

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 May 1952		2. LOCATION Walnut Lake, Mich, 42°34' N 83°20' W		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2115 EST GMT 26 0315 Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilians (7)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE 270°	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Color: White to yellow orange Shape: "Moon" Report is good--balloon launched at 0300 from Selfridge but would be difficult to see balloon over open country.				11. COMMENTS Report detailed--observer saw object and followed it in car. Weather in area was bad.	

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1. At approximately 0800, 26 May 1952 the Wing Intelligence Office received a report that an officer had observed unidentified aerial objects flying over Randolph Air Force Base on the night of 25 May 1952.

2. Immediate investigation revealed the individual to be Captain John S. Jones, Jr. who was interrogated as soon as he could be located.

3. The interrogation revealed the objects to be tear-drop in shape, appearing to be about 1/8 to 1/4 of an inch across. The actual size was undetermined, but when questioned as to their relative size in relation to a known aircraft, he stated that they looked larger than a B-29 at an altitude of 10,000 feet. They appeared as a solid white mass of light with an orange tinge. He could distinctively count twelve objects, flying in three groups, four objects in each group in a very tight V-shape formation.

4. Captain Jones was unable to distinguish any aerodynamic features. He saw no trail or exhaust and the propulsion system could not be determined. Their speed was estimated to be between 1500 and 2000 miles per hour. He said that it was fastest thing he had ever witnessed. Their sound after passing was a definite soft, intermittent hum.

5. All during the observation they were in straight and level flight, continuing in this manner until they were out of sight. The outline of these tear-drop shaped lights could be definitely identified as such because they were superimposed against a very dark sky (the moon was new and not visible at the time). Their speed across the sky could be compared to that of a falling star.

6. The sighting was made at exactly 2127 Central Standard time on 25 May 1952. The objects were observed for approximately 3 seconds. The officer judged this time by the amount of time it took him to rapidly rise from a sitting position in a chair and walk about 15 feet.

7. The observation was made visually by Captain Jones and two other witnesses while on Randolph Air Force Base, Texas (coordinates: 29° 32' North--98° 17' West). Captain Jones and the other witnesses were sitting on the patio of the officer's quarters facing South West, looking at the stars when the objects appeared in the West heading in an Easterly direction. As they passed through a 180° arc from West to East they appeared to be at about a 70° angle from the observers when overhead at an altitude above 10,000 feet.

8. The reporting officer has been an observer for 11 years and has been around aircraft all during this time. He is a rated Navigator, currently on flying status with 2200 hours total flying time. His present duty is Senior Navigator in charge of a navigation section of the Combat Crew Training School (Medium Bombardment) at this station. The other two witnesses, who agree with this report in every detail, are the officer's wife, Mrs. Beatrice Jones and a 1st Lt. Paul Hewitt, a B-29 Pilot with approximately 1500 hours flying time.

9. The 25th weather was reported as 5,000 foot scattered clouds with visibility of 15 miles. The winds aloft at 10,000 feet were given by the base weather station as 10 knots from 290°. Meteorologists stated that there were no weather conditions or activities that could account for the sighting.

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CERTIFICATE

I, Captain John S. Jones Jr. AO-415455, do certify that:

Sunday evening, 25 May 1952, I was sitting in the patio of my home on Randolph Air Force Base. There were two other people present, the three of us were discussing stars. At approximately 2130 local standard time a group of lights, orange white in color, were seen to the west at an angular height of about fifteen (15) degrees above the horizon. These lights approached the east at an extremely rapid rate of speed. As the lights approached an overhead position I was able to see that they were of a tear-drop shape, point toward the front or direction of travel, and twelve (12) in number. They were in three (3) groups of four (4). The three (3) groups formed a V. The sky was dark, no moonlight glow, and the lights were clearly visible. I judged the altitude of these lights to be above ten thousand (10,000) feet. Each light appeared to be an individual object. The only distinguishable sound was a deep soft intermittent noise, similar to voom - - - voom - - - voom - - - voom. The size of the objects was not plain, due to darkness, yet the apparent size of the lights was about one eighth (1/8) of an inch in diameter. These twelve (12) objects retained their formation across the sky and passed from view toward the east. The entire time taken by these objects to appear in the west, pass overhead, and disappear from view to the east was about three (3) seconds. Time was established by the time taken to rapidly get up from seat and move less than fifteen (15) feet. Speed of objects is estimated to be in excess of two thousand miles an hour.

John S. Jones Jr.
JOHN S. JONES, JR.
Capt, USAF
AO-415455

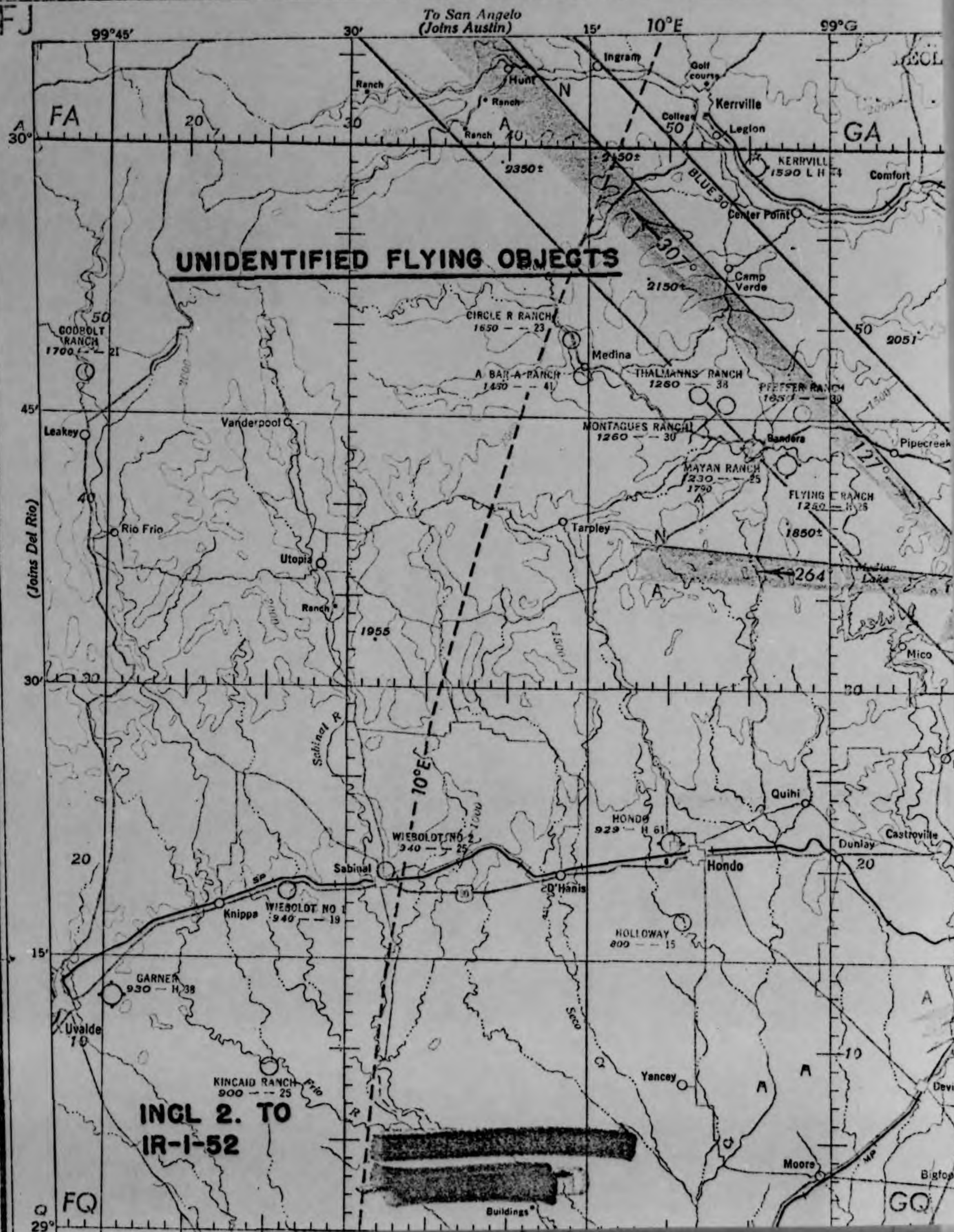
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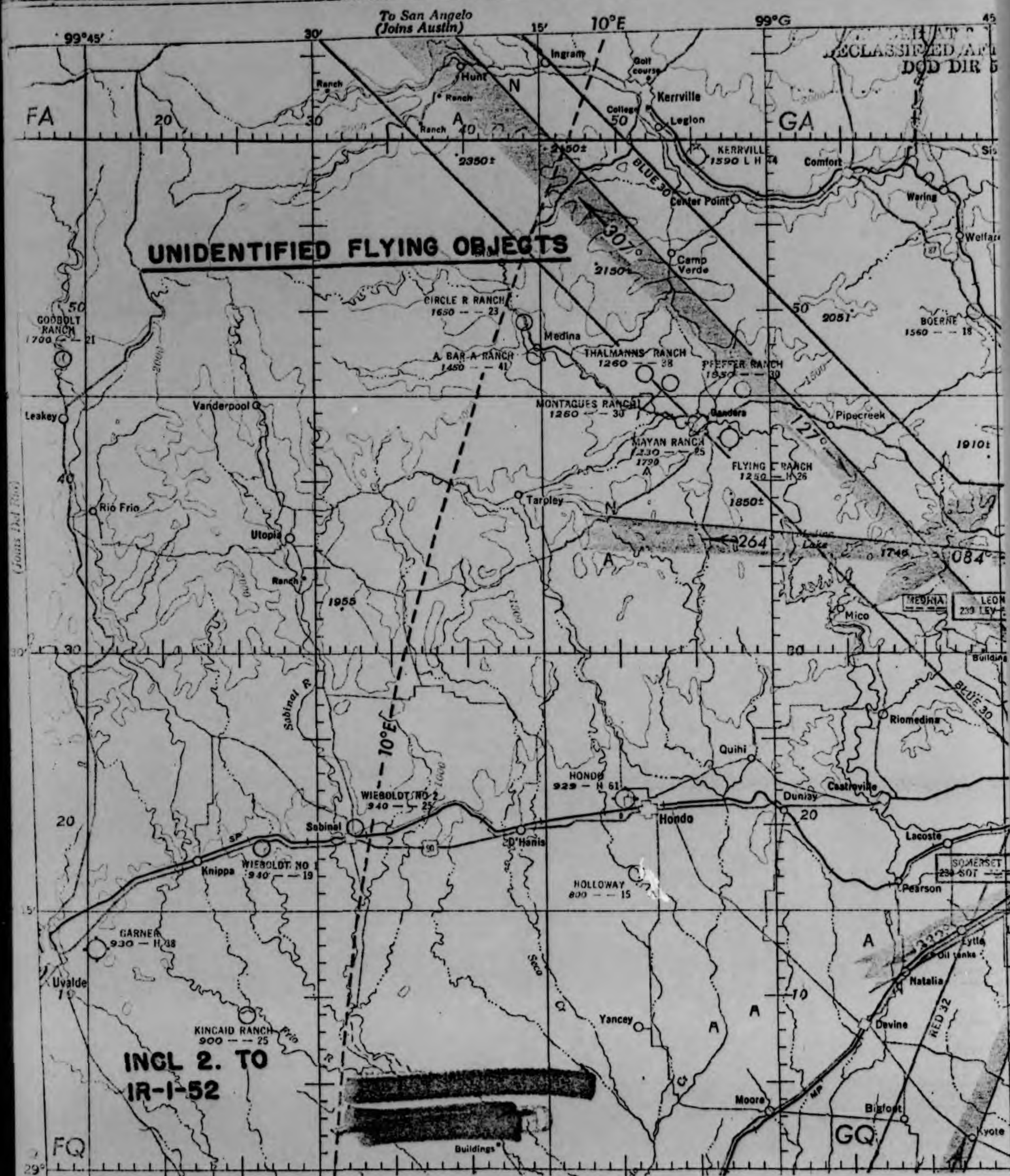
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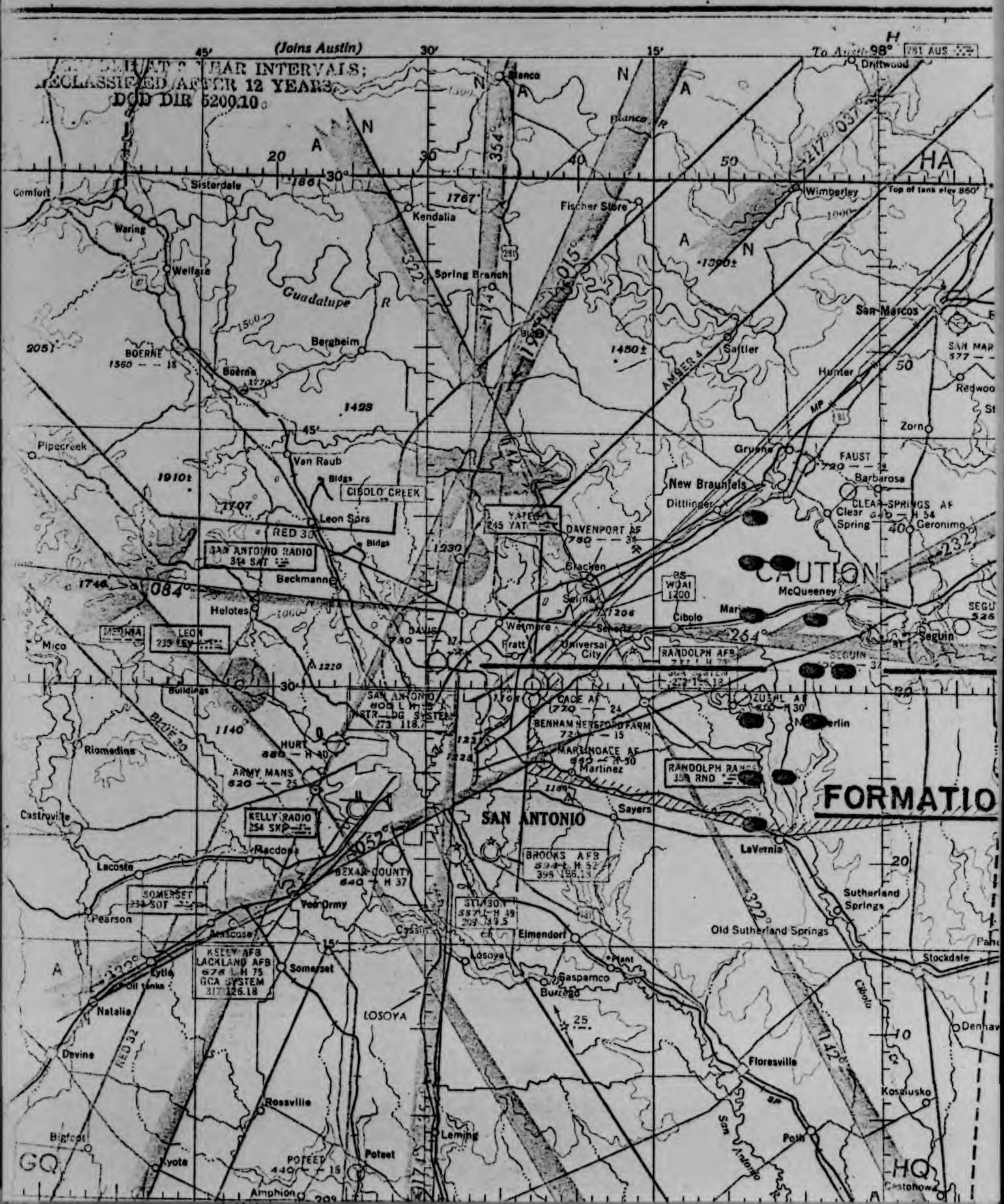
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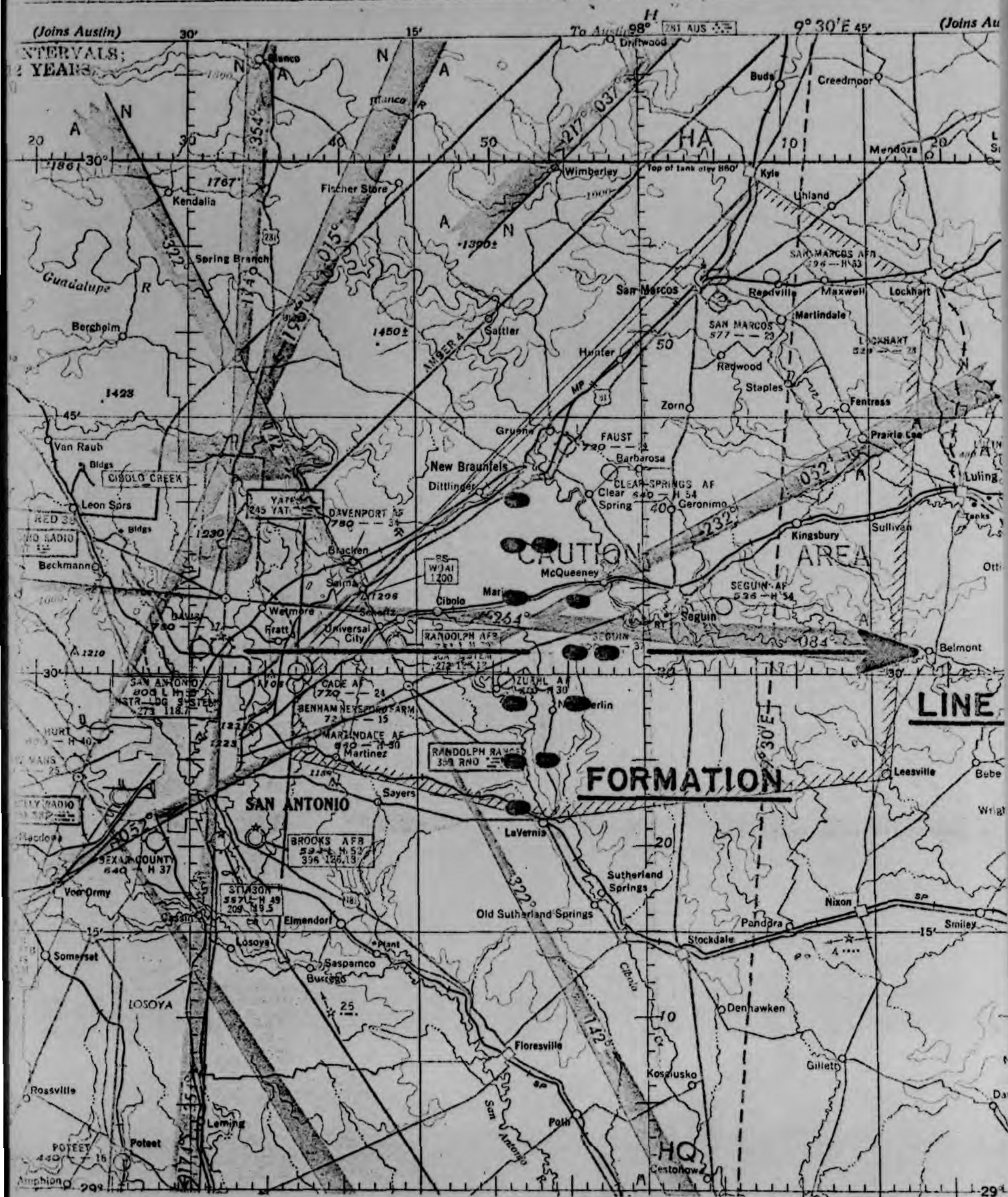
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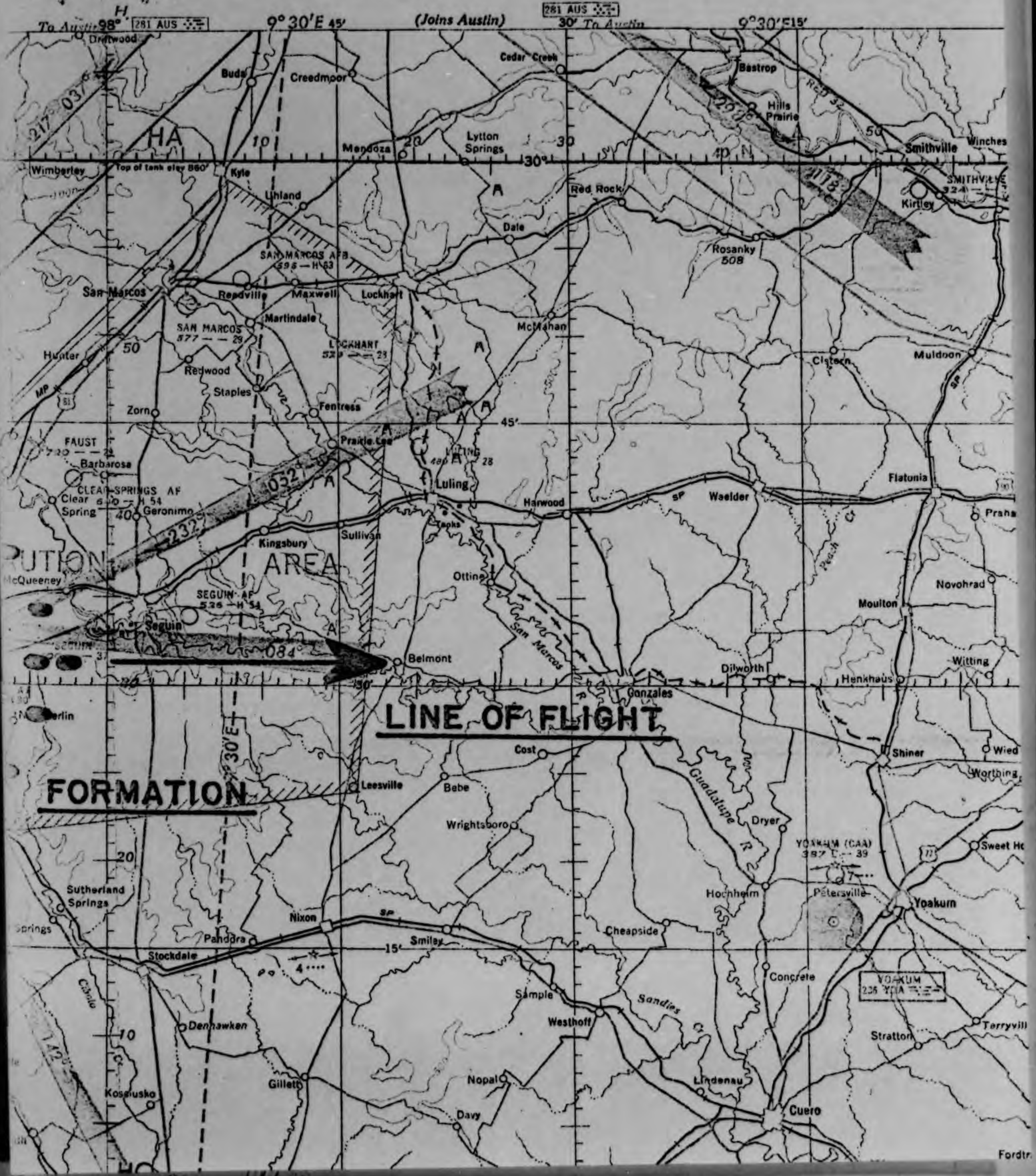




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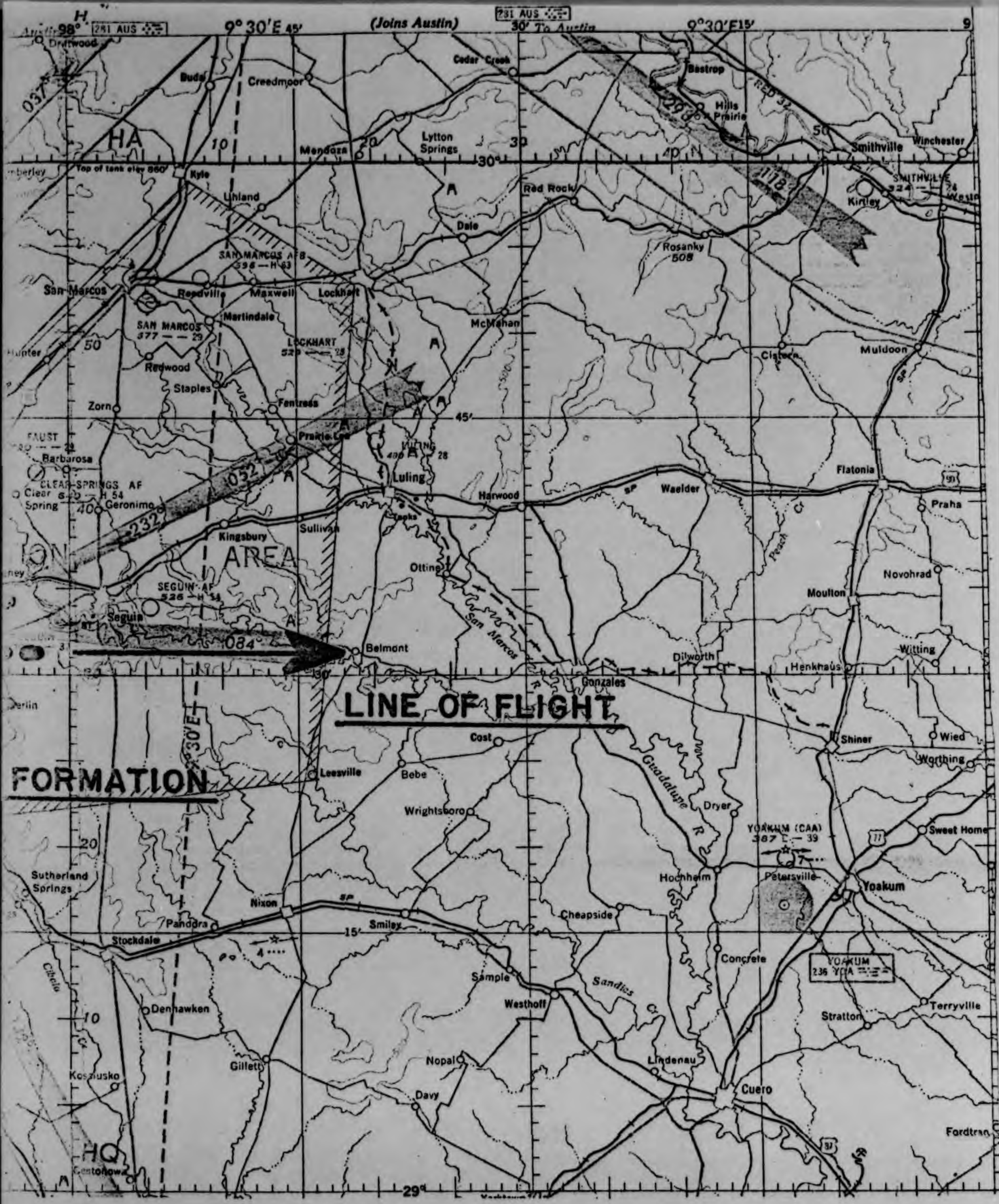
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LINE OF FLIGHT

FORMATION

(Joins Austin)

30° To Austin

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236 YOA

YOAKUM (CAA)
387 E-39

SAN MARCOS AFB
596-H-83

LOCKHART
529-H-28

SAN MARCOS
377-H-23

SEGUN AF
526-H-54

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Statement by Mr. ~~██████~~ (in dup)

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SUBJECT Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft		
AREA REPORTED ON Pontiac, Michigan	FROM (Agency) DOI 4708th Def Wg Selfridge AFB, Michigan	
DATE OF REPORT 28 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 25 May 1952	EVALUATION F-0
PREPARED BY (Officer) Gerald C. Neely AFUS, Asst Intel Officer	SOURCE Civilian	
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.)

On 25 May 1952 between 2115 and 2145 hours, Mr. [REDACTED] observed an unconventional object in the sky proceeding from vicinity of Pontiac, Michigan, towards Flint, Michigan. It was reported at 2200 hours to the Officer of the Day, in this case the reporting officer.

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On 25 May 1952, at 2115 hours, Mr. [REDACTED] observed an unusual object in the sky from the backyard of his home on Walnut Lake. With him were his wife, [REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] three children. Coordinates of Walnut Lake are 42° 34' N - 83° 20' W. Object was initially thought to be the moon, but was then observed to be drifting slowly to the west. The party then followed it by car for 1/2 mile when it changed directions and headed north. They estimated it to be 4000 feet high. Mr. [REDACTED] stopped the car on a promontory and took a photo of the object. They saw that it would soon enter a large cloud and proceeded to Pine Lake to observe this. Pine Lake is 2 miles north of Walnut Lake. Observers reasoned that if the object was the moon, it would be passed by the cloud in a natural manner. The object entered the cloud and Mr. [REDACTED] detected a red glow within the cloud at one time. Other members of the party did not notice this. The object did not appear on the opposite end of the cloud. It then showed up suddenly at a point beneath the cloud, roughly halfway between the earth and the cloud. It had been under observation for approximately 20 minutes preceding its entrance into the cloud, and, after it reappeared, it was watched for 10 minutes. Another photo was taken at this time. When it was seen to be drifting north again the watchers entered the car and drove to US highway 24 to follow it, but in moving from the Pine Lake area to the highway the object was lost and could not be found, although the car was driven at a fairly high rate of speed.

Mr. [REDACTED] describes the object as larger than the moon, white to yellow orange in color, and noiseless, with no trail of any kind following it. It moved slowly at all times. The observers estimated it to be 200 feet in diameter and 20 feet thick. It seemed to have light and darker areas on its periphery, suggesting windows. These were described as looking like "the side of an accordion." The weather in the area was described as hazy, with stars dimly visible; the sky very black, making for great contrast between the object and the sky.

Mr. [REDACTED] reported a similar object on 27 April 1952. This was reported on AF Form 112 submitted by this headquarters on 1 May 1952. He is employed as an advertising manager of a paint company in Detroit. Mr. [REDACTED] is employed at The Detroit Tank Arsenal.

Mr. [REDACTED] was contacted on 27 May 1952 and stated that, although the photos were developed with special care by a friend of his who is a photographic technician, they were of no value. He indicated that the camera he used was inadequate and time exposures were not taken.

A check was made with the 661st AC & W unit here and nothing unusual was reported in the area at the time of observation. An SA-16 from this base was over the sighting area at approximately 2100 hours at 6000 feet and reported nothing unusual. The crew reported weather bad in the area.

Northern lights phenomena were reported visible on the nights of 26 and 27 May in this general area.

Mr. [REDACTED] address is [REDACTED] Pontiac, Michigan. His residence phone number is [REDACTED]

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5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE AF Navigator			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 12		9. COURSE 090° straight & level	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Balloon launched at 0300 Z (				11. COMMENTS Source saw objects in tight V-formation, 3 groups of 4 objects each. Estimated larger than B-29 at 10,000'. Subtended angle at 1/8" to 1/4" at arm's length. Made intermittent "hum". Passed through 180° arc at elevation of 70° No A/C in area	

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There were no fragments or photographs taken. There was no interception or identification action requested by this headquarters.

10. The only air traffic reported in the area at the time of the sighting were two F-84's which were flying from Indian Springs AFB, Nevada to Bergstrom AFB, Texas, and landed at Bergstrom AFB at 2127 Central Standard time.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

11. Source was sincere, positive and definite about all aspects of this report. The other two witnesses were in complete agreement with him, which substantiates his story as to time place and what was seen. The fact that the observers were looking at the sky in the direction in which the objects first came into view, allowed them to observe the objects throughout the entire period they were in the area. Observers were also accustomed to the darkness, having been sitting out of doors looking at the stars for some time. The source stated that it was a sight such as he had never seen before. This statement is reasonable in that the officer had considerable experience as a navigator and was well acquainted with conventional aerial objects. No special significance can be given this report inasmuch as there are no other records of comparable sightings in this area on file at this station.

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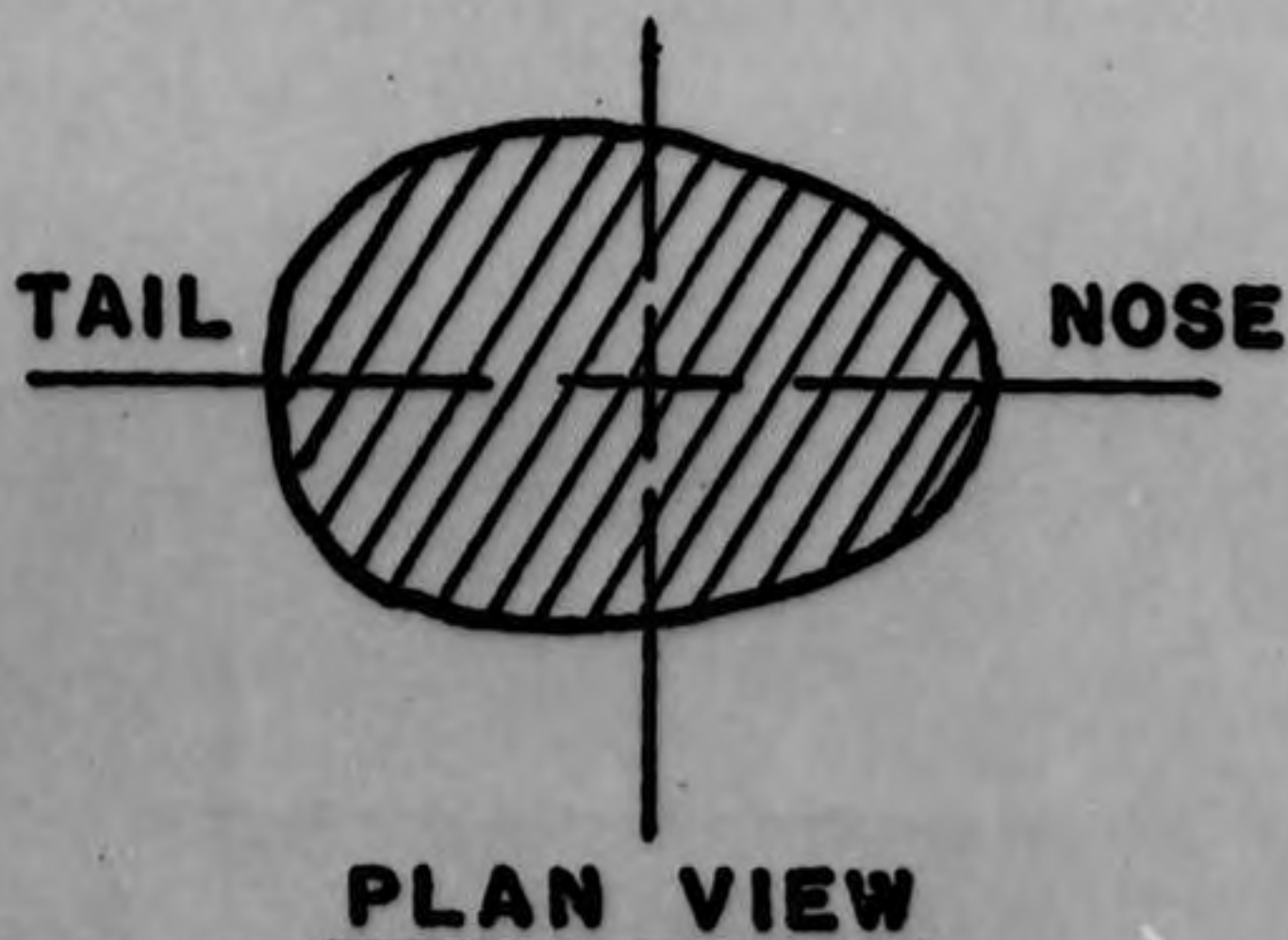
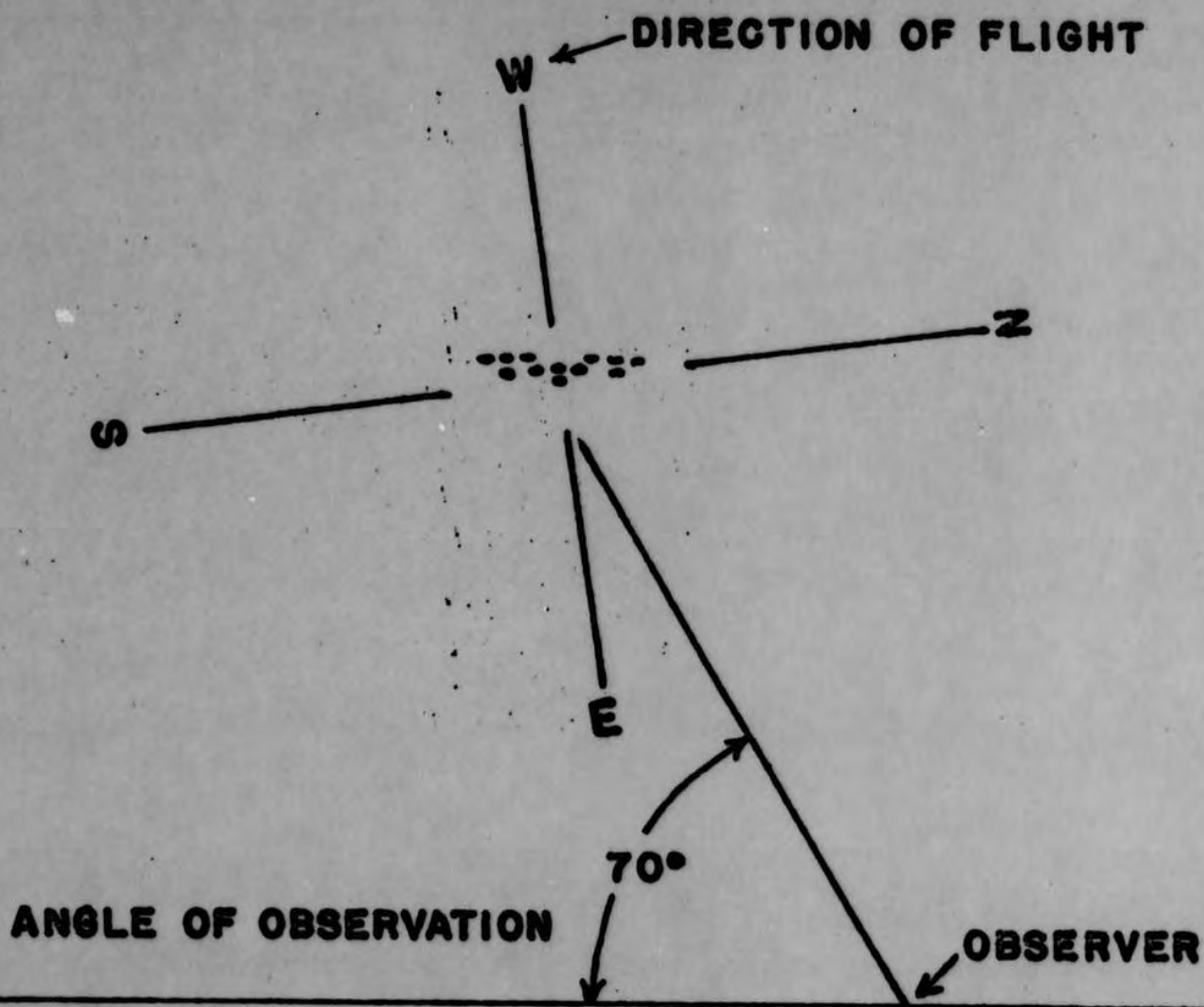
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COLOR: FULLY ILLUMINATED LIGHT WAS WHITE WITH ORANGE TINGE.

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 25 May 52

TIME (Local): 2127 CST

LOCATION: Randolph AFB, Texas

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 3 Seconds

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Comparable to falling star (1500-2000 mph)

ALTITUDE: Above 10,000'

HEADING: E

SOURCE: USAF Navigator, wife and friend

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Pending

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Tear-drop shaped objects like white light with an orange tinge in a very tight "V" formation and in three groups of four each. 

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. IR-1-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT		
AREA REPORTED ON FLYOVERPT	FROM (Agency)	
DATE OF REPORT South Texas	DATE OF INFORMATION 3510 COTW, RAAF, Texas	
PREPARED BY (GAS) May 1952	26 May 1952	B-3
REFERENCE (Name of person, location, position, etc.)	Captain John S. Jones	
SUMMARY (This is a summary of the report. It should be brief and to the point. It should not exceed 10% of the total report. It should be written in plain language. It should be written in the first person. It should be written in the present tense. It should be written in the active voice. It should be written in the imperative mood. It should be written in the subjunctive mood. It should be written in the conditional mood. It should be written in the optative mood. It should be written in the imperative mood. It should be written in the subjunctive mood. It should be written in the conditional mood. It should be written in the optative mood.)		

1. In reference to teletype, this headquarters, 261630 May 1952, number GIC 1272 R FLYOVERPT and AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, a report is submitted on the sighting of unidentified aerial objects.

2. Twelve unidentified flying objects were observed passing over Randolph Air Force Base, Texas on the night of 25 May 1952. These objects appeared white with a slight orange tinge in color, tear drop in shape and travelling at an estimated speed of more than 2000 miles per hour from East to West.

3. No significance can be given to this report inasmuch as there are no other records of comparable sightings in this area on file at this station.

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Captain USAF
King Intelligence Officer

Info of this report direct to Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATIC:
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