


PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Apr 61	2. LOCATION 1000 A East Yokota Japan		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT _____	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		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION - - -	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE - - -	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING The object was always slightly above the horizon and was observed for several minutes. It was observed from the ground and was not observed from the air. The object was observed at a distance of approximately 1000 feet and was observed at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet. The object was observed at a distance of approximately 1000 feet and was observed at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet.			11. COMMENTS The object was observed at a distance of approximately 1000 feet and was observed at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet. The object was observed at a distance of approximately 1000 feet and was observed at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet. The object was observed at a distance of approximately 1000 feet and was observed at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet.



## CLASSIFICATION

COUNTRY OF ACTIVITY REPORTING USA (MATS)	REPORT NO. 1450363	(Leave blank)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS Pacific Wake Island-Japan	DATE OF INFORMATION 26 Apr 61	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT HQ WESTAF	DATE OF COLLECTION 27 Apr 61	SRI STATUS (If applicable)
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL Major V. L. Sadowski	DATE OF REPORT 27 Apr 61	SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE 1st Officer ██████████ Pan American Airways	EVALUATION A-1	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
REFERENCES (RAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)		
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects) Unidentified Object		
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)		
<p>Pan American Airways Aircraft #N-729 PA enroute from Wake Island to Yokota AB encountered unidentified object at 31,000 feet approximately 1000 miles from Yokota AB. Object struck aircraft on right wing root between fuselage and right landing light. Aircraft landed at Yokota 0047 Z 26 April. Damage consisted of cracked rib assembly forward spar station 16 and bent fairing assembly station 16 to 75.</p> <p>The undersigned inspected the aircraft upon its arrival at Travis AFB at 0220 Z 27 April. 1st Officer ██████████ stated that there was not any break in the skin of the aircraft. The dented leading edge of the wing at the point of contact with the object had been covered with a 3 x 4 (feet) sheet of aluminum to smooth out the contour. There were also two minor dents on the landing light fairing. The crew members aboard with the aircraft at the time of contact with the object were: Capt. ██████████, 1st Off. ██████████, Nav. ██████████ and Co-Pilot ██████████.</p> <p>It is probable that the aircraft may have made contact with a Rawisonde released by the WX Unit located at Marcus Island between Wake Island and Tokyo.</p>		
INCL 5	APPROVED:  VERNON E. SADOWSKI Major USAF Chief, Intel. Br.	
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FM FEA TCC TACKIKAWA AB JAPAN  
TO ROWZKS/WCP TCC TRAVIS AFB CALIF  
ROHPBG/MPA TCC HICKAM AFB HAWAII  
ROWZBN/PCA TCC TRAVIS AFB CALIF  
INFO ROWZKS/WTCOS TRAVIS AFB CALIF

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UNCLAS FEA TCC 26-D-13 PD TRIP 747/25 ACFT 729 ARRIVED YOKOTA WITH STRUCTURAL  
DAMAGE TO RIGHT WING ENCOUNTERED AT 31/000 FT 1000 MILES FROM YOKOTA EXTENT OF  
DAMAGE UNKNOWN AT PRESENT TIME PE ETIC AND ETD INDEFINITE WILL ADVISE PD

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P 260631Z  
PM HQ 4503 AIRIRNSPWG TACHIKAWA AB JAPAN  
TO RJEDAA/MATS SCOTT AFB ILL  
RJWZDL/WESTAF TRAVIS AB CALIF  
RJWZNFK/DEPUTY IG FOR SAFETY NORTON AFB CALIF

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U N C L A S E F T O W G O S 26-D-21. SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED IAW PROVISION PARS  
49A AND 52 AFR 62-14.

- A. N-729 PA
- B. PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS
- C. ENROUTE FROM WAKE ISLAND TO YOKOTA AB.
- D. AIR
- E. 149
- F. NONE
- G. NONE
- H. ENROUTE WAKE-YOKOTA AT 31,000 FEET PILOT FELT AND HEARD MUFFLED THUMP.  
OBJECT STRUCK RIGHT WING ROOT BETWEEN FUSELAGE AND RIGHT LANDING LIGHT.  
AIRCRAFT LANDED YOKOTA 0047Z 26 APR. DAMAGE CONSISTED OF CRACKED RIB  
ASSEMBLY FORWARD SPAR STATIN 16 AND BENT PAIRING ASSEMBLY STATION 16 TO  
75.
- I. NONE
- J. MATS REPRESENTATIVE CAPTAIN FRED X HEMM.
- K. ADDITIONAL INFO. STATUS OF AIRCRAFT AWAITING REPORT OF PAN AMERICAN AND  
DORING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS AND F.A.A. THIS REPORT CONSIDERED AS COMPLETING  
REQUIREMENTS OF PAR 3 MATSUP 1 AFR 62-14.

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