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12. Extracted from FIAF "Interim" #117, dtd 0500/Z, 15 June 1952:

Many balloons: Recently several reports have been received concerning the sighting of an unidentified object in the str horizon a primary color of white changing to red, blue to green, and located in the area of DT 201546. These observations were made on 10 May and on 1, 6, and 7 June between the hours of 2100/Z and 0300/Z. In the majority of cases the object was described as being air shaped or round, at an altitude estimated between 1000 ft and 10,000 feet, and in one case it was reported to have moved very rapidly horizontally for a distance. This movement was observed through a battery commander's scope and measured for 10 miles of travel, but the operator reported that he could not traverse fast enough to keep on target. This object was observed on 7 June for 1 hour and 5 minutes by a trained Air Technical Intelligence specialist and a subordinate Detached Intelligence specialist. As a result of these observations, a forward observer investigated the area at 0145Z/1 June and saw a balloon being raised and lowered on a cable. D/I FIAF Comment: Most of the previous sightings of unidentified objects have occurred in the DT and DE grid areas. The high horizontal speed of the one sighting could be accounted for by a free balloon caught in a horizontal draft in the atmosphere areas of that sector. The purpose of raising and lowering a balloon so near the front lines is not apparent, but could possibly be a method of communication.

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