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6. Extracted from Fifth Air Force "Outburst", 23 May 1952

Balloon sightings: At 1403H-1, vicinity of OT 4035, an F-4 crew observed a balloon approximately 3 feet in diameter. Observation was made by means of a search light suspended from the balloon. The balloon was first observed at 1900H feet and the F-4 followed to 1200H feet. Estimated rate of climb of balloon was 2000 ft/min, as the F-4 had to use afterburner in the chase. The balloon was shot down near OT 4035. At 1403H-1, vicinity of OT 2525, an F-4 crew again observed a balloon, this time at 1200H feet. Again by means of a search light suspended from the 3 to 6 feet diameter balloon. Frantically pursued the balloon using afterburner, shooting it down at OT 4033. The white light, described as "very powerful," was still burning as the balloon fell. 3/1 Comment (5th AF) - Further investigation is being made by the 600th AHS.

7. Comment - This report of lighted balloons may be a basis of explanation for many of the sightings reported near this area of Korea.

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