

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 October 66 05/0140Z	2. LOCATION Rochester, New York (3 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Satellite (ECHO II) ✓ <i>JK</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	ECHO II was over (78W 50N) at the time of sighting at about 0133Z on a NNE heading.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer viewed an object moving in a easterly direction at about 2140(L). It appeared as a bright white light, similar to a star or satellite. The observer called to his wife and daughter to come out of the house and view the object, when they got outside the object changed to a northerly direction.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE N	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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UFO Sighting, 4 Oct 66, Rochester, New York

OCT 14 1966

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Reference the attached letter from Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] regarding their unidentified observation of 4 October 1966. It is felt that they observed the ECHO II satellite, which was passing over the Toronto, Canada area at approximately 2134 EDT. ECHO II, with a stellar magnitude of -2, would have been easily visible from Rochester as it passed on its NNE heading. To naked-eye observers, the motion of a bright artificial satellite frequently consists of tiny zig-zags rather than a smooth curve across the sky. This familiar illusion has been ascribed "to the fact that we do not move our eyes continuously, but in little jerks." Fluctuations in light akin to the twinkling of stars can also cause the illusion of zig-zag motion. Indeed, observations show that the fluctuations are closely related to meteorological conditions.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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LOUIS DE GOES, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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4 October 66
Rochester, New York

OCT 21 1966

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your letter of October 8 to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base regarding your unidentified observation of October 4, 1966.

It is felt that you observed the ECHO II satellite, which was passing over the Toronto, Canada area at approximately 2134 EDT. ECHO II, with a stellar magnitude of -2, would have been easily visible from Rochester as it passed on its NNE heading. To naked-eye observers, the motion of a bright artificial satellite frequently consists of tiny zig-zags rather than a smooth curve across the sky. This familiar illusion has been ascribed to the fact that we do not move our eyes continuously, but in little jerks. Fluctuations in light akin to the twinkling of stars can also cause the illusion of zig-zag motion. Observations show that the fluctuations are closely related to meteorological conditions.

Thank you for your letter; I hope you will find the above information helpful.

Sincerely,

GEORGE P. FREEMAN, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Rochester, New York 14625

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