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19 February 1952

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft Sighted in Korea, 29 January 1952

'Saucers' Seen Over Korea

By United Press

The Air Force disclosed today that objects resembling "flying discs" have been sighted over Korea by crew members of two U. S. bombers.

Top officials have ordered a full investigation of the reports, which came thru regular military intelligence channels.

A spokesman said the objects were described by four eyewitnesses as globe-shaped, bright orange in color, and emitting an occasional flash of bluish light.

He indicated that several were sighted, but did not give the number.

The Air Force, which has thrown cold water on hundreds of previous "flying saucer" stories, apparently was impressed by the circumstances under which the new sightings were reported by its own personnel.

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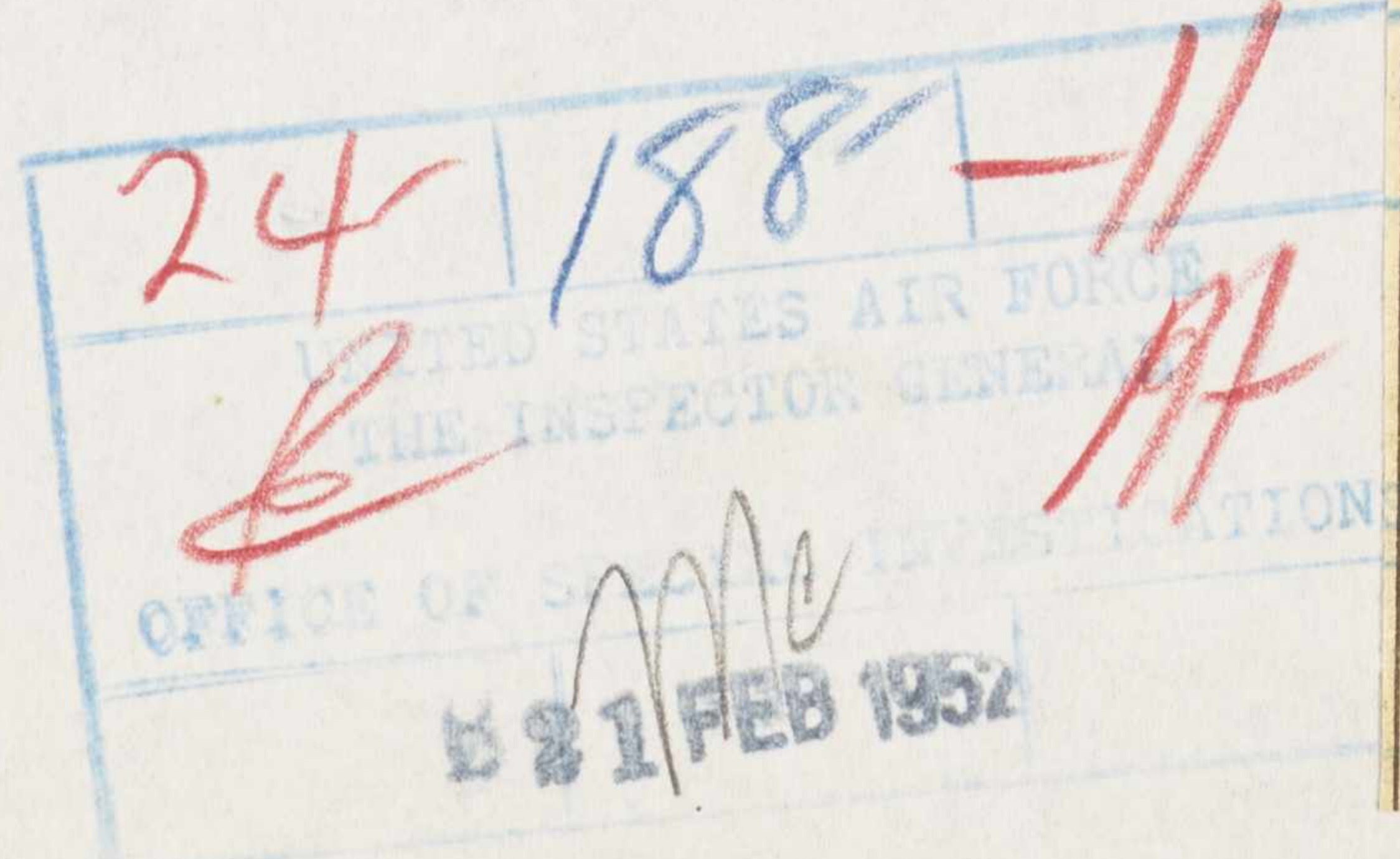
The first report reached Air Force intelligence officers from two crew members of a B-29 Superfortress who said they saw the objects flying parallel to their plane at about midnight on the night of Jan. 29. The plane was over Wonsan, Korea, at the time.

This report might have been discounted as over-imaginative. But on the same night, a B-29 from a different squadron returned to its base after a flight over Suncheon, Korea, a considerable distance from Wonsan. Two crew members told intelligence officers that they had seen "flying discs" moving parallel to their plane at a high altitude.

ATTITUDE A CONTRAST

"The objects remained with the B-29 over Wonsan for five minutes and with the B-29 over Suncheon for one minute," the Air Force said.

While officials declined to elaborate on the bare announcement that a full investigation is underway, the open-minded Air Force attitude toward the new reports contrasted sharply with the blunt skepticism it has voiced about previous sightings of mysterious objects in the skies.



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COUNTRY Malaya	REPORT NO. IR-132-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
SUBJECT 24-185 AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT 482925		
AREA REPORTED ON Singapore, B.C.C.	FROM (Agency) U.S. Air Liaison Office, Singapore, B.C.C.	
DATE OF REPORT 8 July 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 1 May 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) Kirkwood C. Myers, Captain, USAF, A/ALO		
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) A-1075		
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.)		

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BY KURT K. KENTZ, Capt USAF
Historian
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1. Reference the news item reported by International Press 29 April 1952, "A strange, unidentified cigar shaped object, leaving a long fiery trail, seen flying over Singapore at great height by many residents" did cause a great deal of excitement with the local residents, mainly Chinese.

2. The second item, "The Royal Air Force said there were no jet aircraft in the air at the time", was contradicted a few hours later. The RAF confirmed that there were two jet aircraft flying very high, sufficiently high for the aircraft themselves to be invisible from the ground and for the sound to be inaudible, in unusual climatic conditions in the area about the reported time.

3. The aircraft causing the vapor trails were of two types; long one tracing the path flown by the aircraft lasting for a considerable time; and short very temporary strips of vapors which disappeared almost as quickly as they formed. These short duration trails the RAF spokesman suggested gave rise to the flying saucer report. The cigar-shaped silver object reported could have been the sun reflecting from the body of the aircraft or even from brief-duration vapor trails.

4. The RAF's radar, ground and airborne, did not pick up any unidentified object over or around Singapore.

COMMENT of Preparing Officer:

5. This incident was not observed by any member of this office. In the past the P.O has noticed vapor trails. However, they again were confirmed to be jet aircraft.

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FROM: CG FEAF ~~TOKYO JAPAN~~, *explosion 7 brilliant flash*

TO : HQ USAF WASH DC

ATTN: COFS *10 Mar 51*

NR : A 5394 INT-IR.

26 Mar 51 (DT [REDACTED])

TO EXECUTIVE

Ref is made to USAF CON No ODS-3078.

(A) Scanner of acft 5369 described object as about size of basketball. No one else sighted object itself.

(B&C) Plt and instr plt of acft 7738 describe sighting as explosion of brilliant flash with some red off the left wing. Appeared as heavy flak burst. Central fire con gnr and tail gnr same acft saw object 9 O'Clock as flash of brilliant light mv slightly downward and to rear. Both have seen heavy flak at night and say this bears no resemblance. Left scanner saw it 9 O'Clock high as very brilliant flash mv slightly downward and to rear. He rptd it as a flare. All agreed duration of sighting very short. Estd about 1 second. Red-orange tail not repeat not seen by any of this crew. Crew acft 5369 sighted object at XC 8482 about 42 miles Southwest of Chinnampo. Alt 16800 ft at 005/1, 10 Mar '51, on heading of 030 degrees. The right scanner saw object at 3 O'Clock high. It appeared as reddish-yellow glow that dropped slightly to same elevation of acft then burst with bluish-white brilliance. Object did not deviate from straight course toward acft or curve right or left. Tail gnr attracted by brilliant light and saw flash over left shoulder off right wing. Did not observe any mv or any color other than silvery bright flash. Bmbdr saw bluish-green flash from side vision. By time he could turn his head it was gone. Flash was at 3 O'Clock very bright. Plt saw object at 3 O'Clock from corner of eye as flash of blue-white or blue-green. None able to describe red-orange tail. None saw any shapes or shadows or anything resembling exhausts trace or another acft. All agree they saw several falling flares at various times during flight. None could est distance on anything except sheer guess.

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All mv of object was described as in straight line while visible
projs fired at mv acft always appear to occupants of acft as tvlg
in a curve never straight except from front or stern.

- (D) No impact was felt from concussion or explosion.
- (E) Night was dark, no moon, but clear.
- (F) Obs made by 9 persons
- (G) B-29s made the obs.

NOTE: ODS-3087 is not identified in SMD.

ACTION: OIN

INFO : CSI CIG OOP ODC

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Nr : AX 1575 INT-IR

23 Jun 1950

Unidentified object re ourad AX 1263 INT-IR, dtd 3 May 50.

At 0605Z on 21 Jun 50, Capt James Obermiller, 41 Ftr Bomb Wg, on golf course at Misawa AFB, observed circular shaped object of natural color which appeared when tilted to be of highly polished silver and metallic construction. Object was approximately 2 miles horizontally from observer, estimated altitude 7000 feet, angle of elevation from horizon was 60D. Object in view no longer than 20 seconds size estimated 30 feet diameter and 5 feet thick. First observed traveling parallel to and 1000 feet above F-80, came abreast of F-80 tilted at about 45 D to horizontal flashed in sunlight and appeared to shimmer, then returned to horizontal and remained in same plane. Rose almost vertically about 1000 feet, seemed to change direction slightly and rapidly disappeared. No evidence smoke or exhaust appeared to be spinning. No sound could be detected due to other aircraft. Speed estimated 650 mph when first sighted to 975 MPH when leaving.

Observer presently rated with 1100 hours in transport and fighter aircraft. No other observations reported.

Supplementary report with sketches on forks 112 to follow.

NOTE: AX 1263 INT-IR NOT identified in SMD.

ACTION: OIN

INFO : OPO OOP CSI CIG DRD

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