

UFOB INDEX CARD

1. DATE 3 28 March 1955		2. LOCATION New York, N. Y.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Searchlight ☐ Insufficient Data for Conclusion ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 040035 2 Mar 55		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS 240035 2 Mar 55 ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Unk.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one (1)		9. COURSE Stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One white, oval object was observed by an elderly woman. From the preliminary report there was no indication of directional motion nor drastic change of appearance.				11. COMMENTS D/I 26th ADiv also observed the same phenomenon from the air and concluded that sighting was caused by cloud reflections. SEARCHLIGHT ACTIVITY REFLECTING FROM CLOUD LAYER.	

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SUBJECT: H 3408			
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REPORTED BY (G-2): WILLIAM C VAN NORMAN, Major, USAF		SOURCE: See contents below	
REF: AFM 200-2 dtd 12 Aug 54; AFM 100-1; THE CONTINUING			
DTC: 04/04/97 MAR 55; ADOR 200-7 dtd 25 Jan 55			

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- PART TWO: Description of sighting by Cpl John J. GATREY, USMC, Marine Barracks, Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York
- PART THREE: Description of sighting by Mrs. [REDACTED] Street, New York (GEORGE HARL 0245)
- PART FOUR: Investigators Summary

III. SUMMARY: AF 04/1715/Z MAR 55, Det 3 was directed by Headquarters, AF026 AESS to conduct a follow-up investigation of a UFO sighting northeast of the George Washington Bridge (GEORGE HARL 0251). Sightings were reported to Commander, Eastern Sea Frontier and Commander, Third Naval District by Mrs. [REDACTED] housewife, and Cpls Joseph E. LIDLEY and John J. GATREY, USMC. Mrs. [REDACTED] after sighting the object, called the police, FBI, weather bureau and was finally referred to the Commander, Eastern Sea Frontier. The sightings on duty at 90 Church Street, NYC (GEORGE HARL 5943), LIDLEY and GATREY, immediately looked out of the window and were able to observe an object for approximately five (5) minutes until it disappeared from view. The time of the disappearance of the object coincides with all three (3) reports of the sighting. The probability of the fact that the sighting was a beam of light was confirmed by a statement from Captain Bailey, D/1, 26th Air Division (see Part Four, Investigators Summary) who was flying at 1500 feet over New York Harbor at the time of the initial sighting and reported high intensity search light activity in the area.

III. INVESTIGATORS: S/Sgt John P. Bannon, AF 11 210 085
A/IC Raymond G. Snyder, AF 12 403 072

William C Van Norman
WILLIAM C VAN NORMAN
Major USAF
Officer in Charge

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I. SOURCE: Joseph E. LIDY, USMC

Age: 19

Duties: Guard at 90 Church St., NY, NY

Length of Service: 12 months

Education: High School

Station: Marine Barracks, Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York

II. REMARKS: SOURCE was very anxious to get the information over with as he was on his own time and planning to drive home and gave the impression that the interrogators were only holding him up. SOURCE relied a great deal on Marine Cpl CARTER for his answers and did not appear to have any confidence in his own statements. SOURCE stated that during the day they had been talking about the sighting with other members of their unit in the barracks and there appeared to be the possibility that the Corporal's statements were somewhat distorted by constant repetitions. It is felt that the information received from SOURCE may not be considered too reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING

1. SOURCE was on duty inside building located at 90 Church Street, New York City, New York on the 15th floor. The duty officer received a call from a Mrs. CHASSEN about an unidentified object and told SOURCE and Marine Cpl CARTER to look out of the window at approximately 21:5 hours, EST (01/0215/7 MAR 55). SOURCE observed a flickering white light and then left to get a pair of binoculars for better observation.

2. During the two (2) or three (3) minutes that SOURCE observed this object it appeared to be a cluster of flashing white lights moving in a westerly direction. The object was observed in the North at approximately 245 degrees moving in a westerly direction until it exploded. The object was about the size of a baseball held at arms length. It was located about five (5) miles from SOURCE with an estimated speed at first sighting of 170 miles per hour and right before it exploded it had reached a speed of approximately 600 miles per hour. This estimate was based on the relative speed of aircraft flying in the area.

3. SOURCE could not remember any wind data but stated that there was a heavily clouded sky and it was dry and cold.

4. SOURCE stated that the object looked like flashing lights moving across the sky.

5. The object disappeared by exploding.

6. SOURCE had no idea what the object was or what might have caused it.

2 Incls:

1. Drawing of Object
2. Location of Object

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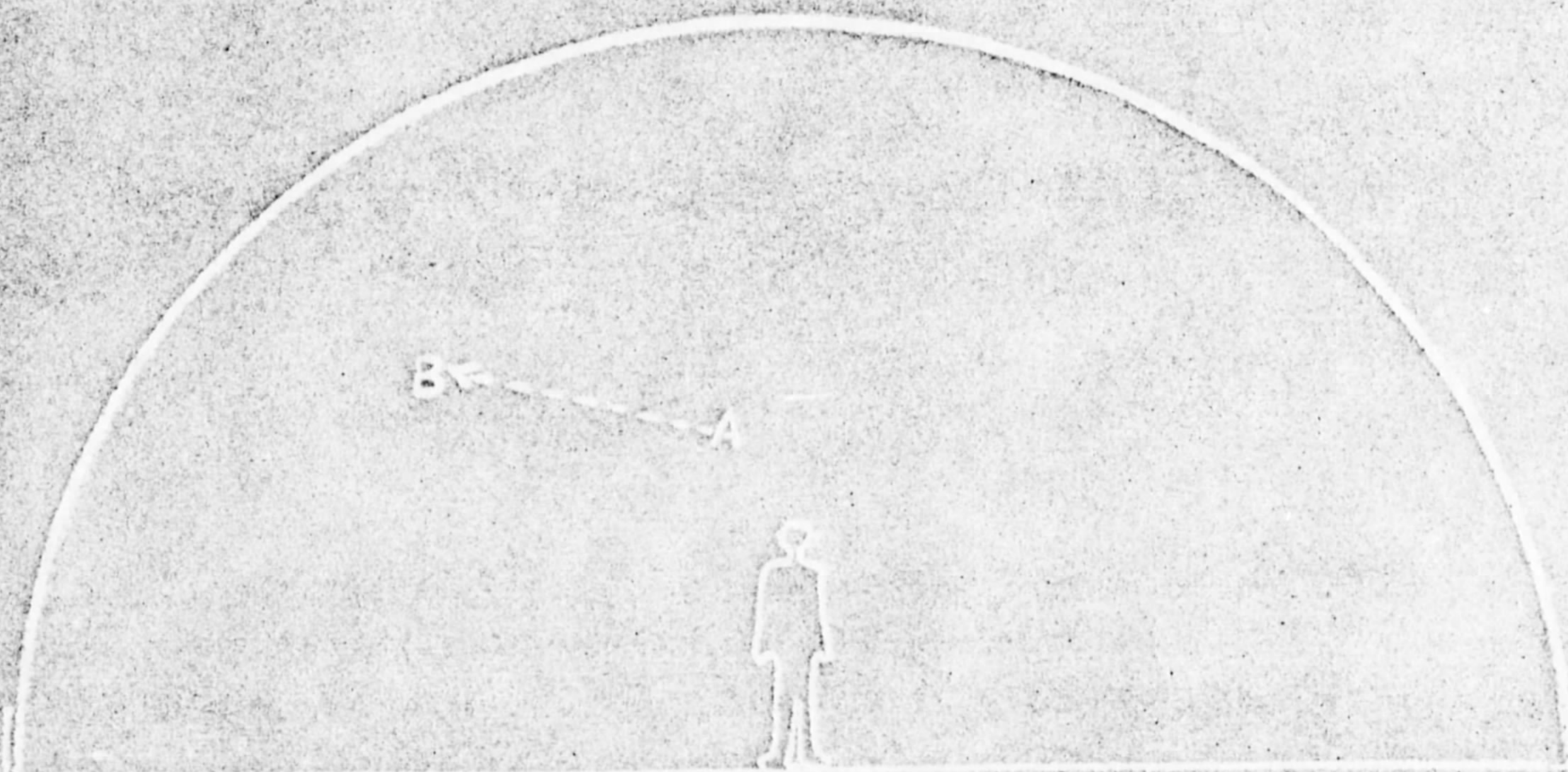
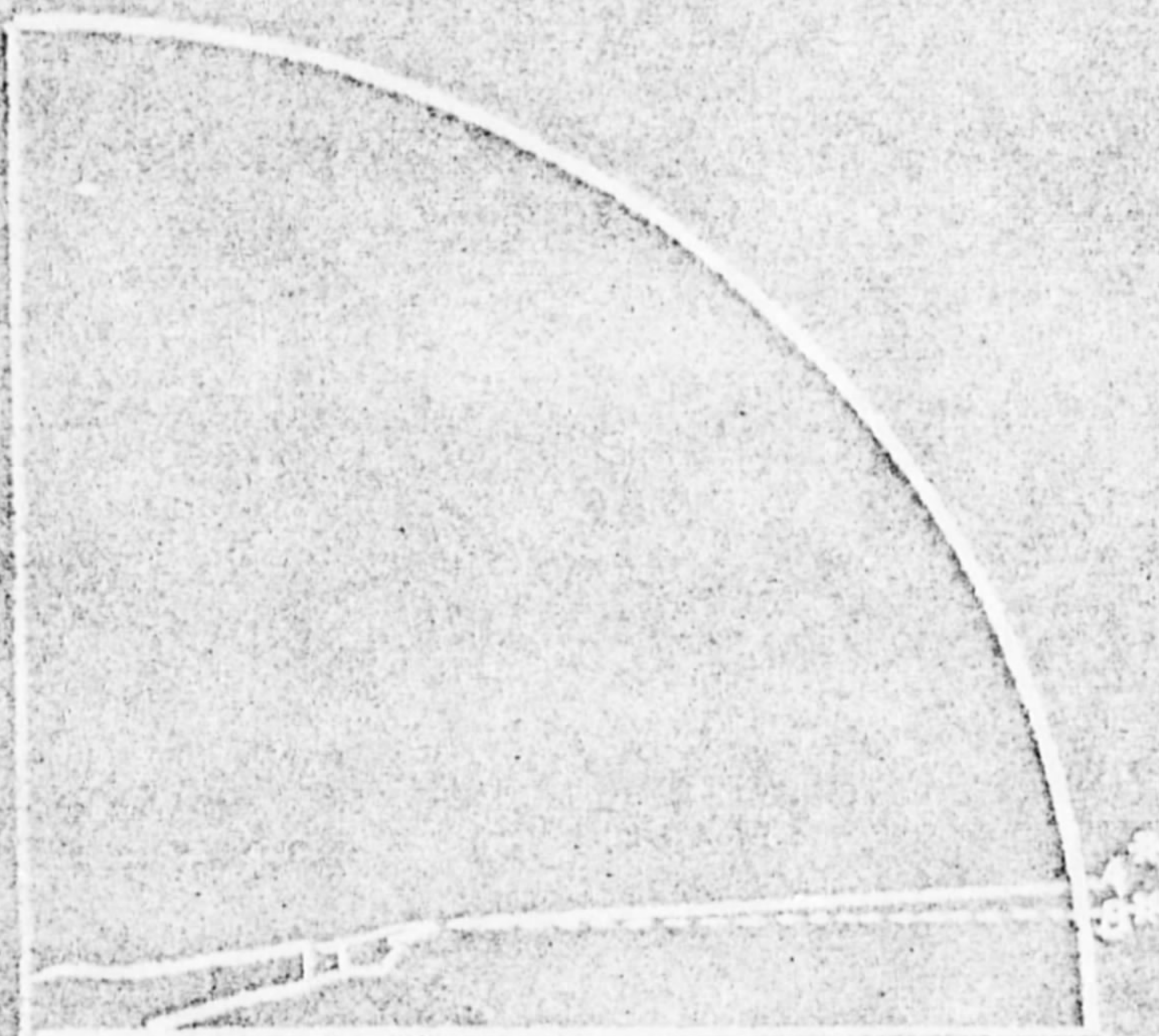
Incl #2, PART ONE, Page DS-1102-2-55
 tracing of Drawing showing location
 of Object as seen by Gpl Linder (Unretouched)

A. Position of object when SOURCE first saw it.

B. Position of object when SOURCE last saw it.

A. Shows how high the object was from the horizon when first seen.

B. Shows how high the object was from the horizon when last seen.



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I. SOURCE: John J. Gaffney, USMC

Age: 19

Length of Service: 12 months

Duties: Guard at 90 Church St., NY, NY

Education: High School

Station: Marine Barracks, Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York

II. RELEVANCE: SOURCE was a rather glib person who seemed to glory in his newly gained importance. Although he undoubtedly saw an object and observed it through binoculars, it is believed that SOURCE's story had been embellished after constant re-telling in the Marine barracks. It is believed that the information may be considered fairly reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE was on sentry duty on the 15th deck (G-deck) on building located at 90 Church St., NY, NY. The duty officer received a telephone call from a Mr. Glasser reporting a flying object. The duty officer, while still at the phone, told SOURCE and Marine Cpl Lacey to look out the window. This was at approximately 21/5 hours, EST (01/02/62/2 MAR 55). SOURCE observed a flickering white light which gradually turned to a vivid, flashing, pulsating red which gradually picked up speed and disappeared from view.

2. During the five (5) minutes that SOURCE observed this object (two minutes of this time with binoculars) it appeared as a cluster formation with lights all over it, moving in a generally westerly direction. It disappeared and then reappeared at the initial point of sighting and again continued in a westerly direction until it disappeared from sight. Object looked to be about the size of a baseball held at arm's length and was located at an estimated distance of five (5) miles with a speed varying from approximately 170 to 600 miles per hour. This estimate was based on the relative speed of aircraft flying in the New York area.

3. SOURCE could not remember if there was a wind but did state that the sky was cloudy with no stars or moon and that it was cold and dry.

4. SOURCE stated that the object looked like a cluster, spherically shaped and was very similar to a perpetually exploding sky rocket.

5. The object disappeared from sight gradually growing smaller as the distance from the observer increased.

6. SOURCE had no idea what the object might have been.

3 Incls:

1. Drawing of Object Moving
2. Location of Object
3. Location of Object

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Tracking of drawing showing object
as seen by Col. Gentry



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Notion of Object as traced
from Opt. facility in direction



- A- Initial detection (10) seconds
- B- Disappearance
- C- Disappearance completely

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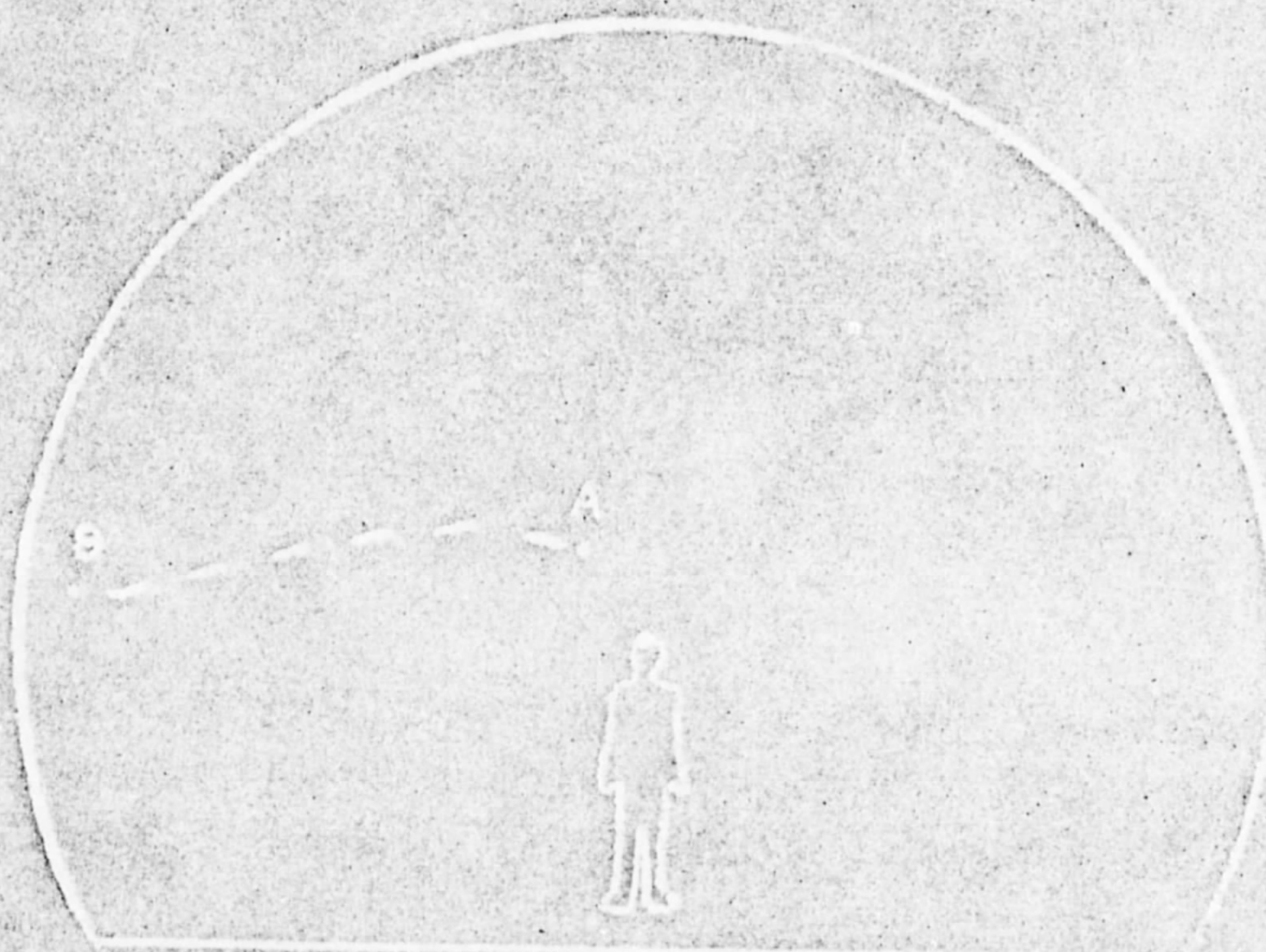
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 Tracing of Drawing by Cpl CANNERY
 showing location of Object (Un-touched)

- A. Height of object above the horizon when first seen.
 B. Height of object above the horizon when last seen.



- A. Location of object when first seen.
 B. Location of object when last seen.



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1. SAURER, with her husband and family in the third Group, the
 first in - number, at 2455 hours (07/01/57/11/55) called their attention to the
 orange light visible from a window on the fourth floor of the apartment. It appeared
 to be a gas light and had unburned. The light was coming from a corner
 of the room.

2. SOURCE continued to observe the object for 55 minutes during which time it occasionally appeared to move behind clouds but reappeared within 30 seconds. SOURCE also observed a second object which appeared above the main rotating body which lasted for 20 seconds and then faded away. This second object (pear shaped) did not move or rotate but appeared and disappeared once during every third or fourth revolution of the main body. The objects were always close to the south and looked just like the smaller planets which appear half at a time. SOURCE could not estimate speed or distance.

4600A 347 SOURCE could not get information as to whether or not the person who was seen in the car was the same person who was seen in the car on 11/11/68.

6. SOURCE is informed that the object was a bag of Krong-hue fiber composed of two American cotton fibers in the shape of a ball and one made with woven cotton.

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1. Arrangement of Object
2. Basis of Object
3. Position of Object
4. Drawing by Source's 12 yr. old son
5. Sketching of Source

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Task 11
 Tracking of Ground Support Equipment
 of Object assigned by AF 3-46024



A. Examined in view of task completed
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Mapping of drawing showing location
of Object as seen by Det. 57 46025 ATSS



Second Object stated to appear at about every
three to four hours of first Object



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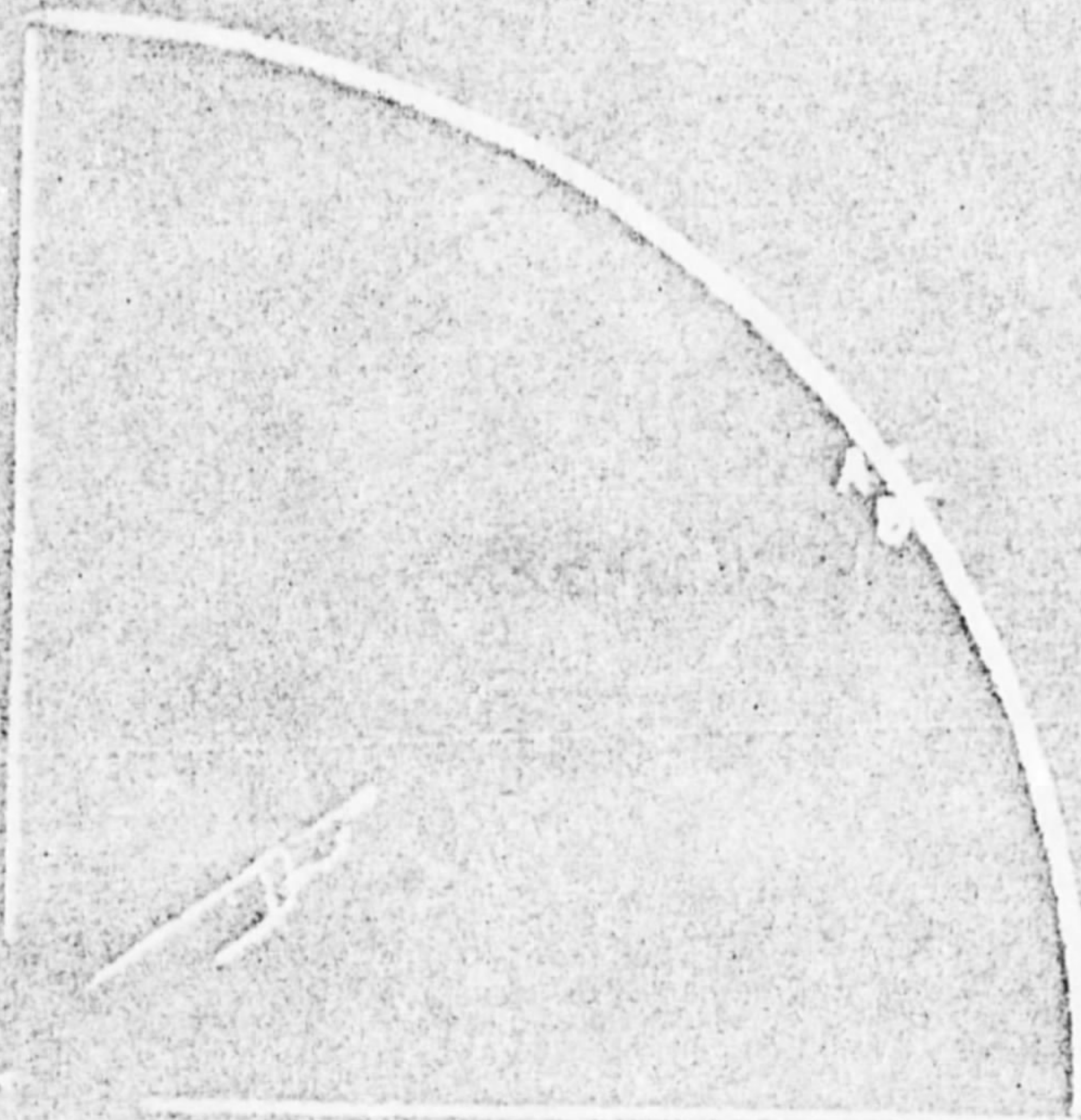
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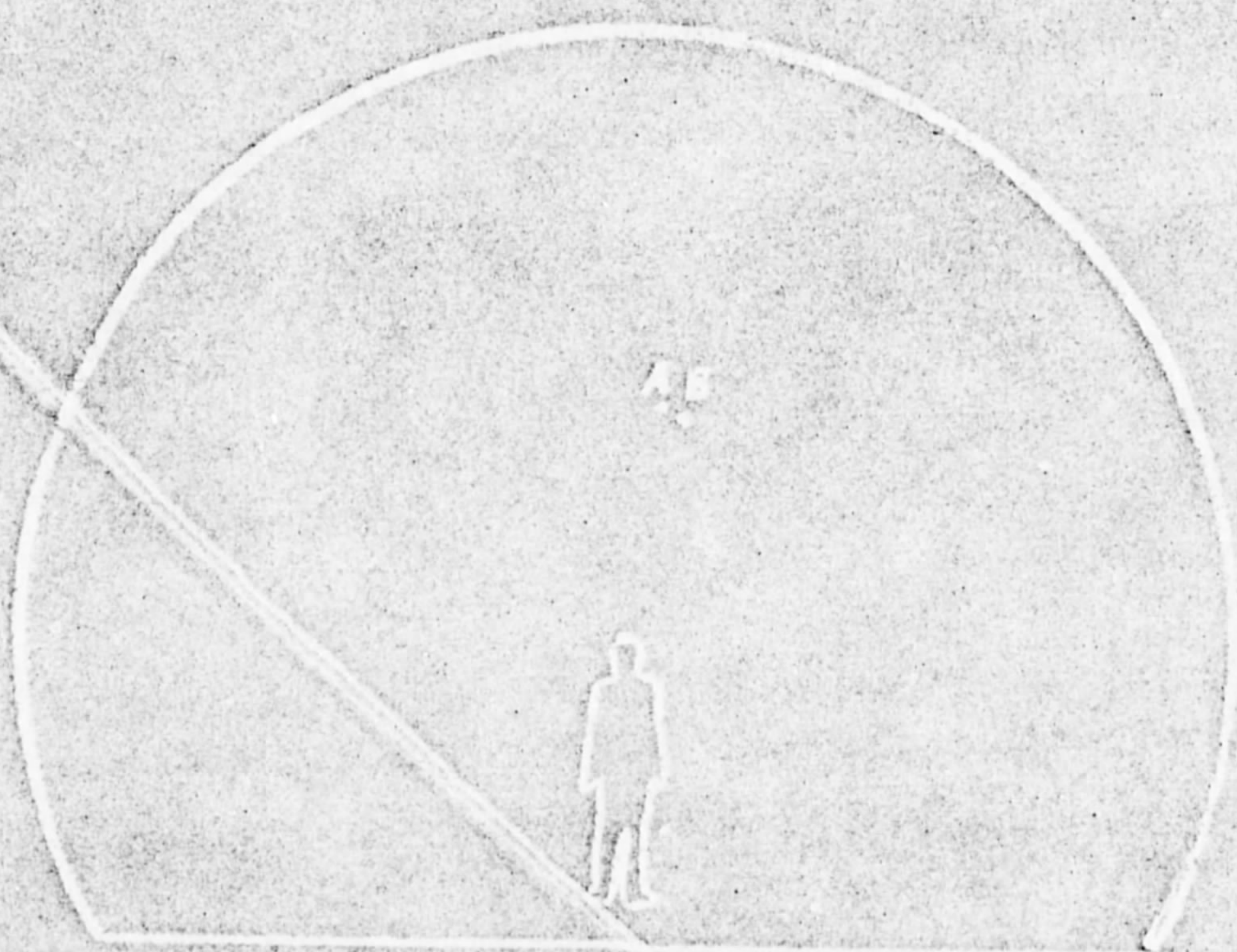
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 Tracking of Drawing by Mrs. Giesse showing
 location of Object (Unidentified)

- A. Height of object above the horizon when first seen.
 B. Height of object above the horizon when last seen.



- A. Location of object when first seen.
 B. Location of object when last seen.



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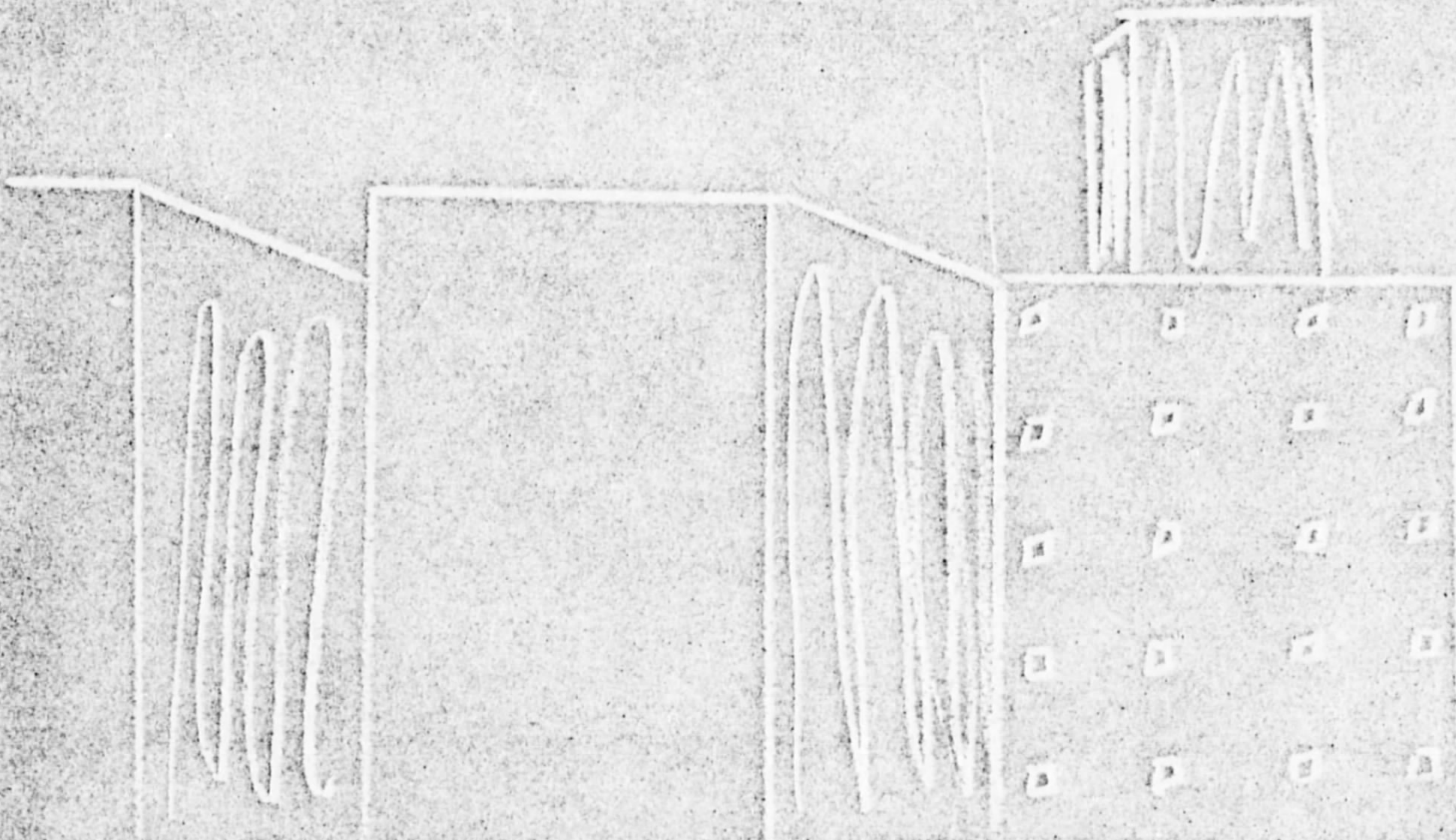
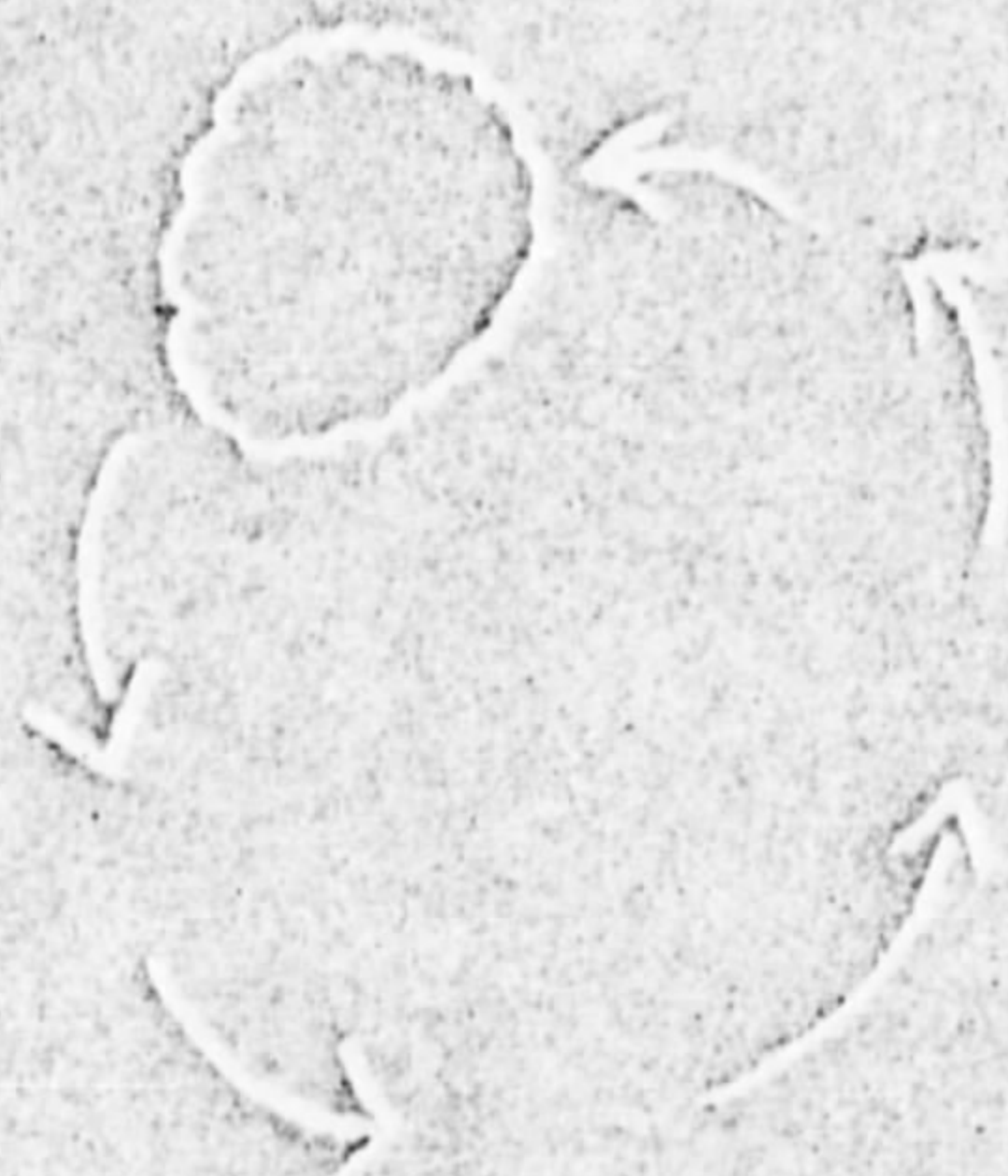
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Tracking of landing of object as seen
by SUNDAY 12 year old son. (unrehearsed)



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Statement of [REDACTED]

STATEMENT

My husband came home from work on the night of March 3rd 1955. As he approached [REDACTED] Street he glanced up and saw an object in the sky. He was facing South at the time. He brought my attention to it and my son and I both joined my husband in observing this object which seemed to appear in circles rotating constantly. It also disappeared at intervals appearing again as if hidden by clouds. It made revolutions of approximately six inches in the sky. The object appeared as a heavy round light which took on a shape at times. A second object, also sort of pear-shaped appeared about 12 inches above the first. This second object appeared and disappeared at intervals but did not rotate. Both objects lasted about one hour and faded out simultaneously.

STATEMENT

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WILLIAM C. VAN NORDAN
Major USAF

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INVESTIGATOR'S SUMMARY

1. A check with the Ground Observer Corp. Filter Center at White Plains, New York (GORDON HARRIS 1101) revealed nothing to substantiate the "sightings." 1/14 Roy W. Handberg, 1st Lt., informed the investigators that there were no sightings of any sort in the area.

2. A check with the Hayden Planetarium also produced negative support to the sightings. Mr. Dury, who holds the position of Assistant Observer, informed us that there were no sightings or reports of any kind.

3. A call was placed to the office of the D/1, 26th Air Division, and the investigators were informed that the Manhattan, Brooklyn, Long Island area had been very active with power search light activity. At the time of the first sighting Captain Haley, D/1, 26th Air Division, was airborne at approximately 1500 feet over the Bay of the New York Harbor area, proceeding on a 080/090 heading. Attached as inclosure #1 is a statement from Capt. Haley.

4. See inclosure #2 for weather data at the time of sighting.

W. C. Van Norman

2 Incls.

1. Statement by Capt. Haley
2. Weather Chart

WILLIAM C. VAN NORMAN
Major, USAF
Officer in Charge

Comments of Approving Officer:

Concur in the hypothesis of the Reporting Officer that sighting is probably attributed to searchlight activity in the area.

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Statement of Captain Baley

STATEMENT

We took particular note of search light activity and related it to probable stimulation of UFO reports. I have no doubt that the objects observed were the result of search light activity on low hanging clouds or smoke haze. Search light activity is wide spread in this locale. It begins early in the evening and continues until 2300-2400 hours EST.

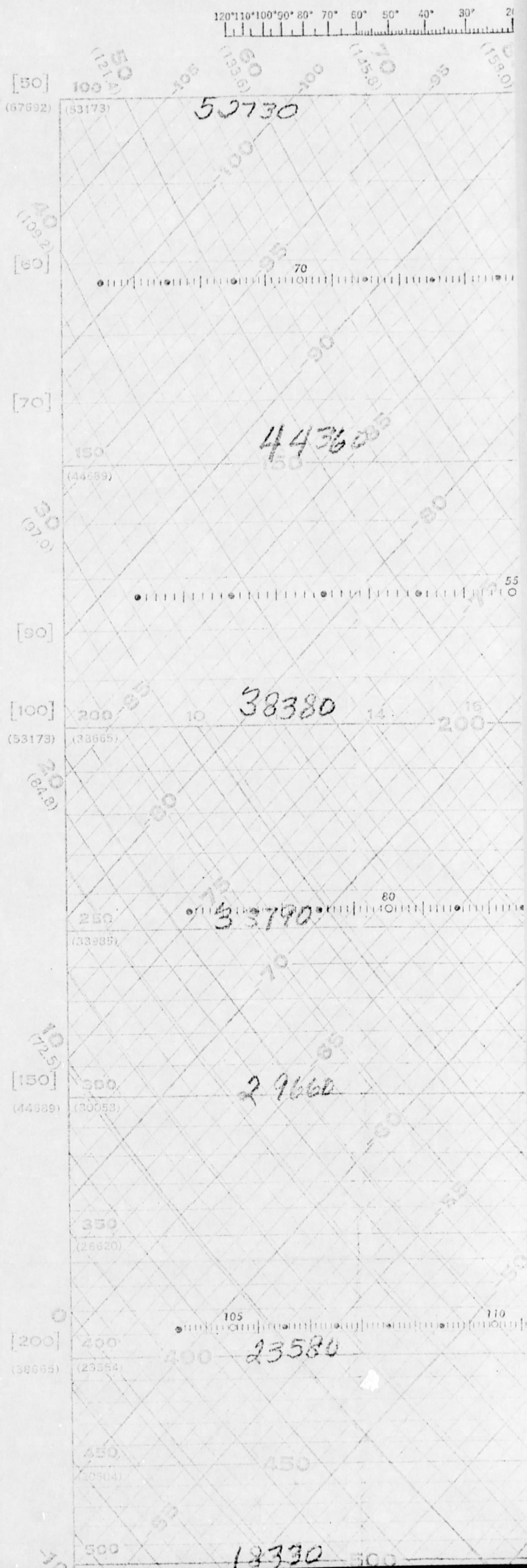
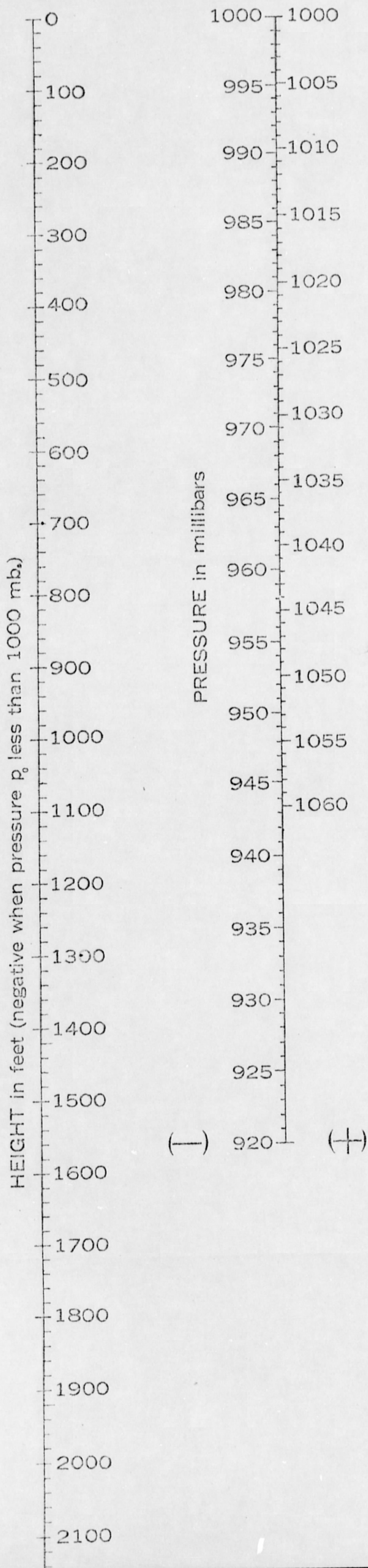
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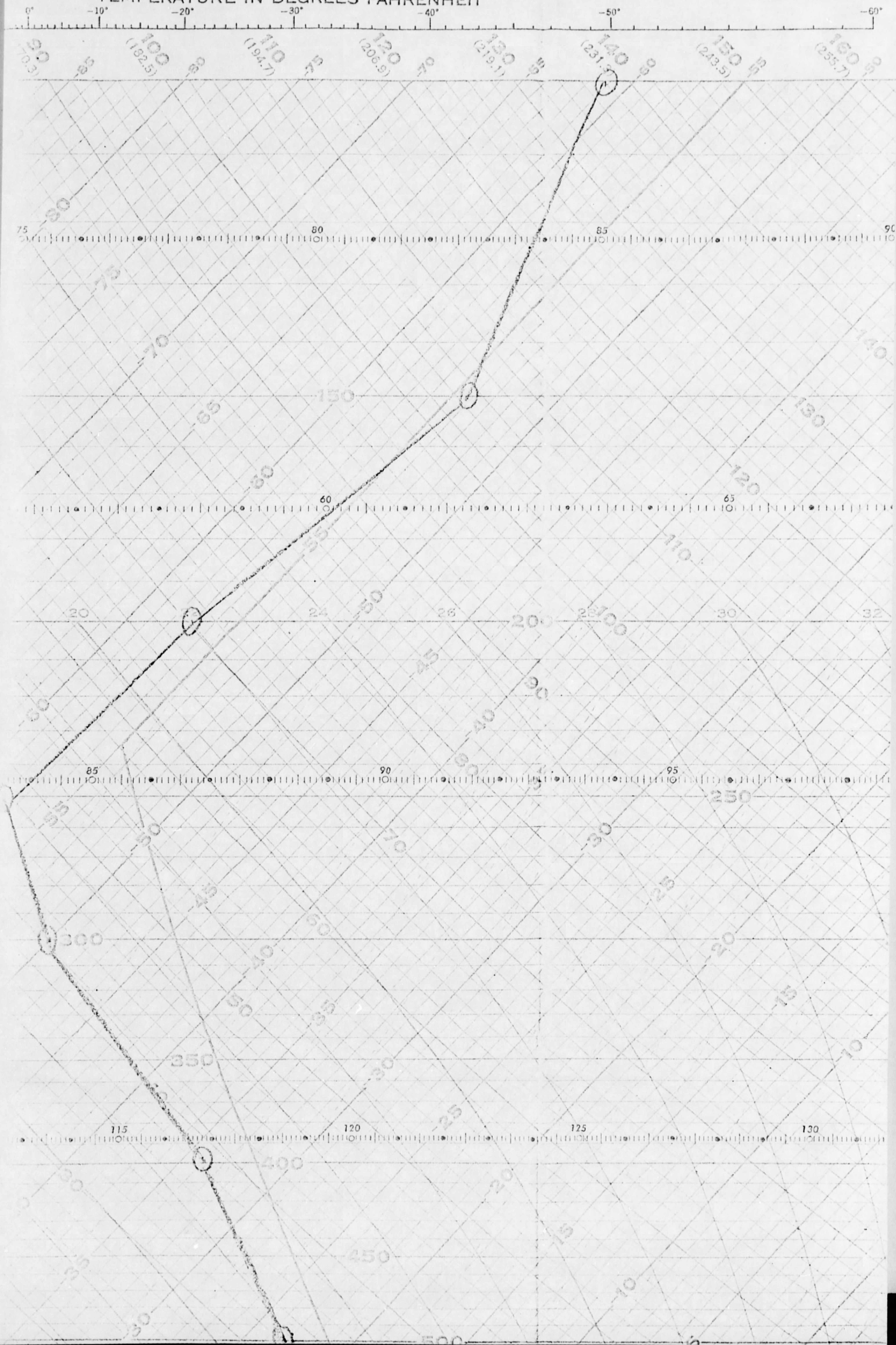
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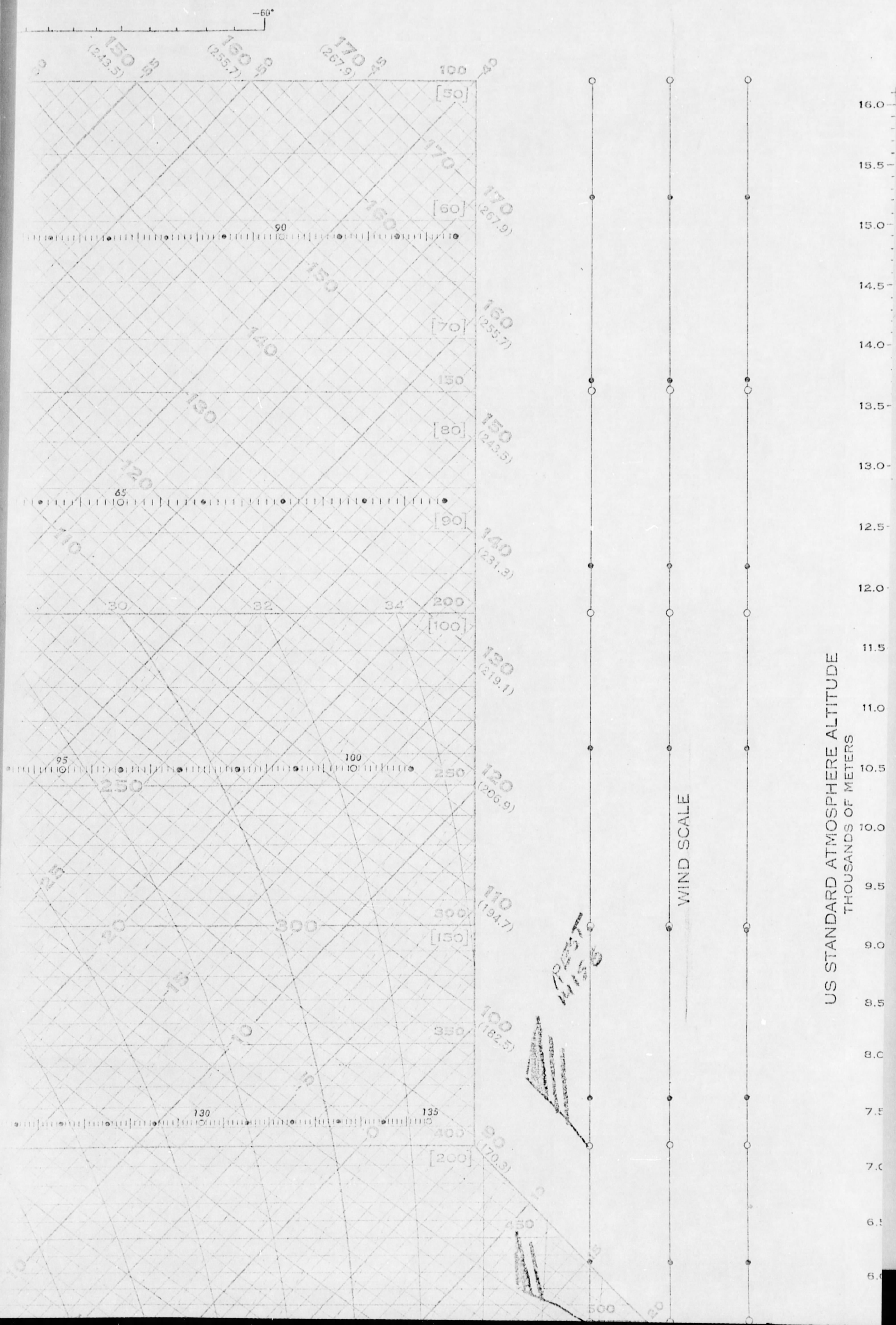
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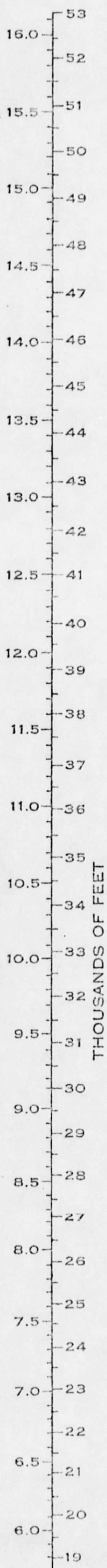
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TEMPERATURE IN DEGREES FAHRENHEIT





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WIND SCALE

EXPLANATION

ISOBARS are straight, horizontal brown lines. The heights in feet of the pressure surfaces in the U.S. Standard atmosphere are in parenthesis () below the pressure values on the left.

ISOTHERMS ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) are the straight, equidistant brown lines running diagonally upward from left to right.

DRY ADIABATS are the slightly curved brown lines that intersect the 1000 mb. isobar at intervals of 2°C , and run diagonally upward from right to left. The Dry Adiabats for the folded portion of the pressure range are labeled with two (2) values. (See below).

SATURATED ADIABATS are the curved green lines that intersect the 1000 mb. isobar at intervals of 2°C , diverging upward and tending to become parallel to the dry adiabats.

SATURATION MIXING RATIO (in gm. per kg.) is represented by dashed green lines. Their values appear at the bottom of diagram.

THICKNESS (in hundreds of geopotential feet) of the layers between the levels 1000, 700, 500, 300, 200, 150 and 100 mb. is represented by numbers and a graduation along the middle of each layer. The thicknesses are obtained from the virtual temperature curve by the equal-area method, using any straight line as a dividing line.

HEIGHT in geopotential feet above mean sea level, or station level, of the 1000 mb. surface is obtained from the nomogram in the upper left-hand corner by drawing a straight line from the point on the temperature scale ($^{\circ}\text{F}$) through the point p_0 (mean sea level or station pressure) on the pressure scale, and reading the height on the height scale.

U.S. STANDARD ATMOSPHERE SOUNDING is indicated by a thick brown line.

The saturated adiabats and isopleths of saturation mixing ratio are computed by use of vapor pressure over a plane water surface at all temperatures.

Extension of chart to 50 mb has been accomplished by overlap with pressure indicated in brackets, [200] at 400 mb, and [50] at 100 mb. Dry adiabats for the overlap are labeled in parentheses ().

APPROXIMATE VIRTUAL TEMPERATURE may be obtained from the formula $T_v = T + \frac{w}{6}$ where T_v is virtual temperature in $^{\circ}\text{C}$, T is free air temperature in $^{\circ}\text{C}$, and w is mixing ratio in grams/kilogram. For purposes of thickness computation, use the mean temperature of the layer for T and use the mean mixing ratio of the layer for w .

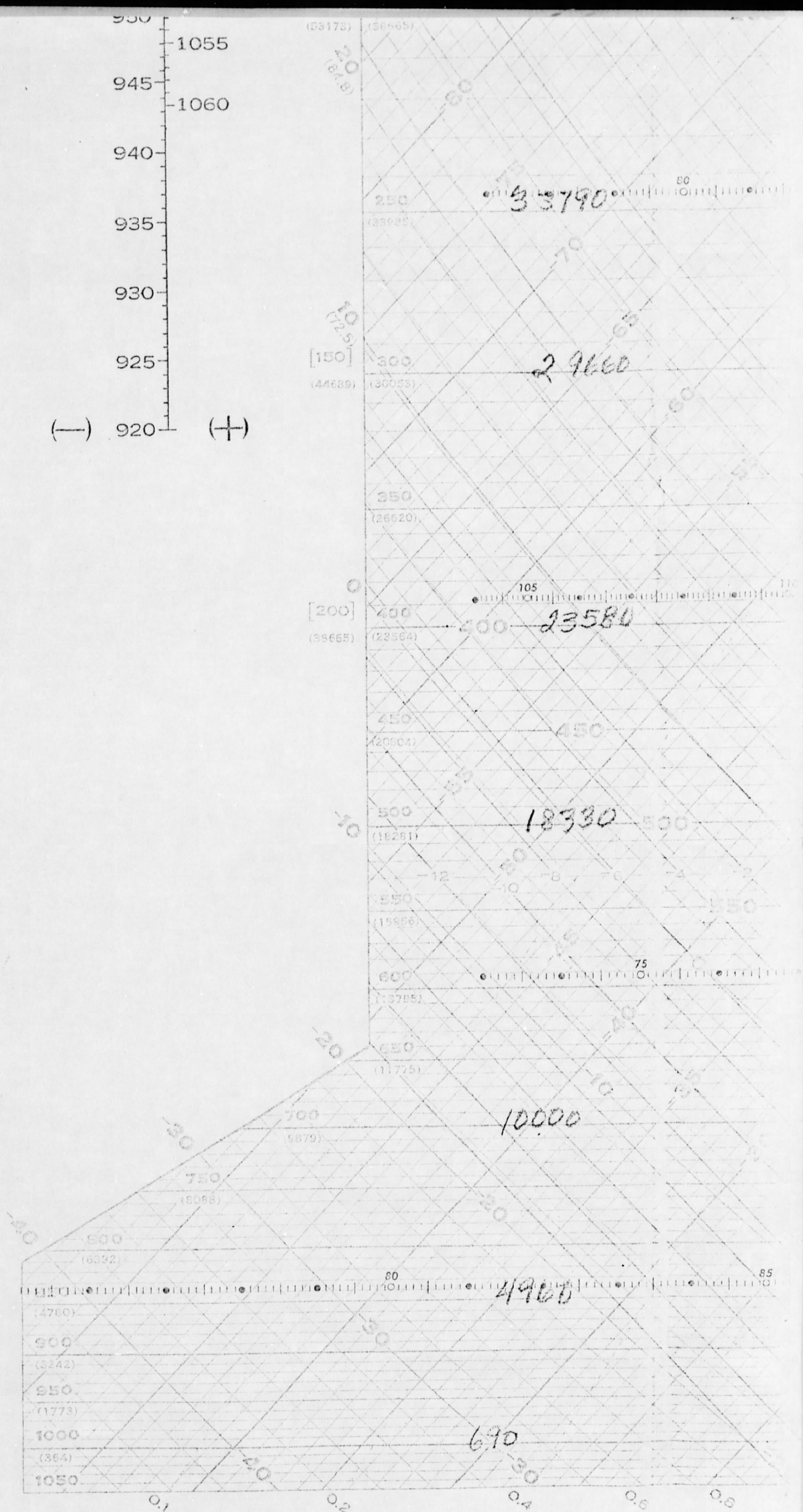
Sounding data will be entered on two (2) sets of charts. One chart will include 0300Z and 1500Z soundings; the other 0900Z and 2100Z soundings. To provide twelve (12) hour continuity the preceding 1500Z or the 2100Z soundings, whichever the case may be, will be entered as a trace of the temperature curve without the reproduction of data or circling of any point. (See AWSM-105-22).

Black dots • along wind scale lines indicate the levels for which wind data is reported and plotted. The open circles ○ indicate the mandatory pressure levels at which wind data is also entered.

HEIGHT in feet (negative when pressure p_0 less)

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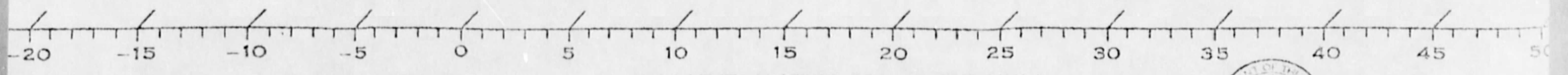
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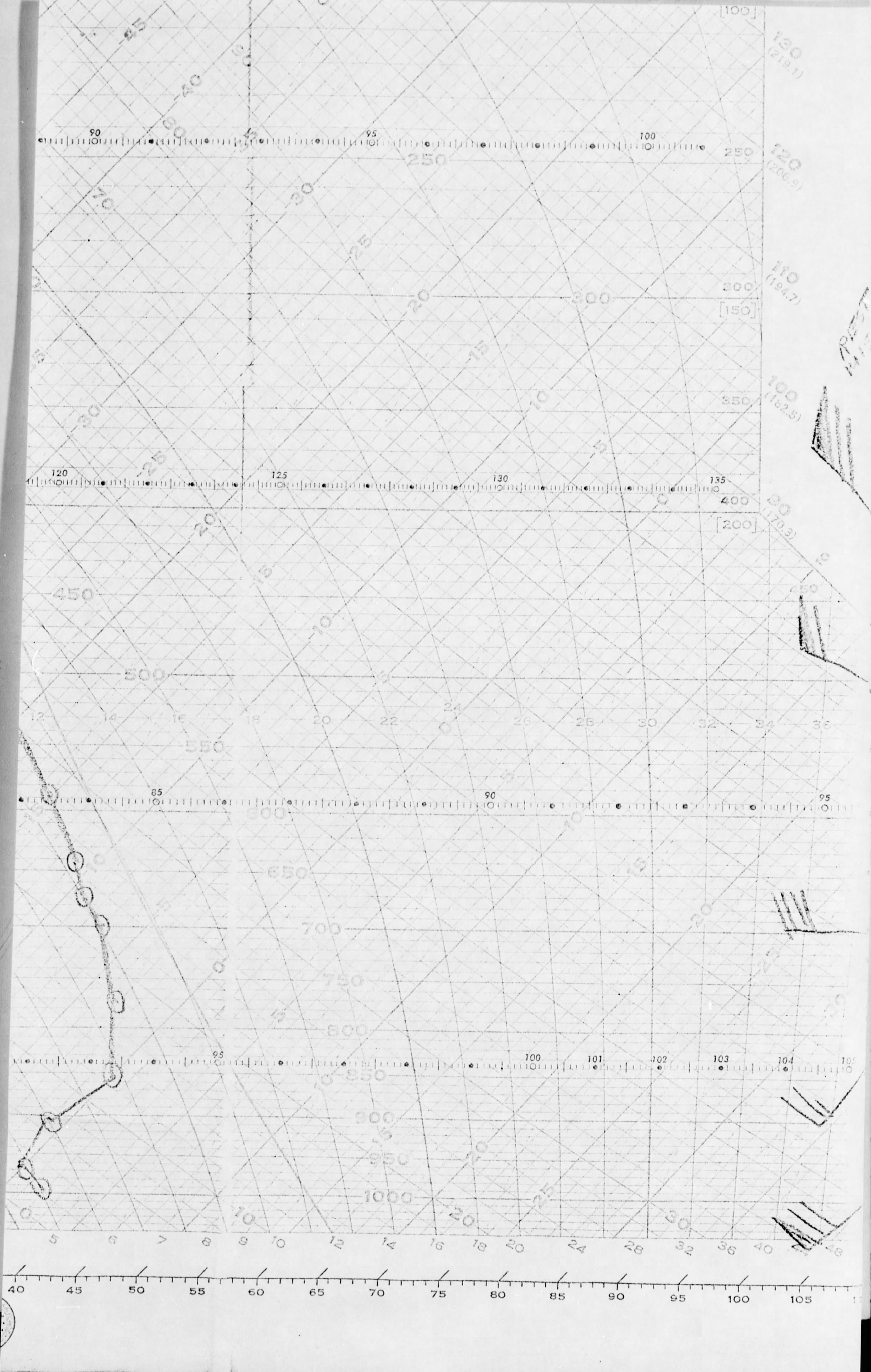
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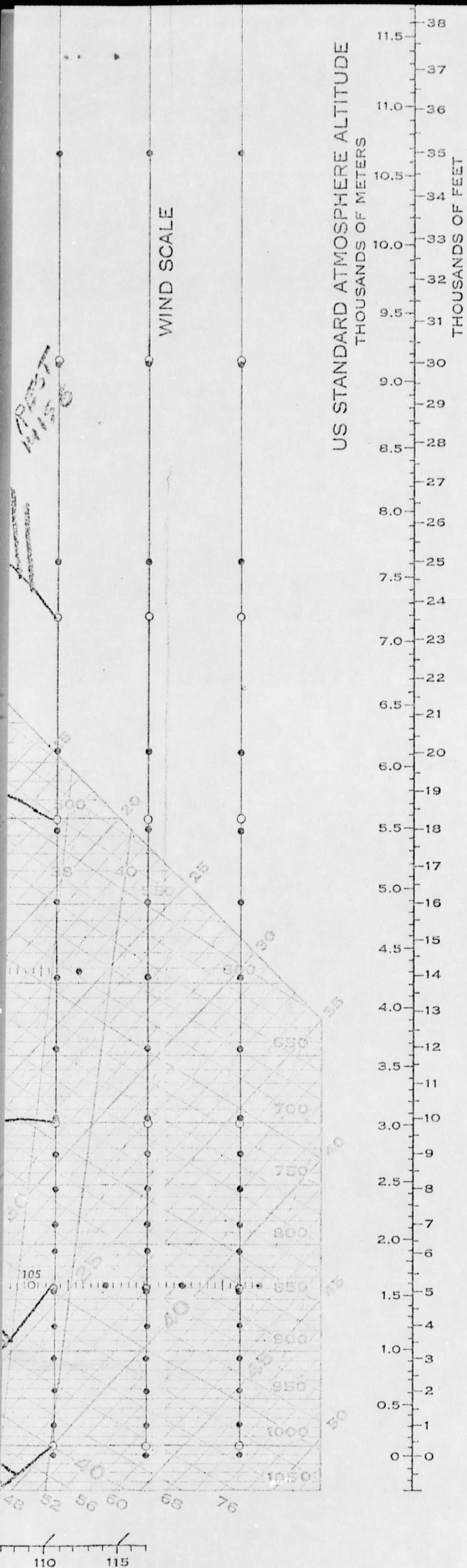
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in °C, and w is mixing ratio in grams/kilogram. For purposes of thickness computation, use the mean temperature of the layer for T and use the mean mixing ratio of the layer for w .

Sounding data will be entered on two (2) sets of charts. One chart will include 0300Z and 1500Z soundings; the other 0900Z and 2100Z soundings. To provide twelve (12) hour continuity the preceding 1500Z or the 2100Z soundings, whichever the case may be, will be entered as a trace of the temperature curve without the reproduction of data or circling of any point. (See AWSM-105-22).

Black dots • along wind scale lines indicate the levels for which wind data is reported and plotted. The open circles ○ indicate the mandatory pressure levels at which wind data is also entered.

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