PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

5-8 Aug 63

2. LOCATION

Fairfield, Ill

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local _____

GMT _____

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

XX ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

XX ☐ No

6. SOURCE

civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

1. 2-3 seconds
Varied 2. al night

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1. one
2. one 3. two

9. COURSE

varied

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

See case file of multiple sightings in Southern Illinois area for this period. Three sightings investigated. 1. Ronnie Austine sighting. 2. Report of meteor by Deputy Sheriff and town Marshall. 3. Chauncey Uphoff sighting.

11. COMMENTS

The Ronnie Austine case is attributed to the Moon initially with transference to the Planet Jupiter. The Deputy Sheriff and town Marshall observed a meteor. Chauncey Uphoff observed a refueling operation by elements of the 55 Bomb Wing. Other sightings in the area were not reported until subsequent to the investigation and are known only unofficially.

12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☒ Was Aircraft Refule operation
☐ Probably Aircraft 1. Meteor
☐ Possibly Aircraft 2. Moon

☐ Was Astronomical 3. Jupiter
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other _____
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION AT FAIRFIELD:

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When Mr. [redacted] arrived at Miss [redacted] home he went inside and stayed for about 15 minutes. From Miss [redacted] house, the object appeared in the east at an elevation of 15 degrees. On his way home, Mr. [redacted] "floor-boarded" the accelerator and drove as fast as his car would go. During this time, the car sputtered and the radio sarted to crackle and stop playing. Almost immediately after it had begun to sputter, the car ran normally again and the radio ceased to crackle. The car was at this time being driven at its maximum speed on a gravel road. Upon reaching home, Mr. [redacted] immediately informed his father of the phenomena he had seen. The object seemed to hover over some trees which were about two hundred yards from the house. At this time the lights in the house were

11 - 31 AUGUST 1963 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
11	Valparaiso, Chile	[redacted] (See following folder)	AIRCRAFT
11	Warrenville, Illinois		UNIDENTIFIED
12	Cleveland, Ohio	(PHYSICAL SPEC)	Other (SALT CRYSTALS)
12	Warner, New Hampshire		AIRCRAFT
12	Warner, New Hampshire		Astro (ARCTURUS)
12	Warner, New Hampshire		AIRCRAFT
DR 13	Seattle, Washington		INSUFFICIENT DATA
13	Borger, Texas		Other (GRASS FLY EGGS)
13	Smithland, Iowa		Astro (JUPITER)
13-14	St Galen, Switzerland		UNIDENTIFIED
14	Niles, Illinois		AIRCRAFT
15	Miami, Florida		AIRCRAFT
16	31.45N 175.19W (Pacific)	Military	INSUFFICIENT DATA
20	Auburn, Maine	(PHYSICAL SPECIMEN)	Other(CHAFF)
20	Turner & Ord River, Australia	Multiple	Other(SATELLITE DECAY)
20	Elko, Nevada		SATELLITE
20-22	Rome, Italy		INSUFFICIENT DATA
21	44.45N 170.20W (Pacific)	Military	Astro (METEOR)
25	35.02N 48.15W (Atlantic)	Military	SATELLITE
25	31.57N 174.25E (Pacific)	Military	INSUFFICIENT DATA
26	Dayton, Ohio	Civilian	Astro (CAPELLA)
28	Sangley Point, Philippines	Military	BALLOONS
29	Chicago, Illinois		SATELLITE
30	Vandalia, Ohio		AIRCRAFT
31	Dayton, Ohio		SATELLITE

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
Jul & Aug	United States	News Clipping	
12	England	" "	
13	Bourbonnais, Illinois	" "	
13	Lodi - Hackensack, N. J.	" "	
16	Gloucester, England	" "	
16	Bluford & Mt. Vernon, Ill.	" "	
16 - 17	Akron, Ohio	" "	
17	Baltimore, Maryland	" "	
18	Ft. Kent, Maine	" "	
23	Langland, Wales	" "	
24	Parma, Ohio	" "	
26	Wadsworth, England	" "	
29	Kent, England	" "	
29	Madera, California	" "	

extinguished and the Deputy Sheriff of Fairfield, Illinois was notified. During the excitement, [redacted] momentarily blacked out and was given a sedative to calm his nerves.

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Returning to their home station, Marshall Sexton and State Trooper Gidcumb observed an object which appeared to be moving from west to east. The object appeared as a red light with exhaust flames and/or firey streaks. The object disappeared after approximately four seconds.

On the evening of 7 August 1963 at approximately 0250Z hours, Mr. [redacted] and M[redacted] observed a bright diamond shaped object in the sky. The object appeared at times to be shaped like a diamond with a tail. The object first appeared in the south and traveled towards the east. Object traversed approxi-

mately 50 degrees of the sky in 15 minutes. The object then appeared as two objects and one object traveled from the southeast to the northwest while the other object made a "U" turn and disappeared.

Conclusions

It is the Air Force's opinion that Mr. [redacted] first saw the moon through a slight haze while driving in the valley of the road by the Bluford Transformer Sub-Station. [redacted] continued to see the moon at the top of the valley near the Micro-Wave station; however, at this time his attention was diverted to the left of his car and he focused his attention on Jupiter. He continued to see Jupiter for the rest of the evening. Marshall Sexton's conclusion that what Mr. [redacted] saw was the "evening star" was in fact Jupiter.

The sighting reported by Marshall Sexton and State Trooper Gidcumb was a meteor of the fireball class.

The sighting reported by Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] was an air-to-air refueling operation which took place in the immediate vicinity of fairfield, Illinois.

August 63

November 16, 1963 A.D.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
U F O Laboratories
Dayton, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter for two reasons, to give and to receive information. I would like to report on an event of a week or so ago, and also to inquire about two investigations that you are making or have made in Wayne County Illinois.

I was driving south on Route 185, 2 miles Northwest of St. Peter, Illinois. At approximately 1:20 AM, Saturday November 2, 1963 A.D., through my windshield, I observed an object fall from the sky. I noted that it did NOT have a tail, so I dismissed natural falling objects. It had a yellowish-orange dull non-glittering glow that progressively got brighter as it approached the treeline and at this moment it almost became a glitter of yellowish-white and went out. This whole sequence lasted about 3 seconds or so. It first appeared in a horizontal plane, slightly inclined, and then assumed the characteristic curve of a projectile falling from a forced direction to a free-fall. Since the road is quite curved at that point, and the compass in my car is unreliable I can't say exactly what direction it came from, except that it would be from 45° NW to 45° SW. Going further and injecting a bit more of opinion, I would say the object obtained its characteristic glow from ceramic and other organic compounds, illustrating that it was of earth orgin because of our present limited knowledge of organic compounds and their thermal control characteristics.

So much for my observation. Now I would like to know some things about the August 4, 1963, sightings in the Fairfield area. I will dismiss most points of the investigation because of its characteristic pattern and because I have most of the other information I need for what I am doing. (However, you seem to have done such a good job of convincing Mr [redacted] that he possesses an over-active imagination that I find it useless even to attempt to talk or obtain information from him.) Therefore, I am turning to you.

He stated, "I had my radio tuned on WLS...When that thing crossed over my car the radio went crazy...it made all kinds of sounds..." I want to know what these sounds were or appeared to be. For examply did these sounds appear to be somewhat like crickets to him and an electric drill to his girl? Or were they later defined as resembling slowly pulsating bursts of severe intermodulation with other radio stations? Did either Mr [redacted] or his girl have any after effects such as guiding instinct for a day or so afterwards?

Finally, I would like to ask about the object turned over to Planning Officer William McPherson my a Mr. [redacted] on or about October 31, 1963.

a) What does the object appear to be of now?
b) What does the object appear to have been made of before re-entry?
c) Have you bisected the object?
d) What was the interior made of?
e) Was any gold present?
f) Were there any remains of resinous compounds inside?
g) Were any calcium and/or silicon compounds present?
h) What is its specific gravity?
i) Does it have any characteristic symmetrical markings and/or is there any form of patterns on the exterior or in the interior layers? and if so j) what is this pattern (graphicly illustrated) ??
k) You found more radioactive count on the exterior than the interior, right?

This paragraph is my standard "form" paragraph I always insert when writing the governments of the Earth:

Your help is appreciated. Since I do pay my "fair share" and since I see nothing in any of my questions that would seriously "endanger the safety and security of the United States," I will expect an answer in full with as few as possible of 1) uncommittal statements 2) militaristic conclusions 3) press release form letters of a) politically sponsored guiding committees b) security clearance publicity directives c) form letters from other nonsense groups, and 4) excusive propaganda. If however, you feel that this material should not be spread around, mainly I suppose to protect from civil disorder of typically psycotic citizenry, I'll be happy to guarantee your confidence.

My sincere thanks for being of assistance to me. (I-H O P E)

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

Y M C A Hotel
Decatur, Illinois 6 25 23

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cc for UFO file

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information ([redacted])

2 DEC 1963

TO: Hq USAF SAF-OIPB ([redacted])
Wash 25 D C

1. Reference the attached letter from [redacted] dated 16 Nov 63, requesting information on unidentified flying objects.

2. [redacted] sighting was undoubtedly a meteor. The meteors without tails are quite common. Also, the colors are consistent with a meteor sighting as is the duration of three seconds. Satellite decays are ruled out for the following obvious reasons:

a. All satellite decays have an Easterly component, i.e., Northeast or Southeast.

b. Decay is characteristic by a breaking up of the object and colors tend to be red or orange.

c. The duration is much greater than a meteor sighting, for example Sputnik IV lasted in excess of two minutes. The Tiros decay of 1960 was observed from Florida to Maine and lasted in excess of four minutes.

3. A case summary of the 4 Aug 1963 sighting in Fairfield, Illinois is attached. It should answer most of the questions raised by Mr [redacted]

a. At no time did the Air Force attempt to convince [redacted] that he had an overactive imagination, in fact, he was not informed of our evaluation of the sighting. However, it is difficult to explain how [redacted] as able to observe certain events and/or objects while his passenger, [redacted], did not see them.

b. There are many reasons for static on a car radio, for example, aircraft flying overhead or driving under or parallel to electric power lines. No association was established between the UFO and static in the radio.

c. The Air Force has no information regarding a "guiding instinct" in relation to this case.

4. The object, found in the creek bed by Mr [redacted] was turned over to the officials from Scott AFB. At this time it was determined that it was not radioactive. [redacted] is aware of this fact. Specific answers to questions in paragraph 4 of his letter are as follows:

a. The object is a rock.

b. It has never been in outer space.

c. Yes, we have bisected the object.

d. The interior is made of silicon compounds.

e. No gold was present.

f. There were no remains of resinous compounds inside.

g. Yes, there were calcium and silicon compounds present.

h. No test was made to determine its specific gravity.

i. The exterior layer is iron pyrite, the interior or center is composed of $CACO_3$ + 2% FE.

j. No answer.

k. The object was not radioactive.

5. Nothing in this letter is considered classified.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC L. de JONGHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

2 Atchs
1. [redacted], dtd 16 Nov 63.
2. Summary, Fairfield, Illinois case, 5 - 7 Aug 1963

[redacted]

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CASE DATED 1963
ST. PETER, ILLINOIS

December 6, 1963

Dear M[redacted]

Referring to your letter of November 16, 1963, and in particular to your plea for brevity, etc., we submit the following information:

Your sighting was undoubtedly a meteor. Meteors without tails are quite common. Also, the colors are consistent with a meteor sighting as is the duration of three seconds. Satellite decays are ruled out for the following obvious reasons:

a. All satellite decays have an easterly component, i.e., northeast or southeast;

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Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
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Office of Information

[redacted]
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Decatur, Illinois 62523

December 13, 1963 A.D.

Department of the Air Force
Office of the Secretary
United States Air Force
Maston M. Jacks
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted]

My sincerest congratulations on the reply to my recent inquiry. Although It is inadequate and represents a somewhat conventional view as seen through the eyes of experienced militarists, it is nevertheless a real and very thorough reply to my questions.

Your help is really appreciated. T apologize for my arrogant attitude in my imparatives, but T believe some points to be worth taking to move closer to the personality.

I shoula like to add that there is just too much similarity involved to merit your interpretation. However, I'll continue to scrap together bits and pieces for my own problem. I was really thrown for a "loop" to learn that there was no gold in the object, which makes me think that it resulted from a natural occurrence as you have hinted.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]
[redacted] Avenue
Decatur, Illinois 6 25 23

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Light Chases Youths

Ronnie Austin, 18, and his companion, Phyllis Bruce, also 18, had the adventure of their lives shortly after midnight on the morning of 5 August when a huge glowing object chased their car at high speed along a highway in southern Illinois. The sighting may have been the first of a series in the area, or its publication may have occasioned the reporting of other coincidental sightings. At any rate, the following is a description of what happened.

The couple had attended a movie "The Great Escape" at a drive-in theater in Mount Vernon, which is 32 miles west of Fairfield. At approximately 11:30 p.m., they were driving along Illinois Rte. 15 near the Mt. Vernon airport when Ronnie leaned over to speak to Phyllis and spotted a round ball of bright white light at treetop level, at an elevation of approximately 20 degrees. He called it to the attention of the Bruce girl and they watched it, shortly realizing that it apparently was keeping pace with their car. Austin began to check this, slowing and speeding alternately, and the object still stayed with them, although at a distance. At one point the object swerved toward them, increasing in apparent size, then retreated, and jumping up ahead to hover over an electronic relay tower. All this time it was south of the observers. Shortly after hovering over the tower the object hurtled to the north and ahead or east of their car. It stayed ahead and to their left until Austin turned north on Orchardville Road toward the Bruce home. The light was then on their right and east of them. It stayed in that relative position and the couple watched it for about 15 minutes from the Bruce home, then Austin left and drove south, turning east on a gravel road. The light, which had hovered southeast of the Bruce home, during the period that they observed it there, suddenly shot diagonally ahead of Austin's car, coming to a stop east of his route north, so that when he turned north again toward his home, the light was to his right.

During this episode, Austin and the Bruce girl claimed to have been riding at speeds up to 120 miles an hour. After turning east on the gravel road, Austin approached the crossroads at high speed and as his car lurched over a hill the light changed to a brilliant orange and plunged toward the car at terrific speed. Austin estimated that it was within 100 feet of his car within just a few seconds. It then veered sharply upward and directly over the car. Austin said that it was then that his car radio, which he had tuned in, went static and that he felt as if he had entered an extremely cool area. The light then made another pass over the car and went back to its position over a barn where it hovered, still orange in color, but somewhat duller in tone than it had been when it speeded up.

Austin, by then very frightened, turned north at the intersection and headed for home. For a distance of about three miles the object kept pacing him to his right and rear. After he made the final turn to the west to get to his parents' farm house, the light cut across the road and followed him at his left and behind him. When he turned into his front yard, the object appeared to hover stationary over a farm house about 250 yards east of the Austin home.

It is at this time that things in this narrative become rather uncertain. Austin went inside his house, and with his father, mother and sister, watched the object from the windows. It was 12:35 a.m. Ronnie's father decided to call Jefferson County authorities and have them notify the Air Force installation about 75 miles away.

Jefferson County authorities sent Deputy Harry Lee, who arrived at 1:10 a.m., after State Trooper Richard Gidcumb and George Sexton, Village Marshal of Wayne City had arrived at about 12:45. The latter had heard the call on their car radios. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Withrow who are neighbors of the Austins were also called and they observed the light from their home.

During this interim, the family doctor was consulted by telephone as Ronnie was obviously a very frightened youngster. He was given a sedative which the Austins had on hand in the house. As the party of observers watched, the light slowly ascended higher into the sky and toward the south and by the time Lee arrived at 1:10 it appeared to be just an extremely bright star in the southeastern sky where it remained until it faded out of sight with the coming of dawn.

According to interviews and clippings marshalled by APRO forces in the area, Gidcumb and Marshall Sexton believed the boy had seen something strange, but that what was pointed out to them on their arrival was nothing but the "Eastern Star"—which at that time of the year would have been Jupiter.

However, Jupiter does not stay in the southeast and fade with the dawn—it proceeds across the sky in the west. Lee would not commit himself except to say that when he arrived the light appeared only as a large, white star moving slowly south and ascending.

Later, when Air Force intelligence units and consulting astrophysicist J. Allen Hynek arrived in Wayne County to question witnesses, the Austin incident was explained away, as were the ensuing sightings. We will list the particulars in the most prominent of these, and follow them with the conclusion of the authorities concerning their explanation.

On August 7 residents east and west of Fairfield observed two bright lights. One was kite-shaped with a comet-like tail. Both lights going fast, one dimming. Evaluated at part of night a/c fueling operation.

A strange light "bigger than a star" seen flying high north of a camp ground. It had been observed for about two weeks. No official conclusion on this one but outside of the fact it was reported in the north, it could have been Jupiter. Date: Aug. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Short reported seeing a "bathosphere-shaped" object at 9 p.m., same date. Object circular, brilliant, with four lighted projections. Mrs. Short heard a jet plane go by but no other sound. No evaluation of this one by officials either.

On August 8 Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mason of Fairfield saw a cross-shaped object "early" in the morning. It was speeding toward the northwest. At 10:20 same date. Alderman W. Scott Lawrence of Mt. Vernon saw a bright light traveling northwest. Also seen by Robert Lynch.

A Memorial Hospital employee and her husband were followed by a strange light at 11 p.m. while driving. The light, bright white, was low enough to cast a shadow, according to the observers.

Blueford residents saw a white, oval-shaped object which looked rounded on top, flat on the bottom and with lighter "fingers" extending from it.

Back to August 7—Mr. and Mrs. Perry Pladgett saw a strange light like "the sun with lights projecting from it" while driving home from Cisne at 9 p.m. "A large ball of brilliant light," it moved from the east, was over their car when they got home, then it disappeared.

Circuit Court Clerk James Wilson and his wife saw a "cross with a tail" in the sky.

Butch Musgrave (of Brame) saw a lighted object 4-5 times the size of a star, going east to west, very fast, at 9 p.m. Musgrave was in the Boyleston area.

Also at Boyleston, this date, 7 or 8 others, including Raymond L. Owen at dusk saw a big, bright light "as big as a desk," going from west to east at high

(See Youths—Page 4)

UFO SIGHTING
FAIRFIELD, ILLINOIS
5 - 7 August 1963

On 6 August 1963 information was received at Wright-Patterson AFB that an Unidentified Flying Object had been observed in Fairfield, Illinois. The information was essentially that carried over the news circuits.

> "[redacted] and his girl friend, [redacted] had been to a Drive-in-Movie. Coming home they were chased by a flying saucer as big as an auto, which at times passed in front of them, along side, and at times trailing the car. After taking [redacted] home [redacted] then proceeded to his own home while the Saucer continued it's attack. By this time he was in a state of shock and was given sedatives on the advice of the family doctor. The parents o[redacted] called Harry Lee, the Deputy Sheriff of Fairfield, Illinois, and he proceeded to the farmhouse with M[redacted] village Marshall of Wayne County, to observe the object which was now 'besieging' the farmhouse. Upon arrival the object was identified as the 'evening star' (Jupiter). Two youths watched the object from the [redacted] farmhouse until it disappeared with the coming of dawn."

Scott AFB was contacted and requested to investigate the sighting under AFR 200-2.

Information received from Scott AFB confirmed that the object besieging the farmhouse was indeed Jupiter. However, since the story was attracting national interest through the news media, and additional sightings were being reported in the area, an investigation team from Wright-Patterson AFB conducted an additional field investigation.

The following information is extracted from this report:

> "[redacted]nd [redacted] were driving east on Illinois highway 15 at approximately 0500Z hours on 5 August 1963. At this time [redacted] noticed a bright object at approximately 40 degrees elevation to the right of his automobile. Observers were traveling in a valley of the road and approximately 30 yards from the Bluford Transformer Sub-Station. Object was next observed at an elevation of 15 degrees while observers were near a Micro-Wave transmitting station. Object now appeared to change course from the right to the left of the car. While observers were still traveling east on highway 15, object appeared in the east at an elevation of approximately 15 degrees. Observers changed direction and were traveling north, the object appearing in the east at an elevation of 30 degrees.
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this time, the car sputtered and the radio started to crackle and stopped playing. Almost immediately after it had begun to sputter, the car ran normally again and the radio ceased to crackle. The car was at this time being driven at its maximum speed on a gravel road. Upon reaching home, [redacted] immediately informed his father of the phenomena he had seen. The object seemed to hover over some trees which were about two hundred yards from the house. At this time the lights in the house were extinguished and the Deputy Sheriff of Fairfield, Illinois was notified. During the excitement, Ronnie Austin momentarily blacked out and was given a sedative to calm his nerves.

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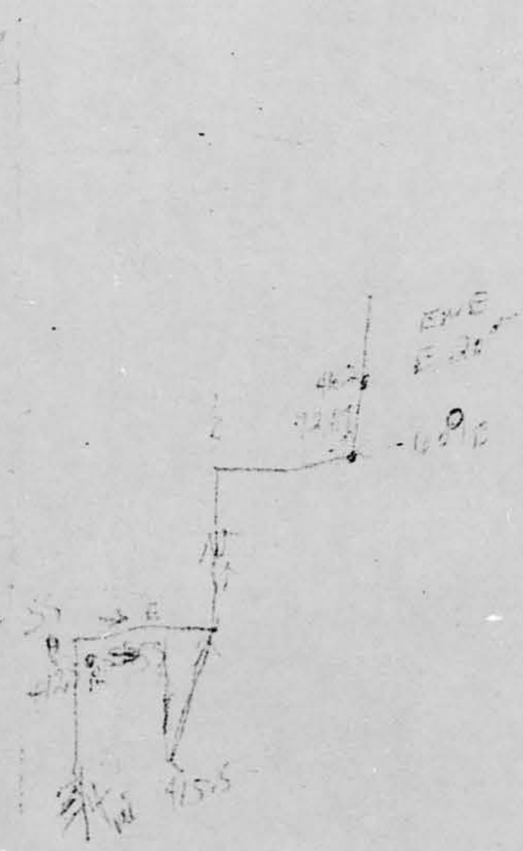
Subsequent to the field investigation additional confirmation of suspected a/c in the vicinity was needed. Indianapolis Center was contacted for flights to the West. St Louis center was contacted for low altitude flights and Kansas City for high altitude cross over from Indianapolis. This information was requested to determine the suspected a/c i[redacted] sighting. TWA 287 was enroute from Evansville to St Louis at 0151Z. Eastern Airlines flight 565 over Evansville at 0213Z, over Centralia at 0227Z. These were the only jet a/c at upper altitudes being carried at the time. A call was made to Little Rock Arkansas (Controller for Sandy Spot Refueling Area). Information received revealed that the 55BW was using the area on the nights of the 6,7,9,13,14,16 from 0200Z-0500Z. It was determined that the Uphoff sighting was a misinterpretation of the jets refueling.

Call made to Ft Campbell, Ky. PFC Lattimore (Operations) checked records to assure that restricted area was not in use. Call to Ft Campbell, Ky revealed that the base is no longer in use. This ruled out possibility of munitions or



Newspaper
Office
[redacted]
Barbados

Signed 21 books
on 1963

72,043 W-I-D

72,377 Fairfield
Cross Roads 1963

72,393 Signed

72,404
[redacted] Farm
703 Acres

72,412 - Bluefield Dairy
Workers Letter

72,420
[redacted] Farm

Custom Farm
72,423
1430 hours

72,435 1315 hrs
Wages, Etc

72,455 McLeansboro
Illinois
72,456 1430 hrs
Wages, Etc

flares being the cause of the sighting of [redacted] and left the remaining possibility of their sighting as a meteor.

None of the other reported sightings were investigated.

The following points were considered to be the most pertinent in evaluation of the [redacted] portion of the Fairfield sightings: (a) The exact route that [redacted] took was retraced at a corresponding time. The moon was in the position of the UFO at the time of the initial sighting. Subsequent observations revealed that Jupiter was always in the reported position of the object. (b) The turning of the road accounts for the alleged changes in position of the object. (c) At no time did [redacted] see the object as described by [redacted]. (d) Marshall Sexton identified the object as the Evening Star. (e) Two youths continued to watch the object for the remainder of the night, the object always being in the position of Jupiter and disappearing with dawn.

It is concluded that [redacted] first saw the moon through a slight haze while driving in the valley of the road by the Bluford Transformer Sub-Station. [redacted] continued to see the moon at the top of the valley near the Micro-Wave station; however, at this time his attention was diverted to the left of his car and he focused his attention on Jupiter. He continued to see Jupiter for the rest of the evening. [redacted] conclusion that what [redacted] saw was the "evening star" (Jupiter) was correct.

The sighting reported by [redacted] and State Trooper [redacted] was a meteor of the fireball class.

The sighting reported by Mr [redacted] and Mr [redacted] was an air-to-air refueling operation which took place over southern Illinois.

[redacted] Buddies;

[149/102]

[4 Aug 63]

Weather: Clear night, not too Hot.

1) 215°. 1st Sighting 40° Elevation (2230 CST) Object 40°. (North of East) (Bluford Substation Transformer)

2) By the Side of the Tower it changed course and Moved NE (Left Side of Car) Elevation 10-15°.

3) Elevation 30° ENE (Cemetary).

4) Elevation 30° (ENE) (North at Intersection).

5) Elevation 20° (ENE)

6) Elevation 15° (ENE [redacted] Home.

7) Elevations 30 (S. W). [redacted] Home

8) ELEVATION: 30° EAST)

9) ELEVATION: 45° (when it disappeared ~~X~~ the stars were gone).

215-220° (b

Just after Day light

(VILLAGE MARSHALL)

RED LIGHT LIKE AN EXHAUST FLAME

DIRECTION TOWARDS THE EAST

STATE TROOPER(6)

SAW SHOOTING STAR WEST TO EAST. [SAW FIRY STREAKS FOR 3 OR 4 SECONDS]

SAW THE EVENING STAR

[PRE SATELITE RE-ENTRY]

220°+-

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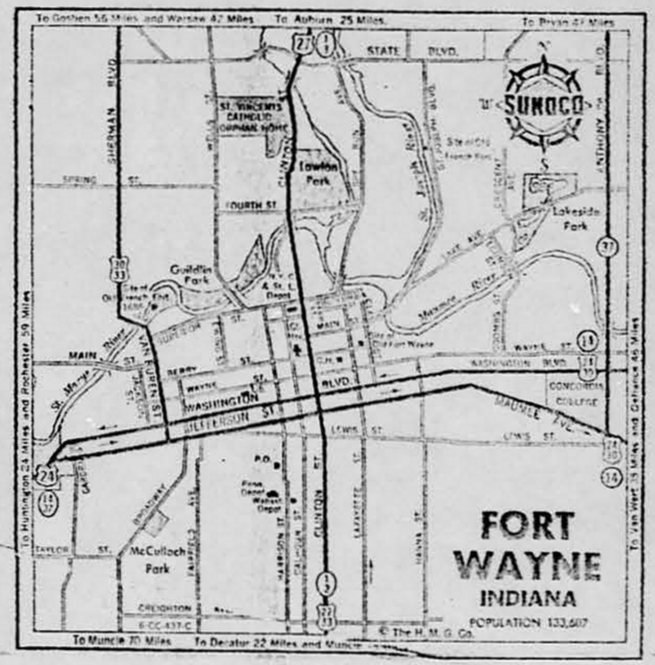



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Youths . . .

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speed.

August 8. Mike Hill, cleaning plant operator, and Chauncey Uphoff, a farmer, saw a kite-shaped object with a long tail, at about 800 feet altitude. It lit up Uphoff's barnyard. The light went off when an airplane flew by, but went on after the plane left. This object came from the west along the railroad track east of Uphoff's farm. It looked like a diamond at first, they said. Another object came along—they first thought it was a jet but there were no blinker lights. The diamond shaped object swung around toward the plane, and as it neared, it's lights went out, and after the plane passed the object appeared as a glow, dived toward the Uphoff yard, looking like a kite with a tail. It circled back toward the south at high speed and hovered at about 45 degrees elevation over Merriam, then disappeared toward Grayville. The men thought it was very large, at least at 1,000 feet altitude and it made no noise. The Uphoff dogs were very disturbed and barked all the while.

Same date, Paul C. Brock at Albion said he and neighbors saw a brilliant light which stayed stationary for five minutes, then turned red, floated away, sounding like an engine.

On 9 August Ex-Mayor Harry Bishop saw a light following a car on Centralia road between 10 and 11 p.m. When the car turned off the road and stopped, the light turned, hovered over the auto, then moved west. Bishop called neighbors and they all watched the object for about 10-15 minutes. When interviewed Bishop said the object came down Centralia Road, hovered over his house on the north edge of Mt. Vernon, moved west, went out, then reappeared in the west traveling at high speed. During this episode both he and neighbors saw the motorist whose car was followed by the light, as he stopped and looked up at the thing.

On the 14th of August Mrs. Henry Linder saw a low-flying object at tree-top level. "three feet long, egg-shaped, it lit up the area like a Christmas tree," she said.

15 August—Mrs. Jean Gutzler, of Blueford, saw a bright white object which lighted up her yard west of town. It seemed to be about 50 feet over the barn. It disappeared within a short time.

Same date, unidentified motorist reported bright, darting lights he had seen three nights in a row. He at one time was driving when he saw them, was startled but managed to keep car under some control although he did drive it into the ditch. He described the things as bright, white, round on the top, flat on the bottom.

Again on the 15th, State Trooper Lee Lyons saw a red ball in the sky northwest of Mt. Vernon at 11 p.m. It had a long tail. Other Mt. Vernon residents saw a light at 12 p.m. One woman reported an object "as big as a car" followed her car on State Route 148, southwest of town.

The first evaluation to be suggested for the Austin incident was that the youngsters saw the moon through fog and, frightened, let their imagination run away with them and thought it was a flying saucer. When the official report came out, however, it was decided that Ronnie Austin had seen Jupiter.

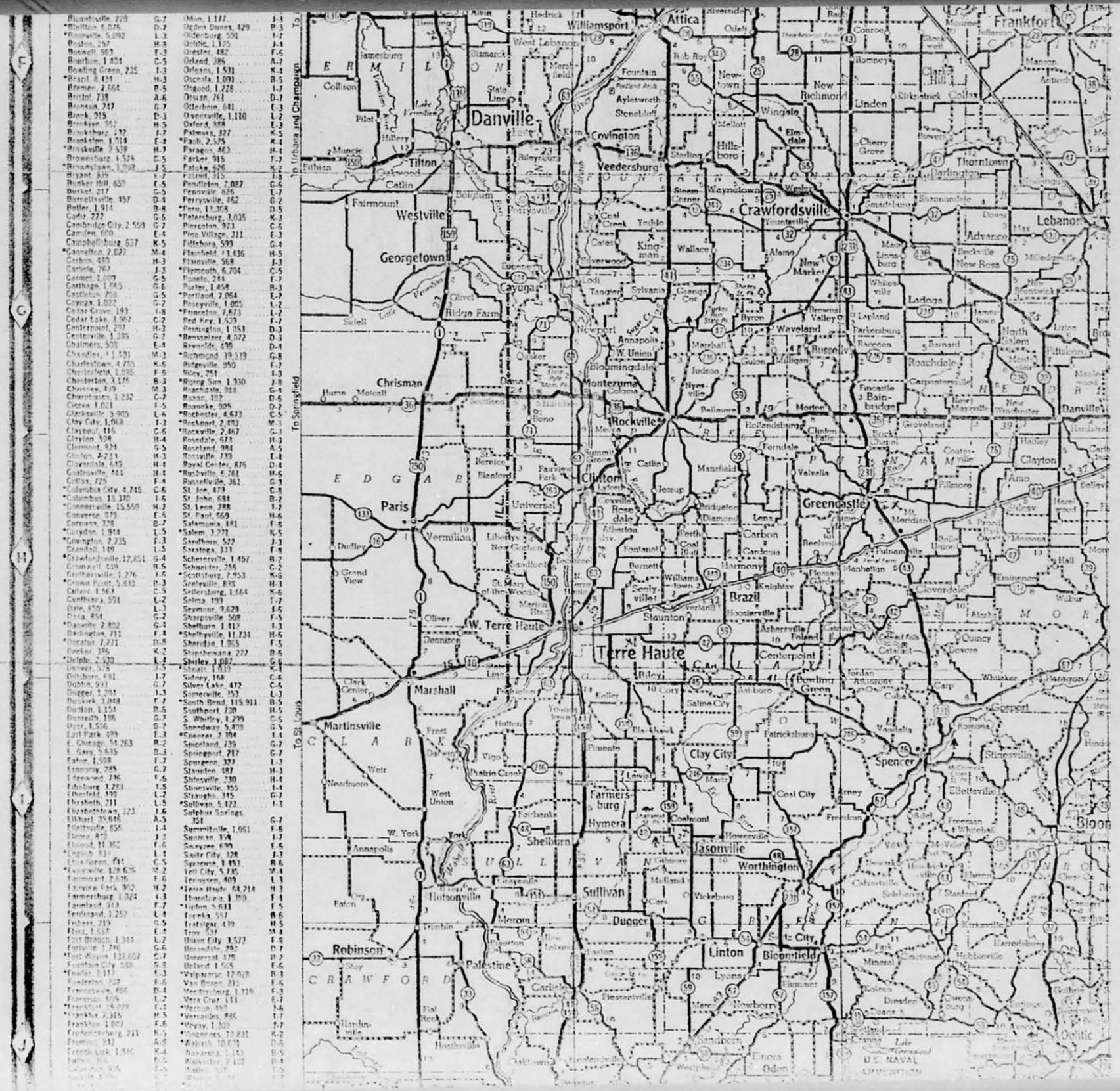
The maneuvers of the object described indicated that the "experts" have again discarded observational information in favor of a pre-conceived explanation or theory. Austin could not possibly have seen either the moon or Jupiter. He saw something which maneuvered and flew at high speeds, and which had an unconventional shape. Ronnie Austin, according to authorities, saw the moon through fog and panicked, and the obect seen by him aand his family later was Jupiter.

It is entirely possible that Austin saw Jupiter later when watching with his parents and neighbors. If he had been pursued by a large lighted object which terrified him he might not have also seen Jupiter *at the time* so when viewing the bright planet later he would have no way of separating it from the object which pursued him, and he might have interpreted Jupiter as the object which had ascended and was hovering at high altitude. However, the idea that Ronnie saw the moon through fog initially and mistook it for a bright white light which maneuvered and followed him, can only be accepted if we discard the observational data of both Ronnie Austin and Phyllis Bruce.

Later sightings of triangular-shaped objects were explained away by the authorities as night re-fueling operations which were unfamiliar to the observers which were widely seen in the area.

The ball-shaped objects were vaguely explained as fireballs, but before this explanation can be accepted, we must have a satisfactory identification or definition of a fireball. It is well known fact that science is attempting to find out just what these enigmas are. That they are unidentified and therefore could be a particuuar type of alien space vehicle or missile has not occurred to at least some scientists, for it is their habit to attempt to find a mundane and acceptable explanation for all phenomena.

Thus, from the myriad of sightings by the citizens of Wayne County, Illinois in the early part of August 1963, we have only the usual unsatisfactory explanations for eerie aerial visitors.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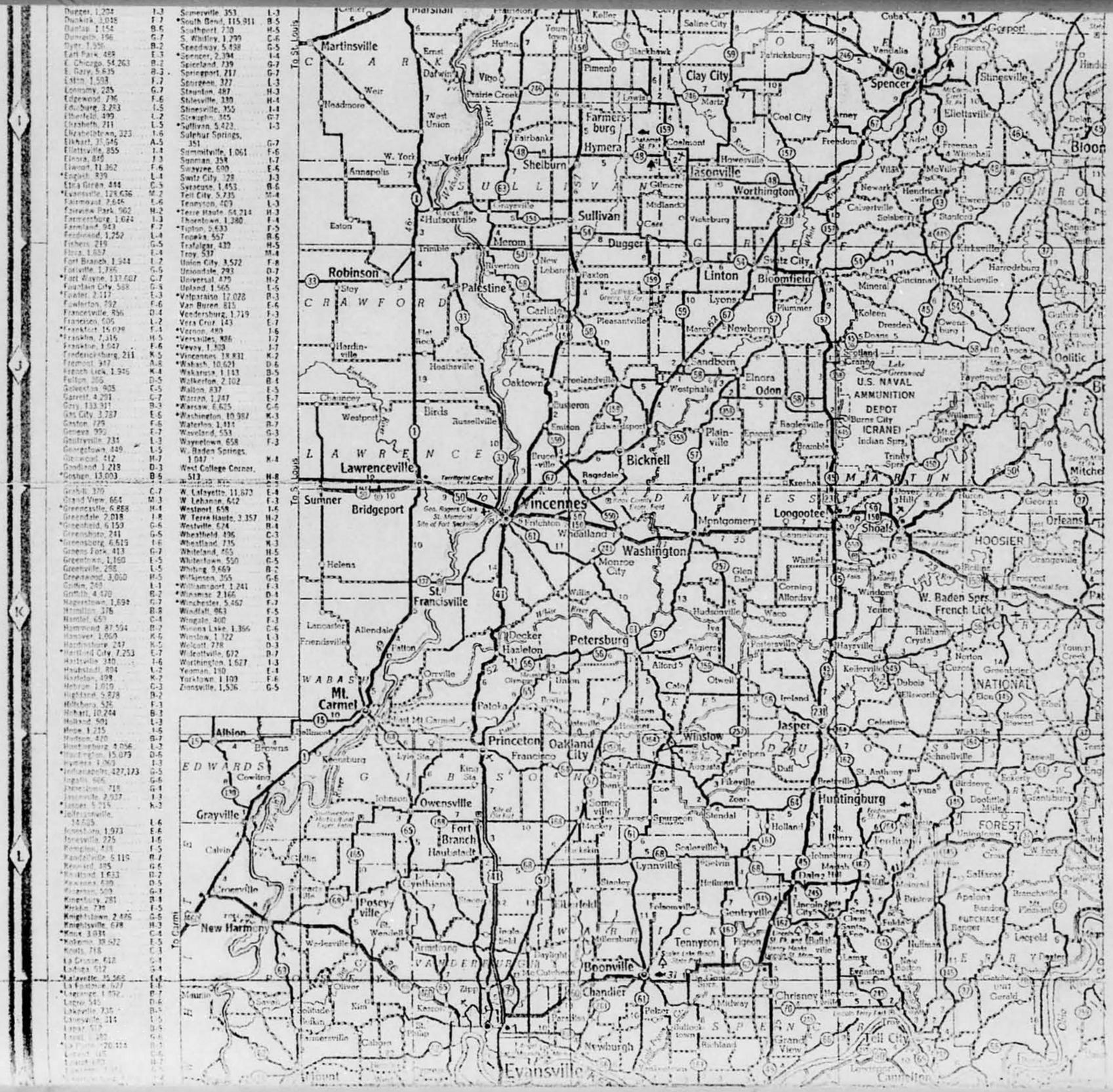

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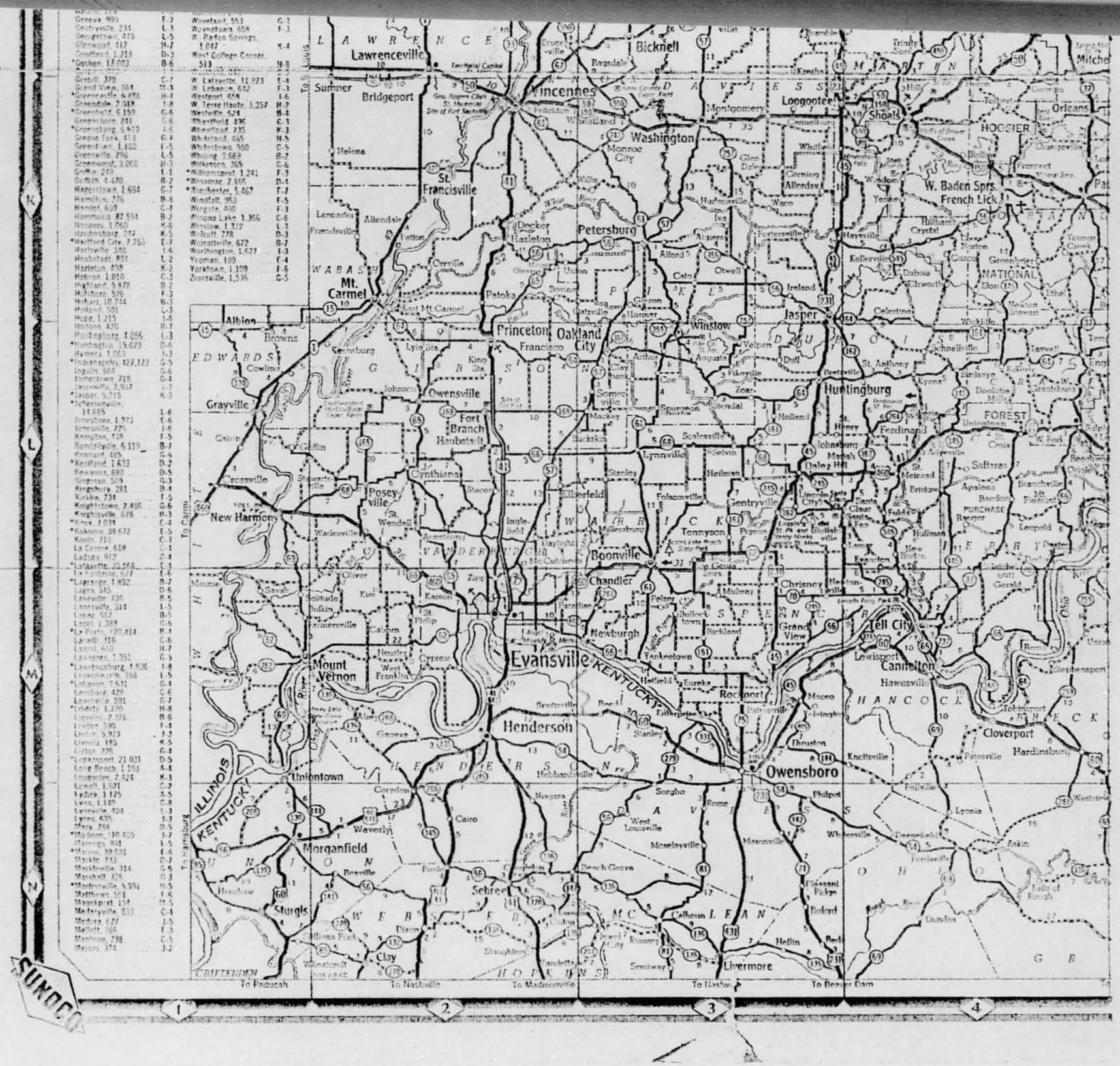

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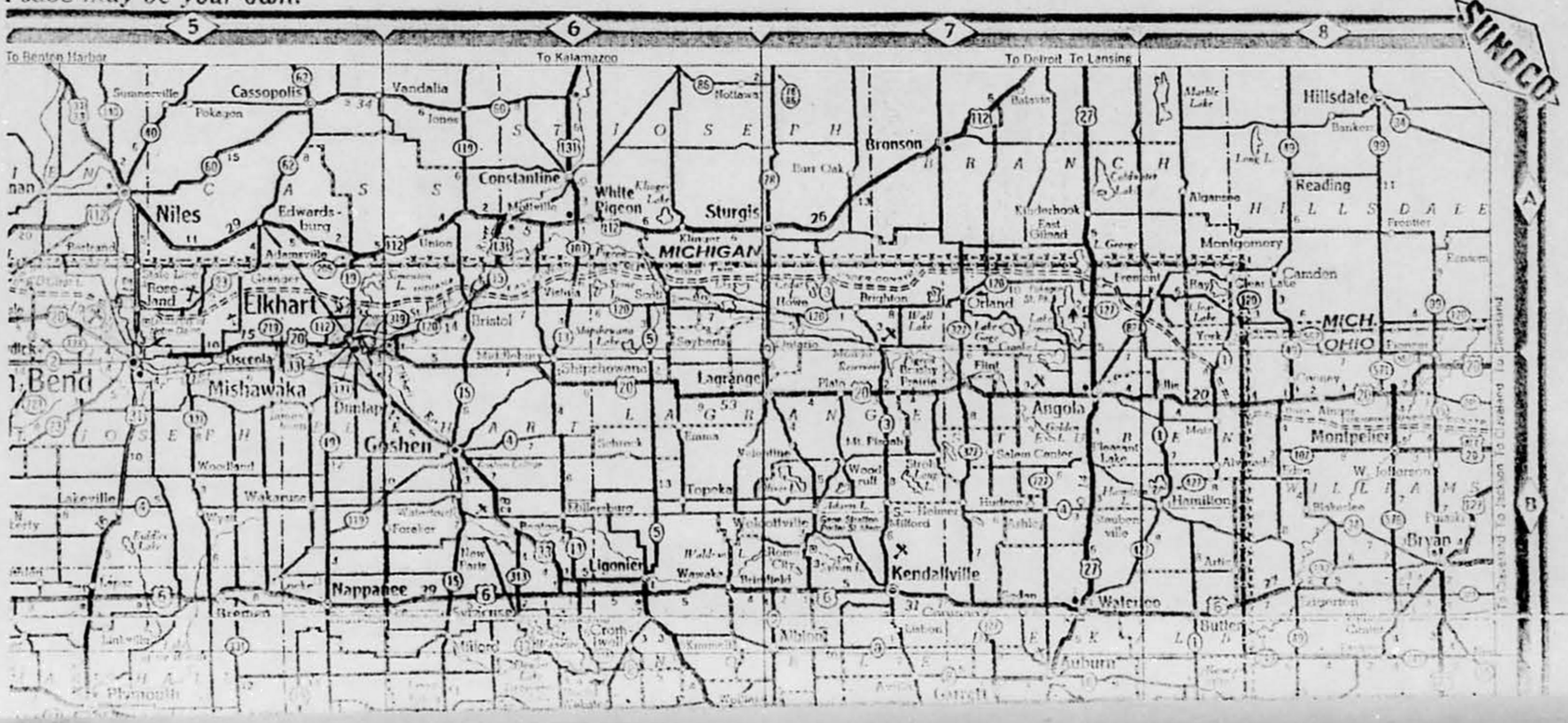

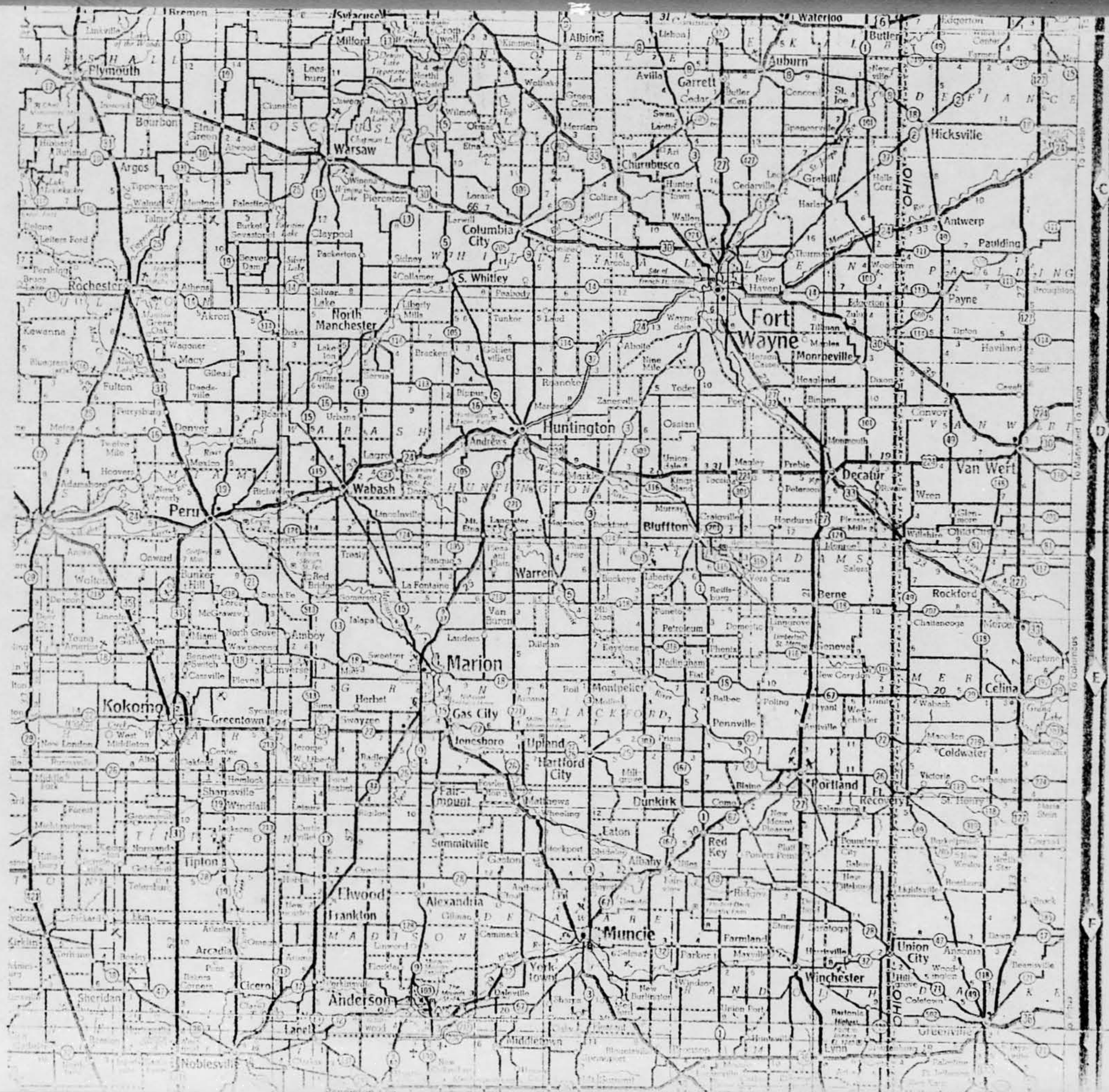
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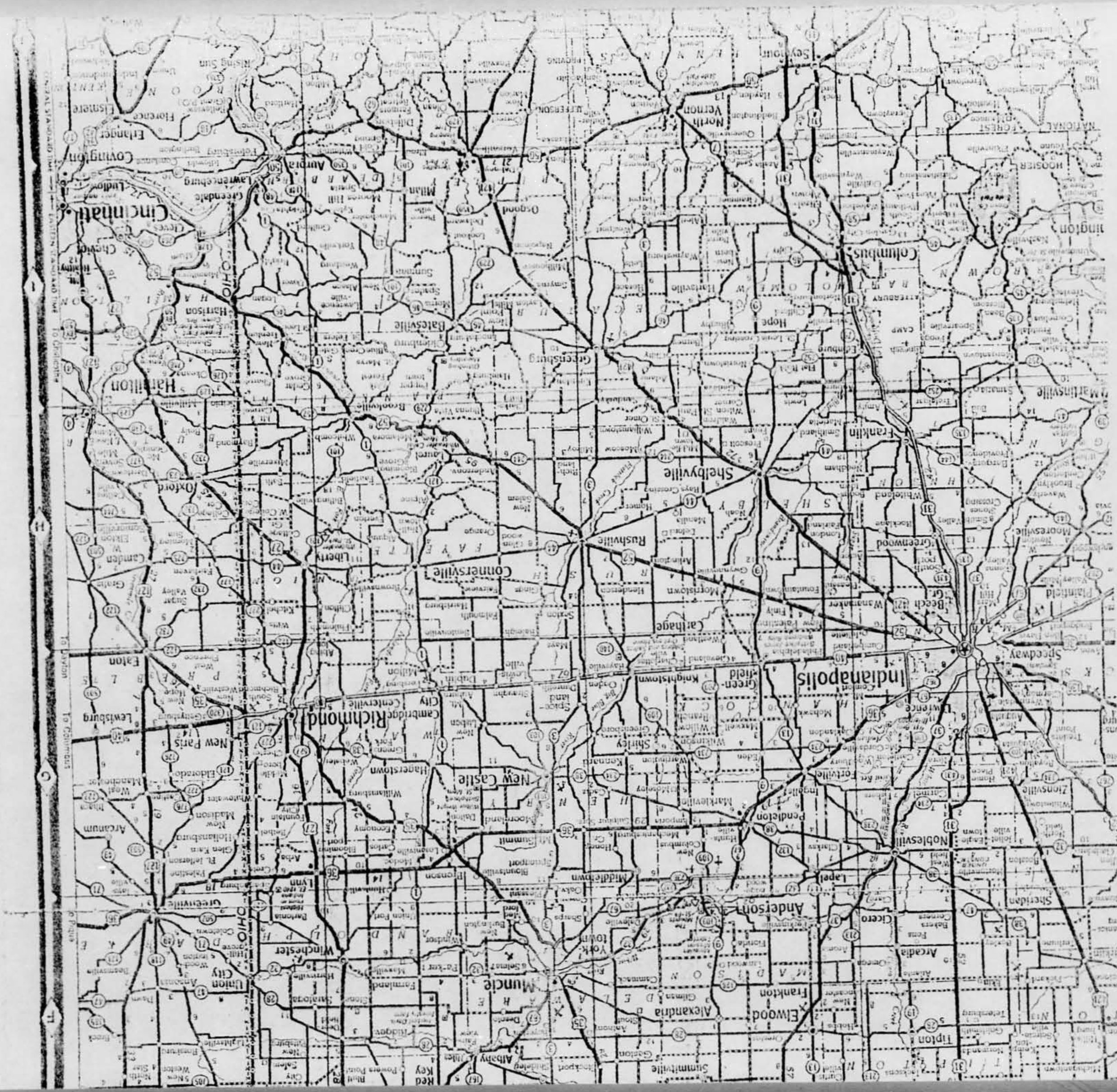
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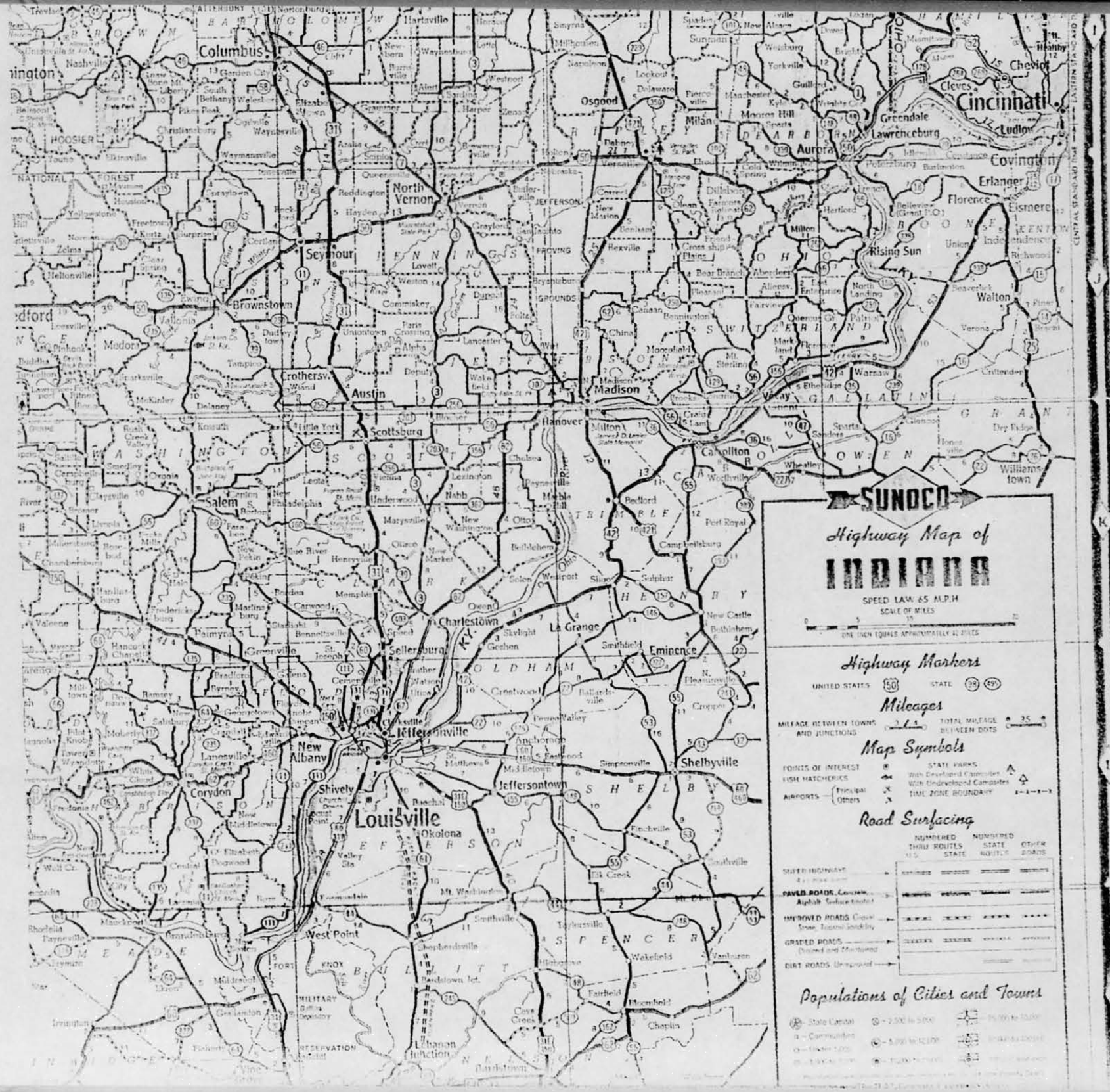
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Highway Map of
INDIANA
SPEED LAW 65 M.P.H
SCALE OF MILES
Highway Markers
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MILEAGE BETWEEN TOWNS AND JUNCTIONS
TOTAL MILEAGE BETWEEN DOTS
Map Symbols
POINTS OF INTEREST
FISH HATCHERIES
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Principal
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STATE PARKS
With Developed Campsites
With Undeveloped Campsites
TIME ZONE BOUNDARY
Road Surfacing
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IMPROVED ROADS Gravel, Stone, Top-soil, Sand-clay
GRADED ROADS Drained and Maintained
DIRT ROADS Unimproved
Populations of Cities and Towns
State Capital
County Seat
Under 2,500
2,500 to 5,000
5,000 to 10,000
10,000 to 25,000
25,000 to 50,000
50,000 to 100,000
100,000 and Over

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Highway Map of INDIANA

SPEED LAW-65 M.P.H.

SCALE OF MILES

ONE INCH EQUALS APPROXIMATELY 12 MILES

Highway Markers

UNITED STATES 50 STATE 92 199

Mileages

MILEAGE BETWEEN TOWNS AND JUNCTIONS 3 4

TOTAL MILEAGE BETWEEN DOTS 35

Map Symbols

POINTS OF INTEREST

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- State Capital
- n — Communities
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- ⊗ — 2,500 to 5,000
- ◉ — 5,000 to 10,000
- ◉ — 10,000 to 25,000
- ◉ — 25,000 to 50,000
- ◉ — 50,000 to 100,000
- ◉ — 100,000 and over

Population symbols shown as, or enclosed by, ○ indicate County Seats.

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"Hoosier State"

Capital	Indianapolis
Elevation — Highest	1,240 feet
Elevation — Lowest	320 feet
Average annual rainfall	40 inches
State flower	Zinnia
State bird	Cardinal
State song	"On the Banks of the Wabash"

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Highway Map of ILLINOIS

SPEED LAW-REASONABLE AND PROPER

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SCALE OF MILES - ONE INCH EQUALS APPROXIMATELY 16 MILES

Highway Markers

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Mileages

MILEAGE BETWEEN TOWNS AND JUNCTIONS 3 14

TOTAL MILEAGE BETWEEN DOTS 15

Map Symbols

POINTS OF INTEREST

FISH HATCHERIES

AIRPORTS — Principal, Others

STATE PARKS — With Campsites, Without Campsites

COUNTY LINES

This entire map area is included in the Central Standard Time Zone

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To La Crosse and Madison

To Madison

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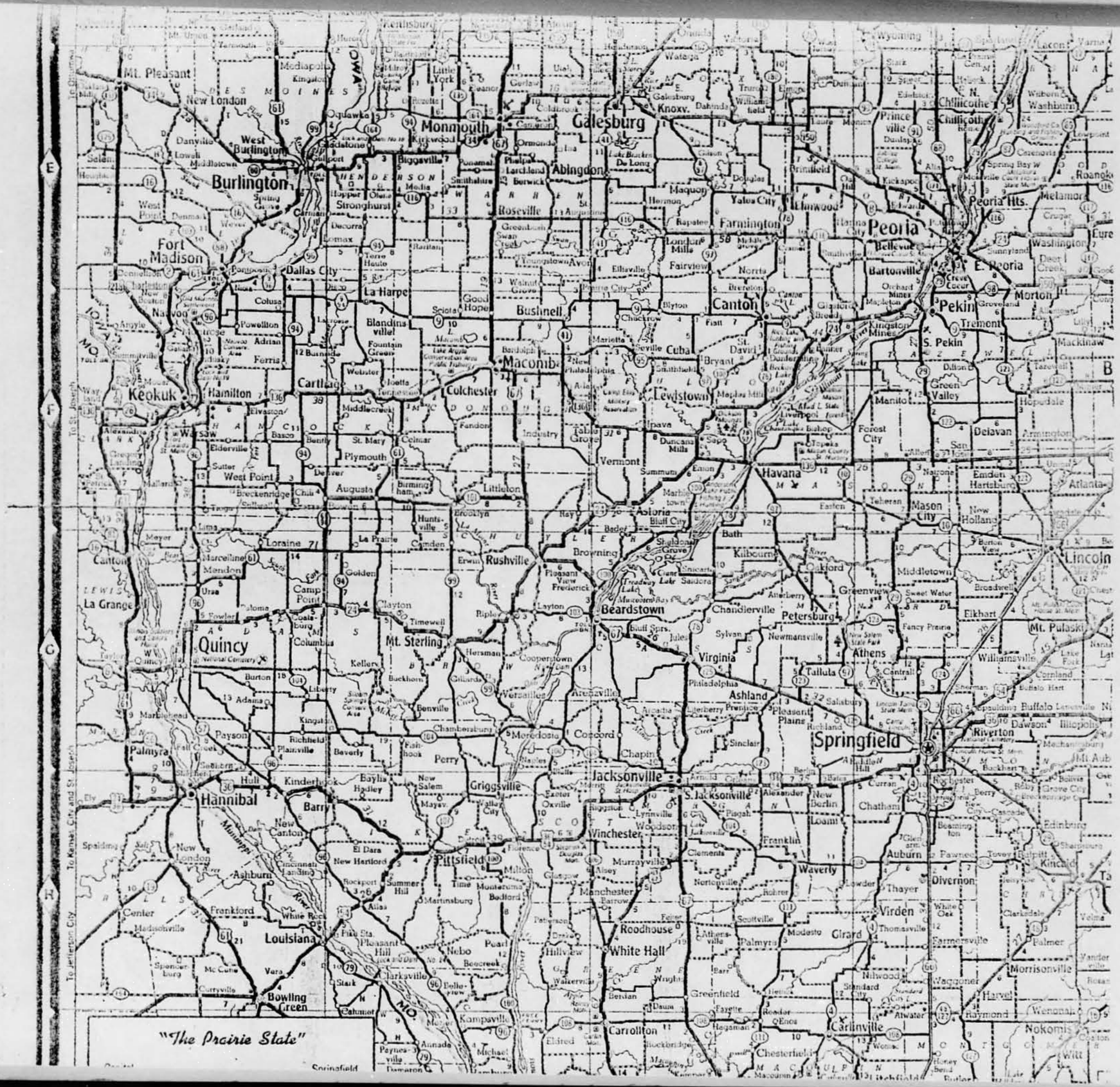
Dubuque, Cuba City, Shullsburg, Monroe, Freeport, Rockford, Clinton, Sterling, Rock Falls, Dixon, Davenport, Rock Island, Moline, Muscatine, Galesburg, Monmouth, Kewanee, Princeton, Mt. Pleasant, Fulton, Morrison, Prophetstown, Amboy, Oregon, Mt. Morris, Polo, Mt. Carroll, Savanna, Lanark, Stockton, Warren, Winslow, Orangeville, Pecatonica, Winnebago, Rockton, Durand, Shannon, Forreston, Byron, Milledgeville, Chadwick, Thomson, Albany, Camanche, Cordova, Port Byron, Le Claire, Geneseo, Cambridge, Orion, Hanover, Bellevue, Maquoketa, Andrew, Springbrook, Green Island, Sabula, Preston, Miles, Teeds Grove, Andover, Bryant, Clinton, De Witt, Grand Mound, Low Moor, Elvira, Princeton, Long Grove, Eldridge, Walcott, Blue Grass, Pleasant Prairie, Buffalo Prairie, Edgington, Reynolds, Taylor Ridge, Andalusia, Milan, Hampton, Carbon Cliff, Colona, Valley Warner, Atkinson, Annawan, Mineral, Neponset, Bradford, Toulon, Wyoming, Galva, Altona, Victoria, Oneida, Wataga, Knoxville, Abingdon, Avon, Farmington, Canton, Lewistown, Ipava, Table Grove, Fairview, Industry, Macomb, Bushnell, Prairie City, Plymouth, Carthage, Colchester, Bardolph, Rushville, Camp Point, Clayton, Quincy, Ursa, Golden, Augusta, Mendon, Barry, Pittsfield, Griggsville, Perry, Pleasant Hill, Detroit, Pearl, Winchester, Arcadia, Virginia, Beardstown, Chandlerville, Virginia, Meredosia, Naples, Alsey, Jacksonville, Waverly, Franklin, Murrayville, Woodson, Alexander, Arenzville, Chapin, Concord, Nortonville, Jacksonville, Literberry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THIS IS IN REPLY TO YOUR MSG FOR ANSWER TO QUERY RELATIVE
TO FAIRFIELD ILL UFO SIGHTNGS REPORT ED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH AFR 200 DASH 2 CAPT OSWALD 1405 ABW

AUGUST 4 WITNESS WAS [redacted] WITNESS INDICATED THAT
HE WAS DRIVING HIS GIRL FRIEND HOME THAT HE LEANED OVER TO
SAY SOMETHING TO HIS GIRL FRIEND AND AT THAT TIME CAUGHT A
GLIMPSE OF WHAT HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THE MOON IT SHOULD
BE SAIDXXXXXNOTED THAT LIGHT FOG WAS BEGINNING TO FORM IN
THE AREA WE SAY GLIMPSE BECAUSE IT IS OBVIOUS HE WAS PROBABLY
MORE CONCERNED WITH THE SAFETY AND OPRATION OF THE VEHICLE

THE MOON WAS ALSO THE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING AT THE GIRLS HOUSE
HE INDICATED THAT THE OBJECT FOLLOWED HIM HOME THAT THE
MARSHALL AND A STATE TROOPER WERE SUMMONED THE THE MARSHALL
SIGHTED THE OBJECT AND COMMENKXXXX COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT
IT WAS THE EVENING STAR THE AIR FORCE DID NOT HAVE TO
COME UP WITH A UNIQUE EXPLANATION ON THIS ONE ONLY TO
AFFIRM WHAT THE MARSHALL HAD SAID THE OBJETCT WAS JUPITER

JUPITER WAS LOW ON THE HORIZON IN THE EAST AND MORE THAN
FIVE TIMES AS BRIGHTER AS ANYTHING ELSE IN THE AREA BECAUSE
OF ITS DISTANCE AND BRIGHTNESS IS WOMXXXX IT WOULD APPEAR TO
FOLLOW THE OBJECT FOLLOWED THE EXACT PATH OF JUPITER IT
DISAPPEARED LAST WHICH WOULD AXXXX MAKE IT APPEAR BRIGHTER
AND STILL BE VISIBLE AT DAWN JUPITER CAN APPEAR IN COLORS
OTHER THAN BLUE IE RED ORANGE GREEN

THE M THE STATE TROOPER UPON LEAVING THE YOUTHS HOME SIGHTED
A FIREBALL ENTERING THE EARTHS ATMOSPHERE FAR TO THE SOUTH
THIS IS RARE OCCURING ABOUT 350 TIMES A YEAR

REGARDING A AUG 6TH SIGHTING
THERE WAS A REPORT FROM A WITNESS WHO SAID THAT HIS DOG WAS
RAISING A FUSS ETC THIS INCIDENT HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO
BE A REFUELING OPERATION THE RECEIVER PASSED OVERHEAD AND
THE TANKER CIRCLED AFTER BREAKOFF THIS FOLLOWS THE PATH
OF OBJECT REPORTED BY WITNESS ALSO HIGH FREQUENCY O
OF JET BOMBER NOISE WOULD PROBABLY ACCOUNT FOR THE DOGS BARKING
ETC

THIS INFOMATION IS FROM THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC INFORMATION DIV
OSAF BASE ON REPORT OBTAINED FROM LT COL ROBERT FRIEND HQ
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION WPAFB OHIO WHO INVESTIGATED
INCIDENTS
THAT IS ALL GA
THANK YE WILL PASS TO CAPT OSWALD OUT HERE OR GA

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"The Prairie State"
Capital ..... Springfield
Elevation Highest ..... 1,241 feet
Elevation Lowest ..... 279 feet
Average annual rainfall ..... 36.53 inches
State flower ..... Native Wood Violet
State bird ..... Cardinal
State tree ..... Native Oak
State song ..... "Illinois"
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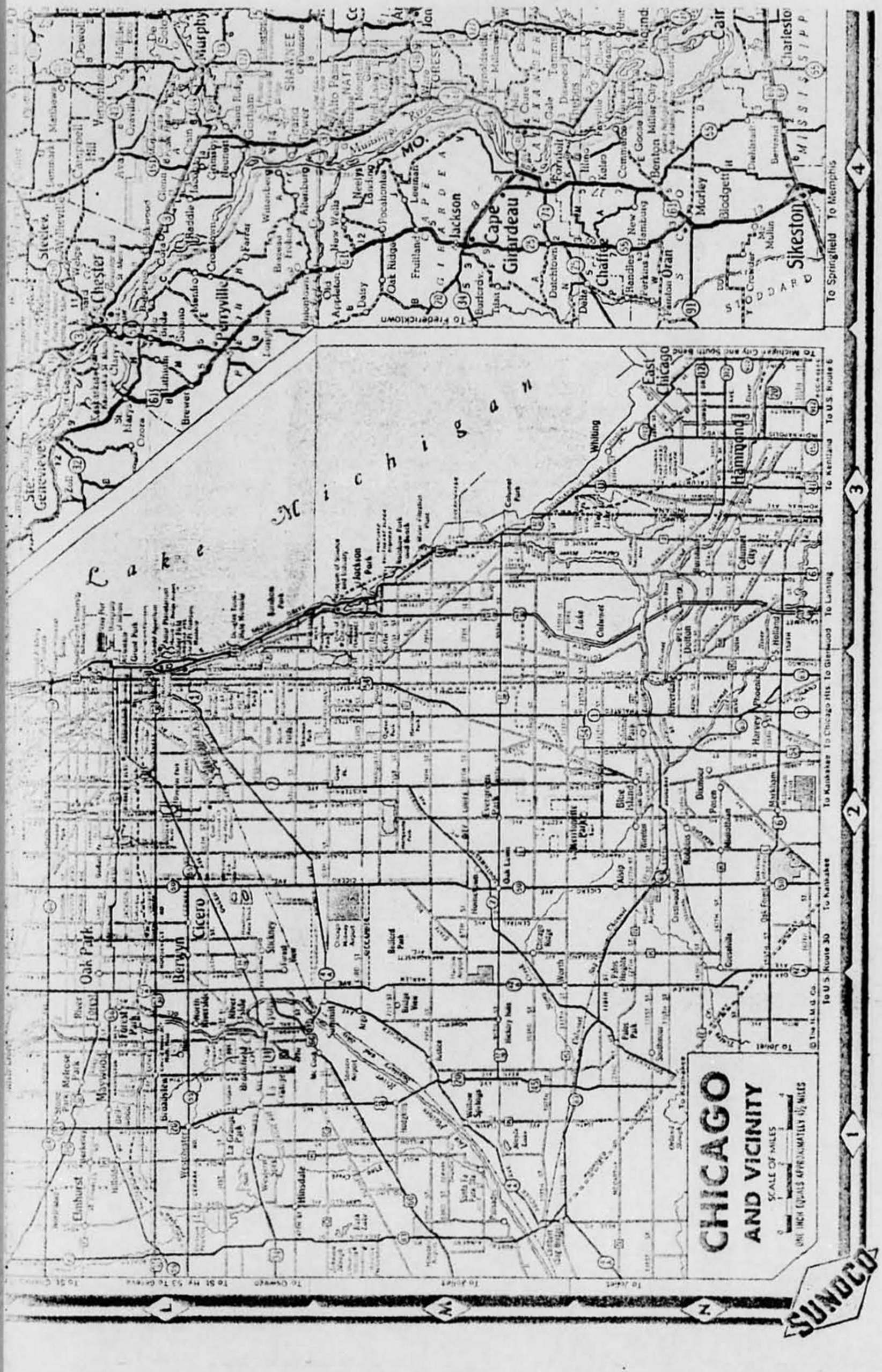
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Georgetown
Indianola
Sidell
Rantoul
Champaign
Urbana
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Casey
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Flora
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Noble
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Goreville
Vienna
Simpson
Metropolis
Brookport
Golconda
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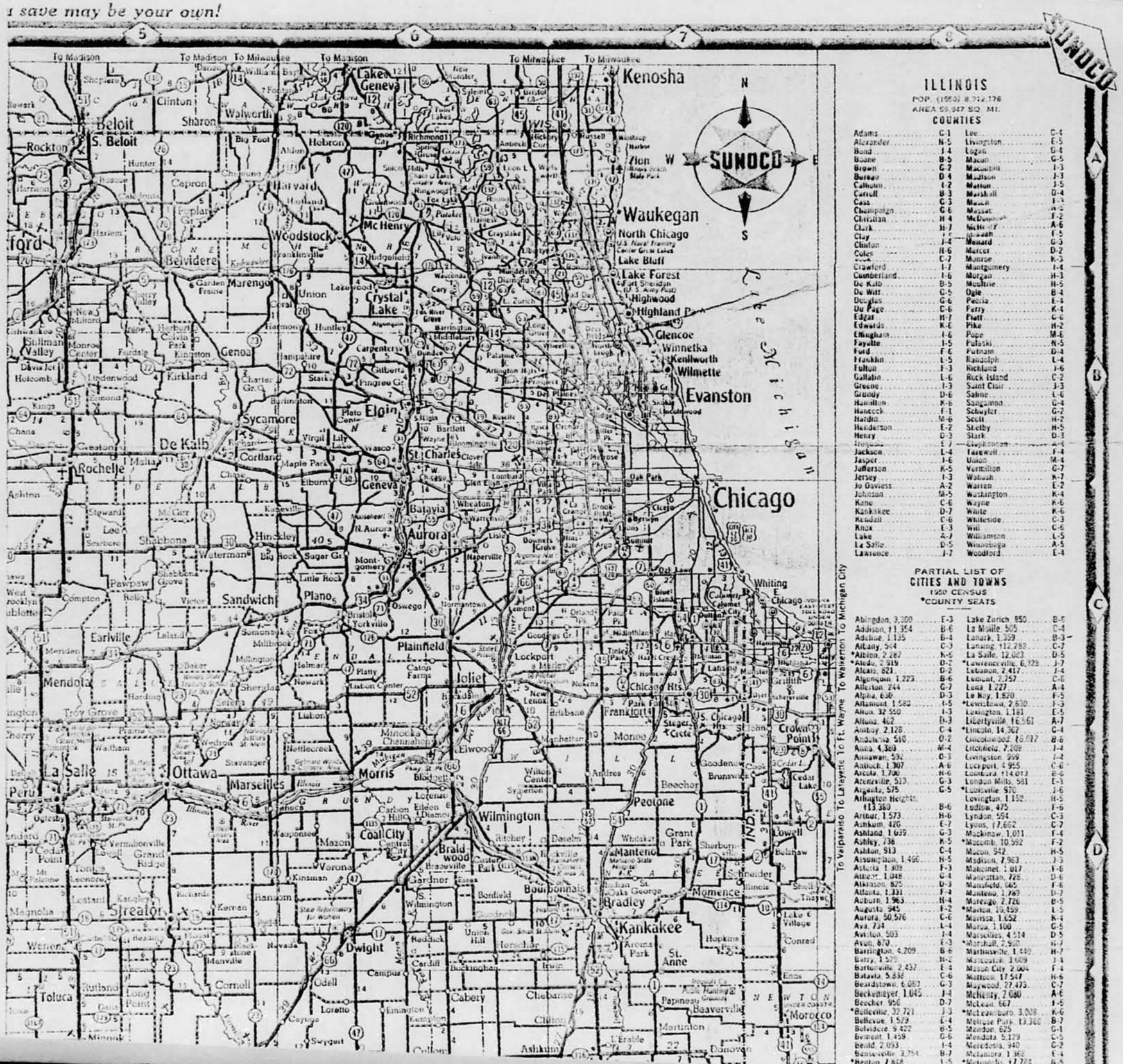

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Brown	G-2	Macoupin	J-3
Bureau	D-4	Madison	J-3
Calhoun	I-2	Marion	J-5
Carroll	B-3	Marshall	D-4
Cass	G-3	Mason	F-4
Champaign	G-6	Massac	N-5
Christian	H-4	McDonough	F-2
Clark	K-7	McHenry	A-6
Clay	J-6	Mclean	F-5
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Coles	H-6	Mercer	D-2
Cook	C-7	Monroe	K-3
Crawford	I-7	Montgomery	I-4
Cumberland	I-6	Morgan	H-3
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Fayette	I-5	Pulaski	N-5
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Greene	I-3	Saint Clair	J-3
Grundy	D-6	Saline	L-6
Hamilton	K-6	Sangamon	G-4
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PARTIAL LIST OF CITIES AND TOWNS

1960 CENSUS
*COUNTY SEATS

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*Urbana, 22,834	G-6	*Vandalia, 5,471	I-5
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*Vienna, 1,085	M-5	Villa Grove, 2,026	G-6
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were many requests from the press and the sighting was attracting limited interest it was decided to complete the investigation with personnel from Wright-Patterson.

Subsequent to the field Investigation additional confirmation of suspected a/c in the vicinity was needed. Indianapolis Center was contacted for flights to the West. St Louis center contacted for low altitude flights and Kansas City for high altitude cross over from Indianapolis. This information was requested to determine the suspected a/c in [redacted] sighting. TWA 287 was enroute from Evansville to St Louis at 0151Z. Eastern Airlines flight 565 over Evansville at 0213Z, over Centralia at 0227Z. These were the only jet a/c at upper altitudes being carried at the time. A call was made to Little Rock Arkansas (Controller for Sandy Spot Refueling Area, See attached chart.) Information received revealed that the 55BW was using the area on the nights of the6,7,9,13,14,16 from 0200Z-0500Z. It was determined that the Uphoff sighting was a misinterpretation of the jets refueling.

Call made to Ft Campbell, Ky. PFC Lattimore (Operations) checked records to assure that restricted area was not in use. Call to Ft Campbell, Ky revealed that the base is no longer in use. This ruled out possibility of munitions or flares being the cause of the sighting of Harry Lee and Geo Sexton and left the remaining possibility of their sighting as a meteor.

None of the other reported sightings were investigated.

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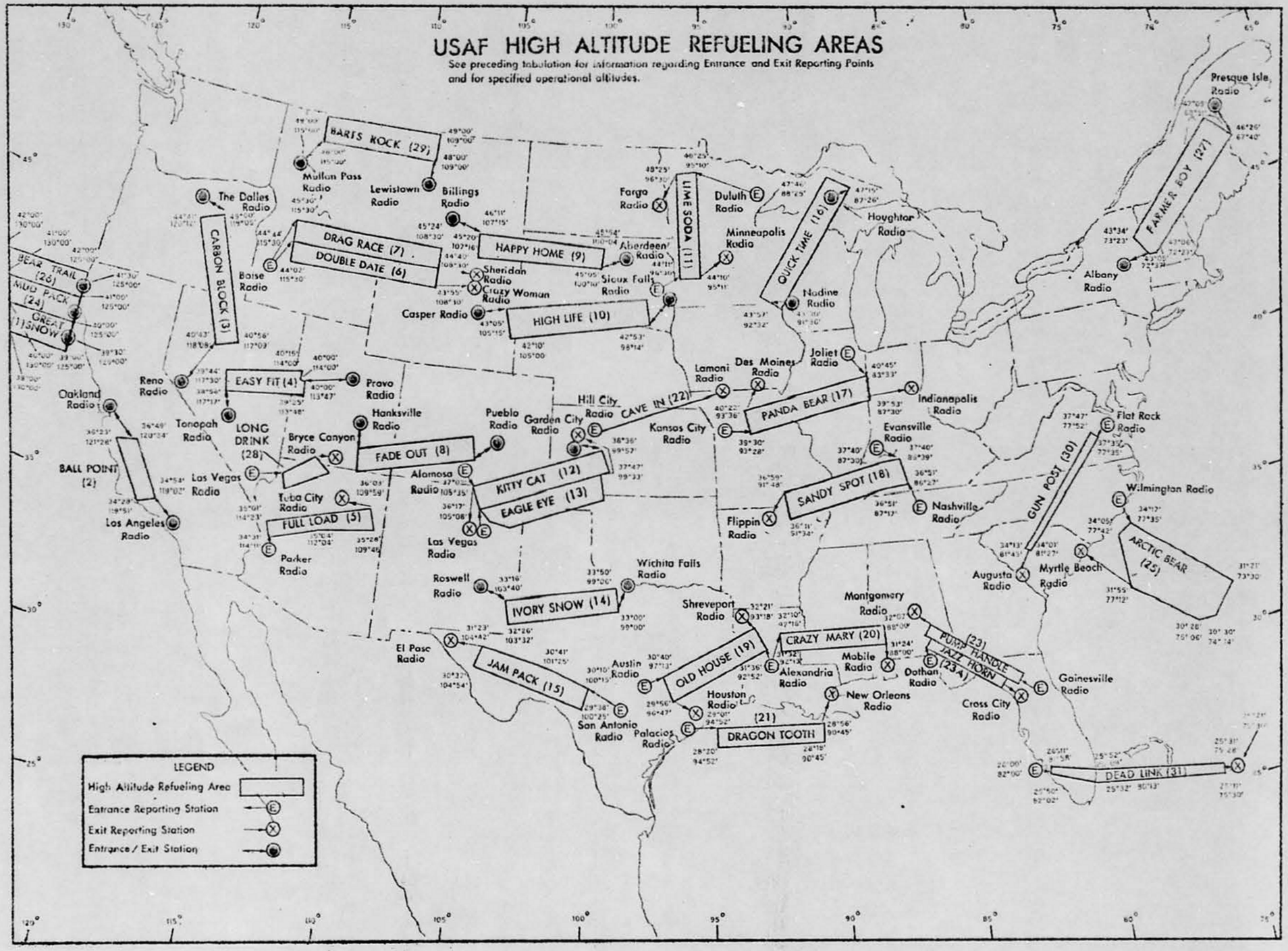
USAF HIGH ALTITUDE REFUELING AREAS

See preceding tabulation for information regarding Entrance and Exit Reporting Points and for specified operational altitudes.



USAF HIGH ALTITUDE REFUELING AREAS I-89

SAC HIGH ALTITUDE SUPERSONIC TRAINING AND FLIGHT TEST ROUTES

PROFILE OF A TYPICAL B-58 SUPERSONIC DASH

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SAC HIGH ALTITUDE SUPERSONIC TRAINING AND TEST ROUTES

The following weather information from the United States Weather Bureau in Springfield, Illinois was received by telephone on 8 August 1963 by T/Sgt Moody, FTD (TDEW).

These weather conditions were confined to the central portion of the state as indicated by weather radar.

There was rain during the morning and evening hours of August 5, 6, and 7.

5 Aug heavy thunder storms throughout area
1.20 to 2 inches rainfall
stable lapse rate
heavy moisture

6 Aug no rain during evening hours
stable lapse rate
light moisture

7 Aug rain during morning hours (8 to 9)

FAIRFIELD, ILLINOIS 5 Aug - 8 Aug, 1963

INFORMATION OBTAINED AT WRIGHT PATTERSON:

On 6 August, 1963, we received a phone call from Dr Hynek requesting information on a sighting in Southern Illinois. At this time we had not received a report. Dr Hynek had been requested by the local news media (Chicago) for his evaluation of the sighting. The information received at this time was essentially that carried over the news circuit.

"[redacted] and his girl friend, [redacted] had been to a drive-in-movie. Coming home he was chased by a flying saucer as big as an auto, which at times passed in front of him, behind him, and at times along side. After taking Miss [redacted] home he then proceeded to his own home while the saucer continued it's attack. By this time he was in a state of shock and was given sedatives on the advice of the family doctor. The parents of Ronnie called [redacted], deputy Sheriff at Fairfield (Phone 895-2351, area code 618). After arriving at the Austin farmhouse with George Sexton, Village Marshall of Wayne City, the object "beseiging" them was identified as the Planet Jupiter. After observing the planet for about a half-hour the Deputy and the Marshall left. Two youths at the Austin House watched the object for the remainder of the night and it disappeared with dawn."

"Also, a [redacted], a radio operator in Fairfield, saw a 'cross' in the sky the same night"

"Three girls from Gary, Indiana also got into the act."

Upon receipt of the call from Dr Hynek, Col Harkness at Scott AFB was contacted. Scott is the nearest AFB and under AFR 200-2 investigators from this base would normally make the invesitigation. (Scott AFB Extension 36208)(6-335).

[redacted] was reached by phone and his account of the sighting was essentially the same as that reported indirectly from Dr Hynek. George Sexton (Village Marshall of Wayne City) was contacted. He believed object to be Jupiter. (05-335 Code 618 895-2351). Call made to US WX Bureau at Springfield, Illinois for WX data on the nights of 4-6 August. (552-8941) 76-335. Report stated that thunderstorms were in area throughout period. Heavy on the night of the 5th until 8 AM. (Report in case file). WX data ordered from Ashville N.C. (78-335). Requested surface data and lapse rate if inversion existed for period of sighting. (See case file).

Call made to Scott on 7 August requesting results of initial investigation. Obtained information in the attached report. Object "beseiging" the farmhouse confirmed as Jupiter. No other information. Since there

DATA PROCESSING DIVISION
CLIMATIC CENTER, USAF
Air Weather Service (MATS)
Asheville, North Carolina

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CCDPD

SUBJECT: Surface and Upper Air Data for Mt. Vernon, Illinois Area 16 Aug 1963

TO: Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center/TDE
Foreign Data Division (Sgt. Moody)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference: Your telephone request 1415 EST on 8 August 1963.

2. We are sending a copy of the surface observations (WBAN 10 Forms) recorded on 6-7 Aug 63 at Vandalia, Illinois and Evansville, Indiana. These stations are the closest to Mt. Vernon, Illinois recording hourly observations. We are also inclosing a copy of the adiabatic charts for rawinsonde observations (WBAN 31ABC) taken at Columbia, Missouri on 6-7 Aug 63. Columbia is the closest rawinsonde station to Mt. Vernon.

3. To aid you in selecting rawinsonde stations for future requests of this nature, we are attaching a copy of the Rawinsonde Reporting Network in the U. S. effective 1 July 63.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

Richard L. Hoke

RICHARD L. HOKE
2nd Lt., USAF
Administrative Officer

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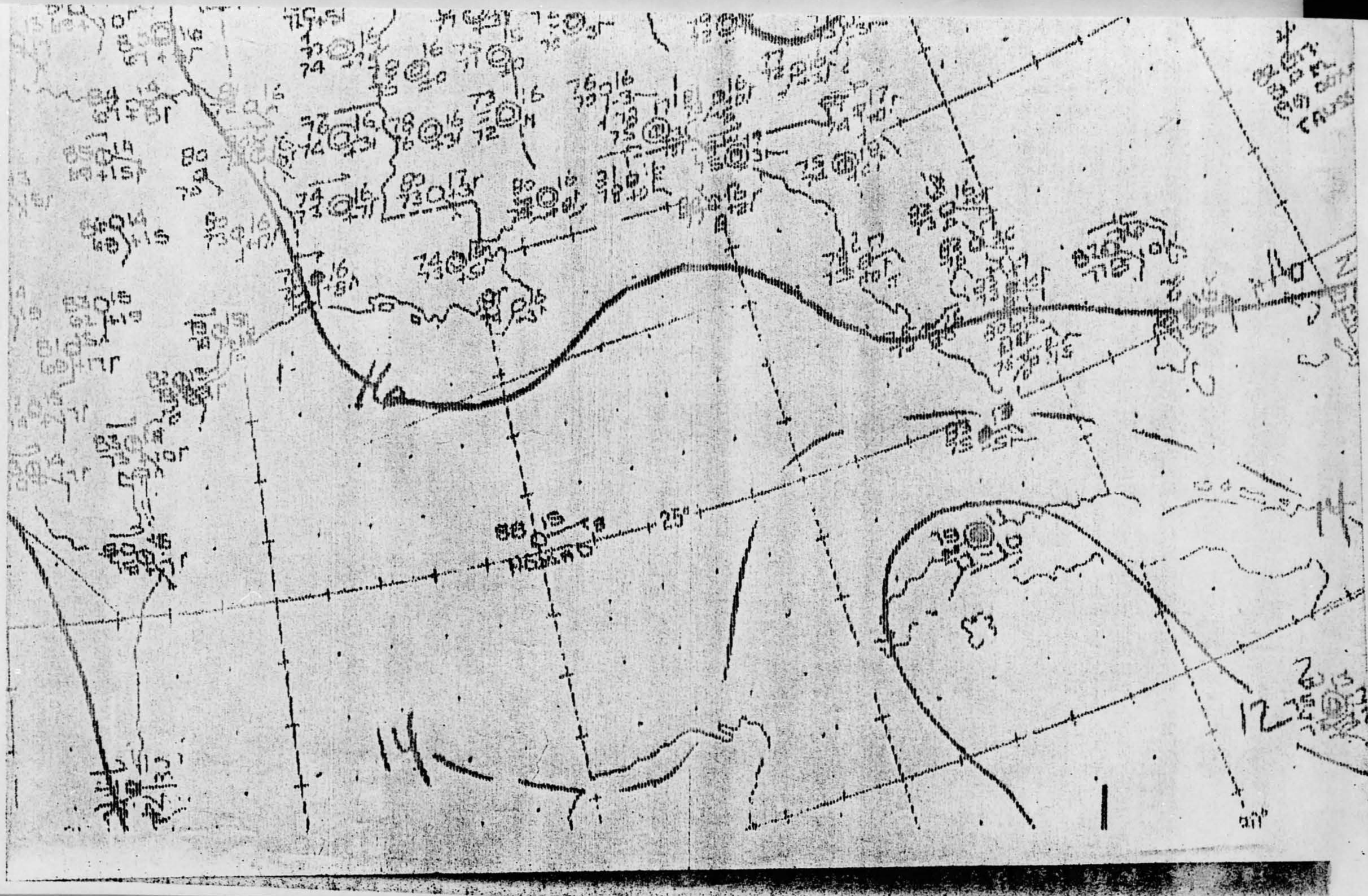
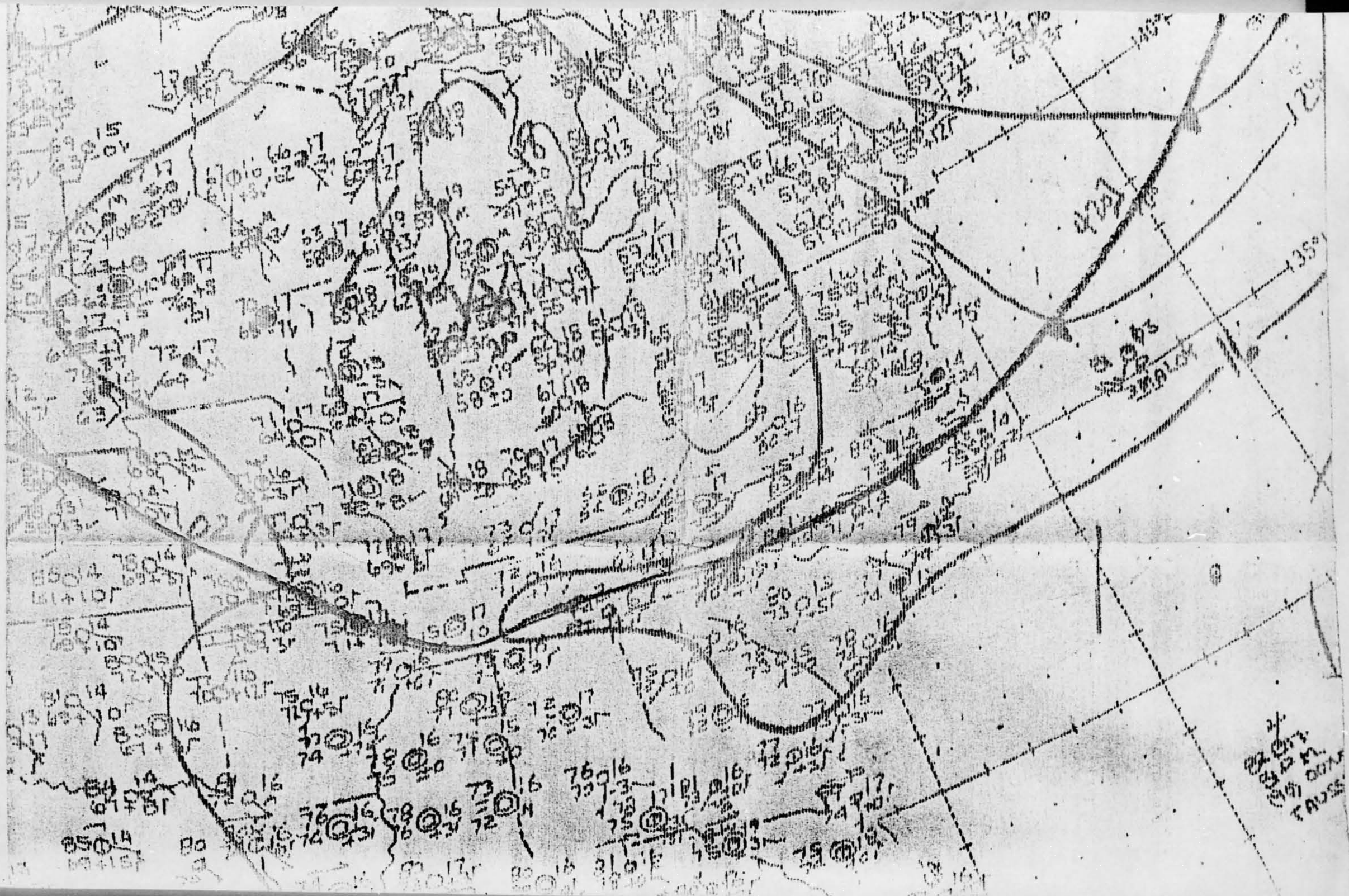
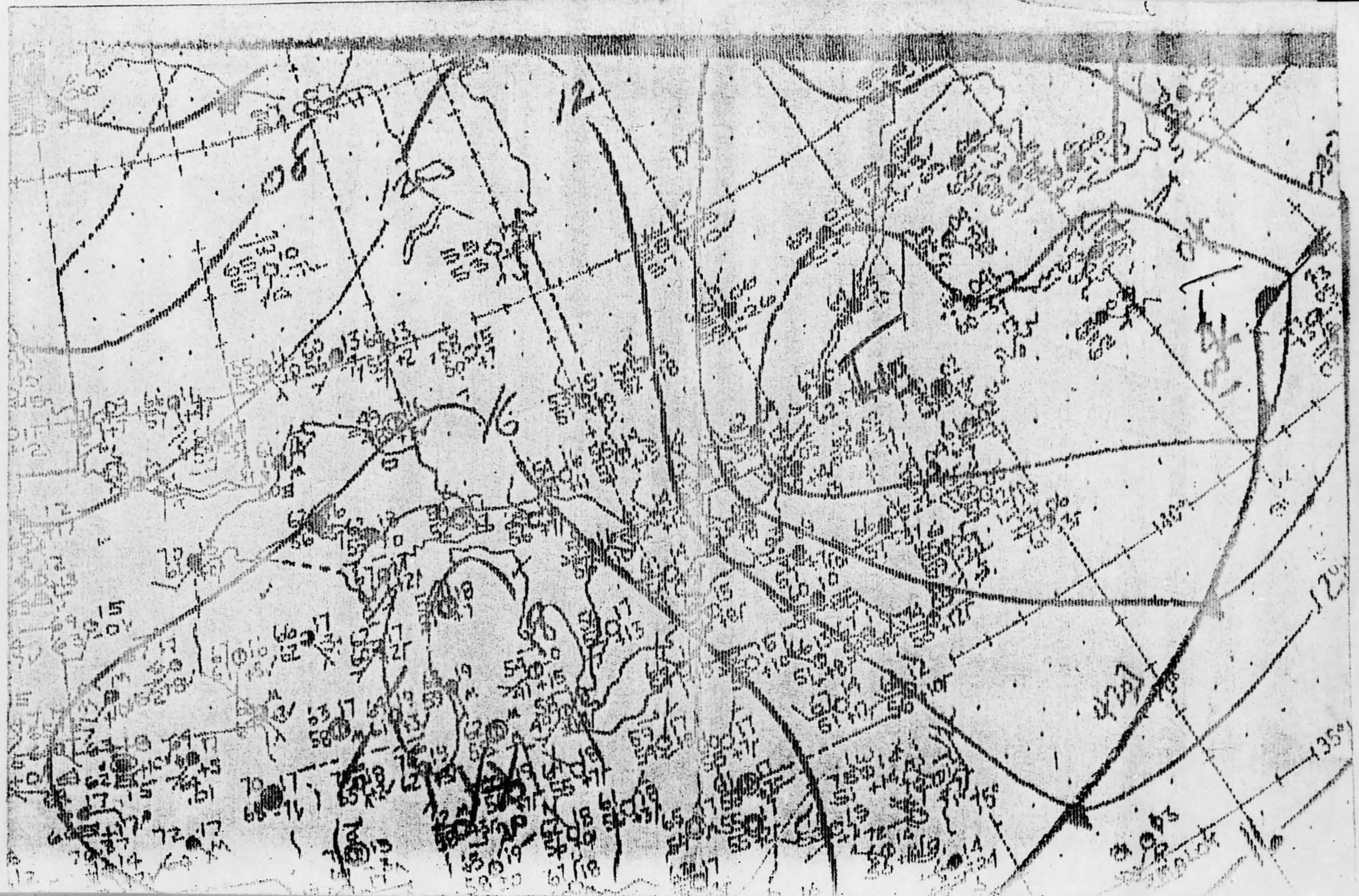
1. Cpy Sfc Data
2. Cpy Rawinsonde Data
3. Chart Rs Network







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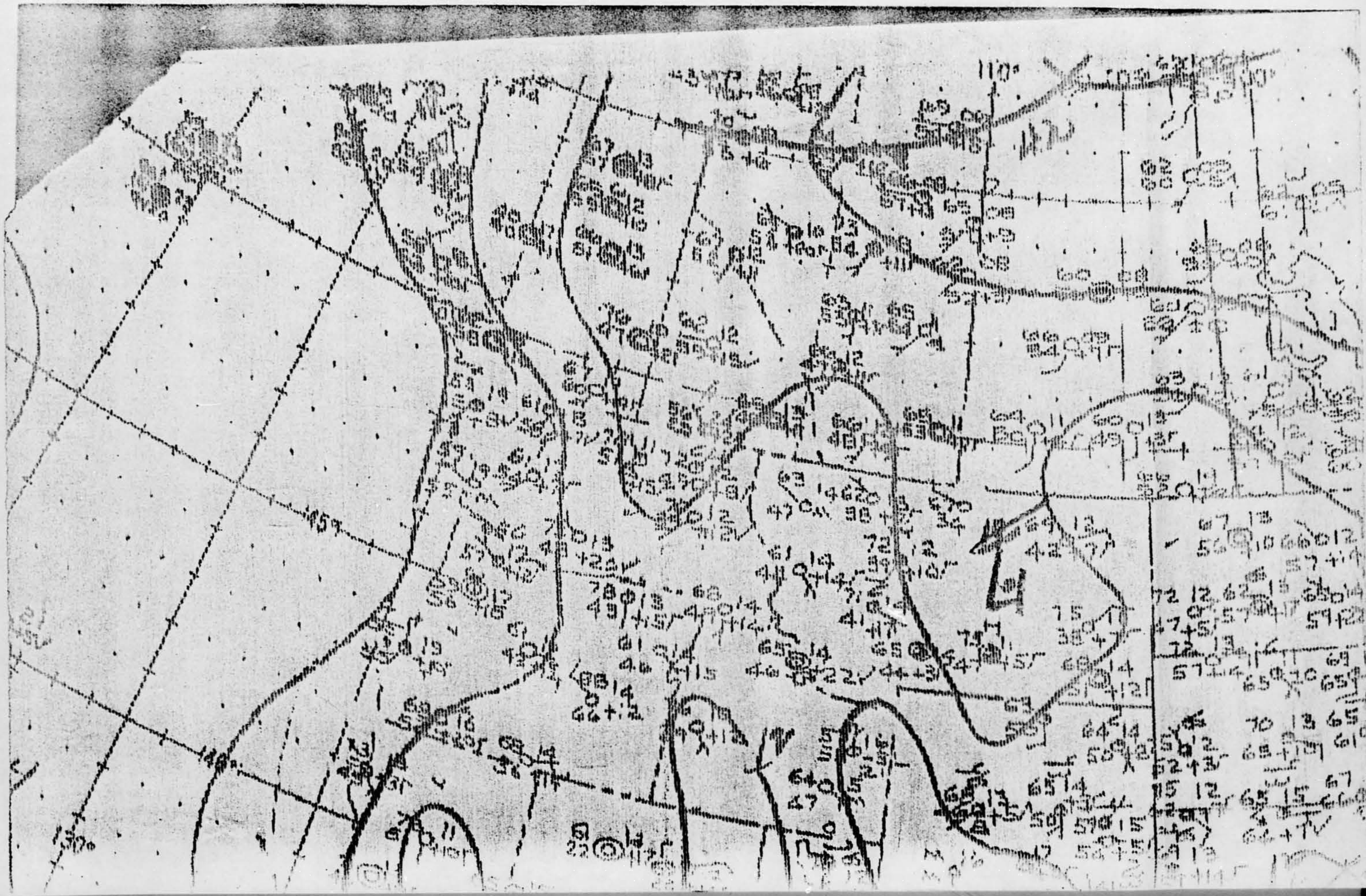

WBAN-1 (10)
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(Abridged form for use at designated FAA stations)

STATION Valley Tri-Cities DATE 8/1

TYPE (1)	TIME (G.m.t.) (2)	SKY AND CLOUDS (Cloud heights at feet) (3)	VISIBILITY (miles) (4)	WEATHER AND OBSTRUCTIONS TO VISION (5)	SEA LEVEL PRESSURE (mb.) (6)	TEMP. (°F) (7)	DEW POINT (°F) (8)	WIND DIRECTION (9)	WIND SPEED (knots) (10)	WIND CHANGING TO AND SPEED (11)	ALTIMETER SETTING (in.) (12)	REMARKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL CODED DATA (13)
R	0056	E 100 OVC	7		191	73	64	NE	10		21	
R	0156	E 120 OVC	7		185	73	65	E	5		008	
R	0256	E 130 OVC	7		185	71	65	E	5		005	/ RAB VC / 007
R	0356	E 120 OVC	7		182	71	64	E	5		007	/ OCNL LTGIC NE
R	0456	120 OVC	7		185	69	64		C		008	
R	0556	130 OVC	7		182	69	65		C		010	/ SW1 6F
R	0656	120 OVC	10		186	70	65	NE	4		011	
R	0756	120 OVC	10		181	70	70	NE	6		010	/ OVC
R	0856	110 OVC	10		182	70	71	E	8		010	
R	0956	120 OVC	10		189	72	70	E	4		009	
R	1056	130 OVC	10		185	71	70	E	5		008	/ SW1 6F
R	1156	130 OVC	10		175	70	72	E	5		005	
R	1256	100 OVC	7		172	72	72	E	7		004	/ OVC
R	1356	120 OVC	7		172	72	70	E	11		004	/ OVC SW1 6F
R	1456	200 FEW 300 OVC	7		165	72	70	E				/ OVC
R	1556	500 OVC	7		161	71	71	E	5		004	
R	1656	120 OVC	7		161	69	71		C		001	/ SW1 6F
R	1756	120 OVC	5	H	162	70	71		C		001	/ OVC
R	1856	200 300 OVC	5	H	163	70	71		C		001	
R	1956	200 120 OVC	5	GF	161	70	71		C		001	/ OVC SW1 6F
R	2056	200 120 OVC	5	GF	161	70	71		C		001	
R	2156	50 E 200 OVC	7		167	70	71		C		003	
R	2256	50 E OVC	7		167	70	71		C		003	/ 107 93

TIME (G.m.t.) (41)	TIME (L.s.t.) (42)	NO. (43)	PRECIP. (in.) (44)	MAX. TEMP. (°F) (47)	MIN. TEMP. (°F) (45)
	MID. TO	X			
	06	1	0	75	69
	12	2	0	81	69
	18	3	2	81	69
		4	0	77	75
	MID.				

STATION PRESSURE COMPUTATIONS

TIME (L.s.t.) (52)	0055	1155	1755	2355
ATT. THERM. (60)	75.0	76.0	81.5	74.6
OBSVD. PRES. (61)	29.66	29.66	29.63	29.69
TOTAL CORR. (62)	-.141	-.142	-.145	-.143
STA. PRESS. (63)	29.52	29.52	29.48	29.55
BAROGRAPH (64)				
G.M.T. CORR. (65)	0			

SUMMARY OF DAY (MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT)

24-HR. MAX. TEMP. (°F) (66)	24-HR. MIN. TEMP. (°F) (67)	24-HR. PRECIP. WATER EQUIV. (in.) (68)	24-HR. SNOW-FALL UNMELTD. (in.) (69)	SNOW DEPTH (in.) (70)
93	69	0	0	0

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STATION Vandalia Illinois DATE 8/6/69

(1)	(2) SKY COVER (tenths)	(3) WIND DIRECTION (tens of degrees)	(4) WIND SPEED (miles per hour)	(5) WIND CHARACTERISTICS AND SPEED (knots)	(6) MILLIBAR SECTIONS (hundredths)	(12) REMARKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL CODED DATA	(13) STATION PRESSURE (inches)	(14) DRY BULB (°F)	(15) WET BULB (°F)	(16) TOTAL SKY COVER	(17) TOTAL OPAQUE SKY COVER	(18) CEILING (hundreds of feet)
1	6/	12	10		210		29.52	79.4	69.0	8	8	67
2	7	11	5		208		29.50	79.3	69.5	10	10	67
3	5	12	5		208	/ BINOVC / 007	29.50	76.2	69.3	10	9	67
4	4	11	5		007	/ OCNL ITGIC HF	29.50	77.0	69.1	7	7	67
5	4		6		008		29.50	78.0	69.8	7	5	67
6	5		6		010	/ 307 69	29.50	79.0	69.1	9	7	67
7	6	15	4		011		29.50	79.0	71.0	7	7	67
8	6	13	4		011		29.50	77.0	71.0	9	7	67
9	7	15	6		010	/ 000	29.50	78.1	72.0	7	7	67
10	8	14	8		010		29.50	78.1	72.1	7	6	67
11	8	11	7		009		29.50	78.5	69.0	7	6	67
12	7	13	5		008	/ 807 69	29.50	80.5	69.9	8	7	67
13	8	12	5		005		29.50	80.0	69.3	6	7	67
14	6	13	7		004		29.50	79.3	69.3	10	9	67
15	7	12	10			/ 807 707	29.50	78.5	70.0	8	6	67
16	6					/	29.50	76.4	70.2	7	6	67
17	7	13	5		001		29.50	82.4	70.2	8	7	67
18			6		001	/ 607 69	29.50	81.0	72.3	7	7	67
19			7		002	/ 807 69	29.50	82.5	70.5	7	7	67
20							29.50	79.0	72.0	8	6	67
21		12	6		001	/ OCNL DSNT LTGIC SW-NW 500	29.50	76.2	71.8	8	6	67
22		12	6		001		29.50	75.4	71.2	10	7	67
23		12	6		003		29.460	75.0	71.9	9	9	67
24		12	6		003	/ 107 93	29.460	76.0	71.5	10	7	67

PRECIPITATIONS		SUMMARY OF DAY (MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT)					REMARKS, NOTES AND MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA
	2355						
	74.0	24-HR. MAX. TEMP. (°F) (66)	24-HR. MIN. TEMP. (°F) (67)	24-HR. PRECIP. WATER EQUIV. (in.) (68)	24-HR. SNOW-FALL UNMELTD. (in.) (69)	SNOW DEPTH (in.) (70)	
	29.03						
	1.13						
		93	69	0	0	0	

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WBAN-10 (FAA)
(10-1-54)

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STATION VANDALIA, ILLINOIS DATE 8-7-

TIME (G.c.t.) (1)	TIME (L.s.t.) (2)	SKY AND CEILING (hundreds of feet) (3)	VISIBILITY (miles) (4)	WEATHER AND OBSTRUCTIONS TO VISION (5)	SEA-LEVEL PRESSURE (mb.) (6)	TEMP. (°F) (7)	DEW POINT (°F) (8)	WIND DIRECTION (9)	WIND SPEED (Kts.) (10)	WIND CHARACTER AND SHIFTS (11)	ALTIMETER SETTING (In.) (12)	REMARKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL CODED DATA (13)
R	0057	500 OVC	5	GF	164	73	74	↓	6		302	
R	0257	500 OVC	5	GF	167	74	73	↓↓	7		303	
R	0357	600 OVC	5	GF	170	75	72	↓	4		304	/ 003
R	0457	400 OVC	4	RW-F				↓	6		304	/ RB20
R	0557	300 OVC	3	RW-F	175	73			C		305	/ RB20
R	0657	300 OVC 600 OVC	3	GF				↓	5		305	/ RB20
R	0757	400 OVC	3	GF	173	72	70	↓	6		305	/ RB20
R	0857	1000 OVC	3	GF	170	70	70	↓	4		304	/ 01013 72 3 0 72
R	0957	400 OVC	3	GF	169	70	70	↓↓	3		303	
R	1057	400 OVC	3	F	168	71	69	↓	1			
R	1157	400 OVC	5	F	169	71	73	↓	1			/ 110
R	1257	400 OVC	7		170	73	69	↓↓	3			
R	1357	350 OVC	10		172	75	71	↓↓	8		310	
R	1457	350 OVC	10		173	77	72	↓↓	9		310	/ 803 72
R	1557	350 OVC	15		174	77	73	↓↓	8		309	
R	1657	400 OVC	15		172	78	69	↓	1		307	
R	1757	450 OVC	15		174	90	69	↓↓	12		305	/ 715
R	1857	450 OVC	15		174	88	71	↓	10		305	
R	1957	1000 OVC	15					↓	7			/ 1004
R	2057	1000 OVC	15		172		70	↓	8		304	/ 703 91
R	2157	1000 OVC	10						C		303	
R	2257	1000 OVC	10		171	77	72		C		305	
R	2357	1000 OVC	10		171	79	71		C		307	/ 310
R	0057	1000 OVC	10		172	78	73		C		307	
R	0157	1000 OVC	10		172	78	70		C		307	
R	0257	1000 OVC	7		173	77	69		C		307	/ 1400 91

TIME (G.c.t.) (41)	TIME (L.s.t.) (42)	NO. (43)	PRECIP. (In.) (44)	MAX. TEMP. (°F) (47)	MIN. TEMP. (°F) (48)	STATION PRESSURE COMPUTATIONS					SUMMARY OF DAY (MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT)					
	END TO	X				TIME (L.s.t.) (59)		1155	1755	2355						
						ATT. THERM. (60)		74.5	74.5	15.0						
		1				OBSVD. BAR (61)		29.69	29.62	29.75						
		2	0	87	72	TOTAL CORR (62)		.045	.04	.047						
		3	0	91	85	STA. PRESS. (63)		29.64	29.58	29.72	91	71	0.13	0		
		4	0	91	71	ALTIMETER (64)		29.75	29.70	29.80						
	END	X				EARL. CORR. (65)		0	0	0						

were many requests from the press and the sighting was attracting limited interest it was decided to complete the investigation with personnel from Wright-Patterson.

Subsequent to the field Investigation additional confirmation of suspected a/c in the vicinity was needed. Indianapolis Center was contacted for flights to the West. St Louis center contacted for low altitude flights and Kansas City for high altitude cross over from Indianapolis. This information was requested to determine the suspected a/c in [redacted] sighting. TWA 287 was enroute from Evansville to St Louis at 0151Z. Eastern Airlines flight 565 over Evansville at 0213Z, over Centralia at 0227Z. These were the only jet a/c at upper altitudes being carried at the time. A call was' made to Little Rock Arkansas (Controller for Sandy Spot Refueling Area, See attached chart.) Information received revealed that the 55BW was using the area on the nights of the6,7,9,13,14,16 from 0200Z-0500Z. It was determined that the Uphoff sighting was a misinterpretation of the jets refueling.

Call made to Ft Campbell, Ky. PFC Lattimore (Operations) checked records to assure that restricted area was not in use. Call to Ft Campbell, Ky revealed that the base is no longer in use. This ruled out possibility of munitions or flares being the cause of the sighting of [redacted] and left the remaining possibility of their sighting as a meteor.

None of the other reported sightings were investigated.

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STATION VANDALIA, Illinois DATE 8-7-62

TIME (LST) (7)	WIND DIRECTION (9)	WIND SPEED (Knots) (10)	WIND CHARACTER AND SHIFTS (11)	ALTIMETER SETTING (In.) (12)	REMARKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL CODED DATA (13)	STATION PRESSURE (In.) (17)	DRY BULB (°F) (18)	WET BULB (°F) (19)	TOTAL SKY COVER (21)	TOTAL OPAQUE SKY COVER (22)	ALTITUDE OF LOWEST CLOUDS (23)
01	↓	6		007		29.42	75.0	71.5	10	10	6T
02	↓↓	7		003		29.42	74.0	72.3	10	6	6T
03	↓	4		004	/ 003	29.42	73.2	71.2	10	9	6T
04	↓	6		001	/ R20	29.42			10	10	6T
05		6		005	/ R20	29.42	72.3	70.2	10	10	6T
06	↓	5		005	/ R20	29.42			10	10	6T
07	↓	6		005	/ R20	29.42	72.2	71.2	10	7	6T
08	↓	4		007	/ 010 72 30 12	29.40	72.3	71.2	10	10	6T
09	↓↓	3		009		29.39	72.1	70.1	5	6	6T
10	↓	4		010		29.39					
11	↓↓	1		010	/ 110	29.39	74.2	72.2	5	5	6T
12	↓↓	5		010		29.39	75.0	72.0	4	4	6T
13	↓↓	8		010		29.39	75.0	72.0	5	5	6T
14	↓↓	9		010	/ 802 72	29.38	77.0	72.1	5	0	6T
15	↓↓	6		009		29.38	77	72.1	4	4	6T
16	↓	1		007		29.38	77.0	72.0	3	2	6T
17	↓↓	12		005	/ 715	29.39	77.1	72.2	3	2	6T
18	↓	10		005		29.39			3	3	6T
19	↓	6		005	/ 1 1 CU	29.39			2	1	6T
20	↓	8		004	/ 503 71	29.40	75.1	72.3	4	1	6T
21		C		005		29.40	73.2	71.8	3	2	6T
22		C		005		29.40	72.2	71.2	2	1	6T
23		C		005	/ 310	29.40	72.1	71.0	1	1	6T
00		C		005		29.40	72.1	71.2	0	0	6T
01		C		005		29.40	71.7	70.4	0	0	6T
02		C		005	/ 400 91	29.40	71.2	70.0	1	1	6T

PRECIPITATIONS		SUMMARY OF DAY (MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT)					REMARKS, NOTES AND MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA
		24-HR. MAX. TEMP. (°F) (66)	24-HR. MIN. TEMP. (°F) (67)	24-HR. PRECIP. WATER EQUIV. (In.) (68)	24-HR. SNOW-FALL UNMLTD. (In.) (69)	SNOW DEPTH (In.) (70)	
175	2355						
74.5	16.0						
1412	9145						
	147						
108	1498	91	71	0.13	0		
0	0						

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SURFACE WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

STATION: Evansville Indiana

DATE: August 6, 1963

Type of report (1)	Time (E.S.T.) (2)	Sky and ceiling (Hundreds of Feet) (3)	Visibility (Statute Miles) Surface (4)	Visibility (Statute Miles) Tower (4a)	Weather and obstructions to vision (5)	Sea level press. (Mbs.) (6)	Temp. (°F) (7)	Dew pt. (°F) (8)	Wind Direction (9)	Wind Speed (Kts.) (10)	Wind Character and shifts (11)	Altimeter setting (Ins.) (12)	Remarks and supplemental coded data (13) (14a) (14b)	Observer's initials (15)
													1003 1030	
			7	40	VI								49769	
K	230	1-@	12			200	91	66	K	6		013		DK
R	240	1-@	12			200	85	69	K	4		012	1103 1004	CW
P	245	1-@	10			198	91	71	K	4		011		CW
P	250	1-4	7			195	91	71	K	4		010		CW
P	255	1-@ 1/2	10			194	89	72	→N	6		009		CW
	257	5 240 K	4 @ 12		1 @	193		71	101	707		10	49369	
P	300	9 20 @	10			195	91	71	S	3		009		CW
K	301	4 20 1-@	10			192	89	70	→N	5		009		CW
	305	4 @ 1-@	10			190	89	66	→K	8		008	1012 1201	CW
K	310	1@	10			191	K 87	73	K	7		008		TW
C	315	1@	10			189	87	71	K	7		008		CW
C	320	1@	10			191	86	72	K	6		008		CW
	322	6 12 @ S	6 @ 21	660				72		10		1	7 1115 49769	
C	325	1500 @ K	10			191			K	4		008		CW
P	330	4 @ 1-@	10			188			K	5		008		CW
K	335	1500 10	10			185			K	2		007	OCNL LTGIC DIST W [	TW
													1203 1071	
P	340	F 150 @	10			185	80	72		2		007		TW
P	345	150 @	10			185	87		L	1		008		TW
P	350	150 @	10			189	87	72		2		008		TW
		1 32 2 @ @	@ @ 21	M @									49769	

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SURFACE WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

STATION _____ DATE _____

TIME (L.S.T.) 16	STATION PRESSURE (IN.) 17	DRY BULB (°F.) 18	WET BULB (°F.) 19	REL. HUMIDITY (%) 20	TOTAL SKY COVER 21	CLOUDS AND OBSCURING PHENOMENA														TOTAL OPAQUE SKY COVER 30	PRESSURE TENDENCY 31	NET 3-HR. CHANGE 32	SUNSHINE (MINUTES) 33	PRECIPITATION (INCHES) 34
						LOWEST LAYER			SECOND LAYER			SUMMATION TOTAL 28	THIRD LAYER			SUMMATION TOTAL 32	FOURTH LAYER							
						AMT. 22	TYPE & DIR. 23	HEIGHT 24	AMT. 25	TYPE & DIR. 26	HEIGHT 27		AMT. 29	TYPE & DIR. 30	HEIGHT 31		AMT. 33	TYPE & DIR. 34	HEIGHT 35					
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10	29.9	39.4		53	7	7	Cl	1	0			7	0			7	0			4				
11	29.8	42.2	37	47	6	0	Cu	5000	6	Ci	1	6	0			6	0			3	7	030		
12	29.7	41.2		47	7	3	Cu	4000	6	Ci	1	7	0			7	0			4				
13	29.7	41.1		45	4	2	Cu	4000	6	Ci	1	6	0			6	0			4				
14				46	5	3	Cu	4000	5	Ci	1	6	0			6	0			4	7	030		
15	29.65	41.0		50	5	0	Cu	5000	6	Ci	1	6	0			6	0			4				
16	29.62	41.2		50	6	0	Cu	6500	6	Ci	1	6	0			6	0			4				
17	29.60	40.6	37	56	8	0	Cu	4500	8	Ci	1	8	0			8	0			5	7	034		
18	29.61	41.2		60	8	3	Cu	4500	8	Ci	1	8	0			8	0			5			0	
19	29.64	42.8		72	6				3		1	6	0			6	0			3				
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SYNOPTIC OBSERVATIONS

TIME (G.C.T.) 41	TIME (L.S.T.) 42	NO. 43	PRECIP. (INS.) 44	SNOW FALL (INS.) 45	SNOW DEPTH (INS.) 46	MAX. TEMP. (°F.) 47	MIN. TEMP. (°F.) 48	HGT. BAR. SURFACE 49	STATE OF GRND. 50	SEA STATE & DIR. 51	SWELL HGT. & DIR. 52	SWELL PERIOD 53	SURF H. H. M. P. D. 54	WATER TEMP. 55	SOIL TEMP. 56			STATION PRESSURE COMPUTATIONS				
	MID. TO	X			X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			TIME (L.S.T.) 60	2300	1100	1700	0500
		1	0	0	0	74	67		0									ATM. THERM. 60				
		2	0	0	0	73	69		0									OBSVD. BAR. 61				
		3	0	0	0	77	70		0									TOTAL CORR. 62				
	1700	4	0	0	0	91	77		0									STA. PRESS. 63				
																		BAROGRAPH 64				
	MID.	X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			BAR. CORR. 65				

SUMMARY OF DAY (MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT)

24-HR. MAX. TEMP. (°F.)	24-HR. MIN. TEMP. (°F.)	24-HR. PRECIP. WATER EQUIV.	24-HR. SNOWFALL UNMELTD.	SNOW DEPTH (INS.)	PEAK GUST SPEED (MPH)	PEAK GUST DIREC.	PEAK GUST TIME (L.S.T.)	THICKNESS OF ICE ON WATER	FROZEN GRND. LAYER (INS.)	RIVER GAGE	24-HR. MAX. R. H.	24-HR. MIN. R. H.	WATER EQUIV. (INS.)	PRECIP. & THDRSTM. 66	BEGAN 67	ENDED 68	DUR. 69 Hrs. Mins.	OBSTR. TO VIS. 70	BEGAN 71	ENDED 72	DUR. 73 Hrs. Mins.

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SYNOPTIC OBSERVATIONS

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	MID. TO	X			X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	[illegible]	[illegible]
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	1750	3	0	0	0	97	70		0							[illegible]	[illegible]
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	MID.	X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

STATION PRESSURE COMPUTATIONS

TIME (L.S.T.) 59	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
ATT. THERM. 60				
OBSRVD. BAR. 61				
TOTAL CORR. 62				
STA. PRESS. 63	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BAROGRAPH 64		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BAR. CORR. 65		0	0	0

SUMMARY OF DAY (MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT)

24-HR. MAX. TEMP. (°F.) 66	24-HR. MIN. TEMP. (°F.) 67	24-HR. PRECIP. WATER EQUIV. (INS.) 68	24-HR. SNOWFALL UNMLTD. (INS.) 69	SNOW DEPTH (INS.) 70	PEAK GUST SPEED (KNOTS) 71	PEAK GUST DIRECTION 72	PEAK GUST TIME L.S.T. 73	THICKNESS OF ICE ON WATER (INS.) 74	FROZEN GRND. LAYER (INS.) TOP 75	FROZEN GRND. LAYER (INS.) BASE 76	RIVER GAGE 77	24-HR. MAX. R. H. 78	24-HR. MIN. R. H. 79	WATER EQUIV. (INS.) 80	[illegible] 81
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PRECIP. & THDRSTM. 82	BEGAN 83	ENDED 84	DUR. 85 Hrs.	DUR. 85 Mins.	OBSTR. TO VIS. 86	BEGAN 87	ENDED 88	DUR. 89 Hrs.	DUR. 89 Mins.

90 REMARKS, NOTES AND MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA

Total sunshine _____ Sunrise Cloudy Sunset Cloudy

Fastest observed 1-minute wind speed _____ m.p.h., or

Fastest mile 11 m.p.h.; associated direction [illegible] and time: 1626

Excessive precipitation:

Δt (MINUTES)	5	10	15	20	30	45	60	80	100	120	150	180
PRECIPITATION (INCHES)												

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STATION: Fredonia Airport

DATE: October 7 1961

SURFACE WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

Type (1)	Time (EST) (2)	Sky and ceiling (Hundreds of Feet) (3)	Visibility (Statute Miles) Surface (4)	Visibility (Statute Miles) Tower (4a)	Weather and obstructions to vision (5)	Sea level press. (Mbs.) (6)	Temp. (°F) (7)	Dew pt. (°F) (8)	Wind Direction (9)	Wind Speed (Kts.) (10)	Wind Character changes shifts (11)	Altimeter setting (Ins.) (12)	Remarks and supplemental coded data (13) (14a) (14b)	Observers initials (15)
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WEATHER BUREAU

SURFACE WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

STATION [illegible] DATE [illegible]

DAY OF MO.	STATION PRESSURE (INS.)	DRY BULB (°F.)	WET BULB (°F.)	REL. HUMIDITY (%)	TOTAL SKY COVER	CLOUDS AND OBSCURING PHENOMENA													TOTAL OPAQUE SKY COVER	PRECIPITATION	NET 3-HR. CHANGE	SUNSHINE (MINUTES)	EVAPORATION (INCHES)
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		2					79									92	77
		3					88									90	71
		4															
	MID.	X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

STATION PRESSURE COMPUTATIONS

TIME (L. S. T.)				
ATT. THERM.				
OBSRVD. BAR.				
TOTAL CORR.				
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BAROGRAPH				
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SUMMARY OF DAY (MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT)

24-HR. PRECIP.	24-HR. EVAPOR.	24-HR. SUNSHINE	SNOW FALL	PEAK GUST DIR.	PEAK GUST	THICKNESS OF ICE ON	FROZEN GRND. LAYER (INS.)	RIVER	24-HR. MAX.	24-HR. MIN.	WATER TEMP.

PRECIP. & THDRSTM.	BEGAN	ENDED	DUR. Hrs. Mins.	OBSTR. TO VIS.	BEGAN	ENDED	DUR. Hrs. Mins.

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		4															
	MID.	X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

STATION PRESSURE COMPUTATIONS

TIME (L. S. T.) 62				
ATT. THERM. 60				
OBSRVD. BAR. 61				
TOTAL CORR. 64				
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PRECIPITATION (INCHES)												

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Home 9702 Fairfield, Ill

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SAFOI-3
THIS IS HQ MATS DOI 1(AUG YE63 (

MESSAGE FROM CAPT JACK OSWALD INFRMATON OFFICER VO AIR BASE WNG
THIS UNIT SUBMITTED UFO REPORT IAW AFR 200-2 ON 3 AUG 63. AFSC½FID¼
SENT INVESTIGATING TEAM TO MT VERNON/FAIRFIELD ILLINOIS AREA ON 9-10
AUG. AFSC½FID¼ INDICATED ON 12 AUG THAT REPORT WOULD BE COMPLETED
AND RELEASE MADE FROM SAFOI ON OR ABOUT 14 AUGUST. CONSIDERABLE
LOCAL INTEREST FROM THE NEWS MEDIA HAS BEEN SHOWN IN THIS AREA.
REQUEST SAFOI INFO 1403 ABW½WGN¾ SCOTT AFB ILL. ANY NEWS RELEASE
MADE CONCERNING THIS REPOR T. END. JHO.

GO AHEAD..

GA PLS DID YOU RECEIVE OK GA

ANY ANYONE ON LINE · SAFOI FIXX DID YOU RECEIVE GA PLS

SO SORRY YOU WERE NOT ANSWERED PROMPTLY.

HOLD ONE PLEASE

OK THANKS

I WILL RELAY THIS MESSAGE. I DO NOT KNOW TO WHOM IT IS FOR BUT
I ASSUREYOU IT WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF.

GA PLS
V

OK MATS DOI OUTM....

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SAFOI IN WASH OUT

VVO

THIS IS HQ MATS DOI G('LS

YO 13/48 2-3

SAFOI-3

THIS IS IN REPLY TO YOUR MSG FOR ANSWER TO QUERY RELATIVE
TO FAIRFIELD ILL UFO SIGHTNGS REPORT ED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH AFR 200 DASH 2 CAPT OSWALD 1405 ABW

AUGUST 4 WITNESS WAS [redacted] WITNESS INDICATED THAT
HE WAS DRIVING HIS GIRL FRIEND HOME THAT HE LEANED OVER TO
SAY SOMETHING TO HIS GIRL FRIEND AND AT THAT TIME CAUGHT A
GLIMPSE OF WHAT HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THE MOON IT SHOULD
BE BITEDXXXXXNOTED THAT LIGHT FOG WAS BEGINNING TO FORM IN
THE AREA WE SAY GLIMPSE BECAUSE IT IS OBVIOUS HE WAS PROBABLY
MORE CONCERNED WITH THE SAFETY AND OPRATION OF THE VEHICLE

THE MOON WAS ALSO THE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING AT THE GIRLS HOUSE
HE INDICATED THAT THE OBJECT FOLLOWED HIM HOME THAT THE
MARSHALL AND A STATE TROOPER WERE SUMMONED THE THE MARSHALL
SIGHTED THE OBJECT AND COMMENEXXXXX COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT
IT WAS THE EVENING STAR THE AIR FORCE DID NOT HAVE TO
COME UP WITH A UNIQUE EXPLAANATION ON THIS ONE ONLY TO
AFFIRM WHAT THE MARSHALL HAD SAID THE OBJETCT WAS JUPITER

JUPITER WAS LOW ON THE HORIZON IN THE EAST AND MORE THAN
FIVE TIMES AS BRIGHTER AS ANYTHING ELSE IN THE AREA BECAUSE
OF ITS DISTANCE AND BRIGHTNESS IS WOXXXXX IT WOULD APPEAR TO
FOLLOW THE OBJECT FOLLOWED THE EXACT PATH OF JUPITER IT
DISAPPEARED LAST WHICH WOULD AXXXX MAKE IT APPEAR BRIGHTER
AND STILL BE VISIBLE AT DAWN JUPITER CAN APPEAR IN COLORS
OTHER THAN BLUE IE RED ORANGE GREEN

THE N THE STATE TROOPER UPON LEAVING THE YOUTHS HOME SIGHTED
A FIREBALL ENTERING THE EARTHS ATMOSPHERE FAR TO THE SOUTH
THIS IS RARE OCCURING ABOUT 350 TIMES A YEAR

REGARDING A AUG 6TH SIGHTING
THERE WAS A REPORT FROM A WITNESS WHO SAID THAT HIS DOG WAS
RAISING A FUSS ETC THIS INCIDENT HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO
BE A REFUELING OPERATION THE RECEIVER PASSED OVERHEAD AND
THE TANKER CIRCLED AFTER BREAKOFF THIS FOLLOWS THE PATH
OF OBJECT REPORTED BY WITNESS ALSO HIGH FREQUENCY O
OF JET BOMBER NOISE WOULD PROABABLY ACCOUNT FOR THE DOGS BARKING
ETC

THIS INFOMATION IS FROM THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC INFORMATION DIV
OSAF BASE ON REPORT OBTAINED FROM LT COL ROBERT FRIEND HQ
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION WPAFB OHIO WHO INVESTIGATED
INCIDENTS
THAT IS ALL GA
THANX WE WILL PASS TO CAPT OSWALD OUT HERE OR GA

OUT
VO

4 August 1963 -- [redacted]

(1) Light fog was beginning to form in the area. (2) The witness indicated that he leaned over to say something to his girl friend and at that time xxxxxxxxxxxxx caught a fleeting glimpse of what he determined to be the moon. We say xx fleeting glimpse because it is obvious he was probably more concerned with the safety and operation of the vehicle.

(3) The witness was driving his girl friend home.

(4) His attention was then transferred xxxxxxxxxxxxx to the front. He reported that the object followed his/him home -- It was determined that this sighting

(5) The moon was also the cause of the sighting xx at the girl's house.

(6) Now, he indicated that the object followed him home; that the Marshall and a State Trooper were summoned; that the Marshall sighted the object and commented that it was the "Evening Star." The Air Force xxxxxxx did not have to come up with a unique explanation on this one, only to affirm what the Marshall had said -- the object was Jupiter. Jupiter was low on the horizon in the east, and more than 5 times xxxxxxx as bright as anything xx else in the area. Because of its distance it would appear to xxxxxx follow.

Jupiter can appear in colors other than blue, i.e., red, orange, green.

The object followed the exact path of Jupiter. It disappeared last, which would make it appear brighter and still be visible at dawn.

Then, the State trooper, upon leaving the youth's home sighted a fireball entering the earth's atmosphere far to the south. This is rare, occuring about 350 times a year.

On the night of the 6th there was a report from a witness who said that his dog was raising a fuss, etc. This incident has been determined to be a refueling operation. The receiver passed overhead and the tanker circled after breakoff. The Jet Bomber was Probably

Fireball

UNITED STATES SIGHTINGS.....August 5 & 8, MT VERNON, WAYNE CITY & FAIRFIELD,..... August 5 & 8, 1963. These towns in S. Illinois certainly had their share of excitement the week of Aug 5. UFOs were seen by scores of people in this area. We were fortunate in receiving from [redacted] a prompt reply to our inquiry about his sighting. He gave a complete story to the Wayne County Press of Fairfield, Illinois. Following are quotations from that article: About eleven o'clock we headed out of Mt. Vernon east on Route 15 for home. Phyllis had gotten angry at me and as we drove along east passed the airport I leaned over to speak to her and when I looked out the car window to the south I saw this big white object moving along just over tree tops. It looked as big as an automobile.

When I'd speed my car up the object would speed up. When I'd slowed down it slowed down. My car is built for racing and at one point I drove 120miles an hour and it stayed right after me. One time it came within 100' of the car. I had my radio tuned on WLS...I thought they'd announce if some foreign attack was underway When that thing crossed over my car the radio went crazy...it made all kinds of sounds so I turned it off.

When we reached my girl's house her sister, Forrestine, got up and came outside and looked at it. And all of a sudden it started moving closer so we ran inside, turned the lights off and watched it through the window. Soon as I pulled away from her house the object began to follow. Me or my car seemed to attract it. I really poured the coal to the car and I must have been doing a 120 when I topped the hill on the gravel road not far from our place. I was coming into a dead end spot in the highway and the object seemed to exert some strange force on my car otherwise I would never have been able to make the turn. It slowed me down at an unbelieveable rate of speed.

Then the thing came straight toward me and hovered over my car. My car engine started to miss...it wouldn't hardly go.. finally the motor died. I didn't know what was going to happen then. Then the light moved over to the side of the highway, overhead, and my car started. I raced for home.

I ran inside and woke up dad and mom. They thought I was drunk or had gone crazy. I told them they'd better call the police. Dad ran outside and took one look and ran back inside for his gun. His is a 12 gauge Remington automatic. When the object saw that gun it seemed to move right toward us. We ran back inside. Dad got all of us in the kitchen and turned off the lights. He called the police at Mt Vernon. First the phone was dead, but on a second try he got through. The police, at first, thought we were joking.

At this point I was so excited the folks saw I needed medical aid so they called Dr Komarski at Fairfield and he told them what to give me.

When the police arrived they saw the strange object too.

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Many others were named as witnesses in the Aug 8th issue of the Wayne County Press. Seen on the 5th, 6th, & 7th - these are descriptions of eye-witness: "A large bright circular or spherical light, bright as a diamond, like a kite with a long tail, a large circular, brilliant light, with four lighted projections sticking out, like a bathysphere, a round ball with metal projections sticking out, a large ball of brilliant light, with a slight orange cast, and it had light antennas or projections sticking out."......(Note family resemblance in above statements.)

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Headquarters for AF-UFO research at Dayton, Ohio (ATIC) sent three investigators to the scene. What did [redacted] and the others involved with him see?

"Jupiter!" says the Air Force.....A la Menzel and by light refraction no doubt!

What did the others see in the Mt Vernon and Fairfield areas? "A refueling operation!" says the Air Force.

Did any of us ever see Jupiter as large as an auto? Does Jupiter, refracted or not, act with volition, selection? When does Jupiter, refracted or not, interfere with radio or the electrical system of a car? Ronnie Austin must have been in a highly nervous state, near panic possibly; some statements and opinions attributed to him might be questioned. But can anyone question that something extraordinary must have happened to him?

If you were followed from 20-30 miles, in the manner Ronnie Austin was, wouldn't you come to the conclusions he did; that this object was directed by an intelligence?

It had the power to select, to change

course so as to follow, to hover and wait, then to pursue again. What would you have concluded?

People in the area rose up in protest at these "explanations". Business people have donated to a fund to bring Frank Edwards to speak about UFOs at a giant rally on September 7. If this is a fact, this is the first spontaneous action of its kind. We're really becoming a 'revoltin' country, aren't we?

SOURCE: SAUCER NEWS- DEC 63

...SAUCER FLAP IN ILLINOIS: One of the largest saucer flaps of recent ...months occurred last August in various communities in the state of Illinois, ...the best sighting was made on the night of August 4th by a teenager named Ron-...nie Austin, of Keens, Illinois, who gave the following account:

"My girl friend Phyllis Bruce and I had driven to Mt. Vernon and ...attended a drive-in movie there. About 11 p.m. we headed for home, traveling ...east on Route 15. As we drove past the airport, I leaned over to speak to Phyllis, and when I looked out of the car window to the south, I saw a big white object moving along just over the tree tops. It looked as big as an automobile... When I'd speed up my car, the object would speed up, and when I slowed down, it slowed down, too. My car is built for racing, and at one point I drove at 120 mph, and it stayed right after me. At first it was on the south side of the road and then it crossed over ...

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At one time it came to within a hundred feet of the car. I had my radio tuned to station WLS. I thought they would announce if some foreign attack was underway. When the thing crossed over my car, the radio went crazy. It made all kinds of strange sounds, so I turned it off.

When we reached my girl's house, her sister got up and came out-side and looked at the object. All of a sudden it started moving closer, so we all ran inside, turned off the lights, and watched it through the window. I finally had to go home, so I made a run for the car. That's when the trouble really began. As soon as I pulled away from the house the object began to follow me. The car seemed to attract it. I really poured on the coal, and I must have been doing 120 again when I topped the hill on the gravel road not far from my place. I was coming into a dead end spot in the highway and the object seemed to exert some strange force on my car. Otherwise I would never have been able to make the turn. It slowed me down at an unbelievable rate. Then the thing came straight toward me and hovered over my car. The engine started to act funny. It stalled, and I didn't know what was going to happen next. Then the light moved over to the side of the highway and my car started. I raced for home.

I ran inside and woke up my mother and father. They thought I was drunk or had gone crazy. I told them they had better call the police. Dad ran outside and took one look and then ran back inside for his gun. He has a 12-gauge Remington automatic. When the object saw that gun it seemed to move right toward us. We ran back inside, where Dad got us all in the kitchen and turned off the lights. He called the police at Mt. Vernon.....When the police arrived, they saw the strange object too. Two of my buddies stayed there and watched it all night. It was still visible when the sun came up about 4 o'clock this morning. The object was round and moved with the most ungodly speed I ever saw. I can't imagine what it was."

A team of Air Force investigators eventually came to Illinois to look into this and dozens of other UFO stories which followed in quick succession during the next few days. The team, headed by Lt. Col. Robert Friend of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, concluded that Bonnie Austin's sighting was caused by the moon and the planet Jupiter, which was bright and low in the horizon that night. Such an explanation does not come anywhere close to covering all the details of young Austin's report, however, -- especially the part about radio interference, which is a common phenomenon in close-up UFO sightings.

Several of the sightings in this Illinois flap were apparently caused by misinterpretation of an advertising sign being towed by an airplane. When seen at an angle, this sign appeared to be a cigar-shaped mystery craft, and some reports described the light bulbs as lighted windows. However, there were a few UFO reports from the Chicago area in early August which, although not as dramatic as the one made by Austin, nevertheless seem authentic.

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ILLINOIS HOST TO SMALL 'FLAP'

For two weeks, starting on August 5 and ending about August 20, Illinois played host to a small UFO 'flap.' The flap began when [redacted], 18, and a neighbor girl were driving home from a movie theatre in Mt. Vernon, Ill., to Fairfield, Ill., in Wayne county. [redacted] reported that he noticed a light above and a little behind his car. The light, which [redacted] said was as big as an automobile, reportedly swooped near him and sent his car radio into a spasm and caused the motor to sputter (a characteristic not too uncommon in many UFO reports). [redacted] said that he raced at speeds up to 120 m.p.h. but that the light kept pace with him. After the 10 mile chase home, both young [redacted] and his date, [redacted], rushed into the [redacted] house screaming. [redacted] said the light was hovering over the house when he stepped out with a shotgun. [redacted] became hysterical and had to be put under sedation. For a period of several days after the event, other members of the Fairfield community saw the light. Among them: [redacted] 57, o[redacted] Uphoff, 59, a farmer, who said it lit up a barnyard of his. [redacted] said, "We saw this brilliant light about 800 feet up and off to an angle," he said. [redacted] Wayne county circuit clerk, described the light as "a cross-shaped affair with a tail on it."

But alas! All the sightings were quickly explained by the Air Force. While we hate to be too critical, since we did not make a personal investigation, we would like to point one thing out: The Air Force said that what [redacted] saw was the moon partly hidden by fog. To our knowledge, the moon can do a lot of things but it hasn't yet caused car radios to have spasms or to cause car engines to sputter! The other explanations, Jupiter, a fireball, and a refueling operation are a little more convincing to us. Jupiter, which is quite bright at this time of year, is what [redacted] saw hovering over his home. [redacted] saw a refueling operation between a jet bomber and a tanker. A state trooper who saw a falling light actually saw a fireball.

We are presenting in the next couple pages several clippings which deal with the incidents in some detail. Any further developments will be reported in the next issue.

SOURCE: IAPA - SEP 63

Case 85, Fairfield, Illinois, August 5, 1963. Report on Illinois flap elsewhere in this issu	Boy chased by a UFO. See special

HEADQUARTERS
1405TH AIR BASE WING (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

REPLY TO ATTN OF: WGOP

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

8 AUG 1963

TO: MATS (MAXIN)

1. This report is submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2, and verbal instructions of Headquarters, Air Force Systems Command (FTD (TDE)), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

2. Initial information was received from Wright-Patterson AFB, with instructions to investigate the incident, as reported. As a result, this headquarters contacted Mr. [redacted] a Deputy Sheriff at Fairfield, Illinois. [redacted] did not personally observe the object, but did talk at length with the observer.

3. Fairfield is on Illinois Route 15, approximately thirty miles east of Mt. Vernon. This is approximately eighty miles southeast of Scott AFB. The initial observation occurred at Bluford Crossing, which intersects Route 15 eight miles east of Mt. Vernon.

4. The observer, Mr. [redacted], was driving east on Route 15 at approximately 0500Z, 6 August 1963, when he was suddenly "attacked" by a bright light. M[redacted]drove at various speeds, trying to elude the light, but was unsuccessful. He claimed to have heard a high whine which drowned out the sound of his automobile. Mr. [redacted] drove to his farm home at Keenes, Illinois, dashed into the house and advised his parents. They turned out the lights and went outside. They, too, saw the light hovering over a grove of trees about two hundred yards distant. The light periodically approached and receded. It was not determined how the light disappeared. Mr[redacted] was called to the Austin home, some twenty miles distant, and upon arrival was shown a light in the distance. This was later confirmed as being the planet Jupiter. Mr. [redacted] stated that this was obviously not the first sighted object. However, young Mr[redacted] was in hysterics when Mr. [redacted] arrived. Mr. [redacted] indicated the Austins are highly respected, reliable people. The elder Mr. [redacted] is a farmer. His son's occupation and age were not determined. Originally, Mr. [redacted] indicated there was no specific shape to

SOURCE: FLYING SAUCER REVIEW - NOV-DEC 63

U.S.A:

"Morning star" chases car

The *Dublin Evening Express* in its issue of August 6 carried the following account of a youth's extraordinary experience: "A teen-ager said a strange white light chased his car at speeds up to 120 miles an hour early yesterday morning. Ronnie Austin (18), of Wayne City, Illinois, told authorities the light followed him and Phyllis Bruce (18), 10 miles as they drove home from a drive-in theatre at Mount Vernon, Illinois.

"Austin claimed the light stalled the car's engine as it passed over and caused the radio 'to go crazy.' At one time it approached as close as 100 feet, he estimated. He said it made a humming sound and had a 'cooling effect' as it passed overhead. Austin bolted into the home of his father, Orville, and told him to get a gun. Austin said the gun seemed to cause the light to draw nearer, so he closed the door, turned off all the lights in the house and telephoned the police.

"Wayne County Deputy Sheriff Harry Lee, one of the officers who answered the call, said he saw the light at a distance. He said it was 'three or four times bigger than a star and was moving, but not twinkling.'

"Kenneth Talbert, police radio operator at Fairfield, said the light had the shape of a cross. Wayne City Marshall, George Sexton said the light looked like the Morning Star to him.

"Mrs. Ebbie Austin, grandmother of the Austin youth, said the light had her dogs barking during the night.

"'It was ten times bigger than the moon and was much brighter than the Morning Star,' said Mrs. Dwight Withrow, a neighbour.

"Sexton said Austin became so excited when he viewed the retreating light with police outside his parents' home later that they had to carry him inside. A doctor was called to give him a sedative."



"IT CAME WITHIN 100 FEET OF ME", said Ronnie Austin, above, as he described his tussle with a flying saucer in a Press office interview.

BOY TELLS WHAT HAPPENED

Ronnie Austin, 18, of Keenes, gives the Press the following exclusive account of what happened Sunday night:

My girl friend, Phyllis Bruce, 18, and I had driven to Mt. Vernon and attended the drive-in movie. We saw the show, "The Escape", an exciting picture of a German prison camp.

"About eleven o'clock we headed out of Mt. Vernon east on Route 15 for home. Phyllis had gotten angry at me and as we drove along east passed the airport I leaned over to speak to her and when I looked out the car window to the south I saw this big white object moving along just over tree tops. It looked as big as an automobile.

I said to Phyllis, "Look there at that thing, what is it an airplane?"

Phyliss looked out and replied, "No, it's not an airplane . . . it doesn't have the flashing red and green lights.

"Men From Mars"

Then jokingly, I remarked, "Maybe it's some little green men from Mars coming to get us."

When I said that I did not realize the exciting experience that was about to be ours.

When I'd speed my car up the object would speed up. When I'd slowed down it slowed down. My car is built for racing and at one point I drove 120 miles an hour and it stayed right after me.

At first it was on the south side of the road and then it crossed over in front of me to the north side. One time it came within a hundred feet of the car. I had my radio tuned on WLS . . . I thought they'd announce if some foreign attack was underway. When that thing crossed over my car the radio went crazy . . . it made all kinds of sounds so I turned it off.

When we reached my girl's house her sister, Forrestine, got up and came outside and looked at it. And all of a sudden it started moving closer so we ran inside, turned the lights off and watched it through the window.

Chased Him Home

Finally, I had to go home so I made a run for the car. That's when the fun really began.

Soon as I pulled away from the house the object began to follow. Me or my car seemed to attract it. I really poured the coal to the car and I must have been doing a 120 when I topped the hill on the gravel road not far from our place. I was coming into a dead end spot in the highway and the object seemed to exert some strange force on my car otherwise I would never have been able to make the turn. It slowed me down at an unbelieveable rate of speed.

Then the thing came straight toward me and hovered over my car. My car engine started to miss . . . it wouldn't hardly go . . . finally the motor died. I didn't know what was going to happen then. Then the light moved over to the side of the highway, overhead, and my car started. I raced for home.

Thought He'd Gone Crazy

I ran inside and woke up dad and mom. They thought I was drunk or had gone crazy. I told them they'd better call the police. Dad ran outside and took one look and ran back inside for his gun. His is a 12 gauge Remington automatic. When the object saw that gun it seemed to move right toward us. We ran back inside. Dad got all of us in the kitchen and turned off the lights. He called the police at Mt. Vernon. First the phone was dead, but on a second try he got through. The police, at first, thought we were joking.

At this point I was so excited the folks saw I needed medical aid so they called Dr. Konarski at Fairfield and he told them what to give me.

When the police arrived they saw the strange object too. Two of my buddies, Gary Karnacher and Tom Kissner stayed there and watched it all night. It was still visible when the sun came up at about 4 o'clock this morning.

The object was round and moved with the most ungodly speed I ever saw . . . I can't imagine what it was."

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Keenes Boy Chased Home By 'Flying Saucer'; Police Called!

BOY GIVEN SEDATION TO QUIET HIS NERVES AFTER INCIDENT.

An 18-year-old Keenes boy was chased home Sunday night by a flying saucer or some other unknown heavenly body!

The whole neighborhood out his way is talking about it.

The lad was so frightened he ran into his home, awakened his father and mother and when his dad saw it he ran inside for his shotgun. They wondered if it might be some invading force from Mars . . . or Russia.

Hid In Kitchen

When the father displayed his gun, the object seemed to move closer.

So the family ran back into the house . . . gathered in the kitchen and turned out the lights.

Quickly they called police at Mt. Vernon. Fairfield police were promptly notified to keep watch. At first the police thought they were joking.

Deputy Saw It

Among the officers rushing to the scene was Deputy Sheriff Harry Lee, of Fairfield.

"It was different than anything I ever saw," said Mr. Lee. "It was much bigger than a star . . . it did not twinkle and seemed to be moving."

"It was up in the sky to the southeast at about a 45 degree angle. I couldn't make out any form to it, except that of a big round light, something like a star, although it didn't flicker any," Deputy Lee said. "It was moving upward and to the southeast and kept this general direction."

When asked what it was, the deputy just shook his head in wonderment.

The boy who first saw the object was Ronnie Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Austin, who live west of the "Big Store" in Hickory Hill township.

Ronnie and his girl friend, Miss Phyliss Bruce, were returning home about eleven o'clock from the drive in movie at Mt. Vernon when they noticed it through the door window of their car.

"Scared To Death"

"It was white and round and about the size of an automobile", said Ronnie in describing the object to a Press reporter. "It just soared along over the tree tops. We could tell it wasn't an airplane. Every once in awhile it would swoop over toward our car.

"I tried to get away from it," continued Ronnie. "But when I'd speed up, it'd speed up; when I'd slow down it'd slow down. I drove up to 120 miles an hour but it stayed right with us. We were scared to death."

"Brighter Than The Moon"

A Press reporter hastened to the Austin neighborhood early Monday morning (today).

A neighbor, Mrs. Dwight Withrow, was excited about the happenings. She was called during the night to view the object. "It was ten times brighter than the moon," she said with excitement, "and much bigger than a star."

Roxie Austin, Ronnie's sister was talking about the event. She described the object as "having a white glow with some sort of an object projecting from it."

Ronnie's grandmother, Mrs. Ebbie Austin, was pretty excited about the whole affair. Interviewed she said, "That boy's about to have a nervous breakdown . . . there's such a thing as a person being scared to death . . . I'm worried about him. I knew there was something wrong last night . . . our dogs yelped and barked all night long."

The boy's mother is an inspector at Airtex Products in Fairfield. She said she had no idea what the object was, but that it came far too close to their home for comfort. Asked if they discussed the incident at breakfast this morning she exclaimed, "Breakfast! We were so excited we didn't even have any." Mrs. Austin is a daughter of Curt Tyler of Wayne City.

Ronnie told the reporter, the object at one time turned from white to a yellow glow. He said it seemed to give off a cool feeling once when it passed over his car.

Crowd Gathered

A crowd of 25 or more gathered out there around the Austin home to view the object at different times during the night.

Ronnie graduated from Wayne City High School in 1962. Since then he has been working at a nursery firm at Mt. Vernon. The boy is on vacation this week.

The Austin family lives about three miles north of Highway 15 in Hickory Hill township, west of the "Big Store".

Was Morning Star

Village Marshal George Sexton, of Wayne City, rushed to the scene. He said when he arrived he saw nothing more than what appeared to him to be the Morning Star. He said Ronnie became so excited while he was there that he had to be carried into the house.

State Trooper Richard Gidcumb, of McLeansboro, told the Press he saw a strong light flash across the sky there Sunday night, but he seemed to question the flying saucer story the boy told.

Ronnie's girl friend, who viewed the phenomon with him is Phyliss Bruce, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bruce, of western Wayne.

In Fairfield, Police Radio Operator Kenneth Talbert said he watched it in the southeastern sky until 4 a. m. "It looked like a cross in the heavens to me, said Mr. Talbert.

Mike Hill, of Fairfield, told friends he was up about midnight and noticed an unusually brilliant light in the southeastern sky.

Light-In-the-Sky Story Gains Momentum Here; Another Strange Object Is Seen

ARMY INTELLIGENCE MAN DUE IN FAIRFIELD TO STUDY CASE.

Story Given Big Play

The "light in the sky" story is gaining momentum!

Score of people saw an unusual object in the eastern sky here Wednesday night about 9 o'clock.

Descriptions of how it looked seem to vary with the location from which it was viewed.

Bright As Diamond

Perhaps getting the best view of the phenomenon was Chauncey Uphoff, who operates a farm on highway 15 four miles east of Fairfield and his guest that evening, Mike Hill, operator of the Hill cleaning plant here.

Said Mr. Uphoff, "Mike and I were sitting in the yard talking and we hadn't had a drop to drink," Mr. Uphoff noted jokingly. "And all of a sudden Mike said, 'Did you turn your porch light on . . . look at that up there . . . it looks like a big diamond.'

"I quickly saw it . . . it was moving from the west, along over the railroad track to the east. Never saw anything like it before. I ran inside and called the police station.



"SHE SWOOPED AROUND WITH LIGHTNING LIKE SPEED" said Chauncey Uphoff (left) as he demonstrated the action with his hand to his viewing partner, Mike Hill, when they discussed the Wednesday night phenomenon this morning.

Lights Went Out

"When I got back, Mike said, 'Look there, here comes something else .... it's a jet plane.' And sure enough there was another object but it didn't have blinker lights like a jet. Anyway, the diamond object suddenly swung around toward the jet plane object and as it neared the plane, or whatever it was, the lights on the diamond object went out. After the plane passed, there it was again. And then the light changed to a different glow and she swooped around toward us with lightning like speed and at this point it looked like a kite with a long tail. Quickly it circled back to the south and seemed to hover right there in the heavens at about a 45 degree angle over what would be the village of Merriam. Finally it disappeared down toward Grayville."

"It was big and it was bright," continued Mr. Uphoff. "It looked like it might be a thousand or more feet up. It made no sound whatever.

No Imagination

Continued Mr. Uphoff, "Now Mike and I weren't born yesterday .... we're not getting all excited about this flying saucer business, but for darn sure we saw this sight in the sky . . . it wasn't an airplane or anything like that, but we don't know what it was. Anyway we sure didn't just imagine it."

Mr. Hill noted that Mr. Uphoff's dogs went into barking spasms several times while all this was happening. He remarked that it's unusual for Mr. Uphoff's dogs to do much barking but last night he had to quiet them two or three times.

This might tie in with a report following the incident near Keenes Sunday night when Ronnie Austin, 18, was chased home by a big, bright object in the sky. After that neighbors there reported how their dogs had barked so that night.

Others Saw It!

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Short, 300 Lakeview Drive saw it too! They witnessed a strange object in the northern and eastern sky about 9:00 Wednesday evening. Mrs. Short told the Press, "It was a large circular brilliant light, with four lighted projections sticking out. It reminded me of a bathosphere they use for going deep down, into the sea, a round ball with metal projections sticking out."

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Mrs. Short went inside her house to call the Press Editor and by the time she got back outside, the strange object was gone. The Shorts and a neighbor lady at one point heard a jet plane go by in the sky, and believed for a time that the object might have been this plane.

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Mr. and Mrs. Perry Padgett, 306 North First, told a Press reporter of seeing a strange light in the sky as they drove home from Cisne at about 9 o'clock Wednesday evening. "It looked the size of a large ball, of brilliant light, with slight orangy cast, and it had light antennas or projections sticking out," Mrs. Padgett said. It moved, however, from the east and by the time the Padgetts got to Geff it was up over their car. Then it disappeared. As to what it looked like, Mrs. Padgett suggested drawing a round sun, then adding light beams sticking out from that sun.

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Circuit Clerk James Wilson said he and members of his family saw the strange light Wednesday night. He said it frightened his little daughter until she cried. At times, he said, it looked like a cross in the sky with an illuminated tail. He declared it wasn't anything imagined by the group . . . .that they really saw it.

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Lawyer Dick Cochran said he and some guests at their home saw the light moving northwest about 9 p. m. Monday. He said he believed it was one of the man-launched sattelites.

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Meanwhile at their home north of Keenes, the Orval Austin family remains steadfast in the story of what they witnessed Sunday night. The Press was unable to reach Mr. and Mrs. Austin, or son Ronnie Thursday (today), but it did interview Mr. Austin's mother and father, who live nearby, Mr. and Mrs. Ebbie Austin.

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When told by the reporter that their son, Orval had been quoted Tuesday as saying what he saw was nothing more than the morning star, the mother said, "I don't know where you got that. Orval was here last night talking about it. His father told him that he wished that he'd been called . . . that he didn't think it would have scared him." Then she quoted her son as replying, "Oh, yes it would . . . it did look horrible."

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She asked the Press to correct a statement published Monday to the effect that she said her grandson was near a nervous breakdown. She said her statement was that he was "in a state of shock." The Austins have received many calls about the incident.

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Deputy Sheriff Harry Lee was called by an Army Intelligence Officer from Chicago and questioned extensively about the object seen by Ronnie Austin in western Wayne county Sunday night. The officer said he would probably send someone to Fairfield for questioning of those seeing the object that night.

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The deputy sheriff on Wednesday night was telephoned by Air Force Intelligence agents from Scott Field, and one officer is expected in Fairfield Thursday afternoon (today), to question persons about the object and objects seen in the Wayne county area since Sunday night.

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Deputy Lee said he had received over 50 telephone calls and letters from newspapers, TV stations and cranks, with information and questions about the mysterious objects. A man at Addison, Ill., wanted to swap information about the object, as he had gone through a similar experience himself. This man may come here.

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Another man, Harold Solem, from Evanston, emphatically declared in a letter to Deputy Lee that it was an Unidentified Flying Object from another planet. "I wish I could have been in your shoes and saw that object Sunday night," Mr. Solem wrote. The Evanston man declared the people in these "ships" are not hostile to us, are exceptionally religious and highly learned, far ahead of us on earth. He said the small ships sighted here are from a larger mother ship. He said the saucers require no fuel, operate on magnetism, coming from Venus, Mars and other planets. He said they heard our signals in connection with moon contact efforts from World War II days and thought we were in trouble, so came down to see what our trouble was. Actually, Mr. Solem added, solemnly, "there are non-earth people already here and with us, but we don't know them."

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Butch Musgrave and a Brame boy from the Boyleston area reported to Deputy Sheriff Lee sighting a lighted object, four to five times the size of a star, going from east to west and "really moving." This was about 9 p.m. too. Also from the Boyleston area, a group of seven or eight persons, including Raymond L. Owen, at about dusk sighted a big bright light—"as big as a desk"—speeding across the sky. It was going west to east. What was it? "I don't know," Mr. Owen told the Press.

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After the reports came in at nine o'clock Wednesday evening of new "flying saucers" sighted, Deputy Lee maintained a lookout for some time. State police 12A headquarters dispatched Trooper Al Lane, of Fairfield, in search for the lighted objects. None were sighted for the remainder of the evening.

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"God's intervention to save this country". That's the description given the strane flying objects in the sky by a colored Washington, D.C., minister, Rev. Charles Beck, said to be bishop for a Cross In The Sky church in the nation's capital. Rev. Beck called the Press from Miami, Fla., Tuesday afternoon, wanting to know details of the incident involving the Austin boy. He asked for a copy of the Press carrying the story.

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Rev. Beck told of an occurrence at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., recently where a strange lighted cross floated into a motel room, awakening a woman and her two children. This lighted cross floated around the room, then went out the window and back up into the sky, Rev. Beck told the Press.

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Rev. Beck said he would pay $200 to $300 for Austin to go to Washington for a radio interview. Rev. Beck, also said to be a cultural attache for the Ghana delegation to the United Nations, broadcasts over a UBC radio network, have several churches in eastern United States.

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Rev. Beck thinks we're being observed by other planets and said he had collected considerable information on the subject of unidentified flying objects. He said our present racial troubles may be involved with the appearances of the lighted crosses and objects. The Washington, D. C. minister hopes to come to Fairfield next Wednesday to talk with the Austin family.

SIGHTINGS IN SKY APPEAR ON WANE

None Reported In County Over Weekend; Seen in Other Counties.

Are Wayne county's neck-craning days over?

The eyes-to-the-sky activity appears to be waning, one week after a strange lighted object followed a Hickory Hill township teenager and his girl friend home.

A number of Fairfield and county residents sighted more strange lights Wednesday night.

The sightings brought Air Force and National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena teams to Fairfield over the week end to interview persons seeing the strange flying objects.

Saw Cross-Shaped Light

Last police-reported sighting in the county came here early Friday morning, when Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mason, of 900 West Main street, observed a larger-than-a-star cross-shaped light move quickly across the sky. "It went from the southeast to the northwest," Mr. Mason told the Press. Mr. Mason denied the object had a comet-like tail, as reported elsewhere and told the Press "it was all one piece."

Hospital nursing staff members called the city police station early Monday morning (today) about a bright light in the eastern sky, but police looked for the object, saw only a bright star.

At Albion, Paul C. Brock, said he and neighbors Thursday night saw a brilliant light that was stationary for five minutes, then turned red and floated away, making an engine noise.

"Big As Washtub"

At Mt. Vernon, a fireball as big as a washtub hovered over the home of former Mt. Vernon mayor Harry L. Bishop. He described it as coming down from the north . . . "the brightest red light I've ever seen." Said Mr. Bishop. "Before this I thought those people at Fairfield who reported seeing the object were crazy but I've changed my mind now." Mr. Bishop called neighbors, who also saw the light for a 10 to 15 minute period.

The strange lights have also been seen at Flora, and in the Evansville-Vincennes area in Indiana.

What are they?

CLAIM AIR FORCE KEEPS LID ON UFO'S

Representatives From Private Organization Here Checking Flying Object Stories.

A claim that the U. S. Air Force is suppressing evidence about Unidentified Flying Objects was made by a three-man team from the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena here Saturday night.

"We have documentary evidence that the Air Force is not releasing all its information on the unidentified flying objects which have been sighted in this country," according to Francis Ridge, chairman of a subcommittee from Indiana Unit No. 1 of the NICAP.

Three Men Here

Here with Mr. Ridge were Philip Stuttler, assistant chairman, and Jim Catt, communications division. The three interviewed Chan Uphoff and L. A. (Mike) Hill concerning the strange lights they saw in the eastern sky last Wednesday night.

The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena was started by an ex-Marine major, Donald Edward Keyhoe, who has been with True Magazine. It is a private organization.

According to the Vincennes, Ind., trio, the Air Force has files on 6,300 cases of UFO sightings, many of the reports still top secret.

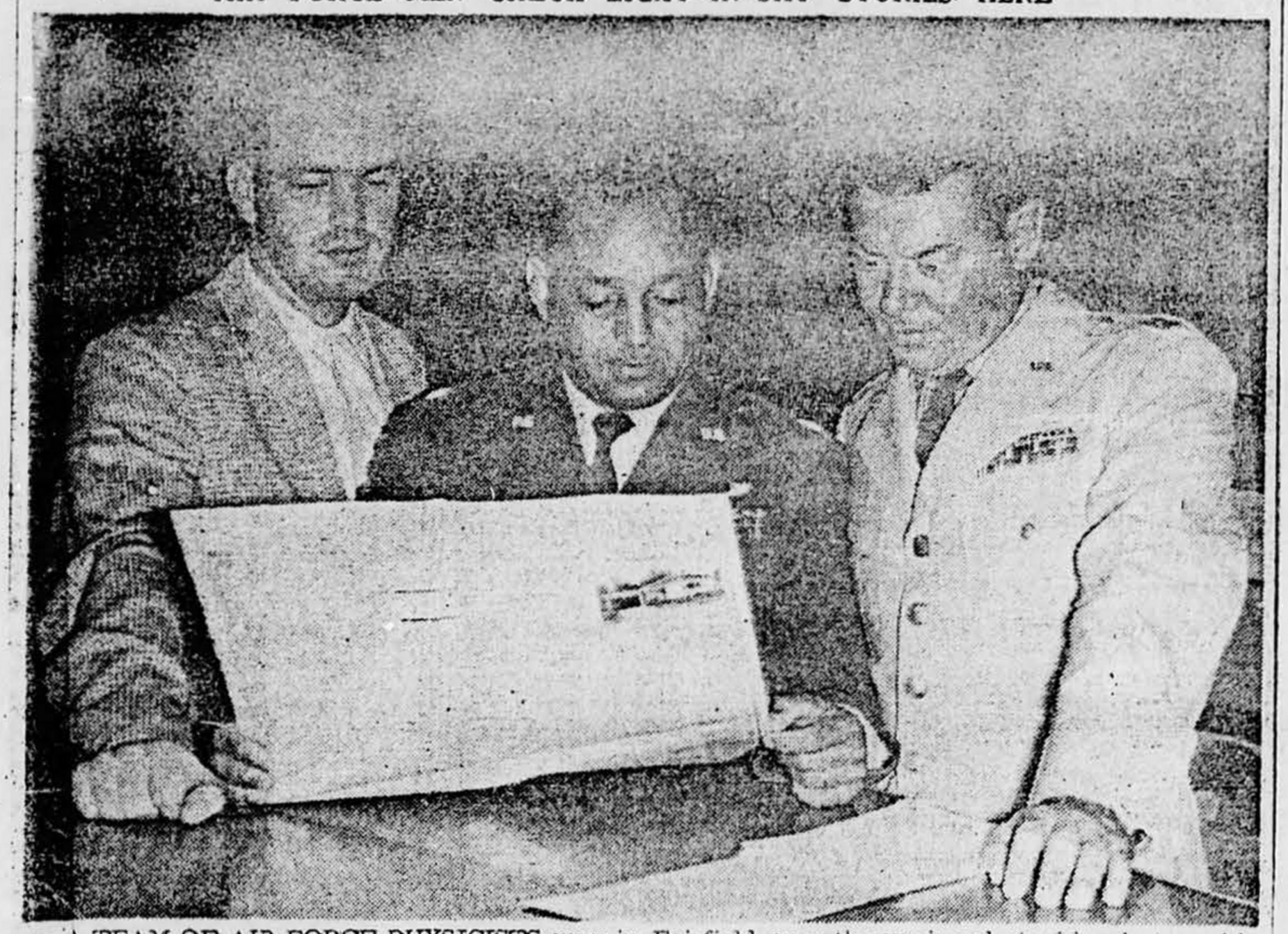
"Inherently Dangerous"

The NICAP board of directors feels that the Air Force censorship and withholding of UFO reports "is inherently dangerous." The private group wants open Congressional hearings on UFO's.

Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend, an Air Force investigator here over the week end, denied the Air Force hides information on the "flying saucers." Said Colonel Friend, "We investigate all these claims, and let the chips fall where they may. To date the Air Force has no information there are flying saucers."

A publicity release from NICAP tells of a Trans-World Airline pilot dodging an unidentified flying object to avoid a head-on collision, a CAA control tower operator tracing four UFO's at 3600 miles an hour, one over an Air Force base, and an F-86 jet pilot chasing a huge saucer in the Far East.

AIR FORCE MEN CHECK LIGHT-IN-SKY STORIES HERE



A TEAM OF AIR FORCE PHYSICISTS were in Fairfield over the week end checking last week's light-in-the-sky stories. Here they are reading about it all in the Press . . . Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend (center), Capt. Hector Quintanilla, right and Sgt. Charles R. Sharp. They called the Press stories accurate and not overplayed.

AIR FORCE TEAM CHECKS OUT "LIGHTS"

Investigate 500 Claims A Year, Solve 98 Per Cent of Them.

An Air Force team of physicists from Wright - Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio, spent the week end in Fairfield investigating the aerial phenomena sighted in Wayne county several nights last week.

Here were Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend, Capt. Hector Quintanilla and T/Sgt. Charles R. Sharp.

Made Interviews

The Air Force team interviewed persons who reported sighting strange objects in the Wayne county sky last week, starting with Ronnie Austin and his girl friend, Phyllis Bruce, who were startled by a strange lighted object which followed them in the sky near their Hickory Hill township homes last Sunday night.

What did the Air Force physicists find out? They aren't telling —yet, but Colonel Friend did make the following observations to the Press:

—The Air Force investigates 500 claims of strange aerial phenomena a year.

—It satisfactorily explains 98 per cent of them, at least in the years since 1956. From 1947, when "Project Bluebook", the Air Force name for investigation of aerial phenomena was started, the Air Force has satisfactorily explained 92 per cent of these sightings.

—Each Air Force base investigates such sightings nearest its base. He did not explain why Scott Air Base did not handle this investigation.

Investigate All

—The U.S. investigates every such sighting reported. "The one we didn't investigate might be the one which would blow us apart," Colonel Friend expalined.

—The story told by young Ronnie Austin and members of his family to the Air Force investigators was "essentially the same" story he told to the Press and which was printed in last Monday's paper. The boy's girl friend, Phyllis Bruce, questioned separately, "confirmed" the boy's story in all essential details. "The boy truly experienced something. In my opinion, he is not lying," Colonel Friend said, admitting there might be some point of misidentification.

—The Air Force to date has no information available to indicate the existence of flying saucers.

What They Are

Most of the "strange objects" seen in the sky turn out to be meteors, satellites, missiles or airplanes. In this case, the Air Force team will check private, commercial and military plane traffic on the nights the objects were sighted. "This particular section of the U.S. has the most controlled air traffic in the country. It is a positive control area, sharply covered by radar," Colonel Friend told the Press.

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'Light in the Sky' Rumors Brighten Fairfield's Day

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Town Gets a Buzz from Talk About Strange Flying Objects

BY HENRY HANSON
Staff Writer

FAIRFIELD, Ill.—This "light in the sky" city hasn't had so much fun since the Shelton Gang blew town.

Scores of solid citizens are reporting they have seen strange flights of "bright glowing objects" across the night skies.

They are not all zany.

Two law officials said they have seen them. Kenneth Talbert, who operates the police radio system, said he peered out the door at headquarters and saw a glowing object. "It was kind of the shape of a cross, just a nice light, going northeast over 2d St.," he said.

Wayne County Deputy Sheriff Harry Lee said, "It was awfully bright, what I saw, but I don't know what it was."

A carload of teen-agers reported seeing a strange light. So did lawyer Dick Cochran, who was entertaining guests at the time.

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SCORES of residents are getting stiff necks straining at the night sky. Mayor Zack Smith said the town was "quite worked up."

The Shelton Gang, notorious brothers who once controlled vice and gambling Downstate, were raised in Fairfield, but have since departed.

The Uptown Motel is offering binoculars to guests bent on other-worldly adventures. Paula Ortman, 17, a pretty brunet waitress at the Uptown Restaurant, inquired of guests, "Have you seen your flying saucer yet?"

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THE "light in the sky" story got going after Ronnie Austin, 18, drove home around midnight Sunday from a date and ran into his house screaming in terror.

His father, Orval, said: "He cried, 'Daddy, something followed me home.' I jerked on my clothes, reached in a closet and picked up a shotgun and ran to the door. He said, 'The shotgun won't do no good, 'cause it's a light.'

"I saw it. It was twice as high as the trees, orangish and maybe 200 yards away. It stayed there three, maybe four hours."

Deputy Lee was summoned to the home and agreed there was an unnatural object glowing in the sky. The rest of Austin's family also agreed. They are his wife, Mary Lou; a son, Terry, 17, and a daughter, Roxie, 15. The Austins live on a 223-acre farm 23 miles west of Fairfield.

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WEDNESDAY evening the lights were reported seen by Chauncy Uphoff, who operates a farm four miles east of Fairfield, and a guest, Mike Hill, operator of a cleaning plant.

"It looked like a big kite. There was no noise," said Uphoff.

"Mike and I weren't born yesterday. We're not getting all excited about this flying saucer business, but for darn sure we saw this thing in the sky. It wasn't an airplane but we don't know what it was."

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RONNIE Austin, the youngster who started the sky-searching craze, goes home before nightfall nowadays. "Wouldn't you?" he asked.

His father said, "We're not nutty but I guess a lot of people think we are. Some folks said we hid in the kitchen because we were afraid of the Russians. Heck, the Russians would not attack a farm. They'd go after the factories in the city."

3 Machinists See 'Saucers'

Three machinists who said they don't believe in flying saucers reported seeing a train of saucer-like objects whiz across the sky.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Louis Kooings, 36, of 138 W. 112th St. "About 10 of these lighted objects were lined up in a row like cars on a train."

Donald Clark, 32, of 8030 Sycamore, Highland, Ind., added, "It (the row) was going real fast. It made no sound at all. We saw it for about three or four minutes."

Ronald Anderson, 20, of 15442 Dante, Dolton, said, "It was very odd. The object (the row) seemed to be making a circle at about 3,000 feet. It was white with an orange tinge. "We thought at first it might be a blimp, but it went too fast to be a blimp."

Dayton Daily News 8 Aug 63

LOOK OUT, HERE IT COMES AGAIN

WAYNE CITY, Ill., Aug. 6 —(UPI) — Authorities were baffled today by the story of a teenager who said he and his girl friend were chased home from an outdoor theater Sunday night by a "strange light."

Ronnie Austin, 18, said the light looked as big as an automobile, caused his car radio "to go into spasms," and followed him at speeds up to 120 miles an hour. The youth was given a sedative.

CLAIM AIR FORCE KEEPS LID ON UFO'S

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Wanted No Publicity

The NICAP group almost got into trouble with police here Saturday night, after a city police radio operator complained the group had represented themselves as being from military intelligence, in a telephone conversation with him Saturday afternoon. The three denied this. At first they declined to give their names to a Press reporter, saying they wanted no publicity. Finally, at police insistence, they identified themselves.

—Admitted there are some things we don't understand about radar, that it has many peculariities. He cited case where a certain radar station reported an undetermined blimp on its radar screen. Planes were sent up to spot, and although radar continued to show blimp on screen, the planes found nothing.

—Cited a recent case in Kentucky, where strange lights were reported by a group of residents. Air Force team went there, and next night saw the "strange object" come over. It was big B-52 bomber on low level "bombing" mission, with extra lights attached to warn other aircraft. "These big B-52's can't turn on a dime, so the Air Force put on extra lights to warn other area planes of their whereabouts," Colonel Friend explained.

Final Evaluation

—Findings of the Air Force team will be channeled to higher authorities, and finally to Pentagon for final evaluation and determination. "Once all the facts are collected, I believe we can explain this occurrence in Wayne county," Colonel Friend told the Press.

—The Air Force team stays in the field as long as necessary to exhaust all possible phases of investigation.

Other than the people at Keenes they collected the bulk of their information from Mike Hill, Chauncey Uphoff and state troopers.

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PECULIARLY

A Swift Light Is Spotted

Special to The Sun-Times

FAIRFIELD, Ill.—A strange white light Monday chased him for 10 miles at speeds up to 120 m.p.h. and then hovered over his farm home, a Wayne County youth told police breathlessly.

The light began following him as he and his date, Phyllis Bruce, 18, left a drive-in movie at Mount Vernon, 18-year-old Ronnie Austin said theatrically.

As it moved overhead, the light caused the car's engine to sputter and made the car radio "go crazy," he added mechanically.

Sound Described

Once the light swooped down to within 100 feet of the car, it made a humming sound and had a "cooling effect," he said icily. He sped to his farm home about 15 miles west of here and told his father, Orville, to get his gun, Ronnie continued automatically.

The gun seemed to cause the light to draw nearer the house, Ronnie's father said aimlessly. So he bolted back inside, turned off the lights and called police, the elder Austin said darkly.

Answering the call, Harry Lee, Wayne County deputy sheriff, saw the light at a distance, he reported standoffishly. "It was three or four times bigger than a star and was moving, but not twinkling," Lee said steadily.

Watches It

He kept it under observation for several hours, he added guardedly.

To Kenneth Talbert, police radio operator at Fairfield, about 275 miles south of Chicago, the light appeared to be shaped like a cross, he explained reverently.

Other members of the Austin family and neighbors supported the youth's story wholeheartedly. Ronnie became so excited watching the light above the house a physician was called to give him a sedative, Austin said sleepily.

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Chicago Daily News
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Air Force Probes 'Mystery Light'

Special to The Daily News

WAYNE CITY, Ill.—An Air Force intelligence officer was expected here Thursday to investigate a huge dazzling light in the sky which frightened a Wayne County farm family.

He will question the 15 to 20 persons who reported seeing the light early Monday, then report his findings to the Air Force and Dr. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University.

Dr. Hynek is chairman of NU's astronomy department and the Air Force's consultant astronomer on aerial phenomena.

"At the present stage, we don't know what this light was," said Dr. Hynek from Evanston.

"There have been cases of ball lightning, which lasted 15 seconds at most. But I don't think this caused the light."

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RONNIE Austin, 18, told officials the mystery light pursued his auto at speeds up to 120 miles an hour early Monday while he drove a girl home from a drive-in movie at Mount Vernon.

The light was reportedly spotted again Wednesday night by residents of Fairfield, 17 miles east of here.

Fairfield police, the Wayne County sheriff's office and state police all said they were "beseiged" by phone calls.

Callers reported the light about 800 feet off the ground.

Some said the light went out when a plane flew by and went back on again when the plane had passed.

Mike Hill, 57, operator of a Fairfield cleaning plant, said the object "looked like a kite affair with a long tail to it and things projecting from it."

Military Pay May Get 2d Boost in '64

WASHINGTON (UPI)—With a $1.2 billion military pay raise about to win Congressional approval, the Defense Department already is asking for a further boost early next year, it was learned Thursday.

Assistant Defense Sec. Norman S. Paul said the pending pay bill will not "solve all the problems," such as "moonlighting" by servicemen who get off-duty jobs to make ends meet, "and extreme cases where enlisted men have turned to relief. But it is going to help," he said.

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the object, but later stated Mr. [redacted] reported it as being half moon in shape. There was no tail, trail, or exhaust. The object was rather low, estimated as being not over one hundred feet elevation. At one point it appeared to move in front of the automobile.

5. Weather conditions in the area were clear, with moonlight. The Scott AFB weather station records indicate scattered to broken clouds southeast of Scott that night at 10,000 feet. There were thunderstorms north of Scott on a line running generally east to west, moving southeast. Lightning flashes probably were visible at Fairfield.

6. This headquarters has not visited the scene, nor is there any known physical evidence. It was not possible to contact Mr. [redacted] as he does not have a telephone at his home. Mr. [redacted]'s home telephone number is Fairfield, Illinois 2-3651. He can be reached during the day by calling the Sheriff's Office, Fairfield, Illinois.

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'Light in Sky' Chases Car, Besieges Home of Farmer



Fairfield, Ill., Aug. 5 (Special) — A bright moving object in the night sky was seen early today by a Wayne county deputy sheriff who answered a frantic call from a farmer who said the light had chased his son for 10 miles and was besieging his farm home.

Harry Lee, the deputy, said the light was apparently high in the sky and was bigger and brighter than any star. He described it as moving but not twinkling and said he kept it under observation for several hours after midnight until it disappeared shortly before dawn.

Lee said he went to the farm home of Orville Austin, 15 miles west of Fairfield, in answer to a call from Austin for protection against a mysterious aerial marauder.

Tell Harrowing Tale

Austin and his son, Ronnie, 18, had a harrowing tale to tell of their experiences with the light.

Ronnie said that he went to a drive-in movie last night with Phyllis Bruce, 16, a neighbor, and that the light appeared above and behind him shortly after they had started on a 10-mile drive home.

Ronnie said the light was as big as an automobile and that when it swooped near him it sent his car radio into a spasm and caused the motor to sputter.

Ronnie said he raced at speeds up to 120 miles an hour but that the light kept pace with him. He drove into his father's farm yard and he and Miss Bruce rushed into the house screaming.

Turns Off Lights

Austin said he stepped into the yard with a shotgun and that the light was hovering over the house. He dived back into the house, turned off the lights, and called for help, he said.

Three other members of the Austin family and Miss Bruce supported the story, Lee said. Ronnie became hysterical and was given a sedative by a physician.

Lee said police in Mount Vernon, Ill., 15 miles west of the Austin home, reported seeing a strange light in the sky and that Kenneth Talbot, police radio operator, said it appeared to have the shape of a cross.

Reports Come In On Lights In Sky Vary From 1 To 3

The saga of the mysterious lights appearing in the sky continued today with the report of another sighting and a difference of opinion on a sighting reported by two women Monday night.

Joseph Schlenz, 910 E. Eagle St., reported to the Journal this morning that he and his wife saw the same "light" as reported seen by two women as they were driving on Waldron Road at 9:10 p.m. Monday. However, Schlenz said the "light" seen by the women was definitely a shooting star. Schlenz said both he and his wife, Betty Jo, saw it as it fell from east to west. The time corresponded exactly with the time given by the pair driving along Waldron Road.

Melvin Edington, 14, 220 W. Tool St., Bourbonnais, is the latest to report the sighting of lights in the sky. He saw not one, but three.

Edington, son of Mrs. Monica Edington, reported he saw three reddish orange lights at 12:20 a.m. Tuesday as he was walking his dog. He said he first saw them directly overhead, then they moved quickly out of sight one heading southeast, one southwest and the third directly south. They remained in his sight for a few seconds, he said, and left no trail.

Kankakee Daily Journal
Aug. 14, 1963

AIR FORCE AID TO INVESTIGATE 'LIGHT IN SKY'

An investigator from the Scott air force base near Belleville, St. Clair county, has been assigned to check into the "light in the sky" that alarmed Wayne county residents before dawn Monday, it was announced yesterday.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of Northwestern university's Dearborn observatory and official consultant to the air force on unidentified flying objects, said he will also investigate the lights.

"If the investigator does not find an easy solution to the phenomenon then I will go there myself," he said. A deputy sheriff and other persons reported seeing the light.

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Keenes Boy Chased Home By 'Flying Saucer'; Police Called!

BOY GIVEN SEDATION TO QUIET HIS NERVES AFTER INCIDENT.

An 18-year-old Keenes boy was chased home Sunday night by a flying saucer or some other unknown heavenly body!

The whole neighborhood out his way is talking about it.

The lad was so frightened he ran into his home, awakened his father and mother and when his dad saw it he ran inside for his shotgun. They wondered if it might be some invading force from Mars . . . or Russia.

Hid In Kitchen

When the father displayed his gun, the object seemed to move closer.

So the family ran back into the house . . . gathered in the kitchen and turned out the lights.

Quickly they called police at Mt. Vernon. Fairfield police were promptly notified to keep watch. At first the police thought they were joking.

Deputy Saw It

Among the officers rushing to the scene was Deputy Sheriff Harry Lee, of Fairfield.

"It was different than anything I ever saw," said Mr. Lee. "It was much bigger than a star . . . it did not twinkle and seemed to be moving."

"It was up in the sky to the southeast at about a 45 degree angle. I couldn't make out any form to it, except that of a big round light, something like a star, although it didn't flicker any." Deputy Lee said. "It was moving upward and to the southeast and kept this general direction."

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Phyliss looked out and replied, "No, it's not an airplane . . . it doesn't have the flashing red and green lights.

"Men From Mars"

Then jokingly, I remarked, "Maybe it's some little green men from Mars coming to get us."

When I said that I did not realize the exciting experience that was about to be ours.

When I'd speed my car up the object would speed up. When I'd slowed down it slowed down. My car is built for racing and at one point I drove 120 miles an hour and it stayed right after me.

At first it was on the south side of the road and then it crossed over in front of me to the north side. One time it came within a hundred feet of the car. I had my radio tuned on WLS . . . I thought they'd announce if some foreign attack was underway. When that thing crossed over my car the radio went crazy . . . it made all kinds of sounds so I turned it off.

When we reached my girl's house her sister, Forrestine, got up and came outside and looked at it. And all of a sudden it started moving closer so we ran inside, turned the lights off and watched it through the window.

Chased Him Home

Finally, I had to go home so I made a run for the car. That's when the fun really began.

Soon as I pulled away from the house the object began to follow. Me or my car seemed to attract it. I really poured the coal to the car and I must have been doing a 120 when I topped the hill on the gravel road not far from our place. I was coming into a dead end spot in the highway and the object seemed to exert some strange force on my car otherwise I would never have been able to make the turn. It slowed me down at an unbelieveable rate of speed.

Then the thing came straight toward me and hovered over my car. My car engine started to miss . . . it wouldn't hardly go . . . .finally the motor died. I didn't know what was going to happen then. Then the light moved over to the side of the highway, overhead, and my car started. I raced for home.

Thought He'd Gone Crazy

I ran inside and woke up dad and mom. They thought I was drunk or had gone crazy. I told them they'd better call the police. Dad ran outside and took one look and ran back inside for his gun. His is a 12 gauge Remington automatic. When the object saw that gun it seemed to move right toward us. We ran back inside. Dad got all of us in the kitchen and turned off the lights. He called the police at Mt. Vernon. First the phone was dead, but on a second try he got through. The police, at first, thought we were joking.

At this point I was so excited the folks saw I needed medical aid so they called Dr. Konarski at Fairfield and he told them what to give me.

When the police arrived they saw the strange object too.

Two of my buddies, Gary Karacher and Tom Kissner stayed there and watched it all night. It was still visible when the sun came up at about 4 o'clock this morning.

The object was round and moved with the most ungodly speed I ever saw . . . I can't imagine what it was."

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Light-In-the-Sky Story Gains Momentu Here; Another Strange Object Is Se

ARMY INTELLIGENCE MAN DUE IN FAIRFIELD TO STUDY CASE.

Story Given Big Play

The "light in the sky" story is gaining momentum!

Score of people saw an unusual object in the eastern sky here Wednesday night about 9 o'clock.

Descriptions of how it looked seem to vary with the location from which it was viewed.

Bright As Diamond

Perhaps getting the best view of the phenomenon was Chauncey Uphoff, who operates a farm on highway 15 four miles east of Fairfield and his guest that evening, Mike Hill, operator of the Hill cleaning plant here.

Said Mr. Uphoff, "Mike and I were sitting in the yard talking and we hadn't had a drop to drink," Mr. Uphoff noted jokingly. "And all of a sudden Mike said, 'Did you turn your porch light on . . . look at that up there . . . it looks like a big diamond.'

"I quickly saw it . . . it was moving from the west, along over the railroad track to the east. Never saw anything like it before. I ran inside and called the police station.

Lights Went Out

"When I got back, Mike said, 'Look there, here comes something else . . . it's a jet plane.' And sure enough there was another object but it didn't have blinker lights like a jet. Anyway, the diamond object suddenly swung around toward the jet plane object and as it neared the plane, or whatever it was, the lights on the diamond object went out. After the plane passed, there it was again. And then the light changed to a different glow and she swooped around toward us with lightning like speed and at this point it looked like a kite with a long tail. Quickly it circled back to the south and seemed to hover right there in the heavens at about a 45 degree angle over what would be the village of Merriam. Finally it disappeared down toward Grayville."



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of a large ball, of brilliant light, with slight orangy cast, and it had light antennas or projections sticking out," Mrs. Padgett said. It moved, however, from the east and by the time the Padgetts got to Geff it was up over their car. Then it disappeared. As to what it looked like, Mrs. Padgett suggested drawing a round sun, then adding light beams sticking out from that sun.

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Circuit Clerk James Wilson said he and members of his family saw the strange light Wednesday night. He said it frightened his little daughter until she cried. At times, he said, it looked like a cross in the sky with an illuminated tail. He declared it wasn't anything imagined by the group . . . that they really saw it.

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"It was big and it was bright," continued Mr. Uphoff. "It looked like it might be a thousand or more feet up. It made no sound whatever.

No Imagination

Continued Mr. Uphoff, "Now Mike and I weren't born yesterday . . . we're not getting all excited about this flying saucer business, but for darn sure we saw this sight in the sky . . . it wasn't an airplane or anything like that, but we don't know what it was. Anyway we sure didn't just imagine it."

Mr. Hill noted that Mr. Uphoff's dogs went into barking spasms several times while all this was happening. He remarked that it's unusual for Mr. Uphoff's dogs to do much barking but last night he had to quiet them two or three times.

This might tie in with a report following the incident near Keenes Sunday night when Ronnie Austin, 18, was chased home by a big, bright object in the sky. After that neighbors there reported how their dogs had barked so that night.

Others Saw It!

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Short, 300 Lakeview Drive saw it too! They witnessed a strange object in the northern and eastern sky about 9:00 Wednesday evening. Mrs. Short told the Press, "It was a large circular brilliant light, with four lighted projections sticking out. It reminded me of a bathosphere they use for going deep down into the sea, a round ball with metal projections sticking out."

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Mrs. Short went inside her house to call the Press Editor and by the time she got back outside, the strange object was gone. The Shorts and a neighbor lady at one point heard a jet plane go by in the sky, and believed for a time that the object might have been this plane.

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Mr. and Mrs. Perry Padgett, 306 North First, told a Press reporter of seeing a strange light in the sky as they drove home from Cisne at about 9 o'clock Wednesday evening. "It looked the size of a large ball, of brilliant light, with slight orangy cast, and it had light antennas or projections sticking out," Mrs. Padgett said. It moved, however, from the east and by the time the Padgetts got to Geff it was up over their car. Then it disappeared. As to what it looked like, Mrs. Padgett suggested drawing a round sun, then adding light beams sticking out from that sun.

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Circuit Clerk James Wilson said he and members of his family saw the strange light Wednesday night. He said it frightened his little daughter until she cried. At times, he said, it looked like a cross in the sky with an illuminated tail. He declared it wasn't anything imagined by the group . . . that they really saw it.

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Lawyer Dick Cochran said he and some guests at their home saw the light moving northwest about 9 p. m. Monday. He said he believed it was one of the man-launched sattelites.

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Meanwhile at their home north of Keenes, the Orval Austin family remains steadfast in the story of what they witnessed Sunday night. The Press was unable to reach Mr. and Mrs. Austin, or son Ronnie Thursday (today), but it did interview Mr. Austin's mother and father, who live nearby, Mr. and Mrs. Ebbie Austin.

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When told by the reporter that their son, Orval had been quoted Tuesday as saying what he saw was nothing more than the morning star, the mother said, "I don't know where you got that. Orval was here last night talking about it. His father told him that he wished that he'd been called . . . that he didn't think it would have scared him." Then she quoted her son as replying, "Oh, yes it would . . . it did look horrible."

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She asked the Press to correct a statement published Monday to the effect that she said her grandson was near a nervous breakdown. She said her statement was

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The Youth Fellowship of Ellen Moore Methodist church will sponsor an ice cream social to be held on the lawn of the church, Saturday, August 10th. Serving of ice cream, cake, pie, iced tea, and coffee, will start at three o'clock. In case of rain the social will be held in the church basement.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Miss Barbara Hammack, 19 ... FCHS graduate, has been awarded a four year state special education scholarship, County Schools Supt. Albert Miller informs the Press.

This scholarship has nothing to do with the five teacher education scholarships offered to the Fairfield school but is from a larg... pool of special education scholar... ships available for those student... planning to teach EMH, gifted o... handicapped children.

Miss Hammack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hammack plans to enroll at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Surviving are his wife, Gra... two sons, Virgil, of near Mt. E... and Ray, of West Salem; daughter, Mrs. Alberta Smith, Grayville; six grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Joy Turpin, West Salem.

The Survivors

Funeral services were conducted from the King Funeral Home, West Salem Wednesday afternoon with Bro. Francis Musgrave officiating. Interment was in Mc... donia cemetery.

Rites Wednesday

Claude L. McKinney, 74, of Mt. Erie, died Monday at the C... Samaritan Hospital in Vincen... Indiana.

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...born in Wayne county ... 8th, 1895, the daugh... and Amy Talbert Lap... ...ember 21st, 1918, she ... Kingsbury.

...he Survivors

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...Frank Lappin and Edith ..., of Wayne City; Rites ... Held Sunday.

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NOTES ON SAUCER

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that he was "in a state of shock." The Austins have received many calls about the incident.

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Deputy Sheriff Harry Lee was called by an Army Intelligence Officer from Chicago and questioned extensively about the object seen by Ronnie Austin in western Wayne county Sunday night. The officer said he would probably send someone to Fairfield for questioning of those seeing the object that night.

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The deputy sheriff on Wednesday night was telephoned by Air Force Intelligence agents from Scott Field, and one officer is expected in Fairfield Thursday afternoon (today), to question persons about the object and objects seen in the Wayne county area since Sunday night.

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Deputy Lee said he had received over 50 telephone calls and letters from newspapers, TV stations and cranks, with information and questions about the mysterious objects. A man at Addison, Ill., wanted to swap information about the object, as he had gone through a similar experience himself. This man may come here.

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Another man, Harold Solem, from Evanston, emphatically declared in a letter to Deputy Lee that it was an Unidentified Flying Object from another planet. "I wish I could have been in your shoes and saw that object Sunday night," Mr. Solem wrote. The Evanston man declared the people in these "ships" are not hostile to us, are exceptionally religious and highly learned, far ahead of us on earth. He said the small ships sighted here are from a larger mother ship. He said the saucers require no fuel, operate on magnetism, coming from Venus, Mars and other planets. He said they heard our signals in connection with moon contact efforts from World War II days and thought we were in trouble, so came down to see what our trouble was. Actually, Mr. Solem added, solemnly, "there are non-earth people already here and with us, but we don't know them."

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After the reports came in at nine o'clock Wednesday evening of new "flying saucers" sighted, Deputy Lee maintained a lookout for some time. State police 12A headquarters dispatched Trooper Al Lane, of Fairfield, in search for the lighted objects. None were sighted for the remainder of the evening.

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"God's intervention to save this country". That's the description given the strane flying objects in the sky by a colored Washington, D.C., minister, Rev. Charles Beck, said to be bishop for a Cross In The Sky church in the nation's capital. Rev. Beck called the Press from Miami, Fla., Tuesday afternoon, wanting to know details of the incident involving the Austin boy. He asked for a copy of the Press carrying the story.

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Rev. Beck told of an occurrence at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., recently where a strange lighted cross floated into a motel room, awakening a woman and her two children. This lighted cross floated around the room, then went out the window and back up into the sky, Rev. Beck told the Press.

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Rev. Beck said he would pay $200 to $300 for Austin to go to Washington for a radio interview. Rev. Beck, also said to be a cultural attache for the Ghana delegation to the United Nations, broadcasts over a UBC radio network, have several churches in eastern United States.

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Rev. Beck thinks we're being observed by other planets and said he had collected considerable information on the subject of unidentified flying objects. He said our present racial troubles may be involved with the appearances of the lighted crosses and objects. The Washington, D. C. minister hopes to come to Fairfield next Wednesday to talk with the Austin family.

Air Force Solves Lights Mystery

Explanation: Moon, Jupiter, 'Fireball' and Jet Bomber

The Air Force has come up with an explanation for those strange lights spotted around Fairfield, Ill., in recent weeks.

According to investigators, it was all the work of the moon, along with the planet Jupiter, a "fireball," and a jet bomber refueling in midair.

The information was released after a team, headed by Lt. Col. Robert Friend of the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, interviewed many residents in Fairfield and surrounding Wayne County who saw the lights.

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ONE resident, Ronnie Austin, 18, of Wayne City said a mysterious light followed him home Aug. 4 as he was out riding in his car with his girl friend.

Later Ronnie's parents and others saw the light hovering over the Austin home.

What Ronnie actually saw in his auto that night was the moon, partly hidden by fog, said the Air Force experts.

The light near the Austin home was Jupiter, which was low on the horizon and five times brighter than any star.

A state trooper called by the excited Austin family said he saw a falling light.

It was a "fireball" or "falling star" plunging into the earth's atmosphere, the Air Force said. It happens many times a year.

The experts also had a relatively tame explanation for the kite-shaped light that lit up Chauncey Uphoff's yard Aug. 7. It was seen by Uphoff and friend Mike Hill.

That was a jet bomber and a tanker in a re-fueling operation, Col. Friend assured them. The fuel hose was what looked like the kite's tail.

Air Force Probes 'Mystery Light'

Special to The Daily News

WAYNE CITY, Ill.—An Air Force intelligence officer was expected here Thursday to investigate a huge dazzling light in the sky which frightened a Wayne County farm family.

He will question the 15 to 20 persons who reported seeing the light early Monday, then report his findings to the Air Force and Dr. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University.

Dr. Hynek is chairman of NU's astronomy department and the Air Force's consultant astronomer on aerial phenomena.

"At the present stage, we don't know what this light was," said Dr. Hynek from Evanston.

"There have been cases of ball lightning, which lasted 15 seconds at most. But I don't think this caused the light."

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RONNIE Austin, 18, told officials the mystery light pursued his auto at speeds up to 120 miles an hour early Monday while he drove a girl home from a drive-in movie at Mount Vernon.

The light was reportedly spotted again Wednesday night by residents of Fairfield, 17 miles east of here.

Fairfield police, the Wayne County sheriff's office and state police all said they were "besieged" by phone calls.

Callers reported the light about 800 feet off the ground. Some said the light went out when a plane flew by and went back on again when the plane had passed.

Mike Hill, 57, operator of a Fairfield cleaning plant, said the object "looked like a kite affair with a long tail to it and things projecting from it."