

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. OBSERVER GROUP 2 July 68	2. LOCATION Auburn, Washington (7 1000-1000)
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION Probable: (SATELLITE)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	Space Defense Center determined that the sighting was probably of Cosmos 103 Rocket Body.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Approx 10 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Visual (Telescope)	
7. SOURCE	
8. PHOTOS	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	

FORM 10073-1 (TDE) previous editions of this form may be used.



CC - Maj Ackerman  
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Proposed Statement for Release at McChord AFB, Washington \*

The following UFO sightings were submitted to the Air Force for evaluation from Auburn, Washington:

28 June - 0000 hours, local	1 July - 0050 hours, local
0140 " "	0240 " "
29 June - 0020 hours, local	2330 " "
0200 " "	2 July - 0110 hours, local
30 June - 0040 hours, local	2340 " "
0220 " "	
2315 " "	

Because the sightings were of a moving star-like, point-source of light, the information was given to the Space Detection Center (SDC) to determine if a satellite could be the stimulus.

SDC ran a computer program using the above dates and times and determined that COSMOS 103 rocket body would be visible from Auburn at the above specific times. Therefore, it seems ~~beyond reasonable~~ *probable* ~~doubt~~ that this rocket body is the stimulus of the sightings.

Project Blue Book will classify these sightings in the satellite category.

\*\* If queried about the nature of Cosmos 103, the following statement is authorized:

Cosmos refers to a series of Soviet space research satellite launches. Cosmos 103 was launched on Dec 28, 1965, with an unannounced payload.

\* Approved by OASD/PA as amended on 26 July 1968. Informed Lt Parker, Information Officer, McChord AFB, same day that he was authorized to release the above. Informed Project Blue Book (Lt Morano) on 29 July of action taken.

SHEA



28 Jun 68 - 2 Jul 68

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

29 July 1968

Subj; UFO Rpts Auburn, Washington

Captain Shea, SAFOIP, called Lt Marano at approximately 0830 hours, 29 Jul 68 regarding the news release given to the local base. Capt Shea said he had coordinated with the press desk there and they coordinated with NASA. The only thing that had been changed in the proposed release was the following sentence: "Therefore, it seems probable that this rocket body is the stimulus for the sightings."

Lt Marano was informed that the release had been given to McChord AFB on Friday afternoon, 26 July 1968 for release.



# BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON UFO SIGHTINGS FROM AUBURN, WASHINGTON

The following UFO sightings were submitted to the Air Force by an observer in Auburn, Washington.

28 June 1968	0000 hrs local
	0140 hrs "
29 June 1968	0020 hrs local
	0200 hrs "
30 June 1968	0040 hrs local
	0220 hrs "
	2315 hrs "
1 July 1968	0050 hrs local
	0240 hrs "
	2330 hrs "
2 July 1968	0110 hrs "
	2340 hrs "

Because the sightings were of a moving star-like point-source of light, the information was given to the Space Defense Center (SDC) to determine if a satellite could be the stimulus. SDC ran a computer program using the above dates and times and determined that Cosmos 103 Rocket Body would have been visible from Auburn at the above specified times. Therefore, it seems <sup>Probable</sup> ~~beyond reasonable~~ doubt that this rocket body is the stimulus for the sightings.



MEMO FOR THE RECORD

24 July 1968

Subj: UFO Observations, Auburn Washington

Mr. [REDACTED], TDPSX, double checked and called the Aerial Phenomena Office to say that SDC again identified the sightings as being observations of the Cosmos 103 Rocket Body.



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FM 62MAW MCCHORD AFB WASH

TO TDPT/UFO/WPAFB

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FOR TDETR AFRDC SAF-OI SUBJ: UFO

A1. ROUND POSSIBLE FLAT TOP AT TIMES

2. ABOUT AS BIG AS LARGE STAR

3. SILVER 4. ONE 5. N/A 6. NONE 7. NONE 8. NONE

9. TO BRIGHT TO ESTABLISH

B1. MOVEMENT ABOVE SCREEN AT DRIVE-IN MOVIE

2. 30DEG 3. 130DEG 4. ERATIC IN POSITION AND SPEED

5A. LIJE A LIGHT TURNING OFF 5B. LIKE GOING BEHIND A CURTAIN

WITH A TELESCOPE 6. 10 MIN

C1. GROUND VISUAL

2. TELESCOPE JAPAN MAKE 40 X 60

3. N/A

D1. 28 JUN 0700- 24 PDT 2. NIGHT

E. 47DEG 18' 122DEG 13' 303D SE AUBURN WASH

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F1. ~~REDACTED~~ BORN WASH STEELWORKER (ON STRIKE)

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HIGHSCHOOL AVERAGE

G1. CLEAR CALM FROM JUN 30-JULY 9 JULY 10 PARTLY CLOUDY

2. 30 JUN	6 JUL	10 JUL
6,000 150/05	350/05	190/15
10,000 150/05	210/05	240/25
16,000 100/20	240/10	230/30
20,000 270/20	240/10	230/35
30,000 330/30	280/10	230/50
50,000 300/10	220/25	220/20
80,000	NOT AVAILABLE	

3. NONE 4. 15 PLUS 5. VARIED THROUGH TIME PERIOD 0 TO 4 TENTHS

6. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. MAJ KEN DECORDOVA UFO PROJECT OFFICE. I INTERVIEWED MR. ~~REDACTED~~

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AND HAVE THAT INTERVIEW ON TAPE. HE PROVIDED ME WITH A LIST OF HIS SIGNTING. DATE TIME COURSE AND AZIMUTH. HE HAS BEEN SEEING THIS OBJECT SINCE 30 JUN. I CALLED THE SPACE DEFENSE CENTER AT NORAD PROVIDING THEM WITH THE ABOVE INFORMATION. THEY RAN A

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PROGRAM ON IT AND RELAYED THE INFORMATION THAT IT WAS BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT SPACE OBJECT 1869 THE ROCKET BODY OF USSR COSMO 103 LAUNCHED 28 DEC 65. WITH THIS I CLOSED MY FILE. NOW A RADIO STATION IN SEATTLE HAS PICKED UP THE STORY AND IS PUTTING THE AIR FORCE IN A BAD LIGHT. ON 17 JUL 600 TO 1500 PEOPLE WERE OUT IN AUBURN AND SAW THE LIGHT IN THE SKY. DATE AND TIMES OF THE SIGHTINGS 28 JUN 0700Z 0840Z 29 JUN 0720Z 0900Z 30 JUN 0740

0920Z 1 JUL 0615Z 0750 Z 0940Z 2 JUL 0630Z 0810Z 3 JUL 0640Z

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*written as 1920 Z but since that is equiv. to 1220 hrs local it is impossible. 0920 consistent with previous sightings*  
*edm*

*Revised TDP T(UFO)*

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