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| COUNTRY<br>Alaska                                                                    | REPORT NO.<br>IR-3-50                                          | (LEAVE BLANK)<br>af-16/581-1 |
| AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT                                                  |                                                                |                              |
| SUBJECT<br>Report of Sighting of Unidentified Object                                 |                                                                |                              |
| AREA REPORTED ON<br>Alaska                                                           | FROM (Agency)<br>Director of Intelligence, Alaskan Air Command |                              |
| DATE OF REPORT<br>9 March 1950                                                       | DATE OF INFORMATION<br>10 February 1950                        | EVALUATION<br>C-2            |
| PREPARED BY (Officer)<br>Lt R. E. Smythe                                             | SOURCE<br>Alaskan Sea Frontier                                 |                              |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)<br>None |                                                                |                              |

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.)

At approximately 010555Z February, while flying at 9000 feet altitude, on Green Airway No. 8, approximately 120 miles northeast of Atka Island (approximate position 53° 00' N, 171° 11' W) First Lieutenant J. J. Sofet, USAF, co-pilot MATS C54, Bu.No. 45630, sighted a red and white "flare" as it appeared to burst approximately 2000 to 3000 feet above and slightly to the right of the aircraft, at an estimated distance of 5 miles. This object was described as elliptical in shape, with a major diameter only slightly greater than the minor diameter. It had a reddish core and a white fringe, and appeared to be 3' in diameter when it burst. As it fell, it diminished in apparent size, and the red core gradually turned to white. After an elapsed time of approximately two minutes, the "flare" disappeared into the undercast. No parachute or other means of support were noted, and the object was reported as falling free. As it fell past the aircraft it was reported to have illuminated the plane cabin momentarily.

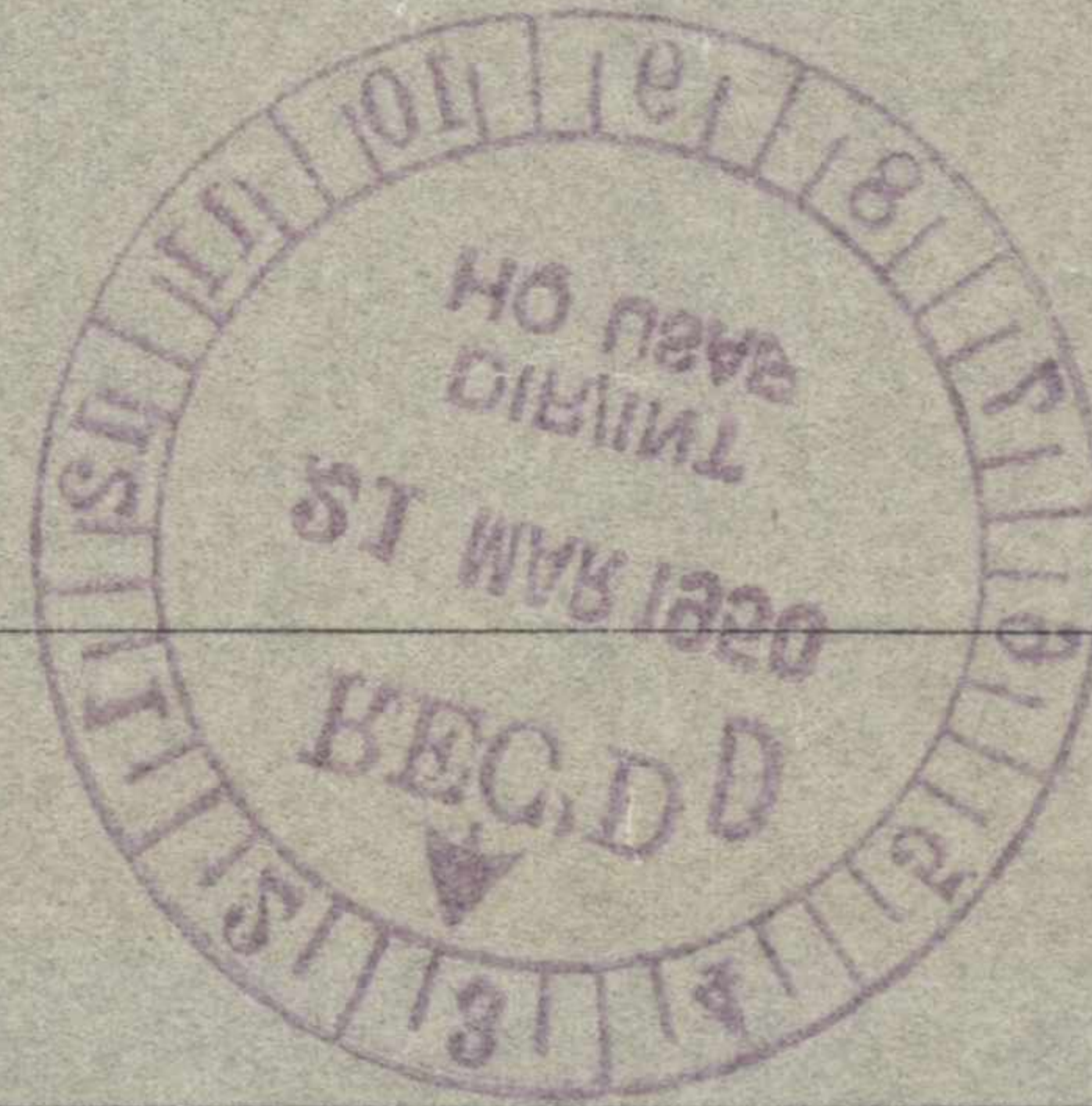
On sighting the "flare" Lt. Sofet called it to the attention of the pilot, First Lieutenant T. E. Cornell, USAF, who also sighted the object as it fell, and lost sight of it when it entered the undercast at about 8000 feet. First Lieutenant Cornell climbed to the Astro dome to look for other aircraft, but none were sighted. He then fired an answering series of flares (one red and two green). Airways at Adak, North Shore Cape, and Kodiak were notified. No other traffic was reported on airways at this time. First Lt. Cornell was certain that this object was not a meteor or meteorite, because he has flown near meteorites on numerous occasions, and has always experienced a buffeting from the rough air in the vicinity of these objects.

Weather was reported as cloudless above 8000 feet with bright moonlight.

Comment: Object possibly a flare, as reported, or a meteorite.

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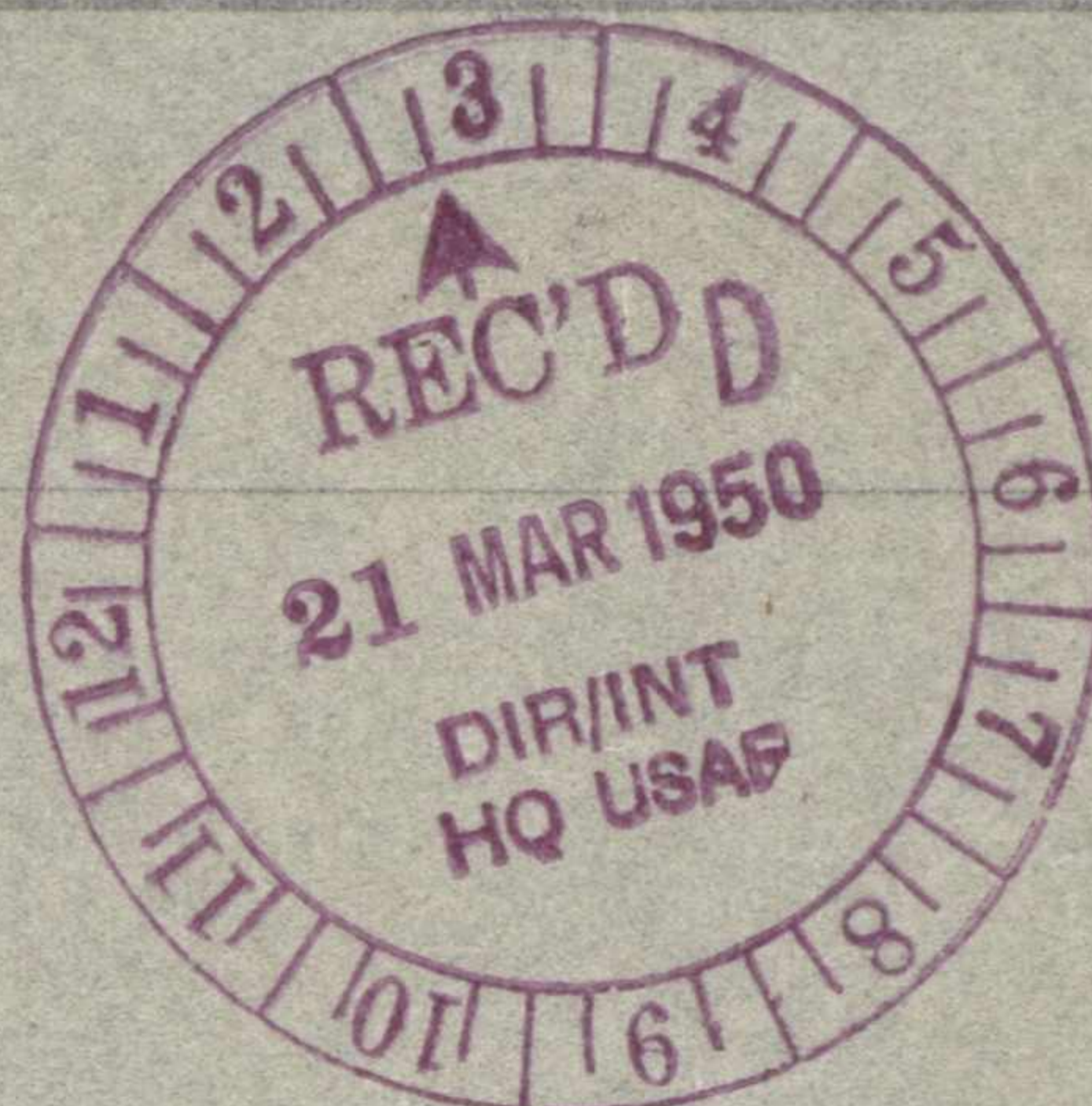
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climbed to the radio dome to look for other aircraft, but none were sighted. He then  
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As it fell near the aircraft it was reported to have illuminated the plane cabin  
or other means of support were noted, and the object was reported as falling free.  
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3000 feet above and slightly to the right of the aircraft, at an estimated distance  
4250, started a red and white "plane" as it appeared to enter approximately 3000 to  
23,000, in 120, 11, 11. Later Lieutenant J. J. Zofel, USV, co-pilot WALSLEY, B-10,  
aircraft no. 8, approximately 150 miles northwest of Wake Island (approximate position  
of approximately 010222Z February, while flying at 8000 feet altitude, on green

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| None                                                                     |                                               |                      |
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