[redacted]

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
April, 1960

2. LOCATION
Chicago, Illinois

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local _____
GMT _____

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
- - -

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
- - -

9. COURSE
- - -

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Letter received ststing that the witness may have seen the decay of Discoverer XI and Sputnik IV. Follow-up request for information unanswered.

11. COMMENTS
Discoverer XI decayed on 26 April. Sputnik IV is still up (as of Feb 1962) It is not possible to evaluate the case on the information received. It is possible that the witness refered to Sputnik III, which decayed on 6 April, 1960. Case listed as insufficient Data/

SMC

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other _____
☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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AFCIN-4E2/Maj Friend/amc/69216/typed 31 May 60

Letter ([redacted])

SAFOI-3d (Maj Tacker)

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2. It is further suggested that Airman [redacted] be commended for his initiative in reporting what could possibly be important scientific information to the Air Force.

3. The witness' address:

[redacted]
[redacted] Oketo
Chicago 34, Illinois

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Sciences and Components

2 Atchs
1. Cy ltr, no date, fr [redacted]
2. Cy ltr 24 Aug 60, fr AFSC

Director
Aerospace Studies Institute
ATTN: Archive Branch
Maxwell AFB, Ala

RETURN TO

K243.601R-1
1-114
Apr 1960

Apvd 6 pp
Inst IV Det up
Disc XI 26 pp

COORDINATION:
[signature] Major AFCIN 4E2 31 May 60
[signature] 4E2 5/31/60

CSAF

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Ltr, Hq 1st Missile Div, VAFB, 10 May 60, Letter of Transmittal

2d Ind, Hq AFBMD (WDYI) MAY 24 1960

TO: ATIC (AFCIN-4F3C, ATTN: LtCol James C. Fox), WPAFB, Ohio

1. Forwarded as possibly being a source of information on Sputnik IV.

2. Attached is copy of a letter of acknowledgment sent to [redacted]

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Daniel W. Wickland

DANIEL W. WICKLAND
Colonel, USAF
DCS/Intelligence

2 Atch
1 n/c
Added 1 atch
2. Cy ltr, WDYI,
to [redacted]

HEADQUARTERS 1ST MISSILE DIVISION
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DXI

10 May 1960

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: AFBMD

Forwarded is a letter from [redacted] for your information and necessary action.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

John J. Goshert

JOHN J. GOSHERT
2nd Lt, USAF
Deputy, Community Relations

1 Atch
Ltr, [redacted]

Ltr, DXI, 10 May 1960, Letter of Transmittal

1st Ind/Capt Dessauer/WDEC/2705 18 May 1960

TO: WDY

1. Forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

Christopher F. Dessauer

CHRISTOPHER F. DESSAUER
Captain, USAF
Deputy Chief
Community Relations Division

[redacted]

[redacted] Oketo

Chicago 34, Illinois

Discoverer Program

Vandenberg Air Force Base

California

Officers; Gentlemen:

I am in the Air Reserve, Hq ConAC (IRS) ARRC, and am at present enrolled in a course of astronomy at the Adler Planetarium. A Survey of Modern Astronomy. Since astronomy has always, to any extent, intrigued me; and since my eyesight is considered to be normal ---- I hope what I have to say here is not taken as lightly as some of the letters I am sure you have received.

In regard to Sputnik IV: I may have seen its disintegration. Perhaps within twelve hours of its predicted eclipse.

In regard to Discoverer XI and capsule: I may have seen its disintegration. It seemed to be quite different from that of Sputnik IV, or what I assumed to be Sputnik IV. (Clarification ---- the capsule's disintegration.) I would very much like to write you another letter concerning the above. However, I wouldn't want to waste your time as well as mine by continuing what might appear to be fiction. Therefore: an acknowledgment of this letter would be appreciated and in such a case I would do my best to give details concerning azimuth, time, length of flameout, duration of flameout, color, brilliance, characteristics of descent, etc. Thank you for your patience.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

HEADQUARTERS
AIR FORCE BALLISTIC MISSILE DIVISION (ARDC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Air Force Unit Post Office, Los Angeles 45, California

Reply to
Attn of WDXI

MAY 24 1960

[redacted]
Chicago 34, Illinois

Dea[redacted]

Thank you for your letter concerning your possible observation of the disintegration of Sputnik IV. I have forwarded the letter to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, which is the organization that compiles information on Soviet satellites.

Information from independent observations such as yours can add to the Air Force's knowledge of activities in space. Your initiative is appreciated.

Sincerely

DANIEL W. WICKLAND
Colonel, USAF
DCS/Intelligence

Atch 2

SAFOI-3d/Maj Tacker/ka/77466

7 June 1960

Dear [redacted]

This is to thank you for your recent letter addressed to Vandenberg Air Force Base concerning Sputnik IV and Discoverer XI.

In order to evaluate your sightings I am inclosing standard Air Force UFO questionnaires with the request that you complete in detail for these sightings. I will refer these completed questionnaires to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio for analysis and evaluation.

The Air Force appreciates your initiative in reporting what may be important scientific information.

Sincerely,

Inclosures

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

[redacted]. Oketo
Chicago 34, Illinois

SAFOI-3d Comeback
SAFOI-1 Reading

AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-1E2

SUBJECT: Letter [redacted]

2 JUN 1960

TO: SAFOI-3d (Maj Tacker)

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2 Atch:
1. Cy ltr, no date, fr [redacted]
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AFCIN-1E2

[redacted] 2 JUN 1960

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