

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9 Jan 53 9/0950Z	2. LOCATION Misawa AFB, Japan
3. SOURCE AF Pilot & Radar Obs.	10. CONCLUSION POSSIBLY BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Visual: Stationary light which continuously changed color from red to white to green. No aerodynamic features were observed. Observed by AF pilot of F-94 a/c at altitude of 35,000' for a period of one minute. Radar: Object appeared on radar scope of F-94 a/c as a weak fuzzy stationary speck for a period of 2 minutes.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE Reported Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	COMMENTS: 1. Radar set had unusual behavior throughout mission but object and radar return seems to coincide. 2. Plane overshoot object - object seemed to be rising 50 minutes after Misawa balloon launch.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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NO UNCL REPLY OR REF IF THE DTG IS QUOTED
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FM CG 6016 ABW MISAWA AFB JAPAN/
TO HQ USAF WASH DC ATTN D/I
CG ATIC WRIGHT PAT AFB OHIO ATTN ARIAA-2C
INFO CG ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO
CG JADF JAPAN ATTN D/I
CG 39 AIR DIV ATTN D/I 10

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FLYDRPT. OBJ WAS LIGHT THAT CONTINUALLY CHANGED COLOR FROM RED TO
WHITE TO GREEN. NO AERODYNAMIC FEATURES, MEANS OF PROPULSION OR EXHAUST
TRAIL NOTED, NO MOVEMENT, SHAPE OR SIZE ASCERTAINABLE. RADAR CONTACT
GAVE WEAK FUZZY RETURN, OBJ SIGHTED 1850I, 9 JAN CURR WITH RADAR
CONTACT APPROX 2 MIN. VISUAL CONTACT APPROX 1 MIN, SIGHTED VISUALLY
WITH OUT OPT AIDS AND BY ABN RADAR FROM F94 ACFT AT 35000 FT, SPEED
220 KNOTS IAS ACFT AT XJGL2243 HEADING 360 DEG M MADE RADAR CONTACT WITH
OBJ AT RANGE OF 24000 YARDS, 020 DEG PORT AZIMUTH, 010 DEG BLOW
IN ELEVATION. PILOT THEN SIGHTED OBJ VISUALLY AND TURNED TO 335 DEGM
HEADING MAINTAINING 35000 FT AT ALL TIMES. NO APPARENT MOVEMENT OF OBJ
BUT AFTER ACFT CHANGED HEADING OBJ STILL 020 DEG PORT IN AZIMUTH. RADAR
LOCKED ON AT 5000 YARDS. AS RANGE DECREASED, ANGLE OF ELEVATION OF
OBJ BELOW ACFT INCREASED. AZIMUTH READING REMAINED CONSTANT.

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RADAR CONTACT BROKEN WITH OBJ AT RANGE OF 200 YARDS, 020 PORT AZIMUTH,
040 DEG BELOW IN ELEVATION, PILOT AND RADAR OBSERVER MAKING SIGHTING
ARE MEMBERS OF TRANSIENT UNIT SO NO EST OF RELEABILITY POSSIBLE.
WEATHER WAS OVERCAST FROM 6500 FT TO 12000 FT WITH VISIBILITY UNLIMITED
ABOVE OVERCAST. WINDS AT 30000 FT WERE 130 KNOTS FROM 230 DEG, AT
35000 FT WERE 90 KNOTS FROM 270 DEG, RADAR OBSERVER REPORTED
UNUSUAL INTERFERENCE ON SET THROUGHOUT MISSION, BUT SET APPEARED TO
BE OPERATIVE BEFORE AND AFTER CONTACT. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AVAL.
INTERCEPTION ATTEMPTED BUT CONTACT LOST WHEN ACFT OVERSHOT OBJ. ADCC
REPORT ANOTHER F94 IN AREA AT LOW ALT MAKING GCIMETDOWN UNIDENTIFIED
TRACK FADED AT 1723I HEADING SOUTH OF XJGM4533

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