

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 Feb 53 1920-1950L	2. LOCATION Russia
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION (BALLOON)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Believed to be Balloon Observation
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Lighted object ascending and descending, moving slowly southward. Travelled through 100 degrees of arc in 30 min. Light was red and green.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	


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