PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>4 October 65 05/0130Z | 2. LOCATION<br>Rolla, Missouri |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Civilian | 10. CONCLUSION<br>SATELLITE |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>One | Object consistant with Satellite observation. |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>Not reported | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>White light crossing NE. Steady without blinking. Pegasus I at 1942 was traveling to the SE. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground-Visual | |
| 7. COURSE<br>NE | |
| 8. PHOTOS<br>☐ Yes<br>☒ No | |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br>☐ Yes<br>☒ No | |

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UFO Sighting, Rolla, Missouri

Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)

Reference the attached letter from Mr[redacted] requesting information on her unidentified observations. The following is a suggested reply:

Dear Mr[redacted]

We have checked the satellite schedule on the Echo and Pegasus satellites for the night of 4 October 1965 and find that only Pegasus I was in the area. However, this satellite was moving Southeast and not Northeast. There are more than thirty satellites of third magnitude or brighter orbiting the Earth at this time. It is quite likely that one of these other satellites or space debris was observed.

As to the sighting of September 15 or 16, it is probable that the object moving Northeast was also a satellite. However, the red object moving to the Northwest cannot be associated with that satellite. It is possible that this red object was a high-flying aircraft. Without specific date and time, no check can be made of these objects.

All known satellites have orbital flights with an easterly component whether Northeast or Southeast and have visual characteristics similar to "a moving star." We are attaching a list of some of the visible satellites and a brochure which explains the Air Force project on unidentified flying objects.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

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List of Visible Satellites

ORIGINATOR H Quintanilla Jr DATED 17 Dec 65
TDEW/UFO Maj H Quintanilla, Jr

TDEW N H Perkins DATED 17 Dec 65

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[redacted]
Rolla Missouri 65401
October 7, 1965

United States Department of the Air Force
Pentagon
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Recently, two unidentified flying objects have come to my attention particularly because this area of the country is near where the rash of UFO's were recently reported in newspapers across the country.

The first sighting was on the night of September 16(or possibly the 15, but one of those two days) at 7:00 or 8:00 in the evening(again, somewhere within those limits). Standing in our side yard, looking up I saw what at first I thought was a star. Then I noticed it was moving toward the northeast. I watched it a short time, before calling my husband to observe with me. As we watched, it continued about 35 toward the horizon where I observed a red narrow object near it on a course whose apex collided with the white object. The red object had an aura of red about it, which followed with it as it coursed toward the northwest horizon where it finally was submerged in the haze of the sky. Several times the red object reappeared in the haze before it finally disappeared altogether. The white object also disappeared at the northeast horizon.

The second incident was last Monday, October 4, 1965. That evening at 7:30, my husband and I again saw the white object coursing northeast. In both occurences, the objects traveled in a straight line(part of a great circle around the earth).

To sum up some obvious conclusions and state some conjectures;

1. The objects were too high to be planes, their lights also were steady without blinking.
2. The red object was traveling away from the white object and thus looked as if it came from it.
3. Could this red object be a reentering capsule of information from one of our satilites? That there were two sightings of the same course seems to clearly justify that it is a satilite. This was my husband's conjecture.

We would be very interested to know if there is an official record of the satilite and the "reentering capsule". Or is there another more plausible explanation? Thank you.

Sincerely,

[redacted]