

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 Apr 49 15/2230Z	2. LOCATION Colorado Springs, Colorado
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION  [REDACTED] Aircraft
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25-30 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Objects followed a straight course. One object overtook the other in flight. Objects had the appearance of a round ball. They were heading North.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE North	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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4 May 49

Subject: Aerial Phenomena (Flying Discs)

(6) Heading: Approximately due north.

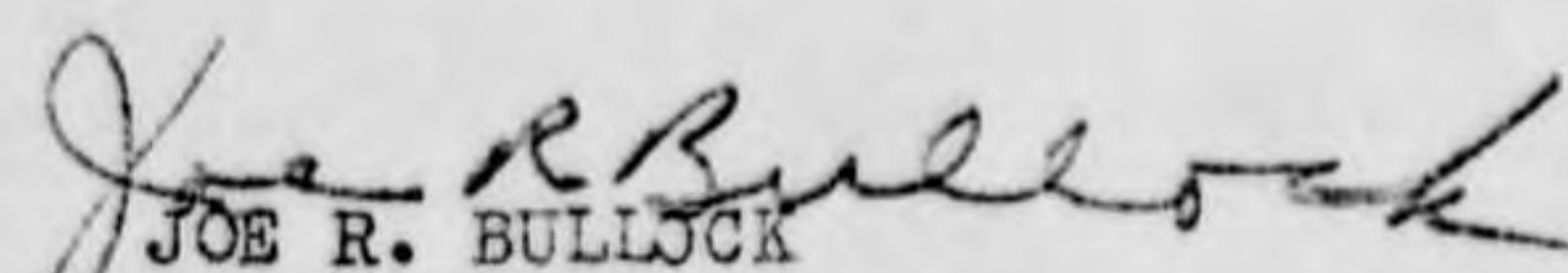
(7) Maneuverability: The objects followed a straight course. When first sighted the object on the left was an apparent distance of five feet behind the first and with an increase of speed overtook the first object in about two seconds and continued on past the first object until they were both out of sight.

(8) Altitude: Estimated at around 30,000 ft.

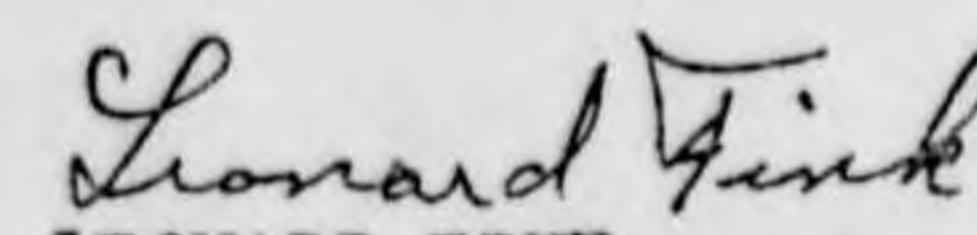
(9) Sounds: None.

(10) Exhaust trail or not: None observed.

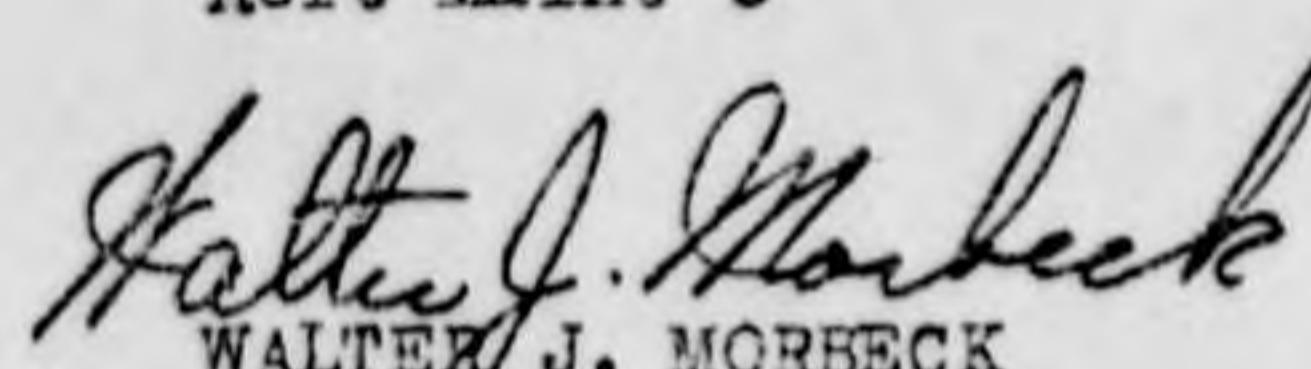
g. General remarks: The times of observance by the witnesses differ in that T/Sgt Morbeck observed them for about thirty seconds from about ten o'clock until out of sight. While Maj Bullock observed them at twelve o'clock for about fifteen seconds when he turned away to call them to the attention of other personnel but the objects were out of sight before this could be done. M/Sgt Fink observed them at twelve o'clock for about twenty seconds until out of sight. All witnesses generally agree to the above data.



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Maj, USAF  
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LEONARD FINK  
M/Sgt, Hq Sq, 15AF



WALTER J. MORBECK  
T/Sgt, Hq Sq, 15AF.

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(7) Maneuverability: The objects followed a straight course. When first sighted the object on the left was an apparent distance of five feet behind of the first and with an increase of speed overtook the first object in about two seconds and flew in close formation with the first object. This fact seems to preclude the possibility that these objects were meteors.

(8) Altitude: Estimated at around 30,000 ft.

(9) Sound: None.

(10) Exhaust trail or not: None observed.

g. General Remarks: Objects were first sighted by T/Sgt Morbeck who was watching a B-25 pass over the field and observed the objects passing above the B-25, going in the opposite direction and called them to the attention of Major Bullock and M/Sgt Fink who were standing nearby and remarked, "Are those airplanes?" "Boy! They are sure fast."

2. Ref par 4, SAC Reg 200-5, which leaves classification and means of transmittal in each individual case to the judgement of the originator, this communication has been forwarded direct with no copies furnished other commands.

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HQ AREA, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE  
Aircraft Maintenance  
Peterson Air Field, Colorado

16 Apr 49

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena (Flying discs).

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: MCIAKO

1. Ref SAC Reg 200-5, 13 Dec 48, the following report is submitted:
  - a. Location and time of sighting: Peterson Air Field, Colorado, at approximately 1530, 15 Apr 49.
  - b. Weather at the time: Visibility unlimited (exceptionally clear).
  - c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses:

Major Joe R. Bullock	)	All of - Hq Sq, Fifteenth Air
M/Sgt Leonard Fink	)	Force, Colorado Springs,
T/Sgt Walter J. Morbeck)		Colorado.
  - d. Photographs: None available.
  - e. Sketches of object's configurations: Due to height and short time of observance, no configuration can be given other than that they were circular, 6 to 8 inches in diameter at an estimated altitude of 30,000 ft.
  - f. Objects sighted:
    - (1) Number: Two.
    - (2) Shape: Seemed perfectly round.
    - (3) Size: Apparent diameter 6 to 8 inches at an altitude of 30,000 feet, estimated.
    - (4) Color: Approximately the color of a frosted electric light bulb.
    - (5) Speed: Were first observed about directly overhead and passed out of sight in about fifteen seconds.

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INCIDENT NO. 294

1. Date of Observation 15 April 1949 Date of Interview 16 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1550 *Cold Sprinkles*
3. Place of Observation Peterson Air Field, Colorado
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects Two
7. Apparent size 6 to 8 inches dia. at 30,000' Smaller than B-29 at altitude
8. Color of object Of unlighted frosted light bulb (White)
9. Shape Round (Ball)
10. Altitude 30,000' first observed 30° elevation
11. Direction from observer First seen 180°, last seen 0°
12. Distance from observer 20 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South of North
14. Time in sight 25-30 seconds
15. Speed 40,000 feet in 12.5 to 15 seconds (computed as 1600 mph)
16. Sound and odor none
17. Trail none
18. Luminosity
19. Projections Straight course 5 ft interval at first
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds no clouds
23. Additional information concerning object Visibility unlimited.
24. Weather Conditions See original report for complete weather data

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Name and address of observer: Maj Jos R. Bullock, Hq Sqd 15th Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado

M/Sgt Leonard Fink, Hq 15th Air Force, Bolorado Springs, Colorado

Occupation and hobbies:

T/Sgt Walter J. Morbeck, Hq Sqd 15th Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Objects followed a straight course. When first seen, the object on the left was an apparent distance of five feet behind the first, and with an increase of speed overtook the first object in about 2 seconds and flew in close formation with the first object. This fact seems to preclude the possibility that these objects were meteors.

Object was first sighted by T/Sgt Morbeck, who was watching a B-25 pass over the field, and observed the objects passing above the B-25, going in the opposite direction, and called them to the attention of Major Bullock and M/Sgt Fink, who were standing nearby and remarked, "Are those airplanes? Boy! They are sure fast."

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No sketch of the object is enclosed because all observers agreed the shape of the object was perfectly round and no details were visible due to the distance of the object from the observers. From personal and official contacts, the interrogator believes all three observers are reputable and competent. A check of the local OSI detachment revealed nothing derogatory as regards any of the observers.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Statement of Observers

*J. Adams*

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CWO. USAF  
Ass't. Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, Colorado Springs, Colorado, ~~20 MAY 1949~~

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. ATTN: MCIAKS

The incident referred to in basic has been investigated by the Intelligence Division of this Headquarters and the following information is furnished with numbers approximating the "Guide to Investigation," Unidentified Aerial Objects:

1. Date of Observation: 15 April 1949  
Date of Interview: 14 May 1949

2. Exact time of Observation: 1530 Mountain

3. Place of Observation: Peterson Air Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

4. Position of Observers: On ramp in front of operations building.

5. What attracted attention to object: One observer was watching an aircraft entering the traffic pattern and sighted the objects. He then called the attention of the other two observers to the objects.

6. Number of Objects: Two in formation.

7. Apparent Size: 6 to 8 inches in diameter. Observers stated that objects appeared somewhat smaller at the presumed altitude of 30,000 feet than a B-29 would appear at the same altitude.

8. Color of Objects: Color of unlighted, frosted electric light bulb.

9. Shape: Objects seemed perfectly round.

10. Altitude: First observed at 30° above horizon.

11. Direction from Observers: When first seen - 180°; when last seen - 0°. Objects passed directly overhead.

12. Distance from Observer: When first seen appeared to be about 20 miles away.

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13. Direction of flight of objects: South to North

14. Time in Sight: 25 to 30 seconds.

15. Velocity: Approximately 12.5 to 15 seconds to cover approximately 40,000 feet.

16. Sound and Color: None

17. Trail: None

18. Luminosity: Dull

19. Projections: None

20. Maneuvers: Objects line astern when first sighted. Rear object overtook lead object when directly overhead from observers. Objects disappeared line abreast.

21. Manner of disappearance: Straight ahead into north at constant altitude.

22. Effect on Clouds: No clouds in sky.

23. Additional information concerning objects: None

24. Weather conditions at Peterson Air Field, Colorado Springs,  
15 April 1949:

1430M	0	100	1025.7	51/19	ESE 8	3021
1530M	0	100	1024.4	53/24	SE 7	30.18
1630M	0	100	1024.0	53/20	SE 12	30.16

Winds aloft: (0815M Winds taken at Lowry Air Force Base)

10,000 ft.	360°	25 Kts.
16,000 ft.	360°	25 Kts.
18,000 ft.	360°	96 Kts.
20,000 ft.	30°	55 Kts.
22,000 ft.	40°	76 Kts.

Winds aloft from 300 MB chart:

30,000 ft. 360° 70 Kts.

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25. Observers:

- (1) Joe R. Bullock, Major, USAF, Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Peterson Air Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado 20 MAY 1949
- (2) Leonard Fink, M Sgt, USAF, Line Chief, Peterson Fld, Colo. Spgs.
- (3) Walter J. Morbeck, T Sgt, USAF, Crew Chief, Peterson Fld, Colorado Springs.

26. Use of Glasses, etc: No observers used glasses or binoculars at time of sighting. Objects were not viewed through transparent material.

27. Radar: No radar sets were in operation in the vicinity at time of sighting.

28. Local flying schedules:

Commercial: 1 DC-3 airborne at Peterson Field at 1534M enroute Pueblo, Colo.

1 DC-4 departed Denver eastbound at 17,000 ft at 1450M.

No other commercial traffic in area.

Military: 1 B-29 making RBS runs on Denver between 1400M and 1600M operating between 25,000 and 30,000 ft MSL.  
1 B-25 operating locally at Peterson Field at 10,000 ft MSL on test flight.  
No other military traffic in area.

29. Releases of testing devices:

1 Balloon (RAOB) released at Lowry AFB at 0815M  
No balloon releases at Colorado Springs or Pueblo

30. Remarks: The above information relative to weather conditions, balloon releases, and military and civilian air traffic was obtained from the following sources:

Lowry Flight Service Center, Lowry AFB, Denver, Colorado.  
Base Operations, Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado.  
Airline Operations (Station Manager), Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Civil Aeronautics Administration, Stapleton Airport, Denver Colo.

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Air Materiel Command

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

DAYTON, OHIO

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - 294 APR 29 1949

TO: Commanding Officer  
Peterson Air Field, Colorado  
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 16 April 1949, subject: "Aerial Phenomena".
2. It is requested the Base Intelligence Officer initiate a detailed investigation of the unidentified aerial phenomena sighting reported by referenced communication.
3. It is particularly desired that weather units and other agencies engaged in atmospheric research be contacted for possible balloon releases prior to time of sighting.
4. As an aid to the investigating officer in recording the desired data, four (4) copies of our "Guide to Investigation" are inclosed herewith.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl  
Guide to Investiga-  
tion (in quad.)

*O.R. Clugerman Col USAF*  
*for* H. M. McCORMICK  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Intelligence Department

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Aircraft Maintenance  
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