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Silver circular object hovered in vicinity approx 2 min, then disappeared at high rate of speed. Object became tear-shaped as it changed directions. Object appeared to be approx 4 miles distant at 2000' altitude emitting a white light.

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## I. Description of Incident

Observers at Camp Carson sighted a silvery unidentified flying object at 0617 MST. It appeared circular in shape about the size of a baseball, changing later to a "tear-shaped" configuration and hovered in view for two to three minutes after which it disappeared at a high rate of speed. Observers were three airmen assigned to this base and all stated that the unknown object was located south of their observation point. The object emitted an intermittent white light while in view.

## II. Discussion of Incident

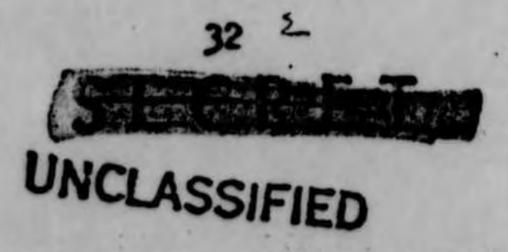
Although the sighting took place two hours after a scheduled piball balloon release at Pueblo, Colorado, this report has been evaluated as possibly balloon due to the description. Its tear-drop shape indicates that it may be a large pear-shaped upper air research balloon with a pilot light. ATIC has not yet had the opportunity to check the object against known upper air research balloon tracks but tentatively evaluates the sighting as shown below.

## III. Conclusion

Possibly balloon.

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UNCLASSIFIED FI: HO UDC ENT AFE COLO SPGS COLO TO JEPHQ/HC USAF WASHDC JEDUP/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFE ONIO ADOOT-D 61228. ATTN: ATIAA-2C. FLYOBRPT. (1) ONE TILVERY UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT, CIRCULAR IN SHAPE, APPARENT SIZE OF EASEBALL BUT AS IT APPEARED TO CHANGE DIR BECAME "TEAR-SHAPED." ELITTED AN INTERMITTENT WHITE LIGHT. HOVERED IN ONE VICINITY FOR 2 TO 3 HINUTES, THEN DISAPPEARED S AT "HIGH RATE OF SPEED." NO APPARENT PROPULSION SYSTEM, TRAIL OR EXHAUST. (2) SIGHTED AT 242317Z, FOR 2 TO 3 MINUTES. (3) SIGHTED VISUALLY FROM GROUND. (4) OBSERVERS IN CAMP CARSON AT 35TH AND C STREETS. OBJECT ESTIMATED 4 MILES S OF OBSERVERS

AT 2222 FEET ALT. (5) T/3GT' ... ALL AIRMEN ASSIGNED 3924 AIR POLICE 30, CAMP CARSON. RELIABILITY UNKNOWN. S/SGT HAS ABOUT 132 HOURS FLYING TIME AS PARATROOPER AND SOME EXPERIENCE AS AN ACFT SPOTTER. (6) WIND AT SURFACE 150 DEGREES, 5 M. L. H, 6000 TO 7000 FEET, 210 DEGREES, 4 KNOTS. SKY CLEAR, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED. SEVEN, 9, 13 -- NEGATIVE.

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