

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 13 August 49 14/0345Z	2. LOCATION New Orleans, La.
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Other (Cast Aluminum Alloy of Ordinary Commercial Quality)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION N/A	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS No one actually saw the object hit the ground. Several witnesses became aware of the object only after it hit a sidewalk. This object is pie-shaped of a cast aluminum alloy of ordinary commercial quality. The exterior was covered by a sooty substance and underneath the metal is of a silver gray color. Two sides of the object are rough, indicating that the metal may have been broken from a larger piece. The rounded edge of the object is apparently a finished edge. The object varies in thickness from 1/8 to 1/2".
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION N/A	
7. COURSE N/A	
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☒ Yes ☐ No	

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SUBJECT Metallurgical Analysis

TO MCREXM

FROM MCIAXS

DATE

COMMENT NO.

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It is requested that the necessary metallurgical analysis be performed on the attached sample.

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TO: MCIAXS

From: MCREXM

2 November 1949

Comment No. 2

1. The submitted sample was a cast aluminum alloy of ordinary commercial quality. It was a sand casting, and probably made from a material equivalent to Alcoa 113 alloy. Microscopic investigation revealed the casting to have a considerable amount of scattered porosity. The outer layers of grains were partially recrystallized indicating that the part was subject to fairly high temperatures at its surface.

2. A deposit which appeared to be grayish black covered both surfaces of the sample. The deposit on one side was in waves such as would occur if hot "smoke" gases passed over it at high speeds. The deposit was gray in color when separated and powdered. X-ray diffraction methods revealed that it contained one crystalline material, CaCO_3 , while spectrographic tests indicated that the metallic elements in the deposit were principally Ca, with major amounts of Al, Si and Mg. Corrosion spots were present at scattered places on the surface.

3. An approximate spectrographic analysis of the base material of the casting was made. The elements found, including all the trace elements, were:

Al	matrix	Zn, Sn, Mn	0.01 - .10%
Cu	1 - 10%	Bi, Ca	0.02 - 0.2%
Fe	0.2 - 1.0%	Pb, Ni	0.05 - 0.5%
Si	1.0 - 2.0%	Ti	0.001 - 0.01%
Mg	0.02 - 0.10%	Traces Ga, Be, E, V, In, Li, Co, Ag, Sb	

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-24	DATE 14 Sept 1949
TITLE SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC (Fragment of Metal found on Canal and Bourbon Street Intersection, New Orleans, La.) On 13 August 1949		REPORT MADE BY LOUIS H. COLEMAN	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.	
		PERIOD 15, 19, 22 August 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT			
REFERENCE None. This is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS On 13 August 1949, at approximately 2145 hours, a metal object allegedly fell to the pavement at the intersection of Canal and Bourbon Streets in New Orleans, Louisiana. This object is pie-shaped apparently of a metal alloy construction. The exterior is covered with a sooty substance while underneath the metal is of a silvery-gray color. Two (2) sides of the object are rough, indicating that the metal may have been broken from a larger piece. The rounded edge of the object is apparently a finished edge. The object varies in thickness from approximately one-eighth inch (1/8") to one-half inch (1/2"). Witnesses to this incident were Patrolman [redacted] of the New Orleans City Police, Mr. [redacted], [redacted] Reservation Agent for the Illinois Central Railroad, and Mr. [redacted], news vendor. Buildings in the vicinity of alleged incident were examined with negative results to determine if the object fell from a building. DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10 CLOSED DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10			
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DETAILS:

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

1. On 15 August 1949, Mr. [REDACTED] Street, revealed that he was on duty for the New Orleans Police Department at approximately 2145 hours, on 13 August 1949, at the intersection of Canal and Bourbon Streets. At this time, Mr. [REDACTED] heard a sharp explosion and after a lapse of five (5) minutes, a whirring sound which ended in the clattering of a piece of metal to the pavement approximately ten feet (10') from where Mr. [REDACTED] was standing. Mr. [REDACTED] did not observe the object until it had struck the pavement, at which time, he took the object into custody, and also the name of one (1) witness, a Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Street. According to Mr. [REDACTED], there was no evidence of exhaust or any odor connected with the object. Mr. [REDACTED] described the whirring noise which he heard as similar to a scream. Mr. [REDACTED] checked buildings in the immediate vicinity to ascertain if the object could have fallen from one (1) of these buildings, but there was no evidence of such.

Mr. [REDACTED] turned this object over to OSI Agents and the object is now in the custody of 9th OSI headquarters, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Street, [REDACTED] for the Illinois Central Railroad, revealed on 15 August 1949, that on the night of 13 August 1949, at approximately 2145 hours, he and his wife were sitting in their car parked at the intersection of Canal and Bourbon Streets. The [REDACTED] automobile was parked approximately four (4) car lengths from the place of the impact of the object. Mr. [REDACTED] did not observe the object in flight, but did go to the scene as soon as he heard the clatter of metal on the sidewalk and saw the crowd begin to gather. According to Mr. [REDACTED] the first person who noted the object was a news vendor at the intersection who was identified as [REDACTED] Street. Mr. [REDACTED] related that an unidentified cab driver had observed the incident and urged the news vendor to contact local newspapers and report the "flying disc". Mr. [REDACTED] also stated that the policeman on duty at the intersection was not aware of the object until he was called to the scene by a member of the crowd which gathered. Mr. [REDACTED] did not observe any smoke or fumes in the vicinity of the impact.

3. On 22 August 1949, Mr. [REDACTED] Street, identified himself as the news vendor who had first observed the object which struck the pavement on 13 August 1949. Mr. [REDACTED] was approximately ten (10) to twenty (20) feet from the point of impact and the object which narrowly missed a pedestrian. The object came from the air in a south-southwesterly

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direction, although Mr. [REDACTED] had previously stated that he did not see the object until it had struck the pavement. A number of pedestrians were at the intersection at the time and a crowd soon gathered. Members of the crowd urged Mr. [REDACTED] to contact the newspaper and report the "flying disc" and a member of the crowd called a policeman to the scene. Mr. [REDACTED] could offer no further information relative to the object.

4. Buildings immediately adjacent to the area at which the object allegedly fell were examined by OSI Agents on 19 August 1949. It was impossible to locate a source of the object in any of the buildings inspected.

5. The object which was recovered by Patrolman [REDACTED] is a pie-shaped object apparently of a metal alloy construction. The exterior is covered with a sooty substance while underneath the metal is of a silvery-gray color. Two (2) sides of the object are rough, indicating that the metal may have been broken from a larger piece. The rounded edge of the object is apparently a finished edge. The object varies in thickness from approximately one-eighth inch (1/8") to one-half inch (1/2").

It should be noted that the only positive information indicating that the object came from the air was from Patrolman [REDACTED], which was reported in Paragraph 1 above. Contrary to Patrolman [REDACTED]'s statement, the two (2) additional witnesses reported that [REDACTED] was not aware of the object until he was called to the scene from his traffic duties after the discovery of the object. Mr. [REDACTED], news vendor, stated that he did not see the object until it had struck the pavement and later stated that it had fallen from the air.

INCLOSURES:

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO:

Two (2) each photographs, four (4) views of object.

FOR HEADQUARTERS OSI, WASHINGTON, D. C.:

One (1) each of the above listed photographs.

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Headquarters, 9th District OSI (IG), Barksdale AFB, La., 6 October 1949

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton,
Ohio (ATTENTION: MCIAXS)

Metal fragments mailed under separate cover, this date, in accordance
with request in above 1st Indorsement.

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Office of Special Investigations

IN REPLY REFER TO: 24-24

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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

14 September 1949

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SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC
(Fragment of Metal Found
On Canal and Bourbon Street
Intersection, New Orleans, La.)
On 13 August 1949
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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

1. Transmitted herewith is Closed Report of Investigation regarding above Subject.

2. 9th District OSI does not contemplate any further action in this case.

Edward R. Ford.

1 Incl:
Rpt of Invest (2)

EDWARD R. FORD
Major, USAF
District Commander

24-24 (14 Sept 49)

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Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

TO: The Inspector General, USAF, 9th District Office of Special Investigations, Barksdale AFB, La.

Request metal fragments mentioned in referenced report be forwarded this Headquarters, attention: MCIAXS.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incl: W/D

Harold E. Watson
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Chief, Intelligence Department

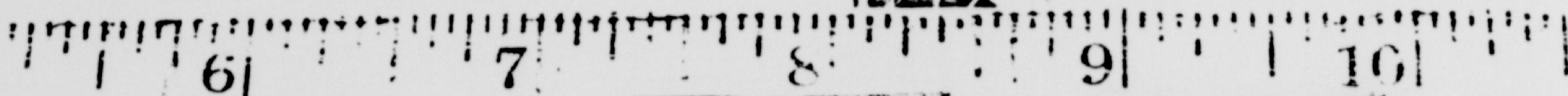
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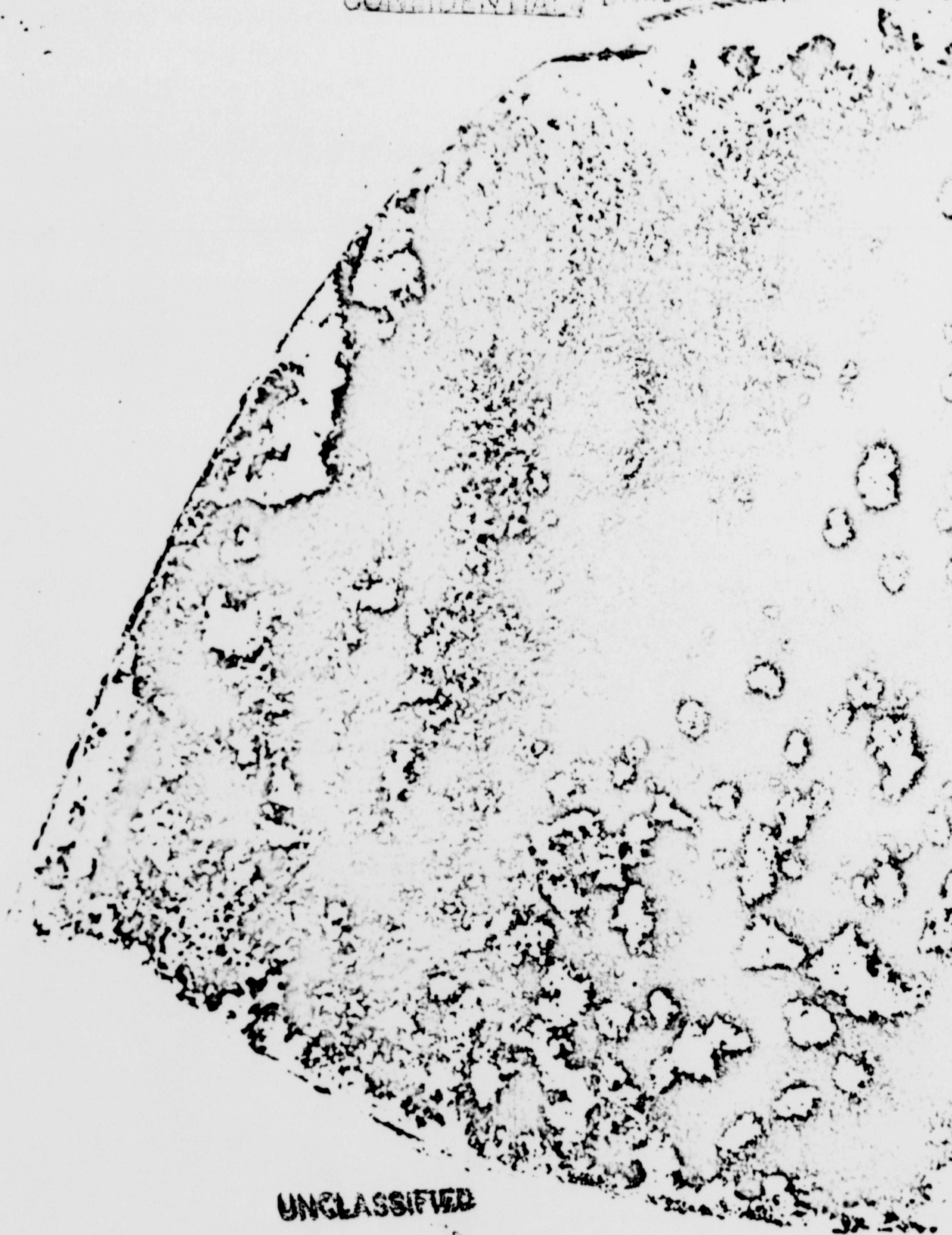
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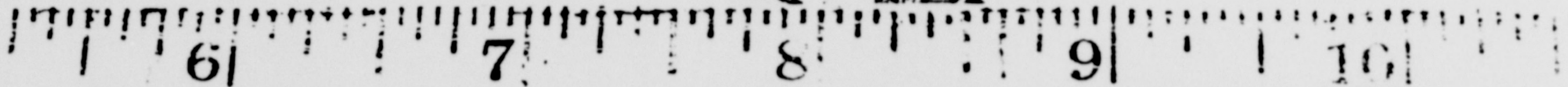
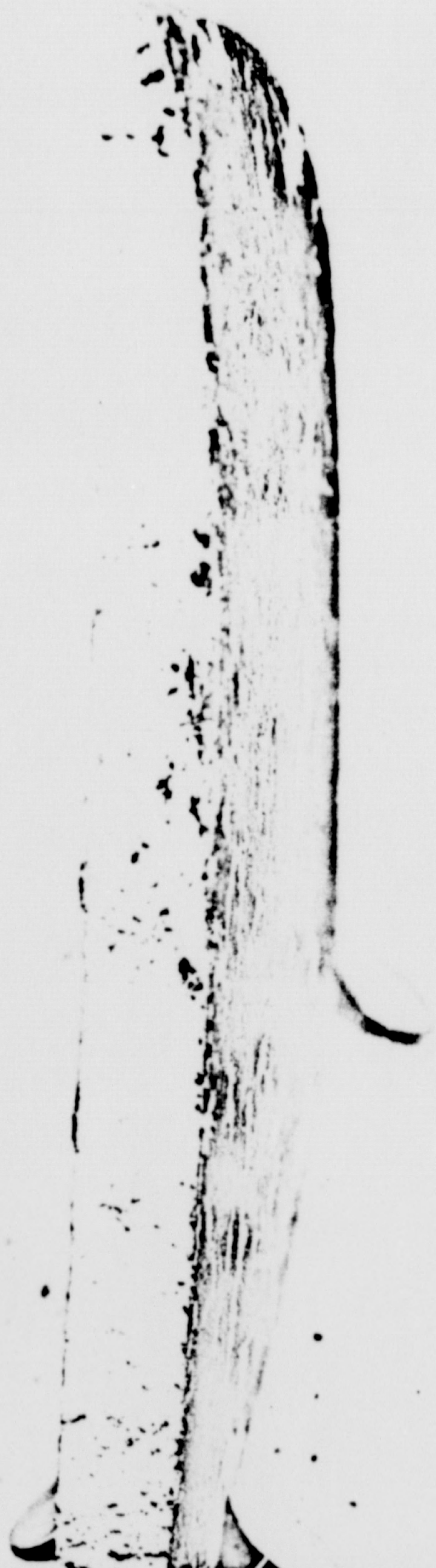
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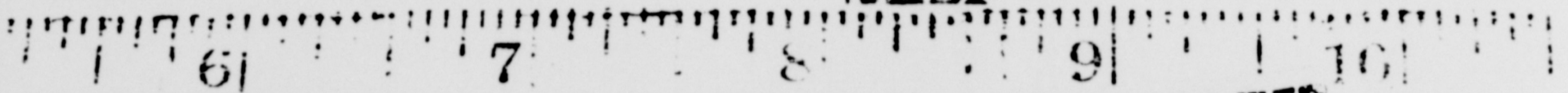
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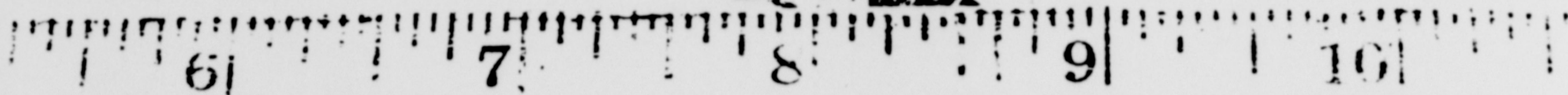


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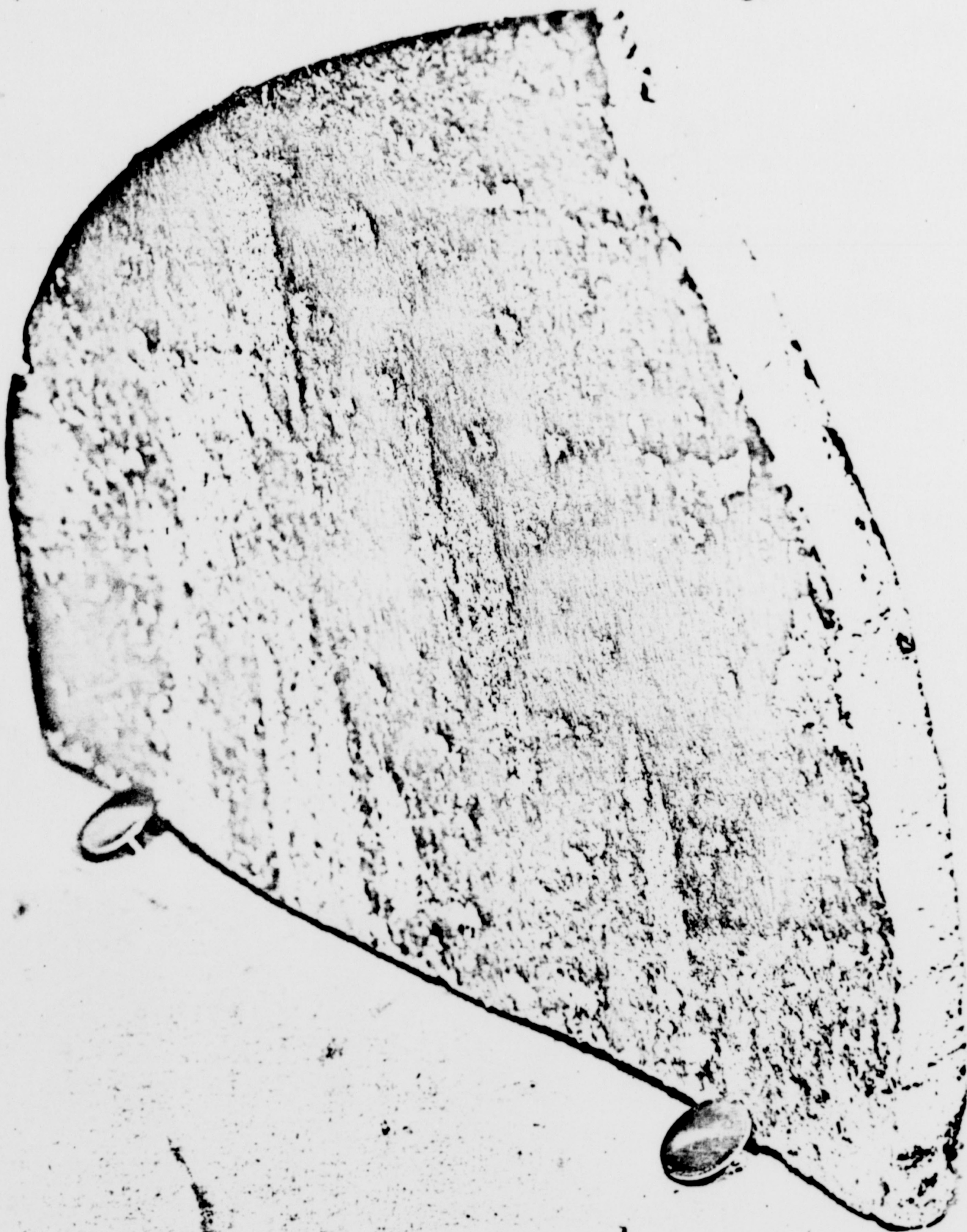


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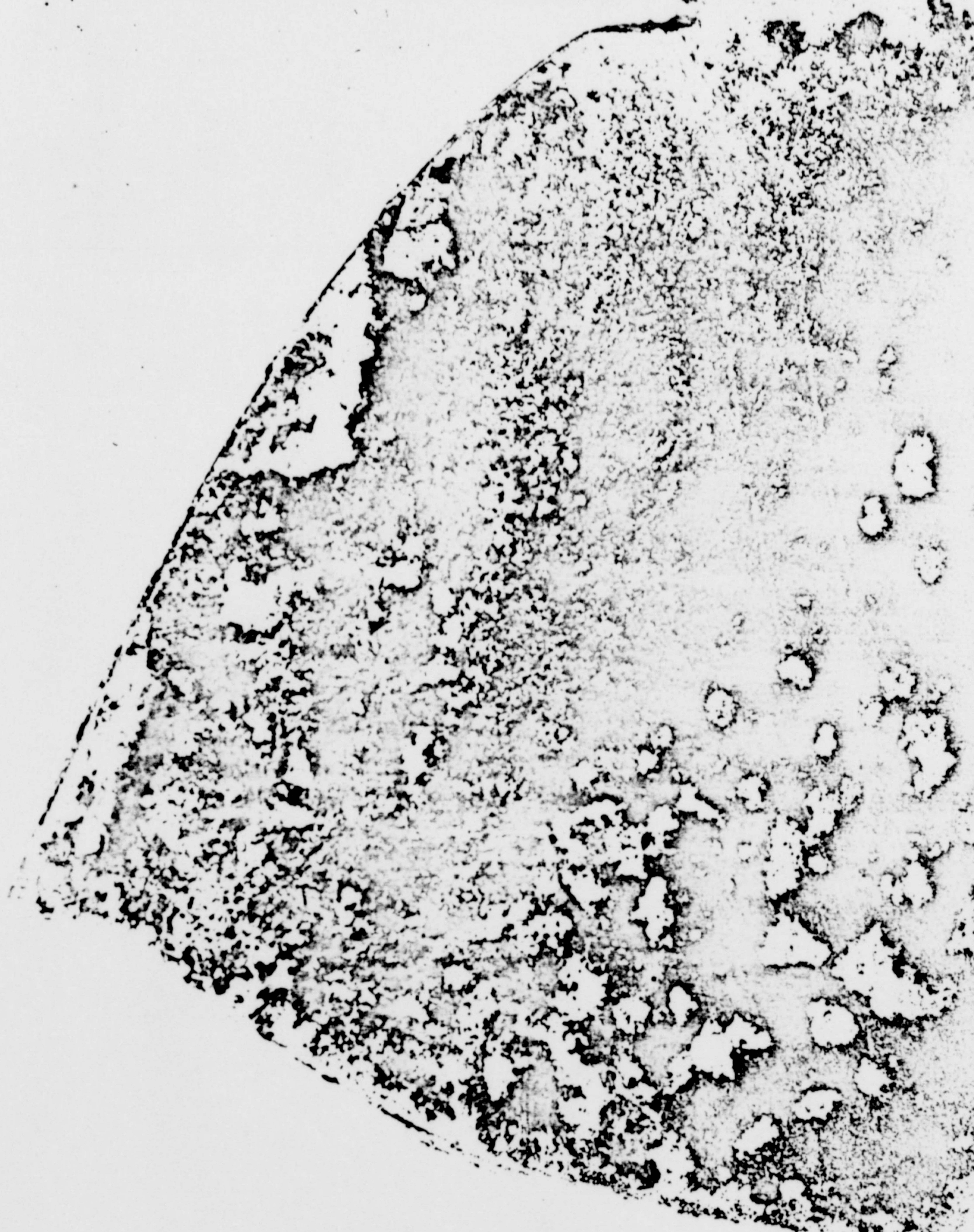


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