MATTISON, R.W. A2C - CARPENTER A3C

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE: 5Dec 60	2. LOCATION: Randolph AFB, Texas	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical Meteor ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0527 GMT 05/1127Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE: Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Witness #1 -- 15 sec Witness #2 -- 3-5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: one	9. COURSE: not given

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Round object. Witness #1--size of nickel, bright white, glowing, small tail, reddish-white. Witness #2--size of quarter, orange (flame colored), tail twice as long as object and same color. Sighted at 15° elevation; 140° azimuth. Disappeared at 10° elevation; 135° azimuth. Slight arc. Faded out.

11. COMMENTS

Satellite Zeta II reentered on this date, but where or the time of reentry is unknown. Short duration and short flight path which was fairly level is more indicative of a meteor, which was probably what was seen. During this time of year the earth is passing through several meteor showers. The object observed by the two witnesses was probably a meteor.

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SPACE TRACK

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ATIC WPAFB OHIO

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INFO:						

FROM: ATIC W-P AFB

TO: RANDOLPH AFB, TEXAS KOWFDL

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

UNCLAS/AFCIN-4E2x 12-3509-E

DET 26, 8TH WG, YOUR MSG 8 SW DET 001-M, DTD 5 DEC 60, REQ THE ALLEGED SIGHTING BE INVESTIGATED AND RPTD IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59.

DATE	TIME
7	0800
MONTH: DEC	YEAR: 1960

WRITER

SYMBOL: AFCIN-4E2x

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)
Maj Robert J. Friend

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TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE
PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

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HEADQUARTERS
3510TH FLYING TRAINING WING (ATC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS

13 DEC 1960

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: OPB

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio

The attached Air Intelligence Information Report is submitted in accordance with your message AFCIN-4E2X 12-3509-E dated 8 December 1960.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Carl S. Miller, Capt.
for CHARLES M. BLAKENEY
Lt Colonel, USAF
Wing Operations Officer

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San Antonio, Texas	5 December 1960	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT 3510 Fly Tng Wg (ATC) Randolph AFB Tex	DATE OF COLLECTION 12 December 1960	SRI STATUS (If applicable) SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL LAURENCE H. HEBERT Captain, USAF	DATE OF REPORT 13 December 1960	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE A2C R. W. MATTISON, 26 Det, 8 Wea Gp A3C B. J. CARPENTER " "	EVALUATION Both are reliable	SRI NO. ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)

REFERENCES (AIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)
(1) TWX, CONF, FROM 8WGDC TO 8WG26DET, 2 DEC 60; (2) TWX, CONF, FROM 8WG26DET TO COFS WASH DC AND ATIC WPAFB; (3) TWX, UNCLAS, FROM ATIC TO 8WG26DET, 8 DEC 60.

SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

Unidentified Flying Object

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)

The Unidentified Flying Object was observed by two airmen on duty at Detachment 26, 8th Weather Group, Randolph AFB, Texas. A3C Carpenter was the duty observer in the weather observatory tower atop the Base Operations building at Randolph AFB. A2C Mattison, as Senior Observer on duty, was temporarily in the tower overseeing the performance of A3C Carpenter.

Airman Carpenter was seated facing SSE. Airman Mattison was seated facing Airman Carpenter in a generally northward direction.

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Text in accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2. The observers opinions differ on several points. These are indicated in sub-items (a) and (b).

a. Description of the objects:

(1) Round

(2)

(a) Size of nickel

(b) Size of quarter

(3)

(a) Bright white - glowing

(b) Orange (Flame colored)

(4) One

(5) N/A

(6) None

(7)

(a) Small tail, reddish white

(b) Tail twice as long as object, same color as object

(8) None

(9) None

b. Description of object's course:

(1) Casual observance (Note: The observers had been briefed on the text of message from 8WGDC to 8WG26DET dated 2 Dec 60)

(2) Elevation 15°; Azimuth 140°

(3) Elevation 10°; Azimuth 135°

(4) Slight Arc

(5)

(a) Just faded out

(b) Instantaneously into the horizon

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(6)

(a) 15 seconds

(b) 3 to 5 seconds

(Note: These times differ materially from the time quoted in the message 6WG26DET to COFS and ATIC dated 5 Dec 60.)

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground - visual

(2) None used

(3) N/A

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 1127Z, 5 December 1960

(2) Dark

e. Location of observers:

(1) Weather observation tower, atop Base Operations building, Randolph AFB, Texas, 29°32'N, 98°17'W.

f. Observers identification:

(1) None

(2) A2C Ronald W. Mattison, AF15611747, Det 26, 8th Wea Gp, Randolph AFB;
A3C Billy J. Carpenter, AF12594719, Det 26, 8th Wea Gp, Randolph AFB.

g. Weather and winds:

(1) Being as they were on duty with the Randolph AFB Weather Station the observers weather accounts are the official observation of: 17,000 thin broken, high broken, visibility 15 plus, temp 62, dewpoint 60, surface winds from the south at 5 knots.

(2) Surface - 180/5
6,000 - missing
10,000 - 240/21
16,000 - 230/33
20,000 - 240/34
30,000 - missing
50,000 - missing
80,000 - missing

(3) 17,000 thin broken/high broken

Pertinent weather from other stations:

Station	1100Z, 5 Dec 60	1200Z, 5 Dec 60	From RND
Cotulla	/-0012	/-0012	215 deg 80 NM
Alice	1400012	E1400012	180 deg 110 NM
Navy Corpus	S3000E8500/ 12R--	M2600850012	145 deg 120 NM
Palacios	E5000 7R--	E5000 7	115 deg 112 NM

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(4) 15 miles plus

(5) 17,000 thin broken, high broken

(6) None

(7)

Surface + 17°C	20,000 - 16°C
6,000 + 10.5°C	30,000 - 37°C
10,000 + 5°C	50,000 - 65°C
16,000 - 7.5°C	80,000 - Not available

h. Negative unusual activity.

i. None

j. A check was made with the San Antonio Weather Bureau. Mr. Webb of that organization states that they released a weather balloon at 1138Z which is 11 minutes after the reported UFO sighting.

A check was made with the Director of Operations of the AC&W GCI site at Lackland AFB. They report negative sightings.

k. Base Operations, Randolph AFB, Texas. Negative comment due to insufficient information and the classification of the references.

l. Negative physical evidence.

Laurence H Hebert

LAURENCE H. HEBERT
Captain, USAF
UFO Officer

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