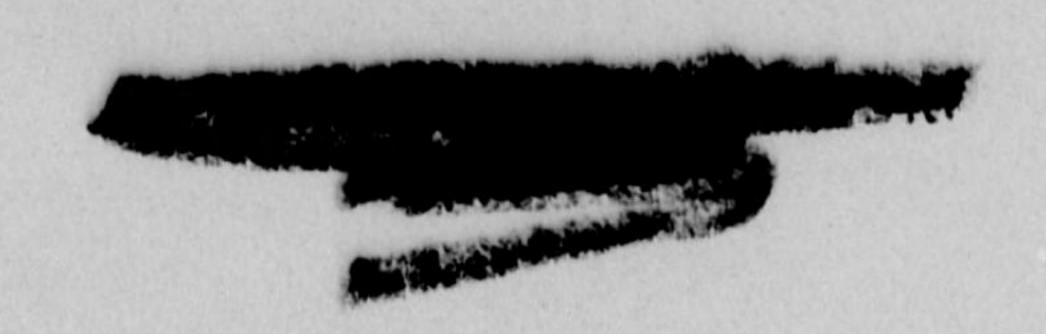
PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

23 Sep 63 3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 24/0150Z 5. PHOTOS D Y ** XII No	Eagles Mere, Penr 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION CKGround-Visual D Air-Visual civilian	D Ground-Radar D Air-Intercept Radar	000 000	Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Was Astronomical Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 mins	one (3 times)	West	100	Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown
Bright obj in flight at high speed from East to West. 30 mins same (?) obj reappeared in SE in flight to NW. Reappeared third time 32 min later. Assumed orbital by witness. Less bright than Jupiter. Insists that obj was not a/c since he is engineer and ex-pilot. Also observed through 10X TX.		Nothing to indicate that this was not an a/c sighting. Qualification of witness not-without merit. Still possible a/c. No orbital objs have retrograde motion or 30 min period.		

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)



September 30, 1963



United States Air Force U. F. O. Office Department of Defense Washington-25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

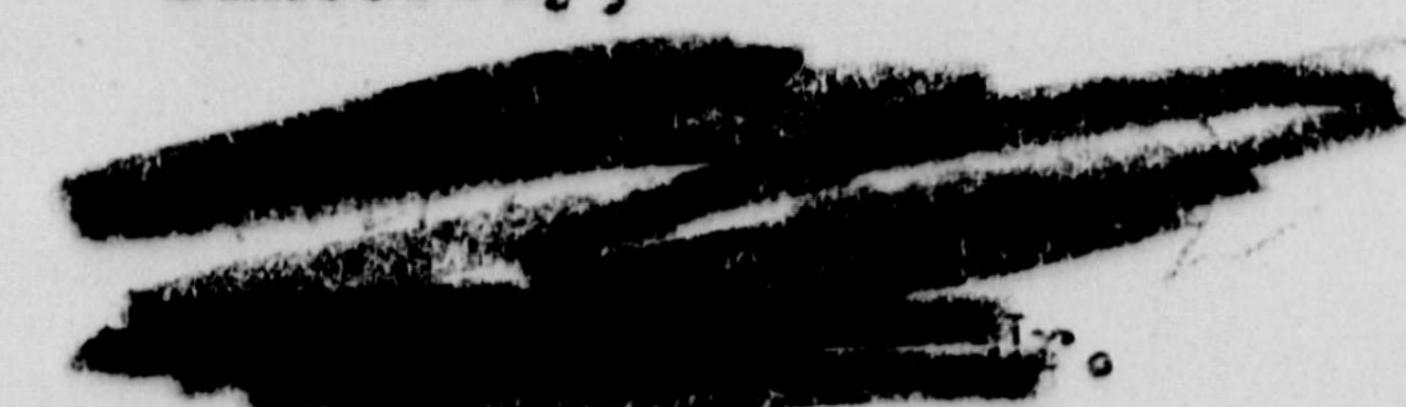
It has been suggested that I write to you about my observations of an unusual satelite.

On Monday, September 23, 1963, between 9:50 and 9:55 P.M., E.D.T. I observed a bright object travelling from east to west at - high speed (i.e., high for such objects). My point of observation at this first sighting gave a very limited view. Realizing that this was unusual in both speed and direction, I estimated when and where it would next appear and walked to the shore of the nearby lake where I had a clear view of virtually the entire southern sky. The object reappeared at about 10:20 a bit south of east and disappeared a bit north of west. It was apparently the same object in speed, path and brightness (It was the brightest light in the sky except Jupiter). The same object (at least to all appearances) reappeared again at 10:52.

My location was Eagles Mere in north central Pennsylvania, a summer resort in the Alleghanies at 2000 ft. altitude. The night was cold and clear. This object was also witnessed by my wife the first time and by a friend the third time. There is no question in my mind that its path was east to west (I am quite familiar with the compass directions there), that it was not an airplane (I am an engineer, an ex-pilot and had nine years in Martin's engineering department and I examined the object through a hand held 10 power telescope) and that its appearance period (apparently orbital) was between 25 and 30 minutes.

Both the path and the apparent speed of this object are, to my knowledge, quite unusual. A Mr. William O'Donnell at NASA's Public Inquiry office suggested that you would be interested in this and might be able to enlighten me as to the object's identity - he could tell me nothing about it.

Sincerely,



AEH/mc

HEADQUARTERS

FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO TDEW

SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information



ro: Hq USAF SAF-OI 3b (MRS GAISER)
Wash 25 D C

- 1. Reference the attached letter from requesting information on an unidentified flying object. This letter is forwarded to your office for whatever action you deem necessary.
- 2. Since Mr believes that this object was not aircraft it is not possible to evaluate his sighting. All known satellites have an Easterly inclination to their orbit at this latitude.
- 3. Since his letter contained all essential information, it is not necessary that Mr Houstle be sent an FTD Form 164.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Colonel, USAF

Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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October 10, 1963

Dear Mr. T:

This is in response to your letter of September 30, 1963, regarding your observations of an unusual satellite.

Our Foreign Technology Division has investigated your report, however, since you believe that the object was not aircraft, it is not possible to evaluate your sighting. All known satellites have an easterly inclination to their orbit at this latitude. The closest point to Eagles Mere at which we can pinpoint the satellite Echo on the night of September 23rd is Scranton, at which time Echo appeared at 7:44 p.m. north of the city, 67 degrees above the horizon, moving southeast.

Thank you for reporting this observation to us. We are sorry that we cannot enlighten you further.

Sincerely,

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

Baltimore 23, Maryland

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