

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 June 64 26/0527Z	2. LOCATION Polson, Montana
3. SOURCE Civilian (Physicist)	10. CONCLUSION 1. ECHO II 2. AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Objects were high and resembled an ECHO Satellite, which observer has seen befor. Objects were close together and appeared appeared to meet (or come very close together) at which point one of them veered away at an apparent higher speed and at an abrupt turn. The other continued fairly constant in direction and much slower then the first with a jerky appearence with an even light.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	COMMENTS: ECHO II was in area heading Northeast at the time of reported observation. Information which was presented did not include the duration or direction of the objects. Most likely that ECHO II was observed in conjunction with an aircraft at high altitude, and the apparent abrupt turn of one object was the aircraft making a change in direction. Evaluated as follows. 1. ECHO II 2. AIRCRAFT
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

30 December 1964

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your letter of 17 December regarding an unidentified object observed in June, 1964.

One of the objects sighted was likely ECHO II. ECHO II was in the area heading northeast at the time of your observation. The information which you presented did not include the duration of the sighting or the direction in which the objects moved. It is most likely that ECHO II was observed in conjunction with an aircraft at high altitude, and the apparent turn of one object was the aircraft making a change in direction.

Since you have additional data, we would appreciate having this information forwarded to us in the attached envelope in order that a more firm evaluation of the sighting can be made.

A copy of your letter is being forwarded to Doctor J. Allen Hynek at Northwestern University. Should you desire to discuss your observation with him, he may be reached at Dearborn Observatory, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

Sincerely,

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

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Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Champaign, Illinois, 61821

SUGGESTED REPLY

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Champaign, Illinois 61821

Dear Mr. ~~██████████~~,

This is in reply to your letter of 17 December 1964 regarding an unidentified object observed in June of 1964.

We wish to inform you that one of the objects was likely ECHO II. ECHO II was in the area heading Northeast at the time of your reported observation. The information which you presented did not include the duration of the sighting or the direction in which the objects moved. It is most likely that ECHO II was observed in conjunction with an aircraft at high altitude, and the apparent abrupt turn of one object was the aircraft making a change in direction.

A copy of your letter is being forwarded to Dr J Allen Hynek at Northwestern University. Should you desire to discuss your observation with him he may be reached at:

Dearborn Observatory
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

If the duration of the satellite-like object was in excess of 7 to 8 minutes and the aircraft type object exceeded 4 to 5 minutes then this would tend to rule out these objects as the cause of your observation.

Since you already have additional data we would appreciate having this information forwarded to us in the attached envelope in order that a more firm evaluation of the sighting can be made.

Sincerely,

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UFO Sighting, 25 Jun 64, North of Polson, Montana

28 Dec 64

Hq USAF SAFOI PB (Mrs Hunt)
Wash D C 20330

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. [REDACTED] reporting an unidentified flying object observed on 25 Jun 64. The attached is a suggested reply to him. Also request that a self-addressed envelope be forwarded with your letter.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

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Suggested Reply

cc: Dr Hynek

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Dec. 17, 1964

Capt. Guin Tanilla,
Project Bluebook
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

Sir,

I realize that the incident I have to offer is some six months old, but perhaps it will be of some interest.

On June 25 of this year a companion and I were camping just north of Polson, Montana. Since he is a lawyer and, at the time, I was employed as a physicist at 115 Research Institute of Chicago, I feel that the agreement of our observations rules out imagination.

At 10:27 PM we were having coffee with four others in the campground, which was on the east shore of

Flathead Lake, when we suddenly were attracted to a motion in the sky. Two objects were seen moving approximately toward us from the lake side. They appeared high up and resembled an Echo satellite which I had seen before. Their

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course was a gradually convergent one, and they were close together. They appeared to meet (or come very close) at which point one of them veered away at an apparent higher speed and at an abrupt turn. The other continued fairly constant in direction and much slower than the first. We were able to follow it for some time. Its jerky appearance (with even light intensity) makes Echo a likely candidate.

A rough diagram follows with Ursa Major added for orientation.

As mentioned before, the first direction followed was a bit south of easterly.

----- ECHO?
 ————— unknown



Actually, this diagram is badly drawn. I shall redraw the paths below.



Both diagrams seem to show the solid and dotted lines as colinear. In actuality this was not the case. In fact, one immediate fact we all recognized was the difficulty in deciding which object veered and which remain constant.

I later interviewed my friend who had not entered into the initial discussions. He wanted to keep his own observations firmly in mind. As I mentioned, his observations were very similar to my own.

I have a sheet of paper with these and other facts as to appearance, color, size with respect to stars, etc. Also on the sheet is the drawing of the event as it appeared to us as well as a divergent view seen by one woman present. If this additional data will help, I shall be glad to pass it on to you.

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Any possible explanation you
may have would be greatly appreci-
ated by me.

Sincerely,

~~Chas. W. [illegible]~~

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