

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6 August 65 06/1710Z	2. LOCATION Manitou Springs, Colorado
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOONS (TOY) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Life guard at local pool and witness observed the objects through BX and determined that they were toy balloons.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	Round object silver in sunlight when sky was background and dark or black against clouds. Appeared to be in flight to the West. Disappearing behind mountains. Rodeo season with parades and balloons being sold. These gas filled balloons were observed in Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs floating free. Individual who made initial report called back and informed investigator of the identity of last object. Additional calls from other observers of same or similar objects.
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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MESSAGE

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Toy balloons

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : SAF-OS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-8, DIA-1 (21)

SMB 0226 RTTU JAW RUWMFVA0075 2221748-UUUU--RUEBHQA

ZNR UUUUU

R 101645Z

FM 4600ABWG ENT AFB COLO

TO RUEBHQA/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

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UNCLAS WGDOM-OB 02167 65.

FOR: SECRETARY OF THE AF (SAFOI), CSAF (AFNIN), NORAD

(NOCC), ADC (ADOCF) AND ADCIO-P), 4600 ABWG (WGDOM).

UFO. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT. REPORT

FOLLOWS PARA 14, AFR 200-2.

A. (1) ROUND, BUT FLAT LIKE OYSTER.

(2) SILVER DOLLAR

(3) SILVER WHEN SKY AS BACKGROUND, BLACK WHEN

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CLOUDS AS BACKGROUND.

(4) ONE

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(5) N/A

(6) NONE

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. (1) LOOKING OUT WINDOW

(2) 50 DEGREES

(3) 40 DEGREES

(4) STRAIGHT LINE

(5) TO WEST, BEHINE MOUNTAINS

(6) 10 SECONDS

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

D. (1) 1710Z, 6 AUG 1965.

(2) DAY

E. NORTHEAST SIDE TWON MANITOU SPRINGS, COLORADO, 104

DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST, 38 DEGREES 51 MINUTES, 30

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SECONDS NORTH.

F. (1) FIRST WITNESS: MRS. [REDACTED], AGE 21, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MANITOU SPRINGS, COLORADO, HOUSEWIFE.

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SECOND WITNESS: [REDACTED], AGE 15, SISTER OF
ABOVE WITNESS, SAME ADDRESS.

(2) N/A

G. (1) FAIR

(2) SURFACE 170/10

6000 -----

10000 300/20

16000 300/25

20000 290/25

30000 300/60

50000 300/22

80000 080/17

(3) NO CEILING, 65 MILES VISIBILITY

(4) 0/3 CIMULUS 13000 FEET ABOVE MSL

(5) NONE

(6) TROPAPAUSE INVERSION ABOUT 46000MSL, NO OTHER

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SIGNIFICANT INVERSION

(7) NO RECORDED WEATHER BALLOON RELEASES

H. RODEO SEASON WITH PARADES. MANY GAS FILLED TOY
BALLONS BEING SOLD. SEVERAL OBSERVED FLOATING FREE IN

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COLORADO SPRINGS AND MANITOU SPRINGS.

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. CAPT DEHOFF, ASST BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER, PETERSON
FIELD, COLORADO. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS: WITNESSES

INDICATED OBJECT DRIFTED FROM EAST TO WEST, BELOW CLOUDS
ANOTHER CALL RECEIVED TWENTY MINUTES LATER FROM A LIFE
GUARD AT A LOCAL SWIMMING POOL LOCATED SEVERAL OBJECTS IN
SKY, DRIFTING FROM EAST TO WEST. WHEN INDIVIDUAL WAS
CALLED BACK FOR QUESTIONING HE INDICATED HE HAD OBTAINED
A PAIR OF BINOCULARS AND THAT THE OBJECTS WERE
DEFINITEELY TOY BALLOONS OF ASSORTED COLORS, SIZES AND
SHAPES. A CHECK OF LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, NORAD
COC, SPADATS, FAA TOWERS AND CENTER AND WEATHER
REVEALED NO FURTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION. IT IS

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THE OPINION OF THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER THAT THE
OBJECT WAS A GAS FILLED TOY BALLOON.

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