PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>SEP 1967<br>[redacted] | 2. LOCATION<br>Houtzdale, Pennsylvania |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Civilian | 10. CONCLUSION<br>Probable (SATELLITE) ✓ |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>2 | |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>unknown | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>SEE CASE FILE |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground Visual | |
| 7. COURSE<br>South | |
| 8. PHOTOS<br>☐ Yes<br>XX No | |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br>☐ Yes<br>XX No | |

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

prob Satellite Sept. 67

Houtzdale, Pa

Sept. 1967

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TDET/UFO

UFO Observations & Photographs

Mr. [redacted]

Houtzdale, Pennsylvania 16651

1. Reference your latest letter of October 15, 1967 in which you inclosed two photographs and two slides of alleged unidentified flying objects (UFOs). We are returning your photographs and slides for it is useless to have a photo of a point light source analyzed since all that photo analyst personnel will be able to determine is that it is truly a photo of a point light source.

2. In order for something to be called an UFO, the observer must see details that cannot easily be explained by conventional means. Therefore, satellites, balloons, aircraft and stars cannot be called UFOs.

3. The purpose of the photograph is to show that:

a. The object really existed and/ or

b. To give the physical details of the object.

4. We have previously written to you that we feel that most of your sightings are of satellites. As you describe the objects, they appear to be satellites. Therefore, they do not meet the definition of an UFO. Your photos only show that the light in the sky that you saw really exists; something which was never doubted.

5. When a person sees something in the sky that he cannot explain (a UFO) he should submit his report to the nearest Air Force installation for they are in a far better position to conduct an on-the-spot investigation. The nearest Air Force UFO investigator to you is:

Mr. Eugene Rehrer
Greater Pittsburg Airport
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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6. If the local investigator cannot determine the cause of a sighting, only then is the report transmitted to the Aerial Phenomena Branch (Project Blue Book) at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

7. Further information on satellites can be obtained from the 1st Aerospace Squadron, Ent AFB, Colorado.

8. We sincerely hope that we have not offended you in any way by returning your photographs without having them analyzed for you. Thank you for your continued interest in the Air Force UFO program.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

2 Atchs
1. Two Polaroid Photographs
2. Two Color Slides

[redacted]
Montgedale, Pennsylvania
16651
October 15th., 1967.

United States Air Force
FTD (TD-ET/UFO
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
45433

Sir;

I was showing other pictures to a friend of ours last evening and found a picture I thought I had already sent you also another one that will have something on. I couldn't see anything on the small slide viewer.

I will also enclose two other pictures I got developed off KX135, BLACK AND WHITE FILM of the object I told you I was chasing. If I had pictures No. 1 and No. 2 on slides they would look good if run through a good projector on a screen. The one was going from West to East in northern part of sky September 26th. 9:10 P.M..

I asked the Photographers if they could make slides and they said that type of film wouldn't stand the heat.

If you would care to analyze the negatives I can send them to you. I am still going to try for better pictures under different light conditions so if I see what I know is a flying object for sure I will be able to show and tell you both which way it went I hope.

I just got out of the Philipsburg State Hospital after a necka operation.

While in there I talked with [redacted] COALPORT, PENNSYLVANIA. He saw a flying object out West. Shown to him by another fellow. UFO would stand still then darts.

I also talked with a nurse and she described those objects the same as mr. Brannon. The State Policeman and she said, "She heard over the State College news the next morning that they were testing down in Virginia. So I guess that Clearly that up or you can find out just what they were testing.

Thanking you.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Prob - Satellites Sept 67

~~30 Sept~~

~~Houtzdale, Pa~~

TDET/UFO (Maj. Quintanilla/70916/jaf/13 Oct 67)

Satellite Observations

OCT 17 1967

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Houtzdale, Pa. 16651

1. Since we couldn't find any object at all on your slides because they are so underexposed, we are returning them without any photo-analysis having been performed on them. As we stated earlier, we feel that the object you saw on 1 Sept at 3:25 A.M. and 5:10 A.M. was Echo II. There are over 1,000 objects in orbit around the earth at the moment, of which about 40 are visible to the naked eye. Not all these satellites have an easterly component either. Some are in polar orbits and some are retrograde satellites or in other words, travel from east to west. However, the majority of the satellites travel approximately from west to east.

2. Not all these satellites travel at the same speed either. For example, Echo I and Echo II are about 700 miles high and make one revolution around the earth in about 2 hours. Pageos A is about 3600 miles high and makes one revolution about every 3 hours. The higher the satellite is, the longer the time for one rotation.

3. It is also known that the human eye does not continuously follow an object as it moves across the sky, but rather jumps from spot to spot, focusing at each spot. Because of this effect, satellites may seem to cross the sky in a sawtooth fashion.

4. Your sighting of 3 Oct 1967 was very interesting. This is the type of sighting we like to work on rather than small lights in the sky. We have determined that this sighting was of a Barium Cloud release from Wallops Island, Va. There were two cloud releases from this sight; one on the 3rd at about 7:25 P.M. and one on the 4th at about 7:30 P.M. When we receive more complete info on the release such as type of rocket used, exact time of launch, and height of release, we will send this additional info on to you.

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5. Inclosed is a copy of Project Blue Book and also some selected summaries of past cases.

6. If in the future you have any more sightings, the correct procedure is to contact your nearest Air Force Base as soon as possible so that a complete investigation can be made. The function of this office is to investigate really difficult cases that cannot be solved at the local level.

7. If you want to get good slides of satellites for your own enjoyment we suggest you try panning. That is a time exposure in which you move the camera so as to keep the object in the same spot in the viewfinder.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

3 Atchs
1. Project Blue Book
2. Case Summaries
3. Slides

Echo II
and others

Photo data
photos attached

SEP 27 1967

TDET/UFO (Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/26 Sep 67)

Satellite Observation, 1 Sep 67

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Houtzdale, Pennsylvania 16651

1. Reference your recent letter of September 1, 1967. On September 1, at approximately 3:25 am, ECHO II should have been visible in the eastern sky, traveling approximately south to north. At 5:10 am ECHO II should have been visible slightly to the west of your position, again traveling from south to north. ECHO II is considerably brighter than most stars and is easily visible to the naked eye.

2. If you wish to report your observation as an unidentified flying object (UFO) sighting, please complete the inclosed FTD Form 164. If you would like the Air Force to perform an analysis on your photographs, complete the attached photographic data sheet and also forward the original negatives in the self-addressed envelope. Your negatives will be returned upon completion of analysis. Thank you for bringing your observations to the Air Force's attention.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

2 Atchs
1. FTD Form 164 w/envelope
2. Photo Data Sheet

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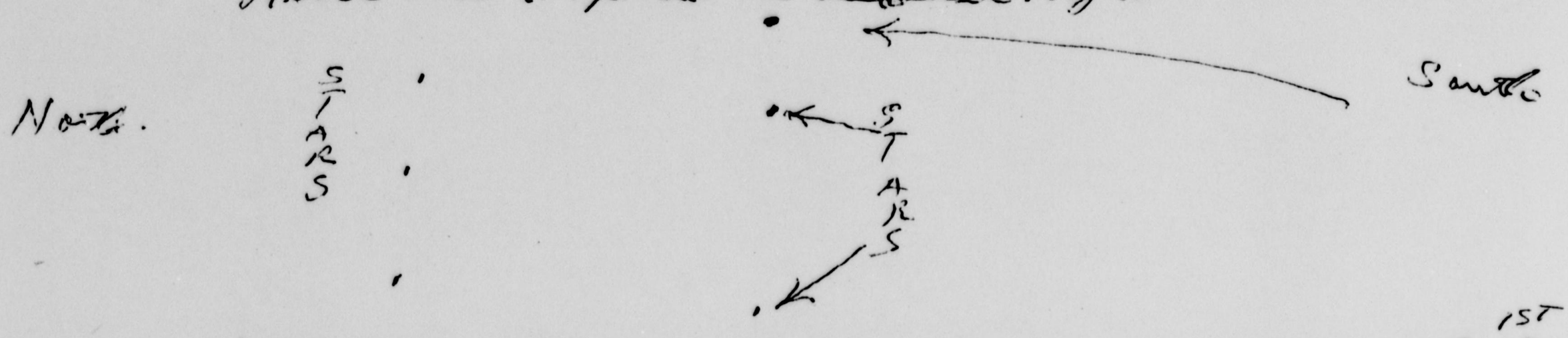
[redacted]
Montgomery, Pennsylvania 18651
Sept. 1st, 1967.

TDET/UFO
H. Quintrilla Jr, major
Department of the Air Force
Headquarters Foreign Technology Division (AFBC)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Sir;

If you don't mind me bothering you I got some UFO pictures this morning if you didn't have satellites over this area at 3:35 AM. and one at 5:10 AM. 1 Sept.

First one I spotted in the East right above two stars




with three stars to the north it went to the north. 1st one

West and I took several pictures trying to include a star in the picture so you could see that it was moving and changeing position.

The other 2nd one came over further west. I spotted it in the south and it also went to the north west.

I hurried to change film in the camera to get reversal shots of it as it was closing in on a star in the north west but I didn't get the film in in time. So went right toward the star in the north west.

I watched and watched the sky for the last month

(see the other side of 2 Harrisburg)

? first to try out my camera and had to settle for taking pictures of the stars and a couple airplanes after night ~~that~~ try out my camera but don't have the film back ~~yet~~ to see how it came out, I forgot to push small button and tore film trying to rewind then opened camera and exposed it to light.

Intend to change film which is only second one I put in this camera and I opened camera and didn't have it fully rewound so I'll have to see if I have any pictures of second battlelite or UFO.

The UFO ~~pictures~~ I completed should have been dated for

? June 16th. I checked with State Police.

You would be surprised how many have been seen here.

Just sit of a clear sky I say, "Have you seen any flying saucers."

So far I have been told they are round spin on top one way on the bottom another, cigar shaped, silver ball, red ball of fire.

Several watched a silver ball going over in daylight at Jonesville.

They were seen over Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

One cigar shaped with lighted windows was seen at Simmesahoning at 4:00 AM one morning.

In Philadelphia I heard we have so many saucers coming we blocked out the country.

A State Policeman stopped me this side of Harrisburg Pa.

and I asked him if he had seen any flying saucers and He said, "I wouldn't say I saw a flying saucer but I saw a flying object."

I said, "If we don't have them or Russia don't have them they are manned and from outer space."

He said, "Don't worry about us having them as they are too d____ fast and if we had them Russia would stay off our backs."

a lady in Clearfield told me her sister seen one.

a man I knew from New Jersey also told me they were seen over Clearfield after I asked if he had seen any in New Jersey.

If the pictures turn out I'll prove something went over this morning anyway.

Unless they manuver you can't tell them from a satellite except they can go slower than a satellite or twice as fast.

I never saw satellites come over from that direction so I snapped them to see if my camera would work if not I'll try getting a telephoto lens.

Thanking you.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

doesn't check with Code I, II, or Foreign

[redacted]
[redacted]ania
September 29th, 1967

Department of the Air Force
Headquarters Foreign Technology Division (AFSC)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Sirs;

I wish to ask you if you had a satellite going from East to west and another west to East September 10th, at 9:27 P.M.. (Utah State Police 9:30 P.M. and didn't have any record back with me.)

I saw quite some flying object and possibly the one seen over Slatington, Pennsylvania.

I took eighteen pictures and only four turned out, why?

Description of ~~west to~~ East to west flight

Bright Star in West TWO BRIGHT STARS

SPACE

BETWEEN

Large space between.

I got the two stars and the flight west of these object STARS

Was case in pending [photo] seems to be closed for 1 Sept 67

I got the object by itself in the space.

[Good 164, Photodata sheet and request negatives.]

between.

I what one before it passed the bright star in west which can be seen most any night

• Bright star

• object

I also what one after it passed. This was to show that it was a motion and direction of flight so you could trace it across.

I could hear the shutter open and close on the camera so I am not satisfied that I did not get it back. I went to the State Police and they told me to go to the Lab and tell them that I was sending stuff in there and wasn't getting it back and if their answers didn't satisfy me to turn it into your fed investigation

I am satisfied with the pictures I got but when you stand in one place and snap eighteen and you can see the bright light sparkle in the viewfinder and you only get five all together and lose the best one it makes you suspicious at least. The film should be brighter from the extra exposure as I took longer exposure as I didn't wish to miss it.

I wanted the State Police to take the film to their Laboratory and put it under their microscope and see if there were identifying marks on the film that returned to me to show that it was the

same film as I seen through my camera that was returned to me. But they refused said it was a civil case.

I have a lot of other pictures I took here too that didn't turn out but I have a record and the direction they took or I would get time off and the record in by copying it. Now I have tried to get three different times I think it is a satellite but the other I have only seen once. I work with a string of lights overhead which is a handicap but I put them out now to take pictures where I seen one moving in the sky. That one I can only just see going over the roof of the building then I have to turn down the end to suit position.

One object was seen in Clearfield here by four people and it zig zagged across the sky and went toward the Rocky reminded me of the first one I turned in to you.

I got to thinking do they zig zag to fool your radar or possibly think it might be anti aircraft guns and they zig zag so they won't get hit.

I forgot to tell you last time one fellow watched one way up in the sky and watched smaller ones come out and go back in.

I picked up two boys from Mississippi and said have you seen any flying saucers and one said he had. I asked what it looked like and he said white oval shape. I asked the time and he said about dusk last December. I know their names.

About three weeks ago about fifty people

watched them out back of the Petersburg State Hospital.
I have one name for sense of information,
Hope this might be of some help to you,

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

P.S. Regarding that first report I turned in to you you asked where it went my pardner pointed out to me what he said was still the object and I watched it for a couple hours and it seemed to be climbing to the north west like line below but since I had lost track of it myself I did not wish to commit myself so I stuck to just what I had seen. Space is no vast that would possibly explain its staying in sight that long and it could have then go again too.

Photographed with 7 caliber Kodak
Retina 1c f. Cor 2 X 2 Color ASA 64
All nothing on slide
Mentioned additional sightings of
9/11/67 & 12 Aug 67

[redacted]
Hontzdale, Pennsylvania
16651
Tuesday October 3rd, 1967.

(FTD(TDET)/UFO)
Project Blue Book
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

Sir;

Wish to report what I consider a real UFO?
my son and [redacted] were coming
down Route 53 from Ramsey to Hontzdale and
around 4:00 or 5:00 AM.
first as they came through the cut below Kendrick,
there was a bright light hovering low in the sky.
It started to move when they would stop, it would
stop and when they would about catch up to it it
would start again (possibly watching their headlights)
It stopped over Karvalchek about halfway between
West Moshannon and Hontzdale. Stopped again
over Hontzdale then went out in the mountains
by Elliott Coal mining Company and it was
bobbing up and down,

They were going to take the road up over
the hill by Donley Service Station to see
what it was doing out there but decided
against it.

They started toward my place in Osceola
Mills ~~to~~ tell ~~me~~ so I could get a picture

but we have an gas so they went home and tried to call me from there twice.

I was firing away on No 13 Kiln on the far side from the phone thought I heard the phone ring a couple of times but I didn't go to answer it.

[redacted] called me after I got home and finished my Bleep and asked me if I had seen it and I told him I had it.

I asked Bruce if he would fill out one of your forms and he said he would. His address is [redacted], [redacted], Hontzdale, Pennsylvania.

They told their girl friends the next night and one said I was watching that program too and one got lost in space they didn't know where it went.

This brought out another one who said he watched them South of Hontzdale about one mile two or three months ago - seem to have a flight pattern through here.) His name is [redacted], Hontzdale, Pa.

He told some people and they didn't believe him so he just watched them.

16651

I also got another name of a lady who works in the [redacted] at the Philipsburg State Hospital who seen the activity I told you [redacted] of the Hospital. Her name was [redacted]. The other lady was Mrs. [redacted] of Madera

who was a patient at the Hospital at the time.

my wife is out right now and she has the names and addresses of the two boys from Mississippi in her pocketbook. I'll send these later.

Pictures taken 1 Sept (?)

No 1

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GROUP

I am sending the colored slides I have no projector so I can't pick them out so I'll just send the slides I can't see anything on by looking through them.

These should be a picture of the objects alone

another object • STAR

, STAR

These stars both of some haze or object

and two stars ,

a group of stars with light spilling the slide from the bridgeyard and they are the stars ~~[illegible]~~ the object went through that came from West to East, or stars in the North with a moving object going through or the stars I tried taking from the bridgeyard in the south part of ~~they~~ lens opening 5.6 X 30 X pc

No 1 Group pictures taken from 12 TO 30

Lens opening 5.6 X 30, 15, 8, 9, 2 X pc

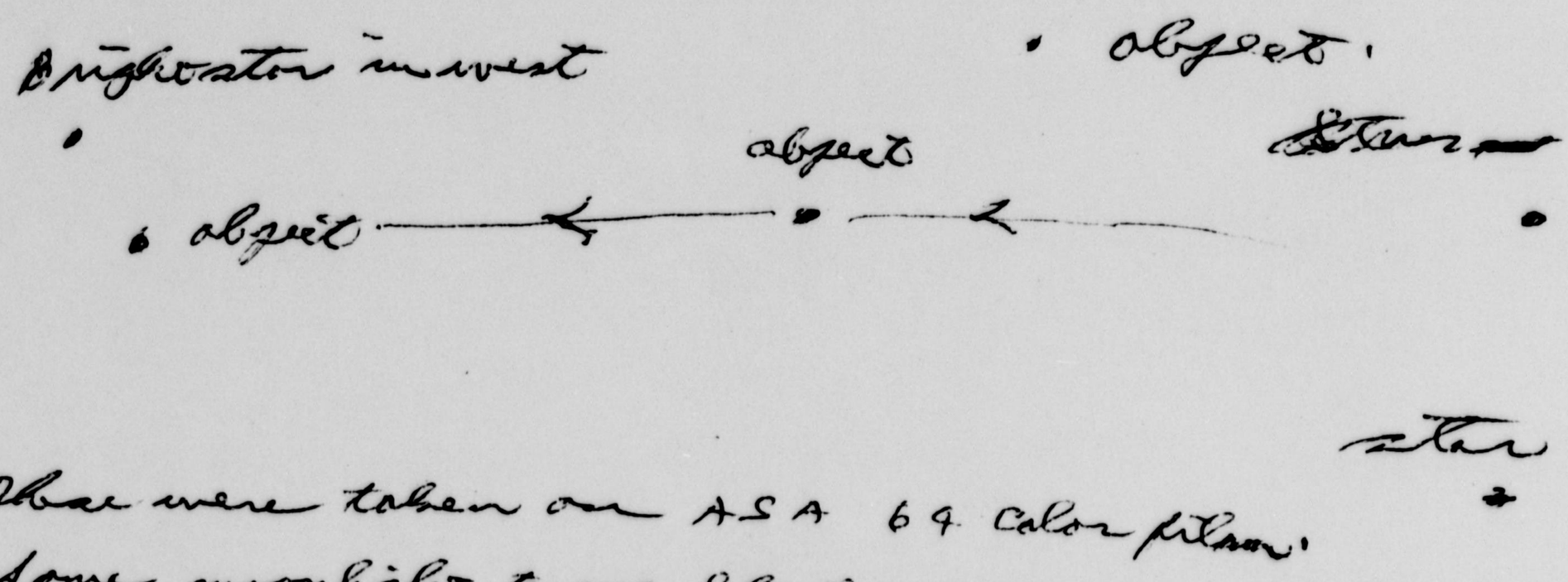
Nov 22 to 30 5.6 X 1 X pc

I usually keep it on 1.8 X 30 X pc but I had it set for daylight and hurried in and grabbed the camera and start taking pictures and forgot to change the lens opening.

I am well satisfied I done that good as they are very well on screen from projector, at least I got something to show for my efforts.

Crop II pictures

The above are from September 10th, 1967 9:27 pm. object going from east to west and west to East. The single? picture is definitely the object between the bright stars and the bright star in west, Bright star in west




These were taken on ASA 64 Color film. Some moonlight to my left but I never went around the trees to see if it was a $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ or full moon. I hurried about fifty feet to get into position to take pictures of the one going from West to East.

Thanking you for your cooperation

If you wish I will report all moving objects in Satellite Category that I am fortunate enough to see but I'll only take pictures of the ones that zig zag or bob up and down.

your Echo II time was partly close to my time September 1st. Record. Dark and foggy S.E. TO North West, Pictures taken at end of object flight. Side of office toward ⊙ recall to avoid ground lights from lights.

• object first seen here time 3.35 STAR

STAR.

• STAR

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Fort Pierlance

object

• object

• STAR

no pictures turned out. Roll 25 color.

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ROLL HIGH SPEED BLACK & WHITE 400 36 picture SEPT 2ND. 1967 2:55 AM. BOTH spotted northwest of Brickyard 4:30 AM.

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9/11/67

• STAR

• SATTELLITE

New sighting

9:55 PM. SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST

also took pictures of three stars in south, two stars in east, group in south. All taken to show you which way the object went June 16 th. that I turned in but none of the pictures turned out. Going to try a filter.

Another story I got was a boy who set his camera out for 200 nights with an open shutter and one night he caught a big object going through didn't know what it was I told him to tell the boy to turn it into the Air Force.

sightings entered Lyle

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

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another unrecognized sighting

South

SATTELLITE PATH

august 13th 1 16:30 PM -

7 SLIDES ENCLOSED
2 X 2 11 Color ASA 64

# PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA

1. Type and make of camera KONICA

2. Type, focal length, and make of lens KONISHIROKU HEXANON 1:1.8 F= 52MM

3. Brand and type of film ASA 64

4. Shutter speed used 15 To 1

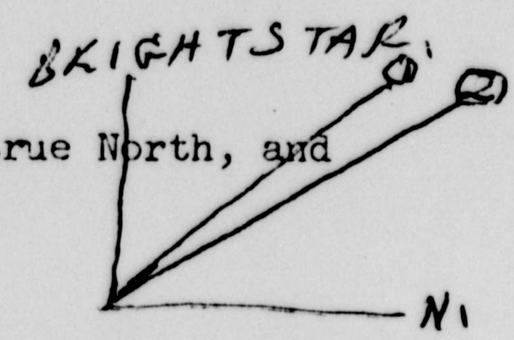
5. Lens opening used; that is, "f" stop 5.6

6. Filters used NONE

7. Was tripod or solid stand used NO, HELD TIGHT AGAINST LEFT SIDE OF NOSE.

8. Was "panning" used No

9. Exact direction camera was pointing with relation to true North, and its angle with respect to the ground. ABOUT 75°




10. If supplemental information is unobtainable, the minimum camera data required are the type of camera, and the smallest and largest "f" stop and shutter speed readings of the camera.

NO 1 for single picture
NO 2 for two stars and object
object.

[redacted]
Hartzdale, Pennsylvania
(1665)
October 29th., 1967.

United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson AFB, OHIO
45433

Sir;

Regarding your letter of Oct 17th., 1967.

(1) If you would of ~~read~~ those slides I sent you on a lamp type CZA, GZA 500 W, 660 W total you would have gotten ~~stars~~ and objects that looked like the bottom of an ordinary size waste basket. no detail except it looked a little weird on top. It was white my boy and I both seen and I never seen anything like it before,

(3) I never followed a Satellite with my eye that it wasn't easy to follow in a steady line.

(4) Showed I had good eyes even though I use glasses to read. I am far sighted and not much game in the woods escapes me at least seeing it.

I got an idea out of this one. If when I was lucky enough to see an object changeing direction in the sky if they could send some of those rockets over where I work or at Hartzdale and have a certain altitude we could let whoever it was know we are alive down here and let them know we meant no harm. But don't mistake my hat for a flying saucer. I wouldn't want one to explode that close over my head. They look

like they explode pretty hard, know that all your air traffic is at above a certain height possibly we could explode one pretty close and follow it up with a live one that would foster on and follow the light until it hit it and we would really find out what it is or if you could send a rocket out with a TV Camera on it with an explosive charge and when your control men were convinced it was just a plain light let it foster on to it and contact it and blast it. I can pick out the planes as they flash their lights off and on and also their red light. But the object I reported June 16th, is just a single light.

you might be able to fix it so I could call the State Police at Philipsburg, Pennsylvania and have them call Wallops Island, Va. and if they could bring a few in here I could at least give you the altitude, I could get on the phone then run out and look and see how close they were coming and tell them how to shoot their next shot. There isn't much time but if it is planned ahead and utilized you might be lucky enough to make it. And if the State Police would get out there and look too except the one on the phone they might see it going too and I would have extra witnesses at least.

If they start checking close to it will see what it does, will see if it turns around and comes back right away.

If you wish to give me the number of your nearest air Force Base here or give it to the State Police at Philipsburg, If anyone else is around OK have them call

while I take pictures. I would like to have colored film in too. It runs $2.75 a roll here and in Philadelphia it runs $1.39. I sent $500 down there to my son-in-law about 3 weeks ago and he is so busy I have to carry film yet. Will have to send direct to the store I guess.

Thanks for the time and effort to send me your nice informative letter. I'll probably start looking for some of those books to read. You'll make a real flying saucer hunter out of me.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

P.S. Suppose I would call in and say it is South East of Osceola mills where I work going in such and such a direction and they would pick them up in there approximately. Then I could call the pilots from there on. I could try and get a picture of the burst and the object. Then call again. That would be a real test.

Or if your plane came in with his ground light on or some distinguishing feature that someone from the ground could notice I could direct it toward the object, by keeping in touch with our Air Force Base and they could radio plane in code possibly. When I knew where our plane was and the object was up. Could direct plane or planes toward object. I have others alerted around here to call me too.

Bright light seen going East over Hontgdale 7:45 TO 8:00 P.M. October 25th. [redacted] MADEIRA, PENNSYLVANIA. Heard sound it 10:30 P.M.