

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Sep 60		2. LOCATION San Antonio, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1910 GMT 19/0110Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one			
		9. COURSE SW-NE			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round and seemed to wink like a star. Yellowish-white in color, appeared to be 5 times the size of Venus. Appeared to be larger than Sputnik I, but traveled across the sky at the same speed.				11. COMMENTS There were no satellites over the area at the time. Witnesses probably saw a high flying a/c flying along one of the several air lanes leading from San Antonio, and the a/c being to the W, and at a much higher altitude, would be in sunlight where it would appear odd to the observers who were in darkness.	

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BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT WAS SIGHTED LAST NIGHT OVER THE
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, SANTA ANA, CALIF., AND SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.
THE FIRST REPORTED SIGHTING WAS MADE BY MOONWATCHERS AT TRINITY
UNIVERSITY IN SAN ANTONIO. [REDACTED] HEAD OF THE TEAM,
SAID THERE WERE NO U.S. SATELLITES DUE OVER THE AREA WHEN THE OBJECT
WAS SEEN. THE TEAM DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS A METEOR.

AT LEAST A DOZEN PERSONS REPORTED SEEING AN OBJECT IN THE SKY
OVER CALIFORNIA AROUND 8:30 P.M.

[REDACTED] AN ENGINEER, DESCRIBED IT AS "AN ENORMOUS
GLOWING THING ARCHING ACROSS THE SKY FROM HORIZON TO HORIZON."

U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON SAID THEIR EARLY EARLY EARNING
RADAR NETWORK HAD NO REPORTS OF AN OBJECT IN THE SKY.

THE REPORT FROM SAN ANTONIO SAID THE OBJECT APPEARED IN THE
NORTH SKY AND WAS MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST. NO ESTIMATE OF
SPEED WAS GIVEN.

[REDACTED] A REPORTER ON THE SANTA ANA REGISTER, SAID IT APPEARED
TO MAINTAIN A CONSTANT VELOCITY AND WAS VISIBLE FOR ABOUT FIVE
MINUTES.

"IT WAS ROUND AND SEEMED TO WINK LIKE A STAR," HE SAID.

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MEMORANDUM:

Called Mr [REDACTED] San Antonio Moonwatch team head, who also works in the TV control room of a local TV station. He did not see the object in question, and referred me to Mr [REDACTED] the only witness. Mr [REDACTED] stated, upon being contacted, that he has been on the moonwatch team since the first Sputnik went up. He is a physicist in the Trinity University. He stated that he was in his house and one of his children was outside. The child ran in and cried that there was a satellite going over. Mrs [REDACTED] looked at the clock and it showed 1910 hours. Mr [REDACTED] went outside and he looked at about 280 deg at elev of 35 deg and saw an object yellowish-white in color that appeared to be 5 times the size of Venus with naked eye. He said that it appeared to be larger than Sputnik I, but traveled across the sky at the same speed. X There was trees to the NW of the observer and the object went behind the trees. The object could still be seen through the branches, and when it was about 5 deg above horizon it seemed to curve to the right. The object disappeared at about 350 degrees just above horizon. It was viewed for 3 minutes. Mr [REDACTED] said that he discussed this sighting with other moonwatch officials and they said the curve he saw was natural for a satellite. He said this curve was the only reason he thought it was something out of the ordinary.

This sighting occurred the 18 September 1960.

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AZ 280 ALT 35°

DISC 5 TIMES SIZE OF VORUS w/NAKED eye

True Col^r

INCLINATION 7°

yellowish-white

about 5° seemed to curve to right

color of putnick I
larger than, but same speed as put I carrier

3 MIN TO H.

350°-35°0' DISAPP

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TRINITY UNIV (PE 5-5251) (ext 60)

[REDACTED]

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7-50 BINOCs [REDACTED]
- 5 MAG, yellow-wh
same ANG. Vel as other SPUTNIK
elev 35° ~~at~~ at 770°

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[TV CONTROL DEPT.]

Analysis and Conclusions: There were no satellites over the area at the time.

The witnesses probably saw a high flying acft flying along one of the several air lanes leading from San Antonio, and the acft being to the West, and at a much higher altitude, would be in sunlight where it would appear odd to the observers who were in darkness.