

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Jun 59		2. LOCATION Pacific 33.05N 134W		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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Fireball <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 _____ GMT 18/1215Z		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 type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian Pilots			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 4	9. COURSE East		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Four globules of fire, rnd, size of dime, intense bluish-white. All four globules covered approx eight inches.			11. COMMENTS The ATIC opinion is that the objects of this sighting were probably meteors (Fireball type).		

P R I O R I T Y  
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19 JUN 59

P 182140Z

FM CINCPACFLT  
INFO CINCPAC  
CNO  
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P 181835Z  
FM COMWESTSEAFRON  
INFO CINCPACFLT

P 181634Z  
FM CCGD TWELVE  
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CIRVIS X FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM OAKLAND ARTC X UNITED FLIGHT 36  
HONO TO SFRAN SIGHTED ROCKET IN WATER POSIT 33-05N 134W AT 181215Z X  
SURFACE VESSEL PICKED UP ON RADAR 35 MILES NORTH OF ROCKET POSITION X  
TRANSOCEAN FLIGHT 406 SFRAN TO HONO AT 19000 FEET REPORTED SAME  
DETAILS AS UNITED FLIGHT PLUS SIGHTING OF FOUR WHITE FLARES X ON ARRIVAL  
SFRAN PILOT UNITED FLIGHT 36 ADVISED THAT ROCKET OBSERVED DESCENDING  
FROM APRX 22000 FT

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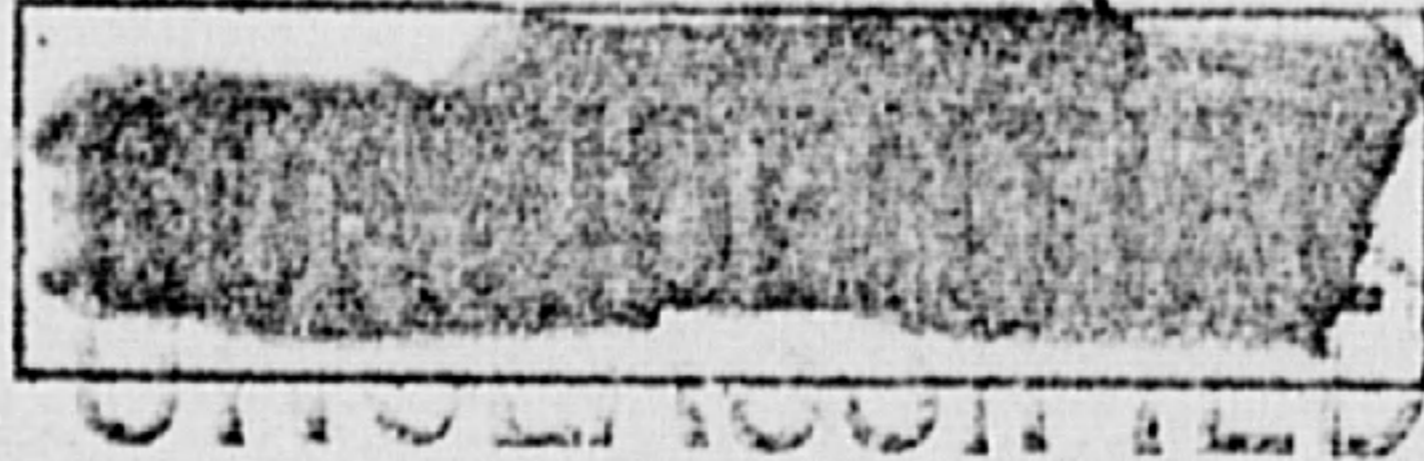
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DTG : 182328Z JUN 59

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Auth. *Director TDP*  
By *Quinton*  
Date *19 MAY 1999*

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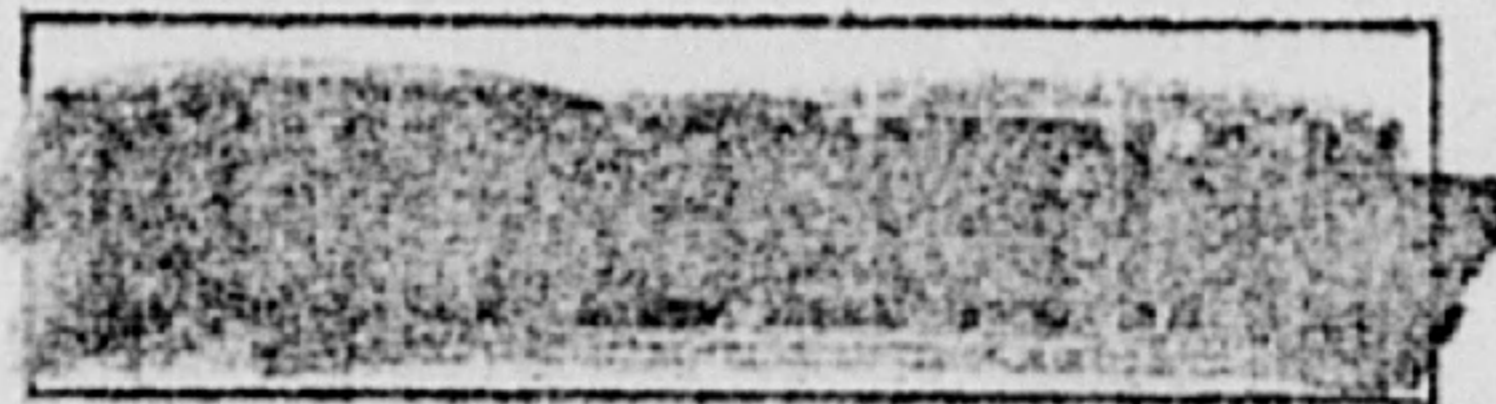
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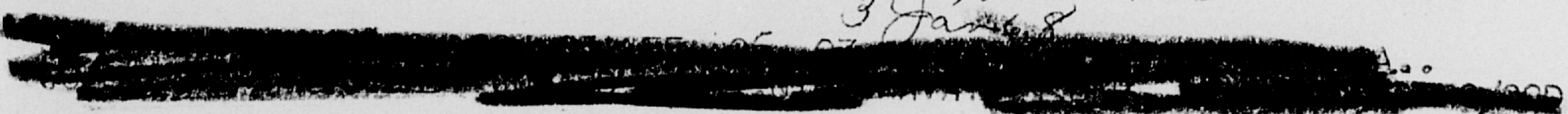
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MY 181620Z AND CCGD TWELVE 181634Z NOTAL. CIRVIS EVALUATION.  
 UNITED FLIGHT 3 AND TRANSOCEAN FLIGHT 406 SIGHTING AT 181215Z.  
 USS L K SWENSON AND USS PASSUMPSIC BOTH REPORT NOTHING SIGHTED.  
 NO KNOWN USN OR USAF SOURCE OF REPORTED ROCKET. EVALUATED AS  
 IMPROBABLE THREAT TO US BUT POSSIBLY A ROCKET OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN.

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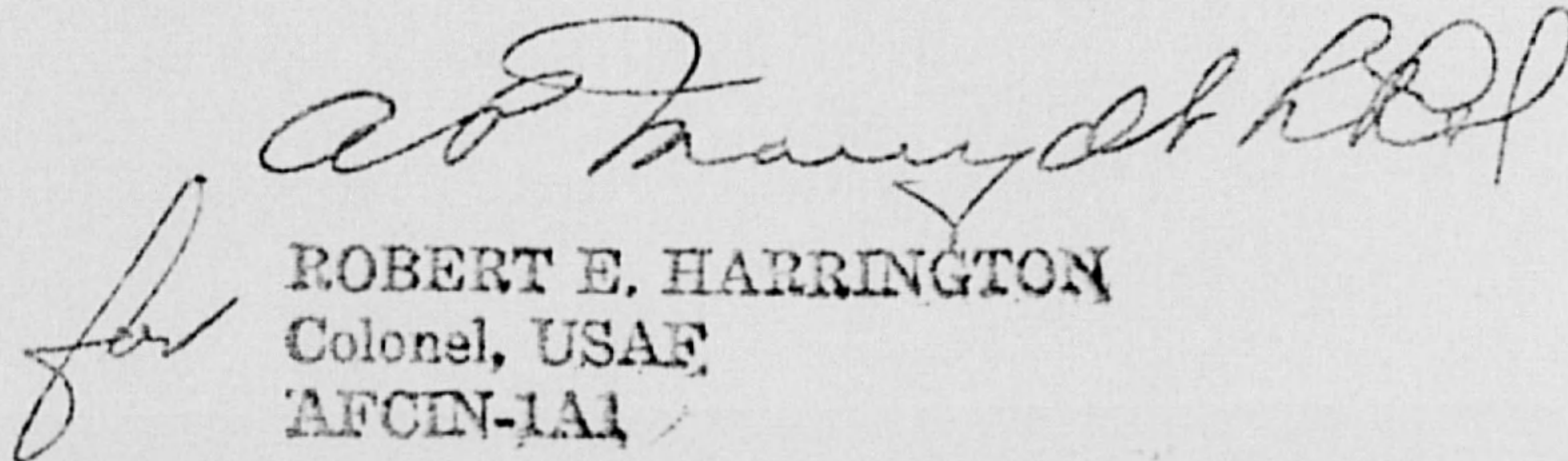
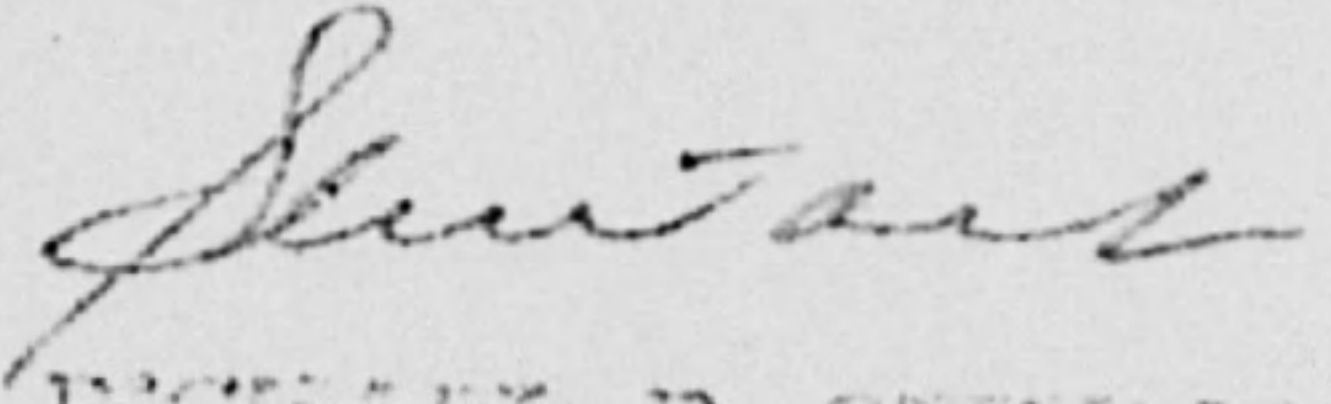
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REFERRAL NOTICE							DATE JUN 22 1959
SUBJECT (or identification) UFO Report						SUSPENSE DATE	
FROM: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence (AFCIN-1A1)							
TO:							
AFCIN-X		AFCIN-1		AFCIN-2		AFCIN-3	AFCIN-XA
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ATTENTION: LT COL McCORD							
TYPE OF ACTION							
APPROPRIATE ACTION		PREPARATION OF APPROPRIATE FORWARDING CORRESPONDENCE		ACTION ASSIGNED TO:			
COMMENTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS		INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE REPLY		ACS/I HAS/HAS NOT SEEN			
NOTE AND RETURN		PREPARATION OF REPLY (for signature of ACS/Intelligence)		AFCIN-X HAS ORIGINAL			
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DIRECT REPLY (with copy to AFCIN-X)		INFORMATION COPIES FORWARDED TO:					
COMMENTS (Use reverse and blank sheets if more space is required)							
Attached letter from the 1006th AISS forwarded per request of Lt Col McCord.							
Incl Ltr 1006th AISS, subj: a/s dtd 22 Jun 59		 ROBERT E. HARRINGTON Colonel, USAF AFCIN-1A1					
<i>In AFCIN-2 Col Hall</i>		<i>This is result of follow-up action taken Saturday on msg in your indications room</i>					
		 RICHARD R. STEWART Colonel, USAF AFCIN-1A					
COORDINATION (Initials, Last name and Grade)				SIGNATURE			

1006TH AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

22 JUN 1959

SUBJECT: UFO Report

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Attn: LtCol McCord (AFCIN-1)  
Headquarters, USAF  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In compliance with verbal request of LtCol McCord, AFCIN 1, the pilot of United Airlines Flight #36 was interviewed on 20 June 1959 by Maj Karaghiosoff, Det 1, this organization. Results were transmitted by phone to this unit.

a. Description of Objects:

- (1) Shape: Four (4) globules of fire, round.
- (2) Size: Size of dime held at arms length.
- (3) Color: Intense bluish-white.
- (4) Number: Four (4).
- (5) Formation: Four (4) round globules of fire were approximately one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) inch apart. All four (4) globules covered approximately eight (8) inches. They were arranged in rows of two (2) globules fixed in space relative to each other.
- (6) Discernible details: None.
- (7) Tail, trail, etc: None.
- (8) Sound: None.
- (9) Other: None.

b. Description of Course of Objects:

- (1) Flash of light in corner of eye called observers attention to the object.
- (2) When first observed, objects were three (3) degrees above horizontal (observed from an altitude of 19,000 feet).
- (3) Objects dissappeared slightly above horizontal.

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b. Changed frequency and attempted to contact the surface vessel. Overheard the following: RANGER and TAIWAN or CREST ONE. Conversation in English indicated they were changing the frequency.

c. Did not switch to 121.5 (Emergency VHF) because as he stated "I did not want to alarm anyone".

d. Did not alert the passengers or the crew members.

5. Co-pilot of the flight 36, sitting on the right saw only flash and nothing else.

6. The pilot stated that he overheard a pilot of a Transoceanic Flight to report the sighting. After the report, United Airlines pilot determined that the Transoceanic flight was approximately 120 miles West from his (United Airlines) position.

7. Transoceanic Office indicated that the pilot in question is Mr. [REDACTED], Captain of [REDACTED] 02, [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] is still in Honolulu and is expected to return on 22 June 1959. Turner sent the following message to his San Francisco Office: "0-4060 at approximately 1218 323 135W flash lasting about 30 seconds".

22 June

8. The following additional data were gained from pilot of the United Airlines Flight 36:

"I watched the subject for two (2) seconds and I think it traveled 115 inches and then lights went out".

150 in 2 sec

"I saw four (4) lights heading approximately 090 degrees true. Estimated altitude of 22,000 feet. Distance from my aircraft approximately 30 miles. Path ten (10) degrees down trajectory, was above horizontal when it dissapeared. No radar contact.

9. Pilot believes that lighting was a rocket because of the following:

a. Flash of intense light was similar to lighting or blast-off of a rocket. (he said that he observed static firings of rockets from air).

b. High rate of speed.

10. Navigational charts, etc. of the Flight 36, available at United Dispatch Terminal, Flight Operations, c/o Capt. BELDING. Maj. Karaghisoff will obtain them on 22 June 1959.

11. Major Daraghisoff was instructed to contact and interview Transoceanic Pilot, [REDACTED], upon his arrival in San Francisco.

*John W. Meador*  
for JOHN W. MEADOR  
Colonel, USAF  
Commander

The number of meteors reported as flying saucers or spaceships has diminished in the last few years, but the Air Force has continued to investigate all doubtful or puzzling sightings to determine whether they in any way represent a possible threat to the nation's security. Every sure identification of a UFO as merely a meteor, not a ballistic missile, brings a certain amount of relief.

A typical case, successfully solved, is that of June 20, 1959. About 2:15 A.M. the pilot of a United Airlines flight over the Pacific reported by radio to Flight Operations that he had observed an apparent rocket firing about thirty-five miles west of the plane position; radar detected the presence of a surface vessel at about the same position. The pilot first noticed a flash of light, then the entire sky lighted up and he saw four round, fiery globules, of an intense bluish-white color, with no tails. Flying two by two in a straight line, they made no sound and disappeared after about two seconds. The weather was clear and calm, the visibility excellent. The copilot, sitting at the right, saw only the first flash, but the pilot of another plane some 120 miles to the west reported seeing the same objects at the same time [18].

Because this sighting occurred in a very sensitive area where military officials were expecting a Russian test firing of an ICBM, the Air Force made an exhaustive study of this report and identified the object as a meteor. Their evaluation proceeded as follows:

The United Airlines pilot estimated the distance of the objects as only about thirty miles and their rate of travel at some 15 degrees in two seconds. These figures indicated a velocity of approximately 14,500 miles per hour, about the speed of a ballistic missile. But the relatively low altitude, the flat trajectory, and the fact that a visible "power plant" was apparently still operating at this stage of flight ruled out the possibility of a missile. However, if the observer had underestimated the distance and the objects were actually hundreds of miles away, then the data would indicate a speed of about 50,000 miles an hour, in the range of meteor velocities. The descriptions given closely matched that of the classic fireball, whose colors range over white, blue, green, red, and yellow, and whose luminosity may be as great as -3 magnitudes. The Air Force concluded that the object sighted was, in all probability, a meteor.

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1. Attached is an inquiry from the ACS/I for immediate action by your office.

2. Request your answer be routed through AFCIN-X by

hours

date

*7 July*

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Ltr from 1006 AISS, 22 Jun 59  
CAFIN 97744 (CONF) 2 cys  
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Auth. *Dugan*  
By *[Signature]*  
Date *15 MAY 1959*  
*AFR 2054, Para 17c*  
*3 Jan 68*

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*[Signature]*  
MARRY O. PATTESON  
COLONEL, USAF  
OFFICE, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF,  
INTELLIGENCE

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CONFIRMING TELECON BETWEEN SGT BOLIEU, YMUR HQ, AND SGT GREER  
THIS HQ, REFERENCE UNITED AIR LINES SIGHTING 18 JUN 59 AT  
1215Z. THIS HQ HAS BEEN UNABLE TO BOTAIN EITHER CONFIRMATION  
OR DENIAL OF ANY MISSILE FIRING ON THE ABOVER DATE. SUGGEST  
OFFICER OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE AS SOURCE FOR DESIRED INFO.

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