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COUNTRY	Japan, (Kyushu)	REPORT NO.	IR-1-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT				
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object				
AREA REPORTED ON Sea of Japan, Kyushu area		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office 61st Troop Carrier Group (Heavy)		
DATE OF REPORT 4 March 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 4 March 1952	EVALUATION B-6		
PREPARED BY (Officer) RAY F GRODHAUS, Capt., USAF, Intel. O.		SOURCE 1st Lt. E.J. Weed, AO 2053855 53rd Troop Carrier Squadron (H)		
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)				

Letter, "Reptg Info on Unidentified Flying Objects," FEAR, dtd 16 Jan 52.

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.)

At 040135I, March 1952, the Pilot and crew of a C-54 type aircraft of the 53rd Troop Carrier Squadron, (H), APO 75, sighted an unidentified flying object. The C-54 was returning to Ashiya Air Base (33° 53' N - 130° 40' E), and was approximately 15 miles west of the Base, over the Sea of Japan at an altitude of 1,500 feet, and was letting down at the rate of 500 feet per minute. Speed of the C-54 was 130 knots. The C-54 was turning to 300 degrees. The Pilot, 1st Lt. E.J. Weed, AO 2053855, stated that the object was heading 290 degrees, itself appeared to be oval shaped, from 50 to 100 feet in length, and that both the trail and the object were bright orange in color. The object, itself, was approximately 50 feet thick; the trail was approximately 50 feet in length. He stated that the object was observed for from 1½ to 2 minutes. The object was at an estimated 15 miles distance from him, at an estimated altitude of 10,000 feet, and was moving on a horizontal plane at a "terrific speed". He added that it seemed to gradually fade from sight.

The other two crew members, 2d Lt T.G. Camidge, AO 1911543, Co-Pilot, and S/Sgt. T. Dendy, AF 14176517, Engineer, concurred in the above account of the sighting.

Lt. Weed further stated that the object was definitely not a jet aircraft. He stated that he has seen jet type aircraft operating at night, and, further, that he has also seen jets operating with afterburners during periods of darkness. He and the crew were very impressed with the observation, remarking that they almost forgot to land the aircraft because the object sighted had captured their complete attention.

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