

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 Jul 58		2. LOCATION Lincoln, Nebraska		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Reflections</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>not given</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Movie film of alleged UFO submitted to ATIC for analysis.				11. COMMENTS Throughout the film there are bright spots of varying shapes & intensities that were undoubtedly caused by reflections of & on various objects on & within the auto in which the photographer was riding.	

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MEMO FOR RECORD

21 March 1960

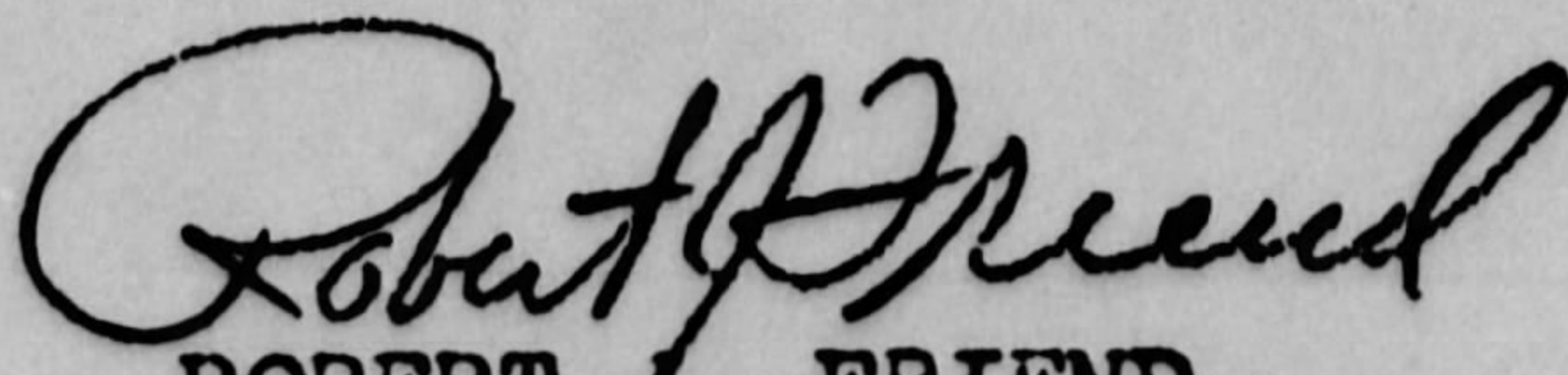
Mrs. [REDACTED] of Indianapolis, Ind. called to inform Major Friend that she had in her possession a movie film taken 11 July 1958, of a UFO which could possibly shed some light on the Northwest Airlines accident of 17 March 1960. Mrs. [REDACTED] said that she had not reported the film earlier because she did not want any undesirable publicity, her husband was against it, and she did not know to what agency to make the report.

Mrs. [REDACTED] requested that her husband not be informed of this contact with the Air Force. Maj Friend was asked to visit her home in Indianapolis for the purpose of getting this film. Mrs. [REDACTED] said that she would rather not mail it for fear of her husband learning of the transaction. Mrs. [REDACTED] also requested that she receive no publicity as a result of this call or the film.

The informant further stated that the Indianapolis Star of this morning (21 March 60) carried a story stating that the left and right wings of the ill-fated Northwestern Airliner had appeared to hit something prior to the explosion. Mrs. [REDACTED] contacted Mr. [REDACTED] of the Aviation Safety District Office and he advised her to report the information to ATIC.

Mrs. [REDACTED] is employed in the audit division of the State Employment Security Office. Her address is [REDACTED], Indianapolis, Ind., Telephone [REDACTED]

Maj Friend contacted Mr. [REDACTED] of the FAA in Indianapolis and passed to him the above information. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that a memo to the Civil Aeronautics Board at Cicero, Ill. would be appropriate follow-up action.

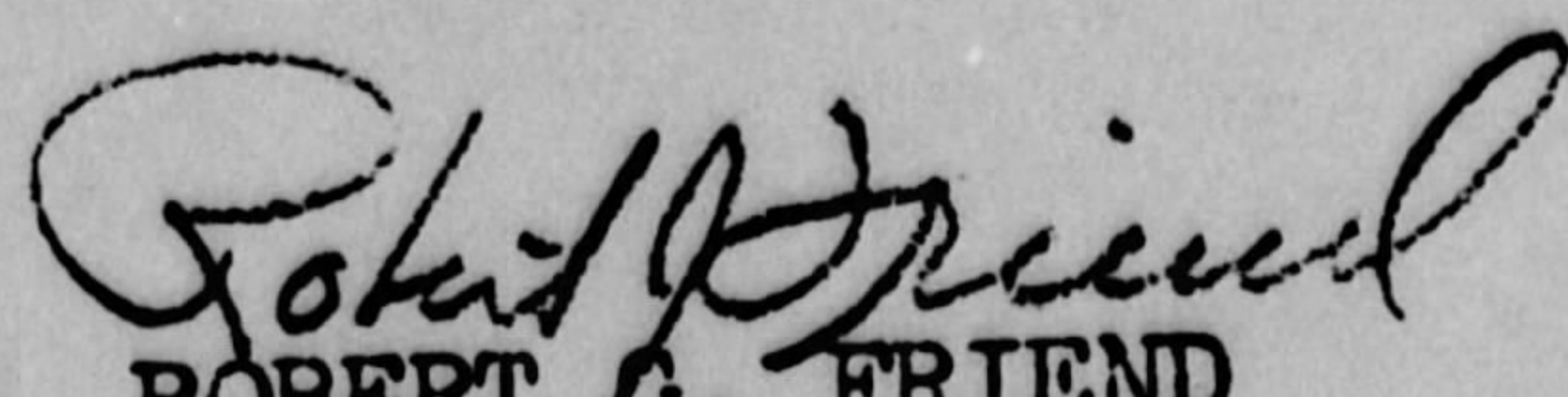

ROBERT J. FRIEND
Major, USAF
AFCIN-4E2

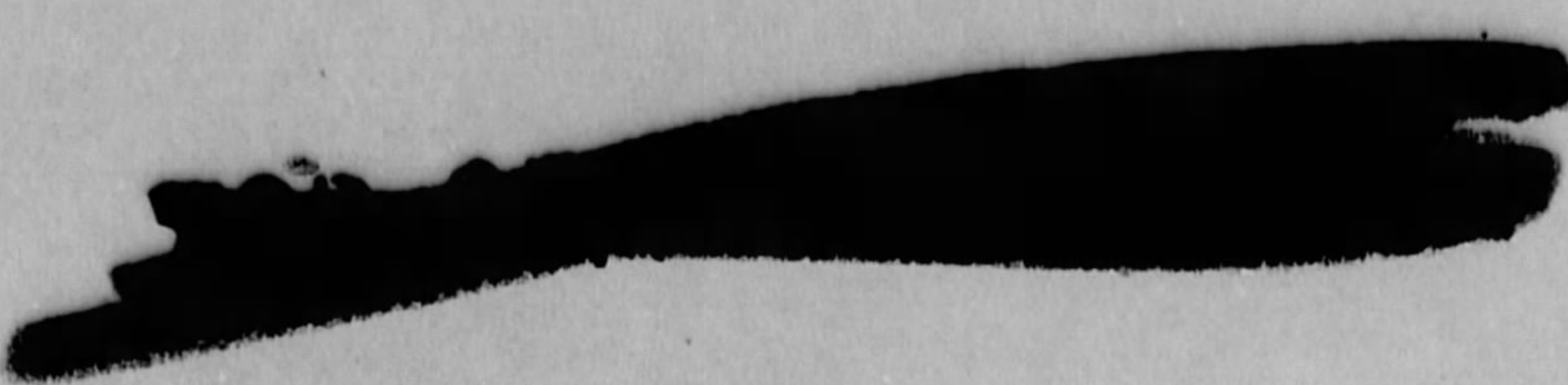
MEMO FOR RECORD

21 March 1960

Mr [REDACTED] Channel [REDACTED] Newscaster, Evansville, Ind., called and informed Maj Friend that he had been advised by a representative of the Aerial Phenomena Research Group of Seattle, Wash. that a UFO was observed in the Evansville area on 17 March 1960. Mr [REDACTED] wanted Air Force confirmation of the sighting. He was advised that the Air Force had no record of a sighting on 17 March.

It is interesting to note that 17 March is the date of the Northwest Airline disaster in the Evansville area. Cause for this accident has as yet been undetermined. It is possible that the APRG wishes to attribute this accident to a UFO.


ROBERT G. FRIEND
Major, USAF
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 11 JULY 1958

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COMMENT NR. 1

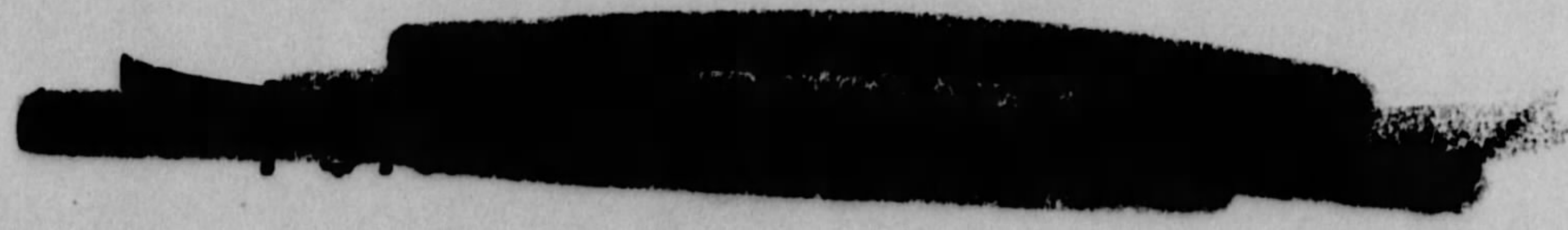
23 Mar 60

The attached trip report is forwarded for information.

ROBERT J. FRIEND
Major, USAF
AFCIN-4E2

1 Atch:
Trip Report

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[REDACTED]

TRIP REPORT

Name of Traveler: Friend, Robert J.
Major, USAF
AFCIN-4E2
Aerial Phenomena Group

Date of Trip: 22 March 1960

Place, Name, Location: Indianapolis, Ind.

When Contacted: 21 March 1960

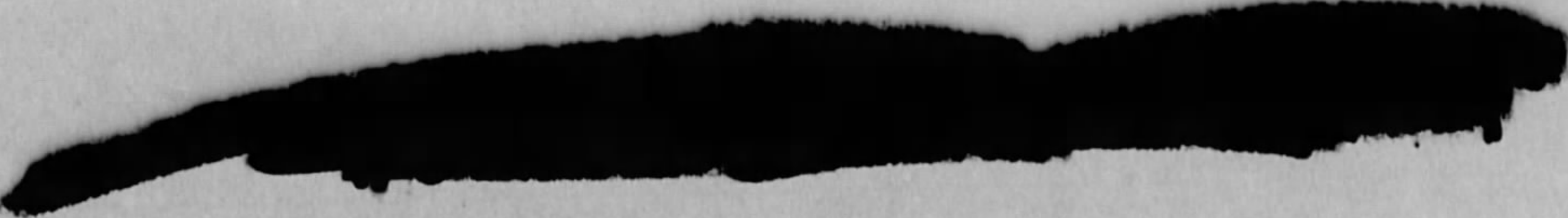
Reason: 1. Mrs [REDACTED] of Indianapolis, Ind. called ATIC and informed Major Friend that she had in her possession a movie film taken 11 July 1958, which could possibly shed some light on the Northwestern Airlines accident of 17 March 1960. Mrs [REDACTED] claimed that the film was of an unidentified flying object flying near an Air Force aircraft near Lincoln, Nebraska. It was requested of Mrs [REDACTED] that she forward the film to ATIC for analysis, but she declined to do so indicating that she wanted specific contact with the individual receiving the film.

Results: 1. On 22 March 1960, Major Friend of AFCIN-4E2, Aerial Phenomena Group, visited Mrs [REDACTED] at her home in Indianapolis. Mrs [REDACTED] prior to discussing or surrendering the film, cautioned Major Friend that she wanted no publicity or connection with this case whatever. She especially cautioned against her husband being made aware of this contact. The film was viewed in the home of Mrs [REDACTED] at her request, and while it showed a light near an aircraft, which may have been a reflection, the projection was too small for any positive identification. Mrs [REDACTED] when queried as to why she had not turned this film over to the Air Force earlier, confessed that it was due to her husband's ridicule of her impressions, the lack of desire for publicity, and ignorance as to what agency within the Air Force to contact. She further stated, however, that in view of the Northwestern Airlines tragedy of 17 March that she felt it her duty to surrender this film to the Air Force in an effort to help determine the cause for the aircraft accident.

2. Mrs [REDACTED] presently is employed by the Audit Division of the State Employment Security Office. However, it was determined that she was on sick leave as a result of a near nervous breakdown. Mrs [REDACTED] is 47 years old, appeared very energetic and intelligent, but very enthusiastic in her discussion of UFO's.

3. Mr [REDACTED] claimed that the fact that a wing of the ill-fated aircraft was recently found some distance away from the main scene of the crash confirms her belief that it was sheared off by a mid-air collision with some other type of craft. Contact was made with Mr [REDACTED] of the FAA of Indianapolis, who confirmed

[REDACTED]



the fact that the aircraft wing was found some distance from the main crash area; and although as yet unofficial, it is believed that this was the first incident in this air tragedy, but was due, however, to structural failure brought on by turbulence. The film strip was brought back to ATIC by Major Friend and has been turned over to LDU for analysis.

Comment:

This is not the first incident in which air tragedy has been attributed to collisions with UFO's. Most notable instance of such connection was with the disintegration of British Comets (determined to be a result of structural failure).

The FAA at Indianapolis, and the Civil Aeronautics Board at Chicago, Ill, have been provided with the information contained in this report.



AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2

SUBJECT: UFO Film

23 March 1960

TO: AFCIN-4D4

1. It is requested that the attached roll of 8mm film be analyzed. This film was turned over to ATIC by a witness in Indianapolis, Ind. The film strip was taken 11 July 1958 at Lincoln, Nebraska.
2. The witness has indicated that the film contains an unidentified flying object flying near an Air Force aircraft at Lincoln AFB. She has further indicated that the information on the film might be useful in determining the cause of the Northwestern Airlines disaster which took place 17 March 1960.
3. If the information contained in this film is considered worthwhile, it is further requested that a copy of this strip be made. The witness has requested that either a copy or the original be returned to her upon completion of analysis by the Air Force.
4. The camera used was a Brownie. The witness only remembers that it was taken in bright sunlight, probably in the morning, and she doesn't remember the lens setting.

for H. S. Martin
RICHARD R. SHOOP
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E2

1 Atch:
Roll 8mm film

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AFCIN-4E2/Sgt Bolieu/amc/69216/22 Mar 60

UFO Film

Civil Aeronautics Board
6127 West Cermak Road
Chicago, Ill.

24 MAR 1960

Gentlemen:

1. The Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center received a phone call from a [redacted] of Indianapolis, Indiana on 21 March 1960. Mrs [redacted] stated that she had in her possession a movie film of an unidentified flying object taken 11 July 1958, which could possibly shed some light on the Northwest Airlines accident of 17 March 1960. Mrs [redacted] requested that she receive no publicity concerning this report. The ATIC contacted Mr Prost of the FAA in Indianapolis, and passed this information to him.
2. The Air Force is presently investigating the incident reported by Mrs [redacted].

Sincerely,

W Post 3/23/60
PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Sciences and Components

COORDINATION:

James C. Bolieu 17 Mar 60
H E Martin 23 Mar 60

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Memo, AFCIN-4E2, 23 Mar 60, "UFO Film" (Mr. Francis Furman)

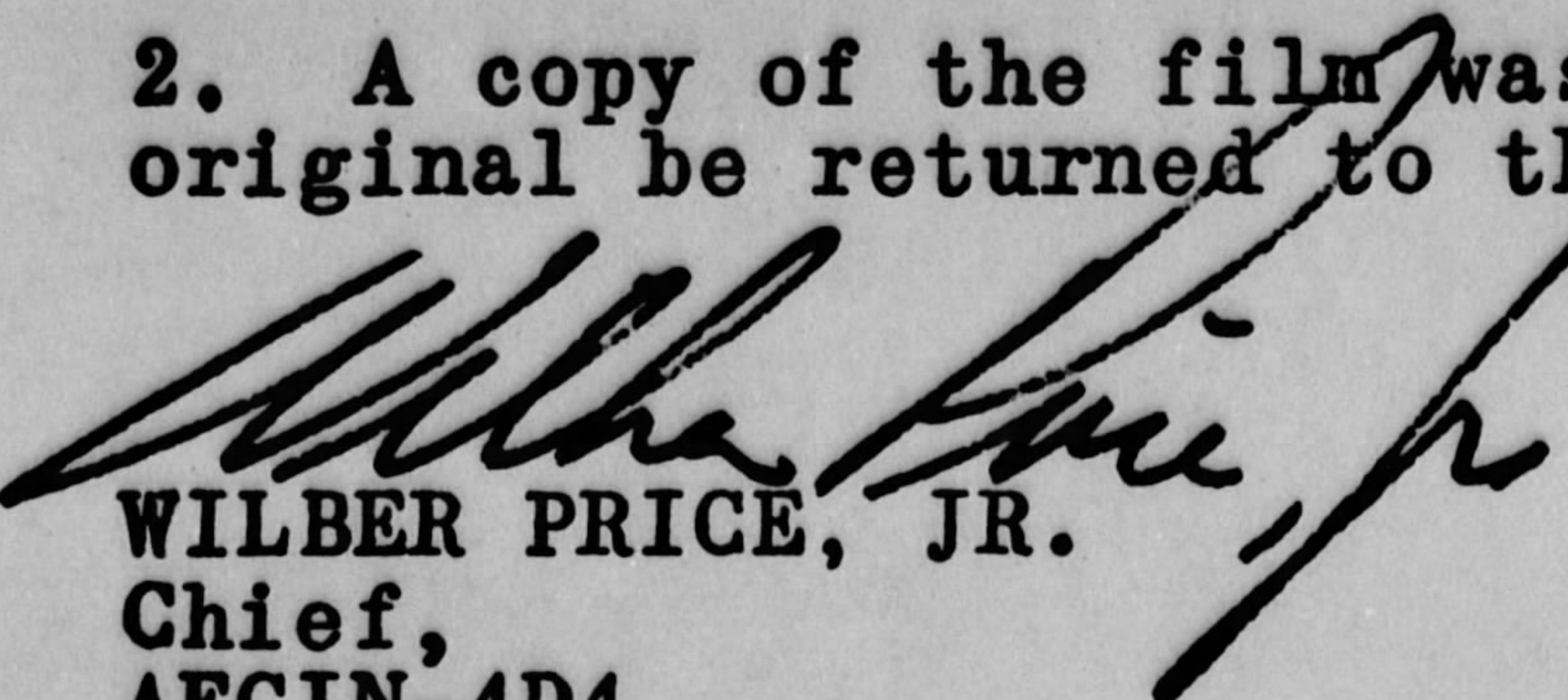
1st Ind (AFCIN-4D4)

28 March 1960

TO: AFCIN-4E2

1. The attached motion picture was carefully reviewed, but we were unable to locate any unidentified flying objects. Throughout the film, however, there are bright spots of varying shapes and intensities that were undoubtedly caused by reflections of and on various objects on and within the automobile in which the photographer was riding. Unfortunately it is only too common to have light bouncing around inside a lense system when a camera is used on a bright sun-shining day. We believe the photographer has mistaken these defects in the photography caused by excessive reflected light for a UFO.

2. A copy of the film was not made. It is suggested that the original be returned to the sender.


WILBER PRICE, JR.
Chief,
AFCIN-4D4

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AFCIN-4E2/Maj Friend/ac/69216/typed 30 Mar 60

UFO Film

[REDACTED]
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mrs [REDACTED]

As you requested, the film you loaned to the Air Force is being returned to you. We wish to thank you for the loan of the film, and for your cooperation and interest.

Sincerely,

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Sciences and Components

1 Atch:
8mm Film

COORDINATION:

Robert H. Friend, Maj AFM 912 30 March 60
H. Z. Martin 4E2 3/30/60