| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2. DATE<br>25 JUL 52 | LOCATION<br>ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO | |
| 3. TIME<br>2230MST | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>X Visual | C Ground-Radar<br>D Ground-Visual-Radar |
| 5. DURATION<br>3 min | 6. SOURCE<br>WW II Pilot | |
| 7. NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS<br>One | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS | X<br>C Other |

9. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Elliptical shaped, yellow object changed colors from yellow to white then disappeared.

10. REMARKS

1. Two a/c in area at the time of the sighting.

2. Object could have a/c lights.

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ACTION

INFO

RA088

WPC09ØZ

WYA082

WDC110

JWFKDØ33

PP JEPHQ JEDWP 222

DE JWFKD 4

P 3ØØ815Z ZNJ

FM CG 34TH AIR DIV (DEF) KIRTLAND AFB NMEX

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHDC

JEDWP/AIR TECHN INTELLIGENCE CTR WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO ATTN ATIAA-2C

ZINFO ZEN/CG ENT AFB COLO

ZEN/CG WADF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

[redacted]

FLYOBRPT (1) ELIPTICAL, SIZE UNK DUE TO DISTANCE UNK, YELLOW, ONE, AERODYNAMIC FEATURES NONE, NO SPEED OR SOUND. DIMINISHED IN SIZE BUT NOT INTENSITY, CHANGED COLOR RAPIDLY FROM YELLOW TO WHITE THEN DISAPPEARED.

(2) 3Ø/Ø6Ø5Z JULY 52 TIME OBSERVED THREE MIN.

(3) OBSERVED VISUALLY FROM GROUND

(4) LOCATION OF OBSERVER ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEX 35 DEG MIN NORTH 106 DEG 37 MIN WEST. LOCATION OF OBJECT 220 DEG DISTANCE AND ALT UNK

(5) OBSERVER WW11 PILOT

(6) 15,000 SCATTERED 40 VIS. TEMP 71 DEW POINT 58 WIND NNW 7K 10,000-80 DEG 8K, 15,000-170 DEG 12K 20,000-10 DEG 9K, 25,000-080 DEG 3 K, 30,000-170 DEG 7 K

1. ATIAA
2. ATIA
3. C. Files

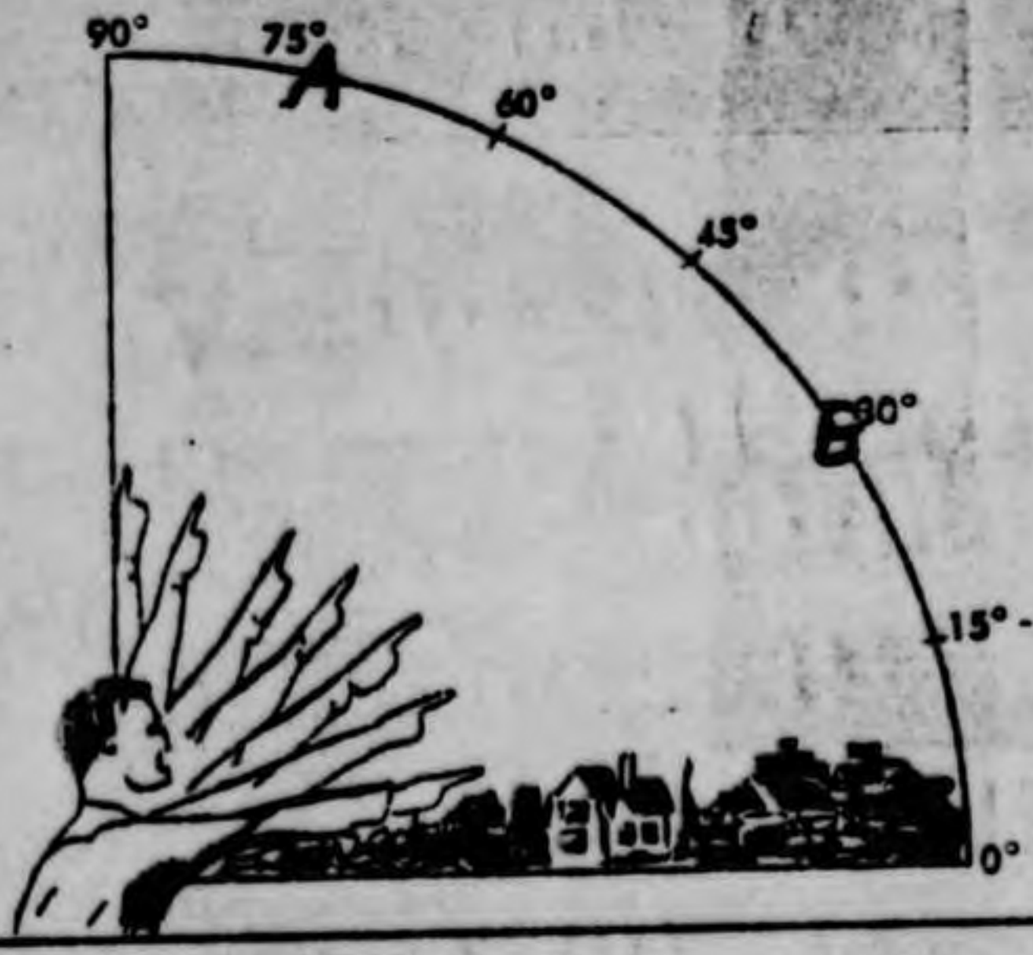
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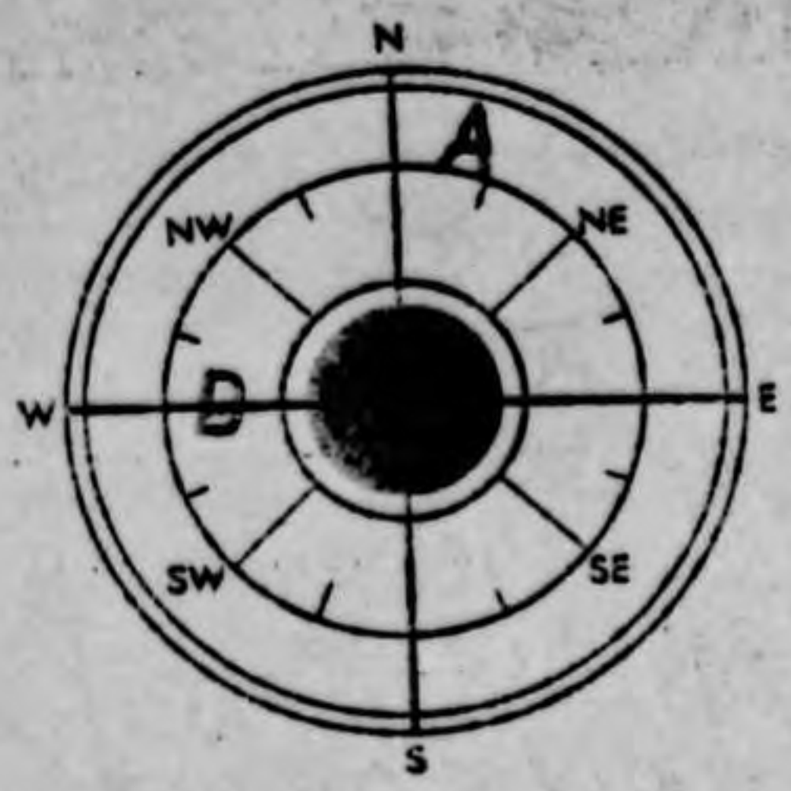
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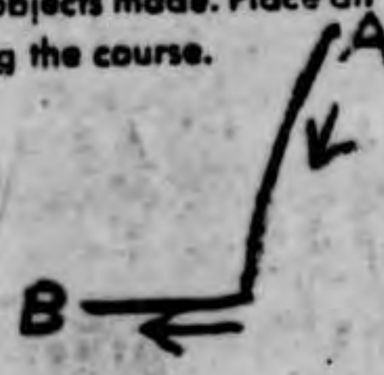
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27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass when you *last* saw the object.




28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.




29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there?_____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

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34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 5 (Day) 3 (Month) 1967 (Year)

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

This is a further follow up on the information I have written on page 6 part 32.

As the object suddenly shot westwards to my left it seemed to accelerate in a jerk like it was shifting gears before it disappeared. First it accelerated to a blur, then there was a jerk as if accelerated still faster (like shifting gears) and then it was gone.

Also although the object was sharply defined I had the impression that it was slightly transparent. Also it looked slightly luminous as tho it would glow in the dark.

It was a sight I will never forget as long as I live. I have never seen anything like it before or since.

Sincerely yours

[redacted]

# UFO form continued



30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

No! Since 1952 I have never seen anything like it!

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? *(Circle One)* Yes (No)

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? *(Circle One)* Yes No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] N. J.
City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 39 SEX Male

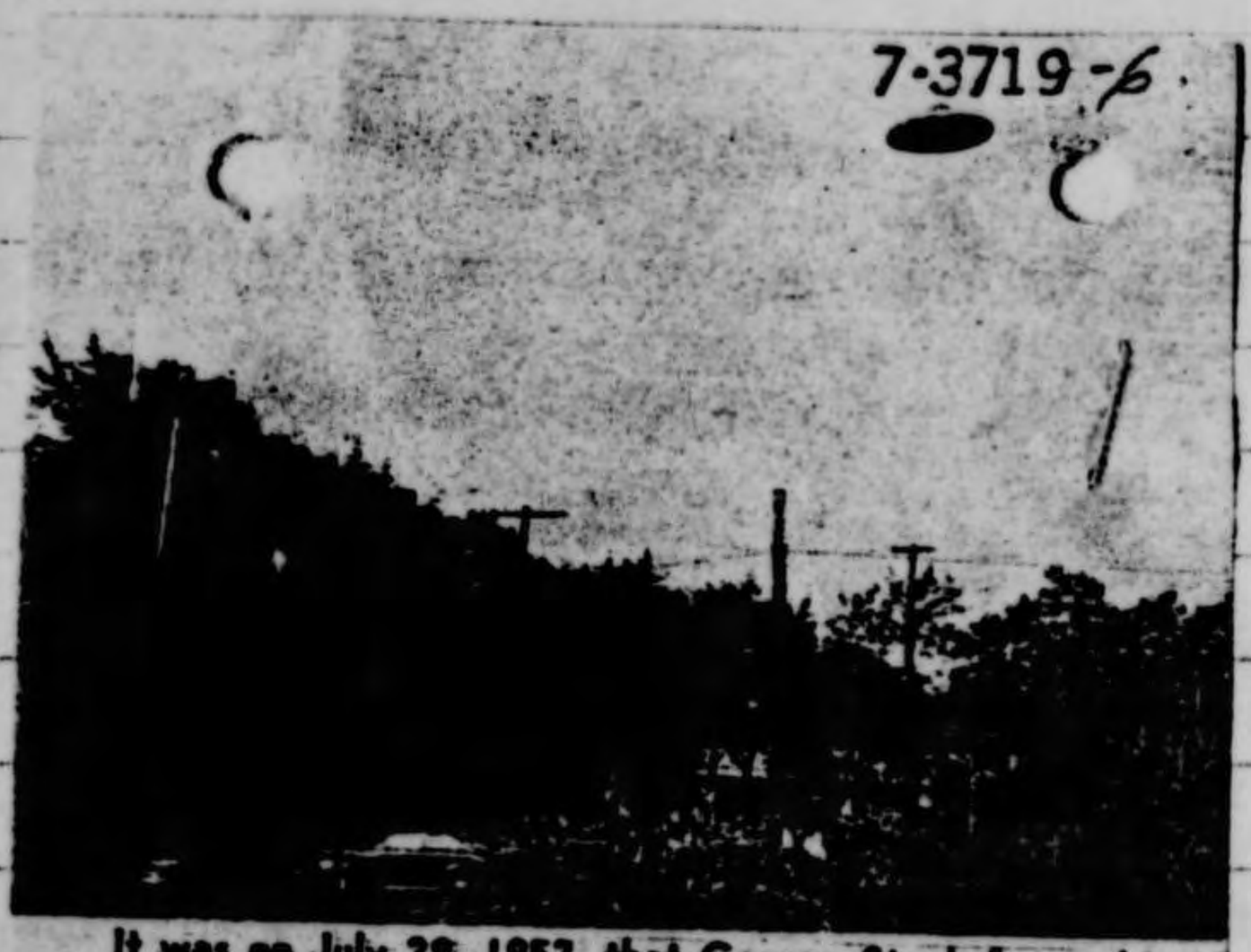
Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

I was facing North. The object arched downward out of the sky from high overhead at point "A" on the compass. At first I thought it was a comet but it had no tail. It rapidly grew in size from a pin head to about the size and shape of a football kicked high in the air as it grew larger it seemed to slow down and coast Then it shot Westwards to my left accelerating to a blur and then it was gone all in about 15 seconds

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Not reported until now

Day Month Year




It was on July 29, 1952, that George Stock focused his camera on this strange object in New Jersey sky.

[redacted]

30K 90° 6000' - 20000'
15 miles

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Class: [redacted]

CO 61st FS

ZDK

(Initials of Case N...

Date: 7 Oct 82

Heading 120° @ 20k

Fill on track

3 hours.

120° to 6 hrs. dist.

Estimate

from M

from MTC - a/c. 6000
for 3 hrs sit to
from point app. 1/min SE
20° @ 30k for 15 min to 20,000
From point 10 mi out field on
track 250° @ 50k to 50,000' for 20 min

Halton rebair
29 July 1952

MTC @ tracks

HEADQUARTERS [illegible] AIR FORCE

WEATHER PLOTTING CHART

UNITED STATES

LAMBERT [illegible] CONIC PROJECTION
SCALE TRUE ALONG STANDARD PARALLELS 30° AND 70°

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

Encl. #1

[redacted]

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(CLASSIFICATION)

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| USA | REPORT NO. IR-50-52B | (LEAVE BLANK) |

# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Forwarding Inclosure

| AREA REPORTED ON | FROM (Agency) |
|---|---|
| Negro Mountain, Grantsville, Maryland | 81st Air Base Sq, Coraopolis, Penna. |

| DATE OF REPORT | DATE OF INFORMATION | EVALUATION |
|---|---|---|
| 6 August 1952 | 29 July 1952 | See Inclosure |

| PREPARED BY (Officer) | SOURCE |
|---|---|
| Major Peter B. Venable | See Inclosure |

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

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 113—Part II.)

Appended inclosure is submitted in accordance with Paragraph 7e (2), AFL 200-5, and Chapter V, Section 2, b, ICI:

a. 1 Incl - FLYOBRPT, Negro Mt., Maryland, 29 July 1952.

PETER B. VENABLE
Major, USAF
Asst Op Intel Officer

7-3719 -6

1 INCLS.

DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR
2cys - CG, ADC, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo, ATTN: D/I
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HEADQUARTERS
615T AIR BASE SQUADRON
Greater Pittsburgh Airport
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania

EX

6 August 1952

SUBJECT: FLYSHEET

THRU: Channels

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. The following report is submitted in accordance with AF Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952, in the form prescribed for electrical messages instead of AF Form 112 due to the non-availability of subject forms at this station:

a. Report:

(1) Round object descended slowly vertically through clouds which were about 100 feet off the ground. Object was about 60 feet in circumference with sort of a pendulum, the size of a basketball, suspended 15-20 feet underneath. Object was hexagonal shaped on top. Color was like nothing the observer had ever seen before but closest description is gun metal grey with an orange hue. Only one object sighted. Center section revolved and had visible exhaust ports. Apparent exhaust gases were blue while hovering and glowed red when the object ascended vertically through the clouds. Object made a deep roaring sound when it ascended. Observer was about 600 feet from object.

(2) 1000 hours EDST, 29 July 1952.

(3) Sighted from ground without optical devices except normal eyeglasses.

(4) Approximately 39 degrees 65 minutes Latitude and 79 degrees 15 minutes Longitude. Between Frostburg and Grantsville, Maryland, at approximately 2000 feet altitude on Negro Mountain.

[redacted]

[redacted]

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

(10) TWO ACFT IN LOCAL AERA DEFINELTY IDENTIFIED AS ACFT. END

30/0918Z JUL JJWFKD

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
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[redacted]

[redacted]

Hq, 51st AMS, MX, Subj: EXCERPT

(5) Mr. [redacted] Place, Pittsburgh 26, Pennsylvania, Telephone [redacted] Mr. [redacted] is a WWI Veteran, a non-drinker and was definitely concerned about the object. He is afraid of publicity and would like to keep name out of the papers and off the radio. He does not want any publicity on the subject. He had decided to keep the matter to himself but due to his patriotism he decided to report the matter. Mr. [redacted] had stopped his car due to the fog and was outside the car when he saw the object. He has not reported the sighting to anyone except Captain Hennon, not even to his wife who was in the car. He said he was definitely afraid when he saw the object because he had never seen anything that resembled it before.

(6) Ground fog had obscured the valley causing numerous automobiles to pull off to the side of the road. Ceiling was estimated to be about 100 feet and the visibility was estimated at three-fourths mile. Winds aloft unknown.

(7) Unknown.

(8) None.

(9) None.

(10) Unknown.

2. This report was initially rendered to Captain Junior E. Hennon, Army and Air Force Recruiting Station, Detachment # 10, 2021st ASU, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by the individual in paragraph 1 a (5) above. Captain Hennon submitted report to Major James C. Peek, Headquarters 51st Air Base Squadron, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, at 1530 hours, 4 August 1952.

3 Incls
1. Original Drawing
2. Copies of Orig Drawing (In Quint)
3. Maps RAC (358) (In Quint)

WALLACE B. FRANK
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commanding

cc: Ch, Air Tech Intel Ctr, ATTN: [redacted], Wright-Patterson AFB, O.

[redacted]

[redacted]

31st Air Base Squadron, EX 319.1 Subject: FLYOBRPT

DOI 319.1 (6 Aug 52) 1st Ind

11 AUG 1952

HEADQUARTERS, 4708TH DEFENSE WING, Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan

TO: Commanding General, Eastern Air Defense Force, Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, New York, ATTN: Director of Intelligence

In compliance with Air Force Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952, Subject: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Object Reporting, (Short Title) FLYOBRPT, the inclosed report is submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WILLIAM C SPRINGER
Major, USAF
Adjutant

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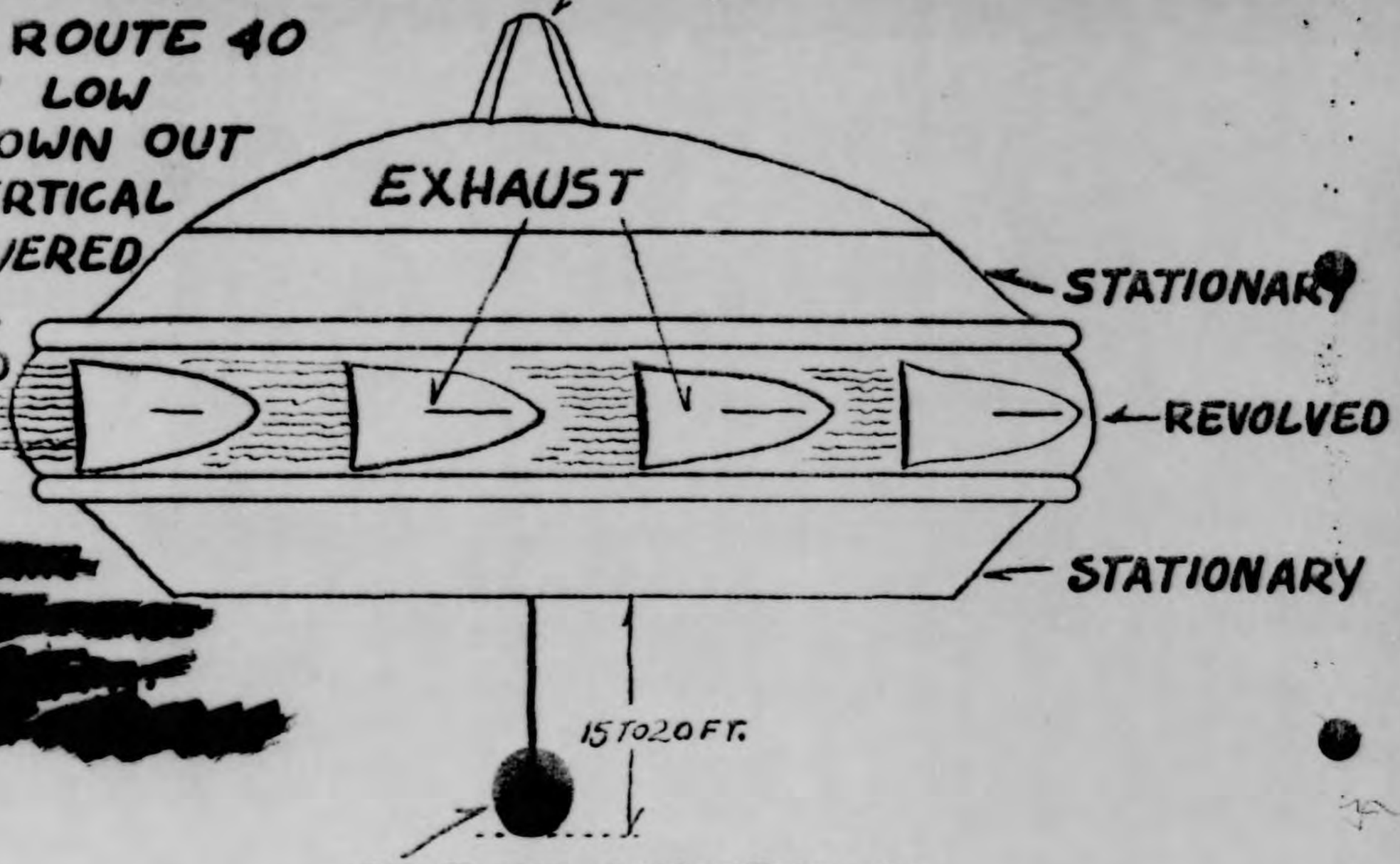
7-52

[redacted]

1000 29 JULY

NEGRO MT. ROUTE 40
CLOUDS VERY LOW
THING CAME DOWN OUT
OF CLOUDS VERTICAL
DESCENT, HOVERED
ABOUT 30 SEC.
THEN ASSENDED
RAPIDLY INTO
CLOUDS.

[redacted]
PHONE [redacted]




SHIP APPROXIMATELY 50 TO
60 FEET IN DIAMETER.
COLOR = GUN-METAL GREY WITH
ORANGE HUE.

[redacted]

# AERONAUTICAL SYMBOLS

## AERODROMES

LANDPLANE SEAPLANE

MILITARY

CIVIL

JOINT CIVIL AND MILITARY

OF MAJOR AERONAUTICAL IMPORTANCE

MILITARY

CIVIL

JOINT CIVIL AND MILITARY

OFFERING SERVICES THAT INCLUDE REPAIRS FOR NORMAL TRAFFIC AND/OR REFUELING

LANDING AREA (NOT A LANDING STRIP)

NO PUBLIC SERVICES AVAILABLE

LANDING STRIP (MILITARY)

## AERODROME DATA

LANDPLANE

SEAPLANE

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | ELEVATION IN FEET | 64 | ELEVATION IN FEET |
| L | MINIMUM LIGHTING | L | MINIMUM LIGHTING |
| N | HARD SURFACED RUNWAY | S | NORMAL SHELTERED TAKE-OFF AREA |
| 40 | LENGTH OF LONGEST RUNWAY TO NEAREST HUNDRED FEET | 62 | LENGTH OF LONGEST RUNWAY TO NEAREST HUNDRED FEET |

GCA SYSTEM (GROUND CONTROL APPROACH SYSTEM, OTHER CONTROLLED APPROACH SYSTEMS BY APPROPRIATE SYMBOL

2/8 121.1 278/0 CONTROL TOWER TRANSMITTING FREQUENCIES

WHEN SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION PERTAINING TO LANDING FACILITY DATA IS LACKING THE UNDERSCORE CHARACTER WILL BE REPLACED BY A DASH (—)

MERCED
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## AIR NAVIGATION LIGHTS

ROTATING LIGHT

ROTATING LIGHT (WITH FLASHING CODE)

ROTATING LIGHT (WITH COURSE LIGHTS) 30

FLASHING LIGHT

FLASHING LIGHT (WITH CODE)

OBSTRUCTION LIGHT

MARINE LIGHT

LIGHTSHIP

MARINE LIGHT CHARACTERISTICS

## RADIO FACILITIES

VHF RADIO DIRECTION FINDER

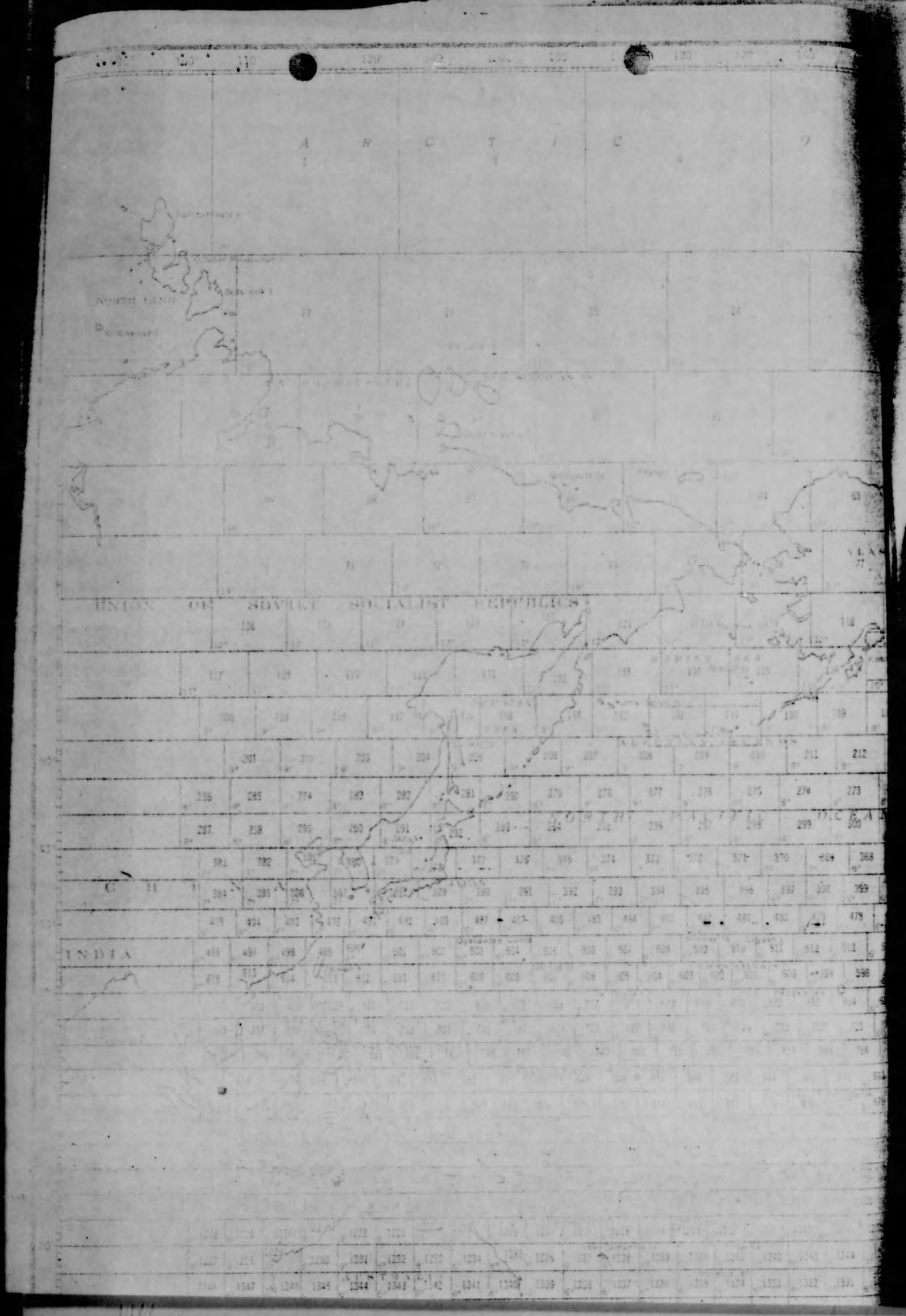
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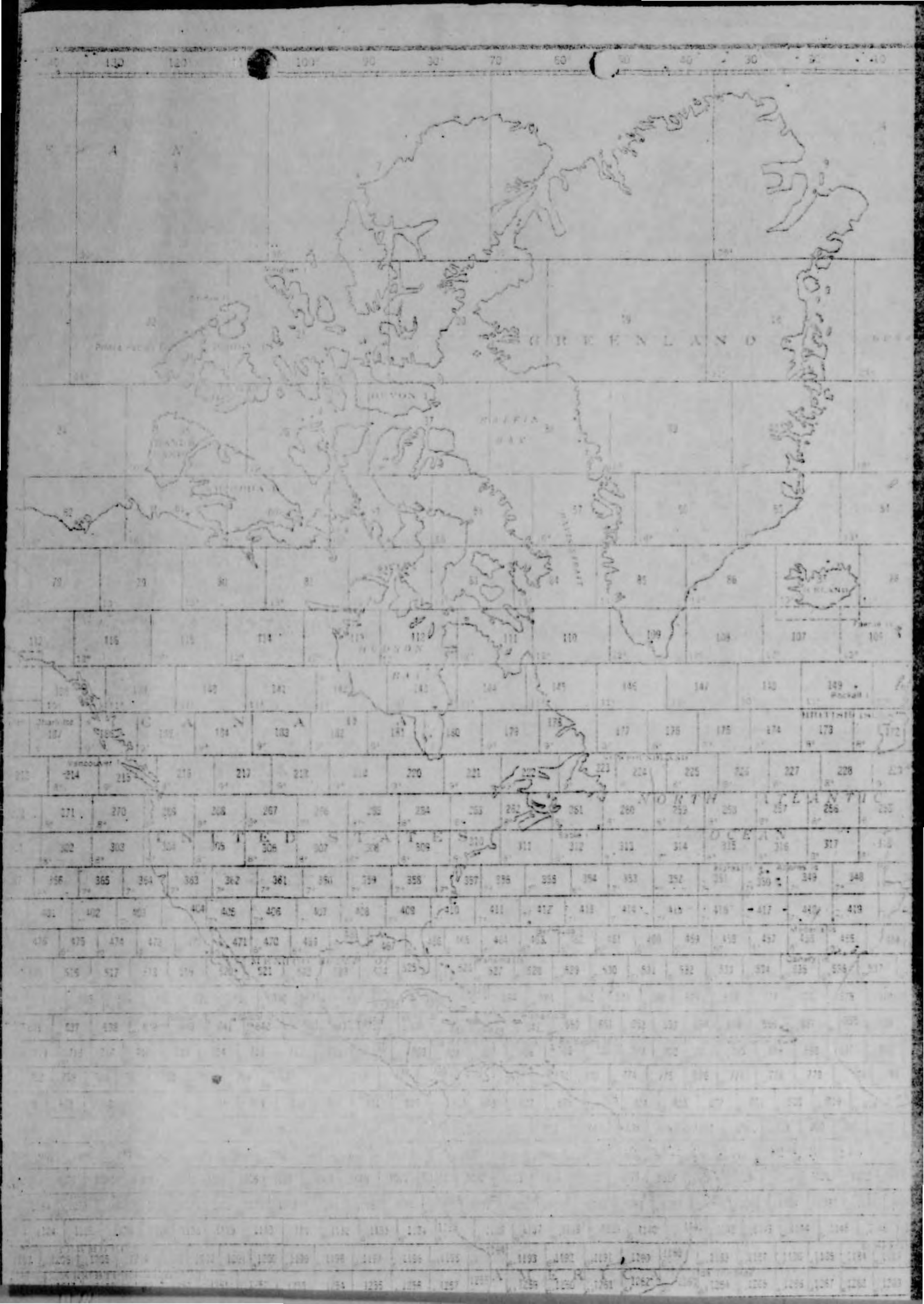
VHF RADIO DIRECTION FINDER

RADIOBEACON, NONDIRECTIONAL HOMING

VHF RADIO DIRECTION FINDER

REPORTING POINT


A N C T I C
NORTH LAND
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
INDIA


GREENLAND
NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN
NORTH AMERICA

C T I C O C E A N

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Franz Josef Land

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Novosibirskiye Ostrova

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Kara Sea

Laptev Sea

East Siberian Sea

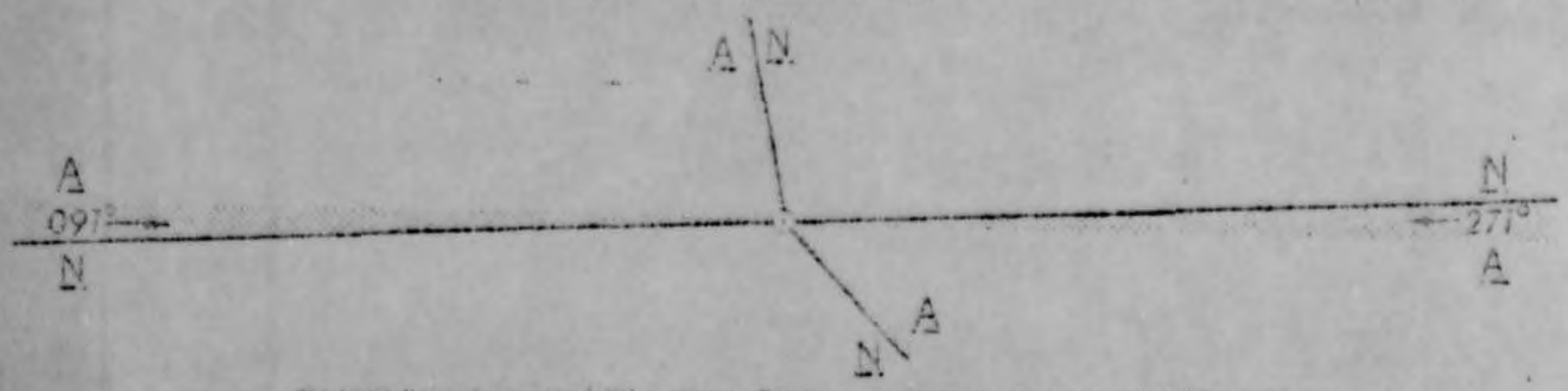
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Beaufort Sea

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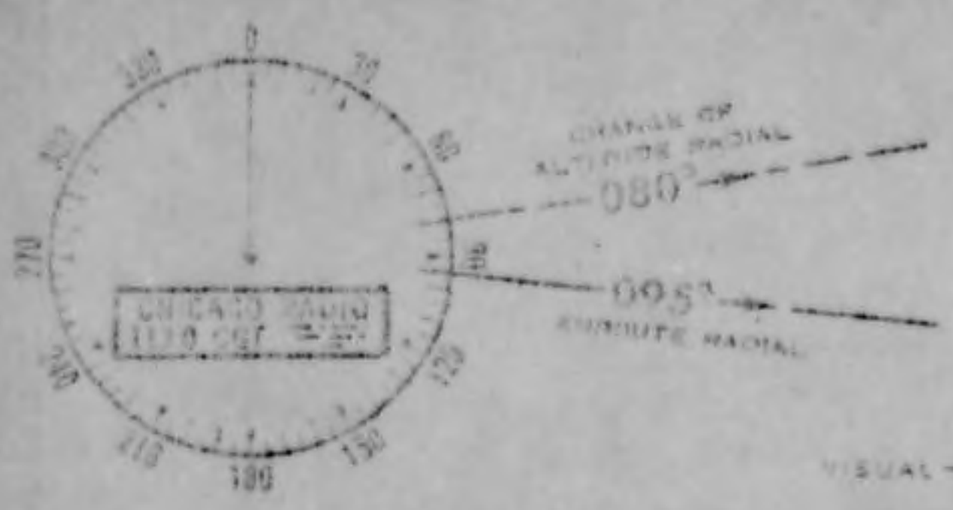
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AURAL RANGE



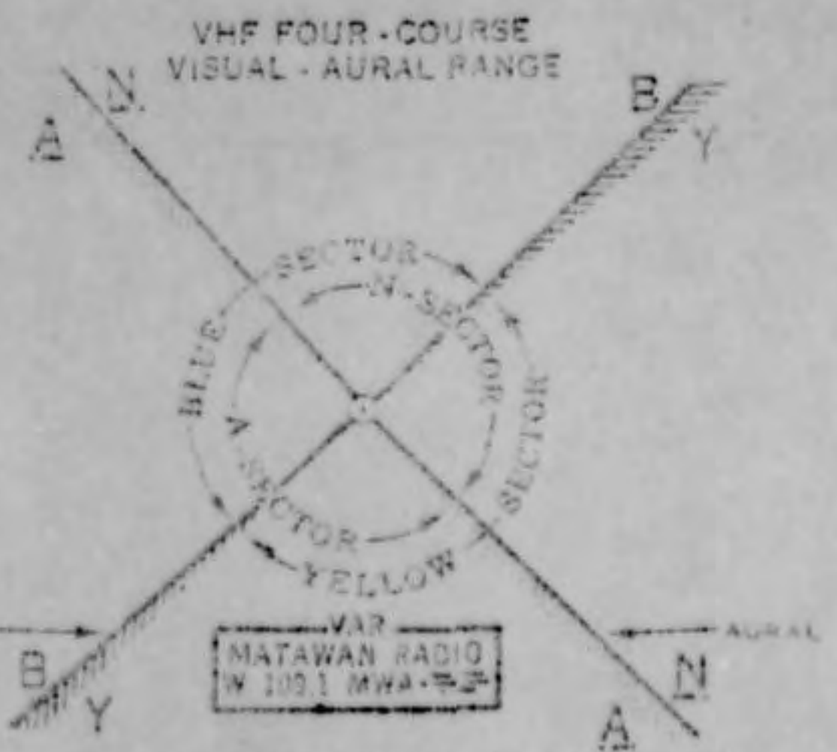

The heavy line indicates the "A" quadrant. The bearings shown are magnetic and the magnetic variation at the position of the ground station is used for computing them.

VHF OMNI-DIRECTIONAL RANGE




Bearings are magnetic from station.
Radius of circle is 15 nautical miles.

VHF FOUR-COURSE VISUAL-AURAL RANGE




Letter preceding frequency in box indicates channel identification.

## MISCELLANEOUS

MOORING MAST

PROMINENT TRANSMISSION LINE

ISOGONIC LINE OR ISOGONAL — 24°E

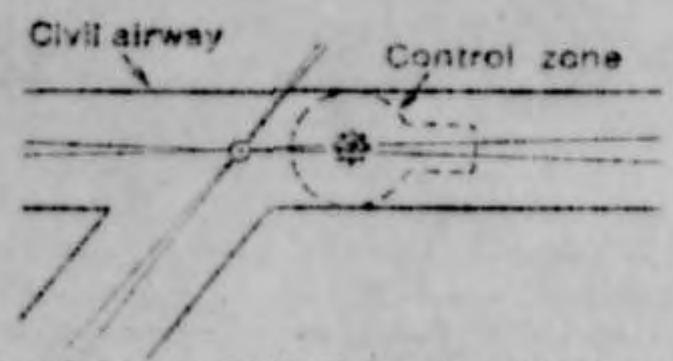
OBSTRUCTION (NUMERALS IN ITALIC INDICATE ELEVATION ABOVE SEA LEVEL OF TOP) — A 1103

CIVIL AIRWAY-LIMIT OF — AMBER 2 (TRAFFIC CONTROLLED) (TRAFFIC UNCONTROLLED)

PROHIBITED AREA

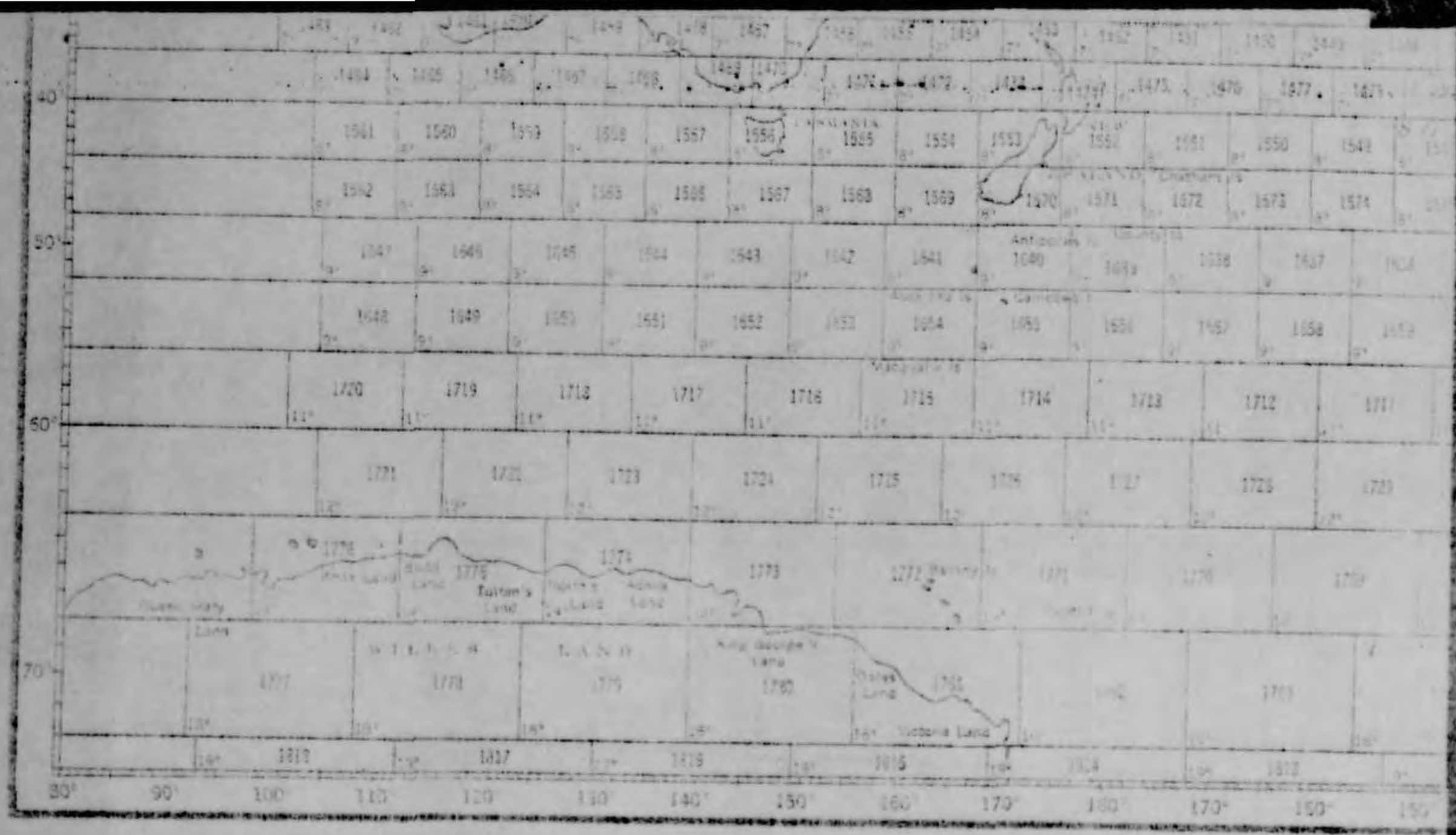
DANGER, RESTRICTED, OR WARNING AREA

CAUTION AREA




BLUE TINT INDICATES EXTENT OF ALL CONTROLLED AREAS

Scale 1:1,000,000 or 1 inch = 15.8 miles




# WORLD AERONAUTICAL CHART INDEX

## Scale of Series 1:1,000,000

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### MILITARY CHART SUPPLY

(Ref: AF Reg. 67-3)

1. Aeronautical charts, maps and publications distributed by the Aeronautical Chart Service are indexed or listed in the current edition of the USAF "Catalog of Aeronautical Charts and Related Publications."

2. Requisitioning.

a. Outside Continental United States:

(1) USAF activities are to submit requisitions thru the supply channels designated by the Theater Commander for maintenance and distribution of aeronautical charts and maps.

(2) Theater supply facilities are to submit requisitions for replenishment of stocks of aeronautical charts and maps thru channels to Headquarters, Aeronautical Chart Service, USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

b. Within Continental United States: Requisitions from USAF activities within Continental United States are to be submitted to USAF Aeronautical Chart Service, 2nd St. Louis, Mo. Except when originating from an Air Force Wing or Command Headquarters, requisitions are to bear the signature or approval by indorsement of the Base or Station Operations Officer. Quantities of charts and maps requested are to be such as to assure the maintenance of a 30-day supply at all times but not to exceed a 60-day supply.

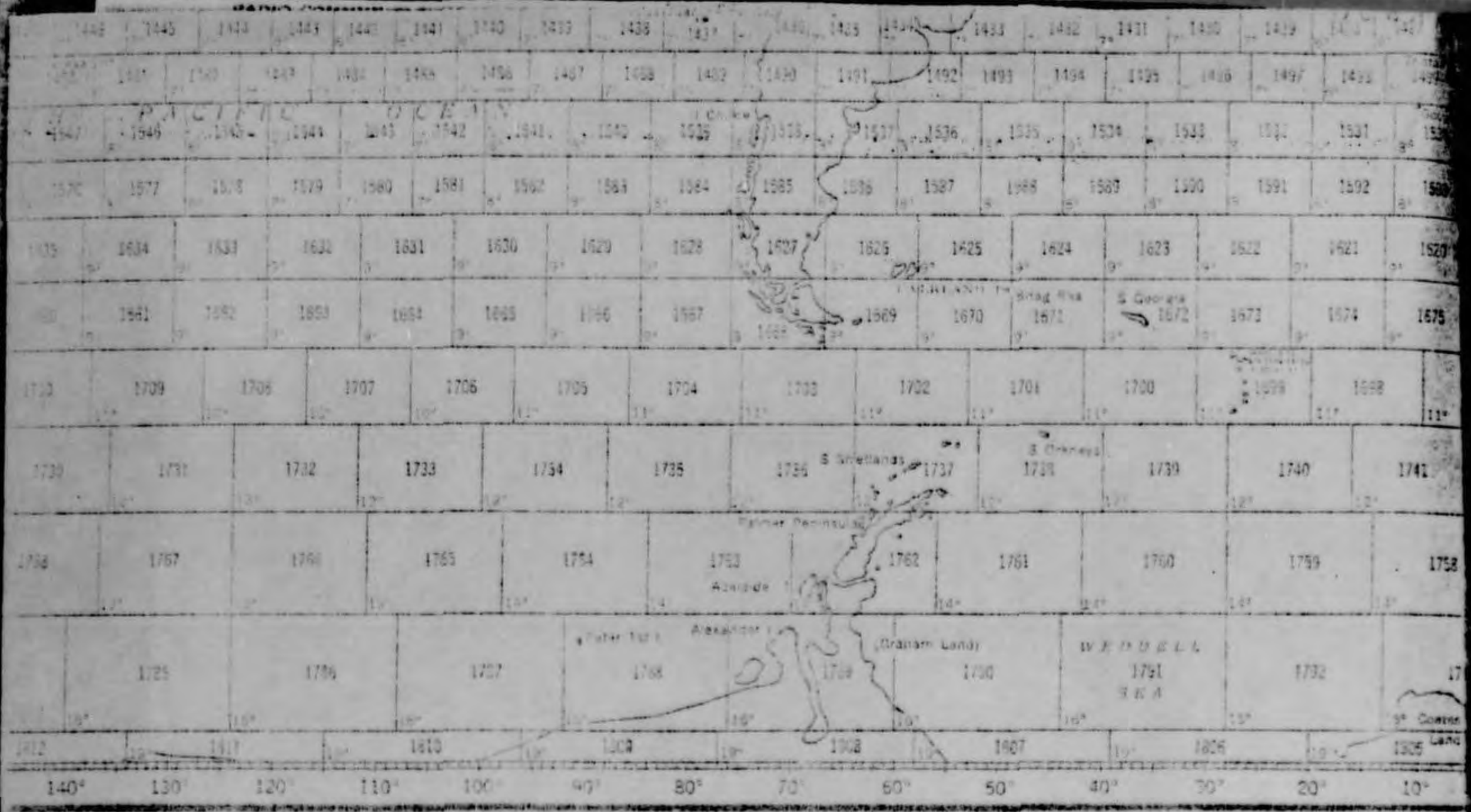
3. Requirements for Special Purpose Maps and Charts.

a. Maps and charts for special purposes, specific missions, and also those maps and charts published by other Government agencies which are not listed in the principal types of aeronautical charts in the current edition of the USAF "Catalog of Aeronautical Charts and Related Publications," should be requisitioned from Headquarters, Aeronautical Chart Service, USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

b. Information regarding stock availability of certain selected aeronautical charts and maps may be obtained on request to Headquarters, Aeronautical Chart Service, USAF.

4. Obsolete Charts.

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# DRAINAGE FEATURES




SHORE LINES
(RELIABLE & UNRELIABLE)




MUD & TIDAL FLATS




CORAL REEFS & LEDGES




SHOALS & SAND BARS




CHARTED ROCK

DANGER LINES



RIVERS & LAKE
(PERENNIAL)



RIVERS & LAKE
(NON-PERENNIAL)



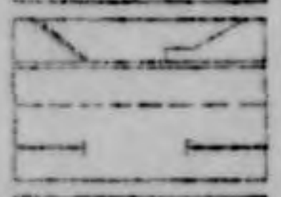
RIVERS & STREAMS
(UNRELIABLE)



RAPIDS & FALLS



WASH (BLUE AND BROWN)



CANALS
ABANDONED CANAL
TUNNEL (CANAL)



DRY LAKE BED (BLUE AND BROWN)



LAKES
(PERENNIAL & NON-



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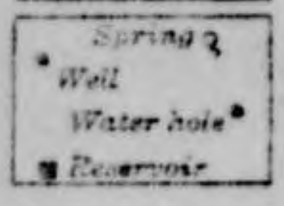
SALT PANS
(EVAPORATOR)



RICE FIELD



SWAMP




SPRING
WELL
WATER HOLE
RESERVOIR

# CULTURAL FEATURE

• • PROMINENT LANDMARKS

• • • OIL TANKS

OIL FIELD

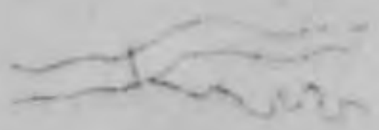
MINE

AIRPORT (LANDING FIELD)

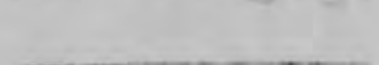
RAILWAY STATION

COAST GUARD STATION

RACE TRACK OR STADIUM



DAMS




PIPE LINE

BOUNDARY (INTERNATIONAL)

BOUNDARY (STATE)

EMBANKMENT (RAILROAD)

UNDERPASS (RAILROAD)



BRIDGE (RAILROAD)



TUNNEL (RAILROAD)

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| COUNTRY | REPORT NO. | (LEAVE BLANK) |
|---|---|---|
| United States | IR-100-52 | |

# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

U.N.

| SUBJECT | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unidentified Flying Object | | |
| AREA REPORTED ON | | FROM (Agency) |
| Merced, California | | 93rd Bomb Wing Intelligence Office |
| DATE OF REPORT | DATE OF INFORMATION | EVALUATION |
| 1 August 1952 | 29 July 1952 | Unknown |
| PREPARED BY (Officer) | | SOURCE |
| GERALD S. CHAPMAN, Capt., USAF | | Mr. [redacted] |

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

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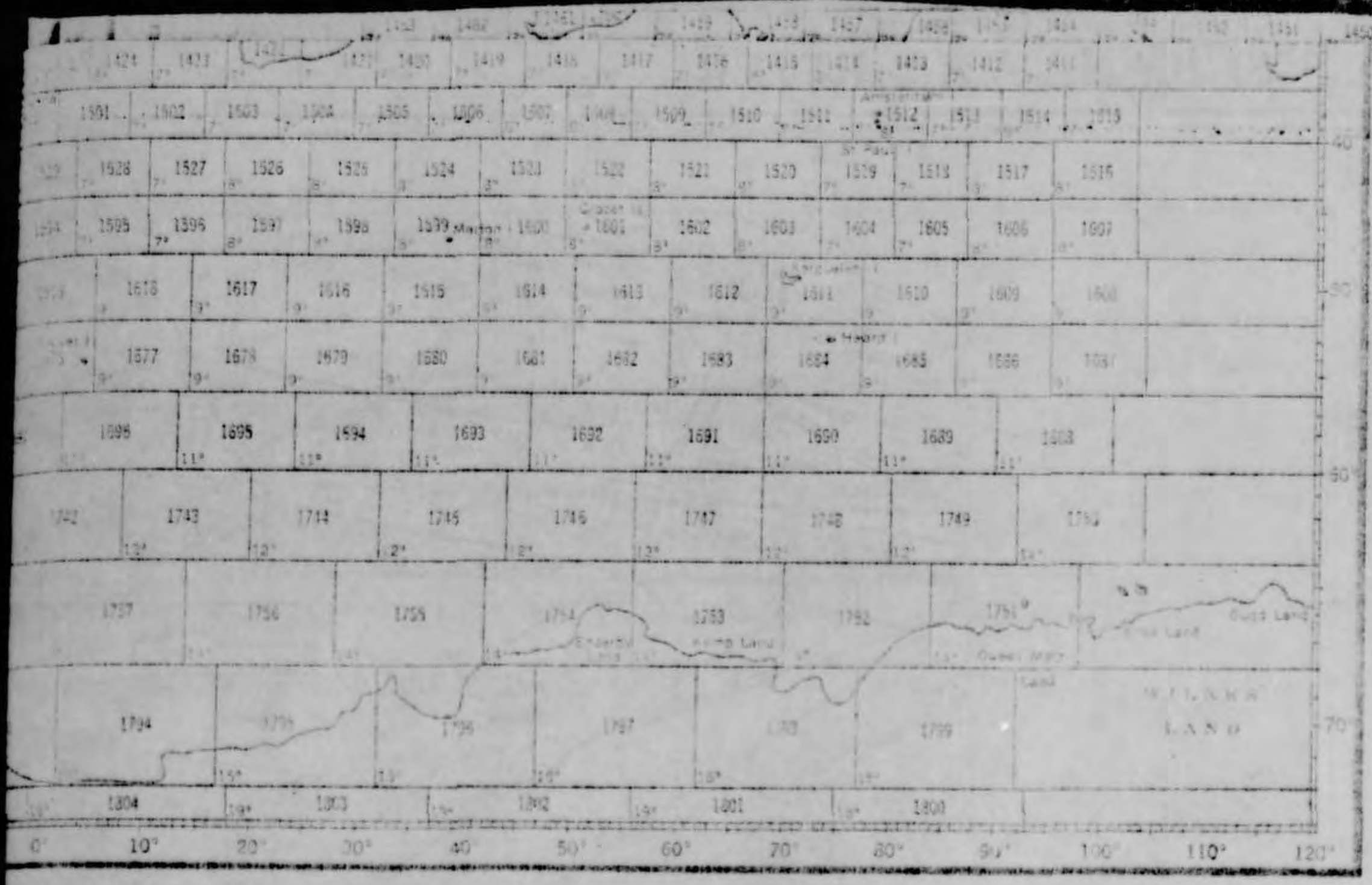
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McCULLOUGH 750 — — 23

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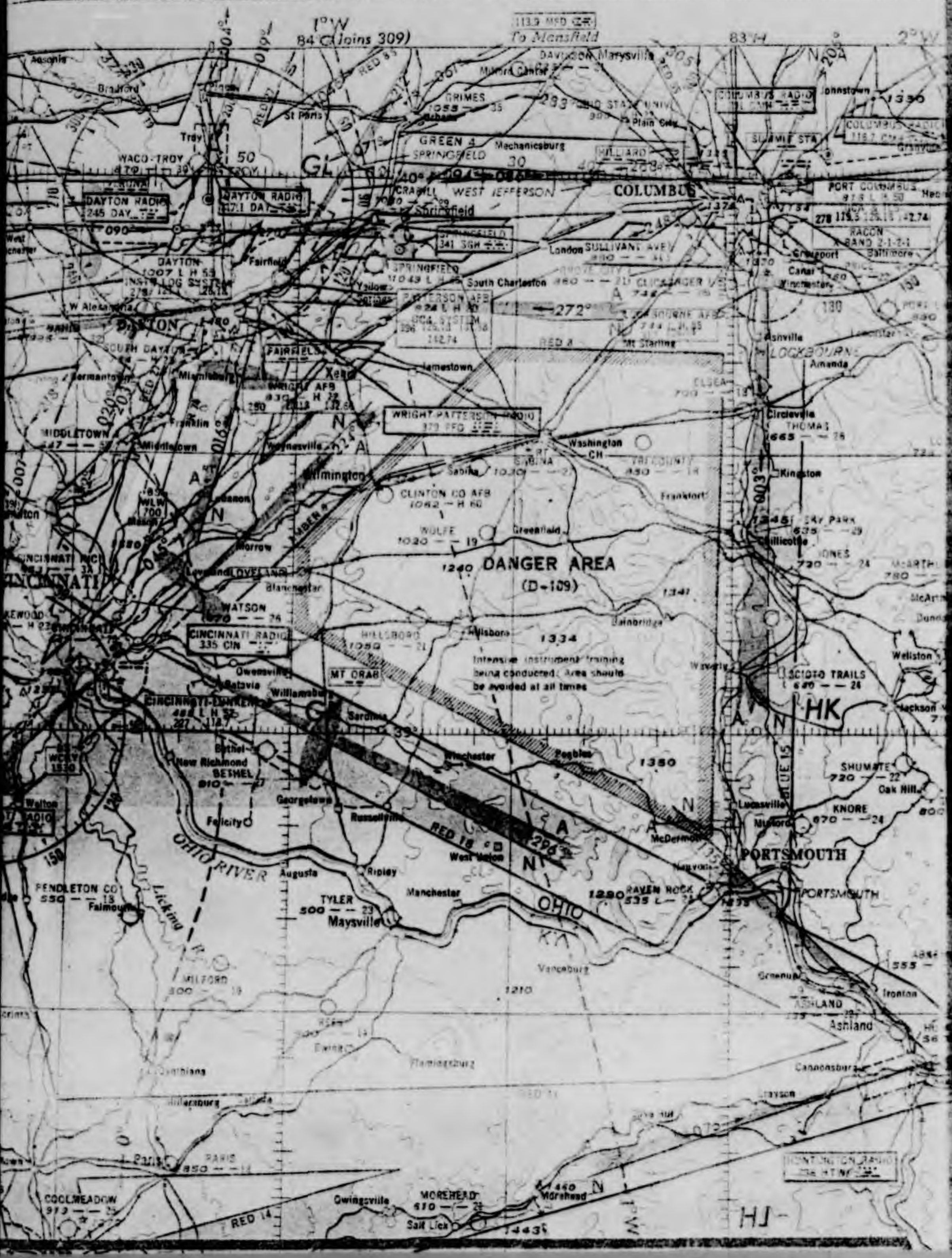
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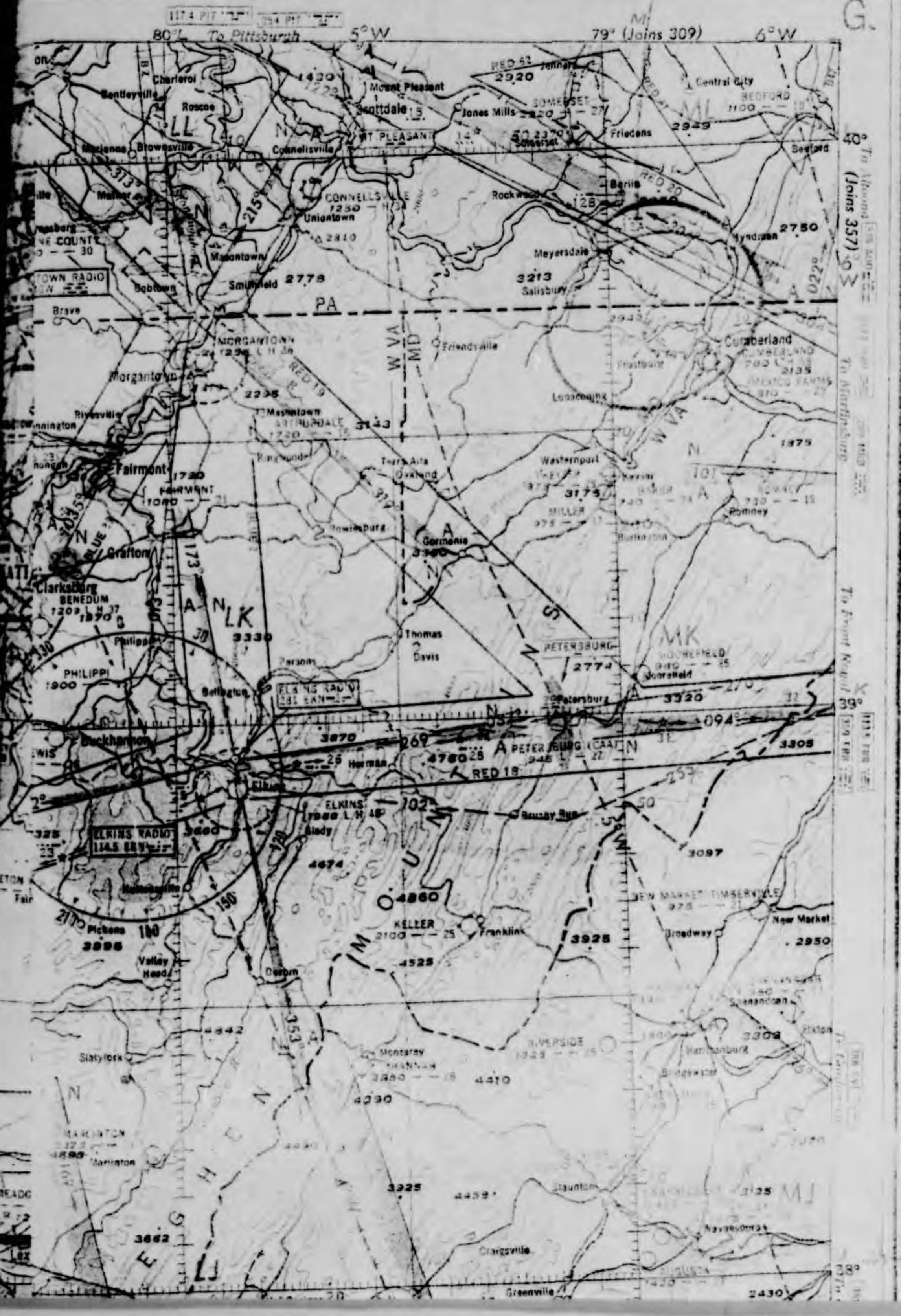
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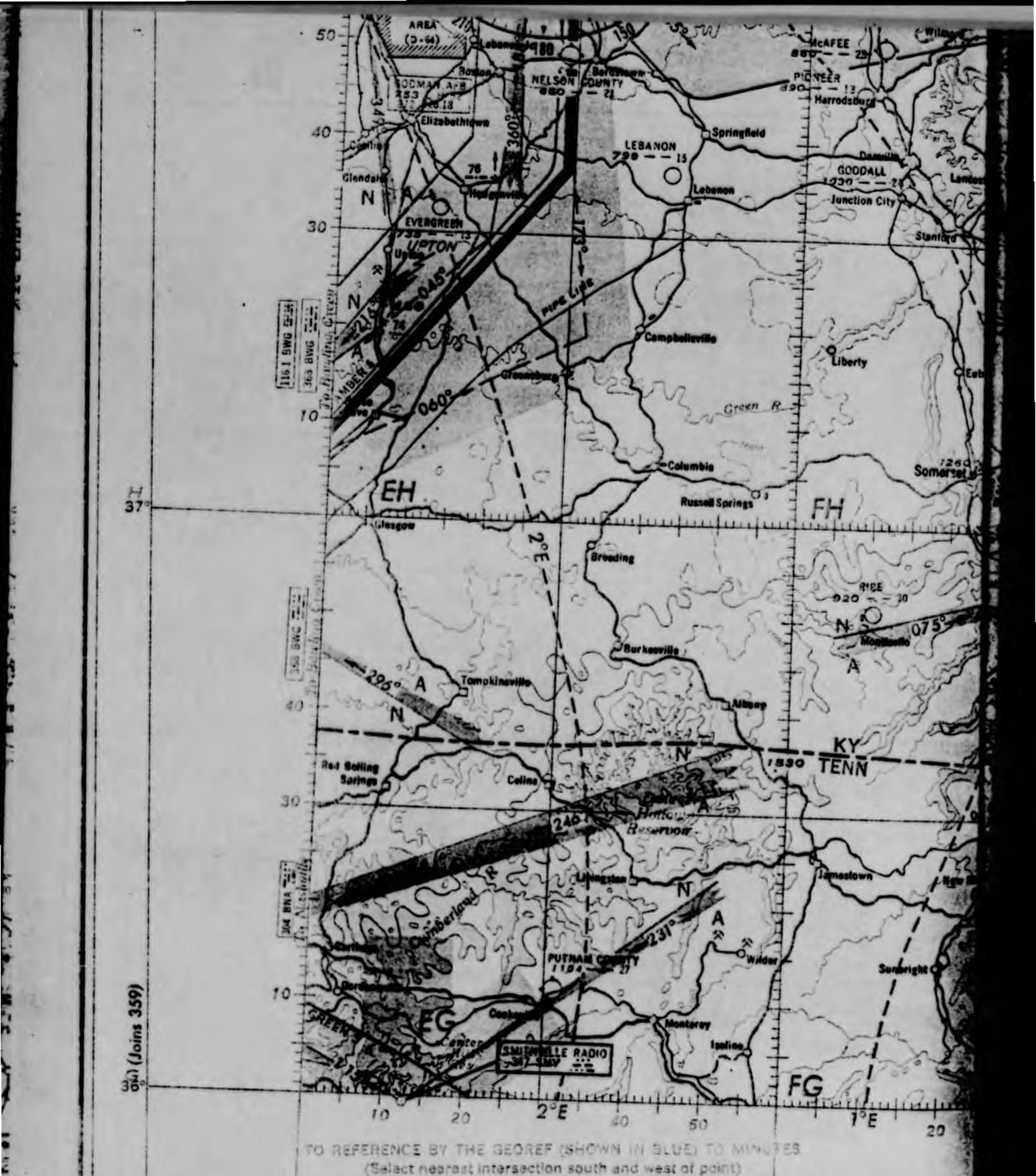
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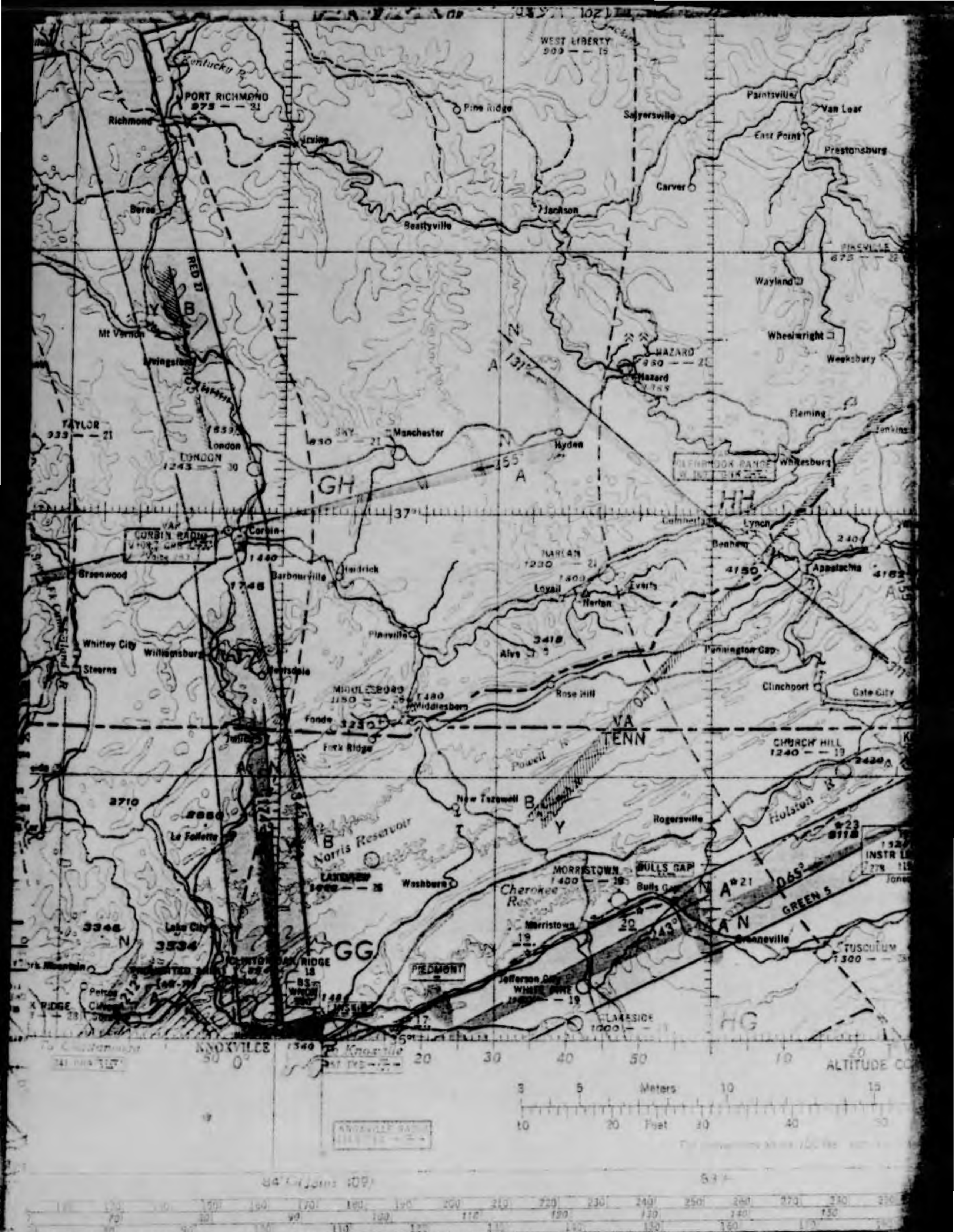
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/2/ ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO HRS EDST TWO NINE JULY FIVE TWO OBSD FOR APPROX DUR FIVE /45/ SECONDS.

/3/ SIGHTED FROM GND WITH NORMAL EYEGLASSES.

/4/ APPROX THREE NINE DEGREES SIX FIVE MINUTES LAT SEVEN NINE DEGREES ONE [redacted] LONG. NEAR MOUNTAIN NEAR CRANBERRY PA.

[redacted] PA. WWI VETERAN

AND RELIABLE WITNESS DOES NOT WANT PUBLICITY

/5/ FOG IN VALLEY. VIS THREE FOURTHS MILE. WINDS ALOFT UNK.

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AF FORM 112—PART I
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

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| United States | IR-100-52 | |

# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (Unk)

| AREA REPORTED ON | FROM (Agency) |
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| Merced, California | 93rd Bomb Wing Intelligence Office |

| DATE OF REPORT | DATE OF INFORMATION | EVALUATION |
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| 1 August 1952 | 29 July 1952 | Unknown |

| PREPARED BY (Officer) | SOURCE |
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| GERALD S. CHAPMAN, Capt., USAF | Mr. [redacted] |

REFERENCES (Central number, Airgram, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY: (Write concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List indorsers at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 113—Part II.)

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5. COMMANDER GOULD CMA NAPO CMA CALIFORNIA
6. WEATHER WAS CLEAR
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USA - MATS IB-472-52

Flying Object Report (FLYOBRPT)

Hickam AFB, Honolulu, T.H. Headquarters PACD MATS, Hickam AFB, T.H.

31 July 1952 29 July 1952 B-2

NED M. PETTIT, 1st Lt., USAF Observers as indicated.

Following are statements received this headquarters relative to sighting of an unidentified flying object near Hickam AFB on 29 July 1952. No electrical report was sent due to the fact that the statements received tend to substantiate the object as a weather balloon.

G.H. WILSON
Major USAF
Acting Chief, Intelligence Division

SECURITY INFORMATION

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Headquarters FACD MATS, Hickam AFB, T.H. 2 3

OBSERVER: [redacted] Lt USN.

1. At 1744W I received the following information by phone from Technical Sergeant [redacted] Street, [redacted], about a bright silvery object that he had sighted in the sky directly overhead. With him at the time were about six of his neighbors. He was sure that it was not a balloon or a plane. I sent Lieutenant [redacted] and Lieutenant [redacted]r with several men to see if they could see the object from in front of the office and then notified Commander Murray and Lieutenant Palmer of the sighting. I then notified Lieutenant Commander Christians and tried to call Captain Hemeberger but was unable to contact him. Lieutenant [redacted] then returned and said that he could see the object, so, I then went out to see if I could identify it. My first impression upon sighting said object was that it was a weather balloon and upon returning to the office at 1759W I called Barbers Point to see if I could confirm my opinion. Barbers Point had released a weather baloon at 1600W but it was black in color. I then called Hickam Field but they informed me that they did not release any balloons but got their information from Honolulu Airport. I then called the weather bureau at the airport and talked to a Mr. Nii who had released a weather balloon at 1700W made of pure white gum and that he had tracked it out on a heading of about 270 for the first 21 minutes and then the balloon then took up a northeasterly direction of about 060 degrees, altitude 46,000 feet. I then called Lieutenant Palmer and gave him what information I had and told him where he could contact Mr. [redacted] and then notified Commander Murray. The object that I had seen, was in my mind a weather balloon, having seen many of them before. I estimated the altitude at 25,000 feet and it had no apparent motion except from the winds aloft. I watched said object for a period of about four minutes and then returned to my office. I alerted Marigold (CCA at Barbers Point) to see if they could pick up any targets in the general area of where I had seen the object. Their report was negative. I secured them at 1929W.

OBSERVER: [redacted], Lt USN.

2. At about 1700 I saw a bright, white, round object at a poor estimated height of [redacted] feet bearing 335 degrees relative to the street in front of the Administration Building looking toward Hickam AFB. There was no apparent motion. It is believed the object was a weather balloon.

OBSERVER: [redacted] USN

3. The object seen in the sky late this afternoon resembled a tiny white dot, not larger than the head of a sewing needle. The object traveled very slowly. Therefore, it could have been a weather balloon. It was too high in the sky, however, for the naked eye to distinguish it as being such.

OBSERVER: [redacted] Convoy and Routing.

4. Upon observation of light colored object in sky, my impression was that it was a balloon of some sort due to the fact that it was distant and was slowly rising higher in the sky. Upon watching for approximately ten minutes the object became gradually smaller and from sighting until disappearance behind clouds the object looked to have shrunk to about half the size of original sighting. I therefore, contend that it was a balloon of some sort, as it was rising nearly straight up, except for possible wind drift.

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OBSERVER: [redacted], Lt USN.

5. At approximately 1745W to 1750W on 29 July 1952, I sighted an object in the sky of the following description:

Color: White or silver

Shape: Round

Size: Estimated 20 to 30 feet in diameter.

Distance: Estimated 20 to 40 thousand feet.

Movement: None apparent.

Bearing: Approximately 70 degrees to 90 degrees from the Administration Building, Pearl Harbor.

Angle: Of sight; 45 degrees.

Impression: Resembled a weather balloon.

OBSERVER: [redacted], YNSN.

6. The object in the sky, reported as a flying Saucer, was to my knowledge a weather balloon. It seemed to be rising vertically and to the East. Seeing weather ballons rising before is my reason for my decision.

COMMENT BY PREPARING OFFICER:

7. Interpretation of paragraph 2, AFL 200-5, by this Headquarters, reveals the necessity of reporting any and all airborne objects sighted as Unidentified Flying Objects when they cannot be positively identified, even if all evidence tends to identify the object such as the statements in the above report. All the information contained in these statements reveal that the object sighted, "by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features, does not conform to any presently known aircraft or missile type".

8. This Headquarters requests clarification of paragraph 2, AFL 200-5.

NED M. PETTIT
1st Lt USAF
Intelligence Officer

SECURITY INFORMATION

United States

IR-473-52

FLYOBRPT

Montana

Intelligence Officer, CNTLD, MATS,
Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas

4 August 1952

29 July 1952

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Major E. M. Penny, USAF

Visual observers - (See Report)

TWX GFHIP 7-22-R, FM CO 1701st AT WG, Great Falls, Montana 2923552

Submitted in accordance with AF LTR No. 200-5, dated 20 April 1952, Sub: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting.

Between the hours 1520 and 1645 MST, from two (2) to five (5) Unidentified Flying Objects were observed visually at various times from surface position at approximately 111°, 13' W - 47°, 30' N, Great Falls Air Force Base, Montana, by numerous Air Force officers, airmen, and civilians.

Objects resembled flat discs reflecting sun's rays and were at an altitude estimated to be in excess of 30,000 ft. One of the objects hovered from 3 to 4 minutes while the other three circled around it like satellites. Then the stationary object moved southeast to disappear, while the 3 satellites moved due west and disappeared, all at speeds estimated in excess of 1,000 mph. Apparently returning to vicinity of first observation then disappearing repeatedly.

No sounds were emitted or exhaust reflections observed. Weather at time of sightings: clear, visibility 65 miles, surface wind calm.

APPROVED:

JOSEPH M. PENNY
Major, USAF
Division Intelligence Officer

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1. Aeronautical Chart of Area
2. Diagram of Great Falls AFB
3. Surface Weather Chart
4-19. Statements of Witnesses

ATIC

Intelligence Officer
Hq . CNTID MATS, Kelly AFB, Tex IR-473-52 2 - 8

## STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES

S/Sgt [redacted] 1701st Air Traffic Squadron

I, [redacted], S/Sgt, [redacted], was coming into the Space Control office at approximately 1520 MST, 29 July 1952 in the afternoon when I heard a report over the squawk box saying that flying saucers were sighted in the vicinity of Seattle headed toward Great Falls. The message that was said was "Flying saucers reported over the Seattle area headed toward Great Falls" then it was cut off. M/Sgt [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] and also Lt. [redacted] heard the transcription too. We then went out of the office and stood in front of Twin Hangars under the tower and sighted two stationary objects at about 1525 MST. The third one came from the east and went toward the first two and departed in the west in a matter of four seconds. The other two followed and departed to the West and I went back into the office.

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(Signed) [redacted] JR., S/Sgt, USAF AF 11629196

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Hq. CNTLD MATS, Kelly AFB, Texas IR-473-52



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M/Sgt

Lt. [redacted] Air Traffic Squadron

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Lt. USAF

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(Signed) [redacted]
Civilian

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As soon as the objects had disappeared I came into the Traffic Office and called the Wing Intelligence, asked for Wing Intelligence Officer and was informed there was an NCOIC named T/Sgt Fernandez. At this time T/Sgt Fernandez was gone and I was informed he was out checking on these reported objects.

(Signed) [redacted]
Captain
[redacted]

Intelligence Officer
Hq GNTLD MATS Kelly AFB, Texas IR-473-52 5 8

Major [redacted] 1701st Air Transport Group

I, Major [redacted], at approximately 1545 MST, 29 July witnessed a circular object traversing the stratosphere, at approximately 30,000 to 40,000 feet high. The objects were silver or white in color and definitely disc shap in structure. They moved with extreme maneuverability. They appeared to travel from west to east and west to southeast at approximately 2,000 miles per hour. There was no vapor trails visible. One larger disc shaped object hovered and a pulsating glare seemed to be admitted from its periphery. It hovered for about 20 seconds and immediately darted off at a high rate of acceleration and disappeared to the southeast. I have heretofore been very doubtful as to any flying saucers or anything of that nature but I will swear that these were definite objects.

At one time I saw one in a bank and saw a metallic flash. On this particular date, 29 July, the sky was cloudless, except for a few strata-cumulus formed clouds and the ground visibility was approximately 65 miles. The atmosphere was very very clear, in other words, the sky above was so blue it offered a good contrast. I am sure of the direction of these being from the west and to the east and southeast. I saw approximately 5 of these objects.

(Signed) [redacted]
Major USAF

1st Lt [redacted] 1701st Air Transport Group

I, 1st Lt [redacted], upon reporting for duty 1530 MST saw 15 to 20 people watching the sky. Was told that they had seen flying saucers. I was very skeptical at this point because of the large number of dandelion seeds in the air and also what appeared to be newspaper carried aloft by the wind. The newspapers were in the general vicinity of MTTU operations. None were observed in the direction that the so-called saucers were spotted.

After watching approximately five (5) minutes I was able to see what appeared to be a disc, white or metal in color approaching from the west. As it moved directly overhead it turned generally north at a 90 degree turn then slowing down and made approximately four (4) more 90 degree turns and then proceeded east.

After seeing this I knew what I was looking for and was able to pick up at least five (5) more of these objects. Being skeptical I did my best to see them as either dandelion seeds or other small particles close to the surface of the earth rather than large objects at extreme distance. However, after keeping them in my sight long enought to study their appearance they definitely seemed to be very high. I won't make an estimate of the height since I did not know their size. All of these appeared in the west and proceeded east at what appeared to be an extreme high rate of speed.

Due to the 90 degree turns and the apparent high rate of speed I discount any possibility of them being conventional or jet type aircraft. I am unable to give any definite description as to their shape other than they appeared to be completely roun

(Signed) [redacted]
1st Lt USAF
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Late in the afternoon on 29 July 1952, Mr. [redacted] and an employee of his, [redacted], were standing in front of his house waiting for some friends of the family to arrive. Mr. [redacted] had just returned from their job of [redacted]. At approximately 1544 PDT they heard a noise which sounded like a jet fighter passing over and they both looked up to see it. After scanning the sky for a moment they spotted a dark object in the sky, about 30 degrees from the vertical, to the Southeast. At first glance they both thought it was a buzzard however they immediately changed their minds for this object was perfectly round. Mr. [redacted] asked Mr. [redacted] to estimate the size of the object by comparing it to his thumb held at arms length. He said that comparing it in that manner the object was slightly larger than a lead pencil viewed end-wise. However he estimated its actual size as slightly larger than a B-29 and all thru the interview continued to emphasize the impression he received of its large size. When the object first appeared it seemed to be just below the clouds which more or less covered the sky, and which [redacted] estimated to be about 12,000 feet. Right after they spotted the object it tipped on edge into a steep dive towards them, diving about two or three thousand feet. During this dive they got a good end view of the object which [redacted] described as "like a discus from the side", (see figure 1). At the end of the dive the object did not round out like an airplane but righted itself smoothly and stopped momentarily before beginning a slow circle to the left. It was at this time that they noticed a translucent silvery light behind the object a distance equal to two diameters of the object itself and apparently not connected. At first sighting the object appeared to be black however now its color seemed to be a dark blue " similar to the color Navy planes are painted". The object circled slowly to the left completing the circle, then made a second circle, and finally took off at high speed to the North Northeast towards Castle AF Base and also towards a large hole in the clouds about eight miles away where blue sky was showing thru (see figure 2). The object passed out of sight thru this hole. Mr. [redacted] who claims to be able to estimate distances quite well due to experience in chasing brush and forest fires by estimating the distance of the smoke stated that the object traveled about 10 miles in 10 seconds at its departure. He further stated that its speed appeared to be [redacted] faster than that of two B-29's which were in the area at the time, one to the Northwest and the other to the South.

Aside from the noise which attracted their attention initially no other sound was heard which could be attributed to the object. All of its movements were extremely smooth as was its acceleration on departure. The object was in view for a full 2 minutes and was viewed against a background of clouds until it passed thru the hole.

Mr. [redacted] lives at [redacted] Merced, California. He is about 37 years old and self-employed in a small but thriving business of [redacted]. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1942 and was enrolled as a navigation student but "washed out" for physical reasons. He served the rest of his time with a ground radar unit at Boca Baton, Florida, and was discharged in 1945. He impressed me as being very sincere, and one not readily excited. He said he was reluctant to tell anyone about what he saw because of their probable reaction, but he is positive that what he saw was no ordinary object, and was real.

The others who were present and saw the object at the same time were Mrs. [redacted] a young man who works for Mr. [redacted] and resides at [redacted], California.

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Major [redacted] 1701st Air Transport Wing

I, Major [redacted], AO [redacted] was requested by M/Sgt [redacted] at approximately 1600 MST to look at an object in the air. Looking in a northeasterly direction, altitude unknown, I sighted an object round and white in appearance. Its movements were like a falling leaf for several seconds and then it proceeded in an east-southeasterly heading, speed unknown.

(Signed) [redacted]
Major [redacted] USAF

Captain [redacted] 1701st Air Transport Wing

I, [redacted] Captain, [redacted], at approximately 1645 MST on 29 July, after returning from flying in local area, right in front of Twin Hangars noticed several people looking skyward. They stated that they were seeing flying saucers. After about half a dozen allegedly passed by, I could not see them. The only thing visible to me was dandelion seeds flying through the air.

(Signed) [redacted]
Captain [redacted] USAF

S/Sgt [redacted] 1701st Air Traffic Squadron

I, S/Sgt [redacted], A [redacted], at approximately 1430 MST was returning to my section when I noticed a group of people in front of Twin Hangars looking up into the sky and some one pointed up and I saw objects that seemed to be silver and similar to a weather balloon only shiny. I observed one at a 45 degree angle looking toward the south and right below it a smaller object moving back and forth like a pendulum and it seemed that one side of lower object was black and it turned one way and then disappeared and turned back and it would come into view again, indicating only one side was reflecting the sun. The object seemed to move in a straight line and stop and turn around and move back and at end of movement it would lose itself for a few seconds and start back. Off to the right (southwest at about a 45 degree angle) a similar object appeared and moved across the horizon southeast at a terrific rate of speed and passed close to the other two objects. After the third disappeared in the southeast the other two objects were invisible to me and without further observation I returned to work.

(Signed) [redacted]
S/Sgt [redacted] USAF

A/2C [redacted] 1701st Air Traffic Squadron

I, [redacted] A/2c, [redacted], at approximately 1430 MST saw white objects coming out of the west going east. They looked to be approximately 18,000 or 25,000 feet high. They left no vapor trail or smoke. As to shape, they looked to be round and some were moving slowly and [illegible] at a high rate of speed. I saw several of them.

(Signed) [redacted]
A/2c [redacted] USAF

A/3c [redacted] 1701st Air Transport Wing

I, [redacted]/3c, A[redacted] at approximately 1605 MST stepped out of the Traffic Section right in front of the hangar and immediately noticed people looking up into the sky. I found out that they were looking at small objects in the sky. When I first looked up I noticed an object like a plate at approximately an angle of 80 degrees altitude. I noticed it was going around like a piece of paper, but it was following a pattern. The height and glare made it hard to determine exactly the height, but I would say it was very high and at a tremendous speed. Pattern was in a swaying or dipping motion. At the right of this first object I saw a second object, it was going in a straight south direction and then to a southeasterly direction. It was at approximately the same height, and from my own observations it seemed to be going at a terriffc speed. It has the same identical form as the first one, i.e., it was like a plate and was reflecting off the sun. The second object was more easily to follow because of a pattern which was straight.

(Signed) [redacted]
A/3c USAF

A/3c [redacted] 1701st Air Traffic Squadron

I, [redacted]3c, [redacted] at approximately 1605 MST, 29 July was standing out in front of the hangar and saw everyone else looking up into the sky, and I saw three (3) objects which I would saw were 20,000 feet in the air and when I first saw them they looked like they were going around and around and gave off a white glare and every once in a while they would swoop down. In my opinion of what I saw they were birds as it seemed that one flipped its wings. As to size they looked to be about the size of a sheet of paper. I observed these at about an 80 degree angle.

(Signed) [redacted]
A/3c USAF
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Mrs. A[redacted] ([redacted]) Air Traffic Squadron

I, Mrs. [redacted], was in our office around 1530 when one of the boys came in and asked if I had been the flying saucers and I told him that he was just kidding. I did not believe what he was telling me, so I just stayed in the office. About one-half hour to forty-five minutes later, Mrs. [redacted] from [redacted] came in and asked if I had seen the flying saucers. I told her that I had heard about them but did not go out to look as I thought they were just kidding. She said that she had seen them so then I went out in front of the passenger terminal and started looking up into the sky. At first I could not see anything and then everyone kept pointing and said there they are and I kept looking and then I did see a white object and it would sort of go away and then reappear just as if it was reversing itself. I saw two objects at this time, after that I went back to my office.

At approximately 1600 MST [redacted] came in and we went out to look and this time I noticed they were adjacent to the tower and it was the same white

shiny objects. One could not watch constantly because of the sun. I could not see which way they were going or the speed of their movement because I could not keep watching as my eyes would get blurry.

(Signed) [redacted]
Civilian

[redacted] (Civilian Employee) Director of Traffic Office

I, [redacted], at approximately 1615 MST, was informed that several people were seeing objects so I went out in front of Twin Hangars and noticed several people looking upward. I did, and was unable to see anything at first then I noticed two (2) objects. I was looking west. They were silver colored objects. I could not tell much about the size or shape. The two that I saw would go along a little ways and all of a sudden dart downward and roll over. It was at about a 45 degree angle. They seemed to be coming from out of the sun. There was something resembling smoke or fog close to these objects, however, I don't know if it had anything to do with them or not.

(Signed) [redacted]
Civilian [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted]

I, Mrs [redacted], was at home eight miles from the Great Falls AFB when my husband, who was on duty at the base, called me to tell me to look for some objects in the air which had been sighted at the base. I saw an object in the northern sky traveling east to west about 1630 MST and after sighting it I got it through the binoculars. The shape was indefinite, but I can say there were no wings or tail or other protrusions. On the back of it it was red in color. A thirteen year old boy was with me and he can confirm statement as to the color. I saw two others after this.

The last two were traveling north to south in the western part of the sky. There seemed to be a vapor around them and behind them. Due to the brightness of the sun I was unable to get these two in the binoculars. All three seemed to disappear, just seemed to travel out of sight.

(Signed) MRS. [redacted]

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STATEMENT

[redacted] S/Sgt

1701st Air Traffic Sq

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S/Sgt [redacted] USAF

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M/Sgt

1701st Air Transport Group

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M/Sgt

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Lt. USAF

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Civilian

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STATEMENT

[redacted] USAF

1701st Air Traffic Sq

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Captain [redacted] USAF

Incl #8 [redacted]

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STATEMENT

[redacted]
Major USAF
[redacted]

1701st Air Transport Group

I, Major [redacted] A, at approximately 1545 MST, 29 July witnessed a circular object traversing the stratosphere, at approximately 30,000 to 40,000 feet high. The objects were silver or white in color and definitely disc shape in structure. They moved with extreme maneuverability. They appeared to travel from west to east and west to southeast at approximately 2,000 to 2,000 miles per hour. There was no vaper trails visible. One larger disc shaped object hovered and a pulsating glare seemed to be admitted from its periphery. It hovered for about 20 seconds and immediately darted off at a high rate of acceleration and disappeared to the southeast. I have heretofore been very doubtful as to any flying saucers or anything of that nature but I will swear that these were definite objects.

At one time I saw one in a bank and saw a metallic flash. On this particular date, 29 July, the sky was cloudless, except for a few strata-cumulus formed clouds and the ground visibility was approximately 65 miles. The atmosphere was very very clear, in other words, the sky above was so blue it offered a good contrast. I am sure of the direction of these being from the west and to the east and southeast. I saw approximately 5 of these objects.

[redacted]
Major USAF
[redacted]

Incl #9

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1701st Air Transport Gp

Lst Lt [redacted]

I, lst Lt [redacted] upon reporting for duty 1530 MST saw 15 or 20 people watching the sky. Was told that they had seen flying saucers. I was very skeptical at this point because of the large number of dandelion seeds in the air and also what appeared to be newspaper carried aleft by the wind. The newspapers were in the general vicinity of MTTU operations. None were observed in the direction that the so-called saucers were spotted.

After watching approximately five (5) minutes I was able to see what appeared to be a disc, white or metal in color approaching from the west. As it moved directly overhead it turned generally north at a 90 degree trun then slowing down and made approximately four (4) more 90 degree turns and then proceeded east.

After seeing this I knew what I was looking for and was able to pick up at least five (5) more of these objects. Being skeptical I did my best to see them as either dandelion seeds or other small particles close to the surface of the earth rather than large objects at extreme distance. However, after keeping them in my sight long enough to study their appearance they definitely seemed to be very high. I won't make an estimate of the height since I did not know their size. All of these appeared in the west and proceeded east at what appeared to be an extreme high rate of speed.

Due to the 90 degree turns and the apparent high rate of speed I discount any possibility of them being conventional or jet type aircraft. I am unable to give any definite description as to their shape other htan that they appeared to be completely round.

[redacted]

lst Lt USAF

[redacted]

Incl. #10

[redacted]

[redacted]

STATEMENT

[redacted]
Captain, USAF

Personnel Office
1701st Air Transport Wg.

I, [redacted], Captain, [redacted], at approximately 1645 MST on 29 July, after returning from flying in local area, right in front of Twin Hangars noticed several people looking skyward. They stated that they were seeing flying saucers. After about half a dozen allegedly passed by, I could not see them. The only thing visible to me was dandelion seeds flying through the air.

[redacted]
Captain USAF
[redacted]

Incl #12 [redacted]

[redacted]

STATEMENT

[redacted]

Major [redacted]

Operations and Training
1701st Air Transport Wing

I, Majo[redacted], was requested by M/Sgt [redacted] at approximately 1600 MST to look at an object in the air. Looking in a northeasterly direction, altitude unknown, I sighted an object round and white in appearance. Its movements were like a falling leaf for several seconds and then it proceeded in an east-southeasterly heading, speed unknown.

[redacted]

Major [redacted] USAF

Incl #1

[redacted]

[redacted]

STATEMENT

[redacted] S/Sgt. [redacted]

Traffic & Control
1701st Air Traffic Sq.

I, S/Sgt [redacted], AF [redacted], at approximately 1430 MST was returning to my section when I noticed a group of people in front of Twin Hangars looking up into the sky and some one pointed up and I saw objects that seemed to be silver and similar to a weather balloon only shiny. I observed one at a 45 degree angle looking toward the south and right below it a smaller object moving back and forth like a pendulum and it seemed that one side of lower object was black ad it turned one way and then disappeared and turned back and it would come into view again, indicating only one side was reflecting the sun. The object seemed to move in a straight line and stop and turn around and move back and at end of movement it would lose itself for a few seconds and start back. Off to the right (southwest at about 45 degree angle) a similar object appeared and moved across the horizon southeast at a terrific rate of speed and passed close to the other two objects. After the third disappeared in the southeast the other two objects were invisible to me and without further observation I returned to work.

[redacted]

S/Sgt [redacted] USAF

Incl #13

[redacted]

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STATEMENT

[redacted]
A/2c, USAF

1701st Air Traffic Sq

I, [redacted], A/2c, AF [redacted] at approximately 1430 MST saw white objects coming out of the west going east. They looked to be approximately 18,000 or 25,000 feet high. They left no vapor trail or smoke. As to shape, they looked to be round and some were moving slowly and then take off at a high rate of speed. I saw several of them.

[redacted]
A/2c USAF
AF [redacted]

Encl #14 [redacted]

[redacted]

STATEMENT

[redacted]
A/3c AF[redacted]

Fleet Service
1701st Air Traffic Sq

I, [redacted] A/3c, [redacted] at approximately 1605 EST, 29 July was standing out in front of the hangar and saw everyone else looking up into the sky, and I saw three (3) objects which I would say were 20,000 feet in the air and when I first saw them they looked like they were going around and around and gave off a white glare and every once in a while they would swoop down. In my opinion of what I saw they were birds as it seemed that one flipped its wings. As to size they looked to be about the size of a sheet of paper. I observed these at about an 80 degree angle.

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C[redacted]
A/3c USAF
[redacted]

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STATEMENT

[redacted]

A/3c [redacted]

Wg Operations & Training

1701st Air Transport Wing

I, [redacted], A/3c, [redacted] at approximately 1606 MST stepped out of the Traffic Section right in front of the hangar and immediately noticed people looking up into the sky. I found out that they were looking at small objects in the sky. When I first looked up I noticed an object like a plate at approximately an angle of 80 degrees altitude. I noticed it was going around like a piece of paper, but it was following a pattern. The height and glare made it hard to determine exactly the height, but I would say it was very high and at a tremendous speed. Pattern was in a swaying or dipping motion. At the right of this first object I saw a second object, it was going in a straight south direction and then to a southeasterly direction. It was at approximately the same height, and from my own observations it seemed to be going at a terrific speed. It has the same identical form as the first one, i.e., it was like a plate and was reflecting off the sun. The second object was more easily to follow because of a pattern which was straight.

[redacted]

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A/3c USAF

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STATEMENT

Mrs. [redacted] Air Traffic Squadron

I, Mrs. [redacted] was in our office around 1530 when one of the boys came in and asked if I had seen the flying saucers and I told him that he was just kidding. I did not believe what he was telling me, so I just stayed in the office. About one-half hour to forty-five minutes later, Mrs. [redacted] from [redacted], came in and asked if I had seen the flying saucers. I told her that I had heard about them but did not go out to look as I thought they were just kidding. She said that she had seen them so then I went out in front of the passenger terminal and started looking up into the sky. At first I could not see anything and then everyone kept pointing and said there they are and I kep looking and then I did see a white object and it would sort of go away and then reappear just as if it was reversing itself. I saw two objects at this time, after that I went back to my office.

At approximately 1620 MST [redacted] came in and we went out to look and this time I noticed they were adjacent to the tower and it was the same white shiny objects. One could not watch constantly because of the sun. I could not see which way they were going or the speed of their movement because I could not keep watching as my eyes would get blurry.

[redacted]

MRS. [redacted]
Civilian

Encl #7

[redacted]

[redacted]

STATEMENT

[redacted] Director of Traffic Office
Civilian

I, [redacted] at approximately 1615 MST, was informed that several people were seeing objects so I went out in front of Twin Hangars and noticed several people looking upward. I did, and was unable to see anything at first then I noticed two (2) objects. I was looking west. They were silver colored objects. I could not tell much about the size or shape. The two that I saw would go along a little ways and all of a sudden dart downward and roll over. It was at about a 45 degree angle. They seemed to be coming from out of the sun. There was something resembling smoke or fog close to these objects, however, I don't know if it had anything to do with them or not.

[redacted]
Civilian [redacted]
Office, D/Traffic

Incl #14 [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] N.W. Great Falls, Montana

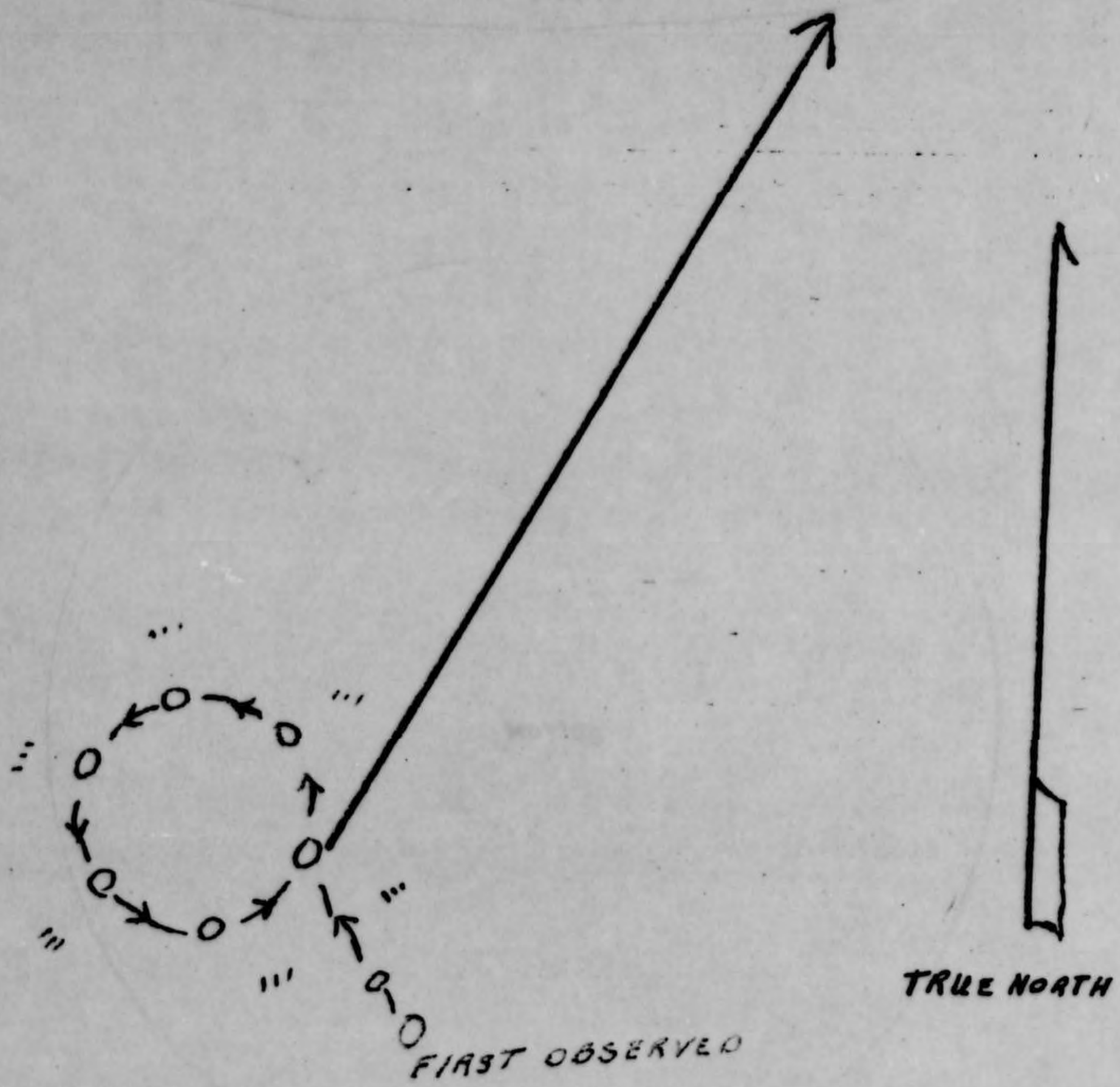
I, Mrs. [redacted] was at home eight miles from the Great Falls AFB when my husband, who was on duty at the base, called me to tell me to look for some objects in the air which had been sighted at the base. I saw an object in the northern sky traveling east to west about 1630 MST and after sighting it I get it through the binoculars. The shape was indefinite, but I can say there were no wings or tail or other protrusions. On the back of it it was red in color. A thirteen year old boy was with me and he can confirm statement as to the color. I saw two others after this.

The last two were traveling north to south in the western part of the sky. There seemed to be a vapor around them and behind them. Due to the brightness of the sun I was unable to get these two in the binoculars. All three seemed to disappear, just seemed to travel out of sight.

MRS [redacted]

(Mrs [redacted]

[redacted]


TRUE NORTH
FIRST OBSERVED

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UnitedStates IR-475-52

FLYCBRPT

Montana

5 August 1952

Major J. M. Penny, USAF

None

Intelligence Officer, CNTLD, MATS
Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas

5 November 1950 F-6

Mr. & Mrs [redacted] reat Falls
Montana

Submitted in accordance with AF LTR No. 200-5, dated 20 April 1952, Sub: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting.

As a result of publicity given reported Unidentified Flying Objects in the vicinity of Great Falls, Montana on 29 July 1952, Mrs. [redacted] North, Great Falls, Montana came forward and reported the following:

At 0600 hrs, MST on 5 November 1950, she and her husband were traveling in a car on highway No. 87 between Great Falls and Raynesford, Montana, at which time they observed an unidentified flying object moving from east to west passing within approximately 100 feet of their car.

The object was disc-like and appeared to be about the size and shape of an automobile tire when looking at it broadside, and judged it to be approximately eight inches thick; which appeared to be spinning as it moved through the air. The complete forward side of the object consisted wholly of a strong, white light, while from the rear of the object there were omitted blue-white sparks extending for a distance of approximately three feet. That they heard no sound from the object, but could not be sure there was no sound as the windows of the car were closed at the time.

A drawing of the object as it appeared to Mrs. [redacted] is attached.

No information was given as to speed the object was traveling, or as to weather conditions prevailing at the time.

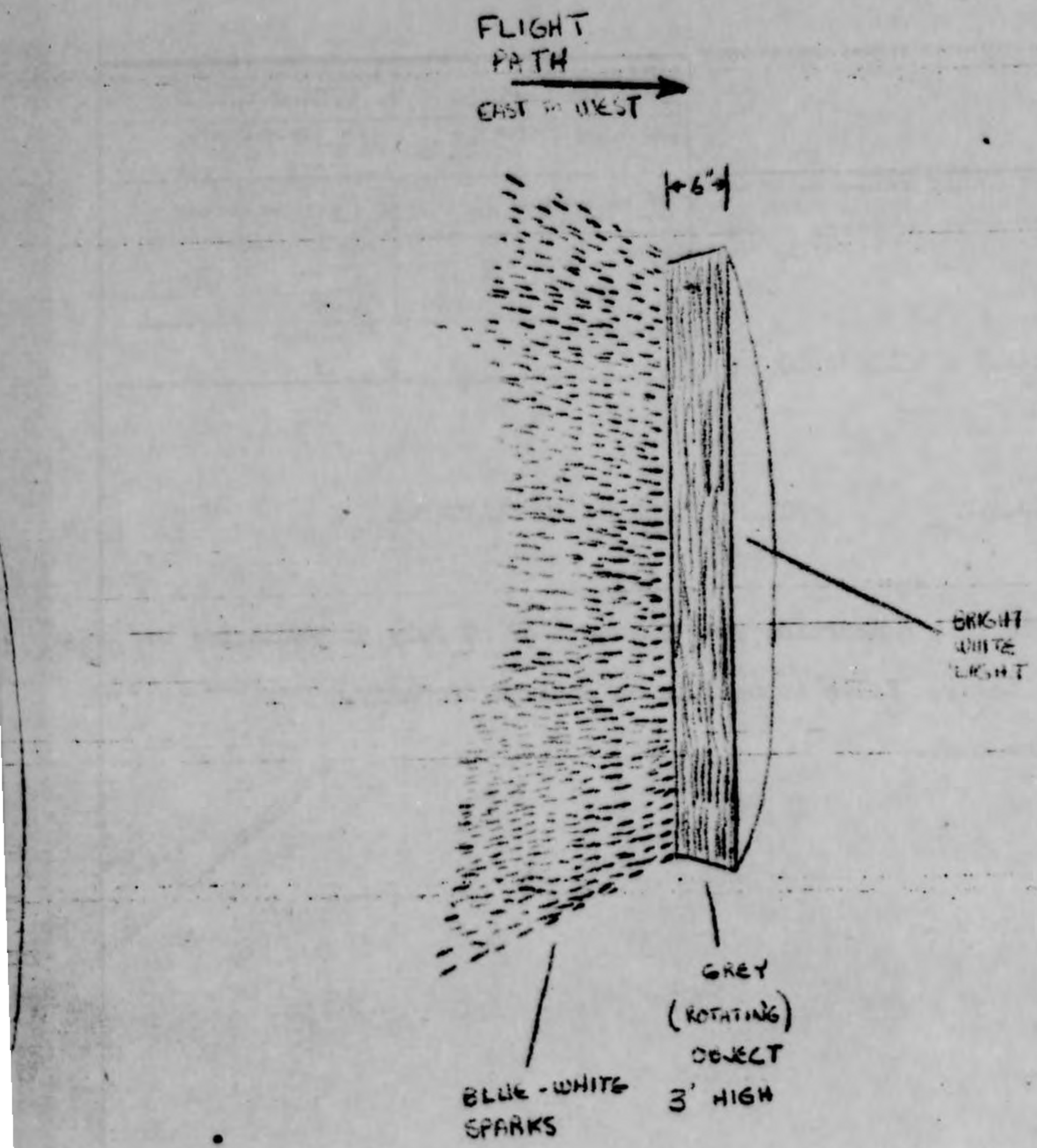
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Major, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Officer

1 Drawing of Object.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT ( [redacted] )

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SUBJECT: Recapitulation of Facts Concerning Unidentified Objects Sighted in the Great Falls, Montana Area on 29 July 1952

1. Tuesday, 29 July 1952, at approximately 1540 hours MST four (4) unidentified objects were sighted over Great Falls AFB. Objects resembled flat discs, reflecting sun's rays. Position due south from Great Falls AFB (Incl. 1). One (1) object was stationary and three (3) were seen circling around it. They were seen for three (3) to four (4) minutes, then the stationary object flew southeast. The other three (3) due west and disappeared. No sound was emitted or exhaust was observed. Speed of the objects was estimated at over one thousand (1000) miles per hour. Altitude was not determined due to fact that the size of a C-54 aircraft, objects were estimated to be above 30,000 feet. All objects were visual from the ground. They were seen by an estimated fifty persons including officers, airmen and civilians (statements attached as Incl. 2). Objects were also seen by a resident of the city of Great Falls, Montana (statement attached as Incl. 2).

2. First notification of flying objects was heard from the Seattle, Washington area (presumably McChord AFB) over the Plan 62 Voice Circuit of the Transport Control Center, this Base. The transmission was cut off suddenly, immediately after the statement regarding "flying saucers" was made. This transmission was heard by a number of individuals. One individual, S/Sgt [redacted], 1701st Traffice Squadron, this Base, sighted objects immediately after this Plan 62 transmission and called CAA Tower, Gore Field, Great Falls, Montana. Who in turn notified a local newspaper, the Great Falls Tribune. A reporter from the Great Falls Tribune contacted S/Sgt [redacted] who inadvertently gave the reporter information regarding unidentified flying objects and Plan 62 transmission from the Seattle, Washington area, upon which the release in the Great Falls Tribune was based. At approximately 2200 hours MST S/Sgt [redacted] received a call from an individual who identified himself as [redacted] Officer, McChord AFB, who denied any transmission or reception of any statement regarding "flying saucers". S/Sgt [redacted] was in error on releasing this story, in that he had not received or had he contacted the Base Commander, Base Information Officer or Base Intelligence Officer.

3. At 1200 hours MST Thursday, 31 July 1952, the local radio station KMON broadcast an interview with a Mr. [redacted], resident of Great Falls, who claims he saw and took pictures of unidentified flying objects and that he had turned the undeveloped film over to the Air Force. He contacted the manager of the radio station KMON, who informed us that Mr. [redacted] had turned the undeveloped film over to the Commanding Officer

[redacted]

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1 August 1952

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: COMMANDER
Continental Division
Military Air Transport Service
ATTN: Intelligence Division
Kelly Air Force Base, Texas

Transmitted herewith, in accordance paragraph 7 AF Letter 200-5 subject: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short title: (FLYCOMFT) and MATS Letter subject: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short title: (FLYCOMFT) dated 28 July 1952 is a Recapitulation of Facts Concerning Unidentified Objects Sighted in the Great Falls, Montana Area on 29 July 1952, with inclosures, as reported in message GFMIP 7-22-R, 29 July 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl.
1 - Recapitulation of Facts
(with inclosures)

GEORGE S. GEANETOS
Lt Colonel USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

[redacted]

Intelligence Officer
Hq CNTLD MATS Kelly AFB, Texas IR-474-52

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## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Major [redacted] [redacted] lls, Mont.

I, [redacted] on the 29 July was returning with my family from a fishing trip in Idaho, we had not heard a radio or read a newspaper in the days we had been gone. About eight (8) miles south of Ennis, Montana, traveling from West Yellowstone to Ennis between 1400 and 1500 hours MST I noticed a dark colored object hovering over the mountains to the right of the highway. I slowed down and stopped the car, and as I did so the object formed a white cloud around itself. The distance was, as I would estimate it three or four miles in a direct line and the clouds were about one thousand feet above the summit of the mountain. Shortly after that three smaller disc like objects came bursting out of the clouds from different angles traveling at an estimated two hundred miles per hour. Each of these objects made an arc in different directions and at the peak of the arc accelerated at a terrific speed and departed to a central point behind the clouds and disappeared. There was a trail of very hazy film of dark colored smoke. I had an eight-power binocular when I was watching this.

I stopped two other cars, one from Arkansas and one from Ohio. The man in the car from Ohio had a pair of 50-power binoculars. We all, and I think there was about a dozen of us, watched with the naked eye and binoculars. Shortly after the three objects left the cloud five objects appeared on the right side of the cloud in a V formation traveling slowly and then each of these in succession formed a small cloud around themselves. They changed formation from the V to single file and entered the big cloud one behind the other.

During this time I took colored moving pictures with an 8mm Bell and Howell camera and still pictures, black and white, with a Kodak Retina camera. We watched this phenomenon for at least thirty minutes and the whole time while we were watching these no other clouds formed in the sky in our range of vision. Upon the advise of a civilian friend films, undeveloped, were turned over to Major [redacted] of the 29th Air Division, at Great Falls Air Force Base, Montana.

Along about the end of the thirty minutes on a mountain to the left of the highway and some six miles estimated from us another cloud suddenly appeared and the same phenomenon took place with objects leaving and returning.

I wish to add that I am a Major in the Army Corps of [redacted] and Had a "Q" Clearance 1946 to 1948 while stationed with Z Division, Sandia Base, Albequerque, New Mexico.

(Signed) [redacted]
[redacted] Great Falls, Montana

[redacted]

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FLYOBRPT

Montana

Intelligence Officer, CNTID, MATS
Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas

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Major J. M. Penny, USAF [redacted], Major, [redacted], Great Falls, Montana

Should be read in conjunction with observations from Great Falls AFB on 29 July 1952 as reported in IR, this Hq., dated 4 August 1952, numbered IR-473-52.

Submitted in accordance with AF LTR No. 200-5, dated 20 April, 1952, Sub: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting.

Between the hours of 1400 and 1500 MST, 29 July 1952, from four (4) to nine (9) unidentified flying objects were reported observed visually with naked eye and high-powered binoculars from surface position approximately 111°, 40' W - 45°, 15' N, some 8 miles south of Ennis, Montana (*) by a Major, [redacted], and other unidentified persons.

When first observed there was one indefinitely shaped object, non-transparent, dark color hovering about 1000-ft above a mountain some 3 to 4 miles distant from observer. This object then appeared to hide itself in a self-emitted white cloud. Shortly after three (3) smaller disc-like objects burst out of the cloud from different angles traveling at estimate 200 MPH, each making an arc in different directions; at peaks of arcs they accelerated to terrific speed and returned to central point behind cloud. After the three smaller objects burst from the cloud to form the arcs, five other objects approached from the right in a V formation traveling slowly; then each of these in succession formed small clouds around themselves and changed from the V to single file and entered the big cloud; (Attached is diagram of these maneuvers). Some 30 minutes later another cloud suddenly appeared over a mountain some six miles from observer and same phenomenon took place.

(*) For exact location see World Aeronautical Chart, Incl. #1 to FLYOBRPT observations from Great Falls AFB on 29 July 1952 as reported in IR by Int. Off., CNTID, MATS on 4 August 1952.

Time of observations: 30 minutes. Weather conditions: Not reported.

Observer took 8mm motion pictures (Bell & Howell camera) with colored film, and still shots with Kodak Retina in black-and-white. Films turned over to Major [redacted], Air Division Defense, Great Falls AFB, who dispatched films to WADF, Hamilton AFB, Calif. Later WADF advised to ship films immediately to ATIC.

APPROVED:

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1. Diagram of maneuvers
2. Statement of Observer

JOSEPH M. PENNY
Major, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Division

ATIC

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of the 29th Air Division Defense, attached this station. Mr. [redacted] was thereupon contacted and he stated that between 1400 and 1500 hours MST, 29 July 1952, he sighted unidentified flying objects about eight (8) miles south of Ennis, Montana, 115 miles south of Great Falls, Montana. Mr. [redacted] took still and moving pictures of the objects in both color and black and white film. On the advice of a civilian friend he called the Commanding Officer of the 29th Air Division, who dispatched the Intelligence Officer, 29th Air Division, Major [redacted], to contact Mr. [redacted] thereupon Mr. [redacted] turned the undeveloped film over to Major [redacted] who dispatched the film to Headquarters WADF, Hamilton AFB, California. Colonel Paul Greiner, Commanding Officer 29th Air Division and Major McCarthy, Intelligence Officer, 29th Air Division, were informed that in accordance with AF Letter 200-5 the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, should have been notified immediately for shipping instructions and that this headquarters should have been notified of the action taking place. Colonel Greiner stated that he had telephoned Headquarters WADF requesting that they contact AFIC for shipping instructions and that all matters of this nature would be coordinated with the 1701st Air Transport Wing Intelligence Officer in the future. Mr. [redacted] was contacted by this Headquarters and he gave a statement and drawing (Incl. 3 & 4) and he further stated that he would appreciate having his film back when the Air Force is through with it.

4. At the time of the sighting aircraft flying in the local area consisted of two(2) C-47, eight (8) C-54 and one (1) B-25.

5. Weather at the time of the sighting was clear with visibility of sixty-five (65) miles and surface winds were calm. (Incl. 5)

6. The Intelligence Officer of the 29th Air Division Defense, attached this station, was contacted and he stated that the unidentified flying objects were not picked up on any 29th Air Defense radar screens. The Commander of the 1906-5, AACS Squadron Detachment, was contacted and he stated that no sightings of these objects were made with the CCA radar scopes.

7. Additional information regarding unidentified flying objects was uncovered during this investigation, a sighting on 5 November 1950. At 0600 hours MST on 5 November 1950, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Great Falls, Montana, were traveling east on highway No. 87 between Great Falls and Raynesford, Montana. At this time they observed an object moving east to west which passed by the front of their automobile. This object was disc like with a strong white light in front and emitting blue-white sparks to the rear (drawing attached). Mrs. [redacted] states that the object seemed to be about the size and shape of an automobile tire looking broadside and spinning through the air. The complete front side consisted wholly of this strong white light. The body, which appeared to be spinning, was judged to be approximately eight (8) inches thick. The blue-white sparks were emitted for approximately



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thirty-six (36) inches behind the object. Mrs [redacted] states that she was within one hundred feet of the object as it passed by and that there were no sound connected with it, although she cannot be sure in that as she was riding in a closed automobile. (Drawing as suggested by Mrs. [redacted] is attached as Incl. 6).

GEORGE S. GEANETOS
Lt Colonel, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

6 Incl.
1a- Map WAC Chart #268
1b- Map CFAMB Containment Plan
2a - Statement of Major [redacted]
2b - Statement of Capt. [redacted]
2c - Statement of S/Sgt [redacted]
2d - Statement of Major [redacted]
2e - Statement of Lt. [redacted]
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2o - Statement of S/Sgt [redacted]
2p - Statement of M/Sgt [redacted]
3 - Statement of Mr. [redacted]
4 - Drawing of Mr [redacted] sightings.
5 - Weather Report
6 - Drawing of Mrs. [redacted] sightings.

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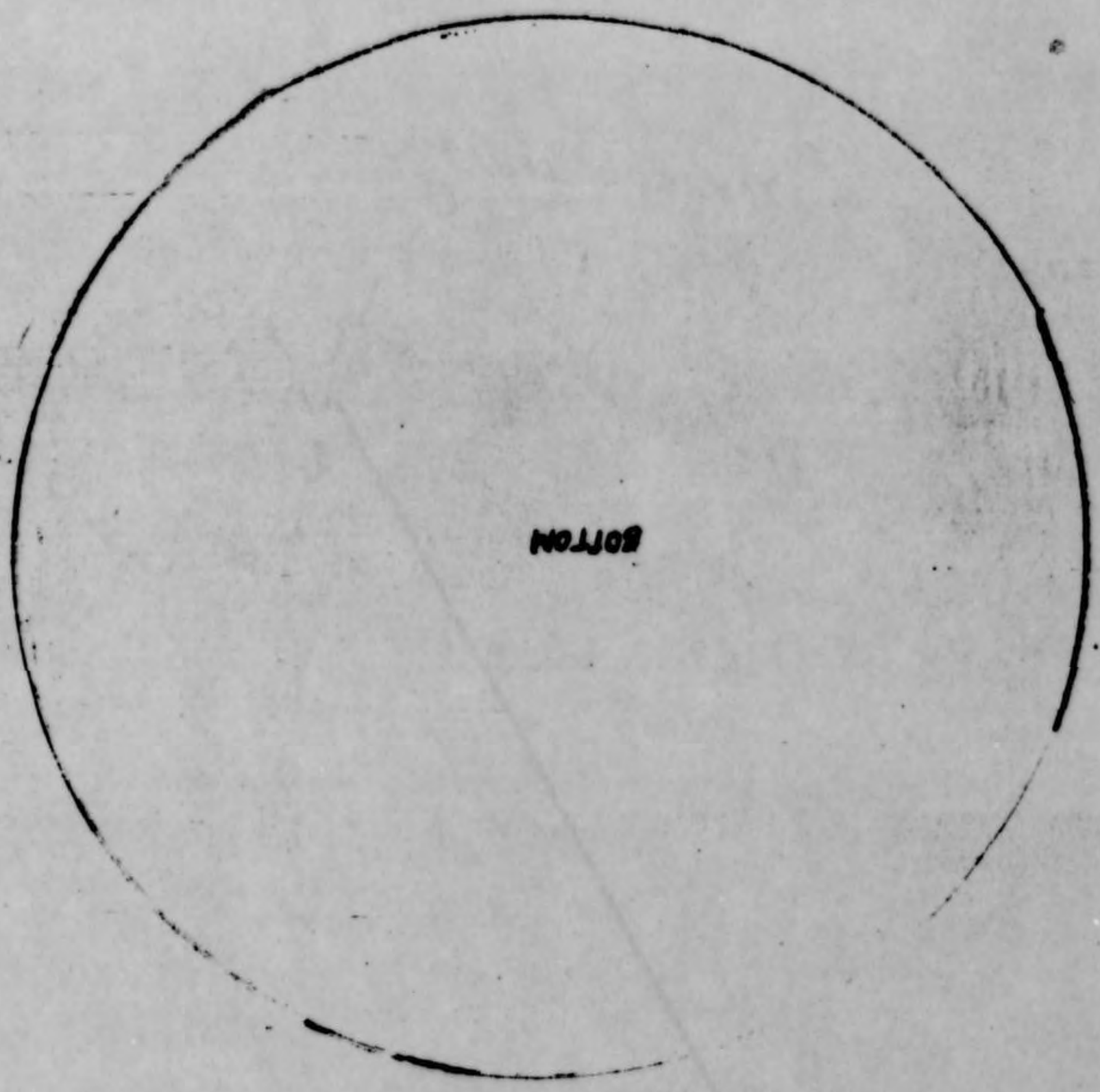
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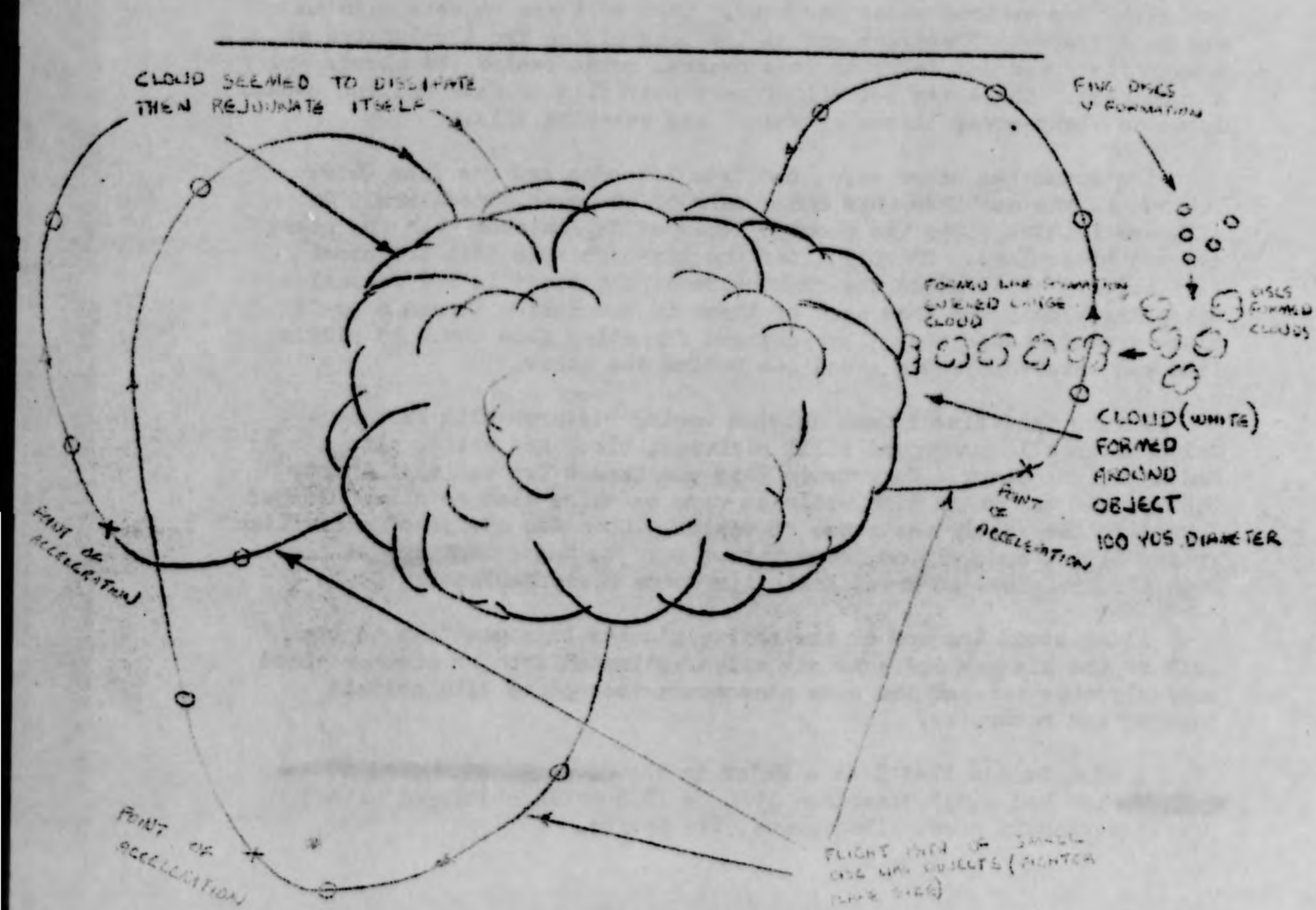


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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS ([redacted]) ENNIS MONT 29 JULY 52

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Time entries on this form are 105 th meridian time

To convert to G. C. T. [add] 7 hours

Height of Barometer 7195 Ft (MSL)

# SURFACE WEAT

WBAN FORM 10A

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# ER OBSERVATIONS

Great Falls Air Force
STATION Base, Montana
MONTH July DAY 29 YEAR 1952
LAT 47° 31'N LONG 111° 10'W

WBAN FORM 10B

| TIME (LST) 16 | STATION PRESSURE (ins) 17 | DRY BULB (°F) 18 | WET BULB (°F) 19 | REL HUMIDITY (%) 20 | TOTAL SKY COVER 21 | CLOUDS AND OBSCURING PHENOMENA: LOWEST LAYER AMT 22 | LOWEST LAYER TYPE AND DIR 23 | LOWEST LAYER HEIGHT 24 | SECOND LAYER AMT 25 | SECOND LAYER TYPE AND DIR 26 | SECOND LAYER HEIGHT 27 | SUMMATION TOTAL 28 | THIRD LAYER AMT 29 | THIRD LAYER TYPE AND DIR 30 | THIRD LAYER HEIGHT 31 | SUMMATION TOTAL 32 | FOURTH LAYER AMT 33 | FOURTH LAYER TYPE AND DIR 34 | FOURTH LAYER HEIGHT 35 | TOTAL OPAQUE SKY COVER 36 | PRESS TNDCY 37 | NET 3-HR CHANGE 38 | 39 | 40 |
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| BAR CORR 65 | | | | | |

SUMMARY OF DAY (MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT)

| 24-HR MAX TEMP (°F) 66 | 24-HR MIN TEMP (°F) 67 | 24-HR PRECIP (WATER EQUIV (ins)) 68 | 24-HR SNOWFALL UNMLTD (ins) 69 | SNOW DEPTH (ins) 70 | PEAK GUST SPEED (mph) 71 | PEAK GUST DIRECTION 72 | PEAK GUST TIME (L S T) 73 | PRECIP ON WATER (ins) 74 | FROZEN GRND LAYER (ins) TOP 75 | FROZEN GRND LAYER (ins) BASE 76 | RIVER GAGE 77 | 24 HR MAX R. H. (%) 78 | 24 HR MIN R. H. (%) 79 | 80 | 81 |
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REMARKS, NOTES AND MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA
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SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____

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[redacted]/ 58FIS 34 PD FLYOBRPT PD (1) OBJ APPARED TO BE A WHITE LIGHT CMA SOMETIMES BLINKING AND SOMETIMES FLASHING RAPIDLY PD (2) SIGHTING TIME 01472 (3) OBSERVED FROM AIRBORNE F-94 VISUALLY FOR APPROXIMATELY 24 MINUTES PD(4) OBSERVER LOKATION AT ORIGINAL SIGHTING 71 DEGREES 1 JEST 42 DEGREES 20 J NORTH PD (5) PILOT LT [redacted] CMA [redacted] HAS APPROX ONE THOUSAND FLYING HOURS AND THREE YRAS EXPERIENCE PD OBSV LT [redacted] CMA [redacted] HAS APPROX TWO HUNDRED FIFTY HOURS FLYING TIME CMA ONE YEAR EXPERIENCE PD PD (6) WX WAS FOUR THOUSAND BROKEN CMA FIFTEEN PLUS VISIBILITY CMA WINDS ALOFT TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY DEGREES AT THIRTY KNOTS PD (7) NEGATIVE PD

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(8) NEGATIVE PD (9) PILOT AND OBSV OBSERVED THE WHITE LIGHT FOR APPROX TWENTY FOUR MINUTES ITAPPEARED TO CLIMB FROM APPROX TWELVE THOUSAND FEET SLOWLY UP TO TWENTY TWO THOUSAND FEET PD PILOT STATES THAT THEY ORBITED THE OBJECT THROUGH OUT THE CLIMB ATTEMPTING TO GET A CLOSE ENOUGH TO IDENTIFY WITHOUT SUCCESS PD OBJECT DESCENDED FROM TWENTY TWO THOUSAND FEET TO EIGHT THOUSAND FEET WHERE IT WENT PNTO THE OVERCAST AND WAS LOST PD ESTIMATE CLOSEST RANGE TO THE OBJECT WAS TWO HUNDRED YARDS PD AT THE CLOSEST RANGE OBJECT APPEARED TO HAVE SOMETHING HANGING FROM THE LIGHT SUCH AS A STRING OR A CORD PD 10) UNKNOWN PD

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July 29

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP | LOCATION<br>LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO |
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| 3. SOURCE<br>CIVILIAN | 10. CONCLUSION<br>OTHER PROB PAPER IN WIND |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>See case | |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>APPROX. TWENTY MIN. | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>See case files. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>GROUND-VISUAL | |
| 7. COURSE<br>See case | |
| 8. PHOTOS<br>☐ Yes<br>☒ No | |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br>☐ Yes<br>☒ No | |

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HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

DINC 350

22 AUG 1952

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) FLYCERPT

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

Attached are two (2) AF Forms 112, Air Intelligence Information Reports, in compliance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Hal E. Billyeu

HAL E. BILLYEU
MAJOR, USAF
Asst Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-8-38

DATE 7 October 1952

REPORT MADE BY S/A ROBERT C. SHOEMAKER lm

REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N. M.

PERIOD 29 July 1952

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N. M.

STATUS CLOSED

TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object.
Sighted from Los Alamos Canyon, N. M.,
on 29 July 1952

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander predicated upon information from three (3) witnesses concerning an oblong to round aerial object, white in color, appearing in the sky over Los Alamos, New Mexico. All stated that the brilliance of object underwent changes of intensity. One witness estimated speed of object at 1.8 degrees per second.

**ATTENTION:** Disclosure of the nature, sources, or even the existence of such investigative information to persons mentioned in the report or to other persons not normally entitled to such information may be made only when expressly authorized by the Director of Special Investigations, IG, or higher authority. Unauthorized disclosure of such information will be considered to be a violation of AFR 205-1.

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JAMES C. BORDEN
Lt Col, USAF
DISTRICT COMMANDER

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DEFENSE—SAN ANTONIO

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation requested by the District Commander, predicated upon information furnished by Lt CHARLES BUCKLEY, Duty Officer, Protective Force, Los Alamos, New Mexico, concerning the observation of an unidentified aerial object by [redacted].

2. The following report by [redacted] Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, University of California, Los Alamos, New Mexico:

"About 1000 hours (MST) on 29 July 1952 at Omega Site, Los Alamos Canyon, Los Alamos, New Mexico, I observed an object, white in color, that appeared to be changing perspective or going through gyrations. It had a fluttering appearance. I observed the object for a few seconds and then stopped looking at it. At the time of sighting there was a few small scattered clouds and the wind velocity was low. Five minutes later, jets appeared from Kirtland Air Force Base."

3. Lt [redacted] stated that [redacted] is a very reliable person and had experience on radar research during World War II.

4. The following reported by [redacted] Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, University of California, Los Alamos, New Mexico:

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"About 1020 hours (MST) on 29 July 1952 at Los Alamos Canyon, Los Alamos, New Mexico, I observed a oblong to round object, bright white in color with fluctuating intensity, in the sky over Los Alamos. The object was flying a straight trajectary, apparently from East to West. I observed the object for ten (10) seconds before it disappeared behind the rim of the canyon. The light of the object was changing in intensity at a rather slow repetitive rate. The sky was clear with a few clouds on the horizon. Two jets appeared later."

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DETAILS:

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7. Lt [redacted] stated that [redacted] is a nuclear scientific employee for the University of California and is a very reliable person.

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# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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|---|---|---|
| SUBJECT: [redacted] | | |
| AREA: [redacted] FLYOBRPT | FROM (Agency) | |
| DATE OF [redacted] Albuquerque, New Mexico | DATE OF INFORMATION 34th Air Division (Def) | |
| PREPARED BY [redacted] August 1952 | 29 July 1952 | SOURCE [redacted] |
| REFERENCES: [redacted] | Visual Observations | |

SUMMARY: (Brief 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: FLYOBRPT

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

On the 29th of July at approximately 1000 MST, an unidentified flying object was observed by eight people within and outside the Atomic Energy Commission's installation at Los Alamos, New Mexico. The first people to sight the object were located at the Los Alamos Airport Tower. The Tower Operator spotted the object (after it had been called to his attention by observers on the ground) with the aid of binoculars. A call was made to the ADCC at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and 2 F-86 A/C were diverted to the area. The fighters never saw the object. Altitude of the fighters and the object was about 40,000 feet.

The object was not only observed by people at the Airport, but also, by people at other points near the AEC installation. These reports covered a period of time from 0949 MST to 1050 MST 29 July 1952.

The reliability of the observers contributing to this report is considered good.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-8-37 | DATE 6 October 1952

REPORT MADE BY: S/A ROBERT C. SHOEMAKER lm

REPORT MADE AT: DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N. M.

PERIOD: 29 July 1952

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N. M.

STATUS: CLOSED

TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object
Over S-Site, Los Alamos, New Mexico,
29 July 1952

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander predicated upon information concerning an egg-shaped object appearing in the sky over Los Alamos, New Mexico.

ATTENTION: Disclosure of the nature, sources, or even the existence of such investigative information to persons mentioned in the report or to other persons not normally entitled to such information may be made only when expressly authorized by the Director of Special Investigations, IG, or higher authority. Unauthorized disclosure of such information will be considered to be a violation of AFR 205-1.

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1 AUG 1952

SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

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

1. Air Intelligence Information Reports, dated 1 August 1952, are submitted in compliance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

2. Required electrical message, OIN 10906, has been forwarded to your headquarters.

3. One information copy of this report has been sent to Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C..

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Sam Odensky
SAM ODENSKY
2d Lt., USAF
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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10. Drawing
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1. AIIR - Part I
2. AIIR - Part II
3. Sworn Statement- [redacted] ← see Albuquerque NM
4. Drawing

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| 34th Air Division (Def) | Non Applicable | |

(1) Shape: Circular - appeared to have no wings or tail surface.
Size: Unknown
Color: Unknown
Number: One
Formation: Unknown
Speed: 500 to 600 MPH in Southwest direction.
Other Factors Unknown.

(2) 1045 MDT, 29 July 1952. Observed for 4 or 5 seconds.

(3) Visual

(4) Control tower at Los Alamos. Object traveling in a Southwesterly direction.

(5) Observer's reliability is considered excellent. He is a pilot for [redacted] Air Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

(6) Sky was clear and wind on the ground was North at 5 to 10 MPH.

(7) Negative

(8) Negative

(9) Fighters were diverted; however, observed no object.
(10) Unknown

The information given by [redacted] is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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SWORN STATEMENT

I, J[redacted]pilot employed b[redacted]ir Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

On July 29, 1952, at approximately 1045 A.M., a group of five persons stepped out of the Control Tower at Los Alamos. We were talking about "Flying Saucers" at the time and looked up at the sky and sighted an object which appeared to have no wings or tail surface and was travelling at a very high rate of speed in a southwesterly direction.

I, personally, observed the object for approximately four or five seconds, and was unable to pick the object up again upon looking back. I would judge that it was at least 20,000 feet and moving at least 500 to 600 MPH southwest.

The sky was clear and the wind on the ground was North at five to 10 MPH. The object was clearly visible and appeared to be round in shape.

[redacted]

[redacted]IR SERVICE
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of July 1952.

Glen D. Parrish
GLEN D. PARRISH
1st Lt., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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# PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

## I. GENERAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. DATE<br>29 Apl 52 | 2. LOCATION<br>Merced, California | 3. TIME<br>Local: 1544 PST<br>Zebra: 2244 |
| 4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? | ☑ Yes<br>☑ Naked Eye<br>☐ Binoculars<br>☐ Telescope<br>☐ Theodolite | ☐ No |
| 5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? | ☐ Yes<br>☐ By One Set<br>☐ By Two Sets<br>☐ By Three Sets | ☑ No |
| 6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? | ☐ Yes<br>___ A/C Observed Object<br>☐ Interception Attempted<br>☐ No Intercept Attempted | ☑ No |
| 7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? | ☐ Yes<br>___ A/C Scrambled<br>☐ Visual Contact Made<br>☐ A/I Contact Made<br>☐ No Contact Made | ☑ No |
| 8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? | ☑ Yes<br>☑ Normal<br>☐ Violent | ☐ No |
| 9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: | ☐ Blinking<br>☐ Steady | |
| 10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: | ☐ 1-15 Seconds<br>☑ 1-5 Minutes<br>☐ Over 10 Minutes | |
| 11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)<br>Hq. Strategic Air Command, Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska | | |

## II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?<br>N/D | | |
| 13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? | ☑ Yes | ☐ No |
| 14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? | ☑ Yes | ☐ No |
| 15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? | ☐ Yes | ☑ No |
| 16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)<br>☐ Night<br>☑ Day<br>☐ Sunrise<br>☐ Sunset | | |

## III. AIRCRAFT DATA

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? | ☐ Yes<br>☐ One Aircraft<br>☑ More Than One Aircraft | ☐ No |
| 18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| 19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE? | ☐ Yes | ☑ No |
| 20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? | ☐ Yes | ☑ No |

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| 34th Air Division ( Def.) | Non Applicable | |

(1) Shape: Unknown.
Size: About the same as a F-86.
Color: A shiny object.
Number: One.
Speed: Traveling slightly faster than F-86's.
Other Factors Negative.

(2) Approximately 0949 MST, observed object for about 30 seconds.

(3) Visual 1049 MDT

(4) About a mile Northwest of the Los Alamos Airport, Los Alamos New Mexico.

(5) Reliability of the observer is good.

(6) Scattered light clouds, Visibility was good.

(7) Negative

(8) Negative

(9) Fighters were diverted to the area; however fighters failed to see the object.

(10) One civilian A/C took off at 0950 MST headed due south of the field for Albuquerque.

The information given by [redacted] true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge

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SWORN STATEMENT

I, [redacted], employed by the Atomic Energy Commission, Los Alamos, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

On July 29th, I was north and west of the airport (approximately a mile to a mile and a half.) I had seen this thing for probably 30 seconds. I had been watching these jets with my little ten year old boy at my residence, [redacted], and we were pointing them out and two jets passed generally west to east leaving vapor trails. I just stepped in the door when my boy said he saw three of them so I stepped back out and looked and I saw a shiny object just under the vapor trails travelling in the same direction as the vapor trails and leaving no vapor trail. It seemed to be travelling slightly faster than the jets did that left the trails. It possibly could have been one of the jets that had doubled around and gotten at an altitude below, but it came into this position almost too fast for the jets to have made a complete circle. It is possible that it was a jet that swung around and came back.

I couldn't tell the shape. It was just an object and was shiny and looked about the same size as the jets.

[redacted]

Los Alamos, New Mexico

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of July 1952.

Glen Parrish

GLEN D. PARRISH
1st Lt., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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| 34th Air Division (Def.) | Non Applicable | |

(1) Shape: Round
Size: Negative
Color: Negative
Number: One
Formation: Negative
Trails or Exhaust: Negative
Propulsion System: Negative
Speed: Wasnt moving to fast
Sound: Negative
Other Factors: Negative

(2) Approximately 1000MST, 29 July 1952

(3) Visual

(4) Los Alamos, New Mexico

(5) Observers reliability considered good

(6) Scattered clouds, visibility good

(7) Negative

(8) Negative

(9) 2 F-86 Fighters were in the area; however, fighters never observed the object

(10) One civilian A/C left Los Alamos Air Port at 0950 MST and headed due south of the field for Albuquerque.

The information given by [redacted] is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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SWORN STATEMENT

I, [redacted] employed by the Atomic Energy Commission, Los Alamos, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

On July 29 at approximately 10 a.m., MST, I was down in the canyon. We didn't definitely make out any object other than a spot going across, and there were two University personnel and two of us in the tower, and we all saw the same thing. I called in to Headquarters and told them and at the same time the jets were going across the north.

What ever it was was not too visable but it was definitely something but I don't know what. I would say it was, it did look wide. I couldn't estimate the speed. I did not watch too long as I went in and called Communications to get the jets on to it. The jets and the object were in view at the same time. The approximate direction was definitely west. I would say that the jets passed under the object. I have no idea how far below because it seemed to be in the--there was a slight haze of clouds across. The jets were over 8000 feet. The object was just moving straight west.

In comparison to the size of the jet it was approximately the same other than being round. There were no vapor trails, just a spot moving across. The object wasn't moving too fast. The jets were going fairly fast.

We couldn't see the jets coming back here. The boys told me outside that the jet was just passing over the object and that was relayed to Kirtland. However, you could just see the jets and they seemed to be way below the clouds.

In relationship to the airport, our position was approximately one and one-half miles to the southwest.

[redacted]
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31th day of July 1952.

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(1) Shape: Negative.
Size: About the size of an F-86.
Color: Whitish in color
Number: One
Speed: 500 MPH to 600 MPH.
Other factors unknown.

(2) 1045 MDT, 29 July 1952. Observed it for 3 or 4 seconds.

(3) Visual

(4) Los Alamos Airport, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

(5) Observer's reliability is considered excellent.

(6) Scattered clouds. Visibility good.

(7) Negative.

(8) Negative

(9) Fighters were diverted; however, no object was observed by them.

(10) Negative.

[redacted] information given by [redacted] is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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SWORN STATEMENT

I, [redacted], pilot fo[redacted] Air Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

On the 29th of July, at approximately 1045 MST, in company with [redacted], Lt. [redacted] and the Tower Operator on duty at the Los Alamos Airport, I sighted an object in the air over Los Alamos. At first sight, the object was seen at about a fifteen degree angle from the vertical, traveling in a southwesterly direction.

To compare it in size and speed with something known, it would appear about the size of an F-86 at about 40,000 feet traveling at an estimated speed of 500 to 600 miles per hour. The sky was clear and the object appeared whitish in color. I observed it for 3 or 4 seconds with the naked eye. Then, I tried to pick it up with binoculars, but I lost it and was unable to pick it up again.

[redacted]r Service
Albuquerque, N.M.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of July 1952.

Glen D. Parrish
GLEN D. PARRISH
1st Lt., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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(1) Shape: Negative
Size: Negative
Color: Negative
Number: One
Aerodynamic Features: Negative
Trail of Exhaust: Negative
Propulsion System: Negative
Speed: Negative
Sound: Negative
Maneuvers: Negative
Manner of Disappearance: Lost to sight

(2) 1050 MST

(3) Visual

(4) Observer at the Los Alamos Air Port, New Mexico, sighted object only for a couple of seconds.

(5) Reliability of observer excellent.

(6) Scattered light clouds; visibility good.

(7) Burnt papers scattered by the wind which were reflecting sunlight.

(8) Negative

(9) Negative

One [redacted] Fighters coming from KAFB.

[redacted] information given by [redacted] is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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SWORN STATEMENT

I, [redacted]d, [redacted] Atomic Energy Commission, Los Alamos, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

The time that I saw this object was approximately 1050 hours MDT on the 29th of July. I was at the airstrip tower at this time.

The length of time I observed the object was very short—only a couple of seconds. I haven't had any previous experience as an observer but the oddity of this object was that the air was filled with burnt papers reflecting sunlight. At ground level they had drifted about a third of the way across the airstrip and were slowly drifting in wind currents to the north. Soon they attained quite a high altitude. This object was going across the wind currents. It wasn't drifting to the north, it was going more from east to west. Possibly just a little south to west.

I saw it just for a few seconds. It was a distant speck in the sky.

The man that I was with me was using field glasses and stated that this object made a direct turn. It was right into the wind current that was blowing the papers in the opposite direction. He followed the object which disappeared by the cloud which was to the west over the mountain range behind Los Alamos. This was the only noticeable cloud in that vicinity.

As far as I could tell, this object had no vapor trail to the naked eye. As I saw it it was just a silver speck in the sky.

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[redacted]
1671 36th Street
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of July 1952.

Glenn Parish
GLENN D. PARISH
1st Lt., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation requested by the District Commander, predicated upon information furnished by [redacted], U.S. Atomic Energy Security Service, Los Alamos, New Mexico, concerning the observation of an unidentified aerial object by [redacted]

2. The following was reported by [redacted] Los Alamos, New Mexico:

"Approximately 1100 hours (MST), 29 July 1952, I sighted an object in the sky travelling in a westerly direction. The object when sighted was about 70° above the horizon. The distance of the object could not be determined. The object appeared egg-shaped and dark in color, possibly dark brown or black. The object continued straight West at a speed faster than a jet and disappeared in three (3) seconds from the time sighted behind Bald Mountain. The size of the object could not be determined because of the distance. The object left no vapor trail or odor. It flew straight and level and made no sound. I was looking for aircraft when the object was sighted."

3. The following was reported by [redacted] telephone installer, [redacted], Los Alamos, New Mexico:

"At 1057 hours (MST), 29 July 1952, at S-Site, Security Station 610, I observed an object appearing egg-shaped in structure, directly overhead, the distance I was unable to determine, the object was motionless when first sighted and appeared to have wings. The object remained motionless for approximately ten (10) seconds, then as it began to move, the wings disappeared. The object had no glare and appeared light brown in color. The object moved very fast when movement began, in a northwesterly direction, taking about three (3) seconds to disappear. I was unable to determine whether the object disappeared behind the horizon, or disappeared in the distance close to the horizon. There wasn't any apparent sound, odor, or any evidence of a vapor trail. There weren't any clouds in the sky when object was sighted. My attention was attracted to the object while looking for jets from Albuquerque, which had been reported previously over the radio from the airstrip. This is the first object of this type I have seen."

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| 34th Air Division (Def) | N/A | |

(1) Shape: Negative
Size: Unknown
Color: Bright metallic or aluminum
Number: One
Formation: Negative
Maneuvers: At one brief instant, less than a second, the object appeared to slow from a spinning motion and lines or veins were visible momentarily.
Other factors were negative. see sworn statement

(2) Approximately ~~1015~~ 1050 MDT to 1115 MDT, 29 July 1952.

(3) Visual Observation.

(4) Los Alamos Airport Tower. Object was directly overhead when first sighted; however, moved off in a southwesterly direction.

(5) Observer's reliability is considered good.

(6) Negative

(7) Negative

(8) Negative

(9) Fighters were diverted; however, they did not sight the object.

(10) One civilian A/C took off at 1050 MDT headed due south of the airport for Albuquerque.

The information given above by Mr [redacted] is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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| United States | |

# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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| FLYOBRPT | |

| AREA REPORTED ON | FROM (Agency) |
|---|---|
| ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO | 34th Air Division (Def) |

| DATE OF REPORT | DATE OF INFORMATION | EVALUATION |
|---|---|---|
| 1 August 1952 | 29 July 1952 | |

| PREPARED BY (Officer) | SOURCE |
|---|---|
| KATHERINE P. LEWIS, 1st Lt, USAF | Visual Observation |

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 118—Part II.)

SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

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

On 29 July 1952 at approximately 2230 MST, [redacted] (an employee of the [redacted] Operations at Albuquerque, N.M.) observed an unidentified image southwest of the city. He observed this object for two to three minutes.

This image held steady throughout the sighting at an elevation of approximately 20 to 25 degrees above the horizon. The object seemed to be a fattened ellipse, and it was a dull yellow when first sighted; however, there was a distinct change in color. It changed first to a pale yellow, then to a yellowish white, and finally, just before disappearance, to a clear white. Throughout this change the image appeared to continue emanating rays of the same changing color as the image itself. Before and after change and disappearance there was no sound audible to the observer which seemed related to the image.

The reliability of the observer is considered excellent.

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## IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: 1hr. +44 Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

| | Location | Type | Launching Agency | Lighted? Yes | Lighted? No | Describe Lighting |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. | Bishop Calif | Pibal | U.S.D.A. Weath Bureau | | | |
| b. | Fresno, " | " | U.S.D.A Weath Bureau | | | |
| c. | Mather A.F.B. | " | U.S.N. | | | |
| d. | Sacramento | " | U.S.D.A. Weath Bureau | | | |

(attach overlay)

## V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☑ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Unreliable
- ☐ Extremely Doubtful
- ☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- ☑ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon

- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft

- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical

- ☐ Other: _____

- ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation

- ☑ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

SWORN STATEMENT

I, [redacted] Communications Section, Protective Force Branch, Atomic Energy Commission, [redacted], New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

I saw it at approximately 11:00 MDT on 29 July. It was observed from the airport tower. It was within sight from approximately 10:50 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Color of the object was bright metallic or alluminum. The size of the object is hard to estimate not knowing the altitude. Was first seen nearly directly overhead, moved off in a south westerly direction. It then turned and moved in a north westerly direction. It seemed to stop momentarily due west of the observer. At about that time the vapor trails from the jets were visible. With the aid of our Communications Section and aircraft controller, who were in contact with the jets, I was able to direct the jets in the approximate direction of the object. When a vapor trail appeared to be within approximately eight miles, the object disappeared from my sight.

No exhaust trails were visible from the object. At one very brief instant, less than a second, the object appeared to slow down from a spinning motion and lines or vians were visible momentarily. This happened so quickly that I cannot be definite.

[redacted]
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of July 1952.

GLEN D. PARRISH
1st Lt., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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SWORN STATEMENT

I, [redacted], Los Alamos, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

The time I cited this object was at 1055 MDT on the 29th of July. It was above me and a little north east. It was called to my attention by the Security Station 610. They had spotted it over the airfield and were looking for it. I heard the announcement over the Security radio that jets were being sent in from Albuquerque and we happened to walk outside and noticed this object above us which at first we thought was a bird because of its color which was brown, and this object took off at a speed which was faster than any aircraft I have seen and it headed northwest.

We were located about three miles north west of the airfield. The object seemed to be between us and the airfield. We couldn't tell how high it was because there were no clouds in the sky to judge distance with. I couldn't tell the speed on account of not knowing the heigth but it was faster than any jet I have ever seen. I have seen a lot of jets while in the Civil Air Patrol and I know about the speed and size of those.

This object was egg shaped in form with a brownish color and didn't leave any vapor trails or any sound when it vanished.

We saw it for about six to ten seconds floating in the air and then it took approximately three seconds to disappear. It seemed to be flying northwest toward the horizon and then just vanished from sight. After that we saw the jets coming up from Albuquerque.

[redacted]

Los Alamos, New Mexico

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of July 1952.

Glen D. Parrish

GLEN D. PARRISH
1st Lt., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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| 34th Air Division (Def) | Non Applicable | |

(1) Shape: Egg shaped
Size: Unknown
Color: Brownish
Number: One
Speed: Faster than any A/C ever seen.
Other Factors Unknown

(2) Observed for approximately 9 seconds.

(3) Visual

(4) Observer was located 3 miles Northwest of the Los Alamos Airport.

(5) Observer's reliability is considered good.

(6) No clouds in the sky.

(7) Negative

(8) Negative

(9) Fighters were diverted.

(10) Unknown

The information given by [redacted] is true and correct to the best of [redacted] ability and knowledge.

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I, [redacted] Air Service, [redacted], Albuquerque, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

The shape of the object as far as I could tell was round which could have been due to the altitude. Size was very small. The color was shiny metallic. There was just one object. I could tell no aerodynamic features. There was no exhaust trail, vapor trail or anything of that nature which would answer the question of propulsion. Speed I would give comparable to our fastest jets. It was flying straight and level at a constant speed and heading. There was no sound. I looked off to talk to some more pilots and was unable to pick the object up again.

The time of sighting was approximately 0950 MST. The object reappeared in approximately two minutes, flying in exactly 180° from the first sighting. Manner of observation was visual with just the naked eye. Location of the observation was at the Los Alamos air strip. Location of object was approximately straight up when we first observed it flying in a heading of approximately 220°.

As far as I am concerned, what I saw could have been a conventional jet aircraft. I have been flying continually since 1941. I spent two years flying military aircraft and have fairly close acquaintance with present military aircraft. I have between ten and twelve thousand hours in the air.

[redacted]

[redacted] Air Service
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of July 1952.

Glenn D. Parrish

GLENN D. PARRISH
1st Lt., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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| 34th Air Division ( Def.) | Non Applicable | |

(1) Size: Very small
Shape: Round
Color: Shiny Metallic
Number: One
Aerodynamic Features: Negative
Trail or Exhaust: Negative
Propulsion System: Negative
Speed: Comparable to our fastest jets
Sound: Negative
Maneuvers: Straight and level flight
Manner of disappearance: Disappeared from sight of observer

(2) 0950 MST

(3) Visual

(4) Observer at the Los Alamos Airport, object straight up from the observer at the time of sighting on a heading of 220°.

(5) Reliability considered excellent

(6) Scattered light clouds, Vis. good

(7) Negative

(8) Negative

(9) Negative

(10) 2 F-86 Jet Fighters coming from Albuquerque

[redacted] information given by [redacted] is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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AIRPORT PD

/5/ OBSERVERS RELIABILITY CONSIDERED EXCELLENT PD SOME OBSERVERS WERE PILOTS WITH MUCH EXPERIENCE AS SUCH AND OTHERS WERE INSPECTORS AT LOS ALAMOS PD

/6/ SCATTERED LIGHT CLOUDS PD VISIBILITY WAS GOOD PD

/7/ NEGATIVE

/8/ NEGATIVE

/9/ FIGHTERS WERE DIVERTED TO THE LOS ALAMOS AREA PD OBJECT WAS UNDER OBSERVATION FROM THE AIRPORT WHEN THE FIGHTERS ARRIVED PD GROUND OBSERVERS THROUGH EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS NET WITH ADDC VECTORED FIGHTERS TO THE OBJECT PD OBJECT WAS IN FRONT OF FIGHTERS BUT MADE A 360 DEGREE TURN AND TRAILED FIGHTERS FOR 2 MINUTES PD OBJECT DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT PD FIGHTERS NEVER SAW OBJECT PD FIGHTERS LEFT VAPOR TRAIL AT 40,000 FEET BUT OBJECT AT THE SAME ALTITUDE LEFT NONE

/10/ ONE CIVILIAN A/C TOOK OFF AT 0950 MST HEADED DUE SOUTH OF THE FIELD FOR ALBUQUERQUE PD

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[redacted]/AQQ-01N-10906 FLYOBRPT PD /1/ SHAPE NEGATIVE

SIZE NEGATIVE

NUMBER ONE

COLOR SHINING METALLIC

FORMATION NEGATIVE

AERODYNAMIC FEATURES NEGATIVE

TRAIL OR EXHUAST NONE

PROPULSION SYSTEM NEGATIVE

SPEED VERY HIGH RATE RATHER ERRATIC

SOUND NEGATIVE

MANEUVERS STRAIGHT AND LEVEL ON FIRST SIGHTING BUT ON SECOND SIGHTING OBJECT MOVED 360 DEGREES TO REAR OF SEARCHING FIGHTERS PD

/2/ 0949 MST 29 JULY 1952PD FIRST OBSERVATION LASTED 30 MINUTES PD REAPPEARED FOR TWO MINUTES WHEN FIGHTERS APPROACHED PD

/3/ VISUAL OBSERVATION USED BINOCULARS PD

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J. C. Fulton

29 July 52

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Alaska Division

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/[redacted] 28TH GID 9494 FLYOBPT ATTN DIR OF INTELLI

(1)TWO UNIDNTIFIED OBJCTS. ONE HAD A WHITE LIGHT-MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH VERY RAPIDLY AT A HIGH ALTITUD. OTHER OBJECT HOVERING AT HIGH ALTITUDE. NO NOISE WAS HARD.

(2) WQTP WI JULY 1952 FOR A PERIOD OF 3 MINUTES.

() VISUAL FROM GROUND.

(4) OBSERVER [redacted] CMA CALIFORNIA. OBJECTS OVER SHASTA CMA CALIFORNIA.

(5) NAME OF OBSERVER UNKNOWN. OBSERVER RELAYED INFORMATION TO CAA WHO IN TURN RELAYED TO 668TH AC&W SQ FOR FORWARDING TO 28TH AIR DIV.

(6) WX - SCATTERED CUE IN AREA AT APPROX 10,000 FT. SOME ELECTRICAL



DISTURBANCES IN AREA - QPNPPPAERP DEGREES Ø7 KNOTS - WPNPPP AEPP DEGREES - PE KNOTS - EPNPPP QIP DEGREES - QR KNOTS - RPNPPP QWP DEGREES -23 KNOTS SURFACE WINDS AT 4 MPH IN A NNE DIRCTION. SOME THUNDER. 15 MILES VISIBILITY.

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

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(10) NONE REPORTED

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PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

| 1. DATE OF OBSERVATION | 2. TIME OF OBSERVATION | 3. STATION OBSERVING |
|---|---|---|
| 29 July 52 | 1530 - 1630 PST | Castle AFB, Calif |

4. WINDS ALOFT

| ALTITUDE (feet) | VELOCITY (knots) | DIRECTION (degrees) | ALTITUDE (feet) | VELOCITY (knots) | DIRECTION (degrees) |
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5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what altitude? _____)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what quadrant? _____)

7. CLOUD COVER:

6 tenths at 2[illegible] feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.

6 tenths at 2[illegible] feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.

8. VISIBILITY WAS

15 MILES.

9. COMMENTS:

ATIC Test Form 333 (13 Aug 52)

[redacted]

29 July 52
West Palm Beach, Fla
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IR-478-52

FLORIDA

Intelligence Officer, CNTID, MATS
Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas

Florida

7 August 1952 | 29 July 1952 | F-6 | (METEOR)

Major J. M. Penny, USAF | Visual Observers - (See Report )

TWX FBIA-PLINT-7-10, dated 29 July 1952

Submitted in accordance with AF LTR No. 200-5, dated 20 April 1952, Sub: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting.

Between the hours of 2230 and 2400 EST, 29 July 1952, numerous unidentified objects were observed visually from the City of West Palm Beach, Florida, traveling in the main from east to west, though some were observed moving southward at an undetermined altitude at high rates of speed. Most of the objects were bluish-white, though some appeared to be yellowish-white.

Weather at time of sighting: 2000' scattered, 25,000 feet scattered. Visibility 15 miles. Winds SE 5-6 miles. Thunderstorm SE 20 X to 30 miles.

APPROVED:

JOSEPH M. PENNY
Major, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Division

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Statements of Witnesses

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Intelligence Officer
Hq CNTLD MATS, Kelly AFB, Texas

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## STATEMENT OF WITNESSES

[redacted] Florida

I had heard over the radio that objects had been spotted in Cuba, so we were looking for them. It was quite sometime before I saw them after I started looking, about 1/2 hour. About 10:30 it was going from NE to SW. Then I started seeing them about every 15 minutes after that, say 3 or 4 at a time. They weren't together though; there would be a little space in between. Most of them looked as though they were going from the east to the west. They were bluish-white and going at such a high rate of speed that you could only see them for a fraction of a second. However, the 2 lower ones looked yellowish-white. You could see them longer than you could the others. I saw them up to about 12 o'clock when I saw the last one. They didn't look at all like falling stars.

(Signed [redacted]

[redacted] West Palm Beach, Florida

All I saw were flashes of light. The reason I didn't think they were shooting stars was because they were going straight across and not falling. They seemed to be coming from every direction. Some had tails on them like meteorites and others didn't. I can't tell you how fast they were going. I just know they were going at a high rate of speed. The color as far as I could distinguish was more of a bluish-white.

(Signed) [redacted]

[redacted] West Palm Beach, Florida

I came in about 10:30 and they were standing in the patio watching the sky then. [redacted] said that he had seen a couple of these light streaks in the sky, so I joined M in watching for them. About every 15 minutes at intervals of 2 minutes we could see the se[illegible] light streaks. The first ones I saw were almost directly overhead going west. There were 2 then--one went over and 2 or 3 minutes later there was another one. The [illegible] 2 I saw were almost dead south. One made a right angle turn. It either made a south turn traveling west or made a dip and rose giving the appearance of a right angle turn. All were a blue-white color except one which appeared about 30 minutes later. It had the appearance of a meteorite more than anything else. I have never seen a meteor make a turn before--all I have seen were straight. These things to the best of my knowledge were extremely high; so high that we could not make out an object at all-just the light streaks that we could see. I would say that they probably went through an arc of about 25 degrees, flashed, and then they were gone. That is about the extent of that.

(Signed [redacted]

REMARKS:

Mr. [redacted] and astronomar of West Palm Beach, Florida, expressed the opinion that the objects referred to above were meteors.

[redacted]

HEADQUARTERS, 1707TH AIR BASE WING
CONTINENTAL DIVISION, MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE
PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

FLINT 350.09 1 August 1952

SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

TO: Commander
CNTLD, MATS
Kelly AFB, Texas
ATTN: Intelligence Officer

1. Inclosed are signed statements of the persons who observed the unidentified flying objects reported by TWX PBIA-FLINT-7-10 dated 29 July 1952.

2. Weather at the time of sightings: 2,000 feet scattered, 25,000 feet scattered. Visibility 15 miles. Winds SE 5-6 miles. Thunderstrom SE 20 to 30 miles.

3. All observers appeared to be well educated and calm acting persons. They are operators of a funeral home and solid citizens of the community. In our opinion they are not the types to be publicity seekers or cranks.

4. It is possible that the cause of these sightings was meteorological activity. An Astronomer in this city, Mr. [redacted] was queried on this subject. In his opinion meteors or "falling stars" would be the logical explanation. He also stated that he thought all of the recent unexplained sightings could be contributed to either hallucinations or atmospheric conditions.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

REED H. CARNEY
Capt., USAF
Intelligence Officer

3 Incls:
1. Statement, [redacted] (in quint)
2. Statement, [redacted] (in quint)
3. Statement, [redacted] (in quint)

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30 July 1952

STATEMENT OF: [redacted]
ADDRESS: [redacted] West Palm Beach, Fla.
PLACE OF SIGHTING: [redacted], West Palm Beach, Fla.
TIME OF SIGHTING: 2230 E, 28 July 1952

I had heard over the radio that objects had been spotted in Cuba , so we were looking for them. It was quite sometime before I saw them after I started looking, about 1/2 hour. About 10:30 it was going from NE to SW. Then I started seeing them about every 15 minutes after that, say 3 or 4 at a time. They weren't together though; there would be a little space in between. Most of them looked as though they were going from the east to the west. They were blueish-white and going at such a high rate of speed that you could only see them for a frastion of a second. However, the 2 lower ones looked yellowish-white. You could see them longer than you could the others. I saw them up to about 12 o'clock when I saw the last one. They didn't look at all like falling stars.

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30 July 1952

STATEMENT OF: [redacted]
ADDRESS: [redacted], West Palm Beach, Fla.
PLACE OF SIGHTING: [redacted], West Palm Beach, Fla.
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30 July 1952

STATEMENT OF: [redacted]
ADDRESS: [redacted] West Palm Beach, Fla.
PLACE OF SIGHTING: [redacted]st Palm Beach, Fla.
TIME OF SIGHTING: 2230 E, 28 July 1952

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OBSS WERE "ALL AROUND" PD OBSRS WERE TOM FOULK CMA JEWELL EWING CMA



[redacted] AND [redacted] OF W PALM BEACH FLA PD UNTIL FURTHER INVESTIGATION RELIABILITY OF OBSRS WILL NOT BE ESTD PD WEA 2000 FT SCATTERED CMA 25000 FT SCATTERED PD VISIBILITY 15 MILES WINDS SE 5 TO 8 MILES THUNDER STORM SE 20 TO 30 MILES PD UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN POSSIBILITY OF LOGICAL METEORICAL EXPLANATION AT THIS STA PD SUGGEST AUTHORITIES BE QUERIED AS TO METEORITE ACTIVITY THIS AREA PD 2 OR 3 ACFT IN GEN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHT PD

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JEPFF/COMATS USAF ANDREWS AFB MD

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[redacted] PBIA-PLINT-7-18 PD ATTN: ATIAA-2C ATTN: AIR INT

DIV ATTN AIR INT OFF PD FLYOBRPT PD OBSRS STATE OBJS APPEARED AS

POINTS OR BALLS OF LIGHT PD COLOR FR BLUE WHITE W/2 APPEARING YELLOWISH

PD 1, OR 12 OBJS SEEN DURING PD OF 2 HRS ENDING 1ST PT PD LAST TYLD

IN STRAIGHT LINES AND VERY FAST PD NONE WERE IN VIEW OVER A FEW

SECONDS PD OBSRS UNABLE TO EST SPEED OR ALT PD 1ST SIGHTING 2225Z

28 JUL 52 AND OTHERS WERE SIGHTED PERIODICALLY UNTIL 0030 29 JUL 52

WHEN OBSRS RETIRED PD SIGHTINGS WERE VISUAL W/NO OPTICAL AIDS

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| United States | IR-87-52 | 29 July 52 |

# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Walker AFB, N. M.

SUBJECT

Unidentified Flying Objects

| AREA REPORTED ON | FROM (Agency) |
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| New Mexico | 6th Bombardment Wing, Heavy |

| DATE OF REPORT | DATE OF INFORMATION | EVALUATION |
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| 31 July 1952 | 29 July 1952 | A-1 |

| PREPARED BY (Officer) | SOURCE |
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| Capt William F. Byess, Asst Intel Officer | Weather Observers, Walker AFB, N.M. |

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

TWX 6DI THIS HQ 29/2340Z JUL

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.)

1. Between 0820 and 0940 on 29 July 1952 four weather observers, including the Base Weather Officer, at Walker AFB observed a number of unidentified flying objects through a theodolite.

2. It was not possible to determine the altitude of the unidentified objects, but it is known that they were higher than a weather balloon which was under observation at 20,000 feet.

3. The objects were described as metallic in color.

4. Size of the objects could not be determined, but they appeared smaller on the scope than the weather balloon, which had a diameter of approximately 6 feet at 20,000 feet.

5. Speed of the objects was much faster than conventional aircraft, requiring rotating the theodolite at maximum rate in order to track them.

6. The general track of the objects was NE to SW or ENE to WSW, but two objects were observed with widely different tracks.

7. The scientific experience of the weather personnel making these observations, is sufficient to warrant credance in their sightings and indicates an actual appearance of unidentified flying objects.

APPROVED:

Jim T. Meredith
JIM T. MEREDITH
Major, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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| 6th Bomb Wing, Heavy | IR-87-52 | 2 | 4 | |

1. A/1C EDWIN L. WHITLEY, AF 18 298 968, weather observer with Weather Detachment 2-6 at WALKER AIR FORCE BASE (33° 15'N - 104° 32'W), ROSWELL, New Mexico, was observing a weather balloon on 29 July 1952 through a 20-power theodolite, from the theodolite tower, a 14-foot structure located on the line at WALKER AFB, when at 0820 hours a small, bright object crossed his field of vision. A moment later a second, similar object came into his field of vision and was tracked by WHITLEY through the theodolite. Between 0820 and 0825 (approximately) he observed five objects of the same nature, tracking three of them.

2. WHITLEY was then joined on the tower by Major HENRY BALDI, AO 424 348, Base Weather officer, and two other airmen from the weather station, equipment technician T/Sgt WARREN W. HOLLINGSWORTH, AF 18 149 566, and weather observer S/Sgt SAM A. SPINA, AF 15 272 319, each of whom observed one or more of the objects through the theodolite between 0825 and 0940.

3. The objects were described as being metallic in color, resembling aluminum or silver. They brightly reflected the sun's rays. No flame or means of propulsion was evident.

4. SOURCES stated that in shape the objects resembled a grain of wheat (although not pointed).

5. The objects were determined to be beyond the weather balloon under observation when it burst 32 minutes after release, at an altitude of approximately 20,000 feet. Observers were unable to estimate their altitude with any degree of accuracy.

6. As the altitude (or altitudes) at which the objects were sighted was unknown, it was impossible to estimate their size. Before the weather balloon burst, WHITLEY observed that they were somewhat smaller in proportion to the field of vision of the theodolite than the balloon itself. (The balloon expands at 20,000 feet to a diameter of approximately 6 and one-half feet.) The objects did not appear uniform in size, but this difference was small enough that it could be explained by unequal altitudes.

7. The speed of the objects was described as "terrific" and was estimated greater than that of jet aircraft. Tracking them with the theodolite necessitated a high rate of movement, estimated roughly one degree per second in horizontal azimuth and one degree in 3 to 4 seconds in vertical azimuth. Conventional aircraft at operational altitudes can be followed readily. When the objects were picked up directly above the observers (or closely thereto) they could be tracked to approximately 10 degrees above the horizon, where they would disappear into the distance. This required from one to two minutes.

8. The objects followed a general path of northeast to southwest, or east-northeast to west-southwest. However, on two occasions two objects were observed simultaneously in the theodolite with varying tracks.

[redacted]

Intelligence Section
3520th Flying Trg Sq, Wichita
Muni Aprt, Wichita, Kansas

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Description of Object: Object appeared to be very bright, whitish in color and circular in shape. Observers say that it was definitely round and that it was flat on the bottom. Object moved from Northwest to Southeast at an altitude of twenty to twenty-five thousand feet and at a terrific rate of speed (exact miles per hour observers unable to estimate). Object hovered overhead of observers for a period of 15-15 seconds. There was no noise, sound, or vapor trails. When first sighted object was approximately at a 50° angle to the Northwest and never did exceed an angle of 80°. Object hovered over Cessna Aircraft Factory which is in the near vicinity.

Time of Sighting: Object sighted at 1235 hours. Object in sight approximately five minutes.

Manner of Observation: Visually from the ground. No optical or electronic equipment used.

Location of Observers: Both observers were located at 37°38'N - 97°16'W. They were outside the Base Shops which are adjacent to the Terminal Building of the Wichita Municipal Airport.

Identifying Information of Observers: Both observers have been on flight status with the Air Force, were on the Berlin Airlift and are familiar with aircraft.

Atmospheric Conditions: The weather at 1228 on 29 July was clear sky, 92° temperature, dewpoint 66°, wind from SW at 10 miles per hour, altimeter 9.97, and visibility was 15 miles plus. (Checked with Base Weather)

Meteorological Conditions: None

Existence of Physical Evidence: None

Interception or Identification Action Taken: None

Location of Air Traffic in General Area: at 1235 hours on 29 July there was no military traffic in the air from this base. The T-33's did not start flying until 1400 hours and the B-47's were grounded for a major inspection, however, a check with Boeing Aircraft Company uncovered the fact that they were test-hopping two aircraft during the period of sighting by the observers.

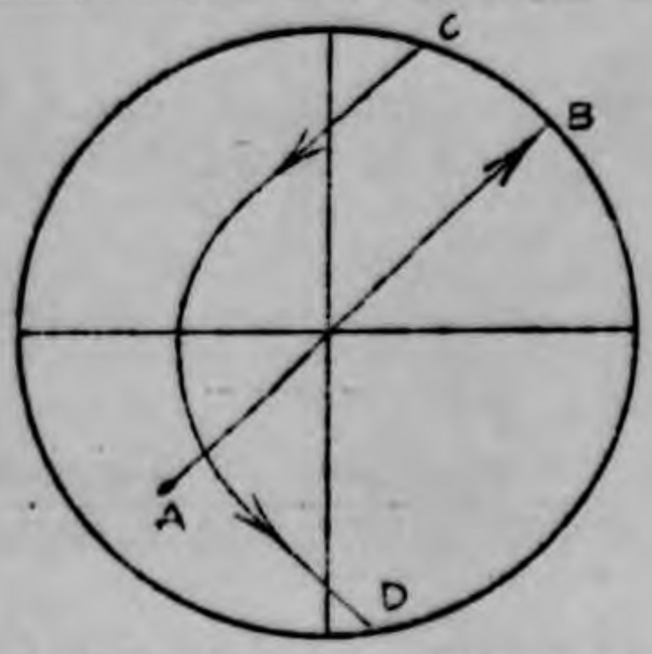
Comments of Preparing Officer:

The reliability of the observers is unknown and the information cannot be checked. However, both men have been with the Air Force either as airmen or civilians for the past eight years. These men work around jet aircraft since this base has T-33's and B-47's assigned. They work near the Municipal Airport Terminal Building and close to Cessna Aircraft Factory. This affords them the opportunity to see almost every type of military or civilian aircraft which is now current. These men probably did see some object and should have been able to identify either a B-47 or T-33.

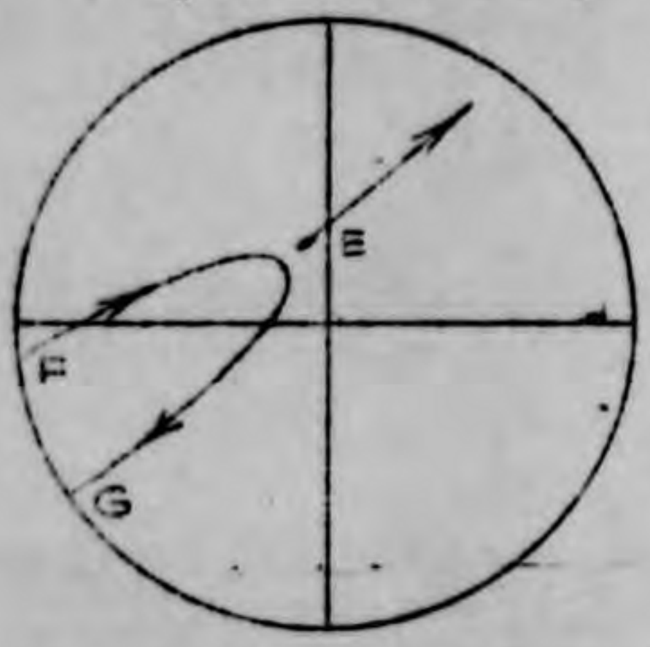
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In the first instance, HOLLINGSWORTH was tracking one object, holding it in the position on the scope which is indicated by the point "A" in the above diagram. Its track across the scope is indicated by the arrow pointing to "B". A second object was seen to appear through the theodolite at point "C" and moved on an inverse heading, turned left and crossed in front of object A and moved off the scope to point D. Its rate of closure on object "A" was described as "faster than a jet aircraft".




In the second instance, SPINA was observing an object in the position indicated by "E" in the diagram. A second object appeared at "F" moving on approximately the same heading as object "E" and moving at a faster speed across the scope. As it approached object "E" it turned to an inverse heading and moved off the scope at approximately the same point where it had first appeared. As in the previous sighting, the second object remained on the scope less than a second. SPINA was unable to state whether there was a difference in the relative speed of the two objects during closure and during separation.

9. A total of nine objects were observed during the period 0825 to 0940. During the latter part of the period, the objects became more difficult to observe—this could be explained by the fact that the sky was becoming less deep in color, and the change in the direction of the sun's rays may have been less favorable for detecting them. In any event, in view of the limited field of vision of the theodolite which is 2 degrees, it seems reasonable to assume that the detected objects may have represented only a small proportion of the ones which were in the atmosphere at the time.

10. Weather during the observing period showed 1/10 coverage of altocumulus clouds at 15,000 feet, 50-mile visibility, and winds from 210 degrees at 3 knots at 20,000 feet.

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11. We, the undersigned, have read the foregoing report and certify that it is correct in detail and includes all information of significance relative to the reported sightings.

Henry Baldy
HENRY BALDY, Major, USAF

Warren W. Hollingsworth
Warren W. Hollingsworth, T/Sgt

S/Sgt Sam A. Spina
Sam A. Spina, S/Sgt

A/c Edwin L. Whitley
Edwin L. Whitley, A/C

12. COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

The four men interviewed on this sighting are all experienced in making and reporting meteorological observations. They are thoroughly reliable as individuals, and during the interrogation they made every effort to remain objective in their statements, being cautious to include only what they had actually seen and not include anything they might have imagined.

William F. Byess
WILLIAM F. BYESS
Captain, USAF
Asst Intelligence Officer

[redacted]

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

OIN 452.1 4 AUG 1952

SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

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

1. Air Intelligence Information Reports, dated 31 July 1952, are submitted in compliance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

2. Required electrical message has been forwarded to your headquarters.

3. One information copy of this report has been sent to Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C..

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Sam Odensky
SAM ODENSKY
2d Lt., USAF
Asst. Adj. Gen.

5 Incl
1. AIIR- Part I
2. AIIR- Part II
3. Sworn Statement- A/1c [redacted]
4. " " - A/2c
5. " " - A/3c

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# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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| FLYOBRPT | | |
| AREA REPORTED ON | FROM (Agency) | |
| Albuquerque, New Mexico | 34th Air Division (Def) | |
| DATE OF REPORT | DATE OF INFORMATION | EVALUATION |
| 31 July 1952 | 28 July 1952 | |
| PREPARED BY (Officer) | SOURCE | |
| KATHERINE P. LEVIS, 1st Lt., USAF | Visual | |

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: FLYOBRPT

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

On 28 July 1952, at approximately 1310 MST, A/1c [redacted] A/2c [redacted] and A/3c [redacted] observed a ver bright object 30,000 to 40,000 feet directly over Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. This object remained in the same area for sometime and seemed to bob back and forth. At times, it assumed a "V" shape instead of the cigar shape that it had when first sighted.

This object was observed for about 7 or 8 minutes. Then, it started to descend very rapidly, and suddenly, it ceased descending and began to gain altitude. As the object gained altitude, it headed SE, and in about a minute, it completely disappeared.

The reliability of the observer is considered good.

_____ INCLS.

DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR

[redacted]

SWORN STATEMENT

I, A/1c [redacted], 17th WAF Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

On the 28th of July 1952, while sunbathing in the WAF area about 1300 MST, noticed a very bright object directly overhead between an altitude of 30,000 and 40,000 feet. At first, I thought that this was another aircraft, so I didn't pay too much attention to it. I kept my attention fixed on it for a period of approximately 3 minutes, and noticed that it remained in the same spot. During that time, it seemed to be bobbing up and down, and it assumed a "Y" shape while remaining very luminous- a bright metallic silver. I, then, called A/2c [redacted]'s attention to it, pointing out the spot, and she immediately saw the object. Together, we watched it for a period of about 5 minutes and decided to report it to the Command Controller at the 34th Air Division (Def). While walking to the WAF orderly room, we met A/2c [redacted] and called her attention to this object. While the three of us were watching it, it started moving in a southeasterly direction and seemed to be losing altitude. After a few seconds, it began to gain altitude and disappeared. As it disappeared, it seemed to gain speed.

[redacted]
A/1c , USAF

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of July 1952

Glen D. Parrish
GLEN D. PARRISH
1st Lt., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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(1) Shape: Cigar shaped, and at times, it was "Y" shaped.
Size: Negative
Color: Luminous
Number: One
Formation: Negative
Aerodynamic Features: Negative
Trail or Exhaust: Negative
Propulsion System: Negative
Speed: Very rapid at times
Maneuvers: Bobbed back and forth in the same area for 7 to 8 minutes, then, it started to descend very fast and suddenly, it stopped descending and began to gain altitude.
Manner of Disappearance: Gained altitude, headed SE and disappeared in about a minute.

(2) 1310 MST 28 July 1952, observed for 7 or 8 minutes.

(3) Visual

(4) Observers at KAFB, New Mexico. Longitude was 106°33' and Latitude was 35°.

(5) Reliability of observers good. All are WAFs at KAFB.

(6) Visibility 60 miles, winds 7 MPH .

(7) Negative

(8) Negative

(9) Negative

(10) Unknown

The information given above by A/1c [redacted] A/2C [redacted] and A/3C [redacted] is true and correct to the best of their ability and knowledge.

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SECURITY INFORMATION

SWORN STATEMENT

I, A/2c [redacted], 17th MAF Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

On 28 July 1952 at approximately 1310 MST, I saw an object 30,000 to 40,000 feet directly over Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. This object was luminous in color- not dulled by the atmospheric conditions that usually make a silver or white object lose its brightness. It stayed in the same area bobbing back and forth, and at times, it appeared to be "Y" shaped instead of cigar-shaped.

I observed this object for about 7 or 8 minutes. Then, it started to descend very rapidly, and suddenly, it stopped descending and began to gain altitude. As it gained altitude, it headed SE, and in about a minute, it completely disappeared.

[redacted]

Sworn to and suscribed before me this 30th day of July 1952.

Glen D. Parrish

GLEN D. PARRISH
1st Lt., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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SECURITY INFORMATION

SWO [redacted]

I, A/3c [redacted] 17th WAF Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

On 28 July 1952 at approximately 1330 MST, as I was going to the WAF Barracks, I met A/1c [redacted] and A/2c [redacted] They called my attention to a luminous object in the sky. They had been watching it for some time, and they described the actions of this object to me. I continued to watch the object for several minutes. This object remained in the same area seemingly bobbing back and forth. Sometimes it appeared to be "Y" shaped and at other times, it appeared to be cigar shaped.

After I had watched this object for a while, it started to descend very rapidly, and then, it stopped descending and began to gain altitude. As it gained altitude, it went in a SE direction, and in a short time, it disappeared completely.

[redacted]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of July 1952.

Glen D. Parrish

GLEN D. PARRISH
1st Lt., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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ZEN/CG ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

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[redacted] AQQ-OIN10913 FLYOBRPT.

1. SHAPE: CIGAR-SHAPED AT TIMES CMA AND AT OTHER TIMES Y SHAPED PD

SIZE: NEGATIVE

NUMBER: ONE

FORMATION: NONE

AERODYNAMIC FEATURES: NEGATIVE

TRAIL OR EXHAUST: NEGATIVE

PROPULSION SYSTEM: NEGATIVE

SPEED: VERY HIGH RATE

SOUND: NEGATIVE

MANEUVERS: REMAINED IN THE SAME POSITION FOR ABOUT 7 OR 8 MINUTES CMA

AND THEN CMA IT SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED TO THE SOUTHEAST PD

2. 1310 MST 28 JULY 1952 PD OBSERVED FOR ABOUT 7 OR 8 MINUTES PD

3. VISUAL OBSERVATION PD

4. OBSERVERS LOCATED AT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE PD APPROXIMATE LATITUDE WAS 35 DEGREES AND LONGITUDE WAS 106 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST PD

5. ALL OBSERVERS ARE WAFS STATIONED AT KAFB PD RELIABILITY OF OBSERVERS IS GOOD PD

6. 10,000 SCATTERED CEILING CMA 60 MILES VISIBILITY CMA WIND WAS NNW AT 7 MPH PD

7. NEGATIVE (8) NEGATIVE (9) CONTROLLER AT ADCC WAS NOTIFIED PD

10. UNKNOWN

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United States

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FLIGHT

Wichita, Kansas

15 August 1952

Intelligence Section, 3520th Flying Trg Sq., Wichita Muni Aprt, Wichita, Kansas

29 July 1952 F-6

Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] Employed at Wichita Muni Aprt

Major John J. Ford, Intelligence Officer: AF Ltr 200-5 3

SUMMARY: Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted], employees in the [redacted], Wichita Municipal Airport, Wichita, Kansas, reported sighting a round, white, saucerlike object which appeared in the Northwest, made good a course to a point over Cessna Aircraft Factory which is about one mile from where the observers were, hovered 10-15 seconds and then took off to the Southeast. There was no noise or vapor trail.

APPROVED:

JOHN J. FORD
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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Original - Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C.
1 cc - Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
3 cc - Air Training Command, Scott [redacted], Illinois

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(2)

WIN 062.2 1 August 1952

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Film Taken of Unusual Phenomena in the Sky

TO: Director of Intelligence USAF AF484222
Attn: AFOIN - 1A1
Attn: Major D. A. Roe
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In accordance with instructions via phone this date, transmitted herewith is the film released to this office by the Commander Ops Locke Marine Base and five inclosures relating to the subject.

2130 EST
0230 Z

2. Pfc [redacted] was interviewed 31 July and stated substantially as follows:

a. This object was sighted 2130 hours 29 July 1952. It was described as being orange to yellow, of extreme brilliance and irradiant glow. The object was moving at a tangent to the earth of 45 degrees above the horizon from east to west. The sky was cloudless. From the beginning of observation to fading away in the distance not more than 3-1/2 minutes elapsed. There was no trail, no noise, and no blinking. The intensity of glow remained constant. This object passed between the observer and the crescent moon and was considerably brighter than the moon in the background. There was no aura surrounding the edges of the circular shape. The exposures were made on super XX film in a Cine-Kodak with F.27 aperture, infinity setting, 24 frames per second, using a 2-1/2 inch anastigmatic 63 mm telephoto lens. This film is a negative, not positive. DK 60 developer was used. The exposures of this object are on the first three feet of the film as it comes off the roll.

3. This office has released no information to the public regarding this particular sighting nor any other.

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7 INCLS
1-5 NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS
6 PERSONAL LETTER

WILLIAM J. FRAZIER
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

AG 54-HIN

CONCURRENCE: COORDINATION

AFOIN-4

SUBJECT:

AFOIN-4X26

AFOIN-4X3

AFOIN-4X4

AFOIN-4E

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4E/ Capt Gregory/ lc/69216

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Gilbert - AFOIN-4E
Mr. Arsier, - AFOIN-4X

SUBJECT: UFO Matter Reported to D/I, AFOIN-X

1. The following incident, and action taken as result thereof, is reported as a matter warranting the attention your office:

a. At approximately 1550 hours Friday, 7 August 1956, this office received a telephone call from Mr. [redacted], affiliated with [redacted], Cleveland, Ohio. According to Mr. [redacted], the station was preparing a TV presentation entitled, 'The Close Approach of Mars to Earth'.

b. Mr. [redacted] demanded the detailed results and analysis of a 'flying saucer' film which he took in July 1952, and subsequently turned over to the ONI and USAF Intelligence. This information was, somehow, to be used as part of the TV presentation.

c. Mr. [redacted] was informed that we could not release information on UFO cases from our files, and that authority from Headquarters USAF would be required. He was, therefore, advised to contact the PIO, Headquarters, USAF.

d. Indignant and somewhat angry, Mr. [redacted] pressed the matter by demanding the information, stating that he had a contract deadline to meet. The undersigned reiterated our policy regarding release of information to the public. In closing, Mr. [redacted] demanded the names of 'PIO chiefs and officials in the Pentagon', and was advised that referring his queries to the Air Force Public Information Office would be sufficient.

e. In compliance with established policy on matters of this nature, Colonel Johnson was immediately contacted since the matter would eventually be referred to him, and it was requested that we provide his office with comments and details at a later date.

f. Our records reveal that some newspaper publicity was given this sighting and that the evaluation given this case was 'unknown'. This appears inappropriate as there is considerable data upon which to formulate a conclusion. A brief summary of re-evaluation relative to this sighting, as submitted per telephone conversation with AFOIN-X, is attached (Incl. #1). Also attached is UFO case file (Incl. #2).

g. As a matter of record, this telephone conversation was being tape recorded by [redacted] office.

2. Since completion of telephone conversation was after duty hours, the undersigned was unable to coordinate and bring the matter to the attention of [redacted] office. However, since the Pentagon had to be informed immediately the uncoordinated action is believed warranted, under the circumstances.

3. All material referred here will be made a part of the UFO case file.

George T. Gregory

GEORGE T. GREGORY
Captain, USAF

1. Summary, Eval--[redacted] case
2. UFO case file - 29 Jul 52

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| TEMP | |
| 90 DAYS | |
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ATIC FORM 144 (REV 20 FEB 56) ROUTING AND COORDINATION SHEET AF-WP-O-19 MAR 56 15M

10 Sept 56

SUBJECT: Brief Summary of Re-Evaluation [redacted] Sighting July 29, 1952
(Transcript of evaluation, per telephone conversation to AFOIN-X, 7 Sep 56)

The following are those points and data of significance which lead to a final conclusion:

1. Three (3) Navy fliers stated that they observed a similar object at approximately the same time and location and their impression was that the object was a "meteor." (Miami Herald dated July 31, 1952)

2. We should like to point out than an annual meteoric shower, the Aquarids, are at their peak of intensity between July 26th through August 5th. These meteors, which are very fast and brilliant, originate in the constellation Aquaries. This constellation is located in the eastern part of the sky at that time as is the moon. (Reference Mr. [redacted]'s statement that his so-called "flying saucer" passed near or across the moon.)

3. In his personal statement, [redacted] states that the unidentified flying object was three times more brilliant than a star. Also, newspapers which published blow-ups of his picture pointed out that the object had a small tail.

4. Psychological Aspects: Strange part of the story is from [redacted]'s own statement that "I had a hunch I would see a saucer". Also, "I went to a Mr. [redacted] apartment to wait on the possibility that a saucer may appear again as did in the Washington case." This statement definitely establishes, at least, anticipation or confidence on [redacted] part that a saucer would appear <u>for</u> him. Strange! (Captain Gregory's comment): Saucer's just don't appear just because you wish one to be there).

5. Also, his statement: "I began shooting pictures because I might be the <u>only</u> person on earth to get a motion picture of this." (Comment: A question arises: Was this an unconscious admission to the interrogator interviewing him that he was striving toward this end?)

6. Conclusion: If we discount the statement that he observed the object for 3-1/2 minutes (and it has been proven by psychological tests that most people under stress and excitement greatly overestimate time), then the object, on the basis of other correlated and supported data given above, was possibly a meteor.

7. Colonel Johnson: This is submitted in the event that the matter which we discussed late Thursday afternoon may come to a head or result in a potential controversy (public relation's wise) as far as the Air Force is concerned. It is offered for whatever action or use you may deem necessary. No action or information will be released without specific approval or authority from you regarding this matter.

GEORGE F. GREGORY
Captain, USAF

29 JULY 1958

SAFIS-3/Maj Tacker/jmd/74966

30 January 1958

Dear Mr. [redacted]

In reply to your telegram of 13 January 1958, I have little information to report.

The U. S. Air Force has no record of a receipt for the photographs you gave the CIA officer in Cleveland. Therefore, suggest you again contact Mr. [redacted] the individual mentioned in your telegram, to find out the correct name of the agency receiving the film.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Cleveland, Ohio

COMEBAK-SAFIS-3
READER-SAFIS-1
STAYBACK-SAFIS-3

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

# 'Flying Saucer' Film Elusive, Too

BY WILSON HIRSCHFELD

Sharp controversy over the disappearance of some purported "flying saucer" film was related yesterday by a 24-year-old Clevelander who believes saucers are from another world.

Ralph C. Mayher has brought to the Plain Dealer conflicting statements about the whereabouts of film he shot in Miami the night of July 29, 1952.

A letter from the Department of Defense, dated April 13, 1954, tells Mayher:

"This is to advise you that a search of the Air Technical Intelligence Center files has failed to show that the air force ever received the film which you earlier requested.

"It is our belief that, since this film was originally submitted to a naval base, it must still remain with naval intelligence."

The Pentagon letter was signed by R. C. White, first lieutenant, Office of Public Information.

Mayher then wired to the Marine Corps Air Station at Miami, where he was stationed as a service photographer the night he photographed the flying objects. A telegram of reply, dated last Tuesday, says:

"Saucer film turned over to air force on July 31, 1952."

The telegram carried the name of Col. T. G. Ennis, commanding officer of the air station.

The air force claimed the film from the marine air station Mayher said, because of its top



RALPH C. MAYHER

role in hush-hush investigation of flying saucers.

Shooting 40 feet of film that summer night, Mayher said he managed to catch the flying saucer on 18 frames.

He described it as a brightly shining object, disk-shaped and changing in size and form. He said it was about 2,000 feet distant.

Later, he said, he interviewed three airline pilots who saw the mysterious object that night.

Hoping for another chance to capture the mystery traveler on film, Mayher kept vigil many nights on the ocean beach, camera in readiness. But he never saw it again.

He believes that the flying saucers have been dispatched from another world which has become curious about our V-2s and atomic explosions.

Next month PIC magazine will carry an article about his experience with flying saucers, Mayher said.

He is now employed as a film editor for Television Station WNBK. He lives at 3472 W. 126th Street.



*What Is It?*

United Press

Ralph Mayer, photographer for a Cleveland TV station, said he made this picture of an unidentified flying object while he was serving in the Marine Corps in 1952. Mayer described the object as about 50 feet long and reddish-orange in color. He made movies of it, using a 68-mm. lens, and turned over all of the film except one frame, from which this picture was made, to the Air Force, who, he said, declined to comment on the object.

NOT HOST TO PARENTS

From The Miami Daily News 30 July 52

Copy of cutlines, which did not reproduce well:

Four views of the "flying Saucer" that flashed over Miami Beach last night are reproduced here from the film taken by Marine Pfc. Ralph C. Mayher. The film was released without comment by Third Marine Air Wing officials. Miami Daily News artists did not retouch the "saucer" itself, which loses some detail in reproduction, but did retouch scratches on the film and designated the object with arrows. The photos show the "orange, yellowish object" was bowl-shaped with a projection on top. It speedily vanished, after being watched for more than three minutes.

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(1) Shape: Kliptical
Size: Unknown
Color: Yellow
Number: One
Formation: None
Maneuvers: Motionless
Manner of Disappearance: Diminished in size but not in intensity, changed color rapidly from yellow to white, and then, it disappeared.
Other factors were negative.

(2) 2230 MST 29 July 1952. Length of observation was approximately 3 minutes.

(3) Visual observation.

(4) Albuquerque— 106°35' west longitude and 35° north latitude. Image was approximately 20 to 25 degrees above the horizon.

(5) Observer's reliability is considered excellent.

(6) Visibility was approximately 40 miles and winds were NNW at 7 MPH.

(7) Negative

(8) Negative

(9) Negative

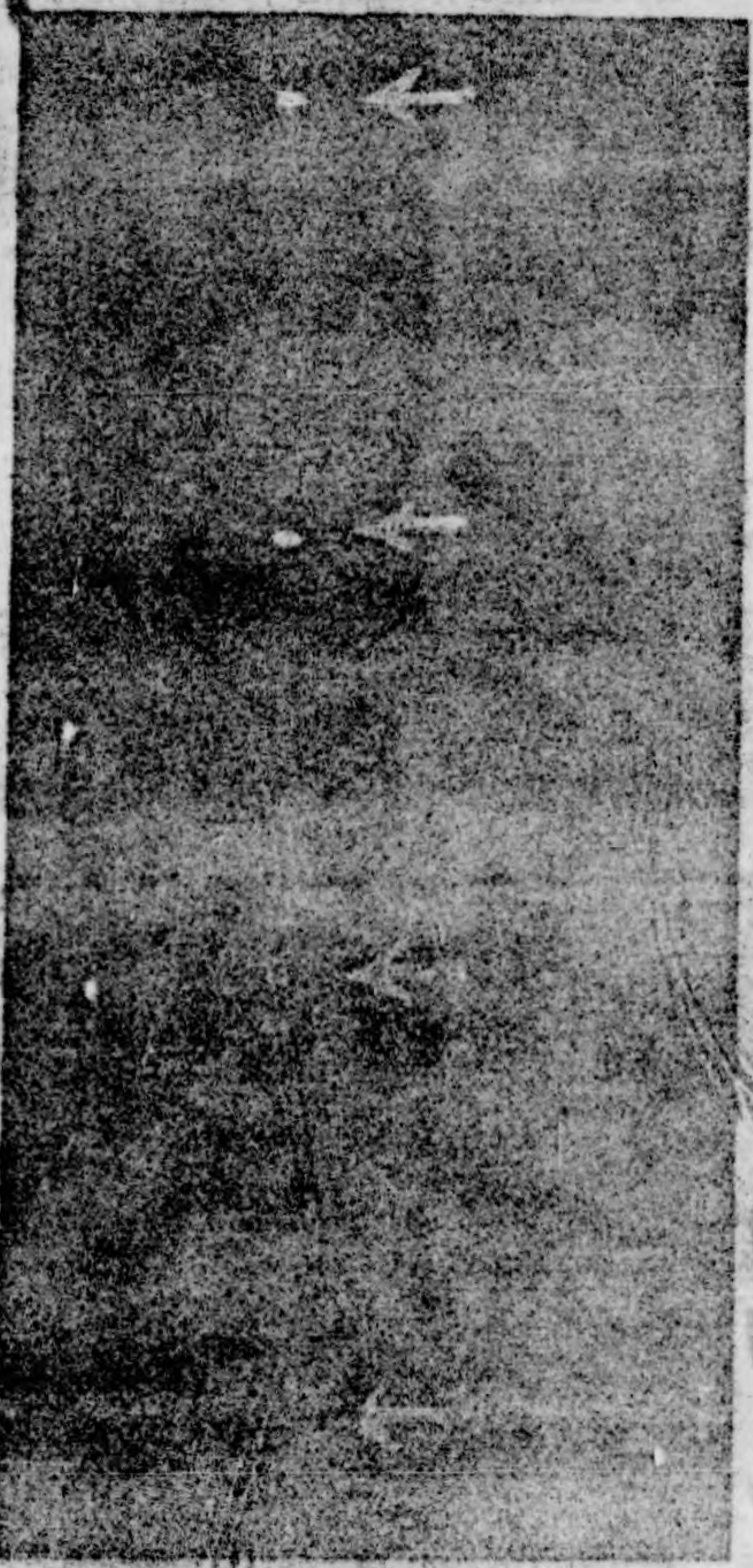
(10) Negative

This information given above is true and correct to the best of the observer's ability and knowledge.

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MIAMI DAILY NEWS 30 JULY, 1952

# This A Saucer?



Four views of the "flying saucer" that flashed over Miami Beach last night are reproduced here from the film taken by Mervin H. Ralph C. Mayer. The film was viewed entirely classified by Air Force Air Intelligence. Miami Daily News artists did not retouch the "saucer" itself, which looks more detailed in reproduction but did retouch pictures to eliminate [illegible]

MIAMI'S SAUCER?

# Marine Here Snaps 'Disc'

By LARRY BIRGER, Miami Daily News Staff Writer

**A strange "orange, yellowish object traveling at more than 2,000 m.p.h." was photographed last night by a Marine cameraman watching from a Miami Beach home.**

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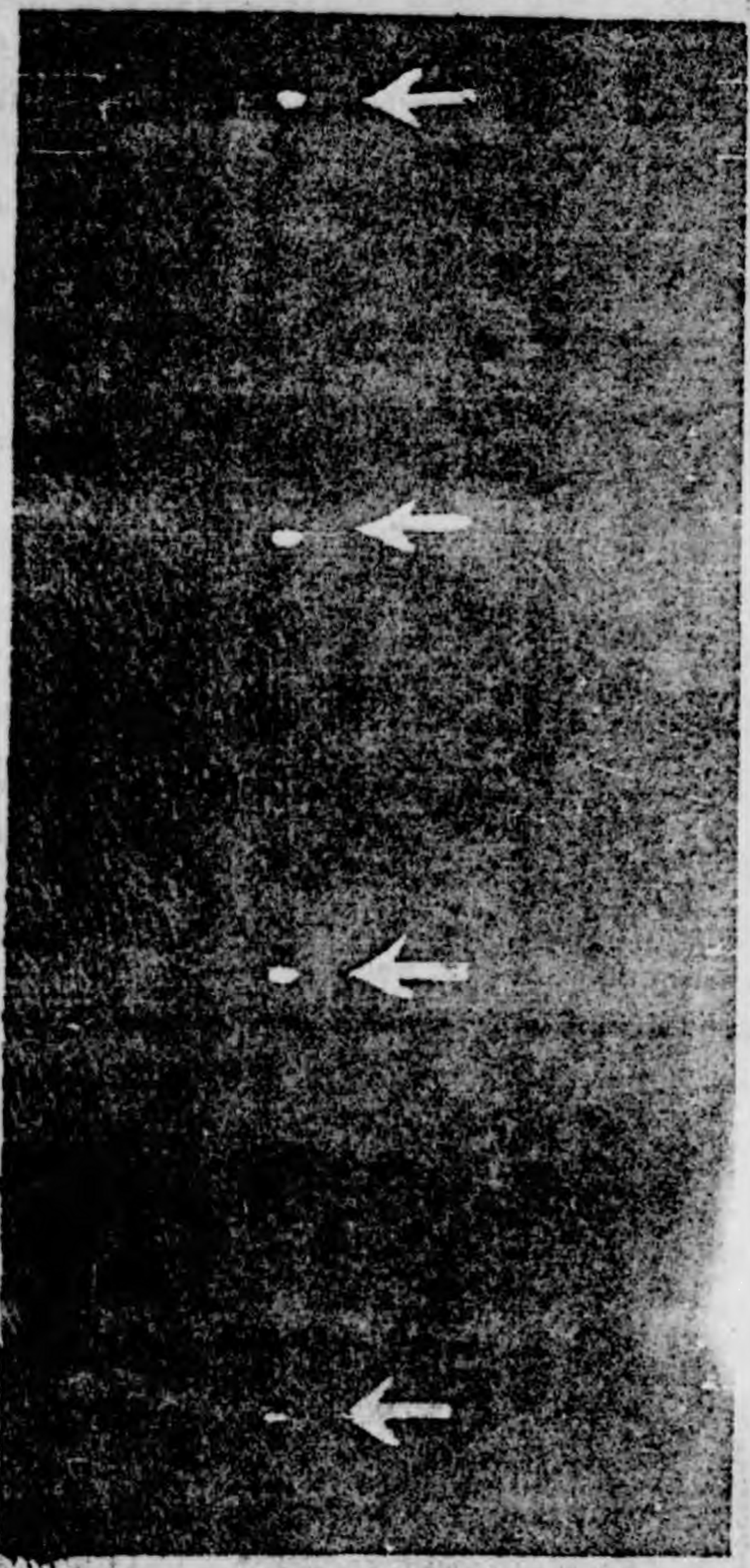
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SEC[redacted] CLASSIFICATION (If any)

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FILE NO.

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Material for Project Blue Book

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

FROM: Dept of the Air Force, Hq USAF - AFOIN-2

DATE: OCT 2 1952

COMMENT NO. 1

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1. Reference report of sighting Miami, Florida on 29 July 52 and related 16 mm movie film previously forwarded to you. The inclosed document, obtained from OSD-OPI, contains additional information on this incident. It is for your information and retention.

2. Also inclosed for your retention are photostatic copies of selected documents in the Marine Corps personnel file on [redacted] These photostats were supplied by the Marine Corps with the understanding that the information therein would not be divulged to anyone who does not require it for intelligence analysis of the incident in which Des Vergers was a principal.

5 Incls
1. Ltr USMC, Miami, Fla dtd 4 Aug 52 w/attachments
2. Photostat cy of review of discharge of [redacted]
3. Photostat cy of ltr fr Board of Review to The Commandant of the MC, 7 Aug 52
4. Photostat cy of ltr to Navy Dept fr Fed Reform, Chillicothe, O. dtd 14 Oct 44 re [redacted]
5. Photostat cy of ltr to JAG, Navy fr US Attorney, Southern Dist of Fla dtd 16 Oct 44

WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Topical Division
Deputy Director for Estimates
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

Nos 1 - Des Vergers File

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Serial 1667
AUG 4 1952

# UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
## MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
### MIAMI, FLORIDA

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Miami, Florida
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps

Subj: Report of Public Information incident

Encl: (1) Statement of PFC [redacted] USMC-SS
(2) Photographs taken by [redacted]

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded herewith to substantiate the report contained in the following paragraphs.

2. On the evening of 29 July 1952, Private First Class [redacted] USMC-SS, attached to and serving with Station Operations Squadron-3, Marine Corps Air Station, Miami, Florida, was at Miami Beach, Florida, during his off-duty hours with a 16 millimeter movie camera which he had checked out for practice purposes from the Marine Corps Air Station Photo Laboratory. At 2135 on the same evening Private First Class [redacted], while sitting with a group of civilians outside a home at Miami Beach owned by a Mr. [redacted], reportedly saw what is commonly referred to as a flying saucer streaking from east to west over Miami Beach. Using the 16 millimeter camera with a telephoto lens, he proceeded to take pictures of the object.

3. After photographing the object, Private First Class [redacted] immediately called the Marine Corps Air Station Officer of the Day and informed him of what had happened. In the meantime, a civilian had called the Miami newspapers and press services giving them the story concerning the object's being sighted. Within a short time members of the press and a television reporter were on the scene. Private First Class [redacted], on instructions from the Officer of the Day, gave no statement to the press and held the film until an officer arrived to take the film back to the Air Station. The reporters at the scene were aware that Private First Class [redacted] had taken pictures.

4. The next morning the film was turned over to the Public Information Officer for development. The film was processed under the supervision of the Public Information Officer. All during the morning, members of the press were calling requesting what the distribution would be and what it contained.

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5. Since there was so much interest shown in the film by the press, this Command decided to make the photographs public to avoid having the press build up the story to a point where the general public would think that the Marine Corps had some very spectacular pictures.

6. During the morning of 30 July 1952, the two Miami newspapers, the Herald and the Daily News, made calls requesting prints of the object which had been filmed. They were told at that time by the Public Information Officer of the Marine Corps Air Station that this Command had no statement to make regarding the pictures and that they had been taken in the off-duty hours of the photographer, Private First Class [redacted]. This Command gave no official sanction to the pictures. They were merely released in the public interest.

7. A Miami Herald staff writer, C. J. SMITH, called the Public Information Officer and asked whether or not this Command had any statement to make. He was told that they did not. He informed the Public Information Officer at that time that he was going to call Washington to find out what they thought about it, and he was informed by the Public Information Officer that that was is privilege. Mr. SMITH apparently called Colonel W. K. SMITH of Air Force Intelligence in Washington D. C. He was quoted in the Herald story as saying that the Air Force was interested in all such evidence and would take steps immediately to get copies of the film.

8. During the afternoon of 30 July 1952, Captain John MC CABE, Public Information Officer of the Marine Corps Air Station, contacted the Naval Intelligence Officer in this area, Lieutenant Commander NEVILLE. The Public Information Officer gave him the reasons for releasing the information in the manner in which it was done. Lieutenant Commander NEVILLE then informed Captain MC CABE that he would like to have the prints turned over to him on 31 July 1952, and that he would forward them to Headquarters, Sixth Naval District, for evaluation.

9. In the afternoon of 31 July 1952, a conference was held in the office of the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, with Major William J. FRAZIER Jr., United States Air Force Intelligence, Mr. DOUGLAS of the Office of Naval Intelligence, and a Mr. HAMILTON of the United States Air Force Special Investigations. Private First Class [redacted] USMC, was interrogated by the Air Force personnel. The film was turned over to Major FRAZIER Jr. for forwarding to proper Air Force authorities. The prints of the film, enclosure (2), were made by television station WTVJ. These prints were released by that station upon request of this Command. They are forwarded for such action as the Commandant may desire to take.

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10. A copy of the receipt for the film, signed by Major FRAZIER Jr., was furnished Mr. DOUGLAS of the Office of Naval Intelligence. The original has been retained in the files of this station.

Copy to:
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Jim Douglas

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= 370 M.P.H

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Regardless of attitude,

(even if only relatively horizontal)

would not get the

impression of an object

Traveling at 12000 mph !!

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31 July 1952

STATEMENT OF PVT. [redacted] SOS-3, MCAS, Miami, Fla.

After hearing talk of flying saucers for the past two years or more and then hearing that a so-called saucer had been seen over Miami beach by Mr. [redacted] the 26th of July, 1952, I decided to take home a camera and there just might be more excitement. The Navy camera, a Cine Kodak was checked out through my NCO in Charge.

I was sitting in my home and turned my T.V. on and heard more talk of flying saucers by W.T.V.J. Then and there I decided to go over to see Mr. [redacted] and actually talk to some one whom had seen one. I had a hunch that if he actually saw something Monday, it might reapear just as those saucers reappeared in Washington, D. C.

I took my wife, [redacted] over to Miami beach. We began to look for Mr. [redacted] We finally located him and I got my story from him. The time was about 9:05 p.m. After hearing his story I was very skeptical. It seemed rather fantastic. I asked Mr. [redacted] if he would mind if we went to the back of his apts., and wait. Mr. [redacted] was visiting Mr. [redacted] I identified myself and told them I had a hunch, his permission was granted. This was nearly a hunch I was working on; there was no official business involved.

I finally was seated in Mr. [redacted] patio. From 9:10 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., nothing happened and I made a little joke out of it, said no flying saucer man yet. At 9:35 it was far from a joke. The object appeared, it was startling. The object or saucer was a bright orange disk shape. I was not the first one to see it, people on the West bank of the river said there it is again. Immediately I jumped to my feet and screamed to them - is there anything in the sky? They said Yes. I didn't see it immediately, an apartment was in my view. I steped back about 15 feet and saw it. The object was moving from East to West. It was at a tremendous altitude. I couldn't approximate because there were no clouds to give me my approximation. But it was the size of a pin head compared to a half dollar piece. After 15 or 20 seconds, of being startled, I began shooting movies of the object. It was so small through my range finder that I could hardly see it. Knowing I might be the only person on earth to get motion pictures of this, I began shooting by approximating its location and by naked eye. The object moved across the horizon on a perfectly straight course at tremendous speed. I took 40 feet of film aprox. 12 frames have an image. The photographs show change in shape and surface. I was surprised that it wasn't visible when it flew over, only visible on the actual film. It was so much more brilliant than a star about 3 times as bright.

[redacted]
PFC. USMC-SS

ENCLOSURE (1)

Attachment to 1st Ind [redacted] ltr

STATEMENT

My name i[redacted] Lieutenant Colonel, USAF[redacted] I am a rated Military Pilot (4-engine) with approximately 1500 hours of flying time. I am presently employed as an [redacted] in the [redacted] at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

At approximately 2230 hours, Mountain Standard Time, on Tuesday, July 29, 1952, I stepped into the front yard of my house at [redacted], Albuquerque, and saw an unidentified image southwest of my position. Continued observation during the ensuing two to three minutes produced the following data:

BEARING: The image held steady on a bearing of approximately 225 degrees from my position ([redacted] drive is not oriented N-S or E-W, making exact determination of bearing difficult). The bearing was approximately 4 to 5 degrees less from my position than the bearing of the Kirtland Air Force Base weather searchlight, which was operating and visible at the time of sighting.

ELEVATION: The image held steady throughout the sighting at an elevation of approximately 20 to 25 degrees above the horizon.

SIZE: When originally sighted the image had a horizontal axis of a length to be encompassed by an angle of 2 to 4 degrees (I believe it was more likely about 4 degrees). Any other estimate of size is impossible since I could not judge its distance over land nor its height.

APPEARANCE: When originally sighted the image seemed to be a flattened ellipse, slightly distorted or obscured (perhaps by low scud cloud) in the lower lefthand portion. In color it was a dull yellow approximately the shade of American cheese. Light rays the same color as the image, and approximately half the length of the horizontal axis, appeared to be emanating but not pulsating from it in a steady flow in all directions. For approximately 45 to 60 seconds after the original sighting the image continued in size and appearance unchanged. Then it began to shrink in size rapidly and within approximately 15 seconds after this change had started disappeared to sight completely. During this change the image did not change its apparent bearing or elevation, indicating that if it was moving it was moving directly away from the point of observation. This change in size was accompanied by a distinct change in color—first to a pale yellow, then to a yellowish white, and finally, just before disappearance, to a clear white. Throughout the change the image appeared to continue to emanate rays of the same changing color as the image itself.

SOUND: Before and after change and disappearance there was no sound audible to the observer which seemed related to the image.

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Maj. Rae,

Info copies of this letter of transmittal are being sent to Hqs 14th AF Intel & TAC Intel to indicate disposition.

This office has not made any public statements relative to this or other observations.

We are being overwhelmed with calls from local citizens reporting observations. A visit was made by me to the U.S. Weather Office, Miami International Airport where complete data on color, type, and schedules of ~~balloon~~ balloon releases has been obtained. All reports have been evaluated in the light of this data and where

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relatively sure of correlation
~~of~~ we have dismissed some
reports as such.

One striking factor
is reported in almost every
observation ~~report~~ regarding the nature
of motion ie no power
source indicated, which
would lead one to believe
that rather than internal
propulsion that the object
operates on a reaction power
principle such as magnetic
force upon matalic objects.
You know how a magnet
repells a like pole in another
magnet and attracts the
opposit pole.

I do not mean to imply
that these sightings are
of metal nor that they operate

on a magnetic principal,
for I am no physicist (:/)
and I don't know what type
of external forces could be
applied — ie light, magnetic,
etc.

Well, anyway, good luck
to you folks up there in
the study of these reports.
Thanks for your
phone number, and we'll
ring you should anything
come in of special significance.
In the meantime we will
continue to strive for factual
reporting in the proper
procedures.

Sincerely
Maj Fraser.

P.S. The film has already not
come

been well processed. There are scratches etc. As soon as I checked to see that the image was on the film I sealed it up to keep dust, scratches, moisture, & finger prints off of it. As you can see on enclosure #1, the image will be difficult to see on the 16 mm film. The image is present only up to the red mark in the first three ft. The observer is sincere, though a little emotional in the light of publicity. He and several others show indications of a mild shock reaction to sighting this phenomena. The ONI and Marine Personnel here have been most cordial & cooperative with this office.

W.J.T.

WIN 062.2

1 August 1952

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Film Taken of Unusual Phenomena in the Sky

AF48422[illegible]

TO: Director of Intelligence USAF
Attn: AFOIN - 1A1
Attn: Major R. Ag. Hoo
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In accordance with instructions via phone this date, transmitted herewith is the film released to this office by the Commander Ops Lockbourne Marine Base and five inclosures relating to the subject.

2. Pfc [redacted] was interviewed 31 July and stated substantially as follows:

a. This object was sighted 2130 hours 29 July 1952. It was described as being orange to yellow, of extreme brilliance and irradiant glow. The object was moving at a tangent to the earth of 45 degrees above the horizon from east to west. The sky was cloudless. From the beginning of observation to fading away in the distance not more than 3-1/2 minutes elapsed. There was no trail, no noise, and no blinking. The intensity of glow remained constant. This object passed between the observer and the crescent moon and was considerably brighter than the moon in the background. There was no [illegible] surrounding the edges of the circular shape. The exposures were made on super XX film in a Cine-Kodak with F.27 aperture, infinity setting, 24 frames per second, using a 2-1/2 inch anastigmatic f3 as telephoto lens. This film is a negative, not positive. DK 60 developer was used. The exposures of this object are on the first three feet of the film as it comes off the roll.

3. This office has released no information to the public regarding this particular sighting nor any other.

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WILLIAM J. FRAZIER
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

Rcd AO 73587 Est Bumb-57

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# avy Fliers ee Similar ky Object

By O. J. SMITH
Herald Staff Writer

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But even with the disc on film, all sources, official and unofficial, were still as far from explaining the phenomenon as ever.

It was certain the photographer, Pfc. Ralph Mayher, caught some moving, shining object in the telephoto lens of his 16 m.m. movie camera. He and observers with him say the thing was a clearly defined disc, with a small tail extending from one side.

Three Navy fliers said Wednesday they saw a similar object in about the same location (over Miami Beach), at about the same time, as they were returning to Miami from cross-country flights.

Their impression, however, was that the object resembled a meteor.

Lt. Comdr. Joe Gardner and his co-pilot, Lt. Joe Mills, said the thing they saw was a "greenish and reddish variation." Lt. I. M. Blum said what he saw was a very deep blue. Mayher said the disc he photographed was yellowish.

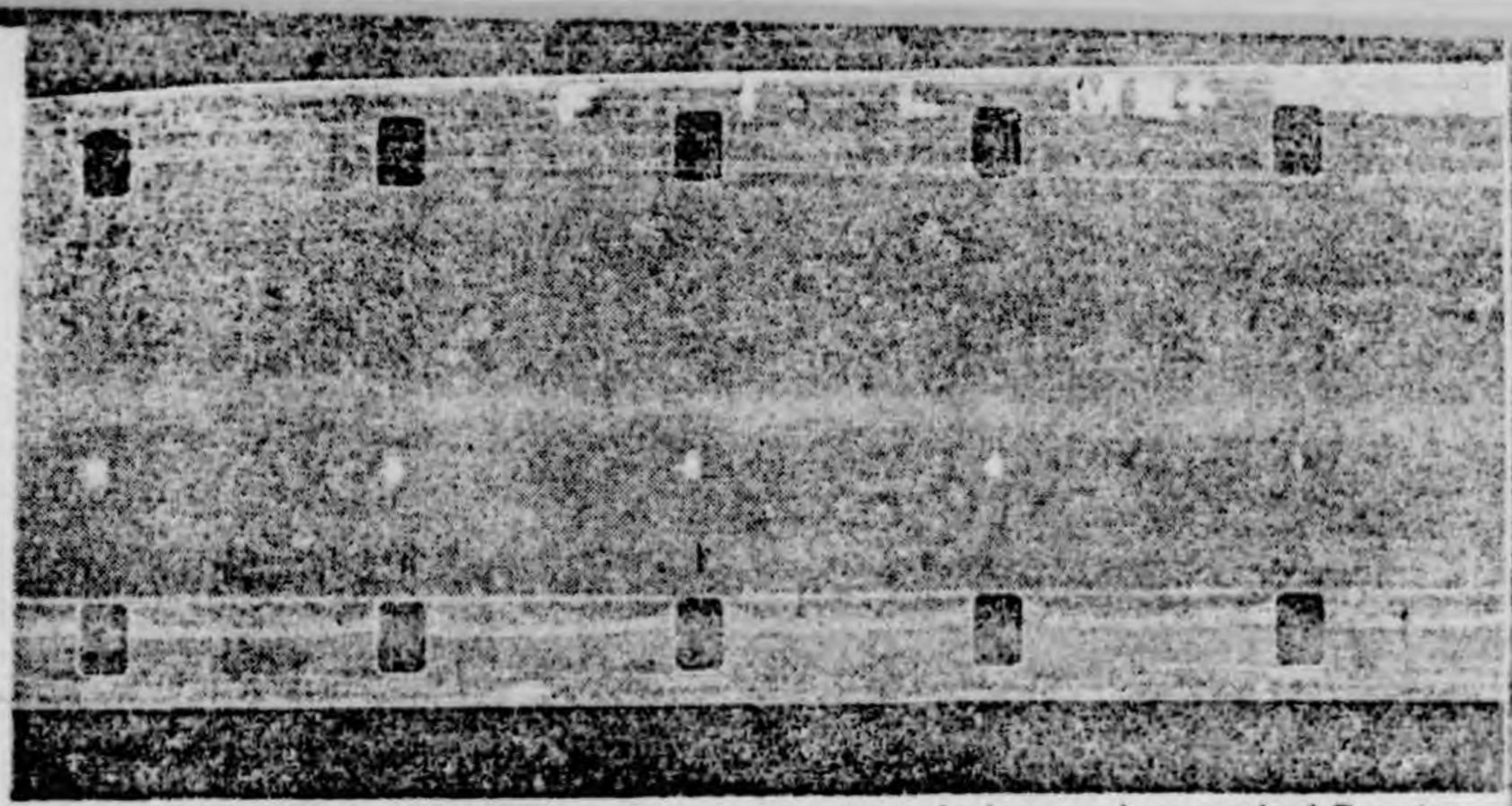
All declared it couldn't have been a light on the clouds—"because there were no clouds."

Officials at the Marine Air Base, faced with Mayher's photographs, didn't know just what to do about the whole matter. The photographer was acting with the knowledge of his superiors when he went out to take the pictures, but it wasn't on official duty.

Wednesday the superiors appeared to wish the whole matter never had come up. They didn't [illegible] declined to make any statement and hadn't decided to forward them to any higher echelon for further study.

W. N. Smith of the Air Intelligence in Washington, was notified about the pictures Wednesday afternoon by The Herald, but the department was [illegible] and was unable to [illegible] those

numerous reports of flying, glowing objects in the sky [illegible] from other Miamians throughout the day. None could add anything to reports already made, and none was quite as "authentic" as Mayher's pictures.



**SOMETHING LIKE A "SAUCER"** is this glowing disc which was photographed Tuesday night by a Marine Corps photographer as it whizzed over Miami Beach. He used a 16mm. movie camera with a telephoto lens and the five frames shown here were photographed in about one-fifth of a second. The photographer, Pfc. Ralph Mayher, said the object was so high and going so fast he had difficulty sighting it through his view-finder. "I just pointed the camera in the general direction and hoped I would get something," he said. The object showed up in eight frames of the film. The direction of flight was from left to right. Noticeable is a small "tail" behind each of the discs. The Air Force intelligence office in Washington, D.C., has asked for copies of the pictures for study.

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1 Aug. 1952

YOU PAY YOUR MONEY . . .

# Photographed Object Is Called Plane's Light



Blown up to 10 times its size from a 16-millimeter film negative, this is an unretouched photograph of an object seen by a Marine cameraman who was hunting for "flying saucers" at Miami Beach Tuesday night. The Air Force soon will scrutinize the picture.

**The latest theory about the "orange, yellowish object" seen and photographed over Miami Tuesday night is that what was spotted was the front light of an airplane coming in for a landing at International Airport**

**John L King, an aerial gunner during World War II, said today he is certain that what he saw in the vicinity of where the object was photographed by a Marine was the light from a plane**

**Films To Washington**

**A Miamian who works in the control tower at the field reported that a plane was due to land in Miami about 10 mintes after the object was seen in Surfside It was coming from the east, he added**

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**"On A Hunch"**

**"On a hunch" Mayher went to the Surfside home of Stern who two nights earlier had reported seeing an object in the sky traveling at great speed. Mayher photographed the object on 16-millimeter film. He said it was traveling "more than 2,000 miles an hour."**

**Marine officials in Miami refused to comment on the photos. Mayher said the object was "crystal clear" and had "definite shape."**

POSSIBILITY OF CONFUSION: The image was not confused with either the weather searchlight beam at Kirtland Air Force Base nor the cloud glow image it produces; bearings were different, and there was a distinct difference in color, the searchlight cloud glow image being a bluish white and hazy while the image at original sighting was yellow and gave the impression of possessing some substances and solidity.

The image was not confused with the moon, which did set a few minutes later (2257 hours, MST). The bearing of the image was approximately 45 to 60 degrees less than that of the setting moon at this season, and the elevation was at least 30 degrees less than that at which the moon reaches a bearing of 225 degrees from my house at this season. Additionally the moon on July 29, 1952 was in its first quarter, which would have made it appear sickle-shaped, while this image had the shape of a fattened ellipse.

The likelihood of mistaking a weather balloon being released from the CAA weather bureau office at Kirtland AFB seems unlikely. A weather balloon at that distance (almost two miles) would have been encompassed by a much smaller angle. While possibly appearing quite bright if illuminated by a flashlight at launching it would probably not have appeared to emanate rays. And in the absence of strong winds a weather balloon would have appeared to change elevation rapidly, while the image appeared to change elevation not at all.

SUPPORTING WITNESSES: There were none present with the observer at the time of sighting.

I hereby swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[redacted]

at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 30th day of July, 1952.

Miami Herald
29 July 1952.

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# South Florida Reports Three Flying Discs

By O. J. SMITH
Herald Staff Writer

Excited sky watchers from three South Florida localities Monday reported sighting mysterious discs of light, fast-moving, weird acting and answering the general descriptions given in recent "flying saucer" stories.

From Key West came the report that Navy officials were grim and non-committal about a soundless, faster-than-sound "saucer" which hundreds of sailors reported swooping across the sky as they watched an outdoor movie Saturday night.

Three Miami Beach residents reported seeing one of the glowing objects hanging motionless in the sky over Surfside and then swooping away "hundreds of times faster than any plane I've ever seen," and disappearing in a matter of seconds.

A brilliant, glowing, orange ball, with the same hanging and rapid disappearing action, was reported seen over Hollywood early Sunday morning by a man who lives in that community.

**About the Key West report, one Navy officer said, "There may be something to it, but it's so hush-hush there aren't many of us who know anything."**

One witness described it as a 40-foot-long solid white light, which whizzed from south to north, making no sound.

Another witness, who said he never had believed reports of flying saucers, said, "I know I saw this thing, and it was the fastest-moving thing I've ever seen."

The Navy dispatched the USS Greenwood, a destroyer escort, to sea. Officials at the Navy base merely said, "We're investigating thoroughly."

Mr and Mrs. R. P. Goldstein, 7770 Tatum Waterway dr., Miami Beach, and Mrs. S. Stern, 8200 Byron ave., Miami Beach, said they saw the mysterious light Monday night over Surfside.

Said Goldstein: "When I first

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South Florida Reports Three Flying Discs

Continued from Page 1

saw the light I mistook it for the moon—it was about that large. It hung motionless for about three or four minutes.

**"Then an airplane started coming in near it, apparently on its way to the airport. The disc started moving slowly, then picked up speed and zoomed upward across the path of the plane and out of sight, hundreds of times faster than any plane I've ever seen."**

He said his wife saw the light just before it started to move slowly, and Mrs. Stern came out to look at it just before it sped out of sight.

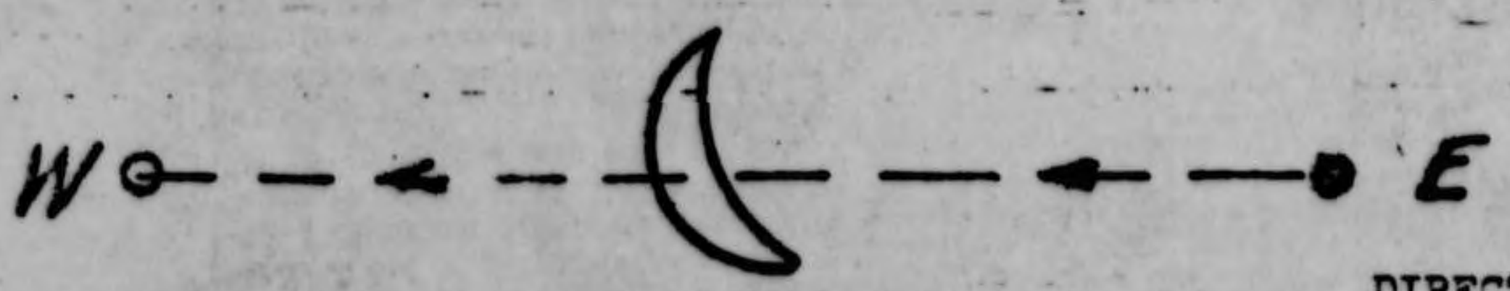
Thomas W. Sortor, who lives in the Hollywood Beach Trailer Park, said he saw his "saucer" when he awoke about 2 a.m. Sunday and could not get back to sleep. He looked out a window of his trailer and saw the brilliant orange ball "hanging about 2,000 feet up."

He said the disc remained eerily motionless for at least three minutes, then suddenly began to wobble and disappeared rapidly eastward over the ocean, within a matter of seconds.

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RELATIVE SIZE TO THE MOON
BUT OF MUCH GREATER INTENSITY




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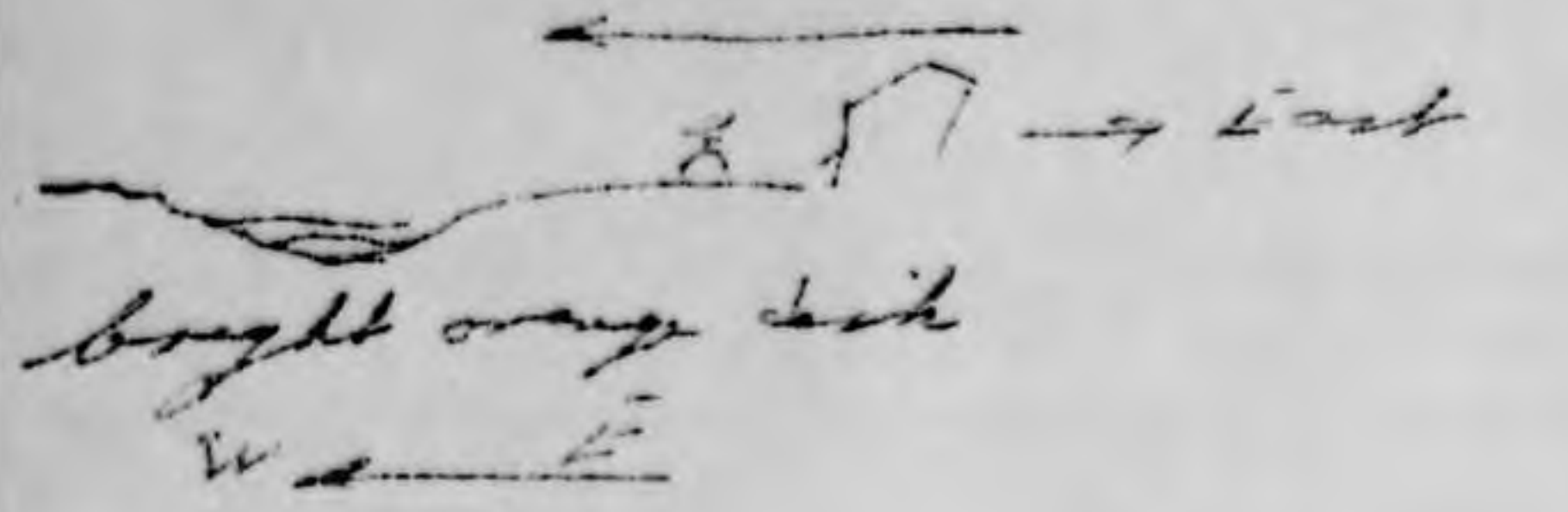
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2450 ft.



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pair beach

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Immediately after

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the horizon from E → W.

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Hanalei (50)

Pacific coast

Line.

Many other times at RCA Canada

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also seen by Mrs Hanalei

and Mrs Beach

Note: Colonel

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| 3 Col Lang Ltr. | | | NECESSARY ACTION |
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| 4 MAJ. TACKER | | | SEE ME |
| SAFIS | | | SIGNATURE |

REMARKS

1. Secretary of the Air Force - Explained Office of Information retains submitted this telegram

2. I should like to make a thorough check before I reply, remembering the remarks of the "agency - wide heading" case of last year

3. Also attached is copy of material from this individuals' case file in my possession.

4. Over the years he has repeatedly made a nuisance of himself, contacting high level AF people, accusing the Air Force of having "stolen" or "lost" his films

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| FROM NAME OR TITLE Cecil Langan | DATE 17 July 67 |
| ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION 4=4 | TELEPHONE 6-9446 |

DD FORM 1 FEB 50 95 Replaces DA AGO Form 535, 1 Aug 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

COVER SHEET

SUSPENSE

ORIGIN OF BASIC: Suggested reply to Tedder

DATE:

ASSIGNED BY:

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SUBJECT: Telegram from R.C. Mayher - TV Representative Re UFO Film.

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TO: SAFIS attn: Major Tedder

FROM: AFCIN-4E

DATE:

COMMENT NO. 2

COMMENTS (Use reverse, if necessary)

1. Reference attached Telegram from subject person
2. Subject is in receipt of classified info up to & incl Top Secret.
3. To assist the Air Force Office of Information Services in taking a more positive, firmer action against this individual, attached herewith are certain items of information which are considered important.
4. It should be pointed out that subject person has been particularly demanding and outspoken critic of the Air Force. He has repeatedly hounded numerous USAF officials regarding the film which he states that the Air Force "lost" or "stole" from him.

AFHQ FORM 7 MAY 56 0-86 PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM MAY BE USED.

GPO 908344

Ralph Mayer?

Manager? KYW TZ(W)?

Cleveland, Ohio

film - Miami Beach

7-29-52

Spalding (Marine Air Station)

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| ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION<br>AECM-4 E4 | DATE<br>20 Jan 08 | | COORDINATION |
| 2<br>Col. Gilbert | | | FILE |
| AECM-4E | | | INFORMATION |
| 3<br>Major Conner | | | NECESSARY ACTION |
| AECM-4x2a | | | NOTE AND RETURN |
| 4.<br>MAJ. TAKER | | | SEE ME |
| SAFLS-3 | | | SIGNATURE |

REMARKS

1. Attached are the findings with regard to the telephone conversation to FTC by SAFLS

2. Also attached are copies of file material re SOURCE

3. Forwarded via rough draft form in compliance with Col. Gilberts instructions.

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| FROM NAME OR TITLE<br>Capt Bolin | DATE<br>20 Jan 08 |
| ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION<br>4E4 | TELEPHONE<br>67216 |

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United Press

# *What Is It?*

**Ralph Mayer, photographer for a Cleveland TV station, said he made this picture of an unidentified flying object while he was serving in the Marine Corps in 1952. Mayer described the object as about 50 feet long and reddish-orange in color. He made movies of it, using a 60-mm. lens, and turned over all of the film except one frame, from which this picture was made, to the Air Force, who, he said, declined to comment on the object.**

Adjudged a "publicity fund" by editors

25 Oct 54



# 'Flying Saucer' Film Elusive, Too

BY WILSON HIRSCHFELD

A sharp controversy over the disappearance of some purported "flying saucer" film was related yesterday by a 24-year-old Clevelander who believes saucers are from another world.

Ralph C. Mayher has brought to the Plain Dealer conflicting statements about the whereabouts of film he shot in Miami the night of July 29, 1952.

A letter from the Department of Defense, dated April 13, 1954, advises Mayher:

"This is to advise you that a search of the Air Technical Intelligence Center files has failed to show that the air force ever received the film which you earlier requested.

"It is our belief that, since this film was originally submitted to a naval base, it must still remain with naval intelligence."

The Pentagon letter was signed by R. C. White, first lieutenant, Office of Public Information.

Mayher then wired to the Ma-

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RALPH C. MAYHER

role in hush-hush investigation of flying saucers.

Shooting 40 feet of film that summer night, Mayher said he managed to catch the flying saucer on 18 frames.

He described it as a brightly shining object, disk-shaped and changing in size and form. He said it was about 2,000 feet distant.

Later, he said, he interviewed three airline pilots who saw the mysterious object that night.

Hoping for another chance to capture the mystery traveler on film, Mayher kept vigil many nights on the ocean beach, camera in readiness. But he never saw it again.

He believes that the flying saucers have been dispatched from another world which has become curious about our V-2s and atomic explosions.

Next month PIC magazine will carry an article about his experience with flying saucers, Mayher said.

He is now employed as a film editor for Television Station WNEW. He lives at 3472 W. 65th Street.

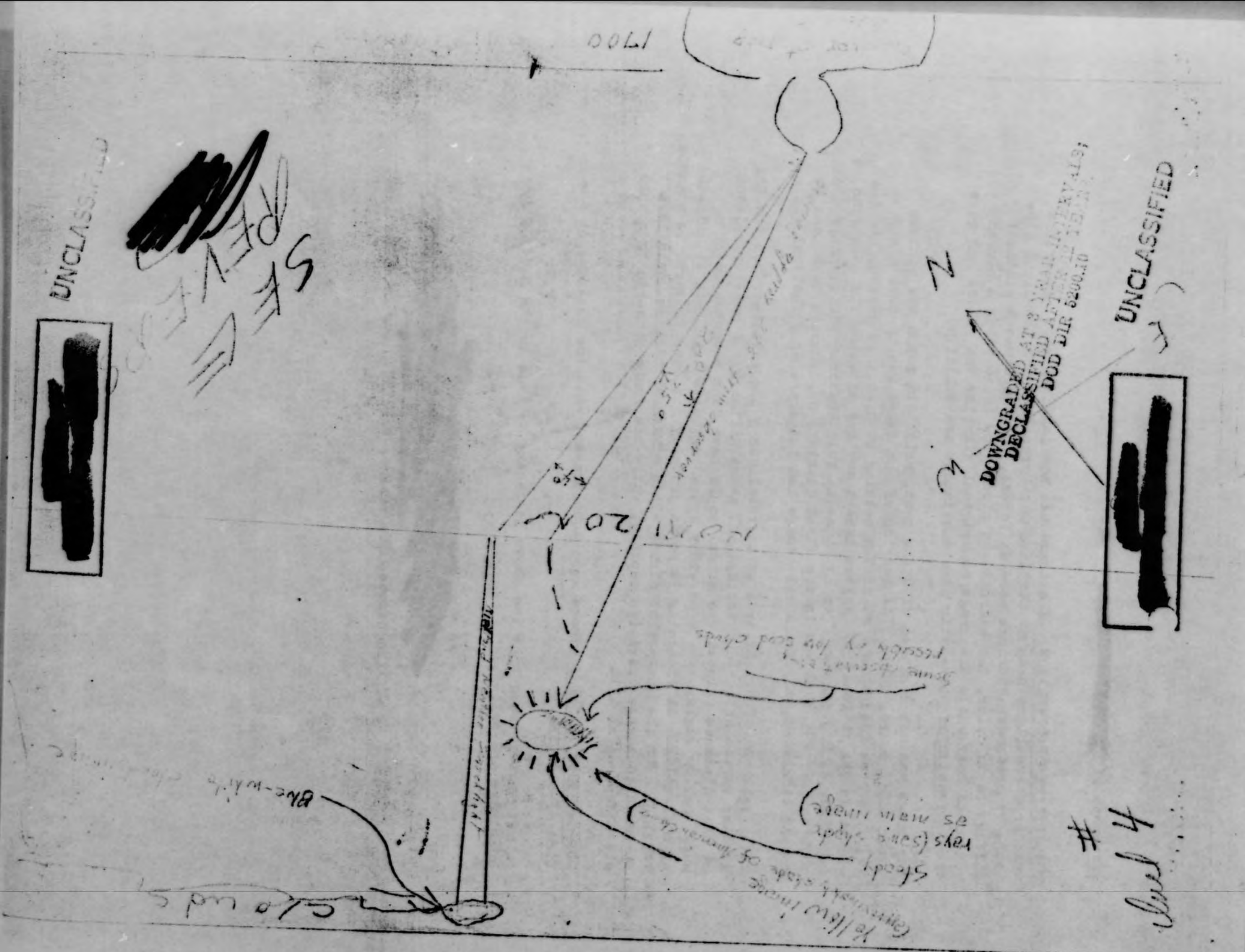
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| United States | WGINT-5-52 | AF 486151 |

# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

| | FROM (Agency) |
|---|---|
| Miami, Florida | Intelligence Office, 435th Troop Carrier Wing (M), MIA, Miami, Florida |

| DATE OF REPORT | DATE OF INFORMATION | EVALUATION |
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| 30 July 1952 | 26 thru 28 July - 52 | B-2 |

| PREPARED BY (Officer) | SOURCE |
|---|---|
| Major William J. Frazier, USAF | Civilian Observers |

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 the nights of 26 thru 28 July 1952 unconventional objects were observed in or near the Miami, Florida area. Two of these observations were reported to the Miami Filter Center which in turn reported to this office. These and other persons making subject observations were subsequently interviewed by this office. A liaison visit was also made to the US Weather Office, MIA, where complete data on balloon releases was obtained, and which explained two observations. This report covers those observations which could not thus be accounted for, and tends to confirm observations as reported in the Miami Herald this date. (See Incl #1.)

Edwin S. Boyd
Capt., USAF
for WILLIAM J. FRAZIER JR.,
Major, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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AF FORM 112—PART II
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

| FROM (Agency) | REPORT NO. | |
|---|---|---|
| Intelligence Office,<br>435th Troop Carrier Wing (M)<br>Miami, Florida | WGINT-5-52 | PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES |

Mrs. [redacted] Biscayne Keys, Florida reported an object at high altitude moving WNW over Biscayne Bay at 00:10 on 29 July 1952.

It appeared to be as large as a four engine transport. The object was circular and was irridescent red, of considerable brillance. It stopped over the edge of the city of Miami, where it hovered in place for almost [redacted] minutes. Mrs. [redacted] called here two sisters who came out and watched it with her.

The object surged spontaneously red to green about every two seconds; while it was green a white aura was observed around the edges. When the object started moving again it surged into a brilliant green, moved slowly at first and then faster. No motion other than directional was observed. There was no noise, no trails. Stops and starts were sudden.

Mrs. [redacted] is the wife of a Naval Officer. In 1950 she and her daughter observed a flying object over Jacksonville, Florida, which she described as being round, rising to a [redacted] top. She further described it as "Shaped like a childs Christmas top". She said the object was quite low, clearly visible, and reflected like sunlight from an auto windshield. Her husband was thought to have made a report on this observation to Naval authorities.

The flashing - burst - or surge of light from red to green at approximately every two seconds would permit the possibility of a conventional aircraft; however the intensity (Brilliance) of the light, circular shape, hovering, and definite stop and start weakens the aircraft hypothesis. The interviewing officer does not feel that Mrs. [redacted] is inclined to imaginative thinking or speculation.

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE - 46 57.00

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object: July

1.1 Date: 29 (Day) ~~October~~ (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of day: 10 (Hrs.) 30 (Min.) A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern
(b. Central)
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
(b. Standard)

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

(a. Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

[redacted] (Postal Address) Dallas (City or Town) Texas (State) Dallas (Country)

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building
b. In a car
(c. Outdoors)
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One): a. In the business section of a city?
(b. In the residential section of a city?)
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

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4. How did you happen to notice the object? ~~I was~~ Just happened to look up in the sky at the stars.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

29 (Day) ~~October~~ July (Month) 1952 (Year)

## SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Sitting in the back yard.

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

Sitting indoors discussing my recent stay in the Hospital the full 30 minutes

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or (No.)

**IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions.**

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One):

a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sun glasses
g. Through open space
h. Other _____

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. No wind
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. Dry
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. Cool
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

## SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 2 Hours 0 Minutes — Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

(a. Certain) c. Not very sure
b. Fairly sure d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) (Solid) or Transparent?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

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| 14.1 | Change direction? | (Yes) | No | Don't know |
| 14.2 | Change speed? | (Yes) | No | Don't know |
| 14.3 | Change size? | (Yes) | No | Don't know |
| 14.4 | Change color? | (Yes) | No | Don't know |
| 14.5 | Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | (No) | Don't know |
| 14.6 | Give off smoke? | (Yes) | No | Don't know |
| 14.7 | Change brightness? | (Yes) | No | Don't know |
| 14.8 | Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | (No) | Don't know |
| 14.9 | Remain motionless? | (Yes) | No | Don't know |

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): (Yes) No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? Azure

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound None

16.2 Color Azure at High altitude - Reddish - orange at lower altitudes

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 7
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.




Others disbursed in several directions rapidly could Not tell
Which "thing" went which direction

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

_____

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

_____

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. Pea
b. Baseball
c. Basketball
d. Bicycle wheel
e. Office desk
f. Automobile
g. Small airplane
(h. Large airplane)
i. Dirigible
j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

(a. Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 2600 feet.
20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 1/2 miles
20.3 How fast was it going? ? miles per hour.
20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

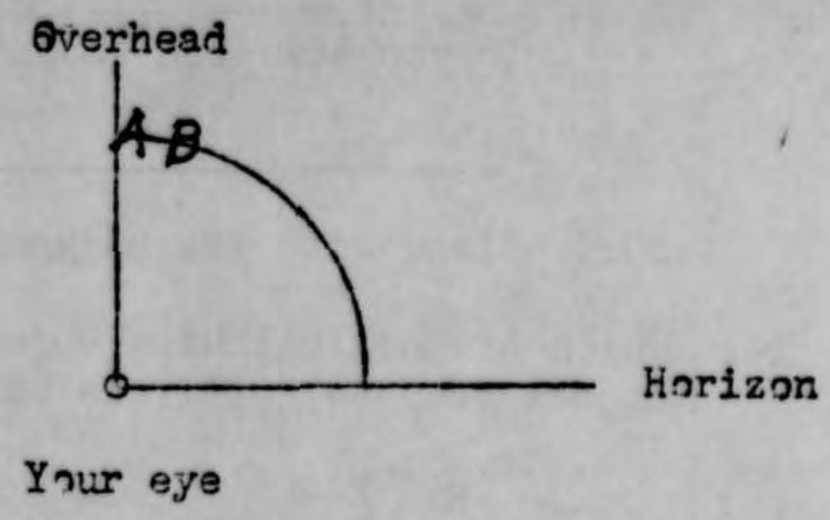
a. Certain
(b. Fairly certain)
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

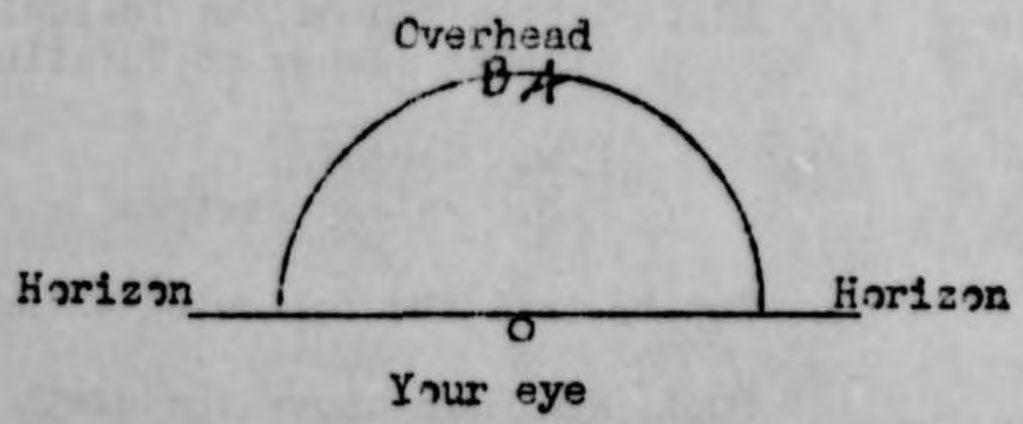
(Circle One): (a. Suddenly)
b. Gradually
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

## SECTION D

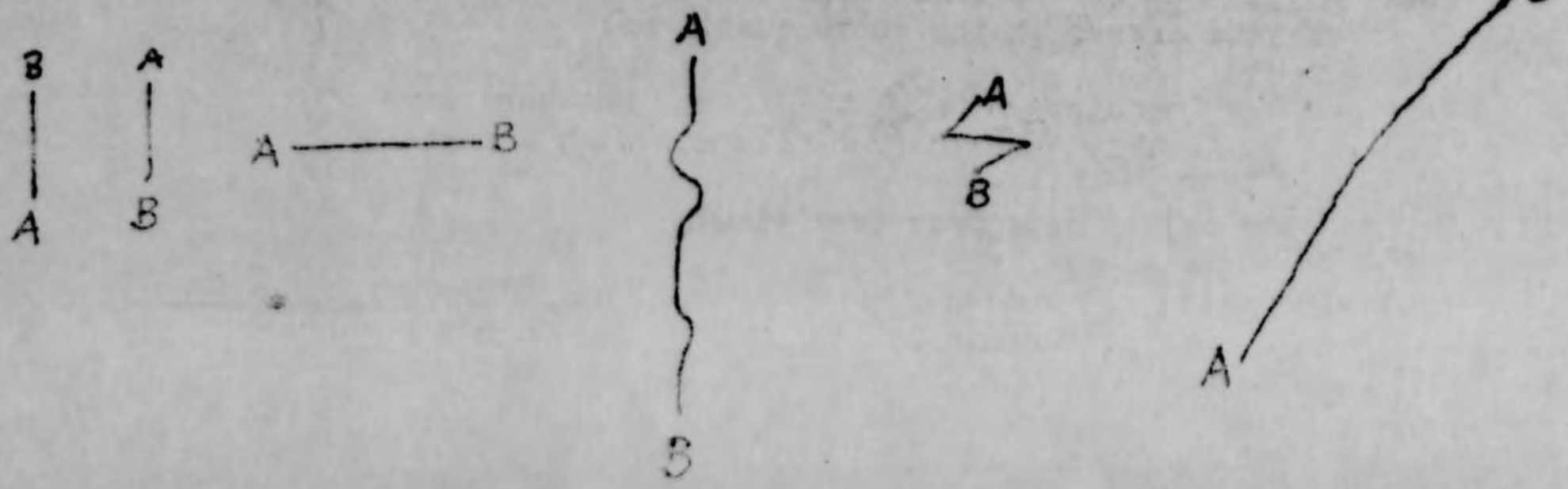
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you <u>first</u> saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when when you <u>last</u> saw it.




23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.




24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



Side View



Bottom View

## SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this? (Circle One): (Yes) No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

_____

_____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] / [redacted] / [redacted]
Last Name / First Name / Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] Street / Dallas City / 11 Zone / Texas State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? Railroad Telegrapher

Age 25

Sex Male

Last School Attended Southern Methodist University

Year of last attendance at this school Spring 1952

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Mrs. [redacted]
Dallas 11, Texas
[redacted]

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

Refer to my letter to you 31. July. 1952.
I am sorry I was not more prompt about returning this but I have spent most of my time between here & Temple, Texas going to the Hospital for a back injury

Relative Size

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At sighting (S) — Yellow

Sighting + 45–60 seconds ($S_1$) — Yellow

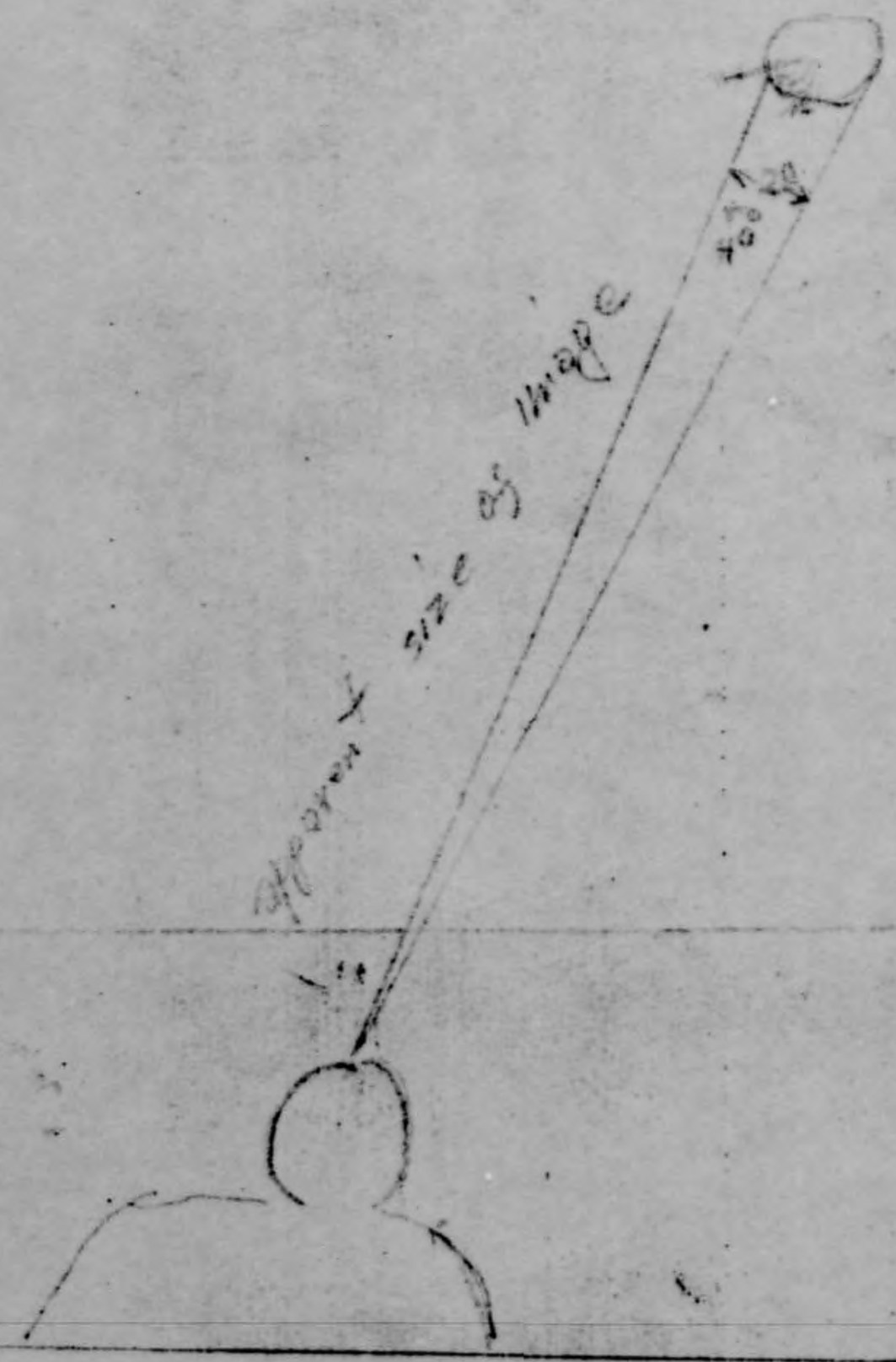
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$S_1$ + 10 seconds — Yellow

$S_1$ + 15 seconds — White

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| United States | | |

# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Reporting (FLYOBRPT)

| AREA REPORTED ON | FROM (Agency) |
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| Detroit, Michigan | BINT 525th Air Base Group, Selfridge AFB, Mich. |

| DATE OF REPORT | DATE OF INFORMATION | EVALUATION |
|---|---|---|
| 4 August 1952 | 1 August 1952 | F-O |

| PREPARED BY (Officer) | SOURCE |
|---|---|
| Joseph P. Kelsey, Major, USAF, Deputy for Opns. | Civilian |

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

FLYOBRPT

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 113—Part II.)

Unconventional object observed in sky over area just north of Detroit, Michigan, at 1940 Eastern Standard Time on 29 July 1952 by Mr. [redacted] and other witnesses.

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1 cy Chief Air Technical Intelligence Center, Attn: ATIAA-2c
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

| FROM (Agency) | REPORT NO. | PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES |
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| Base Intelligence 575th ABG<br>Selfridge Air Force Base, Mich. | | |

On the evening of 29 July 1952 at approximately 1940 hours, Mr. [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] and their thirteen year old grandson [redacted] were driving north on Greenfield Highway between Eight Mile Road and Nine Mile Road. All three members of the party observed an unconventional object in the sky to the north west of their position. The object was described as being the size of a full moon and the color of the sun. Mr. Stoneburgh continued driving north for approximately one(1) mile, then turned off of the highway and attempted to locate the object with a pair of binoculars, but failed to do so. The object was visible for approximately four minutes. Mister S[redacted] estimated the altitude to be 3,500 feet. The object seemed to be in a steady climb of about 40 degrees, and disappeared by flying out of range of vision. No exhaust, vapor trail or sound was noticed by the observers.

Weather was clear, the sun was low in the sky. No air traffic was noticed by the observers although a municipal airport is in the area.

JOSEPH B. KELSEY
Major USAF
Deputy For Operations

[redacted]

HEADQUARTERS
575TH AIR BASE GROUP
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN

BINT 319.1 5 AUG 1952

SUBJECT: Transmittal of FLYOBRPT

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

The inclosed report (FLYOBRPT) is forwarded in compliance with AFR 200-5.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Thos S Blackwell Jr.

2 Incls:
1. AF Form 112, Part I.
2. AAF Form 112, Part II.

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1952 AUG 1 12:15

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/R E S T R I C T E D/ATTN ATIAA-2C BINT 2227AB PD FLYOBRPT PD ITEM ONE CLN/OBJ DESCRIBED BY OBSR AS BEING A BALL OF FIRE THE COLOR OF THE SUN AND THE SIZE OF A FULL MOON PD NO EXHAUST CMA NO SOUND CMA NO VAPOR TRAIL PD DISSAPPEARED BY FLY OUT OF RG OF VISION PD OBJ IN STEADY/CLIMB PD ITEM TWO CLN ONE NINE FOUR ZERO (1940Z) ZEBRA TIME CMA TWO NINE JULY FIVE TWO PD OBSR FOR APROX FOUR MINUTES PD ITEM THREE CLN VIS 8MI ONLY PD ITEM FOR CLN LOC OF OBSR CLN GREENFIELD HWY BETWEEN NINE MILE ROAD AND TEN MILE ROAD CMA DETROIT MICH PD OBJ LOC APRX THREE THREE FIVE DEGREES PD FIS UNKNOWN PD ALT APRX THREE CMA FIVE ZERO ZERO FEET PD ITEM FIVE CLN [redacted]

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MRS [redacted] CNA AND THIRTEEN YEAR OLD BOY CNA [redacted]

PD ITEM SIX CLN WEA CLEAR PD ITEM SEVEN CLN SUN LOW IN SKY PD ITEM EIGHT CLN NEGATIVE PD ITEM NINE CLN NEGATIVE PD ITEM TEN CLN UNKNOWN CNA MUNI APRT IN AREA PD END

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# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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| 61st Fighter-Interceptor Sqdn | | |

1. The object sighted was a single object, low on the horizon. No definite size or shape. There was a distinctive changing of colors, repeating in sequence from white, to bright red, to a bluish-green. No trail or exhaust was visible. Propulsion system unknown. Speed of object was estimated by GCI at 60 knots. Pilots began chase of object and the object increased its speed to remain approximately ten (10) miles away from the F-94B, which was indicating 350 knots (IAS) at 21,000 feet. Pilot and radar observer stated that GCI told them that the object maneuvered between twelve(12) o'clock and one (1) o'clock position. Due to lack of fuel, F-94B had to abandon chase. The flight which followed same route one-half hour later was unable to locate the object.

2. The time of the sighting was from approximately 0240Z until 0300Z on 29 July 1951.

3. The manner of observation was both visually and by radar. The radar observer was able to get a lock on the target for approximately thirty (30) seconds. When he could no longer get a lock on the radar scope, the observation was visual by both the radar observer and pilot. Observation was made from an F-94B aircraft at a speed of 350 knots (IAS) at an altitude of 21,000 feet.

4. The sighting was made at a location twenty (20) miles due west of Port Huron, Michigan at an altitude of 21,000 feet. The object was due north of the observing aircraft. At first sighting, the object was traveling at a distance of four miles ahead of the F-94B.

5. The unidentified object was picked up on the scopes of the GCI and the radar observer. 1st Lieutenant [redacted] has had experience as a navigator, bombardier, and radar observer since 1948. He has studied celestial navigation. On this flight he was acting in the capacity of radar observer. Captain [redacted] pilot, has 2600 hours flying time, and has been a pilot since 1944.

6. The weather at the time of sighting was CAVU.

7. The only known air traffic in the general area at the time of the sighting was B-25 aircraft and two civilian aircraft.

8. The sighting was made by Captain [redacted] pilot, and 1st Lieutenant [redacted] radar observer.

61st Sqdn Selfridge, Mich.

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| United States | | |

# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
FLYOBRPT

| AREA REPORTED ON | FROM (Agency) |
|---|---|
| United States | 61st Fighter-Interceptor Squadron |

| DATE OF REPORT | DATE OF INFORMATION | EVALUATION |
|---|---|---|
| 31 July 1952 | 29 July 1952 | |

| PREPARED BY (Officer) | SOURCE |
|---|---|
| 2d Lt Zilpha T. Boscoe | Lieutenant Victor [redacted] |

REFERENCES (Central number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

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.)

The following report is a description of the sighting of an unidentified object by Captain [redacted] (pilot), [redacted] and 1st Lieutenant [redacted] on 29 July 1952 from approximately 0240Z to 0300Z at a location twenty (20) miles due west of Port Huron.

1 INCL

1 Map (Lake Erie, 3C9)
2 narrative statements

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AUTH: letter [redacted]

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STATEMENT

The undersigned, on the 29th of July, 1952, was on a routine training mission, acting in the capacity of radar observer. In our flight were two F-94B aircraft. We had just finished six intercepts on a B-25 aircraft at approximately 9,000 feet. After completing our intercepts we started climbing out on a heading of 270 degrees to an altitude of 20,000 feet. When we reached that altitude, Avenger (GCI control) called us and asked us if we could see a target at three o'clock low. We looked at three o'clock low and could not see anything at all. We were then told to look high. My pilot, Captain Edward J. Slowinski, then started a starboard turn and as he did, I picked up a target on my scope at 60 degrees. I kept the pilot in a starboard turn until I had the target at 12 O'clock, four miles out, when I locked on the blip. It gave me an airborne indication four miles level. I stayed locked on for thirty seconds when the blip jumped lock. However, in that short space of time, I was able to determine that it was an airborne target four miles ahead and level with us. After it jumped lock, our intercept was attempted visually. The pilot put the F-94B up to 350 knots (IAS) and gave chase. During the chase, GCI kept telling us we were not gaining at all. The target was staying approximately six to ten miles ahead of us. On my visual observance, the target kept putting off what seemed like a changing light in definite sequence of white, red, and bluish-green. That is the only means of identification we had. From personal experience of study in celestial navigation and 1400 hours as a bombadier, radar observer, and navigator, I have never experienced any sighting like this before.

VICTOR HELFENBEIN
1st Lt USAF
Radar Observer

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STATEMENT

On 29 July 1952, the undersigned was on a routine night training flight. The flight consisted of two F-94B aircraft which were working intercepts on a B-25 aircraft at approximately 9,000 to 9,500 feet in altitude. After completing six intercepts on the B-25, the number two man was called and told to complete the intercept and follow the lead ship to a higher altitude. While climbing out on a heading of 270 degrees at an altitude of 20,000 feet, Avenger, the GCI station called and asked if I could see a target at three o'clock low. I searched the area and found nothing. I informed Avenger of this, and was asked to search at three o'clock high. I started a starboard turn and my radar observer, Lt Helfenbein, called and said he had a target at 2:30 level, four miles out. I informed Avenger of this, and was instructed to intercept the target. I observed lights on the target, and at first thought it was a jet aircraft. The time was approximately 2:40 (local). I turned to a heading of 360 degrees, and attempted to close on the target. After completing my turn, the radar observer informed me that he had lost radar contact, so the intercept was attempted visually. After following the target at 21,000 feet for approximately twenty minutes at an airspeed as high as 350 knots (IAS), the chase was abandoned as fuel was getting low, and no gain could be made on the target. Throughout the chase, the object appeared to be giving off a changing light which had a definite sequence of white, red, and bluish-green. No other means of identification could be made. During the attempted interception, GCI called and said that at times they had the target on their screen, and it appeared to keep from six to ten miles ahead of my aircraft.

EDWARD J. SLOWINSKI
Captain USAF

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CASE #8

29 July 1952 Port Huron, Michigan

A/C

Description of Incident

On the night of 29 July 1952 an ACAW station in Michigan observed an unidentified return on the scope. The time was shortly before 2140 CST. The target was plotted at 550 knots on a 360 degree heading for 20 minutes.

Three F-94B a/c were in the area making practice runs on a B-25. One of these a/c was requested by GCI to investigate the unknown target. The a/c climbed out of the practice area on a heading of 270 degrees to 20,000'. GCI called and requested a visual search be made at 3 o'clock. A turn to 3 o'clock was started when the radar operator got a lock-on from a target at 2:30 o'clock level, 4 miles away. The lock-on was held for only 30 seconds. As the turn was made, a bright, flashing, colored light was observed by the pilot. He turned into the light on a heading of 360 degrees and followed it for twenty minutes at an IAS of 350 knots at 21,000'. The light remained between 12 and 1 o'clock. At the time of the lock-on, the a/c was 20 miles W of Port Huron, Michigan.

The GCI radar was carrying both the unidentified target and the F-94 on the scope. Since the F-94 could not close, it was assumed by GCI that the object increased its speed to that of the F-94.

Comments

The other F-94 a/c were airborne, but they continued making practice runs on a B-25 and were not in the area at the time of the sighting.

The star, Capella, is directly in line with the F-94's line of flight and the a/c would have been flying straight toward it. It is very low on the horizon and appears to be flashing green, blue, and red, etc. At first it was believed that this what the pilot saw, but when it was established that both the F-94 and the UFO were being carried on the GCI scope, Capella becomes a doubtful suspect.

It could be that this is a series of coincident weather phenomena affecting the

Relative Size

Color

At sighting (S) — Yellow

Sighting + 45-60 seconds ($S_1$) — Yellow

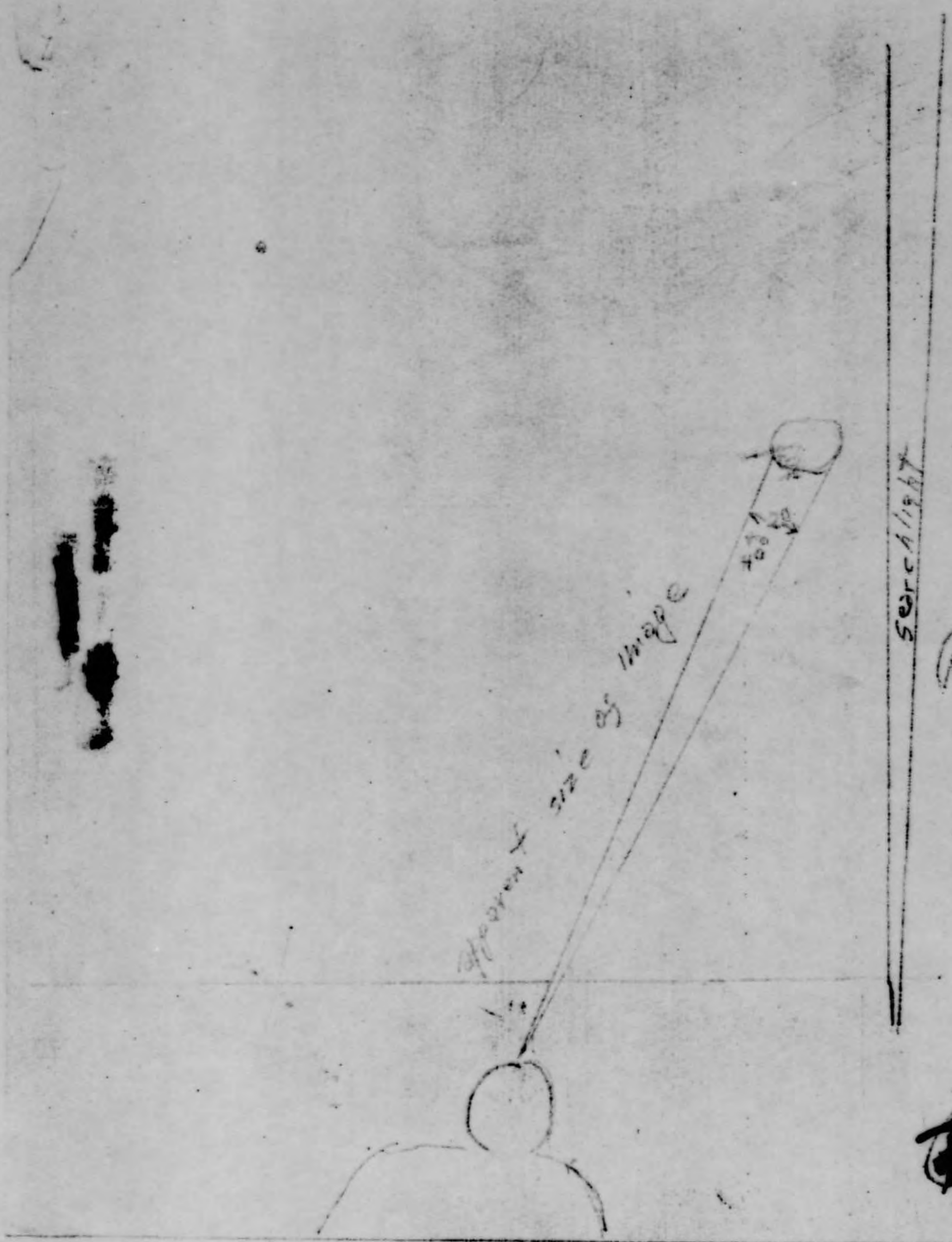
$S_1$ + 5 seconds — whitish-yellow (flashing)

$S_1$ + 10 seconds — Yellow (flashing)

$S_1$ + 15 seconds — White

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CASE #8 (contd)

radar equipment and sightings of Capella, but this is stretching probabilities too far.

A balloon can be disregarded since the speeds are too high for even a jet stream.

Three weak inversions were noted below 10,000'.

Conclusions

Unknown

1956 Comments

The "lock on" is not considered to be significant since it lasted for only 30 seconds.

Pursuit contact lasted for 20 minutes; therefore, the speed of the target was not greatly in excess of the persuing aircraft.

The visual and radar discriptions do not vary widely from that of aircraft.

1956 Evaluation:

Aircraft

Declassified by Authority of DO 61st FIS 7 Oct 54 (Initials of Class O) Class [redacted]

61ST FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON
4708TH DEFENSE WING
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN

7 October 1952

SUBJECT: (UNCL) Flyobrpt

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

In reply to your letter, AFOIN-ATIAA-5, dated 2 October 1952, the following information has been obtained. Some of the information is incomplete due to the lapse of time between your letter and the original report.

a. The unidentified flying object appeared on the GCI scope for a period of approximately twenty (20) minutes. The object was traveling at a speed of approximately 550 miles per hour on a heading of 360 degrees, as determined by the GCI controler. The object was one-quarter (1/4) inch long and rectangular in shape as it appeared on the scope.

b. GCI reports the speed of the object at 550 miles per hour, and not 60 Knots as was given in the original report from this section. According to the report from the interceptor pilots, they increased their speed in order to close in on the object. The controler records that the object maintained its distance from the interceptor aircraft. Therefore, it is estimated that the object increased its speed as the speed of the interceptor aircraft increased.

c. The operators were unable to measure the acceleration of the object.

d. The unidentified object and the pursuing F-94B appeared simultaneously on the GCI scope. The time and duration are not available.

e. The other two F-94B aircraft which were in the area were not carried on the GCI scope at this time. No other information on these aircraft is available.

f. The radar observer in the pursuing F-94B obtained the thirty (30) second lock-on at a location approximately twenty (20) miles due West of Port Huron, Michigan, at 0240 (zebra) hours. The other two F-94B aircraft were intercepting (GCI missions) a B-36 aircraft in the vicinity of Port Huron, Michigan, and Selfridge Air Force Base, Mich.

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g. The pilot and the radar observer of the pursuing F-94B aircraft were able to observe the object visually for a period of approximately twenty (20) minutes, commencing at 0240 (zebra) hours. The location was approximately twenty (20) miles due West of Port Huron, Michigan.

h. Base Weather reports that the weather balloon which is regularly scheduled for release at 0300 (zebra) hours was released at approximately 0300 hours on 29 July 1952. This balloon was of the rawinsonde type. In the event of a failure in the balloon, it takes an estimated one-half hour to prepare another one. It is believed that on 29 July, the balloon was released as scheduled. The track was in an eastwardly direction. A map enclosure showing the track of the weather balloon was made by the Base Weather Office.

Zilpha T. Bosone

1 Incl
Weather Map

ZILPHA T. BOSONE
2d Lt USAF
Intelligence Officer

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AUTH: CG, ATIC
BY: E. J. Ruppelt
DATE: 25 Sep 52

In reply refer to
AFOIN-ATIAA-5

OCT 2 1952

SUBJECT: (UNCL) Flyobrpt

TO: Commanding Officer
61st Fighter-Interceptor Squadron
ATTN: Intelligence Officer
Selfridge Air Force Base
Mt. Clemens, Michigan

1. With reference to your Flyobrpt of 2902ZJul 52, the following additional information is necessary in order to establish velocity, position, and time factors for the sightings:

a. For what duration did the unidentified flying object appear on the GCI scope? Could set operators determine blip size or target shape?

b. Were the GCI set operators who originally estimated the flying object's speed at 60 knots able to determine whether the object increased its speed as the F-94B was vectored onto the target?

c. If so, were the operators able to measure the acceleration of the object?

d. Did the unidentified object and the pursuing F-94B appear simultaneously on the GCI scope? If so, when and for how long?

e. Were the other two F-94B's in the area being carried on the GCI scope? When, where, and for how long?

f. When and in what location did the radar observer in the pursuing F-94B obtain the thirty (30) second lock-on? What was the position of the other two F-94B's at that time?

g. When, in what location, and for how long were the pilot and radar observer of the pursuing F-94B able to observe the object visually?

h. Were there any releases of weather balloons in the Selfridge Air Force Base area prior to the regularly scheduled 0300Z rawinsonde release? If so, can times and tracks of such releases as well as time and track of the regular 0300Z release be established?

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2. In accordance with your letter of 4 August 52, File No. 311.5, subject: "Upgrading of Classified Material", this Flyobrpt has been reclassified Secret.

3. The Air Technical Intelligence Center realizes that the delay in this request for follow-up data may make it difficult to obtain answers to the above questions. However, this Flyobrpt seems to warrant the most careful scrutiny.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

JAMES C. PASCHAL
1st Lieut, USAF
Asst Air Adjutant General

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By Authority of CO 61 FIS
(Initials of Class O)
Date: 4 Aug 52

61ST FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON
4708TH DEFENSE WING
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN

61FIS 311.5 4 August 1952

SUBJECT: Upgrading of Classified Material

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

The Air Intelligence Information report, Subject: FLYOBRPT, dated 31 July 1952, sent from this squadron, is hereby upgraded to the classification of [redacted] by authority of Major Warren S. Patterson Jr, Commanding Officer, 61st Fighter-Interceptor Squadron.

Zilpha T. Bosone

ZILPHA T. BOSONE
2nd Lt., USAF
Intelligence Officer

Planet Capella would be in almost exact
Position of ship - 03002 - Capella —
low on horizon N. Nov. and would be
("Mark").

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ELEVATIONS IN FEET

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CAUTION AREA

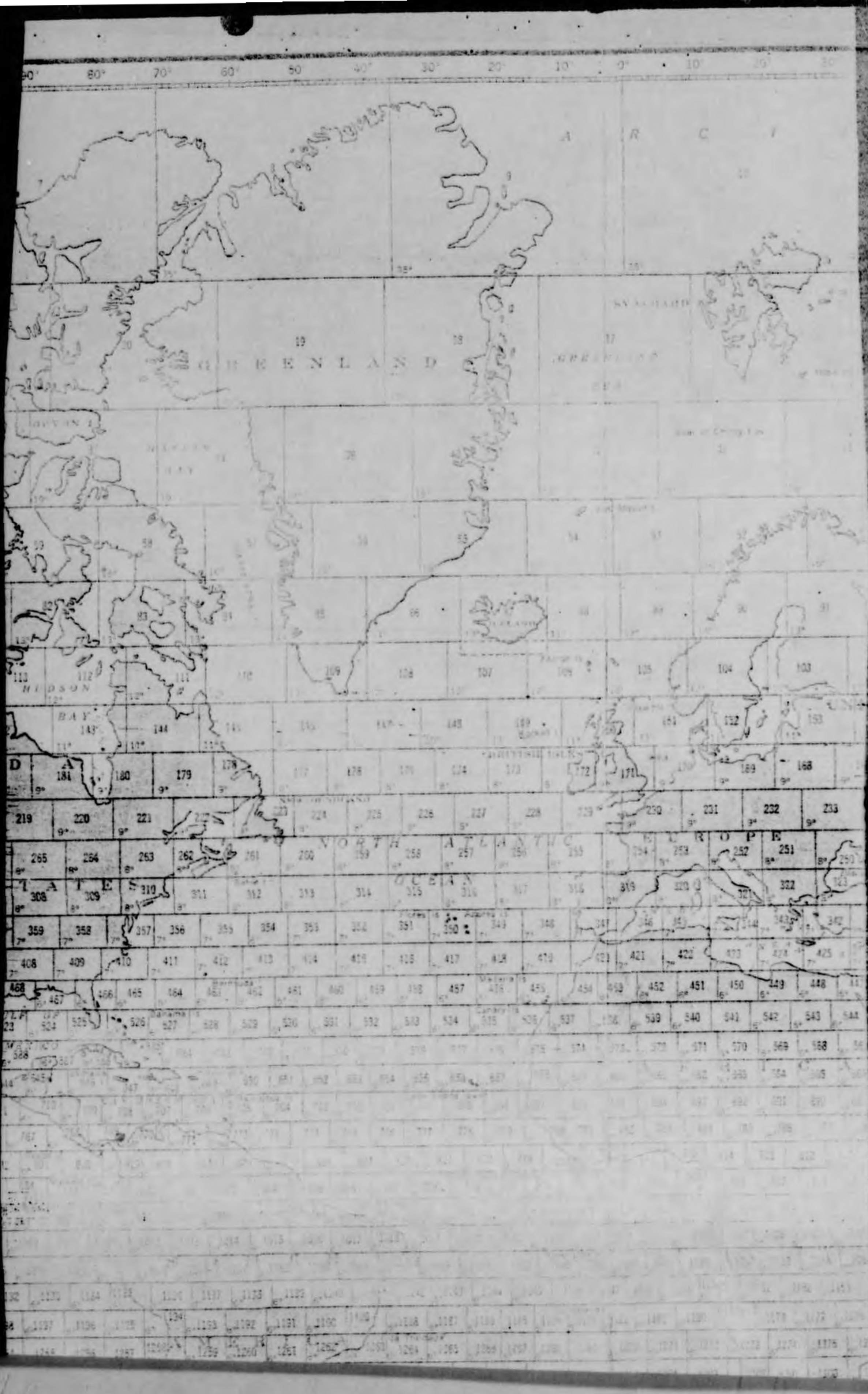
F-94 HAD TO RETURN TO BASE DUE LACK OF FUEL

INITIAL DETECTION

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

F-94 LEFT SHIP

Alabaster
Omer
Au Gres
Pt Lookout
Port Austin
Burnt Cabin
Pt au Gres
Oak Pt
Sand Pt
Caseville
FERTILE ACRES 680 — — 21
Pigeon
Bay Port
SPORTSMENS 592 — — 28
Harbor Beach
HARBOR BEACH 570 — —
Bad Axe
HURON 753 — — 25
Port Hope
RBn HARBOR BEACH 304 (10m-20m & 40m-50m)
Fish Pt
SEWAINO 590 — — 25
Sebewaing
SEBEWAING 594 — — 18
CLEMENTS 590 — — 26
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SKYHAVEN 600 — — 28
CARO 700 — — 33
SAGINAW 601 — — 28
Vassar
Cass River
MARLETTE 625 — — 22
Marlette
WELSH 710 — — 21
FORREST 630 — — 22
Cass City
Caro (C-138)
Sandusky
Carsonville
WILLIAMS 0 — — 16
Croswell
CROSWELL CITY 73 — — 25
Brown City
YALE 25 — — 23
Yale
Lexington
DANGER AREA APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 30 (D-60)
DANGER AREA DECEMBER 1 TO MARCH 31 (D-59)
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DANGER AREA
RBn LAKE HURON 304 (10m-20m & 40m-50m)
Forest
Port Huron
Sarnia
CARNIA RANGE 404 ZR
Petrolia
RED 63
RED 27
Oil Springs
BLUE 91
Dresden
Wallaceburg
Chatham
Thamesville
Tilbury
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Leamington
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Amherstburg
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Windsor
DETROIT
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FLINT
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FLINT RADIO 338 FMT
Lapeer
Davison
SEELY 590 — — 18
DALTON
BISHOP 602 L H 50 28 119.5
TROTT BROS 568 — — 22
RED 12
Almont
ST CLAIR CO 649 — — 38
ROMEO 730 — — 25
Romeo
Oxford
Lake Orion
ORION 1085 — — 76
Richmond
St Clair
SELFRIDGE RADIO 230 MYO
Marine City
PONTIAC 941
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Utica
Mt Clemens
SELFRIDGE 595 — — 27
Algonac
WINGS 630 — — 30
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WAYNE
WINDSOR RADIO 353 OG
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ANN ARBOR
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NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN
E U R O P E

# PSEUDO-ADIABATIC DIAGRAM

CHART ML-12-A

LEGEND

(1) Abscissas are temperatures ($t$) in °C.

(2) Ordinates are $P^{0.286}$ where $P$ = pressure in mb.

(3) Sloping straight lines on base are dry adiabats, i. e., lines of constant potential temperature (°A.).

(4) Broken, overprinted curves are pseudo-adiabats. Figures thereon are equivalent potential temperatures (°A.) and potential pseudo-wet-bulb temperatures (°C.).

(5) Undrawn, overprinted curves are lines of constant saturation mixing ratio in grams of water vapor per kilogram of dry air (assuming saturated conditions).

(6) The latter two sets of curves are computed under the assumption that for all temperatures, including those below 0 °C, saturation is with respect to a flat surface of liquid water.

(7) The printed curve on the base passing through the point $t = 15$°C., $P = 1013.25$ mb., represents the U. S. Standard Atmosphere pressure-temperature relationship. Stratospheric temperatures are assumed to be −55 °C. at pressures less than 224.5 mb.

Absolute temperatures are on the approximate absolute scale: $T$ °A. = (273 + $t$ °C.).

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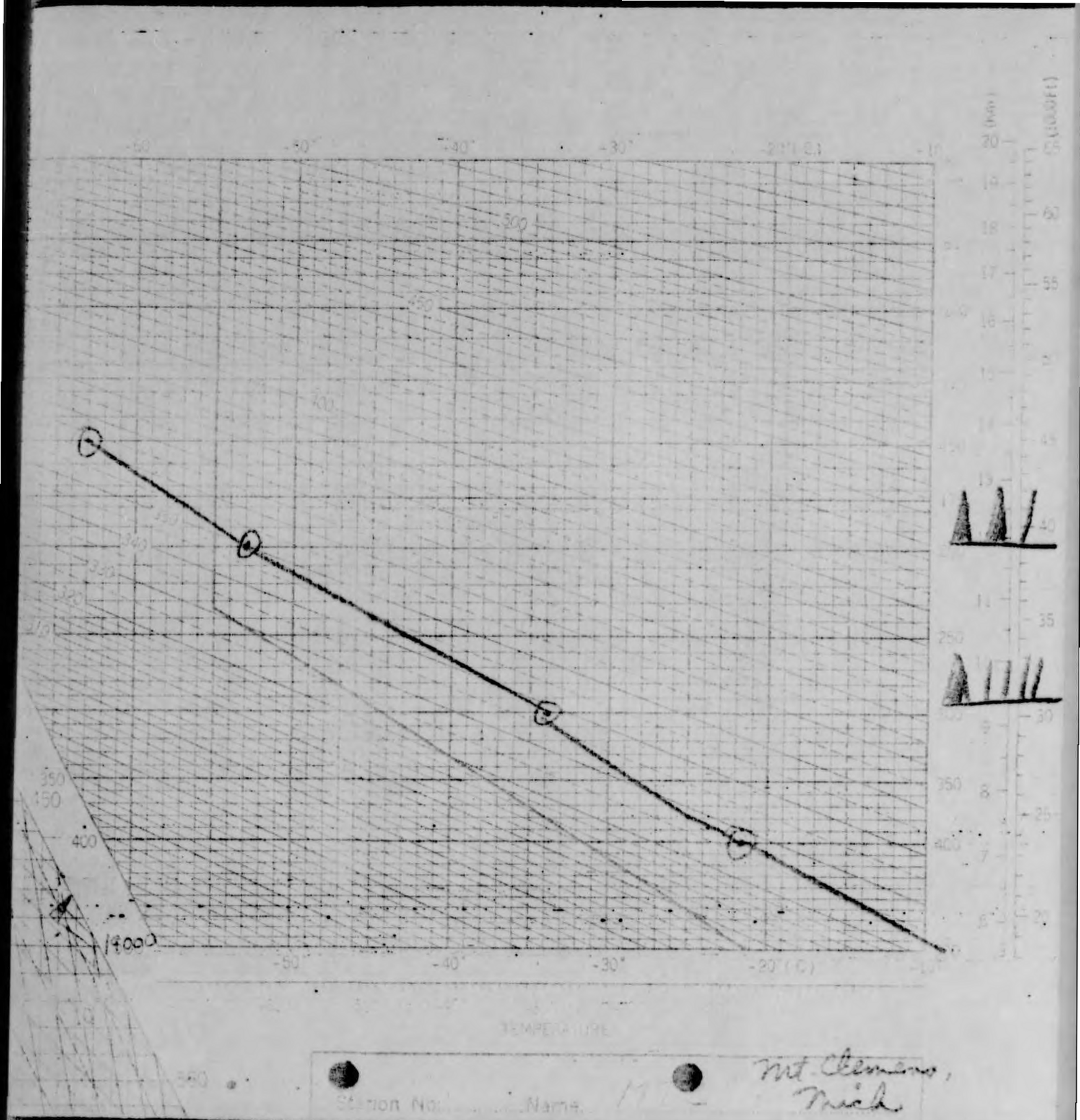
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MIXING RATIO


-50
-40
-30
-20°(C)
300
400
14000
TEMPERATURE
Mt. Clemens, Mich.

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
29 Jul 52

2. LOCATION
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 29/2305MST
GMT 30/0605Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
X Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
X No

6. SOURCE
AW II Pilot

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
3 min

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One

9. COURSE

10. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other
X Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

11. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Elliptical shaped, yellow object changed colors from yellow to white then disappeared.

12. COMMENTS
1. Two a/c in area at the time of the sighting.

2. Object could have a/c lights.

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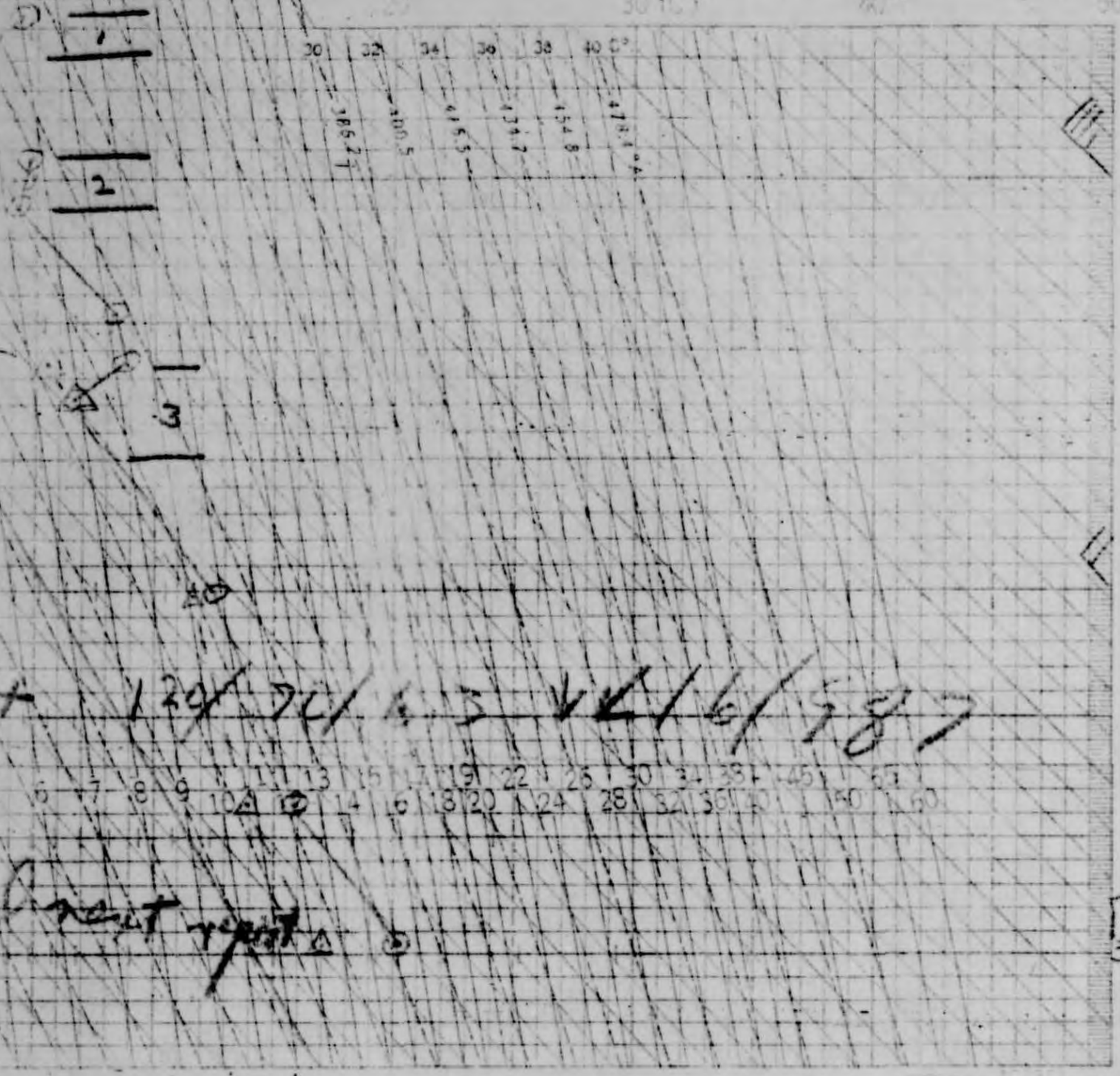
MTC 40 @ 100 ft 200 ft

CHART ML-128A
1 JULY 1945 — AIC STOCK NO. 7A507A

Date (Z): 27 July 1988 Hour: 0900 Z

Local Time: 2200 LST Station Height:

Plotted By: Time Completed:



# UTICAL CHART [redacted]

Compiled to ICAO Standards.
ICAO number add 2000 to the chart number.

SIGHTINGS AT GALLS AFB
1500-1750 20 JULY 52

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SECOND SIGHTING

FIRST SIGHTING

NOTE: It is requested that users of this chart indicate corrections and additions which come to their attention and notify "THE DIRECTOR, U.S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C."

VERY HIGH FREQUENCIES (VHF) PRINTED IN BLUE
BLUE TINT INDICATES AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLED AREAS

SCALE 1:1.000.000
Date of magnetic information 19
GEORGE 452

Lambert Conformal Conic Projection
Standard Parallels 33° and 45° Scale 1:1,000,000

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MR & MRS [redacted]
DESCRIBED AS

FLIGHT PATH OF OBJECT

GREAT FALLS AIR DEFENSE IDENTIFICATION ZONE

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U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

— (Day) July-August (Month) 1952 (Year)

2. Time of day: about (Hours) 1-3 (Minutes)

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): (a. Daylight Saving)
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

— (Nearest Postal Address) Englewood (City or Town) N.J. (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) — (Hours) about (Minutes) [redacted]15 seconds (Seconds)

(a. Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? estimation afterwards

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

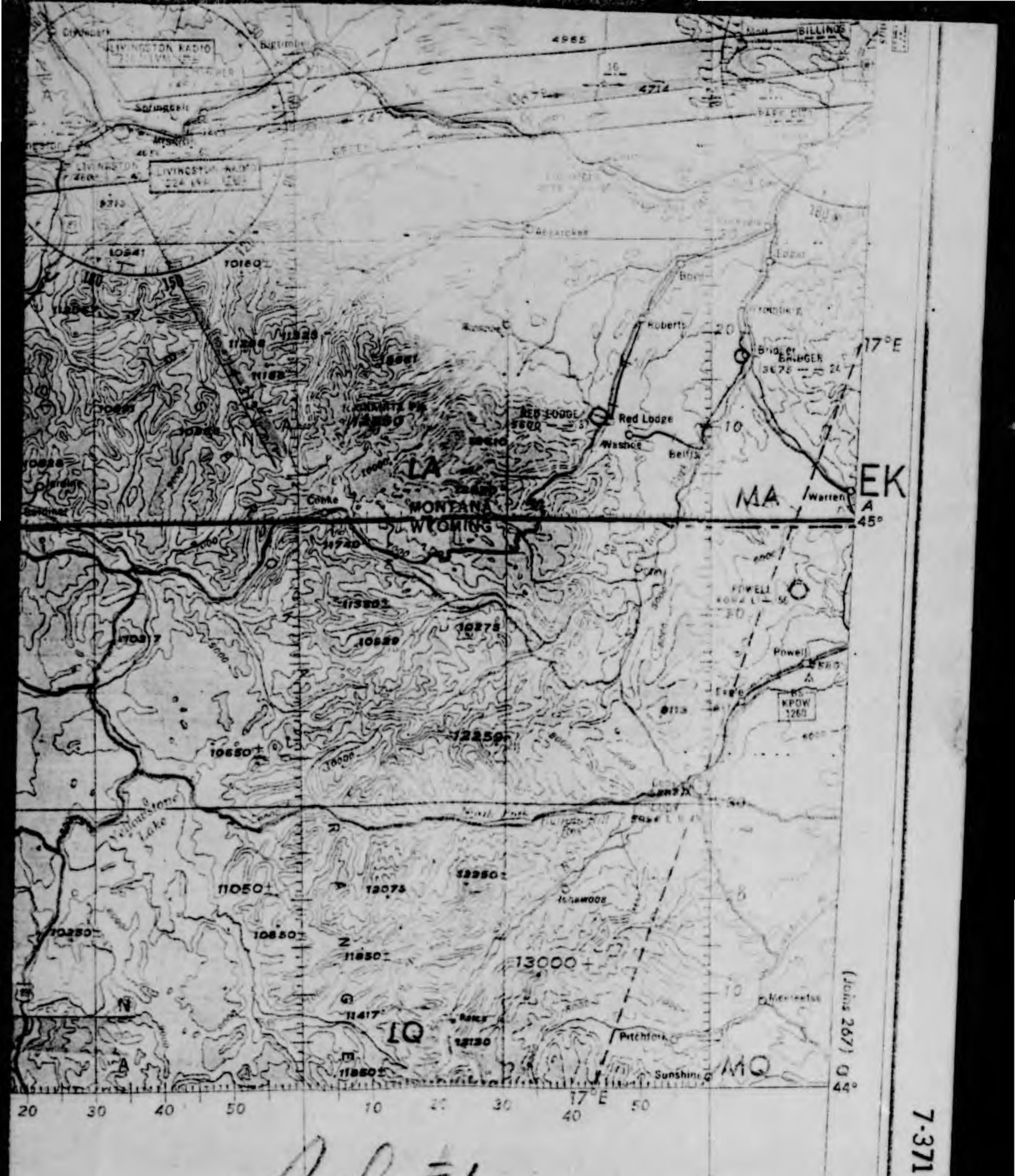
| DAY | NIGHT |
|---|---|
| (a. Bright) | a. Bright |
| b. Cloudy | b. Cloudy |

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
(b. In back of you)
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

FORM FTD OCT 62 164 This form supersedes FTD 164, jul 61 which is obsolete

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Consult Coast and Geodetic Survey Radio Facility Charts and Civil Aeronautics Administration Airman's Guide for changes in aeronautical information on this chart after April 2, 1952

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# FORCE UFO FORM



8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight—pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS *(Circle One)*:

(a. Clear sky)
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER *(Circle One)*:

(a. Dry)
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: *(Circle One)*:

(a. Solid)
b. Transparent
c. Vapor
d. As a light
e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? *(Circle One)*:

a. Brighter
b. Dimmer
c. About the same
d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

12. The edges of the object were:

*(Circle One)*: a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
(c. Sharply outlined)
d. Don't remember

e. Other It's color was blue— slightly darker than the blue of the sky

13. Did the object:

*(Circle One for each question)*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | (No) | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | (Yes) | No | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | (No) | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | (No) | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | (No) | Don't know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | (No) | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | Yes | (No) | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | (No) | Don't know |

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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

Yes - It accelerated so fast that the human eye couldn't follow it and it disappe

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: _____

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound No sound at all

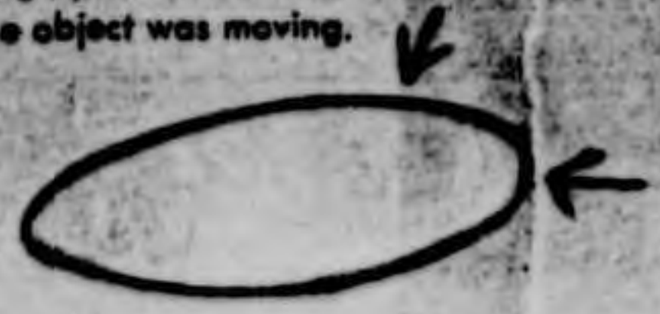
b. Color Blue - darker blue than the sky

c. No vapor trail

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

1/3 covered

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



moving downward at first and then to the left

# UFO form continued



20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 200 mph at first — then accelerated too fast for human eye to follow

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 1,000 ft. before it disappeared

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One):

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
(c. Outdoors)
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other _____

23. Were you (Circle One)

(a. In the business section of a city?)
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses (Yes) No
b. Sun glasses Yes (No)
c. Windshield Yes (No)
d. Window glass Yes (No)
e. Binaculars Yes (No)
f. Telescope Yes (No)
g. Theodolite Yes (No)
h. Other _____

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

the bottom of a coffee cup saucer as seen from underneath but at a slight angle.