

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 Feb 53 23/2116Z	2. LOCATION Fortville, Indiana
3. SOURCE Civ Woman	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Balloon
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Circular shaped, white object with a smoke ring around it traveled at an unestimated speed at a high altitude.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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FM CO 782ND AC&W SQ ROCKVILLE IND —

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WAGS DC

INFO JEDWP/AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO —

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO SPRGS COLO

ZEN/CG 30TH AIR DIV DEF WILLOW RUN APRT BELLEVILLE MICH

[REDACTED] INT 0307 PD FLYOBRPT (1) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING

OBJECT CIRCULAR SHAPE COLOR WHITE WITH A SMOKE RING AROUND IT PD TIME

OF SIGHTING 232116Z FEB 53 PD MANNER OF SIGHTING VISIBLE FROM GRND CMA

OBJECT IN SIGHT APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES CMA ALTITUDE VERY HIGH PD

LOCATION OF SIGHTING OVER FORTVILLE CMA INDIANA CMA OBJECT WAS ON

NORTH EAST HEADING DURING SIGHTING PD NAME OF OBSERVER COLON MRS CLEON

CMA 1047 CONCORD CMA FORTVILLE CMA INDIANA PD END

24/2124Z FEB JEDBW

*Ball released from Indianapolis - U.S. Air Force
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Fortville, Indiana

23 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 2116Z time a civilian woman located 16 miles northeast of Indianapolis sighted an unknown flying object appearing as a circular shaped, white object traveling at a high altitude in a northeasterly direction and reported this occurrence to the 782nd AC&W Squadron, the nearest Air Force installation. Clear weather prevailed.

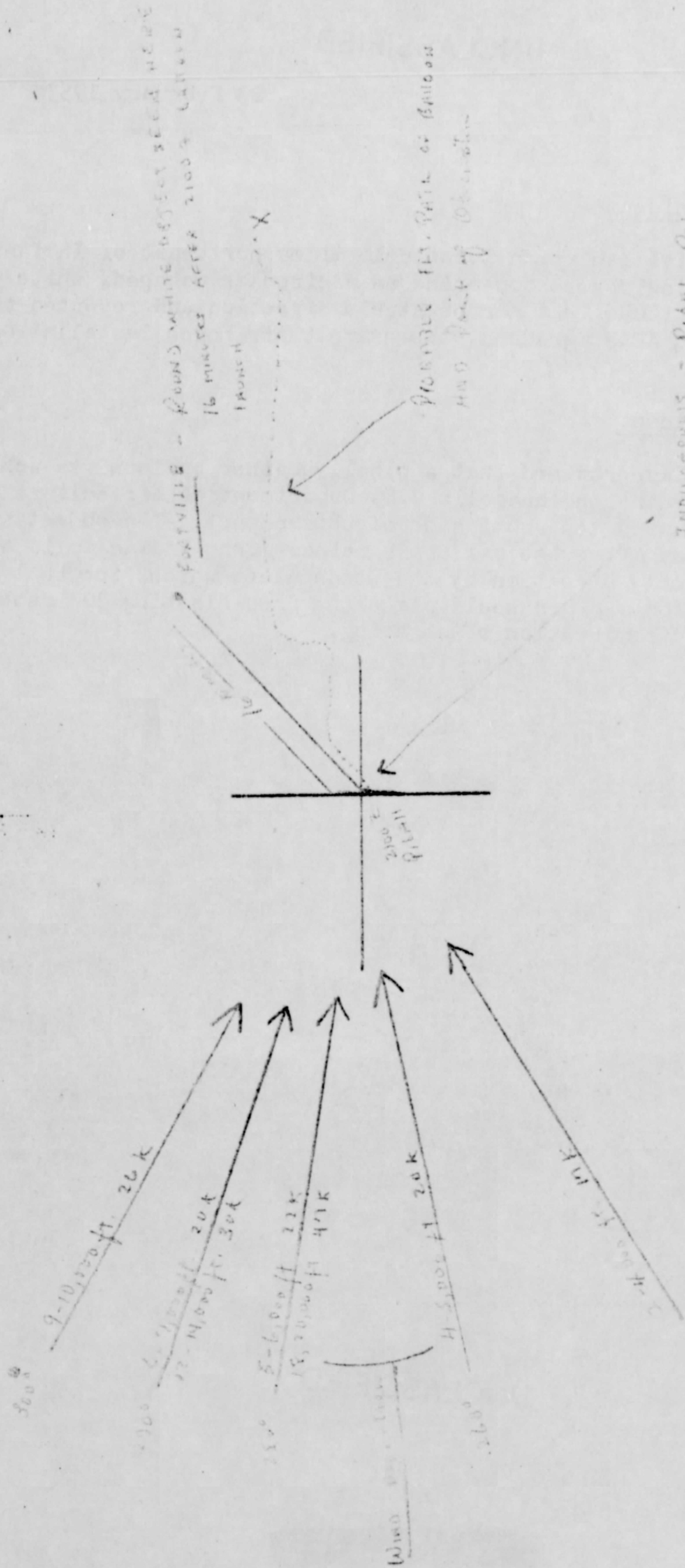
II. Discussion of Incident

Project Blue Book ascertained that a piball weather balloon was scheduled for release at 2100Z by the Indianapolis U.S. Department of Agriculture Weather Station and probably caused the submission of this report. The object was seen approximately 15 minutes after the balloon's release from Indianapolis and was carried in a northeasterly direction by the winds aloft which, for that time of day were from 240° to 260°. This would place the free-floating 30" rubber balloon almost over Fortville, the location of sighting.

III. Conclusion

Was balloon.

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H-20K average 0-20,000 ft
 B-20K 10 miles
 C-20K was seen for 15 min