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3. SOURCE CIV(PILOT)	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION NINE SECONDS	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SHINING METAL, NEW-UNMANNED ROBOT. WEATHER CLEAR.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION AIR VISUAL	
7. COURSE SW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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Dec. 18, 1953

FLYING SAUCER OBSERVED OVER SWEDEN

Stockholm, Swedish Home Service, Dec. 17, 1953, 2115 GMT--L

(Text)

"The unknown object observed this afternoon in the air in the neighborhood of Haesleholm was spherical and robot-like" Captain [REDACTED] of the Trans Air Sweden Company told the Swedish telegraph service tonight. It was [REDACTED] who first sighted the strange object described by the Defense Staff in a communique this evening. The object was also observed by his mechanic, Ole Johansson.

"It was something new I saw. Of that there is no doubt," said [REDACTED] who served in the RAF during the war and made about 30 raids from North Africa and Italy. "Suddenly, on my right, I saw something which I first thought was a jet plane. It was a narrow silhouette approaching with tremendous speed. I immediately warned my only passenger, Johansson, the mechanic. I had only four seconds in which to make my observations. When the strange body came nearer I could see it was a metallic, silvery thing, perfectly symmetrical. It was definitely not a meteor or other celestial body. It proceeded below our aircraft without leaving any trace of gas or condensation. It was above the mist at a height of 1,600 meters at the most.

"When I had seen the thing for about four seconds it disappeared under the nose of our plane. But the mechanic who had a better downward and rear view, could follow it for a further five seconds," Captain [REDACTED] concluded.

It was erroneously reported in our 1800 news bulletin that the object was observed for six to seven minutes. It should have been six to seven seconds.

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COUNTRY Sweden	REPORT NO. IR-12-54	(LEAVE BLANK) AF 606573
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SUBJECT "Flying Saucer" Sighted By Swedish Pilot		
AREA REPORTED ON Sweden	FROM (Agency) OAIrA, Stockholm, Sweden	
DATE OF REPORT 13 January 1954	DATE OF INFORMATION December 53 - January 54	EVALUATION B-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) BURT ROWEN, Major, USAF (MC)		SOURCE Press and Personal Contact
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) BAIR 3A		
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.) This report forwards information on the "unknown" object sighted on 17 December 1953 by Captain [REDACTED] near Hassleholm, Sweden. Included is a translation of Captain [REDACTED] description of the incident, as reported in an interview with the local press. There is also a brief character sketch of Captain [REDACTED]		
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1. On Thursday, 17 December 1953, while flying near Hässleholm, Sweden, Captain [REDACTED] sighted an "unknown" object. The following is the translation of a newspaper account of the incident:

"The chief pilot of Transair, Capt. Ulf Christiernsson, and his crew chief, Olle Johansson, had a strange meeting over Hässleholm at 1437 hours Thursday. A shining metal spherical elliptical object came toward them traveling in the opposite direction from their machine at an estimated speed of sound and approximately 600 meters below their DC-3, which was on its way from Bulltofta to Bromma. It was visible six to seven seconds; Capt. Christiernsson, who had good silhouette recognition, stated that what he saw was something absolutely new, possibly an unmanned robot.

"The Transair plane was automatic controls when the meeting occurred. Capt. Christiernsson did not have time for any measures other than to report to Bulltofta and the Defense Staff, which later sent out the following communique:

"The air crew of a civil aircraft observed on Thursday at 1437 hours over the area of Hässleholm an unknown object moving in the opposite direction from the airplane. The object was observed for six to seven seconds. At that time and altitude the weather was clear. Because of the low lying cloud formations the object is not thought to have been seen from the ground. The Defense Staff does not know of any Swedish plane that was in that area at the time in question. An investigation is being conducted."

"Previously I have been extremely skeptical about all the stories of mysterious objects -- called flying saucers -- that have been seen at diverse points, said the Captain. Now I don't know exactly what to think; but it did seem to me that we had seen a robot of some kind. When I first caught sight of the object, which like us was in the civil air corridor, I thought it was a jet. We had, however, received no word that any such thing was on the way.

"The object came toward us at what I would say was the speed of sound; we were flying at an altitude of approximately 2,150 meters and the object was around 600 meters below us. It was going in a southwesterly direction and disappeared after six or seven seconds.

"The object had a strong metal shine; the crew chief, Johansson, who could see it longer than I, thought it was almost phosphorescent. The flying weather was excellent above the clouds, which were at an altitude of about 1500 meters, and the sun was shining brightly. The object was proceeding just above the clouds.

"The first silhouette I got diagonally from the right was narrow. When it was nearly directly under us, however, I saw that it was nearly round, just slightly elliptical.

"The object, which could definitely not have been a meteor, gave off no waste gases or condensation traces.

"Was I afraid? No, but curious, very curious, concluded Captain Christiernsson.

"Christiernsson has seen just about everything in aviation and has very good silhouette recognition. From 1942 to 1946 he was a volunteer serving in

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the Royal Air Force. He finished as a captain in the British Air Force, after making some thirty raids in a Mosquito against enemy territory, in both North Africa and Italy.

"Air Force Chief, General Nordenskiöld, announced that it had been ascertained that the object could not have been any Swedish aircraft.

"We are now investigating," he continued, "what our radar stations might have spotted."

2. Captain [REDACTED] is 41 years of age and was born in Skåne in the southern part of Sweden. An extremely reliable source in the Royal Swedish Air Board, who was born in the same town and who is a life-long acquaintance of Capt. [REDACTED], has stated that [REDACTED] is charming and well-liked, but that he is also most untrustworthy and was dismissed from a former position for "financial difficulty". During the last war, [REDACTED] tried to take a Swedish Air Force B-13 and fly to England, but was intercepted at Gothenburg and was put in jail. Although it is generally agreed in the Swedish Air Force that Captain [REDACTED] is one of the best (and most discussed) pilots in Sweden today, he has never served with the RSAF except as a reserve captain.

3. Although the source above personally doubts Christiernsson's story, the newspapers report that the Defense Staff is continuing its investigation of the incident. This office is attempting to obtain further information on the occurrence.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Flying Saucer Report		
AREA REPORTED ON Italy	FROM (Agency) Air Attache, Rome, Italy	
DATE OF REPORT 25 January 1954	DATE OF INFORMATION December 1953	EVALUATION ----
PREPARED BY (Officer) JOSEPH A. WOIDA, Lt Col USAF, Asst. AirA		SOURCE La Provincia (Cremona); Italian Newspaper
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) IR-700-53		

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1. Report submits a translation of a newspaper report on flying saucer sighting.
2. There have been many flying saucer newspaper articles in Italian newspapers in the last months. Consequently the reporting officer would appreciate an estimate on the value of these news items.

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TRANSLATION:

LA PROVINCIA - CREMONA

19 DECEMBER 1953

IS THE MYSTERIOUS OBJECT SEEN IN THE SKY OF SWEDEN

A SOVIET MISSILE OR A RADIO-GUIDED AIRCRAFT?

Stockholm, 18.

Capt. [REDACTED] and his mechanic [REDACTED], who saw yesterday the mysterious missile in the sky of Sweden, have concordantly declared that the object they have seen was an absolutely new and unknown device more similar to a "flying pill" than to a "flying saucer."

[REDACTED] said: "I was sitting in the right seat of the DC-3 cockpit and could see the missile for approximately 10 seconds. It was entirely of metal and seemed absolutely symmetrical of circular or elliptic shape. It had a light color between silver and white; no smoke or flames were visible."

To the question as of how he could determine the speed of the missile, [REDACTED] answered they had compared it to that of a DC-4 of the Scandinavian Airlines which they had met about 10 minutes before. According to the mechanic, there were no persons aboard and the missile was radio-guided. [REDACTED] outlined that he has seen several jet airplanes and would not confuse it with any of them.

The Swedish General Staff is carefully studying all the declarations and reports which have been received regarding the strange flying body, while dependable experts maintain that the spotted object is a missile (Russian) provided with television camera and others affirm that it is a "space visit" coming from a planet more or less unknown.

It has been ascertained for sure that it was not a military Swedish aircraft, not even those which have gained, for their peculiar shape, the nickname of "flying barrels." It is also positive that it was not a meteorological balloon. It could have been a balloon loaded with leaflets, but available information makes this hypothesis also scarcely probable.

A spokesman of the General Staff reminded that Capt. [REDACTED] and his mechanic have a considerable seniority both in the company and in the Swedish Air Force and are absolutely reliable.

The officer also said that the traces recorded by radar ground stations cannot be controlled owing to the intense civil air traffic in that area but the General Staff received plenty of reports about mysterious objects overflowing Sweden. Many of such objects were identified as meteorological balloons, jet airplanes or meteorites. Many others were not identified and presumably it will be impossible to identify the object which has been seen yesterday. However, the jet fighters of the Air Force have been alarmed in order to ascertain what is actually happening in the Swedish sky. Swedish military circles do not want to admit that patrol fighters carry armament aboard, but it may be remembered that some time ago it was officially announced that aircraft on duty over the Baltic sea, after the shooting down of two Swedish aircraft by Russian fighters, would always take off with armament aboard.

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Night newspapers and particularly the "Stockholm" affirm that the "rotating disc" proceeded at 2,150 meter altitude over Stockholm in the province of Scania. The "Stockholm" also declares that probably the unidentified objects are "soviet projectiles" which, departing from the Baltic coast and proceeding at sonic speed, follow an elliptic route over Southern Sweden and Denmark and land in East Germany. According to "Expressen," on the contrary, the objects would be a "radio-guided reconnaissance instruments provided with television cameras." * * * * * * * * * *		

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