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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT FLYOBRPT			
AREA REPORTED ON		FROM (Agency) 35TH AIR DIV. (DEF) DOBBINS AFB MARIETTA, GEORGIA	
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION	
19 June 1953	12 June 1953	F - 6	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Capt. Henry G. Sanders		SOURCE Mr. W. W. Cook, Porterdale, Ga.	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) ATIAE 6-10 E FLYOBRPT COC 570			
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.)			
1. Attached is questionnaire completed as per ATIC briefing at this Division. Questionnaire was completed by telephone. Source of original report, Mr. Cook did not actually see the object but questioned all who did and in opinion of this officer had preformed a good job of collecting the information available. Mr. Cook is the Ground Observer Post Supervisor for that area working under the Atlanta Filter Centeer. 2. Object described as a ball of fire was in the opinion of this officer either: a. An air craft approaching the Atlanta airport and circling to land. The airport is approximately 30 miles West of Porterdale but an aircraft coming in on Green 6 or VFR from the NE could have been much closer. On a dark night with no moon and no clouds such as this night was described an aircraft light could have been seen from a great distance without seeing the aircraft or hearing it. Also such an approach would have taken 10 to 20 minutes. The correlation between the direction of the light and the airport is the strongest supporting fact and previous reports of a similar nature have been received making this type of erroneous observation not exactly common but at least one which has been repeated. b. A weather ballon released either from Atlanta Municipal airport or other locations. Balloons released at Atlanta and Dobbins at 0300Z. Wind was prevailing from the North but according to Mr. Cook was slight at Porterdale. Allowing for variances in wind and possible erroneous time reporting this could have been a balloon. Strongest factor is the "slow drift" described. According to Atlanta Weather Station balloon released at 0300Z could have been over Porterdale as at 0305Z a westerly wind was encountered. Balloon was lost at 0314Z at 14,000 feet. According to source at Atlanta weather, a balloon could only be seen with the naked eye up to approximately 5000 feet, and if balloon had contigned to rise at the same rate it would have been out of sight when reported.			
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