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COUNTRY JAPAN	REPORT NO. INT IR-U/AC-11	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Aerial Object		
AREA REPORTED ON 45 23'N 141 41'E	FROM (Agency) Hq Fifth Air Force, APO 710	
DATE OF REPORT 5 May 1950	DATE OF INFORMATION 28 April 1950	EVALUATION B-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) 1st Lt. E. E. Swank, USAF	SOURCE 1st Lt. [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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. On 28 April 1950, at 1230 hours Item time, 1st Lt. [REDACTED] was piloting an F-80C aircraft approximately two (2) miles west of WAKKANAI (45° 23'N-141°41'E) at 30,000 ft, heading 360° at 300mph indicated. The pilot observed one flying object at approximately 10,000 ft, seven (7) miles to his left on a heading of 180° flying at 600 - 650 mph. The object was initially sighted for approximately five (5) seconds, then was lost in the clouds for ten (10) seconds and clearly sighted for five (5) seconds on the pilot's right, circling to the left and in front of the pilot and disappearing to the left of the aircraft on a heading of 270°. The object appeared to be making smooth turns and proceeded on a horizontal plane.

2. The object was square shaped, approximately twelve (12) ft long, twelve (12) ft high and of undetermined width, however, it was thin and somewhat resembled a tow target. The object was white and observed clearly when contrasted against the water.

3. The pilot descended to 18,000 ft and searched the area for the unidentified object for approximately fifteen minutes before returning to Misawa Air Base. The pilot had good radio contact with Radar Site #18 during the entire period and continually kept them informed as to his position. However, the radar site was unable to track the F-80 or to pick up the unidentified object. [REDACTED] had the other aircraft in sight during the entire period hence there was no possibility of having seen the second F-80 and mistaken it for the unidentified object.

4. There was no evidence of propulsion, exhaust, control surfaces, or lights. The appearance and size of the object was somewhat doubtful in the pilot's mind due to the object's distance from the aircraft. The object disappeared over the top of the clouds at the first sighting, reappeared and in like manner disappeared as the object's color blended with the lower overcast.

5. [REDACTED] is a jet pilot in the 9th Fighter Bomber Squadron, Misawa Air Base, APO 919. The pilot's ability to judge color, speed, and distance is considered to be above average. The pilot was airborne, looking for an unidentified track reported by ground radar about one (1) hour earlier. The pilot was airborne approximately one (1) hour and was not fatigued.

6. The interrogator has personal knowledge of the observer's character and can sincerely state that he is conservative, unassuming, and never given to exaggerations.

1 INCL. [REDACTED] Sighting Sketch)

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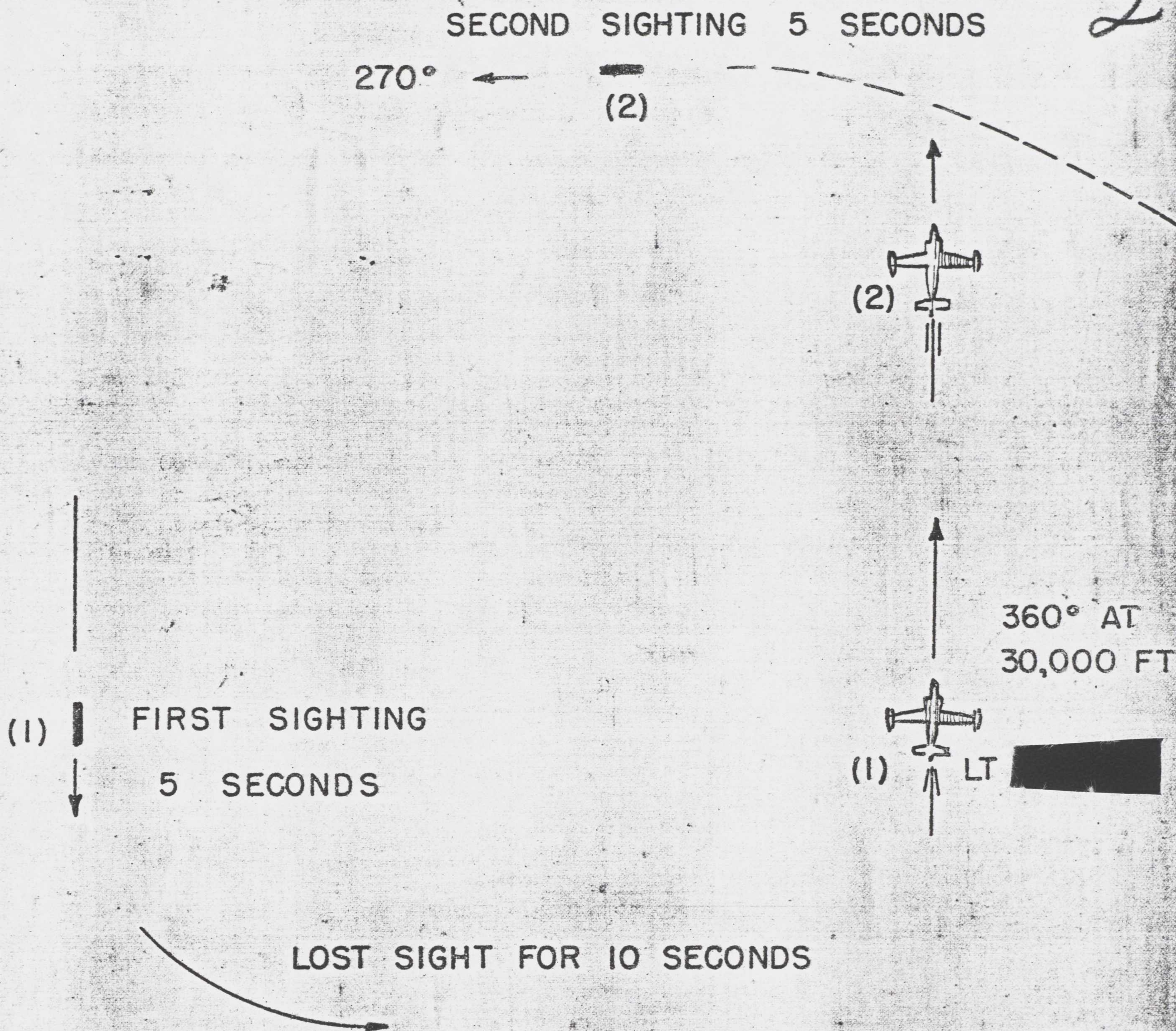
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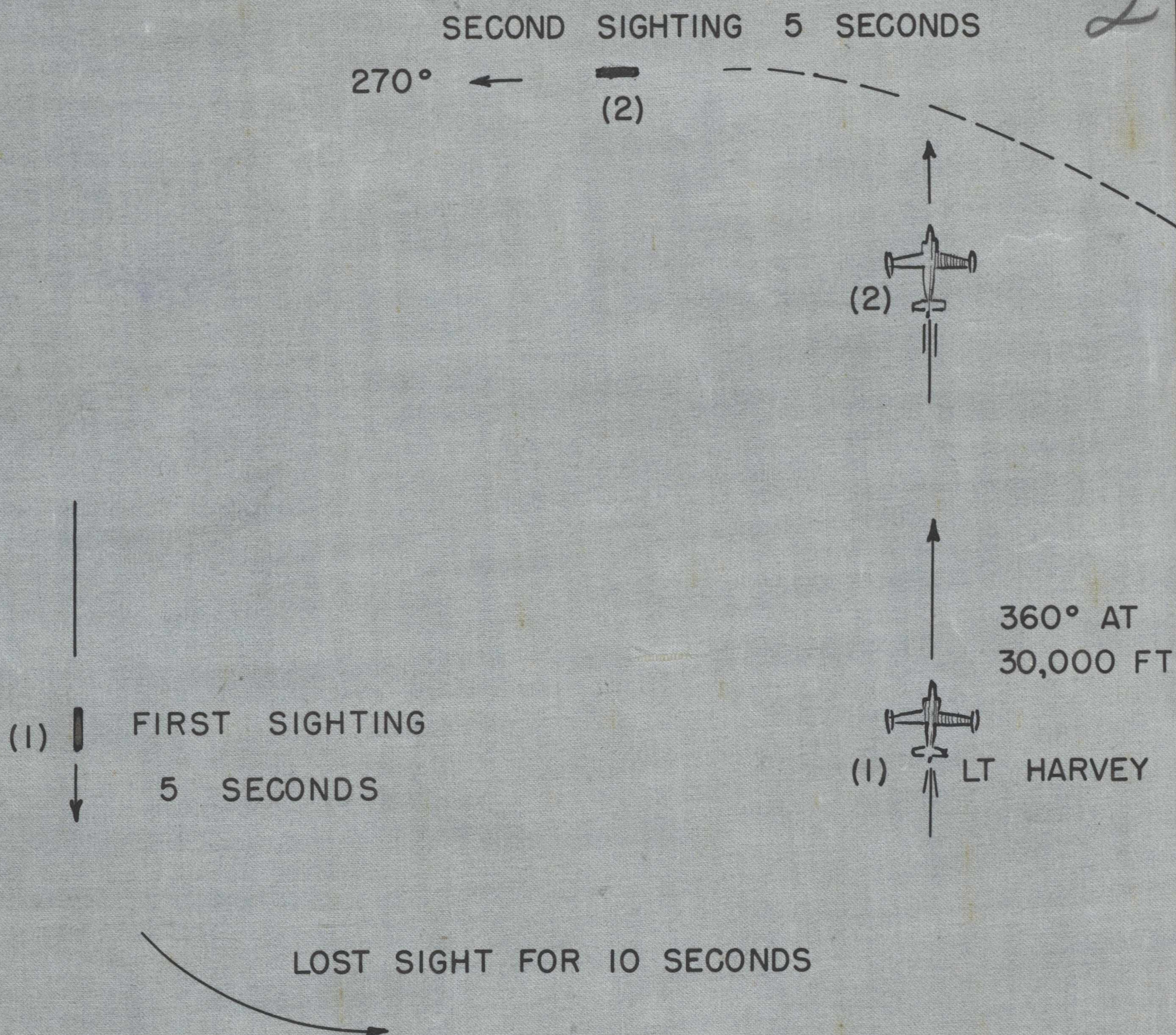
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