

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Apr 61	2. LOCATION 1000 mi East Yokota Japan		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 _____ GMT _____	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION - - -	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	9. COURSE - - -	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Pan American Airways clipper enroute from the Island to Yokota Japan, on 20 April 1961, was observed at 01:00, 10,000 ft. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00.			11. COMMENTS The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00. The balloon was seen at 01:00.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT				
COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS Pacific Wake Island-Japan		DATE OF INFORMATION 26 Apr 61		
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT HQ WESTAF		DATE OF COLLECTION 27 Apr 61	SRI STATUS (If applicable)	
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL Major V. L. Sadowski		DATE OF REPORT 27 Apr 61	SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE	
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE 1st Officer ██████████ Pan American Airways		EVALUATION A-1	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE	
			SRI NO. ACTIVE	
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)				
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects) Unidentified Object				
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)				
Pan American Airways Aircraft #N-729 PA enroute from Wake Island to Yokota AB encountered unidentified object at 31,000 feet approximately 1000 miles from Yokota AB. Object struck aircraft on right wing root between fuselage and right landing light. Aircraft landed at Yokota 0047 Z 26 April. Damage consisted of cracked rib assembly forward spar station 16 and bent fairing assembly station 16 to 75. The undersigned inspected the aircraft upon its arrival at Travis AFB at 0220 Z 27 April. 1st Officer ██████████ stated that there was not any break in the skin of the aircraft. The dented leading edge of the wing at the point of contact with the object had been covered with a 3 x 4 (feet) sheet of aluminum to smooth out the contour. There were also two minor dents on the landing light fairing. The crew members aboard with the aircraft at the time of contact with the object were: Capt. ██████████, 1st Off. ██████████, Nav. ██████████ and Co-Pilot ██████████. It is probable that the aircraft may have made contact with a Rawinsonde released by the WX Unit located at Marcus Island between Wake Island and Tokyo.				
INCL		APPROVED:  VERNON L. SADOWSKI Major USAF Chief, Intel. Br.		
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BT

UNCLAS FEA TCC 26-D-13 PD TRIP 747/25 ACFT 729 ARRIVED YOKOTA WITH STRUCTURAL
DAMAGE TO RIGHT WING ENCOUNTERED AT 31/000 FT 1000 MILES FROM YOKOTA EXTENT OF
DAMAGE UNKNOWN AT PRESENT TIME PE ETIC AND ETD INDEFINITE WILL ADVISE PD

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U N C L A S E F T O WGOS 26-D-21. SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED IAW PROVISION PARS
49A AND 52 AFR 62-14.

- A. N-729 PA
- B. PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS
- C. ENROUTE FROM WAKE ISLAND TO YOKOTA AB.
- D. AIR
- E. 149
- F. NONE
- G. NONE
- H. ENROUTE WAKE-YOKOTA AT 31,000 FEET PILOT FELT AND HEARD MUFFLED THUMP.
OBJECT STRUCK RIGHT WING ROOT BETWEEN FUSELAGE AND RIGHT LANDING LIGHT.
AIRCRAFT LANDED YOKOTA 0047Z 26 APR. DAMAGE CONSISTED OF CRACKED RIB
ASSEMBLY FORWARD SPAR STATIN 16 AND BENT FAIRING ASSEMBLY STATION 16 TO
75.
- I. NONE
- J. MATS REPRESENTATIVE CAPTAIN FRED X HEMM.
- K. ADDITIONAL INFO. STATUS OF AIRCRAFT AWAITING REPORT OF PAN AMERICAN AND
DOERING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS AND F.A.A. THIS REPORT CONSIDERED AS COMPLETING
REQUIREMENTS OF PAR 3 MATSUP 1 AFR 62-14.

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