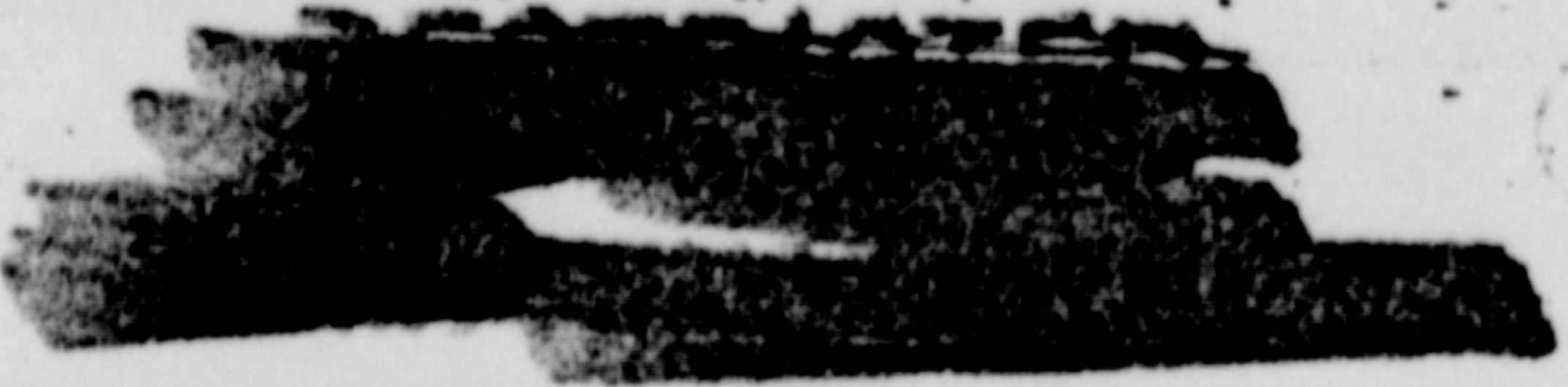


1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 Feb 53 3/2215Z	2. LOCATION Dietrich, Idaho
3. SOURCE Civ Men	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Inconsistencies in reported speed and duration of sighting Description of object and flight indicate Balloon observation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 42 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (8 X Field Glasses)	Silver-colored, oblong in shape & round in front three cornered in rear. Appeared to be trailing line of some sort. Appeared larger and faster than four jet a/c which were flying in the vicinity of the sighting. Object appeared to follow same sort of a line.
7. COURSE 355	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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OBJECT CMA OBLONG IN SHAPE CMA ROUND IN FRONT AND THREECORNERED IN REAR
NO EXHAUST PR TRAIL AND NO VISIBLE MEANS OF PROPULSION. OBJECT
APPEARED LARGER AND FASTER THAN FOUR JETS THAT WERE FLYING OVER. ALTITUDE
VARIED FROM LOW TO FIVE MILES. DIRECTION OF FLIGHT WAS SSE. APPEARED
TO BE TRAILING A LINE OF SOME SORT. PAR TWO. FIRST SIGHTING AT 03/2215Z
AND LAST SIGHTING AT 032257Z. PAR THREE: OBSERVED THROUGH EIGHT POWER
FIELD GLASSES. PAR FOUR. OBSERVED AT DIETRICH IDAHO. APPROX-LOCATION
114 DEGREES 16 MINUTES EAST AND 42 DEGREES 54 MINUTES NORTH. PAR FIVE
OBSERVER [SV SALKFIELD] [DIETRICH IDAHO] HOME TELEPHONE 2409 AND BUSINESS

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COUNTRY UNITED STATES	REPORT NO. IR-2-53 W.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects Report		
AREA REPORTED ON Boise, Idaho	FROM (Agency) Det #3, 4773rd Ground Observer Squadron	
DATE OF REPORT 4 February 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 February 1953	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) Kenneth B. Todd, 2nd Lt, USAF	SOURCE Interview with observer on telephone	
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.)

One (1) unidentified flying object was sighted over Dietrich, Idaho approximately 2215Z, 3 February 1953.

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Mario Cappelli
MARIO CAPPELLI
Capt, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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Mr. [REDACTED]
Dietrick
Idaho

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Regarding your sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object on 3 Feb 53, the Air Technical Intelligence Center would greatly appreciate your completing the inclosed USAF Technical Information Sheet and, upon completion, forwarding it to this Center. This Center also desires to know if it would be possible for you to ask your fellow-witnesses - ~~Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED],~~ ~~Mr. [REDACTED]~~ and ~~Mr. [REDACTED]~~ to complete additional forms to be forwarded to this Center.

The Air Technical Intelligence Center finds that the completion of these forms materially assists in the analysis of Unidentified Flying Object reports, therefore, your cooperation in this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,

ROBERT C. BROWN
Major, USAF
Air Adj. Gen.

1 Incl
Tech Info Sheet (5 cys)

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1. The unidentified flying object was described as follows: silver in color, there was no indication as to type of propulsion and no sound was audible. Oblong in shape round on leading edge with fish tail shape on trailing edge. Size unknown, however observers reported there were two (2) or three (3) single jets and one (1) bomber in the vicinity at time of observation. The jets appeared to be making passes at the bomber. The observer reported the object went in to a zig zag motion at the time the planes were overhead. Reports indicated that the object was trying to avoid any contact with the airplanes. At time of first observance the object appeared to be at a low altitude disappearing to the West at a tremendous high altitude.

2. The object was first sighted about 2215 Z, 3 February 1953 and was observed until about 2317 Z.

3. Observations were made from ground level. Object was first sighted by naked eye and then observed for about thirty (30) minutes through eight (8) power binoculars.

4. The object was sighted overhead and slightly South of a position 114° 15' East 42° 55' North, over Dietrich, Idaho. Altitude of first sighting about seven-thousand (7000) feet disappearing to the West at an unknown altitude.

5. Names of witnesses:

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Chief Observer at Dietrich, Idaho. Age 39

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Supervisor at Dietrich, Idaho. Age 55

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Farmer, Age 30

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Farmer. Age 45

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Post Master. Age 60

All of the observers should be fairly accurate. Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ have attended several of the Air Force training meetings on how to report aircraft, etc. All observers reside at Dietrich, Idaho.

6. Reported weather conditions at the time of observation were: scattered clouds at 5500 feet, visibility 30 miles, temperature 62 degrees, dewpoint 39, and wind Southeast at 7 knots. Highest wind aloft 230° 25 - 60 KPH, at 15,000 feet.

7. There was no known activities or conditions that could account for the sighting.

8. There is no physical evidence.

9. Not attempted.

10. Only the single jets and one bomber were known to be in the area at that time, disappearing to the Southeast.