

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 Sept 52	2. LOCATION Denver, Colorado
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION UNKNOWN
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 5-6	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not stated	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE SW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYING		
AREA REPORTED ON Denver, Colorado	FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Branch, Wing T. & O. Sec., Lowry AFB, Colorado	
DATE OF REPORT 3 October 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 29 September 1952	EVALUATION None
PREPARED BY (Officer) ALFRED B. SISEMORE 1st Lt., USAF	SOURCE Tech. Sgt. Billy Ross Hughes, AF19284123, Lowry AFB	

REFERENCES (Control number, director, previous report, etc., as applicable) **Restricted Message No. G 5516J, dated 30 September 1952, from Lowry AFB to Dir. of Intel., USAF, Washington 25, D. C.**

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. Re Restricted Message, this Headquarters, G 5516J, dated 30 September 1952.
2. In compliance with AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the following information is forwarded:
 - a. Formation of five or six unidentified circular objects sighted by Tech. Sgt. Billy Ross Hughes, AF19284123, Hq. Sq. Sec., 3415th Aircraft Gunnery Group, Lowry AFB, Colo.
 - b. Objects were reported to be circling in trail in a circle approximately five or six times greater than the diameter of each single object. Their color was very bright and white.
 - c. There were no trails or exhausts visible, and no sounds audible.
 - d. Time of sighting was 2215 ZULU, 24 September 1952, and duration of sighting was for approximately five to six minutes.
 - e. Observer was standing in business district of Aurora, Colorado, about eight miles east of Denver, and the formation was estimated to be just north of Stapleton Airport.
 - f. Observer compared speed of objects to that of a jet passing 800 feet overhead, but made no estimate on altitude. Two C-47's passed through line of sight while observation was being made.

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1. In compliance with Paragraph 7d, AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the following information is submitted:

a. Tech. Sgt. Billy Ross Hughes, AF19284125, Hq. Sq. Sec., 3415th Aircraft Gunnery Group, Lowry AFB, Colorado, reported to the Office of Special Investigations, 29 September 1952, and reported the sighting of a formation of unidentified flying objects. Later that same day, 29 September 1952, Sgt. Hughes appeared at the Wing Intelligence Office, Lowry AFB, and related as follows:

(1) He went to Aurora on 24 September 1952, and went into a drug store and bought a package of cigarettes, glanced at the clock on the wall and observed that the time was 1525. He walked directly from the drug store to his car, and while walking happened to look up into the sky, at which time five (5) objects caught his attention. He was not sure as to whether he saw five or six objects. The objects appeared to be wheeling in the sky in a circle about five or six times as great as their diameter. He was observing them at an angle of about 30 degrees up. The objects appeared to be a little north of Stapleton Airport. He sat in his car a moment while awaiting for his eyes to adjust to the bright light of the sky then got out and stood beside the car and continued to observe. He then moved from his car over to the side of a building so he would be standing in the shade and continued his observation. A C-47 passing south from Stapleton blocked his view. After its passing he could still see the five or six objects circling. A short time later a second C-47 blocked his view and upon its passing he still observed the objects circling. He estimated the altitude of the second C-47 as approximately 2500 feet. He did not attempt to estimate the altitude of the objects he was observing but stated they were much higher than the C-47. Shortly after the second C-47 passed, one of the objects dipped down in the sky to such an extent that its diameter appeared to be approximately four times as great as the higher objects. The dipping object moved west southwest and disappeared from his view behind the building. He followed it through an arc of approximately 55 degrees and stated that its movement through the sky appeared to be about equal to the speed of a jet flying at 600 feet. While observing the objects, he saw no change in their color and no reticulate glint. Each object appeared to be fairly bright and white. At the time his observation took place the sky contained approximately two tenths cloud cover of the low stratus type. The sky was almost clear but there was some haze in the sky. He heard from any of the unidentified objects was heard. He had the visual impression that all objects were circular. He advised that the object that dipped down in the sky and disappeared west southwest was definitely circular in shape. While his attention was focused on the object that dipped down and disappeared west southwest the other five objects disappeared. He searched for several minutes in the sky for the other five objects but could not find them. The objects appeared to have been circling in single file formation. At no time was any sort of vapor trail observed. He advised that he looked around many times in the hope of finding some other person so that he could verify his observation but that no one passed by with whom he could verify his observation during this time. While the objects were circling, he estimated their angle of bank as approximately 60 degrees.

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b. Weather conditions and surface winds were as follows:

At 1430 - Clear - NNW at 10 knots

At 1530 - 1/10th cloud coverage at 6,000 feet - N at 7 knots

At 1630 - 1/10th cloud coverage at 6,000 feet - NNE at 10 knots

The nearest winds aloft report to the time of sighting was taken at 1400 hours and reads as follows:

Surface	-	340 degrees	-	7 knots
6,000'	-	360 degrees	-	7 knots
7,000'	-	20 degrees	-	9 knots
8,000'	-	20 degrees	-	10 knots
10,000'	-	10 degrees	-	11 knots
12,000'	-	350 degrees	-	16 knots
14,000'	-	340 degrees	-	17 knots
16,000'	-	340 degrees	-	20 knots

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TIME 2215 ZULU 24 SEP 52. LGTH OF TIME OBSD 5 OR 6 MINUTES. OBSR
STANDIN IN BUSINESS DIST OF AURORA, COLO, ABOUT 8 MILES E OF DENVER.
OBJ LOCATED JUST N OF STAPLETOM AIRPORT. ALT UNKNOWN. WEA COND 1/10
CLOUD COVER AT 6000 FEET. NO UNUSUAL ACTY OR COND PRESENT WHICH
MIGHT ACCT FOR SIGHTIN. NO PHOTOS OR FRAGMENTS AVAL. NEGATIVE INTCP
ACTION. TWO C-47J PASSED THROUGH LINE OF SIGHT WHILE OBSERVATION
WAS BEING MADE. THIS HQ HAS NO OP AS TO WHAT OBJU WERE. LTR WILL
FOL.

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COMP AFL 200-5 FOL IS SUBJ: BOSR [REDACTED]

LOWRY AFB COLO. REPORT OF OBSR RECD THIS B 29 SEP 52. SHAP CIR.

SIZE UNKNOWN. NO 5 OR 6. FORMATION CIRCLING IN TRAIL. TRAIL OR EXHAUST

NEGATIVE. PRPLN SYS UNKNOWN. SPEED COMPARABLE TO K PASSING 800 FEET

OVERHEAD. SOUND NEGATIVE. MANEUVERS CIRCLING IN TRAIL. MANNER OF

DISAPPEARANCE ONE OBJ BROKE FORMATION AND DOVE UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED

FR LINE OF VISION BEHIND BLDG. UNABLE TO RELOCATE REMAINING OBJS.

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>24 Sept. 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Aurora Colorado</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1615</i> Zebra: <i>22-15-2</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☒ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ Normal ☐ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: ☐ Blinking <i>NO</i> ☐ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: ☐ 1-15 Seconds ☒ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>Hq. Lowry AFB, Denver, Col.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>No</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? ☒ Yes <i>one time</i> ☐ No		
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☐ Night ☒ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☐ One Aircraft ☒ More Than One Aircraft		
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUNDED NOISE? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? ☐ Yes ☒ No		

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No						
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: <u>75</u> Minutes						
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<i>Hunter - L. AFB</i>	<i>Rawen</i>	<i>A.W.S.</i>	☒	☐	<i>white</i>
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate
23. FINAL EVALUATION: ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS: <i>5 to 6 objects seen - one arched luminous</i>	

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <u>24 Sept 52</u>		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <u>1430-1530+1630</u>		3. STATION OBSERVING <u>Lowry AFB, Col.</u>	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0	7	340	25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000	7	360	55,000		
7,000	9	20	60,000		
8,000	10	20	65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000	11	10	75,000		
12,000	16	350	80,000		
14,000	17	340	85,000		
16,000	20	340	90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes, at what altitude? _____) <u>unk.</u>					
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes, at what quadrant? _____) <u>unk.</u>					
7. CLOUD COVER: <u>1</u> tenths at <u>6,000</u> feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.				8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.	
9. COMMENTS:					