

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 Jan 53 23/0845Z	2. LOCATION Honshu, Japan
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Astro (Meteor)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Object appears to be a meteor, although a very sketchy report.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Description very vague - round object red to blue-green to white fell downward at angle of 70°. Observed only 2 seconds.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE WSW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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COUNTRY Japan	REPORT NO. FLY03RPT 1-53	(LEAVE BLANK) 23/1745-2
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects		
AREA REPORTED ON Tachikawa, Honshu, Japan.	FROM (Agency) Dir of Intel, FEALOGFOR, APO 323	
DATE OF REPORT 23 January 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 23 January 1953	EVALUATION B-2
PREPARED BY (Signature) Davis B. Potter, Captain, USAF	SOURCE USAF Personnel	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc. as applicable) AFI 200-5		

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

The following is a report of an unidentified flying object observed from FEAMCOM Air Base, Honshu, Japan and is tentatively placed over Tachikawa City, Honshu, Japan. This report contains little data of a technical nature that could be used in identifying the objects, but it serves to verify the observation.

The object was observed by T/Sgt [REDACTED] and S/Sgt [REDACTED], both members of Headquarters Squadron Section, FEALOGFOR, APO 323. Both airmen observed the object from the approximate center of FEAMCOM Air Base near the intersection of 14th Street and F Avenue. The object appeared to the East Northeast of their position, towards Fuchu and Tokyo. The time of observation was 1745 hours, 23 January 1953. The sky to the east was darkening although the western sky was lit by the setting sun.

The length of observation was short, not more than two seconds. The object appeared high in the sky, travelled downward at an angle of 70 degrees from the horizontal, appearing first as red, then changing to blue-green, and then to white before disappearing. The trail was more than ten times the object's diameter in length and followed the same color sequence as the object.

Both airmen made estimates as to size, altitude and distance, but because no single factor could be verified, these estimates are considered unreliable. One airman placed the size of the object as near that of a basketball and later stated that the trail was $\frac{1}{2}$ mile long. It was also stated that the object diameter was $\frac{1}{10}$ the length of the trail, or approximately 26h feet. Since these two size estimates vary so greatly, no credence can be given the altitude and distance estimates, because they would depend upon the size.

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D/I FEAF COMMENT:

1. Air Weather Service personnel state that Rawinsonde balloons traveling in a high wind away from the observer have been known to give an appearance similar to that described, with reflections from the equipment train giving the appearance of a trail; however the only balloons launched in the Tokyo area were at 1200 and 1800 local time. These balloons, launched from Haneda AFB, traveled rapidly south-east to east in the opposite direction from Tachikawa.

2. No information is available concerning traffic, weather, or other unusual incidents which might account for this sighting.

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