

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 Sep 61		2. LOCATION Pacific Coast		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Radar Interference</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>27/1557Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☒ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 8		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING unusual radar return. Bl gives indication of objts as high speeds. Possible radar interference. 5 objts at high speed appearing in sea clutter. 3 min later 2 objt appeared moving across scope at 8 1,800 knots; over distance of 200 mi. While these 2 objts were in scope 4 third appeared and remained stationary for 2 min and moved off at speed of 60 kts until lost in sea clutter at 1610Z, radar APR-95. Objts could only be painted with IFF on. Weather clear and no temperature inversion. Aircraft at 16,000'. IFF checked and indicated that source was probably external. 5 ships enroute from Ft Lewis to San Diego in area.					
11. COMMENTS Probably interference, ships in area. <u>7</u> electronic					

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INCOMING

AF IN : 11270 (28 Sep 61) DO/bms
ACTION: CIN-17
INFO : ARMY-2, NAVY-2, CMC-8, JCS-35, OSD-15, NSA-7, CIA-11,
OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (104)
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KM 552ND AEW C WG MCCLELLAN AFB CALIF

TO RJWZSXP/28NR HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RJWFAL/CINCNOAJ ENT AFB COLO

RBWPPG/COMWESTSEAFRON TRASURE ISLAND CALIF

RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASH DC

RFEMVB/CANAIRDEF ST HUBERT MONTREAL CANADA

RCWNC/CONFLAGPAC ESQUIMALT BC CANADA

INFO RJWZBH/25NR MOCHORD AFB WASH

RJWZAH/SFADS BEALE AFB CALIF

BT

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FOR 28NC PASS TO ALCOP AND COC. POST LANDING CIRVIS REPORT. CIRVIS
REPORT SUBMITTED BY AEW&CCACFT ETHAN 43, DTG 271650Z, IS AMPLIFIED AS
FOLLOWS: AT APPROX 271557Z, RADAR OPERATOR SIGHTED FIVE OBJECTS
ON HIS COPE. FOUR OBJECTS WERE HDG 090 DEG MAG; OTHER OBJECT WAS
HDG 080 DEG MAG. OBJECTS WERE MOVING AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED AND
DISAPPEARED INTO SEA CLUTTER. THREE MINUTES LATER, TWO OBJECTS
APPEARED HDG 070 DEG MAG, MOVED ACROSS SCOPE, AND DISAPPEARED INTO
SEA CLUTTER. SPEED OF ONE OBJECT WAS MEASURED AT 1800 KTS OVER A
DISTANCE OF 200 NM. WHILE THESE TWO OBJECTS WERE ON THE SCOPE, A
SINGLE STATIONARY OBJECT APPEARED. AFTER REMAINING STATIONARY FOR

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ACTION: CIN-17

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

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FM ETHAN 43/AF12

TO RFEMVB/CANAIRDEF

RCWNC/CANFWAGPAC

RBWPPG/COMWETSEAFRON

RJWFALB/CINCNORAD

RJWZSB/COMDR 28 TH ADIV

RJEZHQ/COFS USAF

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CIRVIS REPORT RADAR RETURN HEADING 265 DEGREES IN A DJKK 1059 SPEED
60 KNOTS DETECTING UNUSUAL RADAR RETURNS SURROUNDING AREA OBJECT BLIP
RETURN INDICATION VERY HIGH SPEED OBJECT POSSIBLE RADAR INTERFERENCE

BT NOTE : Advance copy del to CIN and OOP-CP at 1243, 27 Sep 61.

27/1628Z SEP ROWZAW

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APPROX TWO MINUTES, IT MOVED ON A MAG HDG OF 265 DEG FROM GEOREF DJLL1010 TO DJKK1059 AT A MEASURED SPEED OF SIXTY KTS. THIS OBJECT WAS LOST IN THE SEA CLUTTER AT APPROX 1610Z.

RADAR WAS APS-95 STABILIZED ON GEOREF DJHK3045. OBJECTS COULD ONLY BE PAINTED WITH IFF ON. WEATHER WAS CLEAR WITH NO TEMPERATURE INVERSION. ACFT ALT WAS 16000 FT. CHECK OF IFF EQPT INDICATES THAT IF SIGHTING WAS CAUSED BY INTERFERENCE, IT MUST HAVE COME FROM AN EXTERNAL SOURCE. ONLY KNOWN TRAFFIC IN AREA WAS SEVEN UNITS OF USN PHIBRGN FIVE (2 LSD, 3 APA, 2 AKA) WHICH WERE VISUALLY SIGHTED BY ETHAN 43 AT 1824Z; SHIPS WERE AT GEOREF DJLK3000 EN ROUTE FROM FT LEWIS, WASH, TO SAN DIEGO CALIF, WHEN SIGHTED.

BT

27/2257Z SEP RJWZSBA

NOTE: ADV CYS DEL TO OOP-CP & CIN (280040R), REF NOT IDENTIFIED IN SMB.