

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
30 August 65 31/0320Z	Lake Melissa, Minnesota
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION
Civilian	Satellite (ECHO II)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
One	<p>Starlike object about as bright as VENUS observed near the North Star moving in a Northerly direction. Slow movement. Passed through 5 deg of arc in 5 minutes.</p> <p>North Star at 90 deg elevation. Sighting resembles Satellite observation ECHO II over the area at 0912PM at 67 deg elevation moving NE.</p>
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	
5 Minutes	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	
Northerly	
8. PHOTOS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

30 Aug 65

December 17, 1965

Mrs Hunt/SAFOICC/72842/16 Dec 65

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your report of an aerial object which you were unable to identify on the night of August 30, 1965.

A check of the satellite schedules indicate that the object you observed was probably ECHO II which was passing over the area at 9:12 PM at 67 degrees elevation moving northeast on that date.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED] Marin

[REDACTED]
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, 56501

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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 30 Aug 65

OCT 22 1965

TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)
Wash D C 20330

Mr [REDACTED] of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, reported a UFO observation on the night of August 30 at about 9:20 pm CST. The object resembled a star comparable in magnitude to the planet Venus.

Mr [REDACTED] stated that the object moved through about 5 degrees of arc in five minutes. The initial sighting was adjacent to the North Star and the object disappeared behind tall trees. The planet Venus has a stellar magnitude of -3.4 and Polaris was at about 47 degrees elevation at the time of the sighting. A speed of 1 degree of arc per minute is probably underestimated since the position of the object at initial observation and disappearance indicates that the object passed through more than 5 degrees of arc. The satellite Echo II has a maximum reported stellar magnitude of -2.0. This satellite was over the area at 9:12 pm at 67 degrees elevation moving Northeast. Since the sighting is characteristic in description of a satellite, and Echo II was over the area, we believe that this was the object which Mr [REDACTED] observed.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. de Jonckheere

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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Ltr [REDACTED]



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REPLY TO
ATTN OF TDDC

8 September 1965

SUBJECT Report of UFO Sightings

TO Foreign Technology Division
Air Force Systems Command
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

The enclosed letter from Mr. [REDACTED] is forwarded as
a matter of possible interest to your division.

Tom G. Labb
HOMER G. GOEBEL

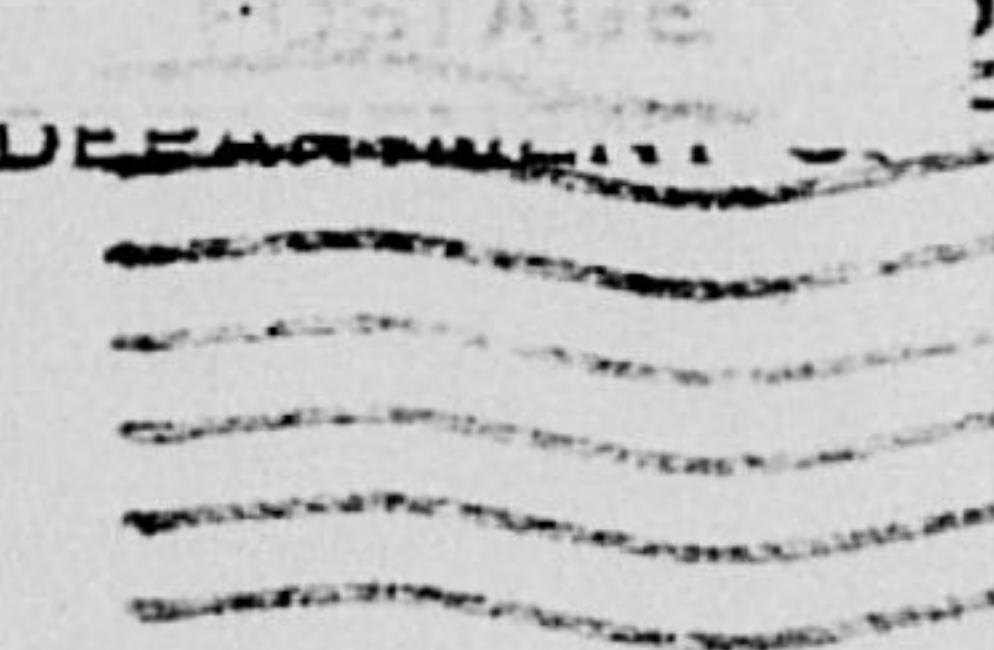
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WEST MELISSA DRIVE
DETROIT LAKES, MINNESOTA
56501

October 1, 1965

Hector Air Force Base,
Fargo, North Dakota

From: [REDACTED] Subject: UFO Sighting
Location: North shore, Lake Melissa

On the night of August 30 about
10:20 P.M. (9:20 C.S.T.) I was looking north-
ward and had just located the North Star
from the Dipper and noticed a bright object
adjacent to the North Star and moving slowly
northward. Its brightness was equal to
that of Venus when full and, at best speed,
I estimate that it subtended an arc of about
5° in as many minutes before disappearing
behind tall trees among which I stood. I
judge that it was not a meteorite because
of its slow speed and it did not leave a
luminous trail. My wife had time to come
out of our house and observe it also.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]