

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 July 1963	2. LOCATION Philippines & Pacific 1,000 Mi E of Phillipines		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 30/1800Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE military, civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Reports of large flaming object crashing into jungle. Initial reports indicated possible a/c crash. Subsequent reports indicate that obj was possibly ICBM from Vandenberg. Missile impacted 200 mi E of Phillipines in intended zone as confirmed by a/c observing impact.		11. COMMENTS Impact in jungle probably an illusion of reentry vehicle on curving downward trajectory.	

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ACTION: NIN-9 CHANGED TO SAF-OI-1 (Col Boyd, Duty Officer, 2 Aug 63)

INFO : SAF-OS-3 (13)

XMITT TO: AFSC (Per Mr. Kerp, NIN,
2 Aug 63)

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ADDED DIST: XPD-3, XOP-1 (Per Mr. Kerp,
NIN, 2 Aug 63)

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ADDED DIST: NIN-1 (2 Aug 63)

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FM USAIRA MANILA RP

TO RUEAHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

INFO RUEAHQ/1127TH USAF FIELD ACTIVITIES GROUP FT BELVOIR VA /PROTECTH

RUCSBR/HQ SAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR

AF GRNC

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C-46. 31 JUL 63, MANILA BULLETIN CARRIED
STORY ON EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT BY RESIDENTS OF BARRIO AZPITIA, AGUSAN
PROVINCE, MINDANAO, OF "LARGE FLAMING OBJECT" CRASHING INTO
AGUSAN JUNGLE, MINDANAO. INITIAL REPORTS ATTRIBUTED INCIDENT TO
AIRCRAFT CRASH. 31 JUL ASSOC PRESS NEWS RELEASE DATED
VANDENBERG AFB, REPRINTED LOCALLY, ANNOUNCED IMPACT OF ROUTINELY
LAUNCHED ATLAS IN PHIL SEA 200 MILES EAST OF MINDANAO. 1 AUG
ASSOC PRESS RELEASE, SAME DATETIME, REPORTED TWO ICBM LAUNCHINGS;
ONE TUESDAY, ONE WEDNESDAY, BOTH VANDENBERG TIME. SUBSEQUENTLY
LOCAL PAPERS REPORTED "LARGE FLAMING OBJECT" HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED
AS ICBM FIRED FROM VAFB. CORRELATION OF SIGHTINGS AND NEWS
RELEASES INDICATE EYEWITNESSES PROBABLY SAW FIRST DUMMY WARHEAD.
PRESS REACTION TO INCIDENT NOT HOSTILE BUT MAY TRIGGER HOST GOVERN-
MENT NEWSPAPER QUIRIES TO EMBASSY. THEREFORE REQUEST WHATEVER INFO

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Date 12 MAY 1969

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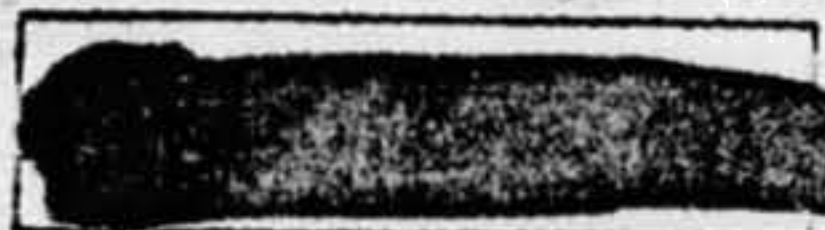
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AVAILABLE TO BE USED IN REPLY SUCH AS BOUNDARIES OF TEST RANGE;
ADVANCE WARNING METHODS TO SHIPPING, AND/OR AIRCRAFT; SAFETY
PROCEDURES TO PRECLUDE IMPACT AT OTHER THAN PLANNED TARGET; ETC.
FOR HQ USAF: IR 1877006263, 2 AUG 63 CONTAINS SAMPLING OF NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES REVEALING LOCAL REACTION TO INCIDENT.

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TO RUEAHQ/OSAF

INFO RUMJM/USAIRA MANILA RP

RUEAHQ/1127TH USAF FIELD ACTIVITIES GROUP FT BELVOIR VA PROTECTED

RUMHFK/1 STRATAEROSPDIV VANDENBERG AFB CALIF

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UNCLAS E F T O FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY/DXIP-1 70156. FOR

SAFOI-PA & PC AT OSAF; INFORMATION, C-46 AT

USAIRA, MANILA RP AND DXI AND 1 STRATAEROSPDIV. THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS. PART I. ATLAS ICBM NICKNAMED "BIG FLIGHT" (UNCLASSIFIED) WAS LAUNCHED FROM VANDENBERG AFB, 31 JULY 63, INTO ITS PROGRAMMED IMPACT AREA IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS IN THE PHILLIPPINE SEA 200 MILES EAST OF THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO OVER 7,000 STATUTE MILES DOWN THE PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE. PARA. IN ADDITION TO REQUIRED NOTAMS AND NOTICES TO MARINERS ISSUED BY PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE, VISUAL AREA SURVEILLANCE WAS MAINTAINED BY LARGE NUMBERS OF AIR-

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CRAFT TO INSURE THAT ALL FISHING VESSELS WERE IN FACT CLEAR OF IMPACT AREA PRIOR TO LAUNCH. COMPACMISRAV AND COMNAV MARIANAS WERE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE AND SUPPORTED AREA CLEARANCE. STANDARD RANGE SAFETY PROCEDURES WERE IN EFFECT TO CUT MISSILE ENGINES IF FLIGHT PERFORMANCE HAD NOT ACHIEVED NECESSARY PARAMETERS FOR IMPACT WITHIN CLEARED PRESELECTED IMPACT AREA IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. PARA. USAF AIRCRAFT STATIONED ALOFT 40 NAUTICAL MILES UPRANGE AND 50 MILES EAST OF THE INTENDED IMPACT AREA VISUALLY CONFIRMED RE-ENTRY AND IMPACT OF RE-ENTRY VEHICLE AND TRAILING TANKAGE INTO THE PLANNED IMPACT AREA IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

PARA. EYE WITNESS OBSERVATIONS BY RESIDENTS OF BARRIO AZPITIA, AGUSAN PROVINCE, MINDANAO MAY BE DESCRIBING THE PROBABLE ILLUSION OF RE-ENTRY VEHICLE CURVING ON DOWNWARD TRAJECTORY. "BIG FLIGHT" WAS THE ONLY RECENT LAUNCH INTO INTERNATIONAL WATERS OF PHILLIPPINE SEA AREA. PART II. FOR 1 STRATAEROSPDIV. THIS REFERS TO USAIRA, MANILA, BP CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE C-46, DATED 2NAUG 63, TO HQ USAF OF WHICH YOU ARE NOT AN ADDRESSEE.

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30-31 July?
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INFO : XPD-3, XOP-1. (17)
NIN-9.

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FM AFSC

TO RUEAHQ/CSAF

INFO RUMVC/USAIRA MANILA RP

RUEAHQ/1127TH USAF FIELD ACTIVITIES GP FT BELVOIR VA /PROTECTED/

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RUWHFK/1ST STRATAD VANDENBERG AFB CALIF

RUWDKE/COMDR PMR PT MUGA CALIF

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CSAF FOR SAFOI; USAIRA MANILA FOR C-46; SAC FOR
DXIP-1; COMDR PMR FOR OB. REFERENCE USAIRA MSG
C-46 2 AUG 63 AND SAC DXIP-1 70156 3 AUGUST (NOTAL).
THIS MESSAGE IN 2 PARTS. PART I. INITIAL CHECK
INDICATES VANDENBERG ACTIVITY COULD NOT HAVE
RESULTED IN "LARGE FLAMING OBJECT" FALLING ON
MINDANAO DURING TIME PERIOD SUGGESTED BY YOUR
MESSAGE. SOME POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT OBSERVERS
SIGHTED REENTRY OF ATLAS ICBM NICKNAMED "BIG FLIGH"

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WHICH OCCURRED APPROXIMATELY 1800Z 30 JULY 1963
IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS APPROXIMATELY 1000
NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF MINDANAO. PART II. COMDR
PMR HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THAT THE
REPORTED INCIDENT WAS NOT THE RESULT OF RANGE
ACTIVITY AND TO SUPPLEMENT REFERENCED SAC MESSAGE
AS NECESSARY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS POSED IN ROIGINAL
TWX.

BT NOTE: Reference C--46 is AF IN 3466 (2 Aug 63)
70156 is AF IN 5253 (3 Aug 63)

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