

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 June 53 24/0845Z	2. LOCATION Annapolis, Maryland, WASHINGTON , D.C.
3. SOURCE Military & Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON A piball launch at Annapolis was scheduled at 0900Z. Surface wind was 10-12 mph from the NW. Observers felt that object was a balloon. ATIC COMMENT: It is quite evident that object was a weather balloon.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NE - E	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS White light swaying slightly was observed on the NE horizon climbing slowly into the sky. Its maximum angle above the horizon was 75-80 deg at which time it seemed to slow down and change direction of travel to the E. The speed of object did not appear constant and was rather slow.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

CSAF ITEM NER 1 /UNCL/

TO ATIAF-5 LT OLSSON FM AFOIN-2AF CAPT NE SMITH

FOLLOWING SIGHTING BY [REDACTED]

MOTEL, [REDACTED] ST NW WASHDC, WAS RECEIVED

BY TELEPHONE ON 24 JUNE 53, FROM EMERGENCY

CONTROL OPERATIONS OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL CIVIL

DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION, WASHDC: QUOTE - "ABOUT

4 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING I WOKE UP AND LOOKED

OUT THE WINDOW. I SAW A GREAT BIG WHITE BALL

IN THE SKY. AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS A PLANE

BUT AS I WATCHED IT WHILE IT APPEARED TO BE

TOO STATIONARY FOR A PLANE AND MUCH BIGGER

THAN THE STARS. I FIRST SAW IT OVER THE TOP

OF A TREE OUTSIDE MY WINDOW. AS I WATCHED

IT SEEMED TO SWING BACK AND FORTH LIKE A PENDULUM

AND GAVE THE ILLUSION OF LEAVING A TRAIL OF

VAPOR OR SMOKE. IT MOVED UPWARD AND I WATCHED

FOR ABOUT AN HOUR UNTIL IT WAS OUT OF SIGHT".

END QUOTE

END CSAF ITEM NER 1 /UNCL/

Witness

*24/0400
Washington D.C.*

TT-101

9 July 1953

ATIAF-5

ACTION

*0400
+5
0800Z*

*0400
+5
0901Z*

*Probably balloon
Sent questionnaire*

Multi

#6

TT-116

30 June 1953

ATIAE-5

24/6445
Annapolis, MD

CSAF ITEM 2 (UNCL)

TO: ATIAE-5 LT OLSSON

FROM: APTM-22 CAPT OLSSON

FOLLOWING FLYCERPT RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE FROM
THE OBSERVER, LT COL W G BOLENSTEIN, FLYING
SECTION, OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS DIVISION,
BGS/O, HQS USAF. TIME OF SIGHTING: ABOUT
0445 EDT, 24 JUNE 53. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:
ON A COAST GUARD COMMUNICATIONS TRUCK AT THE
ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB, ANNAPOLIS, MD. TWO
OTHER WITNESSES PRESENT, ONE A CIVILIAN AND
ONE AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE COAST GUARD.
THE OBJECT WAS A WHITE LIGHT, SWAYING SLIGHTLY
WHICH FIRST APPEARED ON THE HORIZON IN A NE
DIRECTION AND THEN CLIMBED SLOWLY IN THE SKY
TRAVERSING AN ARC TO THE DE. ITS MAXIMUM
ANGLE ABOVE THE HORIZONTAL WAS 75-80 DEGREES,

AT WHICH TIME IT SEEMED TO SLOW DOWN AND CHANGE

APPROACH TO THE EAST. THE SPEED OF

OBJECT DID NOT APPEAR CONSTANT AND WAS

RATHER SLOW, BUT FASTER THAN ONE WOULD EXPECT

FROM A BALLOON. SURFACE WIND WAS 10-12 MPH

FROM THE NE. THE OBSERVER PERSONALLY FELT

THAT WHAT HE SAW WAS A BALLOON.

END CSAF ITEM 2 (UNCL)

change direction to the
East