

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 13 May 53 13/2250Z	2. LOCATION Helsinki, Finland - Stockholm, Sweden
3. SOURCE Extract from Newspaper Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Data evaluated as meteor by Dr Robinson.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Few Seconds to 1/4 Secs.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Shuttle shaped green light in horizontal flight. Passed over city in a few seconds. Also observed in Stockholm Sweden at about the same time.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE East or West	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

ATIC DOCUMENT: 124303, Area reported on: FINLAND

Following is a translation of an article which appeared in the Helsinki, Finland, daily paper on 14 May 1953: "Peculiar Phenomenon. A peculiar optical phenomenon was seen in Helsinki at 2350 hour last night. It was a shuttle-shaped greenish white light which passed horizontally through the city in a few seconds. On a nearby airfield it was seen to cross the field in 4 seconds. Similar optical phenomena was observed also in Stockholm, Sweden, at about the same time."

Further reports added to the description of this object. A reliable source stated that at 2047Z he observed a greenish light traveling very rapidly through the sky. The distance from the airport, his location, could not be determined but it was observed due West of the tower traveling in a estimated direction of 200° . The altitude could not be estimated, but the angle created by the plane of the earth's surface and a line from the observer to the object was approximately 30° . It was observed for 4 seconds and then apparently disappeared behind clouds.

ATIC Comment: Appears to be a standard description of a meteor. Dr. Robinson of ATIC has reviewed this sighting and believes it probably was a meteor.