

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 July 1954		2. LOCATION Lowry AFB, 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 1430 GMT 09/2030Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military and Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 35 Minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 4/6 4 Or 5			
		9. COURSE NW			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 4 Or 5 shining specks hovering in area for 35 minutes.				11. COMMENTS Sounds like cluster balloon observation. Insufficient data for evaluation.	

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-152

27 August 1954

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

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

cc: Dir OSI w/o Incl


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District Commander

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Ltr, DO #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] 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 CHECK POINT 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 F-86 type aircraft was repelling the attack at exceptionally high altitude.

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2 cc: Comdr LAFB

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

24-214

SUBJECT: Unidentified flying objects

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

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1. At 1320 hours on 9 July 1954 this office received a telephonic communication from Captain ~~REDACTED~~ 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. RUSH and M. L. McNABB conducted interviews with personnel of the 3933rd 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 McNABB and RUSH interviewed Captain ~~REDACTED~~ at approximately 1345 hours 9 July 1954 and obtained the following information. At approximately 1300 hours on 9 July 1954 Captain ~~REDACTED~~ was telephonically contacted by Mr. ~~REDACTED~~ Flight Dispatcher, United Air Lines, Stapleton Field, Denver, Colorado, who stated that he and ~~REDACTED~~, Flight Dispatcher, United Air Lines, had been observing several objects flying at a very high altitude and requested that GERMAN also make some observations. ~~REDACTED~~ 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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