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AREA REPORTED ON: Simiutak (BW-3), Greenland	REPORT NO. INT-9-53
SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object	DATE OF REPORT: 25 June 1953
FROM: 6611th Air Base Group Intelligence	DATE OF INFO: 24 June 1953
SOURCE: A/2C Richard A. Hill AF 11 173 575	EVALUATION: A-2
REFERENCES: None	NO. PAGES: One (1)

SUMMARY:

1. At 1445Z, 24 June 1953, A/2C Richard A. Hill AF 11 173 575, a weather observer with three and one-half years experience, while tracking a weather balloon through a theodolite, sighted an unidentified aerial object approximately three miles distant from the observation point at Simiutak, Greenland (6111N, 4634W). The object was sighted instantly upon explosion of the 100 gram balloon, causing A/2C Hill to state the object had burst the balloon. Description of the object at this time was expressed by the observer as being triangular, red and rotating while in a hovering position. The size was estimated to be two times that of the 100 gram balloon. The object continued to hover at the altitude of approximately 18,000 feet (according to theodolite readings conducted by A/2C Hill at the time) for fifteen seconds. The observer continued to watch the object for five minutes while it climbed to the west. Upon moving it appeared to be a red ball-shaped dot. It left no trail and seemed to be gaining altitude at a tremendous rate of speed, finally disappearing after five minutes. Object was seen by subject individual only.

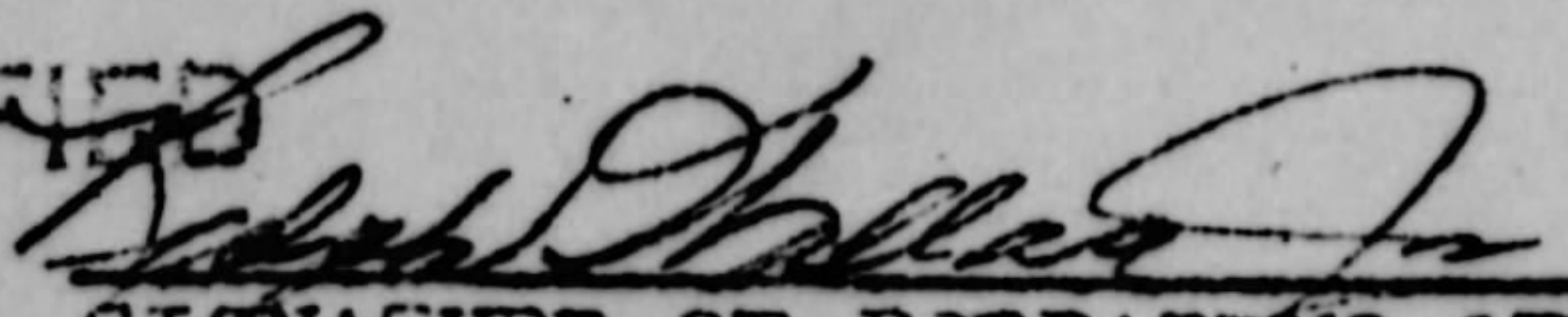
2. The observer stated that the object disappeared in a northwesterly direction and seemed to be climbing rapidly. Theodolite reading of 301 degrees were taken for five minutes as the object disappeared from view. 8/13th Weather Detachment, this station, advised that the 241500Z piball at Simiutak showed winds at 10,000 feet 120 degrees at 14 knots, 12,000 feet 120 degrees at 13 knots, 14,000 feet 180 degrees at 4 knots, 16,000 feet 200 degrees at 7 knots. The piball was terminated at this height. Between 16,000 and 18,000 feet a marked wind shift occurred. An analysis of the 1500Z 500 millibar chart stated winds at 18,000 feet at Simiutak were 280 degrees at 12 knots. Winds from 18,000 to 20,000 feet were northwesterly at 15 knots. The unidentified object, therefore, disappeared into the wind. Cloud conditions were 3/10 cirrus clouds at 20,000 feet at time of sighting, with 1/10 altocumulus at 8,000 feet

INCLS: 1. Statement

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S T A T E M E N T

I, A/2C Richard A. Hill AF 11173575, after having been duly sworn do hereby make the following statement. The statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

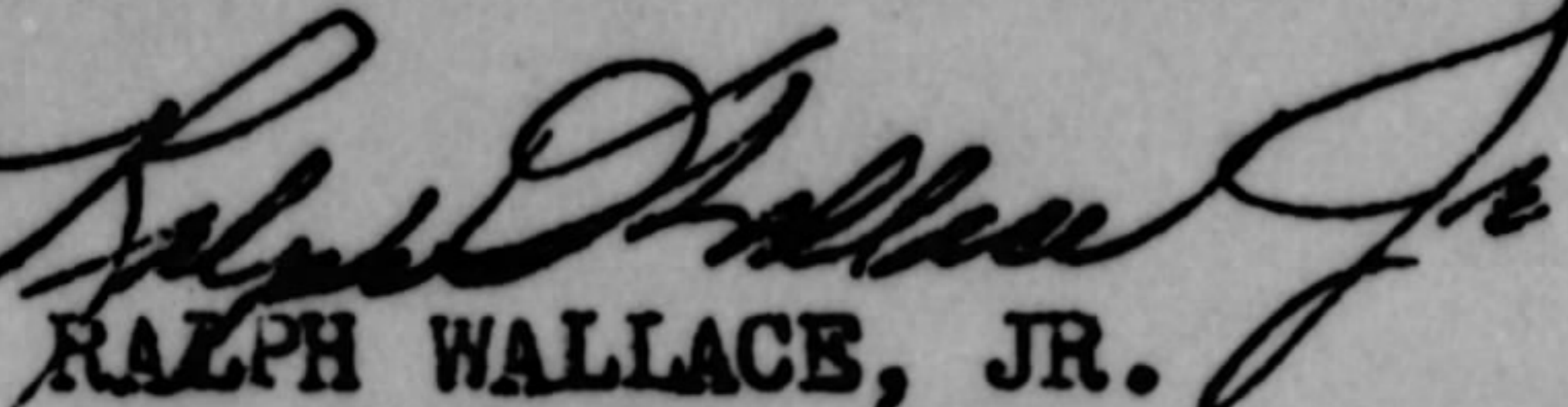
At 241430Z June 1953 as I was following the pilot balloon through the theodolite the balloon burst and in its place was a red object. It seemed to be twice as large as a 100 gram balloon which is about 4 feet in diameter. The balloon was at an altitude of 18,000 feet when it burst and approximately three miles from the observation point. It held approximately the same position for 15 seconds by making slow circular movements such as a loop. The object was not discernable as to its structure but it did appear to have a definite shape which seemed somewhat triangular. Then it started moving towards the northwest picking up speed rapidly. Upon moving it appeared to be a red ball-shaped dot. It left no trails and seemed to be gaining altitude and a tremendous rate of speed and finally disappearing after five minutes.

/s/ Richard A. Hill
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WITNESSED:

/s/ Ralph Wallace Jr.
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