

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 May 1963		2. LOCATION 29.57N 140.03W (PACIFIC)		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 04/0015Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION over one hour		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SE	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Silver colored balloon observed drifting slowly SE. Balloon well above 33,000 feet of 2 jet a/c in area at time. Sighted from Ocean Station Victor. Also reported as UFO by Pan Am flight 818 and United Flight 99.			11. COMMENTS Initially reported as UFO. Evaluation and subsequent rpt indicated obj was a balloon. Evaluated as "no threat" by Navy.		

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FM COMWESTAREA

TO RUHPB/CINCPACFLT

RUEAHQ/COFS USAF

RCCSC/CANAIRDEF

RCWNM/CANCOMARPAC

RUWGALB/CINCNORAD

RUWSPG/COMWESTSEAFRON

RUHPHH/COMHAWSEAFRON

RUWHSBP/TWO EIGHT NORAD

INFO RUECJD/COMDT COGARD

ZEN/CCGDTWELVE

RUHPJ/CCGDFOURTEEN

USCG GRNC

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RADAR CONTAC. 0147Z OSV NOV REPT 2 PASSING JET ACFT 33000 AND
35000 FT REPT BALLOON WELL ABOVE THEIR ALTITUDE.

BT NOTE: ADV CYS DEL TO XOPX, NIN, AND DIA.

AF IN : 2829 (4 May 63)X/der

ACTION: NIN-9

INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-4, SAF-OS-3,
ARMY-2, NAVY-2, CMC-8,
JCS-35, DIA-25, OSD 15,
DIA/CIIC-2, NSA-7, CIA-11
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AF IN : 3082 (4 May 63)C/der

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ACTION: NIN-9

INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-4, SAF-OS-3, ARMY-2, NAVY-2, CMC-8, JCS-35, DIA25,
DIA/CIIC-25, OSD-15, NSA-7, CIA-11 -125-

SMB C103

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RUEAHQ/COFS USAF

RCCSC/CANAIRDEF

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MERINT BALLOON SIGHTING

MY 040249Z. OSV NOVEMBER REPT PANAM FLT 818 ETA LOS ANGELES

040351Z AND UNITED FLT 99 ETA HONOLULU 040410Z WERE LAST

ACFT AMONG SEVERAL WHO MADE SIGHTING.

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NOTE: ADV CYS DEL TO DIA, NIN, AND XOPX.

SMB A185

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AF IN : 3231 (4 May 63) S/rff! **INCOMING** Page 1 of 2
INFO : NIN-9, XOP-1, XOPX-4., SAF-OS-3, ARMY-2, NAVY-2, CMC-8,
JCS-35, DIA-25, DIA-CIIC-2, OSD-15, NSA-7, CIA-11 (125)

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FM 326 AIR DIV KUNIA FACILITY HAWAII

TO RUHLKM/PACAF HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RUHPQ/COMHAWSEAFRON PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

INFO RUEAHQ/COFS USAF WASHINGTON DC

RUWGALB/C INCNORAD ENT AFB COLO

RUHPQ/CINCPAC CAMP H M SMITH HAWAII

RUHAFS/CINCUSARPAC FT SHAFTER HAWAII

RUHPB/CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

RUAUAZ/COMUSJAPAF FUCHU AS JAPAN

RUAMCR/COMUSKOREA SEOUL KOREA

RUAGFL/COMUSTDC TAIPEI TAIWAF

RUCSBR/C INCSAC OFFUTT AFB NEB

RUECW/CNO WASHINGTON DC

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NOTE: Adv copy to XOPX, NIN, DIA

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ACTION: NIN-9

INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-4, SAF-OS-3, JCS-35, ARMY-2, NAVY-2, CMC-8,
OSD-15, CIA-11, NSA-7, DIA-25, DIA-CII-2 (125)

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FM COMWESTAREA

TO RUHPB/C INCPACFLT

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MERINT BALLOON SIGHTING

MY 040550Z. OSV NOVEMBER REPT BALLOON APPARENTLY CONSTRUCTED OF THIN TRANSLUCENT SILVER COLORED MATERIAL. SIZE DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE. BALLOON SHAPE GENERALLY SPHERICAL WITH DIAMETER AS MUCH AS 50-100 FT. BALLOON SEEMED TO CHANGE SHAPE WITH ACTION OF WIND. BALLOON SIGHTED BY UNITED FLT 85 ALT 28000 FT AND MATS FLT 44077 ALT 10000 FT, POSSIBLY BY MATS 20936 ALT 10000 FT AND MATS 33248 ALT 10000 FT.

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NOTE: ADV CY TO XOPX, NIN AND DIA.
040550Z IS AFIN: 3082, 4 May 63.

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OSD-15, ARMY-2, CMC-8, CIA-II, NSA-7 (123)

SMB C147

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PP RUEAHQ

DE RUWSPG 048

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P 041007Z

FM COMWESTSEAFRON

TO RUHPB/CINCPACFLT

INFO RUECW/CNO

RUCSBRB/CINCSAC

RUWDKE/COMPAQM ISRAH

RUWDAE/COMFIRSTFLT

RUHLKSP/PACAF HICKAM

RUWSJ/COMWESTAREA CG

RUEAHQ/COFS USAF

RCCSC/CANAIRDEF

RCWNM/CANCOMARPAC

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A. COMWESTAREA CG 040550Z PASEP

1. EVALUATION NO THREAT.

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