

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 May 61		2. LOCATION Bay Minette, Alabama		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Satellite</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>19/1618Z</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 30 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SSW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observer saw satellite, oval objt appearing as a reflection moving NNE to SSW. Flight path covered a 20° arc in 30 sec and objt disappeared behind clouds.				11. COMMENTS Witness thought objt was satellite. Request for satellite tracking data unanswered. In absence of conflicting info case put in satellite category.	

HEADQUARTERS
2850th AIR BASE WING (AMC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BROOKLEY AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: MOBB

SUBJECT: (UFO) Unidentified Flying Object

1 June 1961

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Report of an unidentified flying object is submitted below in accordance with/and in the same order as required by paragraph 15, AFR 200-2:

- a. (1) Oval but tapered at the edges.
- (2) Grapefruit held in hand at arms length.
- (3) Sun reflecting from aluminum.
- (4) One.
- (5) NA.
- (6) None.
- (7) None.
- (8) None.
- (9) None
- b. (1) Sighted while checking the mast of a ship.
- (2) 2 O'Clock position in the sky.
- (3) Moved to a position of 10 O'Clock.
- (4) Direct path, no maneuvers.
- (5) KNE to SSW.
- (6) Thirty (30) seconds.
- c. (1) Ground visual
- (2) None.
- (3) N A.

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d. (1) 1618Z.

(2) Day.

e. Seven miles west of Bay Minette, Alabama.

f. (1) Civilian, [REDACTED], Mobile, Alabama. Reliable.

g. (1) Unknown.

(2) Unknown.

(3) Unknown.

(4) Clear.

(5) Unknown.

(6) Unknown.

(7) Unknown.

h. None.

i. None.

j. Unknown.

k. 2nd Lt William E Stearley, acting as Officer of the Day for Brookley AFB, Ala, on 19 May 1961, received a report at 2000Z of unidentified Flying Object from Mr [REDACTED], Mobile, Ala. Lt Stearley interviewed Mr [REDACTED] and believes him to be a qualified and reliable witness. Mr [REDACTED] had previously seen "A shooting star", "a dirigible" and "a Discover Satellite". Mr Matthews compared the object to the Discover Satellite and said it had the exact same appearance. Lt Stearley, making a follow-up investigation, learned that an Air Policeman at Mexico Beach near Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Fla reported the object. Oak Grove scrambled AF102 at 1605Z and an W15 at 1627 Z. Both Reports were negative.

FOR THE COMMANDER

W E STEARLEY

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