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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.)

This report contains information on unidentified flying objects as observed by AIRMAN SECOND CLASS CLYDE VIERRA, AF 17292192; AIRMAN SECOND CLASS FRANKLIN D. STEINBERG, AF 19362308; and AIRMAN FIRST CLASS ALFES G. SMITH, AF 34816470, HEADQUARTERS TENTH AIR FORCE, SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN on 15 August 1952.

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1. A/2C VIERRA'S signed statement
2. A/2C STEINBERG'S signed statement
3. A/1C SMITH'S signed statement
4. Sketch of observations

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1. At 15034 $\frac{1}{2}$ z, AIRMAN SECOND CLASS CLYDE VIERRA and AIRMAN SECOND CLASS FRANKLIN D. STEINBERG were standing at the east side of Selfridge Air Force Base, near Lake St. Clair, when they observed a lavender colored light, approximately the size of the North Star, appear west of their position approximately twenty (20) degrees above the horizon and travel in a northeasterly direction. The light seemed to ascend as it travelled this course and zig-zag from left to right. Both airmen agreed that the light was approximately two (2) miles distant from their position but since it appeared to be at a great altitude, an accurate estimate of the distance was impossible.

2. AIRMEN STEINBERG and VIERRA said that the light travelled to a position which appeared to be over the "JET BAR" located on Highway M-29, at the northeastern end of SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, in less than two (2) minutes and hung motionless in the sky for a few seconds. The light then headed east and disappeared beyond the horizon. There was no trail or sound and since the object appeared to be at such a high altitude, neither observer could estimate the speed. The light was observed for two (2) minutes.

3. Both observers continued to watch the sky and at 150349 $\frac{1}{2}$ z, another light of lavender color, approximately the size of the North Star, having no trail or sound, appeared from the west, approximately twenty (20) degrees above the horizon, also travelling in a northeasterly direction. The light ascended while zig-zagging at a tremendous speed until it seemed to be at the altitude of the stars and then stopped in the vicinity of the "JET BAR" for approximately one (1) minute. The very brilliant, lavender color of the light was in direct contrast with the stars. It then continued to move eastward in a horizontal path until it reached a position ninety (90) degrees above the horizon where it stopped again.

4. At 150355 $\frac{1}{2}$ z, AIRMEN VIERRA and STEINBERG notified AIRMAN FIRST CLASS ALFES G. SMITH and two (2) other airmen. They watched the motionless light for about one (1) minute.

5. AIRMEN VIERRA and STEINBERG then reported their observations to the TENTH AIR FORCE STAFF DUTY OFFICER, CAPTAIN V. H. BUSWELL, who returned with them to watch the light which, however, was no longer visible. According to AIRMAN SMITH, the light moved to a position of approximately 30 degrees above the horizon in a period of five (5) or six (6) minutes and grew dimmer as it disappeared from sight at 150400 $\frac{1}{2}$ z. This light was observed for ten (10) minutes.

TENTH AIR FORCE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE COMMENTS:

1. a. AIRMAN VIERRA has served twenty-two (22) months on active duty; has no aircraft experience and is considered usually reliable.
- b. AIRMAN STEINBERG has served thirty-one (31) months on active duty; has no aircraft experience and is considered usually reliable.
- c. AIRMAN SMITH has seven (7) years active duty service. He is a Senior Aircraft Hydraulic Mechanic and is considered usually reliable.

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2. According to the 61st FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON, SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN, F-94 aircraft were in the vicinity at the time of the sightings.

3. A check conducted by this Directorate revealed that DETACHMENT 12-4, 12th WEATHER SQUADRON, SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN, released a Rawinsonde at 150300Z, August 1952.

4. The 661st AC&W SQUADRON, SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN, indicated no unusual radar observations.

5. Weather and winds at time of sighting:

a. Weather:

- (1) Visibility - 7 miles, clear
- (2) Clouds - negative

b. Winds:

- (1) Surface - 190°/07 knots
- (2) 5,000' - 230°/19 knots
- (3) 10,000' - 240°/12 knots
- (4) 15,000' - 260°/15 knots
- (5) 20,000' - 300°/22 knots
- (6) 25,000' - 300°/25 knots
- (7) 30,000' - 280°/70 knots
- (8) 40,000' - 270°/80 knots
- (9) 45,000' - 310°/75 knots

6. The undersigned officer evaluates the sightings as a Rawinsonde.

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15 August 1952

About 2240 hours, on the evening of 14 August 1952, I and a friend, A/2C Steinberg, were standing by Barracks T-347 facing the lake. I noticed a light due west coming east and brought it to Steinberg's attention who verified the object. It was as bright as the North Star and it zig-zagged slightly to the left and right as it continued to come east. It paused for several seconds and then headed back on a northwest course and disappeared over the horizon in the vicinity of the Jet Bar. All this took about two (2) minutes. We then waited and watched in the same direction in anticipation of another one. Another approached at approximately 2249 hours following the same angle as the first. It was from the direction of due west and coming east. However, this one continued to rise and continue east. It paused two (2) times for one (1) and five (5) minutes, respectively. When it paused the second time, we called A/1C Smith, who was passing, to watch the object. This was at approximately 2255 hours.

After calling A/1C Smith, Steinberg and I reported the incident to the Staff Duty Officer of Hq Tenth AF. He came back with us to see the object. However, by that time (2300), it had faded from view. The Staff Duty Officer stayed until approximately 2310 and then returned to his office. I left approximately five (5) minutes later.

At the time of the sighting, the sky was very clear. The object made no sound, and when it paused for the five (5) minute period, it resembled a bright star. I had one (1) bottle of beer at approximately 1930.

Clyde R. Vieira

CLYDE VIERRA
A/2C
AF 17292192

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15 August 1952

On the night of 14 August 1952, at approximately 2240 hours, A/2C Clyde Vierra and I were standing behind Barracks 347, near the sea wall talking when Vierra noticed a bright object and brought my attention to it. It seemed to come from the general direction of the Radar Station, which was west of our location. At that time it was at a fairly reasonably low altitude and then started climbing over the direction of the Jet Bar. While on this course, it had maneuvers all of its own. It zig-zagged back and forth with a quick movement horizontally but still staying on the same course. It then obtained a pretty good height over the Jet Bar, hesitated a few seconds, and dropped earthward over the Jet Bar until it disappeared from view.

We watched awhile longer and at 2249 hours another bright object of the very same nature, following the very same course, came from the same direction, zig-zagging also, only this time it did not drop, but kept climbing at a tremendous height and speed right up among the stars and stopped, completely motionless for about one (1) or two (2) minutes just past the Jet Bar. It then started moving again with the same actions as before, very bright, distinctive from any star. It stopped at twelve (12) o'clock, straight up, and became motionless among the stars at which time Vierra and I called over three (3) other airmen. One was A/1C Smith, the other two (2) were unknown to me. The five (5) of us watched it for about one (1) minute, during which time it remained motionless. It was then that Vierra and I went to get the Staff Duty Officer.

The three of us then returned about 2300 hours and A/1C Smith was still watching it, only by that time it had moved from its position to five (5) o'clock where we lost track of it. The Staff Duty Officer left, telling us to come over and make a report in the morning.

He had been gone about five (5) minutes when we heard a F-94 make a quick warm-up and take off immediately. The F-94 had its After-burner going and it climbed straight up at a pretty high altitude and followed the same course as the object had taken. He circled twice and then landed. I don't know if the Staff Duty Officer notified them or not.

The reasons I don't think this was a star or any type aircraft are:

1. It acted like it had a mind of its own, zig-zagging and suspending itself in mid-air for a period of time.
2. When it moved at such a great height as the stars, it moved with incredible speed, far more than any known aircraft. It was impossible to even estimate its rate of speed.

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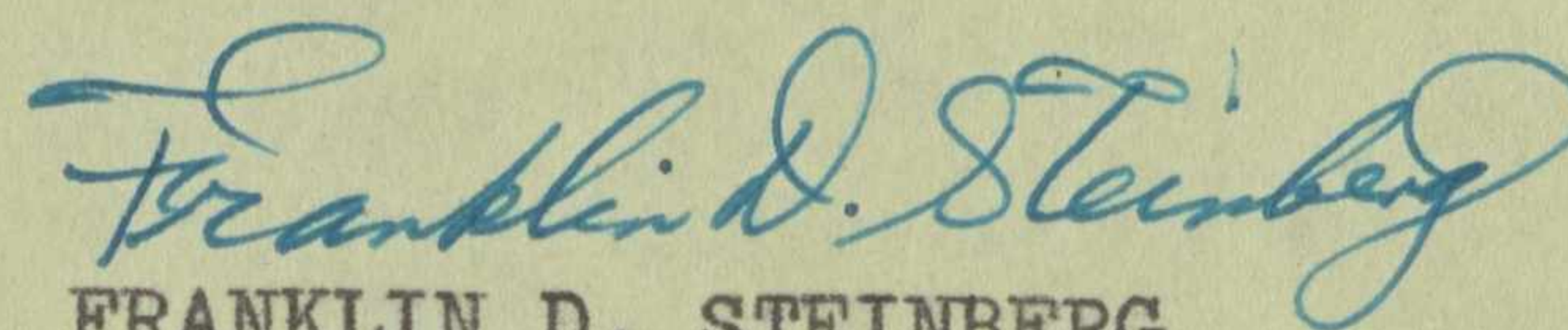
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3. It had a rather lavender color at times, then at times crystal white, like the North Star, only much brighter and sometimes closer.

4. It had no sound or any visible trail.

A/2C Vierra left the scene around 2315 hours. A/1C Smith and I sat there about 45 minutes to an hour longer but saw no more.

I had not been drinking that night.



FRANKLIN D. STEINBERG

A/2C

AF 19362308

15 August 1952

At 2255 hours, 14 August 1952, I had just finished work and was on my way to my barracks when an A/1C and A/2C called to me to observe a moving object in the sky.

They were standing, facing towards the lake, between buildings 347 and 348. At about a twelve o'clock position, I immediately picked up the moving object which somewhat resembled a star and to the eye it seemed to be about the same distance in altitude. It was much larger than the average star and cast off a light of lavender color. About half a minute after I first saw the object, it came to a complete stop and was motionless for about a minute. It then started moving again, leaving no trail, in a zig-zag manner but at the same time moving from the twelve o'clock position to about a two o'clock position. There again it came to a complete stop and just seemed to hang among the stars for almost a minute.

At this time, or just before, the two (2) airmen who called my attention to this object went to notify the night Duty Officer. When he arrived at the scene, the object had moved in a north-eastern direction to about five o'clock and to the eye it seemed to have grown much dimmer. Shortly after the arrival of the Duty Officer, the object disappeared completely.

This object travelled from a twelve o'clock position (where I first observed it) to a five o'clock position in a period of five or six minutes. During the movement of this object, I saw it pass between me and a star for just a few seconds. The star was completely blocked from view.

There was no sound coming from this moving object and I feel sure that it was not a plane of any kind because of the zig-zag movements and its stopping completely and just remaining motionless.

This statement is true and as I had just finished work for the night I had not been drinking. Because of the altitude this object seemed to be at and the distance it travelled, I am certain that it was travelling many times faster than our Jet aircraft can go.

Alfes G. Smith

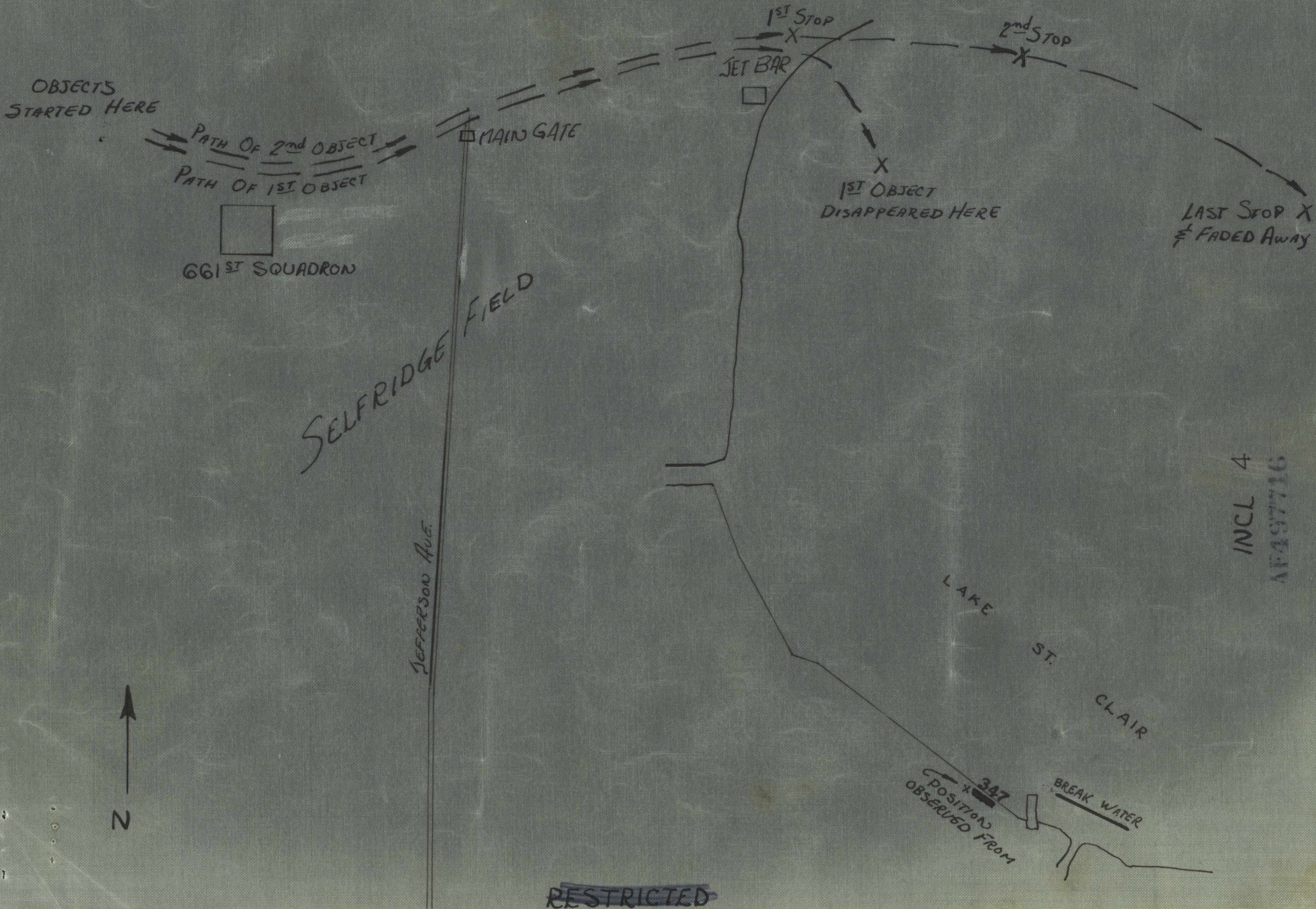
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DIAGRAM of STEINBERG, VIERRA & SMITH SIGHTING



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