

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 May 61	2. LOCATION Atmore, Alabama	12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0010 GMT 130610Z	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	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input checked="" 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	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE W-E and NW-SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant white or bluish-white light going W-E passed over at 0610Z. Similar light passed going NW-SE at 0830Z.		11. COMMENTS After checking location of witness it was determined that he was located near 2 airlanes used by military and civilian jet a/c. Description and direction of flight by lights indicate that rptg officers conclusions are probably true. Jet a/c flying along these airways would be noticed fm witnesses location only by white fuselage light located on underside.	

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: MTW

19 May 1961

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, Atmore, Alabama

(AFCIN 4-E)

TO: ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Two unidentified flying objects were reported by Mr. [REDACTED], Atmore, Alabama, by telephone on 13 May 1961. The undersigned personally telephoned to Mr. [REDACTED] to determine the facts surrounding the occurrence.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] states that at 0010 CST (0610 Z), 13 May 1961, a rather brilliant white or bluish-white light passed over the vicinity of Atmore, Alabama in a direction approximately West to East. Speed and altitude were unknown and unestimated. He also reported that at approximately 0230 CST (0830 Z), 13 May 1961, a similar light again passed over the vicinity of Atmore, Alabama with a direction approximately from Northwest to Southeast. Altitude and speed unknown and unestimated. Mr. [REDACTED] states that these lights looked very much like his observance of Echo I which he saw several times a few months ago. Mr. [REDACTED] is a Senior in high school, works at the Atmore, Alabama Radio Station WATM and appears to be sincerely interested in scientific phenomena and his statements appear to be accurate. These two lights were observed by witnesses in the presence of Mr. [REDACTED].

3. It is the conclusion of the undersigned investigating officer that these rather brilliant white lights were the white lights under the fuselage of either a commercial jet aircraft or a military jet aircraft. The undersigned has observed that the white light under the fuselage of a jet aircraft can be seen at a considerably farther distance than the red and green flashing navigation lights. This conclusion is further strengthened by the fact that Atmore, Alabama is 10 nautical miles south of the Northwest-Southeast jet airway J20V used for both commercial and military jets, and is 5 nautical miles north of the East-West jet airway J50V used by military aircraft only.

4. Mr. [REDACTED] was advised by the undersigned to report any future occurrences with as much detailed information as possible. It is concluded that no further action need be taken on this report.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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