

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 March 1956		2. LOCATION Philadelphia, Pennsylvania		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 30/0040Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright white object with tinge of orange observed during twilight hours. Appeared as solid similar to Sirius. Sharply outlined. In flight to SW. Decreased in size and brightness as distance increased. Initial observation at 45 dgr elevation 80 dgr azimuth. Disappeared behind clouds at 80 dgr elevation 10 dgr azimuth, indicating rapid climb. Passed almost overhead.				11. COMMENTS Possible illusion as to increase in altitude due to object passing near zenith. Duration rather short for a balloon observation. Some feature of a/c should have been noted as object neared overhead position. Possible balloon or a/c sighting. Insufficient data for analysis.	

U. S. Air Force
Washington D.C.

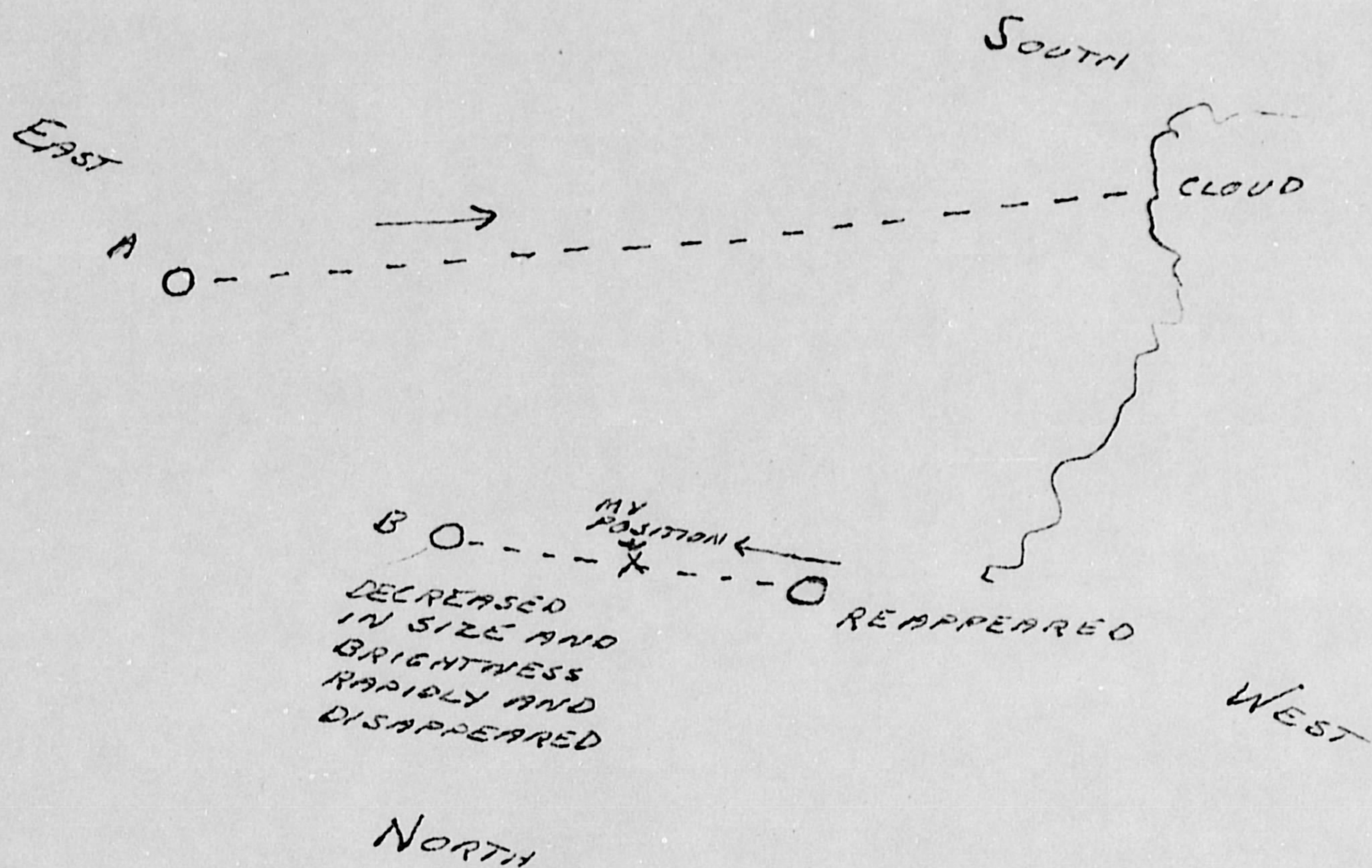
Gentlemen:

The following is a report
of a flying unidentified object.
The numbers indicate the question
as shown on U.S. Air Force
Technical Information Sheet (Form A)

1. 3/29/56
2. 7.40 P.M.
3. Eastern
4. 123 E Tulpehocken St Phila 44 Pa
5. 2 minutes
approximately
6. Twilight
7. Sun had set
8. a few stars
9. yes
10. Size and brightness similar to
star Sirius
11.

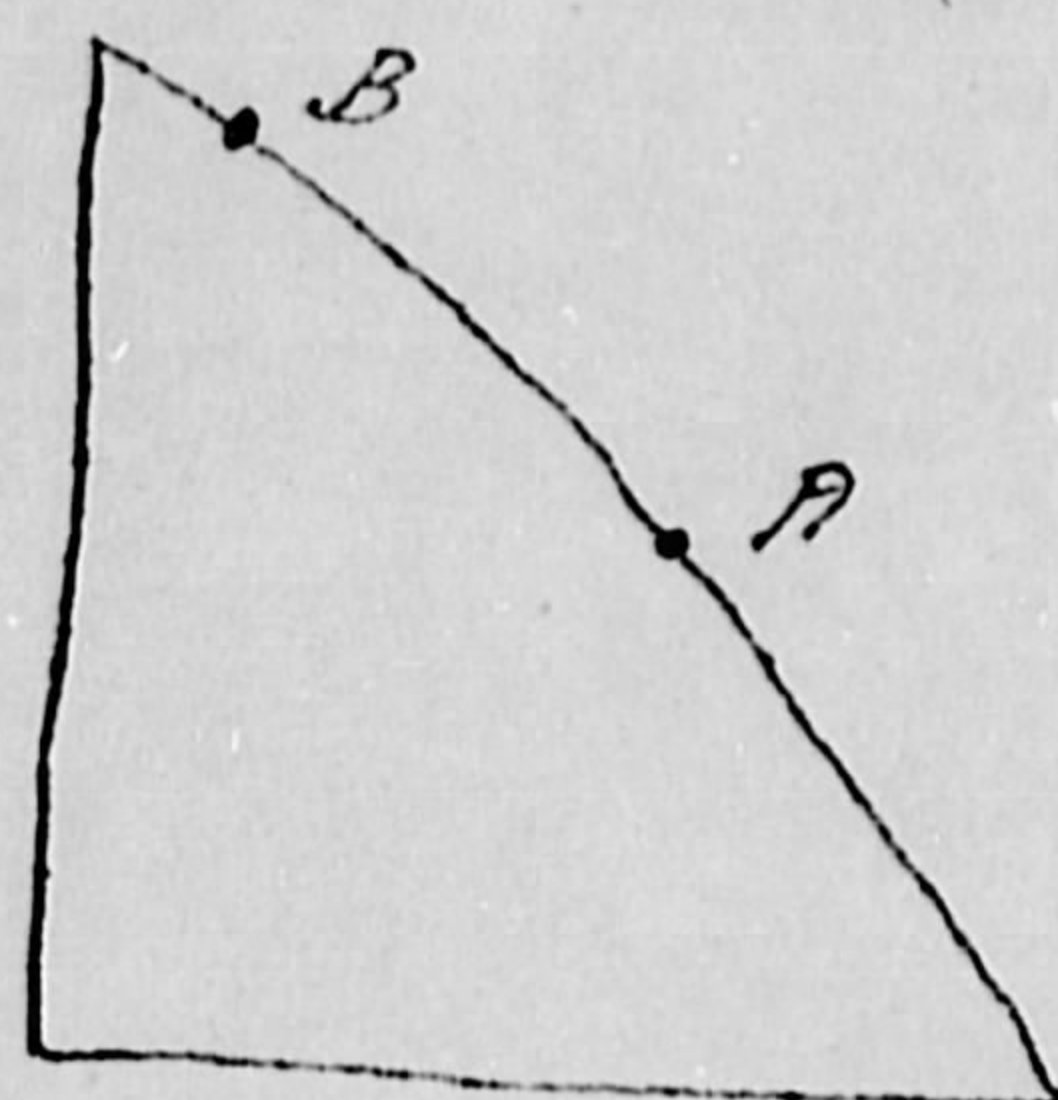
a	no
b	no
c	no
d	no
e	yes
f	no
g	no
12. above cloud layer (strato cumulus)
13. no
14. Solid
15. None
16. No sound
Bright white faint tinge of orange

17.



- 18 Sharply outlined
- 19 One object
- 20 See 17
21. Unknown
22. Size and brightness similar to star Sirius
23. Rapidly decreased in size and brightness and disappeared
24. Unknown
- 25 Outdoors
- 26 Residential
- 27 Conversing with neighbors; when his son said, "Hey look at that star moving!"
- 28 see 25 and 27
- 29 Southeast
- 30 Northeast
- 31
 - a From true North 80°
 - b From horizon 45°
- 31.2
 - a From true North 10°
 - b From horizon 80°

32.



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see 17

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Scattered clouds, slight breeze,
dry, - cool

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yes

36.1 yes

36.2

~~Mr. [redacted]~~

~~[redacted]~~
Phila 44 Pa

also 2 children 8 and 6

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yes

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Unidentified

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No - however the turn was
made at high speed if only
one object, and if the
decrease in size and brightness
was an increase in altitude
that also was at high speed

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No; however during the last
30° of travel it passed
directly overhead a few
degrees to the North, and
above the cloud layer
to the east

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V ~~_____~~

None (self)

37 Male

Grade school

High school

Airplane Mechanics School (U.S.A.F.)

B-26 Specialist School "

Preflight pilot training "

Navigation Training

Commissioned as 2nd Lt
rated as Navigator

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Respectfully

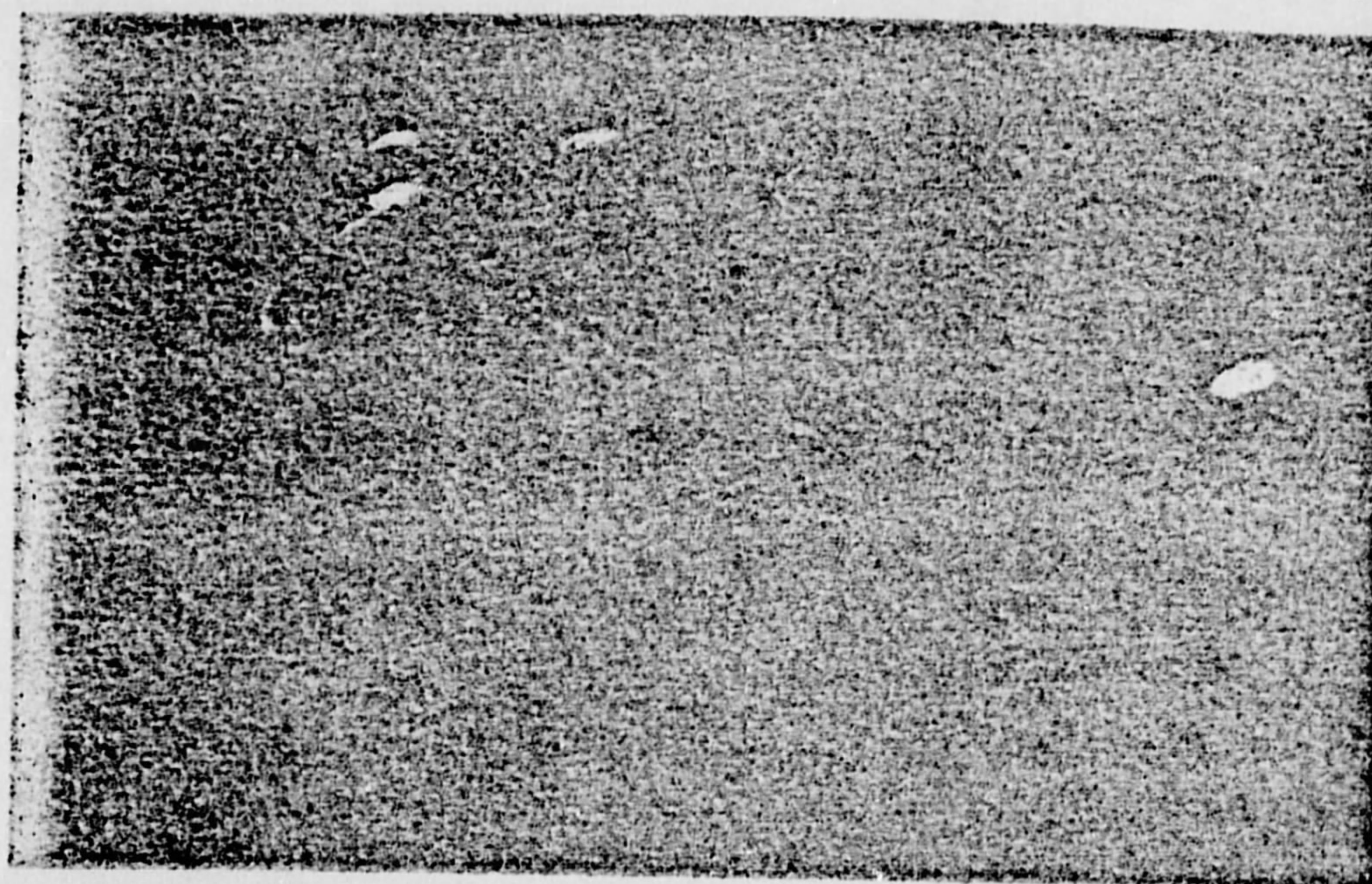
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS OVER HONOLULU? (Story Page Seven.)

FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPH — On Monday, March 5, 1956, William L. Wannall and his wife, both of Honolulu, Hawaii, were going south on 10th Avenue when they noticed three large lights flying in a wide formation over the Kaimuki area traveling about 150 mph, fairly low, about the size of a dime each at arms length" at 8:45 p.m. The UFO's were "of solid composition," Mr. Wannall relates, "...sky was clear, and visibility unlimited, prevailing trade winds." The pair watched the lights for "about one minute." Mr. Wannall then took a picture (frontpiece) of the craft with his Cannon 35mm camera, using Ansacochrome color film (32 ASA), 1/8th second exposure, and aperture at f/1.8. "These objects," Mr. Wannall writes, "were only about 200 feet altitude and were flying in and out of the regular Hickam Field radio range leg (east) and could have caused a major disaster had an airliner collided with one of them." The photograph is particularly interesting in its original color. With the exception of the dotted lines, which are a bluish-green, the light paths are all a bright yellow in appearance, with a general aureole-type effect surrounding the light sources. The potato-shaped body to the middle-right was invisible to the photographer. As can easily be seen, these UFO's (be what they may) covered a pretty good distance—including the execution of a fairly "tight" 130-degree turn—in one-eighth second. The picture shows the objects, according to the photographer, traveled about 20 times its own length and vanished. It seems unascertained as to whether or not these lights were separate craft or all attached to a central body.

1956 was a very interesting year for UFO activity, as the eyes of cameras recorded the "saucers" on film over 15 times. On March 5 Sgt. William L. Wannall photographed with 35 mm color film 4 reddish-orange objects in formation, leaving trails over Honolulu, Hawaii.

No Case (Information Only)

10 March 1956
Brantford, Ontario

1956, Mar. 10-South of: Brantford, Ontario-An object in the sky. "Similar
to a Ball-of-Fire," said the report... (NY Daily News)

No Case (Information Only)

19 March 1956
Castro Valley, California

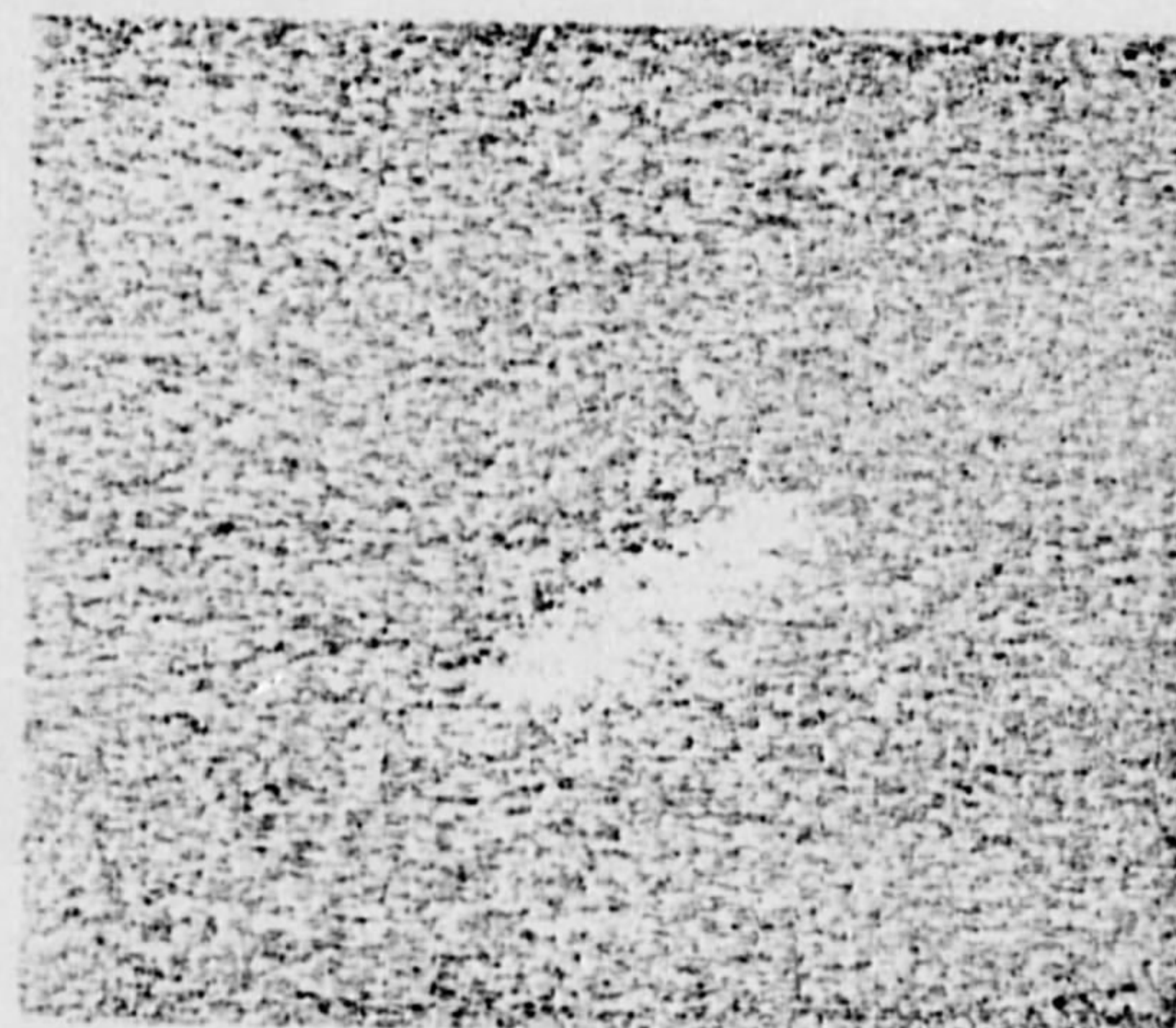
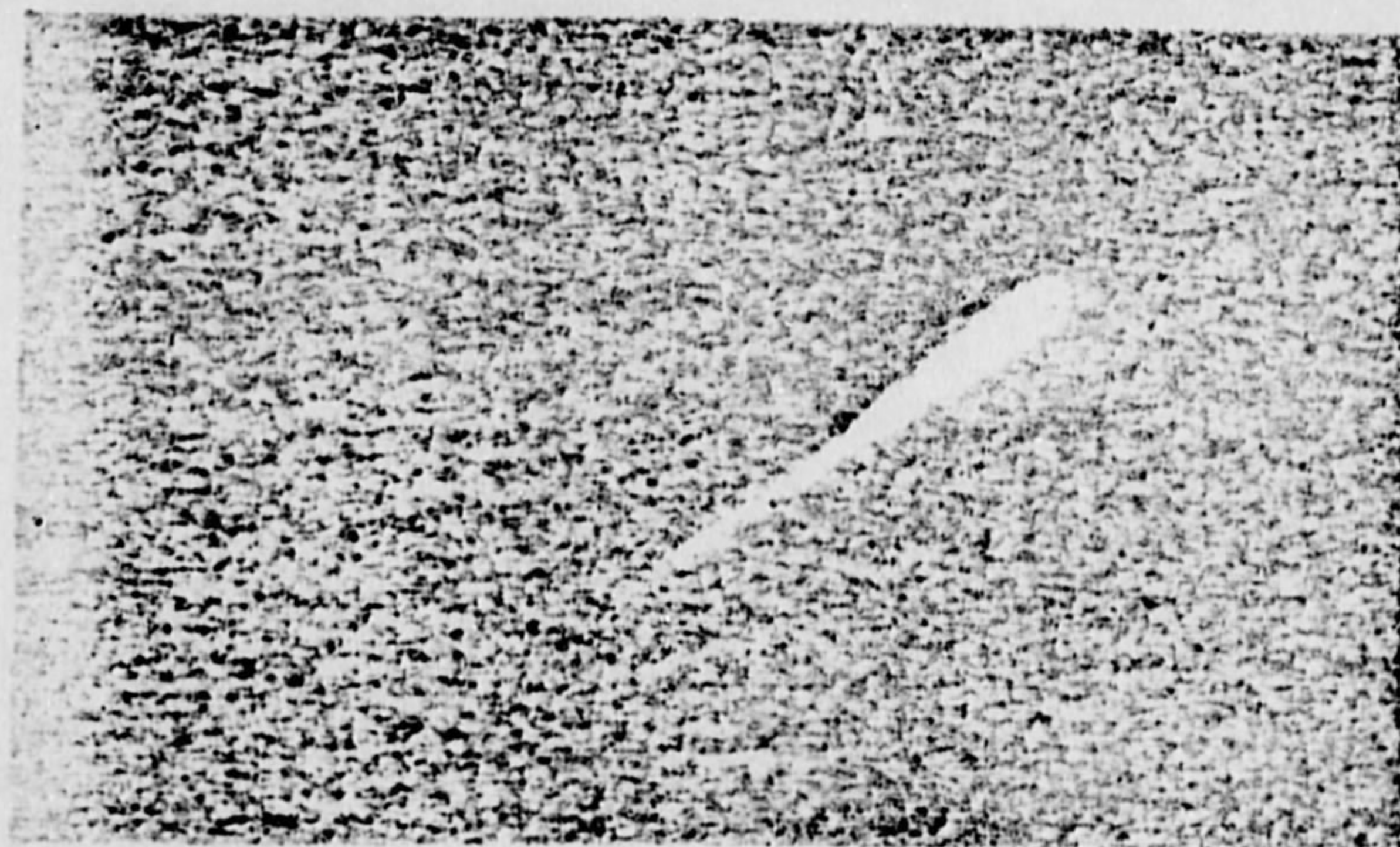
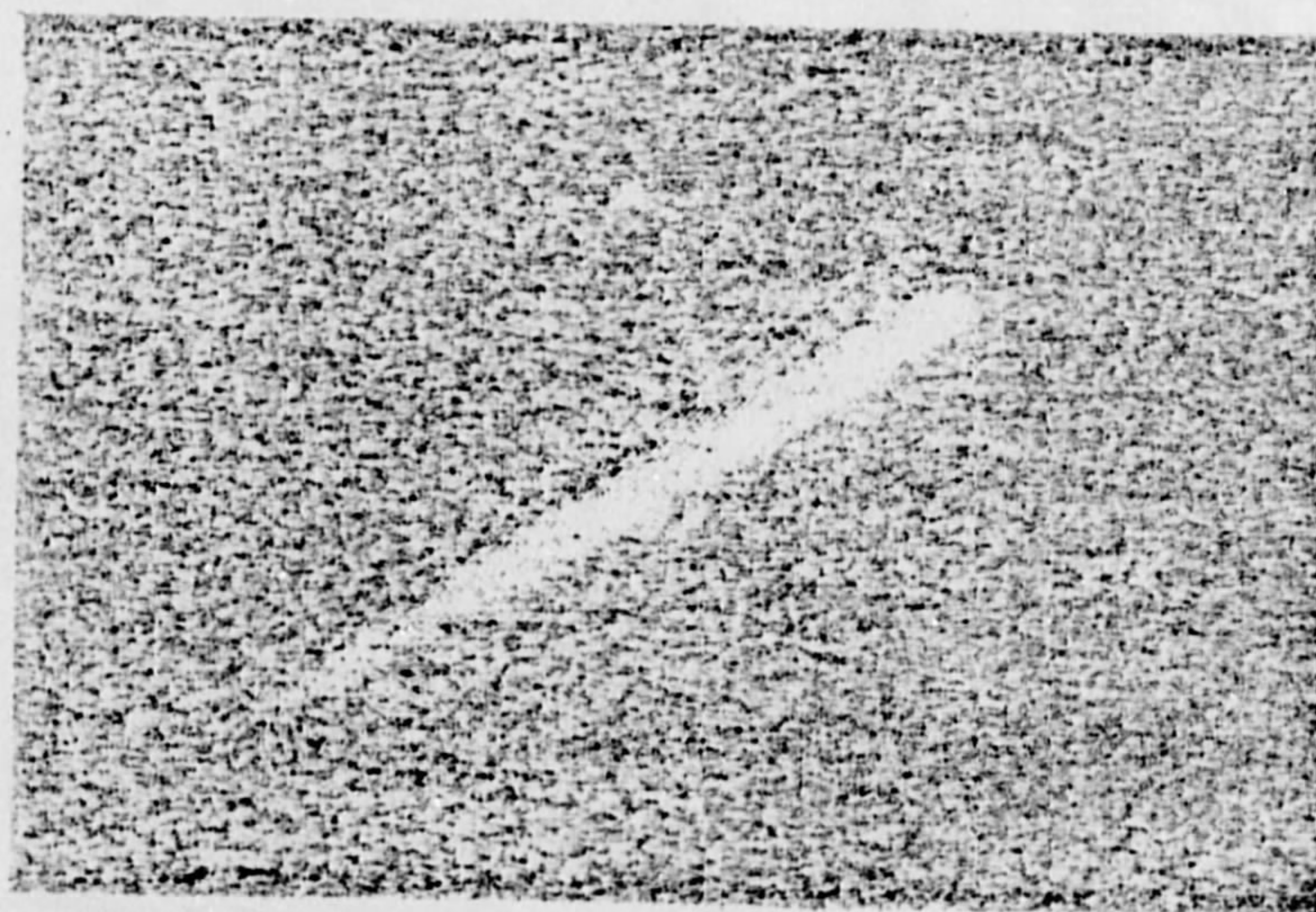
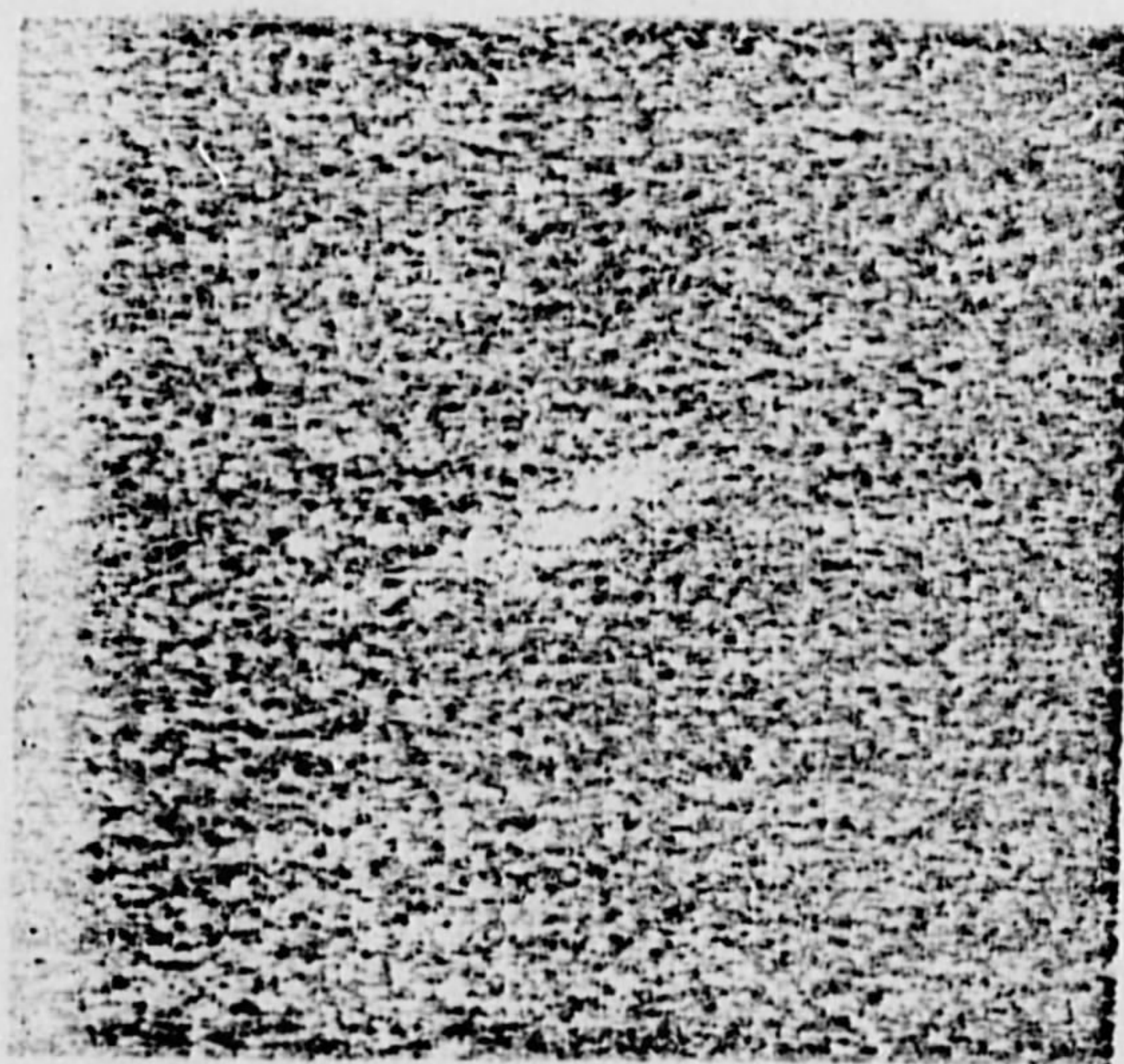
Mar. 19—Castro Valley (near Hayward), Calif.—Three residents, Mary C. Reide, Marty F. Montero and Myrtle A. Moore, "all reported seeing a bright, glowing object passing through the sky and settling somewhere near the intersection" of Crow Canyon and Gull Canyon roads. Mrs. Reide said "it appeared the object was about to strike" her house. Mr. Montero reported a "swishing" sound. Sheriff's deputies, investigating the area, "could find no burned brush." All witnesses said the UFO was "very large." (Hayward Daily Review, 3/20.)

No Case (Information Only)

21 March 1956
Cincinnati, Ohio

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OBJECT OVER CINCINNATI HOVERS 45 MINUTES, PHOTOGRAPHED BY NEWSMAN: (See photos below) - On the night of March 21st, an unidentified light burned like a bright beacon for at least 45 minutes high over the city of Cincinnati, Ohio. To the naked eye, the saucer appeared to be an extraordinarily intense bluish-white light, suspended at about a 30-degree angle above the horizon. However, through six-power binoculars, it appeared to be a compact galaxy of lights, changing form as they revolved slowly. The object moved almost imperceptibly away to the northwest, growing smaller and dimmer until it disappeared. Residents of a large area in the downtown section of town reported that it was the third consecutive night that "the thing" appeared. It has been suggested by one leading saucer researcher that the object in question was only the planet Venus. We have no first-hand information on the matter; so we are printing the photos for what they are worth.



Number of pilots
who got
fool
by
"Venus"

It's Only Star, Folks! "Thing" Is Identified From Plane Window

BY ED SEITZ

It came out again in the western sky last night—Greater Cincinnati's eerie, mysterious light.

It was a star.

As reports of the strangely glowing object began coming into The Enquirer news room at 8 p. m., a reporter and a photographer boarded an Ohio Air National Guard C-45 plane and headed West. More than 50 calls about the star were received at The Enquirer.

An F-84 Thunderjet swooped overhead at 30,000 feet, unseen but in radio contact with the C-45, piloted by Brig. Gen. Edsel Clark, OANG adjutant general, and his executive officer, Capt. Edwin Priwer.

The two-engine C-45 followed the murky ribbon that was the Ohio River and reached 1500 feet in its climb to 10,000.

Allan Kain, who had photographed the object from the ground the night before, peered through the pilots' windshield.

"There it is!" he shouted, over the engines' roar.

General Clark and Captain Priwer looked at each other and smiled. The general spoke into his microphone to the jet pilot, received an answer and turned to the reporter and photographer.

"Pretty star, isn't it?" he grinned.

A hasty conference with the photographer brought from him a firm statement that the "thing" of the night before was the same body the pilots had called a star.

It twinkled, bright and friendly, just as it had for thousands of years.

"Beautiful night," the general commented as the ship began to let down from 10,000 feet.

Back at the airport lobby, where conversation was easier, General Clark said the "thing" was "just a beautiful, normal sight for a pilot."

"I think I've seen that same star for years," he said. "I'm not familiar enough with the stars' names to know for sure whether it's Venus or another planet."

"It's the same unidentifiable object reported by many people in Columbus about a year ago."

We chased it then and identified it as a planet."

General Clark and Captain Priwer explained that the dirty, dust-laden atmosphere above cities often refracted the light from bright stars in such a way that the body glowed, sending off vari-colored streamers.

But many earth-bound Greater Cincinnatians were convinced again last night—for the fourth consecutive night—that they were seeing something extraordinary, perhaps extra-terrestrial.

What they saw, with the naked eye, was an intense bluish-white light suspended at about a 30-degree angle above the horizon. Through six-power binoculars, it looked like a compact galaxy of colored lights, slowly revolving and moving northwestward.

The star was seen last night from North Bend, Cleves, Evans-ton and Bethel, Ohio, The Enquirer was told.

Earlier yesterday, Capt. Charles A. Hardin, in charge of the agency which investigates all reports of unidentified objects for the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, said his office had begun a systematic check of "everything lighted" that had been in the skies over Greater Cincinnati in the last four days.

He said the ATIC was "deeply interested" in the object and would study photographs of it and testimony and evidence about it.

Bill Bradshaw, a member of the Cincinnati Astronomical Society, says it is the planet Venus, with a exceptionally brilliant object in the evening sky. It sets nearly four hours after the sun.

Venus

(Very few pilots
will admit they
were fooled by a
star or planet. . . .)

Not entirely correct
a planet

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During the spring of 1956 Venus stimulated an unusual amount of flying-saucer excitement. About 9:00 E.S.T. on the nights of March 20, 21, and 22, dozens of persons in Cincinnati, Ohio, telephoned the newspapers and the local headquarters of Civilian Research Interplanetary Flying Objects (CRIFO), to report an unidentified flying object that was burning "like a beacon" in the western sky. A reporter for the Cincinnati *Enquirer* stated: "To the naked eye, the object appeared to be an extraordinarily intense bluish white light . . . through binoculars, the object appeared to be a compact galaxy of lights, changing form as they revolved slowly. At one point, with binoculars set slightly out of focus, it assumed the appearance of a diamond brooch ringed with emeralds turning lazily on an eccentric axis." The object was visible for nearly an hour, moved slowly to the northwest, and disappeared.

Astronomers quickly identified the unknown as Venus. To the saucer enthusiasts, however, it appeared as a low-flying luminous object with swept-back wings, hovering in the west, making no sound, and displaying colors that changed from red to white. While admitting that some of the reported sightings might have been Venus, the editor of *Orbit* (the official publication of CRIFO) argued that an object that changed shape and sparkled like diamonds and emeralds could not possibly be Venus. He stated "that the public should know that out of seventeen UFO reports received for a three day period, ten were explainable as Venus but six were not! These stubborn six defied all conventional explanation." [6]

Although this arithmetic perhaps requires further explanation, the flying saucer reports did not offer a real puzzle. The time, the position, the colors, and the apparent motions of the object were entirely consistent with those expected for the planet under the prevailing atmospheric conditions. Dr. Paul Herget of the Cincinnati Observatory had easily identified the "mysterious" object. He added that Venus would continue to get brighter and brighter until the middle of May, and that the number of UFOs sighted would probably increase correspondingly.

He was right. Less than three weeks after the excitement in Cincinnati, Venus inspired one of the most notorious "Unknowns" in the history of saucerdom, one that evoked charges of fraud, falsehood, and conspiracy on a grand scale.

No Case (Information Only)

22 March 1956
Lansing, Michigan

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SEES SAUCER FROM ONLY TEN FEET AWAY: A laboratory technician named James Bassett, a resident of Lansing, Michigan, reported last March 22nd that he saw a saucer during the early morning hours while walking along the banks of the Grand River. Said he: "I couldn't sleep, so I got up to take a walk. Near the west city limits, my attention was drawn to a tiny object in the sky, about the size of a period. As I watched, it grew larger and larger and came down upon me at an angle. It was an orange, globular-shaped object, and finally came to a stop about 10 feet from me. At this time, it was about 5 feet in diameter, and hovered about four feet from the ground. As near as I can determine, it was about 3 a.m., but I lost all concept of time." Bassett said that the object was apparently metallic, and that it remained for about 10 minutes and then went away.

26 March, 1956
Wooten AFB, Massachusetts

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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Sirs:

Would you please send
me copies of the following
information:

- (1) Air Force Regulation
200-2
- (2) (Copy please)

✓ Press report dated
April 27, 1949

- (3) (Copy or photostats please)

Pictures taken on March
26, 1956 between 9:17
and 9:35 P.M. at
Wooten Air Force Base

(over)

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MAR 26, 1956 WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE (KEYHOE-1960 P 78) 2 WITNESSES00
AT 9.17 P.M. A STRANGE BLIP SUDDENLY APPEARED ON WESTOVER TOWER SCOPES. 01
JETS WERE QUICKLY SCRAMBLED, THEN VECTORED TOWARD THE CIRCLING UFO. 02
FLYING THE LEAD INTERCEPTOR, CAPTAIN E..... CLOSED IN ON A LARGE ROUND 03
OBJECT, NEAR ENOUGH TO ILLUMINATE IT WITH HIS LANDING LIGHTS. THE STRANGE 04
OBJECT APPEARED TO BE 100 TO 150 FEET IN DIAMETER, AND 8 TO 12 FEET THICK AT 05
THE CENTER. THE PILOT NOTED A GREEN FLUORESCENT GLOW AROUND THE OUTER EDGE. 06
AS HE TRIED TO GET CLOSER, THE WEIRDLY GLOWING DISC CLIMBED STEEPLY, THEN 07
DISAPPEARED IN THE NIGHT, AT 30,000 FEET. 08

No Case (Information Only)

30 March 1956
Selma, California

Mar. 30—Selma, Calif.—Glenn Smart reported to police that "he saw a bright orange object in the northwest part of the sky flying in a fast, wavy line, at a high altitude" at 9:45 p.m. He added that he was "positive it was not a plane." (Selma Enterprise, 4/5.)

APRIL 1956 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
Apr	Passaic, New Jersey	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
Apr	S of Bakersfield, California	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
1	Liberty, Missouri	[REDACTED]	Other (UNRELIABLE RPT)
2	N-31, Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland	Military	Astro (VENUS)
3	Cedar Key, Florida (CASE MISSING)	Civilian GOC	Aircraft
4	McKinney, Texas	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
5	Newport, Rhode Island (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Balloon
5	Casablanca, Morocco	Civilian Multi	Astro (METEOR)
5	Samish Island, Washington	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
6	McKinney, Texas	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
6	Inman, South Carolina	[REDACTED]	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
8	Albany, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
8	Schenectady, Rochester, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
8	Rome, New York	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
8	Gurnie, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
9	Griffis AFB, New York	Multi Gd & Air Vis	Astro (VENUS)
10	San Diego, California (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Other (BIRDS)
13	McKinney, Texas	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
16	Henderson, North Carolina	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
16	Fitzgerald, Georgia	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
16	Fairfield, Utah	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
18	McChord AFB, Washington	Unknown	Aircraft
18	SE corner Minnesota	Military Air	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
18	Traverse City, Michigan	[REDACTED] (Garbled)	Astro (VENUS)
19	Minneapolis, Minnesota (CASE MISSING)	AF Major	Astro (VENUS)
21	Richmond, Virginia (CASE MISSING)	Multi (Civ & Mil)	Balloon
23	Seattle, Washington	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
24	St Paul, Minnesota	Military	Balloon
27	Vuuyuru, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
27	Greensboro, North Carolina	[REDACTED]	1. Astro (METEOR) 2. Aircraft
27	Huntington, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
28	Old Bridge, New Jersey	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
30	Tacoma, Washington	[REDACTED]	Aircraft

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
2	Coffeyville, Kansas	Newsclipping	
4	Dusham, North Carolina	Newsclipping	
4	Florida	Newsclipping	
6	Brown's Gulch, Montana	Newsclipping	
7	Tallahassee, Florida	Newsclipping	
11	Cumberland Beach, Canada	Newsclipping	
11	Baudette, Minnesota	Newsclipping	
14	Monomet, Massachusetts	Newsclipping	
22	Coffeyville, Minnesota	Newsclipping	
25	El Monte, California	Newsclipping	
29	Phoenix, Arizona	Newsclipping	
30	East Mansfield, Massachusetts	Newsclipping	