

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE 21 October 1957 | 2. LOCATION Neptune, New Jersey | 12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input checked="" 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 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | | |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 22/0059Z | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual | 5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 6. SOURCE Civilian | |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one | 9. COURSE East | 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object same shape and size of Sputnik I which was also sighted. Object disappeared to northeast. It was an identical blinking, fast-moving counter-part of the Sputnik. Observed in conjunction with Sputnik & rocket booster. Second object moving West to East. | 11. COMMENTS It is believed this object was a high-flying jet a/c. However, further checks are being made. |

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| ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT Intell Div, Hq First Air Force PREPARING INDIVIDUAL | | DATE OF COLLECTION 3 Dec 1957 | SRI STATUS (If applicable) SRI NO. | |
| NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Lt Col Frank M. Hunt | | DATE OF REPORT 11 Dec 1957 | CANCELED/COMPLETE SRI NO. | |
| NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED] | | EVALUATION P-6 | CANCELED/INCOMPLETE SRI NO. | |
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SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

Mr. [REDACTED] observed an object on the night of 21 October 1957 which was similar in appearance and performance characteristics to the first USSR earth satellite. He thinks his sighting might constitute the appearance of a second USSR earth satellite. He made the observation while visually tracking the first earth satellite and its rocket along its announced route.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Persinger

THOMAS E. PERSINGER
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Director, Plans and Programming

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1. Copy of Mr. [REDACTED] letter
2. Sketch by Mr. [REDACTED]
3. Original letter-Mr. [REDACTED]

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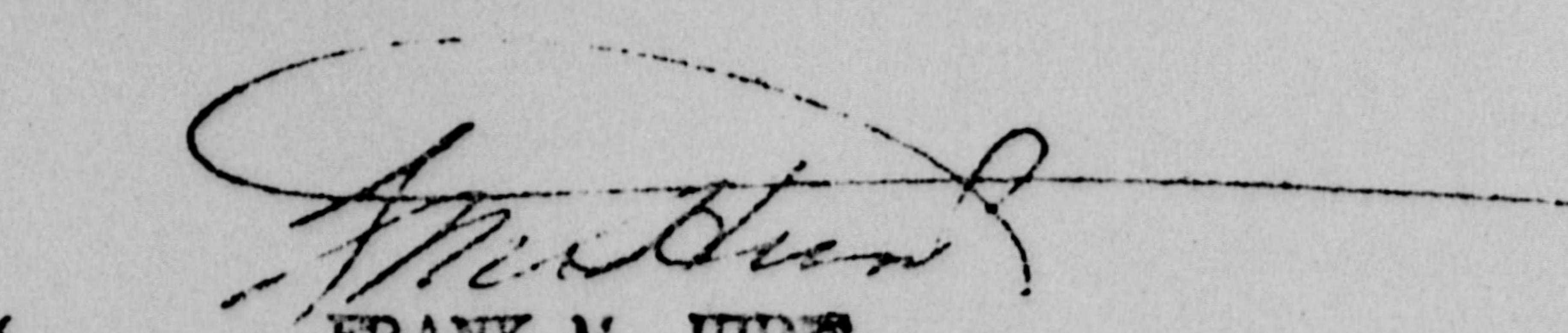
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| <p>(1) Description of the object:</p> <p>(a) Shape: Same as SPUTNIK I</p> <p>(b) Size: Same as SPUTNIK I</p> <p>(c) Color: Negative</p> <p>(d) Number: One</p> <p>(e) Formation: N/A</p> <p>(f) Discernible features or details: Negative</p> <p>(g) Tail, trail or exhaust: Negative</p> <p>(h) Sound: Negative</p> <p>(i) Other features: Object described as identical, blinking, fast-moving counterpart of SPUTNIK I.</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>(2) Description of course of object:</p> <p>(a) Observer was tracking earth satellite (SPUTNIK I) and its rocket in accordance with announced appearance.</p> <p>(b) Angle of Elevation/Azimuth: See attached sketch (Incl 2)</p> <p>(c) Angle of Elevation/Azimuth (upon disappearance): See attached sketch (Incl 2)</p> <p>(d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: No maneuvers reported. Object traveling from west to east.</p> <p>(e) Manner of disappearance of object: Disappeared to northeast.</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>(3) Manner of observation:</p> <p>(a) Ground-visual.</p> <p>(b) Optical Aids: Binoculars 8x35mm, field of 115 yards.</p> <p>(c) Airborne sighting: N/A</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>(4) Time and date of sighting:</p> <p>(a) 220059Z October 1957.</p> <p>(b) Night</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>(5) Location of observer: At home of observer, Box [REDACTED], Neptune, New Jersey (shown on sketch (Incl 2))</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>(6) Identifying information:</p> <p>(a) Mr. [REDACTED], R.D., Box [REDACTED], Hamilton Road, Neptune, N.J. Age and occupation unknown.</p> <p>Mrs. [REDACTED] same address; age and occupation unknown.</p> | | | | | | |

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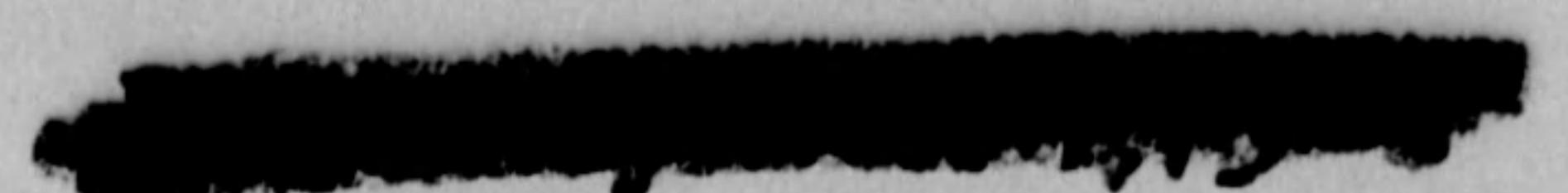
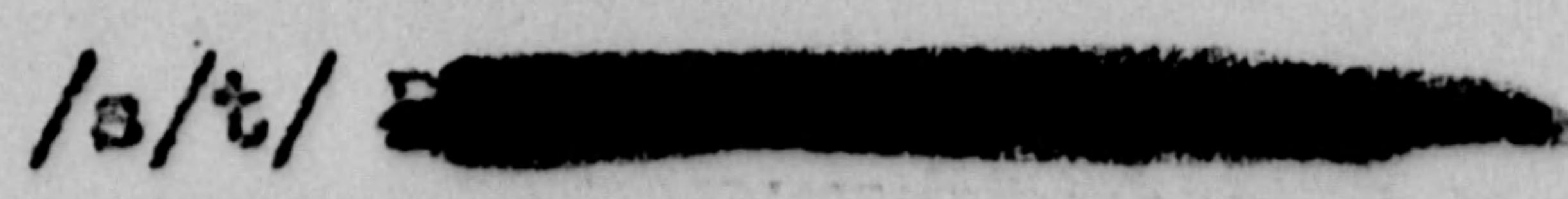
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| (b) N/A | | | | |
| (7) Weather and winds-aloft conditions: | | | | |
| (a) Observer's account: Negative | | | | |
| (b) Surface from Southwest at 5/10 knots, 6000 feet - from 300 degrees at 10 knots. 10000 feet - from 300 degrees at 15 knots. 16000 feet - from 310 degrees at 25 knots. 20000 feet - from 300 degrees at 25 knots. 30000 feet - from 330 degrees at 55 knots. 50000 feet - from 310 degrees at 40 knots. 80000 feet - Negative | | | | |
| (c) Ceiling: Unlimited | | | | |
| (d) Visibility: 5 miles in haze. | | | | |
| (e) Amount of cloud cover: None | | | | |
| (f) Thunderstorms in area: None | | | | |
| (8) Any other unusual activity or condition: None | | | | |
| (9) Interception or identification action taken: None | | | | |
| (10) Air traffic in area: Normal military and civilian air traffic. | | | | |
| (11) Chief, Intelligence Division (DCS/O), Hq First Air Force. This report was forwarded to this headquarters via Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey and Hq First Army, Governors Island, New York. Negative analysis. | | | | |
| (12) Existence of physical evidence: Negative. | | | | |


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Chief, Intelligence Division (DCS/O)

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|  Neptune, New Jersey October 21, 1957 | | | | |
| Commanding Officer U.S. Signal Corps, Fort Monmouth, Eatontown, New Jersey | | | | |
| Dear Sir: Enclosed is a sketch of the sky on the date and time indicated. Can you explain the object I saw. My wife also saw it. It was a naked-eye object, an identical, blinking, fast-moving counterpart of Sputnick. I first picked up the rocket approximately in the center of the Square of Pegasus at approximately 7:29 P.M. as scheduled. It was visible to the unaided eye, but I also tracked it with 8X—35mm binoculars having a field of 115 yards. I picked up the satellite at approximately 7:59 as scheduled, in Cassiopeia, and tracked it to the point below Serpens indicated. At this point a blinking, swiftly moving object appeared likely to collide with Sputnick and we watched it spellbound. What apparently were two jets flying fast and high appeared out of the southwest in the wake of the object which itself was soundless. By the time the planes reached the zenith, the object has disappeared in the N.E. and I could not hear the jet engines overhead until the planes, each bearing greenish-blue lights, were midway to the eastern horizon. In the glasses the object and Sputnick appeared to be double, while the rocket appeared as a single, flashing object. I think I saw a second satellite traveling from west to east. If you care to correspond with me I'll appreciate it. | | | | |
| Sincerely yours,  | | | | |
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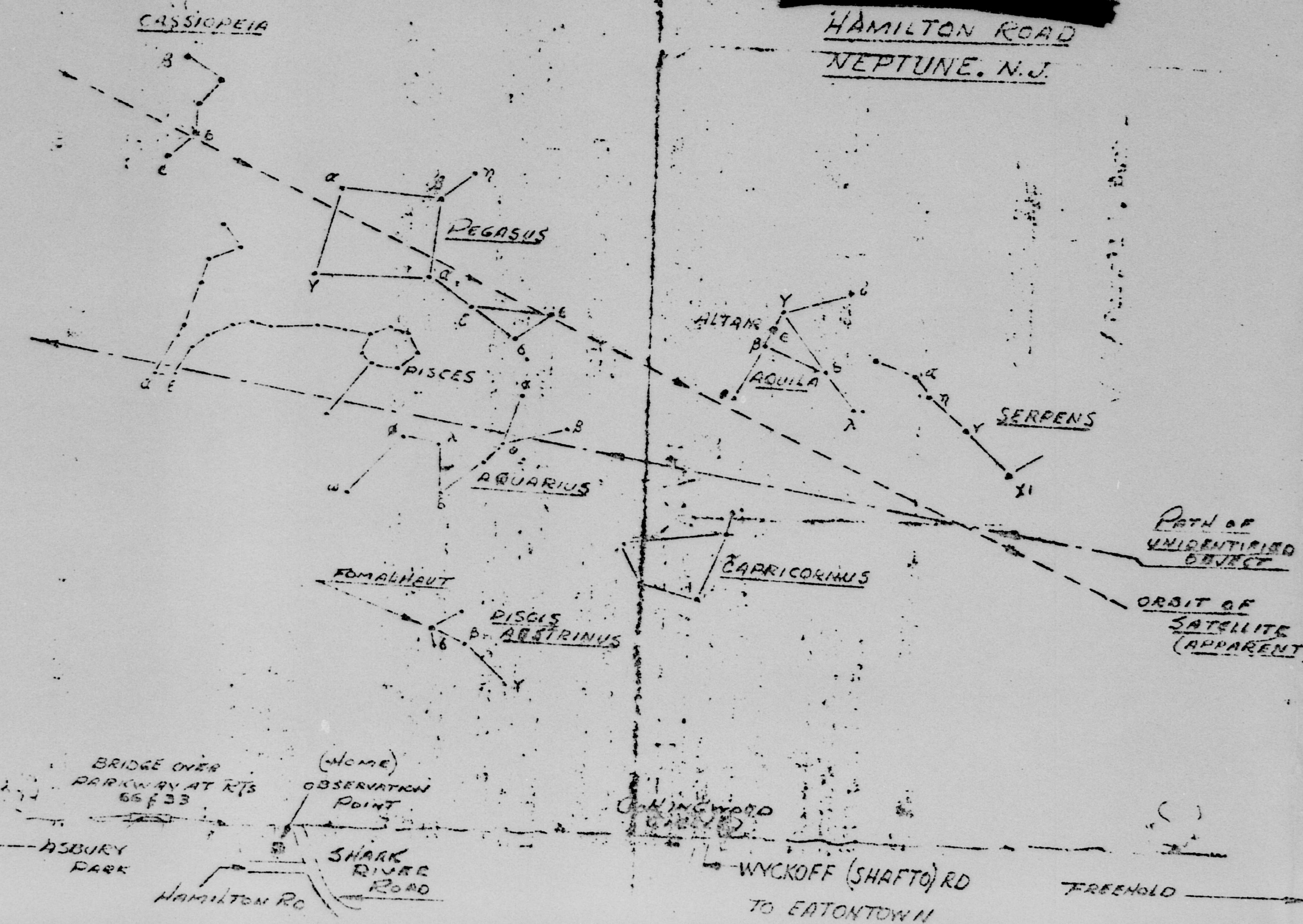
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7:29 PM ROCKET SIGHTED

7:59 PM SATELLITE & OBJECT SIGHTED

SUBMITTED BY

HAMILTON ROAD
NEPTUNE, N.J.



[REDACTED]
Neptune, New Jersey
October 21, 1957.

Commanding Officer,
U.S. Signal Corps,
Fort Monmouth,
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