

Original report was classified top-secret. Strategic Air Command requested original messages be destroyed.

At 10:40 A. M. on 3 Nov 48 two Mustang fighters of the 82d Fighter Wing were dispatched to investigate the sighting reported by Lt Com Pain, a Coast Guard pilot, who reported the original sighting. The pilots upon reaching 22,000 feet sighted the unidentified object. They kept on climbing until they reached 37,000 feet. They estimated the object to be another five or six thousand feet above them. At this height the object resembled an intestine that had been inflated and it appeared 5 to 6 times higher than wide. Sketches were not available. Speed was estimated to be about 2 mph. Heading approximately 45°/

First report by Strategic Air Command identified the object tentatively as a heavenly body.

Subsequent information received by Lt Robert Kemper, Coast Guard Officer stationed at Salem identified the craft as a cosmic ray equipment carrier used by MIT. Later it was definitely established that the craft sighted was a cluster of eight balloons used by MIT for cosmic ray research.

This incident is considered closed in that definite identity has been established.