

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 September 1962		2. LOCATION Wake Island		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Satellite Decay ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 18/1055Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military (Tower Personnel) & Civilian Airlines			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one breaking up		9. COURSE NNE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Falling object sighted in one piece breaking up. Extremely bright. Ground observation of same phenomena of incandescent objects numerous, closely grouped of various sizes falling at an acute angle apparently entering atmosphere fm SSW.				11. COMMENTS Probable decay of space debris.	

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ACTION: CIN-17

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INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, DIA-10, DIA(CIIC)-3 (37)

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FM 326 AIR DIV KUNIA FACILITY HAWAII

TO RUHLKM/PACAF HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RUKAC/COMALSEAFRON KODIAK ALASKA

RUWSPG/COMWESTSEAFRON SAN FRANCISCO CALIF

RUHPQ/COMHAWSEAFRON PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

INFO RUEAHQ/COFS USAF WASHINGTON DC

RUWGALB/CINCNORAD ENT AFB COLO

RUHPA/CINCPAC CAMP H M SMITH HAWAII

RUHAFS/CINCUSARPAC FT SHAFTER HAWAII

RUHPB/CINCPWCFLT PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

RUAUAZ/COMUSJAPAF FUCHU AS JAPAN

RUCDSD/ARDC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUAMCR/COMUSKOREA SEOUL KOREA

RUAGFL/COMUSTDC TAIPEI TAIWAF

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RUHPD/COMASWFORPAC FORD ISLAFD HAWAII

RUCSBR/CINCSAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR

RUECW/CNO WASHINGTON DC

RUECW/SECNAV WASHINGTON DC

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UNCLAS/SLICK 602, POSITION APPROXIMATELY 1925N 16130E REPORTS
SIGHTING FALLING OBJZCT AT ABOUT 181055Z LEARING 080 MAGNETIC
FROM HIS POSITION. PILOT REPORTS OBJECT FIRST SIGHTED IN ONE
PIECE THEN BROKE UP. AIRCRAFT ALTITUDE 19 THOUSAND. REPORT
OBJECT EXTREMELY BRIGHT.

WAKE TOWER CONTROLLER SIGHTED FALLING INCADESECENTH OBJECTS AT
181055Z ON BEARING 310 DEGREES FROM WAKE ISLAND. HNUMEROUS
CLOSELY GROUPED OBJECT OF VARIOUS SIZES OBYERVED FALLING AT
ACUTE ANGLZ. APPARENTLY ENTERED ATOMOSPHERE FROM SSW.
NO INTELLIGENCE EVALUATION.

BT8/1310Z SEP RUHLKH

NOTE: ADV CY TO DIA & OOP-CP.