PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Feb 61	2. LOCATION Vernon, Texas	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
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 Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS / 9. COURSE	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Letter to Secy of Def stating that boy sighted a UFO and reported it to Altus AFB.

11. COMMENTS UFO supposedly reported to Altus AFB, no record of report. Case carried as insufficient data.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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27 February 1961

Dear [redacted]

I read with interest your letter of 18 February 1961 in which you outlined the purpose of your new organization, SKY WATCHERS, and am sure that you and your fellow members will find this a most interest hobby, the study of the sky and its stars.

The Air Force policy is to encourage people who sight unidentified flying objects to report them to the Intelligence or Operations officer at the nearest Air Force installation. Thus, when you reported your sighting of 17 February to Altus Air Force Base, you were doing as the Air Force would like you to do. Also, I am sure your watch for tornadoes will be of interest to the nearest Weather Bureau which tracts these storms by radar.

For your information we are inclosing the latest Department of Defense fact sheet on UFOs. This clearly states the position of the Air Force and the Department of Defense on this controversial subject.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

WILLIAM M. MACK
Captain, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Vernon, Texas

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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROUTING SLIP

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	SECRETARY OF THE NAVY			
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PREPARATION OF REPLY FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SIGNATURE	
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February 18, 1961

Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Sir:

I thought of a new organization to help our defenses in one way. The name of the organiztion is "SKY WATCHERS" and it is very much like the GOC except the Sky Watchers will watch for UFO's and tornadoes.

I sent the name of the Sky Watchers and details to the President with a design of a shoulder patch. Due to the President receiving so much mail - I doubt if he or his secretary has seen my letter - it was mailed about 2 weeks ago.

Why not have men throughout the United States at certain points with cameras with telescopic lens to take movies of any UFO's they may sight.

Yesterday I sighted an UFO over Vernon and reported it to the Altus Air Force Base. I do not have a movie camera. I believe ALL UFO's should be reported to the nearest Air Force base - THEN notify the local authorities.

Sincerely

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Vernon, Texas