

MILITARY AIR

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Sep 60	2. LOCATION S of Midway Islands		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>Refraction</u> <i>Arcturus</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>26/0700Z</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 Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round or oval object, six inches in diameter, continually changing red, green and white. The light from the object was very bright. Object climbed from water level, sped past the tail. Object passed from view behind a cloud bank.		11. COMMENTS Object was probably atmospheric refraction of the star Arcturus.	

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U N C L A S E F T O FROM BDI 212. HQ USAF FOR AFCIN. SEC OF AF FOR SAFIS.
REFERENCE AFR 200-2, PARA 15. SUBJECT: UFOB REPORT. UFOB WAS
SPOTTED 26/0700Z. REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: A1. OBJECT WAS ROUND OR OVAL
IN SHAPE; 2 SIX INCHES IN DIAMETER IF HELD IN HAND AT ARMS LENGTH;
3 CONTINUALLY CHANGING RED, GREEN AND WHITE. ONE COLOR WOULD LAST
FROM THREE TO FOUR SECONDS BEFORE MIXING INTO NEXT COLOR. THE
LIGHT FROM THE OBJECT WAS VERY BRIGHT. 4. ONLY ONE OBJECT SIGHTED
SEVERAL TIMES. 5. N/A 6. NONE 7. NO TAIL DESCERNIBLE 8. NO SOUND
HEARD BY THE CREW. 9. NONE. B1. OBJECT WAS VERY BRIGHT. FIRST
SIGHTED BY THE LEFT SCANNER, THEN THE RIGHT SCANNER, NAVIGATOR,

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PILOT AND AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, IN THAT ORDER. 2. OBJECT CLIMBED FROM WATER LEVEL AT EIGHT O'CLOCK POSITION. SPED PAST THE TAIL TO THE FIVE O'CLOCK POSITION. MISSION AIRCRAFT IN A TURN TO THE LEFT. OBJECT LOST FROM VIEW. NEXT SIGHTING, MISSION ACFT OUT OF TURN LEVEL AT FIFTEEN THOUSAND FEET CSE TWO ONE ZERO DEGREES, OBJECT SIGHTED AT SIXTH DEGREES REL BEARING FORTY DEGREES HIGH MOVING ACROSS MISSION ACFT NOSE TO A REL BEARING OF THREE THREE ZERO DEGREES LOW. OBJECT PASSED FROM VIEW BEHIND A CLOUD BANK, TOPS, TEN THOUSAND. D. 26/0711Z-2152N/17325W. OBSERVED FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR MINUTES (2) NIGHT.

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REQUEST AN ANALYSIS BE ACCOMPLISHED AS TO ANY ASSOCIATION OR CORRELATION WHICH CAN BE DEDUCED FROM ALL UFOB REPORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN SIGHTED NEAR THE SIBIR CLASS VESSELS OR NORTHWARD FROM HAWAII OVER THE PAST 10 DAYS. IT IS REQUESTED A REPLY BE ACCOMPLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH PACAF ALSO ADDED AS ADDRESSEE.

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SCATTERED CUMULUS, TOPS 2000 FEET. FIRST SIGHTING DURATION, ONE
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FITS THAT OF THE CHARACTERISTIC FIREBALL, EVEN TO THE RELATIVELY SLOW VELOCITY. FIREBALLS ARE CHARACTERISTICALLY SLOWER THAN THE ORDINARY METEOR AND THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF THOSE SEEN IN THE EARLY EVENING, THE TIME THIS SIGHTING OCCURRED.

ON 26 SEP 60, AT 0700Z AND POSITION 21-52N, 178-25W, AN UFO WAS OBSERVED BY THE CREW OF A MILITARY AIRCRAFT. THE OBJ WAS RPTD AS ROUND OR OVAL IN SHAPE, SIX INCHES IN DIAMETER AT ARM'S LENGTH AND CONTINUALLY CHANGING FROM RED TO GREEN TO WHITE AND REPEATING THE CYCLE. EACH COLOR WOULD PERSIST FOR THREE TO FOUR SECONDS BEFORE CHANGING TO THE NEXT. THE LIGHT FROM THE OBJ WAS RPTD TO BE VERY BRIGHT. ONLY ONE OBJ WAS RPTD, BUT IT WAS OBSERVED SEVERAL TIMES. THE OBJ LEFT NO TAIL OR TRAIL AND MADE NO SOUND WHICH COULD BE DETECTED BY THE WITNESSES. WHEN THE OBJ WAS FIRST SIGHTED THE MISSION AIRCRAFT WAS IN A LEFT TURN, THE OBJ APPEARED TO CLIMB FROM WATER LEVEL AT THE EIGHT O'CLOCK POSITION, SPED PAST THE TAIL OF THE RPTG AIRCRAFT TO THE FIVE O'CLOCK POSITION WHERE IT WAS LOST FROM VIEW. WHEN NEXT THE OBJ WAS SEEN THE MISSION AIRCRAFT WAS LEVEL AT 15,000' ON A COURSE OF 210 DEGREES. THE OBJ WAS SIGHTED AT SIXTY DEGREES RELATIVE BEARING AT 40 DEGREES ELEVATION AND MOVING ACROSS THE NOSE TO A RELATIVE BEARING OF 330 DEGREES LOW. THE OBJ DISAPPEARED BEHIND A CLOUD BANK WITH TOPS AT 10,000'. THE OBJ WAS OBSERVED FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR MINUTES. THIS RPT ARRIVED AT ATIC ON 27 SEP 60, AND HAS NOT AS YET BEEN ANALYZED DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF ESSENTIAL INFO WHICH HAS BEEN REQUESTED FR PACAF. IN VIEW OF THE INFO WHICH IS AVAILABLE, THIS OBJ COULD POSSIBLY HAVE

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BEEN A USSR MISSILE OR A STAR NEAR THE HORIZON WITH MOTION OF THE MISSION AIRCRAFT GIVING IT AN APPARENT MOTION. IF THIS OBJ WAS A MISSILE, AND THE RPTD INFO OF ITS FLIGHT PATH TRUE, IT WAS PROBABLY FIRED FROM SOME SURFACE VESSEL. A LONG RANGE MISSILE WOULD HAVE HAD A PATH WHICH APPEARED MUCH STRAIGHTER AND IT WOULD HAVE APPEARED TO ORIGINATE AT A SPOT ABOVE THE HORIZON. HQ USAF WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THE COMPLETE ATIC ANALYSIS IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS COMPLETION.

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YOUR MSG AFCIN-88302 AND ATIC MSG AFCIN-4E2x IC-41684. IT IS THE ATIC CONCLUSION THAT THE OBJ WITNESSED BY THE CREW OF A MILITARY AIRCRAFT AT 0700Z ON 26 SEP 60, WAS PROBABLY ATMOSPHERIC REFRACTION OF THE STAR ARCTURUS. THE AIRCRAFT WAS AT POSITION 21-52N, 178-25W. REFRACTION IS THE BENDING OF LIGHT AS IT ENTERS OR LEAVES A DENSER OR LESS DENSE MEDIUM. IMAGES (LIGHT) SEEN UNDER THESE CONDITIONS WILL SEEM TO TWINKLE, CHANGE BOTH COLOR AND INTENSITY, CHANGE SHAPE AND SIZE, AS WELL AS TO DANCE AROUND AND APPEAR TO RUSH TOWARD AND AWAY FROM THE OBSERVER. A SECONDARY EFFECT IS THAT OF DISPERSION, LIGHT OF DIFFERENT WAVE LENGTHS (COLOR) BENDS AT DIFFERENT ANGLES, THEREFORE THE OBJECTS ALL APPEAR MULTI-COLORED. WHEN THE SUN, MOON OR STARS ARE LOW ON THE HORIZON THE LIGHT RAYS ARE BENT BY THE ATMOSPHERE INTO A CURVED PATH WHICH RENDERS THESE OBJECTS VISIBLE

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WHEN THEY ARE IN REALITY ABOUT ONE-HALF DEGREE BELOW THE HORIZON. THE INCREASING DENSITY OF THE LOWER AIR CAUSES THE RAYS TO BEND. THE STAR ARCTURUS WAS AT AN AZIMUTH WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THAT REPORTED BY THE WITNESSES AND WOULD APPEAR ON OR JUST BELOW THE HORIZON AT THEIR LATITUDE AT THE HOUR OF THE SIGHTING. THE MAGNITUDE OF ARCTURUS IS 0.2, ONLY FIVE STARS; BETELGEUX, CANOPUS, SIRIUS, RIGEL KENTAURUS AND VEGA ARE BRIGHTER. THE MOTIONS ATTRIBUTED TO THE OBJ ARE PROBABLY DUE TO APPARENT MOTIONS RESULTING FROM INCONSISTENCIES IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND RELATIVE MOTION RESULTING FROM AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT. IT WOULD NOT BE UNUSUAL FOR EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS TO BE FOOLED BY THIS PHENOMENA. SIMILAR EXPERIENCES HAVE EVEN FOOLED QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL ASTRONOMERS FOR A LIMITED TIME.

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