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UNIDENTIFIED PROJECT 10073 RECORD ED

ATIC NO. --- DATE OF INFO <sup>20</sup> 22 Sept 1950

AP NO. --- LOCATION Kit Carson, Colo.

REPORT NO. --- SOURCE ---

DATE OF REPORT --- <sup>22</sup> DATE IN TO ATIC ---

TIME OF SIGHTING 20/1049 LSCN COLOR ---

SHAPE Spherical SPEED 200 mph to 2000 mph

SIZE 3'-7' diam. ALTITUDE 500' UP

COURSE --- LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED Over one min.

NO. IN GROUP 5 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

SOUND --- MANEUVERS Hovering, Horizontal and vertical upward flight.

PHOTOS --- SKETCHES --- REMARKS: Source reported seeing five fireballs. At first two larger objects were sighted which hovered temporarily ATIC Form 329 initially and then proceeded at 200 mph (est) horizontally at which (2 Jan 52) time three smaller objects, also apparently internally illuminated, appeared from behind the first two, aligned themselves with the first two and then all objects changed to a vertical course at high speed.



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**HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY**  
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26 September 1950

SUBJECT: "Fire Balls" or "Flying Saucers"

TO: Commanding General  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: MCI

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;  
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.  
DOD DIR 5200.10

1. In compliance with letter Department of the Army, CSGID 452.1, dated 25 March 1948, subject: "Unconventional Aircraft, control number A-1917, information received from Fifth Army Regional Office, Denver, Colorado, is submitted:

"On 22 September 1950, a reliable source reported that while he was driving between Kit Carson and Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, at 1049 hours on 20 September 1950, he observed five (5) objects in the sky which he described as 'fire-balls' or 'flying saucers.' Two (2) of these objects were fairly large and appeared to be three to seven feet in diameter and were saucer shaped or spherical. They looked as if they were masses of glowing molten metal. When first observed they appeared to be hovering at an altitude of about 500 feet, at any rate, definitely below the cloud ceiling. They hovered for about one minute and then proceeded across the road along which informant was driving, at a speed estimated to be about 200 miles per hour. While crossing the road, three (3) smaller objects, also apparently internally illuminated, came from out of or from behind the two (2) larger ones. Immediately thereafter the three (3) smaller objects aligned themselves with the two (2) larger ones. Thereupon all the objects greatly increased speed and changed their direction toward the vertical, away from the earth. Their speed upon changing course was judged to be approximately 2,000 miles per hour. They then almost immediately disappeared from sight. Informant could not determine whether they had moved out of sight or whether the light within the objects had been suddenly turned off. The apparition was also seen by a truck driver who had stopped his truck for the purpose of getting a better view of the objects."

2. No further investigation is contemplated by this headquarters.

*Note: See page 4, "The United States News and World Report" 29 September 1950. Our source is a trained observer.*

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