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10. Radar contact with high-speed object, by Patrol Squadron 42, (PBM-Mariner), off Tsushima Island, Japan, 9 March 1951.

a. Extracted from message from Commander Fleet Air Wing 6, to Commander Naval Forces Far East, dated 9 March 1951:

Squadron Electronics Officer in Patrol Squadron 42 Mariner SA four, enroute ASP mission for CTR 95.11 observed and tracked high speed air target at 090525/I, position 34°05'N-129°31'E. Target initially observed bearing 320° true, 15 to 17 miles range. Aircraft heading 270° true. Target tracked 55 miles in approximately 60 seconds before disappearing at 45 mile range and true bearing 075°. Target course appeared slightly curved and generally easterly. Calculated speed approximately 3350 mph. Signal elongated to about 3/8 inch. No targets emanated from scope center. Radar functioning normally. Plus three degrees antenna tilt. Other targets, small craft and land. Identical second target observed for approximately 10 seconds at 090530/I, bearing 085° true, at 25-30 mile range, same course. Weather overcast at 3000 feet. Targets verified by navigator. Patrol Squadron 42 submitting detailed report direct to Commander Naval Forces Far East.

Location of object was off the southern tip of Tsushima island, between the Southern tip of Korea and the island of Kyushu, Japan.

COMMENT: Detailed report has not been received by this headquarters. No further information available.

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