PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 Apr 68 17/0216Z	2. LOCATION Gastonia, North Carolina (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Satellite (ECHO I) At 2107(L), Echo 1 was at 83 deg long., 35 deg lat., traveling in a NE direction.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer sighted a blue light that was as bright as the brightest star. The light silently traveled toward the NE.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

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1 April 16, 1968
2 9:16 P.M.
3 Standard time
4 [redacted] Gastonia, N.C.
5. 7 min., certain of time, determined by watch, object in sight continualy, but lined and brightined.
6. Visibality unlimited.
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8. There were many stars.
9. Clear sky, dry weather
10. Appeared as a light.
11. Bright as the brightest star.
12. The edges were slightly fuzzy.
13. a stood still severaly times.
b. didn't speed up and rushed away
c didn't break up
d didn't give off smoke
e changed brightness several times
f didn't change shape
g didn't flash or flicker
h Disappeared but didn't reappear

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14. The object disappeared. It faded out
15. Didn't move behind any object.
16. Didn't move in front of anything
17. It had no sound. The color was blue-white.
18. All of the object would have been covered by a match head at arm length.
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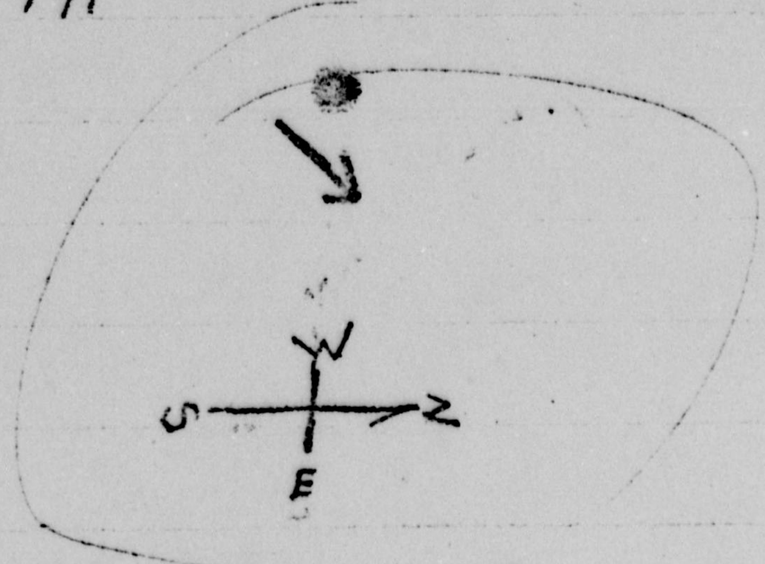

20. Estimated speed: Mach 1
21. Couldn't estimate height.
22. I was outdoors when I saw it
23. In residential section.
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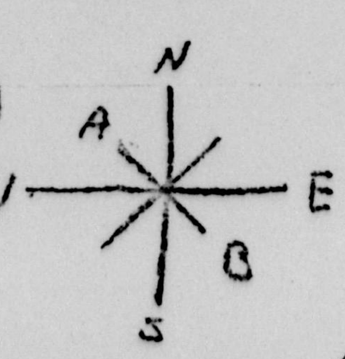
25. Saw the object through eyeglasses.
26. It looked like a star
27. About 35° when first seen.
About 30° when last seen.
(A) when seen going
(B) when seen leaving



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A ——— B

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30. Seen objects like this befor. But I don't remember the dates. The location is same.

31. No one else was with me. Except when a friend called and she didn't have time to watch, And she told him to call back.

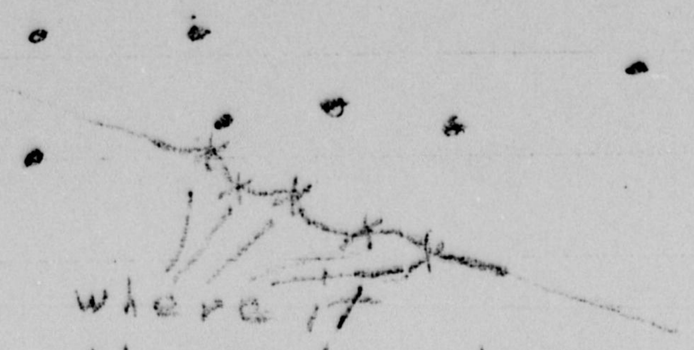
32. [redacted]
[redacted] ve, Gastonia, N.C.
[redacted], 15 years old, male

33. Didn't report to anyone except you.

34. Completed questionnaire: April 16, 1968

35. When I first saw it I got my camera and took 3 pictures; one at my door step, one about 10 ft from the door and the other at the side of the house where it was darkest. I looked for running lights, thinking I was a plane but their was none. I could tell is was a single body. Sometimes during the day I can see jets going over at high altitudes and the speed was guessed by the jets. At certain times it dimmed to half or ⅓ its brightness. At one point it dimmed moved a little dimmed again. It did

this about 5 times when it got passed last star in the cup of the Big Dipper that it passed.



When it started to disappear it zig-zagged several times.

The pictures I mentioned earlier will be sent as soon as I get them back.

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Gastonia, N.C. 28052