PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

[redacted]

1. DATE: 13 Jul 60	2. LOCATION: Truk Atoll
3. DATE-TIME GROUP: Local 1100 or 1200 / GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION: ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar
5. PHOTOS: ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE: Civilian
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: not given	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: one
	9. COURSE: varied

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

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

About size of a drum-can. Had a flat top, sides are round and bottom is narrower than top. One half was painted red and the other painted white. Disappeared to the W.

11. COMMENTS

There is no evidence which indicates that the object was not a balloon, the first impressions of the witnesses. The description of the object tends to fit that of a balloon and the motion tends to bear out this conclusion.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

REFERRAL NOTICE

DATE: 20 1961

SUBJECT (or Identification)

(U) Transmittal of Report of Unidentified Flying Object

SUSPENSE DATE:

FROM: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, 1B1

TO:

	AFCIN-X		AFCIN-1		AFCIN-2		AFCIN-3		AFCIN-XA	X	AFCIN-4E
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	AFCIN-X2								AFCIN-Y		
	AFCIN-X3										
	AFCIN-X4										
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ATTENTION:

TYPE OF ACTION

	APPROPRIATE ACTION		PREPARATION OF APPROPRIATE FORWARDING CORRESPONDENCE		ACTION ASSIGNED TO:
	COMMENTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS		INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE REPLY		ACS/I HAS/HAS NOT SEEN
	NOTE AND RETURN		PREPARATION OF REPLY *(for signature of ACS/Intelligence)*		AFCIN-X HAS ORIGINAL
	INFORMATION AND/OR FILE		PREPARATION OF REPLY *(for signature of Deputy, ACS/Intelligence)*		FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT *(indicate name and extension)* Major Stuk/eb 77908/Rm 204, Anx 3 AFCIN-1B1
	COORDINATION		PREPARATION OF REPLY *(for signature of:)*		
	DIRECT REPLY *(with copy to AFCIN-X)*		INFORMATION COPIES FORWARDED TO:		

COMMENTS *(Use reverse and blank sheets if more space is required)*

COMMENT NO. 1

The attached materials are forwarded as a matter of interest to your office.

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w/1 atch Ltr, COMNAVFORCES Marianas,
22 Aug 60, subj as above, w/1 atch

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COORDINATION *(Initials, Last name and Grade)*

SIGNATURE
Robert E. Harrington, Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-1B1

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HEADQUARTERS
PACIFIC AIR FORCES
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO 953, San Francisco, Calif.

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REPLY TO ATTN OF: PFICO

29 August 1960

SUBJECT: (U) Report of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: USAF (AFCIN-1)

Forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

RIDGELY D. KEMP
LCol, USAF
Acting Director of Collection

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From: Commander Naval Forces Marianas
To: Commander Thirteenth Air Force

Subj: Unidentified Flying Object; report of

Encl: (1) Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands ltr of 8 Aug 1960 with enclosures

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for information.

E. V. CAIN JR
Assistant Chief of Staff
For Operations and Plans

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
P. O. BOX 542
AGANA, GUAM, M. I.

COMMERCIAL
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In reply refer to:

August 6, 1960

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Rear Admiral W. F. A. Vendt
Commander, Naval Forces Marianas
Guam, M.I.

Attn: Staff Intelligence Officer

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a telephone conversation today between Cdr. [redacted] and M[redacted] Deputy High Commissioner, concerning a report of a flying object near Weita, Truk District. I am enclosing a copy of our District Attorney's report dated July 28, 1960, covering the incident which he investigated on July 27, together with a sketch of the object and statement by the individual who saw it.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]
High Commissioner

Enclosures (3)

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High Commissioner

District Attorney

July 28, 1960
Truk

Report of Unidentified Flying Object

On July 26, 1960, a report was made by a representative of the Magistrate of Petta Island, Truk District, about an object which was sighted near Petta. I decided to investigate the matter and went to Petta on July 27. A statement was taken from one Penlam; male, age 19, one of the adults who sighted the object. A translation of the statement is attached and is self-explanatory. In addition, [redacted] drew a sketch of the object, which is attached, as he remembers it. There were also two other persons in the boat who saw the object; one Afechoong, male, age 37, and one Tiofin, male, age 8. There was not sufficient time before the boat left Petta for the return trip to Moen to take a statement from Afechoong or Tiofin, but they did, however, verify the statement as told by Pinlam. Neither of the two adults have formal educations but appeared to be reasonably intelligent and alert and completely sincere. While it doesn't appear in the statement, I asked the men if they had been drinking and they replied in the negative. I inquired as to the reputation of the two men in their community and they are considered reliable and trustworthy.

It is thought that perhaps you may wish to forward the report to Naval Intelligence for whatever value it may be, if any.

Attachments
cc: District, Truk

Alfred J. Gormly

STATEMENT OF [redacted] (Translated from Trukese)

Female, age 19, resident of Sapota, Fefan Municipality July 27, 1960

About two weeks ago, I was accompanied by Afecheong, a 37 year old male, Tiofin, a boy of nine years of age and four women to the reef near Chuuuuo Island to fish. We went by an outboard-motor boat. We stopped to let off the women on the reef. Afecheong, Tiofin and I remained on the boat to tie it up and we saw a thing floating over the water. We thought it was a balcon, so we decided to get it for the small boy. I tried to start the engine but I couldn't, then Afecheong and the boy started to paddle while I kept on trying to start it. The thing was a far distance from us when we first started out and when we came closer to it, it seems as though it was moving. We kept on paddling toward it and at this time we saw that it was something like this: It was maybe about the size of a drum, has a flat top, the sides are round and the bottom is narrower than the top. One half of the thing was painted with red and the other painted with white and no other thing was detected such as door, window, marks or any other thing except the red and white paints on its sides. We couldn't hear any noise or sound, however, when we came about 250 meters from it the thing slowly moved up over the water. First it slowly moved up straight and when it reached a height of a tall mbonut tree, it went off at an agle toward the West. The sky at that time was cloudy, the sun was not shining and there were some rain clouds appeared in the South sky, and the time was about 11 or 12 o'clock in the morning. When the thing was in the air above us, our engine then started very easily. We were excited and we started back to the reef but we did not know what happened to that thing any more. We told this thing to the women but they did not see it.

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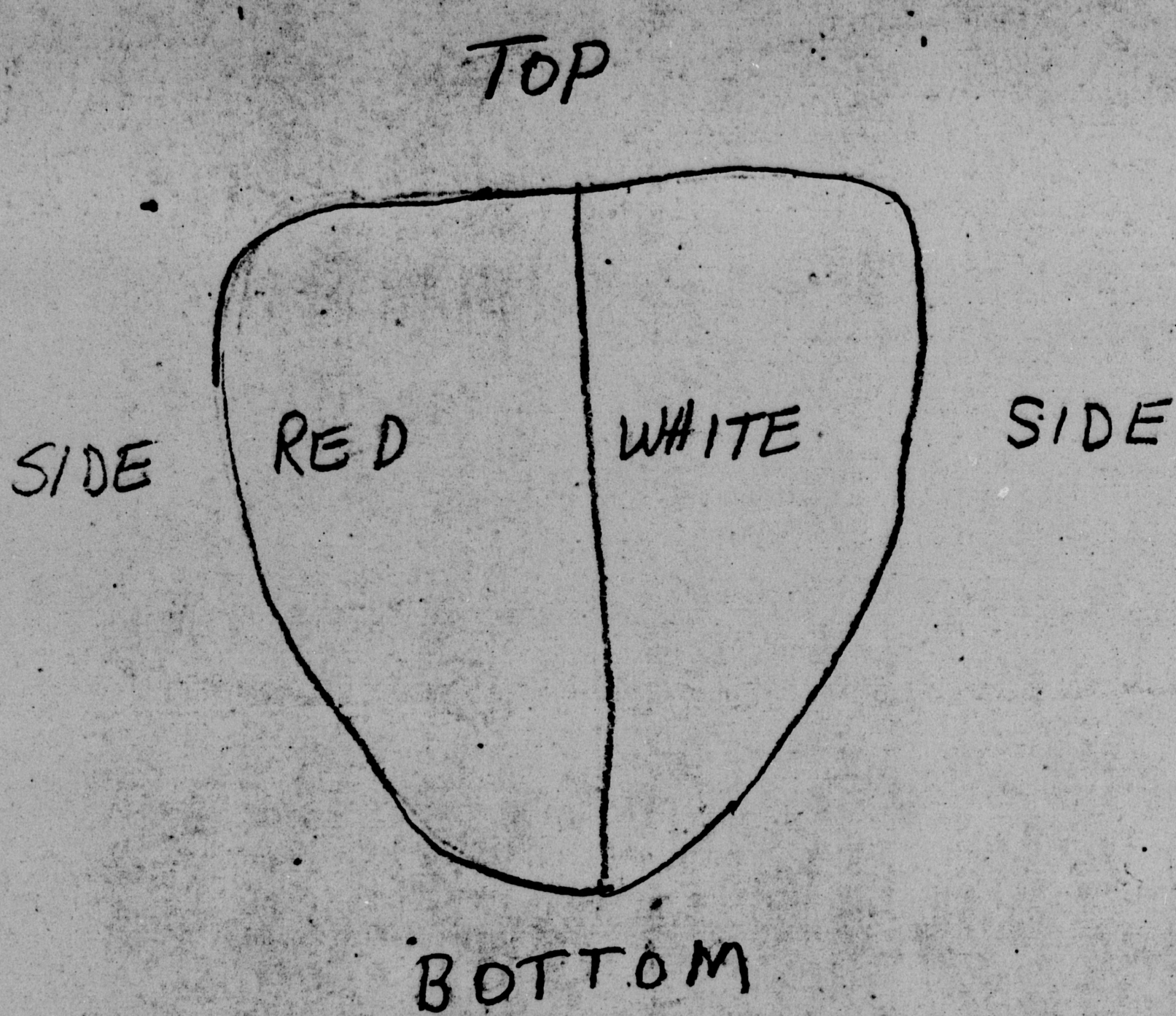
COPY OF SKETCH AS DRAWN BY PENIAN ON JULY 27, 1960 AT PATTA