

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 December 1965 16/0208Z	2. LOCATION Oregon Area
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other (MISSILE) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One to Two	Minuteman launch from Vandenberg.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION From 30 sec to 5 min	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers sighted a round beam shaft of light about the size of a star. It was white blue green. It was balloon-shaped with long tail which increased in size. There was a sound and the object seemed to vaporize and leave a contrail. Object travelled in a straight line to the west. The time of the sighting coincides with the launch of a Minuteman missile from Vandenberg AFB. There appeared to be an unusual amount of visual phenomena associated with this particular launch.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ACTION: NIN-7 INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, JCS/DIA-1 (15)

3. WHITE BLUE GREEN

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4. ONE TO TWO OBJECTS

5. N/A

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6. BALLOON SHAPED

7. LONG TAIL WHICH INCREASED IN SIZE.

8. SOUND

9. SEEMED TO VAPORIZE AND LEFT A CONTRAIL.

PART B.

1. ODDITY OF OBJECT PLUS LIGHT ATTRACTED ATTENTION.

2. 10 TO 20 DEGREE ABOVE HORIZON LOOKING SOUTHWARD

3. 15 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON LOOKING SOUTHWARD.

4. STRAIGHT LINE TRAVEL ASCENDING FROM E TO W.

5. FADED

6. FROM 30 SECONDS TO FIVE MIN.

PART C.

1. GROUND VISUAL

2. NO OPTICAL AID

3. N/A

PART D. 160200Z TO 0213Z

PART E. THREE PERSONS MADE THE OBSERVATION. OBSERVER

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2. OBS "A" KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

OBS "C" ALBANY, OREGON

SURF W/V - CALM

6M 040 AT 10 KTS

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10M 040 AT 30 KTS

20M 020 AT 55 KTS

30M 020 AT 75 KTS

50M 360 AT 25 KTS

80M 340 AT 10 KTS

OBS "B" LAKESIDE OREGON

SURF W/V 120 AT 5 KTS

6M 360 AT 15

10M 360 AT 20

20M 350 AT 50

30M 340 AT 50

50M 340 AT 25

80M 300 AT 10

3. CEILING CLEAR TO HIGH THIN SCTD.

4. VISIBILITY - UNLIMITED

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5. CLOUD COV. CLEAR TO 2/10THS.

6. NO THUNDERSTORMS

7. NORMAL

8. SUNSET 1633 PST

PART H. NONE

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PART I. NONE

PART J. N/A

PART K. STAFF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, HQRS PORTLAND
AIR DEF SECT MAJOR A.F. SHIFLETT. THE TIME OF ALL
THREE SIGHTINGS COINCIDE WITH THE LAUNCH OF A
MINUTEMAN MISSILE FROM VANDENBERG AFB. THERE
APPEARED TO BE AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF VISUAL
PHENOMENA ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PARTICULAR LAUNCH.

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PART L. NONE

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