

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Apr 58		2. LOCATION N of Lowry AFB, Colo.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 20/1630Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar Binoculars		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10/15 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE climbing	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Saucer shaped obj w/slight hump in top center, size of silver dollar. Silver color. Obj climbed straight up until out of sight.				11. COMMENTS Official Navy high alt balloon chart shows a balloon in that area.	

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DE RJWFAM 164

P 222305Z

FM HQ LOWRY AFB COLO

TO RJEDDN/COMADC

RJWFDN/34TH AIR DIV KIRTLAND

RJEDSQ/COMDRATIC WPAFB

RJEPHQ/ASST COFS INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

RJEPHQ/OFFICE OF INFO SVCS HQ USAF

INFO RJWFBS/COMATC

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UNCLAS FROM OBT 3759D. UFO. 15A. (1) SAUCER SHAPE WITH SLIGHT HUMP
TOP CENTER. (2) SILVER DOLLAR BY NAKED EYE. (3) SILVER (BRIGHT STAR).
(4) ONE (5) N/A (6) NONE (7) NONE (8) NONE (9) NONE, B. (1) THREE
NAVY JETS ON PRACTICE GCA APPROACH TO RUNWAY 16 LOWRY AFB COLORADO.
(2) 20-25 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON. AZIMUTH 030-040 DEGREES. DISTANCE
ESTIMATED AT 10 - 15 MILES. (3) 60 DEGREE ELEVATION. AZIMUTH 110
DEGREES. (4) GRADUAL CLIMB (100 - 150 KNOTS ESTIMATED SPEED) WHEN
OBJECT REACHED 60 DEGREE ELEVATION, CLIMBED STRAIGHT UP OR STRAIGHT
AWAY UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT. (5) CLIMBED STRAIGHT UP OR STEEP CLIMB
AWAY FROM OBSERVER. (6) 10 - 15 MINUTES. C. (1) GROUND - VISUAL.

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(2) BINOCULAR - THREE POWER (3) N/A. D. (1) 1630 ZULU 20 APRIL 1958.

(2) DAY. E. 1/16 MILE NORTH OF LOWRY AFB. F. (1) CIVILIAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AGE 40. RESIDENCE [REDACTED] STREET [REDACTED];

OCCUPATION AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE INSPECTOR. G. (1) OBSERVER. FEW

SMALL CUMULUS CLOUDS TO EAST AND NORTHEAST. WIND FROM NORTHEAST

GUSTY. (2) 8TH WEATHER GROUP DETACHMENT 4 LOWRY AFB 6,000 - 290 DEGREES

15 K. 10,000 - 290 DEGREES/15K. 16,000 - 320 DEGREES/45K. 20,000 -

330 DEGREES/45K 30,000 - 330 DEGREES/100K 50,000 - 320 DEGREES/40K

80,000 - 290 DEGREES/03K. (3) 15,000 SCATTERED HIGH SCATTERED. (4)

60 MILE. (5) SCATTERED STRATA CUMULUS WEST THROUGH NORTHWEST (6)

NONE. H. NONE. I. NONE. J. THREE NAVY JETS ON GCA TO RUNWAY 16

LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE. K. ASSISTANT BASE TRAINING OFFICER. OBSERVER

HAS REPORTED TWO OTHER SIGHTINGS ONE OF WHICH THE OBJECT SIGHTED WAS

SIMILAR TO OBJECT IN THIS REPORT. OBSERVER HAS WORKED FOR THE AIR FORCE

AS AN AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE INSPECTOR SINCE 1944 WHICH ATTORT 1130 ZULU

. ALTHOUGH

OBSERVER STATED IT WAS NOT A WEATHER BALLOON POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT

OBJECT WAS A WEATHER BALLOON RELEASED NORTHWEST OF THIS AREA

TRAVELING APPROXIMATELY AT 30,000 FEET IN A SOUTHEAST DIRECTION AT A

VELOCITY OF 45-100 KNOTS. I. NONE

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ACTION: CIN

INFO : OOP, SAFIS

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