

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 November 1963	2. LOCATION Kenema, Sierra Leone, <u>AFRICA</u>		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 type="checkbox"/> Other <u>ATLAS/CENTAUR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>27/1903Z</u>	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		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION N/A	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object observed coming from West passing at speed of a/c. Gave off light at regular intervals. Had large bright halo. Trail had ripples. SEE MONROVIA CASE FOR R2 LAUNCH DATA.		11. COMMENTS Object conforms with ATLAS/CENTAUR- 2 Missile launch and subsequent passage over Sierra Leone.	

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Kenema, Sierra Leone
28th. Nov. 1963

Government Secy
Kenema,
Sierra Leone
DEC 9 1963

Dear Sir, AFP

I wish to report, or enquire after (whichever is the more appropriate) an object in the sky at 19.25 g.m.t. on 27th. Nov. 1963. This passed over Kenema from the West, travelling at a speed one normally associates with a low flying air-craft. The object appeared to be giving out light at regular intervals. The final effect was very supernatural, with a large bright halo, larger than the halo seen around the moon at times. The light given out somehow was dispersed by the slight cloud cover to give the impression of ripples, as from a stone in a pond. This caused havoc in the town, with many people sleeping in the mosque or dancing till dawn. Here's hoping you will be able to satisfy the curiosity of many people,

Yours faithfully,

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(Graduate Volunteer
Science Teacher
from U.K.)

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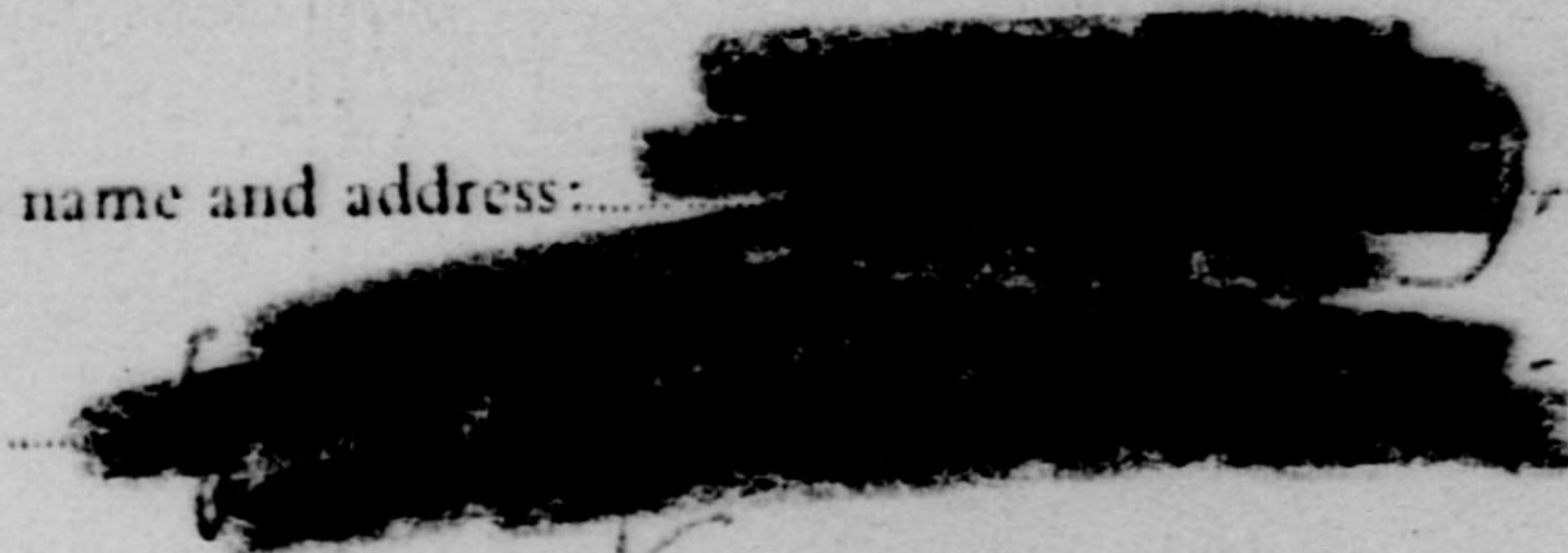
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WASHINGTON D.C.,
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K. Newman

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HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting [REDACTED]

13 DEC 1963

TO: Hq USAF SAF-OIPB (Mrs Gaiser)
Wash 25 D C

1. Reference the attached letter from [REDACTED], dated 28 Nov 63, requesting information on a UFO sighting.
2. The sighting referred to in Mr [REDACTED] letter, from the West, was generated by the launching of an Atlas/Centaur-2 missile from Cape Canaveral, to place a satellite in orbit. The launch time was 1903Z. This object was also observed as it passed over Monrovia, Liberia.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric P de Jonckheere, Capt
ERIC P de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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Ltr, [REDACTED]
dtd 28 Nov 63

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December 19, 1963

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your letter of November 28, 1963, in which you reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object on November 27th.

We wish to thank you for making this report to our Government. What you saw was an Atlas/Centaur-2 missile which was launched from Cape Kennedy at 7:03 GMT, to place a satellite in orbit. This missile was also observed as it passed over Monrovia, Liberia.

It is most regretted that this object may have caused undue consternation, and we hope that this explanation will alleviate any doubt as to its origin.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Kenema, Sierra Leone