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PREPARED BY (Officer) 2nd Lt G. T. Ludlum Jr. Asst Intel Officer	SOURCE Crew Personnel	
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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 1100, PST, 2 February 1953, two (2) gunners on a B-50 type aircraft observed what appeared to be a silver ball in the wake of a B-52 type aircraft. They attempted to obtain pictures of this ball with their G.S.A.P. cameras but subsequent film assessment failed to show conclusive evidence of this object. This film from the gunnery cameras has been forwarded under separate cover to Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. 3 R 3rd (2nd) DECLASSIFIED E.O. 11652, Sec. 3(E) and 5(D) of (E) USAF Memo 7/31/78 By [Signature] NARS, Date 11/28/78 [Signature] APPROVED: [Signature] CHARLES J. COOKE Lt. Col., USAF Wing Intelligence Officer 2 INCLS. 1. Statement, Carl Y. Edwards (Says) 2. Statement, Kenneth B. Juelke (Says) X 2 3 4 5 6 DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR		

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1. Description of Object: The observers, Central Fire Control gunner and right waist gunner on a B-50 type aircraft, noted a silver object in the wake of a B-52 type aircraft while they were under mock attack by F-86 type aircraft during a routine training mission. Their observations differed in that one observer described the object as a silver ball with possible flat surfaces evidenced by variations in reflection characteristics, whereas, the other observer believed it to be more like a disc which first showed its circular side then its flat side. The object's apparent diameter was three (3) feet and its distance from the observers was estimated at twenty (20) miles. The ball appeared to remain stationary during the entire sighting. The object made no audible sound.

2. Time: Sighting began at 1100 hours, PST, 2 February 1953, and the object remained in view for approximately three (3) minutes thereafter.

3. Manner of Observation: The observation was made visually from the Central Fire Control gunner's position on top the fuselage and from the right gunner's blister on the right side of the fuselage of a B-50 type aircraft; the only items of equipment utilized were cameras in an attempt to obtain material evidence. Initial attention was drawn by sight as the object was apparently silent. The two gunners were the only crew members to view the object from this aircraft.

4. Location: The observers were airborne at the time of sighting. The aircraft was on a heading of 267 degrees and was in the vicinity of Victorville, California (approx. 3434N 117 57W). The object was observed at 360 degrees, 40,000 to 45,000 feet in altitude, and approximately twenty (20) miles distant.

5. Observers:

a. Technical Sergeant CARL Y. EDWARDS, USAF, the Central Fire Control gunner, has had fifty (50) hours flying time and has been in the Air Force for seven (7) years. He is presently attached to the 330th Bombardment Squadron, 93d Bombardment Wing (M), Castle Air Force Base, California. He has not previously observed unidentified flying objects.

b. Staff Sergeant KENNETH B. JUELKE, USAF, the right gunner on the same crew as Edwards, has been on flying status since April, 1950 and has flown sixty (60) combat missions. His total time in the service has been five and one half (5½) years. Sergeant Juelke, also, has no previous sightings of unidentified flying objects.

6. Weather Conditions: Clear skies, with winds for the position being from 120 degrees at approximately twenty-five (25) knots.

7. Related Activities or Conditions: The navigator of this crew after extensive computations concluded that the object was not a planet. There is, however, a possibility that the object sighted was a large plastic balloon as two such balloons have been found in this vicinity. These balloons are approximately seventy-five (75) yards in diameter. They are used in classified experiments of which are being conducted in this vicinity. It is also very possible that another report which will substantiate this one will be submitted by one of the other aircraft crews which were in the area where the object was sighted, particularly the B-52, as some of them were much closer to the object than this one.

8. Physical Evidence: ANN-6 camera film for further examination. Local assessment failed to reveal the objects.

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9. Immediate Interception or Identification Action: None known.

10. Simultaneous Air Traffic:

a. Six (6) F-86 type aircraft. Four (4) were making passes on the observer's aircraft from various angles and were flying between 15,000 and 35,000 feet. One F-86 appeared to be tracking the by-passing B-52 type aircraft. One F-86 was tracking a delta wing aircraft, which was also in the vicinity.

b. One (1) delta wing fighter believed to be a Convair XF-102 or XF-92 was descending from nine (9) to six (6) o'clock at approximately five hundred (500) knots. The approximate rate of descent was 4,000 feet per minute. The aircraft was on a course of ninety (90) degrees. It's color was white and the time of observation was 1100, PST.

c. One (1) B-52 type aircraft. This aircraft was first observed at 1006 hours, at an altitude of 40,000 feet, with a speed of five hundred (500) knots, and on a course of ninety (90) degrees. The unidentified object was observed in the wake of this aircraft.

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