

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE November or December 1962		2. LOCATION Tanganyika, East Africa		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Contrail</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1320</u> GMT <u>?/1020Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>not reported</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>		9. COURSE <u>S then East</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING On a Friday in November or December a cloud or smoke trail extending from the horizon to a point overhead where it turned slightly East; sound accompanied the trail but no object was visible. Smoke was motionless and passed over a cloud. Sky was 1/8-1/4 overcast. Thought that perhaps smoke was generated by a rocket or a body reentering the atmosphere, but turn could not be understood.				11. COMMENTS Since object turned and there was accompanying sound the contrail was in all probability generated by an a/c.	

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April 13, 1963.

Sir,

One Friday, we had just finished praying in the mosque when a sound was heard overhead. That was in November or December. When we came out of the mosque we saw a smoky tail which extended from horizon in approx north came to near overhead into a cloud wherefrom it turned a little less than a right angle towards east into another white cloud where it disappeared. I do not know ^{smoke} started at the horizon or at the cloud. Time was about 1.20 p.m. East Africa Time. No one actually saw what object had produced the smoke but many persons actually saw the smoke which was perfectly motionless and seemed to pass over the white clouds. I do not remember the date.

The sky was, as I remember, from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ overcast. There was no fog and air was clear. It was a warm day. The buildings there do not have stories and so most of the sky can be seen. Songea a small town is situated about $35\frac{7}{10}^{\circ}E$ & $10\frac{4}{10}^{\circ}S$. The altitude is unknown to me. Between G.M.T. and E.A. standard time there is difference of 3 hrs. i.e. E.A.T = G.M.T + 3 hrs. The height of smoke cannot be estimated. And because of lack of practice and experience and because of time that has passed, the breadth of the smoke cannot be said with accuracy.

I was born 9th January 1944 and my eyes cannot see distant mountain ranges clearly; I am a bit short sighted. There were as many as ten to fifteen or more who saw the smoke including some persons from the nearby "Jamhuri Hotel". We thought that rocket may have passed

or it might be burning away as it re-enters the atmosphere. But as the smoke was not straight but had turned towards east (approx), I doubt.

WITNESSES

- (i) ~~██████████~~ a clerk like me working at ~~██████████~~.
~~██████████~~ Actually Mr. ~~██████████~~ Box though it is used by many free of charge, and every letter in the box is delivered to owner or, in case where the addressed person is unknown, is returned) Mr. Samji has a long sighted age 45.
- (ii) ~~██████████~~ SONGEA
An independent shopkeeper about 45 years old and has a good sight.
- (iii) ~~██████████~~
A clerk with far sight and about 25 yrs. age.
- (iv) ~~██████████~~ SONGEA.
Age 40 an independent shopkeeper - long sighted.

(V) Proprietor of ~~██████████~~

For the witnesses observations contact them directly. It is appreciable if correspondence with the first four be done in Swahili and the fifth in English, you may write in English to no. ii.

If you think appropriate you may forward information to:-

- (i) ~~██████████~~
 - (ii) ~~██████████~~ SHIRLEY BAY NEAR OTTAWA
 - (iii) ~~██████████~~
 - (iv) ~~██████████~~
- or to any other appropriate information seekers

Yours faithfully,
~~██████████~~