

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>26 Apr 61                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | 2. LOCATION<br>1000 mi East Yokota Japan                                                                                                                                                              |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon                                      |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local _____<br>GMT _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft                                                                 |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | 6. SOURCE<br>Civilian                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical                                                     |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>- - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>one                                                                                                                                                                           |  | 9. COURSE<br>- - -                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>Pan American airways clipper enroute from<br>Wake Island to Yokota Japan encountered an<br>unidentified object at 27,000 ft. The object<br>was 100 miles off Yokota. Object was 100<br>miles off Yokota. Object was 100 miles<br>off Yokota. Object was 100 miles off<br>Yokota. Object was 100 miles off Yokota.<br>Object was 100 miles off Yokota. Object<br>was 100 miles off Yokota. Object was 100<br>miles off Yokota. Object was 100 miles<br>off Yokota. Object was 100 miles off<br>Yokota. Object was 100 miles off Yokota. |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br>This was a large object in the<br>shape of a balloon. A parachute balloon<br>was observed 100 miles between<br>Wake Island and Japan. The airplane collided<br>with this balloon. |  |



## CLASSIFICATION

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| COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS<br>Pacific Wake Island-Japan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | DATE OF INFORMATION<br>26 Apr 61                                                                                                                         |                                |  |
| ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT<br>HQ WESTAF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | DATE OF COLLECTION<br>27 Apr 61                                                                                                                          | SRI STATUS (If applicable)     |  |
| PREPARING INDIVIDUAL<br>Major V. L. Sadowski                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | DATE OF REPORT<br>27 Apr 61                                                                                                                              | SRI NO.<br>CANCELED/COMPLETE   |  |
| NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE<br>1st Officer ██████████<br>Pan American Airways                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | EVALUATION<br>A-1                                                                                                                                        | SRI NO.<br>CANCELED/INCOMPLETE |  |
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| REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                                                                          |                                |  |
| SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)<br>Unidentified Object                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                                                                          |                                |  |
| SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                          |                                |  |
| <p>Pan American Airways Aircraft #N-729 PA enroute from Wake Island to Yokota AB encountered unidentified object at 31,000 feet approximately 1000 miles from Yokota AB. Object struck aircraft on right wing root between fuselage and right landing light. Aircraft landed at Yokota 0047 Z 26 April. Damage consisted of cracked rib assembly forward spar station 16 and bent fairing assembly station 16 to 75.</p> <p>The undersigned inspected the aircraft upon its arrival at Travis AFB at 0220 Z 27 April. 1st Officer ██████████ stated that there was not any break in the skin of the aircraft. The dented leading edge of the wing at the point of contact with the object had been covered with a 3 x 4 (feet) sheet of aluminum to smooth out the contour. There were also two minor dents on the landing light fairing. The crew members aboard with the aircraft at the time of contact with the object were: Capt. ██████████, 1st Off. ██████████, Nav. ██████████ and Co-Pilot ██████████.</p> <p>It is probable that the aircraft may have made contact with a Rawinsonde released by the WX Unit located at Marcus Island between Wake Island and Tokyo.</p> |  |                                                                                                                                                          |                                |  |
| INCL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | APPROVED: <br>VERNON L. SADOWSKI<br>Major USAF<br>Chief, Intel. Br. |                                |  |
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UNCLAS FEA TCC 26-D-13 PD TRIP 747/25 ACFT 729 ARRIVED YOKOTA WITH STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO RIGHT WING ENCOUNTERED AT 31/000 FT 1000 MILES FROM YOKOTA EXTENT OF DAMAGE UNKNOWN AT PRESENT TIME PE ETIC AND ETD INDEFINITE WILL ADVISE PD

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PM HQ 4503 AIRIRNSPWG TACHIKAWA AB JAPAN

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UNCLAS E F T O WGOS 26-D-21. SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED IAW PROVISION PARS 49A AND 52 AFR 62-14.

A. N-729 PA

B. PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

C. ENROUTE FROM WAKE ISLAND TO YOKOTA AB.

D. AIR

E. 149

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. ENROUTE WAKE-YOKOTA AT 31,000 FEET PILOT FELT AND HEARD MUFFLED THUMP. OBJECT STRUCK RIGHT WING ROOT BETWEEN FUSELAGE AND RIGHT LANDING LIGHT. AIRCRAFT LANDED YOKOTA 0047Z 26 APR. DAMAGE CONSISTED OF CRACKED RIB ASSEMBLY FORWARD SPAR STATIN 16 AND BENT FAIRING ASSEMBLY STATION 16 TO 75.

I. NONE

J. MATS REPRESENTATIVE CAPTAIN FRED X HEMM.

K. ADDITIONAL INFO. STATUS OF AIRCRAFT AWAITING REPORT OF PAN AMERICAN AND BOEING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS AND F.A.A. THIS REPORT CONSIDERED AS COMPLETING REQUIREMENTS OF PAR 3 MATSUP 1 AFR 62-14.

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