PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
18 Aug 61

2. LOCATION
24.53N 150.22W (PACIFIC)

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local
GMT 18/1600Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
- [x] Ground-Visual
- [ ] Ground-Radar
- [ ] Air-Visual
- [ ] Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
5 min

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE
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12. CONCLUSIONS
- [ ] Was Balloon
- [ ] Probably Balloon
- [ ] Possibly Balloon
- [ ] Was Aircraft
- [ ] Probably Aircraft
- [ ] Possibly Aircraft
- [ ] Was Astronomical
- [ ] Probably Astronomical
- [ ] Possibly Astronomical
- [x] Other Prob Missile
- [ ] Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- [ ] Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Vapor trail fm horizon to horizon. Probable missile. Low altitude vapor trail moved Southerly over vessel and spread rapidly.

11. COMMENTS Description conforms to missile observation. Location in path of expected down range flight fm Vandenberg. Launch schedule not available fm this location. No info conflicting with analysis as probable missile.

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INFO RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASHINGTON D C
RJWFALB/CINCNORAD ENT AFB COLO
RBHPA/CINCPAC CAMP H M SMITH HAWAII
RUHPFS/CINCUSARPAC
RBHPB/CINCPACFLT
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VAPOR TRAIL FROM E. HORIZON TO W. HORIZON. PROBABLE MISSILE. ALTITUDE LOW. VAPOR TRAIL MOVED SOUTHERLY OVER VESSEL AND SPPEADING RAPIDLY. REPORTED BY SS LURLINE. POSITION 2453N15022W AT 18/1600. HEADING 240 DEGREES. SEA CALM AT 18/1635Z.

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