

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 August 1956	2. LOCATION Pueblo, Colorado		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 12/0550Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one second	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS six to eight	9. COURSE Southwest to northeast	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Six to eight objects w/a greenish glow in a "V" formation. Objects about the size of a half dollar at arm's length. Objects appeared at 230 dgrs azimuth & disappeared in a straight flight path at 45 dgr azimuth. Objects were viewed visually fm a darkened room for one second. No Report In File		11. COMMENTS Short duration (one second) and circumstances of the sighting indicate possible meteor observation.	

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 30/0330Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION two hrs & 20 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round object, size of basketball held at arm's length. Color was orange to naked eye; w/binoculars it appeared reddish on bottom and green on top. Object looked like it may have been a weather balloon.w/light attached. Object observed visually for two hours and twenty one minutes. Object faded gradually fm sight w/hhe direction of the wind. No Report In File.				11. COMMENTS See [REDACTED] Colorado case of 28 Aug 1956.	

Case 200, Ft. Collins and Loveland, Colo., Aug. 24, 26, 27, 29, 1956—Nothing timid about the Denver Post headlines which prefaced a day-by-day account of the activities of a UFO seen over Northern Colorado. The mys-

tery object not only caused the telephone switchboards of the police department and newspapers to be swamped with calls but caused embarrassment to the experts who tried to explain it away. Most observers agreed that the object was round and "intensely red." [redacted] one of the witnesses, and a reporter for radio station KCOL, said the object glowed bright red in the center, diminishing in intensity toward the outer borders. He said the glow was constant, rather than pulsating. "It couldn't have been a star" he said. "It was a clear night, the stars were out, but this object was a bright red, much larger than a star, and it was moving. It looked as if it were leaving a very slight smoke trail." Another witness said it was just a little "smaller than the moon, moving very slowly in the sky. . . Sometimes it appeared flattened or disk-shaped and then it would change to a ball-like shape. When it finally disappeared it seemed to fade out as though it were passing behind a cloud. The only thing wrong with that explanation is that the sky was clear in that area. There weren't any clouds." Some observers thought it might be Mars, but Dr. Gordon Newkirk, astronomer at the University of Colorado ruled out this explanation, thus: "Whatever it was, it appeared in the wrong sector of the sky to be Mars." Said Newkirk, "Most aircraft transit the sky in a fraction of the time. . . . Meteorological balloons sent aloft with recording instruments formerly carried lights to aid scientists in tracking them at night. Such lights seldom are seen on these balloons nowadays, since radar affords a better method of following a balloon." A check of Lowry AFB and other air installations in the area failed to disclose any balloon release or aircraft flight that could have accounted for the phenomenon. Said Capt. George Sanderson, meteorologist at Lowry AFB, "Recurrence of the Ft. Collins object for several nights makes temperature inversion an unlikely explanation in this case."¹⁰