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Object sighted some 40 miles northwest of Martinsburg, West Va., by pilot of AF 5952 and crew. A brilliant red flare was sighted at an altitude of approximately 10,000 to 11,000 ft. It appeared to be 20 miles in front of the aircraft which was on a heading of 125°. The shape appeared similar to a parachute flare. The color was variable changing to red to blue to red. Appeared to be stationary. No sound heard and no exhaust trail noticed. No opinion was formed by any member of the crew as to identify of the object. The flare lasted approximately 1 minute.