

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 November 1957		2. LOCATION Newr Miamisburg, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Prob Sputnik</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1811 EST</u> GMT <u>27/2311Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NW to SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Very faint object observed traveling from the NNW to the SSE at almost precisely the time the Soviet Satellite was due over the area. The direction of the object also coincided very closely with the satellite track.				11. COMMENTS On the basis of the data given - which closely coincides with the transit of Sputnik I over that area - there is no compelling reason to conclude other than that the object was probably Sputnik I.	

Witness

27/23117

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ATIC Capt Gregory

[Redacted]
EWIPS

[Redacted] Letter of Information

10 DEC 1957
Mr. *[Redacted]* / jag
62300/B10/R118A

1. Reference telecon this date, relating to information received from subject, which is forwarded as a matter pertinent to your office.

2. Additionally attached is a copy of our correspondence to subject indicating receipt of his letter dated 26 November 1957. No other action or contacts with other persons have been instituted by this office.

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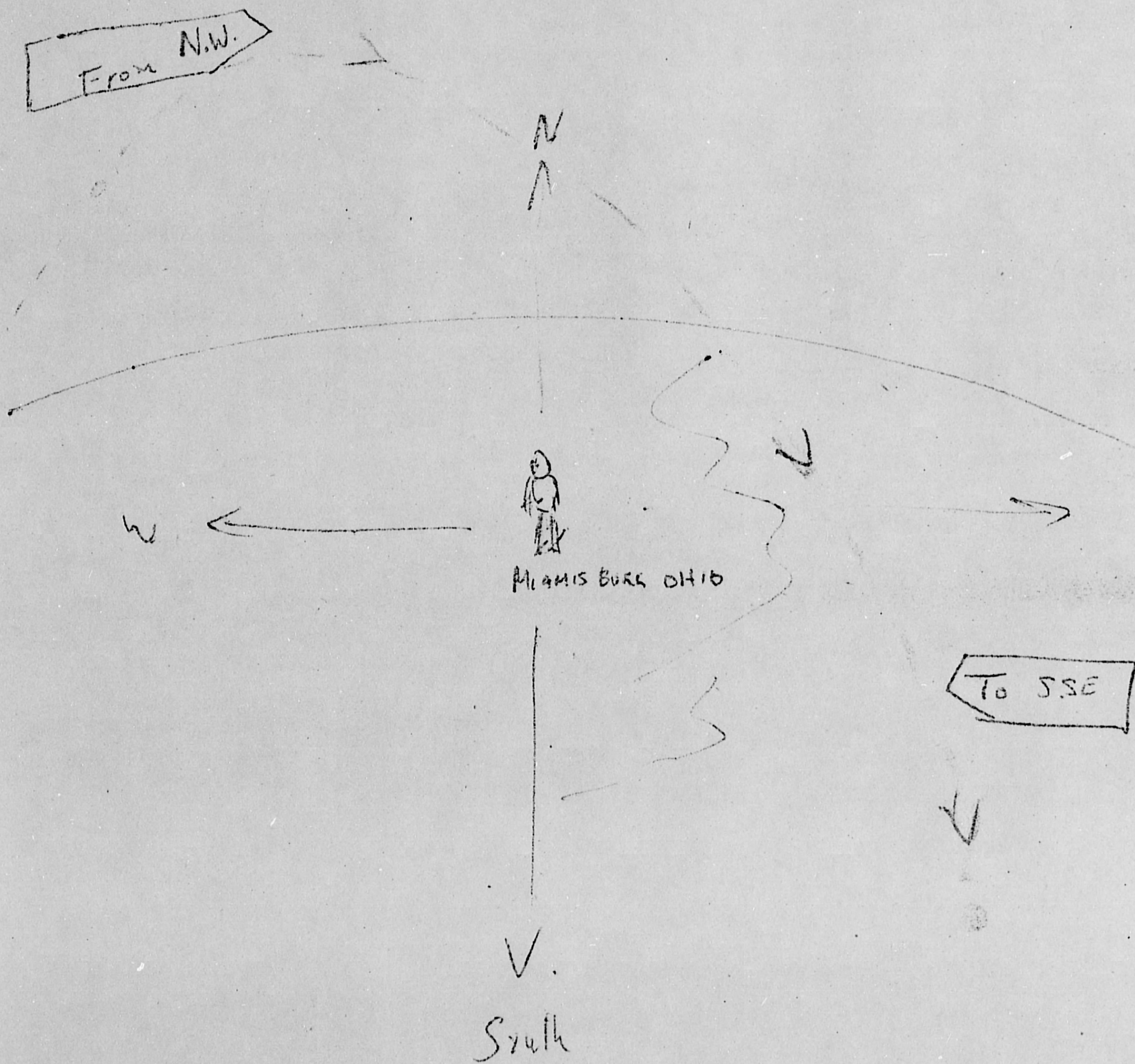
1. ltr a/s abv, 4 handwritten small pages w/postmarked env /
Miamisburg, O 27 Nov 57.
2. cc EWIPS ltr to Mr. *[Redacted]*
9 Dec 57 - Interim Reply

HARRY GRIFFIN
Major, USAF
Base Provost Marshal

*Letter of acknowledgment prepared
on 23 Dec 1957*

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Observer states object from NNW (10 o'clock - 90°)
to SSE (4 o'clock 20 - low on horizon) at
1810. These figures closely approximate
SPUTNIK'S TRANSIT in this area at 1811 EST.
Therefore, probably Sputnik I.



UFO SIGHTINGS FOUND TO BE SOVIET ^{OR U.S.} SATELLITES

(AS PLOTTED FROM OFFICIAL ORBITAL TRACKS)

Allowing for slight errors in time estimates
as reported by laymen

1. 8 Oct 1957 ✓ Elmendorf, Alaska
2. 25 NOV 1957 Globe, Arizona
3. 27 NOV 1957 Mansfield, Ohio
4. 25 Nov. 1957 (Sputnik II photos) San Diego, California
(Purportedly by T.M. HEMPHILL)
5. 11 July 1958 ✓ Sputnik II - ETAIN AFB BASE - FRANCE
6. 12 July 1958 ✓ " - WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN ✓
7. 12 JULY 1958 ✓ " - GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

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There for night
of 27 Nov

Rocket Seen, Astronomy Unit Says

The rocket of Sputnik I was seen by a number of Miami Valley skywatchers last night, according to F. E. Sutter, president of the Miami Valley Astronomical society.

Sutter said "the rocket passed low in the western sky about 20 degrees off the horizon. It went above Venus and below the moon."

It passed in a northwest to southwest direction at 6:22 p.m. said Kenneth E. Kissell, chairman of the society's satellite program.

Kissell also said, "It was visible for a minute and may have been longer. We first sighted it at 6:22.05 and were still watching it at 6:23.06." From data gathered from sightings during the past two evenings, Kissell predicted the rocket would be visible tonight about 6:27. It is expected to be about 10 degrees off the western horizon.

The Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory said that tonight may be the final chance for United States observers to see the rocket. The observatory has predicted that the rocket may fall in the atmosphere about the second week in December.

Sutter and Kissell both said that the location of Sputnik I is unknown, although Sutter said he believed the rocket was now ahead of the satellite. The radio in Sputnik I has been dead for some time.