

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE April, 1960		2. LOCATION Chicago, Illinois		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Military		9. COURSE -- --	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION -- --		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS -- --		11. COMMENTS	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Letter received stating that the witness may have seen the decay of Discoverer XI and Sputnik IV. Follow-up request for information unanswered.				Discoverer XI decayed on 26 April. Sputnik IV is still up (as of Feb 1962) it is not possible to evaluate the case on the information received. It is possible that the witness referred to Sputnik III, which decayed on 6 April, 1960. Case listed as insufficient Data/	

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AFCIN-462/Maj Friend/amc/69216/typed 31 May 60

Letter [REDACTED]

SAFOI-3d (Maj Tacker)

1. Suggest that Airman [REDACTED] be forwarded standard UFO questionnaire for completion, and that he also be requested to provide any additional information which he considers important concerning his possible sighting of the disintegration of Sputnik IV.
2. It is further suggested that Airman [REDACTED] be commended for his initiative in reporting what could possibly be important scientific information to the Air Force.
3. The witness' address:

[REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Oketo  
 Chicago 34, Illinois

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS  
 Colonel, USAF  
 Deputy for Sciences and Components

Director  
 Aerospace Studies  
 AFM: Archives  
 Maxwell AFB, Ala

RETURN TO:  
 [REDACTED]

2 Atch:  
 1. Cy ltr, [REDACTED], fr [REDACTED]  
 2. Cy ltr 24 [REDACTED], fr [REDACTED]

REF 3. 60101-1  
 1-14 APR 1960

*Apur 3 6 apr  
 Apur IV still up  
 Disc VI 26 apr*

COORDINATION:

*Philip G. Evans Majin AFM 462 31 May 60  
 AFM 462 4/31/60*

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Ltr, Hq 1st Missile Div, VAFB, 10 May 60, Letter of Transmittal

2d Lnd, Hq AFEMD (WDYI)

MAY 24 1960

TO: ATIC (AFCEIN-4F3C, ATTN: LtCol James C. Fox), WPAFB, Ohio

1. Forwarded as possibly being a source of information on Sputnik IV.
2. Attached is copy of a letter of acknowledgment sent to [REDACTED]

FOR THE COMMANDER:

*Daniel W. Wickland*

DANIEL W. WICKLAND  
Colonel, USAF  
DCS/Intelligence

2 Atch  
1 n/c  
Added 1 atch  
2. Cy ltr, WDYI,  
to [REDACTED]



HEADQUARTERS 1ST MISSILE DIVISION  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: DXI

10 May 1960

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: AFBMD

Forwarded is a letter from [REDACTED]  
for your information and necessary action.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

*John J. Goshert*

JOHN J. GOSHERT  
2nd Lt, USAF  
Deputy, Community Relations

1 Atch  
Ltr, [REDACTED]

Ltr, DXI, 10 May 1960, Letter of Transmittal

1st Ind/Capt Dessauer/WDEC/2705

18 May 1960

TO: WDY

1. Forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

*Christopher F. Dessauer*  
CHRISTOPHER F. DESSAUER  
Captain, USAF  
Deputy Chief  
Community Relations Division



[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Oketo  
Chicago 34, Illinois

Discoverer Program  
Vandenberg Air Force Base  
California

Officers; Gentlemen:

I am in the Air Reserve, Hq ConAC (IRS) ARRC, and am at present enrolled in a course of astronomy at the Adler Planetarium. A Survey of Modern Astronomy. Since astronomy has always, to any extent, intrigued me; and since my eyesight is considered to be normal ---- I hope what I have to say here is not taken as lightly as some of the letters I am sure you have received.

In regard to Sputnik IV: I may have seen its disintegration. Perhaps within twelve hours of its predicted eclipse.

In regard to Discoverer XI and capsule: I may have seen its disintegration. It seemed to be quite different from that of Sputnik IV, or what I assumed to be Sputnik IV. (Clarification ---- the capsule's disintegration.) I would very much like to write you another letter concerning the above. However, I wouldn't want to waste your time as well as mine by continuing what might appear to be fiction. Therefore: an acknowledgment of this letter would be appreciated and in such a case I would do my best to give details concerning azimuth, time, length of flameout, duration of flameout, color, brilliance, characteristics of descent, etc. Thank you for your patience.

Respectfully,  
[REDACTED]



HEADQUARTERS  
AIR FORCE BALLISTIC MISSILE DIVISION (ARDC)  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
Air Force Unit Post Office, Los Angeles 45, California



MAY 24 1960

Reply to  
Attn of WDXI

[REDACTED]  
Chicago 34, Illinois

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter concerning your possible observation of the disintegration of Sputnik IV. I have forwarded the letter to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, which is the organization that compiles information on Soviet satellites.

Information from independent observations such as yours can add to the Air Force's knowledge of activities in space. Your initiative is appreciated.

Sincerely

DANIEL W. WICKLAND  
Colonel, USAF  
DCS/Intelligence

At 1/2



7 June 1960

Dear [REDACTED]

This is to thank you for your recent letter addressed to Vandenberg Air Force Base concerning Sputnik IV and Discoverer XI.

In order to evaluate your sightings I am inclosing standard Air Force UFO questionnaires with the request that you complete in detail for these sightings. I will refer these completed questionnaires to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio for analysis and evaluation.

The Air Force appreciates your initiative in reporting what may be important scientific information.

Sincerely,

Inclosures

LAWRENCE J. TACKER  
Major, USAF  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information

[REDACTED]  
Oketo  
Chicago 34, Illinois

SAFOI-3d Coreback  
SAFOI-1 Reading



AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE  
OHIO



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: AF CIN-LE2

SUBJECT: Letter [REDACTED]

2 JUN 1960

TO: SAFOI-3d (Maj Tacker)

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Chicago 34, Illinois

FOR THE COMMANDER:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Philip G. Evans".

PHILIP G. EVANS  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Sciences and Components

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1. Cy ltr, no date, fr [REDACTED]
2. Cy ltr 24 May 60, fr ARDC



AFCIN-HE2

[REDACTED]

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