

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 Feb 51		2. LOCATION 21 deg 32'N & 157deg 06'W(Pacific)		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 24/0244Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Sailor			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not given		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE ESE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object was dark and cylindrical with short reddish tail, "in a position approx 1 deg to 2 deg above and to the north of Vega. Traveling at a very slow speed compared to the speed of a meteor or falling star. It appeared to be a rocket in controlled flight. Disappeared about 4 deg elevation.				11. COMMENTS Insufficient data for evaluation in that duration not reported. Probably a meteor.	

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

20 MAR 1951

THRU: Commander
Military Air Transport Service
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Inspector General (OSI)

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Second Mate aboard S. S. HAWAIIAN LOGGER reported sighting unidentified airborne object described as dark and cylindrical with short and reddish tail, similar to rocket in controlled flight; observed at 0244 H, 24 February 1951, from vessel at position 21°32'N and 157°06'W. (14th Naval District ONI, C-3, Restricted)

2. DETAILS: District Intelligence Officer, 14th Naval District, under date of 28 February 1951, forwarded to this office one (1) copy of communication to Fleet Intelligence Officer, CINCPacFLT, Subject: "Unidentified celestial object; reported sighting of," herein reported in substance:

Movement Report Center, Hawaiian Sea Frontier, advised at 1040 W on 24 February 1951 that [REDACTED], 2nd Mate aboard S. S. HAWAIIAN LOGGER, had reported sighting unidentified airborne object appearing to be a rocket in controlled flight. The vessel was enroute to Honolulu from the Pacific Northwest on course 226° T at position 21°32'N and 157°06'W at 0244 W. FROYLAND was on watch, standing in Starboard Wing on top bridge, when he first noted the airborne object.

Interviewed by 14th N.D. ONI representative at Pier 2, Honolulu, on 24 February 1951, Mr. ██████████ described the object as dark and cylindrical with a short reddish tail, "in a position approximately 1° to 2° above and to the north of Vega. It was

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travelling at a very slow speed as compared to the speed of a meteor or falling star. It crossed the eastern sky on a downward track and disappeared at an altitude of about 4° behind a cloud bank in the SE. The object appeared to be above the cloud layer, travelling in an ESE direction. The weather was clear and the NE quadrant of sky was devoid of clouds. During the period of observation, the observer moved from the starboard bridge wing to the port wing, uncovered the Gyro Repeater, and was about to take a bearing when the object disappeared."

The report noted that [REDACTED] has sailed with the Matson Navigation Company as a licensed officer since 1941, and has spent the majority of his life at sea; adding that agency's opinion that [REDACTED] may be considered a competent observer.

Referenced report of 14th N.D. CNT is maintained in files of this office.

3. ACTION TAKEN: Office of the Intelligence Officer, Pacific Division, Military Air Transport Service, Hickam AFB, APO 953, advised on 12 March 1951.

4. DISTRIBUTION: In addition to addressee, copies of this report are furnished:

Chief, Intelligence Division, MATS, Andrews AFB,
Washington 25, D. C.
Intelligence Officer, PACD MATS, Hickam AFB, APO 953.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

JAMES F. RHODES
Major, USAF
Asst Adjutant General

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