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FIGHT OBJECTS ON 20 JUNE 1962

At 11:17 I took off from 3-4, Korea with five F-4E's on a scheduled flight to work a Close Air Support flight with the First Marine Division. We reported in to Suiray, Bromide, Dentist, Anomdy, Cavestate Baker and Dillwood (i.e. our TADA). We were directed to our target by our TADA's and we were in a left orbit near the target at 07 00Z. At 11:57 I observed a white or silver object below me on a north course. At the time I was on the east heading observing the object down at 2 o'clock passing below and in front of me. The object was coming from friendly area. I thought at first it was a shell but observed that it was in a left turn and not in the shape of an artillery shell. This object made a 45° turn and was in sight at all times. It made approximately a 1 mile circle and retired to the east toward friendly lines. At 12:04 I initiated my flight when the object was over the target and 1/2 of then saw it over the target. I estimate object was 10' to 20' in diameter. Mark craters on the ground here about 5 or 6 times as large as the object and I later estimated the bomb craters to be 10' to 20' in diameter. It straddled our target area and retired east. I started a dive on the object and at an indicated speed of 250 knots at 1000 feet the object went out of sight still low on ground (below 1000'), estimated speed 1000 MPH or 1/2 max speed. I pulled back in to flight and we continued our Close Air Support flight. This is my first sighting of such a nature.

/s/ROBERT FRENCH

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