

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 Jul 61		2. LOCATION Golden, Colorado		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Ball lightning</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>11/0245Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Blue arc changing to white then red. Size of base ball. Witness attention attracted by strange color. Observed at 45° elev and disappeared behind mountains after 1 min. Lightning in area. Thunderstorms.				11. COMMENTS Atmospheric conditions conducive to ball lightning. Case considered as observation of this phenomena.	

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AF IN : 50587 (12 Jul 61) **INCOMING**

G/dms

ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (24)

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OD259ZCWJD906

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FM LOURY AFB COLO

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWZGU/29 AIRDIV MALMSTROM AFB MONT

RJEDSQ/AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CEN WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/COFS USAF

RJEZHQ/OSAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS GS 5023. COFS USAF FOR AFCIN, OSAF FOR SAFIS UFO

154(1) BLUE ARC CHANGING TO WHITE, THEN TO RED.

(2) BASEBALL.

(3) BLUE, THEN WHITE, THEN RED.

(4) ONE.

(5) N/A.

(6) NONE.

(7) NONE.

(8) NONE.

(9) NONE.

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B(1) STRANGE COLOR OF OBJECT IN THE SKY.

(2) 45 DEGREES ANGLE ABOVE HORIZON.

(3) DISAPPEARED BEHIND LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN.

(4) STRAIGHT DESCENT.

(5) BEHIND MOUNTAIN.

(6) ONE MINUTE.

C(1) GROUND VISUAL.

(2) NONE.

(3) N/A.

D(1) 2245Z, 11 JULY 1961.

(2) DUSK.

E. 39 42 N, 105 17 W TO 39 51 N, 105 15.6 W, ALTITUDE 7800 FEET MSL.

F(1) [REDACTED], AGE UNKNOWN, [REDACTED] GOLDEN,
COLORADO, PHONE [REDACTED] ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, FORMER AF PILOT.

(2) N/A.

G. LIGHTNING IN AREA, WINDS UNKNOWN.

(1) 6000 SCATTERED, ESTIMATED 10000 BROKEN/HIGH BROKEN,
VISIBILITY 30 MILES, THUNDERSTORMS, WINDS WEST SOUTH WEST 4
KNOTS, DEWPOINT 40, TEMPERATURE 72, LIGHTNING SOUTHWEST.

(2) 6M-MISC; 10M-350/15; 15M-320/20; 20M-330/30; 30M-320/40;

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50M-290/40 (ESTIMATED).

(3) 10,000.

(4) 30 MILES.

(5) 7/10.

(6) SOUTHWEST QUADRANT.

H. UNKNOWN.

I. NONE.

J. NONE NOTICED.

K. AIR OPERATIONS OFFICER: NO ANALYSIS.

L. NONE.

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