

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Oct 60		2. LOCATION Shreveport, Louisiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Venus ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Contrail ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 22/2235Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION ---		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one trace		9. COURSE --	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object described as a cloud, white trail and as balloon shaped. Was reported to have appeared in western sky at time of setting sun. Object was colored pink as well as brilliant white. Just before it disappeared a small bright white light was observed near it.				11. COMMENTS Object probably a condensation trail left by a high flying a/c which was illuminated by setting sun causing pinkish color. The bright planet Venus probably became evident (mag -3.4) as the sun went further down and the witness associated it with the trail. Changing shape of contrail was due to changes in the wind. Venus disappearance due to setting.	

U F O ANALYSIS SHEET

DATE 22 Oct 1960

LOCATION Shreveport, LA.

DATE TIME GROUP LOCAL 1745

GMT 22/2245

PHOTO YES ☐ NO ☒

PHYSICAL SPECIMEN YES ☐ NO ☒

SOURCE MILITARY ☐ CIVILIAN ☒

TYPE OF OBSERVATION VISUAL

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 COURSE

SATELLITE: ☐ IN ORBIT: ☐

VERIFY YES: ☐

NO: ☐

DECAY: ☐

ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA

METEOR

STAR OR PLANET Possibly Venus

OTHER

AIRCRAFT

BALLOON

INSUFFICIENT DATA

OTHER Possibly Condensation Trail

REFLECTION

INVERSION PRESENT

PHOTO ANALYSIS

SUN DOG

LENTICULAR CLOUD

PHYSICAL SPECIMEN ANALYSIS

BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING:

AN OBJECT WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS A CLOUD, A WHITE TRAIL AND AS BALLOON SHAPED WAS REPORTED TO HAVE APPEARED IN THE WESTERN SKY FROM SHREVEPORT, LA. THE OBJECT WAS COLORED PINK AND YELLOW AS WELL AS THE BRILLIANT WHITE. JUST BEFORE THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED A SMALL BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT WAS OBSERVED TO BE NEAR IT.

EVALUATION:

CASE CATEGORY:

Possibly Condensation Trail illuminated by setting sun
seen in conjunction with Venus as an evening star.

CONCLUSION:

THE OBJECT OF THIS SIGHTING WAS PROBABLY A CONDENSATION TRAIL LEFT BY A HIGH SPEED JET AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS ILLUMINATED AND ENLARGED BY THE SETTING SUN. THE BRIGHT PLANET VENUS (MAGNITUDE -3.7) PROBABLY BECAME EVIDENT AS THE SUN SET AND THE WINDS ASSOCIATED IT WITH THE TRAIL. THE CURRENT SHAPE OF THE CLOUD WAS PROBABLY DUE TO WINDS AT ALTITUDE. VENUS DISAPPEARED WHEN IT SET.

ORLANDO, FLA.



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DEPT. OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

STORY I LIKE BEST

WAS WORKING AS OBSERVER FOR
BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON ~~██████████~~
AT PELICIS COMPLEX AT CAPE CANAVERAL
WHEN BALCON SATELITE WAS THIRD DAY
IN SPACE. NO ONE, NAVY OR LOCKHEED
HAD YET SEEN IT. I'D LOOKED FOR 4
HOURS NIGHT BEFORE AND FOUND IT
THREE.

VISITING ONE OF NAVY BOYS THAT
NIGHT, HE MENTIONED HIS WIFE WAS
ABOUT TO LEAVE HIM IF HE DIDN'T
SHOW IT TO HER. HE HADN'T YET SEEN IT.
AS WE WERE LEAVING I SAID "YOU'LL SEE
IT UP HERE SOMEWHERE."

HE SAID "OH, IT WON'T BE THERE NOW."
SO I SAID "WELL LET'S LOOK ANYWAY."
AND SURE ENOUGH THERE IT WAS!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT COPS THAT CALL
WAS - BUT I'VE HAD LOTS OF FUN OVER
IT.

STORY I LIKE BEST.

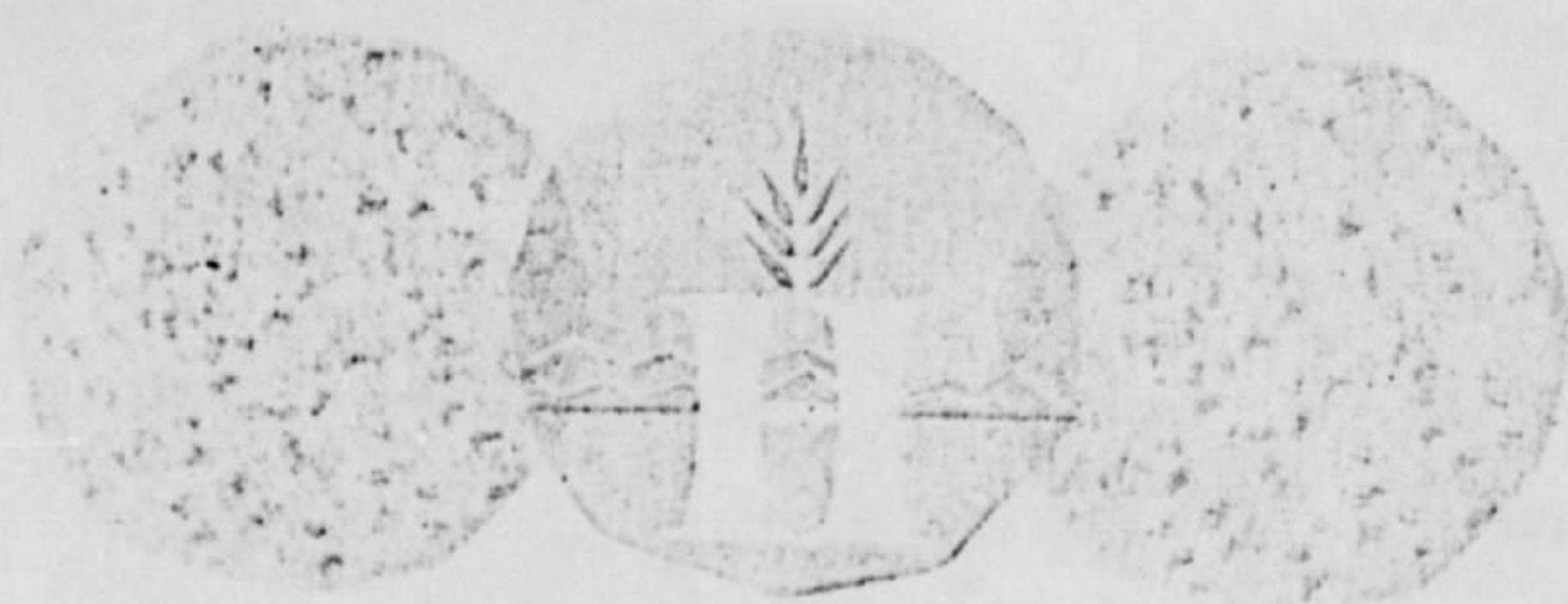
WAS WORKING AS OBSERVER FOR
BACKGROUND FOOTAGE ON ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
AT POLARIS COMPLEX AT CAPE CANAVERAL
WHEN BALLOON SATELLITE WAS THIRD DAY
IN SPACE. NO ONE, NAVY OR LOCKHEED
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SUNDAY OCT. 30 1960.



H A R V E S T H O U S E

DEAR SIRs.

ENCLOSED IS A SKETCH OF A PECULIAR SIGHT WITNESSED BY MY WIFE AND MYSELF SAT. EVE. OCT. 22, 1960, WHILE DRIVING NORTH TO SAREVEPORT LA. ON U.S. ROUTE 71 - AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 PM TO 5:45 PM. I AM SUBMITTING THIS IN THE HOPE THAT SOME OTHER PERSON OR PERSONS REPORTED THE SAME.

I AM A ~~REDACTED~~ FOR THE ~~REDACTED~~ STRIP (DAILY) WITH ~~REDACTED~~ FOR 14 YEARS. MY WORK HAS INCLUDED OBSERVING NAVY PROCEEDURES FOR STORY MATERIAL - HAVE WITNESSED 11 MISSILE SHOTS FROM ORLANDO (ACCIDENTAL VIEWINGS AT NIGHT) A THOR-ABLE STAR SHOT FROM CLOSE QUARTERS AT THE CAPE AND MOVIES OF POLARIS SHOTS BY LOCKHEED CREW AT POLARIS COMPLEX. WAS MEMBER OF GROUND OBSERVER CORPS (JULIET PARK 33 BLACK - AIR FORCE (20TH) IN MARIANNAS DURING WORLD WAR II. SO HAVE HAD MY EYES IN SKY CONTINUALLY FOR A GOOD MANY YEARS.

HAVE HAD ONE OTHER EXPERIENCE WITH U.F.O. SIGHTED A ROUND, SMALL SILVER BALL PASS WITH TREMENDOUS SPEED EAST TOWARD ATLANTIC BETWEEN TWO AIRCRAFT PROCEEDING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS OVER G.O.C. POST ON SECOND TIME ABOARD. ALL WAS SO NEW, AND AIR TRAFFIC SO HEAVY I DID NOT REPORT IT UNTIL 20 MINUTES LATER AS I WAS NOT SURE IT WASN'T BALLOON. HOWEVER, IT HAS MADE ME WATCH MORE CLOSELY EVER SINCE.

THIS U.F.O. MY WIFE AND I WITNESSED CAME SO GRADUALLY THAT IT GAVE US AMPLE TIME TO EVALUATE EVERY POSSIBILITY AND GIVE IT EVERY CHANCE TO

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BE A PLAUSABLE OCCURENCE. BUT IT STILL DOESN'T LIVE.

THE SHORTNESS OF THE VERY WHITE "VAPOR TRAIL"
GAVE FIRST DOUBTS -

THE TEAR DROP INDICATED A WEATHER ~~FORMATION~~^{BALLOON}
FOR A SHORT TIME.

THE TWISTING OF THE TAIL WAS CONFUSING - BUT
I WAS WILLING TO GIVE IT A TEST LATER.

THE SUPPEN CHANGE TO A "VAPOR TRAIL" WITH
A WHITE DOT AT ITS HEAD DESTROYED THE BALLOON
THEORY.

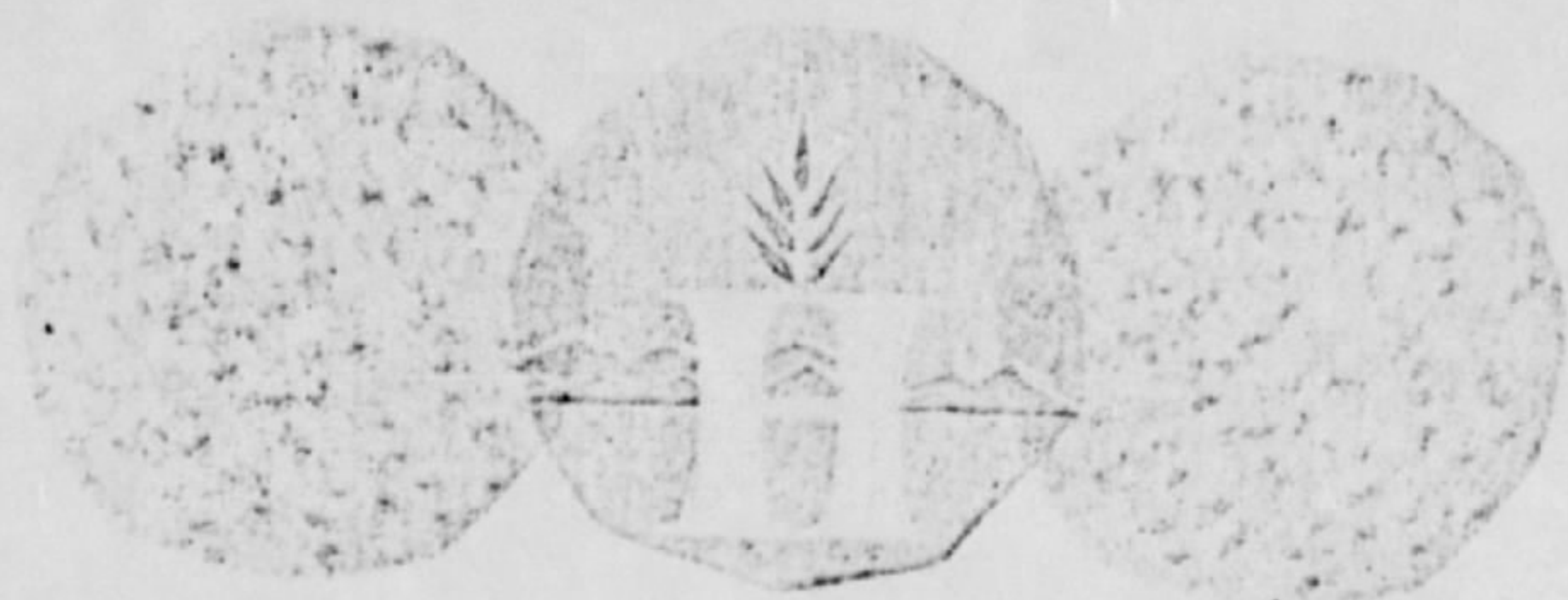
CHANGE IN CONFIGURATION INDICATED A WIDE
FLAT PATTERN FIRST ON EDGE THEN ON ~~EDGE~~
BROADSIDE - THEN ON EDGE AGAIN.



CONTINUED VARIATION IN THICKNESS OF CENTER
OF TRAIL, PLUS SHORTNESS, ~~PLUS~~ PLUS CONVEX
AND CONCAVE ATTITUDES INDICATED MOTION BUT
UNRELATED TO ANY OBJECT AIRCRAFT OR MISSILE THAT
I HAVE WITNESSED HERETOFORE.

WIDE SPREAD OF VAPOR WITH SHADOW EDGE INDICATED
SPEED OF TURN OR MOVEMENT. YET ON ALL OCCASSIONS,
PERHAPS DUE TO SIGHTINGS BETWEEN CLOSED TREE
AREAS - (WE WERE TRAVELING FROM 60 TO 70 MPH -
NO OTHER TRAFFIC - IN VERY LONESOME AREA IN WHITE
CAR -) THE OBJECT APPEARED STATIONARY.

THE FINALLY STRETCHING OUT OF "VAPOR TRAIL"
AND EVENTUAL FADING AFTER NEARLY 15 MINUTES
OF VERY SHORT AND ECCENTRIC CONFIGURATIONS AT
ESTIMATED DISTANCE OF 10 TO 20 MILES ON FIRST SIGHTING
TO A CLOSE UP OF 2 TO 4 MILES AND A FINAL
FADING OF 20 TO 40 MILES WITH NO APPARENT



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TIE IN OF MOTION REMAINS A BAFFLING THING TO BOTH OF US. (MY WIFE ALSO EARNED HER WINGS IN G.O.C.)

MOST CONFUSING TO ME WAS THE BROAD TEAR DROP SHAPE IN ONE INSTANCE AND THE VERY SMALL BRIGHT DOT ON THE LEAD EDGE OF THE STRAIGHT - CONVEX AND CONCAVE TRAILS.

THE OBJECT WAS PREDOMINATELY WHITE, EXCEPT FOR A SLIGHT YELLOW TINGE APPARENTLY FROM THE LIGHT OF THE SETTING SUN. THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO OTHER CLOUD IN THE WESTERN SKY - FIRST SIGHT (HEADING NORTH) AT ABOUT 10 ON THE CLOCK - WINDING ROAD DIDN'T SEEM TO PHASE IT MUCH - FROM 9 TO 11 - 11 AT WIDE SPREAD - AND FINALLY AT 9 O'CLOCK AND FADING AT 8 O'CLOCK. (12 O'CLOCK STRAIGHT AHEAD)

I WAS ON AN EMERGENCY TRIP TO DENVER - HADN'T LOADED CAMERA - HAD SIX STRIPS TO GET OUT BEFORE I COULD TAKE TIME TO WRITE THIS THUS THE DELAY.

WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU IF ANYONE ELSE SIGHTED SAME AND WILL BE GLAD TO TALK WITH ANYONE OF YOU TO CLARIFY WHAT WE SAW IF IT IS OF ANY INTEREST. WILL BE BACK IN ORLANDO, FLA IN ABOUT 4 OR 5 WEEKS

OVER

MY ADDRESS HERE IS

MY HOME ADDRESS

HOPE THIS WAS OF SOME HELP
SINCERELY YOURS

P.S. SAW A T.33, FALLING AWAY FROM FORMATION,
OUT OF STUDIO WINDOW IN ORLANDO - CALLED PINECASTLE
A.F.B. - IT CRASHED IN EXPOSITION PARK FEW MINUTES
LATER.

SAW F.86 CRASH A PENSACOLA BEACH WHILE
ON LAST TRIP TO COLORADO -

SAW NAVY COUGAR CRASH NEAR LEXINGTON FIELD
WHILE STOPPED SEEING IN COLORADO -
NEVER BELIEVED TOO MUCH IN U.F.O.'S BUT I CAN
KNOW IT'S POSSIBLE IF WE ALL KEEP LOOKING -
HOPE I HAVE A CAMERA NEXT TIME!

VISION BETWEEN SIGHTINGS THUS EMPHASIZING CHANGES.

ME

"ISN'T IT FUNNY THERE'S ALWAYS ONE LITTLE CLOUD FLOATING AROUND IN AN OTHERWISE CLOUDLESS SKY."

ME

"HECK, THAT'S NOT A CLOUD - IT MUST BE ONE OF THOSE WEATHER BALLOONS - THEY'RE ABOUT 80 FEET HIGH. "MUST BE ABOUT 15 TO 20 MILES AWAY."

ME (THOUGHT)

"FUNNY - THE TAIL'S SWUNG THE OTHER WAY."

WIFE

"IT'S LIKE A TEAR DROP."

ME

"WHEN I GET TO THE MOTOR COURT, I'M GOING TO CUT OUT A SHAPE LIKE THAT AND HANG IT ON THE WALL - WALK PAST IT AND SEE IF IT CHANGES THE POSITION OF IT'S TAIL AS I WIND ALONG LIKE THIS ROAD - I DON'T THINK IT WOULD."

WIFE

"NOW IT'S A STRAIGHT LINE - LIKE A JET VAPOR TRAIL."

(THIS SIGHTING REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES)

ME.

"COULD BE ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION - BUT TRAIL NEVER GETS ANY LONGER. UNUSUAL FOR JET TRAIL."

ME.

"FUNNY, ISN'T IT. NOT LIKE A JET - NOTICE HOW WIDE IT STAYS IN MIDDLE AND POINTED ON ENDS - THERE'S A SMALL WHITE DOT ON THE FRONT END - SEE?"

WIFE

"IT LOOKS ALWAYS LIKE IT'S STANDING STILL - NOW IT'S CURVED THE OTHER WAY."

ME

"WONDER IF IT COULD BE SOME KIND OF ARMY ROCKET BEING TESTED FROM A BASE OUT HERE?"

ME

"HEY, LOOK! SMOKE! I GUESS IT'S JUST THE SHADOW FROM THE SETTING SUN - SURE IS PRETTY ISN'T IT - NOTICE HOW THE VAPOR THINS OUT ON THE UPPER EDGE - HOW THICK AND WHITE THE LOWER EDGE IS - AND SEE THE LITTLE WHITE DOT ON THE FRONT END OF IT? IT'S ALMOST ABOVE US NOW"

WIFE.

"IT'S THINNING OUT LIKE A JET TRAIL AGAIN."

ME.

"STILL POINTED ON THE ENDS, TWO - SURE IS PECULIAR."

ABOUT A MINUTE INTERRUPTION BY TREES. THEN WE COME INTO THE CLEAR AGAIN. A FAINT MOON AND EVENING STAR HAVE SUDDENLY APPEARED IN THE DARKENING SKY

WIFE.

"IT'S GETTING LONGER AND THINNER."

ME

"ISN'T THAT PRETTY - IT'S HEADING RIGHT BETWEEN THE MOON AND THAT STAR. MAY THE MOON CAME OUT FIRST! DIDN'T SEE IT A MINUTE AGO!"

ME

"WELL, THERE IT GOES! LOOK HOW PINK THE TRAIL IS GETTING - MUST BE BECAUSE THE SUN IS OVER THE HORIZON - SKY'S GETTING DARKER - LOOK, THE PINK IS FADING AWAY! - WONDER WHAT IT WAS?"

WIFE.

"I DON'T KNOW - BUT IT SURE WAS INTERESTING - IT WAS JUST LIKE A TEAR DROP AT FIRST, WASN'T IT?"

THIS INTERESTING PHENOMINA WAS OBSERVED AT SUNSET ON OCT 22 (SATURDAY) OCT. 1960 BY MY WIFE AND I WHILE ENROUTE TO SHREVEPORT, LA. ON U.S. ROUTE 71. - MILEAGE JUDGED BY DISTANCE ON SIGNS TO MOTOR COURT WE WERE HEADED FOR. PERHAPS MOST GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION WOULD BE OUR CONVERSATION - TREES BLOCKED VISION BETWEEN SIGHTINGS THUS EMPHASIZING CHANGES.

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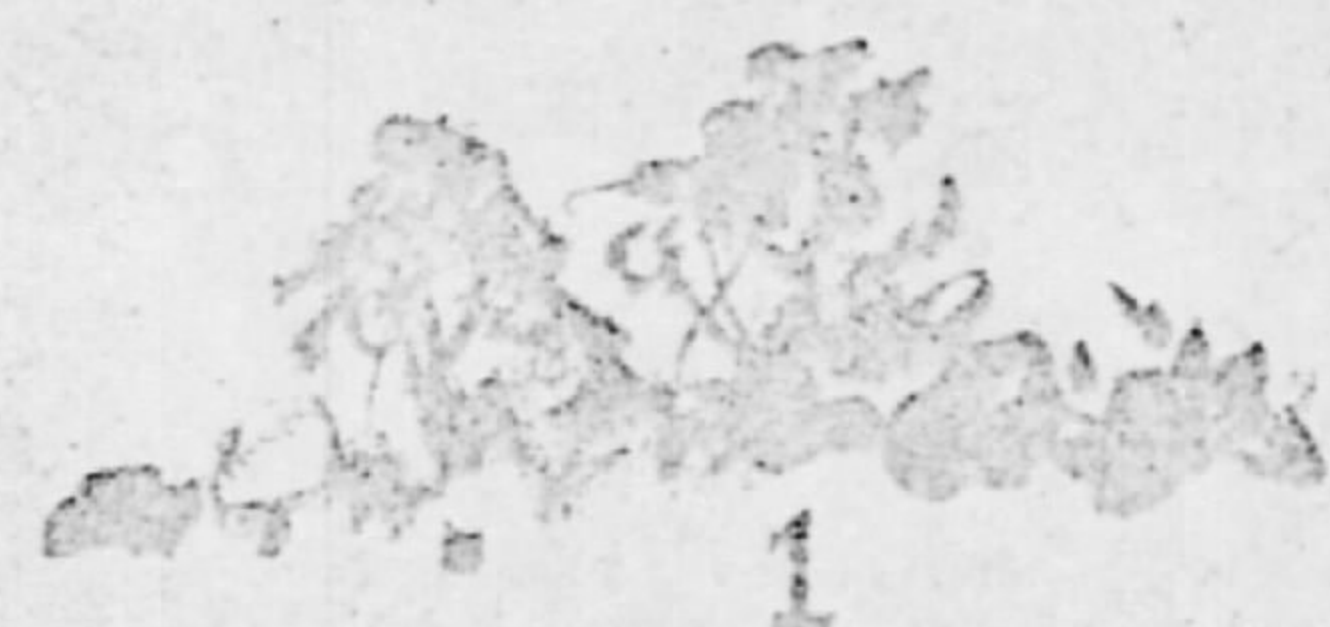
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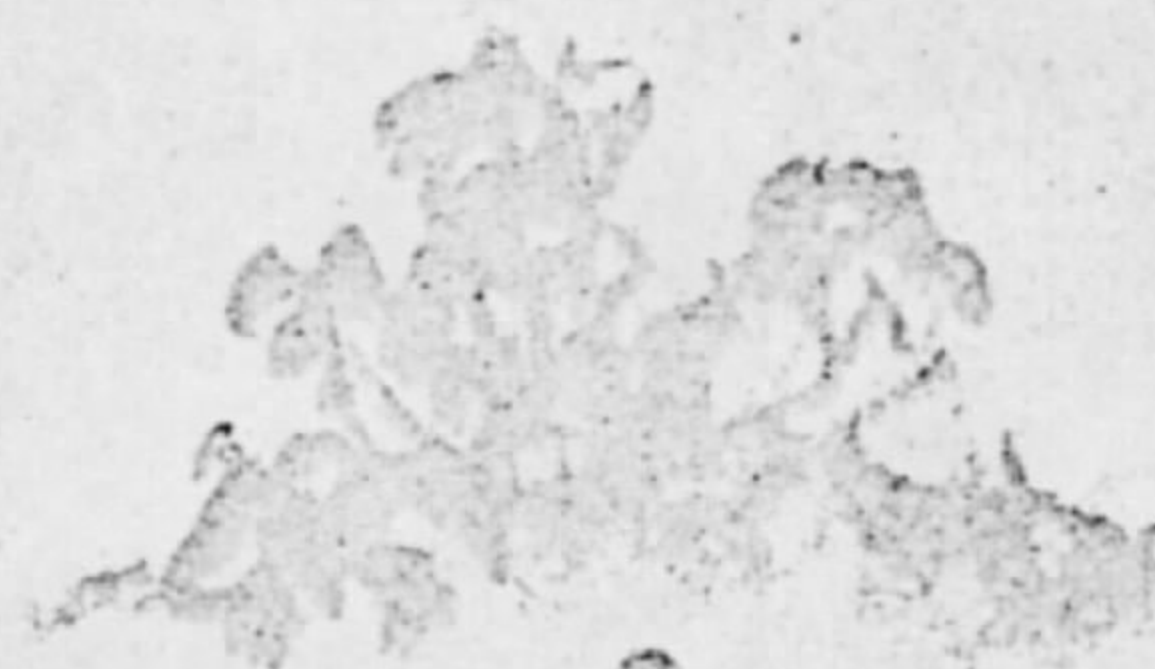
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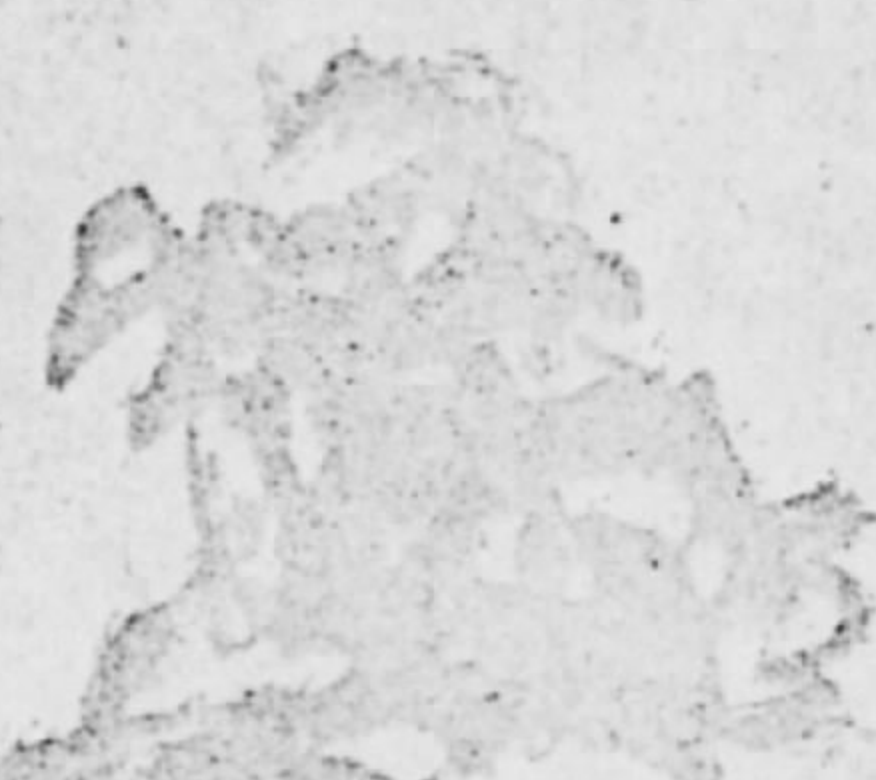
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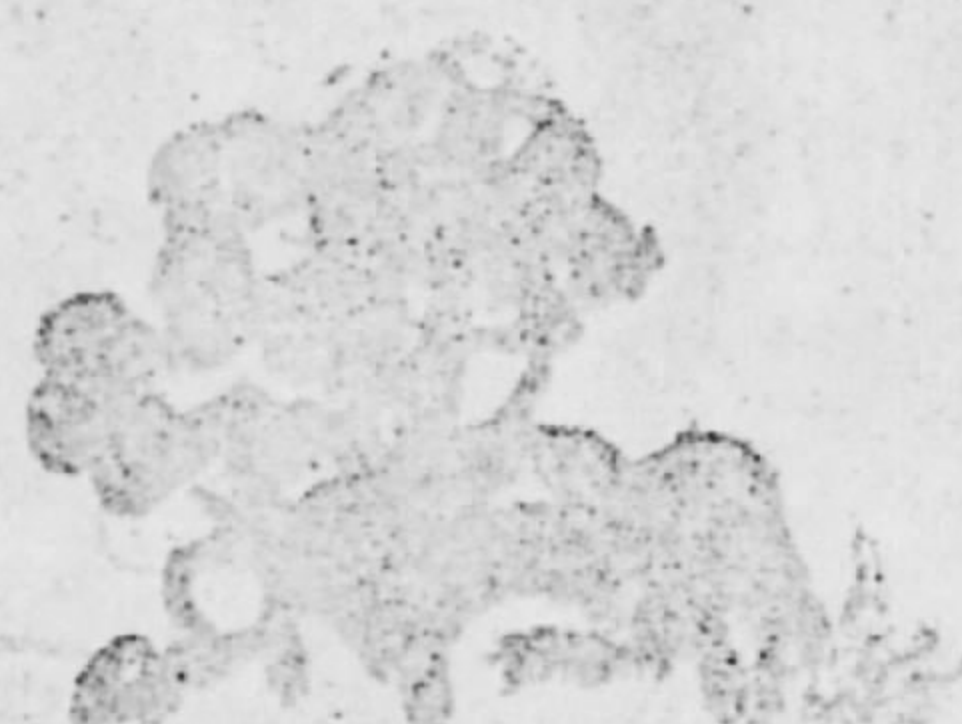
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1ST SIGHTING - APPROX.
5:30 PM - 95 MILES SOUTH
OF SHREVEPORT, LA. ON U.S. 71



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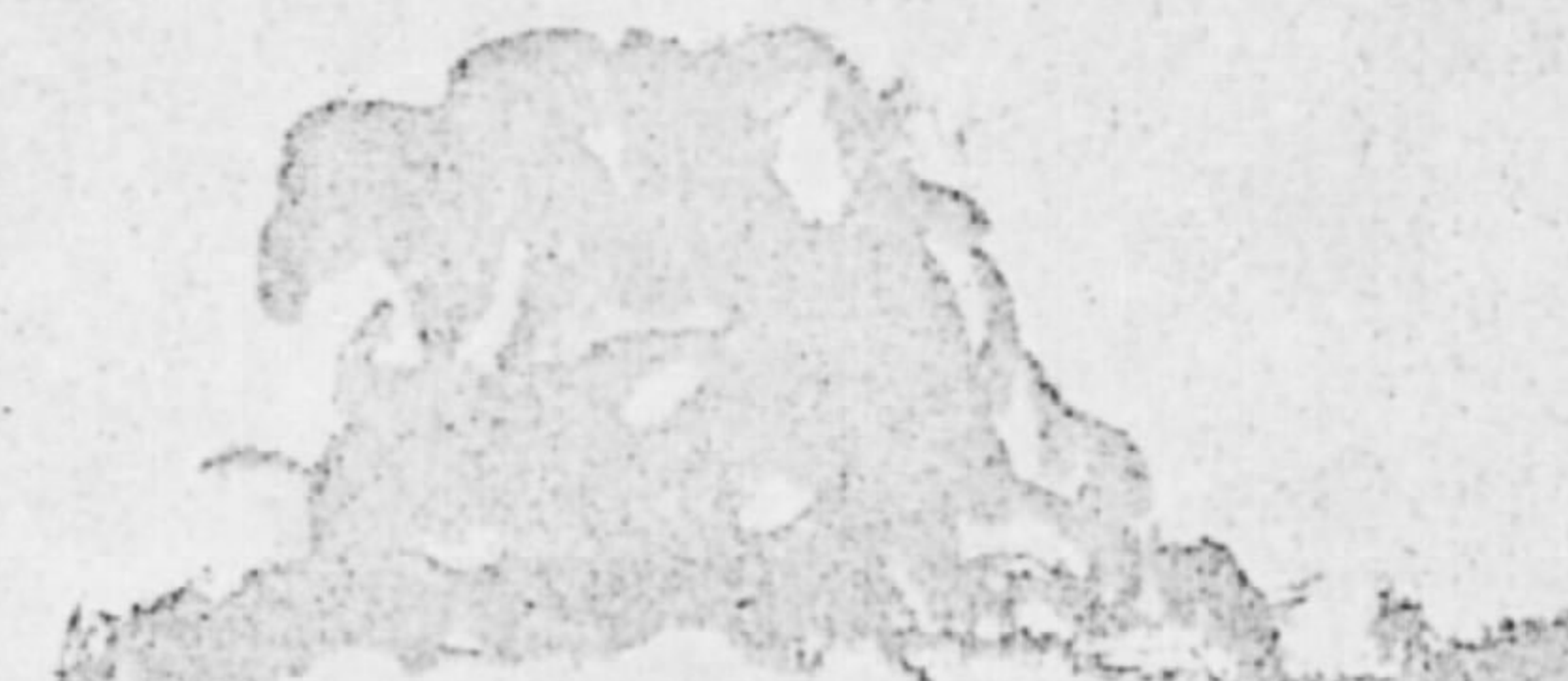
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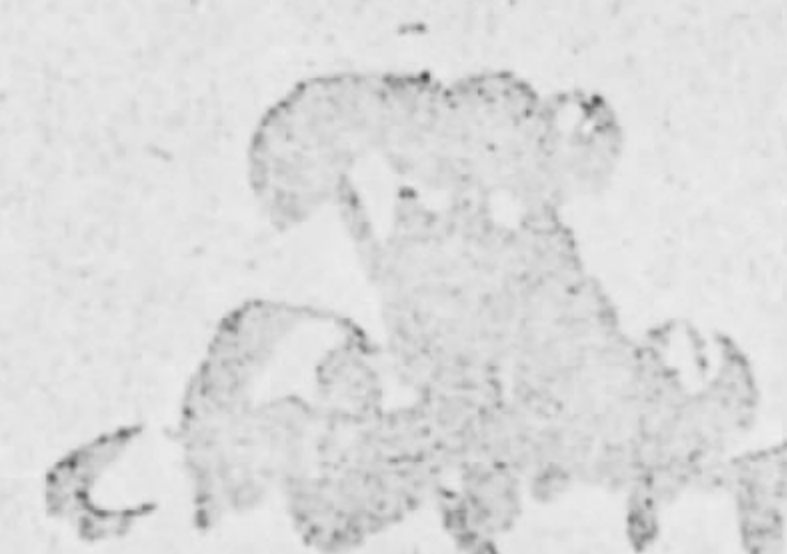
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FINAL SIGHTING
5:45 PM - 80 MILES
SOUTH OF SHREVEPORT,
SAT EVENING
OCT. 22, 1960



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5:30 PM - 95 MILES SOUTH
OF SHREVEPORT, LA. ON U.S. 71



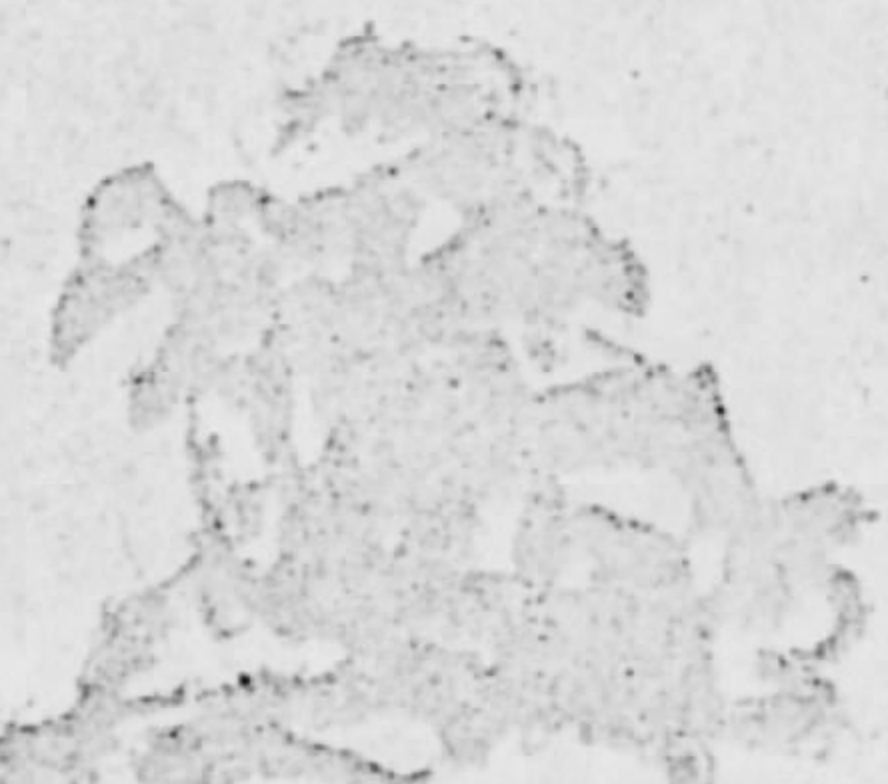
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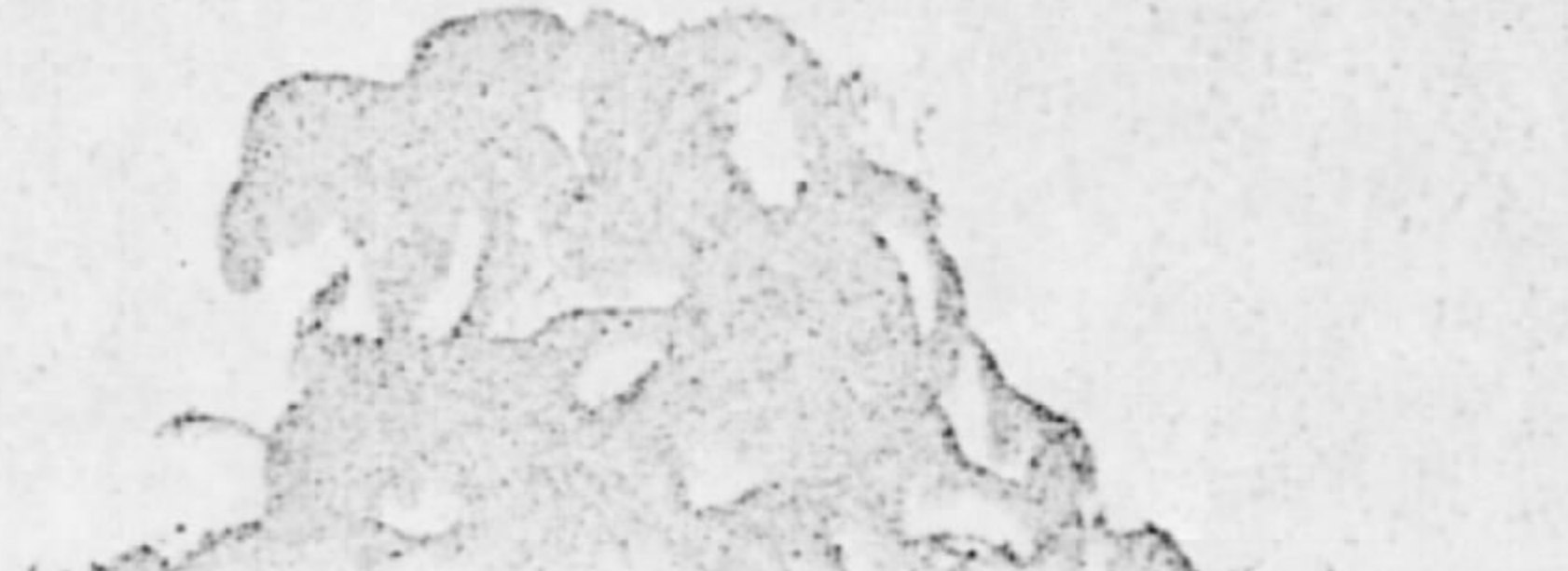
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FINAL SIGHTING
5:45 PM - 80 MILES
SOUTH OF SHREVEPORT,
SAT EVENING
OCT. 29, 1960