

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 December 1957		2. LOCATION Griffiss AFB, New York		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1954 EST GMT 06/0054Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		13. Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military		14. Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object appeared to have length. Did not twinkle, but its brilliance fluctuated slightly. The color was off-white or yellowish, appeared to move very fast. No sound. The object appeared to be very distant and did not compare at all with a/c sightings in the area at the time.		11. COMMENTS Sputnik ruled out. Although observer indicated object did not resemble a/c the flight path, speed, duration of sighting and description indicate this probability.			

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ROME AIR FORCE DEPOT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE, NEW YORK

TO SPEED DELIVERY of your reply,
ADDRESS COMMUNICATION to
attention of MRISS

DEC 11 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Attn: Director of Intelligence
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Attached correspondence is forwarded to your office in compliance with latest directives. No material was forwarded to ATIC.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFCIN 4E4,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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POSS BALLOON

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIABLE FLYING OBJECT

This report is submitted in the belief that I observed a satellite or "Sputnik" sighting which was in an orbit contrary or opposite to the two "Sputniks" now circling the earth.

On 5 December 1957, I was driving North on the New York Thruway and was one mile south of the Saugatauries exit. The object was observed to appear to the left, or east, of the bottom star in the Big Dipper. That is, the constellation was projected parallel to the horizon and the two stars on the right side of the dipper were pointing upward to the North Star. It was to the left of the bottom star in the dipper that the object appeared at 1954 EST.

The object moved from this position to my left (west thru the dipper) at a constant elevation of about 20 degrees. The object passed a rather bright star or planet in the west (not Venus, Venus was lower on the horizon) and continued movement south of west until it disappeared in the dimmer of two bright stars south of west. *5 Minutes*

Time of initial sighting was approximately 1954 EST, the object passed the bright westerly star or planet at 1956 EST (an azimuth arc of approximately 80 degrees) and disappeared at 1959 EST after traveling another azimuth arc of approximately 15 degrees. The elevation arc was relatively constant at about 20 degrees. My watch was "hacked" 30 seconds fast.

The object was not a point source of light but appeared to have length. It did not twinkle but its brilliance fluctuated slightly. It was at its brightest in the center part of its travel. The color was off-white or yellowish.

The object appeared to move very fast, and no sound (of jet exhaust) was heard. The speed of movement from north to west was much faster than the speed of movement from a point west to 10 degrees or 15 degrees south of west. This indicated direction from NE to SW. The object appeared to be very distant and did not compare at all with other aircraft sightings in the area at the time.



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Pos. balloon w/ night light, but
att. was the sound
what was the sound
dit at the time

By 1956

Associate Director of the

Care referred to Smithsonian
Astronomical Observatory, which as you know
has cognizance over optical tracking of
celestial bodies. 98 was passed
out that by 1950 EST. The period of
astronomical twilight had long ended.
Therefore a sun illuminated satellite of the
Sputnik variety ~~appears~~ would not have
been visible even if passing over said area at
that time. Further, to the path of any
of travel is contrary to the path of any
satellite launched to take advantage of
the earth's rotation. The standard practice