20 July 47

[redacted]

Incident #57 -- between Nova Scotia and Newfoundland -- 20 July 1947

This incident and #56, which occurred in the same vicinity just three days apart, do not fit into the usual description pattern. In both cases, information given is meager, and in both cases the meteoric hypothesis cannot be completely ruled out, but the objects could have been rockets or even freak auroral streamers or brush discharge from ionized dust clouds. In any event, it seems unlikely, although it is not impossible, that the objects seen in this incident were meteors. The even spacing of the flashes argues strongly against the meteoric hypothesis.

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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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1. Date: 20 [illegible] 1947

2. Time: 0315

3. Location: Area [illegible] Base, [illegible]

4. Type of Observation: [redacted]

5. Duration of Observation: [illegible]

6. Direction of Observation: [illegible]

7. Angle of Observation: [illegible]

8. Number of Objects: [illegible]

9. Distance of objects from observer: 1/8

10. Time in Sight: 1/8

11. Altitude: 1/8 - 30° above horizontal - as estimated 1/4 mile range

12. Speed: High velocity - faster than average jet -

13. Direction of Flight: NE (30° East of true North)

14. Type flt: Horizontal flight

15. Sound: 1/8

16. Size: 1/8

17. Color: 1/8 - object not seen - flashes were silvery, sometimes color -

18. Shape: 1/8

19. Odor: Undetected 1/8

20. Apparent contrail: 1/8

21. Evasive tactics: 1/8 - possibly what was observed was Sputnik the rocket cargo

22. Weather conditions: Clear and calm

23. Effect on clouds: 1/8

24. Sketches or photographs: None

25. Number of observers: 1/8

26. Remarks: (None)

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Observers did not see the object but only four or five flashes
approximately one second apart and equidistant. The flashes appeared
silvery to reddish in color and were likened to the glow of a firefly
excepting they were larger and at equal intervals. The witnesses
did not believe the flashes were accompanied by either a shooting star
or a plane, because of the evenly-spaced intervals of flashing, the
color and the speed.

Correlation:- [redacted] also saw the
flashing light. Because of the overcast he did not see the object but
stated that he had seen the same type of light about the same time and
location on the evening of 15 July. At
about the same time the object or object was
traveling fast and apparently came out of the
direction of [redacted] and was headed
generally to the SE.

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Incident #55 -- Harmon Field, Newfoundland -- 23 July 1947

If proper allowance is made for the reporting of untrained observers, it is possible that the objects observed in this incident were a minor meteor shower. The "reddish flashes of light" and "abrupt darts" would tend to this interpretation. The hypothesis hinges, however, on the statement that "a number of intermittent flashes were observed for three minutes." If this means independent flashes, it lends support to the meteoric interpretation. If it means that the same objects flashed intermittently for three minutes, that theory is ruled out. It seems more probable in view of the statement about "abrupt darts of light" that the former meaning is correct.

There is somewhat more evidence in this incident than in #57 (which is similar, and occurred just three days earlier) favoring meteors, but probably the events of these two incidents are related, and it is very unlikely that meteors could explain both of them.

According to the report of the U. S. Weather Bureau on ball lightning, it would appear that this phenomenon sometimes takes the form of luminous darts and can be red. Perhaps this could offer an alternate explanation for the incident.

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INCIDENT INDEX

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CHECK LIST — UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 23 July 47 Incident # 55

2. Time 0345Z (0715 Local)

3. Location Harmon Fld., Stephenville, Newfoundland.

4. Name of observer [redacted]

5. Occupation of observer Government employee and Navigator of Public Holidays Aircraft

6. Address of observer N/S

7. Place of observation Harmon Fld., Newfoundland Sighted by Observer

8. Number of objects 1 Undetermined

9. Distance of object from observer N/S

10. Time in sight 5 Min. Three minutes

11. Altitude 10,000 ft.

12. Speed High velocity — stated to be faster than conventional A/C

13. Direction of flight NNE

14. Tactics Abrupt darts

15. Sound No sound

16. Size N/S

17. Color — reddish orange or light

18. Shape N/S

19. Odor detected N/S

20. Apparent construction N/S

21. Exhaust trails N/S

22. Weather conditions Light scattered clouds — Visibility unlimited

23. Effect on objects N/S

24. Statements of photographs None

25. Names of disappearances N/S

26. Remarks (over)

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Witnesses were walking when they observed a peculiar reddish light. They thought at first that the light was a shooting star but it left no streak. It appeared again and they thought it was a plane flying at very high altitude. Then a number of intermittent flashes were observed for three minutes. After observing this phenomenon, the light was heading in the form of meteors they considered that it was definitely not a plane as the maneuvers appeared too abrupt.

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UFO 10 JULY 1947 JANSSEN

Morristown, N.J.

1947

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1947 brought a flurry of UFO photographs, but the best in my opinion was a formation of 4 round white discs hanging beneath a cloud, which were photographed by Pilot [redacted] at Morristown, New Jersey on July 10.

10 July 47

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Incident #26 -- Harmon Field, Newfoundland -- 10 July 1947

The evidence presented here, and in incident #27, 27a, which refers to the same object, favors the hypothesis that the trail of a fireball was seen. The photographs submitted show a typical fireball trail. The "feathered edges" left on a cloud which the object broke through could easily have been caused by a fireball.

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Incident #27, 27a -- Harmon Field, Newfoundland -- 10 July 1947

Evidence presented here favors the hypothesis that the trail of a fireball was seen by observers. For details see report on incident #26.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 26

1. Date 10 July 1947
2. Time Between 3:00 and 5:00 PM in the afternoon
3. Location Pan American Airways, Harmon Field, Newfoundland
4. Name of observer [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer Station Mechanic
6. Address of observer [redacted]
7. Place of observation Traveling in a car returning from fishing.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer Not Stated
10. Time in sight Not stated
11. Altitude Not stated
12. Speed Terrific rate of speed in a circle because of the arcs in the path.
13. Direction of flight Not stated
14. Tactics Definite trail and caused clouds to break open as it went through. It looked to be traveling in a circle and left sharp edges to cloud
15. Sound Not stated
16. Size Not stated
17. Color No difference in color looked as if object broke the cloud and left this opening.
18. Shape Trail horizontal
19. Odor detected Not stated
20. Apparent construction object or flying discs
21. Exhaust trails bluish streak
22. Weather conditions Clear with clouds
23. Effect on clouds Cut a path through the cloud & you could see the trail right through the clouds, and it left sharp edges on the clouds.
24. Sketches or photographs Kodachrome film
25. Manner of disappearance Not stated
26. Remarks: (over)

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[redacted] saw the object or flying disc first and said he saw the thing travelling through the sky. We did not believe him at first but when he was so concerned about it we stopped the car and got out. I had my camera so took a picture of it. There was a bluish streak left in the sky which could not have been a cloud formation. It was a definite trail and caused the clouds to break open as it went through. It cut a clear path through the cloud and you could see the trail right through the cloud, it looked to be travelling in a big circle and it left sharp edges to the clouds. The trail looked as if an object passed through similar to that of a pebble leaving a ring in the pond. There was no difference in color. It looked as if the object broke and cloud and left this opening.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 27

1. Date 10 July 1947
2. Time Evening
3. Location Harmon Field, Newfoundland
4. Name of observer [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer Supervisor and Mechanic
6. Address of observer Pan American Airways, Harmon Field, Newfoundland
7. Place of observation Coming up over the mountain between Harmon Field and Stephenville Crossing.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer Did not see the object saw the trail as it was left behind
10. Time in sight Not Stated
11. Altitude Not stated
12. Speed Not stated
13. Direction of flight Not stated
14. Tactics Object was horizontal and seemed to remain on true course.
15. Sound No noise
16. Size Did not see object
17. Color not stated
18. Shape not stated
19. Odor detected Not Stated
20. Apparent construction Not stated
21. Exhaust trails Bluish black. band across the sky in a straight path
22. Weather conditions Scattered clouds
23. Effect on clouds The object passed through and cut the cloud leaving a gap where you could see the blue sky, like a knife had cut it. The edges were feathered.
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Not stated
26. Remarks: (Over)

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[redacted]

On the evening of 10 July 1947 we were coming up over the mountain between here and Stephenville Crossing. The car was going up hill and we could see the sky through the windshield. Mr [redacted] said "look at the cut in the sky". I looked and saw a blueish black vapor trail. The clouds were very scattered and were about 8000 to 10,000 feet, the object passed through and cut the cloud leaving a gap where you could see the blue sky, like a knife had cut it. The edges were feathered similar to a weld, as if you cut a weld in half. The estimate course of the object was approximately North North East. The trail was blueish black in colore, very easily distinguished from the blue sky. The trail was more or less a band across the sky in a straight path. There was no noise.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 27 A

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1. Date 10 July 1947
2. Time 1700
3. Location Harmon Field, New Foundland
4. Name of observer [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer [redacted] Pan American Airways
6. Address of observer Pan American Airways, Harmon Field, Newfoundland
7. Place of observation Between Harmon Field and Stephenville Crossing coming over the hill
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer Not stated
10. Time in sight XXXXXXXXXX Split second
11. Altitude XXXXXXXXXX Between 8000 to 10,000 ft
12. Speed Terrific rate
13. Direction of flight North North East
14. Tactics Travelling horizontal
15. Sound Not stated
16. Size About the size of a 54 or a Constellation
17. Color Translucent
18. Shape Disk like a wheel
19. Odor detected Not Stated
20. Apparent construction disk
21. Exhaust trails dark bluish approx. 15 to 20 miles long
22. Weather conditions Very clear and clouds very scattered
23. Effect on clouds Opened the clouds as it went through the air.
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Not stated
26. Remarks: (over)

[redacted]

U-30176-A

[redacted] saw one of the so called "flying disks" or other object on 10 July, at approximately 1700. We were coming back from a fishing trip, and coming over the hill between here and Stephenville Crossing, you can see the cloude formation ahead, I saw the object break out where the clouds opened and it left its trail behind it. It was very clear and the clouds were very scattered. I'd say the approximately altitude of the clouds was from 8000 to 10,000 feet. The object appeared to be a translucent disk like a wheel travelling at a terrific rate of speed and opened the clouds as it went through the air. The disk was travelling horizontal. It appeared to be about the size of a plane or Constellation. It spread the clouds out about half mile. It cut a clear path right through the cloud. It left a trail dark blueish in color similar to a high power light. The trail was approximately 15 to 20 miles long.

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INTELLIGENCE OFFICE
1388TH AAF BASE UNIT
NEWFOUNDLAND BASE COMMAND, ATLD-ATC
APO 864, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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SUBJECT: Kodachrome Film of Flying Disc's or Other Airborne Object's Trail.

TO: Commanding General,
Atlantic Division, ATC
Fort Totten, Long Island, N. Y.
ATTENTION: Lt. Col. James H. Brewster, Jr.
Assistant Chief of Staff, Intell.

1. Transmitted herewith three (3) rolls of Kodachrome Film belonging to [redacted] mechanic for Pan American Airways.

2. Mr. [redacted] states that on one of the three (3) rolls there are two (2) pictures of a Flying Disc's or other Airborne Object's trail, taken on 10 July 1947.

3. The Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Newfoundland Base Command directed that the film be transmitted to your Headquarters for processing and further disposition, and that TWX's have been dispatched giving further information from Headquarters, Newfoundland Base Command.

4. According to the statements of the observers, the object itself may not be on the film, but its trail, which is said to have been bluish black, or the object's effect on the cloud formations, will appear on the photographs.

5. Request that the rolls of film be returned to [redacted] after they have served their official purposes.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WILLIAM H. SMITH
Captain, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

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AMC Form No. 10-3
(19 Mar 45)

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SUBJECT Pictures Taken by [redacted] Incident 7/40

TO MCIAXD FROM MCIA DATE 13 Feb 48 COMMENT NO. 1

1. Reference is made to ATC Weekly Intelligence Summary, dated 16 July 1947, Item 5, page 2, "Flying Object", a copy of which is inclosed.

2. Referenced item states that Kodachrome pictures were taken of an unidentified flying object by [redacted] of Harmon Field, Newfoundland on 10 July 1947.

3. It is requested that the films or photographs be obtained for study. Also, the inclosure should be returned for file.

1 Incl
cy ATI Weekly Intell
Summary, 16 Jul 47

A. C. LOEDDING
Technical Assistant
Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

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Rm 252
Bldg 11A

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Not forwarded - These pictures are the same as the ones received from Mr Leidy Inc. #26

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Extract from Weekly Intelligence Summary, ATC, 16 Jul 47

"FLYING OBJECTS REPORTS SUMMARY": The following is a digest of the only current reports that have been received through the Intelligence system of this Command concerning unidentified flying objects. On 10 June 1947, rumors were drifting into Budapest from rural areas in Hungary to the effect that "silver balls were flashing across the sky in daytime." No accurate description or confirmation of this report was obtained. A Newfoundland constable named [redacted], has reported to personnel of the 1380th AAF Base Unit, ATC, Newfoundland Base Command, Fort Pepperell that on 9 July at 2330 hours local time (0200Z), he observed for a few seconds four "egg-shaped phosphorus colored discs" followed ten minutes later by a fifth similar object moving through the air in the vicinity of Grand Falls, Newfoundland. According to the constable, all objects were flying east, moving very fast, and parallel to the ground, at an altitude of "30,000 feet". The first four were in trail formation. The constable described the shape of these objects as being like a "barrel head or egg" with "black spots on the tail end" but "leaving no smoke trail". The Newfoundland Base Command reports also mention a second unidentified observer of these objects, who described them as being "three-leafed" in shape. A check of weather records reveals that CAVU weather prevailed in the Grand Falls region at the time these objects were reported as being seen. [redacted] for Trans World Airlines and [redacted], for Pan American Airways, both stationed at Harmon Field, Newfoundland, report that on 10 July at 1730 hours local time (2000Z), they observed over that installation a circular wagon wheel-shaped disc of silver color which, at its estimated altitude of "10,000 feet", appeared to be of equal size to the wing span of a C-54. Weather records indicate that the weather at Harmon during the time this incident occurred was clear with scattered cumulus clouds at an altitude of from eight to ten thousand feet. These two men report that the disc was first sighted when it appeared about six miles SSW of Harmon; the two observers report that the disc seemed to "cut the clouds as it passed" over on a NNE course leaving a "bluish black trail approximately fifteen miles long" which is described as similar in appearance to the beam seen for an instant after a high powered landing light or search light was been switched off. Personnel of the 1388th AAF Base Unit, ATC, Harmon Field, Stephenville, who relayed Mehrman's and Woodruff's report to this office state that kodachrome pictures were taken of the disc which are now being developed, probably by Eastman at Rochester, New York, and that [redacted] will forward the prints "as soon as received". On 11 July 1947, Col [redacted] and Major [redacted] of the 59th Airways and Air Communications Service Group, Elmendorf Field, Anchorage, observed an object resembling an aluminum colored balloon "about 3 feet in diameter" travelling at an unidentified altitude "at a great speed" in a N/S direction in the vicinity of the field. On 12 July at 0830 hours local time (0430Z), Major [redacted] of this same unit and some unidentified officers of the Alaskan Department observed a grayish balloon "approximately 10 feet in diameter" in the vicinity of Elmendorf Field flying in a NW direction following the contour of the mountains five miles away. The object was reported as flying at an altitude of "1500 feet" at an estimated rate of "100 miles per hour", paralleling the course of a C-47 landing into a 20 mile per hour wind. This office can draw no conclusions on the part of the above summary item based on reports emanating from rural areas in Hungary other

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than to point out that these Hungarian rumors were recorded fifteen days prior to the first time flying objects, commonly called "saucers", were reported over various areas of the Zone of Interior. Nor is anything known at this office that would add to or detract from the until recently, unfamiliar descriptions briefly presented in the Newfoundland reports. The brief text gives rise to obvious doubts and questions that can be clarified only by an evaluation and further interrogation of the sources from whence these reports were derived. However, an analysis of the two radios that reported the Elmendorf sightings have led the Intelligence Officers of this Headquarters to point out the following considerations. It is very difficult to judge the size, speed and altitude of an unknown object at the reported distance of five miles. The account of the object sighted would tend to describe a weather pibal. In this regard it is noted that it is standard operating procedure for weather stations to release pibals every six hours daily - at 0400Z, 1000Z, 1600Z and 2200Z. It is pointed out that the 12 July sighting approximates the time at which one of these daily pibals is released. It is also pointed out that in the Anchorage area, it is believed to be not uncommon for surface winds and winds at an altitude of 1000 feet or more to move in opposite directions.

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HEADQUARTERS
Newfoundland Base Command, ATLD-ATC
Fort Pepperrell, Newfoundland
APO 862, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

28 July 1947

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding General,
Atlantic Division, ATC,
Fort Totten, Long Island, N. Y.
(ATTENTION: AC/S, Intelligence)

1. Transmitted herewith, as inclosures 1, 2 and 3, are Final Reports of Sightings of "flying saucers" in Newfoundland and vicinity listed as follows:

Final Report of Sighting - 2000Z, 10 July 1947
" " " " - 0030Z, 11 July 1947
" " " " - 0015Z, 20 July 1947

2. Reference TWX - EN 18469, this headquarters, dated 121730Z July 1947, regarding sightings of "flying saucers" by Constable [redacted], Newfoundland Constabulary, at Grand Falls, Newfoundland, on the night of 9 July 1947, attached herewith, as inclosure 4, is signed statement of this sighting by Constable [redacted]

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Marion C. Miller
MARION C. MILLER,
Captain, Air Corps,
AC/S, Intelligence.

4 Incls:
1. Final Rpt of Sighting, 10 Jul 47
2. " " " " , 11 Jul 47
3. " " " " , 20 Jul 47
4. Signed Statement - Const KEARSEY

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FOR INTELLIGENCE PD ONE FLYING DISC, SIGHTED 2000Z 10 JULY 47, OVER HARMON FIELD, NEWFOUNDLAND, AT APPROXIMATELY 10000 FEET, COURSE: NORTH NORTH EAST PD WEATHER: CLEAR WITH SCATTERED CUMULUS AT 8-10000 FEET PD COLOR:: SILVERY PD DISC WAS FIRST SIGHTED ABOUT 6 MILES SOUTH SOUTH WEST FROM HARMON FIELD BY [redacted] TWA REPRESENTATIVE AND [redacted] PAA REPRESENTATIVE PD DISC APPEARED ABOUT THE SAME SPAN AS C-54 AT 10000 FEET, WAS CIRCULAR IN SHAPE LIKE WAGONS WHEEL, DISC SEEMED TO CUT THE CLOUDS OPEN AS IT PASSED THRU AND LEFT A BLUISH BLACK TRAIL APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MILES LONG PD TRAIL WAS SIMILAR TO THE BEAM SEEN AFTER A HIGH POWERED LANDING LIGHT OR SEARCH LIGHT IS SWITCHED OF PD KODACHROME PICTURES WERE TAKEN AND ARE BEING DEVELOPED STATE SIDE PD PHOTOS WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS THEY ARE RECEIVED BY [redacted] END

Interrein Hoyt Echanes Goodyear { What L/A does Russian have. German - Russian Type. What plans - potentialities

{ Get T-2 and Eng. Div rep. to Harmon Field wind. and return via Wash. reporting to Gen Schulgen 4C/AS:2 Room 3E153

What has Brentnall prepared?
" " Clingerman " ?

? with ship picatach ?
(long flight)
(short flights with experimental equipment)

Is Orainbow about plane shadow on overcast or high layer with underneath.

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Transmittal of Report of Investigation

Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTN: AC/AS-2
Colonel Robert Taylor III

1. Transmitted herewith are two copies of a report on an investigation conducted at Harmon Field, Newfoundland, by Colonel W. R. Clingerman and Lt. Colonel E. G. Nabell of this Command. This investigation was accomplished in accordance with a verbal request from General Schulgen of AC/AS-2 to Colonel H. M. McCoy of Headquarters, Air Material Command.

2. This letter may be declassified upon removal of the attached report, in accordance with paragraph 9b, AR 380-5.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incl:
Rpt of Investigation
w/Incls. (in dup)

H. M. McCOY
Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy Commanding General
Intelligence (T-2)

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Submission of Report

Commanding General
Newfoundland Base Command
Fort Pepperell, Newfoundland
APO 862 c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

NFLD File

1. In compliance with Letter Orders No. 471350 dated 30 July 1947, Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, copy of which is attached, there is herewith submitted for your information a copy of the report which was made as a result of the investigation directed by the attached order. Due to the exigencies of the situation and the short period of time involved, it was not practical to write the report while at Harmon Field.

2. Colonel William P. Sloan, the Commanding Officer of Harmon Field, was most cooperative and assisted the investigating officers with every means at his disposal, which contributed in no small manner to the successful conclusion of the investigation.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Cy Rpt 8/2/47
Cy L.O. 471350 7/30/47

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authority of CC, AD-ATC
per Capt. Clay 9-2
(Name) (Rank) (Date)

FINAL REPORT OF SIGHTING

1. Org. : 1388th AAF BU, NEC, ATLD, ATC. Harmon Field, Newfoundland.
2. Sighting : Flying Disc or other airborne object.
3. Place : Approx six (6) miles SSW of Harmon Field.
4. Time : 2000/Z, 10 July 1947
5. Altitude : 8- 10,000 ft.
6. Weather : Clear, Scattered Cumulus 8 - 10, 000 ft.
7. Heading : NNE on horizontal course.
8. Speed : Very high velocity.
9. Shape & Size: Circular like a wheel, estimated to be same size as a C-54 as seen from 10, 000 ft.
10. Color : Translucent or Silvery, left a Bluish Black trail approx 15 miles long.
11. Photographs: Mr. [redacted] reported that he took two (2) Kodachrome snap shots of the trail.
12. Reported By: Mr. [redacted] TWA mechanic; Mr. [redacted] PAA mechanic; and Mr. [redacted], PAA mechanic reported the above facts to the Intelligence Officer on 15 July 1947. A Flash Report was TWX ed to : Action copy Commanding General, Hq. ATC, Attn. Asst. Chief of Staff, Intelligence. Info copies: Commanding Generals Hq. ATLD and Hq. NEC
13. General : Mister's [redacted] and [redacted] were enroute from Stephenville Crossing to Harmon Field at the time of the sighting. [redacted] was the first to see the Disc, it appeared to rent or split the clouds thru which it passed and left a Bluish Black trail approx. fifteen (15) miles long behind it. The trail was similar to the afterglow of a powerful landing light or search light beam after it is suddenly switched off. The object maintained a straight and horizontal course according to Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] stated it appeared to be on a great curved course on a horizontal plane. The object disappeared into the North Northeast. Mr. Leidy says he took two (2) Kodachrome Photographs of the trail. The film has been transmitted to the Asst. Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Newfoundland Base Command for processing.

William H. Smith
WILLIAM H. SMITH
CAPT. A.C.
Intelligence Officer

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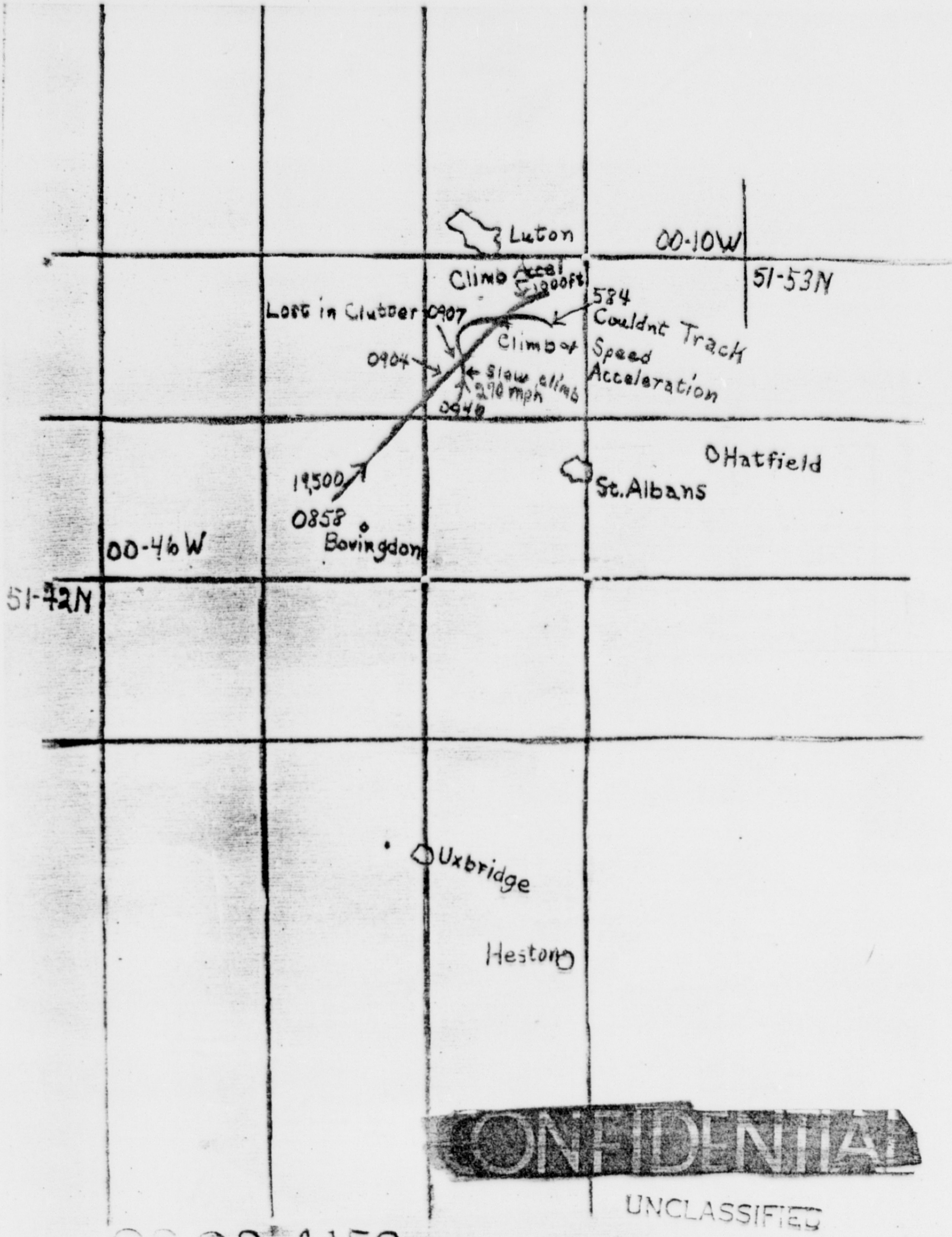


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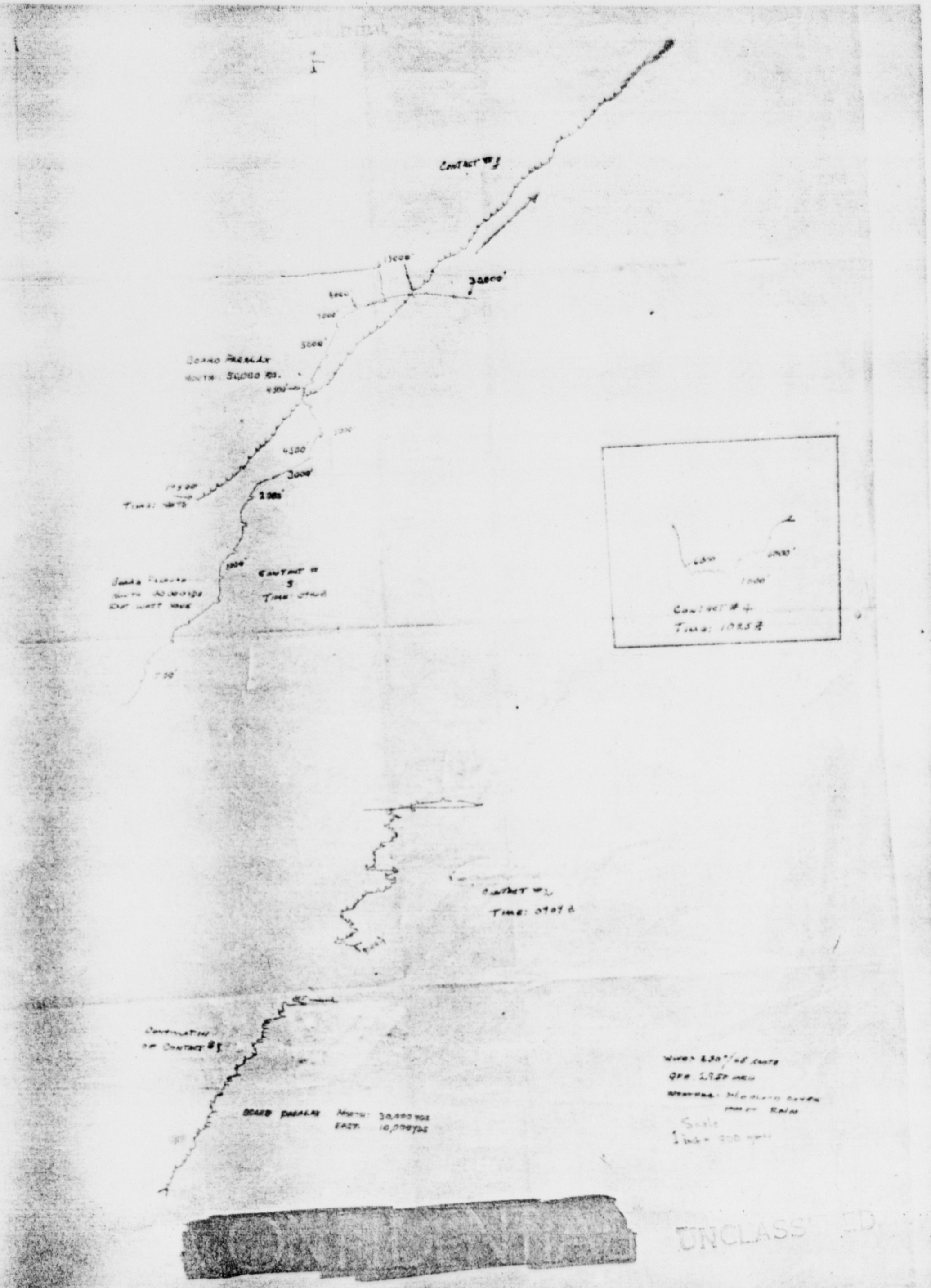
Scale: Half-Inch to One Statute Mile = 1/126720

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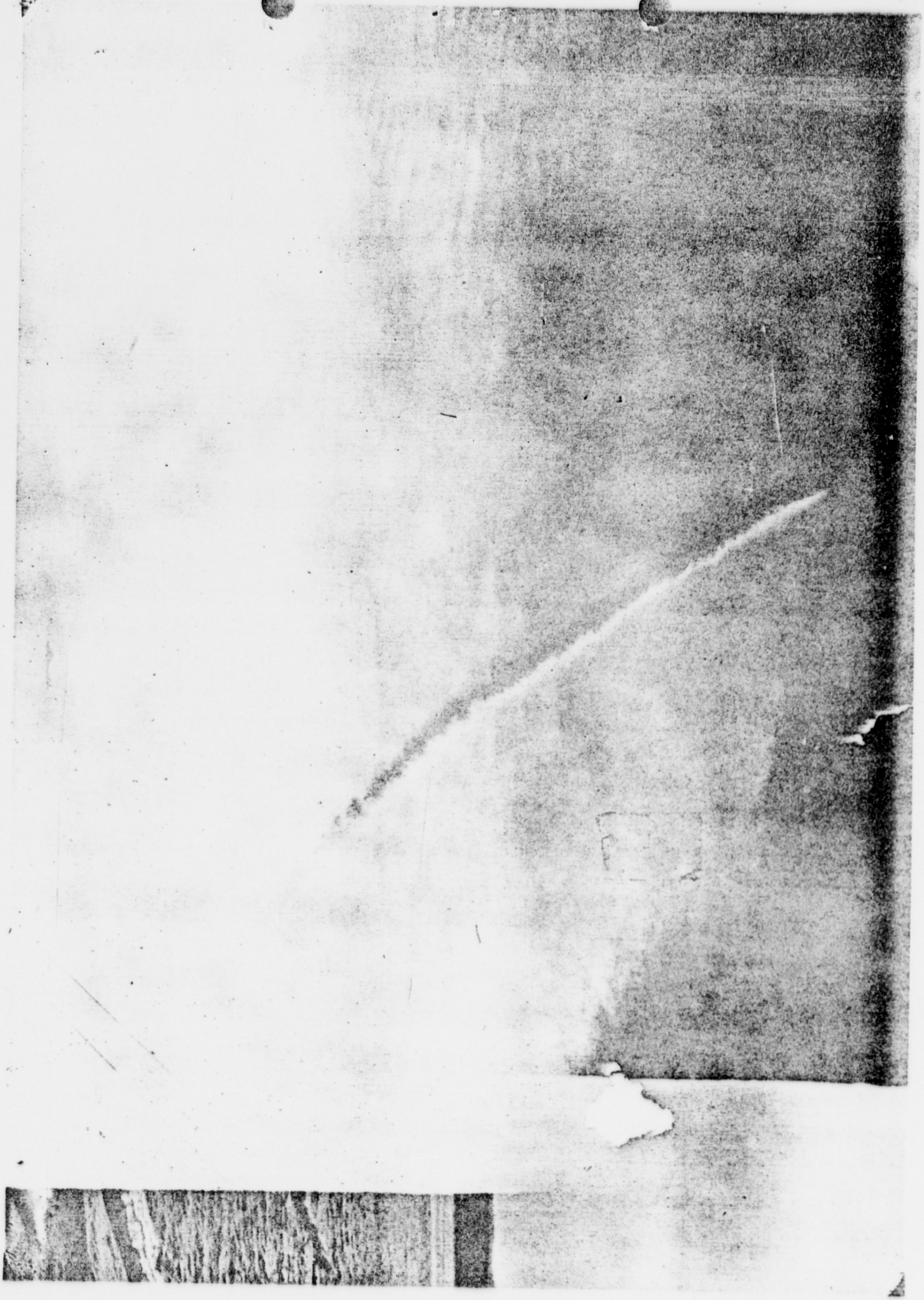

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part of Report by
Col Clingerman and
Lt. Col E.G. Zabell.
Lt. Orders # 71350 dated 30 July '47.

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50mm F-2 lens.
Original was a Kodachrome
Transparency.

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Reading By Mr. [redacted] — Claire Candra (Inc #36

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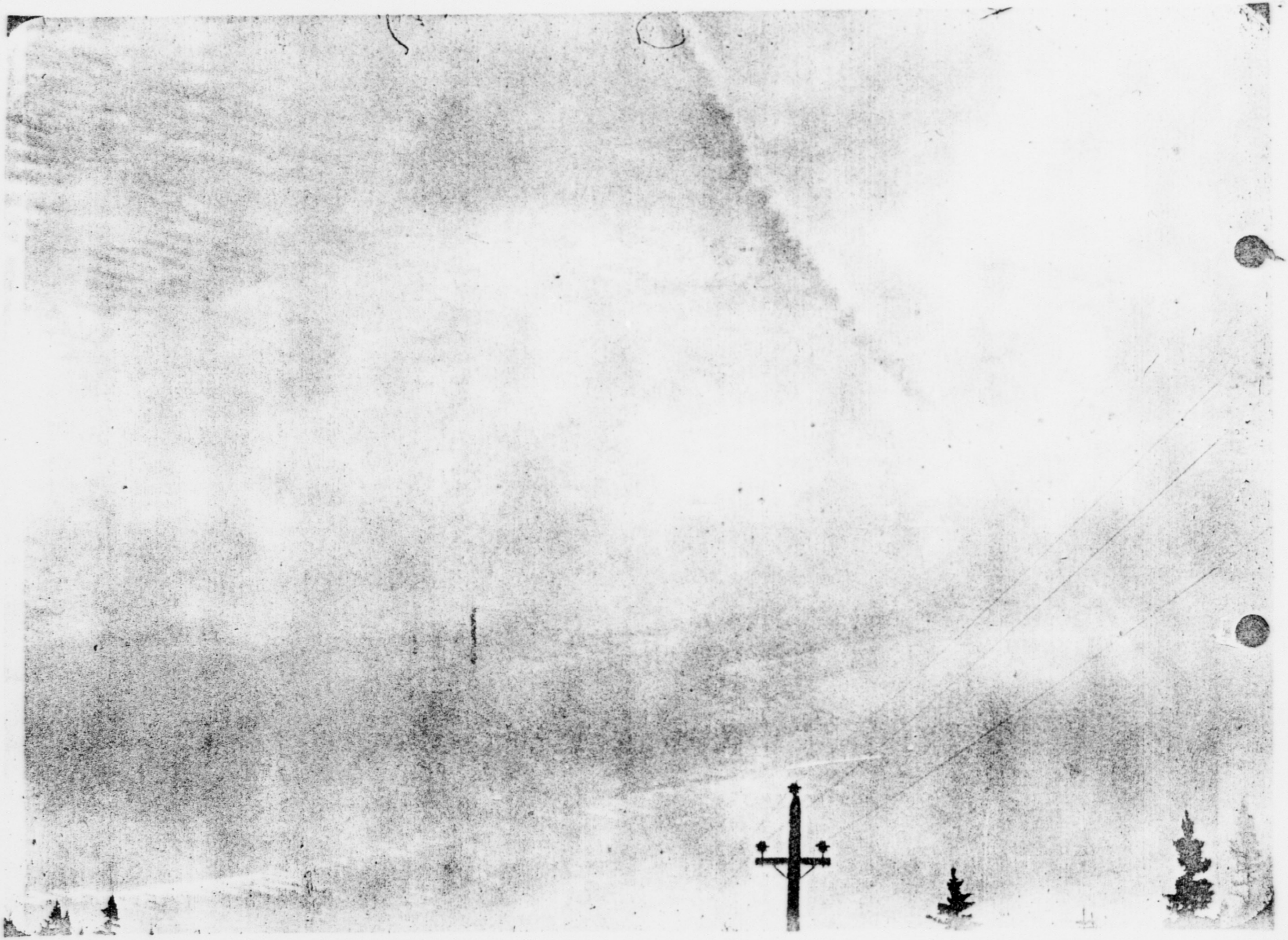
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