# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| **1. DATE**<br>6 October 1962 | **2. LOCATION**<br>Charlottesville, Virginia | **12. CONCLUSIONS**<br>☐ Was Balloon<br>☐ Probably Balloon<br>☐ Possibly Balloon<br>☐ Was Aircraft<br>☐ Probably Aircraft<br>☐ Possibly Aircraft<br>☐ Was Astronomical<br>☐ Probably Astronomical<br>☐ Possibly Astronomical<br>XX Other Satellite ECHO I<br>☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br>☐ Unknown |
| **3. DATE-TIME GROUP**<br>Local<br>GMT 07/0155Z | **4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION**<br>XX Ground-Visual 7X50 BX<br>☐ Ground-Radar<br>☐ Air-Visual<br>☐ Air-Intercept Radar | |
| **5. PHOTOS**<br>☐ Yes<br>XX No | **6. SOURCE**<br>Civilian | |
| **7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION**<br>not reported | **8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS**<br>one | **9. COURSE**<br>- - - |

**10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING**

Light source in sky yellowish, color of Saturn, thought to be satellite moving in straight line at constant velocity. Came to stop for 30 seconds & remained stationary. Visible at this time with & without BX. Disappeared 4 seconds later.

**11. COMMENTS**

Satellite ECHO I over Virginia at 71 dgr elevation to the NE at 842 pm. This places ECHO in position to be observed by the witness. During observation of satellites they often appear to remain stationary for certain periods & waver in their path. This is attributed to atmospheric conditions & witness's own optical conditions. This is particularly true when obj approaches a star or other body.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

[redacted]
University of Va.
Charlottesville, Va.
Oct. 6, 1962

To whom it may concern;

This is a report of an unidentified flying object.

At 8:55 p.m. on the night of October 6, 1962 I observed a source of light in the sky exibiting peculiar behavior.

I am a graduate engineering student at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia and I am frequently found persuing my hobby of astronomy. I spend many hours observing the sky and I am quite familiar with the various things that one would expect to find there. On the night of Oct. 6, I had a pair of 7X50 binoculars at my command.

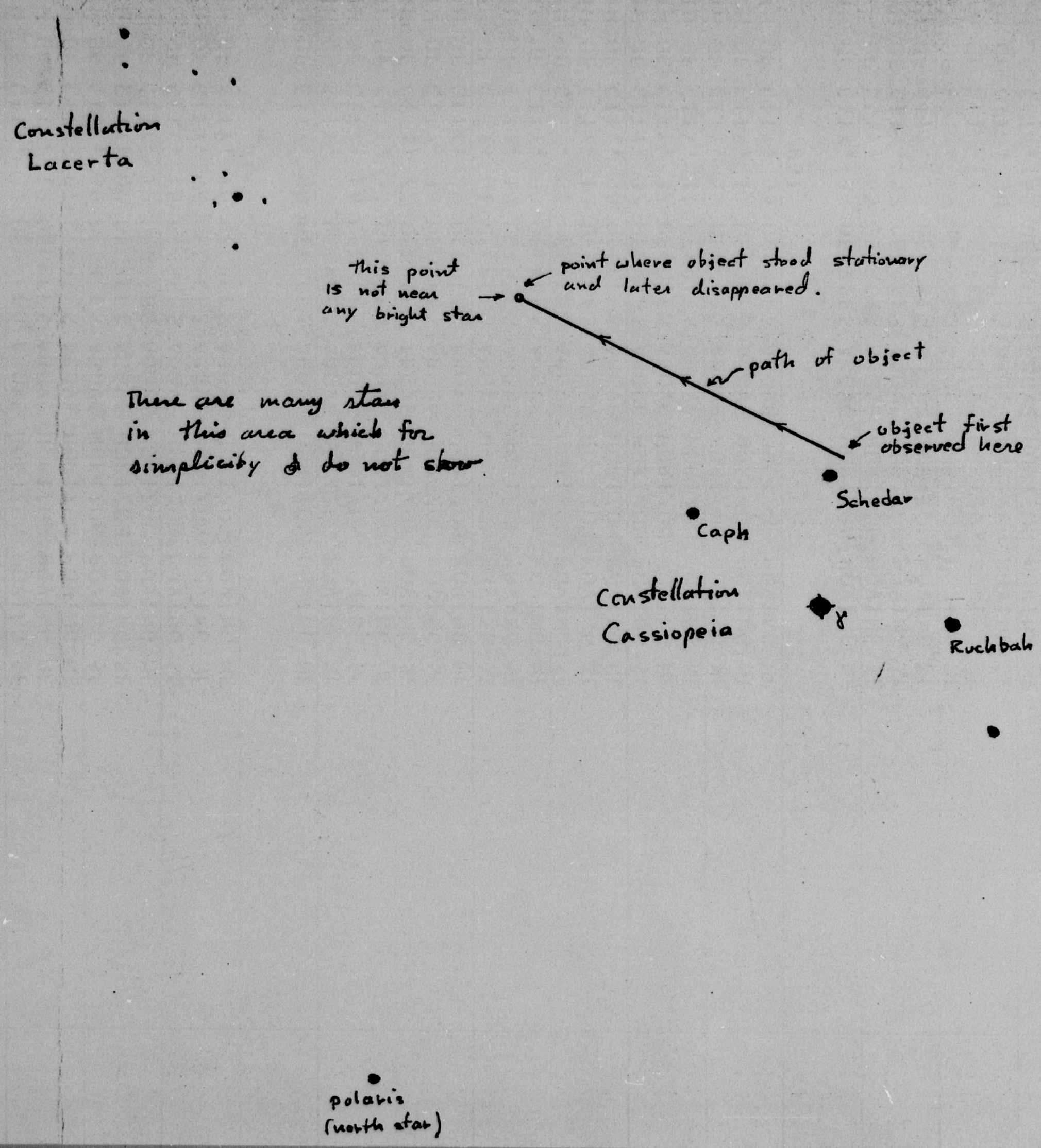
While I was looking at the constellation Cassiopeia as a landmark so I could find the great spiral nebula in Andromeda, I observed a "star" directly adjacent to the actual star Schedar in Cassiopeia. This star appeared to be as bright as Schedar but slightly yellower in color. It was the approximate color of Saturn.

This star was moving toward Lacerta, a small constellation above Cassiopeia at the time of the observation. Thinking that it was an artificial satelite I tried to pick up more detail in my 7X50 binoculars, however it still appeared as a point source of light moving at constant velocity in a straight line. At this time I judged it to be an artificial satellite, however after moving about 15 degrees through the sky it came to a stop and remained stationary for about 30 seconds. At this time I observed it very carefully for I was very curious. I saw it both with and without the binoculars and I am quite sure that it came to a stop. Its color assured that I was not, by mistake, observing a star and had lost the supposed satelite. Then the peculiar yellow star proceeded to disappear and did so in about 4 seconds. I cannot explain this in terms of the phenomena with which I am familiar so I am bringing it to the attention of the recipient of this letter in the hopes that good judgement will be executed on its contents.

The observation was made from the statute of Thomas Jefferson on the "Lawn" of the University grounds. There are no witnesses to my observation. Enclosed is a rough map of the area in the sky where the object occurred and a path designating the path of the object.

In order to avoid any confusion as to the purpose of this letter I remain:

Anonamously Yours, [redacted]g
U.Va., Charlottesville, Va.


Constellation
Lacerta
this point
is not near
any bright star
point where object stood stationary
and later disappeared.
path of object
There are many stars
in this area which for
simplicity I do not show
object first
observed here
8:55 p.m
Oct. 6
1962
Schedar
Caph
Constellation
Cassiopeia
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Ruchbah
polaris
(north star)

AT 02.28 AM OCT..04 SOUTH OF CITY, 86 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 04.37 AM OCT..04 SOUTH OF CITY, 17 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.19 PM OCT..04 SOUTH OF CITY, 41 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 03.40 AM OCT..05 SOUTH OF CITY, 37 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 06.22 PM OCT..05 SOUTH OF CITY, 19 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 08.30 PM OCT..05 NORTH OF CITY, 87 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 02.43 AM OCT..06 SOUTH OF CITY, 60 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 04.53 AM OCT..06 SOUTH OF CITY, 00 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.34 PM OCT..06 SOUTH OF CITY, 70 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 03.55 AM OCT..07 SOUTH OF CITY, 15 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 06.37 PM OCT..07 SOUTH OF CITY, 44 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 08.43 PM OCT..07 NORTH OF CITY, 70 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE

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AT 09.10 PM OCT..01 SOUTH OF CITY, 80 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 03.23 AM OCT..02 NORTH OF CITY, 89 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 05.32 AM OCT..02 SOUTH OF CITY, 16 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 08.14 PM OCT..02 SOUTH OF CITY, 53 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 02.28 AM OCT..03 NORTH OF CITY, 72 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 04.35 AM OCT..03 SOUTH OF CITY, 36 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.17 PM OCT..03 SOUTH OF CITY, 29 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 03.38 AM OCT..04 SOUTH OF CITY, 61 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 06.20 PM OCT..04 SOUTH OF CITY, 10 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 08.23 PM OCT..04 SOUTH OF CITY, 85 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 02.42 AM OCT..05 SOUTH OF CITY, 85 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 04.51 AM OCT..05 SOUTH OF CITY, 13 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.33 PM OCT..05 SOUTH OF CITY, 58 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 03.53 AM OCT..06 SOUTH OF CITY, 32 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 06.36 PM OCT..06 SOUTH OF CITY, 32 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 08.42 PM OCT..06 NORTH OF CITY, 71 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 07.47 PM OCT..07 SOUTH OF CITY, 89 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 04.09 AM OCT..08 SOUTH OF CITY, 11 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 06.50 PM OCT..08 SOUTH OF CITY, 63 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE

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AT 07.59 PM OCT..01 SOUTH OF CITY, 34 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 02.14 AM OCT..02 NORTH OF CITY, 65 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 04.20 AM OCT..02 SOUTH OF CITY, 52 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.02 PM OCT..02 SOUTH OF CITY, 14 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 09.11 PM OCT..02 SOUTH OF CITY, 39 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 03.24 AM OCT..03 SOUTH OF CITY, 77 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 05.33 AM OCT..03 SOUTH OF CITY, 08 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 08.15 PM OCT..03 SOUTH OF CITY, 65 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 02.28 AM OCT..04 NORTH OF CITY, 82 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 04.36 AM OCT..04 SOUTH OF CITY, 25 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.18 PM OCT..04 SOUTH OF CITY, 38 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING NE
AT 03.38 AM OCT..05 SOUTH OF CITY, 47 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE