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| <b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b><br>24 June 53 24/1430Z                                                    | <b>2. LOCATION</b><br>Simiutak, Greenland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>3. SOURCE</b><br>Military                                                                          | <b>10. CONCLUSION</b><br>UNIDENTIFIED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b><br>One                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b><br>5 Minutes                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b><br>Ground-Visual                                                        | <b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b><br><p>Red, circular rotating object traveling SE-NW collided with weather balloon at 18,000 ft. Source stated that object was approx 3 times size of balloon. Object rotated 15 seconds after the collision and departed into the wind on an ascending path.</p> <p>COMMENTS: Although the integrity of the observer as considered excellent, it is believed that he exaggerated the maneuvers of the object. Commander of local weather station states opinion that only possibility of phenomenon would be an optical illusion or parallax in the lens of the theodolite. This type balloon not expected to burst below 30,000 ft.</p> |
| <b>7. COURSE</b><br>SE - W                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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FM CMDR FARSARSSUAK AB GRNLD

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JENC/CMR 6602ND AB GP ERNEST HARMON AFB NFLD

JEXC/CMDR 1600TH AB GPPEPPERRELL AFB NFLD

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JLOC/CMDR 6613RD AB P GOOSE AB LABR

JEXW/CMDR 6610TH AB GP MCANDREW AFB NFLD

JESU/CMR 6612TH AB GP THULE AB GRNLD

JEQC/CMDR 6621ST AB GP SONDRESTROM AB GRNLD

JCHL/CMDR FROBISHER BAY CANADA

FOG PEPPERRELL ATTN COMMND OPNS CENTER

FOR WRIGHT PATTERSON ATTN ATIAA2C

INT 3842 REFERENCE INT 3840 SO MUCH OF MSG THAT STATES WIDS

WERE NOT FROM THE WEST IS CORRECTED TO READ QUOTE WINDS WERE

FROM THE WEST CMA REPEAT WERE FROM THE WEST UNQUOTE PD

0/1342Z JUN JEHQ

*4.C. Files*  
*26 JUN*

- 1) *Thud - how much of sight?*
  - 2) *Callion - Thud - a red eye?*
  - 3) *off - red eye*
  - 4) *Could a pitball be observed at 10,000 ft by naked eye?*
  - 5) *Burst of pitball set to what*
- C.H.*



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FM COMDR NARSARSSYAK AFB GRNLD

TO JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENC HQ USAF

JEXC/CG NEAC ATTN COMMAND OPERATIONS CENTER PEPPERRELL AFB NFLD

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JEXC/CO 6600TH AT GP PEPPERRELL AFB NFLD

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OR

24 JUN

REXW/KOMDR 6610TH AB GP MCANDREW AFB Nfld

JEQSU/COMDR 6612TH AB GP THULE AB GRNLD

JEQC/COMDR 6621SHAB SQ STZSDJ AB GRNLD

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JEDWP/CG ATIC WRIGHT PATERREN AFB OHIO

IM 3793 FLYOBRPT UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED OVER SIMIUTAK  
GRNLD AT 241430Z BY A/2C RICHARD APH HILL AF 11173575 WEATHER OBSERVER  
WITH THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS EXPERIENCE PD OBJECT SIGHTED THRGH  
THEODOLITE TRABELING IN SOUTTH EAST TO NORTHWEST DIRECTION AT VARIED  
SPEEDS APPRX THREE AND ONE HALF MIES DISTANT FROM SIMIUTAK PD OBJECT  
DESCRIBED AS RED CMA ROTATING IN CIRCULAR MOTION WITH SHAPE AS EITHEC  
DELTA OR CIRCULAR PD OBJECT COLLICED WITH WEATHER BALLOON AT 241430Z  
AT APPRX 18000 FEET DISINTEGATING BALLOON PD THEODOLITE ONLY METHOD  
OF OBSERVATION BY SUBJECT OBSERVER ONLY PD SIZE OF OBJEVT STATED  
TO BE THJE TIMES THAT OF WEATHER BALLOON PD OBEJCT HTVERED AFTER

PAGE TWO JEHC 20A

COLLISION HZATINT IN CIRCULAR MOTION FOR FIFTEEN SECONDS AND  
THEN RAPIDLY DPARTED INTO THE WIND PAREN DIRECTION 300 DEGREES PAREN  
AT U SPEED WHICH COULD NOT BE DEFINITLY CALCULATED PD TIME OF OBSERVATION  
AFTER COLLUION FIVE MINUHES WHEREUPON OBJECT DISAPPEARED PD AMPLIFYING  
REPORT FOLLOWS PD INFO RECEIVED THIS HEADQUARTERS 241445Z D

20/1605Z JUN JEHC

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P 301313Z

FM COMDR NEAC PEPPERRELL AFB NF

TO JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH DC

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JEPEO/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO ✓

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ZEN/COMDR 6612TH ABG THULE AB GRNLD

ZEN/COMDR 6621ST AB SQ SONDRESTOM AB GRNLD

ZEN/COMDR 6611TH ABG NARSARSSUAK AB GRNLD

ZEN/RCAF STATION FROBISHER BAY CANADA

ZEN/CO USNS ARGENTIA NAS NF

NEOCOC-I-00057 REFERENCE NARSARSSUAK AB INT 3793 AND INT 3840 PD

DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE NEAC EVALUATES THIS INCIDENT AS AN

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT ✓

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200 DEGREES AT 10 KNOTS PD PIRALL WAS TERMINATED AT THIS HEIGHT PD  
BETWEEN 16000 AND 18000 FT A MARKED WIND SHIFT OCCURRED PD ANALYSIS  
1500Z 500 MULLIBAR CHART WIND AT 18000 AT SIMIUTAK 280 DEGREES AT  
12 KNOTS PD WRITTEN REPORT FOLLOWS PD  
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TO JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

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INT 3840 REFERENCE INT 3793 FLYOERPT AMPLIFY PD PERSON DASH TO DASH PERSON

INTERROGATION REVEALS THAT SUBJECT OBJECT LEFT NO TRANDA THAT SITE

OF OBJECT AS STATED IN ORIGINAL MSG WAS APPROXIMATED CMA THAT

WEATHER BALLOON WAS ONE HUNDREDSGRAM CAPACITY CMA THAT OESERVER DID

NOT SEE BALLOON AND OBJECT TOGETHER THROUGH THEODOLITE SIMULTANEOUSLY

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AND THAT OBJECT DISSAPPEARED IN SAME DIRECTION THAT BALLOON WAS

TRAVELING PD BASE WEATHER ADVISES THAT 241500Z PIBALL AT SIMIUTAK

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| AREA REPORTED ON:<br>Simiutak (BW-3), Greenland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | REPORT NO.<br>INT-9-53          |
| SUBJECT:<br>Unidentified Flying Object                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | DATE OF REPORT:<br>25 June 1953 |
| FROM:<br>6611th Air Base Group Intelligence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | DATE OF INFO:<br>24 June 1953   |
| SOURCE:<br>A/2C Richard A. Hill AF 11 173 575                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | EVALUATION:<br>A-2              |
| REFERENCES:<br>None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | NO. PAGES:<br>One (1)           |
| <b>SUMMARY:</b><br><p>1. At 1445Z, 24 June 1953, A/2C Richard A. Hill AF 11 173 575, a weather observer with three and one-half years experience, while tracking a weather balloon through a theodolite, sighted an unidentified aerial object approximately three miles distant from the observation point at Simiutak, Greenland (6111N, 4634W). The object was sighted instantly upon explosion of the 100 gram balloon, causing A/2C Hill to state the object had burst the balloon. Description of the object at this time was expressed by the observer as being triangular, red and rotating while in a hovering position. The size was estimated to be two times that of the 100 gram balloon. The object continued to hover at the altitude of approximately 18,000 feet (according to theodolite readings conducted by A/2C Hill at the time) for fifteen seconds. The observer continued to watch the object for five minutes while it climbed to the west. Upon moving it appeared to be a red ball-shaped dot. It left no trail and seemed to be gaining altitude at a tremendous rate of speed, finally disappearing after five minutes. Object was seen by subject individual only.</p> <p>2. The observer stated that the object disappeared in a northwesterly direction and seemed to be climbing rapidly. Theodolite reading of 301 degrees were taken for five minutes as the object disappeared from view. 8/13th Weather Detachment, this station, advised that the 241500Z piball at Simiutak showed winds at 10,000 feet 120 degrees at 14 knots, 12,000 feet 120 degrees at 13 knots, 14,000 feet 180 degrees at 4 knots, 16,000 feet 200 degrees at 7 knots. The piball was terminated at this height. Between 16,000 and 18,000 feet a marked wind shift occurred. An analysis of the 1500Z 500 millibar chart stated winds at 18,000 feet at Simiutak were 280 degrees at 12 knots. Winds from 18,000 to 20,000 feet were northwesterly at 15 knots. The unidentified object, therefore, disappeared into the wind. Cloud conditions were 3/10 cirrus clouds at 20,000 feet at time of sighting, with 1/10 altocumulus at 8,000 feet</p> <p>INCLS: 1. Statement</p> <p>DISTRIBUTION:<br/>2 cys Dir/Int, Hq NEAC<br/>1 cy OSI, Narsarssuak AB<br/>1 cy file</p> <p>UNCLASSIFIED</p> <p>SIGNATURE OF PREPARING OFFICER<br/>RALPH WALLACE, JR., MAJOR, USAF</p> |                                 |



## S T A T E M E N T

I, A/2C Richard A. Hill AF 11173575, after having been duly sworn do hereby make the following statement. The statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

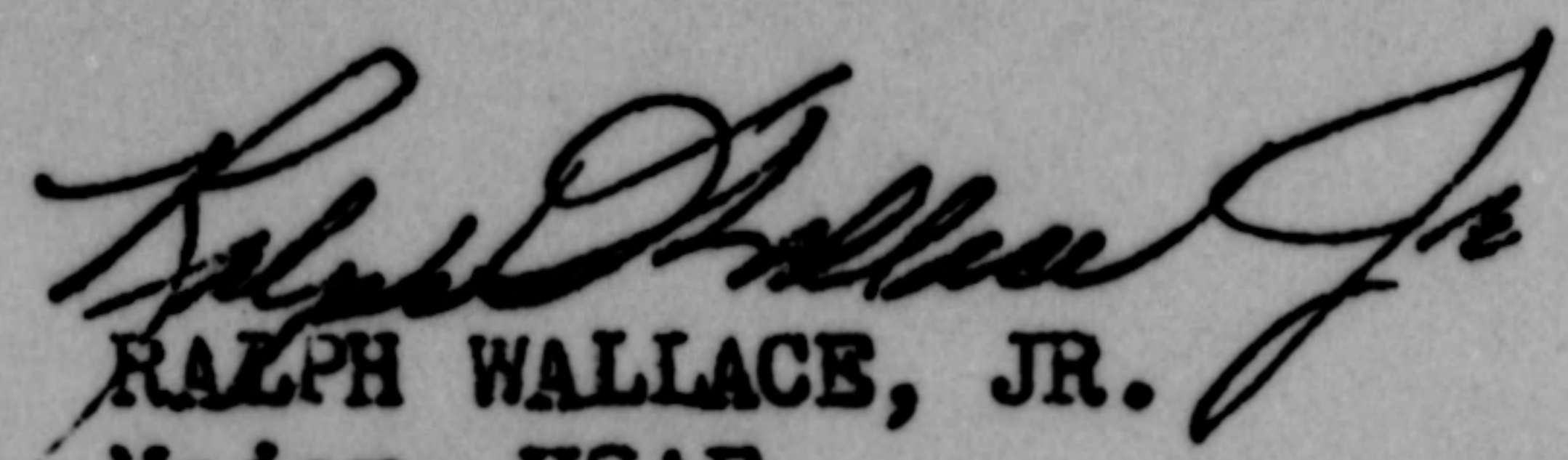
At 241430Z June 1953 as I was following the pilot balloon through the theodolite the balloon burst and in its place was a red object. It seemed to be twice as large as a 100 gram balloon which is about 4 feet in diameter. The balloon was at an altitude of 18,000 feet when it burst and approximately three miles from the observation point. It held approximately the same position for 15 seconds by making slow circular movements such as a loop. The object was not discernable as to its structure but it did appear to have a definite shape which seemed somewhat triangular. Then it started moving towards the northwest picking up speed rapidly. Upon moving it appeared to be a red ball-shaped dot. It left no trails and seemed to be gaining altitude and a tremendous rate of speed and finally disappearing after five minutes.

/s/ Richard A. Hill  
Richard A. Hill  
A/2C, AF 11173575

WITNESSED:

/s/ Ralph Wallace Jr.  
RALPH WALLACE, JR.  
Major, USAF

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

  
RALPH WALLACE, JR.  
Major, USAF



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## JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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FROM: (Originator)

COMER ATIC

TO: COMER GREENLAND AIR BASE HANSENBUK  
GREENLAND

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FROM: AFMIA-ATIA-6-25-E

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INT 3793

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Reurmg INT 3793. ATIC has received basic Flycorpt INT 3793 and two succeeding wires on sighting of unidentified object on 24 Jun 53 at 1430Z. In written report request you inclose answers to the following questions: 1) Was the supposed collision of the object and the piball seen through theodolite or by naked eye? Your message 3040 states that observer did not see the object and the balloon simultaneously through theodolite. 2) Could a 100 gram piball be observed at 18,000' under existing atmospheric conditions? What were atmospheric conditions? 3) At what altitude was the piball set to burst? Suggest you contact weather personnel to determine if any phenomenon known to them could have caused the sighting. Was the piball carrying instruments and, therefore, a red parachute? ATIC cannot at this time find an answer for the sighting. Await your written Air Force Form 112. In reply cite Project Blue Book. COORDINATION: ATIA-5 DATE

Lt Olson

ATIAZ DATE

ATIA Lt Col Johnston DATE

DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

Lt Robert M. Olson/jos

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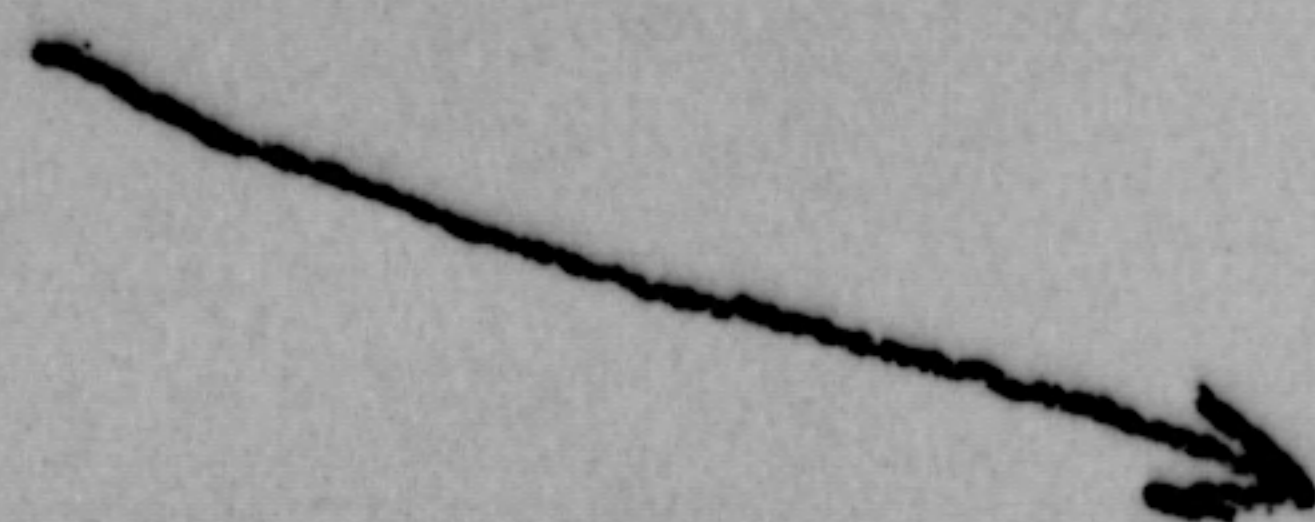
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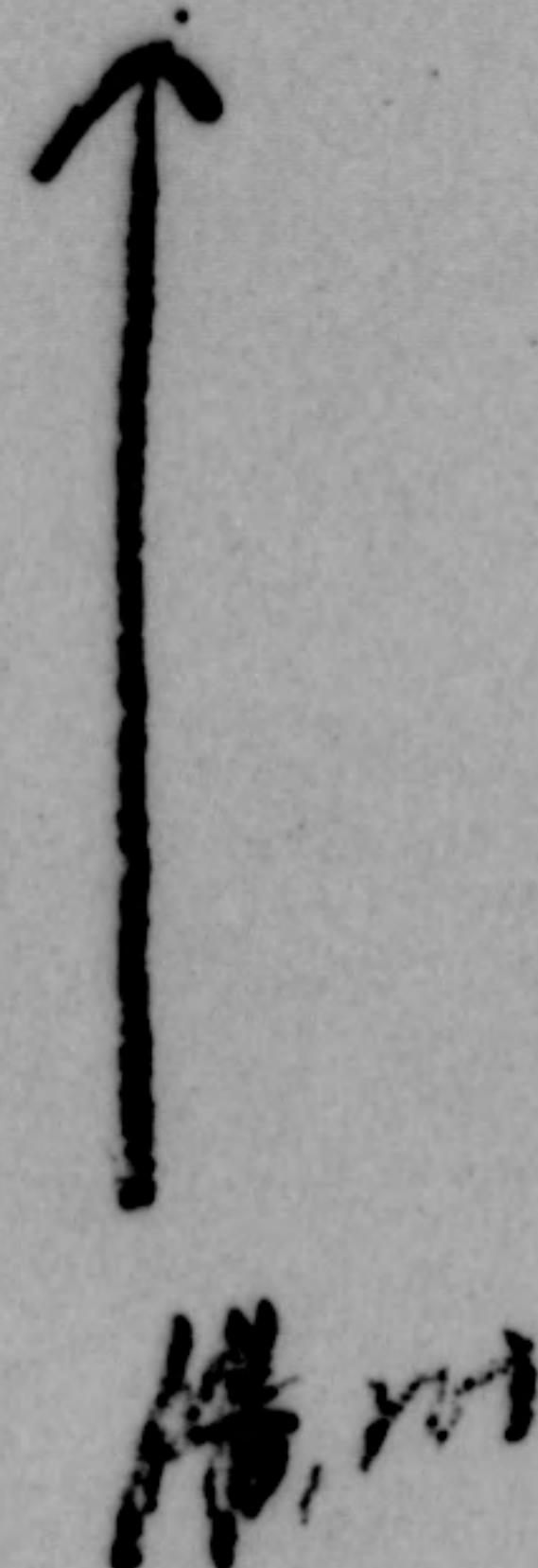


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| COUNTRY<br>Greenland.                                                        | REPORT NO.<br>IR-36-53                                                    | CLASSIFICATION<br>UNCLASSIFIED |
| SUBJECT<br>Unidentified Aerial Object (FLYING PT)                            |                                                                           |                                |
| AREA REPORTED ON<br>Siniutak, Greenland                                      | FROM (Agency)<br>Dir/Int, NEAC                                            |                                |
| DATE OF REPORT<br>1 July 1953                                                | DATE OF INFORMATION<br>24 June 1953                                       | EVALUATION<br>B-3              |
| PREPARED BY (Officer)<br>GREGORY ALEXANDER, 1st Lt., USAF                    | SOURCE<br>Intelligence Officer, 6611th AB Gp,<br>Narsarsuaq AB, Greenland |                                |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) |                                                                           |                                |

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. An unidentified aerial object was sighted through a theodolite by a weather observer approximately three (3) miles from Siniutak, Greenland 24 June 53 at 1445Z.
2. This information is of interest to Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-Gc, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

APPROVED:

*Irish W. Riebert*  
WFI . . . SHERBERT  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Director of Intelligence

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2. A/2C Richard A. Hill, AF 11173575, a weather observer with three and one-half year's experience was tracking a pilot balloon at 18,000 feet. The object was sighted instantly upon explosion of the 100 gram balloon, causing A/2C Hill to state that the object had burst the balloon.

3. The object was described to be red, somewhat triangular in shape, and rotating while in a hovering position. Size of the object was estimated to be twice that of the pilot balloon, which is approximately 15 feet in diameter at 18,000 feet. The object continued to hover at 18,000 feet for 15 seconds according to theodolite readings conducted by A/2C Hill at the time.

4. The observer continued to watch the object for five (5) minutes while it climbed to the west. Upon moving, the object appeared to be a red ball-shaped dot. It left no trail and seemed to be gaining altitude at a great rate of speed, finally disappearing in a northwesterly direction after five minutes. Theodolite readings of 301 degrees were taken for five (5) minutes as the object disappeared from view.

5. The 8th Weather Detachment at Harsarsuak AB advised that the 241500Z pilot balloon at Simiutak showed winds at 10,000 feet 120 degrees at 14 knots, 12,000 feet 120 degrees at 13 knots, 14,000 feet 180 degrees at 4 knots, 16,000 feet 200 degrees at 7 knots. The pilot was terminated at this height. Between 16,000 and 18,000 feet a marked wind shift occurred. An analysis of the 1500Z 500 millibar chart revealed that winds at 18,000 over Simiutak were 280 degrees at 12 knots. Winds from 18,000 to 20,000 were northwesterly at 15 knots. Cloud conditions were 3/10 cirrus clouds at 20,000 feet at time of sighting, with 1/10 alti-cumulus at 8000 feet.

**COMMENTS of the Preparing Officer:**

1. Significant factors to be considered in a preliminary evaluation are:  
(1) The object was observed by one person only; (2) This sighting is unique in that the object was observed through an instrument; (3) The object appeared instantly after the balloon burst and in the same position.

2. The possibility that the object was in some way caused by the balloon burst is strengthened by the fact that the object appeared immediately after the burst. To believe that the object was caused by an independent factor is leaving too much to coincidence.

3. Although the winds at 18,000 feet were generally northwesterly, one cannot conclude that the object disappeared into the wind, since, without continuous altitude measurements of the object, it is not possible to determine its direction of travel.

4. Complete analysis of this incident is left to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Project Bluebook.

*Nathan J. Johnson*  
NATHAN J. JOHNSON  
Captain, USAF  
Chief, Current Intelligence Division

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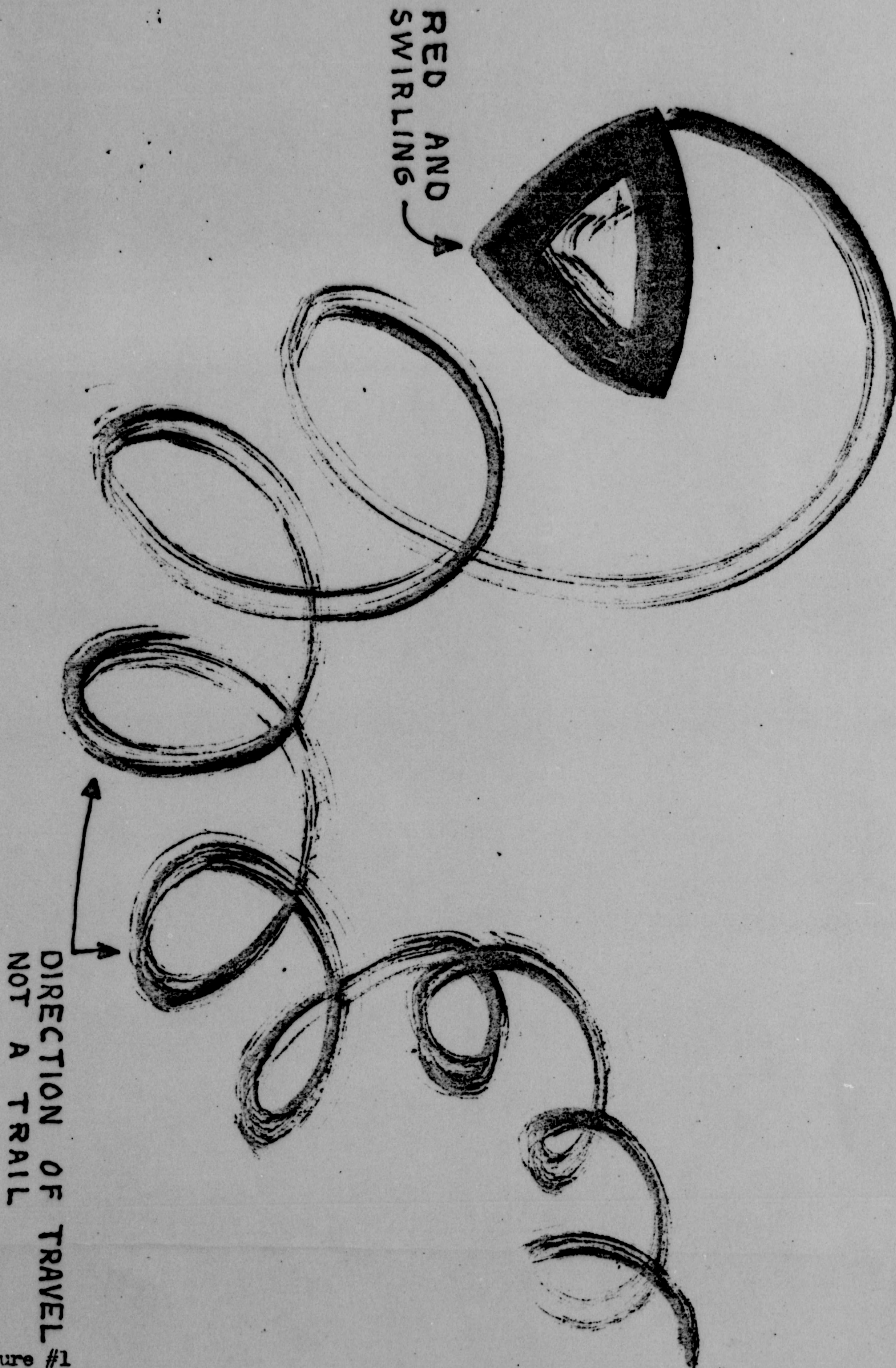
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| AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT                                                                |                                                     |                   |
| SUBJECT<br>Unidentified Flying Object (FLYOB RPT)                                                  |                                                     |                   |
| AREA REPORTED ON<br>Siniutak (BW-3), Greenland                                                     | FROM (Agency)<br>6611th Air Base Group Intelligence |                   |
| DATE OF REPORT<br>2 July 1953                                                                      | DATE OF INFORMATION<br>24 June 1953                 | EVALUATION<br>A-2 |
| PREPARED BY (Officer)<br>RALPH WALLACE, JR., Major, USAF                                           | SOURCE<br>Commander 8/13th Weather Detachment       |                   |
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