## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 Mar 61	Lanett, Alabama   Lanett, Al		12. CONCLUSIONS  Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Probably Astronomical Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP  Local 1221 EST  GMT 55/1721 =  5. PHOTOS  O Yes  GNo			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE NE	Other Echo I Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown
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ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

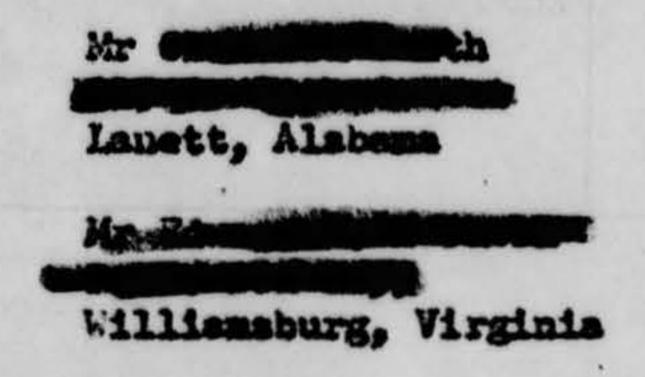
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UFO Sightings

## SAFOI-34 (L/Col Tacker)

- 1. Attached are copies of letters which were forwarded to ATIC by the CAA and the MASA 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 vitnesses for their completion and forwarding directly to this Center, Attn: AFCIN-AE2x.
- 2. Addresses of the vitnesses are as follows:



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, UEAF
Deputy for Science and Components

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1. Fax cy ltr 5 Mar 61 fr

to CAA

2. Fax cy ltr 8 Aug 61 fr

to HASA

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 serial 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 eases 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 ATIC 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: AFCIN-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,

Attch
ATIC form #164

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

Mr. Alabama

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

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Lanett, Ala., March 5, 1961

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 rast 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 to 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 Ecno I. I could not juage 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 airman certificate member of LaGrange, Georgia, Civil Air Patrol, residing at Alabama.

Yours truly,