

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Aug 61		2. LOCATION 24.53N 150.22W (PACIFIC)		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Prob Missile ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 18/1600Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Vapor trail fm horizon to horizon. Probable missile. Low altitude vapor trail moved Southerly over vessel and spread rapidly.				11. COMMENTS Description conforms to missile observation. Location in path of expected down range flight fm Vandenberg. Launch schedule not available fm this location. No info conflicting with analysis as probable missile.	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
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AF IN : 28559 (18 Aug 61)

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INFO : CIN-17, ARMY-2, NAVY-2, CMC-8, ICS-35, OSD-15, NSA-7,
CIA-11, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (104)

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RBHPQ/COMHAWSEAFRON PEARL HARBOR HAWAII
INFO RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASHINGTON D C
RJWFALB/CINCNORAD ENT AFB COLO
RBHPA/CINCPAC CAMP H M SMITH HAWAII
RUHPFS/CINCUSARPAC
RBHPB/CINCPACFLT
RJAPAZ/COMUSJAPAN FUCHU AS JAPAN
RUAMCR/COMUSKOREA SEOUL KOREA
RUAGFL/COMUSSTDC TAIPEI TAIWAN
RBHPHH/COMHAWSEAFRON OCC
AF GRNC

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U N C L A S MERINT:

VAPOR TRAIL FROM E. HORIZON TO W. HORIZON. PROBABLE MISSILE.

ALTITUDE LOW. VAPOR TRAIL MOVED SOUTHERLY OVER VESSEL AND

SPREADING RAPIDLY. REPORTED BY SS LURLINE. POSITION 2453N15022W

AT 18/1600. HEADING 240 DEGREES. SEA CALM AT 18/1635Z.

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