PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE21 May 1963	2. LOCATION 40.02.6N 10.17E ATLANTIC		D Was Balloon D Probably Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT21/2010Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATIO	N D Ground-Radar D Air-Intercept Radar	D Possibly Balloon U Was Aircraft D Probably Aircraft D Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS U Yes XCX No	6. SOURCE Military		D Probably Astronomical D Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	not reported	Other Missile Kake
Flying object, rocket powered sighted from a/c. Obj assumed to be rocket powered and produced a red vapor trail assumed to be caused by the sun's reflection. Trail seemed to be irregular. Obj climbing.		All characteristics of a missile observation are present. Climbing rules out meteor trail. Position on known missile range course Sighting evaluated as possible missile observation.	

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- 1. At 212ClO a flying object sighted overhead. Appeared to be rocket powered. Produced red vapor trail presumed reflection of sun.
- 2. Vapor trail seemed irregular. After approx 2 minutes object appeared to climb very rapidly until at last obsecured.
- 3. Position 40-02.6N 10-17.0E

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