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## NAVAL MESSAGE

## NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM: <b>CG WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND PRESIDIO OF SANFRAN</b>	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	<b>WAR DEPT</b>	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY: <b>11 MAR 45</b>	ROUTINE		
DATE: <b>1842</b>	FOR ACTION	DEFERRED	RRRRR
TOR CODE ROOM	INFORMATION	PRIORITY	
DECODED BY: <b>SORENSEN</b>		ROUTINE	
TYPED BY: <b>THOMPSON</b>		DEFERRED	
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<b>CG-IN-11130</b>	<b>10 MAR 45</b>	<b>NCR 3608</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ON OUTGOING DISPATCH BY HAND FROM ARMY VIA OP-16

FROM HAMMOND G-2 WESTDEF COMD PRES OF SANFRAN CALIF  
TO G-2 WD WASHN DC. B 0318.HERewith BALLOON INCIDENTS SUMMARY FOR 1700 GCT  
10 MARCH 45.

BALLOON SIGHTINGS AS FOLLOWS:

AT 1540 GCT ON 10 MARCH AN OBJECT RESEMBLING  
A BALLOON WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SIGHTED  
NEAR ALOHA WASH (20 MILES NW OF ABERDEEN)  
ESTIMATED ALTITUDE WAS 7000 FEET AND OBJECT WAS  
TRAVELLING EASTWARD AT A RAPID RATE. EVALUATION  
B-3. AN AIR SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS MADE WITH  
NEGATIVE RESULTS. NEGATIVE REPORT FOR BALLOONS  
RECOVERED.

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FROM	CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. ARMY COMINCH AND CNC		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE		1
RELEASED BY	R S EDWARDS	FOR ACTION	COMARSEAFRON COMGEN WDC <i>[Signature]</i>		PRIORITY
DATE	11 MARCH 1945				ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	2127/10				DEFERRED
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THE FAST CARRIER STRIKE MENTIONED YOUR 190015 CONSIDERED MOST UN-  
LIKELY FOR FOLLOWING REASONS. AS INDICATED IN CINCPAC 060150 SUCH  
AN ATTACK WOULD NOT PROVIDE PSYCHOLOGICAL RESULTS COMMENSURATE WITH  
EFFORT. BLUE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS LIKELY TO KEEP MAXIMUM STRENGTH  
OF JAPANESE NAVY CLOSE TO HOME IN VIEW OF EVIDENCE INDICATING JAPA-  
NESE INTEND TO MAKE CONCENTRATED EFFORT TO DEFEND INNER ZONE AND  
HOMELAND WITH ALL AVAILABLE FORCES. BELIEVE PRESENT JAPANESE  
STRATEGY DESIGNED TO INFLECT IN ONE CONCENTRATED ACTION A CRIPPLING  
BLOW TO FURTHER BLUE ADVANCES AGAINST HER INNER ZONE. FORCES ESTI-  
MATED REQUIRED FOR A STRIKE INVOLVING 300 PLANES INCLUDE VIRTUALLY  
EVERY UNIT OF DD'S AND ABOVE IN THE JAPANESE NAVY BECAUSE OF THE  
SHORTAGE OF SCREENING FORCES. IN VIEW OF INDICATED STRATEGY DO NOT  
BELIEVE THE JAPANESE HIGH COMMAND WOULD DENUDE THE INNER ZONE OF  
NAVAL FORCES, THE PRESENCE OF WHICH CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO BLUE  
OPERATIONS WHETHER ACTIVELY OR PASSIVELY EMPLOYED. YOUR DETAILED  
PLANS AND REQUIREMENTS ARE AWAITED PRIOR TO MAKING A FINAL DECISION  
HOWEVER THE WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS AT PRESENT CONSIDER THE ESTA-  
BLISHMENT OF CONDITION NUMBER 2 FOR CONTROL OF FLYING IS NOT WARRANTED.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM: COMHAWSEAFRON		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY:		CINCPAC PEARL	ROUTINE
DATE: 10 MARCH 45			DEFERRED
FOR CODE ROOM: 0109			
DECODED BY: MCBRIDE		CINCPAC ADVHQ	ROUTINE
TYPED BY: COULTER			DEFERRED
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(CINCPAC PEARL HAS ACTION CINCPAC ADV TAKE INFO FROM COMHAWSEAFRON)

HED PEARL  
CINCPAC/POA / PASSED INFO TO COMWESSEAFRON AND  
COMINCH AS 092126

MARINE PLANE REPORTS SIGHTING ABOUT 071750Z  
FREE BALLOON AT 9,000 FEET 3 MILES NORTH MCAS  
EWA. BALLOON ASCENDED RAPIDLY. CONTACT LOST  
1905Z 25 MILES N E OF CENTER OF OAHU AT 40,000  
FEET. DESCRIBED AS DIRTY YELLOW COLOR 20 FEET  
DIAMETER. BRIGHT METALLIC BOX 2 FEET BY 10 INCHES  
SUSPENDED 2 TO 3 FEET BELOW BAG. NOTHING OBSERVED  
BELOW BOX.

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FROM	CINCPAC ADV HQ	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
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TOP SECRET FROM CINCPAC ADV HQ ACTION COMWESSEAFROM INFO TO COMINCH AND CINCPAC PEARL HQ.

POSSIBLE CARRIER ATTACK ON SAN FRANCISCO  
 PSYCH YOUR 031826. FOLLOWING IS MY ESTIMATE:  
 JAPANESE HIGH COMMAND REALIZES THAT GERMANY WILL  
 BE DEFEATED IN A MATTER OF MONTHS. SHE FEELS THE  
 PROBABILITY OF RUSSIAN ABROGATION OF THEIR NEUTRALITY  
 PACT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF RUSSIAN PARTICIPATION IN  
 THE FAR EASTERN CONFLICT. HER IMMEDIATE MILITARY CONCERN  
 IS THE DEFENSE OF THE EMPIRE AND ITS INNER ZONE  
 APPROACHES. WHILE ADVERSE WEATHER ON THE NORTHERN  
 ROUTE FOR AN ATTACK AS OUTLINED YOUR 031828 WOULD  
 LARGELY NEGATE BLUE AIR SEARCH AND ENHANCE THE ENEMY'S  
 CAPABILITY OF AN UNDETECTED APPROACH IT IS BELIEVED THAT

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THE OPERATIONS OF THE PACIFIC FLEET WILL REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH AN ATTEMPT TO REMOTE CHANCE. PSYCHOLOGICALLY SUCH AN ATTACK WOULD NOT BE A SUITABLE ANSWER TO THE JAPANESE PEOPLES QUESTION "WHERE IS THE IMPERIAL NAVY?" PARTICULARLY SO WHEN THEIR INNER FORTRESS AND HOMELAND IS UNDER ATTACK. IN SHORT THE VAST OCEAN AREAS THAT ARE INFREQUENTLY TRAVELED AND THE NORMAL WEATHER CONDITIONS MAKE POSSIBLE AN UNDETECTED RAID. INTELLIGENCE IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY COMPREHENSIVE TO GIVE ADVANCE WARNINGS. PACIFIC FLEET WILL BE EMPLOYED IN OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS THAT ARE VERY LIKELY TO KEEP ENEMY FORCES CLOSE TO THE HOMELAND. AN AIR ATTACK ON SAN FRANCISCO COULD BE MADE. IT IS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE.

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FROM <b>COMMESSEAFRON</b>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY <b>3 MARCH 1945</b>		<b>CINCPAC/POA ADVHED</b>	PRIORITY
DATE <b>2105</b>			<b>ROUTINE</b>
TOR CODE ROOM <b>DIEBEL</b>			DEFERRED
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REQUEST YOUR ESTIMATE OF POSSIBILITY OF ENEMY FAST CARRIER  
 REACHING POINT FROM WHICH NONRETRIEVABLE AIR ATTACK CAN  
 BE LAUNCHED AGAINST WEST COAST PARTICULARLY SAN FRANCISCO.  
 NECESSARY FOR OUR PLANNING FOR SECURITY DURING INTERNATIONAL  
 CONFERENCE COMMENCING 25 APRIL.

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To: War Department  
CG, Western Defense Command, Presidio of  
San Francisco, California  
CG, Advanced Command Post, Adak, Alaska  
CG, Air Transport Command, Edmonton, Canada

Nr: AX 15614 17 February 1945  
AX 15614.

Sending in G 2 channels to G-2s. School children in Cordova reported large white balloon drifted over that town at 1300A W T 16 February. Balloon floated in south easterly direction and local opinion it would descend one mile from Cordova. Search being initiated immediately by Cordova military personnel.

End.

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF  
CGGN  
ASF  
OPD  
NDD  
COL PARK  
OSW (Dr Bowles)  
JEIA

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From: CG, Western Defense Command, Presidio,  
San Francisco, California

To: War Department

Nr: B 0224 13 February 1945

Our B 0224 from Hammon G-2 to G-2.

That which follows summarizes balloon incidents for  
the period ending 1700 GCT 13th February 1945:

1. Balloons recovered.  
A. A sheriff recovered a balloon which landed at  
Kingston Washington at 0120 GCT 13th Feb and will  
turn it over to HQ Northwestern Sector West Def  
Cmd. Concerning extent of material recovered  
nothing received additionally. Seattle relay to  
US Army LNO WDC Hq Pacific Comd Vancouver BC.
2. Balloon sightings:  
A. The search for balloon reported floating on  
water between Polking Horn and Broughton Islands,  
British Columbia, 7th Feb has resulted negatively.  
B. A balloon which was reported drifting over Red  
Lodge, Montana, at 1500 GCT 12th Feb and which was  
believed to be same balloon which was seen over  
Cody, Wyoming, at 1940 GCT traveling east at an  
altitude of 3,000 feet, was later reported as  
landing in the mountains although time and location  
were not indicated. Two planes are searching area.  
C. A United States Naval vessel reported after  
landing at Dutch Harbor that a PIP, first believed to  
be a low flying PBV but later identified as a

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balloon, appeared on its SA-2 radar 30th Jan at a position 54 degrees three minutes north, 145 degrees 55 minutes west, approximately halfway between Queen Charlotte Island and Dutch Harbor.

Description:

Solid silver or gray color, about 65 feet in diameter with an object believed to be an instrument case hanging about 20 feet below the bag, held by shroud lines. This object is about three feet by four feet in size and a horn protrudes from each of the four sides. A line which is thought to be possible one of the shrouds, was seen trailing 60 to 70 feet below the object. Balloon was traveling southeast at an altitude of about 500 feet when first seen. Balloon then dropped, until the suspended object touched the water. Ascending at an approximate angle of 45 degrees until the original elevation had again been attained, it then proceeded on its original flight.

Radar contact at that time faded at 12 miles and was similar to that reported in the approach. Evidences of interference or attempted jamming were not noted and no personnel were seen aboard this balloon. No attempt to destroy balloon was made.

D. Balloon which was reported over Pentticon, British Columbia (approximately 180 miles east of Vancouver) at 1620 GCT 12th Feb was observed drifting southward at an altitude of approximately 10,000

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feet. RCAF planes were unable to search area due to weather conditions.

E. A balloon was reported sighted near Port Hardy, British Columbia (on the northern tip of Vancouver Island) at about 0140 GCT 13th Feb and RCAF planes which were sent to verify the incident saw the balloon after climbing to 12,000 feet, but were unable to reach it. The planes were further prevented from following balloon by darkness.

3. Bomb incidents.

A. A flash which was seen in the sky east of Hardin, Montana (40 miles east of Billings) late in the evening, 12th Feb, was shortly followed by an explosion on the ground, a fire was started. FBI agents and an agent of the Security and Intelligence Divn Ninth Serv Comd are enroute Hardin to recover any available bomb fragments.

B. Three projectiles landed and exploded in a field at Riverdale, Montana (20 miles southwest of Great Falls) at 2100 GCT 12th Feb and started a grass fire which was put out by two observers who also recovered small particles of the bombs to be turned over to the agents of the Security and Intelligence

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San Francisco, California

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Divn Ninth Serv Comd. At the time that bombs fell,  
no object seen in air. Initial reports indicate  
that bombs were of the incendiary type.

End.

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, CCGN, ASP, OPD, NDD, Dr Bowles, Colonel Park,  
Log

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Presidio of San Francisco, California

Nr: B 026

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Paragraph B.

This office has tentatively identified the piece  
of paper found on 19 December 1944 near Mandepson,  
Wyoming, as a piece of a balloon of Japanese origin.

Paragraph C.

No report on balloon sightings.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, CGGH, ASF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park,  
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Ft Richardson, Alaska

To: War Department  
CG, Western Defense Command,  
San Francisco, California

Nr: AX 15501

4 February 1945

This is msg srl nbr AX 15501.

Now comes information received by this Headquarters:

At about 15 hours W 4 January Master of USSR Neuts Callutzy reports that while enroute from Akatan to San Francisco a large white balloon was observed drifting a few feet above water at approximately 52 degrees 32 North and 160 degrees West.

Balloon was about 7 meters diameter and was drifting from southeast at a speed of approximately 7 knots. The USSR Neuts turned around and for about an hour pursued object. Balloon bursting to flame after machine gun fire exploded it.

No attempt was made to recover basket which remained afloat. No indication of life observed.

While in San Francisco where vessel proceeded no report was made there by Master.

FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-4218 (4 Feb 45) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, ASF, OPD, OS/W (Dr Bowles),  
Col Park, JEIA, NDD, Log.

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To: War Department

Nr: B 025

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From G-2 WDC to G-2 WD Wash DC. Our number B 025.

What follows is summary of balloon incidents to 1700  
GCT 3rd February.

1. Balloons recovered

a. The AC of SG-2 Northern Calif sector WDC has custody of the balloon which landed 20 miles west of Red Bluff Calif at 2030 GCT 1st February. The envelope which was the only part recovered is similar to the others and appears to be in fairly good condition.

b. The California Institute of Technology at Pasadena has custody of the balloon which was recovered 40 miles northeast of San Diego near Julian California on 31st January. No weights or bombs were found but the envelope and weight dropping apparatus are in good condition. A detailed report will be made later, preliminary examination indicates it is of the same type as balloons previously found.

c. The balloon which has been recovered 40 miles west of Redding Hayfork Calif is now in possession of the AC of S G-2 West Def Comd, Northern Calif Sector. Eye witnesses report that the envelope exploded soon after the balloon

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landed through action of flash bomb attached to the side of envelope above catenary band. Seven sandbags and four incendiary bombs were attached to a weight dropping device which was similar to others found previously. The incendiary bombs seemed to be the same as those recovered near Medford Oregon on 0030 GCT 8th January. The weight dropping device was recovered in good condition but the envelope was in such torn condition that it cannot be recovered. Sandbags were of various weights and sizes. One incendiary bomb was found lying on the ground and three were found attached to the periphery of the lower aluminum ring. It is believed that the bomb found on the ground was suspended from a fourth arming wire on the periphery of the ring. No determination has yet been made of the weights of these bombs. A thorough examination of this apparatus will be made and a detailed report later.

2. Balloon sightings

a. A Naval vessel off the west coast of Lower California fifty miles south of Point San Eugenio on 2245 GCT 31st January sighted two balloons at an elevation of twenty thousand feet three miles distant. These balloons exploded and fell into the sea shortly after sighting.

b. Regarding two balloons sighted at 2400 GCT 1st

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February west of Mt Shasta California this headquarters  
has received no further information.

c. Four civilians sighted silver balloon with  
object suspended beneath at 1900 GCT 31st January about  
90 miles south of Pendleton Oregon. The balloon was float-  
ing in a northwesterly direction at altitude of three to  
four thousand feet.

d. An Allied merchant vessel shot down a balloon  
450 miles east of Unalaska Island in the Aleutians at  
0100 GCT 5th January. No part of this balloon can be re-  
covered as it blew up when hit.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF; CGOW; ASF; OPD; Adm King; Col Park; NDD.

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BY HAND FROM ARMY.

FROM G-2 WEST DEF COMD INFO G-2 WAR WASH DC. OUR NUMBER B 024.

CLEARLY THIS SUMMARIZES BALLOON INCIDENTS TO 1700 GCT 2 FEB

I. BALLOON SIGHTINGS.

A. ON 30TH JAN AT 0045 GCT 10 MILES NORTHEAST OF ELMENDORF FIELD ALASKA WAS SEEN A WHITE BALLOON

WITH SMALL BLACK OBJECT HANGING BENEATH. ESTIMATED ALTITUDE WAS 30700 FEET AND THE BALLOON WAS STILL

RISEING. IT WAS DRIFTING IN A NORTH NORTHWEST DIRECTION. A PLANE TRACKED BALLOON UNTIL THE BALLOON ROSE

BEYOND PLANES CEILING. INSTALLATIONS IN POSSIBLE ROUTE OF BALLOON ALERTED; NO FURTHER INFORMATION

AVAILABLE.

B. A DEPUTY SHERIFF OF NEED CALIF REPORTED AT 2400 GCT 1ST FEB THAT 2 BALLOONS WERE PERCEIVED AT ALTITUDE

OF 14,500 FEET PASSING JUST WEST OF MT. SHASTA. BALLOON DESCRIBED AS 15 FEET IN DIAMETER AND HAVING

OBJECTS HANGING BELOW. DIRECTION OF TRAVEL WAS TO NORTHWEST AND APPEARED TO BE CIRCLING MT SHASTA, AN

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ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BALLOONS WAS MADE BY A CAPTAIN OF THE STATE HIGHWAY PARTOL IN HIS PLANE. REPORT NOT RECEIVED.

2. BALLOON RECOVERED

A. A BALLOON WAS FOUND BY A RANCHER ON 31ST JANUARY ON THE SIDE OF LAGUNA MOUNTAIN NEAR JULIAN CALIF ABOUT 40 MILES

NORTHEAST OF SAN DIEGO. DESCRIBED AS HAVING DIAMETER OF 30 FEET WITH AN OBJECT HANGING BENEATH. PERSONNEL TO RECOVER

BALLOON HAS BEEN DISPATCHED BY HQ SOUTHERN CALIF SECTOR WDC.

B. A BALLOON WAS SEEN TO LAND IN THE VICINITY OF HAYFORK

CALIF ABOUT 40 MILES WEST OF REDDING ON 2ND JANUARY AT 0100 GCT. REPORT RECEIVED FROM US FOREST SERVICE RANGER.

INITIAL INFO RECEIVED CONCERNING BALLOON INDICATES A DIAMETER OF ABOUT 20 FEET AND LIGHT COLOR. NO INDICATION AS TO

WHETHER ANYTHING WAS CARRIED BENEATH BALLOON. BALLOON TO BE RECOVERED BY PERSONNEL DISPATCHED FROM HQ NORTHERN CALIF

SECTOR WDC.

C. A CIVILIAN RESIDENT OF RED BLUFF CALIF REPORTED A WEST BALLOON DESCENDED IN A THICKLY WOODED AREA ABOUT 20 MILES OF RED BLUFF AT 2030 GCT 1ST FEB. DIAMETER REPORTED AS 30 FEET.

1ST REPORTS INDICATE A VALVE 12 TO 16 INCHES IN DIAMETER BUT NO OBJECT SUSPENDED BENEATH. ENVELOPE WAS IN BADLY TORN

STATE AND BALLOON EVIDENTLY CARRIED NO ROPES. NORTHERN CALIF SECTOR WDC HAS DISPATCHED PERSONNEL TO RECOVER BALLOON.

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BY HAND FROM ARMY

(TO G-2 WASHINGTON DC.)

WHAT FOLLOWS IS SUMMARY OF PALLOON INCIDENTS AS OF  
1700 GCT 1 FEBRUARY 1945.

- I. BALLOONS RECOVERED: NOTHING TO REPORT.
- II. PALLOON SIGHTINGS:

A. APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES WEST OF SAN DIEGO  
THE PILOT OF A NAVY PBY WEATHER PLANE SIGHTED A  
BALLOON AT 1800 GCT 31 JANUARY 1945. B 421.  
PALLOON HAS DIAMETER APPROXIMATELY 25 FEET WITH A  
POINTED BOTTOM AND SHROUD LINES HOLDING A 5 PRONGED  
OBJECT. DIRECTION OF TRAVEL 175 DEGREES JUST ABOVE  
THE LEVEL OF THE WATER. WIND DIRECTION 175 DEGREES  
WITH 20 KNOT VELOCITY. PBY REACHED A DISTANCE OF  
200 FEET OF BALLOON ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER WAS NOT  
GOOD AT THIS POINT.

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SAN DIEGO PLANE SEARCHED AREA WITH NO RESULTS ALTHOUGH THEY COVERED DISTANCE OF 45 MILES LEeward OF ORIGINAL SIGHTING.

CONDITIONS DURING SEARCH WERE: LIGHT TO HEAVY RAIN, 1 TO 1 MILE VISIBILITY.

B. A BALLOON WAS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 45 MILES WEST OF MC ISLAND BY A NAVAL VESSEL AT 1940 OCT 31 JANUARY.

INITIAL CONTACT MADE BY RADAR AND BALLOON WAS REPORTED SEEN RISING LATER TO ALTITUDE 1,000 FEET. BALLOON WAS REPORTED

ALSO TO GO DOWN TO THE SEA AND THEN RISE. DESCRIPTION AND DIRECTION:

50 FEET DIAMETER, 346 TRUE AT 24 KNOTS. TYPE OF RADAR MAKING CONTACT IS BEING DETERMINED BY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WESTERN SEA FRONTIER. THIS MARKS FIRST CASE WHERE RADAR CONTACTING BALLOON HAS BEEN FURTHER SUBSTANTIATED BY CONTACT VISUALLY.

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From: CG, Western Defense Command,  
Presidio of San Francisco, California

To : War Department

Nr : B0146

31 January 1945

Our number B 0146

Summary of balloon incidents as of 1700 OCT 31 January 1945 follows.

I. Balloon sightings:

At 0055 OCT 31 January a pilot of an eastbound C-54 reported seeing a balloon about 500 miles southwest of San Diego, California. This balloon was at an altitude of 10,000 feet and was traveling in a 100 degree true direction with an 18 knot wind. It is estimated that by the early evening of 31 January this balloon will reach the west coast somewhere near San Luis Obispo. Coastal lookouts have been alerted as to this fact. The balloon has shroud lines and a rectangular object beneath it and is estimated to be approximately 10 times as large as a radio sonde balloon.

II. Balloons recovered:

A piece of balloon envelope 3 x 4 feet in size was discovered at Manderson, Wyoming on 19th December 1944 although the report of such discovery was not made until 27th January 1945. Current belief is that this balloon was recovered shortly after it reached ground as it was not

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covered with snow when found altho possibility exists that this may be a part of the balloon which on 6th December 1944 allegedly dropped a bomb near Thermopolis, Wyoming. Balloon is a present enroute to Headquarters, Western Defense Command and identification will be attempted upon arrival.

End.

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Dated 29 January 1945 (Initials)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Military Intelligence Division  
Washington, D.C.

Prepared by Military Intelligence Service

GENERAL REPORT NO. 1  
ON FREE BALLOONS AND  
RELATED INCIDENTS

Note: Any information on the course, speed, point of landing, or effect of the free balloons would be of great value to the Japanese. It is therefore essential that the Japanese be prevented from obtaining such information. Neither this report nor its contents should be disseminated to any person who does not require it in the performance of his duty.

1. Chronology:

Since 4 Nov 44 there have been found in the United States, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii ten balloons and four bombs believed to be of Japanese origin. A number of other incidents and sightings, possibly related, have been reported. A chronological list of incidents and sightings is attached as TAB A.

2. Possible Purposes:

The Japanese may be sending out the balloons for one or more of the following purposes:

- Ranging Shots.
- Transportation of Incendiary and Anti-personnel Bombs.
- Bacteriological Warfare.
- Transportation of Agents.
- Anti-aircraft Devices.

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a. Ranging Shots: Prevailing winds are such that it is possible to send balloons from Japan to the United States at great heights (15,000 to 25,000 feet) in 30 to 60 hours. The balloon episodes to date most probably are "ranging shots", in preparation for mass launchings of such balloons. The possibility also exists that the balloons are being used to determine meteorological conditions, in preparation for launchings of some type of projectile.

Ranging requires a knowledge of (1) the balloon's course and (2) the point at which it lands. One of the balloons so far recovered carried a radio transmitter (range about 1,000 miles) which would have enabled the Japanese to plot the balloon's course by taking direction findings from submarines and other receiving stations along the route. To prevent the Japanese from obtaining information as to the points at which the balloons land, it is essential that strict censorship be applied to all balloon incidents.

b. Transportation of Incendiary and Anti-Personnel Bombs: The balloons very probably will be used to transport incendiary and anti-personnel bombs, which can be dropped during flight by means of the ballast-release device designed to operate whenever the balloon descends below certain altitudes. Widespread release of incendiary bombs in heavily forested areas--where most of the balloons so far discovered have landed--would have serious effects during the dry season. Incendiary bombs dropped during the wet season might be of the delayed-action type which does not ignite until the surrounding ground has dried.

Anti-personnel bombs will probably be employed as an harassing device, and would also have some incendiary effect.

(See Memorandum, Chemical Warfare Service,  
17 Jan 45, attached as TAB B)

c. Bacteriological Warfare: The intense cold at the altitude of the balloons' flight would facilitate the transmission of bacteria, and disease germs affecting humans, animals, crops and forests could be transported.

The contents of two small boxes found with two of the balloons are under analysis. To date there is no evidence that the boxes contain bacteriological warfare

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agents, but a final report cannot be made until experiments now in progress have been completed.

(See letter, Chemical Warfare Service, 28 Jan 45, attached as TAB C)

d. Transportation of Agents: It is considered unlikely that the balloons have been or will be used to transport personnel from Japan, since the long trip through the stratosphere would require too much equipment. The fact that the balloons have an automatic ballast-dropping device also suggests that they are not intended to carry personnel. A balloon could, however, be partially inflated from a submarine and make a relatively short trip inland.

e. Anti-aircraft Devices: It is considered unlikely that the balloons are anti-aircraft devices. Free balloons would be of comparatively little effect in intercepting high-altitude aircraft. Furthermore, it is improbable that the balloons are used as aircraft-warning devices, since they have an automatic ballast-release designed to permit a sustained flight which would quickly carry the balloons away from Japan.

3. Launching, Direction and Speed:

a. Launching: On the basis of the following, it is believed that the balloons probably were launched from Japan or nearby:

(1) The balloons have a self-destructive device and it is probable that only a small percentage of those launched have landed intact. It is also probable that only a small proportion of those which have landed intact have been recovered. It is likely, therefore, that a considerable number have come over--enough to make it improbable that they were launched from submarines (the only other likely point of origin).

(2) The balloons have used an automatic ballast-release, which makes possible a sustained flight. The fact that the ballast has been exhausted on most of the balloons recovered suggests that they have travelled a considerable distance.

(3) Known prevailing winds would carry the balloons from Japan in the direction of North America.

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b. Direction:

(1) Reliable meteorological texts report that at an altitude of 25,000 ft there is an air current that crosses Japan to the west, veers southward to Hawaii, then swings to the north, crossing Northern California and part of Montana where it again veers southward.

(2) B-29's have verified the existence of strong westerly winds at high altitudes over Japan.

c. Speed: A balloon at 25,000 ft would be carried eastward from Japan at a speed of from 30 to 60 miles an hour, perhaps even faster.

4. Description of Balloons and Apparatus:

a. Rubberized Silk Balloon:

(1) The only rubberized silk balloon recovered to date was found at sea about 66 miles southwest of San Pedro, California, on 4 Nov 44. The envelope of this balloon is spherical in shape and 29 feet in diameter, and has an appendix 31 inches long and 15 inches in diameter (See Figure 1). If filled with hydrogen, the balloon is capable of lifting a net cargo of 632 pounds at sea level or 56 pounds at an altitude of five miles. There are two "skirts" on the balloon to which shroud lines of braided silk cord are attached. The appendix has an automatic gas-release valve which operates when the internal pressure exceeds 0.87 pounds per square inch (See Figure 2). The material of the envelope consists of four layers of silk cloth heavily impregnated with rubber, and the material and workmanship are of excellent quality. The balloon envelope is white, with tan seams.

(2) The apparatus recovered with the rubberized silk balloon consists of a small radio transmitter which includes an on-off vibrator circuit to interrupt the transmitted signal periodically, giving a characteristic signal which could be used for purposes of identification (See Figure 3). The transmitter has a small variable condenser (actuated by an aneroid bellows) which causes the transmitter frequency to vary between 6.2 and 6.6 megacycles, depending on the altitude of the balloon. The extreme range of frequency is from 5.7 to 9.45 megacycles, obtained by variation of the large padder condenser shunted across the small aneroid controlled

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condenser. Under reasonably favorable conditions the transmitter would have a range of approximately 1,000 miles.

(3) There is also an aneroid bellows controlling the operation of a ratchet contact switch, which is designed to make contact successively with seven switch points as the atmospheric pressure varies. The switch establishes a contact when the external pressure goes up, and breaks the contact when the pressure goes down. Contact is made on the next successive point when the pressure goes up again. The purpose of such a device could be to change the transmitted signal for each cycle of the balloon's descent and ascent, or to drop ballast automatically when the balloon falls to a predetermined level. The ratchet contact switch and the small transmitter apparently were mounted on a small wood platform suspended from the shroud lines. The platform has a small terminal strip with a few wires attached.

(4) The rubberized silk balloon is capable of remaining aloft for several days and could have been released in Japan proper. Because there is no evidence of mass production and the radio apparatus and wood frame are rather crudely constructed, it is possible that the rubberized silk balloon and associated equipment are of an experimental nature.

b. Paper Balloons:

(1) Nine paper balloons, all of a single general type, have been recovered. The first was seen to fall in the ocean near Hawaii on 14 Nov 44. The last one recovered was found at Simpson, District of Mackenzie, Canada, on 19 Jan 45. (See Figures 4 to 18, inclusive.)

(2) The balloon which was found near Kalispell, Montana, on 11 Dec 44, was the first one examined by the laboratory. All the other paper balloons are virtually the same as the Kalispell balloon, and the summary given below of the laboratory report on the Kalispell balloon applies in most particulars to all the paper balloons so far recovered. Other balloons have fewer gores than the Kalispell balloon, but the size and general construction are the same.

(3) The material found at Kalispell consisted of the balloon envelope, shroud lines, a gas-relief valve,



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a length of fuze, a flash or ignition charge and a rubber shock absorber. If the balloon is filled to capacity with hydrogen, its net lifting power is 1033 pounds at sea level, or 360 pounds at an altitude of five miles. The balloon envelope is a true sphere about 33 feet in diameter, with an opening at the base where the gas-relief valve is attached. The envelope is a yellowish-white, with bluish-green stripes at the seams. Just below the equator of the envelope there is a scalloped skirt to which shroud lines are attached. The envelope is made up of five layers of thin, long-fibered paper, cemented together. The gas permeability of the envelope is very low, and only about ten cubic feet of gas would be lost in 24 hours by leakage through the envelope.

(4) The gas-relief valve is 19 1/4 inches in diameter and is made of pressed sheet steel. The spring tension on the valve is set to release gas when the pressure reaches one ounce per square inch, which, if the valve functions properly, leaves a sufficient margin of safety to prevent the balloon's bursting at high altitudes. The valve ports apparently have been made by mass production methods, using forming dies.

(5) Nineteen shroud lines were found on the Kalispell balloon, attached at the upper end to the balloon skirt and knotted into a triangular steel ring at the lower end. The lines are 45 feet long and of rather poor quality manila rope.

(6) Attached to the envelope is a small, cylindrical paper package of magnesium flash powder for the purpose of igniting the envelope. This charge is ignited by a long fuze which in turn is ignited by the apparatus suspended from the shroud lines. The material found with most of the balloons has included a rubber shock cord fastened to the steel ring at the lower end of the shroud lines and supporting the automatic ballast-dropping mechanism. A rope parallels the shock absorber, probably to take the load in case the rubber shock absorber fails. The most recently recovered balloon did not have the shock absorber, however, and possibly the use of the shock absorber has been discontinued.

(7) The Kalispell balloon as recovered did not have any apparatus attached below the shock cord. However, the balloon recovered near Hawaii, as well as

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several others, had an automatic ballast-dropping device attached. In all cases so far studied, that device was built on the same general pattern. (See Figures 19 to 25, inclusive.) There have been minor differences in the manner in which the apparatus was assembled, but functionally they are identical.

(8) The automatic ballast-dropping device consists of a circular cast-aluminum base supported from the shock absorber by means of four pairs of ropes, each attached to the top of steel rods fastened to the aluminum base. The four rods are spaced at the top by one-foot lengths of angle iron. Between the angle iron frame at the top and the circular aluminum base, there is a ring (smaller in diameter than the base) holding the fuze timing switches. A wooden box (containing the aneroid bellows and switches, and a small battery enclosed in three nested plastic boxes) rests on the ring holding the fuze timing switches. Around the circumference of the base there are 72 drilled holes, which hold the ballast-dropping "blow-out" plugs, and in the center of the base are two more plugs which apparently support any cargo carried, other than ballast.

(9) The operation of the device is as follows: The balloon when ready for release probably is loaded with 36 paper bags of sand, each weighing about 5½ pounds dry and fastened by cords to a "T" metal bracket held in place by a pair of blow-out plugs. Probably it also carries an HE bomb and one or more flares or incendiary bombs (See Figure 26). When the balloon is released, two 32-foot fuzes, which burn at the rate of about one foot per minute while the balloon is rising, are ignited. After the balloon reaches a height of about 20,000 feet, the aneroid contact switches open. When the two 32-foot fuzes burn through their length, they cause small plugs to blow out of the upper aluminum ring; electrical contacts then close, setting up the circuits; and the automatic ballast-dropping device is ready to function as soon as the balloon falls below 20,000 feet.

(10) When the balloon falls to the 20,000 foot level and the aneroid switches close, a pair of blow-out plugs in the base, which contain a small amount of powder, are electrically detonated by the battery and ejected, thus dropping one ballast bag and permitting



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the balloon to rise again and reopen the aneroid contacts. In order to prevent all the ballast from being dropped the first time the balloon falls below 20,000 feet, a simple delay mechanism, consisting of two short lengths of fuse leading to two auxiliary blow-out plugs in the upper ring, is provided. When the ballast-carrying plugs explode, they ignite the fuzes which cause the next pair of auxiliary blow-out plugs in the upper ring to explode, closing switches which set up the electrical circuit to the following pair of ballast-carrying plugs in the lower ring in readiness for the next descent of the balloon to the 20,000 foot level.

(11) The cargo-carrying plugs at the center of the base are detonated either after all ballast has been dropped or, alternatively, when the balloon goes considerably below 20,000 feet.

(12) Two plugs are used in every case to give a margin of safety. If either one of the plugs functions, the T-bracket will be released, and the ballast dropped. Also, if either one of the "delay" fuzes operates, the electrical circuit is completed for the next ballast release.

(13) When the final (cargo) plugs are detonated, the explosion ignites the fuzes to the demolition devices. In addition to the flash bomb attached to the balloon envelope (see para 6), most of the devices so far recovered have included a small container of explosive (picric acid) designed to destroy the ballast-dropping apparatus. In the instances where only the envelope has been recovered, the explosive charge apparently has functioned, but the flash bomb failed. No doubt some balloons have arrived over the United States which have been totally destroyed by proper functioning of both destruction devices.

(14) Some of the ballast-dropping equipment when recovered had attached to the frame what appeared to be arming wires for HE bombs or incendiary bombs. As yet, no balloon has been found with a bomb attached, but the balloon seen on 12 Jan 45 near Minton, Saskatchewan, Canada, fits the description of the paper balloons and was seen to unload a bomb and two flares as well as several sand bags and a battery box.

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(15) The paper balloons, with the automatic ballast-dropping device, are believed to be capable of remaining aloft for a period of several days, and are capable of traversing the distance from Japan proper to the west coast of North America.

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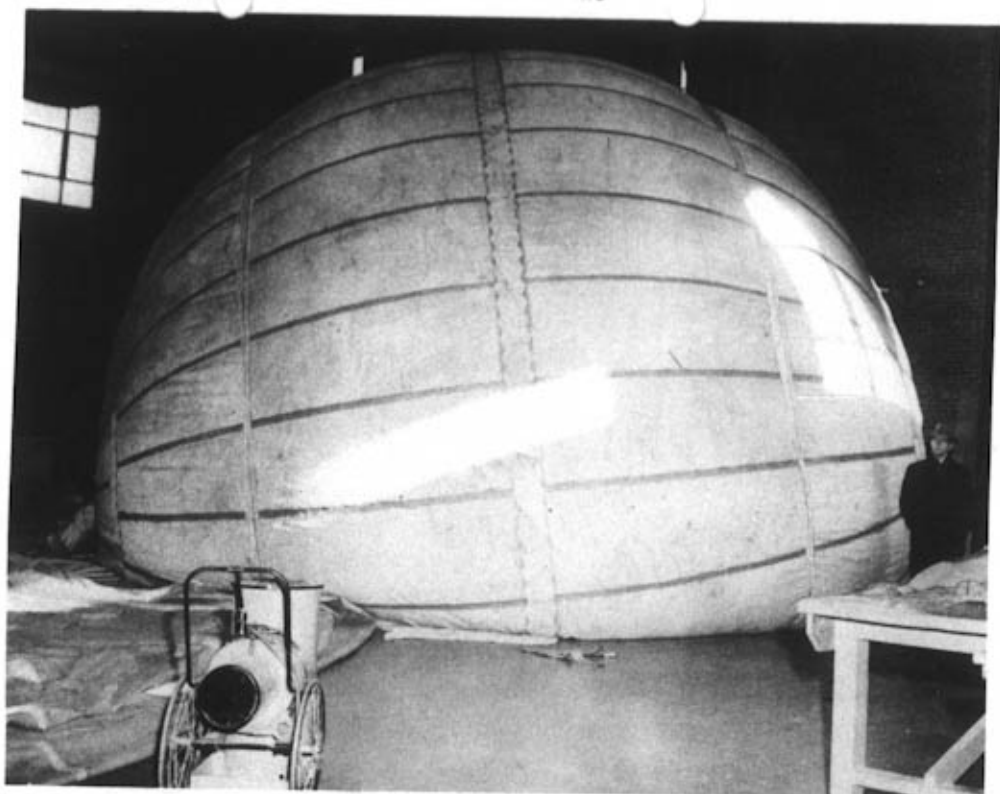


Figure 1. Envelope of rubberized-silk balloon found near San Pedro, California.

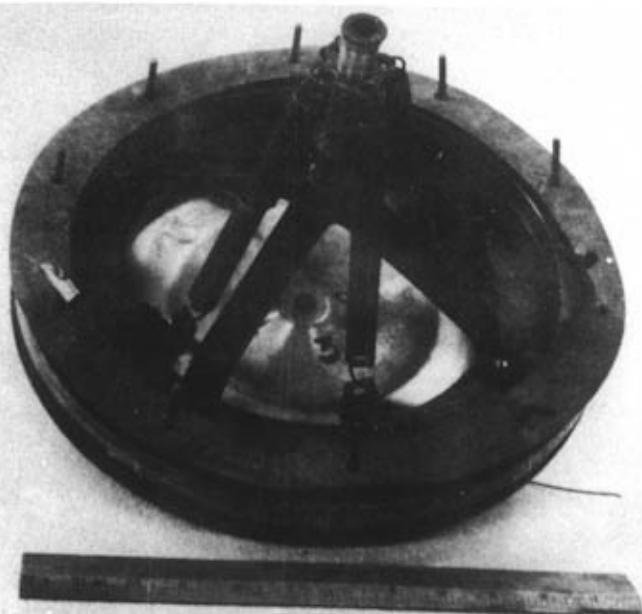


Figure 2. Gas release valve of the San Pedro balloon.

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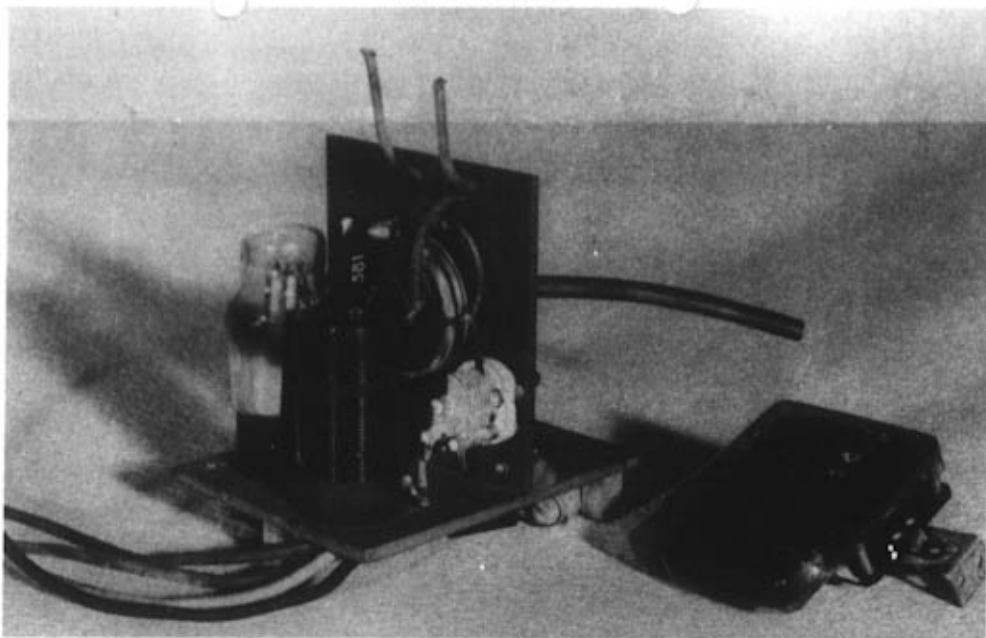


Figure 3. Radio and switch equipment found with the San Pedro balloon.

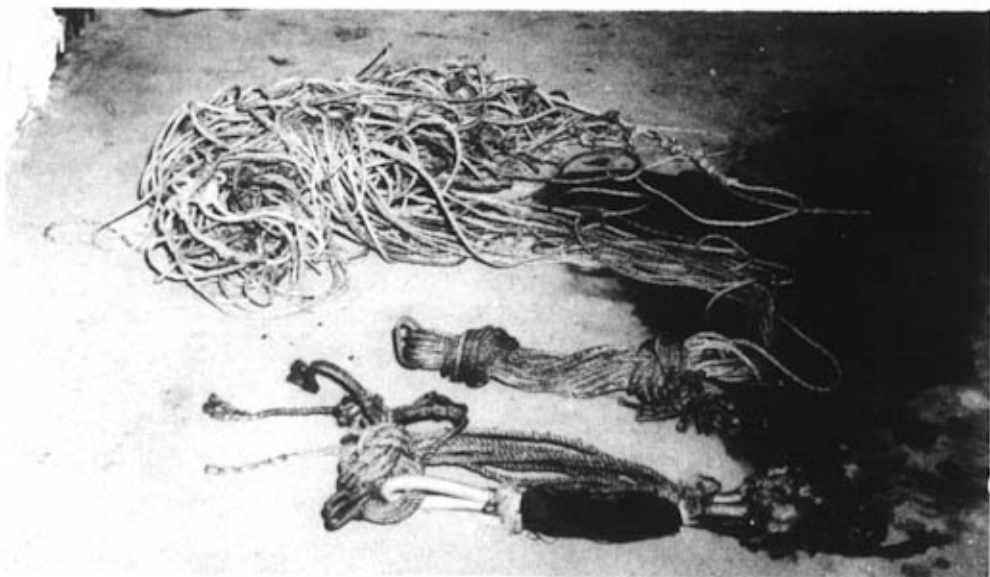


Figure 4. Shroud lines and shock absorber cord from Kaltspell, Montana, balloon.

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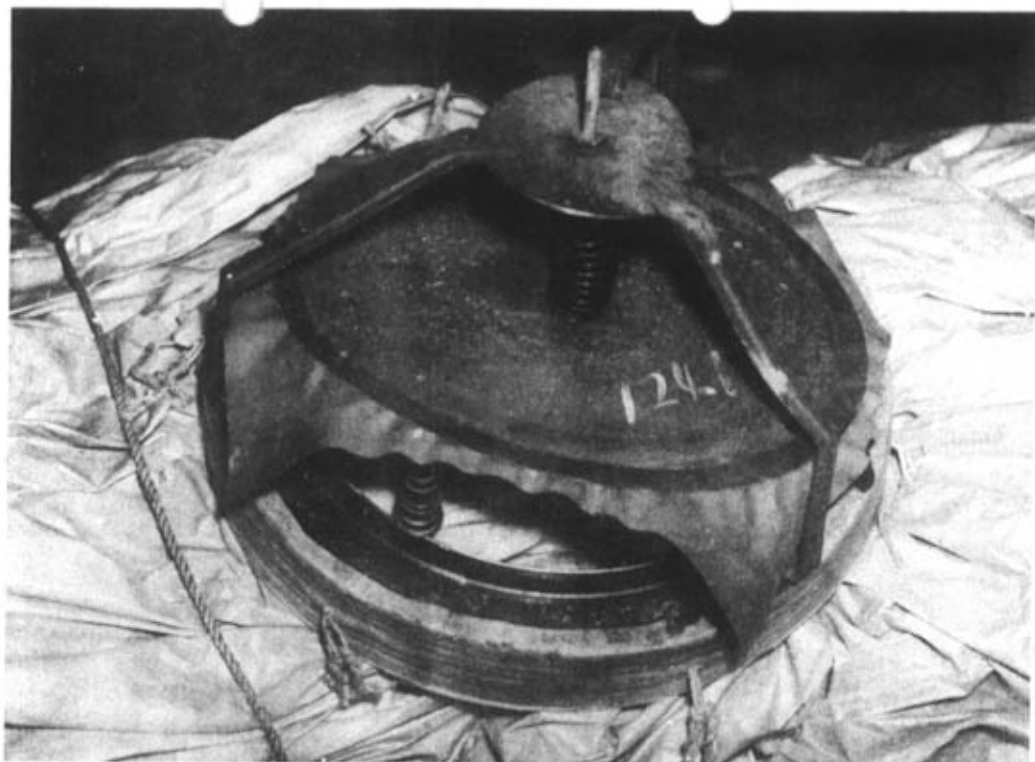


Figure 5. Gas release valve of Kalispell, Montana, balloon.

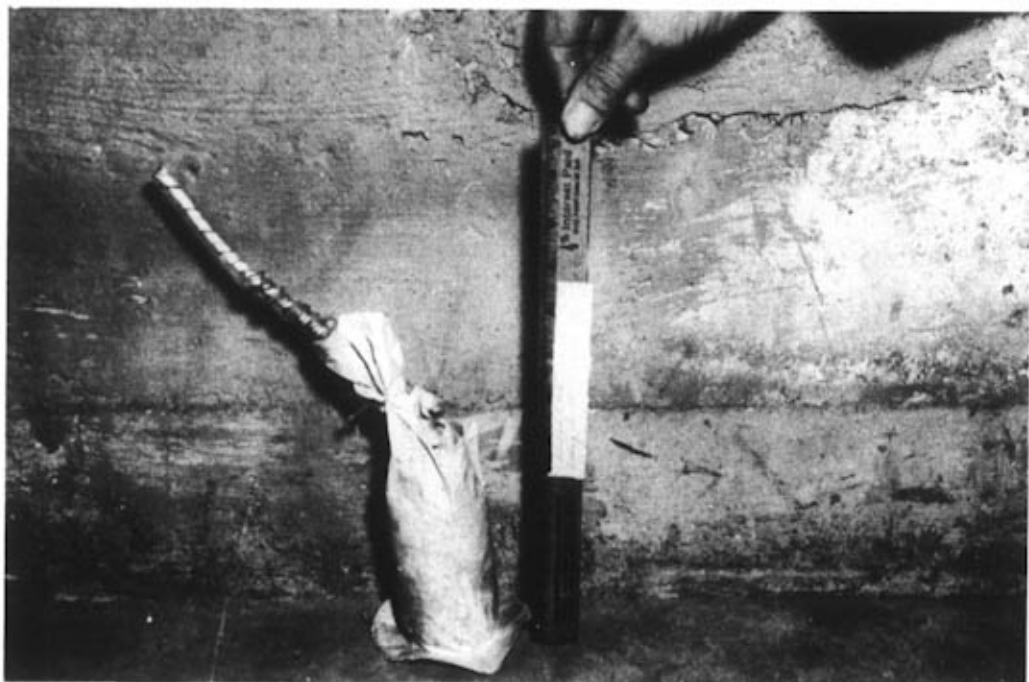


Figure 6. Flash or ignition charge from the Kalispell, Montana, balloon.

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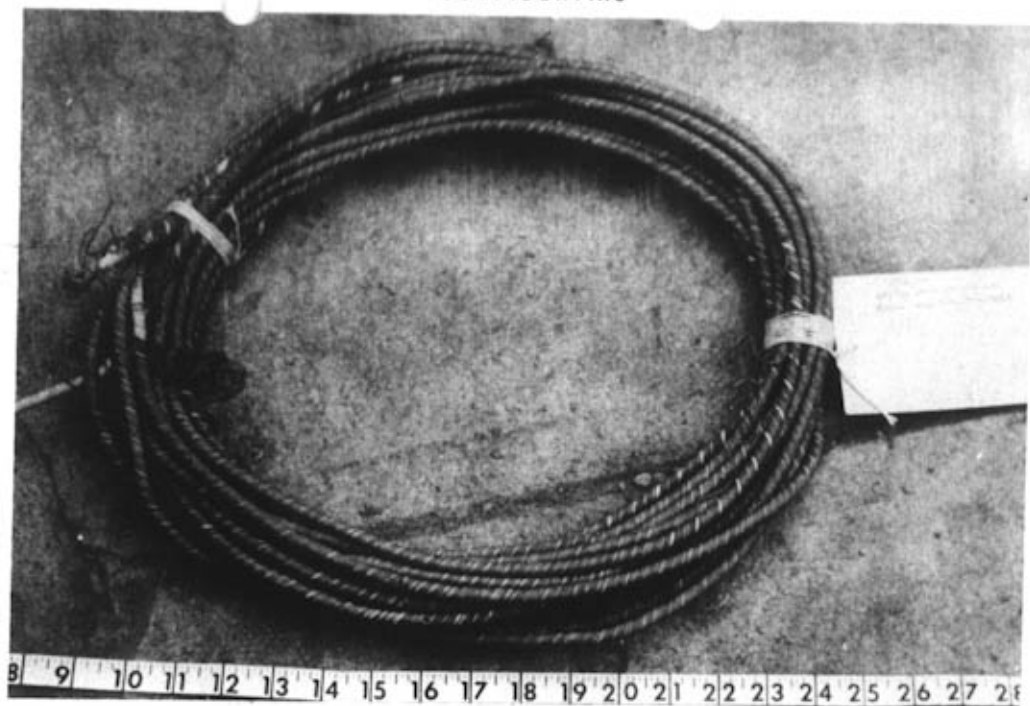


Figure 7. Ignition fuse for the flash bomb recovered with the Kalispell, Montana, balloon.

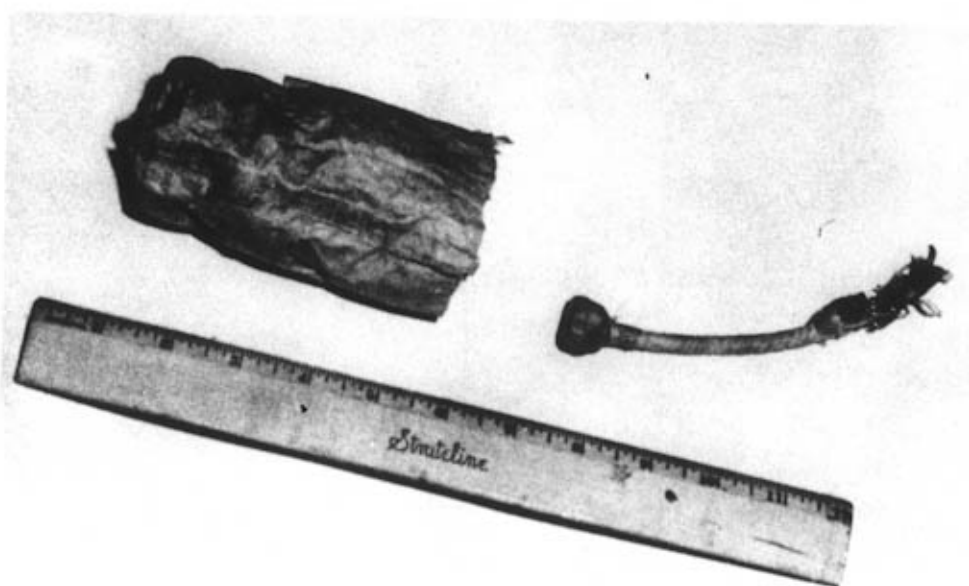


Figure 8. Flash or ignition charge from the Sebastapol, California, balloon.

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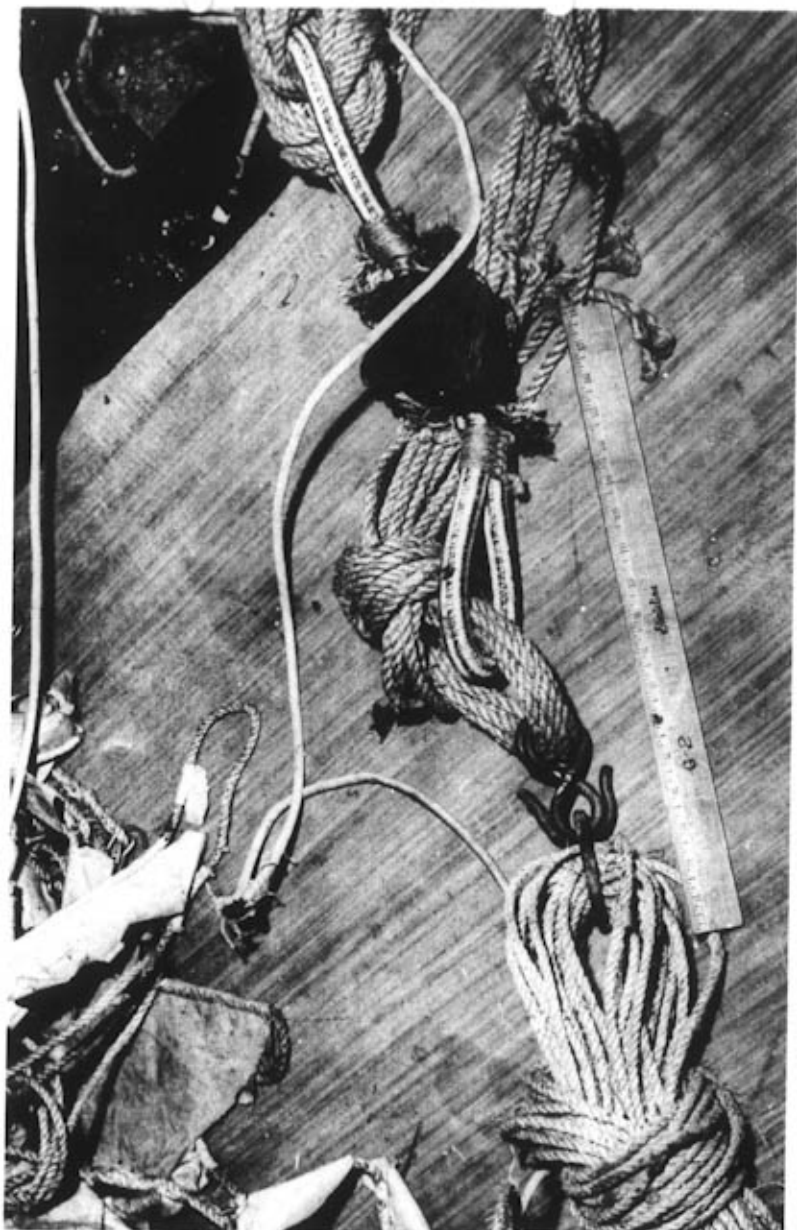


Figure 9. Shock absorber cord from the Sebastapol, California, balloon.

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Figure 10. Rigging ropes and skirt from the Sebastapol, California, balloon.

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Figure 11. Shock absorber and frame suspension from the Estacada, Oregon, balloon.

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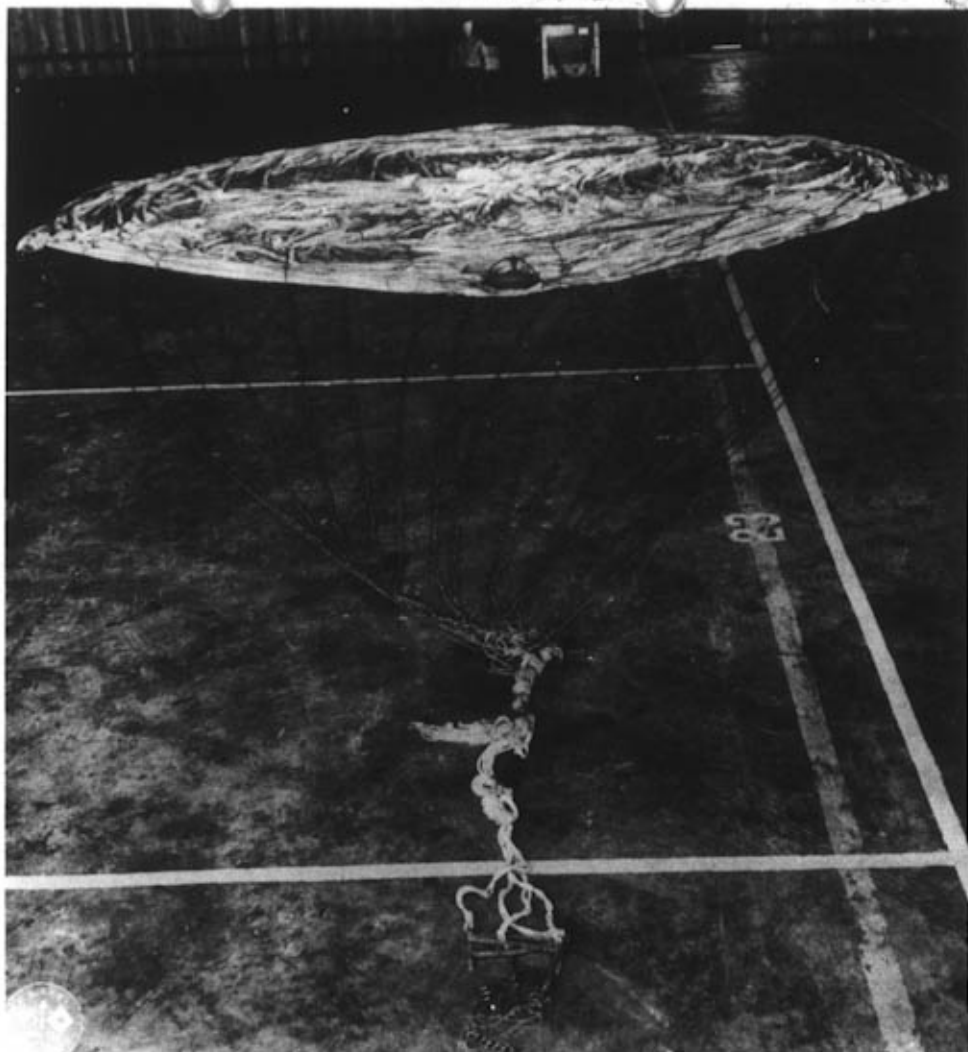


Figure 12. Overall picture of the Estacada, Oregon, balloon.

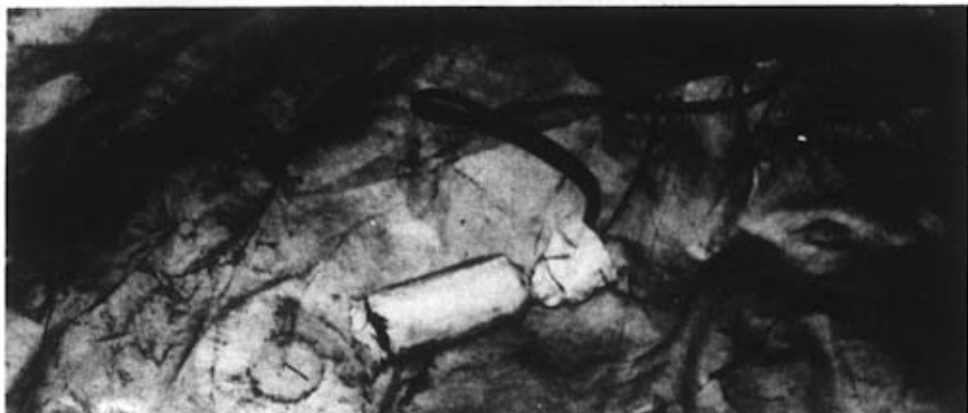


Figure 13. Flash or ignition charge from Estacada, Oregon, balloon.

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Figure 14. Gas release valve from the Estacada, Oregon, balloon.



Figure 15. Flash charge and activating fuse from the Estacada, Oregon, balloon.

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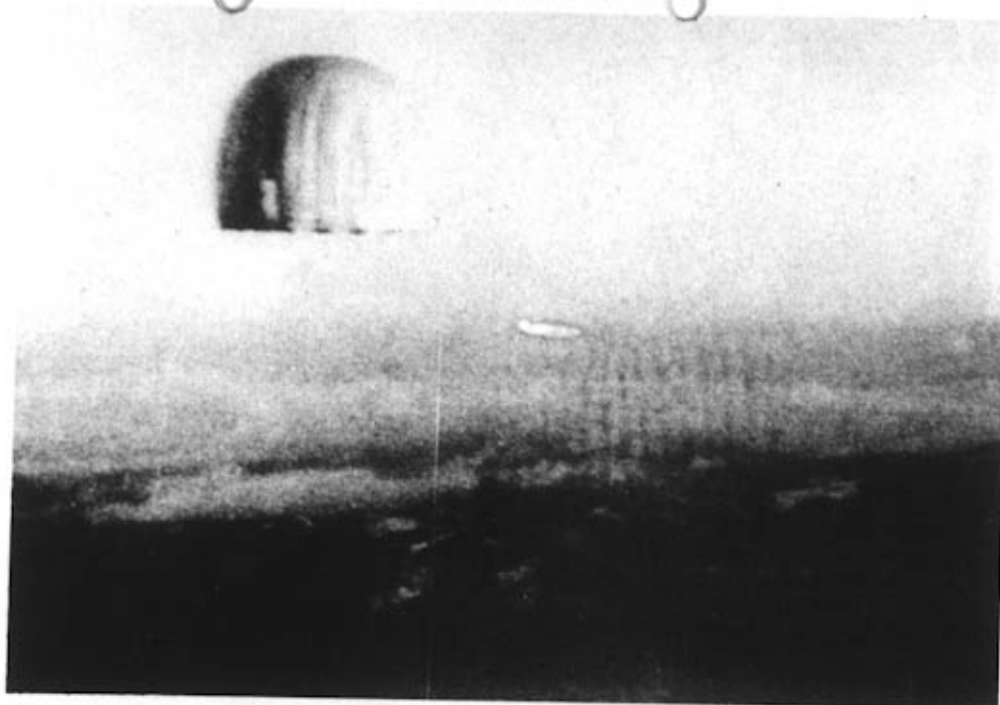


Figure 16. Alturas, California, balloon in flight.

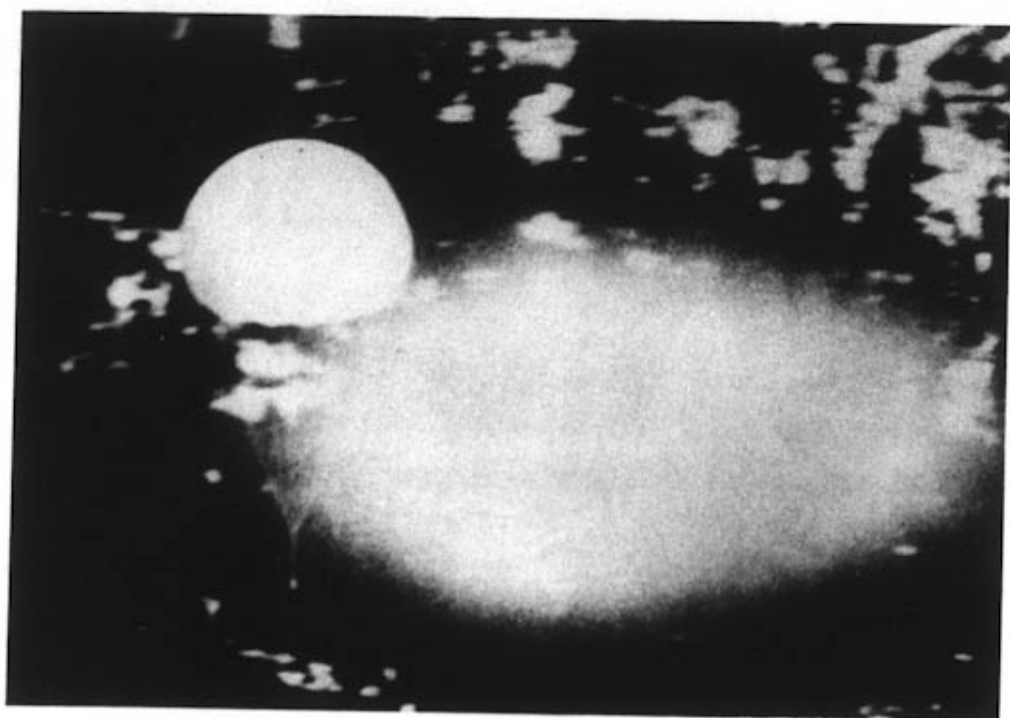


Figure 17. Alturas, California, balloon in flight.

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Figure 18. Alturas, California, balloon in flight.

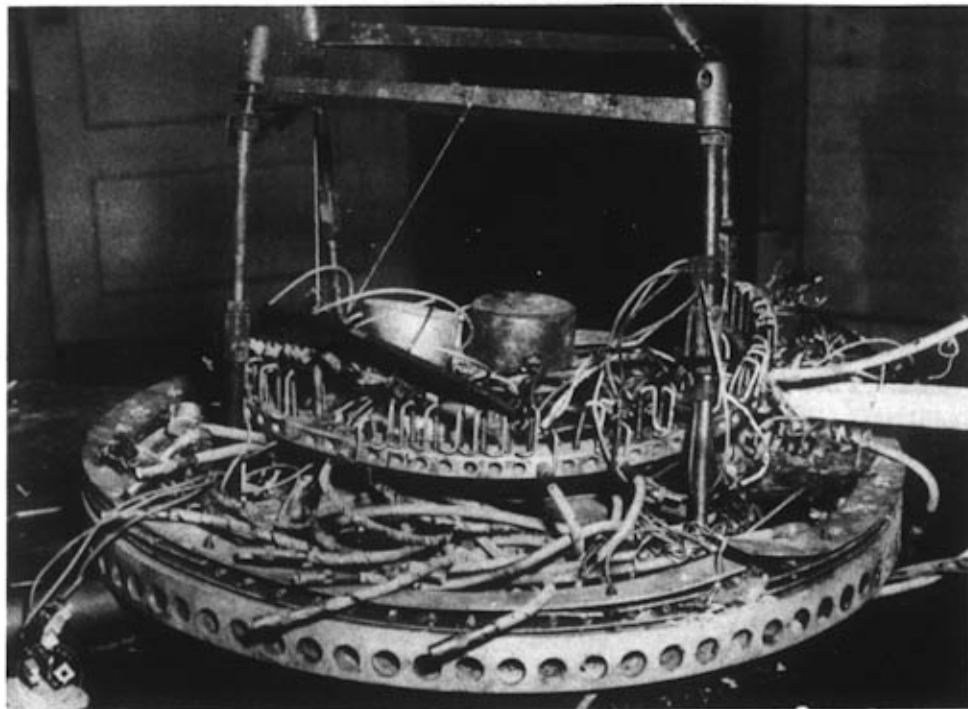


Figure 19. Top view of auto-matic ballast dropping device from the Sebastapol, California, balloon.

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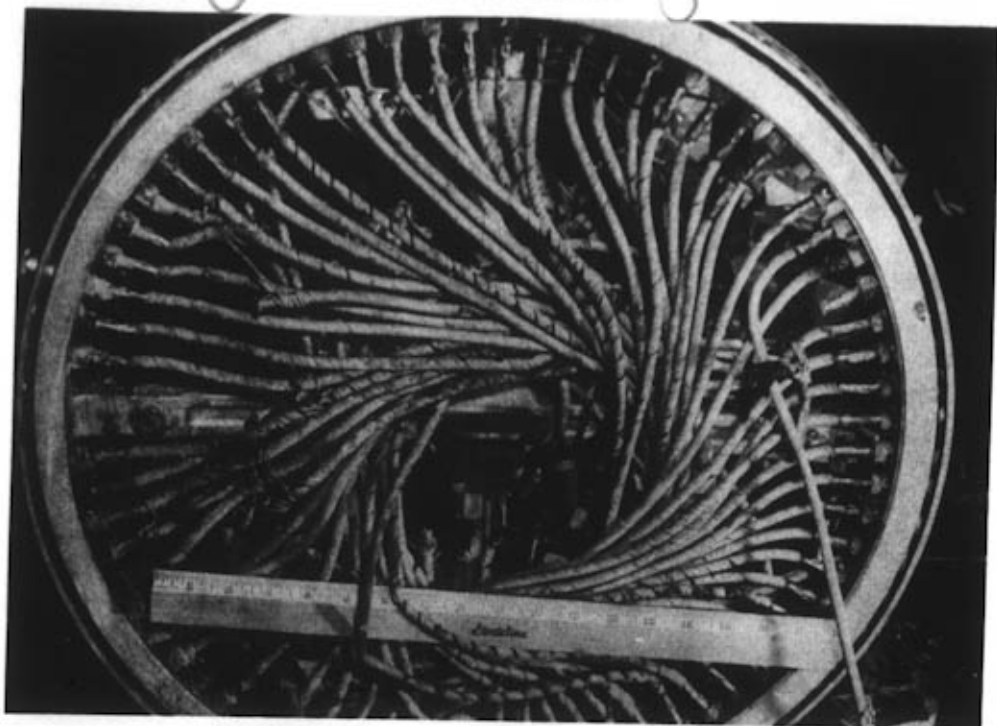


Figure 20. Bottom view of automatic ballast dropping device from the Sebastapol, California, balloon.

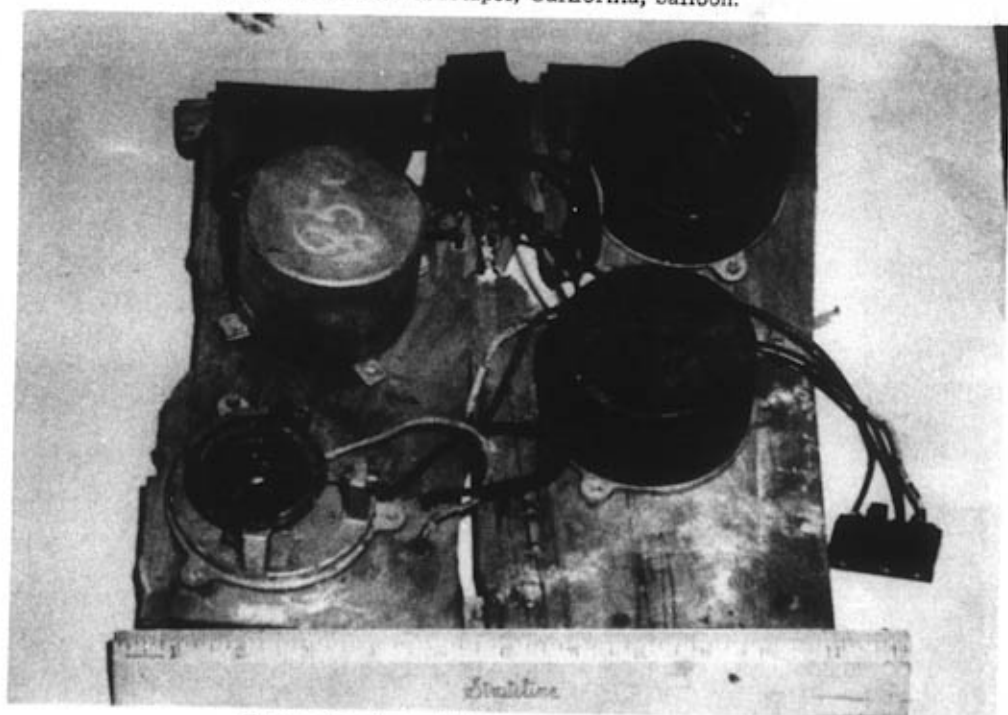


Figure 21. Aneroid bellows switches from the Sebastapol, California, balloon.

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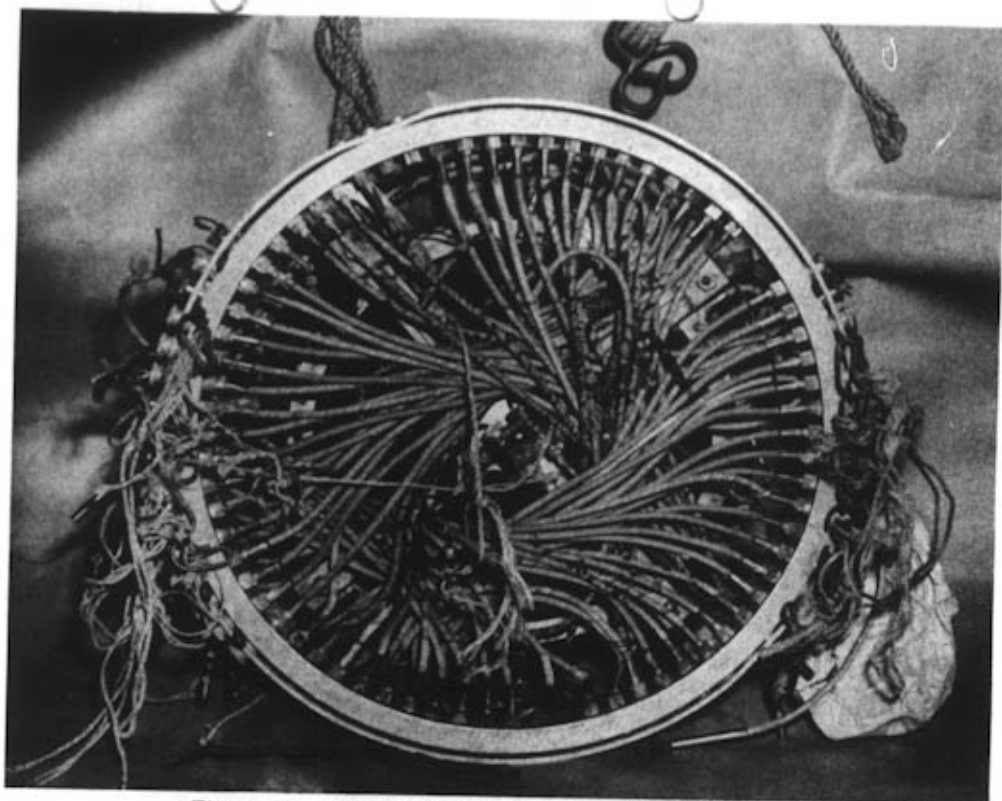


Figure 22. Bottom view of automatic ballast-dropping device from the Marshall, Alaska, balloon.

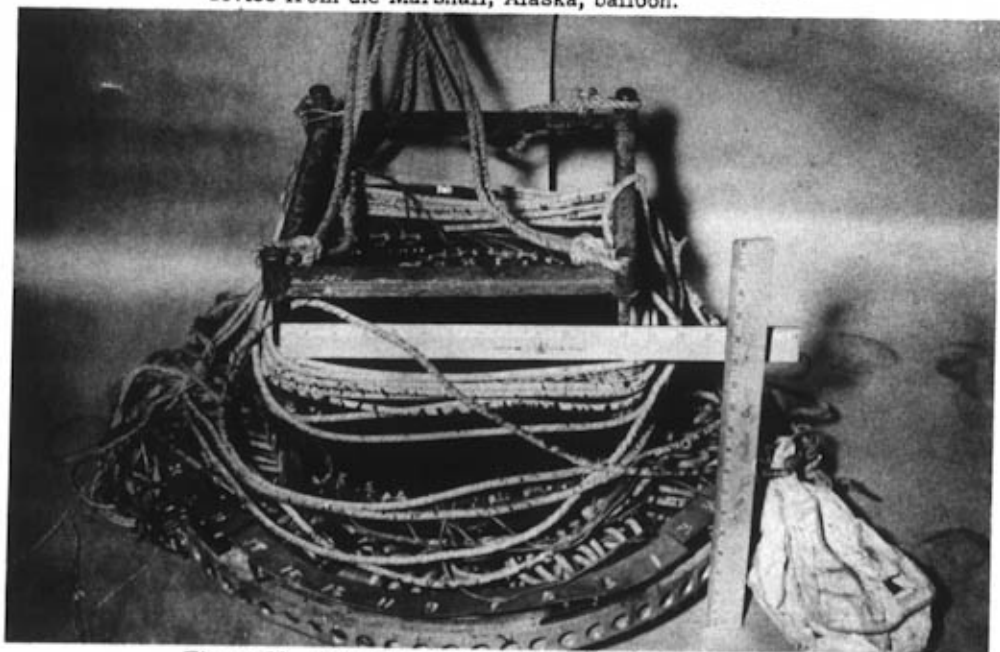


Figure 23. Automatic ballast-dropping device from the Marshall, Alaska, balloon. Note the absence of a rubber shock absorber.

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Figure 24. Sand bags for ballast, found with the Marshall, Alaska, balloon.

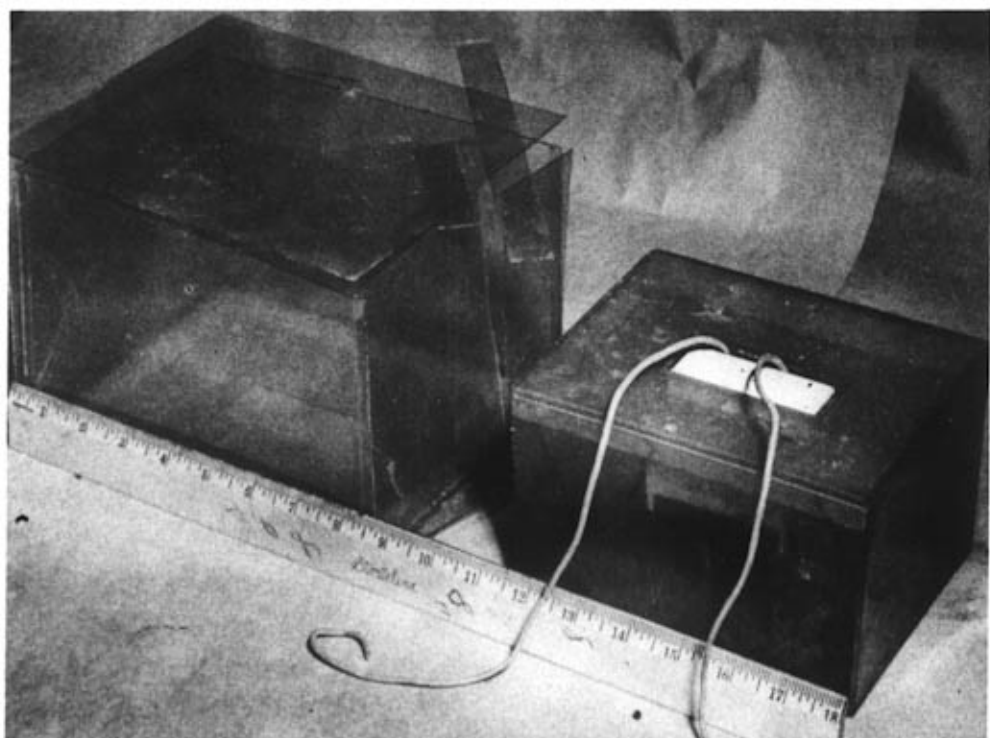


Figure 25. Plastic battery boxes found with the Marshall, Alaska, balloon.

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Figure 26. Bomb, flares, battery box and sand bags dropped by the Minton, Saskatchewan, balloon.

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CHRONOLOGY OF  
FREE BALLOON INCIDENTS

This memorandum lists in chronological order Free Balloon Incidents reported to date, as follows:

I. POSITIVE INCIDENTS

II. BALLOON SIGHTINGS AND POSSIBLY RELATED INCIDENTS

This listing brings up to date the incidents previously reported in (1) MIS Memorandum entitled "Free Balloon Incidents" dated 9 Jan 45, with supplements dated 15 Jan and 22 Jan and (11) MIS Notes of 19-20 Jan and 24-25 Jan.

It is essential that all information relating to Free Balloons be kept in the strictest secrecy because of the probability that the Japanese have released the balloons to obtain data on their range.

I. POSITIVE INCIDENTS

1. San Pedro, 4 Nov 44 Rubber balloon, supporting electronic devices, retrieved from water 68 miles SW of San Pedro, Calif.
2. Kailua, 14 Nov 44 Paper balloon retrieved from water near Kailua, Hawaii.
3. Kalispell, 15 Nov 44 Paper balloon found 11 Dec. Probable date of landing 15 Nov. Mont.
4. Thermopolis, 6 Dec 44 Bomb exploded. Fragments recovered of Japanese 15 Kg Anti-personnel HE bomb. Wyo.

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5. Marshall, Alaska 23 Dec 44 Paper balloon found. (Previously reported as 8 Jan 45)
6. Estacada, Ore. 31 Dec 44 Paper balloon discovered; similar to that at Kalispell.
7. Sebastopol, Calif. 4 Jan 45 Paper balloon found; similar to those at Kalispell and Estacada.
8. Medford, Ore. 4 Jan 45 Bomb found in open field. Two fragments recovered are under analysis.
9. Napa, Calif. 5 Jan 45 Fragments of balloon fabric found (30 m. SE of Sebastopol). May be part of balloon found at Sebastopol (#7 above).
10. Alturas, Calif. 10 Jan 45 Paper balloon found (?) Photographed in flight by Navy plane. (Previously reported as at Klamath Falls, Ore.)
11. Minton, Sask., Canada 12 Jan 45 Balloon descended 6 miles N of U.S.-Canada border, released 20-lb bomb and two flares or incendiaries. One flare or incendiary exploded; the other and the bomb did not. Balloon then rose and disappeared.
12. Lane Deer, Mont. 12 Jan 45 Japanese balloon found.
13. Ventura, Calif. 15 Jan 45 Bomb exploded. Fragments recovered of Japanese 15 Kg Anti-personnel HE bomb.
14. Moorpark, Calif. 17 Jan 45 Paper balloon found about 15 m. east of where Ventura bomb (Item 13) exploded. Preliminary investigation indicates it is similar to others discovered previously.

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15. Simpson, 19 Jan 45 Paper balloon found.  
Maackenzie,  
Canada

II. BALLOON SIGHTINGS AND POSSIBLY RELATED INCIDENTS

1. At Sea, 650 m. 9 Dec 44 Balloon sighted by USS MIZAR.  
SW of San Francisco, Calif. Eval C-4.
2. Ilwaco, Wash. 10 Dec 44 Balloon sighted north of mouth  
of Columbia R moving south-  
east. Eval C-3.
3. Ft. Worden, Wash. 11 Dec 44 Alleged Jap plane sighted by  
Navy sentry at Indian Island.  
Eval - doubtfully true.
4. Pagosa Springs, Colo. 16 Dec 44 Ball of fire seen in sky. Parts  
of battery found, forwarded for  
examination.
5. Santa Monica, Calif. 19 Dec 44 Balloon seen, moving east.  
Unconfirmed.
6. Ft. Lewis, Wash. 22 Dec 44 Balloon sighted. Unconfirmed
7. Coal Grove, Ohio 2 Jan 45 Aerial explosion followed by  
brilliant light similar to  
parachute flare. DISALLOWED  
BY INVESTIGATION.
8. Elizabeth, N. J. 2 Jan 45 3 red flares landed. DISALLOWED  
BY INVESTIGATION.
9. Nelson Island, Alaska. 2 Jan 45 Balloon sighted.
10. Olympia, Wash. 3 Jan 45 Balloon sighted. G-2 of NW  
Sec., WDC, followed in radio-  
equipped patrol car, but lost  
sight of balloon.
11. Maquoketa, Iowa 3 Jan 45 Balloon sighted moving SW.  
Unconfirmed.

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12. Keyport, Wash. 3 Jan 45 Balloon sighted over Keyport Naval Station by Duty Officer.
13. Tehachapi, Calif. 3 Jan 45 Parachute seen falling on south side of Cummings Mt., Kern County, Calif. Search negative.
14. Baytown, Texas 4 Jan 45 Oil Co. employees reported white object, believed a parachute, in air, descending from height of about 500 ft. Search negative.
15. La Center, Wash. 4 Jan 45 Pinkish-red flare seen descending 1 m. N of La Center. Investigation negative.
16. Alhambra, Calif. 4 Jan 45 Japanese flare found in cardboard container. Believed not to have been airborne. Possibly a souvenir.
17. Eek Island, Alaska 5 Jan 45 Balloon sighted at low altitude.
18. Paimut, Alaska 14 Jan 45 Balloon sighted at low altitude.
19. Molalla, Ore. 14 Jan 45 Two balloons reported. Witness stated apparatus below the balloon flashed colored flame, and instantly the balloon rose several hundred feet.
20. Bend, Ore. 15 Jan 45 Balloon reported to have landed on mountain. Search negative.
21. San Francisco, Calif. 15 Jan 45 Balloon sighted at altitude of 18,000 ft over San Francisco. DISALLOWED BY INVESTIGATION.
22. Oxnard, Calif. 17 Jan 45 Balloon reported over Oxnard at 20,000 ft, traveling east-south-east. Search by plane negative.
23. Bella Ooola, Br. Columbia 18 Jan 45 Balloon reported drifting east, carrying what appear to be red and white lights.

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| 24. | Winter Harbor, 18 Jan 45<br>Vancouver      | Balloon sighted. (Possibly same balloon as #23) Aircraft search negative.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 25. | Oyster River, 18 Jan 45<br>Vancouver       | Balloon sighted at 15,000 to 20,000 ft moving south. Dropped object that appeared to grow larger as it fell.                                                                                                                                             |
| 26. | Kelsey Bay, 18 Jan 45<br>Vancouver         | Balloon sighted at 25,000 ft. (Possibly same balloon as #25)                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 27. | Burbank, 18 Jan 45<br>Calif.               | Balloon sighted. Member of Anti-Aircraft Bn stationed in Burbank saw object fall from balloon. Search negative.                                                                                                                                          |
| 28. | Moses Point, 18 Jan 45<br>Alaska           | Pilot en route from Ladd to Nome, Alaska, reported receiving Japanese and German broadcast on 1132 kilocycles at bearing of 360°. Back azimuth of that bearing passes near Marshall, Alaska, where balloon was found 23 Dec 44 (#5, Positive Incidents). |
| 29. | Corvallis, 19 Jan 45<br>Ore.               | Balloon sighted at high altitude moving southeast.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 30. | Long Lake, 20 Jan 45<br>Vancouver          | Balloon sighted at 10,000 ft, moving south.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 31. | Campbell River, 20 Jan 45<br>Vancouver     | Balloon sighted moving southeast. (Possibly same balloon as #30)                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 32. | Bounday Bay, 20 Jan 45<br>British Columbia | Possible remnant of paper balloon envelope found.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 33. | Oxnard, Calif. 20 Jan 45.                  | Burned paper fragments found. (Possibly part of balloon #22)                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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TAB B

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
Office Chief of Chemical Warfare Service  
Washington, 25, D.C.

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(17 Jan 45)

17 January 1945

MEMORANDUM TO ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, WAR DEPARTMENT,  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C. ATTENTION: SCIENTIFIC BRANCH, M13,  
THRU: ARMY SERVICE FORCES, DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE.

Subject: Chemical Warfare Aspects of Japanese Pilotless  
Balloons.

1. Reference is made to a series of reports concerning pilotless balloons, believed to be of Japanese origin, recently landed on the West Coast.
2. Both gas and incendiary bombs may be dropped from such balloons, equipped with automatic mechanisms designed to release missiles at pre-determined intervals of time. However, this method would be extremely ineffective for gas warfare as it lends itself neither to accuracy nor to building up the requisite lethal concentrations. It is difficult to believe that the enemy will resort to such a random, hit-or-miss and futile method.
3. Incendiaries, on the other hand, present a different picture. They require neither accuracy nor a large concentration to be effective. A single incendiary bomb may do as much damage as a dozen, provided it strikes a spot where combustible dry materials are present. Thus, fires in forests and fields of grain could readily be started over widely scattered areas during periods of dry weather by means of the balloons under discussion.
4. The current use of pilotless balloons by the Japanese may be preparatory to employing them for the above-mentioned purpose. If such is the case, it is unfortunate that the press has unintentionally cooperated with the enemy by reporting the landing places of several balloons. This information should aid the Japanese considerably in estimating the speed and general direction of winds blowing from the Pacific over the western portion of the United States and Canada.

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5. It is considered highly improbable that the Japanese will attempt to employ incendiary bombs to start forest fires during the winter months with the forests covered with snow. It may be necessary, however, to revise this opinion upon receipt of further information concerning the bomb reported landed from a balloon near MINTON, SASKATCHEWAN on 12 January 1945 (CM-IN-12608-14 Jan 45). The Japanese may have a bomb similar to the German Streubrand C 500 incendiary bomb reported to function as follows:

The bomb contains approximately 1200 small celluloid boxes filled with granular magnesium. On top of each box there is a small piece of white phosphorus covered and held in place by a damp cloth. Upon release from the bomb these boxes are scattered over a wide area and lie dormant as long as the cloth retains its original dampness or can draw humidity from the wet ground by capillary action. However, upon drying the white phosphorus catches fire spontaneously and in turn ignites the celluloid box and magnesium. It is reported that this bomb was particularly designed for use against grain crops.

6. The Japanese are presumably familiar with delayed action fuzes of German origin, such as the chemical delay fuze and the clock mechanism fuze, which may be adjusted to function over periods of two to forty days. Such fuzes, however, would hardly be employed at this season of the year for the purpose mentioned.

For the Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service:

/s/ Paul R. Bausman  
PAUL R. BAUSMAN,  
Major, C.W.S.,  
Acting Chief, Intelligence Branch.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
OFFICE CHIEF OF CHEMICAL WARFARE SERVICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

9 January 1945

SUBJECT: Japanese Balloons  
TO: Lt. Colonel M. Moses, WDGS MIS  
Washington, D. C.

1. On 29 December 1944 Lt. Col. Arvo I. Thompson, VC, and Major Murray Sanders, MC, proceeded to the Naval Research Laboratory (N.R.L.) in company with Major Jones, War Department General Staff, G-2.

2. At the Naval Research Laboratory information was received to the following effect: two balloons bearing Japanese markings had been found within the past month, one in a wooded area near Butte, Montana and the other in the water at San Diego, California. The former specimen was made of paper, the latter of rubberized silk.

a. The rubberized balloon (San Diego) appeared to be unusually well made, having a circumference of 91 feet, a radius of 14 1/2 feet, and a volume of 12,800 cubic feet. According to information received at N.R.L. this balloon when fully inflated had a net lifting capacity of 513 pounds at sea level, 393 pounds at an altitude of 0.9 miles, 160 pounds at 3.1 miles, and 0 at 5.0 miles. The following material was found in connection with the rubber balloon:

- (1) Short Fragments of shroud line.
- (2) Wooden platform 15 inches square carrying a terminal strip, a switch and a small socket, possibly for a co-axial cable.
- (3) A small transmitter set in a wooden box with battery and antenna leads (short pieces). Transmitter has a pressure bellows operating on a 0-8 cms Hg Pressure to vary transmittal frequency from 6.2 - 6.6 megacycles.
- (4) Barometric bellows, ratchet switch, assembly with 7 contact points. Contacts made necessarily by operation of ratchet. Bellows could operate ratchet on variations of altitude from 3.0 miles to 3.5 miles



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- (5) Several short lengths of wire and rope.
- (6) Escape valves on balloon set at one pound pressure.

b. The paper balloon (Montana) was made of fabricated, strong, coarse lens-type paper (5 layers) and had the following characteristics: a circumference of 100 feet, a radius of 16.9 feet, and a volume of 16,900 cubic feet. According to Dr. Borgstrom of N.R.L., the paper balloons are sturdy, well made, and can be turned out in large quantities (thousands or hundreds of thousands). Furthermore, due to prevailing winds of predictable character and other known atmospheric conditions, it should be possible to send such balloons from Japan to the United States at great heights (15,000 to 25,000 feet) in 30 to 60 hours. It is estimated that they can carry a load of 450 pounds. By actual test a man weighing 165 pounds was supported by the rope and rubber snubber attached to the paper balloon. The following material was found in connection with the paper balloon:

- (1) Shroud lines and hooks.
- (2) Rubber-rope-snubber and hooks.
- (3) Incendiary attachment to balloon envelope (destructor charge).
- (4) Fuse, 60 feet.
- (5) Escape valve on balloon set at 1 ounce pressure.

### 3. Discussion:

a. On the basis of the above findings to which have been added certain theoretical data supplied by various specialists in their respective fields, the following observations may be made concerning the Japanese balloons found in two widely separated areas of the continental United States. First, it appears at least theoretically practical to send large numbers of sturdy, inexpensive balloons from Japan to the United States within short periods of time. Second, these vehicles, capable of carrying several hundred pound loads, would travel at altitudes of 15,000 to 25,000 feet. If the starting point of the balloons is Japan, it appears that accuracy of destination is minimal or entirely lacking (that is, beyond the point of having the vehicles land in the United States proper). In this respect, however, it should be pointed out that it was the opinion of one of the N.R.L. investigators that a partially deflated balloon could be released

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from a submarine relatively close to the West Coast of the United States and land with some degree of accuracy: e.g., within the city limits of Los Angeles.

b. It is the function of the undersigned officers to answer the question whether B.W. might be carried out with such balloons. In spite of the fact that there is no specific evidence at hand that the two balloons examined did carry B.W. loads, it nevertheless is well within theoretical limits for such vehicles to carry and disperse bacterial agents. The type of agent chosen would depend upon the degree of accuracy with which the balloons could be sent. In the event that city limits were to be the site of landing, effective agents would be either those epidemic in character (e.g., pneumonic plague) or non-epidemic agents easily transmissible via the respiratory tract (e.g., psittacosis). If non-accurate dispersion were attempted, insect-borne agents or those affecting live stock would be indicated. In the insect-borne group the mission might be accomplished by distribution of properly prepared bait or by infection of animals upon which the mosquito feeds. One of the most likely agents might well be Japanese B Encephalitis since it has been shown that this virus can be transmitted by every mosquito capable of carrying equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western) and St. Louis encephalitis. So far as it known, there is not at present a focus of Japanese B. in this country. It would thus be theoretically possible to infect our vast Culicine population and establish a permanent endemic focus of an agent which, under natural conditions in Japan (1924), produced 7,000 cases with 4,000 deaths and numerous sequelae and complications. It should be pointed out that *Culex tarsalis* is one of the most common mosquitoes of our western area and the most efficient carrier of the encephalitides.

If this type of wholesale distribution were used on our pasture lands with our important food producing animals as the ultimate target, the bacillus of anthrax, the viruses of Foot and Mouth disease, and Rinderpest might be effective.

c. Although several examples of B.W. agents have been given, it is important not to focus attention on a few diseases. A B.W. threat might involve various representatives of air-borne, food-borne, and water-borne agents. No single infectious disease can be disregarded since it must be assumed that enemy ingenuity might make use of unusual routes of infection and synergistic action of mixed infections. The possibility of C.W. and B.W. mixtures should also be considered in any preparations which may be made to meet this threat.

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d. Certain factors might favor dispersion of B. W. agents via a balloon. The vehicle is expected to travel at high altitudes at temperatures (-20 to -50°C.) optimal for maintaining the potencies of biological agents. It is possible that munitions might be devised to release agents in the form of a spray, thereby avoiding potency losses from concussion and heat.

e. It should be emphasized that before B.W. agents can be effectively dispersed, technical difficulties must be overcome. The foregoing speculations are based on the assumption that the enemy has overcome all or in part these difficulties.

f. It is considered improbable that effective damage to economic crops could be caused by the introduction by such balloons of biological agents producing plant diseases unless very large numbers were employed. The plant pathogens are in general specific for particular species or groups of plants, and in addition require certain favorable combinations of meteorological conditions to permit infection to occur. Somewhat more likely might be the introduction of insects damaging crops, though the great heights suggested as probably occurring enroute would require that protection be provided against freezing.

4. Recommendations:

a. In order to obtain material for study the closest possible liaison should be maintained with all agencies likely to sight the balloons.

b. Machinery should be set up permitting a team of B.W. officers to reach the balloon before anything has been touched. It would be the function of these individuals to make general examinations and obtain specimens for detailed study in the laboratory.

c. Arrangements will be made for adequate study of any specimens which may be forthcoming.

d. In addition to immediate testing, B.W. officers should be allowed to maintain a close watch on the area involved. Since the payload might be dropped at a distance from the point of landing of the balloon, tests should be carried out on rodents, insects, etc. in the given area during a period of time after the discovery of the balloon.

e. Close liaison should be maintained with public health authorities to obtain unusual epidemiological data and specimens from patients or postmortem material (human or animal)

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in a relatively large area (100 to 200 miles) near the balloon.

NOTE: It is apparent that recommendations have been limited to intelligence investigations. It seems hardly feasible to take any other steps at this time since our primary concern would be to confirm that B.W. had been employed by the enemy. When positive evidence is forthcoming as to the nature and scope of the attack, other defensive measures would naturally be in order.

/s/ H.I.C.  
HOWARD I. COLE  
Lt. Colonel, C.W.S.  
Chief, Intelligence Branch  
Special Projects Division

Editor's Note: The lifting power of the rubberized balloon (San Diego) as given in this letter is at variance with the official report of the Naval Research Laboratory, which is as follows:

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Lifting Power</u>
Sea Level	632 lbs
0.9 miles	496 lbs
3.1 miles	230 lbs
5.0 miles	56 lbs

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SPHERICAL PAPER BALLOONS REURAD WARX 22782.

INTERROGATION OF 60 PRISONERS REVEALS NOTHING. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING PRESENTED FOR REMOTE POSSIBLE VALUE. HEARD OF BALLOON UNIT IN CHINA YEAR 1934, SAW ARMY BALLOON IN TOKYO YEAR 1941 PUBLIC WAS RESTRICTED AREA OF OPERATION, HEARD OF MILITARY BALLOON UNIT 14 YEARS AGO, SEVERAL PRISONERS SAW BALLOONS USED FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES OVER KOBE TOKYO NAGOYA, SEVERAL PRISONERS AWARE OF USE OF BALLOONS FOR METEOROLOGICAL PURPOSES 1 PRISONER STATES THAT BALLOONS ARE FLOWN FROM SUBMARINES FOR THIS PURPOSE HEARD THAT BALLOONS ARE USED FOR ARTILLERY SPOTTING. WILL CONTINUE INTERROGATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

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From: Military Attache, Ottawa, Canada

To: War Department

DTG: 212030Z

21 January 1945

From Graling to WDGBI.

Filterable agents (especially "O or opticon" and "R" is a possibility in the opinion of Dr W. F. Mitchell, Dominion Animal Pathologist who returned from Saskatchewan Sunday morning 21 January where he had been investigating the Japanese balloon episode which occurred at Minton, Saskatchewan on 12 January. We talked with Dr Mitchell immediately following his arrival in Ottawa and Major Murray Sanders, CWS from Camp Detrich, Maryland discussed this whole matter with Dr. Mitchell. Major Sanders departed by Canadian government aircraft from Ottawa direct to National Airport Washington where he should arrive at 6 P.M. EWT 21 January. Sanders has the complete story. The Minton Balloon has not been found to date. Dr Mitchell feels that the Japanese may use balloons as a means of spreading "BW" agents. He said that a preliminary smear of the frozen material which was contained in a plastic box dumped by the Minton Balloon, revealed only a few long large organisms which appeared to be present in quantities suggesting a contaminant. Note here that no gram stain was done. Mitchell is meeting with the Canadian Special Committee Sunday evening or Monday morning 22 January and a thorough examination of the specimen will be made at that time and a wide range of animal hosts will receive injections. We will be kept fully informed of results. Dr Mitchell said that he believes this whole matter of use of balloons has been thought out by the Germans who knowing the prevailing winds have sold the idea to the Japs. Mitchell ventured an opinion that the matter does not seem to be a bacteria and his guess is that it will

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From: Military Attache, Ottawa, Canada

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be a virus. Dr Mitchell is of the opinion also that these balloons are trials at the present time and may yield no positive findings of "BW". He agrees with us that the assorted flares and bombs have been placed in these balloons to attract attention in the hope that they will create excitement and that the press and radio will broadcast the incidents thus giving the enemy information as to the locations reached by the balloons. Every precaution should be taken to insure a rigid censorship on these balloon episodes. We have again asked Canadian censorship to police this matter meticulously. From conversations with the Canadian Bomb Disposal Chief it appears that the 20 pound bomb at Minton is a new type, at least Canadian authorities here do not have a record of a similar bomb. Canadian Army Operations has tentatively decided to establish special bomb disposal squads at the following points: Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Vancouver, and possibly one in the interior of British Columbia in order that immediate action can be taken to move to the spot if more balloon landings occur. The Canadian Committee on "BW" probably will discuss the practicability of including a representative with each of these squads. The balloon that we reported earlier today as having landed at Fort Simpson, near junction of the Liard and Mackenzie River on 19 January we are now told landed in the late PM. The balloon was torn in landing in some trees and as a result was deflated.

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INFORMATION:

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From: Military Attache, Ottawa Canada

To: War Department

DTG: 211715Z

21 January 1945

Being held by Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Fort Simpson which is on the Mackenzie River at the junction of the Liard River and Mackenzie River Northwest Territories, District of Mackenzie, is a balloon believed to be Japanese. This balloon landed approximately ten miles south of Simpson on Friday, 19th January and was brought into the settlement at Fort Simpson on Saturday, 20 January. The balloon is constructed of a paper material and is described in a message Canadian Army received as being approximately 20 by 30 feet. There were three live detonators, a considerable amount of fuse, and two powder charges. There were also two aneroid barometers. The above is all the information that we have so far on this new balloon. Canadian Army has asked the Canadian Air Force to dispatch a plane from Edmonton to pick up the balloon and other items and they will be brought in to Ottawa. They do not intend to bring in the detonators but will take them off and lay them aside at Simpson before transporting the other items. Our Canadian friends say that they have no balloon experts and at our request as soon as this material reaches Ottawa they will assemble it together with the material retrieved from the Minton, Saskatchewan balloon and will send all down to Washington. The Canadian Bomb Disposal expert from headquarters here who has just returned from Minton, Saskatchewan will accompany the stuff.

ACTION: G-2

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INFO : CG AAF, CCGN, ASF, OPD, NDD, DR. BOWLES, ADM. KING,  
COL PARK, JEIA, LOG  
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From: US Military Attache, Ottawa, Canada

To: War Department

DTG: 202151Z

20 January 1945

From Graling.

Celluloid or Bakelite transparent container is one of six exhibits Canadian Army secured from items dumped out by balloon at Minton, Saskatchewan, on 12th January. (See our TWX nr 2-C dated 13th.) Dimensions of this celluloid or bakelite container are 6 and  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches by 5". Unknown contents but visible inside is frozen mass which occupies about  $\frac{1}{3}$  inside space. Possible valve or escape tube of rubber protrudes  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and is seated into one side of container. Tube is  $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter. Container cracked at least two places and has depression slot in side measuring  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " by 3". Container may have been secured inside bakelite box for safe transportation and above mentioned depression may have been set over a raised tongue to steady the container.

Exhibit no 2 is small piece brown plastic believed to be part of container carrying exhibit number one. Number 3 consists of 4 parcels sand ballast bags, wrapped in heavy paper and tied with word. Dimensions 5" by 6". Exhibit number 4 is unexploded flare or incendiary. Overall length  $15\frac{1}{2}$ " and about  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter. About  $\frac{1}{3}$  of nose end painted khaki, then 3" band of black paint, remainder of container unpainted metal. 5" from nose container encircled by  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " band which is secured by nut and bolt. Exhibit number 5 is burned out container as above. Number 6 exhibit is bomb weighing about 20 pounds. Length overall is  $27\frac{1}{2}$  inches excluding fins. Nose to base measures 20 inches, and fins are 10 inches long. 4 strips each  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide connect tail end of fins for brace. Bands  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " wide spaced  $\frac{1}{2}$ " encircle bomb

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body. Attached to bands at 90 degrees to bomb is curved metal handle or shackle of aluminum. Body of bomb is heavy metal painted black except for 3/4" white band encircling center. At right angles to bomb is attached 1 1/2" piece of metal with 1/2" eyelet. Brass nose cap is 1 1/2 inches. 1/2" striker plug.

Photos being dispatched by courier.

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INFORMATION: CGAAF  
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CONFIRMING TELEPHONE REPORTS TO 0800 JANUARY 18 THE FOLLOWING IS SENT.

1. POSSIBLE BALLOON-BORNE BOMBS: THE BOMB WHICH EXPLODED AT VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, 15 JANUARY IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CARRIED BY THE BALLOON WHICH LANDED NEAR MOORE PARK CALIFORNIA.

## 2. BALLOONS RECOVERED,

A. LAME DEER MONTANA BALLOON: HAS ARRIVED HQ WDC AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO MOFFETT FIELD FOR STUDY AFTER PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

B. ALTURAS BALLOON: AMES LABORATORY, MOFFETT FIELD, CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS CONDUCTING EXAMINATION OF THIS BALLOON HAS RELEASED NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

C. MOORE PARK BALLOON: PRELIMINARY INFORMATION INDICATED THAT THE BALLOON FOUND APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES EAST OF VENTURA NEAR THE TOWN OF MOORE PARK, CALIFORNIA ON 1500 PWT 17 JANUARY HAS NO APPARATUS SUSPENDED BENEATH IT BUT IS SIMILAR IN OTHER RESPECTS TO THE OTHER BALLOONS. A PARTY HAS BEEN DISPATCHED TO RECOVER THE BALLOON.

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D. BEND, OREGON BALLOON: RECOVERY PARTY TO DATE  
HAS NOT REACHED THE BALLOON.

3. BALLOON SIGHTINGS: BALLOON REPORTED TRAVELING IN AN  
EAST SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION AT AN ESTIMATED ALTITUDE OF  
20,000 FEET OVER OXNARD CALIFORNIA ON 1400 PWT 17 JANUARY.  
ESTIMATED SPEED OF THIS BALLOON WAS 20 TO 30 MILES PER  
HOUR. THREE SEARCHING PLANES WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE.

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From: CG Eastern Defense Command Governors Island New York  
To: War Department  
Nr: EX 14370 13 January 1945

This information for G-2 Newfoundland Base Command,  
S-2 Bermuda Base Command and S-2 USAFAX, MIS G-3, message  
signed McDonnell G-2 EDC EX 14370

La Guardia Field through Eastern Sea Frontier  
reports following:

C-54 enroute Stephenville to Prestwick sighted  
a tanker of unusual appearance on 7 January at 1345Z in  
position 5530 north 2810 west. Pilot did not break radio  
silence but reported sighting upon arrival in Prestwick at  
1800Z, same day. Tanker had extremely high walls and  
extremely high forecastle. A great freeboard and a poop  
rounded fore and aft. Both pilot and navigator examined  
it through binoculars at altitude 9,000 feet and felt  
that it was high enough to conceal a catapult. Both pilot  
and navigator have had 15 years flying experience and  
felt that under present conditions this should be reported.  
Course of tanker was south southwest at 12 knots. Course  
of plane was east at 200 mph. Distance of plane from  
tanker was 2 miles. Tanker had green and yellow flag  
painted on bow amidships.

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INFO : CG AAF  
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FROM HAMMOND, G-2 WDC TO AC OF S G-2 WAR DEPT WAR DEPT WASH DC. OUR NUMBER B 017 ATTN COL HARRIS SECURITY BRANCH.

CONVEYANCE OF PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PARTS OF ENEMY BALLOON WHICH FELL TO GROUND 3 MILES NORTHWEST OF

SEBASTOPOL CALIFORNIA 050050Z JANUARY IS PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH

COLONEL MOSERTMAN, SECURITY BRANCH.

PARTS FOUND INCLUDED PIECES OF ENVELOPE, CATENARY BAND, SHROUD ROPES, SHOCK CORD AND ALL SIMILAR TO KALISPEL

AND ESTACADA BALLOONS, AND APPARATUS SUSPENDED BELOW SHOCK CORD WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

SQUARE METAL FRAMEWORK SIMILAR TO THAT FOUND SUSPENDED BENEATH ESTACADA BALLOON. FOUR VERTICAL 12 INCH RODS

OR BOLTS EXTENDING BELOW CORNERS OF ANGLE IRON SQUARE FASTENED TO 4 SPOKES OR HORIZONTAL CAST ALUMINUM WHEEL

APPROXIMATELY 24 INCHES IN DIAMETER BY 1 1/2 INCHES THICK

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HALFWAY BETWEEN ANGLE IRONS AND WHEEL CIRCULAR BAKELITE TYPE RING WAS APPARENTLY MOUNTED ON THE FOUR RODS WITH THE DIAMETER EQUAL TO THE DISTANCE BETWEEN OPPOSITE ROD. FASTENED TO UNDERSIDE OF BAKELITE TYPE RING IS METAL RING OF SAME DIAMETER. THIS METAL RING FORMS A SERIES OF CONTACT STITCHES WITH THE BAKELITE RING.

ALSO FOUND WAS WOOD PANEL HOLDING FOUR ANEROID BAROMETERS, AND AN ACID CELL BATTERY. THE DEVICE APPEARS TO BE A CONTROL SYSTEM FOR OBTAINING AUTOMATIC ELEVATION ADJUSTMENT BY RELEASING OF INCREMENTS OF BALLAST CONTROLLED ELECTRICALLY BY THE PRESSURE ON THE ANEROID BAROMETERS.

A DEMOLITION CHARGE WAS ALSO FOUND THAT HAD NOT DETONATED DUE TO FUSE FAILURE. THERE ARE WIRED CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE BAROMETERS AND SMALL ELECTRICALLY DETONATED CHARGES MOUNTED IN 72 NUMBERED HOLES AROUND CIRCUMFERENCE OF METAL WHEEL.

DETONATION OF THESE CHARGES COULD EACH EJECT A PLUG THAT SUPPORTED BALLAST WEIGHTS. AN INTRICATE METHOD OF DELAY

BETWEEN BALLAST DROPS IS PROVIDED FOR BY KEEPING ELECTRIC CIRCUIT OPEN UNTIL A 20 INCH FUSE THAT WAS LIGHTED BY THE

DETONATION BURNS UP TO METAL RING AND DETONATES A CHARGE THAT CLOSES THE CIRCUIT AGAIN. THIS WOULD PREVENT RAPID

CHANGES IN ELEVATION DUE TO THE DELAYED RESPONSE OF PAROMETER.

DEVICE APPEARS TO BE SO WIRED AS TO DROP BALLAST WEIGHTS ALTERNATELY FROM OPPOSITE SIDES. TO PREVENT BALLOON FROM

GOING TOO HIGH, OTHER BALLOONS THIS TYPE HAVE HAD LARGE PRESSURE RELEASE VALVE AT BOTTOM OF ENVELOPE. TWO LARGE

BLOW OUT PLUGS ARE LOCATED UNDER METAL WHEEL AND COULD BE USED TO DROP SMALL BOMB OR WHATEVER BALLOON WAS CARRYING.

A WIRE THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ARMING WIRE FOR AUTOMATIC SELF DESTRUCTION WAS FOUND. THESE TWO LARGE BLOW OUT PLUGS

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STARTED TWO FUZES BURNING, ONE TO FLASH CHARGE ATTACHED TO ENVELOPE AND ONE TO DEMOLITION CHARGE IN CENTER OF EQUIPMENT.

LATTER DEMOLITION CHARGE HAD FAULTY FUZE AND DID NOT OPERATE. WORKMANSHIP POOR ON SOME PARTS AND APPARENT IMPROVISION FOR

EXPEDIMENTAL PURPOSES. METAL PARTS AND ROPE DID NOT APPEAR WEATHERED. PRELIMINARY REPORT ON OBJECT WHICH FELL IN FIELD

ONE MILE SOUTH OF MEDFORD, OREGON, 050040Z JANUARY INDICATES IT MAY BE INCENDIARY BOMB OF TYPE SUSPENDED

BENEATH BALLOONS.

PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DIST. BY OP16.

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COMINCH...20G...CNO...MAVAIDE...200P...

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From: CG, Eastern Defense Command, Governor's Island, N. Y.  
To: War Department  
Nr: EX 14240 2 January 1945

From McDonnell to MIS G 2 War Dept Washington DC,  
EDC Liaison Officer Eastern Sea Frontier. EX 14240. This  
information from Newfoundland Base Command.

Between Halifax and Maine Gulf one unfixed sub-  
marine estimated by NSHQ. Also one submarine off Halifax  
still and one near 42 north 5830 west westbound.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF  
OPD  
Adm King  
Col Parry  
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From: CG, Western Defense Command, Presidio of  
San Francisco, California

To: War Department

Nr: B 1210

21 December 1944

Our number B 1210 attention Colonel Harris Security  
Branch. To G-2, War Dept, Wash DC.

Details alleged balloon sighting over north side  
mouth Columbia River by 2 civilian families 10th December  
reported herein confirming telephone call to Colonel Harris.

Following receipt delayed information that civilian  
residing near Ilwaco, Washington, had reported observing  
large balloon the 8-2, Harbor Defenses, Columbia, was  
dispatched to area where he obtained following report:

Between 2100 and 2200 GCT 10th December, 2 men their  
respective wives, a 17 year old boy and 3 children observed  
a free type balloon moving southwesterly direction at  
estimate elevation 8,000 to 12,000 feet. Object described  
as round, approximately 20 feet in diameter, silvery white  
(whiter than a Navy blimp) with black object suspended  
below which could not be readily distinguished but "could  
have been box or piece of cloth".

Visibility good, weather clear and four power  
binoculars used in making observations. Both men have seen  
friendly meteorological balloons and Navy blimps and claimed  
object was neither. No one else in neighborhood saw subject  
balloon.

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21 December 1944

Check being made for data on any meteorological  
balloons released in that general area and attempt being  
made to identify any Army plane "resembling a B-25" which  
observers stated was flying nearby at time of sighting.

C-3 is evaluation.

Hammond

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF  
OPD  
Col. Park  
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From: OG Western Defense Command Presidio of San Francisco  
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To : War Department

Nr : B 1211

21 Dec 44

Our number B 1211 attention Colonel Harris Security Branch further reference our number B 129 21 Dec same subject. GO2 West Def Comd Pres of San Fran Calif 212350Z to G-2 War Washington DC

Further study by Western Sea Frontier of factors relating to sighting at sea of free balloon by USS Mizar 9 Dec leads to reduction in evaluation from B 2 to C 4. Correlation of vertical or horizon bearings with height of ceiling indicated object may have been small black target balloon released by another vessel for AA practice the day before. Small balloon at short distance might have appearance of large balloon at considerable distance.

Hammond

B-129 is CM-IN-21699 (22 Dec 44) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFO : OG AAF

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From: CG, Western Defense Command, San Francisco, Calif.

To: War Department

No: B 129

21 December 1944

Our number B 129 attention Colonel Harris Security Branch. From Hammond G-2 WDC. To G-2 WD.

Sighting of free balloon at sea by USS Mizar 9th December vicinity 34 degrees, 53 minutes north, 133 degrees, 47 minutes west is subject. This report confirming telephone message to Colonel Harris.

At about 0140 GCT 10th December subject vessel proceeding on base course 67 degrees true sighted when at position given above, what appeared to be balloon or blimp at a distance of approximately 16,000 yards bearing 252 degrees true.

Object was bobbing from horizon level to 1 to 2 degrees above horizon and at 0155 GCT object ascended into clouds where it was lost to view.

Later after dark at about 0240 GCT object reappeared astern of vessel range about 10,000 yards bearing 155 true elevation 25 true and was subsequently lost to view in that position due to darkness.

Executive officer and navigator both observed object for about ten minutes during its second appearance and navigator observed it for about same length time during first appearance.

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From: CG, Western Defense Command, San Francisco, Calif.

No: B 129

21 December 1944

Object was circular in appearance, similar old type free balloon and did not resemble side view of barrage balloon or blimp.

Accurate estimate of size not obtainable but believed approximately size of nose of a blimp and considered too large to be aerological type balloon.

No basket or undercarriage observed but navigator thought he saw trailing line and expressed belief balloon was controlled because it ascended and descended between near sea level to clouds which were at elevation of about 1,000 feet.

Submarine could have been present in area without being detected as no sound gear carried by Mizar and its radar equipment was inoperative.

B 2 is evaluation Intelligence Officer, Western Sea Frontier gives incident.

ACTION: G-2

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INFORMATION: CG AAF  
OPD  
Col. Park  
Log

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**OUTGOING MESSAGE**

Operations Division  
American Theater, WDO  
6623-JRR-3C843

8 December, 1944

Commanding General,  
Eastern Defense Command,  
Governors Island, New York.

Commanding General,  
First Air Force,  
Mitchell Field, New York.

Number: WARX 74551

From Marshall to Grunert and Hunter.

From Turkish source reliability questionable arrives information that within 30 days stratospheric V-3 bombs will be aimed at our eastern coastal cities. Take precautions practicable within the capacity of forces which are now available to you. Consider this as precautionary information and not declaration of an emergency. Similar action is being taken by the Navy Department now.

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ORIGINATOR : GEN HULL

INFORMATION: ADM LEAHY  
GEN ARNOLD  
GEN BISSELL  
ADM KING  
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FROM <b>ALUSMA BEYOGLU</b>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		<b>NAYAIDE</b>	<b>PRIORITY ROUTINE</b>
DATE <b>6 DECEMBER 1944</b>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <b>0125</b>			BASEGRAM
DECODED BY <b>GEORGION</b>			
PARAPHRASED BY <b>GILBERT</b>	CHECKED BY <b>GILBERT</b>		PRIORITY
ROUTED BY <b>COOK</b>	DITTOE BY <b>GILBERT</b>		ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
			BASEGRAM

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LT COMDR EARLE SENDS TO NAVAL AIDE TO PRESIDENT.

TURKISH SOURCE OF QUESTIONABLE RELIABILITY BUT WHO GAVE ME IN SEPTEMBER 1943 FIRST INFORMATION OF V 1 BOMBS FOR ENGLAND NOW INFORMS ME WITHIN 30 DAYS AMERICAN EASTERN SEABOARD CITIES WILL BE BOMBED BY STRATOSPHERIC V 3 BOMBS. SAME SOURCE SAYS TURKISH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WAS GIVEN FOLLOWING INFORMATION BY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HERE. JAPAN WORRIED BY RUSSIAN ATTITUDE AS RUSSIA HAS FAILED TO KEEP SOME OF ITS ENGAGEMENTS WITH JAPAN. JAPAN NEEDS A YEARS TIME TO DECENTRALIZE INDUSTRIES MOVING MANY TO CHINESE MAINLAND THEREFORE HEAVY AMERICAN BOMBARDMENTS COMING BEFORE EXPECTED ARE ALSO SOURCE OF WORRY. JAPAN HAS

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FROM <b>ALISNA BEYOGLU</b>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
RELEASED BY			PRIORITY 2
DATE <b>6 DECEMBER 1944</b>			ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY			BASEGRAM 5
PARAPHRASED BY	CHECKED BY		6
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY		7
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**PRACTICALLY CRUSHED CHINA MILITARILY AND CAN TAKE  
CHUNGKING WHEN THEY PLEASE. NOW WILL EXERT EVERY EFFORT  
TO MAKE PEACE WITH CHINA.**

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FROM	USS RANDOLPH	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE	14 NOV 1944	COM 5	DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM	0730	CESF	
DECODED BY	STEARNS	CINCLANT	OP OP OP OP
PARAPHRASED		COM 10TH FLT CANDR	PRIORITY
BY	BECKMAN <i>MacFarlane</i>	USS HAAS COMINCH	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY	KLAFF	COMFAIR NORFOLK	DEFERRED
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(COM 5 SENDS FOR ACTION CESF INFO COMINCH COM 10TH FLT CANDR USS HAAS COMFAIR NORFOLK USS RHIND COMAIRLANT CINCLANT AS 140612)

NOB NORFOLK PASS TO CESF COM 5 FOR ACTION AND TO COMINCH. COMFAIR NORFOLK COMAIRLANT USS RHIND USS HAAS CINCLANT AND COM 10THFLT FOR INFO. USS RANDOLPH SENDS WITH RHIND AND HAAS

FROM BUOY XS ETD 141100Q.

FOR FLIGHT OPERATIONS AT SEA WITHIN 50 MILE RADIUS OF 36-55 72-35 UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY CESF. ETA XS 150800Q. LATEST QJC 175. AIR COVERAGE OWN PLANES

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,  
Main Versailles, France.

To: War Department

Nr: S 66672

13 November 1944

Reference our S-65559 dated 5 November 1944 S-66672  
from SHAEF Main [REDACTED] to for action AGWAR from Strong  
signed Eisenhower cite SEGBI.

Special Force Headquarters reports same source reported  
7 November that he believed 4 U-boats were to be used in oper-  
ation against New York operating from Bergen but course and  
date unknown. Special Force Headquarters grades source as B  
(usually reliable) but comments that no other confirmation  
to possibility of such action received from Bergen or else-  
where.

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Corrected copy of CM-IN-12911 (14 Nov 44) Gen. Bissell

ACTION: Gen. Bissell

INFORMATION: Gen. Arnold  
Gen. Hull  
Adm. King  
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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Force Headquarters  
Main Versailles France

To: War Department

Nr: S 66672 13 November 1944

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elsewhere.

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ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFO: Gen Arnold

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Adm King

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FROM <b>COMINCH AND CNO</b>		FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1	
RELEASED BY <b>ADMIRAL KING</b>			<b>COMEASTSEAFCN</b>	PRIORITY <b>RRRRRR</b>	2
DATE <b>9 NOVEMBER 1944</b>				ROUTINE	3
TOR CODEROM <b>1542</b>				DEFERRED	4
DECODED BY <b>BENNETT/JOHNSON</b>		INFORMATION	<b>CINCLANT</b>	BASEGRAM	5
PARAPHRASED BY <b>BENNETT</b> CHECKED BY <b>SJOSTEN</b>				PRIORITY <b>RRRRRR</b>	6
ROUTED BY <b>BENNETT</b> DITTOED BY <b>SJOSTEN</b>				ROUTINE	7
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UPON TERMINATION OF THE AREA CONDITION ESTABLISHED BY JCS 071743 YOU ARE DIRECTED TO RETURN THE 3 PBM SQUADRONS ASSIGNED FOR TEMPORARY DUTY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FORMER COMMANDS.

IN DISPOSING AND OPERATING THE ANTI-SUBMARINE FORCES NORMALLY ASSIGNED, YOU ARE TO KEEP IN MIND THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ATTACK OF THE NATURE FOR WHICH THE ALERT CONDITION WAS ESTABLISHED.

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FROM <b>JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF</b>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	<b>P P P P P</b> 1
RELEASED BY <b>ADM F.S. LOW</b>		COMGEN EASTERN DEFENSE	PRIORITY 2
DATE <b>10 NOVEMBER 1944</b>		COM EASTSEA FRON	ROUTINE 3
TOR CODER/ROOM			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY			BASEGRAM 5
PARAPHRASED BY <b>HOFNER</b>	CHECKED BY <b>YORK</b>	COMAIRLANT	<b>P P P P P</b> 6
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY <b>HOFNER</b>	CHIEF OF STAFF, USA	PRIORITY 7
		COMINCH	ROUTINE 8
		CG AAF	DEFERRED 9
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CONDITION 2 AS ESTABLISHED BY JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF DESPATCH  
 071743 NOVEMBER IS HEREBY TERMINATED. RETURN OF THE AREA  
 INVOLVED TO CONDITION 1 ESTABLISHED JCS 640 IS AUTHORIZED.

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DATE	7 NOVEMBER 1944		3
TOX CODEROM	1885		4
DECODED BY	SOSTEN/BENNETT		5
PARAPHRASED	CHECKED	FOR INFORMATION COS ARMY COMINCH CINCLANT COMGEN 1ST AIRFORCE COMNAVLANT	6
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COMGEN FIRST AIR FORCE 01120 OF 6 NOVEMBER. CONDITION  
2 IS HEREBY PLACED IN EFFECT IN THE SECTOR RECOMMENDED. PAR  
DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 80 OF 23 FEBRUARY 1944 REFERS.

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From: CG, Eastern Defense Command, Governors Island, N.Y.

To: War Department

DTG: 072012Z November 1944

To MIS G-2, Washington DC

Southeastern sectors reports the following information received from Branch Intelligence Officer, Tampa, Florida through Seventh Naval District:

Master of surface vessel reports he sighted what appeared to be a submerged submarine at 1420Z 6 November in 2747 north 8633 west. Sighting was made through glasses and telescope at distance of four to five miles. Heavy foam as though sub was surfacing was observed for ten minutes. Foam and wake was lost for five minutes and then another wake as though caused by a periscope was sighted.

Visibility good, sea moderate.

Armed guard officer also observed. gulf sea frontier evaluates doubtful. COMINCH has been advised.

McDonnell

*Gulf of Mexico*

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, OHD, Log.

CM-IN-6751 (7 Nov 44) 2154Z m/m

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DATE 8 NOV 1944			ROUTINE 3
TOR CODE 00080132			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY ELY			BASEGRAM 5
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(PASSED BY CESF TO CINCLANT COMINCH CNO BUAER AND COMGULF-SEAFRON AS 080041X) FROM GRUNERT TO HUNTER CRYPT SRL #E13760)

TOP SECRET.

UNDER AUTHORITY OF PARAGRAPH 11 JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF DIRECTIVE 640, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ALL FLYING IS PROHIBITED WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW EXCEPT ARMY AND NAVY AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED WITH IFF AND ENGAGED

ON COMBAT MISSIONS UNDER CONTROL OF CG FAF AND OR COMMANDER ESF AND SUCH REGULARLY SCHEDULED OVERSEAS AIRCRAFT AS MAY BE

SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY CG FQD. FOLLOWING IS RESTRICTED AREA REFERRED TO ABOVE: OVERWATER AREA OF SECTOR CENTERED AT

FLOYD BENNETT AIRPORT EXTENDING EAST AND SOUTHEAST FOR A RADIUS OF 200 MILES AND BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE LINE

FLOYD BENNETT AIRPORT SOUTH SHORE OF LONG ISLAND 41-00 NORTH LATITUDE; BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE LINE FLOYD BENNETT AIR-

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DECODED BY					BASEGRAM
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PORT SANDY HOOK 74-00 WEST LONGITUDE.

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FROM <b>CTG 12.3</b>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		<b>CINCPAC</b>	PRIORITY
DATE <b>8 NOVEMBER 1944</b>			<b>ROUTINE</b>
TOR CODEROM <b>1303</b>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <b>DIEBEL</b>			BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY <b>DIEBEL</b>	CHECKED BY <b>ROWLAND</b>	<b>COMHAWSEAFRON COMMESSEAFRON</b>	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY <b>DIEBEL</b>	DITTOED BY <b>DIEBEL</b>		<b>ROUTINE</b>
			DEFERRED
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**THIS IS TOP SECRET FROM CTG 12.3 TO CINCPAC INFO COMHAWSEAFRON COMMESSEAFRON.**

**(PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO BY RDO HONOLULU AS 080656)**

**YOUR 050229 ORIGINAL CONTACT DEVELOPED 1245Z NOVEMBER 2 BY POSITIVE RADAR BLIP AT 12 MILES DISAPPEARING AS PLANE APPROACHED DISTANCE 2 MILES. FLARES DROPPED NO VISUAL SIGHTING OR SWIRL. RAMROD PATTERN LAID WITH IMMEDIATE PROPELLER NOISES HEARD PILOT POSITIVE COULD COUNT REVOLUTIONS INDICATING SUB MAKING 4 KNOTS COURSE 225. SUBSTANTIATED BY SECOND PLANE ON SCENE AND SECOND PATTERN. DROPPED 2 WYMU WITH NO RESULTS. ADDITIONAL PATTERNS GAVE ACCURATE ESTIMATE POSITION. DROPPED WYMU WITH RESULTANT EXPLOSION AT 1735Z. NO DEBRIS OR OIL. 2 1/2 HOURS LATER OIL SLICK 2 MILES LONG SIGHTED ON ESTIMATED SUBMERGED COURSE OF SUB DISTANCE 15 MILES FROM EXPLOSION POINT. DE'S CONDUCTED RETIRING SEARCH NO RESULTS. INTENSIVE AIR**

**ACTION: EX-01**

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SEARCH MAINTAINED DAY AND NIGHT RESULTING IN CONTACT MY 042127  
DISTANCE 97 MILES BEARING 246 TRUE FROM EXPLOSION POINT. MY  
PRESENT POSIT LAT 28-28N LONG 146-00W COURSE 078 TRUE.

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,  
Main, Versailles, France  
To: War Department  
No: S 65559 5 November 1944

From SHAEF Main Nr 172 DTG 051530A to AGWAR TOP  
SECRET ref nr S-65559 . To for action AGWAR cite WDGBI  
from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI.

Attempts now being made to obtain confirmation  
requested by your W 55800 (3rd November).

Naval evaluation of original report is that while  
considered unlikely it is not technically impossible for  
Vl's to be launched from submarine.

End.

ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFO: Gen Arnold; Gen Hull; Adm King; Col Park; C of S

CM-IN-4909

(5 Nov 44)

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**OUTGOING MESSAGE**

AC/AS Operations Command  
& Requirements Col. M. H. ...  
6765

4 November 1944

Commanding General  
First Air Force  
Mitchel Field, New York

Number: WAR 57514

Signed Arnold

It has been reported from two different sources that the Germans propose to launch flying bombs from a submarine against New York in the near future. The credence to be given these reports has not been determined. It is necessary however that your command be prepared within the means available to you to assist in repelling such an attack if it should develop. Desired that you be prepared to utilize any or all means at your disposal to counter such an attack. You will coordinate your activities with the Eastern Defense Command and with the appropriate naval commander. The equipment and personnel now at Langley Field are placed under your operational control effective this date until further notice. It is desired that you report to this Headquarters action taken by you to carry out this directive.

End

AF-557

ORIGINATOR: Gen. Arnold  
INFORMATION: OPD, Gen. Bissell, Adm. King, C of S  
CM-CUT-57514 (4 Nov 1944) 19352 emh

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TOR CODEROOM <b>0301</b>			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY <b>DIEBEL</b>			BASEGRAM 5
PARAPHRASED BY <b>DIEBEL</b>	CHECKED BY <b>ROWLAND</b>		
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FROM COMEASTSEAFRON ACTION COMINCH AND CNO INFO CINCLANT.

YOUR 032111. IN ORDER MAINTAIN REASONABLE SATURATION TO 200 MILE RADIUS REQUIRE 2 SQUADRONS MARINERS OR CATALINAS IN ADDITION TO ONE ALREADY ORDERED.

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DATE	3 NOVEMBER 1944				2
TOR CODER ROOM	2217				3
DECODED BY	KOTEEN/HARTZELL				4
PARAPHRASED BY	HARTZELL	CHECKED BY ROWLAND	INFORMATION	CINCLANT	5
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MY 021959. ON PREMISE THAT ATTACK MAY BE LAUNCHED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS INSTITUTE AT ONCE AN OPERATION THAT WILL KEEP SEA AREA WITHIN 200 MILE RADIUS OF NEW YORK UNDER DAY AND NIGHT SATURATION BY AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED TO THE MAXIMUM PRACTICABLE WITH RADAR AND SEARCHLIGHTS. BY SEPARATE DESPATCH 1 SQUADRON MARINERS FROM GULF SEA FRONTIER BEING TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED EASTERN SEA FRONTIER. COORDINATE WITH COMMANDING GENERAL EASTERN DEFENSE COMMAND WITH RESPECT TO FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY THAT MAY BE SUPPLIED BY ARMY.

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DATE 3 NOVEMBER 1944		ADMIRALTY	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1357		HQCS COASTAL COMMAND	DEFERRED
DECODED BY KARABINUS		AIR MINISTRY	BASEGRAM
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(COM12THFLT PASS ACTION ADMIRALTY HEADQUARTERS COASTAL COMMAND AND AIR MINISTRY. CFAW 7 HANDS TO HQ 19 GROUP RAF FOR ACTION)

TOPSEC FOLLOWS.

LT A G NOEHREN IN PB4Y 1 BUNO 38824 AT 1505A ON 2 NOVEMBER AT 50-16 N 02-17 W WHILE FLYING AT 1300 FEET HAD SMALL BRIGHT RADAR CONTACT RANGE 3 MILES BEARING 038 DEGREES RELATIVE TO AIRCRAFT COURSE OF 154 DEGREES TRUE. CONTACT LOST IN SEA RETURN AT ONE MILE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PILOT SIGHTED SWIRL AT 3/4 MILE BEARING 315 DEGREES RELATIVE. LT NOEHREN ATTACKED DOWNTRACK IMMEDIATELY DROPPING 2 PARACHUTE FITTED PROCTORS INTO THE SWIRL AT 1507A IN 50-13 N 02-19 W FROM 200 FEET BY BAROMETRIC ALTIMETER AT A GROUND SPEED OF 155 STATUTE MILES PER HOUR. PARACHUTES NOT OBSERVED TO OPEN. SEA WAS FORCE 2. THINKING ERRONEOUSLY DUE TO INTERPHONE AND SONOBUOY RECEIVER CONFUSION THAT ONLY 1 PROCTOR WAS DROPPED

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LT NOEHREN CIRCLED TO RELEASE 2ND PROCTOR IN THIS INTERVAL  
ORDNANCEMAN SET UP INTERVALOMETER TO DROP 8 BRITISH MARK 11 DEPTH  
CHARGES. AT 1508A LT NOEHREN THINKING HE WAS RELEASING 2ND  
PROCTOR RELEASED 8 DEPTH CHARGES WHICH ENTERED THE WATER ABOUT  
400 FEET S OF POINT OF ENTRY OF PROCTORS AND THESE WERE SEEN TO  
EXPLODE. COPILOT ALSO HEARD EXPLOSION ON SONOBUOY DROPPED WITH  
PROCTORS. BETWEEN 1508A AND 1512A COPILOT HEARD CAVITATION SWISH  
AND AT 1512A HEARD AN ADDITIONAL DEFINITE EXPLOSION LASTING ABOUT  
HALF AS LONG AS THE DEPTH CHARGE EXPLOSION HEARD 4 MINUTES PRE-  
VIOUSLY. SONOBUOY GAVE ONLY WATER NOISES FOR A PERIOD AFTER THIS  
2ND EXPLOSION. AT 1519A SONOBUOY PATTERN WAS COMPLETED. AT  
1555A METALLIC BANGING NOISES AND STACCATO RIVETTING NOISES  
COUNTED AT 240 PER MINUTE AT 1645A FOR 1 20 MINUTE PERIOD WERE

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HEARD AND THESE WERE HEARD FROM TIME TO TIME UNTIL 1707A WHEN  
A LOUD METALLIC BANG WAS HEARD FOLLOWED BY AN EXPLOSION DRAWN  
OUT AND DIMINISHING FOR 20 SECONDS. AT 1719A THERE WAS METALLIC  
HAMMERING AGAIN AND AT 1747A THERE WAS A NOISE OF VIOLENT BLOWING  
OF TANKS. AT 1717A A DESTROYER ESCORT APPROACHED AND ITS PRO-  
PELLORS WERE HEARD THEREAFTER. SHORTLY AFTER THE ATTACK AND  
INTERMITTENTLY THEREAFTER LARGE ERUPTIONS OF AIR WERE SEEN ON  
SURFACE AND LIGHT OIL APPEARED AND STREAMED OUT TO A LENGTH OF  
6 MILES BY 1800A. AT 1738A THE DESTROYER ESCORT REPORTED A  
CONTACT AND DROPPED DEPTH CHARGES ON THE POSITION OF THE ERUP-  
TIONS OF AIR. AT 1800A THE DESTROYER ESCORT MADE AN ATTACK  
WITH FORWARD FIRING WEAPONS. DESTROYER ESCORT REPORTED OIL AND  
AIR. LT NOEHREN RECALLED AT 1854A DUE TO WEATHER AT BASE.

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FROM <b>CTG 12.3</b>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC	2
DATE <b>4 NOVEMBER 1944</b>			3
TOR CODEROOM <b>0648</b>			4
DECODED BY <b>KOHOUTEK</b>			5
PARAPHRASED BY <b>KNAPP/MCKEEL</b>	CHECKED BY <b>POWLEY</b>	COMHAWSEAFRON COMWESSEAFRON	6
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY <b>MCKEEL</b>		7
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CTG 12.3 HURLS ACTION TO CINCPAC INFO TO COMHAWSEAFRON  
COMWESSEAFRON.  
RDO HONOLULU PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 031811.

AT 1735Z LATITUDE 27-54 N LONGITUDE 149-43 W PLANE USING  
RAMROD DEVELOPED POSITIVE CONTACT DROPPED WYMU. TWO PLANES  
25 SECONDS LATER HEARD LARGE EXPLOSION FOLLOWED BY HIGH  
PROPELLER NOISES LOUD SCREECHES THEN SILENCE. NO FURTHER  
CONTACT. CONTINUING HUNT LIKELEY AREA.

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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces  
Main Versailles France

To: War Department

Nr: S 65002 1 November 1944

S 65002 to for action AGWAR TOP SECRET cite  
WDGBI from SHAEF from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI.

Following passed for what it is worth. Special  
Force report quoting Danish source states U-boat will be  
leaving European waters shortly to launch V-1's against  
New York. Date of report 30th October.

End

ACTION: GEN BISSELL

INFO : GEN ARNOLD  
OPD  
ADM KING  
COL PARK  
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FROM <b>ALUSNA STOCKHOLM</b>			ASTERISK (*) AILGRAM ADDRESSEE		<b>P P P P</b>
RELEASED BY			CNO <i>WAC</i>		PRIORITY
DATE <b>8 NOV 1 1944</b>					ROUTINE
TOR CODEWORD <b>012101</b>					DEFERRED
DECODED BY <b>SHOAF</b>					BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY <b>W MONTGOMERY</b>		CHECKED BY <b>COOK</b>	Cormaneu		PRIORITY
ROUTED BY <b>COOK</b>		DITTOED BY <b>MONTGOMERY</b>			ROUTINE
					DEFERRED
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FROM ALUSNA TO CNO INFO CORNAVEU

TOP SECRET

1 OF 15 NEW TYPE ELECTRIC SUBS IS TO ATTACK NEWYORK WITH POSSIBLY 6 V1 BOMBS DATE AND DETAILS UNKNOWN. NORWEGIAN

SOURCE B0. SOURCE REQUESTED ME NOT TO DIVULGE INFO HERE. PURPOSE OF ATTACK IS FOR GERMAN MORALE. SUBS SUBMERGED

SPEED 15 SURFACE 23

*requires huge launching platform*

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## NAVAL MESSAGE

## NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	NAD MARE ISLAND	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PPPPPPP
RELEASED BY	18 JULY 1944	BUORD	PRIORITY
DATE	1418		ROUTINE
FOR CODEROOM	KNAPP		DEFERRED
DECODED BY	RODGERS		PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	GIBSON		ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED
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(NAD MARE ISLAND SENDS ACTION BUORD)

SERIOUS EXPLOSION WHILE LOADING VESSELS AT PORT CHICAGO  
WRECKED PIER AND CONSIDERABLY DAMAGED ALL BUILDINGS  
WITH SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE. WILL PROBABLY BE NECESSARY  
TO EVACUATE MOST PERSONNEL WHILE REHABILITATING  
BUILDINGS.

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OP05G....BUDOCKS...COMINCH...CNO...SO4...23...30...JAG...

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April 14, 1943

FROM: COMINCH

FOR ACTION: COMEASTSEAFRON  
COMGULFSEAFRON  
COMCARIBSEAFRON  
COMPANSEAFRON  
COMWESTSEAFRON  
COMNORWESTSEAFRON  
COMBHWSEAFRON

Number 151536 NCR 7575-C

Joint Chiefs of Staff direct that category of defense be reduced from C to B in the Eastern, Gulf, Caribbean, Panama, Western and Northwest Sea Frontiers less Unalaska Subsector. Reduce defense forces and establishments to conform. Hawseafiron and Unalaska Subsector Norwestseafiron remain in category of defense D. Revised Art 31 B FTP 155 forwarded by mail.

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FROM: COMDESLANT

270141(NCR 2402) 27 MAR 43

TO: CINCLANT

PRIORITY/CGH

PASSED BY CINCLANT TO COMINCH FOR ACTION AS 270346

**PRIORITY**

COMINCH 262153 X LIBERTY SUSPENDED PORTLAND YESTERDAY ONLY AS PROTEST AGAINST RECENTLY PUBLISHED ARTICLES IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO DISCREDIT NAVAL SERVICE X ALSO AGAINST INHOSPITABLE TREATMENT WHICH NAVY MEN RECEIVED ON SHORE BY SOME

LOCAL OFFICIALS X ARTICLES PARTICULARLY VITRIOLIC AGAINST LIBERTY MEN X GOVERNOR AND OTHER OFFICIALS HAVE ASSURED ME OF THEIR FRIENDLY FEELINGS TOWARD NAVY AND THAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO

REMEDY CONDITIONS X LIBERTY RESUMED TODAY FRIDAY X SITUATION PRESENTS NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN X BELIEVE OVERALL RESULT WILL BE

DECIDEDLY BENEFICIAL TO RELATIONS HERE X

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM <u>COMNORWESTSEAFRON (NPC)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (NSS)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE <u>12 SEPTEMBER 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM <u>0135/0109</u>	INFORMATION	CINCPAC (NP) COMWESTSEAFRON (NP) COPC WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>YANOVER/YANOVER</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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ACTION

ACTION COMINCH INFO CINCPAC COMWESTSEAFRON WHO WILL PASS  
TO WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND. COPC HAS.  
COMNORWESTSEAFRON ORIGINATES.

AT 0624T 9 SEPTEMBER UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE FLOAT  
BIPLANE OBSERVED BY FOREST RANGER DROPPING BOMB VICINITY  
*California Oregon border on coast*  
MOUNT EMILY 10 MILES NORTHEAST OF BROOKINGS OREGON.  
LATER FIRE STARTED THIS VICINITY. AT SCENE OF FIRE  
RECOVERED FRAGMENTS INCENDIARY BOMB CONTAINING LETTERING  
WITH TWO JAP CHARACTERS AND MANY RUBBER COVERED PELLETS.  
AT 1055 SAME DATE SUBMARINE SIGHTED BY ARMY PLANE  
IN ROUTINE PATROL AND WAS ATTACKED 40 MILES SOUTHWEST  
CAPE BLANCO. RESULTS UNDETERMINED.  
POSSIBILITY PLANE SIGHTED WAS LAUNCHED FROM THIS  
SUBMARINE. FULL REPORT BY AIRMAIL.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHELLING OF FORT STEVENS OUR SPECIAL NUMBERS 486, 487 AND 489, 22 JUNE NINE ROUNDS WERE FIRED BEGINNING AT 0635 GMT AND LASTING ABOUT 15 MINUTES. THREE OR FOUR SHELLS STRUCK BETWEEN THE BEACH AND BATTERY RUSSELL, WHICH IS IN FORT STEVENS. REMAINING ROUNDS PASSED OVER TOP OF AND STRUCK EAST OF A SEARCHLIGHT. NO REPEAT NO DAMAGE AND NO REPEAT NO CASUALTIES RESULTED. FLASH RANGING AND RADAR TRIANGULATION PLACED ATTACKING VESSEL 19 to 20 THOUSAND YARDS OFF SHORE. RADAR TRACKED VESSEL UNTIL 1100 GMT, WHEN LOST. VESSEL KEPT ABOUT 2000 YARDS BEYOND ARC OF EXTREME RANGE OF ALL BATTERIES OF FORT STEVENS, NEVER COMING IN RANGE AT WHICH FIRE COULD BE RETURNED INDICATING VESSEL HAD POSITIVE INFORMATION AS TO LOCATION OF ARCS OF FIRE AND AVAILABLE BATTERIES. FORT STEVENS LIGHTS WERE NOT ON AT TIME OF ATTACK BUT LIGHTS AT ASTORIA NAVAL RADIO STATION AND ASTORIA NAVAL AIR BASE, ABOUT 6 MILES SOUTH-EAST OF FORT STEVENS WERE ON. VESSEL MAKING ATTACK BELIEVED TO BE SUBMARINE ALTHOUGH THIS FACT NOT ACTUALLY DETERMINED. GUN USED BELIEVED 4.7 OR 5 INCH. SEARCH BEING CONDUCTED FOR SHELL FRAGMENTS TO DETERMINE EXACT CALIBER. APPARENTLY ALL SHELLS FIRED DETONATED. IT IS BELIEVED FROM TRACKING OBSERVATIONS THAT VESSEL OPENED FIRE AND THEN DRIFTED SOUTHWARD AS IT FIRED. AERIAL SEARCH OF COASTAL AREA CONDUCTED ABOUT 4 HOURS AFTER ATTACK WAS NEGATIVE.

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By Lt. Rigby

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FROM <b>COMNOE8T8EAFRON</b>	FOR ACTION	<b>COMINCH C&amp;R</b>	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		<b>OPNAV</b>	<b>RR</b> ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE <b>22 JUN 42</b>	INFORMATION	<del>COMINCH</del>	PRIORITY
FOR CODER ROOM <b>2144</b>			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY <b>BRINK</b>			
PARAPHRASED BY <b>HILL</b>			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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221937 NCR 9752

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TEXT

AT 2335T 9 SHELLS WERE FIRED FROM SEA IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF FORT STEVENS OREGON. NO DAMAGE WHATEVER. ARMY RADIO OBSERVATIONS INDICATE RANGE ABOUT 9000 YARDS AND OUTSIDE REACH OF FORT STEVENS GUNS. PLANE OBSERVATIONS NEGATIVE.

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ALUSNA SANTIAGO			PRIORITY
FROM			ROUTINE
RELEASED BY		OPNAV	DEFERRED
DATE			
2339/17			
FOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
RITCHEY			ROUTINE
DECODED BY			DEFERRED
SARNOFF			
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.  
 ROUTED BY FULTON 172030 NCR 6934

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 TEXT

JAP NAVAL ATTACHE LUNCHING WITH CHILEAN ADMIRAL SUGGESTED  
 PROBABILITY OF AN EARLY BLOCAD E OF WEST COAST NORTH AMERICA.

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