

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 February 66 28/1145Z	2. LOCATION Sells, Arizona
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (VENUS) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/4 Hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was the size of a grapefruit and was very bright white. It was as any other celestial body. No vapor trail or exhaust and no sound was observed. VENUS RA 20.07, was on the Eastern horizon and rising at 0445 hours local time. Its stellar magnitude was -4.3. There is no reason to believe that the Soviet Venus Probe had any effect on the brightness of the planet.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	
(3 Witnesses)	

4. publicity, but I did write & reported it to the Australian Air Force. Below is the copy of a letter I received from them in reply.

Royal Australian Air Force.
Headquarters Support Command
RAAF
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne S.C. 1. VIC.
15th March 1966.

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SE 14.

Un-identified Flying Objects

1. Thank you for your letter dated 28th February '66. giving your impressions of an un-identified flying object sighted from the roadside near Jea.
2. Sightings of this nature are of interest to the Air Force and letters of personal observation are appreciated. A copy of your report has been forwarded to higher authority for perusal and to be placed on record (signed)

[REDACTED]
WING COMMANDER
For Air Officer Commanding

Yours truly
[REDACTED]

TDET/ UFO OFFICIAL FILE COPY

No case
Info only 24 Feb 67

Proposed reply to letter from [REDACTED], 11 January 1967

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Reference your letter of 11 January 1967 concerning your observation of an alleged unidentified flying object in Victoria, Australia. Project Blue Book's responsibility for investigating and analyzing reported UFOs is confined to those sightings which occur within the continental limits of the United States. The information you submitted will be filed for information purposes only.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the U. S. Air Force.

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~~██████████~~ Court,
Wenham, Massachusetts

FTD - AFSC
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

Attention: PROJECT BLUEBOOK



'Parachute' And Boom LEADER FEB 18, 66 Stir Area

BOSTON — The mystery of a parachutist spotted after a sonic boom in the Greater Boston area this morning was solved when the U.S. Coast Guard identified the object in the sky as a high flying weather balloon.

Coast Guard Search

The Coast Guard official said the weather balloon was released from Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford at 7:57 a.m. and drifted into the Lynn area around 8:05 a.m. the time the sonic blast was reported.

Although police and fire officials in Sharon, Needham, Norwood, Natick, Wellesley and Westwood reported the jet boom appeared lower to the ground than usual, no air craft was in trouble, according to authorities.

The speculation that a jet pilot may have parachuted to safety when his plane was in difficulty started when Medford Patrolman John Carapezza who was on school traffic duty near the Medford-Stoneham line spotted what he thought was a parachute.

When he heard the sonic blast at 8:05 a.m. this prompted him to scan the sky line. As he did he spotted the object which resembled a parachutist.

Immediately this sighting was reported to Hanscom Air Force Officials and the Coast Guard in Boston. A helicopter was launched and a search began.

The weather balloon and sonic boom which was termed an unavoidable coincidence was confirmed by the Coast Guard at 9:40 a.m.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the weather balloon was at a high altitude and had begun to descend about the time the sonic boom blast was heard. They said it was understandable how the balloon was mistaken as a parachute.

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UFO LOG

DATE: February 18, 1966

NIGAP MASS. INVESTIGATING SUBCOMMITTEE

TIME: 8:05 AM EST

CHAIRMAN: Raymond E. Fowler
13 Friend Court,
Wenham, Massachusetts
Tel. 468-4815

PLACE: Fulton St., Medford, Mass.

WITNESS(es): Patrolman C.L. Carapezza, Fellsway, Medford, Massachusetts

~~██████████~~ ~~██████████~~ St., Medford, Massachusetts

Others (names unknown) phoned into local Radio Stations

REPORT SOURCE(s):

Radio Station WEEI Boston, Massachusetts

SIGHTING DESCRIPTION OF UFO

Milkman ~~██████████~~ heard a loud sonic boom and looked up to see not an aircraft but a parachute-shaped object moving slowly across the sky from west to east. He attracted the attention of Officer Carapezza who was seated in a cruiser. Carapezza stated that the boom shook the car. Officer Carapezza sighted the object easily. Both agreed that its apparent size was as great as or greater than the full moon; that it was white; that it looked like a parachute canopy without shroud lines rather than a balloon and that it was moving easterly. No Jet Aircraft was seen or heard in the vicinity. Others reported to WEEI that a flash of fire was seen to emanate from the object.

Hanscom AFB UFO section repeated ^{TO ME} what they had heard on WEEI but denied any further knowledge on the subject. The Coast Guard informed WEEI that a weather balloon was responsible and that Hanscom AFB launched it. I phoned Hanscom AFB weather and was told they had not launched a weather balloon. I phoned Air Force Cambridge Research Labs, Hanscom AFB and was told that they had launched a small weather balloon at 7:57 AM.

U.S. Weather, Logan Airport, Boston informed me that the wind was NW at 15-25 mph. The balloon would have been drifting south-easterly agreeing approximately with the witnesses' observations. The sky was crystal clear - no cloud cover.

EVALUATION: The balloon was a Radio-Sonde type about 17' in diameter. It carried a package about 10" square suspended by a single cord. It is parachuted by a 2' parachute at balloon burst. The balloon must have been very low to have appeared so large as I was informed that at 3 minutes after launch such a balloon could not be seen with the unaided

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INVESTIGATOR:

Raymond E. Fowler

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EVALUATION: (continued)

eye. An object with the apparent size of $1/4$ " at an altitude of 10,000 feet would have to be about 80 feet in diameter. A 17 foot balloon would have to be very low in order to appear to be $1/4$ " in diameter. At this altitude, the instrument package would be clearly seen. The object did not appear to look round like a balloon to the witnesses but rather like a parachute canopy viewed slightly sideways to indicate that it was not a full sphere. Patrolman Carapezza felt certain that it was not a balloon. ~~He~~ still felt it could have been a parachute because when he first saw it, its diameter was small, but it suddenly became larger as if it were a parachute unfolding.

The USAF took 5 minutes of prime news time on WNAC TV, Boston 6:30 PM to demonstrate a weather balloon launch from Hanscom AFB. I was very surprised that they had bothered to take the time and effort to do this. They have never done this before in this area to the best of my knowledge.

Later on that evening, three groups of teenagers at various points around South Hadley, Massachusetts sighted a UFO described as looking like "a sting ray, but without the long tail. There was one huge light, similar to a spotlight in front with a large grouping of constant red and green lights beneath". It was flying very slowly and at a low altitude. Sighting time was between 10:00 and 11:00 PM.

CONCLUSION: - "PROBABLE WEATHER BALLOON"

Since there was a weather balloon launch 8 minutes prior to the UFO sighting and since the wind was blowing in a direction so as to carry the balloon in the approximate direction that the UFO was headed, I have no choice, without further information but to classify this object as a weather balloon.

Interesting sidelights to this conclusion are the facts that the boom seemed to be connected with the object; the need for the balloon to have been extremely low in order to have such a large apparent size (yet no instrument package was seen); the non-spherical shape and the alleged UFO sighting at S. Hadley in the evening. The fact the Hanscom AFB went out of their way to prove it was a balloon is interesting. The fact that the sonic boom was exceptionally loud but no aircraft was seen or heard is puzzling. (I rarely hear a sonic boom at my office within the Sylvania complex at Waltham but I heard this one clearly!)

It is unfortunate that more data on the description of the object's size and maneuvers are not available. Both witnesses described a straight non-descending flight path.

*File Case, Info. Only
2nd hand rpt*

Dear Sir(s):

I would like to report a UFO.

It was sighted Feb. 15, 1966 at approximately 7:00 P.M.

When last seen it was traveling in a semi-circle
and looked like a bright light about 11-mile south-east
from Village Hill in Williamsburg Mass.

It was about 1 mile in the sky and flashed
red & green when it left.

The sighting was made by C. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Rd.
Williamsburg Mass.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Havdenville Mass. 01039

1 - 22 MARCH 1966 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
Mar	Phoenix, Arizona	[REDACTED]	Other (PHOTO ANALYSIS)
Mar	Urbana, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
Mar	Sylvania, Ohio	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Insufficient Data/Not rec'd
Mar	Hopewell, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
Mar	Anaheim, California	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
1	Stafford Springs, Connecticut	[REDACTED]	Other (CONFLICTING DATA)
1	Beloit, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
2	Cambria, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
2	18.28N 66.07W (Atlantic)	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
3	Freer, Texas	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
3	Aswego, New York	[REDACTED]	Other (CONFLICTING DATA)
4	Bluffton, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
6	Los Angeles, California	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data/Not rec'd
8	Langley AFB, Virginia	Military	Astro (VENUS)
8	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Other (CLOUDS/CONTRAILS)
9	Brazil, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
10	Youngstown, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
11	Middletown, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
12	Moultrie, Georgia	[REDACTED]	Astro (MOON)
13	Baker, Montana	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
13	Artigo, Lone Rock, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
13-14	Springfield, Clyde, Ohio	[REDACTED]	1. Aircraft
			2. Astro (JUPITER)
14	Youngstown, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
14	Trenton, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Other (CONFLICTING DATA)
15	Orfordville, Michigan	Multiple	Balloon
16	Uniontown, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Satellite (ECHO II)
16-17	Norwood, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]	Other (UNRELIABLE REPORT)
16-17	Whitestone, New York	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
16-17-18	Fair Lawn Village, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
17	Milan, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
17	New Palestine, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
17	Kokomo, Indiana	Military	Satellite (ECHO II)
18	Kansas City, Kansas	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
18	Dayton, Ohio	Civilian	Satellite (ECHO II)
19	Bethesda, Maryland	[REDACTED]	1. Satellite
			2. Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
			3. Astro (METEOR)
19	Blacksburg, Virginia	Military	Satellite (ECHO II)
20	Mims, Florida	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
20	Surfside, Texas	Military	Other (BLOWN TRANSFORMER)
20	Elyria, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
20	Twig, Minnesota	[REDACTED]	Astro (ARCTURUS)
20	Houston, Texas	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
20-21	Michigan Flap- <i>Felder</i> (*)	Multiple	Marsh Gas
21	Cambridge, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
21	Handsboro, Mississippi	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
21	Condon AFS, Oregon	Military	Satellite
22	Richmond, Maine	[REDACTED]	Other (SEARCHLIGHTS)
22	Cannon AFB, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
22	Vanwert, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Other (CLOUDS/CONTRAILS)
22	Normal, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
22	Houston, Texas	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
22	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	1. Satellite (ECHO II)
			2. Insufficient Data
22	Security, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
22	Houston, Texas	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
1 Mar	Australia <i>See Following Folder</i>	Ltr (PHOTOS)	
Mar	Chicago, Illinois	Ltr (REDACTED)	
2	Bellbrook, Ohio	MR (Phone) [REDACTED]	
7	Nahant, Massachusetts	Form 164 (REDACTED)	
7-8	Florida	Message	
8	Green Springs, Ohio	Ltr [REDACTED]	
17	Toronto, Canada	Form 164 (REDACTED)	
18	California City, California	Form 164 (REDACTED)	
20	Shawnee, Kansas	[REDACTED]	
20	Westport, Connecticut	Multiple	Other (HOAX)

[REDACTED]
Phoenix, Arizona 85018
March 30, 1967

Project Blue Book
Information Office
SAFOI
Washington, D.C. 20330

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a duplicate of a photograph I took about a year ago: I do not recall the exact date. It was taken with my Konica Auto S2 at an exposure time of ten seconds and an aperture of f/1.8 on Anscochrome 100 Daylight Film at about nine o'clock at night. The camera was on a tripod on the lower slopes of Camelback Mountain facing southwest toward Phoenix, which is the mass of lights near the bottom of the picture.

When the slide is projected on a forty-by-fifty-inch screen, there is visible in the upper center of the picture a red light surrounded by several apparently separate white ones, the whole assembly emitting a sort of blue glow. Though there are some scratches on the film, this is not one of them, and it was a cloudy night, so no stars are visible. I do not believe the object (assuming it is one) can be an airplane, because in a ten-second exposure a plane would have left a streak. In short, I don't know what it was. However, I do believe it is a genuine photographic image on the film.

(I did not see the object in the sky at the time, perhaps because I was concentrating on the city lights, and I knew nothing of it until the film was processed.) I took a few other photographs that night, but this is the only one that came out clearly and the only one at this angle of view (I was trying a series a series of different exposure times for experimental purposes: this is why I know the exact exposure data: it is recorded in my notes). I had pretty well forgotten the whole thing until I recently read Frank Edwards' book, Flying Saucers-- Serious Business. Then I had duplicates made and sent one to your organization, one to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, one to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, and on to Mr. Edwards. The original remains in my possession. I would appreciate any comment or explanation you may have on this photo.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Photos being made

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (15) ADV CY DIA.
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UNCLAS UFO. BDOB 03028. SUBJECT: UFO. THE FOLLOWING UFO
REPORT OF A SIG MADE AT 28-1145Z FEB 66 WAS RECEIED AT THIS
STTION AT 01-1500 MAR 66. A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT. (1) SHAPE
CIRCULAR. *2) SIZE: SOFTBALL OR LARGE GRAPEFRUIT WITHOUT BINOCULARS
BASKETBALL WITH BINOCULARS: (3) COLOR: BRILLIANT WHITE, LIKE
BURNING MAGNESIUM "VERY WHITE". (4) NUMBER: ONE. (5) FORMATION:
N-A. (6) FEATURES: NONE, TOO FAR AWAY. (7) TAIL, TRAIL, EXHAUST,
NONE VISIBLE. (8) SOUND: NONE. (9) OTHER: IMPRESSED BY SIZE AND
BRILLANCE, 4 TO 5 TIMES LARGER THAN ANY OTHER CELESTIAL BODY
OBSERVED APPEARED TO HAVE FLAMES RADIATING FROM ENTIRE CIRCUMFERENCE.

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DATE OF REPORT 7 June 1967

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

LOCATION Camelback Mountain, Arizona

DATE 30 March 1967

PHOTOGRAPHY

AF IR QUALITY Poor

P NRS 35mm color slide, 1 B&W enlargement

1. PURPOSE: This report serves to answer Work Order Number 67-64 in which it was requested by Major Quintanilla that an analysis be made to determine the identity of an unidentified object in a color slide submitted by Mr. of Phoenix, Arizona.
2. ANALYSIS: In scanning the photography it was noted that while the lights of the city indicated a triple exposure (due to camera movement or vibration) the subject point of interest produced a single image and therefore could not be a realistic photographic recording of an actual object. The rationale for this conclusion is that (a) if it (the object) were stationary or hovering, it would also register as a triple exposure and (b) if it were moving, the image would result in a blur or streak across the sky during the 10 (ten) second exposure time quoted by the observer.
3. Although the determination of the exact cause of the image was hampered by our not being able to examine the original film, it is the opinion of this office that the image was caused by a defect in the film or was inadvertently produced during the processing phase of development.

PHOTO ANALYSIS BY:

APPROVED BY:

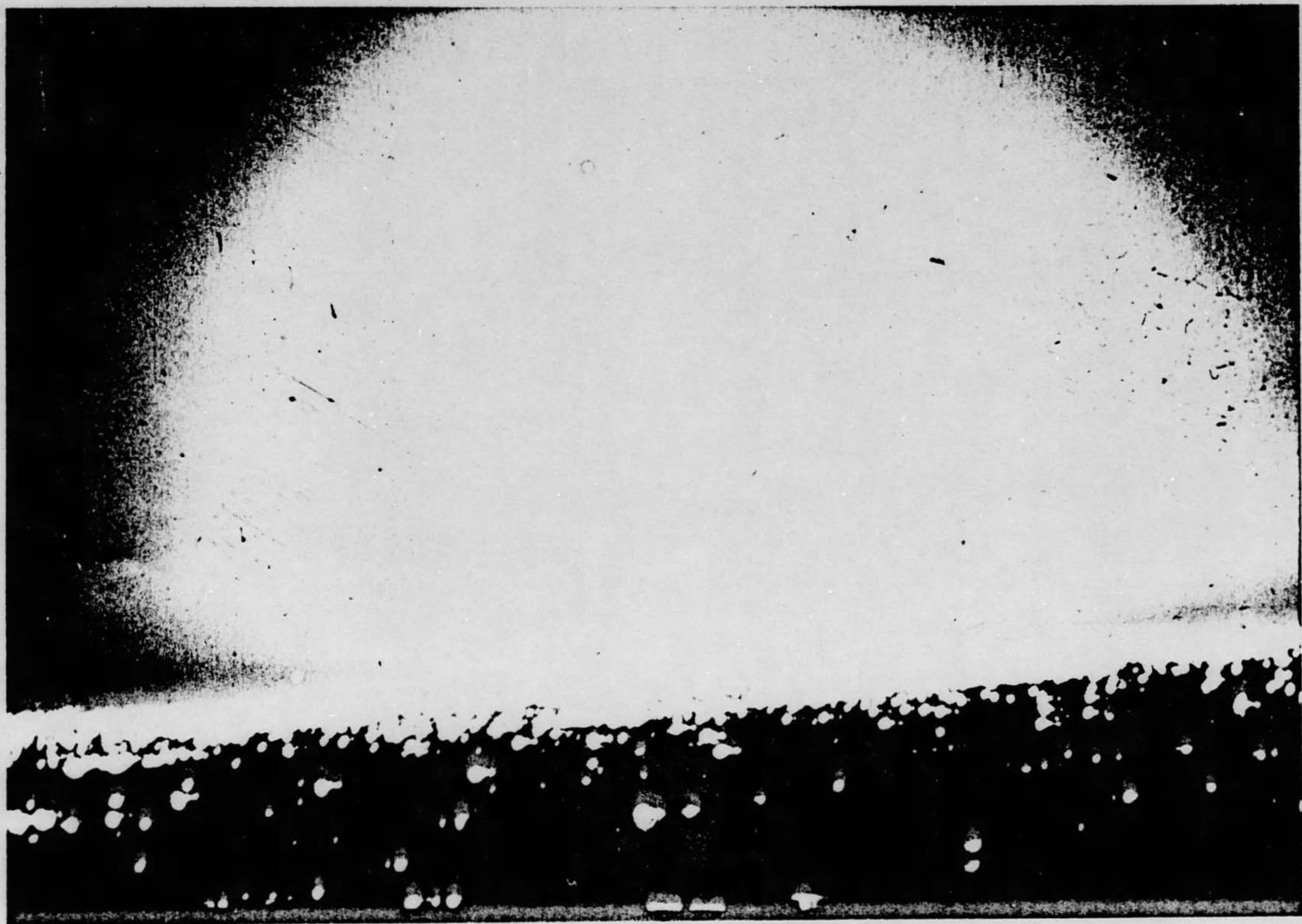
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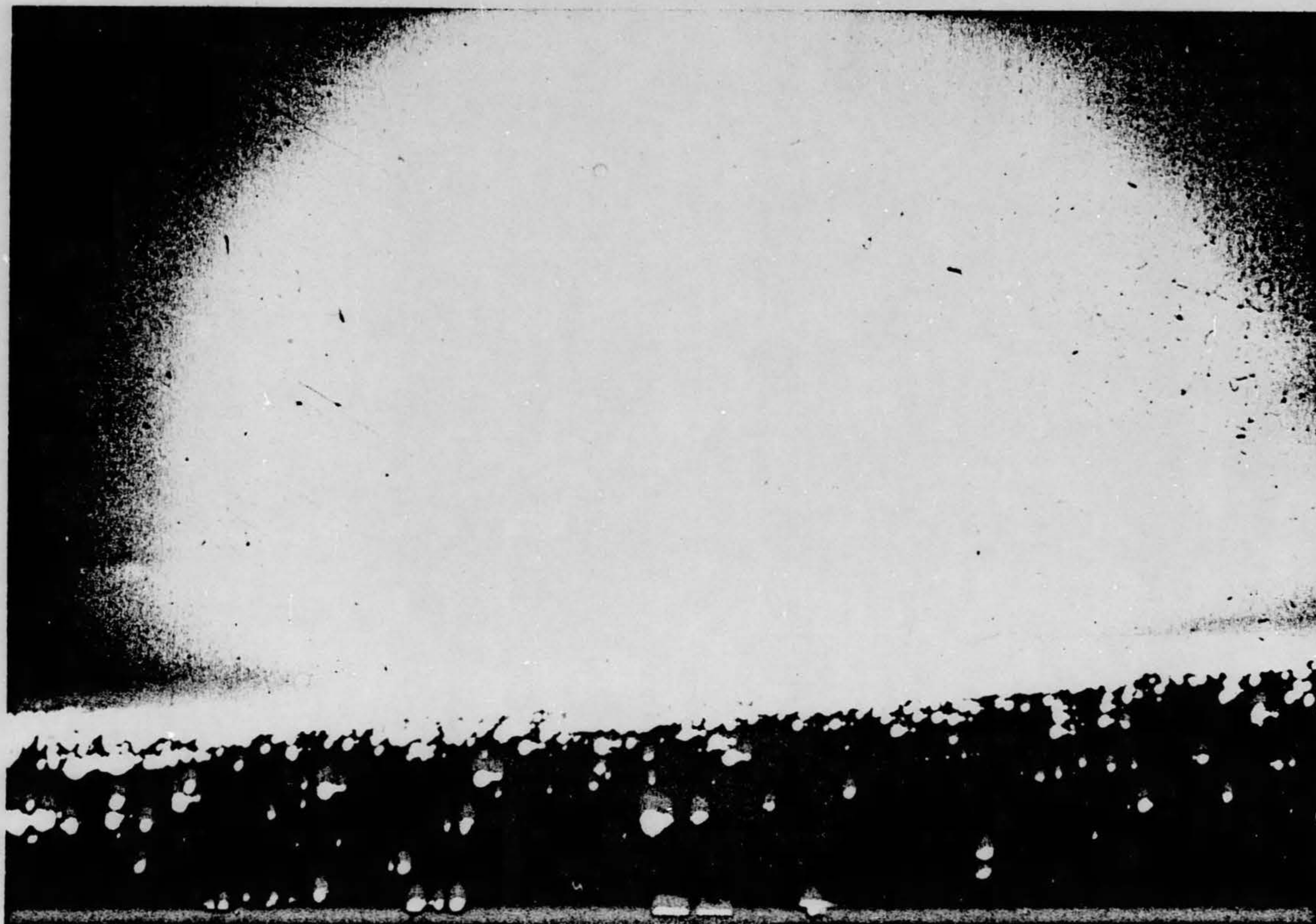
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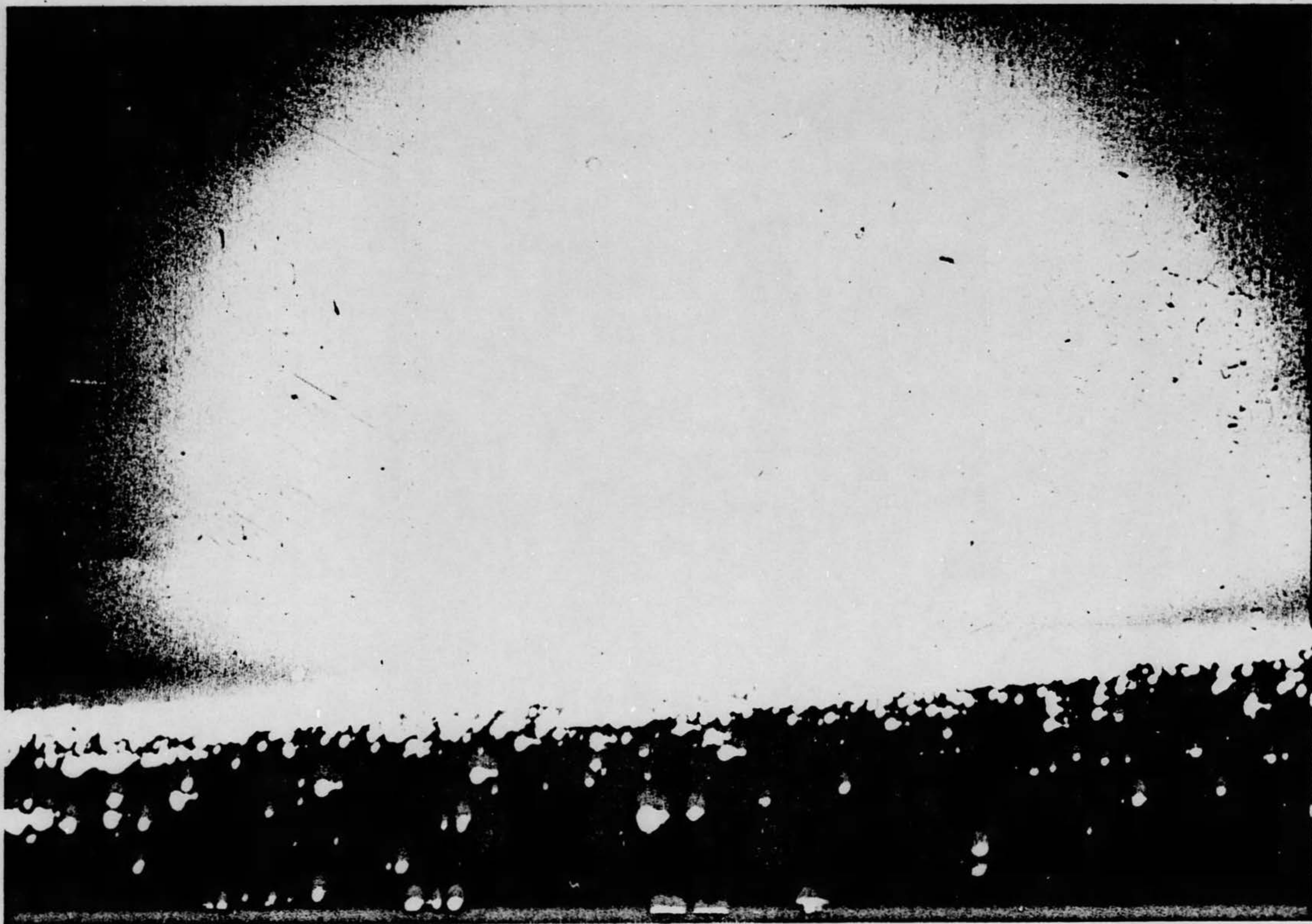
Frank E. McPeak
for WILLIAM L. TURNER
Major, USAF
Chief, Photo Analysis Branch

Wilber Price, Jr.
WILBER PRICE, JR.
Chief, Photo Exploitation Division

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Four (4) 8x10 B & W Photos







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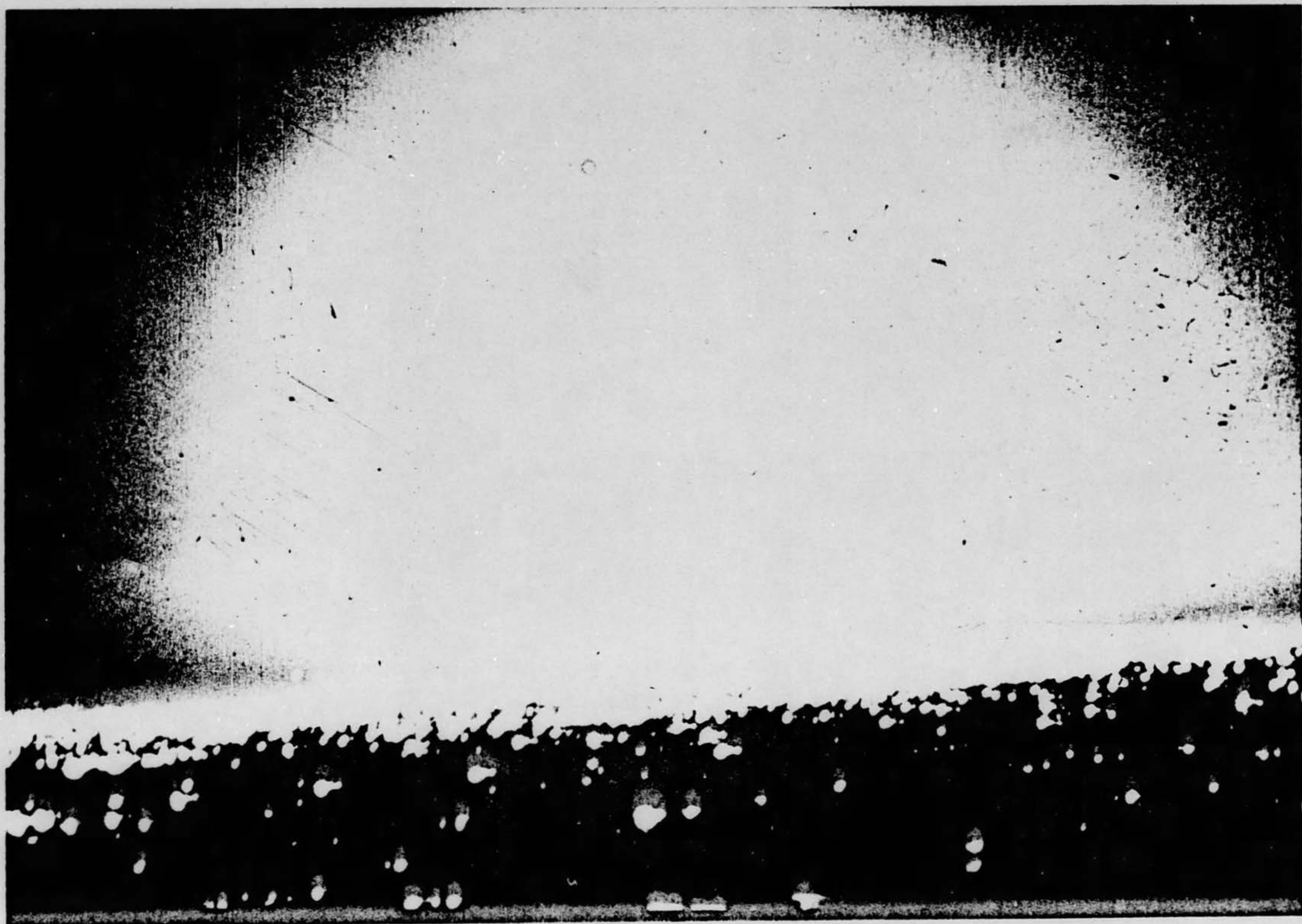
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B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) WAS A WHITE LIGHT AT NIGHT LIKE A LARGE SPOT LIGHT ONLY MORE BRILLIANT ON TOP OF KITT PEAK. (2) ELEVATION OF OBJECT WHEN FIRST OBSERVED: MOUNTAIN TOP LEVEL, EAST OF SELLS, ARIZ., CLOSE TO KITT PEAK OBSERVATORY. (3) ANGLE AND AZIMUTH WHEN OBJECTS DISAPPEARED: MOVED SOUTH TOWARD BABOQUIVARI PEAK AND CLIMBED TO AN AZIMUTH OF 70 TO 80 DEG A ST OVERHEAD BY 0510. THEN HOVERED AT THAT SPOT (SEEMED TO BE VERY HIGH AND FAR AWAY). (4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH: MOVED SOUTH ABOUT 10 MILES FROM FIRST SIGHTING, MADE SEVERAL UP AND DOWN MOVEMENTS ON WAY SOUTH. SEEMED TO TURN EAST, STAYED AT SAME SPOT AND THEN CLIMBED. (5) HOW DID OBJECT DISAPPEAR: DISAPPEARED AFTER DAYLIGHT. (6) HOW LONG VISIBLE: 0445 TO 0600 28 FEB 1966. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION . (1) GROUND TO AIR VISUAL. 2(1) OPTICAL AIDS: BINOCULARS 7X50. (3) N-A D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. 1(1) QQRTAQEPPZ 28 FEB 1966. (2) LIGHT CONDITION: NIGHT THROUGH DOWN. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: FIRST SEEN BY OFFICER HUTER WHO WAS 10 MILES NORTHEAST OF SELLS, ARIZ., TRAVELING TOWARD SELL, ARIZ. THEN OBSERVED BY CAPT OF POLICE NORRIS FROM POLICE STATION AT SELLS, ARIZ., WHO CALLED MR. ALLEN B. CLARK, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR AT HIS HOME AT SELLS, ARIZ. F. IDENTIFYING

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INFORMATION OF OBSERVERS: (1) OFFICER HUIER, POLICE OFFICER, SELLS

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ARIZ.-RELIABILITY UNKNOWN. CAPT NORRIS, CAPT OF POLICE, SELLS,

ARIZ.-RELIABILITY UNKNOWN. ALLEN B. CLARK, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR,

SELLS, ARIZ.-VERY RELIABLE, WORKED FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THE 9140'S

ON UFO INVESTIGATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH PHILLIPS, BARKSDALE AFB,

LA, AND DR. LA PAZ, NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

HE MADE THE STATEMENT THAT "HE HELPED DEVISE AFR 200-2 AND THAT IN

HIS OPINION OBJECT WAS TOO LARGE AND BRILLIANT FOR A CELESTIAL BODY".

(2) N-A. G. WEATHER AND WINDS. (1) CLEAR AND COLD (NIGHT). (2) AIR

WEATHER SERVICE REPORT:

WINDS

6000 020-8

10000 350-15

16000 330-20

20000 320-30

30000 320-30

50000 290-50

80000 240-40

(3) CEILING : CLEAR. (4) VISIBILITY: 15PLUS (5) CLOUD COVER: NONE.

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(6) THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA: NONE. (7) VERTICAL TEMP GRADIENT: SURFACE
4M TEMP PLUS 5DEG PER THOUSAND FEET.

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4M-7M TEMP -2DEG C PER THOUSAND FEET

7M-9M TEMP PLUS 2 DEG C PER THOUSAND FEET

9M-40M TEMP-3DEG C PER THOUSAND FEET

H. OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY: NONE. I. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION
ACTION TAKEN AT TIME OF SIGHTING: N-A. J. LOCATION OF AIR TRAFFIC
OR BALLONS AT TIME OF SIGHTING. UNK. K. POSITION TITLE AND
COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: CHIEF, BASE OPERATIONS DIVISION.
CALLED KITT NATIONAL OBSERVATORY AND ASKED IF ANY OBSERVERS ON
DUTY HAD SEEN ANYTHING UNUSUAL. THEY HAS BEEN CALLED BY MR. CLARK
AT THAT TIME AND THEY HAD STEPPED OUTSIDE VERY QUICKLY (AS IT WAS
EXTREMELY COLD) AND MADE OFFHAND COMMENT THAT THEY HAD NEVER SEEM
VENUS SO LARGE OR SO BRIGHT, OR SO CLEAR, THAT IT LOOKED AS IF IT
WAS ON FIRE. THEY WENT BACK INSIDE AND THOUGHT NO MORE OF IT.
THEY JUST TOOK A REAL QUICK LLLOK NO MORE THAN A FEW SECONDS.
RECEIVED ALL REPORTS BY PHONE ON 1 MARCH 1966. L. EXISTENCE OF
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: NONE.

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NOTE: SERVICE HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY AFHQ FORM 1392 #79.
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28 Feb 66

MEMO FOR THE RECORD: CALL FROM MAJ BURKHOLDER, 4 MAR 66, 0850.

Maj Burkholder from Pentagon called at 0850, 4 Mar 66 regarding report of Venus observation from Arizona on 28 Feb 66. Wanted to know if it was possible that the Soviet probe that was going nearby or passing at that time would have caused Venus to appear unusual. The observers admitted that it was Venus but couldn't understand why it was so unusually red and bright. Major Burkholder wanted us to make sure that no unexplained activity might be related to the observation.

After checking it was found that Venus was -4.3 stellar mag.

The brightest it will get all year, and at present it is starting to decline in brightness.

Maj Burkholder may be reached at ~~57~~ 59702 Pentagon, if no answer 54547.

At 0910 Amn Elmer explained to Maj Burkholder how bright Venus was, etc. Maj Burkholder was quite satisfied.

2. Visibility was excellent, bright sunlight, and not a single cloud in the sky. There was no wind at ground level.

I am not an expert judge of distance or height; but estimate that it was about two miles away & at a height of between two to three thousand feet. There was no sound of engines or vapour trails & it was in a horizontal position & travelling horizontally in the general direction of Melbourne. It was travelling fast, but not exceptionally so. It was under power, not drifting.

I have seen the large aircraft which travel between Australia & the United States of America; & between Australia and England; & it was much larger & thicker in the body than those aircraft. It was white in colour, and the thickness of the body from top to bottom; that is when in a horizontal position; was much greater than any aircraft I had seen.

It was rounded in front & blunt in the end. Although it was so clearly visible there was absolutely no sign of any type of wings whatever; & there was no tail or anything which one would expect to steer with. This was its shape

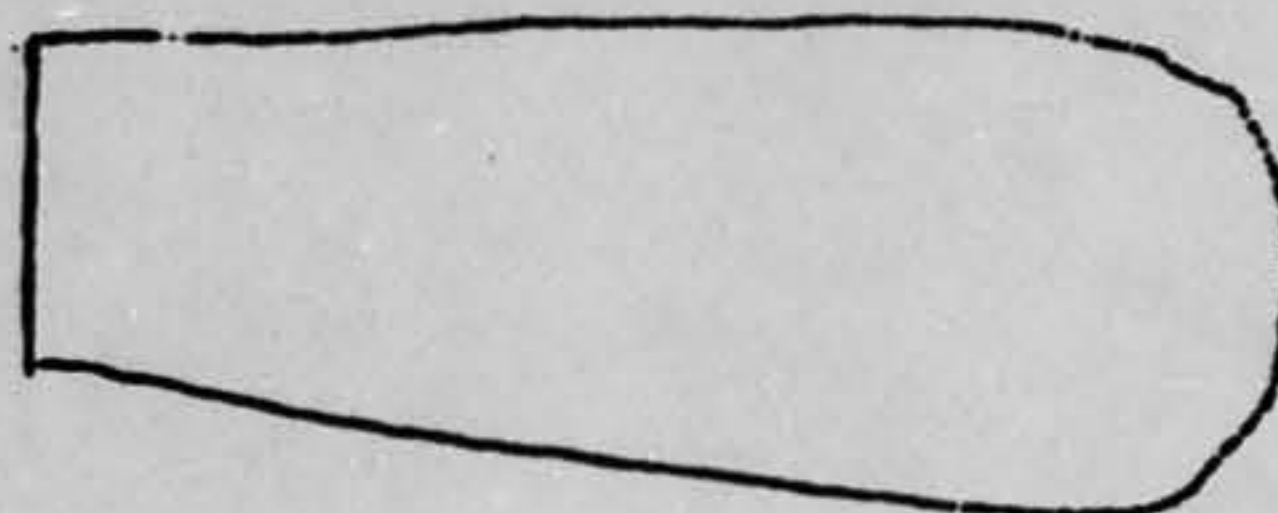
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It passed across the sky, & then passed out of view, as it was obscured by the branches of a gum tree growing at the side of the road. I continued to watch, & it became visible again, when the branches no longer obscured it, I watched it until it passed out of view.

I thought this might be of interest to you as you might have had a report of a similar type of craft from some other part of the world. It looked far too large for an aeroplane; & just was not the right shape.

I did not report it to the daily newspapers as I was not seeking PTO