

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 July 1963		2. LOCATION 40 MI NE of Las Vegas, Nevada		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>19/0357Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>military</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 14 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE (Garbled)	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Tear drop shaped object, bluish white in color with a contrail about 5 miles in length. Forward portion of obj increased in size as object continued in flight on a downward slope. Contrail 50-100 times size of obj. No sound. Object in sight for 4 minutes with contrail persisting for additional ten minutes. Object burned out after four minutes.				11. COMMENTS Missile launch from Point Arguello coincides with appearance of object. Object characteristic of missile in initial stage of flight. Observation from KC135 at 29,000 ft. Directional data garbled. Case evaluated as a missile observation.	

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ACTION: NIN-9
INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-4, SAF-OS-3, DIA-25, DIA/CIIC-2 (45)
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FOR FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO.

FOR AFCIN, WASH 25, D C. FOR SAFOI, (SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE),
WASH 25, D C. THE FOLLOWING REPORT CONCERNING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING
OBJECTS IS IN FORMAT AS OUTLINED REPORT IN PARAGRAPH 14, AFR 200-2.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.

1. TEAR DROP SHPAE.
2. PEA SIZE AT FIRST SIGHTING UNTILL DISINTEGRATION.
3. BLUISH-WHITE COLOR.
- 4.1 (ONE)

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5. N/A

6. NONE.

7. CONTRAIL APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILES IN LENGTH. FORWARD PORTION BECAME LARGER AS OBJECT CONTINUED ON PATH IN A DOWNWARD SLOPE TRAJECTORY CONTRAIL SIZE 50-100 TIMES THAT OF OBJECT.

8. NO SOUND.

9. NONE.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT.

1. CONTRAIL.

2. SIXTY DEGREES RIGHT AND 30 DEGREES ABOVE AIRCRAFT.

3. TEN DEGREES AND THREE DEGREES ABOVE AIRCRAFT.

4. DESCENDING STRAIGHT LINE WITH AN INCREASING ANGLE OF DECLINATION TO THE HORIZON OF TEN DEGREE-TWENTY DEGREE-TWENTY-FIVE DEGREE FROM SIGHTING TO BURNOUT.

5. OBJECT DISINTEGRATED RAPIDLY WITH CONTRAIL DISSIPATING SLOWLY.

6. OBJECT SIGHTED FOR FOUR MINUTES WITH CONTRAIL LASTING FOR TEN MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION.

1. AIR VISUAL.

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2. NONE.

3. KC135 DOLLY 58 29,000 FT QRI DEGREES TC. 456 KTS BEALE AFB
CALIF.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING.

1. 19/0357.

2. DUSK.

E. 3656N 11436W 1ST SIGHTING.

3634N 11428W LAST OBSERVED.

40 MILES NE OF LAS VAGAS NEVADA.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS.

1. N/A

2. MILITARY.

WARREN H. WILLIAMS, MAJOR, USAF 903ARS, A/C.

MANUEL T. BLANK, CAPT, USAF 903ARS, CP.

WALTER D. COOKE, CAPT, USAF 903ARS, CP.

JACK W. PETERS, CAPT, USAF 903 ARS, NAV.

FRANCIS K. PJANNEY, MSGT, USAF 903 ARS, BO.

EACH OBSERVER IS CONSIDERED THOROUGHLY COMPETENT AND RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS.

1. CAVU WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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2. SURFACE 320 AT 5

6 280 AT 3

10 240 AT 5

16 230 AT 8

20 240 AT 24

30 250 AT 59

50 250 AT 40

80 NONE AVAILABLE

3. NO CEILING.

4. VISABILITY UNLIMITED.

5. NO CLOUD COVER.

6. NO THUNDERSTROM ACTIVITY.

7. 1(ONE) DEGREE PER THOUSAND.

H. ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY-NONE.

I. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION. NONE.

J. NONE.

K. COMBAT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER POSSIBILITY EXIST OF CONNECTION
BETWEEN THIS SIGHTING AND MISSILE LAUCHING FROM POINT ARGUELLO,
CALIG INEARLY EVENING OF 18 JULY 1963.

L. NO EXISTING PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

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