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PREPARED BY (Officer): Charles J. Malven, Captain, USAF, (ATLO)

SOURCE: 1st Marine Air Wing, Marine Air Group 12

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
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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.)

1. This report concerns the sighting of an oval-shaped unidentified flying object about 10 to 20 feet in diameter over the CT Grid area of Korea.

2. The original report, including the statements of the four pilots involved, was forwarded to this Headquarters by the 1st Marine Air Wing.

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1. Report of Captain FOSTER
2. Report of Captain FRANCISCO
3. Report of Captain PITTMAN
4. Report of Captain McDONALD

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1. Object was oval in shape, from ten (10) to twenty (20) feet in diameter, was either white or silver. There was only one (1) object and no vapor trails or gas trails of any type were noticed. The object approached from the south, made a complete left-hand orbit of the target area just worked by the flight and headed away in an easterly direction, where it was soon lost from sight.

2. It was first observed at 1503/I and was out of sight at 1504/I on 20 June 1952.

3. Visual observation was made from approximately 5500 feet, aircraft were in a left orbit south of their target indicating 180 knots. Type aircraft flown were F4U-4B.

4. Observers were CT 0909 over the west central sector of Korea. Object was approximately 4000 feet below and about two (2) miles away from the reporting aircraft. Altitude of object was estimated at 1000 feet. It approached from the south and made a 630 degree orbit of the CT 091129 area and headed off on an easterly direction and was out of sight at CT 120118. One (1) pilot made a dive at the object but was outdistanced. Aircraft's speed in dive was 250 knots indicated.

5. Four (4) pilots in a flight of five (5) observed the object after it had been called to their attention by the flight leader. All of these pilots are well trained and have flown an average of 44 combat missions in Korea. The reliability of the report is considered A-1. Pilots names are:

Captain Bobbie (n) FOSTER 024474/7302 USMCR
Captain Richard (n) FRANCISCO 038989/7302 USMCR
Captain Teddy L. PITTMAN 036251/7302 USMCR
Captain Ronnie A. MCDONALD 039833/7302 USMCR

6. There was 4/10 scattered clouds, bases at 6,000 feet with tops at 8,000 feet. Visability was 15 to 20 miles. Temperature was at 85, dewpoint, 53. Wind conditions aloft at 10,000 feet were generally 290 degrees at 25 knots. Intermediate winds at 5,000 feet were 280 degrees at 15 knots, and the surface winds were southwesterly at about 4 knots.

7. Negative

8. Negative

9. One (1) plane attempted to dive on object, but could not make firing run due to friendlies. Object was too fast and pulled away very rapidly.

10. No sketches or photographs of the object are available.

11. Comment by original preparing officer: (1st Lt. Walter H. Polak, Intelligence Officer Marine Air Group [illegible]).

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ADDITIONAL COMMENT BY PREPARING OFFICER:

1. Many reports of unidentified flying objects have originated from this area of

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Korea. Most of the reports from the DT Grid area have been traced to the use of balloons by the enemy. Several of the reports from the CT Grid area are at this time still unexplained.

2. The observer who saw this object for the longest period of time, (Captain Foster) has subsequently been declared KIA on 21 June 1952.

Charles J. Malven
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At 1415/I I took off from K-6, Korea with five F4U-4B's on a prebriefed flight to work a Close Air Support flight with the First Marine Division. We reported in to Shirley, Bromide, Dentist, Anaconda, Devestate Baker and Childhood 14, our TAC(A). We were directed to our target by our TAC(A) and we were in a left orbit over the target at CT 091129. At 1503/I I observed a white or silver object below me on a north course. At the time I was on an east heading observing the object down at 2 o'clock passing below and in front of me. The object was coming from friendly area. I thought at first it was a shell but observed that it was in a left turn and not in the shape of an artillery shell. This object made a 630° turn and was in sight at all time. It made approximately a 4 mile circle and retired to the east toward friendly lines. At 1504/I I notified my flight when the object was over the target and 4 of 5 of them saw it over the target. I estimate object was 10' to 20' in diameter. Bomb craters on the ground were about 3 or 4 times as large as the object and I later estimated the bomb craters to be 40' to 50' in diameter. It circled our target area and retired east. I started a dive on the object and at an indicated speed of 250 knots at 4000 feet the object went out of sight still low on ground (below 1000') estimated speed 1000 MPH or 4 times mine. I pulled back into flight and we continued our Close Air Support flight. This is my first sighting of such a nature.

/s/BOBBIE FOSTER

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While flying number two man in a five plane division on a Close Air Support Mission in the area of CT 091129, my attention was directed by my division leader, Captain B. FOSTER, to a unidentified object about nine o'clock from me. I was flying west in a left orbit approximately 5500 feet. The object was below me at least 3000 feet and was traveling at a very fast speed and appeared to be white or silver in color. The size was hard to determine but I would estimate it to be at least six (6) feet but not over twelve (12) feet in diameter. I was unable to tell the shape too well but it appeared to be round.

/s/Richard Francisco
RICHARD FRANCISCO

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REPORT OF CAPTAIN T. L. PITTMAN, 036251/7302, USMCR, CONCERNING SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS ON 20 JUNE 1952

On 20 June 1952, at approximately 1503/I, I was flying the number 3 position in a five plane flight in the near vicinity of CT 091129. Captain Bobbie FOSTER, the flight leader, made a radio transmission, stating that there was some unidentified flying objects below us, and inside our left hand orbit. At this time, I was north of the target area headed west. The object appeared to be of a round or oval shape. It left no trail of any kind or color. The object made an orbit of 360° to the left and retired in an easterly direction at a very fast rate of speed. My first impression was that it was a bird, but the speed couldn't have been made by a bird. It appeared to be about 3 - 5 feet in diameter. It was white or silver colored. Captain FOSTER made a run at the object, but it pulled away from him. I was at 5500 feet, and the object was below me about 4000 feet.

/s/T. L. Pittman
T. L. PITTMAN

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REPORT OF CAPTAIN RONNIE A. MCDONALD 039833/7302, USMCR, CONCERNING SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS on 20 JUNE 1952

At approximately 1510/I, while entering a bombing run, I observed an unidentified object at a position one mile southeast of target, - coordinates CT 091129. It was at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet. It appeared to be a white object, circular or oval in shape and about 10 feet in diameter. It was traveling east at approximately 200 M.P.H. The visual contact was very brief due to concentration on bombing run. No trail or exhaust was observed. My altitude was 4000 feet. At time of sighting, my position was 1/2 mile east of target.

/s/Ronnie A. McDonald
RONNIE A. MCDONALD

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D/I FEAF COMMENT:

1. With no estimation of size, the estimate of speed and altitude is considered to be inaccurate. The cloud layer into which the object disappeared was probably the 7/10 layer, which would indicate the most probable altitude as between 6000 and 8000 feet. This would, in turn lower the estimated speed to a reasonable figure for normal aircraft types.

2. Although no aircraft were reported in this area by Komaki Tower, Air Defense clears aircraft such as the F-94's on Tactical clearances, which although controlled by TACC, could be in the area without the knowledge of personnel at Komaki Air Base.

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