[redacted] R7C

ATIC NO. - - -

AF NO. - - -

REPORT NO. - - -

DATE OF REPORT - - -

TIME OF SIGHTING 1830 MST

SHAPE - - -

SIZE - - -

COURSE - - -

NO. IN GROUP - - - 1

SOUND - - -

PHOTOS - - - (1) SKETCHES - - -

DATE OF INFO 26 April 1948

LOCATION 18 Mile E Amarillo, Tex.

SOURCE Male Civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC - - -

COLOR - - -

SPEED - - - Estimated / Measured

ALTITUDE 50° above horizon Estimated / Measured

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 15-20 min.

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ~~Ground~~

MANEUVERS - - -

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San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Receipt of your letter dated 3 May 1949, is acknowledged.

Your action in reporting this matter to the proper authority is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

H. K. SMITH
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

[redacted]
San Luis Obispo,
California,
5 May 1949

Tech. Intelligence Division,
Air Materiel Command,
Wright-Patterson A.F.B.,
Dayton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

It is with some reluctance and with a faint feeling of foolishness that I write to you with the following incident. I noted this occurrence over a year ago, but didn't place much importance with it then - or now, but having recently read a rash of articles about the so called 'flying saucers', the latest in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post, I thought that I would pass along this information for what it is worth.

On 26 April, 1948, at about 8:30 P.M.S.T., I was driving my car in a westerly direction on highway 66 about 13 miles east of Amarillo, Texas. The sun had gone down, and dusk was approaching. I noticed what appeared to be a rather bright star almost dead ahead, possible a little south of west a few points. There were no other stars visible yet however, and this one seemed to me to be considerably elongated. I watched it for several minutes, and finally commented about it to my wife. She too noted that it did seem to be rather long or than is usually the case with an evening star. The brightness was about that of the brightest of stars. We observed this object for a period of several minutes, and it appeared to be moving, but as we had been moving along the highway at about 60 mph, it was impossible to get a fix on it and be certain.

I then stopped the car, went back to my trailer and got my camera and set it for [illegible] and took a picture of the object through the ground glass. It was at this apparent [illegible] object had a considerable speed, as it moved about 3/4 inch on the ground glass while I was getting a film holder ready. At this time it was about [illegible] its elevation was about 30° above the horizon. We stood there, and I [illegible] the object for about [illegible] minutes, when all, so much so that no really readable [illegible] obtainable. The negatives were destroyed, but I enclose herewith one of the prints.

Soon after I had taken the pictures, the object seemed to either [illegible] but probably, or to the

3 3/4 x 4 1/2 PHOTO
OF UFO SIGHTING
AT OR NEAR
AMARILLO, TEXAS

28 APR 1948

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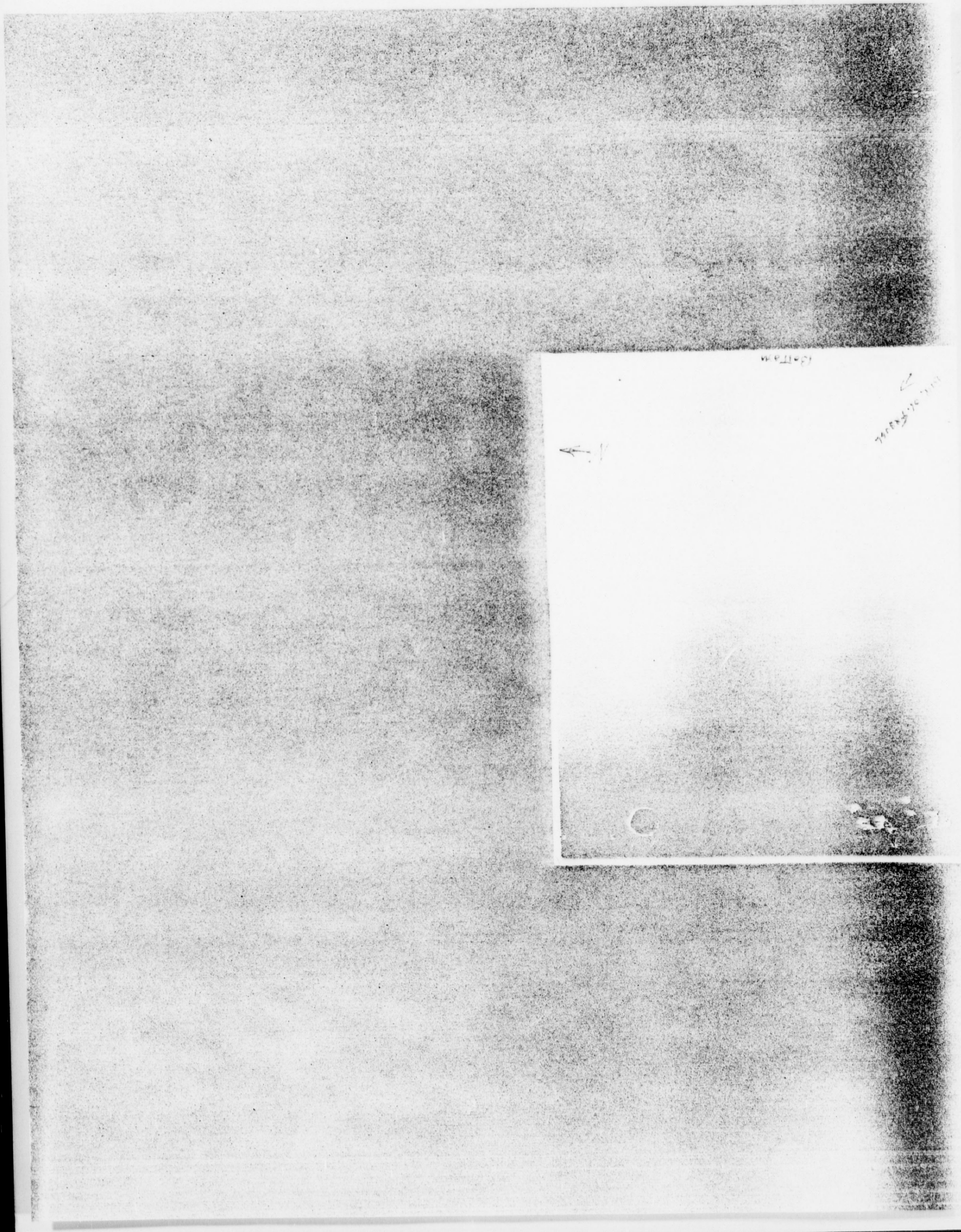

(6 P. M. ST 26 April 1940

about 18 miles east of
Amarillo - Texas - Highway 66

(other dots + light spots
are local &c)