

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 June 1963		2. LOCATION 14.27N 69.57E (Indian Ocean)		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 15/1539Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-4 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE NE	☐ Other UNIDENTIFIED ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Luminous disc at 30 deg elevation bearing 325 deg true from observed. Descended traveling in an Easterly direction for duration of 3-4 min. Appeared to be moving faster than ECHO. Gave appearance of being a bright light behind a cloud. Passed through area without clouds and appearance did not change. ECHO observed 30 min later.			11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED.		

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-103

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : J. S. Lacey, OPI
NASA Greenbelt

Code 5511:OLM
DATE: 8 July 1963

FROM : Head, Nautical Information Branch
U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office

SUBJECT: Possible satellite sighting

Encl: (1) Copy of ltr. dtd 19 Jun 63 from Mr. ~~REDACTED~~

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for your information.

"Forwarded as a matter pertaining
to your organization. Your attention
to this matter will be appreciated."

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Public Information Officer
Goddard Space Flight Center

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New York City, 4, N.Y.

Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia
June 15th, 1963

Department Of The Navy
U. S. Navy Hydrographic Office
Washington, 25, D. C.

Sir:

I wish to inform you of an unusual and unexplained sighting aboard this vessel a few days past. On June 15th at 1500 GMT this vessel was in the following position: Latitude 14-14-27N, Longitude 57E. The state of the weather was as follows: Barometer 29.73 Inches, Temp-Air 84F, Sea 87F, few scattered clouds, wind out of the West-North-West at 15-20 Knots. Good visibility.

At 15153901E a luminous disk was observed at an altitude of approximately 30 Degrees bearing about 325 Degrees true from the observer. It was descending traveling in an E-sterly direction and was in sight for about three to four minutes from the time of the first sighting. When first seen it was close below Bahne and passed close West of Polaris disappearing beyond the horizon almost directly below Polaris. It was difficult to estimate the height but appeared to be very high. It appeared to be traveling a little faster than the U. S. Satellite "Echo", perhaps half again as fast. It gave the appearance of a bright light behind a cloud with no clear outline, and left no trail. It was thought at first it was "Echo" behind a light filament of cloud. However it was observed to be passing through an area with no clouds but never changing its first appearance. About 30 minutes after it passed "Echo" passed over and disappeared in nearly the same location. Three men were on the bridge at the time making the observations and all are in agreement on the above details. Accompanying this letter is a diagram showing the approximate paths of travel of the unidentified flying object and also of "Echo". Hoping this may be of help to you I am in closing,

Very Truly Yours,

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S/S Thetis

R. W. Higginson, Master

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page of narrative.

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DOUBLE

FIRST SIGHTING
151539 GMT

PATH OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

POLARIS

PATH OF "ECHO"
AT ABOUT 151610 GMT - 151620 GMT

OUTSIDE RIMS OF THE LUMINOUS AREA WERE
ABOUT EQUAL TO AREA OF MOON OR PERHAPS
SLIGHTLY SMALLER

SEA HORIZON

ONE
AT
151543
GMT

BASE MAJOR

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FIRST SIGHTING
15139 GMT

PATH OF "ECHO"
AT ABOUT 151010 GMT - 151020 GMT

OUTSIDE RIMS OF THE LUMINOUS AREA WERE
ABOUT EQUAL TO AREA OF AREA OR PERHAPS
SLIGHTLY SMALLER

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At 151 miles a disk was observed at an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet bearing about 325 Degrees true. It was observed travelling in an easterly direction and was in sight for about three to four minutes from the time of the first sighting. When it was observed it was close below Duke and about 1000 feet or less in altitude. It was difficult to determine the distance but appeared to be very high. It appeared to be traveling a little faster than the other "disk", perhaps half again as fast. It gave the appearance of a bright light behind a cloud with no clear outline, and left no trail. It was observed first at the "disk" behind a light filament of cloud. However it was observed to be coming through an area with no clouds but never obtained a firm appearance. About 30

served to be a large, smooth, all area with no clouds but never clear. The object appeared. About 30 minutes after the "Loke" passed over and disappeared in nearly the same location. These men were on the bridge at the time making the observations and all are in agreement on the above details. As enclosing this letter is a diagram showing the approximate paths of travel of the unidentified flying object and also of "Loke". Hoping this may be of help to you I am in closing,

Truly Yours,

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R. W. Robinson, Master

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① - PATH
FIRST SIGHTING
151539 GMT

OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

X - - - - - PATH OF "ECHO" - - - - - POLARIS
AT ABOUT 151610 GMT - 151620 GMT

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