

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 May 61		2. LOCATION San Antonio, Texas		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 <u>2245</u> GMT <u>160445Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-5 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NW-SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Circular, half-dollar, brilliant white. Appeared 45° elev; 15° az. Disappeared 10° elev; 70° az. Steady path of flight, no maneuvers or change in speed. Disappeared suddenly due to trees acting as obstruction.				11. COMMENTS Objt viewed by witness was probably satellite Echo I.	

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

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: IG

22 MAY 1961

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:

Wallace W. Dawson
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Major, USAF
Wing Inspector

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COUNTRY OF ACTIVITY REPORTING USA	REPORT NO. 61-2	(Leave blank)	
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS San Antonio, Texas	DATE OF INFORMATION 16 May 1961		
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT Hq 3510 Fly Tng Wg (ATC) Randolph AF Base, Texas	DATE OF COLLECTION 18 May 1961	SRI STATUS (If applicable)	
		SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE	
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL KARL M McCULLOCH, Capt, USAF	DATE OF REPORT 19 May 1961	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE	
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED] a. San Antonio, Texas	EVALUATION Reliable	SRI NO. ACTIVE	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)			
REFERENCES (AIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)			
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)			
An unidentified flying object was observed by Mr. [REDACTED], a civilian, while sitting on his front porch. Investigation reveals that Satellite Echo was passing over San Antonio at the time of Mr. [REDACTED] observation. A second call was received from Mr. [REDACTED] on 18 May mentioning the same object. In both cases, it is believed to be the Echo Satellite.			
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Text in accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2

A. Description of the object

1. Shape - circular
2. Size - half dollar
3. Color - brilliant white
4. Number - one
5. Type of formation - N/A
6. Any discernable features or details - none
7. Tail, trail or exhaust including size - none
8. Sound - none
9. Pertinent or Unusual features - none

B. Description of Course of Object

1. Casual observance - noted brilliance
2. Elevation - 45 degrees; Azimuth - 15 degrees
3. Elevation - 10 degrees; Azimuth - 70 degrees
4. Steady path of flight, no maneuvers or change in speed
5. Suddenly due to trees acting as obstruction
6. 3 - 5 minutes

C. Manner of Observation

1. Ground - visual
2. None
3. N/A

D. Time and Date of Sighting

1. 0445Z - 16 May 1961
2. Night

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E. Location of Observance 29°26' N - 98°29' W		
F. Identifying Information on Observer 1. [REDACTED] - age 40 [REDACTED] San Antonio, Texas Occupation: Telephone Company Estimate Assigner Considered reliable 2. N/A		
G. Weather and Winds 1. Clear 2. Winds: Surface 120/15; 5,000 - 210/20; 10,000 - 150/10; 20,000 - 270/40; 25,000 - 280/45; 30,000 - 280/50; 35,000 - 270/50; 40,000 - 270/70; 45,000 - 260/55; 50,000 - 270/55 3. Unlimited 4. 15 Plus 5. Clear 6. Thunderstorms in area and quadrant location - None 7. 19 degrees		
H. Satellite Echo becoming visible over San Antonio at approximately 2230 on 16 May 1961 and 2243 on 18 May 1961. Satellite track was from NW - SE during this period of time.		
I. NONE		
J. NONE		
K. Wing Flying Safety, Randolph AFB, Texas. Preliminary analysis of the sighting reveals that the possible cause of the report is the sighting of the Satellite Echo as mentioned in Section J.		
L. NONE		

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