

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Sep 63		2. LOCATION 34.14N 125.29W (Pacific)		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 25/1106Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round obj size and brightness of 1st mag star Red with apparent luminous vapor swirling about obj. Vapor 20X size of obj. Attention attracted by brightness of light. Initial appear- ance on Horizon to East. Obj passed overhead on course of 270 deg. Appeared to fall into clouds and did not reappear. In sight for 4 minutes. 7X50 & (9X54 BX used. Initial impression was of a/c in trouble. Radar and radio contact with obj failed. Obj believed to be missile. Due to shock wave pattern of vapor.				11. COMMENTS Description conforms with analysis of missile. Launch probably from Vandenburg or Pt Mugu. Sighting in area over which missiles would take on flight to target area near Phillippines.	

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FM USS LOWE

AF IN : 12101 (25 Sep 63) L/drc

TO RUWHSB/COM 4 AF HAM AFB CALIF

INFO RUECW/CNO
RUWHSBP/COM 28 NORAD
RUWSPG/COMNAVDEFEASTPAC
RADRON ONE

RUHPB/CINCPACFLT
RUWSPG/COMCRUDESAC
ZEN/COMCORTON 3

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AF DIST: NIN-9, XOP-1, XOPX-4, SAF-OS-3 (17)

UFO

A. CONCPACFLT INST 3820.3

E. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

- A. ROUND
- B. SIZE AND BRIGHTNESS FIRST MAG STAR
- C. RED
- D. ONE
- F. NONE
- G. ALUMINOUS APPARENT VAPOR SWIRLED ABOUT AND TRAILED OBJECT. THIS VAPOR APPEARED TWENTY TIMES OBJECT SIZE

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

- A. BRIGHTNESS OF LIGHT
- B. ON HORIZON 095T
- C. 25 265T
- D. COURSE 270 PASSED DIRECTLY OVERHEAD
- E. APPEARED TO FALL INTO CLOUDS AND DID NOT REAPPEAR
- F. 4 MINUTES

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

- A. GROUND-VISUAL
- B. 7-50 AND 9-54 BINOCULARS

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

- A. 251106Z
- B. NIGHT

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5. 34-14N 125-29W

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVERS:

A. FIRST SIGHTED BY LTJR R J SANDS, USN OOD. RELIABLE ALSO
OBSERVED BY LCDR R J EDRIS, USN CO, ENS J E BENTON, USN JOOD,
RELIABLE LAMPE, E R BM2 USN, BMOW RELIABLE.

7. WEATHER CONDITIONS

A. CLEAR, DARK NIGHT

C. UNLIMITED

D. 10

E. 3/10 AT 2000 BROKEN

F. NONE 10 NONE 11. COMMANDING OFFICER

COMMENTS. INITIAL REACTION OF SIGHTING OFFICER WAS THAT OBJECT WAS
AN AIRCRAFT IN DISTRESS RADAR AND RADIO SEARCH FAILED TO SUPPORT
THIS. VAPOR APPEARED TO CONFORM TO SHOCK WAVE PATTERN EVALUATED
POSSIBLE MISSILE

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Widely Seen UFO In Calif.

Shortly after 4:00 a. m., on the morning of 25 September 1963, a fast-moving UFO was reported over Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Reports came in from the town of Woodside and San Jose also. Sheriff's offices in the above-mentioned counties received twenty reports. Some descriptions given by witnesses were as follows: "A half moon pulsating object," a "circular object lighted from the interior." The light, which appeared to turn off and on was visible intermittently. The Federal Aviation Agency, when queried, was unable to account for the UFO.