

MULTIPLE SIGHTING, WIDNER, Capt

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 Jan 62		2. LOCATION South Carolina - Puerto Rico		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Missile</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>29/2338Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military and Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1. CIRVIS report. A/c in flight reported intense light SE at 2335Z. 2. A/c over Puerto Rico observed intense light NW of his position at 2338Z. At 2350 Ramey AFB Puerto Rico tower personnel spotted light to NW moving SSE. 3. Report from vessel at 32.6N 67.5W spotted globular object resembling cluster of flashing lights with trail of luminous haze in view for 3 min. 4. Report from San Juan of light moving E very rapidly at 2340Z (received from a/c in flight). 5. At 2335Z object observed by 12 men at sub base in Puerto Rico. Object described as a group of "L" shaped lights. Object had 2 lights flashing and a halo type cloud encircled the object at all times. Faded at 2342Z. 6. 200-2 report from a/c pilot over South Carolina enroute to Tyndall of object that resembled a comet or flounder shaped cloud. Halo present. Normal contrail. At twilight from 2330Z for 5 min.				11. COMMENTS Confirmed test AFMTC 119/1.	

NAVAL MESSAGE

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PRECEDENCE OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	RELEASED BY	DRAFTED BY	EXT. NO.
OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE			

AF IN : 20246 (29 Jan 62) N/au
 O 292350Z READDRESSSED EMERGENCY 300058Z
 FM AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT FM COMCARIBSEAFRON
 TO CINCNORAD
 TO FAA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COFS USAF
 SAN JUAN CNO
 COMCARIBSEAFRON CINCLANTFLT
 72ND BUMBER WING RAMEY AFB(ATTN CHIEF
 INTEL)

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CCSF. CIRVIS REPORT. EA830 CLMG TO 18000 APROX 80 MILES NW OF MJSJ
 REPORTED INTENSE LIGHT ABOVE AND SE OF HIS POSITION. ACFT DIVERTED OFF
 COURSE. TIME 2335Z.

120997 ENROUTE RAMEY FROM OVER POINT TUNA OBSERVED INTENSE LIGHT
 NORTHWEST OF HIS POSITION AT 2338. ACFT PSN NEAR CENTER OF P.R. AT
 2340 EA830 STILL HAS OBJECT IN SIGHT APPEARS TO GO STRAIGHT UP.

AT 2350 TOWER ADVISED SOMEONE REPORTED GREENISH GLOW HEADING
 NORTHWEST THRU EAST. 2340 MFFR SPOTTED LIGHT NORTHWEST MVG SOUTH
 SOUTH EAST.

AF DIST:
 CIN-14
 OOP-CP-1
 SAFS-3
 (18)

33/92.....ACT
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PRECEDENCE EMERGENCY EMERGENCY	(ACTION) (INFO)	RELEASED BY AF IN : 20247 ACTION: CIN-17 INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAES-3 (23)	DRAFTED BY (29 Jan 62) PE/jpr	EXT. NO.
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-O 300045Z

FM AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT

TO FAA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
SAN JUAN

COMCARIBSEAFRON

READDRESSED OP-IMMEDIATE 300110Z JAN 62
FM COMCARIBSEAFRON
TO RJWFALB/CINCNOAD
RJEZHQ/COFS USAF
RBEPW/CNO
RBEKHC/CINCLANTFLT
RJLJSA/72ND BOMBER WING RAMDMKFB
(ATTN CHIEF INTEL)

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CCSF. RE CIRVIS DTG 292350. INFOR AVAIL FROM MKJT MISSILE
STATION INDICATES LIGHT WAS PART OF AFMTC TEST 119/1
CONDUCTED DURING PERIOD 292030Z THRU 300230Z. ROSS SUPVR. ARTC

AF NOTE: 292350 IS NOT IDENTIFIED IN SMB.

33/92...ACT

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IP..COGARD..CIA..MRCC..DIRNSA..NAVAIDE..FLAGPLOT..BFR..OSD(1CC)..
JCS(J2)..NIC..CSAF..

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ACTION: CIN-17
INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, DIA-2 (26)
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FM COMCAPIBSEAFRON

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PBEKHC/CINCLANTFLT

PJLJSA/72ND BOMBER WING RAMEY AFB (ATTN CHIEF INTEL)

P 301433Z

FM COMGANTS

TO COMCAPIBSEAFRON

INFO COMTEN

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FOL PCD FM CGC SAGEBRUSH

QUOTE. UFO SIGHTING. AT 292335Z OBSERVED LOOM BEARING APPROX 315
DEGS TRUE FROM SHIPS POSN AT SUB BASE TENDER PIERW, STT ARISING FROM
BEHIND SARA HILL IN A CONE SHAPED LOOM HEADED IN AN EASTERLY
DIRECTIONW. AT 292338Z ON A BEARING OF 350 DEGS TRUE, ALT 30 DEGS,
ESTIMATED ALT 50,000 FEET, A GROUP OF "L" SHAPED LIGHTS WERE VISIBLE
IN THE LOOM, IN BRIGHTNESS OF FIRST MAGNITUDE, TWO LIGHTS FLASHING.
A HALO TYPE CLOUD ENCIRCLED OBJECT AT ALL TIMES, WITH A
PHOSPHORESCENT GLOW. STARS IN BACKGROUND WERE BLOCKED AS OBJECT

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PASSED IN FRONT OF THEM, OBJECT APPEARED TO BE TRIANGULAR IN
SHAPE. AT 292342Z ON BEARING OF 087 DEGS TRUE 45 DEGS OBJECT
FADED AND DISAPPEARED. WEATHER, / NO CLOUDS, CEILING UNLIMITED,
WIND EAST 4 MPH, BARO 30.07 INCHES, TEMP DRY 80, WEST 74,
RELATIVE HUMIDITY 75 PERCENT. OBJECT OBSERVED BY AT LEAST
12 MEN. UNQUOTE.

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37/1444Z

NOTE: Advance copy delivered to CIN and OOP-CP 1225L

HEADQUARTERS
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE
and
4756th AIR BASE GROUP (ADC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

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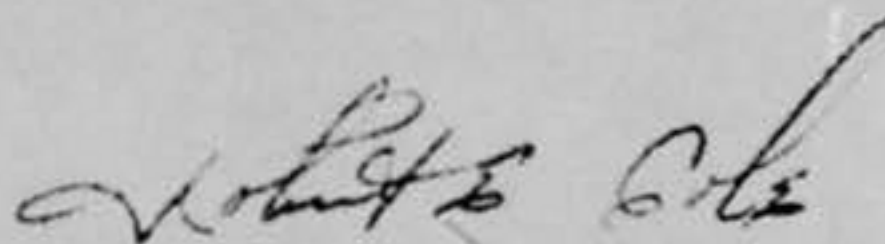
6 FEB 1962

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center (AFCIN) 4E2X
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

In accordance with AFR 200-2, paragraph 15, dated 14 September 1959, the attached Flying Object Report and sketch are submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDER



ROBERT E. COLE
Captain, USAF
Associate Administrative Officer

1 Atch
UFO Report w/3 atch

Report on Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

1. Description of the Object:

- a. Shape - Resembled a comet
- b. Size - Appeared the size of a bright star
- c. Color - bright white
- d. Number - 1
- e. Formation - N/A

f. Tail or Trail - Streaming very similar to a comet at the vicinity of the object; however, the trail fanned out rapidly behind the object into what looked like a very large flounder shaped ice cloud which narrowed again into a normal contrail some distance behind at a lower altitude.

g. Unusual Features - Within the large flounder shaped cloud there appeared a point of light which grew in intensity until it became very bright with a large halo about it. It then decreased in intensity, but the halo persisted for approximately five minutes.

2. Description of Course of Object:

a. When first noticed, the object was a normal looking contrail, level with me at my 1100 position coming toward me. I was at 36,000 ft, heading 240° MC.

b. Angle or Elevation of the Object. The object seemed to be climbing, its maximum elevation was reached when it was in my 0900 position in the direction of Richmond, Va. I would estimate it to have been 20° above the horizon at this point. It then gave the impression of a turn to a more easterly heading so that it was continuing to climb directly away from me.

c. Manner of Observation - Visual while airborne from B-57E, 55-4256, 36,000 ft, MSL, 240° MC, 420 KIAS from Stewart AFB, N. Y.

d. Time and date of sighting.

(1) 1/29/2330Z

(2) Light conditions - twilight.

e. Location of Observer - On a course between Baltimore TACAN and Gordonsville TACAN 70 NM from Gordonsville; observed for a period of 10 minutes.

f. Identifying information on observer - Military, Ronald L. Widner, Captain USAF, 4713th Def Sys Eval Sqdn, Pilot. ✓

g. Weather and Winds -

(1) CAVU, winds 290°/100K

(2) No significant weather activity or cloud cover in the area.

Allan E. Aaronson

ALLAN E. AARONSON
Captain, USAF
UFO Officer
Tyndall AFB, Florida

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1. Statement (Capt R. L. Widner)
2. Sketch of UFO
3. Sketch of UFO

Low base 210 100K

STATEMENT

At ²³³⁰~~0030~~Z, between Baltimore and Spartansburg, I observed a contrail apparently at my level on a reciprocal heading. It seemed to climb leaving a very large pattern of what looked like the formation of a cirrus cloud. As it approached my 1030 position, I would see a very bright object resembling very much the appearance of a comet streaming this odd shaped cloud. By ~~2040~~Z it had reached my 0900 position and was very high (my altitude was 36,000 ft). It then headed more in an easterly direction and became difficult to see in the rapidly fading twilight. I was flying a B-57E enroute to Tyndall AFB from Stewart AFB.

R. L. WIDNER
Captain, USAF

29 January 1962

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BRIGHT OBJECT

LARGE ICE CLOUD

BRIGHT POINT
WITH HALLO

CONTAIN

HORIZON

RICHMOND

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BRIGHT OBJECT

LARGE ICE CLOUD

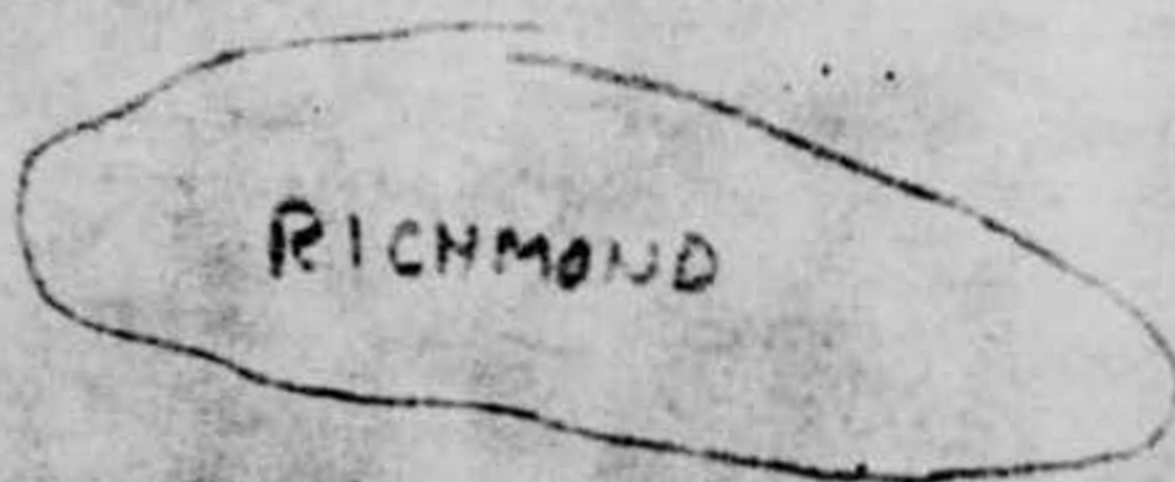
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MULTIPLE SIGHTING
CAPT WIDNER

U F O ANALYSIS SHEET

DATE 29 January, 1962

LOCATION South Carolina - Puerto Rico

DATE TIME GROUP

LOCAL

GMT 29/2338Z

PHOTO YES ☐ NO ☒

PHYSICAL SPECIMEN YES ☐ NO ☒

SOURCE MILITARY ☒ CIVILIAN ☒

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground and Air Visual

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 COURSE

SATELLITE: ☐ IN ORBIT:

VERIFY YES:

NO:

DECAY:

N/A

ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA N/A

METEOR

STAR OR PLANET

OTHER

AIRCRAFT N/A

BALLOON N/A

INSUFFICIENT DATA N/A

OTHER Missile

REFLECTION

INVERSION PRESENT

PHOTO ANALYSIS

SUN DOG

LENTICULAR CLOUD

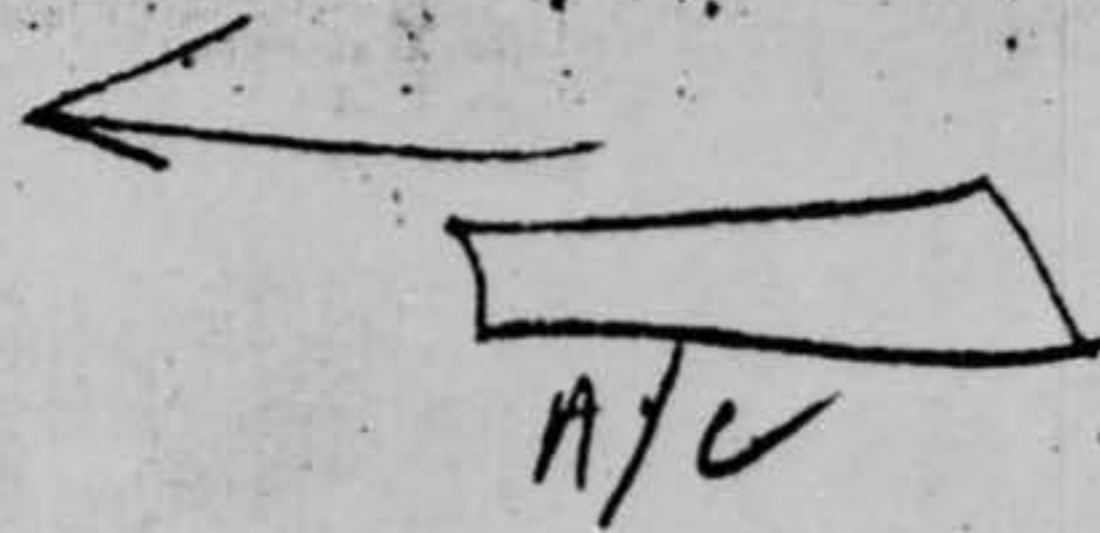
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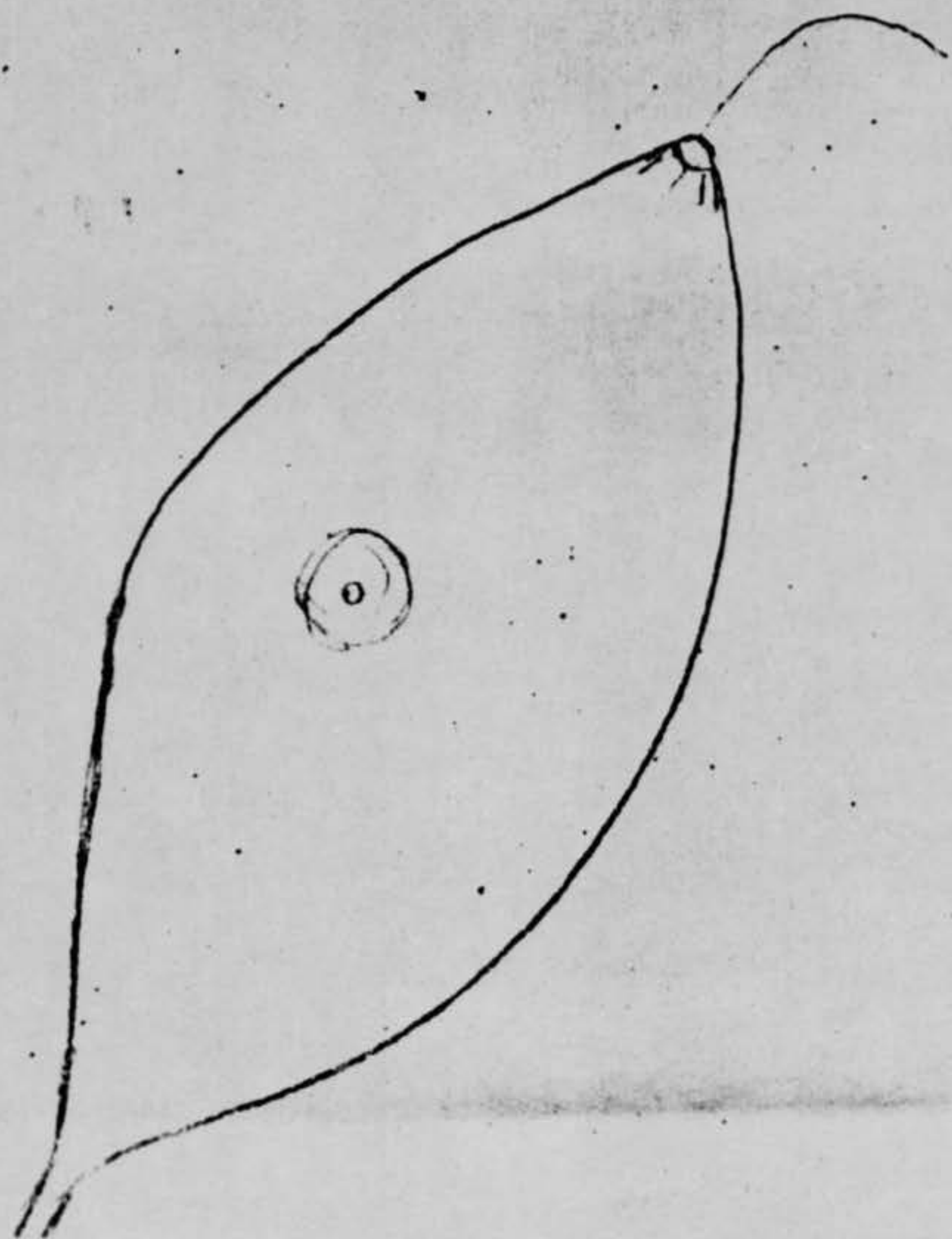
EVALUATION: CASE CATEGORY: Other (Missile)

CONCLUSION: Confirmed test AFMTC 119/1



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29 January 1962 South Carolina/Puerto
Missile Rico

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ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, JCS-45, ARMY-2, CMC-7, OSD-15, NSA-7,
CIA-11, DIA-2, NAVY-2 (115)

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PBEGUH/COMEASTSEAFRON

PCEHM/CANCOMARLANT

PFEMC/CANAIRDEF

PJWFWM/THREE TWO NORAD

INFO PBEPJD/COMDT COGAPD

PBEKDW/CCGDFIVE

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299234Z 32.6N 67.5W SIGHTED LUMINOUS OBJECT IN SKY ALTITUDE
25 DEGREES BEARING 250 DEGREES PROCEEDING SOUTH EASTERLY
DIRECTION STOP OBJECT FIRST APPEARED GLOBULAR ONE QUARTER
DIAMETER MOON BEFORE DISAPPEARING RESEMBLED CLUSTER OF FLASHING
LIGHTS STOP OBJECT LEFT TRAIL OF LUMINOUS HAZE STOP OBJECT
IN VIEW THREE MINUTES

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AF IN : 20106 (29 Jan 62) PR/der

ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, ARMY-2, CMC-7, OSD-15, NSA-7, CIA-11,
DIA-2, JCS-45 (168)

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RJLJSA/72ND BOMBER WING RAMEY AFB (ATTN CHIEF INTEL)

O 292345Z

FM AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT

TO COMCARIBSEAFRON

FAA SJUAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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FROM V35885 STOP

UNIDENTIFIED LIGHT OVER SAN JUAN MOVING VERY RAPIDLY IN EASTERLY
DIRECTION AT ABOUT 2340Z

BT NOTE: Corrected copy of AF IN : 20097 (29 Jan62)

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O JAOWETPZ

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FM AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT

TO FAA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SAN JUA

COMCARIBSEAFRON

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CCSF. CIRVIS REPORT. EA830 CLMG TO 18000 APROX 80 M

LES NW OF MJSJ

REPORTED INTENSE LIGHT ABOVE AND SE OF HIS POSITION. ACFT DIVERTED OFF
COURSE.; 58.3 2335Z.

T20997 ENROUTE RAMEY FROM OVER POINT TUNA OBSERVED INTENSE LIGHT
NORTHWEST OF HIS POSITION AT 2338. ACFT PSN NEAR CENTER OF P.R. AT
2340 EA830 STILL HAS OBJECT IN SIGHT APPEARS TO GO STRAIGHT UP.

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NORTHWEST THRU EAST. 2340 MFFR SPOTTED LIGHT NORTHWEST MVG SOUTH
SOUTH EAST.

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INFO : ARMY-2, CMC-7, JCS-45, OSD-15, NSA-7, CIA-11, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1,
DIA-2, SAFS-3 (113)

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FM COMCARIBSEAFRON

TO RJWFALB/CINC NORAD

RJEZHQ/COFS USAF

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RJLJSA/72ND BOMBER WING RAMEY AFB (ATTN CHIEF INTEL)

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RJLJSA/72 BOMB WING RAMEY AFB

XINFO ZEN/FAA SAN JUAN

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CIRVIS EVALUATION

A. MY 300020Z6AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT 292345Z

1. INFO AVAL HERE EQUATES SIGHTING AFMTC TEST 119/1

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NOTE : ADVANCE CY DEL TO OOP-^CP AND CIN at 292045

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RJLJSA/72ND BOMBER WING RAMDMKFB (ATTN CHIEF INTEL)

AF IN : 20123 (29 Jan 62) K/dfc

ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : ARMY-2, CMC-7, JCS-45, OSD-15, NSA-7,
CIA-11, OOP-2, DIA-2, OOP-CP-1,
SAFS-3 (113)

O 300045Z

FM AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT

TO FAA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SAN JUAN

COMCARIBSEAFRON

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CCSF. RE CIRVIS DTG 292350. INFOR AVAIL FROM MKJT MISSILE

STATION INDICATES LIGHT WAS PART OF AFMTC TEST 119/1

CONDUCTED DURING PERIOD 292030Z THRU 300230Z. ROSS SUPVR. ARTC

BT NOTE : ADVANCE CY DEL TO OOP-CP AND CIN AT 292040