

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 Jan 52	2. LOCATION KOREA	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 29/2200 I GMT 29/1300 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE B-29 Aircrew	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 min.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE 274°
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Globe-shaped, orange object occasionally changing to a bluish tint appeared to be moving on "churning" horizontal course.		11. COMMENTS 1. Observers, who have made various combat missions over N. Korea, stated that they had never seen any similar objects before. 2. It is believed that object was same type of a/c (enemy or UN). <i>See last page for analysis</i>

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ATTC NO. _____ DATE OF INFO 29 Jan 52

AF NO. _____ LOCATION Korea

REPORT NO. FEAF Wire SOURCE Two B-29 Crews

DATE OF REPORT 30 Jan 52 DATE IN TO ATTC 1 Feb 52

TIME OF SIGHTING 2300 Local and 2324 Local COLOR Fiery-like sun.

SHAPE Disk SPEED Same as B-29

SIZE Appeared to be 3' diameter ALTITUDE Same as B-29

COURSE Same as B-29 LENGTH OF THE OBSERVED 1 Minute and 5 Minutes

NO. IN GROUP one TYPE OF OBSERVATION Visual-Air

NOTED None PULLED UP Pulled up to 29 from 8 O'clock

PHOTOS None SKETCHES None MANEUVERS and flew formation

Seen by two different crews at two different times at two different locations

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APPENDIX III

Korea - 29 January 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On the night of 29 January 1952, 30 miles WSW of Wonson, Korea, three members of a B-29 crew, the tail, left, and top gunner, observed a light orange colored sphere for a period of five minutes. The object was on a parallel course to the B-29 at 8 o'clock level. The color of the object was further described as being the color of the sun with an occasional bluish tint. The outer edge of the object appeared to be fuzzy and it seemed to have an internal churning movement like flames or fiery gases. The object closed in on the B-29 to an undetermined distance, and then faded away in the distance.

The aircraft was on a heading of 274°, was at 22,500 ft. altitude and was making a ground speed of 148 knots. The time of the sighting was 2300 local Korean time. The weather was CAVU.

At 2324 local Korean time, members of another B-29 crew observed an identical object near Sunchon. This object was observed for one minute. The observers were the left and tail gunners. In this instance, the B-29 was at 22,250 ft.

The sources of these reports are all World War II veterans and veterans of previous combat missions in Korea. The crews were from different squadrons and were interrogated separately.

II. DISCUSSION OF THE INCIDENT

The times that the object or objects followed the B-29's indicate that the objects were propelled by some means, which eliminates the possibility of an unguided ground-to-air missile, drop missiles, etc. The color and shape of the flame were studied by members of the ATIC Propulsion Group to determine whether or not the flame could have been the exhaust of a conventional jet engine with or without an afterburner, a pulse-jet, ram-jet, or rocket engine. None of these possibilities were considered to be applicable.

The report is somewhat similar to the reports of "fireball-fighters", a type of phenomena observed in Europe during World War II. The exact nature of this phenomena was never determined but bomber crews reported large fiery balls, similar to the sun, passing through or near their formations. There is no documented evidence or data available on this phenomena, and all the information that has been obtained is verbal from World War II bomber crewmen, consequently, few actual facts are available.

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III. CONCLUSIONS

No conclusions have been reached as to the identity or origin of these unidentified aerial objects. One possibility is that this may have been some type of flare towed by an aircraft to mark the B-29 for flak crews. No aircraft exhaust flare was reported, however.

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APPENDIX III

Korea - 29 January 1952I. DISCUSSION OF INCIDENT

On the night of 29 January 1952 at 2300 and again at 2324, local Korea time, two B-29 crews at different locations observed similar objects near their aircraft. They described them as a disk, approximately three feet in diameter, and with a color similar to the sun. In one instance the object stayed beside the B-29 for five minutes and in the other for one minute.

II. STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION

More details on this incident have been requested.

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REPORT NO.
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U.S. AIR FORCE

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Unidentified Flying Object

North Korea

935th Bomb Wing Intelligence Office

10 February 1952

29 January 1952

1st Lt. Mario Paves, Intelligence Officer

1-29 Air Crew Report

Not Applicable

Observed one plane shaped object, with a slight tear drop effect noted on one side, was estimated to be three feet across when at its nearest point to P-29. The size was not definitely ascertained, as this is dependent on the distance from the observer, and the distance was not known. The object was of a color resembling the sun, a light orange, but it occasionally changed to a bluish tint. The outer edge of the object appeared to be fuzzy when it was at its nearest point. It seemed to have an internal churning movement like flames or fiery gases.

APPROVED:

Robert K. Patch

1ST LT., USAF

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

8th Air Force Intelligence Office 1-1-64

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1. Observed one globe shaped object, with a slight tear drop effect noted on one side, size estimated to be three feet across when at its nearest point to F-29. The size was not definitely ascertained, as this is dependant on the distance from the observer, and the distance was not known. The object was of a color resembling the sun, a light orange, but occasionally changed to a bluish tint. The outer edge of the object appeared to be fuzzy when it was at its nearest point. It seemed to have an internal circular movement like flames or fiery pages. The object was first observed parallel or coaxed at slight oblique level, where it seemed to be about the size of a saucer gradually becoming larger as it approached the F-29. It came in on the same level as the F-29 and remained in the same relative position to the F-29 (right oblique level) for five minutes. Then it left the F-29 on the same path that it came in on, falling away into the distance.

2. Sighted on January 21, 1964 for a period of five (5) minutes. The Central Fire Control, Left and Tail Gunners, from their respective positions in the F-29, observed the object without the aid of any optical or electronic equipment. The F-29 was at 32,500 feet, ground speed 445 knots.

3. The three observers were assigned in the F-29 at the following crew positions: (A) Central Fire Control Gunner (B) Left Gunner (C) Tail Gunner. Object was observed at 10:00 PM 1/21/64. Object was on a course about parallel to that of the F-29 which was 270 degrees true.

COMMENTS of Proposing Officer:

The observers completed numerous combat missions over Germany during World War II and have flown more than fifteen combat missions over Korea. On the basis of their combat experience and their accuracy in reporting previous sightings, the observers are considered reliable.

Mario Perez
MARIO PEREZ
2nd Lt., USAF
Assistant Intelligence Officer

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Because of the unusual nature of this sighting as well as a similar one reported by another crew, special effort in interrogation and cross-examination was made to explore all known alternatives. Concerning the possibility that this could have been a plexiglass reflector it is to be noted that two different crew members spotted the object from different positions at the same time; regarding flares, flares, and rockets, crew members indicated their thorough familiarity with such objects (in all cases being veterans of WW II combat, as well as several missions in Korea) and stated very emphatically that the sightings noted above bore no resemblance whatsoever to anything they had previously experienced. The possibility that such stories could have been fabricated is believed to be obviated by the fact that the two crews involved, from different squadrons, flew on different missions and were interrogated at widely separated times. In conclusion it is the opinion of this office that these sightings represent another example of a new technique in warfare, used by the enemy.

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COUNTRY Korea	REPORT NO. IR-2-52	(LEAVE BLANK) AF-416276
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object		
AREA REPORTED ON North Korea	FROM (Agency) 98th Bomb Wing Intelligence Office	
DATE OF REPORT 10 February 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 29 January 1952	EVALUATION B-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) 2/Lt Mario Perez, Intelligence Officer	SOURCE B-29 Air Creq Report	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) IR-1-52		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. Observed one globe shaped object with a slight tear drop effect noted on lower side, estimated size to be three feet across when at its nearest point to B-29. The size was not definitely established as the distance from the observer was not known. The color of the object resembled the sun, a light orange, and it occasionally changed to a bluish tint. The outer edge of the object appeared to be fuzzy and it seemed to have an internal churning movement like flames or fiery gases when it was at its nearest point to B-29. The object was first observed parallel on course at eight oclock level, where it seemed to be about the size of a saucer, gradually becoming larger as it approached the B-29. It came in on the same level as the B-29 and remained in the same relative position to the B-29 for approximately one minute and then receded on the same path, fading away in the distance.
2. Sighted on January 29 1324Z for a period of approximately one minute. The left Gunner and Tail Gunner observed the object without the use of any optical or electronic equipment. The B-29 was at 22,250 feet, and ground speed 125 knots.
3. The two observers were airborne in the B-29 in the crew positions of Left Gunner and Tail Gunner. Object was observed at 3926N 12555E and level with the B-29.

Preparing Officer:

S/ MARIO PEREZ
2nd Lt., USAF
Assistant Intelligence Officer

Approving Officer :

S/ ROBERT K. PATCH
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D/I PD FOLG REPT IS QUOTED IN ENTIRETY FR FFAF BOMCOM DAILY
SUMMARY FOR 30 JAN 52 AND COVERING OPRS DURING NIGHT OF 29-30
JA PD QUOTE PD AT 2300/I ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJ WAS OBSRD BY THE
CFC CMA LEFT SCANNER AND TAIL GUNNER OF ACFT NO 7332 CMA AT
CU-4020 PD THE DISC SHAPED OBJ PAREN SIZE ESTD BY OBSRS AS 3 FETET
ACROSS PAREN WAS FIRST OBSRD CMA PARALLEL ON CRSE CMA AT 8 OCLOCK
LEVEL CMA DIS FR B-29 UNKNOWN PD THIS OBJ REMAINED W/THE B-29 FOR
APRX 5 MINUTES PD THE OBJ APPEARED AT 8 OCLOCK LEVEL GOING AWAY
FR B-29 PD B-29 WAS AT 22500 FEET CMA HEADING 274 DEGREES CMA 148K

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GRD SPEED PD AT 2324/I CMA 1 DISC SHAPED OBJ WAS OBSRD CMA BY
THE LEFT AND TAIL GUNNERS OF ACFT NO 2224 CMA AT YD-5459 PD
THE UNIDENTIFIED OBJ WAS OBSRD SHORTLY BEFORE RECEIVING FLAK PD
THE OBJ APPROACHED THE B-29 FR BETWEEN 8 AND 9 OCLOCK LEVEL THEN
WITHDREW AND DISAPPEARED AT THE SAME CLOCK POSITION PD THE OBSRS
ESTD THE OBJ TO BE APPROX 3 FEET ACROSS WHEN AT ITS NEAREST POINT
TO THE B-29 PD THE OBJ WAS OBSRD FOR ONE MINUTE AT WHICH TIME THE
WEA WAS CAVU PD THE OBJ APPEARED TO BE SPINNING AND A COLOR
RESEMBLING THE SUN PD COMMENTS BY 98 BW INTEL OFF CLN BECAUSE OF
THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THIS SIGHTING AS WELL AS THE SIMILAR ONE
REPTD ABOVE SPECIAL EFFORT WAS MADE TM ELIM ALL POSSIBLE KNOWN
EALTERNATIVES CLN CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS COULD HAVE
BEEN A PLEXIGLASS REFLECTION IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT 2 DIFFERENT
CREW MEMBERS SPOTTED THE OBJ FR DIFFERENT POSITIONS AT THE SAME TIME
SMCLN RE FLAK CMA FLARES CMA AND ROCKETS CMA CREW MEMBERS INDICATED
THEIR THOROUGH FAMILIARITY W/SUCH OBJS PAREN IN ALL CASES BEING
VETERANS WW 2 COMBAT CMA AS WELL AS SEVERAL MSNS IN KOREA PAREN AND
STATED VERY EMPHATICALLY THAT THE SIGHTINGS NOTED ABOVE BORE NO
RESEMBLANCE WHATSOEVER TO ANYTHING THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPERIENCED
PD THE POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH STORIES COULD HAVE BEEN FABRICATED

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IS BELIEVED TO BE OBVIATED BY THE FACT THAT THE CREWS INVOLVED
CMA FR DIFFERENT SQS CMA FLEW ON DIFFERENT MSNS AND WERE INTERROGATED
AT WIDELY SEPARATED TIME PAREN 1 HR PAREN PD IN CONCLUSIN IT IS
THE OPINION OF THIS OFFICER THAT THESE SIGHTINGS REPRESENT
ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF NEW TECHNIQUE IN WARFARE UNDER TEST BY
THE ENY PD COMMENT BY D/I CMA FEAF BOMCOM CLN IT IS ASSUMED THAT
THERE IS STILL A VERY REAL POSSIELIITY THAT THESE PHENOMENA MAY VERY
WELL INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF NEW ENY FLARE DEVICES CMA DESPITE
THE UNIT INTEL OFFS FELLING THAT SUCH POSSIBILITIES ARE RULED OUT
PD ASIDE FROM THAT CMA IT IS WORTH MENTIONING THAT THE 98 WG
COMMANDER WAS PRESENT DURING ONE OF THE SUBJ INTERROGATIONS CMA
AND WARNED THE CREW MEMBERS AS TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN REPTG
SUCH OBSERVATIONS PD SPECIAL REPT OF UNIDENTIFIED FTYING OBJS W/B
SUBMITTED PD UNQUOTE PD VIEW OF UTTER LACK SIMILAR OBSERVATIONS IN
PAST AND NO FIRM INDICATIONS ON WHICH TO BASE EVALUATION REQ YOUR
COMMENTS RE ABOVE

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Following report is quoted in entirety from FEAF Bomber Command Daily Summary for 30 January 1952 and covering operations during the night of 29 - 30 January. At 2300/1 one unidentified object was observed by the CFC, left scanner and tail gunner of aircraft No. 7332 at Wonsan - 50 miles off S. Coast CU-4020. The disc shaped object, size estimated by observers as 3 ft. across, was first observed parallel on course, at 8 o'clock level, a distance from B29 unknown. This object remained with the B-29 for approximately five minutes. The object appeared at 8 o'clock level going away from 29. B-29 was at 22,500 ft., heading 274°, 148 knot ground speed.

At 2324/1, one ^{object} disc shaped was observed, by the left and tail gunners of aircraft #2224, at YD-5459 ^{5 miles SSE Suncheon}. The unidentified object was observed shortly before receiving flak. The object approached the 29 from between 8 and 9 o'clock level then withdrew and disappeared at the same clock position.

The observers estimated the object to be approximately three feet across when at its nearest point to the B-29. The object was observed for one minute at which time the weather was CAVU. The object appeared to be spinning and a color resembling the sun.

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Comments by 98 Bomb Wing Intelligence Officer:

Because of the unusual nature of this sighting as well as the similar one reported above special effort was made to eliminate all possible known alternatives concerning the possibility that this could have been a plexiglass reflection. It is to be noted that two different crew members spotted the object from different positions at the same time. In regard to flak, flares, and rockets, crew members indicated their familiarity with such objects. In all cases crew members were veterans of WW II combat crewmen, and had had several combat missions in Korea. They stated very emphatically that the sightings noted above bore no resemblance whatsoever to anything they had previously experienced; The possibility that such stories had been fabricated is believed to be obviated by the fact that the crews involved, from different squadrons, flew on different missions and were interrogated at widely separate times (1 hour). In conclusion it is the opinion of this officer that these sightings represent another example of new technique and warfare under test by the enemy.

Comment by D/I, FEAF Bomber Command:

It is assumed that there is still a real possibility that these phenomenon may very well indicate the presence of new enemy flare devices, despite the unit intelligence officer's feelings that such possibilities are ruled out. Aside from that, it is worth mentioning that the 98th Wing Commander was present during the interrogation, and warned the crew members as to their responsibilities in reporting such observations. Special report of unidentified flying objects will be submitted."

View of utterlack of similar observations in the past and no firm indications on which to base evaluation requests your comments in regard to above.

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SUBJ ISREPT ON INFO ONUNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS: 11/ *Central Files*
OBSERVED 1 GLOBESHAPE OBJECT, WITH SLIGHT TEARDROP EFFECT
NOTED ON ONE SIDE, SIZE ESTIMATED TO BE 3 FEET ACROSS WHEN
ITS NEAREST POINT TO B-29 GKD THE SIZE WAS NOT DEFINITELY
ASCERTAINED, AS THIS IS DEPENDENT ON THE DISTANCE FROM THE
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COLOR RESEMBLING THE SUN, A LIGHT ORANGE, BUT OCCASIONALLY
CHANGED TO A BLUISH TINT. THE OUTER EDGE OF THE OBJECT APPEARED
TO BE FLUXY WHEN IT WAS AT ITS NEAREST POINT. IT SEEMED TO HAVE
AN INTERNAL CHURNING MOVEMENT LIKE FLAMES OR FIERY GASES.
THE OBJECT WAS FIRST OBSERVED PARALLEL ON COURSE AT 8 O'CLOCK
LEVEL, WHERE IT SEEMED TO BE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A SAUCER
GRADUALLY BECOMING LARGER AS IT APPROACHED THE B-29. IT CAME
IN ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THE B-29 AND REMAINED ON THE SAME

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RELATIVE POSITION TO THE B-29 / 8 O'CLOCK LEVEL / FOR 5 MINUTES.
THEN IT LEFT THE B-29 ON THE SAME PATH THAT IT CAME IN ON,
FADING AWAY INTO THE DISTANCE. /2/ VIKING ON JAN 29 1300Z
FOR A PERIOD OF 5/5/ MINUTES. /3/ GCE R CENTRAL FIRE CONTROL,
LEFT AND TAIL GUNNERS, FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS IN THE
B-29, OBSERVED THE OBJECT WITHOUT THE AID OF ANY OPTICAL OR
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT. THE B-29 WAS AT 22500 FEET, GROUND SPEED
145 KNOTS. /4/ THE 3 FIVEERS WERE AIRBORNE IN THE B-29
AT THE FOLLOWING CREW POSITIONS: /A/ CENTRAL FIRE CONTROL
GUNNER/PVEN B/ LEFT GUNNER/ C/ TAILGUNNER PO OBJECT WAS
OBSERVED AT 3900 NORTH -12700 EAST. OBJECT WAS ON A COURSE
ABOUT PARALLEL TO THAT OF B-29 WHICH WAS 274 DEG TRUE.
/ SEE PARAGRAPH / 1/ ABOVE FOR OTHER INFO /. /5/ THE OBSERVERS
COMPLETED NUMEROUS COMBAT MISSIONS OVER GERMANY DURING WORLD
WAR 2 AND HAVE FLOWN MORE THAN 15 COMBAT MISSIONS OVER KOREA
ON THE BASIS OF THEIR COMBAT EXPERIENCE AND THEIR ACCURACY
IN REPORTING PREVIOUS SIGHTINGS, THE OBSERVERS ARE CONSIDERED
RELIABLE. /6/ WEATHER WAS CAVU WITH WINDS FROM 60S 70 DEG AT
90 KNOTS. /7/ NEG /EITEO/ NEG/9/NEG

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Subj is report on info on unidentified flying objects: (1) observed 1 globe shaped object with a slight tear drop effect noted on lower side. Estimated size to be 3 feet across when at its nearest point to B-29. The size was not definitely established as the distance from the observer was not known. The color of the object resembled the sun, a light orange, and it occasionally changed to a bluish tint. The outer edge of the object appeared to be fuzzy and it seemed to have an internal churning movement like flames or fiery gases when it was at its nearest point to B-29. The object was first observed parallel on course at 8 o'clock lever, where it seemed to be about the size of a saucer, gradually becoming larger as it approached the B-29. It came in on the same level as the B-29 and remained in the same relative position to the B-29 for approximately 1 min and then receded on the same path, fading away in the distance.

(2) Sighted on Jan 29 13 24Z for a period of approximately 1 min. (3) The left gunner and tail gunner observed the object without the use of any optical or electroic equipment. The B-29 was at 22250 feet and ground speed 125 knots. (4) The 2 observers were airborne on the B-29 in the crew positions of left gunner and tail gunner. Object was observed at YD 5469 and level with the B-29. (5) The observers are veterans of World War 2 combat and have flown several combat missions over Korea and are thoroughly familiar with Flak, flares and rockets. The observers stated very emphatically that the object observed bore no resemblance whatsoever to anything they had previously seen. This sighting is almost the same as sighting reported in BCX 5447. This report came from a different squadron and interrogations were conducted at different times.

Details of 13292 sighting

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SUBJ IS REPT ON INFO ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS: (1) OBSERVED
1 GLOBE SHAPED OBJECT WITH A SLIGHT TEAR DROP EFFECT NOTED ON
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OBSERVED PARALLEL ON COURSE AT 3 OCLOCK LEVER, WHERE IT SEEMED TO BE

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FOR: AFDIN-C/CC, PARKER PASS TO CG, FEAR

Reference your message A 1925 dated 310956Z re B-29 crew sighting of unidentified flying objects. Request that answers to following questions be forwarded immediately:

(1) Geographical coordinates of location of sightings. (2) Altitudes, headings and air speeds of two aircraft at time of sighting. (3) Which direction did objects appear to be rotating? (4) Were times object was in sight estimated or timed in some way? (5) Why did object appear to be a disk; was it observed both edgewise and flat? (6) What was length to thickness ratio? (7) Have photo interpreters noticed anything on the ground similar to reported object? Suggest that all combat crews be briefed to be alert for more such incidents and attempts be made to obtain photos. Further suggest that all fire control officers be briefed on the feasibility of making rough estimations using two sighting stations and and approximations of size in comparison with reticle center dots. Lot is estimated to be two (2) miles. Reference all replies

to AMC-3117-C.

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FROM AFOIN-C/DD 52236 FOLLOWING CABLE CAF IN 74394
FROM CG FEAF TO HQ USAF QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO QUOTE REUR CITE AMC
3117 C 5 FEB (1) FIRST OBS 390 IN/12708E ALT 22250 HDG 289 DEG
GRD SPD 125 KTS; (2) BRILLIANCE AND SHIMMERING OF LIGHT SUGGESTED
SPINNING OR ROTATION, BUT OBRS COULD NOT STATE DEFINITELY APPARENT
MOVEMENT WAS ACTUAL; (3)-(OMITTED FROM MESSAGE), (4) ESTIMATED;
(5) ON RE-INTERROGATION OBSRS DESCRIBED OBJS AS GLOBULAR RATHER
THAN FLAT AND DESCRIPTION GIVEN INITIAL REPORT AS SAUCER SHAPED
INTENDED TO INDICATE ROUNDNESS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO DEPTH OR THICKNESS.
OBJS NOT OBSRD EDGEWISE AND LAT BUT ONLY WITH LINE OF SIGHT PERPENDICULAR
TO PLANE OF OBJS; (6) NOT POSS TO EST; (7) NEGATIVE.

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SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED YOUR MSG HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO FEAF BOMCOM.
FEAF BOMCOM MSG BCX 5447 D/I, 6 FEB 52 ALSO APPLIES. END QUOTE.

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ATTN: CO, ATIC

INITIALS: Col E. W. Taylor

DATE: 1 February 1952

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TO:

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ATTN: AFCEH-A Subject: Comments on FIAF Observations of Unidentified Objects, 30 Jan 52. Reference above subject and telephone conversation between the undersigned and Col Sherman on 1 Feb, following possibilities considered: (a) Exhaust stack flame from aircraft engine running rich. Considered doubtful because no known Soviet aircraft have exhaust stack arrangement that would produce this illusion. (b) Jet aircraft engine or afterburner exhaust. Considered doubtful because it is thought such an exhaust would have been recognized and identified by observers. (c) Vortex in airstream. Considered doubtful because of time of sighting and description of object as colored. (d) Fanjet helicopter. Considered doubtful because of the unlikelihood of the presence of any such aircraft at the altitude and in the positions given, and because of the comparatively slow forward speed such an aircraft would possess. (e) Air-to-air weapon in the form of sheet metal discs dropped from higher altitude. Germany was known to have had such a development during World War II. Such a weapon might well have the disc-shaped appearance and the spinning motion described, and it might also either be illuminated or

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reflecting illumination from some other source. However, the description of the object sighted as having maintained a position parallel to the sighting airplane for some time, would seem to eliminate this possibility. It is therefore considered doubtful, although somewhat less so than other possibilities mentioned above.

(f) "Fireballs." These phenomena made their appearance over both Germany and Japan during World War II. They have never been completely explained, and there is no record of aircraft having been damaged by them. One evaluation is that they may have been flying bombs launched either from the ground or from aircraft, and that the characteristic fiery glow was the exhaust of the powered missile. Another is that they may have been ground-launched rockets containing illuminating or incendiary agents that drifted downward on parachutes. Some such weapon or a development of it is considered a fair possibility in this case. (g) Trailed bombs. This weapon was developed in 1942 by Germany, and in its original application was intended as a defense by bombers against pursuing fighters. It consisted of a bomb of 20 to 25 kg in weight attached to a wire some 100 to 250 metres long, flared to cause

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the execution of wide swinging circles behind the bomber when the wire was paid out from the bomber's tail. It could be exploded at will by a crew member of the bomber. A variation of this weapon that may have been intended for use against bombers, was a cylindrical object trailed by wires from a J-80. Such a weapon would appear circular or disc-shaped, might well take on a spinning motion when trailed, might be illuminated or reflect light, and might for a time, parallel the course of an aircraft attacked; for these reasons it is considered a fair, or perhaps even a good, possibility.

FEAF has been requested to supply additional details of sightings, and to alert all aircrews to watch for repetitions. The suggestion has also been made that crews attempt to measure distances, angles, size, etc. by a system employing Central Fire Control equipment. Signed, Air Technical Intelligence Center

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SUBJECT (Uncl) Evaluation of Project Grudge Report

TO ATIAA-3a
Attn: Mr. Stranges

FROM ATIAA-2c

DATE 18 Feb 52 COMMENT NO. 1.
Lt Ruppelt/vs
54261/B 263D/P D-2

1. On two occasions on the night of 29 January 1952, B-29 crews observed a spherical shaped object paralleling their course. The object was described as being "the color of the sun with occasional bluish tint". Details of the report may be obtained from [REDACTED]

2. Since the objects followed the aircraft for times of one minute and five minutes, it can be safely assumed that they were propelled (i.e., not soaring or free-drop missiles). Therefore, it is requested that the shape and color of the reported flame be analyzed for the possibility of the object being:

- A conventional jet engine.
- A conventional jet engine with an afterburner.
- A ramjet engine.
- A pulse jet engine.
- A rocket engine.

Edward J. Ruppelt

EDWARD J. RUPPELT, 1st Lt, USAF
Aeronautical Sciences Group

TO ATIAA-2c

FROM ATIAA-3a

DATE 20 Feb 52 COMMENT NO. 2
Mr/ Stranges/deh
52275/Bldg263/P24D

1. A review has been made of descriptive material regarding the observations made on the night of 29 January 1951 by members of B-29 crews of globe-like fiery objects flying courses similar to friendly aircraft for short durations.

2. This group concurs that the objects appear to be propelled but from the descriptions and the time durations cited it is not considered that the objects are conventional jet engine, conventional jet engine with afterburner, pulsejet or rocket propelled. Slight credence, however, is given to the possibility of a ramjet powered helicopter or a modification thereof, with provisions incorporated for exhausting along a section of the trailing edge of the rotor blade, creating the fuzzy edged, internal churning of flames and gases, globe shaped phenomena observed recently by the B-29 crews in Korea.

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AFOIN-V/TC

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Objects Sighted by B-29 Crews
Over Korea During the Night of 29-30 January 1952.

1. This branch has been queried with regard to the above sightings. Specifically we have been requested to release additional information concerning findings and evaluation of intelligence. The information below is presented in the hopes that it will clarify the situation and suffice to eliminate the big play given this incident in the nation's press.

2. The sightings mentioned, although of a ~~different~~ nature, as is usual, are not abnormal occurrences in the combat theatre. During World War II ^{over} both Germany and Japan, combat crews reported sightings of a multitude of these types of objects which could not be identified or explained. These very often were reported as "fireballs," particularly from combat crewmen participating in flights over Japan. Very often these unidentified objects were ^{reported} to have performed violent maneuvers, travel at very high speeds, travel at very low speeds to the point of hovering, followed or flew formation with friendly aircraft, disappeared or disintegrated while in flight, etc. During the whole of World War II and subsequently thereto, intelligence was never able to prove the existence of such unconventional phenomena nor was it able to determine the characteristics of these objects, if indeed they did exist. A summary evaluation of all such related incidents was made essentially as follows:

a. The sightings were the result of natural normal occurrences while in combat, e.g., flak, flaring and exploding aircraft, reflection on canopies, searchlight reflections, engine exhaust trails, air-to-air bombs, etc., and sometimes a result of combat fatigue, particularly on the long missions required to bomb Japan.

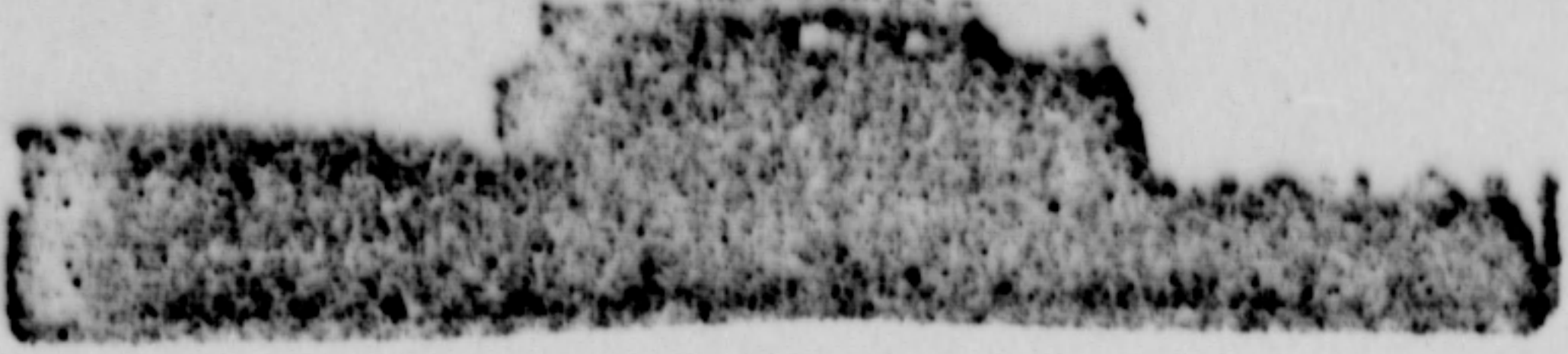
3. There have been numerous reports of objects which crews have been unable to identify, while on combat missions over Korea during the present conflict. In general, these sightings have assumed a pattern which parallels the overall pattern of World War II reports. The latest reports from Korea have mentioned the employment by the Communist forces of an airborne searchlight, possibly attached beneath the fuselage of a conventional aircraft and used in conjunction with antiaircraft and/or fighters. The evaluation of this branch of the sightings outlined in the subject above is that these unidentified objects probably are such airborne searchlights

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which because of combat fatigue, conditions of sightings, weather factors, etc., were assumed to be objects unattached to anything else. Such a report would appear reasonable in view of the fact that an object of this type would naturally become a center of interest, so to speak, and would tend to cause the observers to concentrate on its details rather than to look for anything else in conjunction with it.

4. A detailed investigation of such sightings is being conducted by ATIC. Thus far they have requested additional specific information from PFAF and pending the receipt of the reply to the request they cannot go on record with a firm evaluation. As soon as ATIC can furnish additional details this information will be made known through routine intelligence channels.

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AFOIN-V/TC
Lt. Col. Hundt/jab/55894
Wrtn 20 Feb 52

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM

1. To make a statement as to the recent reports of unidentified objects sighted in Korea on the night of 29-30 January 1952.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION

2. On this date, 20 February 1952, Major Jané, AFGPR, contacted AFOIN-V/TC for an evaluated statement as to the unidentified objects reported in Korea on the night 29-30 January 1952. The attached statement represents the Evaluation Division preliminary evaluation of the reported sightings.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

3. Approval, signature, and forwarding.

COORDINATION

Col. J. G. Eriksen - AFOIN-V/TC - Ext. 52466
CAPT R. C. Bauer, USN - AFOIN-V - Ext. 55909

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Evaluation of News Articles Concerning Observation of
Flying Saucers

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1. The following information is submitted upon which to base a reply to
Senator Russell:

a. The incident referred to in Senator Russell's letter occurred on the
night 29-30 Jan 52. Two different B-29's of FFAF BOMCOM reported sighting an
object which was described as follows:

- (1) Globe-shaped with slight tear drop effect on lower side. Color
resembling sun (light orange) and occasionally changing to a
bluish tint. Seemed to have internal churning movement like
flames or fiery gases when at nearest point to B-29. (The orig-
inal report stated that the object was disk-shaped and about
three feet in diameter.) One B-29 observed the object for five
minutes while the second B-29 at a different location and 24
minutes later observed a similar object for one minute. Although
the size was estimated at three feet in both cases, the distance
of the object (See next page)

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from the B-29's could not be determined. The second aircraft received flak shortly after sighting the object. Crew members who reported the sighting were in both cases experienced combat crew men, having had experience over Germany in World War II as well as previous experience in the Korean theater.

b. The press release referred to by Senator Russell actually contains a mixture of the information given in the preliminary FEAF report plus that contained in their detailed report, which was submitted subsequent to reinterrogation of the two crews. This release actually played up the "flying saucer" aspects of the incident based upon the initial description of "disk-shaped."

c. ATIC requested FEAF to furnish additional particulars, if available, following receipt of the preliminary reports. Additionally, they requested that FEAF alert their bomber crews to the possibility of such sightings in the future whereupon they would utilize fire control equipment in an effort to determine the distance of such objects from the observing aircraft. Thus far, there have been no additional reports from FEAF of similar sightings and neither ATIC nor AFOIN-V/TC have arrived at a final evaluation of this incident.

d. Based on the meager information thus far available, it is possible to arrive at only tentative evaluations of what the objects may have been. Two possible evaluations follow:

- (1) Observation of the exhaust from an La-9 or La-11 Soviet fighter aircraft. The exhaust stacks on both these single-engine fighters are arranged in a cluster on each side of the fuselage, and it is believed that the exhaust emanating from this installation, when seen at night, would give an illusion such as described in the reports received.
- (2) There have been several reports in the last few months of searchlights attached to jet and piston engined conventional aircraft which have intercepted FEAF bombers over Korea. These identifications have been stated to be positive in most instances. The use of such an airborne searchlight attached to a conventional aircraft on a very dark night would be a second possible explanation of the above incidents, since the attention of the crew would most probably be focused on the light source and this fact coupled with the difficulty of discerning an aircraft silhouette, under extremely poor light conditions, could conceivably account for a report of this nature.

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29-30 Jan
Korean

OBSERVATION: Reference Marine pilot observation of balloons in Wonsan area reported FEAF Intsum 651, 8 Apr 52, this Hqs has received no previous report of the sighting or use of such balloons. An F-4 report recently received (D/I 5 AF, IR-17-52, 6 Mar 52) stated that "Globe-shaped orange-colored objects" recently reported sighted by UN aircraft were in reality a type of WW II Japanese balloon to be elevated "to frighten UN planes from areas", and were being manufactured in Manchuria. One possible explanation of the presently reported sightings, if accurately described, could be that the enemy is experimenting with a new defense measure against low-level UN interdiction efforts. However, the size of the balloons (10-15 ft. in diameter) would seem to preclude any great altitude capability.

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TO RUPPELT FROM FOURNET

DO YOU HAVE FEAF CABLES BCX 5470

DI DATED 7 FEB AND BCX 5447 DI DATED 6

FEB WITH YOU NOW? IF SO, PLEASE ADVISE

WHETHER THE ADDITIONAL INFO CONTAINED THESE TWO

CABLES PERMITS YOU TO REEVALUATE THESE SIGHTINGS.

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ATIAA

REFERENCE FEAF CABLES BCX 5470

DI, DATED 7 FEB 52 AND BCX 5447 DI,

DATED 6 FEB 52. IF YOU HAVE COPIES OF BOTH

THESE CABLES, REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS REGARDING

UNUSUAL SIMILARITY OF SIGHTINGS BY THESE

TWO CREWS FROM DIFFERENT SQUADRONS AND ABOUT

25 MINUTES APART. BELIEVE WILL BE QUERIED

BY GRIG GEN GARLAND, ETC, ON THIS SUBJECT SO

WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EVALUATION IMMEDIATELY.

THIS IS ADDITIONAL TO YOUR PREVIOUS COMMENTS IN YOUR

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FROM LT E J RUPPELT/ATIAA-2C
TO CAPT FOURNET AFOIN-2B3
SECURITY INFORMATION. REFERENCE IS MADE
TO SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT OVER
KOREA ON NIGHT OF 29 JAN 52. PHOTO OF
JET EXHAUST OF F-86 AT NIGHT VERY SIMILAR
TO TWO REPORTS OF OBJECTS NEAR B-29.
THIS SUGGESTS STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT
29 CREWS OBSERVED JET AIRCRAFT OF SOME
TYPE. PHOTOS WERE TAKEN FOR PROPULSION
SECTION OF ATIAA.

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TO RUPPELT FROM FOURNET

BCX 5470 INDICATES ACTION TO YOU WITH INFO
COPY TO THIS HQ, SO YOU WILL UNDOUBTEDLY
RECEIVE IT LATER TODAY. THE FACT THAT IT IS
ALMOST A DIRECT QUOTATION OF BCX 5447
AND YET IS RESULT OF INTERROGATION OF SECOND
B-29 CREW MENTIONED IN CSAF CABLE A 1925 LED
ME TO ASSUME THAT SOME ADDITIONAL
CONCLUSIONS COULD BE ARRIVED AT. IF YOU
ARE ABLE TO ADD TO YOUR PREVIOUS COMMENTS

AFTER RECEIPT OF BCX 5470, PLEASE PASS SUCH

INFO TO ME SOONEST.

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answered today
by AMC Team 16
Lt. Ruppelt
Lt. Redburn

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ATIC WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED ON FEAF
SIGHTING.

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AMC ITEM 14/[REDACTED]
FROM LT RUPPELT
TO CAPT FOURNET

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INFORMATION

WE DO NOT HAVE 5470 DATED 7 FEB.
EVIDENTALLY ATIC DID NOT RECEIVE IT.
WHAT ADDITIONAL INFO DOES IT GIVE?
WE HAVE BCX 5447 DATED 6 FEB. WHICH
IS ESSENTIALLY A REPEAT OF
ORIGINAL MESSAGE A1925 DATED 31 JAN 52

END AMC ITEM 14/[REDACTED]

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29 January 1952 KOREA [REDACTED] REPORTS