1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
27 February 65 28/0415Z	Ft Benning, Georgia
3. SOURCE Military	**10. CONCLUSION**<br~~Astronomical (METEOR)~~ SATELLITE DECAY Favors decay. JWH
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Sec Obj, 30 Min Trail	**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS** Observer looking South. White light, round in shape began to glow until it reached an intensity slightly greater than the brightest star and slightly larger than the largest star visible at that time. Believed to be 300 miles above the horizon and SW of his position. Object moved upward leaving trail 10 miles wide. Travelled upward (Flight to NE following contour of Earth, likely). Trail remained visible for 30 minutes before dissipating.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Upward NE likely	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	COMMENTS: Four portions of Cosmos 57 breakup reentered during this period. However this object reportedly burned out at a high elevation in the SW. The duration is rather long for a meteor as is the persistance of the trail. Sighting evaluated as a meteor or Satellite Decay, and the unusual feature of trail persistance account for the report. Decay not ruled out.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

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TDEW/Maj H Quintanilla, Jr/69216

UFO Observation, 27 Feb 65, Captain Mosley 1 Apr 65

WRBB
Robins AFB, Georgia

1. We have received a report from AJACI-O, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, 17 Mar 65, regarding an observation by Captain Mosley on the night of 27 February 1965.

2. This observation was either a meteor or a portion of a satellite decay. Four objects were recorded by SPADATS as re-entering on/or about this date. Initial observation was to the Southwest and the object reported as moving upward. This motion can be interpreted as being to the Northeast following the curvature of the earth.

3. Observations of this nature are desired not only by the United States Air Force but also by NASA and the President of the American Meteor Society, Dr Charles Olivier. If theobject is known to be a meteor it should be reported to the American Meteor society. If the observation is consistent with, or has characteristics of, a satellite decay it should be reported to:

Aerial Phenomena Branch (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

4. Reports of satellite decays are not considered as UFO reports but should be reported as possible Moon Dust observations.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

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FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
1 April 1965

Dr Charles P Olivier
American Meteor Society
521 North Wynnewood Avenue
Narberth, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr Olivier,

We have received a report of a meteor or satellite decay at approximately 2315 hours on 27 Feb 65 in the North Carolina, Virginia area. This observation was made by a Captain Mosley. He was facing South when he saw a white light, round in shape, which began to grow until it reached an intensity slightly brighter than the brightest star. Its size was slightly larger than the largest visible star. It was located approximately 300 mils above the horizon and southwest to his position. No sound accompanied this sighting. As the glow reached its brightest, the object began to move upward emitting a trail of white smoke about 10 mils wide. It traveled upward for about thirty seconds, then the light went out. The smoke trail was about 300 mils long. The trail remained visible for about 30 minutes until dissipated by the wind.

This is all the information which we have regarding this particular observation. It is forwarded to you because of the unusual duration and the persistence of the trail. It is possible that this observation is associated with re-entry of space debris since four objects were known to re-enter the atmosphere on 27 - 28 February 1965.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr
Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch

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RJC METEOR

HEADQUARTERS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE
United States Air Force
Robins Air Force Base, Georgia 31094

REPLY TO ATTN OF: WRBB/5075

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal 5 MAR 1965

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. Attached report received from Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Headquarters, Third United States Army, is forwarded for your information.

2. This "Unidentified Flying Object" was sighted on the night of 27 February 1965 and not reported to Robins Air Force Base until 19 March 1965. Due to the lapse of time between the sighting and the reporting of the sighting to this base for investigation, it does not appear feasible to conduct any further inquiry into this incident.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Bernard H. Fowle

BERNARD H. FOWLE
Major, USAF
Chief, Security and Law Enforcement Division

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Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence

AJAGI-O

17 MAR 1965

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: District Commander
OSI District 6
Robins AFB, Ga.

1. The following incident was reported by Captain Howard R. MOSLEY. assigned to the Office of the Director of Instruction, US Army Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Georgia, and is forwarded for your information:

"On 27 February 1965 at approximately 2315 hours Captain Mosley observed an unidentified flying object. He was at co-ordinates GL178776 and facing to the south when he saw a white light, round in shape, which began to glow until it reached an intensity slightly greater than the brightest star. Its size was slightly larger than the largest visible star. It was located approximataly 300 mils above the horizon and southwest to his position. No sound accompanied this sighting. As the glow reached its brightest, the object began to move upward emitting a trail of white smoke about 10 mils wide. It traveled upward for about thirty (30) seconds, then the light went out. The smoke trail was about 300 mils long. The trail remained visible for about 30 minutes until dissipated by the wind. Another officer, name inknown, who was nearby also observed this object."

2. Request information as to whether your office is interested in receiving this type of report in the future.

GEORGE McCUTCHEN
Colonel, GS
DCS, Intelligence

COS 57 BREAKUP

SPADATS OBJ 1110 1965-12N
1118 1965-12T. } 27TH
1123 1965-12AB
1127 1965-12AF } 28TH

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