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<b>3. SOURCE</b> Military	<b>10. CONCLUSION</b> Astronomical (METEOR)		
<b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> One			
<b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 5 Seconds	<b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b>  Green object turning red later, traveled at a high rate of speed in a slight downward path.  COMMENTS: The intell. officer believed object was a meteor. Change of color could have been due to, Composition of object, The refraction caused by atmosphere, Effect of color of cockpit and navigation lights on viewers eyes. AETIC Comment: Due to the greenish color, length of observation, and speed, the obj is believed to be a meteor.		
<b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> Air-Visual			
<b>7. COURSE</b> Descending			
<b>8. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

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COUNTRY: KOREA *Multiple* REPORT NO.: IR-6-53 (LEAVE BLANK)

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Observation of an Unidentified Flying Object

AREA REPORTED ON: Northwest Korea FROM (Agency): Intelligence Office  
3d Bombardment Wing (L), APO 970

DATE OF REPORT: 4 April 1953 DATE OF INFORMATION: 3 April 1953 EVALUATION: B-1

PREPARED BY (Officer): KERMIT W. FISH, Captain, USAF SOURCE: 3d Bombardment Group Intelligence

REFERENCES (Control number, director, previous report, etc., as applicable): AFL 200-5  
3d Bomb Group Mission #3-26909, dated 2/3 April 1953

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 118-Part II.)

The information contained in this report pertains to a visual observation of an unidentified flying object.

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SUBJECT <b>Observation of an Unidentified Object</b>		
AREA REPORTED ON <b>Northwest Korea</b>	FROM (Agency) <b>Intelligence Office 3d Bombardment Wing (L), APO 970</b>	
DATE OF REPORT <b>4 April 1953</b>	DATE OF INFORMATION <b>3 April 1953</b>	EVALUATION <b>B-1</b>
PREPARED BY (Officer) <b>Kermit W. Fish, Captain, USAF</b>	SOURCE <b>3d Bombardment Group Intelligence</b>	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) <b>FAF Mission #0397, 2/3 April 1953</b>		

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On 3 April 1953, at 0235I, in the vicinity of UTM coordinates YC 3060, Lt. Colonel John M. Dillon, a B-26 pilot flying night armed reconnaissance on a heading of 355 degrees, with an indicated airspeed of 200 mph, and at an altitude of 5,000 feet, 500 feet on top of a solid overcast, observed a bluish green object about 200 feet from his aircraft, on a level, parallel flight with the aircraft. The heading of the object was the same as that of the aircraft. The object turned from bluish green to white, then to red and burned out leaving a trail of sparks as it turned red. No trail was observed until it turned red. The object was in sight for at least two seconds, long enough to train sights on it. The aircraft could have fired on it, had it known what it was. The speed of the object was excessive, estimated to be traveling supersonic speeds; not as fast as a tracer. The object appeared to be about the size of the tail pipe of an F-84.

COMMENTS BY THE PREPARING OFFICER: Lt. Colonel Dillon has completed 22 combat missions, and is considered reliable in reporting observations. The preparing officer was also a member of the crew, and his observations are concurrent with the above report.

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1. On 3 April 1953, at 0234I, in the vicinity of UTM coordinates YB-3885, 1/Lt Myrle S. Perry, pilot, 2/Lt Frederick J. Vermillion, navigator, and A/2C William R. Caruthers, engineer, all crew members of a B-26 flying Night Armed Reconnaissance, on a heading of 010 degrees, with an indicated airspeed of 200, and at an altitude of 7,500 feet, 1,500 feet above an 8-10/10 overcast, observed an unidentified flying object.

2. 1/Lt Perry observed a white light decending from very high altitude to approximately level with his aircraft. The object was traveling at a very high speed on a heading of approximately 100 degrees. Lt Perry would not attempt to estimate the distance of the object from the aircraft. The object appeared to be white with no noticeable change in color. The object gradually increased in size until it disappeared. He estimated that it was observed for approximately five (5) seconds.

3. 2/Lt Vermillion's statements were the same as the above with the exception that the color of the object was greenish at first observation, and then turned red and disappeared. He observed the object for approximately ten (10) seconds.

4. A/2C Caruthers stated the same as above although he observed the object to be green at first, then turned red and then white and went out. He stated these changes of color were simultaneous. He estimated his observation to be approximately three (3) seconds. He observed the object from a 35 to 40 degree angle above the aircraft, and falling at a very rapid speed. He stated it resembled a meteor, and its estimated its size to be approximately five (5) feet in diameter.

COMMENTS BY THE PREPARING OFFICER: This crew was very cooperative in reporting this object. The crew members have completed the following number of combat missions: 1/Lt Perry, 45 missions; 2/Lt Vermillion, 24 missions; and A/2C Caruthers, 12 missions. The information given by this crew is considered to be reliable.

s/Kermit W. Fish  
t/HERMIT W. FISH  
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COMMENT of the approving officer:

It is the opinion of this Directorate that this was probably the sighting of an unusually large meteor. At the time of this sighting the moon was entering the third quarter, which might have prevented the trailing sparks common to large meteors from being readily observed. The reported change in color could have been due to: 1) the composition of the meteor; 2) the refraction caused by different height angles of observation through the atmosphere, and; 3) the effect of the color of the cockpit and navigation equipment lights on the viewer's eyes.

This Directorate has no previous report of a similar observation on file. There was no evidence to indicate that the object was controlled in any manner, or that it was anything but an unusually large meteor. (Restricted)

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**COMMENT of the Approving Officer:**

Information at this Directorate indicates that this was a possible observation of a small meteor. The changing color and sparks are probably the result of the meteor burning out in the earth's atmosphere. Because of the difficulty of estimating distance at night, the 200 feet may have been much more. It is doubted that this object was a projectile fired from an aircraft or ground weapon, or another aircraft. ~~(RESTRICTED)~~

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