

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17 Aug 66 18/0154Z	2. LOCATION Syosset, New York 1 witness
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Satellite(Echo I) @ the time of the sighting Echo I was passing over central New York on a ENE heading
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer watched an object of the first or second magnitude passing from NNE to ENE over Syosset, New York. It was a few minutes after sunset and the object traveled across the sky in about 30 minutes. The witness even said that it could have been a satellite.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE ENE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	The description is consistent with that of an satellite observation. Echo I was in the area at the time of the sighting.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM

FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

17 August 66 Syoset, N York

SAF-OICC/Mrs. Cassel/me/71181/28 Oct 66

OCT 28 1966

Dear [REDACTED]:

Reference is made to your recent letter regarding your unidentified flying object observation on August 17, 1966.

ECHO I was passing over central New York on August 17, at 8:54 p.m. ECHO I, the 100-foot aluminum sphere, served as a radio reflector for the first four and one-half months of its life, before solar radiation and meteoroids reduced its reflecting power. However, this satellite is not visible for thirty minutes.

According to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Star Catalog, there are more than 30 satellites with visual magnitudes of 3 or brighter. If you wish to know which specific satellite you observed, I would suggest you contact the Space Tracking and Detection Center at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado 80912. They have the responsibility of tracking all satellites and satellite components.

I hope you will find the above information useful. Thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

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GEORGE P. FREEMAN, JR., Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

for

[REDACTED]
Syoset, New York (L.I.) 11791

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDETR

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 17 August 1966

SEP 27 1966

TO: Hq USAF (SAFOICC)

1. Reference the attached letter from [REDACTED] requesting information on an observation which he made on 17 August 1966. ECHO I was passing over central New York on 17 August at 2054. ECHO I, the 100 feet aluminum sphere, served as a radio reflector for the first four and one-half months of its life, before solar radiation and meteoroids reduced its reflecting power. This satellite is not visible for thirty minutes though.

2. According to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Star Catalog there are 30 plus satellites with visual magnitudes of 3 or brighter. If [REDACTED] desires to know which specific satellite he observed, it is suggested that he contact the Space Tracking and Detection Center at Ent AFB, Colorado. They have the responsibility of tracking all satellites and satellite components.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Warren S. Wheeler
WARREN S. WHEELER, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology & Subsystems

1 Atch
Ltr, [REDACTED]

August 17, 1950

The United States Air Force
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On the evening of August 17, 1950 I observed an object
of the first or second magnitude passing from NW to
NE over Denver, CO. It was a few minutes after
sunset, about half past eight, and the object, which
I am sure to be a satellite, took approximately thirty
minutes to cross the sky.

Would it be possible to send me the name of the satellite
I observed?

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (LAWRENCE) 11791

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SYOSSET, N.Y.

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TDETR /Maj Quintanilla, Jr/70916/hl/23 Sep 66

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FOR THE COMMANDER

W. S. Wheeler
WARREN S. WHEELER, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology & Subsystems

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COORDINATION

ORIGINATOR:

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TDETR MAJ H. QUINTANILLA, JR

DATED 26 Sept 66

Jack P. [REDACTED]
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DATED 26 Sept 66

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August 17, 1966

The United States Air Force
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

On the evening of August 17, 1966, I spotted an object of the first or second magnitude passing from WNW to ENE over Syosset, N.Y. It was a few minutes after sunset, about half past eight, and the object, which I suppose to be a satellite, took approximately thirty minutes to cross the sky.

Would it be possible to send me the name[^] of the satellite I observed?

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(LONG ISLAND) H79