PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Apr 58 3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 20/1630Z 5. PHOTOS	2. LOCATION N of Lowry AFB 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Civilian 6. SOURCE Civilian	COlo. Ground-Radar Air-Intercept Radar	12. CONCLUSIONS Ox Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Astronomical Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10/15 mins	a. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE climbing	D Other_ Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown
Saucer shaped obj w/sl top center, size of sil Silver color. Obj clim until out of sight.	AND THEFT	chart shows a	high alt balloon balloon that

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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 Ø3Ø-Ø4Ø DEGREES. DISTANCE

ESTIMATED AT 10 - 15 MILES. (3) 6Ø DEGREE ELEVATION. AZIMUTH 11Ø

DEGREES. (4) GRADUAL CLIMB (100 - 150 KNOTS ESTIMATED SPEED) WHEN

OBJECT REACHED 6Ø 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.

DAY. E. 1/16 MILE NORTH OF LOWRY AFB. F. (1) CIVILIAN

AGE 40. RESIDENCE

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

MAS 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

VELOCITY OF 45-100 KNOTS. 1. NONE

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