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This report contains information concerning the observation of an unidentified flying object over North Korea by personnel of the 39th FA Btn.

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On the night of 9 June 1953 at approximately 2345I, an unidentified object was observed by forward observers of Btry "B", 39th FA BN.

Witnesses interviewed stated that the object was first sighted over UTM grid coordinates CT432458. The object was flying at an estimated altitude of 15,000 feet on an easterly heading. This object was observed from a distance of approximately 7,000 yards for an estimated four (4) minutes. The observations were visual and with the aid of a B.C. Scope (Artillery range finder). Weather at the time of the observations was CAVU.

The object was described as being spherical in shape. Its color was fluorescent gray or silver. No method of propulsion or exhaust was observed. No aerodynamic features could be seen. The witnesses were unable to give any dimensions. The object appeared to be spinning in an erratic flight. It circled the area for approximately four (4) minutes. Several times the object appeared to almost stop; distinctly decelerating, and then increasing speed. The object was last seen traveling at a high rate of speed and disappeared to the northwest.

COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

Insufficient information could be obtained by investigators to establish the identity of the above object. Any conclusions at this level would be purely conjectural.

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D/I FEAF COMMENT:

There have been many unidentified sightings reported from the CT and DT grid areas, several of which have definitely been identified as balloons. Although range was evidently measured in this case, no estimate of size or speed was given. From the limited description given, it is believed the object may have been a lighted balloon launched by enemy front-line troops. No further investigation being made.

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