

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 September 1962		2. LOCATION S China Sea		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 11/0452Z 10/2052Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian SS Illinois		☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4-6 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE North	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object moving from South to North passed in front of ship and disappeared into clouds. Under observation for 4-6 secs. Distinguished from meteor by 1) Near proximity to ship 2) sparks trailing object 3) body length. Thought to be satellite junk burning.				11. COMMENTS None of the indications given are reasons for the object not being a meteor; rather, all are indications of a meteor sighting. Duration in line with this analysis. Satellite decay of longer duration; although, 62A Sigma decayed on 10 September. Case evaluated as a meteor sighting.	

MARINE DATA REPORT

NAME OF SHIP USS LST-1162 NATIONALITY USA

DATE OF REPORT 10/21/62 OBSERVER LTJG J. J. [REDACTED]

SHIP MAIL ADDRESS USMC, P.O. Box 157, Kaneohe, Hawaii

SHIP TYPE ☐ PASSENGER ☐ CARGO ☒ COMB. PASSENGER-CARGO ☐ TANKER ☐ OTHER None

GROSS TONS 12661 LENGTH (Feet) 563 BEAM (Feet) 76 DEPT. (Feet) 31

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SOUTH CHINA SEA
60°11'N 118°21'E

On 11 Jan 1962 at 0452 ZT or 102052Z
While enroute from Keelung to Hong Kong in LST
(APPROXIMATELY) 22-29 N, 118-05 E SOUTH OF THE
Pescadore Is. An unidentified flying object was
OBSERVED FOR A PERIOD OF 4-6 SECONDS AS IT CROSSED
THE SHIP'S PATH SOUTH TO NORTH AND DISAPPEARED
IN A HEAVY CAMOUFLAGED CLOUD ON THE STEER
BOW. AMONG THE MANY THINGS THAT DISTINGUISHED IT
FROM A METEOR WAS ITS 1) NEAR PROXIMITY TO THE
SHIP 2) SPARKLING TAIL TRAILING SPARKS BEHIND & 3)
ITS APPARENT LENGTH. SEVERAL CONCLUSIONS WERE DRAWN
AFTER ITS DISAPPEARANCE THE MOST PROBABLE BEING THAT
IT WAS SATELLITE "JUNK" BURNING UP AS IT REENTERED
THE ATMOSPHERE. AT THE TIME OF THE OBSERVATION
THE SHIP WAS ON COURSE 250° TRUE SPEED 21.6
KTS. THE WIND WAS LIGHT & THE WEATHER WAS
GENERALLY FINE & CLEAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
BATTEN CLOUDS TO THE NW. BAROMETER WAS UNSTABLE
AT 1012 MBS & THE TEMPS WERE 74 DEW 77 WIND
S2 11 KNOTS

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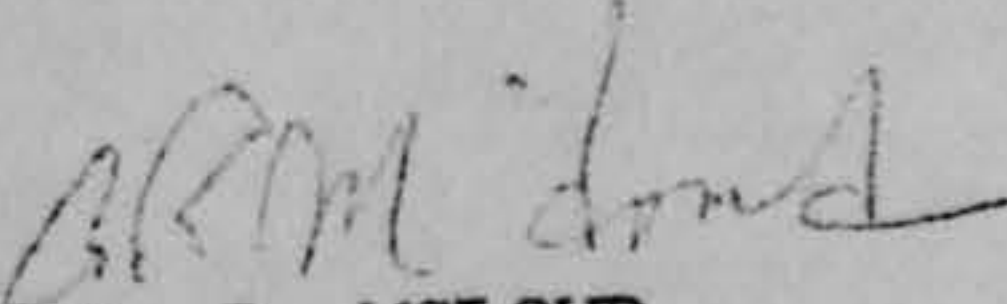
DATE: 10 October 1962

FROM : U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office
Code 5511

SUBJECT: Unidentified flying object, sighting of

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1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for your information.


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