

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Mar 52		2. LOCATION Pacific Ocean		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical METEOR	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1130 GMT 2130		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Aircrew			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 3		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING "Puffs of smoke" Possible meteor explosion.		11. COMMENTS Crew observed puffs of white smoke. Their a/c was at 18,500'. Sea was calm and no surface vessels in area.			

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1. DATE 8-12 8 March 52	2. LOCATION 33° 36' N - 156° 23' W Pacific Ocean	3. JRCE Aircrew
4. TIME Local 1130 Z 2130 Z	5. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Three	6. SHAPE "puffs of smoke"
7. COLOR —	8. COURSE —	9. ALTITUDE —
10. ANGULAR VELOCITY — ° per second	11. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	12. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Visual - air
13. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED Seconds	14. MANEUVERS —	15. CONCLUSIONS Possible meteor explosion.
16. COMMENTS Grew observed puffs of white smoke. Feared to be a meteor. Their Alt was at 18,500'. Sea was calm and no surface vessels in area.	Possibly Meteor	

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COUNTRY USA-MATS	REPORT NO. IR-174-52	(LEAVE BLANK) 98437291
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unusual Sightings in Pacific Area		
AREA REPORTED ON Pacific Ocean	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Division, Hq MATS, Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.	
DATE OF REPORT 18 April 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 8 and 12 March 1952	EVALUATION B-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) Arthur G. Love, Captain, USAF	SOURCE MATS Aircrews	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. The Intelligence Officer, 1500th Air Transport Wing, MATS, has reported the following sightings made by aircrews of the 57th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron on routine weather flights.

a. At 2130Z on 8 March 1952, a crew observed three puffs of white smoke at an unreported altitude at position 33°36' North, 156°23' West. At the time of observation the aircraft was at 18,500 feet of altitude. The crew reported that there were no clouds in the area and that the sea was calm. A search was made of the region but no surface vessels were sighted.

b. At 2331Z on 12 March 1952, a crew observed an oil slick at 38°43' North, 159°52' West. When the initial sighting took place, the aircraft was at an altitude of 18,500 feet. The aircraft descended to 500 feet and at this level made four passes over the slick. Ten of the 11 crew members observed the oily substance which floated over an area of about ten miles in diameter. The crew stated that the sea was calm and that there were no clouds below the level of 26,000 feet in the vicinity of the sighting. The crew also declared that they noticed five flocks of sea gulls, each containing about 15 gulls, in the area of the oil slick.

2. In each of the above cases the Hawaiian Sea Frontier was provided full details by the aircrews.

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 8-12 Mar 52

TIME (Local): 2130Z

LOCATION: Pacific Ocean

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: HATS Crew

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No investigation due to time lapse in report.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Three puffs of white smoke. 

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