

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Dec 55		2. LOCATION Pueblo, Colorado		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Contrail</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>01/2300Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object observed for 20 minutes, appearance of contrail, white in color, like cigarette. Disappeared beyond mountains. Glow at top. Too slow for jet. No clouds in sky. No normal air travel in area of observation.				11. COMMENTS Possible contrail from high-flying a/c.	
				RETURN TO: Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama	

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LOCATION OF SIGHTING</u>	<u>CONCLUSION OR EVALUATION</u>
Sep 1955	Downey, California	Balloon
	Chicago, Illinois	Balloon
	Dayton, Ohio	Probably Balloon
	Briarscliff Manor, New York	Balloon
	Ossining, New York	Astronomical
	Flushing, New York	Astronomical
	Dayton, Ohio	Possibly Aircraft
Oct 1955	Elyria, Ohio	Insufficient Data
	Dayton, Ohio	Astronomical
	Louisville, Kentucky	Possibly Balloon
	Dayton, Ohio	Possibly Balloon
	Union City, Pennsylvania	Other (SL)
	Cream Ridge, New Jersey	Balloon
Nov 1955	Galveston, Texas	Balloon
	Wooster, Ohio	Possibly Aircraft
	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Possibly Aircraft
Dec 1955	(No reports by letter)	
Jan 1956	H. Stonington, Connecticut	Possibly Aircraft
	Chittenango, New York	Insufficient Data
	San Francisco, California	Probably Aircraft
	Lancaster, Ohio	Possibly Aircraft
Feb 1956	Troy, Ohio	Insufficient Data
	Caribou, Maine	Insufficient Data
	La Mirado, California	Probably Balloon
	Kilgore, Texas	Insufficient Data
Mar 1956	York Harbor, Maine	Possibly Aircraft
	Norfolk, Virginia	Unknown
	Fremont, Nebraska	Insufficient Data
	Tucson, Arizona	Balloon
	Denver, Colorado	Other (Eccentric, Hoax)
	Larson AFB, Washington	Insufficient Data
Apr 1956	Dayton, Ohio	Probably Aircraft
	Dayton, Ohio	Insufficient Data
	Argyl, Pennsylvania	Probably Aircraft
	Berkeley, California	Hoax (Other)
	San Francisco, California	Probably Aircraft
May 56	Brooklyn, New York	Other
	Covington, Kentucky	Aircraft
	McKinney, Texas	Balloon
	Allentown, Pennsylvania	Possibly Aircraft
	Dayton, Ohio	Balloon

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HQ AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Ohio

Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
14TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

14D 24-314

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT Sighted by
Sam T. Taylor near La Veta, Colorado,
25 November 1955
SPECIAL INQUIRY

25 JAN 1956

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado

1. The Honorable ~~Sam T. Taylor~~, ~~Democratic~~ Floor Leader, Colorado State Senate, in a letter written to the Denver Office, Federal Bureau of Investigations, dated 5 December 1955, stated that on or about 25 November 1955 he had seen an unidentified object in the vicinity of La Veta, Colorado.

2. The Denver Office, FBI, referred the matter to this office by letter, dated 9 December 1955. Two attempts were made by this office to contact ~~Sam T. Taylor~~ at his home in Walsenburg, Colorado.

3. On 12 January 1956, Special Agent JAMES A. ROGERS, of this office, interviewed Senator ~~Sam T. Taylor~~ at the Senate Chambers, Colorado State Capitol Building. Senator ~~Sam T. Taylor~~ verified the date and location where he had seen the object. He described the object as being shaped like a dirigible, slightly barrel-shaped with a large front end and tapering toward the tail. He compared the object when he observed it in the sky to three-fourths of the diameter of a fifty gallon barrel and approximately twice the length with a tapering tail. He said that the object was greenish-blue in color, appeared luminous, seemed to be of a jelly-like substance and had no distinguishable features. The object did not make any sound nor was any exhaust or trail made. He estimated that the object was approximately 15,000 feet elevation above sea level, traveled about ten miles during his observation and suddenly disappeared from view over Mt. Mestas. He estimated that the object was in his sight for approximately five seconds and he estimated the speed of the object as being about one-half the speed of a meteorite. He stated that the object suddenly appeared from view almost overhead diving at approximately a 45 degree angle, leveled off and ascended at approximately a 30 degree angle until its disappearance. He stated that the flight line of the object would have been from southwest to northeast. He estimated the altitude of the object approximately 7000 to 8000 feet. He said that the time of the sighting was approximately 1030 hours 25 November 1955, that there was an unlimited ceiling, and that there were no clouds or thunderstorms in the area. In conclusion, Senator ~~Sam T. Taylor~~ stated

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that it is his belief that Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], owners of the Alpine
Cafe, Walsenburg, Colorado, had also observed an unidentified object on the
same date and that it could possibly have been the same one that he had ob-
served.

4. On 18 January 1956, S/A LEONARD F. REDDISH, of this office, inter-
viewed Mr. and Mrs. JOHN SHOSKY, Walsenburg, Colorado. The [REDACTED] stated
that on or about 1 December 1955 when driving approximately twenty-nine miles
south of Pueblo at 1600 hours they observed an unidentified flying object.
[REDACTED] stated that his attention was called to the object by what could be
called a vapor trail. He said that the object appeared to be white in color,
was shaped roughly like a cigarette with a pure white color, apparently glow-
ing at the top. He said that they observed the object for approximately
twenty minutes and that its movement was too slow for a jet. He said that
there were no clouds in the sky on that day and there is no normal air travel
in that area. He said that the last he saw of the object was when he was
approaching Walsenburg when it apparently disappeared over Mt. Baldy.

5. This letter is classified ~~SECRET~~ pursuant to authority con-
tained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

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Frank M. Clark

FRANK M. CLARK
Lt Colonel USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir. OSI

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