PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
17 Aug 66 18/0154Z	Syosset, New York 1 witness
3. SOURCE	**10. CONCLUSION**
Civilian	Satellite(Echo I)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	@ the time of the sighting Echo I was passing over central New York on a ENE heading
one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS**
30 minutes	Observer watched an object of the first or second magnitude passing from WNW to ENE over Syosset, New York. It was a few minutes after sunset and the object traveled across the sky in about 30 minutes. The witness even said that it could have been a satellite.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
Ground Visual	
7. COURSE	The description is consistent with that of an satellite observation. Echo I was in the area at the time of the sighting.
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8. PHOTOS	
☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

17 August 66 Syosset, N York

SAF-OICC/Mrs. Cassel/me/71181/28 Oct 66

OCT 28 1966

Dear [redacted]

Reference is made to your recent letter regarding your unidentified flying object observation on August 17, 1966.

ECHO I was passing over central New York on August 17, at 8:54 p.m. ECHO I, the 100-foot aluminum sphere, served as a radio reflector for the first four and one-half months of its life, before solar radiation and meteoroids reduced its reflecting power. However, this satellite is not visible for thirty minutes.

According to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Star Catalog, there are more than 30 satellites with visual magnitudes of 3 or brighter. If you wish to know which specific satellite you observed, I would suggest you contact the Space Tracking and Detection Center at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado 80912. They have the responsibility of tracking all satellites and satellite components.

I hope you will find the above information useful. Thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

GEORGE P. FREEMAN, JR., Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

[redacted]
Syosset, New York (L.I.) 11791

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDETR

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 17 August 1966

SEP 27 1966

TO: Hq USAF (SAFOICC)

1. Reference the attached letter from [redacted] requesting information on an observation which he made on 17 August 1966. ECHO I was passing over central New York on 17 August at 2054. ECHO I, the 100 feet aluminum sphere, served as a radio reflector for the first four and one-half months of its life, before solar radiation and meteoroids reduced its reflecting power. This satellite is not visible for thirty minutes though.

2. According to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Star Catalog there are 30 plus satellites with visual magnitudes of 3 or brighter. If [redacted] desires to know which specific satellite he observed, it is suggested that he contact the Space Tracking and Detection Center at Ent AFB, Colorado. They have the responsibility of tracking all satellites and satellite components.

FOR THE COMMANDER

WARREN S. WHEELER, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology & Subsystems

1 Atch
Ltr, [redacted]

August 17, 1950

The Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In the event of World War III, I would be pleased to be called on active duty as a Reserve officer, with rank commensurate with my experience and background. I am a graduate engineer, with a degree from the University of Illinois, and have had approximately three years of experience in the field of electronics.

I would be pleased to be assigned to the Air Defense Command if this is possible.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted] (Governors Island) 11791

17 Aug 66 18/0.30Z
SYOSSET, N.Y.

TDETR /Maj Quintanilla, Jr/70916/hl/23 Sep 66

UFO Sighting, 17 August 1966

SEP 2 7 1966

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FOR THE COMMANDER

W. S. Wheeler

WARREN S. WHEELER, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology & Subsystems

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Ltr, [redacted]

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ORIGINATOR: _____ DATED 21 Sept 66
TDETR MAJ H QUINTANILLA, JR

_____ DATED 26 Sep 66
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August 17, 1966

The United States Air Force
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

On the evening of August 17, 1966 I spotted an object of the first or second magnitude passing from WNW to ENE over Syosset, N.Y. It was a few minutes after sunset, about half past eight, and the object, which I suppose to be a satellite, took approximately thirty minutes to cross the sky.

Would it be possible to send me the name of the satellite I observed?

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted] (LONG ISLAND) H79