PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
12 Feb 61

2. LOCATION
a 3135N 12720W
W of Guadalupe Island

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 2344
GMT 130744Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
6 min

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE
E

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☒ Other Prob Satellite
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Bright white, round, star shaped objt size of BB pellet at arms length appearing as satellite on 090° heading observed from 5° above horizon passing left to right in front of a/c observed for 90° arc in 6 min, disappearing 35° above horizon. Nor picked up on radar.

11. COMMENTS
Characteristics of satellite, whitish color, in sight 6 min. Constant speed and direction to NE aprox 040°. Request for satellite info not received; however in absence of contradictory info, probably satellite.

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INCOMING

AF IN : 16298 (13 Feb 61) R/cwp

ACTION: CIN-14

INFO : SAFS-3 OOP-2 OOP-CP-1 ARMY-30 NAVY-50 JCS-35 OSD-15 NSA-7 CIA-11 CMC-6
SMD C 026 (216)

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FM ETHAN 37/ AF I2

TO RFEMVB/ CANAIRDEF

RCWNC/ CANFLAGPAC

RBWPPG/ COMWESTSEAFRON

RJWFALB/ CINCNORAD

RJWZSB/ COMDR 28TH ADIV

RJEZHQ/ COFS USAF

AFGRNC

BT

CIRVIS

SIGHTED SINGLE OBJECT OF STARLIGHT BRILLIANCE AND SIZE POSSIBLE SATTI-

ILITE FIRST SIGHTED AT 0744Z 5 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON LOST SIGHT 0751Z

55 DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON RANGE AND ALT UNKNOWN POSITION OF ETHAN37

3135N 12720W HEADING 310 DEGREES ALT 90' DIRECTION OF TRAVEL OF OBJECT

90 DEGREES SPEED UNKNOWN OBJECT IN SIGHT 6 MIN APPROX NEG RADAR

PICKUP MDC ADZ NO TRFC IN AREA AT THE TIME

BT NOTE : Advance copies delivered to CIN and OOP-CP at 131308Z 13 Feb 61.

13/0834Z FEB ROWZAW

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INCOMING

AF IN : 17211 (14 Feb 61) F/jlb

ACTION : CIN-14

INFO : ARMY-30, NAVY-90, CMC-6, JCS-35, OSD-15, NSA-7, CIA-11
OCP-2, CP-CP-1, SAFS-3 -215-

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/UNCLAS/520IN 0260

CIRVIS REPORT SUBMITTED BY ETHAN 37 AT APPROXIMATELY 130800Z

CANCELLED. UFO REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

BT

14/0050Z FEB RJWZSBA

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INCOMING

AF IN : 18571 (15 Feb 61)

ACTION: CIN-14

INFO : SAFS-3, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1 (21)

SMD A041

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P 150050Z

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RJEZHQ/COFS WASHINGTON DC

RJEZHQ/OSAF WASHINTON DC

BT

/UNCLAS/520IN 0272.

FOR COFS PASS TO AFCIN, FOR OSAF PASS TO SAFIS.

UFO REPORT. THE FOLLOWING UFO REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN THE FORMAT PRESCRIBED BY AFR 200-2.

A. (1) ROUNDISH - STAR SHAPED

(2) BB PELLET

(3) BRIGHT WHITE

(4) ONE

(5) (6) (7) (8) N/A

(9) APPEARED TO BE A SATELLITE

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B. (1) OBJECT FIRST APPEARED TO BE AN AIRCRAFT BANKING - THEN REALIZED THAT THIS APPEARANCE WAS CAUSED BY ITS RAPID MOVEMENT IN RELATION TO THE STARS.

(2) 30 DEGREES LEFT OF NOSE OF OBSERVERS AIRCRAFT. 5 DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON. TRACKING 090 DEGREES.

(3) 15 DEGREES LEFT OF NOSE OF OBSERVERS AIRCRAFT. 35 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON.

(4) STRAIGHT TRACK OF APPROXIMATELY 90 DEGREES.

(5) IT CEASED TO EMIT LIGHT. SKY ABOVE WAS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR.

(6) APPROXIMATELY 6 MINUTES.

C. (1) VISUAL ONLY. AEW&C AIRCRAFT, US NAVY PICKET VESSEL, AND COASTAL AC&W SEARCH RADARS HAD NO RADAR CONTACT.

(2) NONE

(3) RC-121 (AEW&C CONSTELLATION) CALL SIGN ETHAN 37 - 9000' ALTITUDE - HOME BASE MCCLELLAN AFB CALIF.

D. (1) 0744Z - 0751Z 13 FEB 61.

(2) NIGHT - CLEAR

E. 3135N X 12720W AT 0750Z

F. (1) N/A

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(2) DUPRIEST, JOHN F - CAPT - 965 AEW&C SQDN - AIRCRAFT COMMANDER (MATURE CONSCIENTIOUS INDIVIDUAL)
MARCHMAN, RONALD T - SSG - 965 AEW&C SQDN - AIR SURVEILLANCE TECHNICIAN (YOUNG BUT CERTAIN OF HIS OBSERVATION)

G. (1) BROKEN TO OVERCAST CLOUD DECK - TOPS ESTIMATED AT 4000 FEET CLEAR AND BRIGHT ABOVE - THE MOON DIDNT RISE UNTIL APPROX-IMATELY 1300Z - TYPICAL PACIFIC HIGH PRESSURE AREA WEATHER-

(2) 350/10 215/10 300/25 310/30 310/35 300/45 300/50
MISSING

(3) BELOW OBSERVERS AIRCRAFT

(4) UNLIMITED

(5) BROKEN TO OVERCAST

(6) NONE

(7) 0504Z - 4000' - PLUS 5C, 0515Z - 6000' OC, 0600Z - 6000' PLUS 1C, 0640Z - 6000' - PLUS 2C, 0700Z - 6000' PLUS 5C, 0742Z - 6000' PLUS 5C, 0812Z - 9000' - PLUS 4C.

H. NONE

I. CHECKED WITH ALL MILITARY SEARCH RADARS IN THE AREA - NEGATIVE RADAR CONTACT.

J. DID NOT CORRESPOND WITH ANY KNOWN AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC. NO INFORMA-T

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TION ON BALLOON RELEASES.

K. 552 AEW&C WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. I BELIEVE THE OBSERVERS DID PER CHANCE SEE A SATELLITE IN ORBIT. HOWEVER, THIS OFFICE DOES NOT HOLD TRAJECTORY DATA TO ALLOW TENTATIVE CONFIRMATION. BOTH OBSERVERS STATED THEY HAVE OBSERVED ECHO I ON FOUR OR FIVE OCCASIONS AND THAT THIS OBJECT HAD EVERY APPEARANCE OF A SATELLITE IN ORBIT.

L. NONE

BT

15/0110Z FEB RJWZSBA

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ACTION ROUTINE	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE	AF	520IN 0272	UNCLAS
INFO						

FROM:

ATIC W-P AFB

TO:

McCLELLAN AFB, CALIF

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

UNCLAS/AFCIN-4E2x 3-1101

552 AEWCONWG. YOUR MSG 520IN 0272, DTD 15 FEB 61, WHAT WAS THE HEADING OF THE WITNESS' AIRCRAFT DURING THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING?

DATE	TIME
28	0900
MONTH	YEAR
FEB	1961

WRITER

SYMBOL: AFCIN-4E2x

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FM 552 AEW CON WG MCCLELLAN AFB CALIF

TO ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

BT

UNCLAS/520IN 0394.

FOR AFCIN-4E. YOUR MESSAGE AFCIN-4E2X 3-1101, 1 MARCH 1961.

HEADING OF WITNESS AIRCRAFT DURING TIME OF SIGHTING WAS 310

DEGREES, THREE HUNDRED AND TEN DEGREES MAGNETIC.

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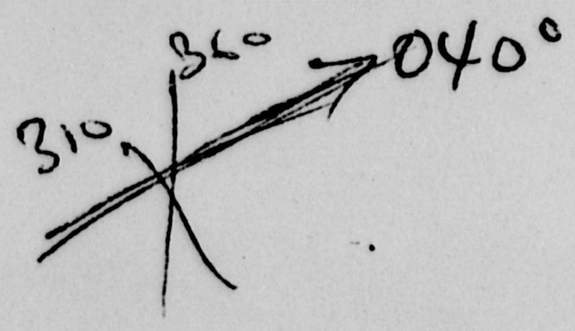
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