

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<b>1. DATE</b> 5 Mar 61	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Lanett, Alabama		<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local <u>1221 EST</u> GMT <u>05/1721 Z</u>	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <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
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b> Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 4 min	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> 1	<b>9. COURSE</b> NE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Echo I</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> Objt like Echo I only 4 times as fast viewed from 45-50° elev in SW. No noise, on vapor trail. Orange with silver edges, round or disk shaped. Size of Venus.		<b>11. COMMENTS</b> If first view of Echo by witness was made when Satellite was toward horizon, appearance overhead would lead observer to believe that speed was much greater. No evidence to indicate that this was not Echo I, although data not obtained from Space Track to confirm this as a positive sighting of Echo I.	

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AFCIN-4E2x

UFO Sightings

SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

1. Attached are copies of letters which were forwarded to ATIC by the CAA and the NASA reporting the sighting of unidentified flying objects. The information contained in these letters is not sufficient for a conclusion to be reached by ATIC; therefore, request ATIC Forms #164 be sent to the witnesses for their completion and forwarding directly to this Center, Attn: AFCIN-4E2x.

2. Addresses of the witnesses are as follows:

Mr. [REDACTED]th

[REDACTED]  
Lanett, Alabama

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Williamsburg, Virginia

3. If the above witnesses know of any other witnesses to the sightings, request this information be included in their reports.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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

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1. Fax cy ltr 5 Mar 61 fr  
[REDACTED] to CAA

2. Fax cy ltr 8 Aug 61 fr  
[REDACTED] to NASA

4 April 1961

Dear Mr. ██████████:

Your letter of March 5th addressed to the Civil Aeronautics Administration has been referred to this office.

The Air Force is assigned the responsibility for the air defense of the United States with the further responsibility of investigating all reports of unusual aerial objects over the U.S., including those may become labeled unidentified flying objects. The study and analysis of reported sightings of UFOs is conducted by a selected scientific group under the supervision of the Air Force. The selected scientists involved in these analyses are completely objective and open-minded on the subject of UFOs and apply scientific methods of examination to all cases in reaching their conclusions.

The information supplied in your letter is not sufficient for a conclusion to be reached regarding this sighting. Enclosed you will find AFIC form #164. We request that you complete this form and forward it directly to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, marked for the attention of: AFICIN-4E2x. If you know of other witnesses to this sighting, we request this information be included in your report.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Atch  
AFIC form #164

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.  
Major, USAF  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information

Mr. ██████████  
██████████  
Lanett, Alabama

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Civil Aeronautics Administration,  
Department of Commerce,  
Washington, D.C.

[Redacted],  
Lanett, Ala.,  
March 5, 1961

Sirs:

I was sitting in a swing in my backyard in Lanett, Alabama, on Sunday, March 5, 1961, facing due north. At exactly 12:21 P.M., E.S.T., I looked up at an angle of about 45 or 50 degrees, in time to see a very fast moving "thing" traveling at high altitude on a course of SW to NE. There was no noise and no vapor trail. The "thing" appeared to be colored largely orange with some silver near the edges, and was round or disk shaped. I called to my wife and my 8 year old son. The boy came in time to catch a glimpse of the "thing." My wife was a little too late to have it pointed out to her before it went out of sight in the north-eastern sky. It also appeared to be about the same size-- to my eye-- as the planet Venus appears to be. As for speed, it appeared to be traveling at about 4 times the speed of Echo I. I could not judge the altitude, but the lack of noise and vapor trail indicated very high. Also the lack of any detail other than color and shape. The speed, as indicated, was terrific. Atlanta, the general direction in which it traveled, is about 80 airline miles from Lanett. I estimate the thing could have reached the Atlanta area in less than four minutes from the time I saw it, or at about 12:25 P.M., E.S.T., Sunday, March 5, 1961. My little boy said he had heard the thunder sound of a jet a little before I called to him, but it seems unlikely the thing I saw was a jet-plane. If it was a jet, it was absolutely the fastest moving I have seen. And I have watched the fastest of them.

I identify myself as private pilot [Redacted], airman certificate [Redacted], former member of LaGrange, Georgia, Civil Air Patrol, residing at [Redacted], Lanett, Alabama.

Yours truly,

[Redacted signature]  
[Redacted name]