

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP May 67	2. LOCATION Brockway, Pa
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Probable (SATELLITE)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Not reported	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hour - 10 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer stated object was like a bright star. Object moved quite rapidly. Observers stated they were sighting a satellite.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Not reported	
7. COURSE S-E	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

Sept. 24, 1967

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Brockway, Pa.

Dear Sir:

My 15 yr. old son and I have been watching a moving object in the sky, weather permitting, since May, 1967.

When we first observed this object it traveled a path from North-west to south-east. About 35 minutes later the same evening, we again observed it travelling the same path, except just a little more southerly orbit. About, hr. and 10 min. later we again saw this object, but it was traveling a north-west to south-west orbit. We watched for this object again the next evening and saw it traveling the same paths as the evening before. We then saw this object every evening at approximately the same times and traveling the same paths as at the first sighting. Then the summer fogs set in and we were no longer able to spot the object, until last week. When we saw it last week it was traveling from west to north-east. We have seen it a couple

times each evening traveling west
to north-east. This object has
the same appearance as a bright
star, and it moves quite rapidly.

My son and I are convinced we are sighting a satellite. But we would like a few questions answered. Which satellite are we watching? And why do we see it so often in one evening? Is it orbiting only the United States? And why does it not travel the same path each orbit? It is well welcome any information you can give us on this object.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

This will reply to your letter of September 24, in which you requested information on your observations of an object in the sky since May, 1967.

Presently, there are over 1100 objects in orbit; over forty are visible to the naked eye.

It takes approximately ninety minutes at the minimum for satellites to make one revolution, the time per revolution being determined by the height. For example, ECHO II is at an approximate altitude of 670 miles and takes about one hour and 40 minutes per revolution. PAGEOS A is at an approximate altitude of 3000 miles and takes about three hours to make one revolution.

Satellites do not cross the same point on each revolution because the earth is rotating on its axis, thus making the satellite cross to the west of its preceding point on the earth.

We feel that you have probably been watching satellites.

Further satellite information can be obtained from the 1st Aerospace Squadron, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado 80912.

Sincerely,

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Office of Information

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