

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Nov 55	2. LOCATION Laveta, Colorado		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>25/1630Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE unk	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shaped like a dirigible, slightly barrel shaped, large front end, tapering toward the tail, greenish blue in color, appeared luminous, seemed made of jelly like substance. No sound, no exhaust, at about 15,000 feet elev. Weather CAVM.		11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED	

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
14TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

14D 24-314

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT Sighted by
[REDACTED] near La Veta, Colorado,
25 November 1955
SPECIAL INQUIRY

25 JAN 1956

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado

1. The Honorable [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Colorado State Senate, in a letter written to the Denver Office, Federal Bureau of Investigations, dated 5 December 1955, stated that on or about 25 November 1955 he had seen an unidentified object in the vicinity of La Veta, Colorado.
2. The Denver Office, FBI, referred the matter to this office by letter, dated 9 December 1955. Two attempts were made by this office to contact [REDACTED] at his home in Walsenburg, Colorado.
3. On 12 January 1956, Special Agent JAMES A. ROGERS, of this office, interviewed Senator [REDACTED] at the Senate Chambers, Colorado State Capitol Building. Senator [REDACTED] verified the date and location where he had seen the object. He described the object as being shaped like a dirigible, slightly barrel-shaped with a large front end and tapering toward the tail. He compared the object when he observed it in the sky to three-fourths of the diameter of a fifty gallon barrel and approximately twice the length with a tapering tail. He said that the object was greenish-blue in color, appeared luminous, seemed to be of a jelly-like substance and had no distinguishable features. The object did not make any sound nor was any exhaust or trail made. He estimated that the object was approximately 15,000 feet elevation above sea level, traveled about ten miles during his observation and suddenly disappeared from view over Mt. Mestas. He estimated that the object was in his sight for approximately five seconds and he estimated the speed of the object as being about one-half the speed of a meteorite. He stated that the object suddenly appeared from view almost overhead diving at approximately a 45 degree angle, leveled off and ascended at approximately a 30 degree angle until its disappearance. He stated that the flight line of the object would have been from southwest to northeast. He estimated the altitude of the object approximately 7000 to 8000 feet. He said that the time of the sighting was approximately 1030 hours 25 November 1955, that there was an unlimited ceiling, and that there were no clouds or thunderstorms in the area. In conclusion, Senator [REDACTED] stated

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that it is his belief that Mr. and Mrs. J. [REDACTED], owners of the Alpine Cafe, Walsenburg, Colorado, had also observed an unidentified object on the same date and that it could possibly have been the same one that he had observed.

4. On 18 January 1956, S/A LEONARD F. REDDISH, of this office, interviewed Mr. and Mrs. J. [REDACTED], Walsenburg, Colorado. The [REDACTED] stated that on or about 1 December 1955 when driving approximately twenty-nine miles south of Pueblo at 1600 hours they observed an unidentified flying object. [REDACTED] stated that his attention was called to the object by what could be called a vapor trail. He said that the object appeared to be white in color, was shaped roughly like a cigarette with a pure white color, apparently glowing at the top. He said that they observed the object for approximately twenty minutes and that its movement was too slow for a jet. He said that there were no clouds in the sky on that day and there is no normal air travel in that area. He said that the last he saw of the object was when he was approaching Walsenburg when it apparently disappeared over Mt. Baldy.

5. This letter is classified [REDACTED] pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

Frank M. Clark

FRANK M. CLARK
Lt Colonel USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir. OSI

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