

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 September 1962	2. LOCATION S China Sea		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
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 11/0452Z 10/2052Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" 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 SS Illinois		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4-6 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE North	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object moving from South to North passed in front of ship and disappeared into clouds. Under observation for 4-6 secs. Distinguished from meteor by 1) Near proximity to ship 2) sparks trailing object 3) body length. Thought to be satellite junk burning.		11. COMMENTS None of the indications given are reasons for the object not being a meteor; rather, all are indications of a meteor sighting. Duration in line with this analysis. Satellite decay of longer duration; although, 62A Sigma decayed on 10 September. Case evaluated as a meteor sighting.	

MARINE DATA REPORT

NAME OF SHIP: USS LINDS (CGC 356)

TYPE OF COMMANDING OFFICER: [REDACTED]

SHIP MAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

SHIP TYPE:  PASSENGER  CARGO  COMB. PASSENGER-CARGO  TANKER

GROSS TONS: 12661 LENGTH (FEET): 563 BEAM (FEET): 76 DEEPEST DRAFT: 31

Instructions for Reporting Observer

This form is provided for the convenience of mariners in reporting items of interest to the Hydrographic Office... Such reports will enable the Hydrographic Office to correct its charts... In all cases, be sure to describe items in detail, specify the date of the items reported, and furnish information on submitting reports will be found in O. P. No. 100.

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On 11 Jan 1962 at 0452 ZT or 102052Z  
 while enroute from Keelung to Hong Kong in Lt. (approx. 22-29 N, 118-08 E) south of the Pescadore Is. An unidentified flying object was observed for a period of 4-6 seconds as it crossed the ship's path south to north and disappeared in a heavy cumulonimbus cloud on the starboard. Among the many things that distinguished it from a meteor was its 1) near proximity to the ship 2) sparkling tail trailing sparks behind it 3) its <sup>body</sup> length. Several conclusions were drawn after its observation, the most plausible being that it was satellite "junk" burning up as it reentered the atmosphere. At the time of the observation the ship was on course 250° Hc, true speed 21.6 kts. The wind was light & the weather was generally fine & clear with the exception of rain clouds to the NW. Barometer was unstable at 1012 mbs & the temps were 74 dry 77 wet 82 inversion.

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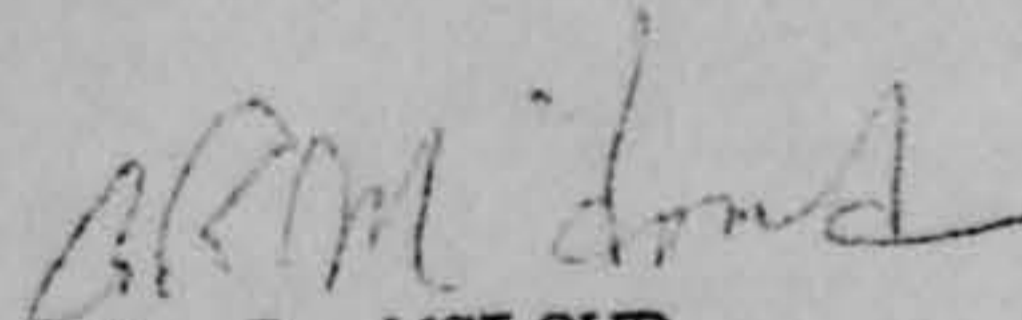
DATE: 10 October 1962

FROM : U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office  
Code 5511

SUBJECT: Unidentified flying object, sighting of

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

  
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