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Camp Carson, Colorado

24 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

Observers at Camp Carson sighted a silvery unidentified flying object at 0407 HQT. It appeared circular in shape about the size of a baseball, changing later to a "pear-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 pinball balloon release at Pueblo, Colorado, this report has been evaluated as possibly balloon due to the description. The tear-drop shape indicates that it may be a large pear-shaped upper air research balloon with a pilot light. AFIC 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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