PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 Dec. 56 2145Z	2. LOCATION Lakewood, Colorado one witness
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Balloon(possible)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer noted a round shaped object that was slowly moving toward the western sky. It was about the size of a grapefruit held at arm's length. The object was at first gold in color but then changed to a pink. There was no apparent motion of the object other than a sideways movement. The object disappeared in a straight line upward motion. There was numerous aircraft in the area west of Denver; however, a visual observation for about thirty minutes rules out any aircraft observation, especially since the object was under constant observation. The description is consistent with that of a balloon observation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE westward	
8. PHOTOS ( ) Yes (X) No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ( ) Yes (X) No	

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21 Dec 66 21/2145Z
LAKEWOOD, COLO.

LOWRY TECHNICAL AIR TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, 80230, Colorado

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: XPCP

Date 21 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)

TO:

When unidentified flying objects (UFO) are reported, the following information will be filled in and then forwarded immediately to Plans/Program attention XPCP.

a. Description of the Object(s):

(1) Shape. Round when first sighted, later appeared to be shaped like an obelisk with an hyperbole angle.

(2) Size compared to a known object (use one of the following terms: Head of a pin, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit, or basketball) held in the hand at about arm's length.

Grapefruit

(3) Color. Gold turning to pink

(4) Number. One

(5) Formation, if more than one. None

(6) Any discrenible features or details. Three years ago in same area UFO appeared like a harp, same features as this sighting.

(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s). None

(8) Sound. If heard, describe sound. None

(9) Other pertinent or unusual features 80 - 90 ft diameter

b. Description of course of Object(s):

(1) What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s)?

Just happendd to look up while parked in automobile

(2) Angle or elevation and azimuth of the object(s) when first observed. **Appeared to hover and then move from side to side - came out of clouds West of Lakewood, over the mountains**

(3) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance.

Disappeared in straight upward motion

(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s).

No apparent manuevering other than sideways motion

(5) How did the object(s) disappear? (Instantaneously to the north, etc.)

Gradually to the West.

(6) How long was the object(s) visible. (Be specific, 5 minutes, 1 hour, etc)

Visible for 30 minutes

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Use one or any combination of the following items: Ground-visual, ground - electronic, air electronic. (If electronic, specify type of radar.)

ground-visual, natural eyesight

(2) Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, and so forth) used and description thereof. **None**

(3) If the sighting is made while airborne, give type of aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station.

N/A

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) Zulu time-date-group of sighting. **21/2145/Dec 66**

(2) Light conditions. (use on of the following terms: Night, day, dawn, dusk) Day 2:45 PM

e. Location of Observer(s). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, and/or geographical position. A position with reference to a known landmark also should be given in electrical reports, such as "2mi N of Deoville; "3mi SW of Blue Lake". Typographical errors or "garbling" often results in electrically transmitted messages, making location plots difficult or impossible.

EXAMPLE: 89 45N, 192 71W for 39 45N, 102 21W.

105 5/ 39 40

f. Identifying Information on Observer(s):

(1) Civilian - Name, age, mailing address, occupation, and estimate of reliability. [redacted] 22 yrs, [redacted] Lakewood, Colorado

Electronics technician at Fort Logan hospital

(2) Military - Name, grade, organization, duty, and estimate of reliability. N/A

g. Weather and winds -- Aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:

Clear/ no wind/ rept from Buckley Wx Sta

(1) Observer(s) account of weather conditions.

Clear / no wind

(2) Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau Office of wind diection and velocity indegrees and knots at surface, 6,000', 10,000', 16,000', 20,000', 30,000', 50,000', and 80,000' if available.

(3) Ceiling. 13,000 high scattered clouds

(4) Visibility. 60 miles

(5) Amount of cloud cover. approx 30%

(6) Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located.

No storms/ haze in all quadrants

h. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

Three F-100 type aircraft in that vicinity

i. Interception of identification action taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing Air Defense directives).

None

j. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting.

Military aircraft in general area flying from West to East

k. Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting(s).

Edward E. Vigee, Major, USAF - Individual probably saw the military aircraft in that area.

l. Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs.

None