

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 Oct 60		2. LOCATION Organ Pass, New Mexico		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 12/0035Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not given		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 8 lights		9. COURSE N-SSW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 8 yellowish lights arranged in 2 triangles of 3 each and followed by 2 in echelon. Travel was slow when first seen. Aprox angular velocity on order of 2000 seconds of arc per second.				11. COMMENTS ATIC analysis indicates that the objects of this sighting were probably a/c.	

See memo 26 Oct 60 19
AFCIN-4E2x

UFO Sighting, 12 October 1960 (Mr [REDACTED])

Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory
Attn: Mr Warren McCurdy
OPI
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

1. Reference attached copy of message from Satellite Organ to Satellite, Cambridge, Massachusetts, dated 12 October 1960. This message is concerned with the sighting of unidentified flying objects by Mr [REDACTED]. The sighting occurred on 12 October 1960 in New Mexico.
2. The ATIC analysis indicates that the objects of this sighting were probably high flying jet aircraft. The angular velocity reported by Mr [REDACTED] results in a linear velocity well within the capability of jet aircraft and much too slow for meteors.
3. Telephone contact with Mr [REDACTED] reveals that he believes the objects were high flying jet aircraft. The conversation with Mr [REDACTED] also brought out the description of lights seen in conjunction with the objects which also indicates that they were probably jet aircraft.
4. ATIC has not as yet been able to pin down the specific operation to which the aircraft belong, but when and if this information becomes available your organization will be advised.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

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Cy Msg 12 Oct 60, in Satellite
Organ to Satellite

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FM SATELLITE ORGAN
TO SATELLITE CAMPMASS

12/0800 Z OCT

~~REDACTED~~ OBSERVED UNIDENTIFIED LIGHTS TRAVELLING FROM
~~REDACTED~~ TO SOUTH SOUTHWEST AT 0035 UT 12 OCTOBER
CONSISTED OF EIGHT YELLOWISH LIGHTS ARRANGED IN TWO TRIANGLES
OF THREE EACH AND FOLLOWED BY TWO IN ECHELON
TRAVELLING SLOW WHEN FIRST SEEN IN NORTH X APPROXIMATE
ANGULAR VELOCITY WHEN PASSING ACROSS OBSERVERS LINE OF SIGHT
ON ORDER OF 2000 SECS OF ARC PER SEC.
RANGE UNCERTAIN

END OF MSG

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Col. Philip G. Evans
AFCIN - 4E2x

DATE: October 14, 1960

FROM : Warren W. McCurdy

SUBJECT: UFO Report

Re attached UFO report from SAO's Baker-Nunn Satellite Tracking Station at Organ Pass, New Mexico, [REDACTED], the observer of this UFO, is a professional astronomer and has worked both with Professor Clyde Tombaugh in searching for natural earth satellites, and for a period of about two years with the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory as Station Chief of the tracking station at Sharaz, Iran. Mr. [REDACTED] is presently working with the Air Force in connection with Professor Tombaugh at the University of New Mexico.

cc: "INFO SPATRK"