

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 Sep 59	2. LOCATION Naha AB, Okinawa		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical Meteor ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 05/1440Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 secs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 6	9. COURSE S to N	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Rnd, flare-like objs w/tail similar to short contrail. Size of nickel at arm's length. White in color. Two rows of three abreast, changing to a "V" of five, then four & disappearing one at a time until only one remained. Initial observation 10° elev w/disappearance at 15° elev.		11. COMMENTS Witnesses probably saw a large meteor during the last stages. The illusion of climbing was probably due to the illusion created by perspective or relative brightness.	

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RJAPAA/AF 5 FUCHU AS JAP

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UNCLAS 51WIC 51-9-25. ATTN: PFICO ATTN: 3130C-1 SUBJ IS UFO REPORT.

DATA RECD BY AFR 27-2 FOLLOWS: ITEM ALPHA: DESCRIPTION: (1) ROUND

FLARE LIKE OBJECTS WITH TRAILING TAIL SIMILAR TO SHORT CONTRAIL;

(2) NICKEL SIZE AT ARMS LENGTH; (3) COLOR: WHITE; (4) NUMBER: SIX

(5); (5) FORMATION TWO ROWS OF THREE ABREAST CHAGGING TO A "V" OF

FIVE THEN FOUR AND DISAPPEARING ONE AT A TIME UNTIL ONLY ONE

REMAINED; (6) ONLY AS IN (1) ABOVE; (7) TRAIL APPROX TWO TO THREE

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CHANGING SHIFT SAW LIGHTS IN THE SKY; (2) OBJECTS SSW OF WAKA AB 15
TO 15 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH; (3) OBJECTS

PAGE TWO RJAOKH 8: NNW
DISAPPEARED NNW OF WAKA AB 15 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON.

4) OF 11 OBSERVERS INTERVIEWED. 9 SAW OBJECT MAINTAIN
LEVEL COURSE

IN LEVEL FLIGHT BUT SHORTLY AFTER PASSING NEARLY OVERHEAD, OBJECTS

BEGAN RAPID CLIMB NEARLY STRAIGHT UP OUT OF SIGHT. LEAD OBJECT

CLIMBED FIVE SECONDS BEFORE NUMBER TWO OBJECT; (5) SEE ITEM ALPHA(5),

FINAL OBJECT DISAPPEARED TO NORTH, SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR SUDDENLY; (6)

OBJECTS VISIBLE TWENTY SECONDS. ITEM COCOA: MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND/VISUAL; (2) OPTIC AIDS: NONE; (3) N/A. ITEM DELTA: (1)

5/144Z SEPTEMBER; (2) NIGHT/CLEAR; (3) WAKA AB OKI (26/12N - 12741E)

EXCEPT TWO OBSERVERS WHICH WITNESSED SHARP CLIMB (SEE ITEM BRAVO(4) ON
HIGHWAY NO. 24 ON OKINAWA 1 MILE SOUTH OF INTERSECTION WITH HIGHWAY

NO. 16(26/21N127/50E). ITEM FOXTROT: (1) CIVILIAN: NONE (2) THE

FOLLOWING ARE ALL MEMBERS OF DET NO. 1, 313 AIR DIVISION ALL ARE AC&W

OPERATORS RELIABILITY ESTIMATED GOOD. PERSONNEL NAMES: A/3C BROGDON,

WILLIAM A/2C FETZ, ALFRED W/3C LONDREY, JOHN R/2C

SCHNEIDER, LEONARD P/2C HENSON, BILLY H/2C MCDOWELL, LARRY

T/3C MATTHIAS, CARTER S/3C REINHOLDT, GREGORY L. OBSERVERS

ALSO INCLUDED PFC KANGAR, EUGENE L. U.S. ARMY INTELL SPECL ATTACHED TO

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PAGE THREE RJAOKHNS1

GOLF: (1) WX CLEAR; 2() AMS REPORTS OF WIND: SURFACE: ^{SE} 140 DEG,
7 KTS; ^{SE} 6000 FT: 140 DEG., 25 KNOTS; ^{SE} 10,000 FT: 150 DEG., 25 KNOTS;
16000 FT: ^S 170 DEG., 15 KNOTS; 20000 FT: ^S 190 DEG., 15 KNOTS; 30000
^{SSW} FT: 200 DEG., 20 KNOTS; 50000 FT: ^W 280 DEG., 5 KNOTS; 80000 FT: ^E 090
DEG, ¹⁵ 07 KNOTS. (3) CEILING: ULIMITED; (4) VISIBILITY: 7 MILS;
(5) CLOUDS ^{1/10} C., (6) ISOLATED TSTMS EAST OF ISLAND. ITEM
HOTEL: NEG. ITEM TEM: NONE. ITEM JULIET: NEG ITEM KILO: REPORT
PREPARED BY INTELL STAFF OFFICER AND INTELL SPEC, 51 FIW AFTR
INTERVIEW OF ALL AVAILABLE WITNESSES. SPEED OF OBJECT ESTIMATED
AT APPROX 2000 MPH Y ALL OBSERVER, SLIGHT VARIANCES IN ALT ESTIMATES
15,000 TO 15300 FEET. I BELIEVE OBSERVERS ARE SINCERE. THERE IS NO
EVIDENCE OF ACTIVITY OF ROUTINE OR NORMAL NATURE WHICH MIGHT HAVE
CAUSED THIS REPORT. FOLLOW UP ON ALL LEADS AND CLUES HAS BEEN
NEGATIVE. ITEM LIMA: PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: NEG.

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