PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Sep 63	2. LOCATION Vernon, Texas	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2203 CST GMT 23/0403Z	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 reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE vertical

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Witness observed either a rocket or meteor fall from the sky. Appeared South of a vertical line from observer to Jupiter. Brilliant white light 5 or 6 times larger than Jupiter. Object burst just above horizon into shower of red embers and went out.

11. COMMENTS

Check with SPADATS revealed that there was no decays for this period. Case evaluated as a meteor sighting.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

[redacted]

Hollis. N Mexico
Sept 25 1962

National Space Agency:
Washington D.C.

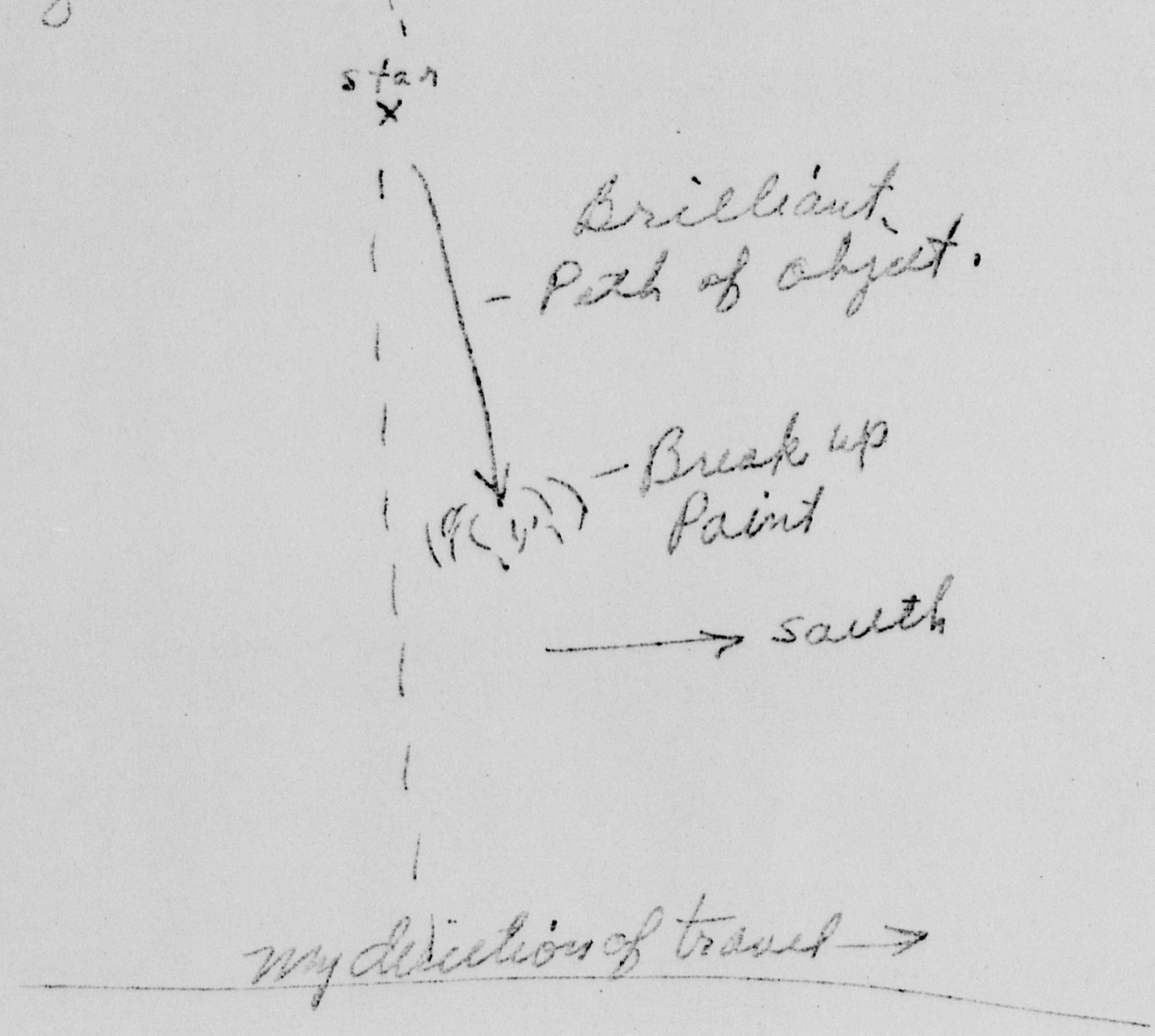
Dear Sir:

On the night of Sept 22, Sunday at 10:03 PM C.S.T. I was driving South from Vernon Texas on highway 183 and I was approx just east of Lake Kemp and I saw either a rocket or meteor fall in the east sky. It appeared to be South of a vertical line from the bright star in the eastern sky which I assume is mars.

This falling object was a brilliant white light which was 5 or 6 times larger than the above mentioned star. Its path was seen from just below the star to about 1/3 to 1/2 the distance to the

horizon at which point the object (burst) broke up into a shower of red embers which quickly went out without seeming to fall any further.

Possibly the path could have been South ~~West~~ East of a vertical line from the star to earth



This as I recall probably is a better picture of what I saw. I viewed the object out of my drivers side window and it could have been in sight overhead before it came into my view

I understand this type information is of value to the government in Pin Painting thus falling object.

Hope I have been of service in this respect.

Sincerely yours.

[redacted]

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

1 Oct 63

FTD

For information upon which
to base a reply.

Helen

Helen Gaiser

Mr. Isaac Ginsberg
Washington 25, D.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information ([redacted])

7 OCT 1963

TO: Hq USAF SAF-OI 3b (Mrs Gaiser)
Wash 25 D C

1. Reference the attached letter from [redacted] requesting information on unidentified flying objects. This letter is forwarded to your office for whatever action you deem necessary.

2. The sighting referred to by Mr [redacted] was in all probability a meteor. The duration of his sighting was not indicated. However, contact with SPADATS revealed that there was no satellite decay for the time specified in his letter. The characteristics of the satellite decay are essentially those of a meteor with the following exceptions:

a. Longer duration, up to as much as 4 minutes.

b. The direction of a reentry is to the NE or SE.

c. Colors associated with the breaking up usually tends towards reds and oranges.

3. We wish to express our gratitude to Mr [redacted] for his report. Observations of this nature are of particular value in attempting to identify and/or locate satellite decays.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Victor Quintanilla Jr. Capt
ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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Ltr fr [redacted]
23 Sep 63

[redacted]

October 9, 1963

Dear Mr. [redacted]

This is in response to your letter of September 23rd in which you reported sighting unusual aerial phenomena on September 22nd in the Lake Kemp district.

What you saw was, in all probability, a meteor. Although satellite decay characteristics are essentially the same as those of a meteor, with three exceptions, there was no satellite decay reported for the time specified in your letter. The exceptions in characteristics mentioned above are (1) the satellite decay is of longer duration, up to as much as 4 minutes, (2) the direction of a reentry is to the northeast or southeast, and (3) colors associated with the breaking up usually tend toward reds and oranges.

We want to express our gratitude for your report to us. Observations of this nature are of particular value in attempting to identify and/or locate satellite decays.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted]
Hobbs, New Mexico