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Unconventional object, which source  
could not describe too well, hovered and man-  
euvered over SAFB at a high altitude. Object  
was viewed by over 30 persons.



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| <b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>                                                                                                                     |                                                                              |                                      |
| SUBJECT<br><b>Unidentified Flying Object</b>                                                                                                                   |                                                                              |                                      |
| AREA REPORTED ON<br><b>Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso, Texas</b>                                                                                                | FROM (Agency)<br><b>97th Bombardment Wing, Medium<br/>810th Air Division</b> |                                      |
| DATE OF REPORT<br><b>26 July 1952</b>                                                                                                                          | DATE OF INFORMATION<br><b>24 July 1952</b>                                   | EVALUATION<br><b>B-6</b>             |
| PREPARED BY (Officer)<br><b>Capt TOM J. COULEHAN, Director of Intell</b>                                                                                       | SOURCE<br><b>1st Lt. WILLIAM A. FRICKS<br/>810th Operations Squadron</b>     |                                      |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)<br><b>8AF Ltr. 200-2; 8AF Intel Collection Plan; USAF AFOIN-C/CC-2, 19 Dec 51</b> |                                                                              |                                      |

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. The following report concerning an unidentified flying object is submitted as a result of interrogation of 1st Lt. WILLIAM A. FRICKS, 810th Operations Squadron, 810th Air Division, Biggs Air Force Base, Texas, at approximately 1230 MST, 24 July 1952.

2. The information is presented in conformity with letter, Headquarters, United States Air Force, file AFOIN-C/CC-2, Subject: Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects, dated 19 December 1951, paragraph 4(d).

a. Lt. FRICKS reported observing an unidentified flying object in the immediate vicinity of Biggs Air Force Base, Texas. The object seen appeared to be metallic, but source stated that he was unable to determine the size, shape or configuration of the object sighted. Source was of the opinion that the object had at least one flat surface, due to the fact that in the course of the "maneuvers" of the object, it frequently reflected sunlight. The source stated that he observed no vapor trails, exhaust, means of propulsion or other such identifying features. Source was unable to make an estimate of the object's speed or altitude, although he was of the opinion that the object was at a "considerable" altitude, and several times traveled at a high rate of speed. The most significant aspect of the object's behavior was a frequent, but not continual, oscillation around its longitudinal axis. The manner of disappearance was not unusual, but according to source, the object merely moved out of range of vision. Source stated emphatically that the object was not a conventional aircraft of known type, nor was it a weather balloon.

b. Object was first observed at approximately 1230 MST, and was under observation continuously until approximately 1230/40 MST - a total of approximately ten (10) minutes.

c. Object was observed with the unaided eye, from the ground. The source stated that some thirty (30) persons in his immediate vicinity also observed the object, but to his knowledge, no binoculars or other such instruments were used by any of the observers. No electronic equipment in the area reported detection of any unidentified objects.

d. Source was on the flight line opposite Base Operations at Biggs Air Force Base, Texas (31° 50' 50"N 106° 22' 45"W). The object was first observed to the East

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of Biggs Air Force Base, Texas (approx 30 degrees). From the time of first sighting, the object moved from east to west, passing to the north of the base. Source states that the object appeared to "hover" almost directly north of the base for approximately 30 - 40 seconds, after which, it moved toward the west and disappeared from view, apparently gaining altitude as it moved westward.

e. The observer (Lt. PRICKS) has nearly nine (9) years service in the Army Air Forces and the United States Air Force. He has been associated with aircraft and has lived in and around airfields most of his life. The source is, in the opinion of the interrogating officer, of above average intelligence, a capable observer, and an officer of great integrity and sense of responsibility.

f. The following weather conditions (teletype sequence) was obtained from the base weather officer for the period during which the observation was made (1830 HRS): Cloud Cover - scattered cumulus, bases at 6,000 feet, thin scattered at 20,000 feet. Visibility - thirty (30) miles. Temperature - 89 degrees F. Dew Point - 58. Wind - from south-southeast (SSS) at 11 knots. Altimeter - 001. Remarks - winds light and variable.

g. There were no known activities or conditions, meteorological or otherwise which may account for the sighting. Aircraft activity was at a minimum, and source stated that no aircraft were at any time within the area in which the object was observed.

h. No physical evidence of the sighting is known to exist. No photographs are known to have been made, although all witnesses interrogated were specifically asked about the possibility of cameras being used at the time of the sighting. (Cameras are not allowed on the flight line of Biggs AFB, Texas, without specific authority of the Commanding Officer, 810th Air Division).

i. No interception of the object was attempted. Source states that he informed the Control Tower Officer of the sighting, and requested that an attempt at identification be made. However, the object disappeared from view shortly thereafter, and no attempt at interception was made.

3. A sketch of source's description of the path of the object is attached as Enclosure No. 1.

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Sketch n/s

*Tom J. Coulahan*

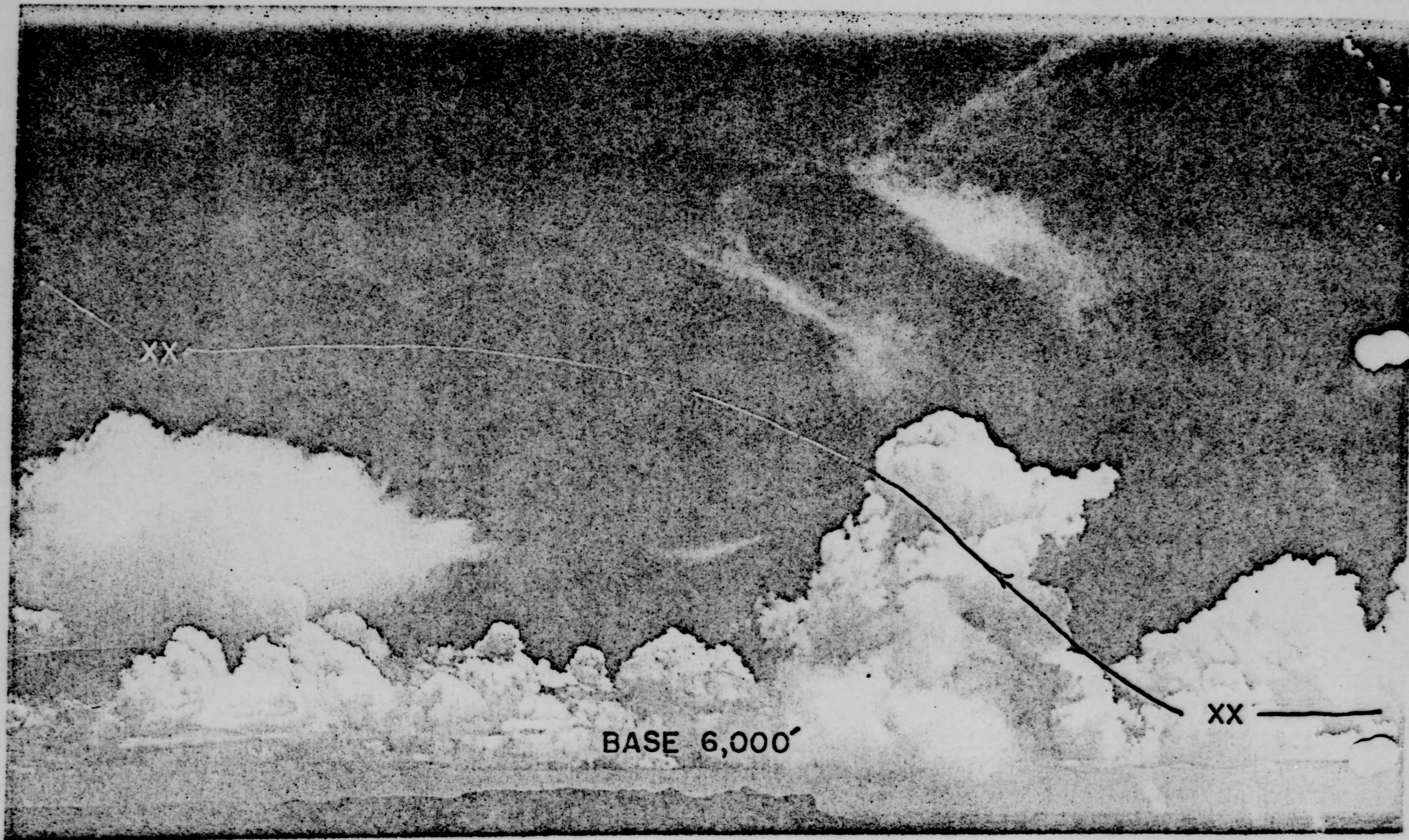
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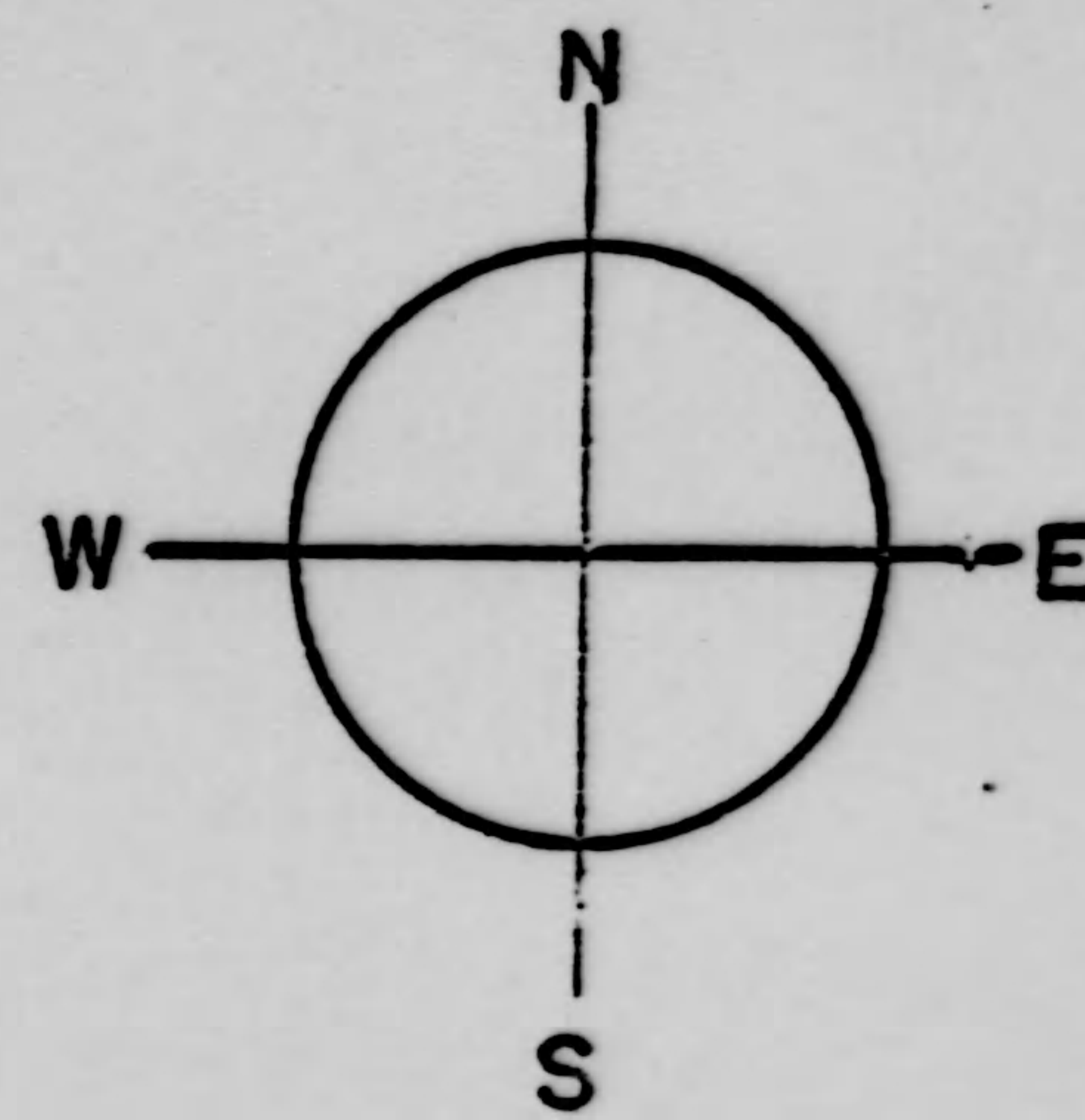




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Biggs Air Force Base, Texas

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THIS VICINITY BETWEEN 1100 MST AND 1245 MST 24 JUL 52. FURTHER CHECK OF  
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FROM: AFOIN-ATIA-2-52 FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

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