

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 Feb 53 25/2030Z	2. LOCATION Charleston, W. Va.
3. SOURCE AC&N Sq	10. CONCLUSION WAS ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Oblong object approx 2 miles in width and 7 miles in length, moving at constant rate of 70 KPH at straight path of 070°. Appeared on radar scope for period of 15 min. Pickup was established at 310° at 220 miles. As object faded from scope, it appeared to be much smaller.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Radar	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	COMMENTS: 1. Object was observed by entire shift of radar technicians who are experienced & very versed in the field of radar. 2. Scope photos were taken at 5 min intervals. 3. E.C.M. going on at time of sighting caused unknown blip.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)

REPORT NO.

783rd AGSW Sqdn, Char. W. Va.

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The following report is prepared in accordance with par 7c AFL 200-5 dtd 29 April 1952.

1. Object in question was oblong in shape, approximately 2 miles in width and 7 miles in length. Preceding the object and lying in a straight line along the path of movement was a faint "String Line" approximately 30 miles in length. The object moved at a constant rate of speed of 70 KPH and moved a constant, straight path of 070 degrees.

Pickup was established at 310 degrees at 220 miles; how much further out it painted is unknown at this station due to normal equipment coverage.

Fade-out occurred in like appearance to the gaining or losing of altitude of a target out of the coverage lobe pattern of this station.

2. Object was first detected at 2030 Zebra with the four "corners" laying in EL 5035 - EL 4026 - FL 0520 - FL 1135. Fade was at JM 1611, time 2145 Zebra; shape at fade was slightly smaller; approximately 1 mile wide and 3 miles long with the disappearance of the "string" at start of fade.

3. Observation was made on the AN/FPS-3 search radar scopes using lower beam long range setting.

4. Observation was made from P-43 located 6 miles from Charleston, West Virginia on a heading of 350 degrees. Pickup, in relation to P-43 was 310 degrees at 210 miles. Fade was 359 degrees at 165 miles. Speed 70 knots, course 070 degrees.

5. Object was observed throughout entire life by Operations Officer, Radar Maintenance Officer, both NCOIC's and the entire shift. Reliability of this group is considered excellent; experienced very broad in the field of radar.

6. Weather appeared to be clear. Winds aloft unknown.

7. Unknown.

8. Scope photographs were taken at 5 minute intervals.

9. Interception action was taken by P-62.

10. There was no air traffic in that general area to our knowledge.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Report of Unusual Target FLYOVERPT			
AREA REPORTED ON Eastern Central Indiana		FROM (Agency) 783rd AC&W Squadron, Charleston, W. Va.	
DATE OF REPORT 27 February 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 25 February 1953	EVALUATION A1	
PREPARED BY (Officer) 2d Lt MANLY E. CARROLL Intelligence Off.		SOURCE 783rd AC&W Squadron, Charleston, W. Va.	
REFERENCES (Control number, directives, previous report, etc., as applicable) AF Ltr 200-5 dtd 29 April 1952			

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

A report on an unusual target sighted on the radar scopes of the 783rd AC&W Squadron, Charleston, West Virginia on 25 February 1953.

Approved:

Manly E. Carroll
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COMMENT, Dir of Intel 30th ADiv:

Value of report questioned by Director of Intelligence, 30th Air Division. Senior Controller this headquarters states that photographs were the result of Electronic Countermeasures.

Forwarded intact for further evaluation and disposition as deemed appropriate.

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Pictures of Radar Scope
at 5 minute intervals

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