

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 January 58	2. LOCATION N of New Orleans, La.		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1950 GMT 03/0150Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 - 15 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE down	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Perfect sphere w/a glow & the circle itself was white, falling straight down. Believed to be Sputnik I. Rpt instigated thru congressional inquiry.		11. COMMENTS Upon investigation source adjudged unreliable & inconsistent. However the observation possesses the characteristics of a meteor sighting, & the case is evaluated as a meteor. Sputnik I did not begin decay until 3 Jan.	

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Note!

See 2nd Column, page 223, report fr.
"Sky-Telescope", Mar. 58, regarding
Dr. Krons' (OSU) track - Sputnik
apparently started to disintegrate on
Jan 3, and completed destruction
about 2 days later (Jan 5-6). Eight
(8) distinct parts noted - which obviously
were caused due to atmospheric drag
before hitting the earth,

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C O P Y - H A N D W R I T T E N L E T T E R

Sun. Jan 12, 58

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We haven't been shown the courtesy of advising us whether they are looking for this or not and we don't want the report pigeon-holed some place.

Being supporters of yours we will leave the decision up to you, that after you've seen the full report of this (Dallas OSI) report, maybe they sent it on to Wash., you may advise us accordingly. If you want to release this to the press you have our permission or if you want to keep it a secret we will do likewise.

I am 48 years old and have seen comets, meteors, falling stars, and they all have tails and this didn't. You may be sure that we are positive this was the satellite. Please advise,

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ave
Dallas, Texas

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HAI-057 Dallas, Texas

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UNITED STATES SENATE

Office of the Democratic Leader

Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1958

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a communication which I have received from one of my constituents. I will appreciate your giving serious consideration to this problem, based on its merits.

Please let me have as prompt a reply as possible, returning the enclosure, in order that I can inform the writer.

Note!

Sincerely,

(Signed) Lyndon B. Johnson

Lyndon B. Johnson

P. S. Please address reply to Lyndon B. Johnson, U.S. Senate, Washington, D. C. If additional information is required, please telephone Arthur Perry at CA 4-3121, extension 5141.

Action: Department of the Air Force
Attention: Liaison Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Incl # 2

C O P Y - O S I L E T T E R

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Dept of Defense
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14 February 1958

AFOSI-6D/Capt Olsen/imz/C181
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE
ATTN: CAPTAIN COPAS, AFCIN-1A1

SUBJECT: Report on Soviet Satellite Nr 1 by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Avenue, Dallas, Texas

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation of 13 February 1958 between Captain Olsen of the Sabotage and Espionage Branch, Counter-intelligence Division, this Directorate, and Captain Copas of AFCIN-1A1, concerning the above subject.

2. On 12 February 1958 [REDACTED] MRS, referred a Congressional inquiry by Senator LYNDON B. JOHNSON on subject matter to this Directorate for action. This matter falls within AFCIN jurisdiction and in accordance with referenced conversation, the [REDACTED], the correspondence from Senator JOHNSON, and Mr. [REDACTED] letter are furnished for appropriate action. Two copies of Mr. [REDACTED] letter are attached for your assistance.

3. Our District Office in Texas, after telephone contact with Mr. [REDACTED] took no further action. The FBI and this Directorate have no pertinent information on Mr. [REDACTED]

1 Incl
MRS fr SAFLL dtd
11 Feb 58/w/2 incls

L. MOORE, Lt Col USAF
Asst Chief, Sabotage and Espionage
Counterintelligence Division Branch
Directorate of Special Investigation
The Inspector General

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W. Almer Would appreciate if you can have this [redacted] made this in a form O-86, with product. Copy [redacted] for [redacted]

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SUBJECT Report of Soviet Earth Satellite Sighting		

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TO: AFOSI-CD	DATE
FROM: AFOSI-CD	COMMENT NO. 1

COMMENTS (Use reverse, if necessary) Capt Copas/ahb/7000

1. Attention is invited to attached memorandum from the Directorate of Special Investigations, which pertains to a reported sighting of the descent of the Soviet earth satellite "Sputnik I".

2. It is requested that your files be checked to ascertain if any satellite or UFOB reports and/or investigative action occurred on the basis of the report described by Mr. L. L. Swindell in his letter to Senator Johnson (inclosure to attached AFOSI memo). If this matter has not previously been brought to your attention, it is requested that it be evaluated on the basis of known information concerning Soviet earth satellites "Sputnik I" and "Sputnik II", and as a UFOB report if deemed appropriate.

3. As indicated by the inclosures to the attached AFOSI Memo, this information was needed by Air Force Liaison Division (SAFLL) for a reply to Senator Lyndon Johnson. Since the Directorate of Special Investigations is responsible for replying to SAFLL, it is requested that your reply be forwarded as soon as possible, directly to AFOSI-CD, Attn: Lt. Col. Moore, with an information copy to this office.

Incl:
AFOSI-CD Memo 40-176, dtd 14 Feb 58,
Subj: Report on Sov Satellite, etc. w/incls

incl. 4

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3			NECESSARY ACTION
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REMARKS SUSPENSE: 21 FEB 58 SUBJECT: Mr. [redacted] claims to have seen Sputnik I fall No. of New Orleans - is Government searching for it? SAFLL-38156 SEN JOHNSON INCL: Ltr fr Sen to AF w/ltr fr Mr. [redacted] to Sen Johnson REQUEST: Name and ext of AC on return memorandum (Signed) J Lav <i>Immediate Act. H</i>			
FROM NAME OR TITLE J. LaVecchia, Liaison Representative, USAF		DATE 11 Feb 58	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION		TELEPHONE 77695	

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Replaces DA AGO Form 896, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

GPO: 1950 O-403481
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28 Feb 58

Mr. [REDACTED]

Received following message from Capt. Gregory by phone.

"Urgent Matter - Regarding Senator Lydon Johnson. Washington querying us regarding a letter from this center, we of course had no knowledge of such. Letter regards a case which the source repeated to the OSI, FBI, and to senator. Major Connair states we must get it out by this afternoon in accordance with DOD directives. Urgent matter and I have just finished the computation, however, I do not feel we have time to put it in final form in probabilities that it may not be approved by your office. I have it in draft form and I should like to see you as soon as possible regarding it's review and your approval."

Bob



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1 NAME OR TITLE	<i>J. Miley -</i>	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	<i>AFCW- 454</i>	DATE	COORDINATION
2			FILE
			INFORMATION
3	<i>Immediate copy</i>		NECESSARY ACTION
	<i>Request. (G. S.)</i>		NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE
REMARKS			
<p>1. Ref. UFO Case inquiry by Senator Lydon, as requested by OSI.</p> <p>2. OSI does not want to re-enter the case for further investigation as requested.</p> <p>3. Will require Base C.O. to investigate. Must send him a copy of everything in our file, in order to proceed with the investigation.</p> <p>4. Under new reg. cannot use A-55 until local C.O. examines and</p>			
FROM NAME OR TITLE		DATE	
<i>Capt G. S. [unclear]</i>			
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION		TELEPHONE	

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SUBJECT: Report of Soviet Earth Satellite Sighting

TO: Directorate of Special Investigations
ATTN: Lt Col Moore, AFOSI-6D

28 FEB 1958

MEMO NR 2

AFCIN-4E4/Capt G.T. Gregory
wm/69216

1. As result of a review of the matter stated in Comment Nr. 1, and evaluation of the data given by source, the following are submitted upon which to base a reply:

a. The Soviet satellite is a hollow, polished sphere approximately 23 inches in diameter. As such, it is the opinion of this Center that it would probably burn up between 30 - 80 miles altitude upon re-entry due to atmospheric drag.

b. It is unlikely that it would be seen as a perfect sphere if it did reach the earth intact and without fragmenting.

c. Assuming that the satellite remained intact or did not fragment upon re-entry, it would tend to strike the earth at a rather flat angle. The source states it came straight down.

d. Information available to us indicates that the sphere entered the earth's atmosphere and disintegrated a few days after the incident reported by source.

e. Source states that he observed the object for 10 to 15 seconds, and was able to describe its shape and color in some detail. The sighting duration appears to be unduly long, even if the satellite arrived at terminal velocity.

2. On the basis of the above it appears improbable that the object was the Soviet satellite.

3. ATIC has no UFO report whatsoever from that area or time; visual, radar or from aircraft. This case, however, requires a UFO report.

4. Because of Congressional interest, it is requested that action be taken to contact the source, merely to determine the probable area of fall; and conduct an investigation of that area in an attempt to recover the alleged object, in accordance with paragraph 4b, AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958. Our comments on this matter were discussed with the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. They concurred.

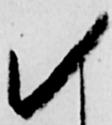
5. Further to the above a query has been made recently to this Center for any data on fireballs and meteorites observed in that area from Dr. [redacted], nationally known for meteoric and fireball work. A number of these bodies have been observed in that area.

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Memo Nr 2 to Directorate of Spl Investigations, subj: Rpt of Soviet Earth Satellite Sighting

6. This case will be held open pending results of investigation above.

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AFCIN-4E4 Henry Miley DATE 28 Feb 58
Dr. Henry A. Miley

AFCIN-4E H K Gilbert DATE 28 Feb
Col H. K. Gilbert

AFCIN-4X1 A. F. Ancier DATE 28 Feb
Mr. A. F. Ancier

Cy given to Mr. Felt
CSI, 5th District
per their report.

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Gregory
AFCIN-4E4/Capt Gregory/kmo
Ext 6-9216/Retyped 18 Mar 58

18 MAR 1958

SUBJECT: (U) Additional Investigative Data for Congressional Reply - UFO Sighting

**TO: Commander
Carswell Air Force Base
Fort Worth, Texas**

1. In accordance with paragraph 4b and 6c, AFR 200-2, Intelligence-
UFO, dated 5 February 1958, it is requested that action be taken to
contact and interview a Mr. [redacted], Sanger Avenue, Dallas,
Texas, for the purpose of determining the specific area in Louisiana
in which an unidentified aerial object went down.

2. This data is required as a basis upon which an investigation
is to be initiated by the Commander, Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi
Mississippi in an attempt to either recover the object, or establish
the probability of its impact or existence. Subject request is prompted
by an inquiry made by Senator Lyndon Johnson. Reference is made to
Inclosures 3 and 4.

3. Therefore, request the results of your findings be immedi-
ately forwarded to the Commander stated in the preceding paragraph.

4. Copies of correspondence reflecting previous actions are
attached for your guidance or assistance in this matter.

FOR THE COMMANDER

WALLACE W. ELWOOD
Captain, USAF
Assistant Administrative Officer

- 6 Incls:**
1. Cy AFCIN Rpt dtd 28 Feb 58
 2. Cy OSI-6D Ltr dtd 14 Feb 58
 3. Cy DD Fm 95 frm USAF Liaison Unit
 4. Cy Ltr frm Sen Johnson dtd 6 Feb 58
 5. Cy Ltr frm [redacted] dtd 22 Jan 58
 6. Cy Ltr to CO Keesler AFB, Miss.

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AFCIN-4E4g/Capt. Gregory ^{S. T. Gregory} / JMO
Ext. 6-9216/Retyped 18 Mar 58
18 MAR 1958

SUBJECT: Request for Investigation - Based on Congressional Inquiry on UFO Incident

Commander
✓ Keesler Air Force Base
Biloxi, Mississippi

1. In accordance with paragraphs 4b and 6c, AFR 200-2, "Intelligence - UFO", dated 5 February 1958, it is requested that investigative action be taken to ascertain the exact location of an unidentified aerial object which was reported to have fallen in an area North of New Orleans on the night of 2 January 1958; and an attempt be made to recover the object, or establish the probability of its impact or existence.

2. This action is requested on the basis of an inquiry by Senator Lyndon B. Johnson. Reference is made to Inclosures 4 and 5.

3. As the source is located in Dallas, Texas, this Center has requested that the Commander of the nearest Air Force Base contact and interview Mr. [redacted] for the express purpose of determining the location of the alleged impact. It was further requested that the information be immediately forwarded to your attention, in order that necessary action be initiated. (Copy of letter to Commander, Carswell AFB, Texas, is attached).

4. A preliminary analysis has been made by this Center. However, because of the Congressional interest, this case cannot be considered closed until subject investigation has been completed.

5. Copies of correspondence reflecting previous actions are attached for your guidance and assistance.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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HEADQUARTERS 19TH AIR DIVISION
United States Air Force
Carswell Air Force Base, Texas

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2 APR 1958

SUBJECT: Report of Interview

TO: Commander
Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi

1. This is in reference to a sighting of an unidentified object reported by Mr. [redacted] of Dallas, Texas, on 6 January 1958. On that date, the report was made to a special agent of the 23rd District OSI at Carswell AFB, Texas.

2. As forwarded by the OSI, this report stated that Mr. [redacted] and two nephews were enroute from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on U.S. Highway 11, about 1950 hours, 2 January 1958, when they spotted a glowing object falling towards the earth at approximately 1000 feet, one to one and one-half miles ahead of them. The report went on to describe the location of the sighting and other pertinent data, and was forwarded by the 23rd District OSI to the Director of Special Investigations, Washington, D.C.

3. Mr. [redacted] then wrote to Senator Lyndon B. Johnson stating that what he saw was "definitely Sputnik I", that he was positive the object was the satellite, and asking Senator Johnson's aid in pushing an investigation. Due to this Congressional interest, this base was requested to contact Mr. [redacted] for the purpose of determining the object's exact point of impact with the earth's surface. Inclosure No. 1 is a report of the requested interview with Mr. [redacted] and his nephew, Mr. [redacted].

4. This report is considered necessary in view of the facts uncovered by this interview with Mr. [redacted].

5. Upon withdrawal of Inclosure, this correspondence may be downgraded to unclassified in accordance with Paragraph 37-h, AFR 205-1.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Auth. [redacted] DP
By [redacted]
Det. [redacted]

EDWARD J. BENTH, JR.
Major, USAF
Dir Admin Svcs

1 Incl

Report of Interview (C:2 cys)

Copy furnished:

ATIC, W-P AFB, Ohio (C:1 cy) 3 Jones

Final Conclusions: Source considered unreliable; inconsistent and contradictory info. given as result of comparison of original report. Still could not give location of further sighting where object went down - very basic item of info. (Object)
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REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH MR. [REDACTED]

The purpose of this report is to describe the results and impressions obtained by the undersigned during an interview on 26 March 1958 with Mr. [REDACTED] of Dallas, Texas, and his nephew, Mr. [REDACTED], also of Dallas. The interview was conducted to determine the point of impact of an unidentified flying object reported by these two gentlemen on 6 January 1958. Much difficulty was encountered in making initial contact with the two sources as neither of them was listed in Dallas directories. It should also be stated at the outset that Mr. [REDACTED] recently suffered a nervous breakdown and may not have been at peak mental efficiency during the interview. However, Mr. [REDACTED] appeared perfectly sound in every respect.

The general impression obtained from the interview was that the reliability of the initial sighting should be reconsidered in the light of the facts that will be stated in this report. (U)

At the time of the initial report, both men stated that they had "seen Sputnik I fall". They seemed very sure of this. However, when asked at this interview what they had seen they replied that they could not be sure, "it may have been an airplane light, a falling star, or a reflection of some kind." Though they reported initially the the object had fallen "straight down", during this interview they seemed to agree that it fell across their line of vision at an angle of approximately 60 to 75 degrees with the earth's surface. As to the size of the object, which was initially reported as being "24 inches in diameter", they stated that it was impossible to estimate the size with any accuracy, saying that it could have been "as big as a television set, or as big as a house." Mr. [REDACTED] described the object as being perfectly round and glowing on all sides, but Mr. [REDACTED] stated that it appeared to be more irregular in shape and that it was glowing only on the underside. Both agreed that the object was soundless and that the glow appeared to have stopped when the object passed from their line of vision behind some trees, and apparently struck the earth. (U)

It seemed that the reason both men were initially so sure that what they had seen was Sputnik I was the fact that they had been hearing on the radio news all day that the Soviet satellite was expected to fall at any time. It was also noted that they had gone through a great change in attitude on this matter. Originally they had delayed reporting the object for four days and then had waited six more days to request Congressional assistance. But in this interview they repeated several times that as far as they were concerned the matter was a thing of the past, that they were not particularly concerned about it either way, and that they were not particularly interested in the disposition of their report. (U)

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REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH MR. [REDACTED] (CONT'D)

Later, in a private interview with Mr. [REDACTED] it was learned that Mr. [REDACTED] had been unemployed for quite some time. During this period he had been doing a good deal of reading about the earth satellites and apparently became quite obsessed with the idea in general. After reporting that he had seen Sputnik I fall, Mr. [REDACTED] became convinced that his telephone was being tapped and did not use it for several weeks for fear of releasing some important information. (C)

With the above interview in mind, and with the impression I received of the two men, it is my opinion that this UFOB report should be viewed with more skepticism. (U)

This report is classified Confidential because it indicates impressions obtained by the interviewing officer. (U)

Gerry F. Gossens
GERRY F. GOSSENS
1/Lt, USAF

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REFERENCE CLASSIFIED LETTER 7DOI, HEADQUARTERS, NINETEENTH AIR DIVISION, CARSWELL AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS, 2 APRIL 1958, SUBJECT: REPORT OF INTERVIEW. IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE REFERENCED LETTER, REQUEST THIS BASE BE ADVISED IF FURTHER INVERSTIGATION IS DESIRED.

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✓ No further action required. Your prompt attention and cooperation in this matter appreciated by this center.

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FROM: **COMDR, ATIC**

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO: **COMDR, KEESLER AFB, BILOXI, MISS.** *365*

FROM: **AFCIN-4E4/UNCLASSIFIED** *4-722-E*

Reurnsg OB 533D, dated 7 April 1958. No further action required.
Your prompt attention and cooperation re this matter is appreciated by this Center.

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E4 *Henry Miley* DATE *14 April 58*
 Dr. Miley

AFCIN-4E *Post* DATE *4/14/58*
 Mr. Post

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WILLIAM W. ELWOOD
Captain, USAF
Assistant Administrative Officer

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Results of Investigation Requested by Senator Lyndon Johnson

TERU: AFCIS-XI, Major Byrne TO: SAFIS, Major Tacker

19 May 58

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1. Reference is made to telephone conversation between Major Tacker, SAFIS, and Captain Gregory, this Center regarding subject investigation, including a related matter of interest to Congressman Vinson, on Friday afternoon, 18 Apr 58.
2. Attached is a copy of the investigator's report (Incl #1) which Senator Johnson expressed a personal interest, together with a request for prompt reply (Incl #2). These are submitted for material upon which to base a reply.
3. It is recommended that the following points be considered for inclusion in Senator Johnson's letter:
 - a. Although source's report was somewhat incomplete and lacking in detail, particularly as to exact locations, four major Air Force agencies immediately went into action to investigate and resolve the alleged sighting: OSI, Keeler AFB, Carswell AFB, and the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

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b. This case will serve to illustrate to Senator Johnson the painstaking efforts and thoroughness with which the Air Force undertakes to resolve UFO sightings, even such as this, where numerous efforts are made to locate the source and obtain the facts because the original report was incomplete.

c. In brief, after all the furor created by the source in demanding Congressional and FBI intervention, investigators found that he was of questionable reliability, contradicted much of his original statements, and in general, his report viewed with skepticism.

4 Incls:

- ✓ 1. Cy Report on ~~██████████~~, Dallas, Texas (T58-9558-A, cy #3) (T58-9558, cy #3)
- ✓ 2. Cy Ltr frn Senator Lyndon B. Johnson
- ✓ 3. Cy UFO Report frn ~~██████████~~
- ✓ 4. Cy Request for Investigation to Keesler AFB

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and Council
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15. Rept. to OSI (Preliminary Analysis)
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ADDITIONAL Ltr

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Dear Senator Johnson:

Further reference is made to your inquiry concerning Mr. [REDACTED] of Dallas, Texas, who claims to have seen Sputnik No. 1 return to earth just north of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Since furnishing you information on 18 March 1958, the Air Force has made a further examination of this incident and has interviewed Mr. [REDACTED] in order to secure additional detailed information. Although all facts surrounding the incident have been carefully studied, nothing was found which would indicate that the unidentified object sighted by Mr. [REDACTED] was Sputnik No. 1.

MR:

Addl info ltr prep/fwded 9 Jun based on Confidential memo req for reply to Sen Thru AFCIN-XI/Maj Byrne/ TO: Maj Tacker/SAFIS/ltr 19 May 58. Prev case fr Sen JOHNSON/SAFLL 33156/ closed on 18 Mar 58. CORRES: 8 page CLASS-Confidential file frn Maj Tacker to SAFLL. previous corres on subj.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

W. P. FISHER
Major General, USAF
Deputy Director
Legislative Liaison

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Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson

United States Senate

Since ¹⁹⁵⁷ L₂ (Sputnik I) was last
observed on 20 Nov 1957, only very
rough estimates of its future
orbit were known. Consequently,
no precise info on its re-entry
is available.

Sputnik

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"Through observation and trajectory calculations it was established that it penetrated the dense layers of the atmosphere & disintegrated on January 4"

(Presumably by Soviet Sci)

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