

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE October 1957		2. LOCATION Angelus Crest Hwy, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>hoax</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>unknown</u> GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes Physical ☒ No Specimen		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION NA		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NA	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A small guided-missile-appearing object was submitted to PIO office, Hollywood. Object had Russian markings. Photographs on file. See Specimen 7-3745-454 In following folder				11. COMMENTS Object was hoax. No means for propulsion, Russian script was amateurish, and couplings (brand new) were strictly US type w/ US markings. The aluminum fins had ALCOA markings on them. Finder admitted making object to play "prank" on boss.	

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FROM: COMDR ATIC					SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
TO: DET 2, ATIC, WESTERN OFFICE PASADENA, CALIFORNIA					S8021 12002
/UNCL/FROM: AFCIN-4E4 12-1913-E					
IN RECEIPT OF PHOTOS OF ROCKET-LIKE OBJECT BEARING RUSSIAN WRITING, OBVIOUS HOAX. REQUEST DETAILED INFO. REGARDING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ANY INDICATION OF PRINCIPALS OR SOURCES THAT MAY BE INVOLVED FOR CASE FILES HERE. STATISTICAL SURVEY OF HOAXES AND ATTEMPTED HOAXES HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY HQ USAF. INFO REQUIRED TO COMPLETE COMPILATION. REFER TO UFO UNIT, AFCIN-4E4, IN REPLY.					
COORDINATION					
AFCIN-4E4 <u>Hailey</u> DATE <u>3 Dec 57</u>					
AFCIN-4E <u>for</u> DATE <u>7 Dec 57</u>					
AFCIN-4X1 <u>Col H.K. Gilbert</u> DATE <u>4 Dec</u>					
MR. DODD					
DATE 03 TIME 1230					
MONTH DEC YEAR 57					
SYMBOL AFCIN-4E4 <u>George G. Gregory</u>			SIGNATURE <u>Robert E. O'Connor</u>		
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required) Capt G.T. Gregory			TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE		
PHONE 69216 PAGE NR. 1 NR. OF PAGES 1			ROBERT E. O'CONNOR Captain, USAF Assistant Adjutant		
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED					

DISPOSITION FORM

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT UFO Hoax

TO AFCIN-4E4

FROM Western Office, ATIC

DATE 10 Dec 57

COMMENT NO. 1

Lt Col Mitchell/ck

1. Reference your message AFCIN-4E4 cite 12-1913-E, the following information pertaining to the hoax perpetrated recently by an individual in Van Nuys, California, is submitted.

Mr. [REDACTED], an employee of Bendix Radio, Van Nuys, California, reported to his supervisor at Bendix to display a "finned missile like" object he [REDACTED] had ostensibly found in the mountains near Angelus Crest Highway. The supervisor placed the object in the hands of Bendix police, who in turn released it to Van Nuys police.

At this point the Air Force Office of Public Information was called to aid in identification of the object. The Western Office, ATIC was requested by AF PIO to assist. The object was easily identified as being locally built and ATIC was so informed.

Unfortunately, a vast amount of publicity accompanied the series of events; publicity, which Mr. [REDACTED] did not relish; since it was later determined that he had meant only to play a joke on his supervisor. He became concerned about "how things got out of hand" in view of the mounting publicity. In order to rectify the situation he called the AF PIO and admitted having made the object himself, but only as a joke to play on his supervisor. He intended that it end there.

Air Force PIO, Hollywood, promised Mr. [REDACTED] not repeat not to release the details presented above since the individual concerned would probably suffer loss of his job or other possible embarrassment. This office felt obligated to comply with their request.

The object has been shipped to ATIC, Attention: Major Smith, AFCIN-4A.

Max O. Mitchell
MAX O. MITCHELL

Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Western Office, ATIC

Rec'd AFCIN-4E4
17 Dec 57
10:30
[initials]

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REPLACES NME FORM 26, 1 OCT 49, WHICH MAY BE USED.

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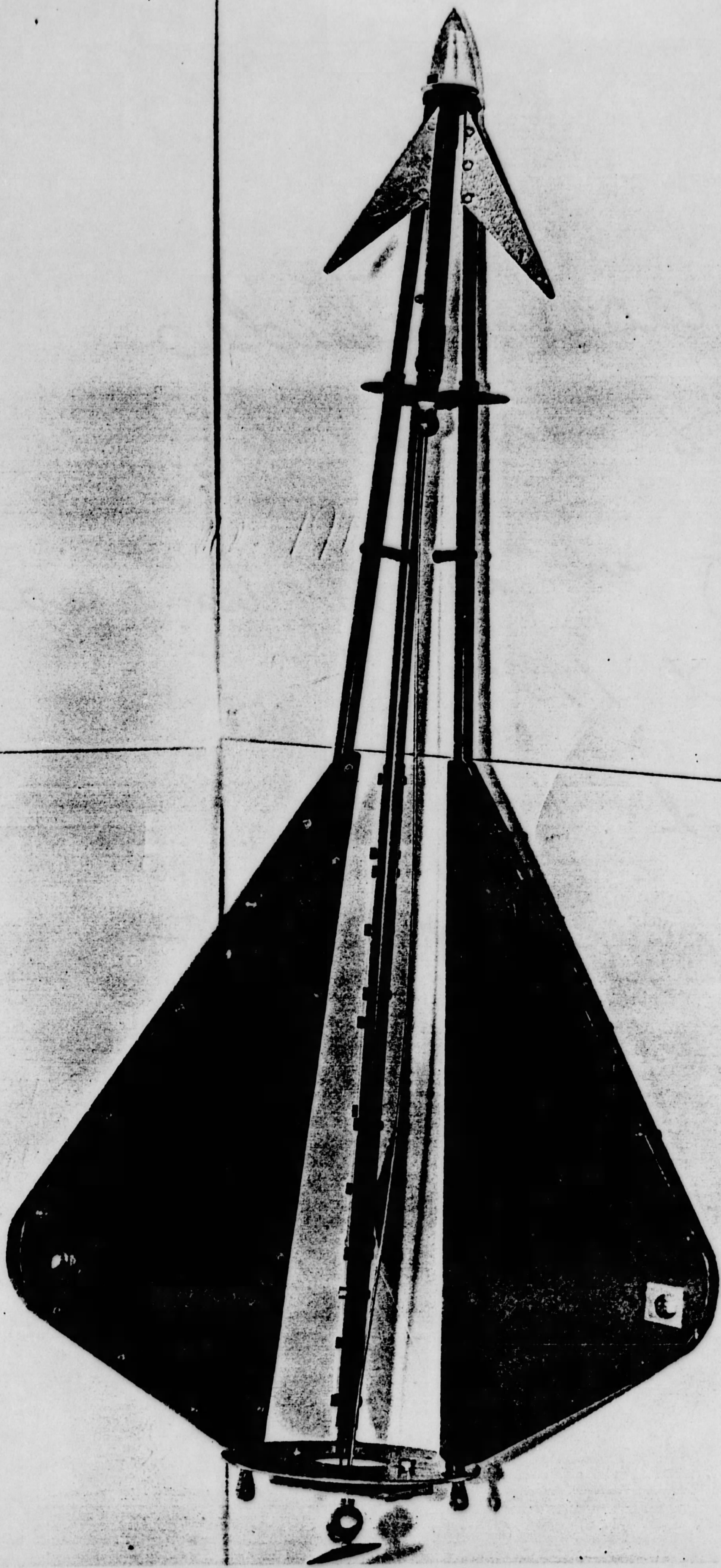
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/UNCL/FROM: AFCIN-4E4 12-1988-E REF YOUR DF, DATED 10 DEC 57 IN REPLY TO OUR TT MSG FOR DETAILS. COPY OF PHOTO, MATERIAL AND INFO. UP TO THE TIME OF ORIGINAL RECEIPT IN HQ, USAF, SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTELLIGENCE AND PIO POLICIES REGARDING HOAXES, WHICH HAVE BEEN GREATLY INCREASING THIS YEAR. POSSIBILITY THAT ALL, INCLUDING THE HOAX YOU REPORTED, MAY BE PRESENTED ON A NATION-WIDE PROGRAM. REPLY TO OUR QUERY BY TELETYPE MSG, INSTEAD OF DF WOULD HAVE BEEN ^{BT6} ARRIVED HERE IN TIME FOR PREVENTIVE ACTION. YOUR DF RECEIVED 17 DEC. ✓ WILL CONTACT PIO, HQS USAF, WITH SUGGESTION THAT IF TO BE RELEASED AS PART OF SERIES, THAT NAME AND LOCATIONS OF THE "VAN NUYS HOAX" NOT BE USED. ATIC COORDINATION 13 DEC 21 14 32 AFCIN-4E4 <i>H. Miley</i> DATE 17 Dec 57 DR. H. A. MILBY					<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">DATE 17</td> <td style="text-align: center;">TIME 1313</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">MONTH DEC</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YEAR 57</td> </tr> </table>	DATE 17	TIME 1313	MONTH DEC	YEAR 57
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PHONE 69216		PAGE NR. 1		TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE T. J. CONNAIR, JR. MAJOR, USAF AFCIN-4E4					
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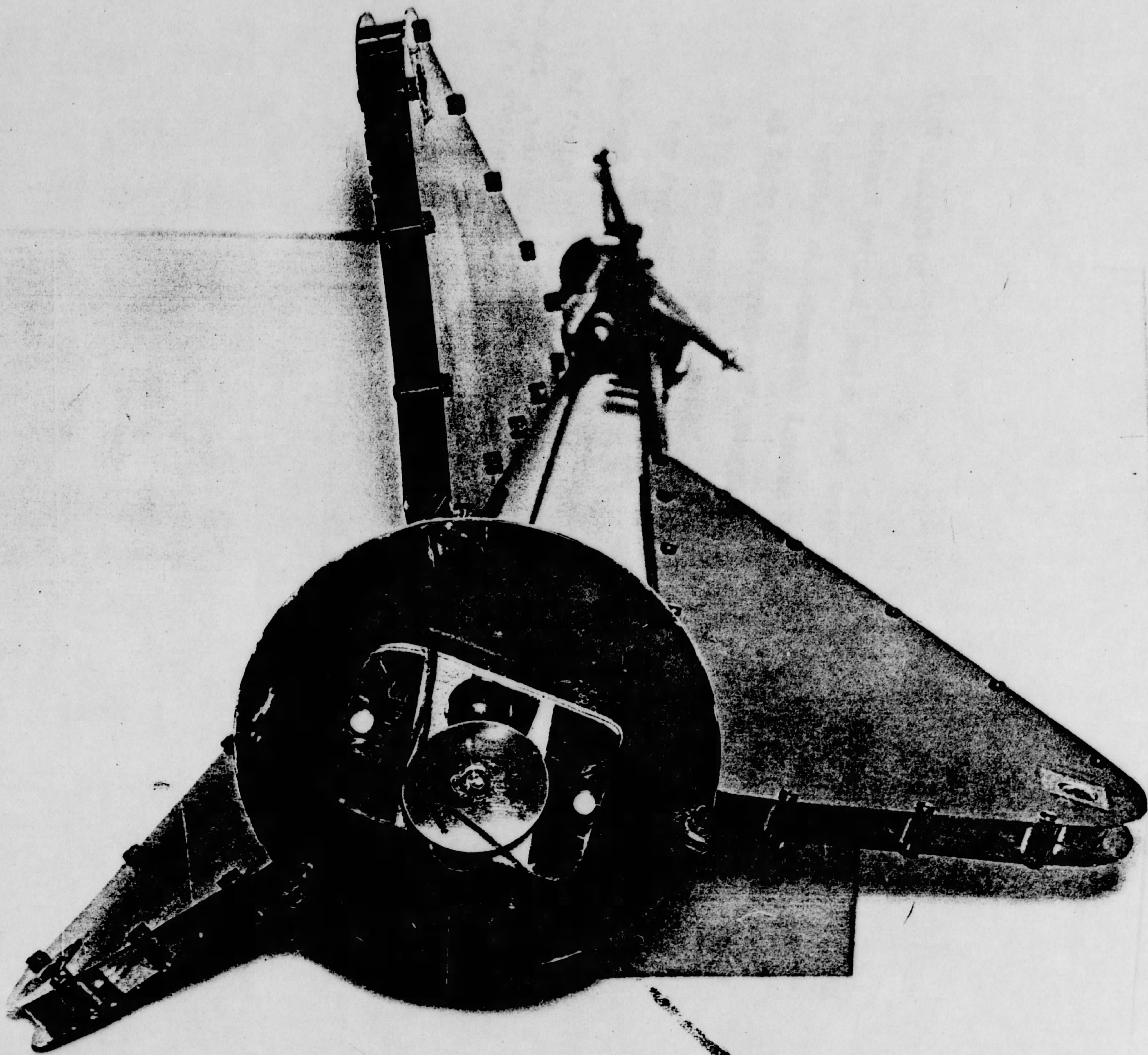
REPLACES DD FORM 173, 1 OCT 49, WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED

This case includes
three 8'x10' photos of
sighting in Los Angeles area
Oct 1957

and
physical specimens see
following folder



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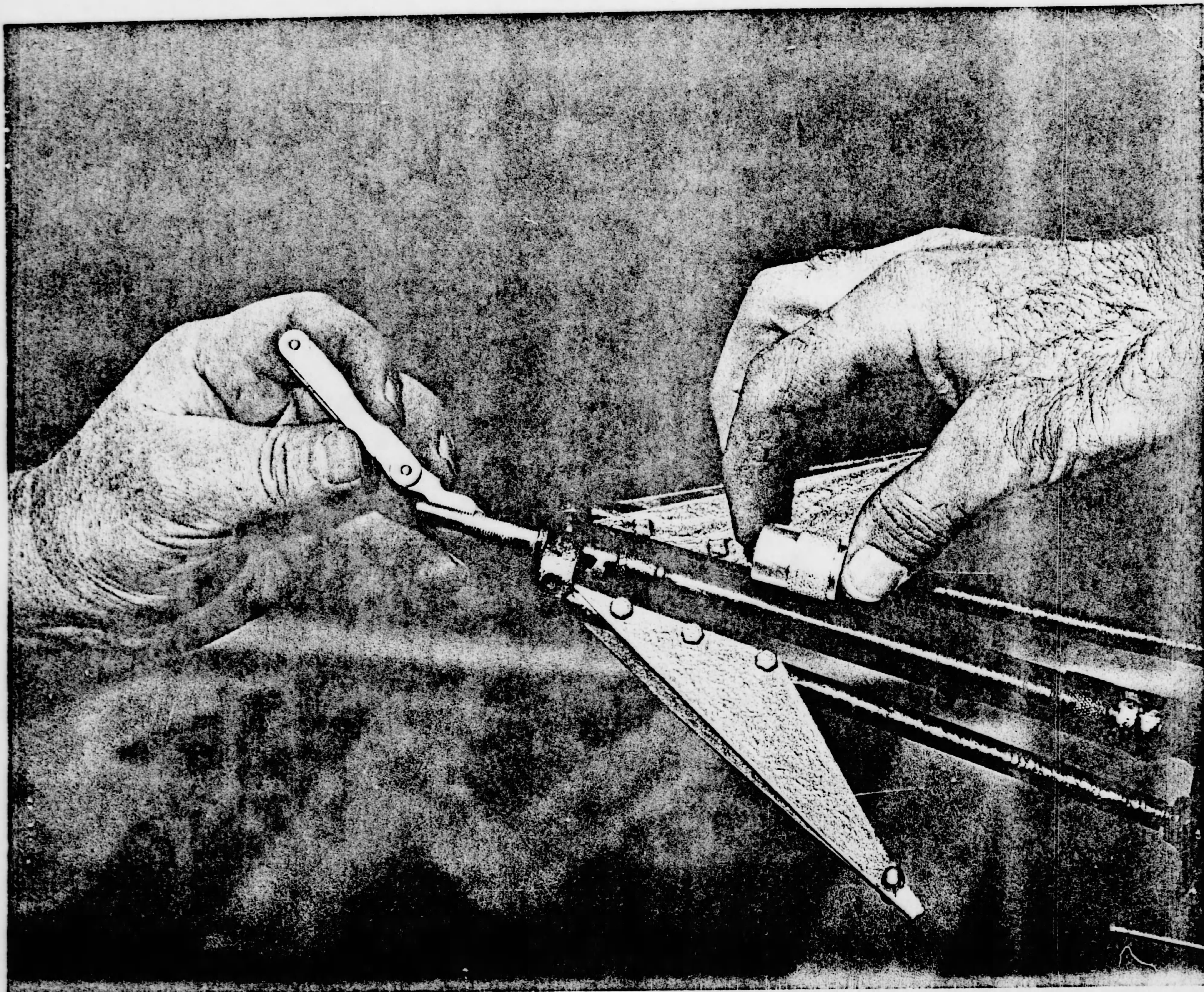
Russian
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30 October 1977

Figure above is a close-up of a three foot object, bearing Russian writing, alongside which are displayed several American-made objects which match perfectly those within the object. The spinner at right is of the kind used on naval airplanes. Nuts, bolts and spacers are of a type which can be purchased anywhere. The three-foot long object was declared to be a bomb by Col. Dean E. Hess, ^{Hoab} ~~Director~~ of the Los Angeles Office of Information Services, after analysis by experts. Object is,

"useless". Many of the parts within it are U.S. war-surplus items. The cable connector in the object bore the name "Massachusetts" in tiny letters, which were hidden by the paint.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

In this close-up photo, an analysis expert holds a cable connector, which matches perfectly with one used in a three-foot object, bearing Russian writing, which the Air Force has found to be a hoax. Col. Donn E. Hess, director of the Los Angeles Office of Information Services, said the object was "absolutely useless."