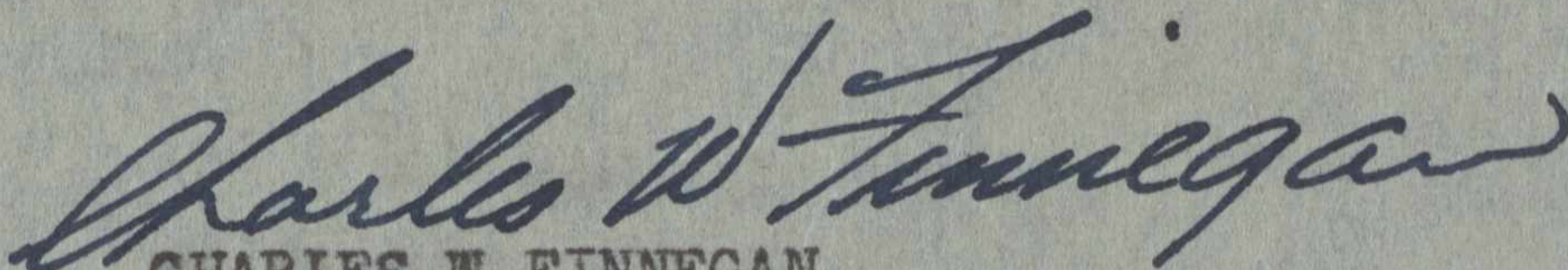


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The Sq Commander having observed the object requested permission to send up a flight of F-94 acft and this was granted. They became airborne at 0743 and remained airborne thirty minutes mattress searching with no results.

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