PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 October 1957	**2. LOCATION** Elmendorf, Alaska	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Sputnik I ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0503 GMT 08/1503Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	**6. SOURCE** Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** East

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Satellite observed at 20 dgrs above horizon, climbed rapidly and steadily toward zenith, passing directly overhead, continuing toward & dropping below the eastern horizon bright as any star or planet visible. Single white point of reflected light.

11. COMMENTS

Third state of Russian satellite, Sputnik I.

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In conference with Dr. Riley, Dr. Knapp and Capt Mulcahy - decided satellite at this location at time and date given.

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FM COMDR AAC APO 942 SEATTLE WASHINGTON

TO RJEPHQ CHIEF OF STAFF HQ USAF

INFO RJEDWP/WRIGHT PATTERSON AF BASE OHIO

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0503 See attachment for corr. To 1503Z 1506:30Z

SATELLITE OBSERVED FROM ~~08/1503Z TO 08/1503:30Z~~ AT ELMENDORF AFB, ALASKA, BY SIX QUALIFIED OBSERVERS FROM THE 5004TH AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON. SATELLITE FIRST OBSERVED AT 20 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON ON AN AZIMUTH OF 296 DEGREES TRUE FROM ELMENDORF AFB. SATELLITE CLIMBED RAPIDLY AND STEADILY TOWARD THE ZENITH, PASSING DIRECTLY OVERHEAD, CONTINUING TOWARD AND DROPPING BELOW THE EASTERN HORIZON AT AN AZIMUTH OF 116 DEGREES. REMAINED IN SIGHT DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF OBSERVATION. DISAPPEARED INTO DAWN LIGHTING ON EASTERN HORIZON. APPEARED AS BRIGHT AS ANY STAR OR PLANET VISIBLE, APPEARED AS SINGLE WHITE POINT OF REFLECTED LIGHT. ALL SIX OBSERVERS HAD SHARP, CLEAR SIGHTING WITH THE

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1503 to 1506 Z

Alaska

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NAKED EYE. REPEAT, NAKED EYE. SEEING CONDITIONS OPTIMUM. LIGHT OF FULL MOON, CLOSE TO HORIZON, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY THIN LIGHT CIRRUS CLOUDS. COLOUD CONDITIONS 2/10 HIGH THIN CIRRUS. TWO PHOTOS TAKEN WITH LEICA 35 MM BODY, 40 CM LENS, WILL BE AIRMAILED IMMEDIATELY. AZIMUTHS GIVEN IN THES REPORT WILL BE VERIFIED TODAY.

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This probably Second Stage of satellite JHH

1 Copy to Dr. L.

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FM COMDR AAC ELMENDORF AFB ALASKA

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FOR AFCIN. SO MUCH OF CITED MESSAGE Ø1-ØØ497 AS READS

"SATELLITE OBSERVIED FROM Ø8/15Ø3Z TO Ø8/15Ø3:3ØZ" IS AMENDED TO READ

"SATELLITE OBSERVED FROM Ø8/15Ø3Z TO Ø8/15Ø6:3ØZ.

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT
(U) Request for Analysis - UFO Photography

TO AFCIN-4A2f

FROM AFCIN-4E4

DATE 15 Nov 57 [illegible]
4E4/Capt G.T. Gregory/wm
69216

COMMENT NO. 1

In accordance with established policies for the careful review and analysis of UFO photography, request review of the attached photo and the results be made known to this office by comment hereon. Request two copies of photo be made.

1 Incl
Ltr fr Mr. [redacted]
w/photo

HENRY A. MILEY
AFCIN-4E4

TO: AFCIN-4E4 FROM: AFCIN-4A2f DATE: 18 Nov 57 COMMENT NR 2
Maj R. M. Buckmaster/11
Ext 5-9196/Bldg 263/E-N

1. An analysis of the negative and print concludes that the object in question is actual and it is not believed to be a fraud. The object could have been caused by any one of the suggestions given on buckslip by Captain Gregory or Mr. [redacted] in his report of incident.

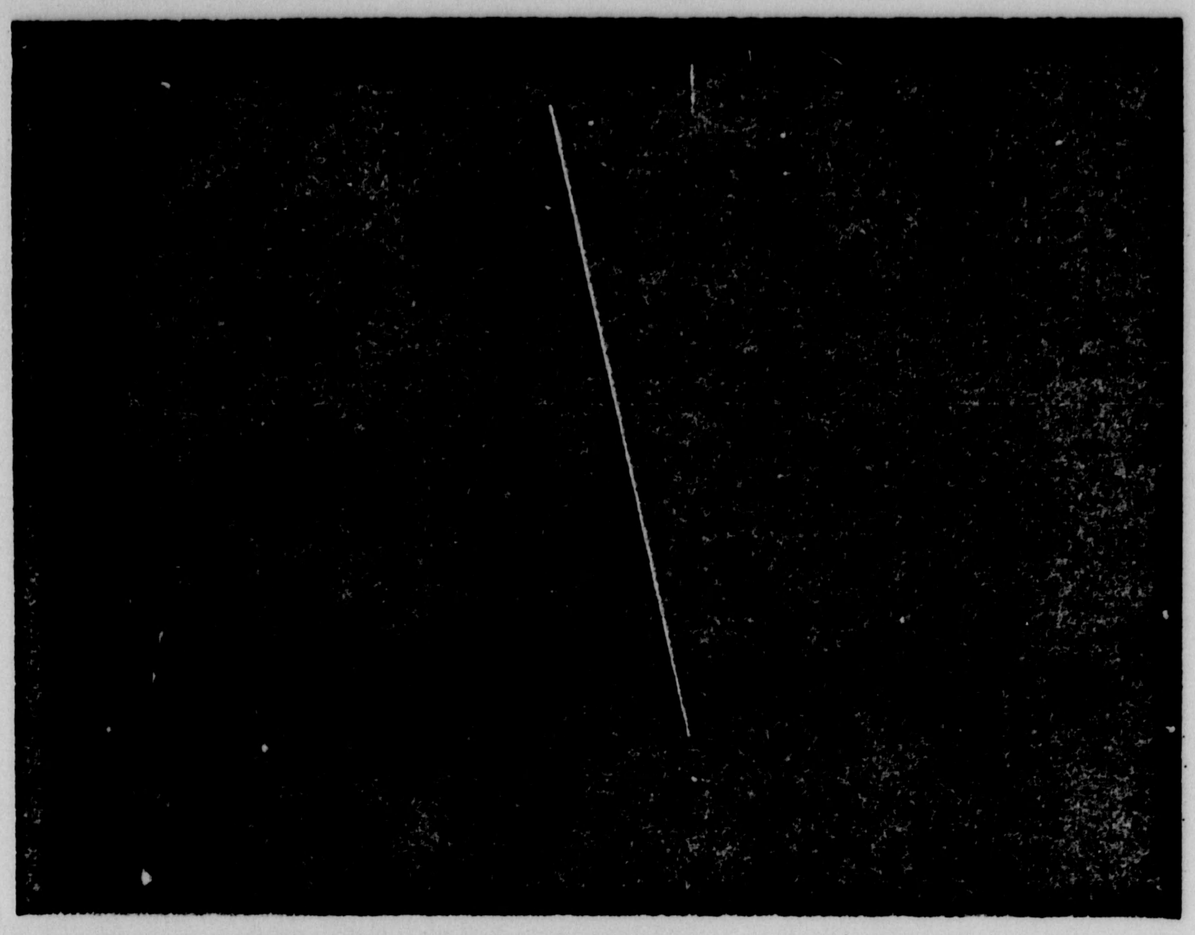
2. Inclosed are requested prints. It is noted that the print submitted by Mr. [redacted] was printed in reverse but this would have no bearing on photo reproduction.

2 Incl
Incl 1 n/c
ADDED 1 Incl
2. Prints of pic

Robert M Buckmaster

ROBERT M. BUCKMASTER
Major, USAF
AFCIN-4A2f

This case includes
one 5"×7" photo
of sighting at
Elmendorf, ALASKA
8 Oct 57



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ALASKA/IR-5004-11-57/2-G: Elmendorf AFB - Track of USSR Earth Satellite 8 Oct 57