

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>5 December 1957</u>	2. LOCATION <u>Griffiss AFB, New York</u>	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 <u>Local 1954 BST</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Military</u>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>5 minutes</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>West</u>
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  Object appeared to have length. Did not twinkle, but its brilliance fluctuated slightly. The color was off-white or yellowish, appeared to move very fast. No sound. The object appeared to be very distant and did not compare at all with a/c sightings in the area at the time.		11. COMMENTS  Sputnik ruled out. Although observer indicated object did not resemble a/c the flight path, speed, duration of sighting and // description indicate this probability.

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5 Dec  
Griffiss AFB, NY 57

HEADQUARTERS  
ROME AIR FORCE DEPOT  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE, NEW YORK

TO SPEED DELIVERY of your reply,  
ADDRESS COMMUNICATION to  
attention of MRISS

DEC 11 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander  
Air Defense Command  
Attn: Director of Intelligence  
Ent Air Force Base  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Attached correspondence is forwarded to your office in  
compliance with latest directives. No material was forwarded to  
ATIC.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Report of [REDACTED]

*John N. Rogers*  
JOHN N. ROGERS  
Major, USAF  
Chief, Security Division  
Inspector General

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18 DEC 1957

Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFCIN 4E4,  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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SPURGEON

POSS BALLOON

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIABLE FLYING OBJECT

This report is submitted in the belief that I observed a satellite or "Sputnik" sighting which was in an orbit contrary or opposite to the two "Sputniks" now circling the earth.

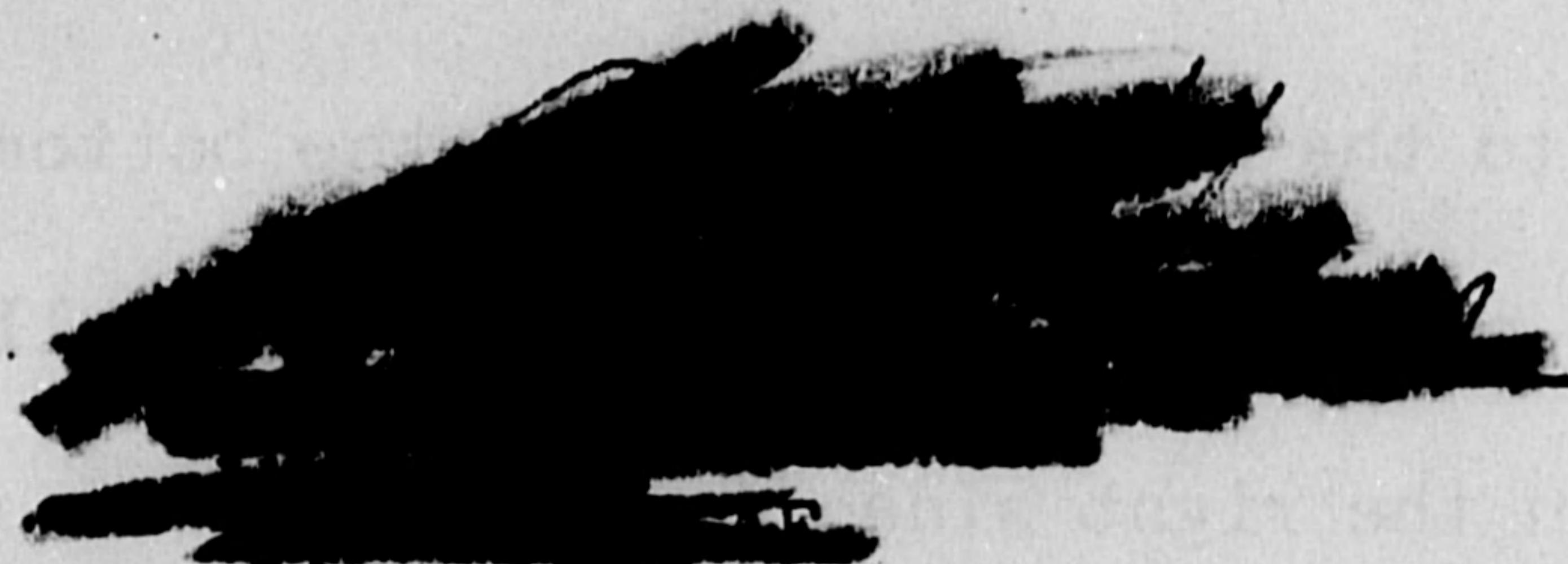
On 5 December 1957, I was driving North on the New York Thruway and was one mile south of the Saugerties exit. The object was observed to appear to the left, or east, of the bottom star in the Big Dipper. That is, the constellation was projected parallel to the horizon and the two stars on the right side of the dipper were pointing upward to the North Star. It was to the left of the bottom star in the dipper that the object appeared at 1954 EST.

The object moved from this position to my left (west thru the dipper) at a constant elevation of about 20 degrees. The object passed a rather bright star or planet in the west (not Venus, Venus was lower on the horizon) and continued movement south of west until it disappeared in the dimmer of two bright stars south of west. *2 minutes*

Time of initial sighting was approximately 1954 EST, the object passed the bright westerly star or planet at 1956 EST (an azimuth arc of approximately 80 degrees) and disappeared at 1959 EST after traveling another azimuth arc of approximately 15 degrees. The elevation arc was relatively constant at about 20 degrees. My watch was "hacked" 30 seconds fast.

The object was not a point source of light but appeared to have length. It did not twinkle but its brilliance fluctuated slightly. It was at its brightest in the center part of its travel. The color was off-white or yellowish.

The object appeared to move very fast, and no sound (of jet exhaust) was heard. The speed of movement from north to west was much faster than the speed of movement from a point west to 10 degrees or 15 degrees south of west. This indicated direction from NE to SW. The object appeared to be very distant and did not compare at all with other aircraft sightings in the area at the time.



See?

Pop. balloon w/ light tail light 4713th REVFT  
attenuated. What was the sound  
dist at the time

Griffiss Air Force Base, New York

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Case referred to Smithsonian  
Astrophysical Observatory, where as you know  
for convenience over optical trajectory 2  
observed cork satellite. 98 m/s puffs  
out about by 1956 EST. The present 2  
observed - twilight had long ended.  
Therefore a sun-illuminated satellite of this  
particular variety ~~appears~~ would not have  
been visible even at the NE-SW. direction  
but could be. Further to the point of any  
that travel is contrary to the path of any  
satellite launched to take advantage of  
the earth's rotation ~~as necessary and~~  
is not this rotation ~~as necessary and~~  
the slowdown needed