PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
31 May 1952	Chorwon, Korea	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION**	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
Local 0345	☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar	
GMT	☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	**6. SOURCE** AF Personnel	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 9 Min	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** 1	**9. COURSE**

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Color: Brilliant White

11. COMMENTS

Sighted by F-94 and visually from an AC/W site at Chorwon (middle of Korea at 38° parallel) From maneuvers Blue Book feels there is a faint possibility of this being a balloon. No info on balloon releases known.

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REPORTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Time sighted: 0345 zonal time.
Length of time sighted: Approximately 9 minutes.
Date of sighting: 31 May 1952.

2. A brief description of the sighted object or objects:
Shape: Round.
Size: Undetermined due to fact that there was no way to compare light with known object.
Color: Brilliant white.
Number of objects: One.
Trail of exhaust: Negative.
Propulsion system: Unknown.
Estimated speed: 450 knots when pulling away from the F-94 at 30,000 foot altitude.
Aerodynamic features: Impossible to observe at close range due to blinding light of object.
Any unusual maneuvers: None but extremely capable of maneuvering.
Manner of approach: The F-94 descended in a port turn to intercept unidentified object 6000 feet below on a 90° course and altitude of 8000 feet. Unidentified object began a port climb at the same time to intercept the descending F-94 and accomplished a maneuver which silhouetted the F-94 against the light of dawn. The F-94 turned on afterburner and traded two quartering head on passes with the unidentified object resulting in neither being able to get astern of the other. Lufberry maneuvers ensued to 30,000 feet where more passes were exchanged for a few minutes. The unidentified object then increased his speed to an estimated 400 knots on a 45° heading and began pulling away from the F-94. When last seen the unidentified object had seemingly increased his speed to approximately 450 knots where upon the F-94 gave up pursuit at 0355 and returned to base.
Formation if more than one: Negative.
Any other pertinent or unusual features: The object possessed superior speed, superior climbing ability, and was able to turn equally as well as the F-94.

3. Manner of observation: Visual.
From air or surface: Pilot and radar operator in the air and personal on ground radar station.
Course: 90°.
Altitude: 8000 to 30,000 feet.
Type of reporting aircraft: F-94.
Any type of optical or electronic equipment used: Either F-94 or ground radar station could paint the unidentified object, at any time.
If radar, the type and whether it was functioning normally before and after the incident: The APG-33 in aircraft was in good condition and was unable to paint by any method even at close range.
Location of observer during the sighting: CP 3510 from 8000 feet to 30,000 feet.
Latitude: 38° 02'.
Longitude: 127° 07'.
Location of object relative to observer: 5 miles to 500 yds.
Direction: Picked up at 90° and disappeared to 45°.
Altitude: 8000 feet to 30,000 feet.
Identifying information on observer and witnesses, estimate of reliability and experience and any factor bearing on the estimated reliability of the sighting: The pilot and radio operator have 21 missions or scrambles. Both are quiet,

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
South Korea	Det 1, 6004th AISS, APO 970

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
4 June 1952	31 May 1952	C-3

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Capt John H. Cumming	607 AC & W, APO 970

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
Det 1, 6004th AISS, Rpt # 52-106, Hq FEAF, Rpt # IR-23-52
Det 1, 6004th AISS Report # 52-94 and FEAF Ltr AG 350.07, 5 Mar 52

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1. Time Sighted: Approximately 0350 ZONAL TIME
Length of time sighted: Approximately 2 minutes
Date of signting: 31 May 1952

2. A brief description of the sighted object or objects:
Shape: Round Glowing object
Size: Unable to determine
Color: Same color as star with blue tint
Number of objects: One
Trail or exhaust: Negative
Propulsion system: Not noted
Estimated speed: 100 -130 MPH
Aerodynamic features: Not noted
Any unusual maneuvers: Object first observed in northeast at point "C" on attached sketch. When first observed it was descending vertically from approximately 3600 feet to 2800 feet where it stopped and climbed vertically to approximately 3600 feet at the same point. Object then moved on a level flight to the east to approximately point "D" on the sketch and then moved back to point "C". This movement was described by the observer as being straight and level. The movement between points "C" and "D" was smooth at approximately 100 - 150 miles per hour. From point "C" it started ascending on an estimated 45 degree angle toward the northeast, picking up speed as it left the area and faded from view.
Manner of approach: First observed in NE at a proximately 3600 foot altitude
Disappearence: Faded from sight
Formation if more than one: Negative
Any other pertinent or other unusual features: A sound similar to a jet aircraft in flight was heard during the sighting. The sound was not continuous but similar to a pulse jet.
Manner of observation; Visual or electronic: Visual
From Air or Surface: Surface
Source: See attached sketch
Altitude: 2800 to 3600 feet
Type of reporting aircraft: NA
Any type of optical or electronic equipment used should be described: Negative optical, this observation was made at a radar site visually but was not picked up on the radar scope.
If radar, the type and whether it was functioning normally before and after the incident: Negative
Location of observer during the sighting: Approximately 2100 feet above on guard duty above camp site.
Latitude: 37° 55' N
Longitude: 127° 09' E
Location of object relative to observer, giving distance: ¼ to ½ miles
Direction: Northeast to East
Altitude: 2800 - 3600 feet
Identifying information on observer and witnesses, estimate of reliability and experience and any factor bearing on the estimated reliability of the sighting: [redacted] Mechanic with 31 months service. [redacted] appeared to be of average intelligence and his ability to describe the incident was good, his sense of direction was poor.
Weather and wind condition at time of sighting: Clear, no clouds, stars visible, no wind.

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If sighting was by electronic methods a statement whether any attemp to visually sight the object was made: Not sighted by electronic methods.
Any activity or conditions meteorological or other wise which might account for the sighting: Negative

Remarks: Sketch and statement attached.

John H Cumming

JOHN H. CUMMING
Captain, USAF
Investigating Officer

D/I FEAF Comment:

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PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Captain Vincent A. Goskey	607 AC & W APO 970

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
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1. Time Sighted: 0350I
   Length of time sighted: About 3 to 4 minutes
   Date of sighting: 31 May 1952

2. A brief description of the sighted object:
   Shape: Oval in shape.
   Size: About the size of a fighter type aircraft.
   Color: It appeared to have a color duller than mercury in the center and what looked like an outer ring around it glowing with a clear fine light similar to white phosphorous.
   Number of Objects: One.
   Trail of exhaust: None noted.
   Propulsion system: None noted.
   Estimated speed: Not able to determine.
   Aerodynamic features: None noted.
   Any unusual maneuvers: When first seen it was approximately 3500 ft high due north and appeared to slowly descend down to about 2600 ft where it stopped for about 3 to 4 seconds. At this point the observer stated that the object appeared like a disc. It had a pulsating sound resembling a jet idling. After the object had stopped momentarily it proceeded to move toward the east for about 4 mile with jerky movements, and then stopped again momentarily, reversed its direction abruptly and headed west for a short distance to almost the same position it was the first time. At this point the object stopped again for a moment then reversed direction again to head east and in a shallow climb to a point to the right of the mountain where the radar station is located, at this point the object went into a steep climb (about 45 degree angle) to the north and disappeared in a matter of 3 to 4 seconds.

3. Manner of observation: Visual.
   Any type of optical or electronic equipment used: Negative.
   The observer, who is also a radar mechanic, stated that the radar at the site is unable to pick anything up on the scope that is within 4 miles to the site.
   Location of observer during sighting: The observer, who was on guard duty at the time, was approximately 600 ft below the mountain and about one mile away. U.M.T. coordinates C. S.-3797

   Identifying information on observer, estimate of reliability and experience:

[redacted]	[redacted]	
RADAR MECHANIC	607 AC & W Squadron	APO 970
20 years of age	14 mos sv	Completed 1 semester (College)
Civilian Job - Commercial fisherman		

   Weather and wind conditions at time of sightings: Clear, no wind.
   Any activity or conditions meteoroligical or otherwise which account for the sighting: None

   The observer stated that with the pulses that he heard it seemed that the light increased and decreased in intensity in unison with the sound. It did not seem to cast a light as a aerial flare would.

   Remarks: Sketch and statement attached.

John H Cummings Capt for
VINCENT A. GOSSEY
Captain, USAF
Investigating Officer

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6. Extracted from Fifth Air Force "Perintrep", 19 May 1952:

Balloon sightings: At 160210-I, vicinity of CT 4035, an F-94 crew observed a balloon approximately 3 feet in diameter. Observation was made by means of a small light suspended from the balloon. The balloon was first observed at 13000 feet and the F-94 followed to 24000 feet. Estimated rate of climb of balloon was 2000 ft/min, as the F-94 had to use afterburner in the chase. The balloon was shot down over CT 4016. At 160353-I, vicinity CT 2828, an F-94 crew again observed a balloon, this time at 12000 feet. Again by means of a steady burning light suspended from the 3 to 6 feet diameter balloon. Friendly pursued the balloon using afterburner, shooting it down at CT 4010. The white light, described as "Very powerful," was still burning as the balloon fell. D/I Comment (5th AF) - Further investigation is being made by the 6004th AISS.

a. Comment - This report of lighted balloons may be a basis of explanation for many of the sightings reported over this area of Korea.

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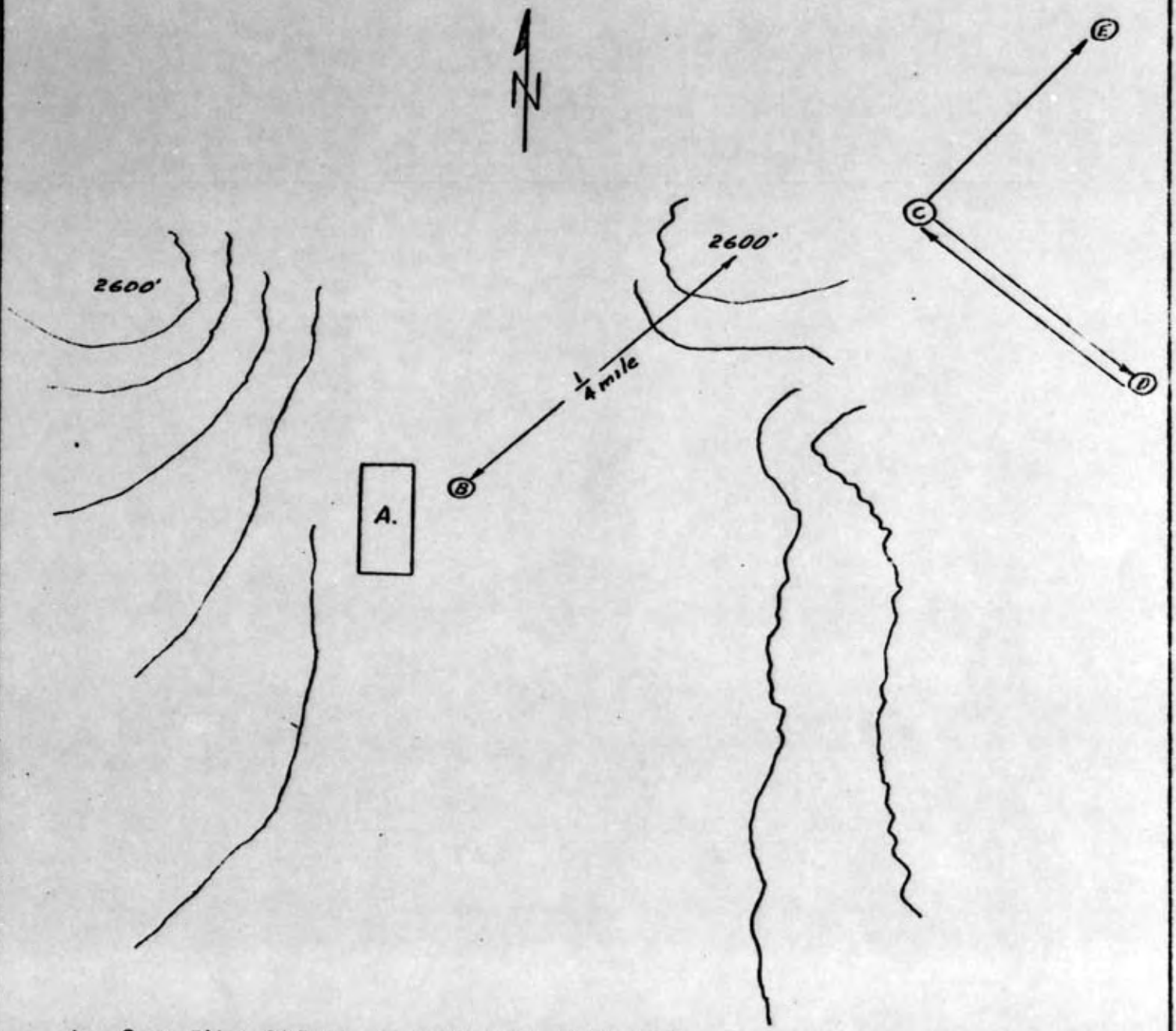

A. Camp Site Altitude Approximately 2000 feet
B. Observers position approximately 2100 feet
C. Point of First Sighting
D. Point object appeared to move to East
E. Approx point at which object faded from view

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STATEMENT

1 June 1952

[redacted]th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, APO 970 make the following statement concerning the sighting of a unidentified aerial object during the morning hours of 31 May 1952.

On the morning of 31 May 1952 at about 0400 hours the guard on post #6 called me by field telephone and called my attention to a bright object in the sky North east of my position. At this time I was on guard duty at Post #4. It seemed like a falling star at first. My post was about 100 feet above the camp which is at approximately 2000 feet above sealevel in elevation. The object stopped falling at about 2000 feet and went straight back up to about 3000 to 4000 feet. It started its fall first from approximately 3600 feet. The object started to head toward the East for about one half mile, then it stopped and reversed it's course and headed back to the Northeast in a smooth flight at a speed of about 100 to 150 miles per hour. Then it reversed it's heading once again in a Eastward direction and started to climb at a 45 degree angle away from my position. As it headed away it picked up speed in a jerking motion and then faded from sight. The facts stated in this statement are all true to the best of my knowledge.

[redacted]
USAF

Witnessed
A/1C Gailard Burchett
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A TRUE CERTIFIED COPY:

WALTER W. JUNGBLUTH
1st Lt. USAF
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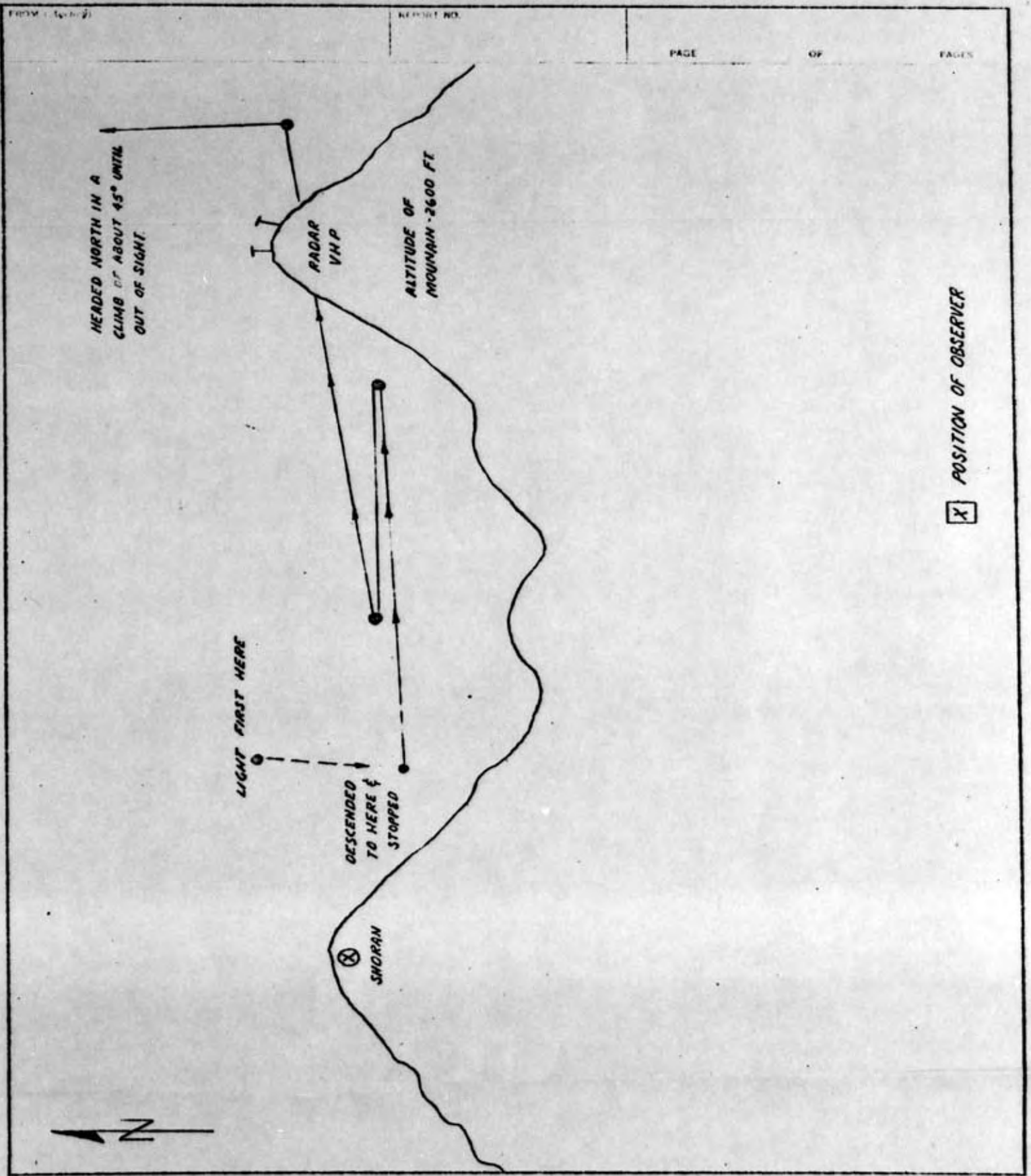

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1 June 1952

[redacted], 607th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, APO 970 make the following statement concerning the sighting of a unidentified aerial object during the morning hours of 31 May 1952.

On the morning of 31 May 1952 I was standing guard duty when I heard a jet in the North. It had a pulsating sound, like it was idling. I couldn't see anything at first but in a few seconds a small light appeared at about 3500 feet. Ithought a helicopter was hovering there with a light on one side and had turned that side to me. The light began dropping at a very slow rate and getting larger as it dropped. As it got larger it took on a glow. It stopped falling at about 2600 feet altitude and it took the form of a disk.
The center was duller in color in respect with the rim which was much brighter.

The object started moving to the East. It seemed to me to be moving with short jerky movements. It moved a ways and changed direction. The change seemed to be instantaneous. It started moving West. It traveled West but not as far as the point from where it had first started moving to the East. Again it changed direction and again the change appeared to be instantaneous. It started heading East again. It was climbing at an angle of approximately 25 degrees. It traveled East for a while and started climbing into the North at an angle of approximately 45 degrees. It kept climbing until I could no longer see it, or rather it just faded out. I

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could still hear it.From the time it first started climbing until it disappeared took approximately three to four seconds. The facts stated in this statement are all true to the best of my knowledge.

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Witnessed
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9. Extracted from 8th Army "Sitrep" #1561, for 31 May 1952:

11/ ROK 1st Div Sector: At 302200 forward observer at CT 2226 observed flying object emitting streaks of light moving west at high speed at approximately 10,000 feet. Object dived low then regained altitude and continued due west.

a. Comment - No further information is available to date. The object was possibly an F-94.

(EVALUATION: F-6)

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