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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. IR-5-53	(LEAVE BLANK) AF482227
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOB RPT		
AREA REPORTED ON Raimer, Alabama	FROM (Agency) 3800th WU Wing Intell Section Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama	
DATE OF REPORT 18 February 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 17 February 1953	EVALUATION C-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) Edward R. Swartz, 1/Lt, USAF, Wg Intell Off.		SOURCE Mr Ernest Hawk & Mr Charles A. Stern
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		
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 1630 hours (local time), 16 March 1953, Mr Ernest Hawk and Mr Charles A. Stern were watching an AF B-47 when their attention was drawn to a noiseless, metallic object executing maneuvers at an altitude about two-thirds the altitude of the B-47. These maneuvers were being performed in and around a few scattered clouds. The speed of the object was estimated as about 3 times that of the B-47. (A check with the Maxwell Weather Station revealed that at the time of the sighting there were scattered clouds at 20,000 feet. A further check with the Maxwell Radio Range revealed that an AF B-47 #8355 from McDill AFB, Florida was in the area at 35,000 feet with a speed of 425 knots.) Mr Stern states that could not give an accurate description of the object, but it appeared to be about the size of an F-80. Both observers state that at times the object appeared to be round, then again, when viewed from another angle, it looked like it had delta or swept-back wings. As the B-47 passed overhead it left distinct vapor trails, but the object observed left no vapor trails and showed no signs of propulsion. This object performed maneuvers that are impossible for known conventional aircraft to perform. Both observers agreed that the object seemed to maintain a constant speed through such maneuvers. They described the object as climbing, diving, executing right and left angle turns and reversing its course without turning at an angle or in a circle. Subject sightings were made by the naked eye. The observers were located on the ground at Raimer, Alabama (32°03'30"N, 86°13'30"W). Observers state that they were about 1½ miles south of the object and viewed the object from a 45° angle. This object departed the area on a 360° course at approximately 1650 hours. The total time of sighting was approximately 20 minutes. The weather report aloft for this area at the time of the above-mentioned sighting is as follows: broken ceiling, scattered clouds at 20,000 feet, winds 270° at least 80 knots, temp 15.5 centigrade, visibility unlimited. This office has no further confirmation of subject sighting. A check with McDill AFB revealed no reports by pilots on subject sighting. Both observers are untrained as observers or spotters and have never witnessed such sighting before.		
None INCLS.		
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The weather report aloft for this area at the time of the above-mentioned sighting is as follows: broken ceiling, scattered clouds at 20,000 feet, winds 270° at least 80 knots, temp 15.5 centigrade, visibility unlimited.

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