missile. However, if the observer had underestimated the distance and the objects were actually hundreds of miles away, then the data would indicate a speed of about 50,000 miles an hour, in the range of meteor velocities. The descriptions given closely matched that of the classic fireball, whose colors range over white, blue, green, red, and yellow, and whose luminosity may be as great as -3 magnitudes. The Air Force concluded that the object sighted was, in all probability, a meteor.

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CONFIRMING TELECON BETWEEN SGT BOLIEU, YMUR HQ, AND SGT GREER
THIS HQ, REFERENCE UNITED AIR LINES SIGHTING 18 JUN 59 AT
1215Z. THIS HQ HAS BEEN UNABLE TO BOTAIN EITHER CONFIRMATION
OR DENIAL OF ANY MISSILE FIRING ON THE ABOVER DATE. SUGGEST
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FOR AF CIN-X REF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS REPORTED BY UNITED AIRLINES PILOT AND PILOT OF TRANSCONTINENTAL AIRLINES CONCERNING OBJECTS SIGHTED AT 1215Z, 18 JUNE 59, THE POSITION OF THE UNITED AIRLINES AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING WAS 3305 N - 134W. THE PILOT REPORTED THE OBJECTS AS A MISSILE FIRING. INFO FROM THE WESTERN SEA FRONTIER, U. S. NAVY AND 28TH AIR DIV, USAF, INDICATE INABILITY TO DETERMINE ANY USN OR USAF MISSILE FIRINGS ON THE DATE OF THE SIGHTING. FURTHER NEGATIVE REPORTS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE USS L. K. SWANSON AND THE USS PASSUMPSIC, SHIPS IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. THE PILOT OF THE UNITED AIRLINES AIRCRAFT REPORTED THE OBJECTS AS MOVING GENERALLY EAST AND ONLY APPROX 3000' ABOVE THE 19,000' AT WHICH HE WAS FLYING. THE OBJECTS WERE REPORTED AS FOUR IN NUMBER, ROUND, AND INTENSELY BLUE-WHITE. THE OBJECTS WERE IN SIGHT ONLY TWO SECONDS AND DURING THAT TIME TRAVERSED

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