

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 September 1961 21/	2. LOCATION 1700Z 38.00N 161.00W 34.55N 154.40E (PACIFIC)
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Other (MISSILE ACTIVITY)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Missile exercise in area at time of sighting.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object appearing as large circular area of high intensity light. With dark outer rim traveling at orbital speed leaving faint glow or trail. Doughnut appearance. Observed to E and looked like light as it got closer it was brilliant with the center missing. 2nd report of object appearing like smoke ring 2 deg in diameter. Not like Aurora. Ring darker than rim around ring. Object moving ESE.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground, Air-Visual	
7. COURSE ESE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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UNCLAS/CIRVIS/BOAC SPEED BIRD 582 PILOTED BY CAPT. GRIFFIN TOKYO

TO HONOLULU. 21/2000Z POSITION 3800N 16100W SPEED

550, TEMPERATURE -53 DEGREES CENTIGRADE ALTITUDE 37

THOUSAND, HEADING 083 DEGREES MAG. SEEN IN SKY ABOUT
50 DEGREES ELEVATION AN OBJECT APPEARING LIKE A SMOKE
RING ABOUT 2 DEGREES IN DIAMETER AND NOT LIKE AURORA.
TEXTURE AND COLOR OF THE RING APPARED TO BE DARKER
THAN THE RAY AROUND THE RING. CENTER OF RING CLEAR,
SKY COULD BE SEEN THROUGH AS STARS WERE VISIBLE THROUGH
IT. THE COMPLETE PHENOMENON MOVING ESE WITH A BEARING

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OF ABOUT 100 DEGREES. THIS SIGHTING WAS VISIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 6 MINUTES, (AT 2016Z A SPACE SHIP OR SATELLITE WAS SEEN PASSING VENUS OR REGULUS HEADING NE. WEATHER THROUGHOUT CLEAR. NO EVALUATION.)

*No REACTION
1ST SIGHTING.*

EVAC AS SATELLITE.

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NOTE: Adv cy del to OOP-CP & CIN (22022L).

TWO JET AIRLINERS ENCOUNTER UFO FLYING DISC

AF Admits Flood of Reports

BULLETIN. The Federal Aviation Agency has just confirmed to NICAP the sighting of a large, round flying object by two jet-airliner crews. Encountered over the Pacific, Sept. 21, the mysterious device swiftly outdistanced the Boeing 707's.



Reports were radioed to FAA towers at Wake and Honolulu by Capt. R.F. Griffin, commanding a British Overseas Airways Corporation plane, and by a Pan American Airways captain. Details indicating a space machine much larger than any now possible on earth were relayed to AF Intelligence.

(On Sept. 25, in a surprising press statement, AF HQ admitted being flooded with reports of "flying objects" near Wake Island.)

Capt. Griffin said the BOAC jet was at 37,000 feet, in a gray, pre-dawn sky, when the UFO appeared.

"Suddenly we saw this bright ring in the sky, about 50 degrees up." The British pilot described the object as round, with sharply outlined edges and a "very clear hole" in the center. "It was traveling in our direction but at far greater speed. There appeared to be reflected light coming down from it. The object went over the horizon in seven minutes."

The confirming Pan-American report also was logged at Honolulu. The FAA has sent for both reports, to be released to NICAP if there are no official objections.

Based on first reports, these points seem evident:

1. The object was not an ICBM missile. Nor was it a satellite re-entering the atmosphere. These appear only as small balls of fire, briefly visible.
2. The reflected light was from the sun, which was an hour below the horizon. The UFO had to be very high to catch its rays.
3. At such a high altitude, the unknown device had to be extremely large (at least several hundred feet in diameter) for its edges and the hole to be so clearly seen by the BOAC crew. The size and description rule out all earthmade rockets, satellites or Echo-type balloons.

The "doughnut" shape the jet crews reported is similar to the future space-base proposed by rocket expert Wernher von Braun--a huge doughnut-shaped ring containing compartments for crews and equipment and rotating to create gravity. At a distance, the connecting framework would be invisible, and from far below the space-base would appear just as Capt. Griffin described the UFO.

More advanced space engineers, experimenting on another planet, could have evolved the same type of space-base. It is possible that what the jet crews saw was such a spacecraft from another world.

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/UNCLAS/CIRVIS: PA878 ADVISES UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT APPEARED
AT 1700Z. OBJECT APPEARED AAAAAAA

RPT THE ABOVE LINE

AT 1700Z. OBJECT APPEARED AS A LARGE CIRCULAR AREA OF HIGH INTENSITY
LIGHT WITH A DARK CENTER AS SIMILAR TO AN ECLIPSE. OBJECT APPEARED
TRAVELING EAST AT ORBITAL SPEED LEAVING A FAINT GLOW OF LIGHT TRAIL.

AIRCRAFT PA2 VERIFIES SIGHTING OBJECT DOUGHNUT IN APPEARANCE. POSITION
OF AIRCRAFT AT TIME OF SIGHTING 3455N 15440E AND OBJECT APPEARED ABOUT
10 DEGREES OVER THE HORIZON AND WELL EAST OF THE AIRCRAFT. AIRCRAFT
T15182 ADVISES NOTED SAME LIGHT REPORTED BY PA2. WHEN FIRST NOTED IT
WAS SMALL AND BRIGHT AND AS IT GOT CLOSER IT BECAME BRILLIANT
LIGHT WITH THE CENTER MISSING SUCH AS A DOUGHNUT MIGHT LOOK AND
RETAINED THIS APPEARANCE UNTIL LOST ON THE HORIZON. BELIEVE IT
TO BE AN ELECTRICAL DISTURBANCE OF SOME KIND.

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NOTE: Advance cy del to CIN and OOP-CP at 1605L
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...In late Sep-
tember three pilots spotted a ~~doughnut~~-shaped UFO at high altitude between Ja-
pan and Midway Island. The object looked like a "large smoke ring," and the
sky could be seen through the center of it.