

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 May 64	2. LOCATION Altus, Okla	12. CONCLUSIONS <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 type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <del>UNIDENTIFIED</del> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 21/1030Z	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	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 12 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE NW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Light hovering over missile site. Guard called additional witness and obj observed to be fading in distance. White obj, round, no sound, initial observation to S at 45° elev. Passed over Site at 80° elev. Initial phase of observation light hovered over S for 8-10 mins. Light then drifted upward where it then appeared to have intensity of N Star. Faded in 2-4 mins. Motion against wind. Not observed from additional sites in area.		11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED. Motion against wind. Hovering not consistant with a/c evaluation unless Heli. Light could be attributed to Heli with x landing light or other light a/c similar to those used on photo missions, however rising and disappearance inconsistant with observable characteristics of this type of <del>sighting</del> . Sighting EJECT OBSERVED moving to NE EVALUATED AS EJECT OBJECT CASTING LIGHT REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED.
<i>Eject II in flight and not reported.</i>		

MISSILE SITE 7, ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

UFO Report from SAC. Received at 1135Z at SAC Command Post. At 1030Z Missile Site 6, Altus, Oklahoma reported a large bright light (size of a/c) overhead, below 10,000' directly over silo. Light was bright enough to light silo cap. Reported to people in silo, and crew silo commander sent a maintenance man up, who saw light and verified it being there. By the time he got there it had moved to an extremely high altitude. Moved vertically in NW direction. Weather high thin, scattered.

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Spoke with Lt/Col Hollis. Site has guards all night, no military personnel. No Silo Crew Commander. Was told that it was Missile Site #7. Lt Stevenson, OIC, witness A3C Davis. A1C Somera spoke with these witnesses. Observation 1030Z-1040Z, like large aircraft rising looked like bright star. South of Silo Door, 2X as bright as star. Flight from E to North Gaining altitude from 30 deg - 45 deg.

Missile Site 7, Altus AFB, Oklahoma, Sunrise 0528 am at 35 degrees N beginning of twilight 0341 am. Time of sighting 1030Z = 0430am.

Brightness in sky, size of large a/c under 10,000 ft. Alt was estimated by high thin clouds. No features, light only. Rose straight up at fast rate. Duration 10+. Motion was to Northwest. A1C Somera saw for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  minutes at  $45^{\circ}$  deg elevation. There was no change in size nor any change in color. It faded into the distance disappearing. There were no features other than light. A3C Davis first saw obj (light) had a magnitude of 2X N Star. There was a change in brightness which was associated with motion. He was facing northeast.

Lt Stevenson OIC, Missile SOD ext 451.

*Note. Likely error in reported direction of latter part of sighting*

TIME	DIR	ALT	MOVING
AT 03.12 AM MAY.20	EAST	CL	Y, 01 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 03.47 AM MAY.21	EAST	CL	Y, 04 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 04.37 AM MAY.21	EAST	CL	Y, 51 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 02.20 AM MAY.22	EAST	CL	Y, 00 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE

21 May  
Altus, Oklahoma

Ltr, 577th SMS (1Lt Stanley D. Stephenson), 26 May 64, Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

1st Ind (BC)

Hq 11th Strat Aerospace Wg, Altus AFB, Okla

TO: AFSC (FTD), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 45433

Forwarded in accordance with paragraph 13b, AFR 200-2A.

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577th Strategic Missile Squadron (ICBM-Atlas)  
11th Strategic Aerospace Wing (SAC)  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: 1Lt Stanley D. Stephenson

26 May 1964

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: BC

1. This report, submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2, gives information on the object observed over Altus Auxiliary Site Number 7 on 21 May 64 at approximately 1030Z.

a. Description of object:

(1) Round.

7 // (2) A basketball held at arms length.

(3) White.

(4) One.

(5) N/A.

? // (6) A3C Davis compared the object to a street lamp, six to eight inches in diameter.

and 201? (7) None observed.

(8) None heard.

(9) No other unusual features.

b. Description of course of object:

(1) A3C Davis first noticed an unusual light hovering over the south fence of Site 7. The size of the light first attracted him as it brightened up the sky.

(2) It appeared due south of the silo cap, at an angle of approximately 45 degrees elevation.

(3) Disappeared with A3C Davis and A1C Sumnera having to look up at an angle of 80 degrees to follow the object.

(4) A3C Davis, after first seeing the object, watched it hover over the south fence for 8-10 minutes, then the light drifted upward to where it appeared to be twice the size and intensity of the North Star. Airman Davis then went over to the LCC Entry and phoned the LCC. A1C Sumera was sent topside immediately and observed the object still hovering over the site. The light then wobbled slightly and started to move in a northwest direction very rapidly, finally disappearing.

(5) By fading from sight.

(6) Approximately 12 minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground - visual.

(2) No optical aids used.

(3) N/A.

*Why not?*

d. Time and Date of Sighting.

(1) 21/1030Z

(2) Night.

e. Location of observers - 23 miles south of Altus.

f. Identifying information of observers.

(1) N/A.

(2) Davis, Willie L. A3C - Combat Defense Squadron Security Guard at Site 7.

Sumera, Paavo A1C - 577SMS MFT on Missile Crew R-37.

Both observers can be relied on to accurately report what they observed.

g. Weather and Winds:

(1) Clear night, calm winds.

(2) Surface	Calm
6,000	20° @ 20K
10,000	19° @ 8K
16,000	190° @ 10K
20,000	210° @ 10K
30,000	120° @ 5K
50,000	280° @ 15K

Recordings at 21/1200Z.

(3) No ceiling.

(4) 15 miles.

(5) High thin cloud cover - 9/10 sky cover.

(6) None.

(7) Surface	+63 F
5,000	+13.5 C
10,000	+ 4.5 C
15,000	-5.5 C
20,000	-14.5 C
24,000	-22.5 C

Recordings at 21/0955Z

h. None.

i. Wing Command Post contacted radar sites in the area and site 8 southwest of Altus, but no additional sightings were observed. /??

j. None.

k. Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander, Crew R-37, 577th SMS, Altus AFB, Oklahoma. I am only reporting the events that took place as described by the observers. At 1040Z, 21 May 64, A3C Davis called me in the Launch Control Center and reported sighting the object. Being unable to leave the LCC, I immediately sent A1C Sumera topside to check this out. At 1046, A1C Sumera returned to the LCC and reported his findings.

2. This concludes the report.

*Stanley D. Stephenson*  
STANLEY D. STEPHENSON, 1Lt, USAF  
DMCCC Crew R-37

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201

18 November 1964

Major Hector Quintanilla  
Foreign Technology Division  
Box 9494  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Major:

I am enclosing the equatorial crossing sheet, for Echo I and Echo II for the year 1964, to the present. I shall send you copies of the new sheets as they come along, as I have a good reason now to believe they will.

With reference to the Altus, Oklahoma sighting, 21 May 1964, that definitely has proved to be Echo II, as reference to the enclosed sheets will show. I believe the identification is positive.

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The case of the Northwestern student from Elmhurst, Illinois is in abeyance. The student is no longer here but is now resident in the Virgin Islands. Since his sighting was very likely an aircraft, I don't think we need to pursue that one any further. The sighting, in any case, contained very little information, and it does not seem profitable to try to get more out of this chap at the present time. Since we have gone this far, however, if you feel it worthwhile, my gang and I here can send a letter off to him to see what it might bring forth. But I don't think it's much worthwhile.

What are your plans on coming to visit us? I would suggest the week of December 7 as the one following I am scheduled to be in Austin, Texas for a few days, and during the first week in December, I shall be in New Mexico.

With respect to the Altus case, would it not be a good idea to drop a note to Mr. Davis and Somera to let them know that they had seen Echo II? Good inter-Air Force relations.

Sincerely yours,

*Allen*

J. Allen Hynek

JAH:krf