

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Jan 58		2. LOCATION LeCompte-Forest Hill, La.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Venus ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1920 GMT 04/0120Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oval shaped obj w/four glowing pointed rays (not integral parts of the obj) extending outward. One observer gave size of bale of cotton, the other as the size of a basketball held at arms length. Obj had a "pretty" golden color at its furthest point & a beautiful white color at its closest point. Obj moved gracefully w/no abrupt movement in ascent or descent. Had a gliding motion.				11. COMMENTS The road taken by the sources was re-traveled by the preparing officer during the same evening period. The only observation which could be considered relative was the Planet Venus. It was located in the same general vicinity as the pptd obj & disappeared fm view at about the same time as the obj reported by the source.	

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SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS		
AREA REPORTED ON Central Louisiana	FROM (Agency) 834th Air Division, England AFB, Louisiana	
DATE OF REPORT 10 January 1958	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 January 1958	EVALUATION C-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) 2d/Lt. JULIAN H GELETER, AO 3056504	SOURCE (1) [REDACTED] (2) MRS [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2, 12 August 1954		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

This report describes the observation of an un-identified object by Mrs [REDACTED] and Mrs [REDACTED] of LEESVILLE (3107N 9317W), LOUISIANA. They were both in a car driving on Louisiana Highway 112 between LECOMPTE (310516N 922403W) and FORREST HILL (310200N 923154W), LOUISIANA, and on Highway 28 between FORREST HILL and MELDER (310600N 920312W), LOUISIANA. Observations were made on the evening of 3 JANUARY 1958 commencing at approximately 1920 hours and lasting to approximately 1950 hours SIERRA time.

Both sources are college graduates and school teachers at LEESVILLE and are prominent and considered to be reputable citizens. Their husbands are successful business leaders in LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA. Sources were very cooperative in all instances and supplied their information freely with one reservation; that the interviewers use the utmost discretion in processing the information they were to give. They were interviewed separately and then it was decided to combine their information into one report.

APPROVING OFFICER:

Alexander W. J. Grant
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2 INCL.

1. Memory Sketchs of UFO
2. Outline of area driven by Sources during observation

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(1)

- a. Sources stated that object at its closest point possessed a definite but not sharp, oval shape with four (4) glowing pointed rays (not integral parts of object) extending outward. (Refer to Incl 1 & 2 for sketches of object and area traveled by Sources during observation)
- b. Mrs [REDACTED] described the object as approximating the size of a bale of cotton held at arms length. Mrs [REDACTED] described it at the closest point of observation to be the size of a basketball held at arms length. (Refer to Comment #2 of Preparing Officer).
- c. Both Sources described it to have a "pretty golden color" when reviewed at its furthest point and to be a "beautiful white color" at its closest point.
- d. One
- e. N/A
- f. Negative
- g. Refer to shape above
- h. Negative

(2)

- a. Mrs [REDACTED], the driver, was seeking the big dipper as a means of determining the direction of their travel. — *lost when they were on the highway?*
- b. 60 degrees SSW
- c. 10 degrees SSW

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- d. Object moved gracefully with no abrupt movement in ascent or descent. Sources referred to it as "gliding" in all its movements. Object remained predominately on left side of car while the car moved in a westerly direction. At one point on Highway 28, beyond FORREST HILL traveling toward MELDER, (exact spot unknown), the object appeared to have stopped in front of the car but when the sources arrived at the spot they thought it to be, it was not there. According to Mrs. [REDACTED] it relocated itself to the left of the car in its usual general location. (Refer to Comment #3 of the Preparing Officer).
- e. The object last disappeared approximately three (3) miles EAST of MELDER, LOUISIANA, (Exact distance undetermined). It was not observed again by either source. Mrs. [REDACTED] said the object was out of sight while traveling NORTH from FORREST HILL to Louisiana Highway 28 and then re-appeared to her left when she turned WEST on Highway 28. However, Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the object was observed by her to the rear of the car while traveling this three (3) mile stretch of road.
- f. Approximately thirty (30) minutes.
- (3)
- a. Ground Visual
 - b. Negative
 - c. N/A
- (4)
- a. 040120Z JANUARY 1958
 - b. Night
- (5)
- a. Initial observation was at a concrete road bridge (9224N 2403W) approximately one (1) mile WEST of LECOMPT, LOUISIANA. Both observers

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were in the same car.

(6)

a. MRS. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA
PHONE: [REDACTED]
AGE: Approx 40
PROFESSION: Girls High School [REDACTED] Instructor

b. MRS. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA
PHONE: [REDACTED]
AGE: Approx 30
PROFESSION: [REDACTED] Grade School Teacher

c. (Refer to Comment #1 of Preparing Officer)

(7)

a. Exceptionally clear evening. All stars and heavenly bodies were visible. The moon was full and bright.

b. Reported by 21st Weather Sq, EAFB, at 1847S, 3 Jan 58	- 7,000'	280 degrees	30 Knots
	10,000	270 degrees	65 Knots
	16,000	270 degrees	55 Knots
	20,000	260 degrees	65 Knots
	30,000	260 degrees	110 Knots
	50,000	280 degrees	70 Knots

No Higher readings on this date

c. 1847S, England AFB, Louisiana; 9,000' Scattered

d. 10 Miles

e. .8

f. Negative

(8) Negative

(9) Negative

(10) Negative

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(11)

- a. 2/Lt JULIAN H GELETER, Ass't Intelligence Officer, 401st FBW, EAFB
W/Sgt ROBERT F PLYMPTON, NCOIC, 401st FBW Intel Section, EAFB, La.
- b. Sources of this report were contacted separately and each was convinced that she had observed an un-identified object. It was obvious that Mrs. [REDACTED] was more concerned and frightened by what she had observed than was Mrs. [REDACTED]. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she had on two (2) occasions begged Mrs. [REDACTED] to turn around; once a few miles WEST of LECOMPTE and again a few miles out of FORREST HILL. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she did not do so because she thought if the object was going to interfere with them it could do so at its option, therefore she could see no logical reason for turning around. To compensate for this Mrs. [REDACTED] said she advanced her speed to approximately 70 MPH in order to get home as soon as possible. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the interior lights of the car were off or dimmed during the entire escapade. Mrs. [REDACTED] had her seven (7) year old girl in the back seat together with Mrs. [REDACTED]'s one and one-half (1½) year old child. Both women stated they tried to with-hold their concern and fright from the Children and thought they had succeeded. It was determined by the interviewers that neither child had seen the object. Both sources first thought that the object was a light which they would subsequently be able to identify. However, after passing several lights and radio towers along the road they realized that their thinking had been wrong. Mrs. [REDACTED] said that only one car passed them during the observation, it was going the opposite direction. One other car followed them a short distance but turned off the road. No other vehicles were observed by them during the observation. Mrs. [REDACTED] has traveled this road many times on the way to BATON ROUGE,

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LOUISIANA and reportedly has never made any observation of this nature before. The car used belonged to Mrs. [REDACTED]. It was a 1957 CHEVROLET. It was checked for possible leads as to the cause of the observations. It possessed no exterior or interior objects which might account for the sightings. The road taken by the sources during their observations was re-traveled by the preparing officer during the same evening period in attempt to seek an explanation for what they had observed. The only observation which could be considered related to the un-identified object was the PLANET VENUS. It was located in the same general vicinity as the reported object and dissappeared from view at about the same time as the object reported by the sources. VENUS was bright and gave off a glow similiar to that described by the sources. However, the movements of the object observed by the sources cannot be explained or accounted for. Civic officials at MELTON, FORREST HILL and LECOMPTE were contacted in regards to observations of this nature in the past. All gave negative reports. None could give a possible explanation for the sighting. It is believed by the preparing officer that the object in question was the PLANET VENUS and that the imagination of the sources along with the movement of the vehicle in which they were traveling made it appear as if VENUS was gliding gracefully from one side of them to the other.

COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER

1. The names of the sources of this report should not be disseminated to any civilian agency without the approval of the preparing officer.
2. Every attempt was exercised to have source identify the size and shapes of objects as outlined in AFR 200-2, but to no avail. For this reason it is believed that neither source could make a satisfactory estimate of sizes and

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* Proven repeatedly that watching a fixed

object from a moving car, with

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distances. (See Incl # 1 and 2 for the memory sketches and area traveled by sources)

3. Sources estimated that they traveled at the speed of 60-70 MPH for approximately three (3) minutes from the spot of observation to the spot where they thought the object should have been.
4. A Mr. [REDACTED] of the Army CIC located at FORT POLK, LOUISIANA spoke very highly of the sources and their families. He knew them personally and regarded them above reproach and not likely to "Cook Up" the incident outlined in this report.
5. The time lag between time of observation (3 Jan) and the date of this report (10 Jan) was due to the preparing officer not receiving a report of the incident until 8 January 1958.

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2nd Lt, USAF
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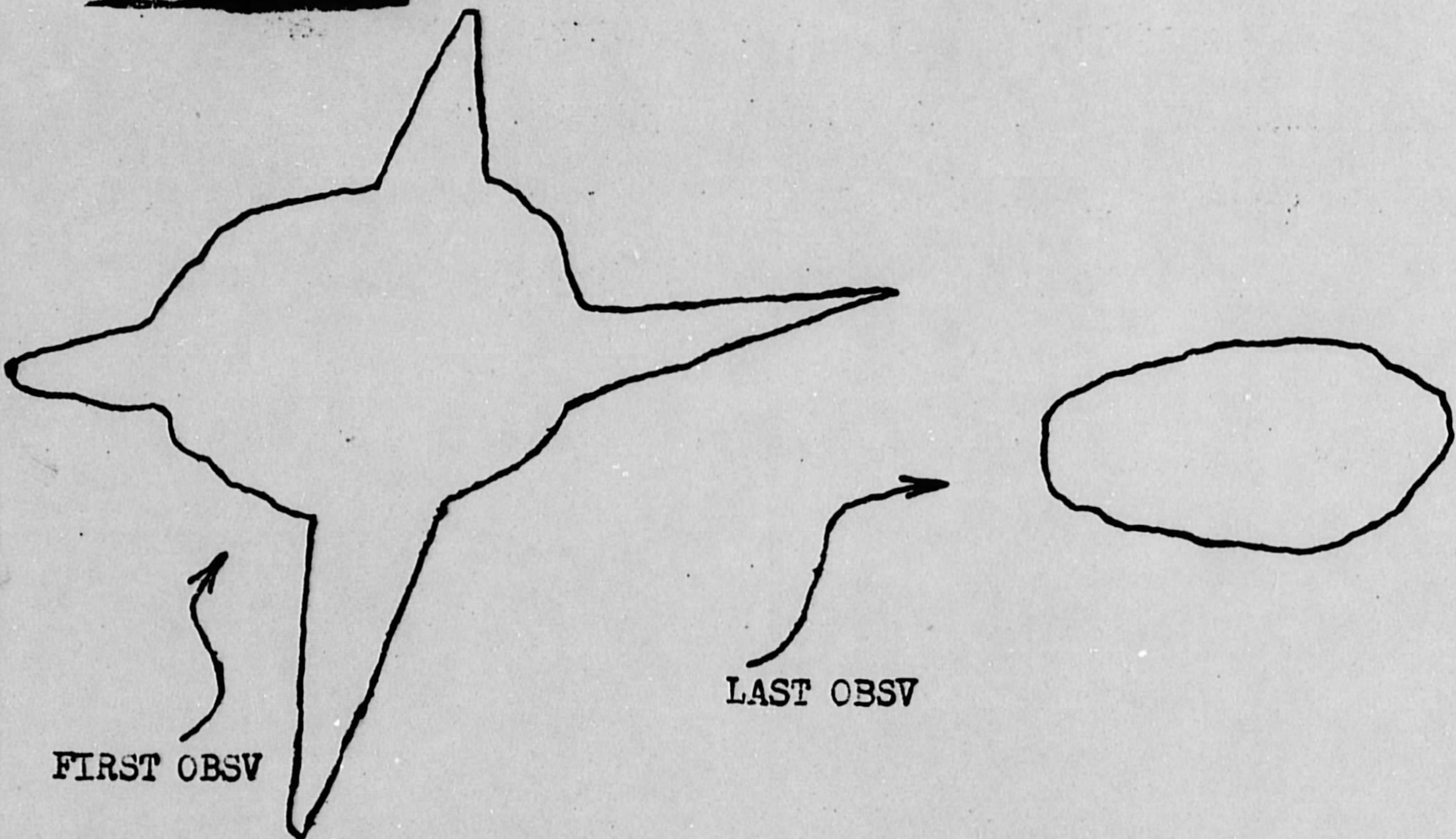
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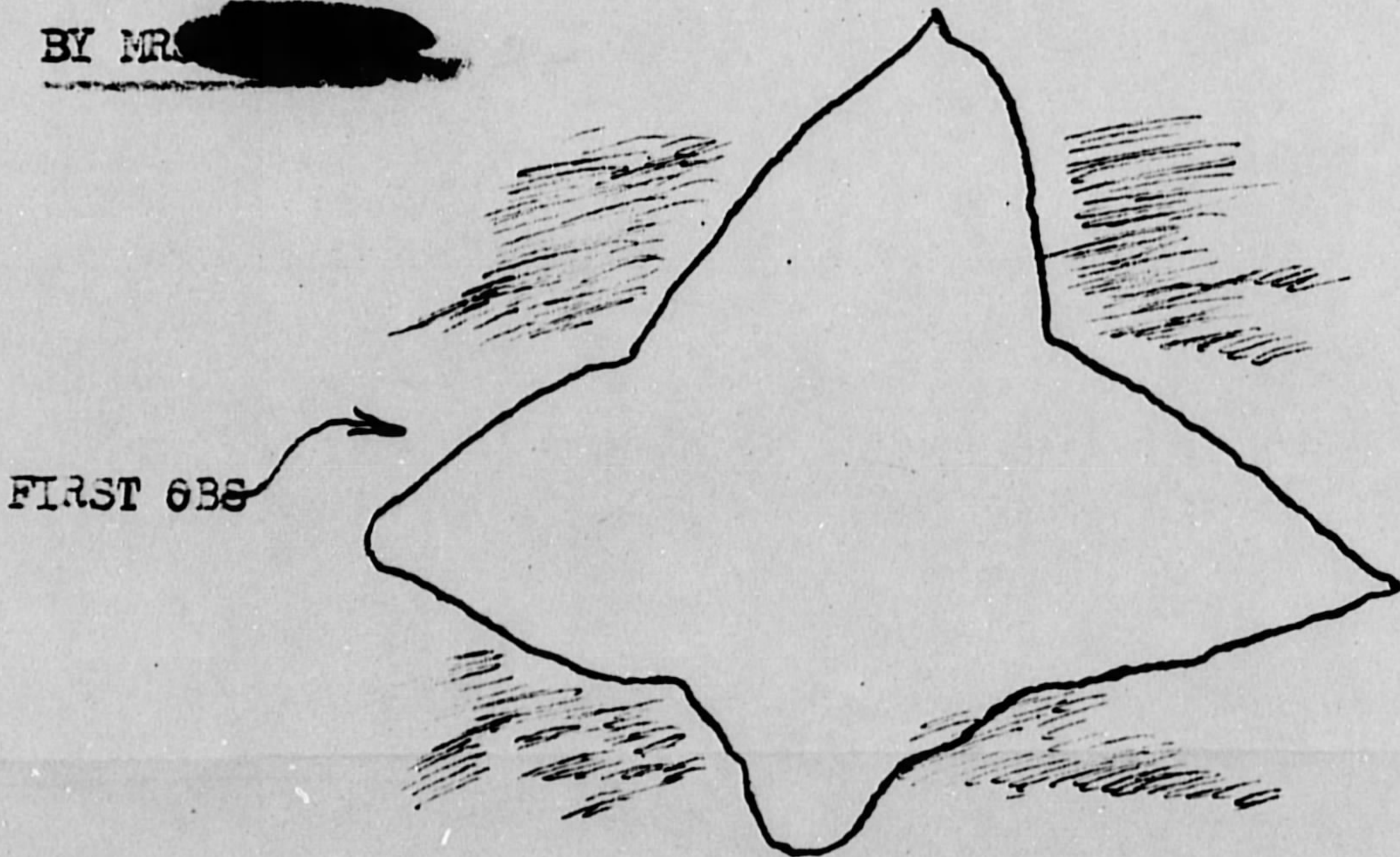
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ENCLOSURE # 1, IR-101-58
MEMORY SKETCH OF UFO
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BY MRS [REDACTED]



BY MR [REDACTED]



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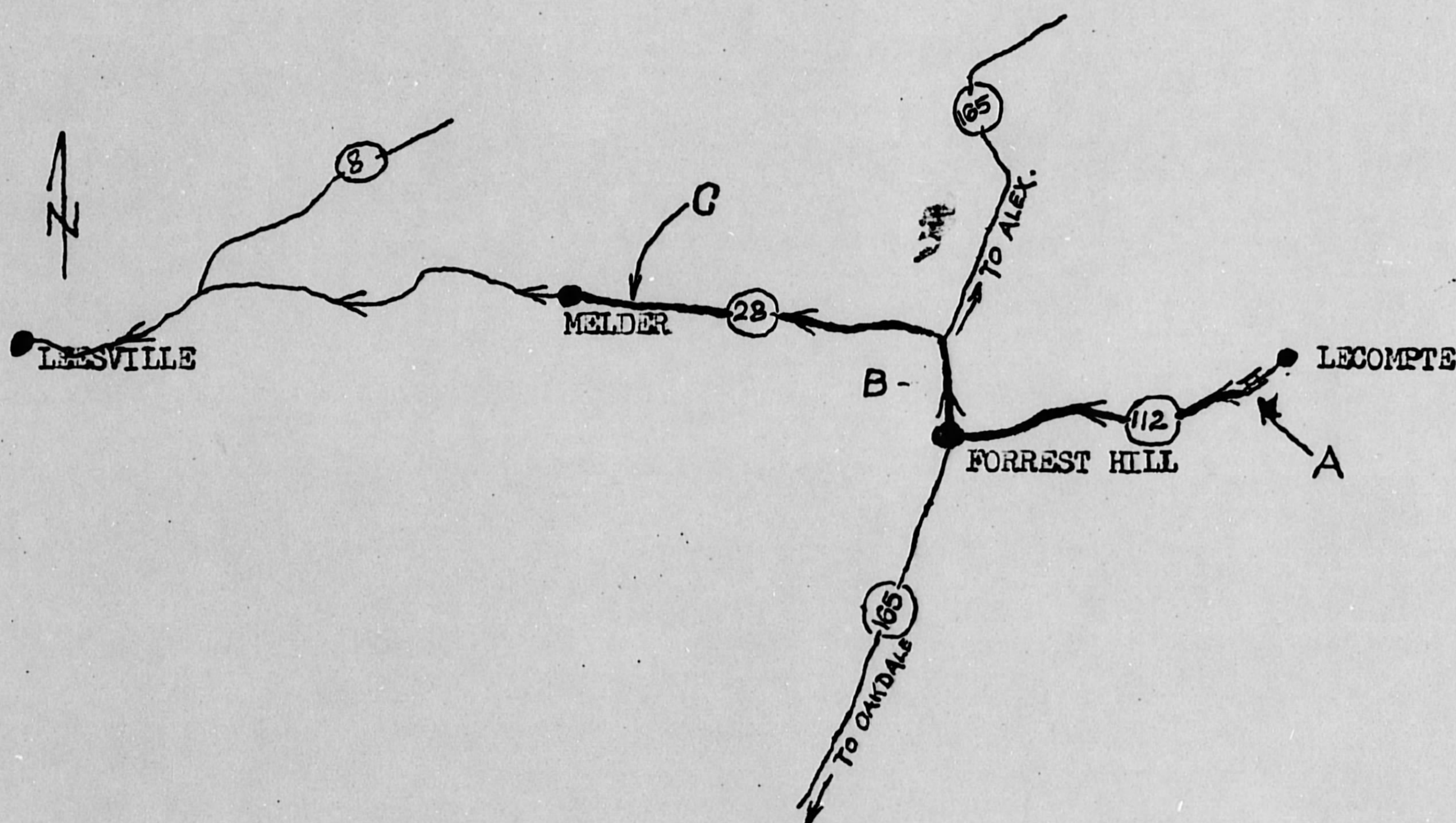
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ENCLOSURE # 2, IR-101-58

FREE HAND SKETCH OF AREA TRAVELED BY SOURCES DURING THE U/I OBSERVATION

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LEGEND

- ③ - State Highway Number
- - Route over which the Sources made their observations
- - State Highways
- ▲ - Highway bridge. Point of first observation.
- B - Period during which the object was not seen by Mrs COPELAND
- C - Approximate point where object was last observed

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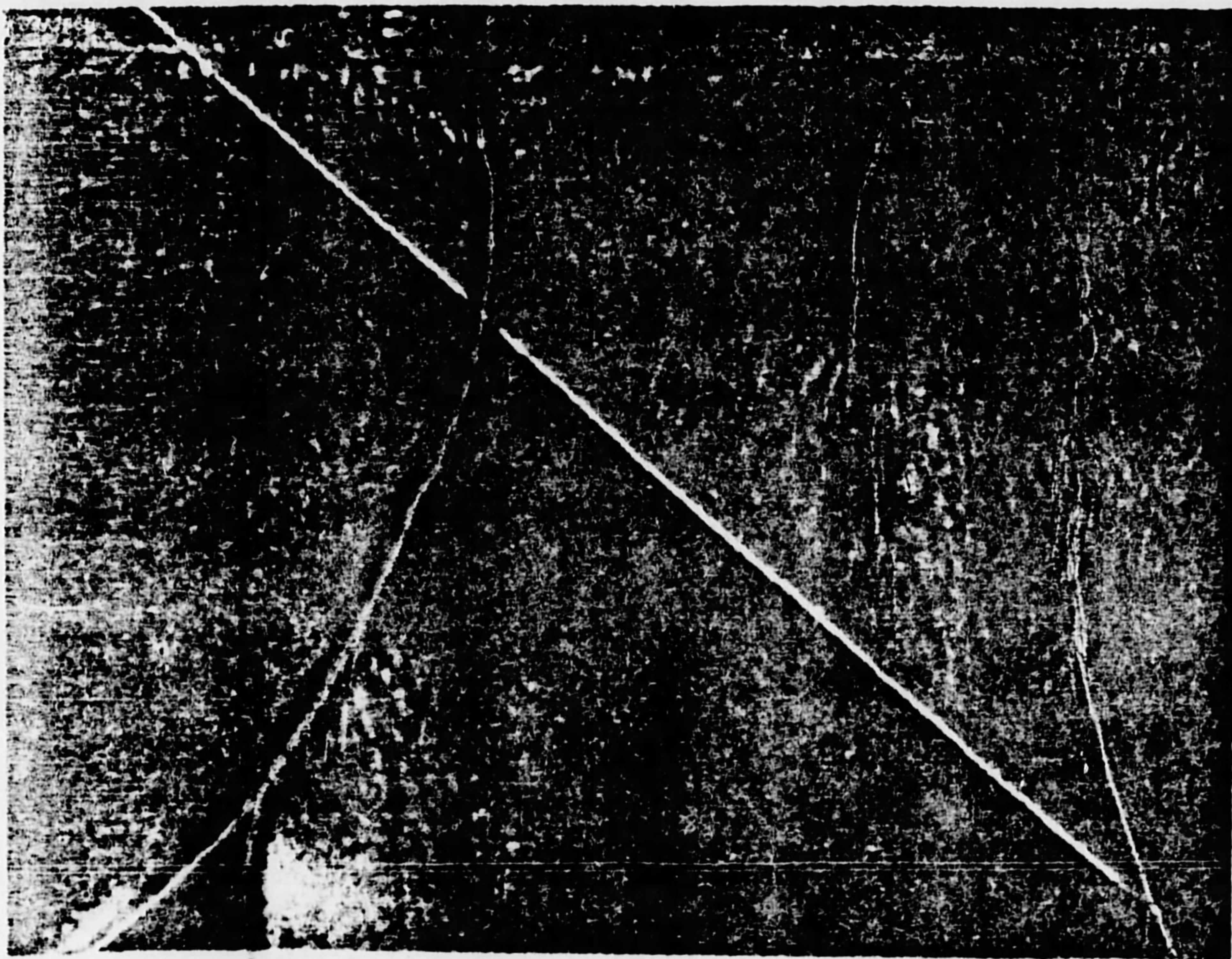
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Venus---So Bright---Causing Quite A Stir

VENUS, THE EVENING STAR, last night caused a flurry of telephone calls to the sheriff's office and The Journal Herald, because of its unusual brilliance. A 30-minute photographic exposure of the planet (left), compared with the moon about 7:30 p.m. last night (at right) reveal the comparative sizes of the two bodies. Venus will continue to grow in brilliance until Dec. 23, and may be seen from sunset slightly south of overhead, moving toward the western horizon. (Staff photos by George Adams)

Sgt Hill,

Do not release that the Sheriff and his deputies were chasing Venus (the planet) down a country road.

Venus Most Prominent

Venus, the only planet now visible in the evening, is a brilliant object in the sky and will soon be joined by the Leonids, "shooting stars."

By JAMES STOKLEY

▶ THAT BRILLIANT object you see in the southwestern sky these evenings as darkness falls is not an airplane, a flying saucer, or some bright light hung in the sky as part of an experiment.

What you see is the planet Venus, now reaching its greatest prominence, which comes just before its disappearance from the evening sky early in 1958.

Venus is far brighter than any other star or planet seen in the night sky and there is no difficulty in identifying it. Indeed, it can be observed long before the sky is dark. In fact, if you know where to look, you can even see it in broad daylight!

After it passed behind the sun last April 14, Venus has gradually been drawing to the east of that body. That meant that it followed the sun in its daily motion across the sky, and so remained visible in the west after the sun had set. On Nov. 18 it will be farther east of the sun, hence remaining in the sky for the longest time after sunset, nearly three hours. After that it will start moving toward the sun again.

Because of its early setting, Venus does not appear on the accompanying maps of the November evening skies, which show their appearance about 10:00 p.m., your own kind of standard time, at the first of November, 9:00 p.m. on the 15th and 8:00 p.m. on the 30th.

Bright Birds in the Sky

These maps do, however, show the stars that are now visible.

Toward the west is Deneb, at the top of the "northern cross," which is really part of the constellation of Cygnus, the swan. Deneb is in the bird's tail; in fact, the word is Arabic and means "tail." The crosspiece represents the wings, and the lower part of the cross his long neck, stretched forward in flight. At the head is Albireo, a star of the second magnitude on the astronomical brightness scale. Below Cygnus is another first-magnitude star, Vega, in Lyra, the lyre. To the left is another bird, Aquila, the eagle, with the star Altair.

High in the south you can see the four stars that form the "great square," part of the constellation of Pegasus, the winged horse. Although these are not among the brightest, their characteristic arrangement makes them a good starting place from which to find other groups. The horse, actually, is upside down in the sky, as the row of stars extending westward from the lower right corner of the square is his head!

The star at the upper right, Alpheratz, is

not in Pegasus at all, but in the neighboring group of Andromeda. This constellation represents the Ethiopian princess who, according to mythology, was chained to a rock to be devoured by a sea monster, represented by the constellation of Cetus, the whale, in the south. Fortunately, she was rescued by the hero, Perseus, who is seen in the northeast.

Andromeda's mother, Cassiopeia, is seen in the north, a group forming the letter M, above Polaris, the pole star. Alongside her is her husband, the king, Cepheus.

Turning now toward the east, we can see what is generally considered to be the finest constellation in the sky making its debut for the season.

Orion: Season's Finest

This is Orion, the warrior, easily recognized because of the three stars in a row that form his belt. To the left is Betelgeuse, to the right is Rigel, both of the first magnitude, although being so low in the sky they do not appear as bright as they

will in the coming months. Then you will see them high in the south.

Just above Orion is Taurus, the bull, with brilliant Aldebaran, and to the left of this figure stands Auriga, the charioteer, with first magnitude Capella.

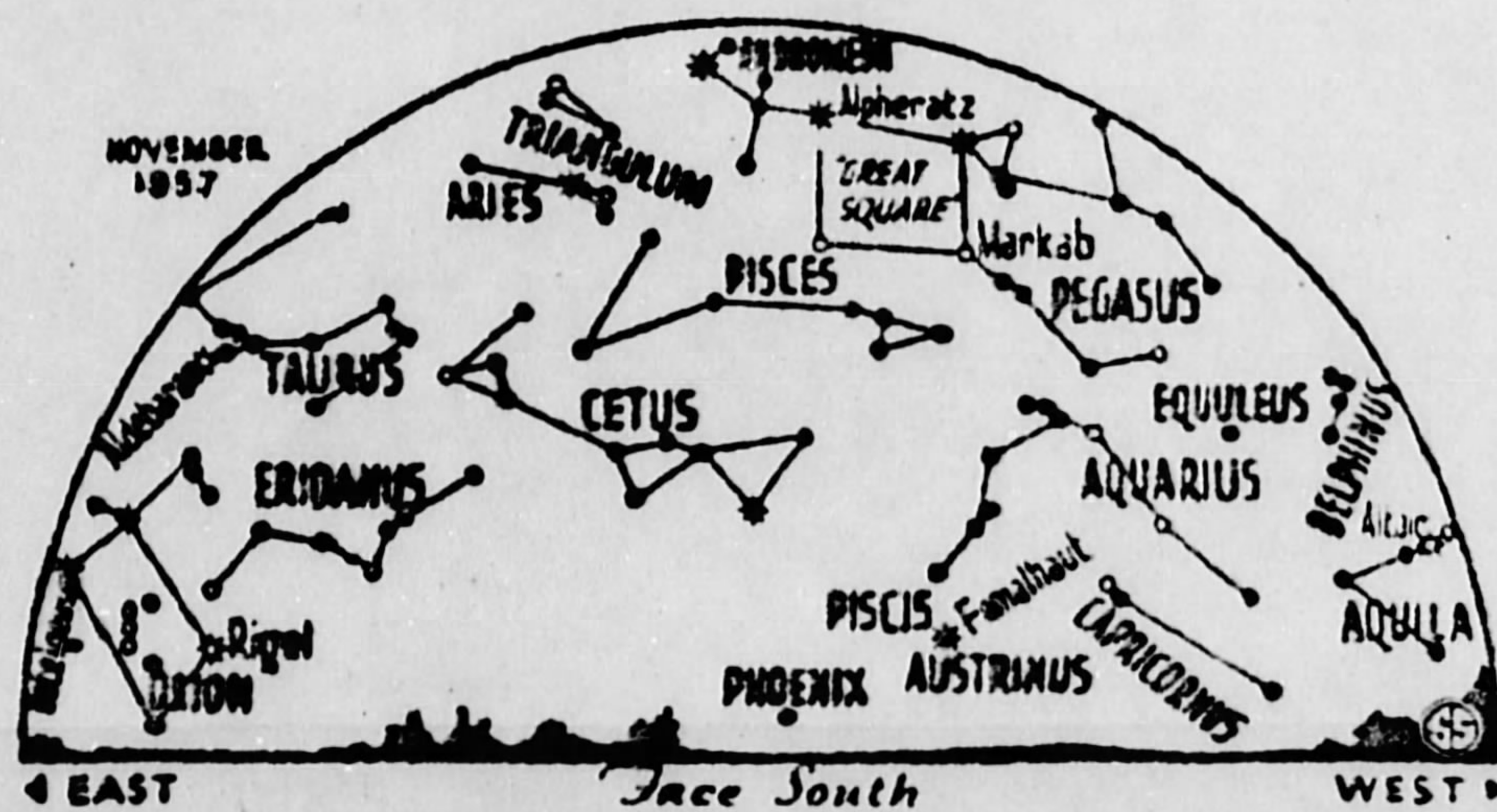
Although only Venus is now visible in the evening, two other planets appear in the southeast before sunrise. Brightest of these is Jupiter, in the constellation of Virgo, the virgin. It is close to the bright star Spica. However, it exceeds the star in brilliance about ten times.

Farther east is Mars, rising about an hour ahead of the sun. Its brightness is about half that of Spica. Mercury and Saturn are both too near the sun to be easily visible in November.

Shower of "Stars" to Come

November is the month bringing one of the year's famous showers of meteors, or "shooting stars," which appear from about the 13th to the 16th.

They are most numerous after midnight, because then we are on the forward side of the earth in its annual movement around the sun. Thus, we meet them head-on. This is different from the evening hours when we are on the rearward part, and see only those that catch up to us.



SYMBOLS FOR STARS IN ORDER OF BRIGHTNESS

So bright was the planet that a local sheriff and his deputies were attempting to intercept a few days ago - after numerous calls from general public.