

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 14 July 53 15/0345Z	2. LOCATION Opportunity, Montana
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION It was the opinion of the approving officer that object was possible a balloon, however course, winds and length of observation are unknown. Case regarded as insufficient data.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Up and Down	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round shiny whitish yellow object traveled at high speed. Maneuvers consisted of floating up and down then appeared to disappear below the horizon.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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SUBJECT: (Restricted) Report of Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2C
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

In accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952, the inclosed report of unidentified flying objects (AF Form 112) is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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AF Form 112,
subj: FLYOBRPT,
dtd 16 July 53

JOHN W. JONES
Lt Col, USAF
Asst Command Adj

opportunity, Mont.
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COUNTRY U.S.A.	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLIOBRT		
AREA REPORTED ON Opportunity, Montana	FROM (Agency) DET 1, 4773d Ord Oper Sq	
DATE OF REPORT 16 July 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 14 July 1953	EVALUATION B-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) PAUL H. MILLIKEN, Capt, USAF	SOURCE Mrs. [redacted] Opportunity, Mont. Mr. & Mrs. [redacted] Opportunity, Mont.	

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

AFI 200-5, dated 20 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. Shape: Round.
- b. Size: 4 to 6 feet in diameter.
- c. Color: Whitish-yellow (Shiny like a big mirror).
- d. Number: (1) One.
- e. Formation if more than one: None, only one object sighted.
- f. Aerodynamic features: Object was round with no other features visible.
- g. Propulsion system: None visible.
- h. Trail or Exhaust: None.
- i. Speed: Very fast.
- j. Sound: None.
- k. Maneuvers: Floated up & down, then disappeared.
- l. Manner of disappearance: Floated down below the horizon.
- m. Time of sighting: 2045 hours 14 July 1953. (time is DLST)
- n. Manner of observation: Visual without aid.
- o. Location of observer during sighting: At individuals home, Opportunity, Mont.
- p. Identifying information of observer, and estimate of reliability of the sighting: The observers were Mrs Stanley Cutler and Mr & Mrs Wilfred Macchie, all of Opportunity, Montana, and are considered to be reliable.
- q. Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sightings: Clear weather and no wind. Winds aloft unknown.
- r. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photos and the like: None.
- s. Any activity or conditions, meteorological or otherwise which might account for the sighting: None.
- t. Interception or identification action taken: ADCG notified at 29th ADiv (Det) Great Falls AFB, Montana.
- u. Location of any air traffic in the general area at the time of the sighting: None.

PAUL H. MILLIKEN,
Capt. USAF
Commanding

COMMENT: In the opinion of the approving officer, this object is believed to be a weather balloon. Evaluation B-2

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WAYNE G. MC CARTHY
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Director of Intelligence

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