

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 18 February 65 19/0245-0300Z	2. LOCATION (Denver, Colorado Springs) Colorado, Woodland Park, Colorado
3. SOURCE Civilian and Military	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR) ✓ <i>zsh</i> Data indicates that a meteor of the fireball class was observed.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 - 10 Seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Burning object descending behind mountains. Multiple observers. Duration varied from 1-10 seconds. Second had reports made to newspaper. Round object with tail. Color varied red, blue, green and white. Initial observations accompanied by a bright flash. One of the witness believed the object to be a meteor, similar to those he had previously observed.
7. COURSE Descending	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-7, SAF-OS-3, JCS/DIA-1 (20)

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FM 4600ABWG ENT AFB COLO

TO RUEAHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIRCKCE

RUEAHQ/CSAF

ZEN/NORAD

RUWGALE/ADC

RUEAGL/AF SC

RUCMRG/29TH AD RICHARDS GEBEUR AFB MO

ZEN/4600 ABWG

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UNCLAS WGDOM-OB 00472.

FOR: SECRETARY OF THE AF (SAFOI), CSAF (AFNIN), NORAD (NOCC)
ADC (ADOCP), 4600ABWG (WGDOM). UFO. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
REPORT. THREE SITNESSES INTERVIEWED. INFORMATION FROM FOUR
ADDITIONAL WITNESSES RECEIVED SECOND-HNAD FROM A LOCAL
NEWSPAPER TO WHOM THEIR REPORTS WERE MADE. FORMAT OF REPORT

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FOLLOWS PAR 14, AFR 200-2.

A. (1) ROUND WITH TAIL.

(2) REPORTS VARIED FROM SIZE OF A NICKLE TO A TENNIS BALL.

(3) REPORTS VARIED FROM RED, BLUE, GREEN, TO WHITE.

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(4) ONE

(5) NONE.

(6) NONE.

(7) ALL REPORTS INDICATED OBJECT HAD A TAIL OF BURNING MATTER.

(8) NONE.

(9) NONE.

B (1) BRIGHT FLASH.

(2) APPROXIMATELY 50 DEGREES ELEVATION AND APPROXIMATELY 300-
320 DEGREES TRUE FROM SIGHTING POINTS.

(3) SAME AS TWO ABOVE.

(4) OBJECT DESCENDED ALMOST VERTICALLY. NO NOTICEABLE ARC OR
TURNING MOVEMENT.

(5) 0835 \$8 APPEARED BEHIND MOUNTAINS WHILE STILL BURNING.

(6) REPORT VARIED FROM ONE TO TEN SECONDS.

C (1) GROUND VISUAL.

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(2) NONE.

(3) NOT APPLICABLE.

D (1) BETWEEN 0245-0300 ZULU, 19 FEB 1965.

(2) NIGHT.

E FIRST OBSERVER: 38 DEGREES 44 MINUTES NORTH 104 DEGREES 46

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MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST (NORTHERN END OF FORT CARSON, COLO.)

SECOND OBSERVER: 38 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 30 SECONDS NORTH

104 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST (SOUTHEAST SIDE OF CITY

OF COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. THIRD OBSERVER: 38 DEGREES 59

MINUTES 30 SECONDS NORTH 105 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST

(SMALL TOWN OF WOODLAND PARK, COLO. FOURTH THROUGH SEVENTH

OBSERVERS: EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN, IN GENERAL AREA OF DENVER, COLO.

F (1) FIRST OBSERVER: PFC EMERY L. VON BRANDT, AGE 20, FIRST

BATTALION, 19TH ART, HQ BATTERY, FORT CARSON, COLO., ESTIMATE OF

RELIABILITY: GOOD. SECOND OBSERVER: MSGT DAVID E. LEE, AGE 39,

DUTY NCOIC BASE OPERATIONS, ENT AFB, COLO., 4600 OPS SQ, ENT AFB,

COLO., (EX-PILOT), ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY: GOOD.

THIRD OBSERVER: [REDACTED], AGE 31, [REDACTED], WOODLAND

PARK, COLO., MACHINE SHOP FOREMAN, ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY: GOOD.

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FOUR WITNESSES, NAMES AND ADDRESSES UNKNOWN, CALLED LOCAL
NEWSPAPER AGENCY WHO IN TURNED CALLED BASE OPERATIONS.

G (2) EXCELLENT.

(2) SURFACE 0206, 6000 FT 1702, 10,000 FT 3414, 16,000 FT 0117,
20,000 FT 3626, 30,000 FT 0239, 50,000 FT 3625, 80,000 FT
3410.

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(3) NONE.

(4) PLUS 15.

(5) NONE.

(6) NONE.

(7) NORMAL EXCEPT FOR SMALL INVERSION AT 35,000 FT WHICH WAS
1000 FT BELOW THE TROPOPAUSE.

H NONE.

I NONE.

J NONE.

K CAPTAIN D.D. DEHOFF, ASST BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER, ENT AFB,
COLO., EXT 4700/4711. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS: OBJECT BELIEVED
TO BE A LARGE METEOR. THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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NORAD COC, SPACE TRACK DIRECTORATE, 71ST SURVEILLANCE WING,
FAA CENTER, LOCAL AIRPORT CONTROL TOWERS, ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCIES IN AREA. NEGATIVE RESPONSES FROM THESE AGENCIES
PRACTICALLY ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE OBJECT BEING AN
AIRCRAFT, DECAYING ORBITAL SATELLITE OR DEBRIS OR UNUSUAL WEATHER
PHENOMENA. WITNESS SGT LEE INDICATED HE THOUGHT THE OBJECT TO
BE A METEOR IN THAT HE HAD SEEN SIMILAR METEORS IN THE PAST.

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FM COMBARFORLANT

TO RUECW/CNO

RUCKHC/CINCLANTFLT

RUGALB/CINCONAD

RUEAKN/26TH NORAD REGION

RUEAHQ/HQ USAF

RUGALD/SPADAT

INFO RUCKDT/COMASWFORLANT

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LOCATING ONE UFO

A. CINCLANTFLT INST 03360.2C

1. CELESTIAL

2. 64.12N 113.5W

3. 0345Z

4. 160/SPEED UNKNOWN

5. VISUAL

6. UNKNOWN

7. BDB SATELLITE

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1 28.4	92.03	81.4	27.4	-83.08	692	90.00	27.4	-83.08	
3 17.1	119.30	80.0	25.9	-52.75	699	59.30	28.9	-113.47	685
5 5.6	146.57	70.0	22.0	-19.08	718	24.90	32.8	-147.15	667
6 54.2	173.84	50.0	15.5	-6.49	747	11.20	39.0	-159.80	644
8 42.7	201.10	40.0	12.5	-4.17	760	8.50	42.0	-162.15	637
10 31.2	228.37	30.0	9.3	-2.67	772	6.80	44.9	-163.70	632
12 19.7	255.64	20.0	6.2	-1.60	783	5.80	47.8	-164.82	630
14 8.3	282.90	0.0	0.0	0.0	800	5.00	53.7	-168.52	637
15 56.8	310.17	-20.0	-6.3	1.59	811	5.70	-48.9	164.54	654
17 45.3	337.44	-30.0	-9.4	2.65	812	6.80	-46.0	163.43	670
19 33.8	4.70	-40.0	-12.6	4.14	812	8.50	-43.0	161.98	685
21 22.3	31.97	-50.0	-15.8	6.43	808	11.20	-39.9	159.56	703
23 10.9	59.24	-60.0	-22.4	18.98	792	24.80	-33.4	146.96	740
		-70.0	-26.4	32.62	776	59.30	-29.6	113.31	761
		-80.0	-28.0	82.93	769	90.00	-28.0	82.99	769
		-81.4	-28.0	82.93	769	90.00	-28.0	82.99	769

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-N8
149M = EQUATOR

0345
0317 — 119.30
+ 28 MIN - 113° 81.4°N

ECHO II
60°N 106°W @ 0330
80°N 06°W @ 0345