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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Oct 60		2. LOCATION NE of Bermuda		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 0526 GMT 18/0926Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright light in sky observed 010° from, and close to, the star Capella. Light same size, intensity and appearance as Capella. Appeared stationary for about 5 min, after which it moved perceptibly to NE on a steady course of about 035° T. Movement was steady. It traversed from a position 312°, position angle 45° 15 min, to a position 045° T, position angle about 30° T, in a period of 10 min. Then lost from view due to sunrise.				11. COMMENTS Satellite ruled out--object was apparently stationary for first 5 min of sighting. Too slow for meteor. Moved in wrong direction for star or planet. This report was not received until almost 2 months after the sighting was made. The ship on which the witness was located was in a group of ships. There were no other reports made of anything unusual being seen; therefore, since there was only one witness, this report is evaluated as insufficient data.	

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1-60
DATE OF REPORT
18 October 1960
EVALUATION
REQUEST NO.

DATE OF INFORMATION
18 October 1960
FROM
USS MULLINEX (DE-241)
SUBJECT
Report of sighting of UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

OPNAV FORM 5820-2 (REV. 5-57)
SOURCE
Personal Observation

BRIEF (FOR REPORTS OF MORE THAN ONE PAGE, ENTER CAREFUL SUMMARY)
At 140526Z, a bright light in the sky was observed bearing 010 from, and close to, the star Capella. The light was identical to Capella in size, intensity and appearance. It had every indication of being a controlled satellite.

The fact there were two bright stars, close together, in the constellation Auriga drew my attention at the time when I was about to "shoot" a navigational position.

After observing the unidentified light for about five minutes during which time it appeared stationary, it moved perceptibly to the northeast on a steady course of about 035 degrees true. Its movement was steady and traversed from a position 312 degrees true, position angle 45 degrees 15 minutes, to a position 045 degrees true, position angle about 30 degrees true, in a period of ten minutes. It was lost from view at this latter position due to sunrise.

Ship's position at time of sighting was Latitude 37-14.8N, Longitude 59-03.5W. Sunrise was at 0605Z. Ship was on course 270 degrees true, speed 16 knots, and part of a Task Group 20.9.0 at the time, operating under COMCARDIV 6 OPORD 56-60.

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