

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>11 March 1963   |  | 2. LOCATION<br>San Diego, California  |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Atlas Missile</u><br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local _____<br>GMT 12/0515Z  |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  |  |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  |  | 6. SOURCE<br>Military   |  |  |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>not reported   |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>one   |  | 9. COURSE<br>West  |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>Orange flame or light w/one burst of white as in an explosion observed by R & D personnel in a/c approaching San Diego. Light appeared in the vicinity of the observers a/c and at the same altitude of 8,5000ft. Object appeared fm the NW made a left turn fm 180 dgr to 270 dgr & faded fm view in a rapid climb at 25,000ft or above. WX was clear, observers a/c on top of overcast. Pilot stated that size, coloring, pattern and intensity of flame indicated a rocket type of engine rather than jet. |  |   |  | 11. COMMENTS<br>Confirmed Atlas launch from Vandenberg.  |  |



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HEADQUARTERS  
6592d SUPPORT GROUP (AFSC)  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
Air Force Unit Post Office, Los Angeles 45, California

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: SSQO

SUBJECT : Report of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

15 MAR 1963

TO: ATIC  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference AFR 200-2.

2. The following UFO sighting was reported to the SSD Command Post, Inglewood, California at 0515Z, 12 March 1963.

- a. Description of Object: Orange flame or light with one burst of white as in an explosion.
- b. Description of Course: Observer's attention was directed to the object by the light appearing in near vicinity of observer's aircraft and at approximately same altitude of 8500 feet MSL. Object appeared from northwest, made a left turn of from 180° to 270°, then faded from view, in a rapid climb, at 25000 feet MSL or above.
- c. Manner of Observation:
  - (1) Visual sighting, during darkness, from aircraft.
  - (2) No optical aids.
  - (3) Type of aircraft and identification number - U3A 82185. Altitude - 8500' MSL. Heading - 270°. Speed - 160K. Home Station - Los Angeles International Airport.
- d. Time and Date of Sighting:
  - (1) 0515Z, 12 March 1963.
  - (2) Night.
- e. Location of Observers: CAMPO intersection on V-66 airway.
- f. Identification Information on Observers:
  - (1) Captain T. L. McKewen, SSD (AFSC), R&D Project Office; highly reliable.
  - (2) Captain R. S. Stuart, SSD (AFSC), R&D Project Office; highly reliable.



- g. Weather: Clear on top of overcast.
- h. Unusual Activities: None.
- i. Identification Actions: Pilots reported sighting to San Diego Approach Control.
- j. Air Traffic: Los Angeles Center (FAA ARTCC) and FAA radar facility at Miramar, California reported no unusual flight patterns at or near reported sighting during 11 March.
- k. Position and Comments of Preparing Officer:
- (1) Emergency Plans Project Officer, SSD.
  - (2) The job experience and training of the observers lends credence to their report. Captain Stuart stated that the size, coloring, pattern and intensity of the flame indicated a rocket type engine rather than a jet. The radar facility controlling traffic for Miramar NAS advised that a TACAN holding pattern for Miramar NAS is located in the same area where the UFO was reported.

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