

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 May 1961	2. LOCATION 03.00N 117W (Pacific)		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 21/0022Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 12 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SE	☒ Other Satellite ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING CIRVIS report fm air-borne sighting of objt in orbit travelling NW to SE in sight for 12 min appearing at 43° elev. Brightness of 1st mag star.		11. COMMENTS Delay in receipt of report prevented Satellite track check, however, since all characteristics of satellite observation are present and there is no conflicting info it is assumed that this was ECHO I.	

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CIA-11, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (217)

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FM HAW AIR DEF DIV WHEELER AFB HAWAII

TO RJHPKM/CINCPACAF HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RBHPHH/COMHAWSEAFRON PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

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RBHPA/CINCPAC CAMP H M SMITH HAWAII

RUHPFS/CINCUSARPAC FT SHAFTER HAWAII

RBHPB/CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

RJAPAZ/ITMUSJAPAN FUCHU AS JAPAN

RUAMCR/COMUSKOREA SEOUL KOREA

RUAGFL/COMUSSTDC TAIPEI TAIWAN

RBHPHH/COMHAWSEAFRON OCC

AF GRNC

BT

UNCLAS/CIRVIS- V43199 POSITION 3 DEGREES FORTH

177 DEGREES WEST, 7,000 FEET ON TOP OF ALL WEATHER,

SIGHTED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SATELLITE AT 21/0922Z.

OBJECT TRAVELING NW TO SE AT 43 DEGREES ELEVATIO

FROM THE AIRCRAFT. CREW HAD OBJECT IN SIGHT FOR 12

MINUTES AND REPORTED IT'S BRIGHTNESS AS A FIRST

MAGNITUDE STAR.

BT NOTE: Advance copy delivered to CIN and OOP-CP at 211217Z May 61