

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 June 53 08/2315Z	2. LOCATION Bethesda, Maryland
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON Maneuvers similar to that of balloon. Astro ruled out due to apparent brightness of object, Mars, Venus and Jupiter below horizon. Sun setting in West. But Arcturus and Spica high in East. This would not appear as bright as the object reported.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 Hour	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE N to E	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Oval object, no sounds or trails, altitude appeared very high. Contained light or had bright surface and reflected sun. Traveled in constant arc, disappeared behind clouds then reappeared. Had some characteristics of a balloon.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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[REDACTED] FROM AFOIN 58134 FLYOBRPT. ATTN CLN ATIAA-2C

ONE UNIDENTIFIED OVAL OBJECT SIGHTED AT 1915 HOURS EDT CMA 8 JUNE 53 CMA OVER VICINITY OF BETHESDA MD. NO SOUNDS OR TRAILS. VISUAL OBSERVATION BY TWO PERSONS CMA RELIABILITY UNKNOWN BUT APPARENTLY GOOD. OBJECT MOVED GENERALLY NORTH TO EAST. WAS OBSERVED FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR. ALTITUDE APPEARED VERY HIGH. OBJECT REPORTED TO HAVE CONTAINED A LIGHT OR WAS OF A BRIGHT SURFACE AND REFLECTED THE SUN. HAD THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A STAR IF IT HAD BEEN DARKER BUT WAS MOVING TOO FAST TO HAVE BEEN A STAR. TRAVELLED IN A CONSTANT ARC WITH NO UNUSAL MANEUVERS. DISAPPEARED SEVERAL TIMES BEHIND CLOUDS AND EMERGED LATER. ONE PERSON REPORTS THE DIAMETER TO BE TWELVE TO FOURTEEN INCHES. OBJECT APPEARED TO MOVE FAST CMA

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HAD SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A BALLOON. CLOUD CONDITION AT TIME OF SIGHTING WAS FAIRLY CLEAR SKY WITH SCATTERED CLOUDS. CLOUDS REPORTED TO BE MOVING IN A DIRECTION OPPOSITE TO THE MOVEMENT OF THE OBJECT. ^{Not necessarily true} OBSERVERS WERE MRS. [REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED]

ROAD CMA WESTHAVEN CMA WASHINGTON CMA D.C. CMA TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND A NEIGHBOR CMA [REDACTED]

ROAD CMA WESTHAVEN CMA WASHINGTON D. C. CMA TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

OBJECT DISAPPEARED FROM LINE OF SIGHT IN THE EAST BEHIND CLOUDS AND TREES. OBJECT WAS INITIALLY OBSERVED AT A CONSIDERABLE ALTITUDE

OVER AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT

09/0307Z JUN JEPHQ

1915 EDT
+ 4
2315 Z
2100

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

0215 hrs. after scheduled balloon release

Invest. Poss of balloon very slim

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ACTION

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1. Attn
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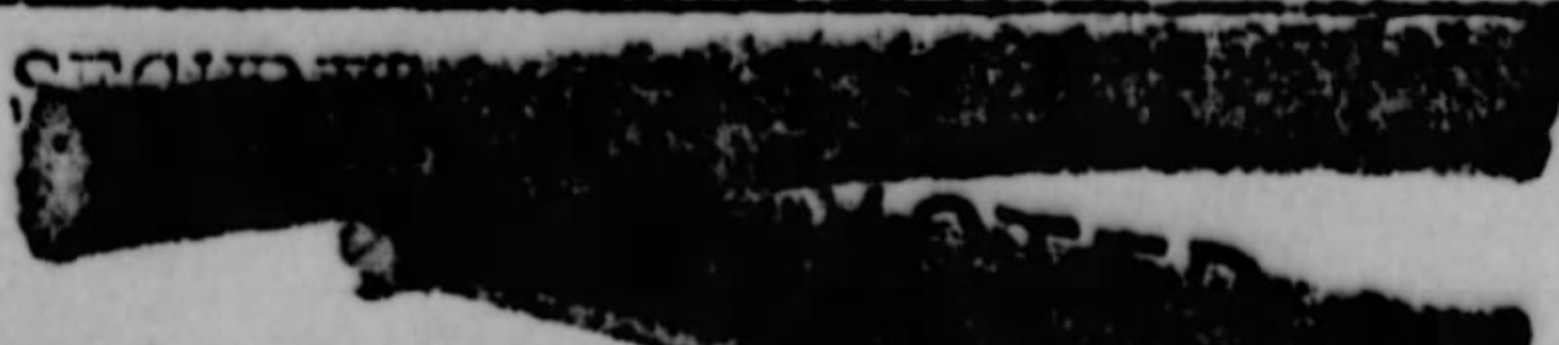
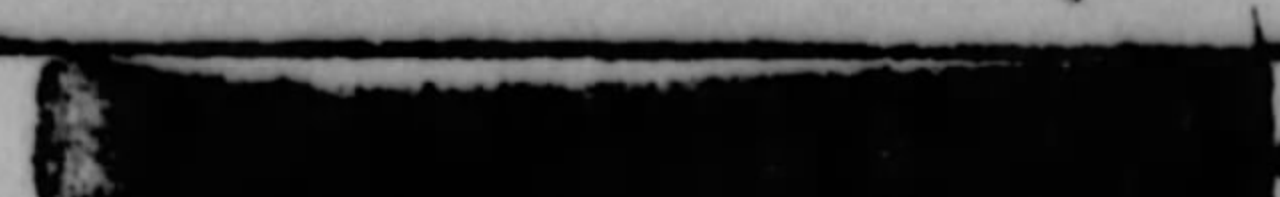
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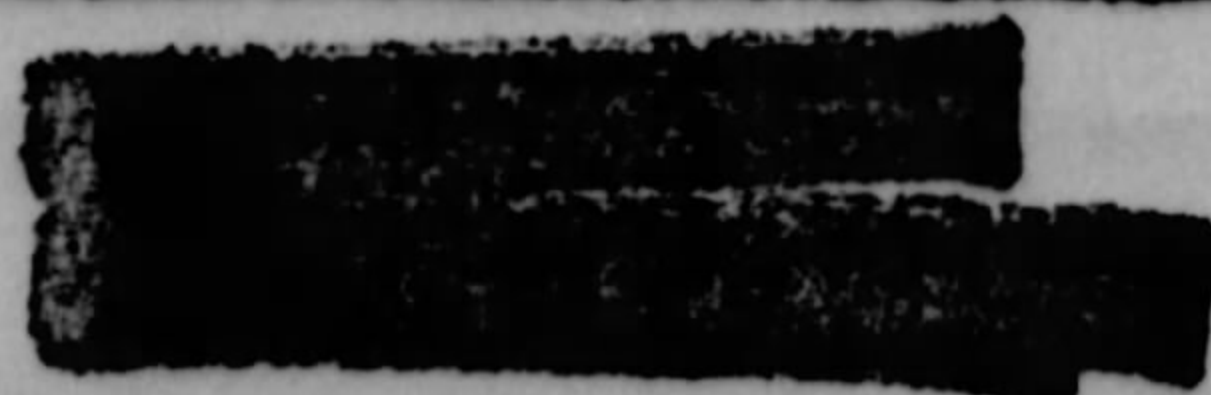
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TELECONFERENCE MESSAGE FORM
(See instructions on reverse side of this page)

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1. ITEM NO.	2. 	3. DATE TRANSMITTED 10 June 1953
4. FROM: (Name & Symbol) Lt R.M. Olsson, ATIAE-5		5. TO: (Name & Symbol) AFOIN
 Reference your message AFOIN 58134 concerning unidentified object sighted on 8 June 53 by several Bethesda, Md., observers. ATIC feels that the object may have been a weather balloon released from one of the following stations: Air Weather Service, Andrews AFB; USDA Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.; U.S. Navy, Anacostia; and Naval Air Station. Request (1) check these stations to determine if they made a launching near 1915 hrs., and (2) determine the winds aloft from 5,000 to 40,000 feet at the time and date of sighting.		
DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10		
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(If more space is needed, continue on a plain sheet of paper.)		
7. ORIGINATED BY: (Name, Symbol, Date) Lt R.M. Olsson, ATIAE-5/10 June 53		8. COORDINATED BY: (Name, symbol, Date)
9. AUTHORIZED BY: Air Adjutant General, ATIPA		

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CSAF ITEM NBR 6 /UNCL/

FROM: AFOIN-2A2 CAPT SMITH TO: ATIAE-5 LT OLSSON

REF YOUR ITEM NBR 1, TELECON 105, DATED 16

JUNE 53, CONCERNING SIGHTING ON 8 JUNE AT

BETHESDA, MD. BOLLING, ANDREWS, AND

ANACOSTIA REPORT NO BALLOON RELEASED DURING

PERIOD, HOWEVER, SILVER HILL OBSERVATORY RE-

LEASED A BALLOON AT 1700 EDT THAT DATE. CAPT

SMITH, STATION WEATHER OFFICER AT ANDREWS AFB,

AND SGT MARCELIO OF ANDREWS, REPORTED SIGHTING

A WEATHER BALLOON OF A NEW NAVY PLASTIC TYPE

AT 1700 EDT, 8 JUNE, SOUTHEAST OF ANDREWS

AFB AT AN ESTIMATED 15,000 FEET. BALLOON WAS

TRACKED BY THEODOLITE. WINDS ALOFT AT 1700

EDT, 8 JUNE 53, THE OBSERVATION CLOSEST TO THE

TIME OF THE SIGHTING, WERE AS FOLLOWS:

4,000 FEET	190 DEGREES	8 KNOTS
5,000 FEET	210 DEGREES	7 KNOTS
6,000 FEET	190 DEGREES	4 KNOTS
7,000 FEET	112 DEGREES	2 KNOTS
8,000 FEET	340 DEGREES	1 KNOT
9,000 FEET	290 DEGREES	1 KNOT
10,000 FEET	217 DEGREES	3 KNOTS
12,000 FEET	230 DEGREES	3 KNOTS
14,000 FEET	230 DEGREES	3 KNOTS
16,000 FEET	290 DEGREES	14 KNOTS

18,000 FEET	310 DEGREES	17 KNOTS
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Bethesda sighting could not
be of this balloon because of time
disparity - Sighting: 1915 EDT
Balloon: 1700 EDT

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variable but generally
from the SW at 5000 feet
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20,000 FEET	300 DEGREES	18 KNOTS
25,000 FEET	300 DEGREES	19 KNOTS
30,000 FEET	310 DEGREES	11 KNOTS
35,000 FEET	110 DEGREES	9 KNOTS
40,000 FEET	020 DEGREES	10 KNOTS

ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED
THROUGH THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AT BOLLING
AFB, CAPT RAND.

END CSAF ITEM NBR 6 /UNCL/

NOTHING FURTHER HERE

END CONF NBR 107 AT 18/1825Z JUNE 53

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DE THESSON, MD
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*J. Atto
3. Atto
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FM COMDR HQ COMD USAF BOLLING AFB WASHDC

TO COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

HC7B 994-F. URMSG AFOIN-ATIAE-6-4-E, DTD 23 JUN 53, PROJECT BLUE BOOK.

SILVER HILL GEORGAPHICAL CORRGINATES-LATITUDE-38 DEGREES 50 MIN NORTH,

LONGITUDE-76 DEGREES, 57 MIN WEST.

24/2111Z JUN JEPBL

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*2 and 15 minutes
after balloon release
sight took place*

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