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UNCLASSIFIED [redacted] PROJECT 10073 RECORD COPY Incident #234

ATIC NO. -----

AF NO. -----

REPORT NO. -----

DATE OF REPORT ----

TIME OF SIGHTING ----

SHAPE -----

SIZE -----

COURSE ----

NO. IN GROUP -----

SOUND -----

PHOTOS ------ SKETCHES -----

DATE OF INFO July 47

LOCATION Oak Ridge, Tenn

SOURCE Civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC ----

COLOR ----

SPEED ----- Estimated / Measured

ALTITUDE ----- Estimated / Measured

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED -----

TYPE OF OBSERVATION -----

MANEUVERS -----

Photographs of object that turned out to be caused by faulty development and not an actual image.

Temporary ATIC Form 329 [redacted]
(2 Jan 52)

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Subject: Photographs of "Flying Saucer"

1st Ind MCIAMC-3/HWS/aw

Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio FEB 7 1949

TO: AMC Engineering Liaison Officer, Air Materiel Command, NEPA Project, P. O. Box "E", Oak Ridge, Tennessee

1. The negatives forwarded with basic communication are returned herewith.

2. Analysis of the negatives revealed the following information:

a. When the negative, containing the sphere, is examined by strong incident light, it is noted that the emulsion is raised at that point above the normal level of the remaining emulsion. This indicates that either a drop of warm water or a drop of developer struck the film at this point and rolled down this negative and the succeeding negative.

b. To further substantiate this, it will be noted that when the two (2) negatives are placed side by side with the edges of the film aligned, the so-called "trail" is continuous, that is the two sections match, indicating the drop rolled on from one negative to the next.

c. Still further proof is shown on the fogged edge of the negative containing only the trail. This is proven by the fact that the trail extends beyond the normal format of the negative. In other words there is a trail of that section of the negative which was not exposed in the camera. This effect shows up in one negative and not in the other because the negative in question is fogged; therefore, this irregularity was developed.

d. Still further proof of these defects lies in the number of unevenly developed sections of the negative.

3. It is suggested that [redacted] be advised of the nature of these images when the negatives are returned to him.

4. In view of the positive conclusions stated above it is recommended that this correspondence be declassified by the originator.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McNARNEY:

4 Incls
1. Ltr dtd 12/16/48
2. Two negatives
3. Two photographs (four w/d)
4. w/d

W. B. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Intelligence Division
Intelligence Department

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Enclosure 2 34

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Return to MCIAMO-3 file showing date

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Inasmuch as independent analysis has determined the object on the photographs to be a flaw, there is no need for further investigation. Object was never seen visually.

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:
#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140, 147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216, 219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:
#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100, 112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192, 199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:
#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115, 126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163, 169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198, 200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:
#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107, 108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):
#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:
#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118, 125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213, 229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:
#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.

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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Dec 16, 1948

Maj Donald J. Grant, USAF
Contracting Officer
Air Materiel Command
Sub Office Fort Worth USAF PFO
Post Office Box "E"
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Subject: PHOTOGRAPHS

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your recent request, there are enclosed eight photographs and two negatives received from [redacted], [redacted] Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Also enclosed are four enlarged copies of the photograph and four copies of the News-Sentinel news item published in a July 1947 issue.

[redacted] when interviewed, stated that he photographed the unknown object from his home during the month of July 1947. He stated further that he forwarded a copy of the photograph to the Knoxville News Sentinel, Knoxville, Tennessee, for publication. [redacted] said he did not believe a photograph of the object to be of any interest to Security; therefore, he did make prints of the photographs a few months later, at which time he presented a number of them to his friends. [redacted] promised to recover as many prints as possible and forward them to this office. He did mention, however, that he would like, if at all possible, to have the negatives returned to him when available.

All photographs, when made available by [redacted] will beforwarded to your office.

If this office can be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

G. J. Rathman, Chief
Investigation Sectimn

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16 Photogrqhs & 2 Negatives

Rathman: mh

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
AMC ENGINEERING LIAISON OFFICER
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
NEPA Project, P. O. Box E
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

MCREOL8/CDG/jk

23 December 1948

SUBJECT: Photographs of "Flying Saucer"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: Engineering Division (MCREXP2)
Col R. L. Wassell

1. Attached copy of a letter dated 16 December 1948, subject "Photographs", from the Office, Chief, Investigation Section, AEC, ORO, regarding the subject matter is forwarded herewith for your information and referral to appropriate higher Air Force authority, together with the following inclosures:

a. Two negatives and six photographs of an alleged "saucer" and its trail.

b. Photostatic copy of a news write-up re paragraph a. above, that appeared in the Knowville, Tennessee News-Sentinel newspaper during the month of July 1947.

2. Your attention is invited to the statement made in the second paragraph of the attached copy of AEC letter, wherein return of referenced negatives is desired.

C. D. GASSER
Colonel, USAF
AMC Engineering Field Officer

Incls.
Ltr dtd 12/16/48
Two Negatives
Six Photographs
Photostat

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Photographs of "flying saucer" [redacted]

MCI
Attn: Col H. M. McCOY

MCREXP 28 Dec 48 1

1. The inclosed material has been received from Colonel Casser's office at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and is forwarded to your office for your information and such action as you may deem advisable to have taken.

R. J. MINTY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Power Plant Laboratory
Engineering Division

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18-A
A-107

1 Incl
ltr fr Col C. D. Gasser dtd
23 Dec 48 w/4 incls. as listed

MCIA

MCI 30 Dec 48 2.

1. Reference to the attached photographs, it is requested that the negatives and copy of photographs be turned over to Mr Gust for his comments regarding their authenticity.

2. Action will be taken to acknowledge receipt of the material in question and to return the negatives after they have served their purpose.

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H. M. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

JSH/dm
B-262
R-253
5-9210

MCIT
ATTN: Mr Gust

MCIAXS 5 Jan 49 3.

1. Your attention is invited to para 1, comment 2, above.

2. Request that negatives and photographs be returned to this office with your comments.

Incl
n/c

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

HWS/aw
6-5310
Bldg 288

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1. In reply to paragraph 1, Comment No. 2, it is the opinion of this office that the enclosed negatives reveal the following information: When the negatives, containing the sphere, is examined by strong incident light, it is noted that the emulsion is raised at that point above the normal level of the remaining emulsion. This indicates that either a drop of warm water or a drop of developer struck the film at this point and rolled down this negative and the succeeding negative.

2. To further substantiate this, it will be noted that when the two (2) negatives are placed side by side with the edges of the film aligned, the so called "trail" is continuous, that is the two sections match, indicating the drop rolled on from one negative to the next.

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4. Still further proof of these defects lies in the number of unevenly developed sections of the negative.

5. Conclusion: These negatives contain no information pertinent to Project "Sign".

Incl
n/c

LEWIS C. GUST
Chief, Science Survey Office
Intelligence Department

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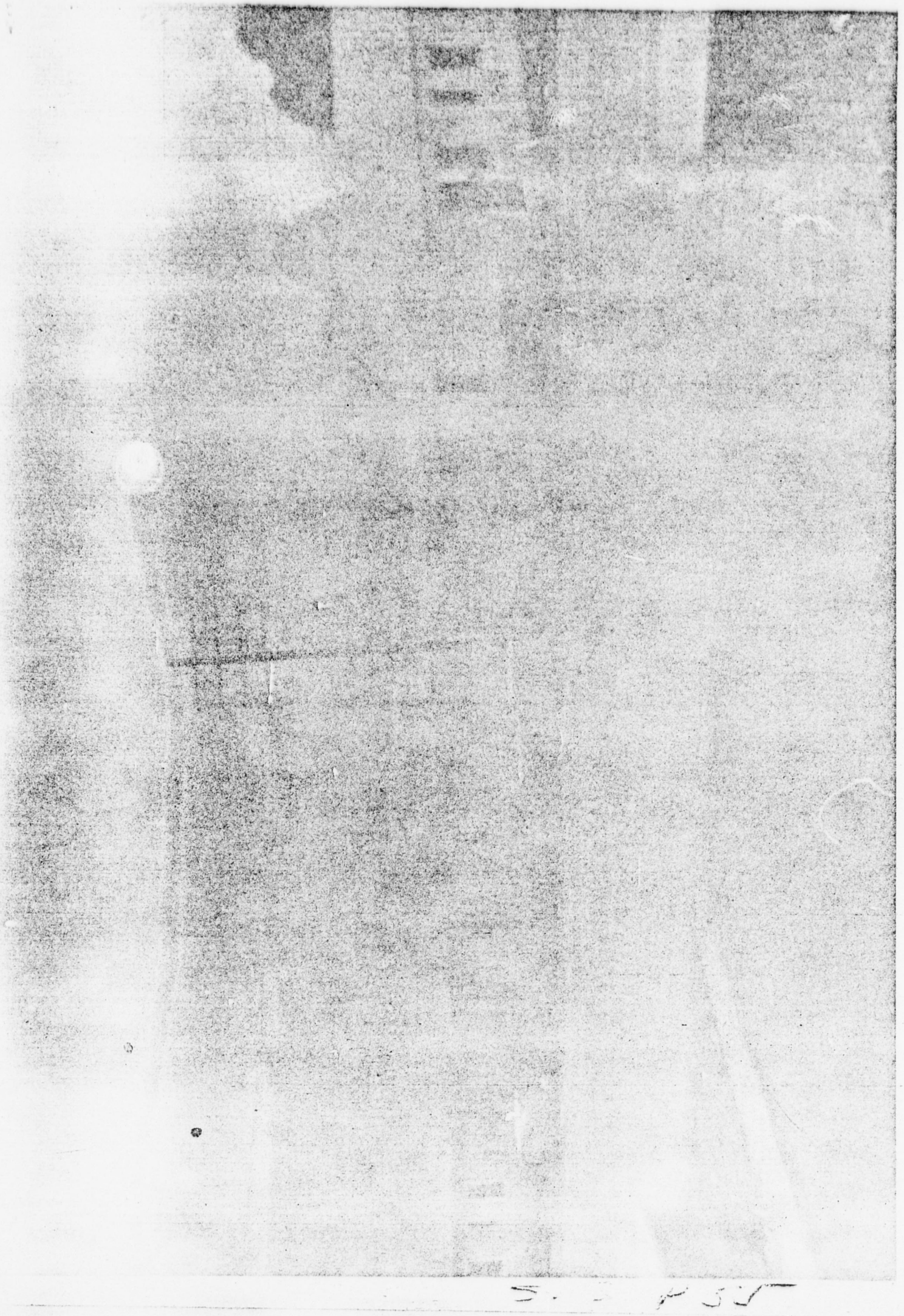
THIS CASE INCLUDES:

FIVE (5) prints of ONE (1) photo and FOUR (4) prints of ONE (1) photo. NINE (9) prints total. 8"X10"



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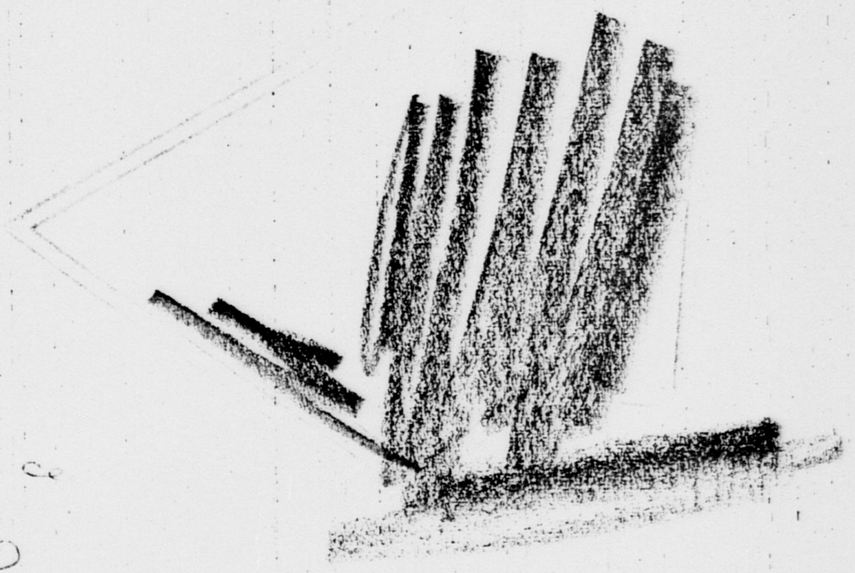

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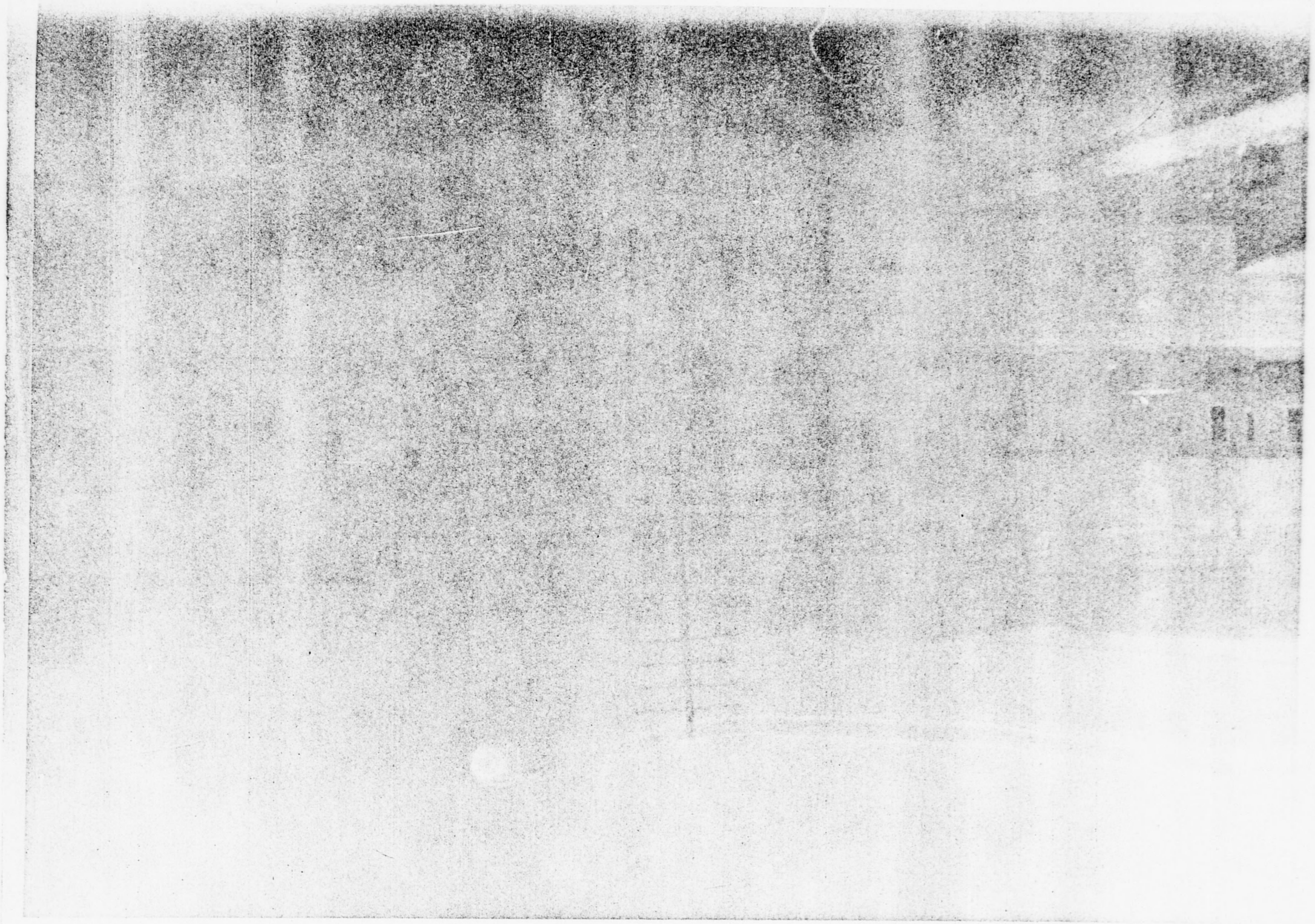
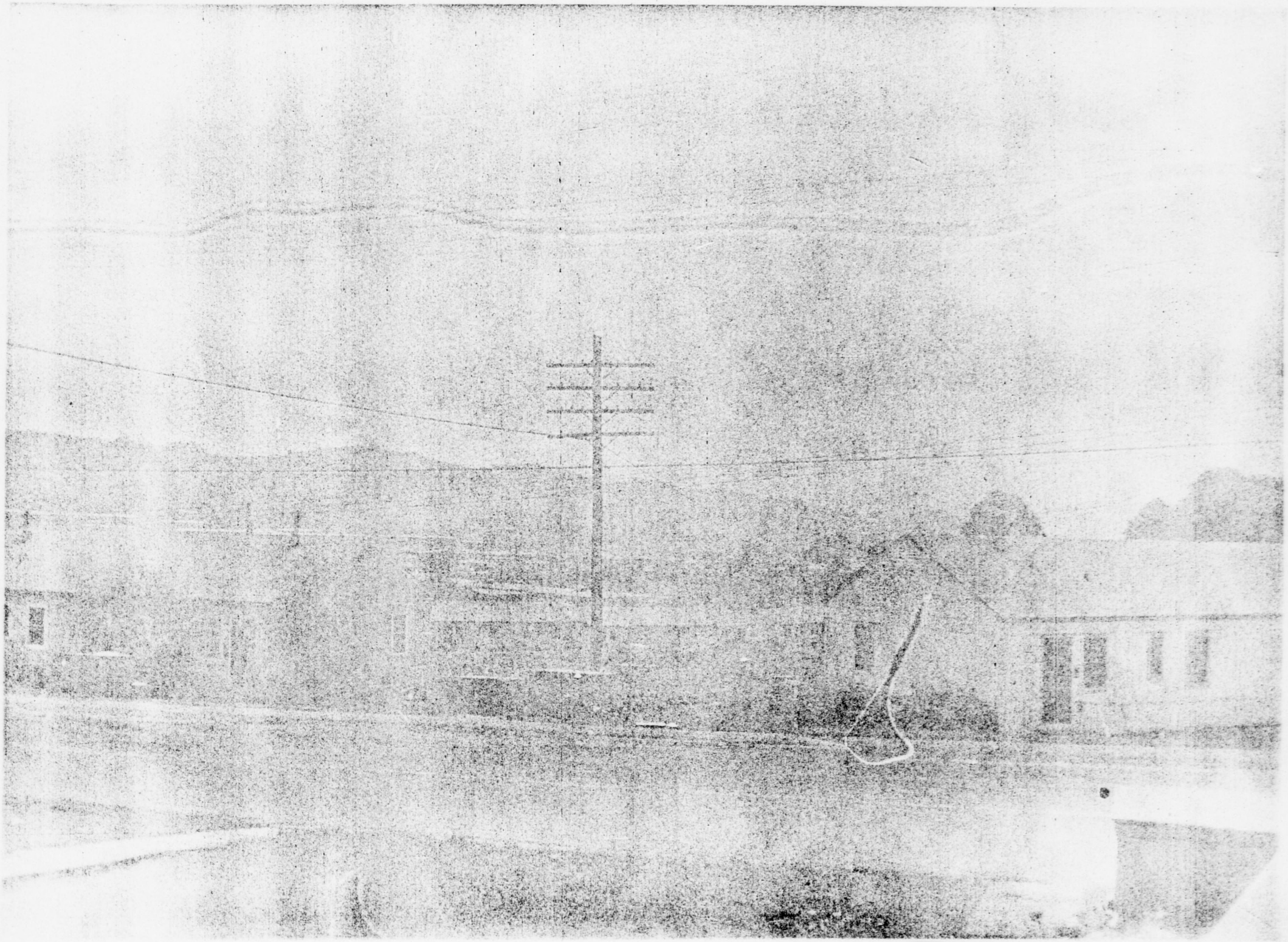
a development
flare but
submitted as a
genuine U.F.O
by [redacted]

Oak Ridge





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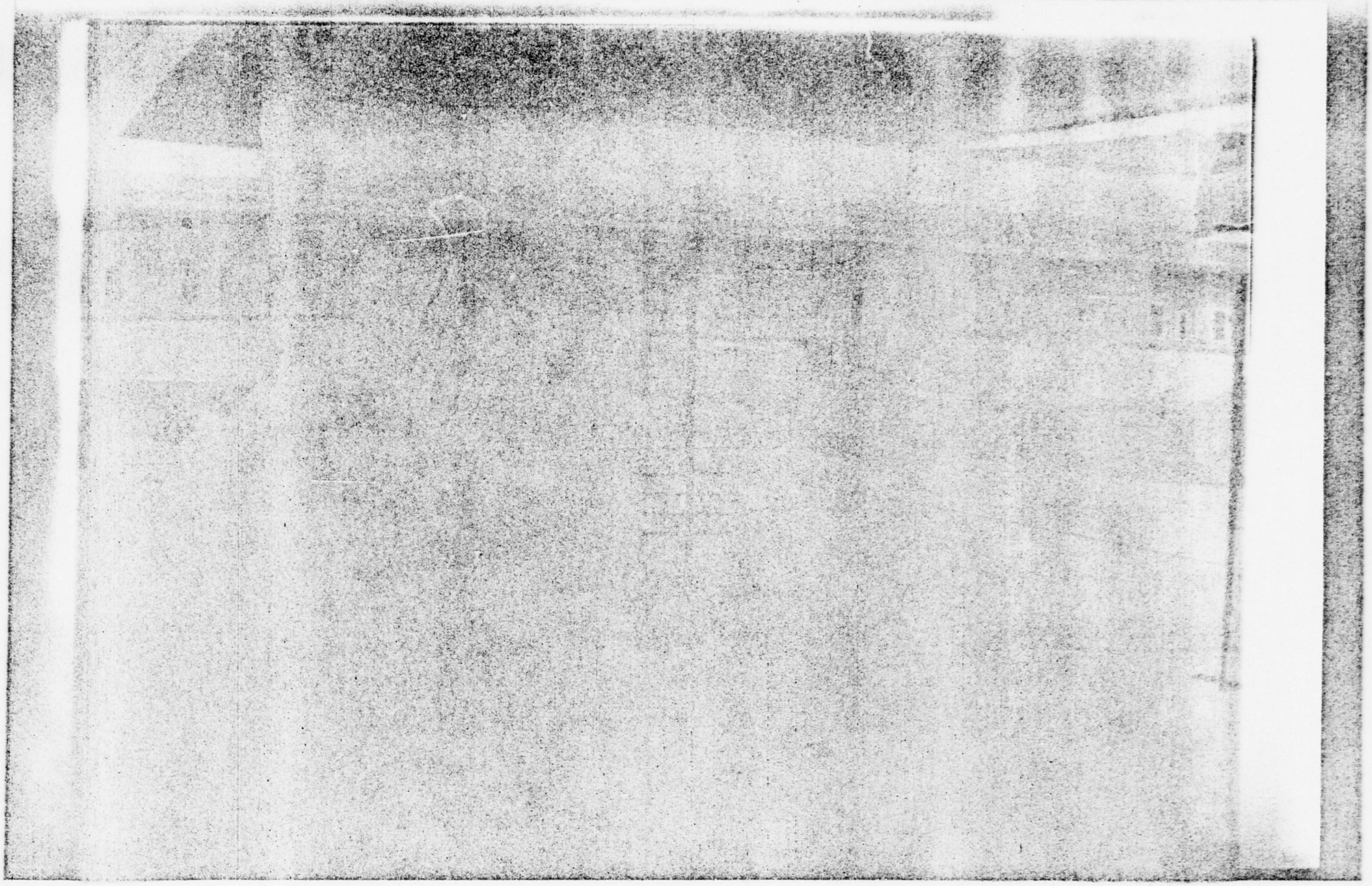

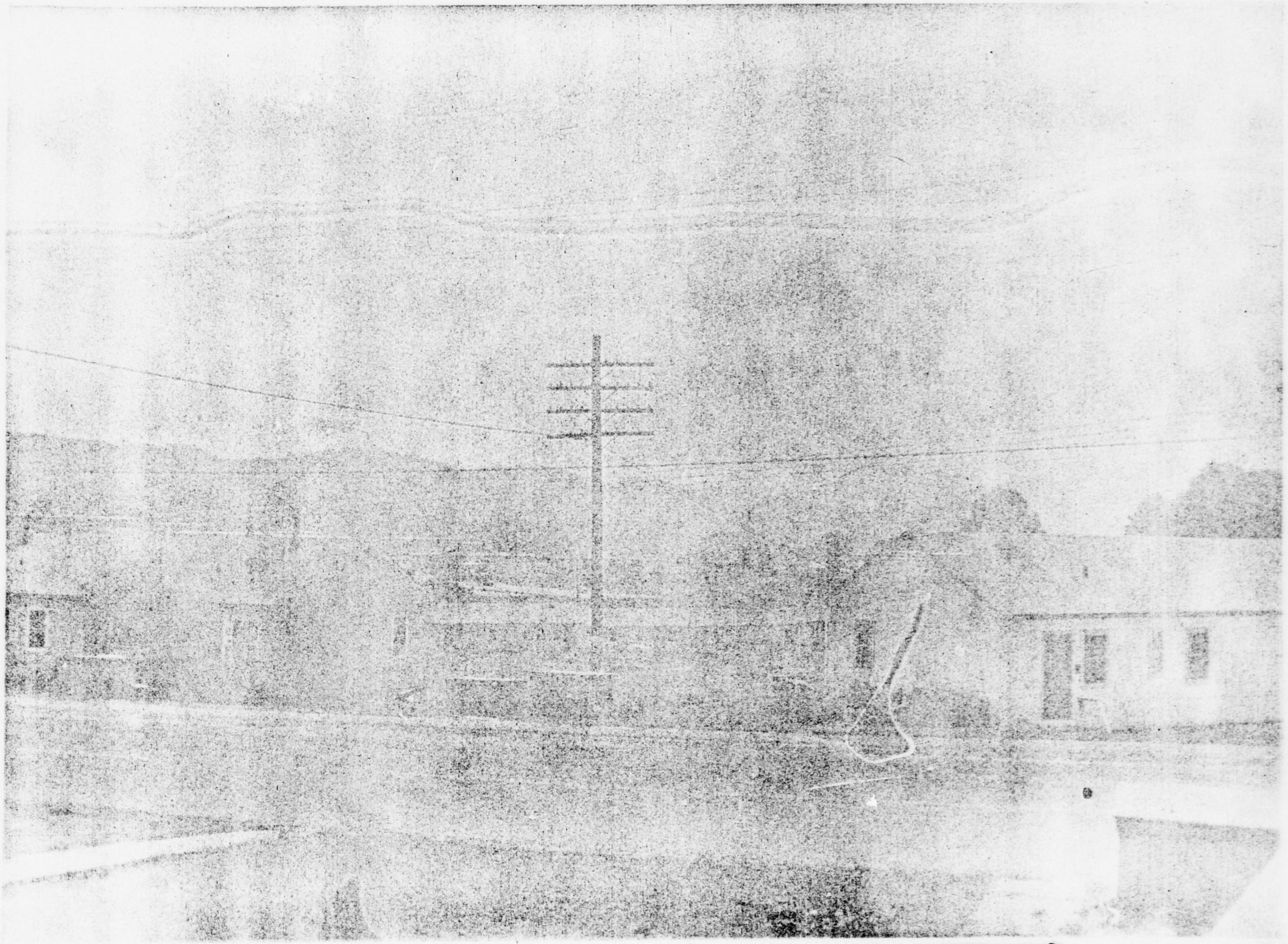

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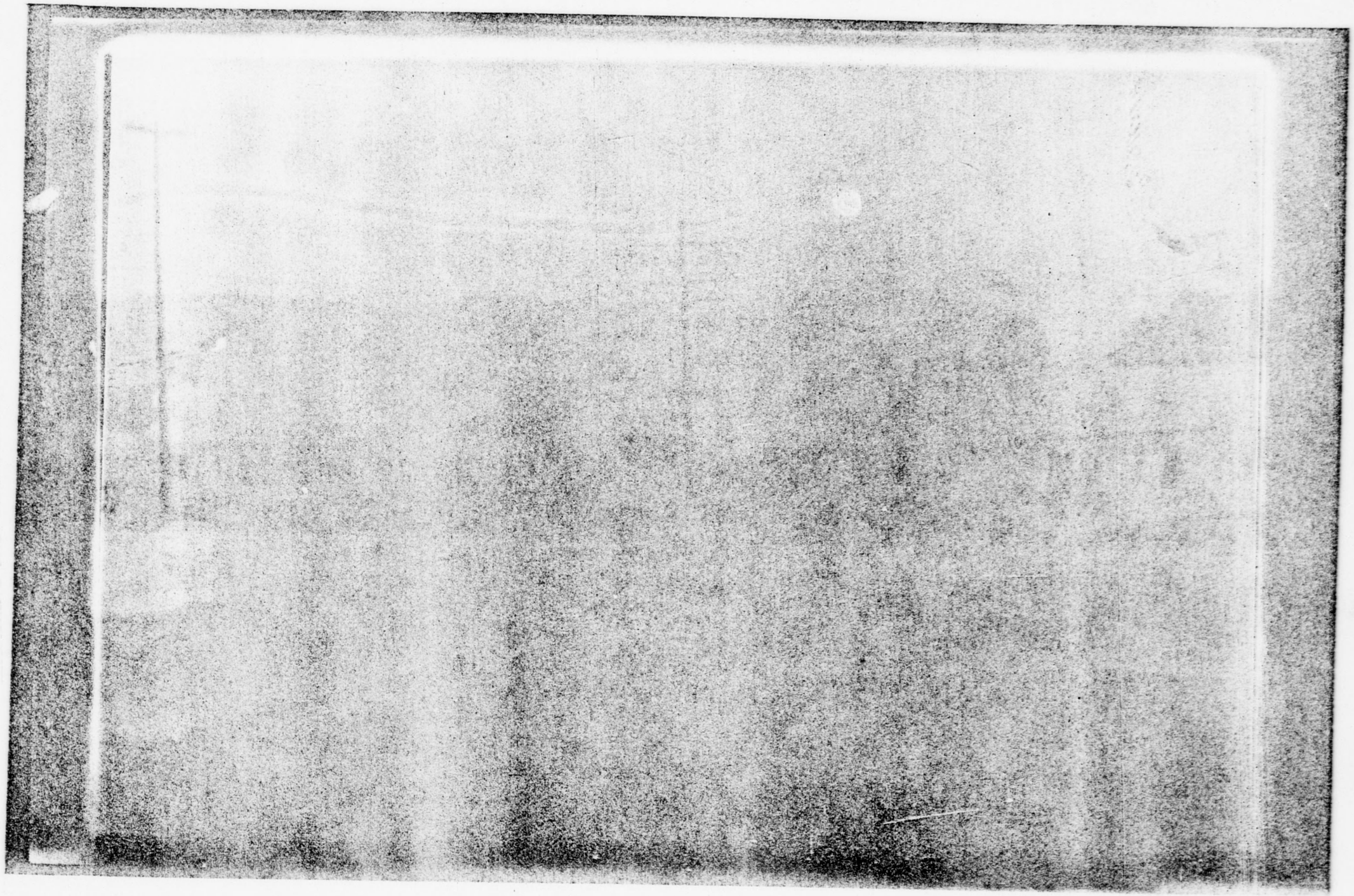

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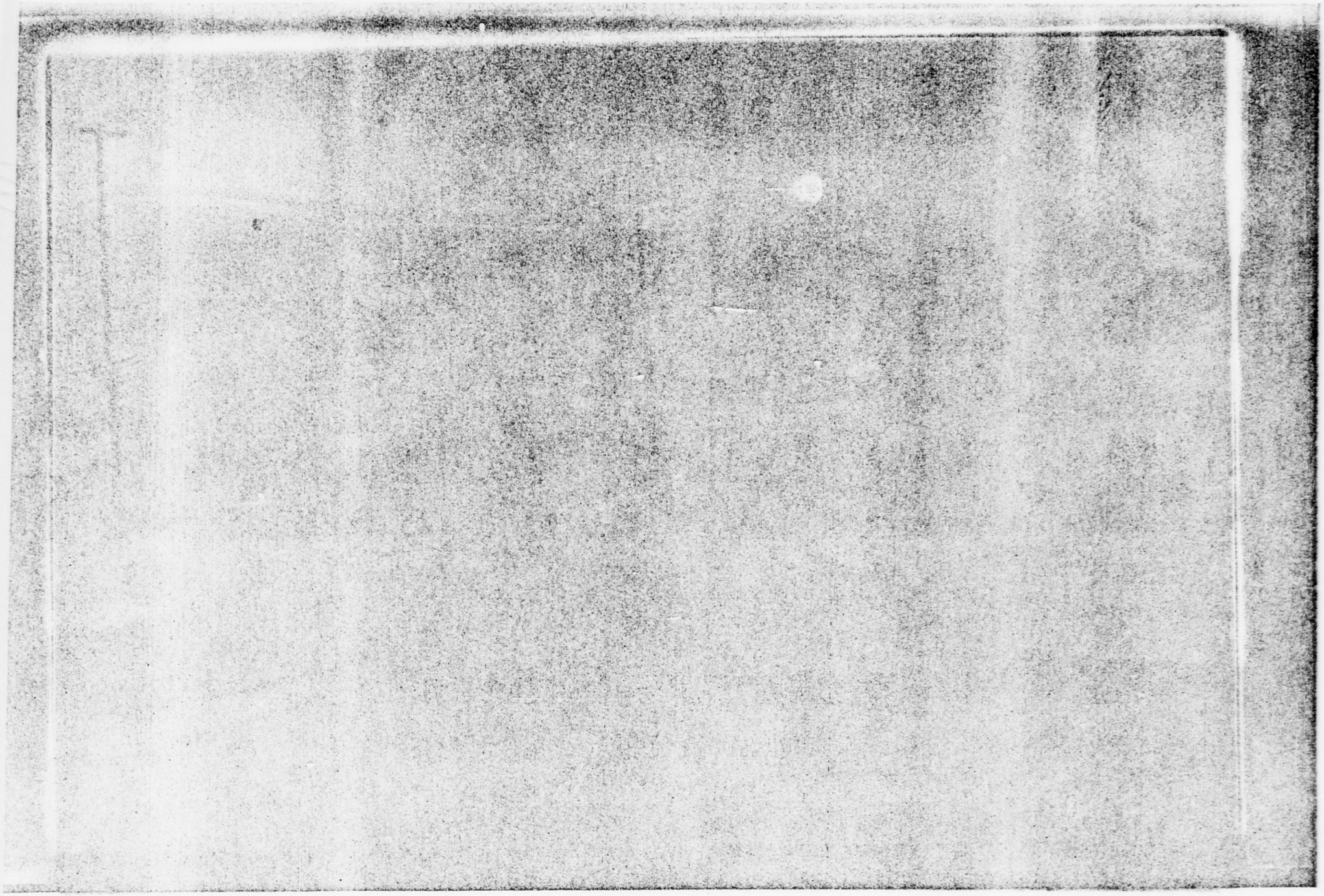

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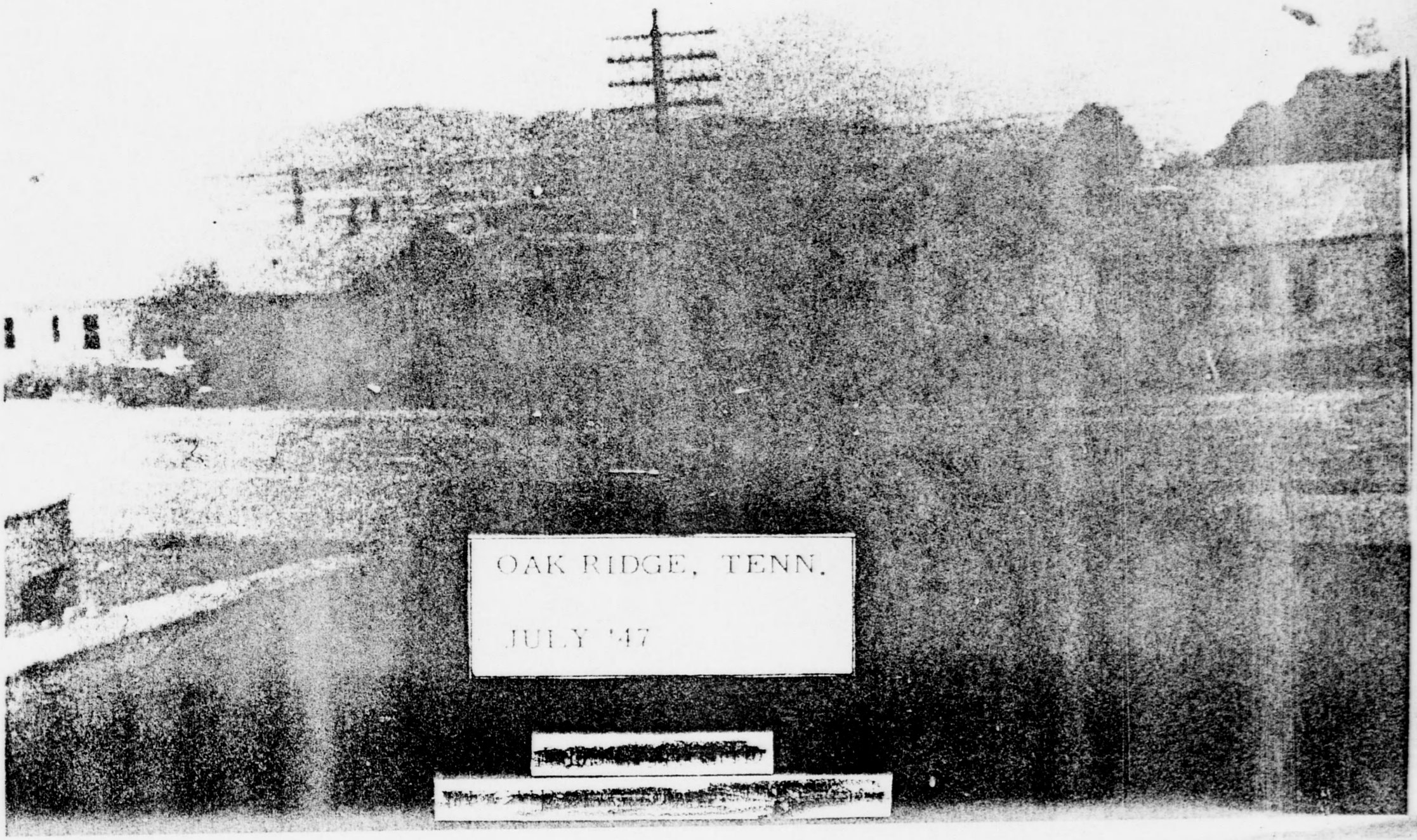
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