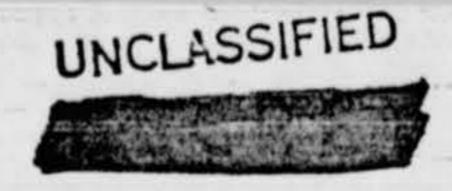
1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
16 Feb 53 16/22307	Raimer, Ala.
3. SOURCE 2 Civ Men	10. CONCLUSION  BALLOON  Object presents characteristics of balloon sighting.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
S. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	Metallic object appearing to be round at one angle and having swept back wings from another angle, traveled at high rate of speed. Maneuvers consisted of climbing, diving, executing right and left angle turns, and reversing its course. B-47 a/c was being observed when object appeared. A rawinsonde balloon released at 1500Z.
20 Min.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS	
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9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
T Yes	

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amier, Alabama

16 February 1953

## I. Description of Incident

Two civilian men at this location sighted an unidentified object as 1630 EST while watching the flight of a B-47 aircraft cross their field of vision. A metallic looking object appearing round at one instant and flat the next was seen at an altitude of about two-thirds that of the B-47 which ATIC learned was at 35,000 ft. Its maneuvers consisted of climbing, diving, and sharp angle turns to the left and right in and around a few scattered clouds and it appeared to be faster than the B-47. Total time of sighting was for 20 minutes.

## II. Discussion of Incident

Although the Maxwell Radio Range Station reported no known aircraft other than the B-47 in the area ATIC feels that, on the basis of the description submitted by the two relatively inexperienced observers, they probably sighted a fighter type aircraft, possibly an F-56, maneuvering in the air space below the B-47. To support this conclusion is the fact that the clouds mentioned in the original report around which the object was sighted, were determined to be at 20,000 ft. At this altitude a fighter aircraft would be hard to distinguish. The observers did state, however, that the object appeared to have swept-back wings.

## .II. Conclusion

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