

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 September 1957	2. LOCATION Chitose Air Base, Japan		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 01/0430Z or 0530Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual Camera/viewfinder ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE Military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-3 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE	☒ Other negative flaw ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING An object black in color was sighted through a camera viewfinder. The object appeared as a shadow moving from left to right.		11. COMMENTS In the processing of this film, development in the area of the dark blotch was prevented entirely and in the surrounding area partially, leaving a clear & partially clear area on the film. This area, in printing, allowed the full light of the printer to pass onto the paper and expose it to this degree of black.	

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PREPARING INDIVIDUAL Captain Joseph A. Calhoon, ATILLO		DATE OF REPORT 11 Oct 57	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE A/2C [REDACTED]		EVALUATION F-6	SRI NO. ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)

REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)

BAIR Subj: 460T; AFR 200-2

SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

Unidentified Flying Object

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

This report forwards a photograph of a reported unidentified flying object. Confirming evidence of the incident is unavailable.

APPROVED:

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Director, ATILLO
DCS/Intelligence

- 4 INCLS
1. 8 X 10 Photograph (1 cy)
 2. 8 X 10 Enlargement of UFOB in Incl 1 (1 cy)
 3. Negative of Incl 1
 4. 3 X 4 Photograph of UFOB in Incl 1 (5 cys) (to ATIC only)

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3. Airman [REDACTED] was on Temporary Duty Orders S. O. 154, paragraph 8, 1885th AACs, E and I Sq (MATS), APO 959, dated 26 August 1957, at the time of the incident. Although the UFOB appeared in the photograph he did not attach any significance to it until return from TDY. Upon return in general discussion he was persuaded to report the sighting. Initially it was believed the GCA unit at Chitose Air Base could confirm the incident. This, however, has provided negative observation by the unit when officially queried. The AC and W units also report no unidentified tracks for the period 0300Z to 0600Z on 1 September 1957 for the Chitose area.

4. The camera used was a Ricoh with 45mm lens set at 1/100 or 1/200 second at f.8.

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COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICER:

This report was prepared in its entirety by a member of the Air Technical Intelligence Liaison Office.

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1. In accordance with AFR 200-2 the following information is submitted:

- (1) a. Elliptical shape.
- b. Size indefinite due to short duration of observation.
- c. Dark Color or black.
- d. Number observed was one.
- e.-1. Negative.

(2) a.-f. Object appeared in camera viewfinder while Airman [REDACTED] was photographing flag poles at Chitose Air Base, Japan. Object appeared as a shadow moving from left to right. Duration of observation estimated to be two-three seconds during which photograph was taken. When camera was moved to permit viewing directly by eye the object had disappeared.

(3) Observation ground visual through camera viewfinder.

(4) a. Time 0430Z or 0530Z on 1 September 1957.

b. Direct sunlight during day.

(5) Chitose Air Base, Japan.

(6) A/2C [REDACTED] AF [REDACTED], AACS Yamato Air Station, Japan. Education: High school graduate.

(7) 0300Z 2500 scattered, 4500 broken, 9000 broken, visibility 25 miles, wind calm.

0400Z 4000 broken, 11000 broken, visibility 25 miles, wind north 5 knots.

0500Z 4000 broken, visibility 25 miles, wind west 10 knots.

0600Z 4000 broken, visibility 25 miles, wind west 5 knots.

At 2400Z on 31 September 1957 a slight temperature inversion existed at the surface to possibly 200 ft. altitude. This is normal for the time and location.

(8) Negative.

(9) Not applicable.

(10) Local area aircraft flights were present in the reported time period of 0300Z to 0600Z.

COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

2. Airman [REDACTED] reported the photograph and observation was made by the flagpole at Base Headquarters, Chitose Air Base, Japan. The sun was to the side and rear of Airman [REDACTED] at the time. Airman [REDACTED] was facing a southeast direction at the time. The flagpoles were estimated to be approximately 50 feet from the camera. Object distance was estimated at one-half to one mile at 1000 feet altitude.

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Request for Analysis - UFO Photography

TO AFCIN-4A2f

FROM AFCIN-4E4

DATE 4 Nov 57

COMMENT NO. 1

4E4/T/Sgt J. Boleu/wm
69216

In accordance with established ATIC policies for UFO analyses, request a study and analysis of subject material, and the results of your findings be made known to this office by comment hereon.

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HENRY A. MILEY
AFCIN-4E4

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TO: AFCIN-4E4

FROM: AFCIN-4A2f

DATE: 8 Nov 57

COMMENT NR 2

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Ext 5-9196/Bldg 263

1. The dark blotch on the photographs accompanying the report on the UFO has these characteristics:

a. It represents an area on the film entirely devoid of detail or exposure effect.

b. The area has no significant edge.

c. The area is vignetted or has no definite outline.

d. Proportions indicate the object is a great distance away.

2. If this were a dark flying object, these things would be true:

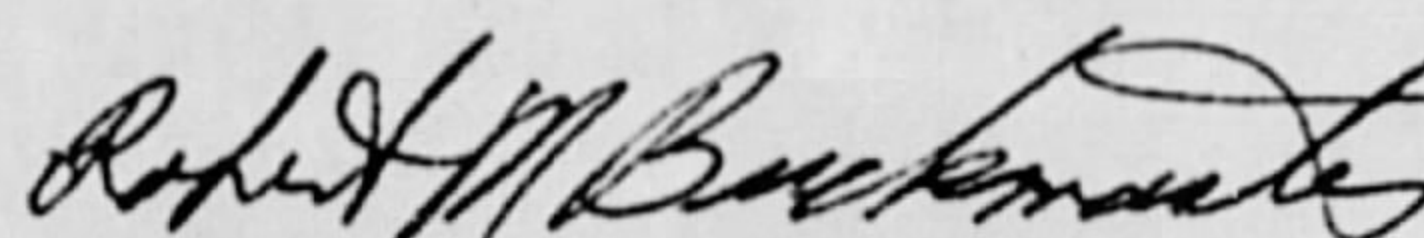
a. Even if the UFO was jet black as indicated by the print there would be some detail visible in this area of the film, at the indicated exposure.

b. There would be a more definite outline to the object.

c. If the sky was at all hazy or if the object was a distance away a dark or a light object would have a tendency to blend into the haze or sky.

3. From these photographs it is concluded that in the processing of this film, development in this area was prevented entirely and in the surrounding area partially, leaving a clear and partially clear area on the film. This area, in printing, allowed the full light of the printer to pass onto the paper and expose it to this degree of black. Cause: Emulsion side of film touching either some part of the tank or the film during the development.

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n/c



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Major, USAF
AFCIN-4A2f

Other
NEGATIVE FLAW

This case includes

2 8" x 10" & 4 3 1/4" x 4"

photos of sighting at

Chitose AB, Japan

1 Sep 57

Japan/FR-23-57/3XL Photograph of UFOB
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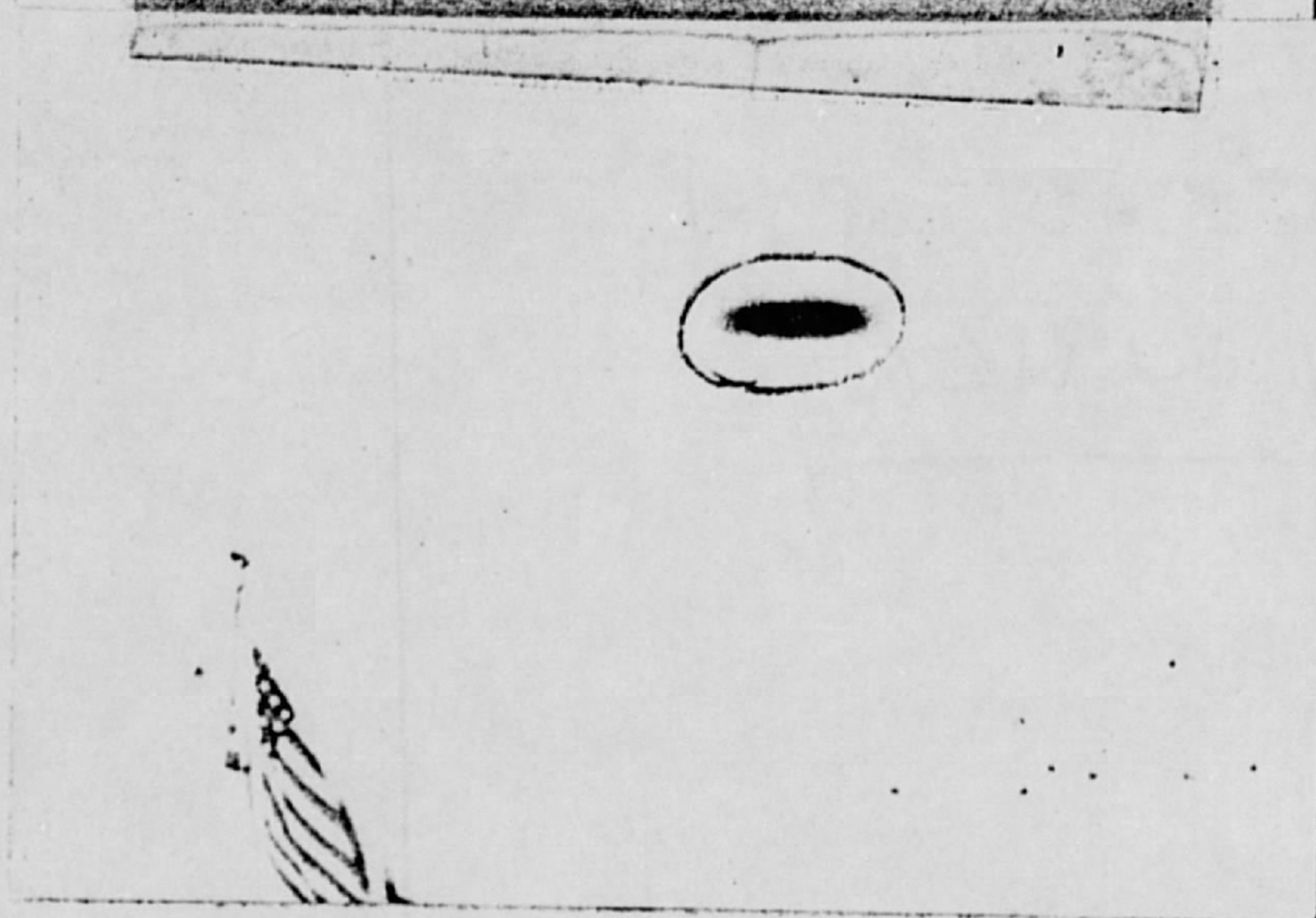


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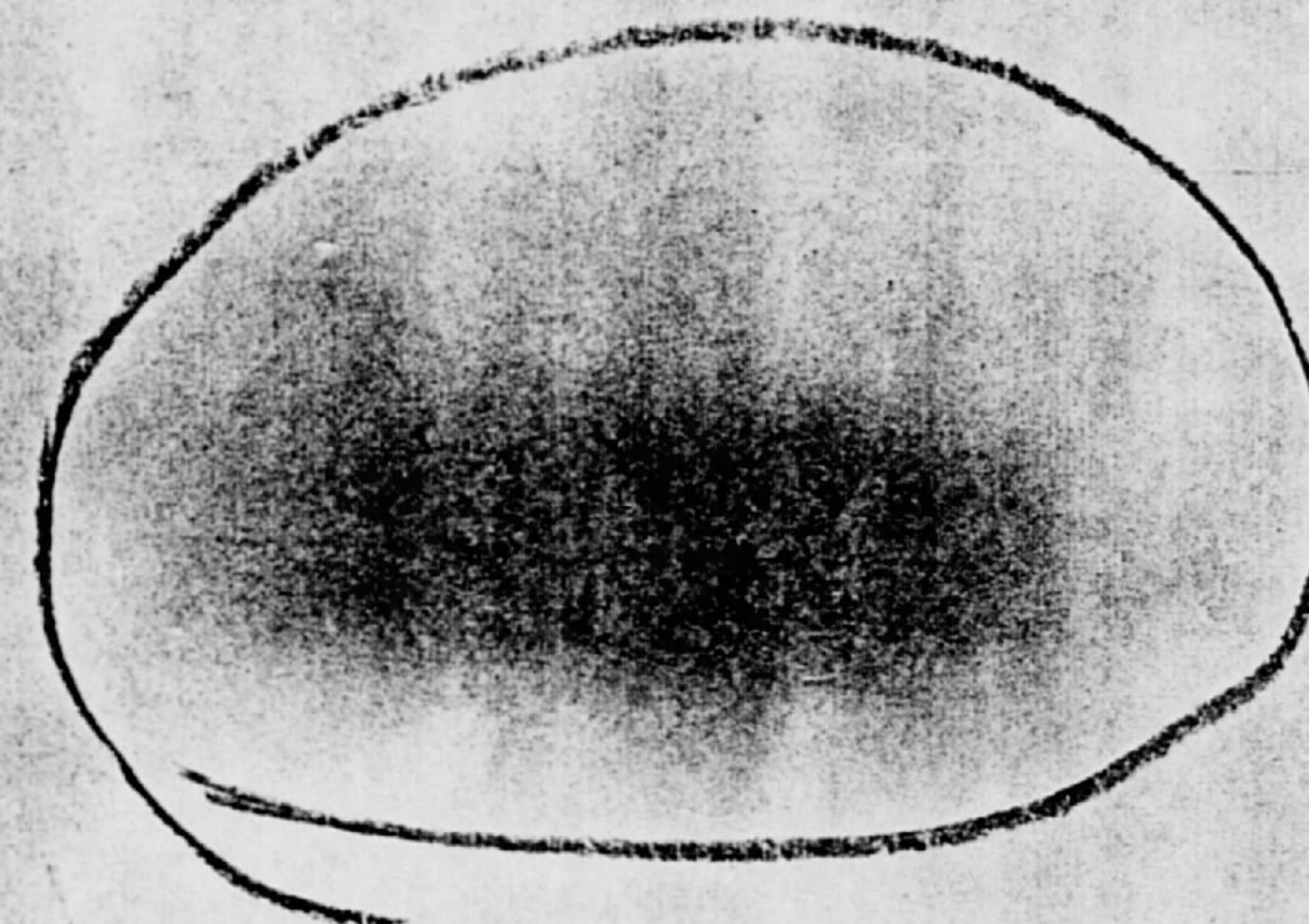
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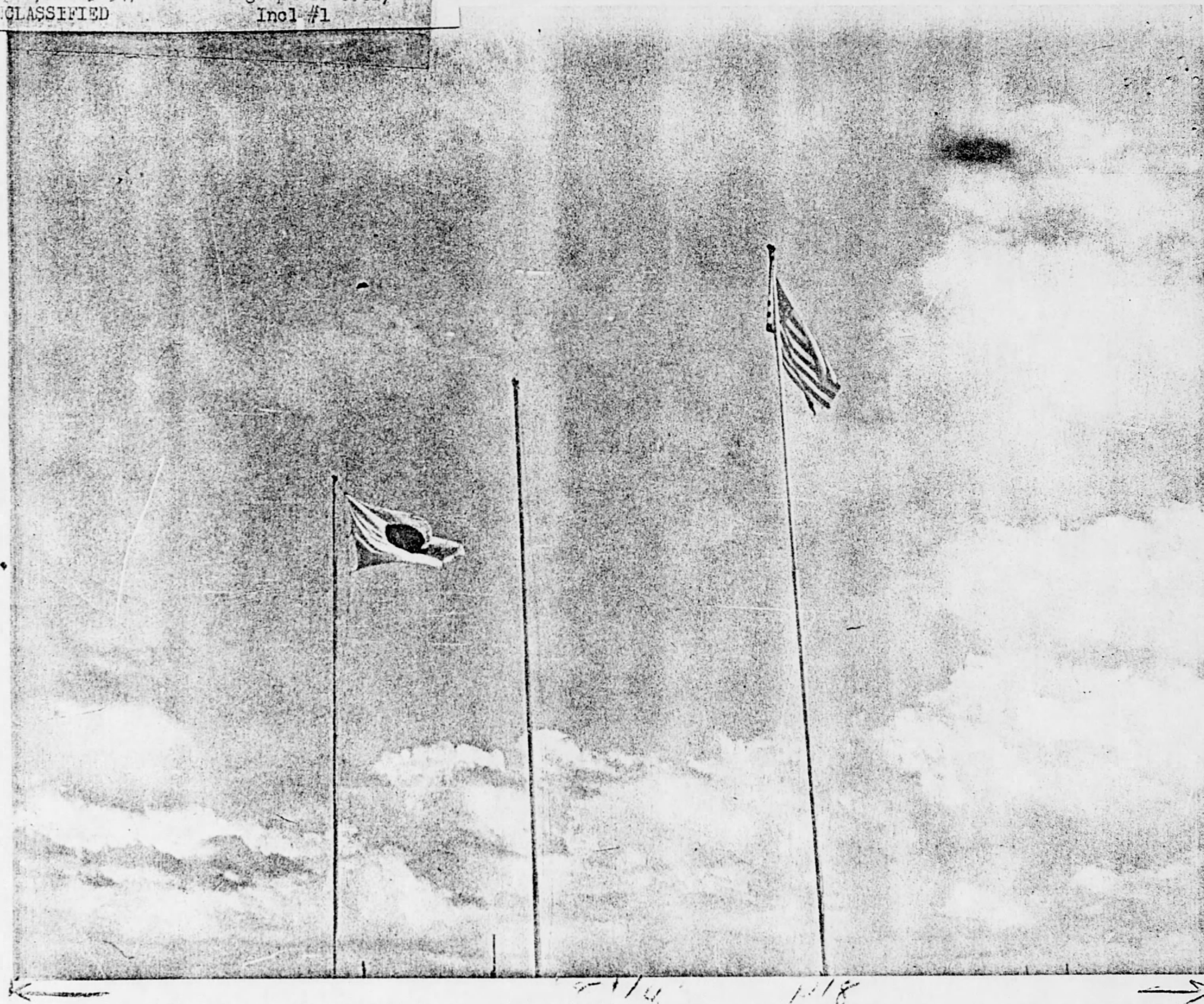
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Japan/IR-23-57/3XL Photograph of UFOB
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Japan/IR-23-57/8X10 Enlargement of Photograph
of UFOB UNCLASSIFIED Incl #2





1 September 1957
at Chitose Air Base
Japan

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AF ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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as flawed on neg

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