

MATTISON, R.W. A2C - CARPENTER A3C PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 Dec 60	2. LOCATION Randolph AFB, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0527 GMT 05/1127Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Witness #1 -- 15 sec Witness #2 -- 3-5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE not given	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object. Witness #1--size of nickel, bright white, glowing, small tail, reddish-white. Witness #2--size of quarter, orange (flame colored), tail twice as long as object and same color. Sighted at 15° elevation; 140° azimuth. Disappeared at 10° elevation; 135° azimuth. Slight arc. Faded out.		11. COMMENTS Satellite Zeta II reentered on this date, but where or the time of reentry is unknown. Short duration and short flight path which was fairly level is more indicative of a meteor, which was probably what was seen. During this time of year the earth is passing through several meteor showers. The object observed by the two witnesses was probably a meteor.	

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[REDACTED] FROM 3 WG 26 DET 001-N. ATTN: AFCIN-1B1; ATTN: AFCIN-4A; ATTN: PROJECT TRACK. FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AWS MESSAGE AWS55 001-N: OBJECT WITH APPEARANCE OF SHOOTING STAR, VERY BRIGHT, SIGHTED 1127Z, 3 DECEMBER 1966. FIRST SIGHTED AZIMUTH 140, ELEVATION 10 DEGREES; LAST SIGHTED AZIMUTH 135, ELEVATION 5 DEGREES, TRAVELING WEST TO EAST. TOTAL APPEARANCE: LESS THAN 1 MINUTE

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By: [Signature]  
Date: 12 MAY 1969  
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PRECEDENCE ROUTINE	TYPE MSG (Check) BOOK MULTI SINGLE			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL AF	ORIG. OR REFERS TO 8 SW 26 DET OOL-M	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE CONF
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FROM:

ATTC W-P AFB

TO:

RANDOLPH AFB, TEXAS ROWFDK

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

UNCLAS/AFCIN-4E2x 17-3509-E

DET 26, 8TH JG, YOUR MSG 8 SW DET OOL-M, DTD 5 DEC 60, REQA THE ALLEGED SIGHTING BE INVESTIGATED AND RPTD IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59.

DATE 7	TIME 0800
MONTH DEC	YEAR 1960

SYMBOL AFCIN-4E2x		SIGNATURE <i>Philip G. Evans</i>	
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (if required) Maj Robert J. Friend		TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE Philip G. Evans	
PHONE 69216	PAGE NO. 1	NR. OF PAGES 1	
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HEADQUARTERS  
3510TH FLYING TRAINING WING (ATC)  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS

13 DEC 1960

REPLY TO  
ATTN OFF OPB

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio

The attached Air Intelligence Information Report is submitted in accordance with your message AFCIN-4E2X 12-3509-E dated 8 December 1960.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

*Carl S. Miller, Capt.*

*for* CHARLES M. BLAKENEY  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Wing Operations Officer

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COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS San Antonio, Texas	DATE OF INFORMATION 5 December 1960	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT 3510 Fly Tng Wg (ATC) Randolph AFB Tex	DATE OF COLLECTION 12 December 1960	SRI STATUS (If applicable) SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL LAURENCE H. HEBBERT Captain, USAF	DATE OF REPORT 13 December 1960	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE SRI NO.
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE A3C R. W. MATTISON, 26 Det, 8 Wea Gp A3C B. J. CARPENTER " "	EVALUATION Both are reliable	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date) ACTIVE
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable) (1) TWX, CONF, FROM 8WGDC TO 8WG26DET, 2 DEC 60; (2) TWX, CONF, FROM 8WG26DET TO COFS WASH DC AND ATIC WPAFB; (3) TWX, UNCLAS, FROM ATIC TO 8WG26DET, 8 DEC 60.		
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)  Unidentified Flying Object		
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)  The Unidentified Flying Object was observed by two airmen on duty at Detachment 26, 8th Weather Group, Randolph AFB, Texas. A3C Carpenter was the duty observer in the weather observatory tower atop the Base Operations building at Randolph AFB. A3C Mattison, as Senior Observer on duty, was temporarily in the tower overseeing the performance of A3C Carpenter.  Airman Carpenter was seated facing SSE. Airman Mattison was seated facing Airman Carpenter in a generally northward direction.		
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Text in accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2. The observers opinions differ on several points. These are indicated in sub-items (a) and (b).

a. Description of the objects:

- (1) Round
- (2)
  - (a) Size of nickel
  - (b) Size of quarter
- (3)
  - (a) Bright white - glowing
  - (b) Orange (Flame colored)
- (4) One
- (5) N/A
- (6) None
- (7)
  - (a) Small tail, reddish white
  - (b) Tail twice as long as object, same color as object
- (8) None
- (9) None

b. Description of object's course:

- (1) Casual observance (Note: The observers had been briefed on the text of message from 8WGDC to 8WG26DET dated 2 Dec 60)
- (2) Elevation 15°; Azimuth 140°
- (3) Elevation 10°; Azimuth 135°
- (4) Slight Arc
- (5)
  - (a) Just faded out
  - (b) Instantaneously into the horizon

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(6)

(a) 15 seconds

(b) 3 to 5 seconds

(Note: These times differ materially from the time quoted in the message SWG26DET to COPS and ATIC dated 5 Dec 60.)

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground - visual

(2) None used

(3) N/A

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 1127Z, 5 December 1960

(2) Dark

e. Location of observers:

(1) Weather observation tower, atop Base Operations building, Randolph AFB, Texas, 29°32'N, 98°17'W.

f. Observers identification:

(1) None

(2) A2C Ronald W. Mattison, AF15611747, Det 26, 8th Wea Gp, Randolph AFB;  
A3C Billy J. Carpenter, AF12594719, Det 26, 8th Wea Gp, Randolph AFB.

g. Weather and winds:

(1) Being as they were on duty with the Randolph AFB Weather Station the observers weather accounts are the official observation of: 17,000 thin broken, high broken, visibility 15 plus, temp 62, dewpoint 60, surface winds from the south at 5 knots.

(2) Surface - 180/5	20,000 - 240/34
6,000 - missing	30,000 - missing
10,000 - 240/21	50,000 - missing
16,000 - 230/33	80,000 - missing

(3) 17,000 thin broken/high broken

Pertinent weather from other stations:

Station	1100Z, 5 Dec 60	1200Z, 5 Dec 60	From RND
Cotulla	/-@12	/-@12	215 deg 80 NM
Alice	1400@12	EU400@12	180 deg 110 NM
Navy Corpus	S300@ES5@/W 12R--	M260@ES5@12	145 deg 120 NM
Palacios	E500@ 7R--	E500@ 7	115 deg 112 NM

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(4) 15 miles plus

(5) 17,000 thin broken, high broken

(6) None

(7) Surface + 17°C	20,000 - 16°C
6,000 + 10.5°C	30,000 - 37°C
10,000 + 5°C	50,000 - 65°C
16,000 - 7.5°C	80,000 - Not available

h. Negative unusual activity.

i. None

j. A check was made with the San Antonio Weather Bureau. Mr. Webb of that organization states that they released a weather balloon at 1138Z which is 11 minutes after the reported UFO sighting.

A check was made with the Director of Operations of the AGCW GCI site at Lackland AFB. They report negative sightings.

k. Base Operations, Randolph AFB, Texas. Negative comment due to insufficient information and the classification of the references.

l. Negative physical evidence.

*Laurence H. Hebert*  
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Captain, USAF  
UFO Officer

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