

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11 Sept 67 12/0442Z	2. LOCATION Kinchloe AFB, Michigan
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Sighting: (NOT OBSERVED VISUALLY) Radar: (Probable - ANOMALOUS PROPAGATION) No objects were painted by SAGE radars. Radar experts stated that sighting was probable due to anomalous propagation.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 17	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS No objects were seen visually. However, numerous "objects" were tracked at various speeds from slow to about 2000 mph. See case for a description of flight paths.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hour, 19 minutes	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Radar	
7. COURSE Complex	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

14 Sept. 1967

Called Lt. Leaman at Kincheloe AFB Mich. 884 1451 ex 2332

He will find out;

- 1) If any scope photo's were made
- 2) Why no intercept action was taken
- 3) what other radars in the area should have picked up the UFO's. What radars actually picked up the UFO's.
- 4) If any one in the B-52 saw anything unusual, or if they were using any equipment that may effect radar.

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

1000 hours, 14 Sep 67

Subject: UFO on Radar

Lt. Leaman of Kinchelo called Lt. Marano regarding the RADAR sightings. They did not scramble aircraft because they do not have the capability. This must come out of Hqs 29th Air Division at Duluth Minnesota. Fed the information and why they didn't scramble Lt Leaman did not know. The B-52 did not see anything and was not playing with the radar. The Sergeant who was on radar duty said that if the B-52 was playing with the radar he could have gotten on a different channel and not had the problem. He tried all channels and was getting the same results. The other radar, 753rd at SS Marie had one strobe at 0500Z, 250 deg tracking. SS Marie did not see anything on scope. Their scopes are monitored by Duluth. Duluth picked up the strobe. The name in Duluth is "Blue Bottle" . The Minneapolis Center FAA at Farmington, Minn was negative. Only the 753rd picked up one strobe.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

14 sept. 1967

Called Hqs 29th Air Division
Duluth, Minn.

Asked for action taken in regard
to sighting. Will call back as
soon as specific action that was
taken can be fully determined.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD:

Subject: UFO Observation on Radar, Kincheloe, 11 Sep 67

At 1445, 14 Sep 67 Lt Stoecker Intelligence Division at Duluth, Minn, ext 756/755 spoke with Lt. Marano regarding the above sighting. There was no action taken since the visual was no more than 5 paints for a short period of time and you couldn't have gotten something scrambled in that time. The sighting was on ground control approach radar. All that was observed was at ground level, by then nobody could have taken action. They didn't have anything on their SAGE _____ radars. Lt. Marano asked them how they were on radar. Lt Stoecker said he could not give all the information on the radars but that they weren't too good on low altitude. Lt. Stoecker said they consider the direction and it could be anomalous propagation, but then it could be other causes. The man who reported the sighting is very experienced and would probably would know what it was if it was anomalous propagation. Lt. Stoecker said we could probably find out more by talking to Kincheloe. Lt. Stoecker said he would send a letter explaining what he had discussed over the phone. Lt. Stoecker said they had not gotten a report from SS Marie's radar. He said he would check it out again and indicate it in his letter. He didn't seem to concerned that the sighting was anything unusual, especially since there was an inversion.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 29TH AIR DIVISION (ADC)
DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55814



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 29OIN

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report (507th Wing msg, 12 Sep 1967)

TO: FTD (TDEDT-UFO)

1. In addition to the RAPCON (Radar Approach Control) sighting of SSgt Burns, two small boys from Ohio sighted a UFO not far from Kincheloe, on Sunday afternoon, 10 September, 1967. Their telephoned report was routed through Sault St. Marie AFS (a radar site about 20 miles from Kincheloe) to Lt. Leaman, the Information Officer at Kincheloe, who recorded all relevant information. This report was not forwarded to FTD due to a lack of evidence to substantiate it.

2. No interception of the objects was attempted because authority for a scramble must come from the Senior Director at 29th Air Division Headquarters. The sighting was not reported to 29th Air Division until the following day. Also the objects were not detected by any SAGE-tied radars, only by the RAPCON unit, which has a range normally limited to about 40NM, or, at the most, 60NM. It is unlikely that any experienced Senior Director would order a scramble under these conditions.

3. There was no visual sighting of the objects, although Kincheloe control tower personnel were on duty at the time, and two of the objects passed over the base. If they were actual physical objects, they were probably at a very low altitude, since they were not detected by SAGE-tied radars.

4. In addition to SSgt Burns, the UFO's were also observed by A2C Rodney Roe and A2C Robert Carlson, both assigned to the RAPCON unit. The unit telephone extension is 3194.

5. SSgt Burns had no explanation for the sighting, and said he had never seen anything like it before. The equipment was checked for malfunction, and none was discovered. Twenty Ninth Air Division Weather personnel suggested that the temperature inversion might have caused anomalous propagation (AP) of the radar, causing false returns. Electronic Warfare personnel said interference from SAGE radars was unlikely.

FOR THE COMMANDER

William B Stoecker
WILLIAM B STOECKER, 1/LT, USAF
Assistant Intelligence Officer

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

26 Sept. 1967

Called Capt. Tate about clarification of Kinchloe Radar report. He said that he had called Kinchloe and Lt. Leaman was to have done it.

Called Lt. Leaman at Kinchloe and asked why clarification was not sent out. Lt. Leaman asked me what wasn't clear. I said that it had come down to me that there was only two UFOs on the radar not 17. Lt. Leaman said that there was a total of 17 UFOs on radar. Lt. Leaman said that the misunderstanding must have arisen from the fact that he had said that there was no ~~for~~ formation flying to speak of, and that the most that they had on radar at any one time was two, and that these two were side by side. He will send a message to clarify matter, both to us and Colorado, although he talked to Colorado the day before yesterday.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

27 Sept. 1967

Wright-Pat.

Called Capt. Kliperis at Base Operations and asked him about sonic booms. He told me that any aircraft moving at the speed of sound or above produces a continuous shock train. This shock wave is quite loud and he estimated that it could be heard at least 10 mile away. I asked him if an object moving at approx. 2,000 mi. per. hr. and less than a mile high would be expected to break the windows of houses over which it passed. He answered that it definitely would. He suggested that I contact Flight Dynamics Lab. if I needed exact details on sonic booms.

Surface data. 1. Wheeler AFB
13 Sep. 67.

0300Z: High scattered, visibility 20 miles.

Station pressure 1028.2 mb, temperature 51°F,
dew point 49°F, surface wind 140/09,
altimeter setting 30.32 in., Remarks:
Cirrus clouds.

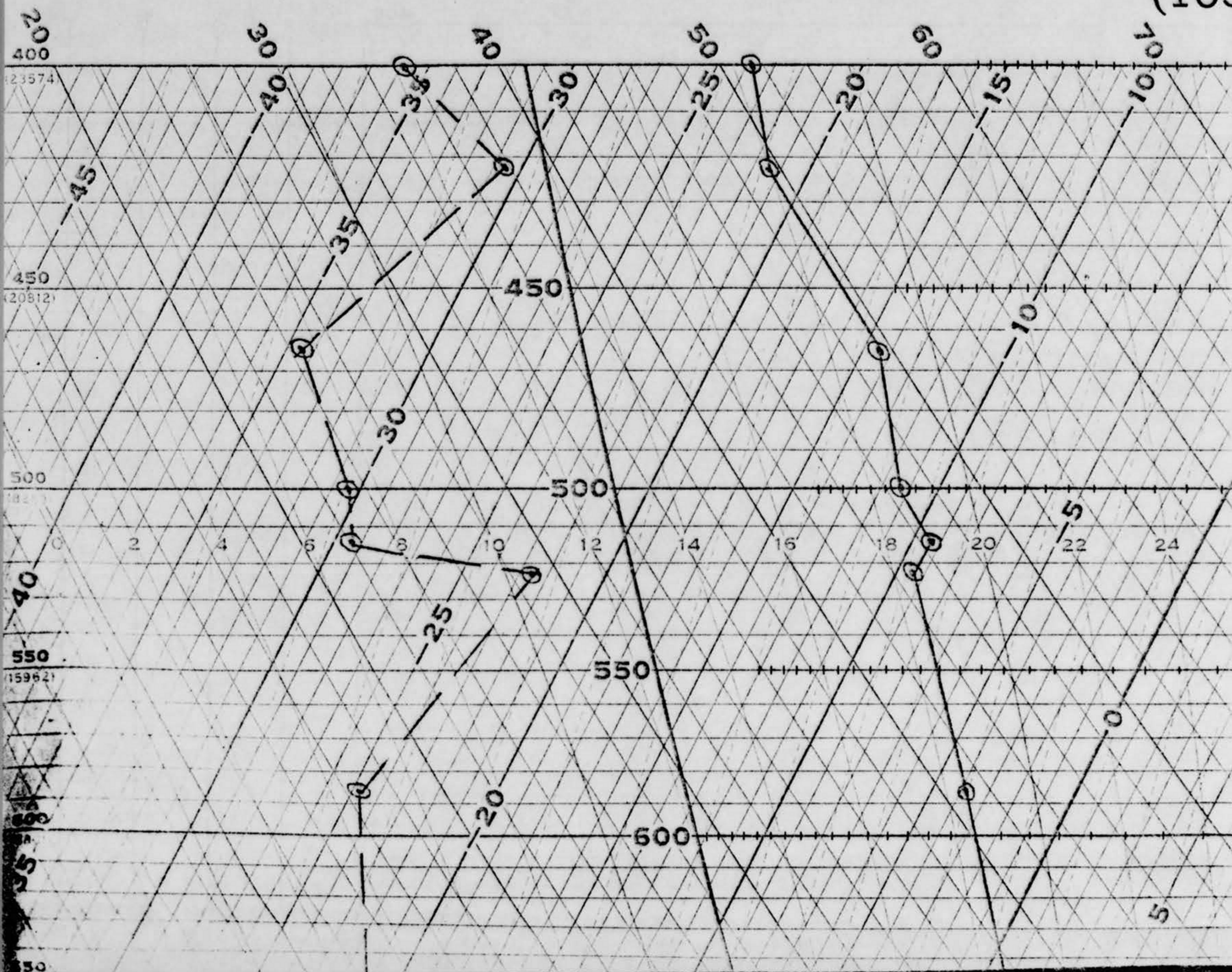
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50°F, dew point 48°F, surface wind 130/05,
altimeter setting 30.32 in.

0500Z: High scattered, visibility 20 miles, temperature
50°F, dew point 48°F, surface wind 140/04,
altimeter setting 30.32 in.

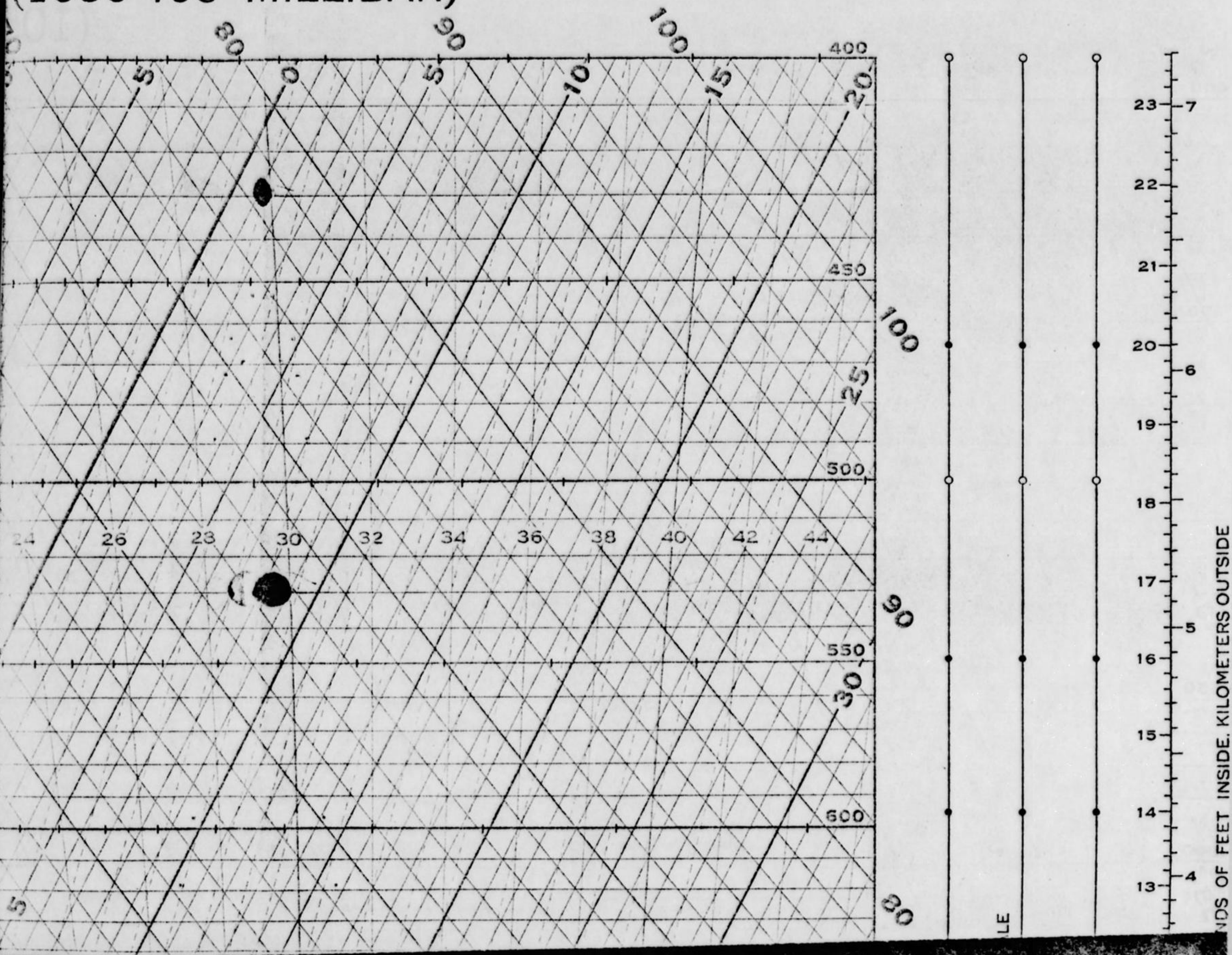
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ED SKEW T, LOG P DIAGRAM (1050-400 MILLIBAR)



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HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

TDPCS/V. D. Bryant/mjb/70441

15 Jan 68

SUBJECT:

UFO Report, Kincheloe AFB, Michigan

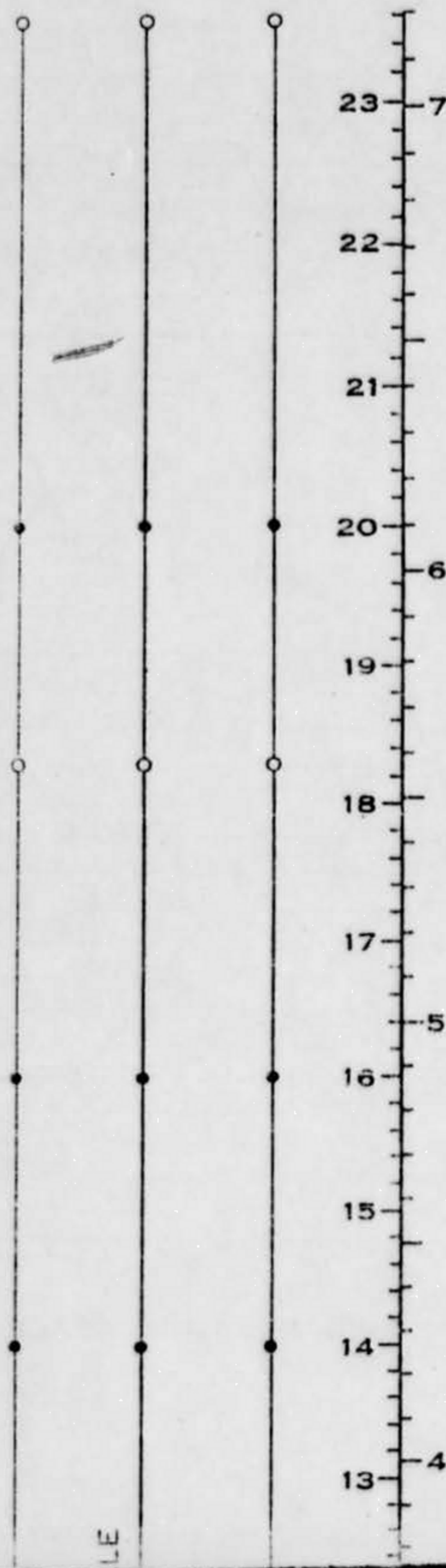
TO:

TDPT/UFO(Major Quintanilla)

1. Reference is made to sighting of 17 UFO's by radar at Kincheloe AFB, Michigan.
2. There is no positive way to either prove or disprove the presence of the reported UFO's from the radar data. The fact that SAGE radars at other locations did not observe the objects tends to indicate a local situation. The objects of necessity had to come from outside the observed area at some time, and should have been observed then (by the SAGE radars), if they were in fact real objects.
3. The obvious "excuse" or "explanation" for the sightings appears to be temperature inversion. The erratic courses taken by the "objects", their wide variations in speed (150 to 2000 MPH), and the fact that no noise was heard, even at the low altitudes assumed, all point toward anomalous propagation due to temperature inversions.


JEROME J. JONES, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Command and Control Division
Production Directorate

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UFO Tech Information



EXPLANATION

ISOBARS are straight, horizontal brown lines. The heights in feet of the pressure surfaces in the ICAO Standard atmosphere are in parentheses () below the pressure values on the left.

ISOTHERMS ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) are the straight, equidistant brown lines running diagonally upward from left to right.

DRY ADIABATS are the slightly curved brown lines that intersect the 1000 mb. isobar at intervals of 2°C , and run diagonally upward from right to left.

SATURATED ADIABATS are the curved green lines that intersect the 1000 mb. isobar at intervals of 2°C , diverging upward and tending to become parallel to the dry adiabats. Values appear in the upper part of the diagram (515 mb. level).

SATURATION MIXING RATIO (in gm. per kg.) is represented by dashed green lines. The values appear at the bottom and middle of the diagram.

ICAO STANDARD ATMOSPHERE SOUNDING is indicated by a thick brown line.

The saturated adiabats and isopleths of saturation mixing ratio are computed by use of vapor pressure over a plane water surface at all temperatures.

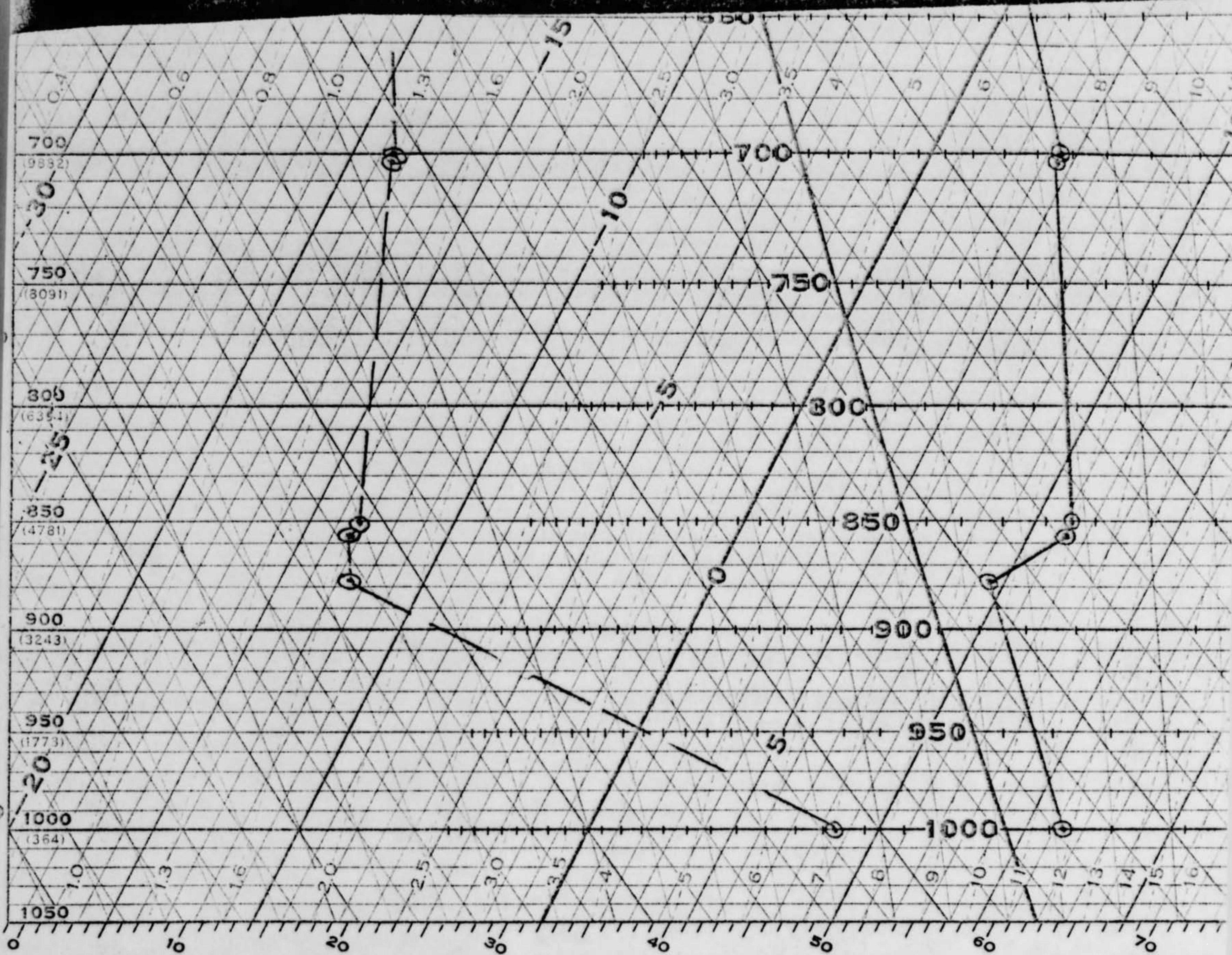
APPROXIMATE VIRTUAL TEMPERATURE may be obtained from the formula $T_v \approx T + \frac{w}{6}$ where T_v is virtual temperature in $^{\circ}\text{C}$, T is free air temperature in $^{\circ}\text{C}$, and w is mixing ratio in grams/kilogram. For purposes of thickness computation, use the mean temperature of the layer for T and use the mean mixing ratio of the layer for w .

Black dots • along wind scale lines indicate the levels for which wind data are reported and plotted. The open circles ○ indicate the mandatory pressure levels at which wind data are also entered.

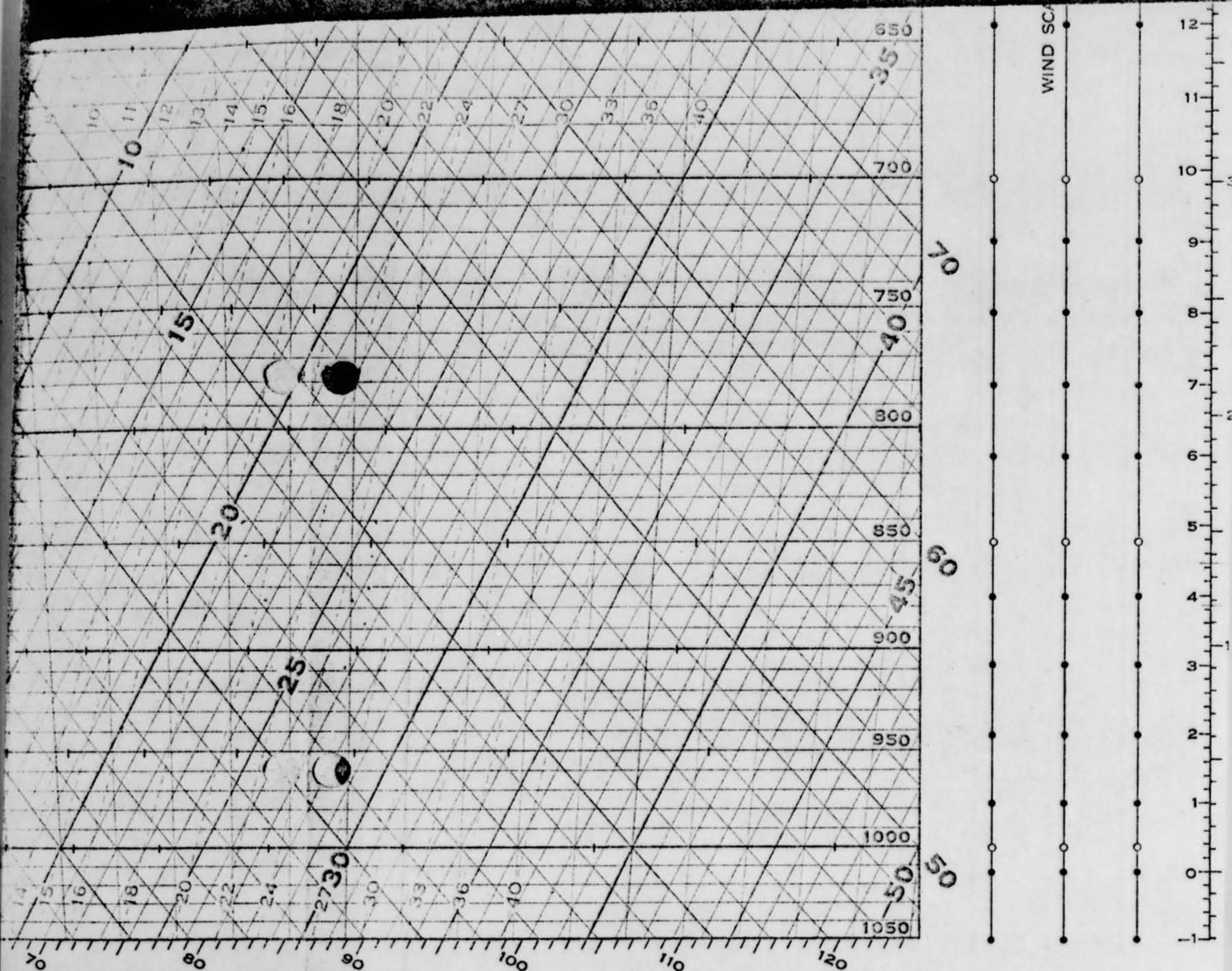
ROAB ANALYSIS

	00Z	12Z
FRZG LVL		

UNITS OF FEET INSIDE, KILOMETERS OUTSIDE



FAHRENHEIT TEMPERATURE SCALE



RE SCALE



Necessary corrections and additions to this chart will be submitted directly to: HEADQUARTERS, AIR WEATHER SERVICE, ATTENTION: AWSOP/STDS, SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS.



WIND SCALE

ICA0 STANDARD ATMOSPHERE ALTITUDE, THOUSANDS

STAD. INDEX		
L. C. L.		
C. C. L.		

<i>SOMX ST. MARIE</i>
STATION
<i>0000Z / 12 SEP 67</i>
LOCAL DATE-TIME, MONTH, YEAR
Z-DATE-TIME
PLOTTER

STATION
LOCAL DATE-TIME, MONTH, YEAR
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 507TH FIGHTER WING (AIR DEFENSE) (ADC)
KINCHELOE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN 49786



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ATTN OF: 507WG-CIO

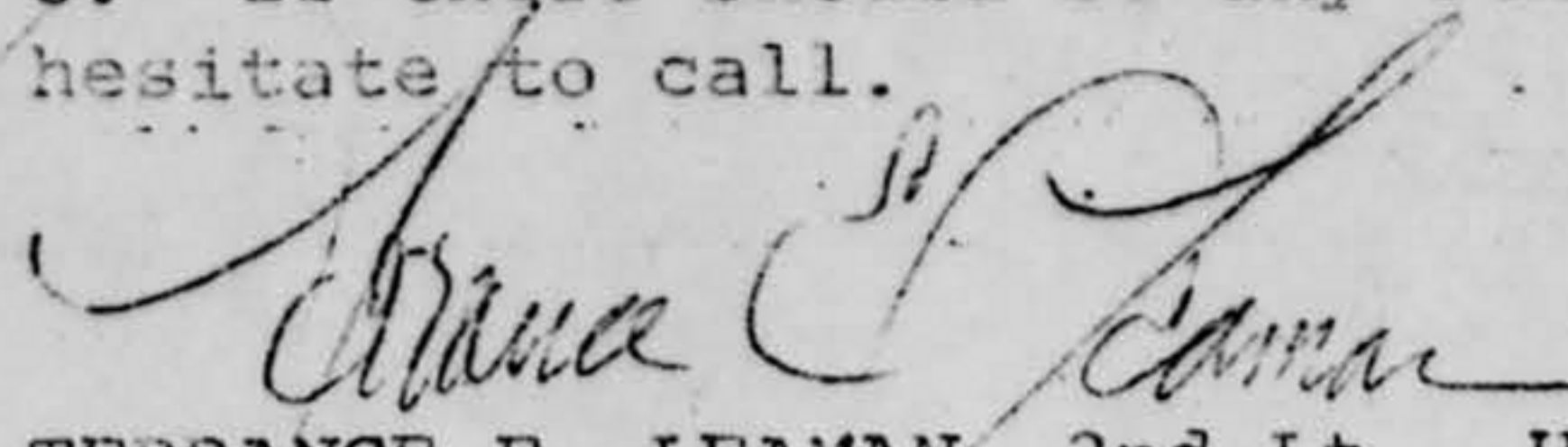
28 September 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Message of 12 Sep 67.

TO: FTD (TD-ET/UFO)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45438

1. Reference telecon of 26 September 1967.
2. To clarify my message of 12 Sep 67 on the UFOs that were picked up on Kincheloe AFB RAPCON:
 - a. Between the hours of 0342Z and 0501Z, a total of seventeen (17) Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) were sighted by SSgt Michael Burns on the MPN-14 radar at the RAPCON site here. My message only indicates sixteen (16) UFOs, but according to Sergeant Burns there were 17 (he must have skipped one when he was reporting the series of sightings to me over the telephone on 12 Sep 67).
 - b. On two (2) instances there were two (2) UFOs on the scope at one time. First, at about 0415Z, (items e and f under B.3 in my message), one UFO at 230 degrees tracking 030 degrees for twenty miles and then changed its heading to 360 degrees. At the same time another UFO at 280 degrees tracking 100 degrees for 20 miles turned to 180 degrees where it met the other about 30 miles due west of Kincheloe. The two then proceeded side by side on a eastbound course at 2000 mph.
 - c. The other instance of two UFOs on the scope at one time occurred at 0500Z (items 6a and 6b in my message). These two UFOs did not fly together or intercept each other like the two UFOs did at 0415Z.

3. If there should be any other questions please do not hesitate to call.


TERRANCE E. LEAMAN, 2nd Lt., USAF
Information Officer

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HEADQUARTERS 507TH FIGHTER WING (AIR DEFENSE) (ADC)
KINCHELOE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN 49786



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

507WG-CIO

3 October 1967

SUBJECT:

UFO

TO:

FTD (TD-ET/UFO)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45438

1. Reference your telephone call of 28 September 1967.

2. My original message should answer the majority of your questions.

a. Time the UFOs were sighted? The times of the 16 UFO sightings are listed in my message.

b. Movements? These are all stated in my message.

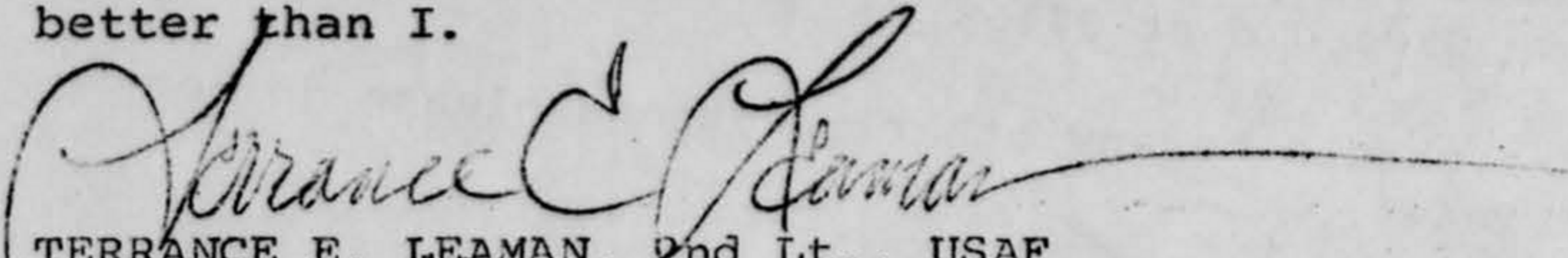
c. Time on scope? All targets were on the radar scope for 20 to 60 seconds. The strength of these target returns were equivalent to a B-52. The slash on the scope was somewhat larger however.

d. Speed? The speed of the UFO targets varied anywhere between 150 and 2000 mph.

e. Noise? None. The UFOs were not visually observed.

f. Yes, this area is covered by SAGE.

3. Dr. Norman Levine and John Ahrens of the University of Colorado are here at Kincheloe investigating the incident. They arrived Sunday night and will fly to Duluth later today. They may be able to answer most of your questions better than I.


TERRANCE E. LEAMAN, 2nd Lt., USAF
Information Officer

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INCOMING MESSAGE

12 Sept 67
Kincheloe AFB
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Mick

AFIN: 8647 (12 Sep 67) R/fhm

ACTION: RDC-4 INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA/JCS-1 (12) ADV CY DIA

SMB B237PTT UYUW RUC IDSA9132 2552 107-UUUU--RUEFHQA.

ZNR UUUUU

P 121800Z SEP 67

FM 507TRWG KINCHELOE AFB MICH

TO RUWAFVA/ADC

RUCIHMA/29AD DULUTH MINN

RUEF IA/FLD TNG DET WPAFB OHIO

RUEFHQA/C SAF

RUEFHQA/OFF OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PENTAGON WASHDC

ZEN/UNIV OF COLO BOULDER COLO

BT

UNCLAS 507WG-C10 00057 SEP 67. FOR FLT. LT.

SMITH 2X10; TDETR; AFROC; SAF-01; DR. CONDON, UNIV OF
COLO. SUBJ: UFOS.

A. NOT SEEN OR OBSERVED.

1. N/A

2. N/A

3. N/A

4. 17 UFOS

A. 5. SIDE BY SIDE.

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6. N/A

7. N/A

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8. N/A

B. 1. AT 0342Z - SOUTHBOUND AND SLOW MOVING, THEN EASTBOUND AT APPROX 2000 MPH.

2. AT 0350Z - ANOTHER UFO 250 DEGREE BEARING, TRACKING 050 DEGREES.

3. BETWEEN 0350Z AND 0430Z, NINE OTHER UFOS

A. 270 DEGREES TRACKING 090 DEGREES

B. 230 DEGREES TRACKING 030 DEGREES

C. 380 DEGREES TRACKING 100 DEGREES

D. 270 DEGREES TRACKING 090 DEGREES

E. 230 DEGREES TRACKING 030 DEGREES FOR 20 MILES, THEN CHANGED COURSE HEADING 360 DEGREES.

F. 280 DEGREES TRACKING 100 DEGREES FOR 20 MILES, THEN TURNED TO 180 DEGREES. THESE LAST TWO JOINED AT 30 MILES DUE WEST OF KINCHELOE AFB AND BOTH WENT EASTBOUND AT 2000 MPH. PASSED OVERHEAD BUT WERE NOT VISUALLY OBSERVED.

G. 150 DEGREES TRACKING 360 DEGREES

B. H. 030 DEGREES TRACKING 200 DEGREES

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1. 030 DEGREES TRACKING 270 DEGREES

4. AT 0430Z - ANOTHER UFO HEADING 200 DEGREES TRACKING 360 DEGREES

5. AT 0450Z - ANOTHER AT 280 DEGREES TRACKING 120 DEGREES 60 MILES

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OUT UNTIL 20 MILES OUT, THEN TRACKED 270 DEGREES.

6. AT 0500Z - TWO UFOS ON RADAR AT SAME TIME

A. BEARING 200 DEGREES, TRACKING 090 DEGREES, TURNED TO TRACK
360 DEGREES, SLOWED DOWN FOR 8 MILES, TURNED TO 270 DEGREES AND
DISAPPEARED FROM SCOPE.

B. BEARING 250 DEGREES, TRACKING 090 DEGREES, TURNED TO 360
DEGREES AND LEFT SCOPE.

7. AT 0500Z, 270 DEGREES TRACKING 030 DEGREES, TURNED TO 360
DEGREES, SLOWED DOWN, TURNED TO 270 DEGREES, TURNED TO 360 DEGREES
AND SPEEDED UP AGAIN.

C. 1. MPN-14 RADAR

2. N/A

3. N/A

D. 1. STARTING 0342Z, 12 SEP 67; ENDING 0502Z 12 SEP 67.

2. NIGHT

E. RAPCON SITE, KINCELOE AFB, MICHIGAN

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F. 1. N/A

2. MICHAEL BURNS, SSGT, 2177TH COMM SQDN; WATCH SUPERVISOR

G. 1. WEATHER CONDITIONS - CLEAR

2. WIND DIRECTIONS AND VELOCITY (DEGREES AND KNOTS)

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A. SURFACE - 140 DEGREES 4

B. 6,000 - 240 DEGREES 20

C. 10,000 - 260 DEGREES 07

D. 16,000 - 240 DEGREES 20

E. 20,000 - 270 DEGREES 20

F. 30,000 - 260 DEGREES 35

G. 50,000 - 260 DEGREES 15

3. CEILING - NONE

4. VISIBILITY - UNLIMITED (20 MILES)

5. CLOUD COVER - NONE

6. THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA - NONE

7. VERTICAL TEMP GRADIENT - INVERSION AT 4000 - 5000 FT.

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE, B-52 WESTBOUND AT 0342Z.

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K. UFO INVESTIGATOR, LEAMAN, TERRANCE E.

2 LT, 507WG-C10, KINCELOE AFB, MICH.

AC 906 495-5611 EXT 2332, 2334, 2341; HOME EXT 2218.

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14 Sep 67/1305 hours

MAJOR QUINTANILLA CONTACTED CAPTAIN TATES AT ADC/NORAD REGARDING
UFO OBSERVATION ON RADAR AT KINCHELOE AFB, MICHIGAN. CAPTAIN TATES
INDICATED THAT HE ^{will} CHECK OUT THIS REPORT FROM HIS END and would call
MAJOR QUINTANILLA BACK TO REPORT HIS FINDINGS ON THIS 11 SEP 67 RADAR
SIGHTING . THE ADC LIAISON OFFICER AT NORAD (ADC) IS:

MAJOR GENE GOTCH
FTD - FTCSO at NORAD
88 - autovan 348-2814/2176/6579

MAJOR GOTCH IS CURRENTLY ON LEAVE. CAPTAIN TATES' EXT IS 2445