

Life Raft in Baltic Sea

LONDON, April 12 (A.A.P.).—A life raft has been spotted by a U.S. search plane in the Baltic Sea, forty to fifty miles north-east of the island of Bornholm according to an announcement by the U.S. Air Force.

The pilot of the plane says he saw what appeared to be a man wearing an "exposure suit" in the raft.

He also said there were unidentified objects in the immediate area.

"Exposure suits" are specially designed to protect fliers forced to bail out into icy water.

Danish naval cutters are steaming to the scene and a Danish navy Catalina flying-boat has also been sent.

Bornholm is about 300 miles south-west of Latvia, where the Russians fired on an American plane last Saturday.

Until the report of the sighting of the life raft this morning, the search had been concentrated in an area around the Swedish island of Gotland, almost due west of Latvia.

The Danish navy announced

that it had sent a Catalina flying boat to the scene where a United States plane had reported seeing a life raft. If

ported seeing a life raft. If there are any survivors it will land in the Baltic to pick them up.

The American air force in Kastrup also asked the Danish naval authorities to send a marine cutter to the place where the raft was sighted. The area is a so-called dumping field, where Russian ships last summer dropped thousands of tons of mustard gas seized from the Germans.

The U.S. search headquarters announced this afternoon that two U.S. planes were circling what appeared to be an overturned life raft near Bornholm.

Six planes and a Danish minesweeper are converging on the area.

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