PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
26 Jan 64

2. LOCATION
Gainsville, Fla

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 21/0435Z
GMT

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
10 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
SW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Yellow-orange light in flight to SW. Sky overcast and only objects visible were moon and UFO. Believed to be too high for a/c.

11. COMMENTS
Possible a/c sighting. Flight characteristics consistant with this analysis.

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

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

U.F.O

January 26, 1964

[redacted]
The University of Florida
Jacksonville, Florida

JAN 28 1964
AFP

N. A. S. A.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On Sunday, January 26, 1964, I observed a yellowish-orange light (about 585 millimicrons in wavelength) cross my meridian and then pass out of sight approximately ten minutes later (this was from 11:25-11:35 p.m.). It traversed a southwesterly path, and it, along with the full moon, were the only objects visible in the overcast sky.

My friends and I decided, since there was only this one yellowish light visible, and that it appeared too high to be a jet aircraft or the like, that it must be some sort of space vehicle, i.e., weather satellite, rocket, or some type of heavenly body.

We would appreciate your assistance in discovering exactly the nature of this object, its purpose, and its orbital path if one exists. The observation I made was from (approximately) latitude 29°N, longitude 77°W, or 70 miles east of Jacksonville, Florida.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Information Bureau
N.A.S.A. (Space Administration)
Washington, D.C.

Air Mail

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HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting (70 miles West of Jacksonville, Florida)

TO: Hq USAF SAFOI-PB (Mrs Gaiser)
Wash 25 D C

1. The following information is provided to assist you in a reply to Mr [redacted], University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. Our records indicate no previous correspondence from Mr [redacted].

2. The object reported had a southwesterly component ruling out all known satellites. The duration of ten minutes is not excessive for an aircraft at high altitude, particularly since he has indicated that it crossed the zenith. There are no high altitude air routes over Gainesville heading southwest. If the object were an aircraft it would not be on a regular schedule. However, this does not rule out aircraft as the most likely cause of his sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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26 Jan 64

February 20, 1964

Dear Mr. Weiss:

This is in response to your letter of January 26, 1964, in which you reported observing an unidentified flying object.

Since this object had a southwesterly component, it could not have been a known satellite. Although there are no high altitude air routes over Gainesville heading southwest, the duration of your sighting (ten minutes) is not excessive for an aircraft at high altitude, particularly since you indicate that it crossed the zenith. If the object was an aircraft, it was not on a regular schedule. However, this does not rule out aircraft as the most likely cause of your sighting.

Inclosed is a brochure concerning the Air Force program on Unidentified Flying Objects which may be of interest to you.

Thank you for reporting this observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

1 Attachment

Mr. [redacted]
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida