

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 Feb 53 2/1800Z	2. LOCATION Victorville, Calif.
3. SOURCE Aircrew Members	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Two large plastic balloons used for classified experiments were found in the area.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Gunner of B-50 a/c sighted a stationary, round silver object in the wake of a B-52 a/c. Object remained stationary throughout observation. Gun cameras were used for material evidence. Navigator of a/c concluded that object was not a planet.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Victorville, California

Hq, 93d Bomb Wing, Castle AFB, California

10 February 1953

2 February 1953

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2nd Lt G. T. Ludlum Jr. Asst Intel Officer Crew Personnel

At 1100, PST, 2 February 1953, two (2) gunners on a B-50 type aircraft observed what appeared to be a silver ball in the wake of a B-52 type aircraft. They attempted to obtain pictures of this ball with their G.S.A.P. cameras but subsequent film assessment failed to show conclusive evidence of this object. This film from the gunnery cameras has been forwarded under separate cover to Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

This film has not arrived at ATIC as of 23 March, 1953 - sending wire to Castle requesting they follow up.

APPROVED:

Charles J. Cooke

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Lt. Col., USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

1. Statement, Carl E. Edwards (S oys)
2. Statement, Kenneth B. Juelke (S oys)

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Wing Intelligence
Castle AF Base, California

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1. Description of Object: The observers, Central Fire Control gunner and right waist gunner on a B-50 type aircraft, noted a silver object in the wake of a B-52 type aircraft while they were under mock attack by F-36 type aircraft during a routine training mission. Their observations differed in that one observer described the object as a silver ball with possible flat surfaces evidenced by variations in reflection characteristics, whereas, the other observer believed it to be more like a disc which first showed its circular side then its flat side. The object's apparent diameter was three (3) feet and its distance from the observers was estimated at twenty (20) miles. The ball appeared to remain stationary during the entire sighting. The object made no audible sound.

2. Time: Sighting began at 1100 hours, PST, 2 February 1953, and the object remained in view for approximately three (3) minutes thereafter.

3. Manner of Observation: The observation was made visually from the Central Fire Control gunner's position on top the fuselage and from the right gunner's blister on the right side of the fuselage of a B-50 type aircraft; the only items of equipment utilized were cameras in an attempt to obtain material evidence. Initial attention was drawn by sight as the object was apparently silent. The two gunners were the only crew members to view the object from this aircraft.

4. Location: The observers were airborne at the time of sighting. The aircraft was on a heading of 267 degrees and was in the vicinity of Victorville, California (approx. 3434N 117 57W). The object was observed at 360 degrees, 40,000 to 45,000 feet in altitude, and approximately twenty (20) miles distant.

5. Observers:

a. Technical Sergeant CARL Y. EDWARDS, USAF, the Central Fire Control gunner, has had fifty (50) hours flying time and has been in the Air Force for seven (7) years. He is presently attached to the 330th Bombardment Squadron, 93d Bombardment Wing (M), Castle Air Force Base, California. He has not previously observed unidentified flying objects.

b. Staff Sergeant KENNETH B. JUELKE, USAF, the right gunner on the same crew as Edwards, has been on flying status since April, 1950 and has flown sixty (60) combat missions. His total time in the service has been five and one half (5½) years. Sergeant Juelke, also, has no previous sightings of unidentified flying objects.

6. Weather Conditions: Clear skies, with winds for the position being from 120 degrees at approximately twenty-five (25) knots.

7. Related Activities or Conditions: The navigator of this crew after extensive computations concluded that the object was not a planet. There is, however, a possibility that the object sighted was a large plastic balloon as two such balloons have been found in this vicinity. These balloons are approximately seventy-five (75) yards in diameter. They are used in classified experiments of which are being conducted in this vicinity. It is also very possible that another report which will substantiate this one will be submitted by one of the other aircraft crews which were in the area where the object was sighted, particularly the B-52, as some of them were much closer to the object than this one.

8. Physical Evidence: ANN-3 camera film for further examination. Local assessment failed to reveal the objects.

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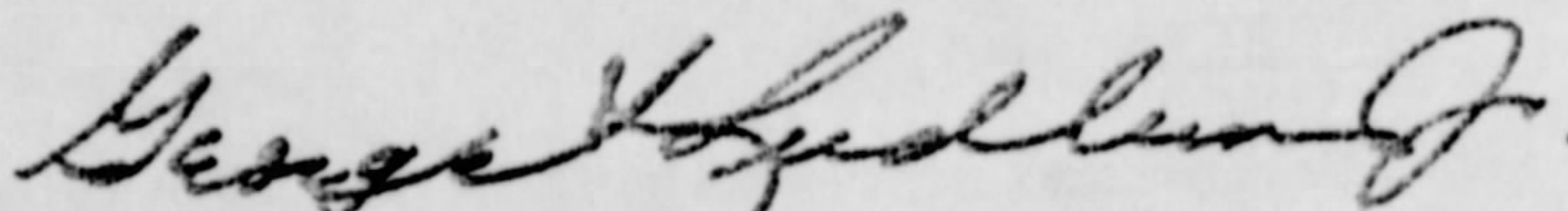
9. Immediate Interception or Identification Action: None known.

10. Simultaneous Air Traffic:

a. Six (6) F-86 type aircraft. Four (4) were making passes on the observer's aircraft from various angles and were flying between 15,000 and 35,000 feet. One F-86 appeared to be tracking the by-passing B-52 type aircraft. One F-86 was tracking a delta wing aircraft, which was also in the vicinity.

b. One (1) delta wing fighter believed to be a Convair XF-102 or XF-92 was descending from nine (9) to six (6) o'clock at approximately five hundred (500) knots. The approximate rate of descent was 4,000 feet per minute. The aircraft was on a course of ninety (90) degrees. Its color was white and the time of observation was 1100, PST.

c. One (1) B-52 type aircraft. This aircraft was first observed at 1006 hours, at an altitude of 40,000 feet, with a speed of five hundred (500) knots, and on a course of ninety (90) degrees. The unidentified object was observed in the wake of this aircraft.



GEORGE T. LUDLUM, JR.

2nd Lt., USAF

Asst. Wing Intelligence Officer

STATEMENT

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IR-9-53

Carl Y. Edwards

AF-14215231

T/Sgt.

At 1900, GCT, 2 February 1953, I was in the CFC gunner's position of a B-50 type aircraft, Number 9365, flying at an altitude of 25,000 feet. I was searching for fighter attacks from F-86 type aircraft which were in the area. I saw a B-52 type aircraft at three (3) o'clock high. As this aircraft passed, I noticed a silver object in its wake. I called on the interphone, "does anyone see that silver object behind that B-52?" I was answered by my right gunner saying, "yes". Neither one of us could identify the object. We both took gun camera pictures to confirm the sighting.

The object looked alike a silver disk, first showing its circular side and then the flat side. It first appeared high at three (3) o'clock and was left high at four-thirty (4:30). I watched until it went out of sight.

Carl Y. Edwards
CARL Y. EDWARDS
T/SCT. USAF

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Kenneth B. Juelke

AF-16233259

S/Sgt.

At 1900, GCT, 2 February 1953, I was occupying the right gunner's position of B-50 type aircraft No. 9365 on a routine training mission. During this period we were under a simulated attack from four (4) F-86 type fighter aircraft from George AFB, Victorville, California. I was searching for fighters in my assigned quadraan when a large jet aircraft leaving four contrails appeared at three (3) o'clock high crossing over course to eight (8) o'clock. As I observed this aircraft, I noticed a silver ball off the right wing. The ball was stationary and we left it behind at six (6) o'clock. Total time for this observation was about three (3) minutes. The ball appeared to be made of polished metal, silver or chrome. It appeared to be small, and due to this fact I could not notice any flat surfaces.

During the sighting I took two sequences of pictures with my G.S.A.P. camera. On the first sequence I turned the reticle out so that only the object remained. In the second sequence I turned the reticle on and placed the center dot on the left side of the object.

Kenneth B. Juelke

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Castle Air Force Base, California

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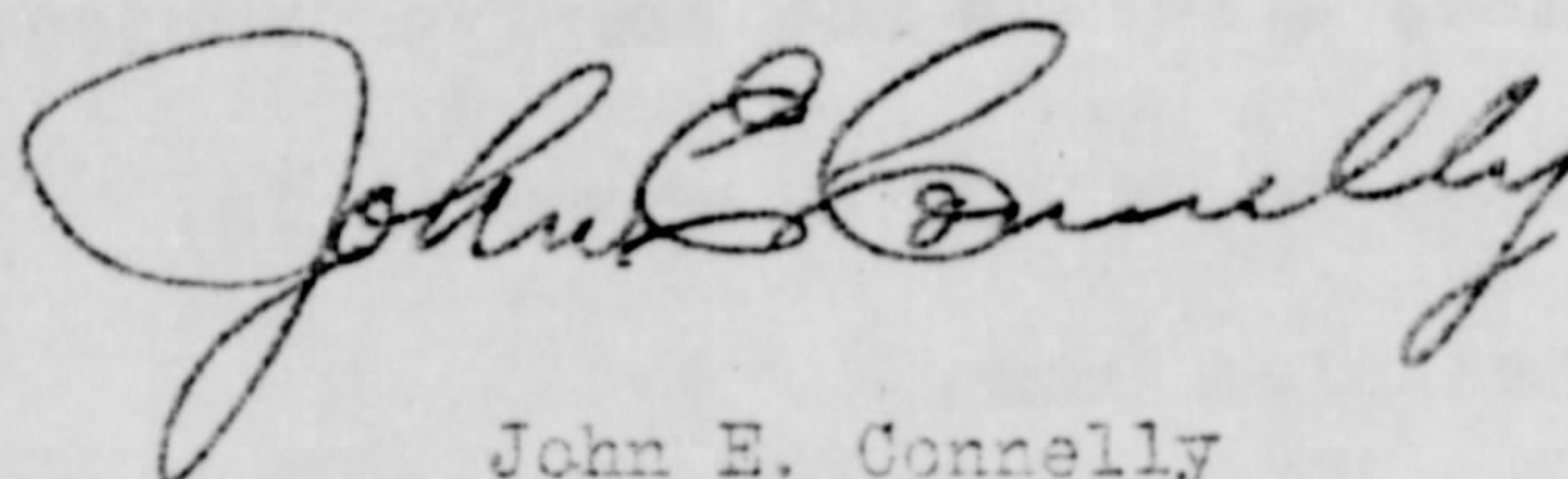
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TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
Attn: ATIAA-2c
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Forwarded herewith are fifteen (15) frames of ANV-6 aerial gun camera film supposedly showing an unidentified flying object which was observed on 2 February 1953. This object was sighted and photographed by two crewmen (gunners) on a B-50 type aircraft assigned this base. These frames are the only ones considered significant by the gunners making the sightings. This headquarters has made extensive studies of all the exposed film and has disposed of all but the inclosed frames because of poor film quality.

2. In accordance with AFL 200-5, Unidentified Flying Object Reporting, 29 April 1952, Air Intelligence Information Report (AF Form 112) is being prepared and will follow through channels.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



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a/s

John E. Connolly
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

film shows nothing

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FROM: AFOIM-ATIAE-3-12-4 FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Reference your AF Form 112 (1A-953) in which you report an unidentified aerial object sighted by B-50 type aircraft. You state that two aerial gunners shot the object with G.S.A.P. cameras and that the resulting film has been forwarded to Chief, ATIC. To date, ATIC has not received subject film and therefore requests you initiate follow-up to determine where it is.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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LT R. M. OLSON/vs

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ROBERT C. BROWN, MAJOR, USAF
AIR ADJUTANT GENERAL

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Castle AFB, Calif

ref GR-953 (Form 112)

may requesting a gun camera film

Subject film was evidently lost in the mail

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This case includes three (3)
8" x 10" photographs.

