

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 Jan 53 16/0145Z	2. LOCATION Marysville, Tenn.
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON Balloon
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 - 40 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Balloon shaped object with red light on top and yellow light on bottom, slowly descending toward the West disappearing after 30-40 minutes.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE; APRIL 4, 1968;
RE: MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL 11, 1968.
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ATTN: ATIAA-2C

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/ [REDACTED] FLYOBRPT CCC MSG NO 794-BALLOON-SHAPED OBJECT
WITH RED LIGHT ON TOP AND YELLOW LIGHT ON BOTTOM, SLOWLY DESCENDING
AND DRIFTING TOWARDS WEST. ONE (1) OBJECT-SIZE NOT STATED-NO VISIBLE
MEANS OF PROPULSION-DISAPPEARED OUT OF SIGHT-FIRST SIGHTED BETWEEN
APPROXIMATELY 2045E.S.T. AND 2100 E.S.T. OBSERVED FOR 35 TO 40 MINUTES
VISUAL OBSERVATION FROM GROUND-OBSERVER LOCATED APPROX. 35 40N-84 00W
AT LAKEMONT DRIVE-IN THEATER, MARYSVILLE, TENN. OBJECT SIGHTED NORTHWEST
OF OBSERVER-REPORT RELAYED BY CAA RADIO-RANGE STATION AT KNOXVILLE,
TENN. WEATHER: CLEAR SKIES-15 MILES VISIBILITY-TEMP. 50-DEW POINT-43-
SURFACE WINDS FROM WEST AT 9 KNOTS- WINDS ALOFT AT 10,000-FROM 220
AT 32 KNOTS- MCGEE-TYSON WEATHER STATED LAST WEATHER BALLOON RELEASED
AT 1600 E.S.T.-NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF OBJECT-NO INTERCEPT ACTION
TAKEN-NO AIR TRAFFIC NOTICED IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

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Marysville, Tennessee

15 January 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 0145 Z a civilian source observed a balloon shaped object slowly descending towards the west for 30-40 minutes.

II. Discussion of Incident

During this period, there were many flights of upper air research balloons crossing this area.

III. Conclusion

Possibly a balloon.

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