

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Dec 61		2. LOCATION 40075N 17305W (PACIFIC)		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Prob Echo I ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 201825Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round objt. Color, size, etc, conform to Venus. Sighted at 62° elev, 295° az. Disappeared at 30° elev, 50° az. Lost in sun after 7 min.				11. COMMENTS Observation suggests satellite due to NE heading and apparant orbital path. Description also conforms to Echo I. Not verified with space track however object assumed to be Echo I.	

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FM USS DURANT

AF DIST: CIN-14, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1,
DIA-2, SAFS-3 (22)TO HICKMAN AFB HAW
COMBARPAC
CNO
CINCPACFLT
COMALSEAFRON*To: MAT. FRIED
FTD*INFO COMDESFLT FIVE
COMCORTRON FIVE

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UFO

1. ONE ROUND OBJECT. COLOR, SIZE AND MAGNITUDE THAT OF VENUS.
NO OTHER DISCREINABLE OR UNUSUAL FEATURES.
2. SIGHTED WHILE SHOOTING MORNING STARS. INITIAL SIGHTING BRG 295
ELEV 62-43.0 DISAPPEARED BRG 050 ELEV 32-07.0 CUS APPROX 070.
LOST IN SUNLIGHT. OBSERVED FOR 7 MIN.
3. OBSERVED WITH NAKED EYE, 7X50 BINOCULARS AND SEXTANT.
4. SIGHTED AT DAWN AT 201825Z.
5. POSIT AT SIGHTING 40-07.5N , 173-05W.
6. ~~REDACTED~~ LCDR, NAVY, CO., HIGHLY RELIABLE. ~~REDACTED~~,

92.....ACT..

SECNAV...UNSECNAV...ASTSECNAV(R&D)...00...09...09B...09M...09D...03...33...34...
35...05...06...07...72...76...94...IP...NAVAIDE...JCS...CSA...CSAF...CIA...NIC...
COGARD...FLAGPLOT...BER...

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-LTJG, NAVY, NAVIGATOR, HIGHLY RELIABLE, [REDACTED], QM1
NAVY, ASST. NAV., HIGHLY RELIABLE.

7. HEAVY SEAS, WINDS FM 230 AT 36 KTS, RESULTING FROM PASSING
STORM. WEATHER IN GENERAL FAIR. CEILING UNLIMITED, VISIBILITY 10
MILES. NO CLOUD COVER

8. NO UNUSUAL METJOROLOGICAL OR ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY NOTED.

-NO INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN. AEWBARONPAC
VW ACFT. BRG 117 RNG. 45 MI. FM DURANT AT TIME OF SIGHTING.
NO ATTEMPT AT ANALYSIS MADE. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE EXISTANT.

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INFO : CIN-14, ARMY-2, JCS-45, OSD-15, NSA-7, CIA-11, OOP-2,
DIA-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (102)

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DE RJHPKH3

ZNR

O 210402Z

FM HAW AIR DEF DIV KUNIA ANNEX HAWAII

TO RJHPKM/CINCPACAF HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RBHPQ/COMHAWSEAFRON PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

INFO RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASHINGTON DC

RJWXBRB/CINCSAC OFFUTT AFB NEB

RBEPW/CNO WASH DC

RBEPW/SECNAV WASH DC

RJWFALB/CINCNORAD ENT AFB COLORADO

RBHPA/CINCPAC CAMP HM SMITH HAWAII

RUHPFS/CINCUSARPAC FT SHAFTER HAWAII

RBHPB/CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

RJAPAZ/COMUSJAPAN FUCHU AS JAPAN

RUAMCR/COMUSKOREA SEOUL KOREA

RUAGFL/COMUSSTDC TAIPEI TAIWAN

RBHPHH/COMHAWSEAFRON KUNIA TUNNEL ANNEX

RBHPD/COMASWFORPAC FORD ISLAND HAWAII

AF GRNC

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To: Maj Friend -
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3. INITIAL SIGHTING BRG 295 ELEV 62 43.0 DISAPPEARED BRG 050 ELEV 3207 21/0304Z.
4. SIGHTED AT DAWN 20/1825Z
5. ALTITUDE UNKNOWN
6. COURSE APPRX. 070
7. SPEED UNKNOWN
8. CELING UNLIMITED VISIBILITY 10 MILES NO CLOUD COVER
9. NO EVALUATION

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