

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 May 1952		2. LOCATION North Korea		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 15/1100 I		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE (51st Ftr-Inter Wg) Fighter-Pilot			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-5 Sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shape: Oval Color: Silvery				11. COMMENTS Maneuvers: Normal flight, appeared to be rolling. <u>Bacon</u>	

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5. Extracted from Fifth Air Force Mission Summary, 19 May 1952:

Unidentified objects: At 151100-I, 2 F-86 pilots observed a bright object traveling on a 90 degree heading at 10,000 feet at YD 3824. Length of observation was 10 seconds. Pilots observed intermittent flashes about 1 mile apart and estimated the speed of the object to be 1500 mph. Intelligence officer at the 51st Fighter-Interceptor Group considers creditability of witnesses to be excellent. D/I Comment: Personnel of Detachment 1, 6004th AISS interviewed pilots but no additional information could be obtained. Report being made in accordance with letter FEAF, AG 350.07, subject: Reporting Information on Unidentified Flying Objects, dated 5 March 1952.

a. Comment - The flashes of light with no definite reference points makes the estimation of speed seem questionable. There is no indication as to what might have caused the light. Physiological limitations would greatly lower the creditability of estimation of size, distance and speed. It is believed that there have been a number of sightings similar to this one which have not been officially reported, because of lack of any further information other than the reported flash of light and no definite indication of distance, speed and altitude.

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SUBJECT Sighting of unidentified flying object		
AREA REPORTED ON North Korea	FROM (Agency) Det 1, 6004th AISS, APO 970	
DATE OF REPORT 23 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 18 May 1952	EVALUATION B-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) Capt Vincent A. Goskey	51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Letter FEAF AG 350.07 5 March 1952		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in first one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)		

This report contains information on the sighting of an unidentified flying object;

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JEAN H. DAUGHERTY
Colonel, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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1. Statement of Lt McCarthy
2. Sketch of object

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1. Time Sighted: 1100I ZONAL TIME Length of time sighted: 3 - 5 seconds
Date of sighting: 15 May 1952
2. A brief description of the sighted object or objects:
Shape: Oval in shape
Size: Appeared larger than a MIG, from same distance.
Color: Silvery in color in the sun
Number of objects: One
Trail or exhaust: Appeared as contrail puffs of white intermittent
Propulsion system: Unknown
Estimated speed: 1200 - 1500 MPH
Aerodynamic features: Not observed
Any unusual maneuvers: Appeared to be rolling.
Manner of approach: First seen at 9 o'clock position below observer, continued on to 3 o'clock position in a straight path.
And Disappearance: See Sketch.
Formation if more than one: None
Any other pertinent or other unusual features: None, except for the high rate of speed as noted above and the oval shape.
3. Manner of observation; Visual or electronic: Visual
From Air or Surface: Air
Course: 280 degrees heading
Altitude: 30,000 feet
Type of reporting aircraft: F-86E speed 500 knots
Any type of optical or electronic equipment used should be described: None
If radar, the type and whether it was functioning normally before and after the incident: None
Location of observer during the sighting: Mission No. C/A 51-02, wingman in maple flight
Latitude: Unknown
Longitude: Unknown
Location of object to observer, giving distance: First seen approximately 20 miles, left of pilot.
Direction: 190 degrees heading
Altitude: 8000 - 10,000 feet
Identifying information on observer and witnesses, estimate of reliability and experience and any factor bearing on the estimated reliability of the sighting:
[REDACTED] - Fighter pilot - 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing - 25th Fighter Intercept Sq - 27 combat missions.
Weather and wind condition at time of sighting: Medium hazy - visibility 10+12 miles
If sighting was by electronic methods a statement whether any attempt to visually sight the object was made: None
Any activity or conditions meteorological or other wise which might account for the sighting: None
4. Remarks: None Statement of Lt McCarthy and sketch of object inclosed.

COMMENTS OF REPORTING OFFICER:

1. The unidentified object sighted by Lt McCarthy was also seen by [REDACTED], 51st Fighter-Interceptor Group Operations Officer, who was leading the flight of F-86s. He saw the object when it was called out to him by his wingman Lt McCarthy and his observation was very much the same as [REDACTED] had 56 combat missions completed at the time of the observation

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2. The two pilots making this observation are considered very reliable in their reporting.

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VINCENT A. GOSKEY
Captain, USAF
Investigating Officer

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STATEMENT

15 May 1952

I was flying [REDACTED] wing on a fighter sweep of North Korea this date when I called him a bogie at 9 o'clock position, object flashed in the sun. I quickly called him to roll up in a right turn as object was going under us from the left to right, when I saw object again it was almost out of sight and seemed to be rolling with puffs of white (2 or 3) behind it.

/s/ [REDACTED]
/t/ [REDACTED]

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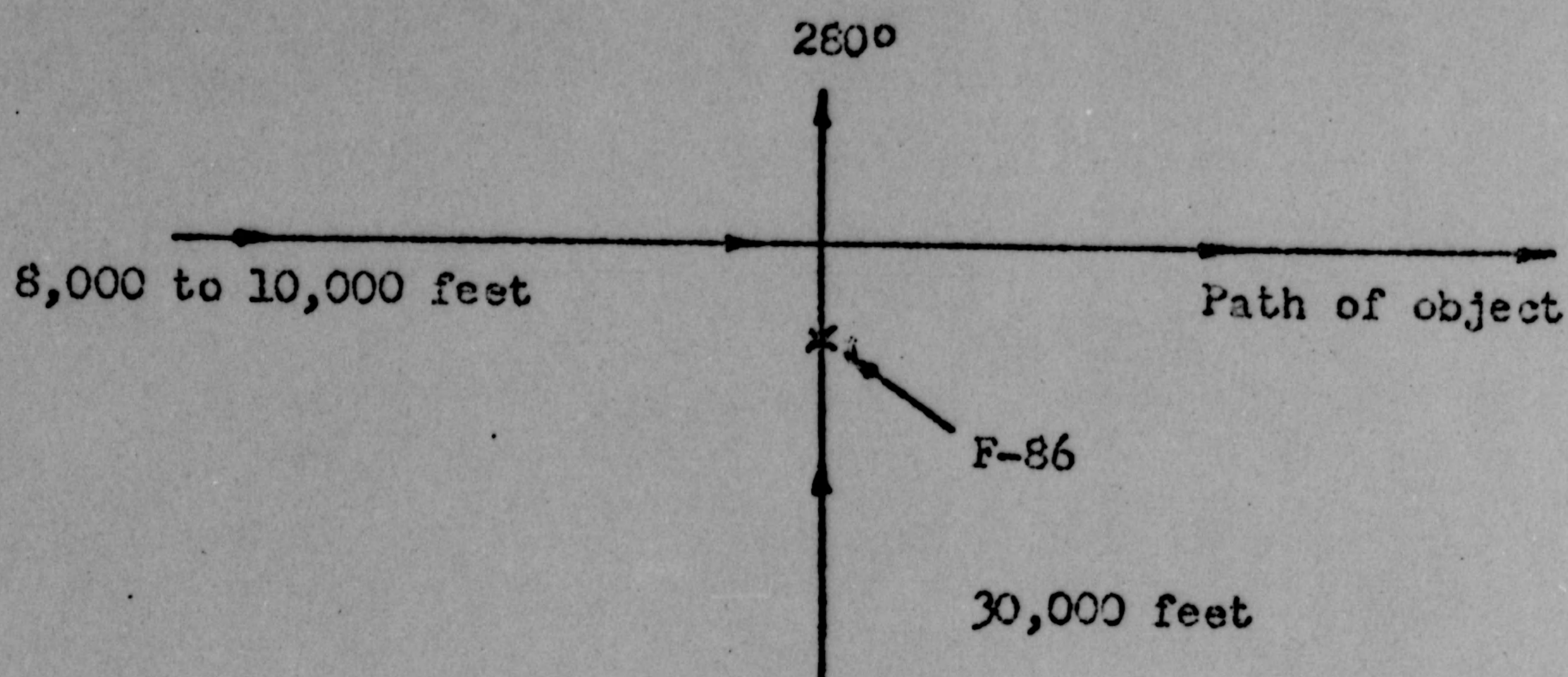
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6. Extracted from Fifth Air Force "Perintrep", 19 May 1952:

Balloon sightings: At 160210-I, vicinity of CT 4035, an F-94 crew observed a balloon approximately 3 feet in diameter. Observation was made by means of a small light suspended from the balloon. The balloon was first observed at 13000 feet and the F-94 followed to 24000 feet. Estimated rate of climb of balloon was 2000 ft/min, as the F-94 had to use afterburner in the chase. The balloon was shot down over CT 4016. At 160353-I, vicinity CT 2828, an F-94 crew again observed a balloon, this time at 12000 feet. Again by means of a steady burning light suspended from the 3 to 6 feet diameter balloon. Friendly pursued the balloon using afterburner, shooting it down at CT 4010. The white light, described as "Very powerful," was still burning as the balloon fell. D/I Comment (5th AF) - Further investigation is being made by the 6004th AISS.

a. Comment - This report of lighted balloons may be a basis of explanation for many of the sightings reported over this area of Korea.

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12. Extracted from FEAF "Intsum" #717, dtd 0320/Z, 13 June 1952:

Enemy balloons: Recently several reports have been received concerning the sighting of an unidentified object in the air having a primary color of white changing to red, then to green, and located in the area of DT 201398. These observations were made on 10 May and on 4, 6, and 7 June between the hours of 2102/I and 2100/I. In the majority of cases the object was described as being egg shaped or round, at an altitude estimated between 1000 ft and 10,000 feet, and in one case it was reported to have moved very rapidly horizontally for a distance. This movement was observed through a battery commander's scope and measured for 10 miles of travel, but the operator reported that he could not traverse fast enough to keep on target. This object was observed on 7 June for 1 hour and 5 minutes by a trained Air Technical Intelligence specialist and an ordnance Technical Intelligence specialist. As a result of these observations, a forward observer investigated the area at 091145/I June and saw a balloon being raised and lowered on a cable. D/I FEAF Comment: Most of the previous sightings of unidentified objects have occurred in the CT and DT grid areas. The high horizontal speed of the one sighting could be accounted for by a free balloon caught in a horizontal draft in the mountainous areas of that sector. The purpose of raising and lowering a balloon so near the front lines is not apparent, but could possibly be a method of communication.

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