

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Feb 61	2. LOCATION Vernon, Texas	12. CONCLUSIONS <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
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT _____	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	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Letter to Secy of Def stating that boy sighted a UFO and reported it to Altus AFB.		11. COMMENTS UFO supposedly reported to Altus AFB, no record of report. Case carried as insufficient data.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

27 February 1961

Dear [REDACTED]

I read with interest your letter of 18 February 1961 in which you outlined the purpose of your new organization, SKY WATCHERS, and am sure that you and your fellow members will find this a most interest hobby, the study of the sky and its stars.

The Air Force policy is to encourage people who sight unidentified flying objects to report them to the Intelligence or Operations officer at the nearest Air Force installation. Thus, when you reported your sighting of 17 February to Altus Air Force Base, you were doing as the Air Force would like you to do. Also, I am sure your watch for tornadoes will be of interest to the nearest Weather Bureau which tracks these storms by radar.

For your information we are inclosing the latest Department of Defense fact sheet on UFOs. This clearly states the position of the Air Force and the Department of Defense on this controversial subject.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

WILLIAM M. MACK
Captain, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
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Vernon, Texas

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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROUTING SLIP

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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY				FOR
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY				PREPARATION OF DRAFT REPLY FOR WHITE HOUSE SIGNATURE AND TRANSMITTAL LETTER
✓ SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE				PREPARATION OF REPLY FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SIGNATURE
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING				PREPARATION OF REPLY FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SIGNATURE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (Comp)				NOTE AND FORWARD
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (H&M)				APPROPRIATE ACTION ✓
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (P&I)				REPLY DIRECT <i>(Forward copy of reply to Secretary of Defense files)</i>
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (S&L)				INFORMATION AND RETENTION
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA)				INFORMATION AND RETURN FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FILES
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PA)				DATA ON WHICH TO BASE A REPLY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (MP&R)				COMMENT AND/OR RECOMMENDATION
GENERAL COUNSEL				COORDINATION WITH
DIRECTOR, ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY				PRIORITY
ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (AB)				
ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (Special Operations)				
ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (LA)				
SPECIAL ASSISTANT				

REMARKS

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February 18, 1961

Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Sir:

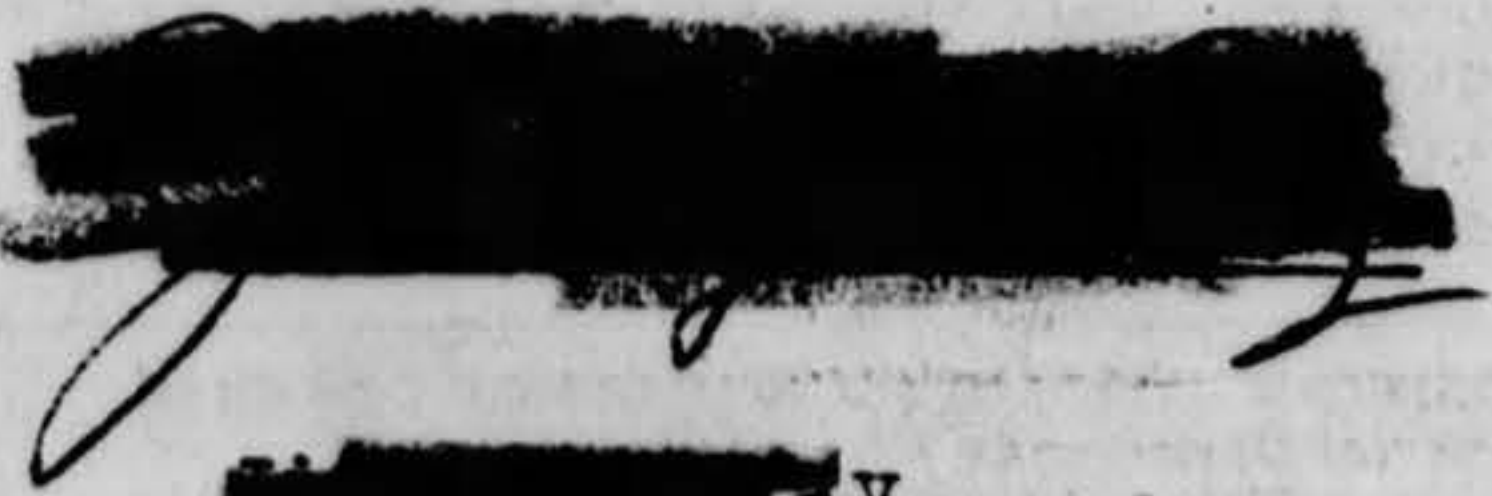
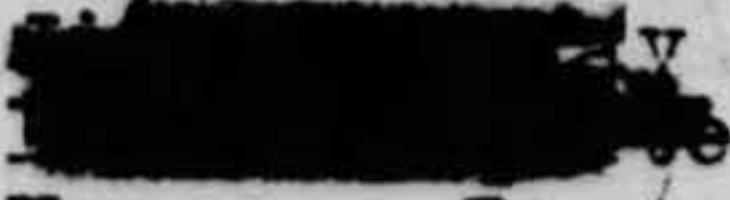
I thought of a new organization to help our defenses in one way. The name of the organization is "SKY WATCHERS" and it is very much like the GOC except the Sky Watchers will watch for UFO's and tornadoes.

I sent the name of the Sky Watchers and details to the President with a design of a shoulder patch. Due to the President receiving so much mail - I doubt if he or his secretary has seen my letter - it was mailed about 2 weeks ago.

Why not have men throughout the United States at certain points with cameras with telescopic lens to take movies of any UFO's they may sight.

Yesterday I sighted an UFO over Vernon and reported it to the Altus Air Force Base. I do not have a movie camera. I believe ALL UFO's should be reported to the nearest Air Force base - THEN notify the local authorities.

Sincerely



Vernon, Texas