

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 May 61	2. LOCATION 3200N 12730W (OFF CALIF)		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2154 GMT 250454Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		☐ Was Astronomical <i>METEOR</i> ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Small oval objt, size of pinhead, silver in color. Appeared 295° mag aprox 10° elev. Straight course, maximum elev aprox 50°.		11. COMMENTS Objt responsible for sighting was probably a meteor. There is also possibility that inversion in area contributed to misidentification. Witness reported objt was through to be Echo I but was moving too slow, yet it was in sight only 1 min fm horizon to horizon while Echo usually is in sight aprox 20 min over a similar path.	

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ACTION : CIN-14

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (21)

SMB A 159

CZCHQE467ZCQJB119

PP RJEZHQ

DE RJWZSBA 2

ZNR

P 251845Z

FM 552ND AEW C WG MCCLELLAN AFB CALIF

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWZSB/28AIR DIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/COFS WASH DC

RJEZHQ/OSAF WASH DC

BT

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FOR COFS PASS TO AFCIN. FOR OSAF PASS TO SAFIS. UFO REPORT. THE FOLLOWING UFO REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN AFR 200-2 FORMAT. A(1).

SMALL OVAL; (2). HEAD OF PIN; (3). SILVER; (4). ONE; (5). N/A;

(6). N/A; (7). NONE; (8). NONE; (9). NONE; B(1). MOTION; (2).

0454Z, 295 DEGREES MAG, APX 10 DEGREES ELEVATION; (3). 0512Z,

075 DEGREES MAG, APX 10 DEGREES ELEVATION; (4). STRAIGHT, MAX

ELEVATION APX 50 DEGREES; (5). HAZE LAYER; (6). 18 MINUTES;

C(1). AIRBORNE VISUAL; (2). NONE; (3). RC-121D, 533547, 16,000

FT, 295 DEGREES MAG, 220 TRUE, MCCLELLAN AFB, CALIF; D(1).

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0454Z/25 MAY 61; (2). NIGHT; E. 32 OON 127 30 W; F(1). N/A;
F(2). MCCALLISTER, F.E., A03040627, 1/LT, 963RD AEW&C SQ, PILOT,
1500 HRS, FLOYD, B. H., A03064344, 1/LT, 963D AEW&C SQ, NAVIGATOR,
3500 HRS; G(1), UNDERCAST, CLEAR ABOVE; (2). 340/10, 320/8, 230/35,
250/40, 250/45, 250/30, N/A; (3). NONE; (4). UNLIMITED; (5). NONE
ABOVE; (6). NONE; (7). SMALL INVERSION 17,000 FT, TROPOPAUSE
INVERSION 40,000 FT; H. NONE; I. NONE; J. UNKNOWN; K. PILOT -
THOUGHT TO BE CHO I BUT APPEARED TO BE MOVING SLOWER; L. NONE.
NOTE: THE SAME OBJECT WAS SIGHTED AT 0700Z, MAG HEADING 300 DEGREES,
APX 25 DEGREES ELEVATION, PASSED OVERHEAD 84 DEGREES ELEVATION LEFT
SIDE ACFT, LOST SIGHT, IN SECTANT 0711", ACFT HEADING 300 DEGREES
16,000 FT ALT, SAME COORDINATES.

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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

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Location 32 00 N 12730 W
 Date (Local) 24 MAY 61 Hour (Local) 2154
 Hour (Z Time Group) 25 MAY 61 0454
 Satellite: (Det 5 ATIC, Ext 3279) ✓ DURATION TOO SHORT -

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) POSSIBLY METEOR

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-HEL) N/A.

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) ---

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc ---

Other ---

Evaluation of Source Reliability PROBABLY VERY GOOD -

Analysis and Conclusions: THE OBJECT RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SIGHTING WAS PROBABLY A METEOR. THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE INVERSION IN THE AREA CONTRIBUTED TO THE MISIDENTIFICATION. WITNESS REPORTED THE OBJECT WAS THOUGHT TO BE ECHO I BUT WAS MOVING TOO SLOW YET IT WAS IN SIGHT ONLY 1 MINUTE FROM HORIZON TO HORIZON WHILE ECHO USUALLY IS IN SIGHT APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES OVER A SIMILAR PATH.

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