

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 Jan 53 16/0145Z	2. LOCATION Marysville, Tenn.
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Balloon
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 - 40 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Balloon shaped object with red light on top and yellow light on bottom, slowly descending toward the West disappearing after 30-40 minutes.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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TO DIRECTOR FBI
FROM SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
RE: MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL 4, 1968.
FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY
OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
ON APRIL 4, 1968, REGARDING THE ACTS OF VIOLENCE WHICH TOOK
PLACE IN THE AREA OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER AND CONFERENCE
CENTER IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968.

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MARYSVILLE, TENN.

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TO JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTER USAF WASH 25 D C

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ATTN: ATIAA-2C

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO

/ [REDACTED] FLYOBRPT CCC MSG NO 794-BALLOON-SHAPED OBJECT
WITH RED LIGHT ON TOP AND YELLOW LIGHT ON BOTTOM, SLOWLY DESCENDING
AND DRIFTING TOWARDS WEST. ONE (1) OBJECT-SIZE NOT STATED-NO VISIBLE
MEANS OF PROPULSION-DISAPPEARED OUT OF SIGHT-FIRST SIGHTED BETWEEN
APPROXIMATELY 2045E.S.T. AND 2100 E.S.T. OBSERVED FOR 35 TO 40 MINUTES
VISUAL OBSERVATION FROM GROUND-OBSERVER LOCATED APPROX. 35 40N-84 00W
AT LAKEMONT DRIVE-IN THEATER, MARYSVILLE, TENN. OBJECT SIGHTED NORTHWEST
OF OBSERVER-REPORT RELAYED BY CAA RADIO-RANGE STATION AT KNOXVILLE,
TENN. WEATHER: CLEAR SKIES-15 MILES VISIBILITY-TEMP. 500-DEW POINT-43-
SURFACE WINDS FROM WEST AT 9 KNOTS- WINDS ALOFT AT 10,000-FROM 2200
AT 32 KNOTS- MCGEE-TYSON WEATHER STATED LAST WEATHER BALLOON RELEASED
AT 1600 E.S.T.-NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF OBJECT-NO INTERCEPT ACTION
TAKEN-NO AIR TRAFFIC NOTICED IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

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I. Description of Incident

At 0145 Z a civilian source observed a balloon shaped object slowly descending towards the west for 30-40 minutes.

II. Discussion of Incident

During this period, there were many flights of upper air research balloons crossing this area.

III. Conclusion

Possibly a balloon.

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