

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

DATE 25 May 1952		LOCATION Tierra Amarillo, New Mexico		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0958 <i>local</i> GMT 25/1658 Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Visual Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Radar Operators		☒ Other Radar <i>Jamming</i> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION --		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE 325°	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Possibly interference from another radar or jammer (spooten)				11. COMMENTS Maneuvers: Stright and Level	

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 25 May 52

TIME (Local): 1658Z

LOCATION: Tierra Amarilla, N. M.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 40 Seconds

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: 1800 mph

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: 325°

SOURCE: Radar

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Pending

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Observed with OPs-5 radar. Appeared on scope three times on two radar sets. (Secret)

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WV 010

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FM CG 34TH AIR DIV /DEF/ KIRTLAND AFB NMEX

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHDC

JEDUP/ATIC ATTN ATIAA-2C WPAFB OHIO

ZEN/CG INT AFB COLO

ZEN/CG WADF ATTN DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HAMILTON AFB CALIF

/R E S T R I C T E D/ AQQ-OIN-9493 FLYORPT.

/1/ SHAPE: NEGATIVE

SIZES: NEGATIVE

COLOR: NEGATIVE

NUMBER: ONE

FORMATION: NEGATIVE

AERODYNAMIC FEATURES: NEGATIVE

TRAIL OR EXHAUST: NEGATIVE

SPEED: 1800 MPH

SOUND: NEGATIVE

MANEUVERS: APPEARED ON RADAR SCOPE THREE /3/ TIMES.

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/2/ 25 MAY 1952 1658Z PD

/3/ ELECTRONIC SIGHTING OPS-5 PD OBSERVED 40 SECONDS PD

/4/ OBJECT SIGHTED AT 106 DEGREES 16 MINUTES LONG 35 DEGREES 47 MINUTES
LAT PD

/5/ RELIABILITY CONSIDERED EXCELLENT PD

/6/ WEATHER CLEAR PD

/7/ NEGATIVE /8/ NEGATIVE /9/ NEGATIVE /10/ NEGATIVE

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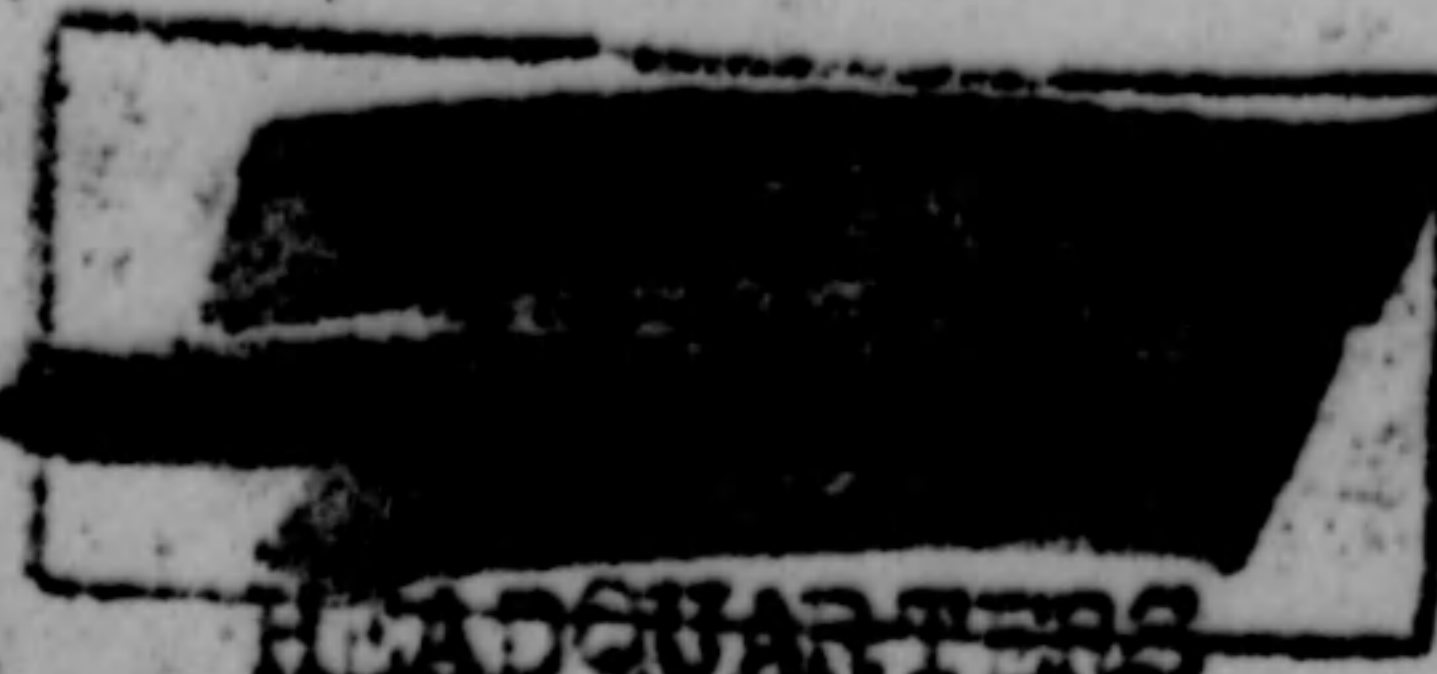
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767th AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON
Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico

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SUBJECT: UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES

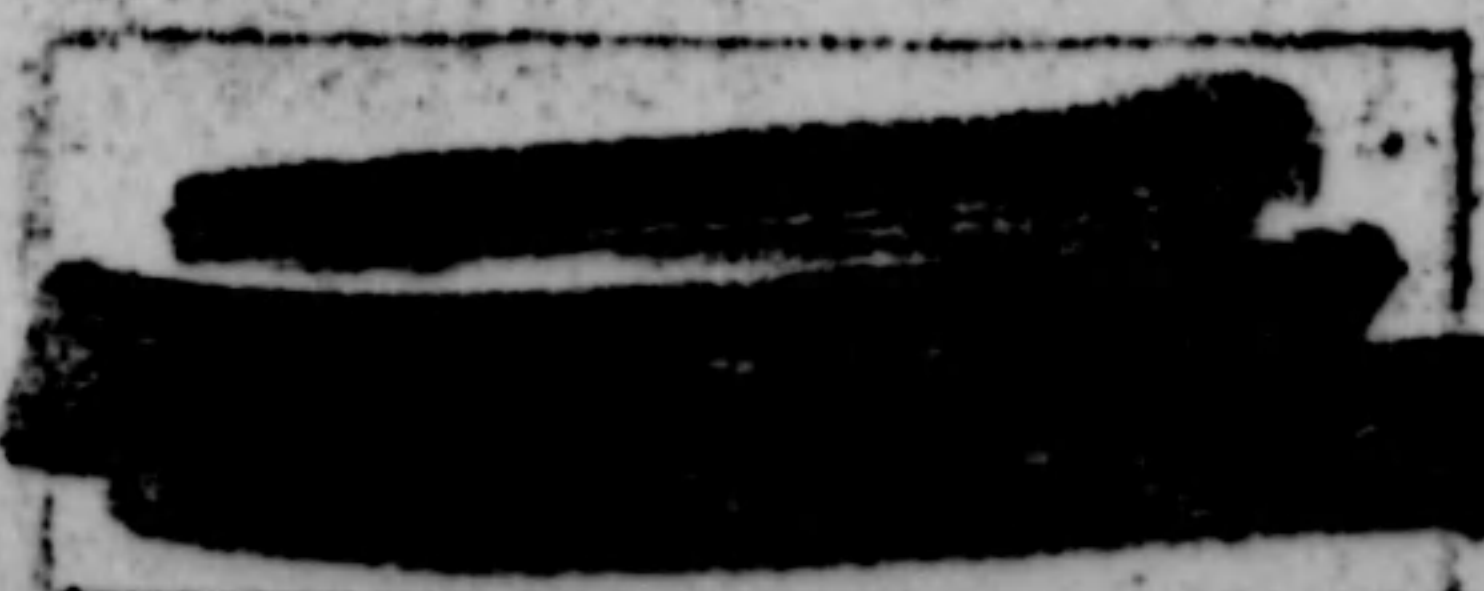
TO: 34th AD(D) Attention Director Of Intelligence.

At 1658Z on the 25th of May 1952 while on duty as scope operator on scope No. 2, I detected what appeared to be an ordinary target. Upon detection of the target I allowed one more sweep to determine it's direction and estimated speed to be sure it was a target. The original detection of this target was at 145 Deg. at 61 miles. However, on the following sweep, the target had faded. I continued my surveillance of this area and on the third sweep I detected a blip at 145 Deg. at 51 miles. Again I allowed another sweep to determine whether this was the same or another target and again the target faded. On the following sweep what appeared to be the same target painted at 145 Deg. at 41 miles. At this time I notified the controller of it's position and excessive speed. The target was then plotted and the grid relayed to Offside for further action. This was the last paint detected on this target.

Roy P. Lein

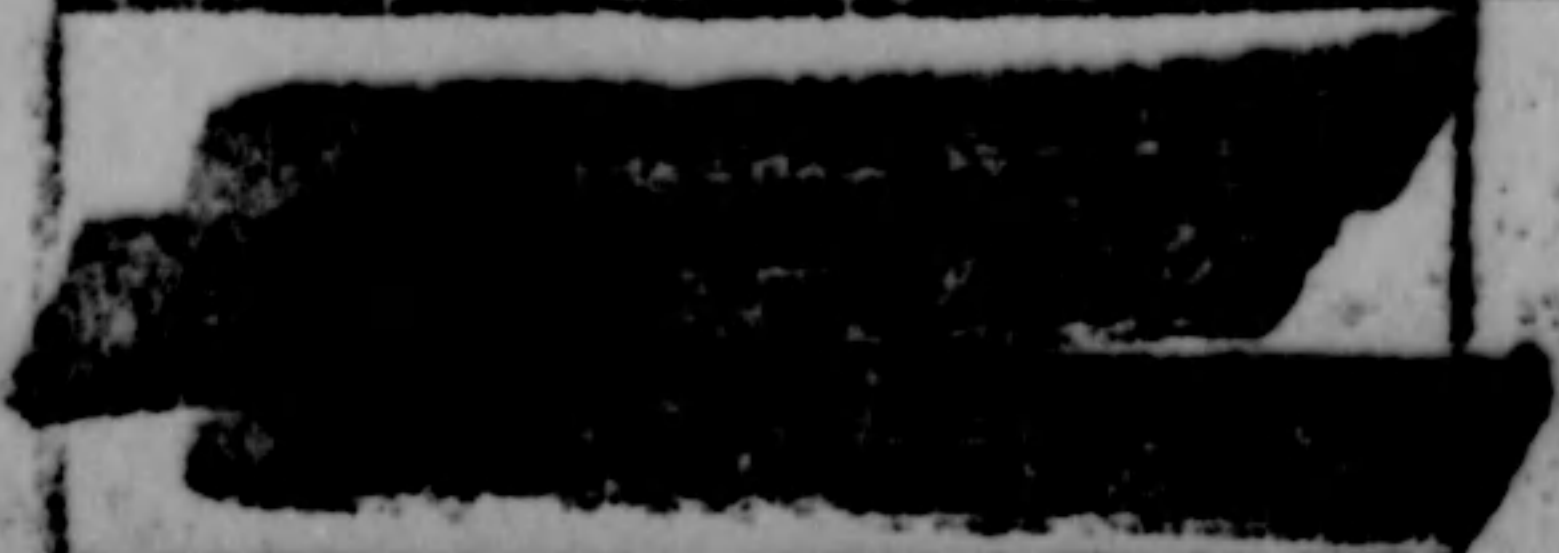
ROY P. LEIN AF 15 429 264
A/IC USAF
Scope Operator

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Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico

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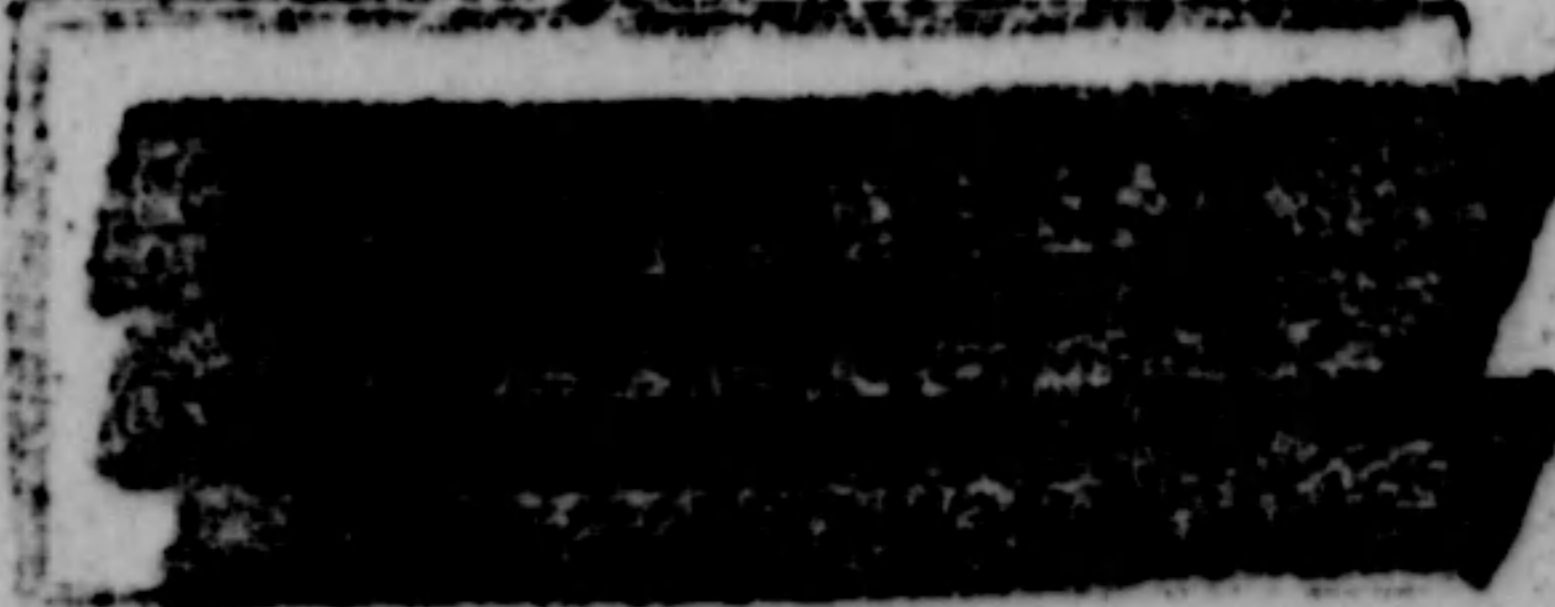
TO: 34th AD(D) Attention Director Of Intelligence

At 1658Z on the 25 May 1952 I was on duty as scope operator on scope No. 1. At this time I detected a paint at 145 Deg. at 61 miles. I waited for the next sweep to check whether it was moving. It did not paint on the next sweep. On the third sweep there was another paint at 145 Deg. at 51 miles. I waited for another sweep to check if this was the same or another target. Nothing painted this time but on the next sweep there was another paint at 145 Deg. at 41 miles. At this time I notified the controller. This target did not paint again.



TRACY L. ATHERTON AF 19 340 957
A/IC USAF
Scope Operator

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HEADQUARTERS
34th AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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SUBJECT: FLYOBREP

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TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA - 2a
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Air Intelligence Information Reports, dated 26 May 1952, are submitted in compliance with AFL 200-5, dated 31 May 1952.
2. Required electrical message forwarded to your headquarters 26 May 1952.
3. One information copy of this report has been sent to Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ADRIAN E. KNOCK
Lt Colonel USAF
Air Adj. Gen.

7 Incl

1. AIIR - Part I
2. AIIR - Part II
A/10 Roy P. Lein and
A/10 Tracy L. Atherton
3. Statement
1st Lt. Doral W. Gaff
4. Statement
A/10 Roy P. Lein
5. Statement
A/10 Tracy L. Atherton
6. Statement
Capt. Warren H. Kinser
7. Scope Diagram

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HEADQUARTERS
767TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON
Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico

26 May 1952

SUBJECT: Reliability of Airmen

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TO: Whom It May Concern

A/LC R.E. Lein and A/LC T.L. Atherton were on the scope at time unconventional aircraft was picked up. A/LC Lein has been stationed at this station fifteen months and A/LC Atherton twenty-three months. These airmen have proved to be very reliable and trustworthy in performance of their duties as 27350.

WARREN H KINSER
Captain, USAF
Commanding

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SUBJECT FLYOBAPT			
AREA REPORTED ON Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico		FROM (Agency) 34th Air Division (Defense)	
DATE OF REPORT 31 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 25 May 1952	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Paula W. Stinson, Capt, USAF		SOURCE Electronic	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

SUBJECT: FLYOBAPT

In accordance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBAPT), the following report of unidentified flying object is submitted:

At 0955 MST 25 May 1952 A/1c Tracy L. Atherton and A/1c Roy P. Lein made radar contact with a target 145 degrees at 61 miles from 737 AC&N Squadron, Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico. A/1c Atherton was maintaining surveillance on scope NO. 1 with a range from 50 to 150 miles and A/1c Lein was maintaining surveillance on scope NO. 2 with range from 0 to 70 miles. The target showed to be making a course of 325 degrees at a speed of 1800 MPH, altitude unknown, passing directly across the Los Alamos area.

The reliability of the informants is considered good.

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1. Shape: Negative
Size: Negative
Color: Negative
Number: One
Formation: Negative
Aerodynamic features: Negative
Trail or exhaust: Negative
Propulsion system: Negative
Speed: Negative
Sound: Negative
Maneuvers: Negative
2. Time: 0958 MST
3. Electronic observation.
4. Observer located at 106 degrees 33 minutes longitude, 35 degrees 42 minutes latitude. Target making a course of 325 degrees. Object was observed for about 40 seconds.
5. Reliability of observers good.
6. Weather clear.
7. Negative
8. Negative
9. Pickup made on radar from the same object making a continuous track.
10. Negative

The information given above by A/lc Tracy L. Atherton and A/lc Roy P. Lein is true and correct to the best of their ability.

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7674 AIRPORT OF THE 100th AIRBORNE DIVISION
Tulara Aerodrome, New Mexico

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ATTENTION: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/10/1961 POSITION: Director of Technology

The following information submitted for release on 12/17/68:

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This time I was called to discuss the same concerns raised earlier. Whether it was a definite track due to its giving a continuous answer. Was it too hard to see the situation as it was? Well, the controller's duty, the tracking system and I determined that it was a track. Information was then relayed to you.

The forest cover is a narrow strip of 200 feet, and a strip of 100 feet, altitude unknown, passing directly across the Rio Grande area.

Both 1/10 Wharton and 1/11 Laine are experienced operators and are both in agreement that the return was from a neighbour object and the pick-up was from the same object making a continuous track. The controller is in complete agreement with this.

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77th AIRCRAFT CONTROLLER AND RESEARCH GROUP
1100 W. 11th St., Fort Worth, Texas 76102

OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL	
2 JUN 1967	

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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT CONTROLLER

TO: 34th AFHQ Attention Director of Fort Worth

At 1653Z on the 25th of May 1962 while on duty as a controller on station No. 2, I detected what appeared to be an ordinary target. Upon detection of the target I allowed one radar operator to determine its direction and estimated range to be 41 miles. The original detection of this target was at 145 Deg. at 41 miles. However, on the following sweep, the target had faded. I continued my surveillance of this area and on the third sweep I detected a blip at 145 Deg. at 41 miles. Again I allowed another radar operator to determine whether this was the same or another target and again the target faded. On the following sweep that appeared to be the same target reappeared at 145 Deg. at 41 miles. At this time I notified the controller of this position and excessive radar. The target was then plotted and the grid noted to be useful for further action. This was the last point detected on this target.

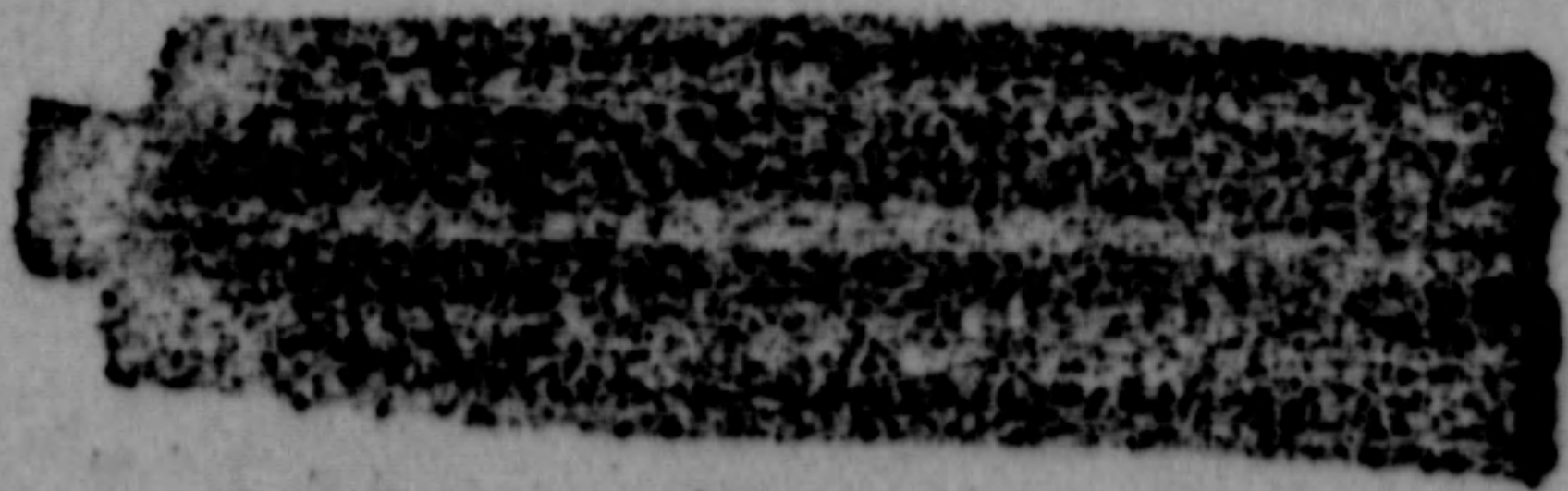
Ray P. Linn

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1/10 1514
Team Operator

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76th AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND TACTICS SQUADRON
Walla Walla, Washington

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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT CONTROL TACTICS

TO: 1/45 10(1) Attention: Director of Intelligence

At 1400Z on the 25 May 1952 I was on duty as a radar operator on scope No. 1. At this time I detected a target at 145 Deg. at 41 miles. I waited for the next sweep to check whether it was moving. It did not swing on the next sweep. On the third sweep there was another point at 145 Deg. at 41 miles. I waited for another sweep to check if this was the same or another target. Nothing related this time but on the next sweep there was another point at 145 Deg. at 41 miles. At this time I notified the controller. This target did not swing again.

Francis A. Stanton

FRANCIS A. STANTON
1/10 1952
Radar Operator

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767TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON
Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico

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26 May 1952

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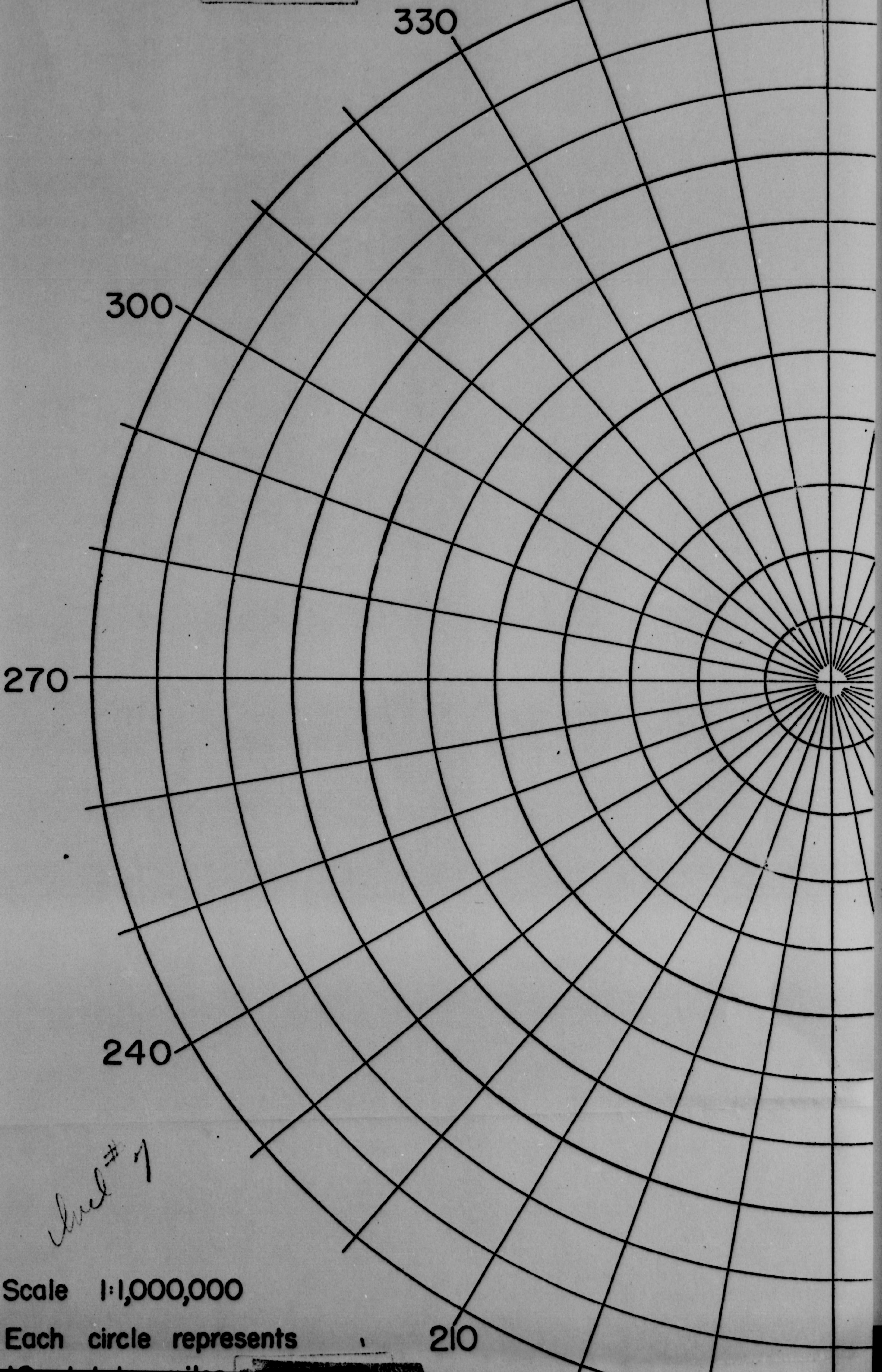
Warren H. Kinser
WARREN H KINSER
Captain, USAF
Commanding

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Each circle represents

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AVERAGE

RANGES

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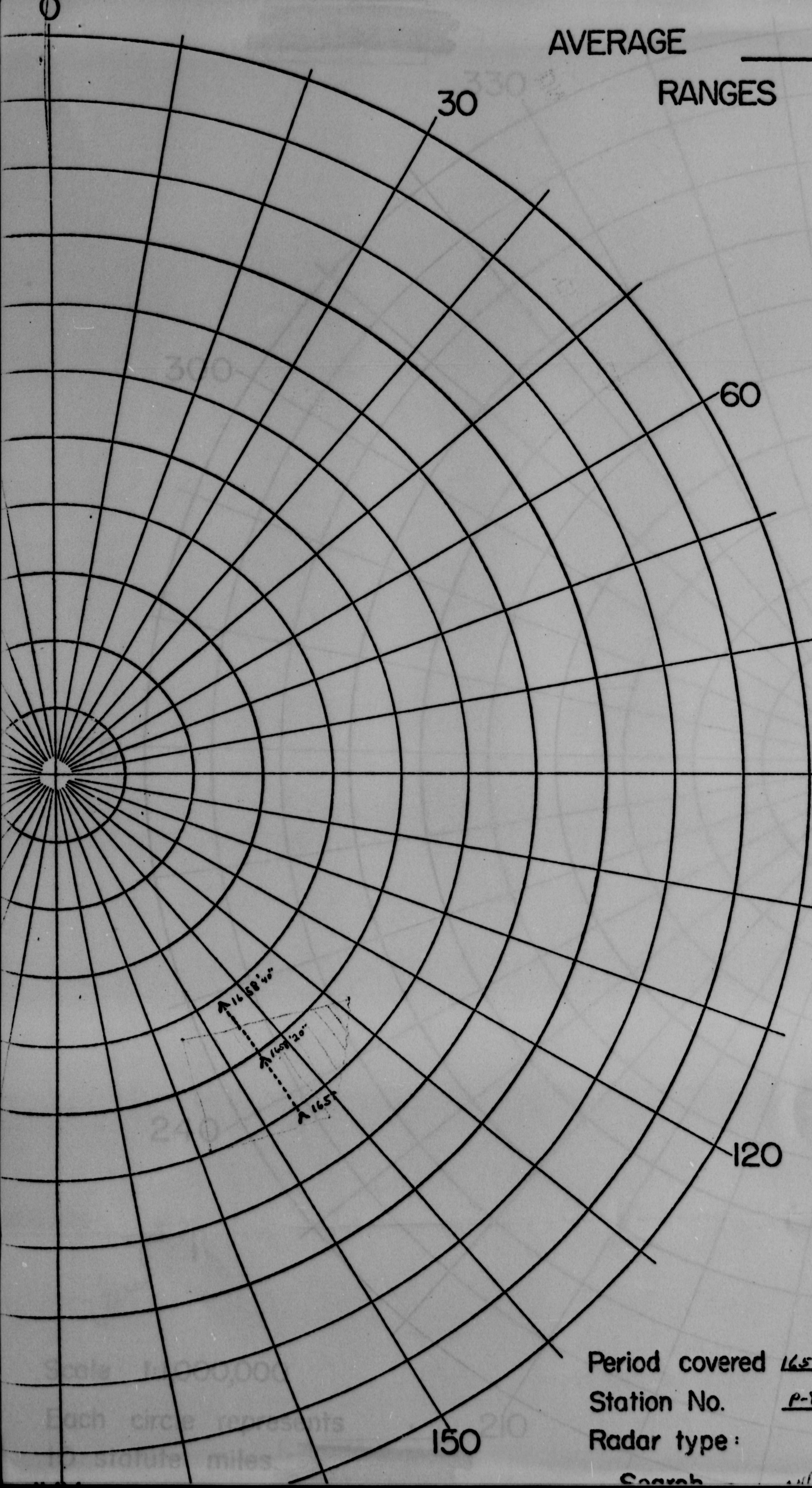
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Period covered 1658 To 1658'40"

Station No. P-8

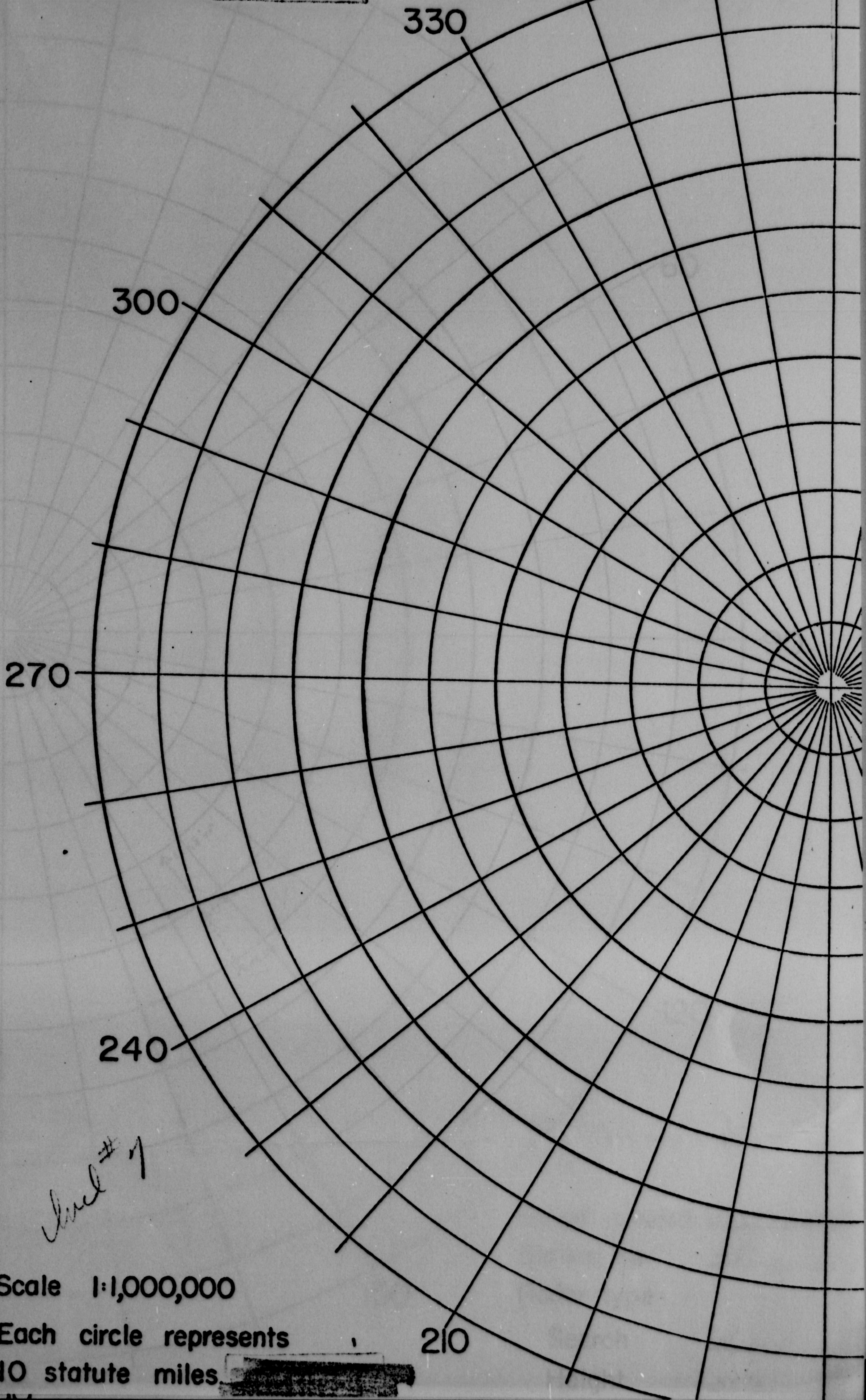
Radar type:

Search



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RANGE



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Each circle represents

10 statute miles

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RANGES

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Period covered 1658 To 1658'40"

Station No. P-8

Radar type:

Search AN/CPS-5

Height 40 FT

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ATIAE comment re: 25 UNCLASSIFIED

Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico
radar sighting report

1. It is not doubted that the radar scope operators saw the described targets on the radar screen.

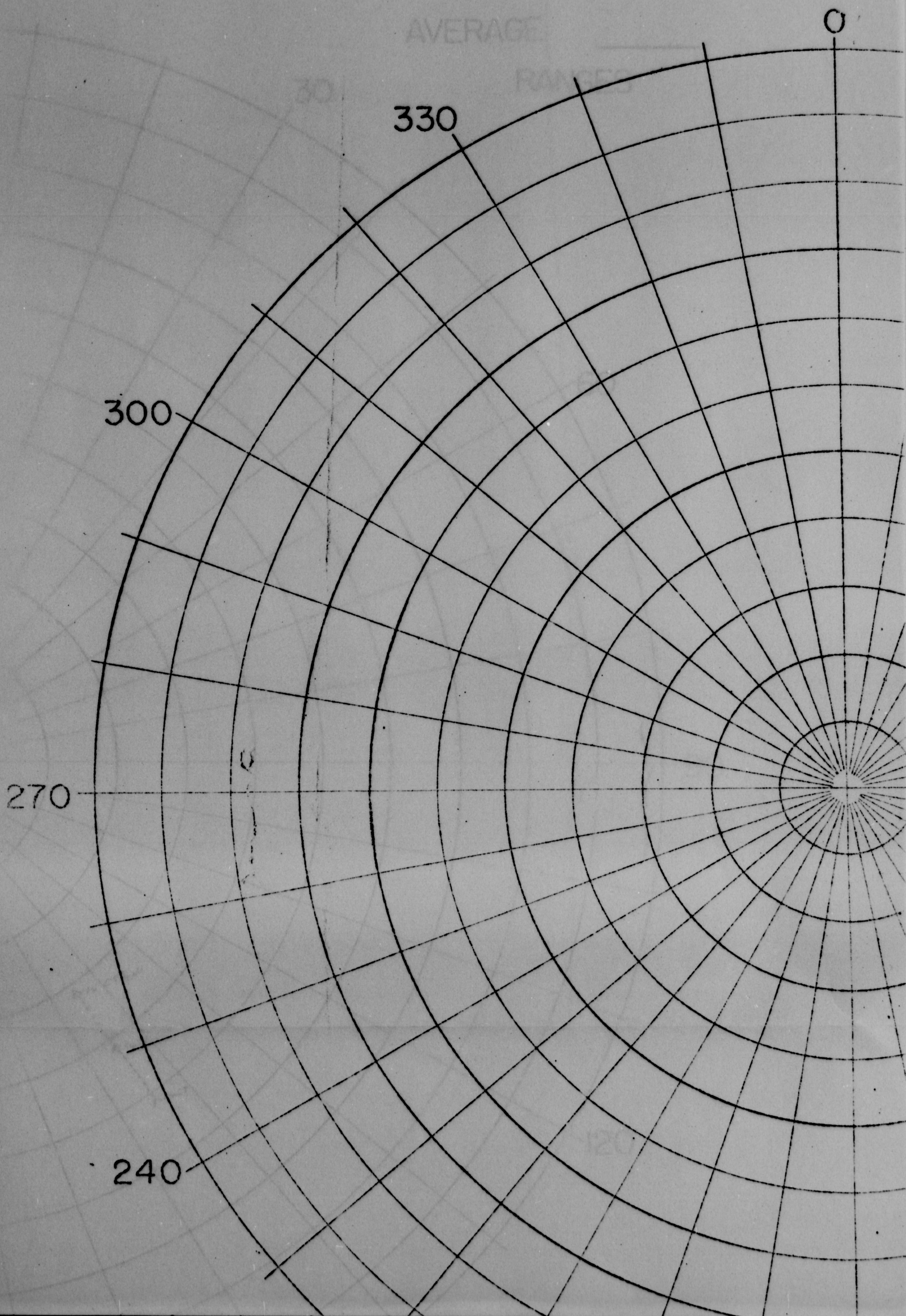
2. Explanation of these targets is very difficult. However, the fact that the target appeared to be flying directly towards the detecting station indicates at least two plausible explanations:

a. Targets caused by ^{opinions} signals from another pulse type electronic equipment operating at the same frequency as the detecting station.

b. Targets caused by "spoofing" signals from a countermeasure-type electronic equipment.

3. A good estimate cannot be made as to the target could have been caused as described in paragraph 2 above or by an actual unknown flying object.

R. W. James



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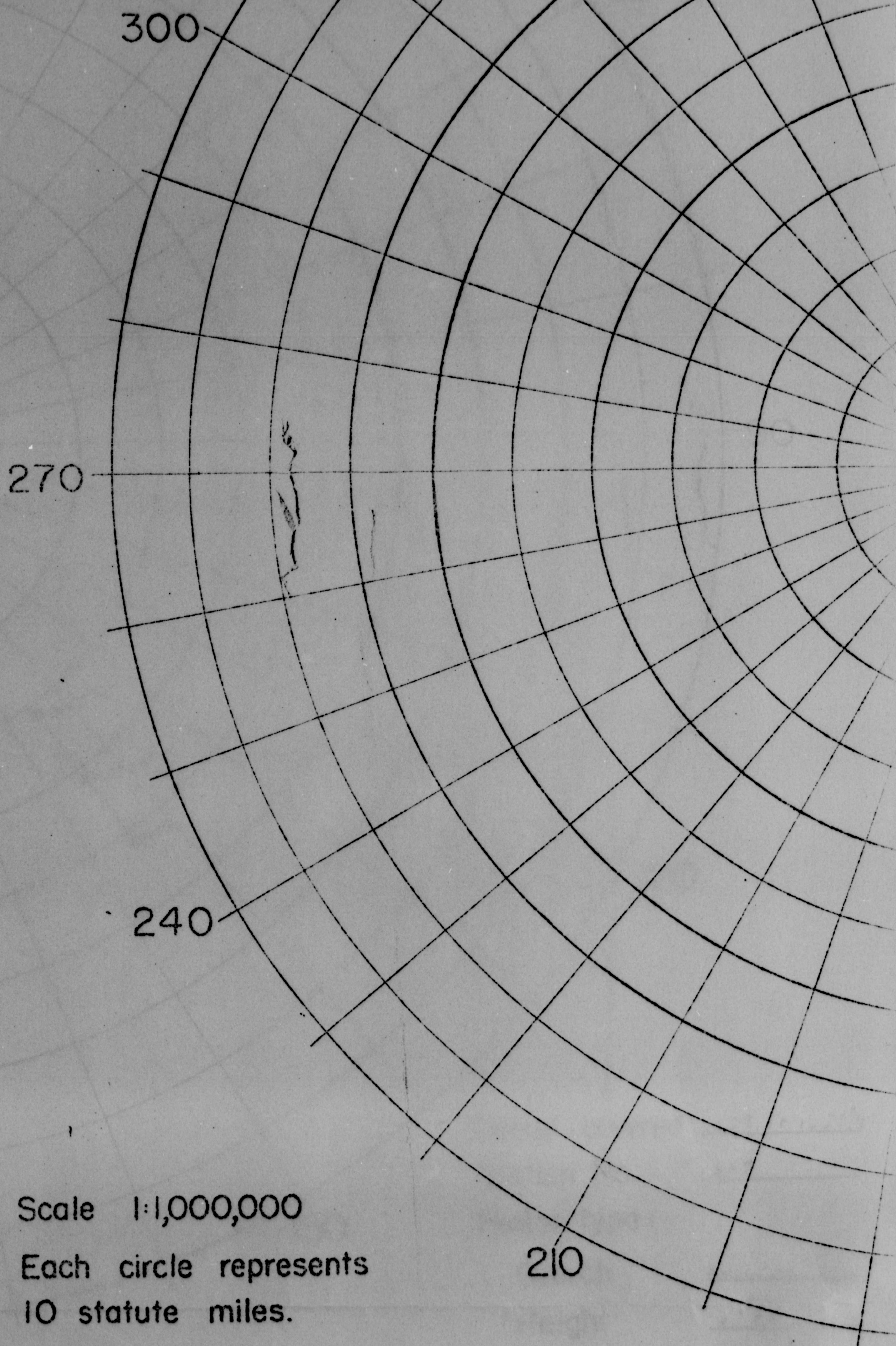
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10-5000
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Each circle represents
10 statute miles.

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