

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 July 54	2. LOCATION Denver, Colorado		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 09/2010Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 11 Seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 6 - 7	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, silver color appeared to be in formation. Est. Alt 35000 to 50000. Est speed 150MPH.			11. COMMENTS Operation check point cooperating F-86's flying at very high alt. was in the vicinity at that time.

- D. SLIGHT DESCENT AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED (ESTIMATED AT 1500 MPH)
ZIG-ZAGGING OR REVOLVING
- E. DISAPPEARED BEHIND HIGH SCATTERED CIRCUS CLOUDS
- F. IN SIGHT ABOVE ELEVEN SECONDS
3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION
- A. GROUND-UNUSUAL
- B. NO OPTICAL AIDS
- C. GROUND SIGHTING
4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING
- A. ZULU TIME 092010Z
- B. LIGHT CONDITIONS DAY
5. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS- LOWRY AFB COLORADO
6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS
- A. DENVER CIVILIAN AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER STAPLETON
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT DENVER COLO
- B. MILITARY CAPT GEORGE W GERMAN, GRADE CAPT LOWRY FLIGHT
SERVICE CENTER LOWRY AFB COLO, DUTY OPERATION OFFICER VERY
RELIABLE
7. WEATHER AND WIND ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING
- A. OBSERVERS ACCOUNT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS CLEAR VISIBILITY FORTY
MILES HIGH CIRUS CLOUDS 30,000 FT
- B. AWS WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY
- SURFACE 110 DEG 10 KNOTS - 6000 270 DEG 10K 10,000
270 DEG 10K 16000 200 DEG 20K 20,000 210 DEG 10K 30,000
260 DEG 30K 50,000 260 DEG 03K
- C. CEILING - NONE
- D. VISIBILITY- FORTY MILES
- E. CLOUD COVER 8/10 HIGH BROKEN 30,000
- F. NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA
8. NO UNUSUAL CONDITIONS, METEOROLOGICAL OR ASTRONOMICAL NOTED
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11. LOCATION OF AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA ALL AZIMUTH AT LOW ALTITUDES

12. POSITION TITLE OF PREPARING OFFICER CAPT [REDACTED] AO

671740 OPERATION OFFICER, LOWRY FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER LOWRY AFB

COLO . PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF SIGHTINREF. VERY HIGH

FLYING HIGH SPEED TYPE OF AIRCRAFT CAPABLE OF FAST EXTREME MANEUVERS

ESTIMATED SPEED BETWEEN 1200 TO 1500 MPH

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF
DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ATTENTION: AIR FORCE CASE, CHICAGO

SD 24-21-152

27 August 1954

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted at Lowry Air Force Base,
Denver, Colorado, on 9 July 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information are two (2) copies of a letter, dated 9 July 1954, from the 14th OSI District, Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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Cy ltr, dtd 9 Jul 54

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI w/o Incl

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1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

- A. ROUND
- B. SIZE OF DIME
- C. COLOR SILVER
- D. NUMBER SIX TO SEVEN
- E THREE APPEARED TO BE INFORMATION
- F NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES
- G NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST SIGHTED
- H SOUND NON
- I. NO UNUSUAL FEATURES

2. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTS

- A. DENVER AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER NOTIFIED LOWRY
FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER OF OBJECTS
- B. AZIMUTH NORTHEAST OF LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE 35.000 FT TO

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Ltr, DC #14 OSI, Dir OSI, Hq USAF, Wash.D.C. subject: "Unidentified Flying Objects."

cloud layer which at the time was estimated to be at 30,000 feet. The objects were visible for approximately a ten second period, and appeared to be traveling at an estimated rate of speed of 1500 miles per hour, were oscillating and also appeared to be descending.

4. At 1430 hours Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] were interviewed by Special Agent RUSH at Air Traffic Control Center, Stapleton Field, Denver, Colorado. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised they had been watching a B-36 type aircraft making passes over the Denver area at what they judged to be 30,000 feet. The B-36 disappeared behind some clouds and in attempting to resight the B-36 observed 4 or 5 shining specks at what they believed to be approximately 50,000 feet. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both advised that the objects appeared to be triangular in shape and that they appeared to be capable of hovering in one spot for some period of time and then moving off at a normal rate of speed in a Northeasterly direction. The only thing unusual they observed about the objects were what appeared to be their ability to hover in one place for extended periods of time. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated they observed the objects for approximately 35 minutes and then called the Flight Service Center at Lowry Air Force Base. Neither [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] observed any unusual rates of speed during their observation of these objects.

5. According to Captain [REDACTED] the objects were observed by himself and 1st Lt [REDACTED] and Captain [REDACTED]. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are Senior Pilots and the civilians [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been Flight Dispatchers for United Air Lines for some period of time.

6. Information has reached this office to the effect that Operation [REDACTED] are having some maneuvers in this vicinity and that various air bases in this vicinity have either no knowledge or very limited knowledge of aircraft participating in the operation. At approximately 2000 hours on 9 July 1954 a local radio station advised during a news broadcast that Operation CHECK POINT was being held in this vicinity and that B-36 type aircraft was repelling the attack at exceptionally high altitude.

3 cc: Comdr IAFB

LEROY H. BARNARD
Colonel, U. S. Air Force

UNCLASSIFIED District Commander

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
WITH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

24-214

SUBJECT: Unidentified flying objects

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. At 1320 hours on 9 July 1954 this office received a telephonic communication from Captain ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Operations Officer, Flight Service, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado, advising that between 1300 and 1310 hours he had observed 6 or 7 objects flying at a very high altitude and rate of speed and that he did not believe the objects were conventional type aircraft.

2. Special Agent EDWARD L. BUSH and W. L. McVANE conducted interviews with personnel of the 3033rd Radar Bomb Squadron (Detachment 3), who advised that at about 1300 hours on 9 July a B-36 aircraft was in the vicinity of Lowry Air Force Base flying at an altitude of approximately 30,000 feet and was working a radar and radio jamming problem. All personnel interviewed advised that no unusual formations or objects had been sighted on the radar scopes at that time. However, the jamming devices being used by the B-36 aircraft were very effective.

3. Special Agents McVANE and BUSH interviewed Captain GIBMAN at approximately 1345 hours 9 July 1954 and obtained the following information. At approximately 1300 hours on 9 July 1954 Captain GIBMAN was telephonically contacted by Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Flight Dispatcher, United Air Lines, Stapleton Field, Denver, Colorado, who stated that he and Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Flight Dispatcher, United Air Lines, had been observing several objects flying at a very high altitude and requested that GIBMAN also make some observations. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ immediately proceeded out of his office and from the ramp in front of Operations Building, observed 6 or 7 objects overhead which appeared to be approximately one half inch in diameter, 3 or 4 of which were in some semblance of formation and were moving in a northeasterly direction above a cirrus

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