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Fortville, Indiana

23 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 2152 Mho a civilian woman located 14 miles northwest of Indianapolis sighted an unknown flying object appearing as a circular shape, white object traveling at a high altitude in a northeasterly direction and reported this occurrence to the 75th TSM Squadron, the nearest Air Force installation. Clear weather prevailed.

II. Discussion of Incident

Project Blue Book ascertained that a small weather balloon was scheduled for release at 2100Z by the Indianapolis S.W. Department of Agriculture Weather Station and probably caused the submission of this report. The object was seen approximately 15 minutes after the balloon's release from Indianapolis and was carried in a northeasterly direction by the winds aloft which, for that time of day were from 240° to 250°. This would place the free-floating 30" rubber balloon about over Fortville, the location of sighting.

III. Conclusion

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