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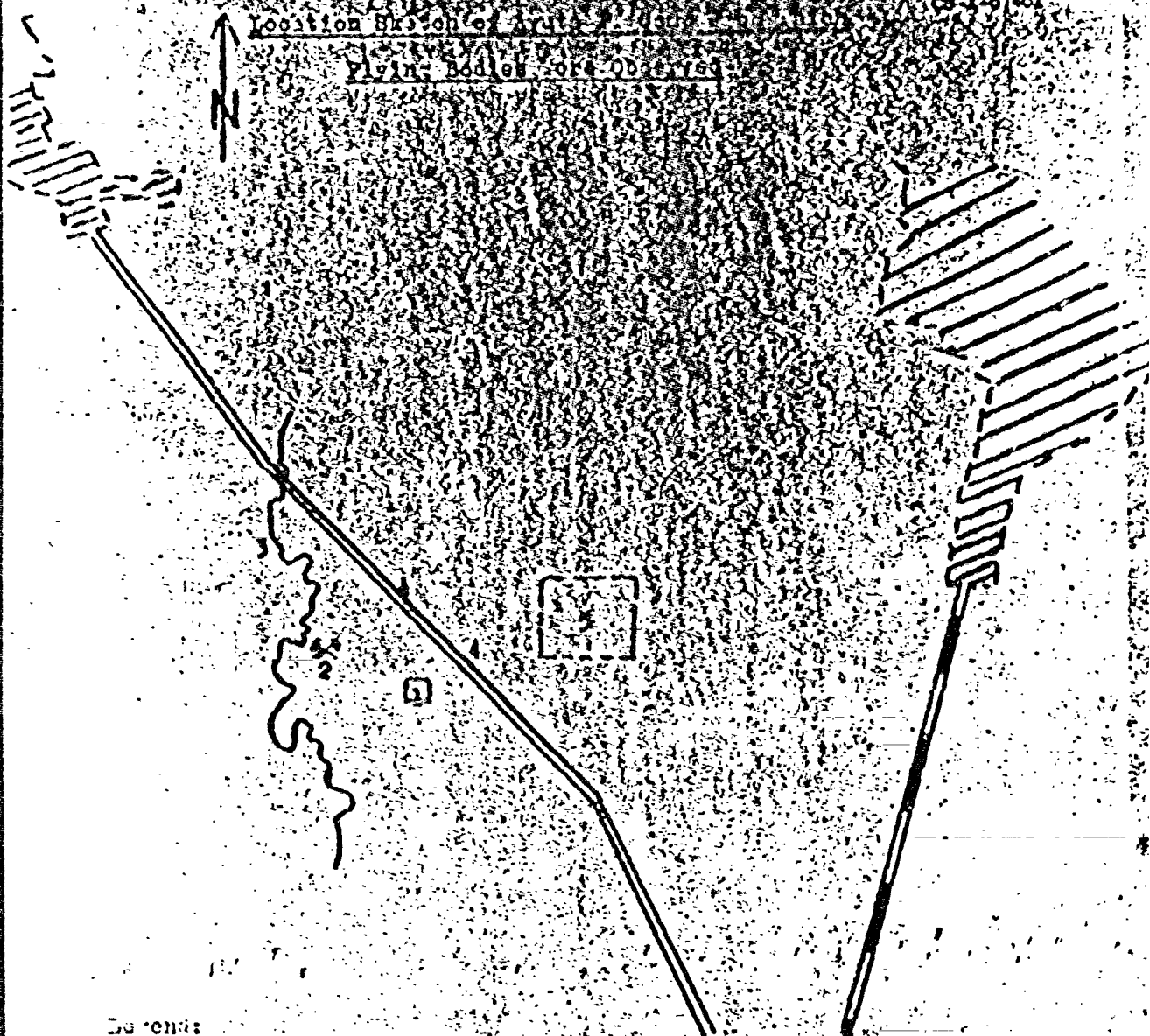
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TOPIC	Flying Objects Observed in the Stakhty Area CS-X-67481
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DATE OF CONTENT	August 1953
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REMARKS	

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1. On a warm, starry and moonlit evening in August 1953, three flying objects were observed moving over Ayuta P7 camp which was 10 km southeast of the southern perimeter of Stakhty, about 600 meters west of the Rostov-Novosakhhtinsk highway, about 2 km southeast of the Ayuta mines and about 3.5 km east of Ayuta. The first flying object was observed at about 2145, the second at about 2245, and a third one was observed by fellow P7s at about 2345. The objects moved from southeast to northwest, at a deviation of 70 to 75 degrees from the vertical line, and crossed approximately north of the camp. The fiery gleam accompanying the object disappeared over the partially lighted installations of the Ayuta mines. While moving over the camp, the course of the object deviated from the vertical line by about 70 degrees to the north. The flight altitude could not be estimated. No sound was heard while the objects were overhead.
2. The speed of the phenomena could not be compared with that of aircraft or Soviet jet fighters. The first object was observed departing toward the Ayuta mines for 3 or 4 seconds. The second body was seen for 6 or 7 seconds after passing the camp. It also disappeared in the direction of the Ayuta mines. No statements could be made about the third object. The two objects observed had a fiery gleam in a reddish color which was similar to that of planet Mars. It looked like a comet or shooting star. The approach of the phenomenon was not observed.
3. On the day following the evening of observation, the individual P7s differed considerably in their opinions about the phenomena. Immediately after the observations, source and sub-source believed that the objects observed were rockets, similar to V weapons. After the objects had disappeared, no detonations were heard.

Field Comment. For location of Ayuta P7 camp, see Annex.

2. Field Comment. All previous reports on flying objects observed in the Shakhty area mentioned that loud noises accompanied the action. The description of the noises indicated that the body was propelled by a rocket or fitted with a pulse-jet engine. See [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The objects mentioned in the present report possibly flew at such a high altitude that the sound of the engines could not be heard. Another possibility is that a different phenomenon was observed, which, however, appears rather improbable.
3. Field Comment. The observation reported agrees with previous information and indicates that the body was propelled by a ramjet or a rocket engine.



Legend:

- 1 2 km to [redacted]
- 2 Aguta mine
- 3 Aguta river
- 4 6-lane 6-meter-wide highway leading from Moscow to Moscow, flanked by summer roads for horse-drawn vehicles. Construction work on the section south of Shakhty was started in October 1950. This highway section was opened for traffic in October 1951. At a temperature of over + 25 degrees the highway was blocked by military barriers. The highway had been built by engineer units of the Red Army which used modern road construction techniques.

... auxiliary airfield, now under cultivation.