

# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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| <b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b><br>9 June 53 1445Z                                                        | <b>2. LOCATION</b><br>North Korea                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>3. SOURCE</b><br>Military                                                                          | <b>10. CONCLUSION</b><br>BALLOON<br>Object seen near front lines in Korea. 15,000 ft at range of 7,000 yds. D/I FMAF Comments: Have many similar sightings in this area attributed to weather balloons. This sighting probably of lighted balloons released by front line enemy troops. |
| <b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b><br>One                                                                    | <b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b><br><br>Forward artillery observers sighted a spinning gray spherical object moving easterly in an erratic course, circling the area of sighting. ABC Scope (range finder) was used to view it when it disappeared to the NW.                      |
| <b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b><br>4 Minutes                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b><br>(Artillery range finder)<br>Ground-Visual                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>7. COURSE</b><br>NW                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>8. PHOTOS</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>                                                                      |                                           |                                                      |               |
| SUBJECT<br><b>Observation of an Unidentified Flying Object</b>                                                  |                                           |                                                      |               |
| AREA REPORTED ON<br><b>North Korea</b>                                                                          |                                           | FROM (Agency)<br><b>Det #1, 6004th AISS, APO 970</b> |               |
| DATE OF REPORT<br><b>21 June 1953</b>                                                                           | DATE OF INFORMATION<br><b>9 June 1953</b> | EVALUATION<br><b>F-6</b>                             |               |
| PREPARED BY (Officer)<br><b>Marriel Thomas, Captain, USAF</b>                                                   |                                           | SOURCE<br><b>Btry "B", 39th FA Btn.</b>              |               |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)<br><b>ATL 200-5, dtd 29 Apr 52</b> |                                           |                                                      |               |

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 115-Part II.)

This report contains information concerning the observation of an unidentified flying object over North Korea by personnel of the 39th FA Btn.

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On the night of 9 June 1953 at approximately 2345I, an unidentified object was observed by forward observers of Btry "B", 39th FA BN.

Witnesses interviewed stated that the object was first sighted over UTM grid coordinates CT432458. The object was flying at an estimated altitude of 15,000 feet on an easterly heading. This object was observed from a distance of approximately 7,000 yards for an estimated four (4) minutes. The observations were visual and with the aid of a B.C. Scope (Artillery range finder). Weather at the time of the observations was CAVU.

The object was described as being spherical in shape. Its color was fluorescent gray or silver. No method of propulsion or exhaust was observed. No aerodynamic features could be seen. The witnesses were unable to give any dimensions. The object appeared to be spinning in an erratic flight. It circled the area for approximately four (4) minutes. Several times the object appeared to almost stop; distinctly decelerating, and then increasing speed. The object was last seen traveling at a high rate of speed and disappeared to the northwest.

### COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

Insufficient information could be obtained by investigators to establish the identity of the above object. Any conclusions at this level would be purely conjectural.

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### D/I FEAF COMMENT:

There have been many unidentified sightings reported from the CT and DT grid areas, several of which have definitely been identified as balloons. Although range was evidently measured in this case, no estimate of size or speed was given. From the limited description given, it is believed the object may have been a lighted balloon launched by enemy front-line troops. No further investigation being made.

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