PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Sep 63	2. LOCATION Seattle, Washington	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Satellite ECHO I ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2200 GMT 18/0500Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar 2. ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. 15 min 2. 3-5 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two	9. COURSE 1. SE 2. W

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Object appearing about the same size as a star in flight. Constant light, no flickering. Two stars in flight about to colide. Visible moving star passed other without incident. No sound. Obj seemed very high, Watched for a few minutes and scanned sky for additional objs. Noticed another obj in flight in opposite direction. Second obj total observation 3-5 minutes. Straight flight. 1st Object in flight to SE, second to West.

11. COMMENTS

The second obj is presumed to be an a/c observation. The description of the object, it's flight and the duration of the sighting are consistant with this analysis. The first obj is ECHO I. ECHO was South of Seattle at 1002 PM at 87 deg elevation heading SE.

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17 SEPT.

HEADQUARTERS
MCCHORD AFB and 325TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (ADC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON

REPLY TO ATTN OF: CGCIO/5639

26 SEP 1963

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Letter Reporting UFO

TO: Secretary of the Air Force (SAFOI)
Wash 25 DC

The attached letter of 24 September from Mr. [redacted] concerning an UFO sighting on 17 September is forwarded under provision of par 7, AFR 200-2.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ROGER L. CAPPEL
2Lt, USAF
Asst Admin Officer

1 Atch
ltr a/s

[redacted]

Seattle 11, Wash. 9/24/63

1st HC

2d Echo 1002 PM Sq alt

87° Elev → SE

Commander, McChord AFB
Attn: Public Relations & Information Office
McChord AFB, Washington

Subject: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

Date: Sept. 17, 1963 Between 10 and 10:15 PM Pacific Daylight Saving Time

Location at time of sighting: Houseboat [redacted],
Seattle, Washington

Description: Object appeared the same color as the stars and the size of one of the larger stars. It had a constant light as do the stars. My first impression was that two stars were about to collide. However the visibly moving one passed on by the other without incident.

Course of Object: See attached sketch.

Altitude: Seemed very high. I heard no sound.

Observation: Visible without aid to the natural eye. First sighted as mentioned in description. After observing a couple of minutes I glanced away to see if there were other moving objects in sight. Seeing none

(over)

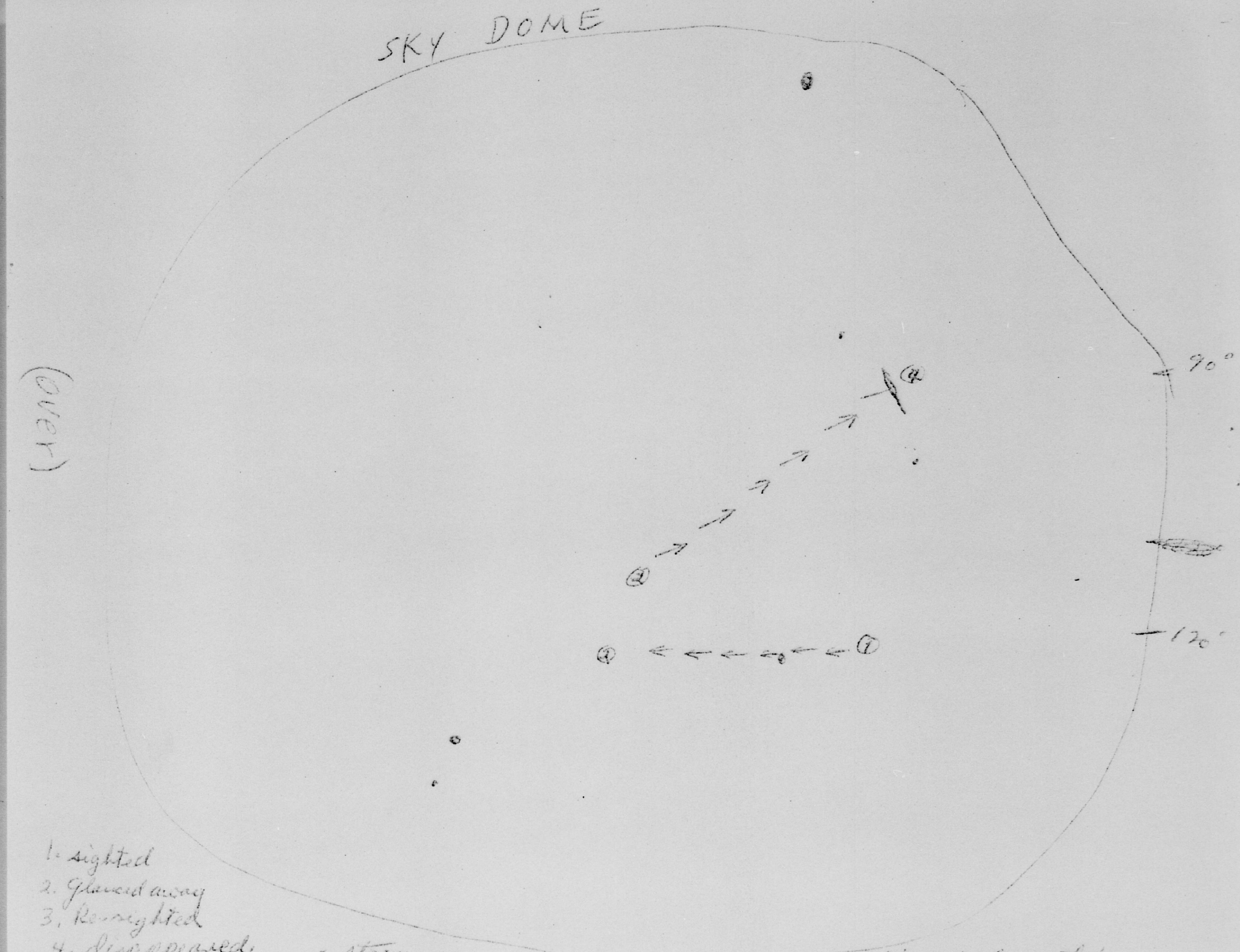
I sought out the Object again and was amazed to see it, or another object, headed back in almost the same direction from which the object was originally observed to be travelling. [redacted]. This time I kept my eyes focused on this one object for 3 to 5 minutes when it disappeared instantly. I watched for several minutes but it didn't reappear. I saw one falling star during this time after the Object disappeared.

Weather: Very Clear and cool. No moon. Light ground breeze. Capt Jim Hayes with the Boeing Company AFPR office secured the wind velocity from Olympia as being 16 Mph at 40,000' direction 340° at 9:00 PM PDT.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

Attachment: 1



1. sighted
2. Glanced away
3. Resighted
4. disappeared.

• stars - size of • indicates magnitude at time of observation
→ flight path.

NOTE: The fellow working directly behind me said that about the same time of the night on Sept 7, 1963 he saw within 5 minutes 2 such objects he was sure were satelites. Their paths crossed at about the angle shown in my illustration except both flight patterns were to the eastward. The first he watched cross to the horizon. The second he watched only briefly. He was camping in the mountains. His buddy observed the first but not the second object.

Hydro RC

October 17, 1963

Dear Mr [redacted]

This is in reply to your letter dated September 24th in which you reported a sighting on September 17th.

Of the two objects you observed, the first was probably an aircraft. We base this on the duration of flight according to your calculations. The second object you observed as Echo satellite. Echo was south of the city of Seattle at an elevation of 87° moving in a southeasterly direction at 9:02 p.m. the evening of September 17th.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr [redacted]
Seattle 11, Washington