

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>15 March, 1964</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Dallas, Texas</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>SATELLITE. ECHO</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2200</u> GMT <u>16/0400Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>5 minutes</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>		9. COURSE <u>Southerly</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Thought something moved in NW sky. Concentrating on writing theme on UFO's. Object moving South Mag 4 6. Looked like star moving in a wobbly motion across the sky. Motion to S. positional data included in relation to Astro background.				11. COMMENTS Magnitude 4 6 not visible to naked eye. Observation likely of Satellite, not ECHO but one of the fainter ones visible such as 1962B Theta. <u>13.7° W 250.79</u> <u>13.7° W 24.43</u> <u>13.7° W 13.6° W</u> <u>11.78</u>	

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 (Dallas, Texas, 15 Mar 64)

20 MAR 1964

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

The following information is provided to assist your office in a reply to Mr. [REDACTED] regarding the object he observed on 15 March 1964.

a. The Pleiades are in the West at about 40 degs elevation and Orion in the Southwest (az 220 deg) at 55 degs elevation. The motion of the object was to the Southeast.

b. Consultation with Dr Robinson (FTD Astronomer) indicates that a moving object of +6 magnitude is not visible to the naked eye. Therefore, it is assumed that the object was brighter.

c. Characteristics of his observation are similar to those sightings previously confirmed as satellites. The arc-distance traveled and the fact that the object passed in five minutes are considered with our analysis.

d. As a satellite passes into the earth's shadow, it is no longer visible, which would account for the sudden disappearance of the object. Irregular motion in flight, if not extreme, can be attributed to atmospheric conditions. We do not carry data on the flight path of these objects, other than Echo I and Echo II. Both of these satellites are usually of the first or second magnitude. Therefore, Mr Carter's sighting is probably one of the smaller satellites visible to the naked eye, such as 1962 B THETA.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. Jonckheere
ERIC T. JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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Ltr, [REDACTED]

echo I

MARCH 16, 1964

1	32.4	221.78	47.4	28.2	-82.83	823	90.00	28.3	-82.88	823	90.00
3	27.1	290.79	45.0	23.2	-60.87	812	72.40	33.3	-104.83	819	107.60
5	21.7	279.79	40.0	19.2	-45.58	842	60.7	37.3	-120.13	820	119.20
7	16.4	308.79	35.0	16.2	-35.94	852	54.0	40.2	-129.78	824	126.00
9	11.0	337.80	30.0	13.6	-28.60	861	49.4	42.8	-137.12	828	130.60
11	5.7	6.80	20.0	8.9	-17.30	881	43.7	47.5	-148.44	840	136.3
13	0.3	35.80	0.	0.	0.	920	39.9	56.2	-165.79	873	140.1
14	55.0	64.81	-20.0	-9.0	17.26	958	43.7	-49.9	147.85	917	136.3
16	49.6	93.81	-30.0	-13.9	28.51	974	49.40	-45.0	136.58	940	130.6
18	44.2	122.81	-35.0	-16.7	35.82	981	54.00	-42.3	129.26	952	126.0
20	38.9	151.82	-40.0	-19.9	45.42	987	60.70	-39.1	119.66	964	119.3
22	33.5	180.82	-45.0	-24.1	60.64	991	72.30	-34.9	104.43	978	107.70
			-47.4	-29.5	82.51	988	90.00	-29.5	82.56	988	90.00

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Dallas 75216 Texas
March 16, 1964

Project Blue Book Information Officer
Hq. R. I. A. I. (SA & OT - PB)

The Pentagon
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

After reading this letter you feel
I have wasted your time please accept my
apologies. I am seventeen years old and
am in the process of writing my senior
thesis on the theory of "playing possum" which
is part of the reason I happened to be observing
this skunk on Sunday Night, March 15, 1964
at 10:00 clock. I went outside to get a
paper for my father and happened to look up
and was thinking deeply about my thesis, when
I thought I saw something moving in the
northwest portion of the sky and then for
a moment I was letting my imagination
run away from me, and then I was certain
it was moving. It moved at a very slow rate
of speed.

any details of the object were not capable
of being made out.

I am an "amateur" astronomer and
am certain this was something I have never
seen before. The object had a possible
+6 magnitude; it seemed to look like a
star moving in a wobbly pattern across the sky.

Elevation and distance was unable
to be determined.

My father and sister felt that the
object was an airplane and I felt the
same at first, but when the object reached
the middle of the horizon, 51°, the light
suddenly went out; My mother told me
that sometimes planes will turn out their
lights, but this object had only a soft
white light and moved to show the plane
in the following pattern:

beginning of
N
Mercedes

S

ORION

— OBSERVATION POINT
Facing West

X = the object's light went out at the base of Orion

(3)
The ~~visibility~~ visibility lasted approximately
5 minutes. The winds were out of the
south at 15 miles per hour.

My mother and sister forgot the incident
with the theory that the object was an
airplane that "closed" its lights. This all
may be true, but if there ~~is~~ is any way possible
that ^{you} can find out what the object was
that flew over, I would appreciate you, and
all news on this. This is just an ordinary
report that you probably receive daily, with
no distinct description as others give, but this
being my first sighting, I'm a bit interested
in finding out what it ~~was~~ was!
Thank you for reading my letter.

Yours very truly,


March 16

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Dallas, Tex 75216

Ltr rec'd 17 March, fwd to FTIS
same date.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dallas 75216 Texas

Department of the Air Force
Office of Public Information
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I am in the midst of writing my high school term theme which concerns the theory of flying saucers. I have read literature by such men as

George Adamski; Edward J. Ruppelt; C. G. Jung and Carol E. Kerenzy and others, concerning flying saucers.

I am not asking for any private files or top-secret information if there is any, but more detailed outside information to make my theme complete.

If you can aid my research in any way possible, it will be appreciated immensely.

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

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Dallas 75216, Texas

AIR MAIL



Department of the Air Force
Office of Public Information
Washington D. C.

March 24, 1964

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your letters of March 9th and March 16th on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Regarding the object you observed on March 15th, the Pleiades are in the west at about 40 degs elevation and Orion in the southwest (az 220 deg) at 55 degs elevation. The motion of the object was to the southeast. Consultation with an Air Force astronomer indicates that a moving object of plus 6 magnitude is not visible to the naked eye. Therefore, it is assumed that the object was brighter. Characteristics of your observation are similar to those sightings previously confirmed as satellites. The arc-distance traveled and the fact that the object passed in five minutes are considered in this analysis.

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Inclosed is the new Air Force Fact Sheet on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects which should be of help to you in writing your theme.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. [REDACTED]

Dallas, Texas 75216