

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Sep 60		2. LOCATION Tyndal AFB, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Echo I</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>19/0145Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10-12 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SW-NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Elliptical shaped object, size of grapefruit, color similar to a star but brighter. Object was traveling on a steady course and was very bright. No trail.				11. COMMENTS Description and duration of object conform with observation of satellite Echo I. Disappearance accounted for by object passing into earth's shadow. No space-track information available. However there is sufficient data to indicate satellite sighting.	

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HEADQUARTERS
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE
and
4756th AIR BASE GROUP (ADC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

REPLY TO: AFDO
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

23 SEP 1960

TO: Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center
Attn: AFICIN 4E2X
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, par 15 dated 14 September 1959 the following Flying Object Report is submitted:

a. Description of the Object:

- (1) Shape - Elliptical
- (2) Size - Grapefruit (Larger than the evening star).
- (3) Color - Similar to star, but brighter.
- (4) Number - 1
- (5) Formation - N/A
- (6) Discernible features: Object was traveling on a steady course and it was very bright.
- (7) Tail or Trail - None observed.
- (8) Unusual Features: I have observed other satellites but this one was very stable. It did not bounce or tumble like the American and Russian satellites.

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer to the object:
I usually study the solar system a few minutes every night. On or about 0145Z, 19 September 1960 I happened to look up toward the West and I noticed the UFO coming from a Southwest direction. I observed it to make sure it wasn't an aircraft. I called my family and Captain Norman R. Smedes (Rated Pilot) to look at it. I also reported it to the Tyndall Base Weather Station.

(2) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object: I first noticed the object coming on an azimuth of 240°.

(3) Angle and azimuth of object: The object seemed to disappear on an approximate heading of 060°.

(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: The object traveled it seemed from Southwest toward Northeast. It was steady and it traveled on a straight course; as if guided.

(5) Manner in which object disappeared: The object disappeared instantly.

(6) Length of time object was visible: The object was visible about ten or twelve minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Method used in observation: Ground-Visual

(2) Optical aids: N/A

(3) Aircraft used: N/A

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) Zulu time-date group of sighting: 0045Z 19 September.

(2) Light conditions: Night.

e. Location of observer: 85 36N - 30 4W

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) Civilian - N/A

(2) Military: [REDACTED], MSgt, 4756 AB Gp. (Training Section)

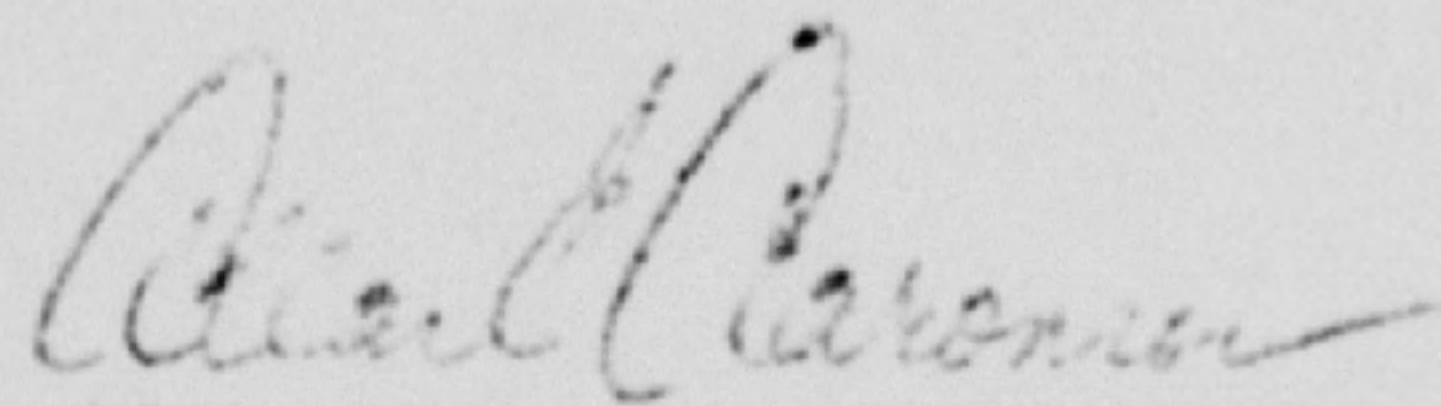
g. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sightings:

(1) Observers account of weather conditions: Time 0055Z - 3000 scattered-visibility ten miles-Temperatures 83 - D.P 75- Surface Winds-calm. Tyndell Air Force Base

(2) Report from weather station: Time 0600Z/19 September -

6,000 Feet	110°/10K	30,000 Feet	Not Observed
10,000 Feet	140°/ 5K	50,000 Feet	250°/10K
16,000 Feet	260°/ 5K	80,000 Feet	Not Observed
20,000 Feet	260°/10K		

- (3) Ceiling: N/A
- (4) Visibility: Ten miles.
- (5) Amount of cloud cover: Less than .3
- (6) Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located: None
- (7) Temperature gradient: 83.



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S T A T E M E N T

On or about 1945CST, 18 September 1960 I happened to look up at the sky and spotted a bright object. When I first noticed the object it appeared to be coming from the Southwest and traveling on a fixed course toward a northeast direction. I called my family to see it. In the mean time I went over to a friend of ours (Captain [REDACTED]) to have him look at it.

After watching the object for ten minutes I called our Base Weather station to check it out. When I returned to further observe the object it had disappeared leaving no trace. For years I have been interested in UFO . I have seen many Russian Satellites our West and have also seen our Echo Satellites. This UFO wasn't like the others. It seemed to be on a straight course and very steady. There was no tumbling of satellite where the lights came off or on. It was very bright from the time I noticed it and until it disappeared.

I am forwarding this report and will join the NICAP later.

s/ [REDACTED]
t/s [REDACTED]
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