

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 May 1952	2. LOCATION Washington D. C.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical (METEOR) ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2135 EDT GMT 0325Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Naval officers and 3 other people		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	11. COMMENTS Object would have been 5-6' diameter Covered 60° 70° of sky and disappeared at 20°-30°. Maneuvers: Straight and level METEOR
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING None--Balloons launched in area at 0300 Z, but object was too fast unless balloon was very low. Color: Yellowish*gold Shape: Oval			

CSAF ITEM 5 [REDACTED]

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FOLLOWING REPORT RECEIVED BY D/I DUTY OFFICER
BY PHONE 2150 HRS LOCAL 15 MAY 52:

ENS [REDACTED] USN, REPORTED SIGHTING
SAUCER-LIKE OBJECT AT 2135 HRS LOCAL 15
MAY, PRESUMABLY OVER WASHINGTON AREA. COLOR
GOLDISH-ORANGE, NO APPEARANCE OF EXHAUST,
SIZE AND ALTITUDE UNKNOWN, SHAPE CIRCULAR AND
APPEARED "SAUCER-LIKE IN THICKNESS". OBJECT
TRAVELLING DUE SOUTH IN LEVEL FLIGHT AND VANISHED
FROM SIGHT PRIOR TO REACHING HORIZON. OBSERVED
FOR ABOUT 15 SECONDS MAXIMUM. SPEED COULD NOT
BE ESTIMATED BUT "EXTREMELY FAST". STATE HE
AND 3 OTHER OBSERVERS WITH HIM WERE CERTAIN
IT WAS NOT SEARCHLIGHT REFLECTION ON CLOUDS
OR OVERCAST.

[REDACTED] RESIDES [REDACTED], WASHINGTON,

[REDACTED] OTHER PEOPLE STATE TO BE

WITH HIM AT TIME OF SIGHTING WERE ENS [REDACTED]

MISS [REDACTED] AND MISS [REDACTED] TRIED TO

CONTACT [REDACTED] BY PHONE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS

BUT COULD NOT LOCATE HIM. WEATHER FOR GENERAL

AREA AT 2130 LOCAL WAS THIN BROKEN OVERCAST

AT 22,000 FEET, VIS 15 MILES. PLS ADVISE IF

FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.

END CSAF ITEM [REDACTED]

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HAVE CONTACTED ENS [REDACTED] AND ENS [REDACTED]
BY PHONE AND MISS [REDACTED] IN PERSON
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL AND CLARIFYING INFO
OBTAINED:

ENS [REDACTED] REITERATES PREVIOUS DATA
SUBMITTED EXCEPT ESTIMATE OF DURATION OF
OBSERVATION WHICH HE NOW BELIEVES TO BE
ABOUT 10 SECONDS INSTEAD OF 15 OBSERVED
THROUGH ARC OF 60 TO 70 DEGREES. COULD NOT
ESTIMATE SIZE ACCURATELY. SAUCER IMPRESSION
BASED ON OVAL RATHER THAN CIRCULAR APPEARANCE
AS THOUGH DISC SEEN TILTED. ADDITIONAL IM-
PRESSION OF SPINNING MOTION. DESCRIBED AS
SOFT GLOW OF GOLDISH-ORANGE COLOR BUT
DEFINITELY NOT METEOR, A/C LANDING LIGHT,
LIGHTED BALLOON, ETC., WITH WHICH HE IS
FAMILIAR. [HE EMPHASIZES THAT OBJECT JUST
VANISHED WHILE STILL ABOUT 20 TO 30 DEGREES
ABOVE HORIZON.]

ENS [REDACTED] L DESCRIBES OBJECT AS AMORPHOUS
LIGHT OF SOFT YELLOWISH-GOLD GLOW TRAVELLING

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SLOWLY AT LOW ALTITUDE IN STRAIGHT PATH WITH
NO SOUND. FIRST OBSERVED ABOVE HOUSE,
KEPT IT UNDER OBSERVATION FOR ABOUT 6 SECONDS
DURING WHICH IT TRAVERSED ABOUT 30 DEGREE
ARC, AND LOST IT BEHIND TREES. TRAVELLED
IN GENERAL SW DIRECTION. APPEARED TO BE
VAGUE OBLONG SHAPE WITH ESTIMATED 4 TO 5
FOOT DIAMETER IF AT ASSUMED ALTITUDE OF
ABOUT 60 FT. STATES IT DEFINITELY WAS NOT
A/C LANDING LIGHT. DESCRIBES WEATHER AS
FAIRLY CLEAR AND COULD SEE MANY STARS.
NO MOON AT TIME OF OBSERVATION.

MISS [REDACTED] COULD OFFER NO DEFINITE INFO
EXCEPT THAT COLOR APPEARED TO BE BLuish-
WHITE AND SHAPE APPEARED OVAL AS FOR DISC
TILTED SLIGHTLY.

ALL OBSERVERS RESIDE SAME BUILDING AT ADDRESS
GIVEN PREVIOUSLY, WHICH IS IN GEORGETOWN
AREA OF NW WASHINGTON. OBSERVATION MADE FROM
THIS LOCALITY. [REDACTED] WAS ON ROOF AND
[REDACTED] WAS ON GROUND, HENCE PARTIALLY
ACCOUNTING FOR DIFFERENCES IN LENGTH OF
OBSERVATION AND MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE.

FULL NAMES AND PARTICULARS OF FOUR OBSERVERS:

[REDACTED] ENS, USN, [REDACTED] ENS,

USN, [REDACTED] CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE

IN D/I HQ USAF, [REDACTED] WAF ASSIGNED

HQ USAF.

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END CSAT MEM [REDACTED]

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DATE: 15 May 52

TIME (Local): 2135

LOCATION: Washington, D. C.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 6-10 Seconds

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Slow and/or extremely fast

ALTITUDE: Low

HEADING: S

SOURCE: Two ensigns USN and others.

ACTION OR COMMENTS: None

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Goldish-orange, saucer-like object gave impression of spinning motion. Two observers at different levels, i.e., one at street level while other at roof level, hence variations in observation. [REDACTED]

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 15 / 1835 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	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE (18th Ftr-Bmr Gp) USAF Fighter Pilot		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15-20 Sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE E then N	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING			11. COMMENTS Maneuvers: Moved horizontally for 4 seconds, then went into steep climb. Bacon		

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COUNTRY Korea	REPORT NO. 52-81	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Sighting of unidentified Flying Object		
AREA REPORTED ON North Korea	FROM Agency Det 1, 6004th AISS, APO 970	
DATE OF REPORT 28 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 17 May 1952	EVALUATION B-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) Capt Vincent A. Goskey	SOURCE 13th Fighter Bomber Group	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) FEAF Letter, AG 305.07, 5 March 1952		
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.)		

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

APPROVED:

Jean H. Daugherty
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Colonel, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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1. Statement of Capt R. Dye
2. Sketch of direction of flight

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1. Time sighted: 1835I ZONAL TIME Length of time sighted: 15-20 seconds
Date of sighting: 15 May 1952
2. A brief description of the sighted object or objects:
Shape: Appeared spherical and at one time when it was climbing it looked like it was flat
Size: Estimated 50 feet in diameter
Color: Silvery Color
Number of objects: One
Trail or exhaust: None noted
Propulsion system: Not noted
Estimated speed: 1000 MPH
Aerodynamic features: None noted.
Any unusual maneuvers: Moved horizontail for approximately 4 seconds until 90° from pilot's wing, it went into steep climb and then continued on and went into a shallow descent until lost in the haze.
Formation if more than one: None
Any other pertinent or other unusual features: The object appeared to leave its own source of light and was very bright.
3. Manner of observation; Visual or electronic: Visual
From air or surface: Air
Course: 180° heading
Altitude: 9000 feet
Type of reporting aircraft: F-51 Ftr Bmr - Speed - 240 MPH
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: CT 8000
Latitude: Unknown
Longitude: Unknown
Location of object relative to observer, giving distance: 1 o'clock position approximately 1-1½ in front
Direction: Heading east and then north
Altitude: Approximately same as aircraft
Identifying information on observer and witnesses, estimate of reliability and experience and any factor bearing on the estimated reliability of the sighting:
[REDACTED], Pilot, 18th Ftr Bmr Gp. 2 combat missions completed present tour. Flew 76 combat missions in ETO WWII. Appears very reliable.
Weather and wind condition at time of sighting: Up to 7000-8000 feet, Hazy, above this it was very clear and is where the object was first seen until lost in haze.
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 Pilot's statement inclosed

COMMENTS OF REPORTING OFFICER:

Capt [REDACTED] at time of observation called it in as a bogey to his flight but his transmission was weak and was not heard by the others in the flight. It wasn't until after they had landed and were discussing the object that either observer knew that the other one had seen it. The two observations were made separately without being called to their attention at the time seen.

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VINCENT A. COSKEY
Captain, USAF
Investigating Officer

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STATEMENT

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Returning from target area May 15, 1952 I was flying number four position. At approximately 1835 hour I first sighted this object. Our altitude was 9000 feet. First sighted object at about one o'clock position from our flight. By the time I called the object in as a bogie, it had moved to the three o'clock position and started a steep climb, which I assumed was the beginning of a loop, but at the vertical position in the loop, the object moved forward in its original course of travel (360°) and wavered momentarily and then descended and disappeared into the haze which reached an altitude of approximately 7000-8000 feet.

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Capt, USAF
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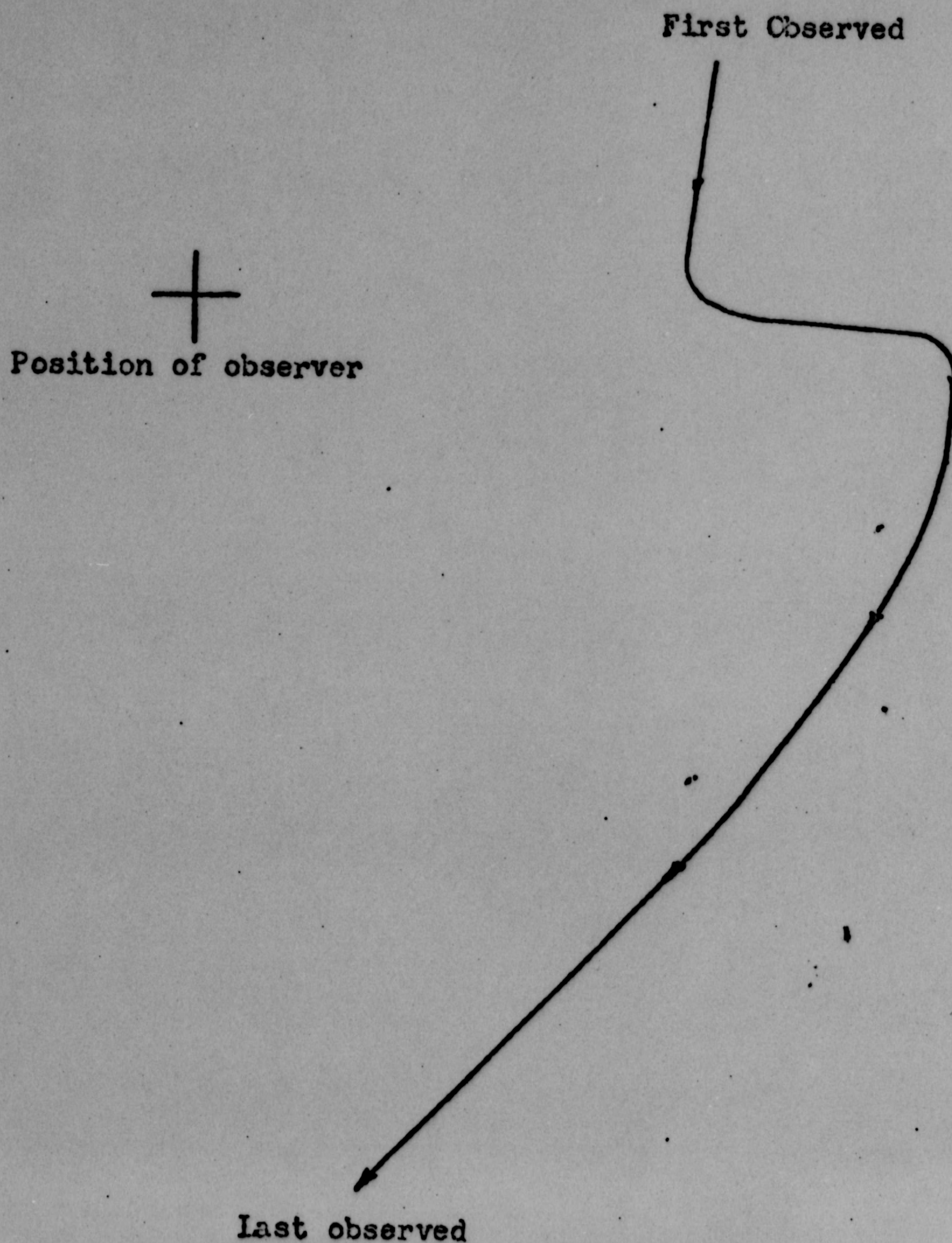
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*Balloon**7 June
Force*

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 204398. These observations were made on 10 May and on 4, 6, and 7 June between the hours of 2102/I and 2400/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 091445/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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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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