

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 Jun 62		2. LOCATION 03.03N 105.5E		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Formalhaut ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 13/1700Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION over 5 hours		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj initially sighted at 106dgr true on horizon. Disappearance following morning twilight at 73dgr elev 160dgr azimuth. Described as brighter than Venus or any 1st mag star. Alternately appearing & disappearing. Pear shaped. White cloudy glow appeared to grow around center as the brightness diminished. No effect on Radar or radio.				11. COMMENTS Formalhaut described in rpt for most of the period. Obj rate of motion consistent w/the movement of an astro body. It is difficult to understand how this 1st mag star was misidentified by the naval unit rptng it as a UFO. However, since the positional info concides w/that of the star, case is evaluated as the star Formalhaut. Distortion due to atmospheric conditions.	

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

PRECEDENCE DEFERRED	(ACTION)	RELEASED BY	DRAFTED BY	EXT. NO.
DEFERRED	(INFO)			

AF IN : 11299 (16 Jun 62) S/bms

FM 141141Z

FM USS MATHEWS

TO CINCPACFLT

INFO COMSEVENTHFLT

CTG 76.6

CTF 76

READRESSED AS DEFERRED 160156Z JUN 62
FM COMSEVENTHFLT
INFO RBEPW/CNO
RJEZHQ/DIA
RBEPW/OSD/ISA
RUHPB/CINCPACFLT
RUATH/COMNAVFORJAPAN
RUHLKMD/PACAF HICKAM AFB

AF DIST: OOP-CP-1, CIN-14, OOP-21, SAFS-3,
DIA-8 (28)

UNUSUAL CELESTIAL PHENOMENA, SIGHTING.

1. AT 131700Z MATHEWS IN POSITION 08.8N 105.5E SIGHTED
WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN EXTREMELY BRIGHT STAR ON THE HORIZON
BEARING 106T. INTENSITY MUCH GREATER THAN ANY PLANET OR FIRST
MAGNITUDE STAR.

2. FROM 131730Z TO 131730Z OBJECT ALTERNATELY DISAPPEARED AND
REAPPEARED, GAINING ALTITUDE RAPIDLY. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE
SUPERIMPOSED UPON A LINE OF 4 OR 5 SMALL LIGHTS. IT WAS A PEAR
SHAPE IN FORM, ABOUT 2 OR 3 TIMES THE SIZE OF ANY PLANET.

3. AT 131920Z, OBJECT'S LUMINESCENCE DIMMED MOMENTARILY BUT
QUICKLY REGAINED ORIGINAL INTENSITY. ALTITUDE 43 DEGREES.

4. AT 132020Z LUMINESCENCE GRADUALLY DECREASED TO 1/2 OF ORIGINAL
INTENSITY AND, AS INTENSITY DECREASED, A WHITE CLOUDY GLOW AROUND
THE CENTER APPEARED TO INCREASE IN SIZE. GREATEST ALTITUDE NOTED
WAS AT 132200Z, 73 DEGREES BEARING 160T. OBJECT WAS STILL
FAINTLY VISIBLE AFTER ALL STARS HAD DISAPPEARED FOLLOWING MORNING
TWILIGHT.

5. OBJECT HAD NO EFFECT ON RADAR NOR RADIO RECEPTION.
NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO DIA.

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