

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Jan 61	2. LOCATION Tarawa Island (Pacific)	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 <i>Meteor</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1841</u> GMT <u>090641Z Jan 61</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Very bright green firey object with red tail. Very high speed below cumulus clouds. Burned out. Appros altitude 30°.		11. COMMENTS There were no satellites re-entering at this time. Description and duration is characteristic of a meteor. There have been many reports of individuals sighting objects very similar to this one, and they invariably turn out to be meteors connected with one of the many meteor showers that occur this time of year. Although the info reported is limited, it appears that the witnesses observed a meteor of the fireball class.

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X PACAF FOR PFICO RPT PFICO X USAF FOR AFCIN DASH ONE X REF YOUR
PFICO DASH ONE EIGHT EIGHT SIX AND ARMY WELLINGTON CHARLIE X RAY
DASH TWO AND MY CHARLIE DASH TWO BOTH INFO USAF AND PACAF X ADDITIONAL
INFO FROM ARMA WELLINGTON QUOTE FOLLOWING INFO RELAYED BY [REDACTED] A
REGARDING SIGHTING BY NATIVES ON TARAWA EIGHT JANUARY X EVALUATION
FOXTROT SIX BUT MAY HAVE SOME CONNECTION SUBJECT MY CHARLIE XRAY

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DASH TWO X ONE EIGHT FOUR ONE HOURS AT NUKUNAU VERY BRIGHT GREEN
FIREY OBJECT WITH RED TAIL CROSSED OVER ISLAND EAST TO WEST AT
HIGH SPEED BELOW CUMULUS CLOUDS BURNING OUT TO SOUTHWEST X APPROX
ALTITUDE THREE ZERO DEGREES X VISIBLE FIVE SECONDS IN DAYLIGHT
AND UNLIKE A METEORITE UNQUOTE



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