

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 Oct 61		2. LOCATION 5846N 14429W (PACIFIC)		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical METEOR ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 23/1509Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1			
9. COURSE		11. COMMENTS Report turned in for correlation with other report. (Time did not correspond to other report.) Since observers assumed objt was meteor, it is logical to assume their evaluation was correct.			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bluish-white flash. No discernable shape; had meteor type tail or trail of smoke like contrail. Assumed at time to be meteor.					

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AF IN : 38443 (24 Oct 61) B/jhs
O 240500Z

READDRESSED PRIORITY 240500Z OCT

FM CCGD SEVENTEEN

FM COMALSEAFRON

TO RJKDAG/AAC ELMENDORF AFB

INFO RBEPW/CNO

INFO RBKAC/COMALSEAFRON

RBHPA/CINCPAC

AF DIST: CIN-14, OOP-2, SAFS-3, RJHPKM/CINCPACAF
OOP-CP-1 (21)

RBHPB/CINCPACFLT

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REPORT OF BRIGHT FLASH SIGHTING BY USNS HARRIS COUNTY AT 231509Z.

A. AFR 200-2. OPNAVINST 3820.9, CCGD17 OPERATIONS INSTRUCTION NR 29-61, ENCLOSURE (2).

B. MY 240308Z.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

1. NO DETERMINABLE SHAPE, BLUISH WHITE FLASH.

2. NA

3. BLUSH WHITE FLASH.

4. ONE

5. NA

6. DURATION APPROX 1 TO 1 AND 1/2 SEC AS TO ESTIMATION OF

92...COG

SECNAV UNSECNAV ASTSECNAV(R-D) 00 09 09B 09D 09M 03 33 34 35 05 06

07 72 76 94 IP NAVAIDE FLAGPLOT BFR CMC JCS CSA CSAF CIA NIC COGARD

NOTE : Reference is not identified.

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LOOKOUT AND OFFICER ON WATCH.

7. APPEARED TO BE A METEOR TYPE TAIL OR TRAIL, SMOKE RATHER THAN FIRE MORE LIKA A CONTRAIL.

8. NEG. ASSUMED AT TIME WAS A METEOR AND PAID NO FURTHER ATTENTION

9. NEG. REPORT HERE IS DUE TO YOUR PREVIOUS TRAFFIC WITH CHENA.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

1. FLASH OF LIGHT

2. 65 DEG

3. DID HAVE SOME TRAVEL IN AIR BUT NONE THAT YOU COULD OBSERVE IN DEGREES

4. NONE.

5. WAS JUST A FLASH

6. APPROX 1 AND 1/2 SEC ON, FLASH, 3 SEC ON THE TYPE OF TRAIL (VAPOR TRAIL, IT LOOKED LIKE).

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

1. OFFICER OF WATCH, [REDACTED] SIGHTED VISUALLY FROM BRIDGE. LOOKOUT, ABLE SEAMAN [REDACTED] SIGHTED FROM CONNING TOWER PLATFORM. VISUAL SIGHTING AS HAPPENED SO QUICK.

2. NONE

3. USNS HARRIS COUNTY/NHJN.

D. DATE AND TIME OF SIGHTING

1. 231509Z OCT

2. OVERCAST, MOON OUT, CLEAR IN OUR AREA (NHJN) DARK.

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E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S)

7 58.46N 144.29W, OUT OF SIGHT OF LAND.

F. INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS

1. [REDACTED] 48. RELIABILITY EXCELLENT,

MAILING ADDRESS SAME AS SHIP. FPO SAN FRANCISCO

2. [REDACTED] (ABLE SEAMAN) 41. RELIABILITY, EXCELLENT,

MAILING ADDRESS SAME AS SHIP

3. BLANK

4. BLANK

5. BLANK

6. BLANK

7. BLANK

G. WX CONDITIONS

1. VESSEL IS HAVING MEN THAT SIGHTED OCCURANCE MAKE UP A REPORT OF WHAT THEY SAW AND IF NEED COPY WILL BE ABLE TO GET AT MSTSO ANCHORAGE. THEIR ETA 24 OCT.

2. NA

3. EST 2000

4. 8 TO 10 MILES

5. ABT 5/10 COVERED, CUMULUS.

6. NONE

7. 2620 DRY 43 WET 38

8. BLANK

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L. BLANK

M. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED HARRIS COUNTY WILL MAKE WRITTEN REPORT
TO COMALSEAFRON

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