

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 August 1957	2. LOCATION Area Dry Tortugas, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 27/2045Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Astronomical Venus ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical Combination Astro ☐ Other & Spurious Radar ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown blips.
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE not given	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object with bright red to reddish yellow pulsating light, speed approximately 950 sknots. Altitude estimated at 20,000 feet. Observed visually and by radar. Intercept attempt unsuccessful due to speed of object. SMC		11. COMMENTS Astro chart shows Venus, Arcturus and a lighthouse all in approx flight path line of observing a/c. Conclude UFO was caused by a coinciding combination of astro objs together with random radar signals appearing at the moment.	

28 AUG 57 10 45

Rough
to Capt. Gregory
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FM FAWTULANT

TO RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

RJEDWP/AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER /AT ONE AA-TWO C

RJEDEN/COMMANDER AIR DEFENSE COMD

RJEPNB/COMMANDER EASTERN AIR DEFENSE FORCE

INFO RBEPW/DNI

RBEGK/COMEASTSEAFRON

RBEKL/COMNAVAIRLANT

RBEKAC/COMNAVBASE KWNHH

RBEMD/COMFAIRJAX

NAVY GRNC

BT

yellow
FLYOB RPT X ONE BRIGHT LIGHT COLOR PULSATING BRIGHT RED TO REDDISH
YELLOW X ALSO PICKED UP ON ACFT APG-51A RADAR AS LARGE BLIP AT
RANGE 20 MILES X RADAR RANGE INCREASED IN JUMPS TO 30 MILES IN
APPROX ONE MIN X INTERCEPTOR TRUE AIR SPEED 450 KTS X OBJECT
ESTIMATED TRUE AIR SPEED 950 KTS X CHASE DISCONTINUED AT 30 MILES
RANGE X PILOT VISUALLY FOLLOWED OBJECT AS IT FADED FROM SIGHT X
RADAR BLIP LARGER THAN B-47 AT COMPARABLE RANGE X TIME OF SIGHTING
272045R FOR PERIOD OF APPROX TWO MIN X SIGHTED VISUALLY BY TWO PLTS
AND OBSERVED BY TWO PLTS ON APG-519351 RADAR X OBSERVER INITIAL
POSITION 24-32N 82-29W ALT 24000 FT X OBSERVER FINAL POSITION

Note: Not object but a color seen.

Note

24000

plst these two positions, and correlate with UFO positions at time

Location:
Dry Tortugas Fla
Area

Time: 2045
27 Aug 57

PAGE TWO RBEMAB 25

24-34N 82-44W X OBJECT INITIALLY SIGHTED WEST OF OBSERVER X INITIAL
RADAR POSITION OF OBJECT 24-34N 83-17W X INTERCEPTOR POSITIONS
VERIFIED BY GROUND RADAR SITE X OBJECT ALTITUDE ESTIMATED 20000 FT
X OBSERVED BY PLT R B BROWN CMM RADAR OBSERVER PARRELLA AND PILOT
T N FORTENBERRY X PILOTS EXPERIENCED IN INTERCEPT WORK X
OBSERVATIONS CONSIDERED RELIABLE X SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS TO WEST
X WINDS SOUTH 14 KTS AT 24000 FT X POSSIBLE MISTAKEN IDENTITY AS
DRY TORTUGAS DISCOUNTED BY PLTS STATEMENTS AND LATER OBSERVATIONS
OF LIGHTS ON DRY TORTUGAS X NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE X INTERCEPTION
ATTEMPTED BY UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO SPEED DIFFERENTIAL X ALL KNOWN
TRAFFIC IN WARNING AREA 174 UNDER POSITIVE CONTROL OF GROUND RADAR
SITE AND NOT INVOLVED

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CFN 24-34N 82-44W 24-34N 83-17W 20000 14 24000 174
28/0845Z AUG RBEMAB

Control CAA - Mr. Wilson
67334

Will send TWR to
Director of Range Ops.
AF Missile Test Center
Palmdale

Winds from South ↓ - Wx balloon
Landing site at Key West is
due East → of UFO sighted. Also Air-Tor
Therefore, unlikely direct balloon, also see

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INFO ROUTINE				AF		RBE-25	
FROM: COMDR ATIC						CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE Unclassified	
TO: CHIEF NAVAL OPERATIONS ATTN: DIRECTOR, NAVAL INTELLIGENCE WASHINGTON 25, D.C.						SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	
INFO ACS/I, HQS USAF, ATTN: AFCIN-X1, MAJ BYRNES, WASH, DC						Note: V	
UNCL/FROM: AFCIN-4E4 CITE <u>9-1290-E</u>						RJEPHQ	
REFERENCE UFO REPORT, RBE-25, 28 AUG 57, FROM NAVY UNIT FAWTULANT, COPIES TO ONI, COMNAVAIRLANT AND GRNC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CIRVIS (COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING VITAL INTELLIGENCE SIGHTINGS FROM AIRCRAFT) PROCEDURES REQUEST INFORMATION REGARDING ANY NAVAL OPERATIONS, ACTIVITIES OR OBJECTS IN DRY TORTUGAS AREA, 27 AUG 57, APPROXIMATELY 2045 HOURS, WHICH MAY EXPLAIN OR ASSIST IN EVALUATING UFO SIGHTING. BRIEF SUMMARY: OBJECT HAD PULSATING BRIGHT RED TO REDDISH YELLOW COLOR. SPEED APPROXIMATELY 950 KNOTS. ALTITUDE ESTIMATED 20,000 FEET OBSERVED VISUALLY BY EXPERIENCED PILOTS; CONFIRMED BY AIRCRAFT RADAR. INTERCEPT ATTEMPT UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO OBJECTS SPEED. REPORT STATES ALL AIR TRAFFIC IN AREA ACCOUNTED FOR AND NOT INVOLVED. COORDINATION: AFCIN-4X1 <u>Henry A. Miley</u> DATE 9/4/57 AFCIN-4E4 <u>Henry A. Miley</u> DATE 9/4/57 Col H. K. Gilbert							
SYMBOL		Dr. Henry A. Miley		DATE		TIME	
		AFCIN-4E4		9/4/57		04 0950	
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)		AFCIN-4E		DATE		MONTH	
Capt G. T. Gregory		DATE 9/4/57		Col H. K. Gilbert		SEP	
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TO RJEDWP/COMR ATIC WPAFB

INFO RBEPW/CNO

RJEPHQ/COFS USAF

NAVY GR84

BT

YOUR 040950Z X NAVAL OPS VICINTY DRY TORTUGAS AT TIME OF SIGHTING X

SURFACE OPS X 183 FT COAST GUARD VESSEL IN AREA X 2 NAVY ESCORT VESSELS

ANCHORED BEARING 322 DEGREES TRUE DIS 11PT2 MILES FROM REBECCA SHOAL

LT X AIR OPS X 2045 TO 2125 ROMEO 2 F3D ALT 24000 FT WHO MADE SIGHTING X

2100 TO 2305 ROMEO 3 F3D CMM 1 F3H ALT 20000 FT TO 30000 FT X NO OPS

CONDUCTED WHICH EXPLAIN OR ASSIST IN EVALUATION UFO SIGHTING

BT

CFN 040950Z 183 2 322 11PT2 2045 2125 2 F3D 2400 2100 2305 3 F3D 1

F2H 20000 30000

14/2005Z SEP RBKZC

3 F3-Ds and 1 F3-H

Speed reported may have been
grossly overestimated ---

Note: UFO reported at approx. 2045 at 20,000 ft. alt. at. Receipt

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DATE

10 Sep 1957

TO: Commander, ATIC
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Dayton, Ohio

Info. CNO
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Reference CNO 032110Z and your 040950Z X None.

S. C. LOOMIS, JR.
Chief of Staff

COPY TO

ADDRESS: Commander
U. S. Naval Base
Key West, Florida

← SENDER'S MAILING ADDRESS

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TO: CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY MIAMI AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER <u>RJESMM</u> MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MIAMI, FLORIDA											
<u>(INFO)</u> COMDR 1006TH AISS, ENT AFB, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO <u>RJEDEN</u> /UNCLASSIFIED/ FROM: AFCIN-4E4 CITE <u>9-1291-F</u> REQUEST INFORMATION REGARDING ANY CIVIL AIR TRAFFIC DRY TORTUGAS AREA, APPROXIMATELY 90 MILES WEST OF KEY WEST, 27 AUGUST, 2045 TO 2100 HOURS, WHICH MAY EXPLAIN OR ASSIST EVALUATING UFO REPORT SUBMITTED BY NAVY UNIT IN THAT LOCALE. THIS REQUEST BELIEVED WITHIN PURVIEW OF CIRVIS (COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING VITAL INTELLIGENCE SIGHTINGS) AS PROVIDED FOR PERTINENT GOVT AGENCIES. BRIEF SUMMARY: OBJECT PULSATING BRIGHT RED TO REDDISH YELLOW: SPEED APPROXIMATELY 950 KNOTS. ALTITUDE 20,000 FEET. OBSERVED VISUALLY BY EXPERIENCED PILOTS. CONFIRMED BY AIRBORNE RADAR. INTERCEPT ATTEMPT UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO OBJECTS SPEED.											
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FROM:

COMDR ATIC

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO:

COMDR, EGLIN AFB, FLORIDA *RJESGL*

(ACTION) DIRECTOR, USAF MISSILE TESTING CENTER, PATRICK AFB, FLA
(INFO) ACS/I, HQS USAF, AFCIN-X1, ATTN: MAJ. BYRNES, WASH, DC

*RJESPT
RJEPHQ*/UNCLASSIFIED/FROM: AFCIN-4E4 CITE 9-1292-E

REQUEST ANY INFORMATION REGARDING ANY ACTIVITIES OR OPERATIONS
VICINITY OF DRY TORTUGAS, APPROXIMATELY 90 MILES WEST OF KET WEST,
FLORIDA, 27 AUGUST 57, BETWEEN 2030 TO 2100 HOURS, WHICH MAY
EXPLAIN OR ASSIST EVALUATING UFO SIGHTING REPORTED BY NAVY UNIT
IN THAT AREA.

*Per
attached*

BRIEF SUMMARY: OBJECT BRIGHT RED TO REDDISH YELLOW, OBSERVED AT
20,000 FEET, WITH SPEED APPROXIMATELY 950 KNOTS. OBSERVED BY
EXPERIENCED PILOTS. CONFIRMED BY AIRBORNE RADAR. INTERCEPT ATTEMPT
UNSUCCESSFUL.

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E4 *Henry A. Miley* DATE *9/4/57*AFCIN-4E *Dr. Henry A. Miley* DATE *9/4/57*AFCIN-4X1 *Col. A. K. Gilbert* DATE *9/4/57**Mr. A. F. Arcier*

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FM COMDR EGLIN AFB FLA

TO RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT-PAT AFB OHIO

INFO RJESPT/USAF MISSILE TESTING CENTER PARTICK AFB FLA

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UNCLASSIFIED/ FROM OPNS 5055J.

REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE AFCIN-4E4 CITE 9-1292-E. ATTN: AFCIN-X1

ATTN: MAJ BYRNES. NO ACTIVITIES OR OPERATIONS FROM EGLIN WITHIN

FOUR HUNDRED MILES DRY TORTUGAS. REFERENCE UFO REPORT AT EGLIN

AT ALMOST SAME TIME.

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(Signature)

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FM COMDR AFMTC PATRICK AFB FLA

TO RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WPAFB OHIO

INFO RJESGL/COMDR EGLIN AFB FLA

BT

UNCLASSIFIED FROM MTOI-9-0293.

YOUR AFCIN-4-E4 CITE 9-1292-E FOR AFCIN-X1 MAJ BYRNES.

INFO COPY TO OPS 5055J. NEGATIVE

BT

10/1516Z SEP RJESPT

257 SEP

(Signature)

10:40

UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET
AIR FORCE
FLEET ALL WEATHER TRAINING UNIT
NAVAL AIR STATION, KEY WEST, FLORIDA

IN REPLY REFER TO:

FF12/FAWTULANT
Code 10: wep
Ser: 875

17 SEP 1957

SPEEDLETTER - URGENT

From: Commanding Officer, Fleet All Weather Training Unit, Atlantic
To: Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C.
Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
Attn: AT1AA-2C
Commander, Air Defense Command, ENT AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Commander Eastern Air Defense Force, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N. Y.

FLYOBRT X REFER MY DISPATCH 280545Z OF AUG 57 X SUBSEQUENT OBSERVATIONS
ESTABLISH VISUAL OBJECT AS PLANET VENUS X RADAR SIGNALS ARE UNEXPLAINED,
HOWEVER TWO SUBSEQUENT INSTANCES INDICATE POSSIBILITY OF RANDOM SIGNALS
BEING RECEIVED BY APG-51A RADAR WHEN POINTED TOWARD VENUS X

→ i.e.

K. H. STEFAN
By direction

Since the original UFO sighting.

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DIO, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C.
COMNAVAIRLANT
COMFAIRJAX
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Comment:

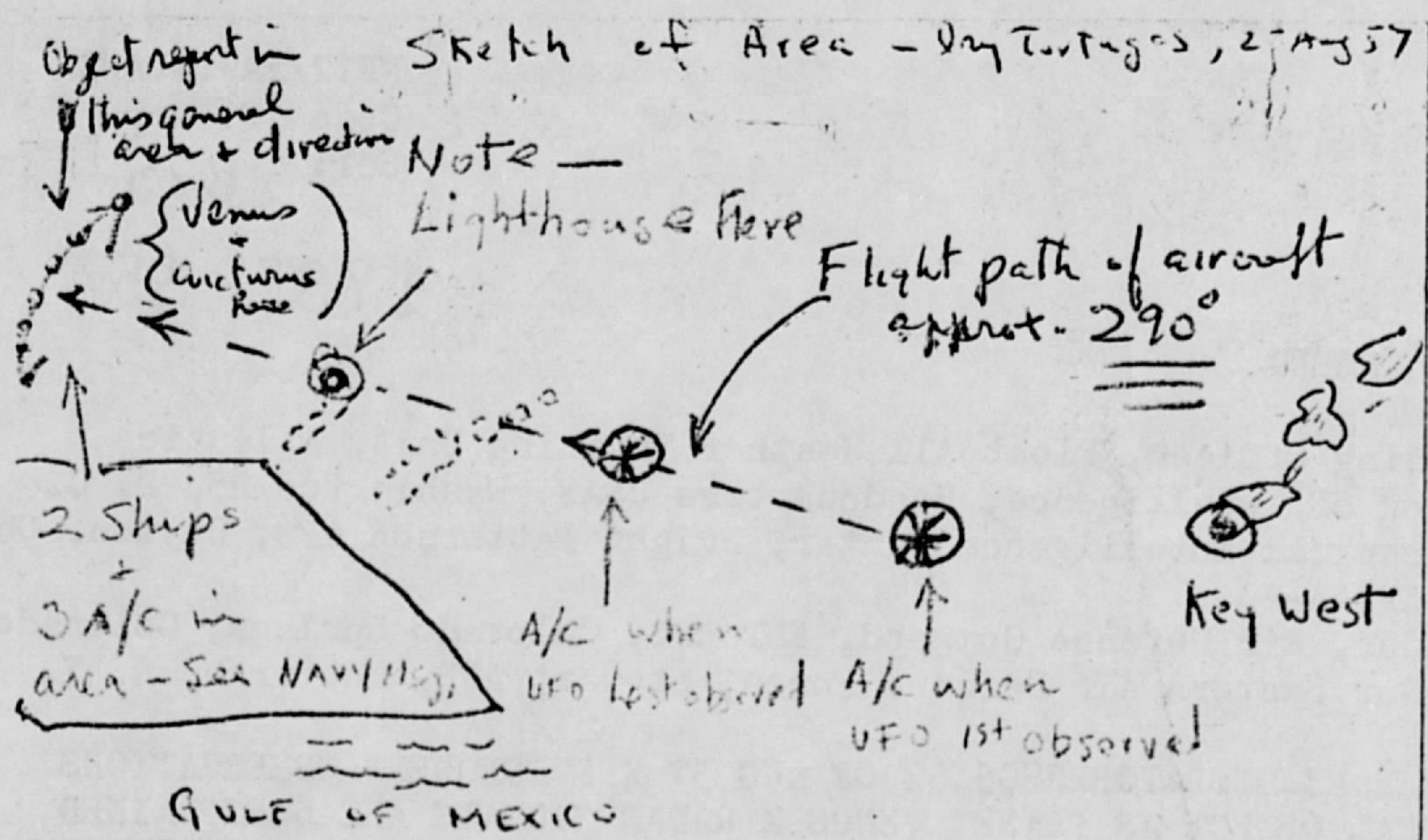
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and lighthouse all in approximate
flight path line of observing aircraft at
that times of observation.

On the basis of the above msg.

Conclude UFO was caused by a
conceivable combination of astronomical
objects together with random radar
signals that appeared at that moment.

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Also see
yellow sheet
3rd and 4th
columns.



(525) LAKE OKEECHOBEE

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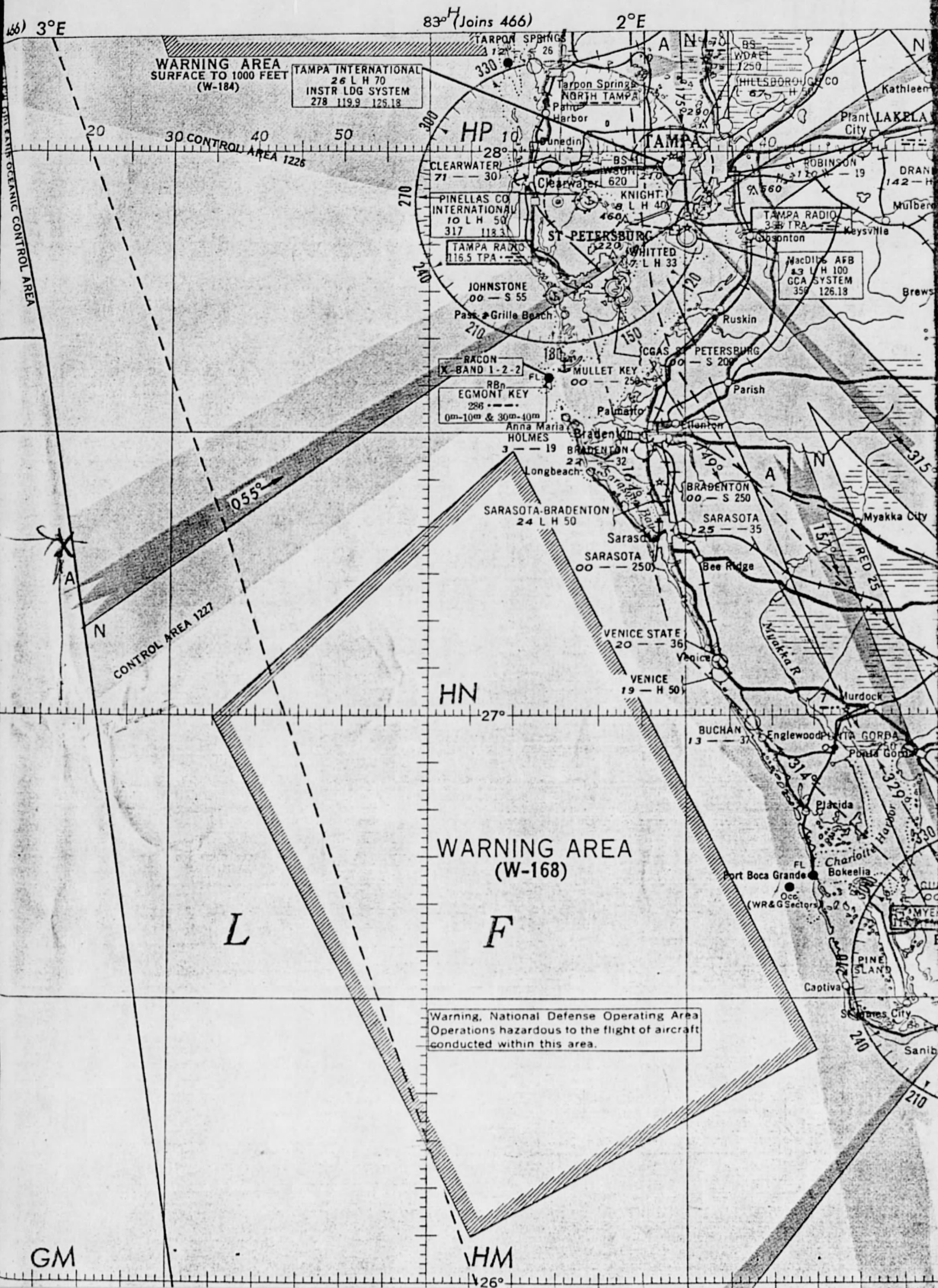
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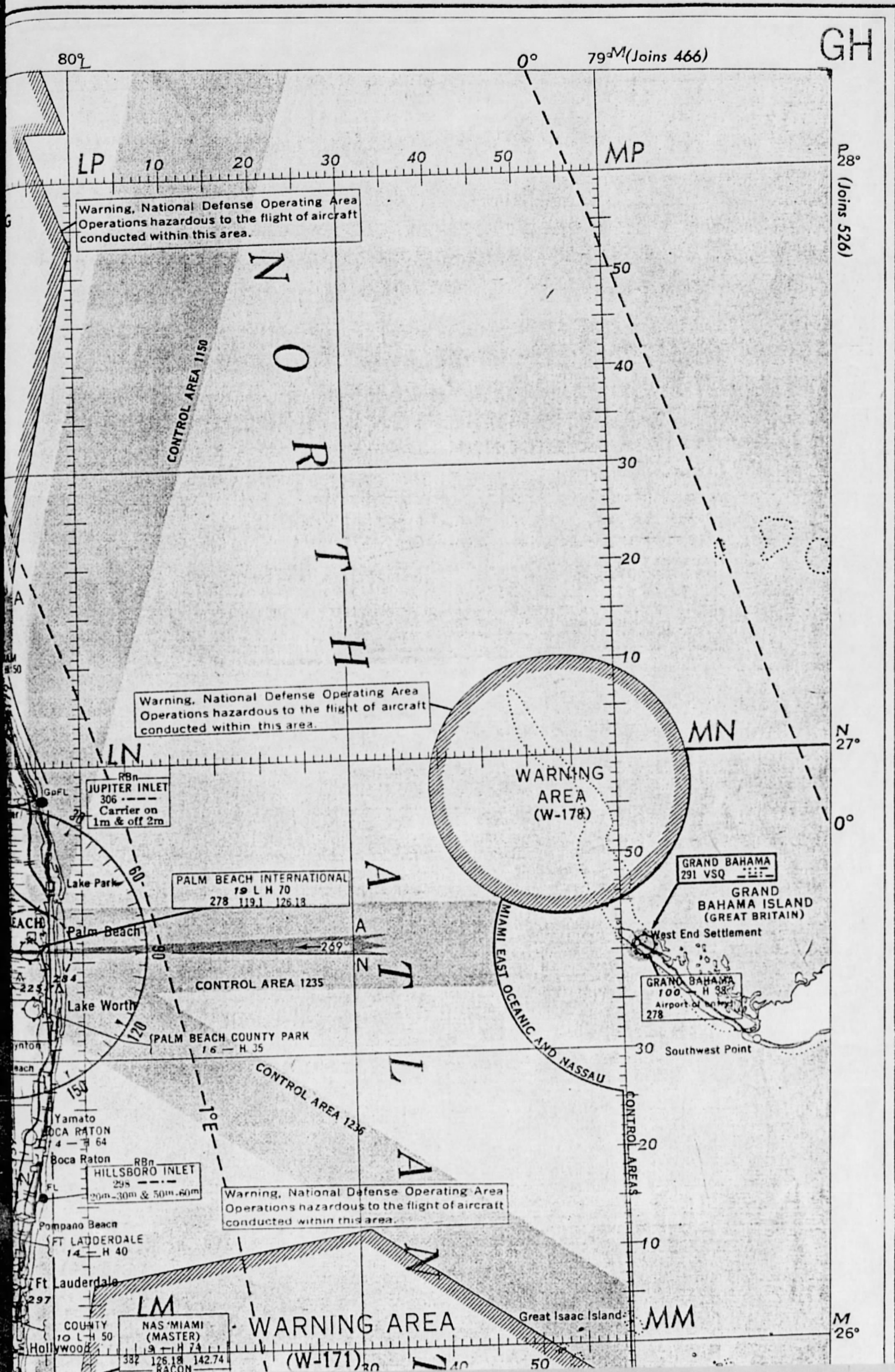
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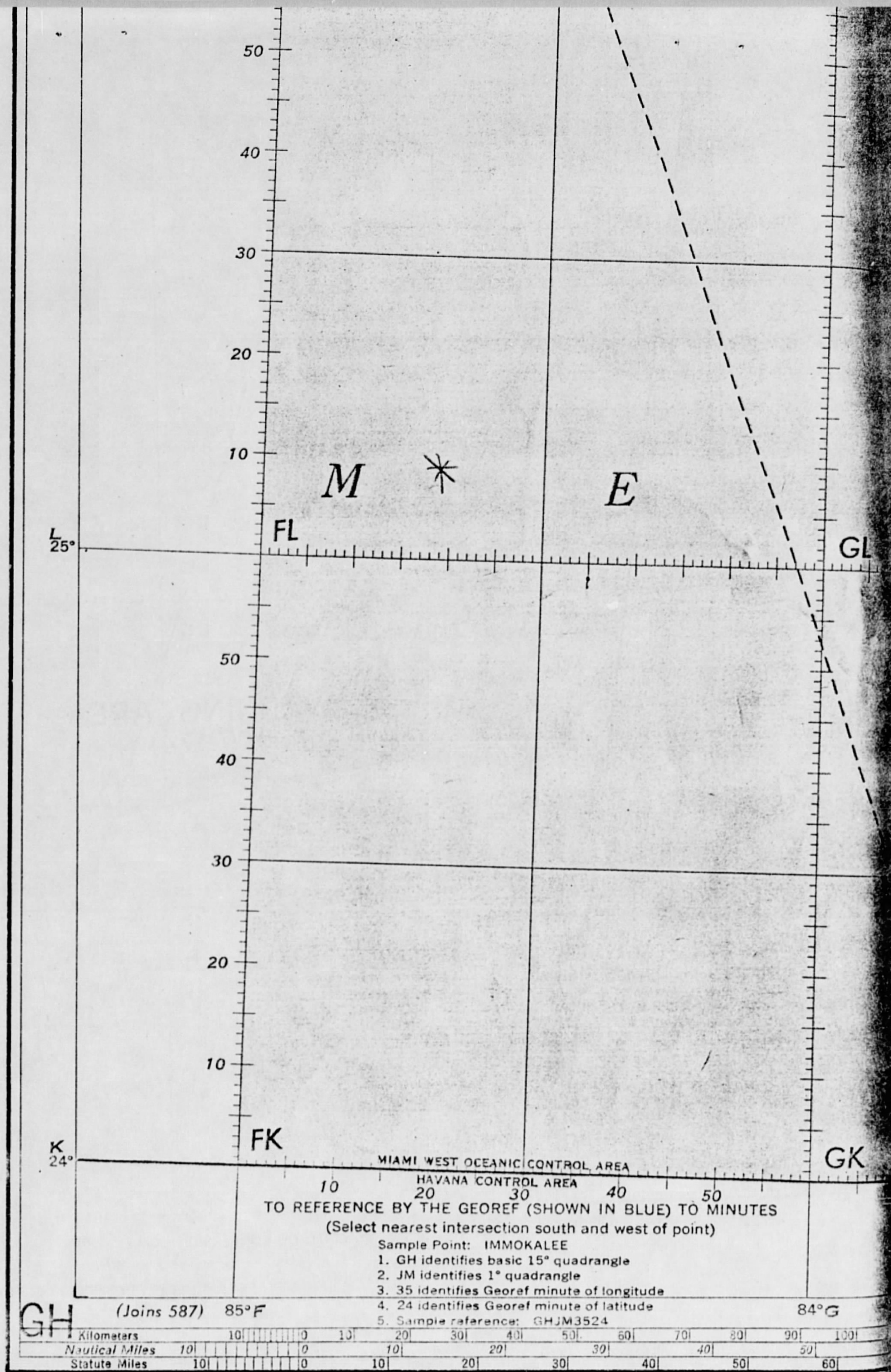


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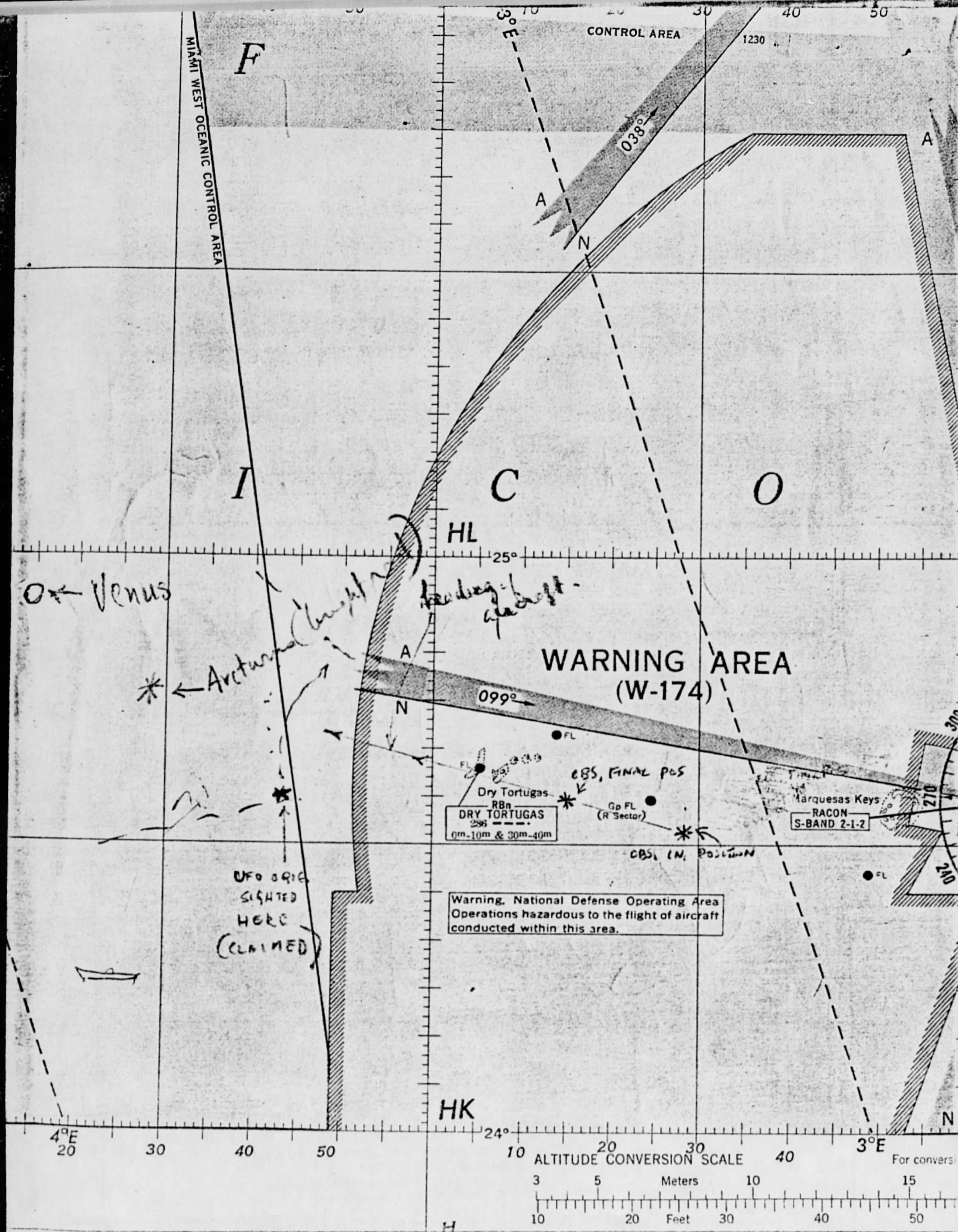






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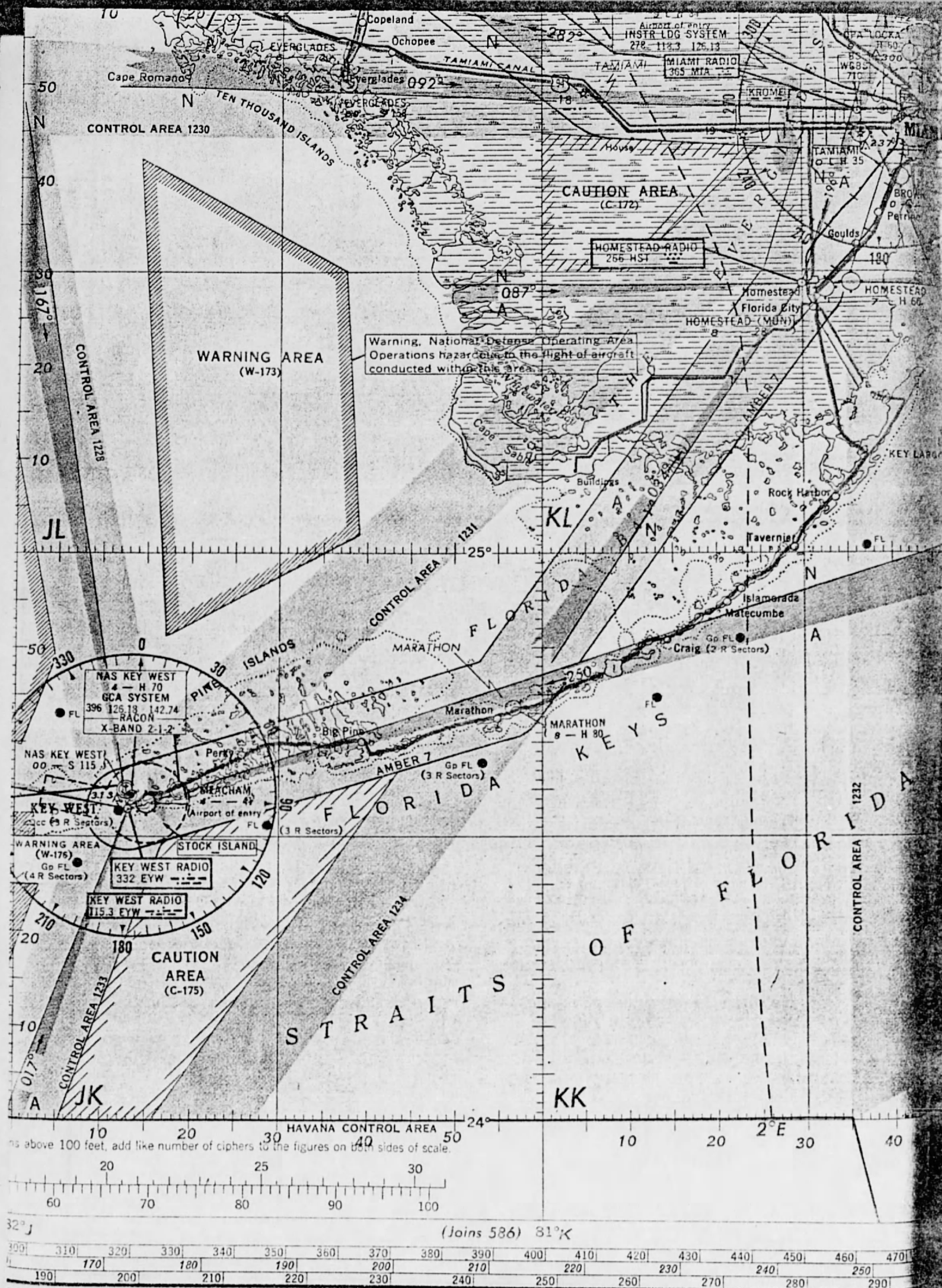
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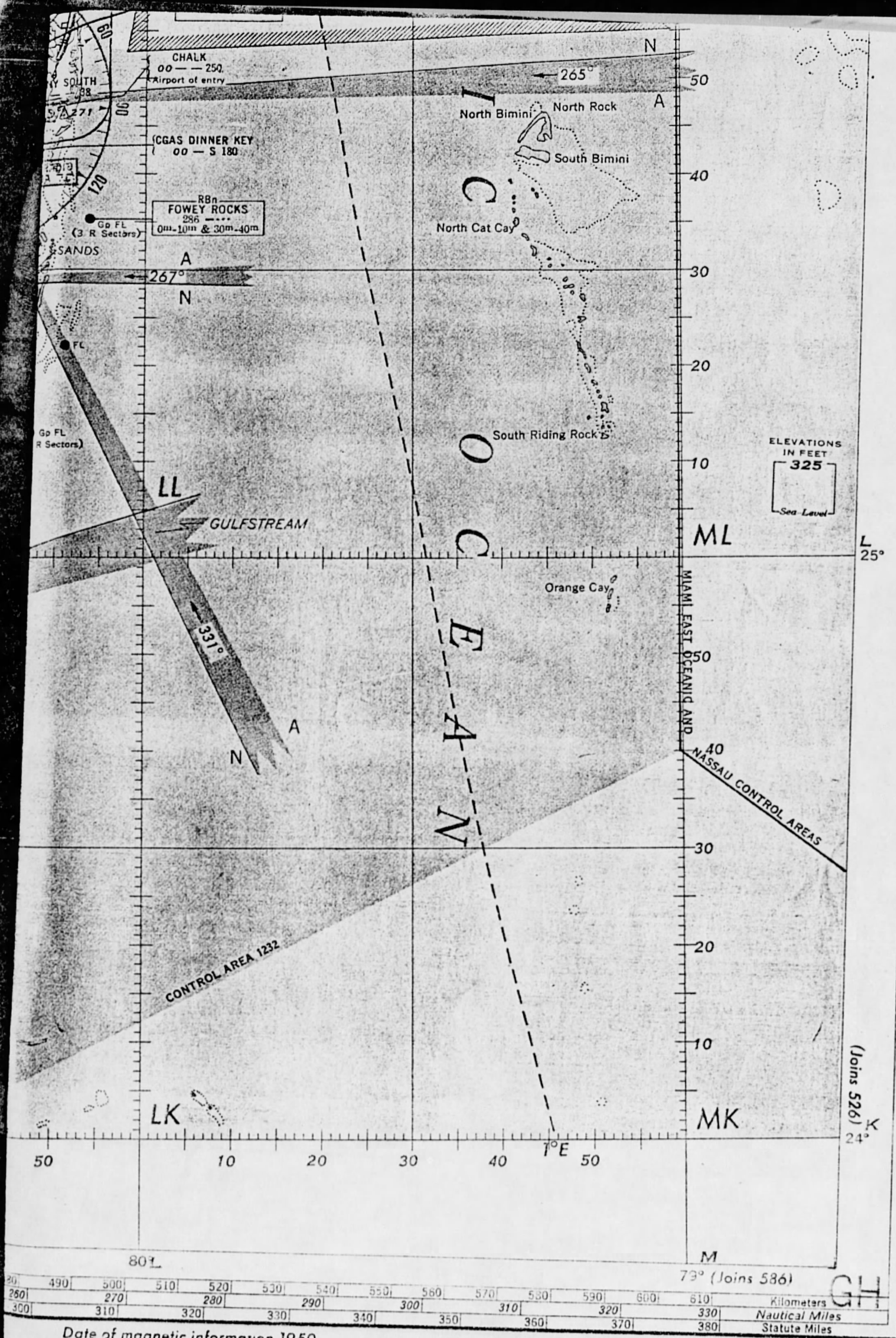
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NOTE: It is requested that users of this chart indicate corrections and additions which come to their attention and notify "THE DIRECTOR, U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C." VERY HIGH FREQUENCIES (VHF) PRINTED IN BLUE BLUE TINT INDICATES AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLED AREAS

SCALE 1:1,000,000

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Guide for changes in aeronautical information on this
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LAKE OKEECHOBEE (525)

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U.S. AIR FORCE EDITION

DRY TORTUGAS, FLA. 27 AUG 57

Analyst's Comments:

1. A review of the current Aero Chart #525, (Lake Okechobee Area), Georef Quadrant HK, indicates that the aircraft observing the UFO was heading almost directly towards the lighthouse in the Dry Tortugas. (Plot coordinates of aircraft position given in UFO report).
2. It has been proven before, that the rotating beams of these installations can create some weird and unusual moving shapes, particularly at night, and if impinging upon lower cloud layers. Lighthouse beams can also reflect off adjacent cloud banks.

However, as reporting officers contend that the above was taken into consideration, and (in the opinion of those investigating the possibility that the lighthouse was responsible for the sighting) could not have caused the phenomena; ~~the~~ official requests for info. and investigations to CAA, CNI, Eglin AFB and Patrick AFB H. 10

4. Note: An astro plot indicates that the heading of the reporting aircraft (NW) was almost in direct line with the very bright star, ARCTURUS, very bright appearing orange, overwhite in color. Very bright

Center have produced negative results; and
careful check of balloon launchings in area show it
extremely unlikely object was balloon — must conclude
object "UNKNOWN" pending receipt of any later
data.
G.T.G.

TWX. for more info Sent to:

1. Eglin AFB
2. Paduch AFB
3. ONI, Wash. D.C.
4. CAA - Miami Fla office

Check with Stan "Nocturnal"
for that time and place.

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