

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>11 March 1963</u>	2. LOCATION <u>San Diego, California</u>	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Atlas Missile</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>12/0515Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Military</u>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>not reported</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>West</u>
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <p>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.</p>		11. COMMENTS <p>Confirmed Atlas launch from Vandenberg.</p>

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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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