PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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1. DATE

27 November 1963

2. LOCATION

Kenema, Sierra Leone, AFRICA

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local _____

GMT 27/1903Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. SOURCE

Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

N/A

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1

9. COURSE

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12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other ATLAS CENTAUR
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

Kenema, Sierra Leone
28th. Nov. 1963

Government Seco[r]
DEC 9 1963 Kenema,
Sierr[a]

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,

~~[redacted]~~

(Graduate Volunteer
Science teacher
from U.K.)

Satellite Tracking Dept,
National Aeronautics & Space Administration

WASHINGTON D.C,
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Sender's name and address:

Kenema.

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting ▬▬▬▬▬

1 3 DEC 1963

TO: Hq USAF SAF-OIPB (Mrs Gaiser)
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1. Reference the attached letter from ▬▬▬▬, dated 28 Nov 63, requesting information on a UFO sighting.

2. The sighting referred to in Mr ▬▬▬▬ 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 T de JONCKHEERE, Capt
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
   and Subsystems

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Ltr, ▬▬▬▬
dtd 28 Nov 63

December 19, 1963

Dear Mr. ▮▮▮▮▮▮

    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 ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮
Kenema, Sierra Leone