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/U N C L A S S I F I E D/INT 201 PD UFOB (1) (A) OVAL ELLIPTICAL (B) SIZE

OF AN EGG(C) CHROME LUSTRE CHANGING TO PINK HUE (D) ONE (E) N/A (F) NONE
(G) NONE (H) NONE (I) NONE (2) (A) BRIGHT LIGHT (B) 45 DEGREES, ELEVEN
O'CLOCK (C) UPON LINING-UP ACFT WITH OBJECT, OBJECT CHANGED TO 20
DEGREES (D) SHOOT OUT TO RIGHT, BACK TO LEFT UPON LINE-UP (E) WENT OUT
OF SIGHT (F) APPRX 2 MINUTES (3) (A) AIRBORNE VISUAL (B) NONE (C) B-47,
23,000 FEET, SOUTHWEST, 350 KNOTA, DOBBINS AFB (4) (A) 121430Z JAN 55
(B) DAY (5) 30 MILES SOUTHWEST ATLANTA, AIRPORT ENROUTE TO MACON
GEORGIA (6) (A) MR. [redacted] 33 [redacted] ATLANTA, GEORGIA
LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION, [redacted] ENGINEER, 3 YEARS

PAGE TWO JESKB 01
FLYING IN B-29 AND B-47, OVER 1000 HOURS (7) (A) HIGH CIRRUS, 30-35000
FEET, THIN, SCATTERED, BROKEN, HAZY, SMOKE ON GROUND (B) 270/25 AT
6, 265/35 AT 10, 260/70 AT 16, 270/90 AT 20, 280/110 AT 30, 280/100 AT 50

(C) 25000 SCATTERED (D) 7 MILES (E) LESS THAN 6/10THS (8) NONE (10)
NONE REPORTED (11) DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, 35TH AIR DIVISION-POSSIBLE
CAUSE UNKNOWN DUE TO LIMITED INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM SOLE OBSERVER.
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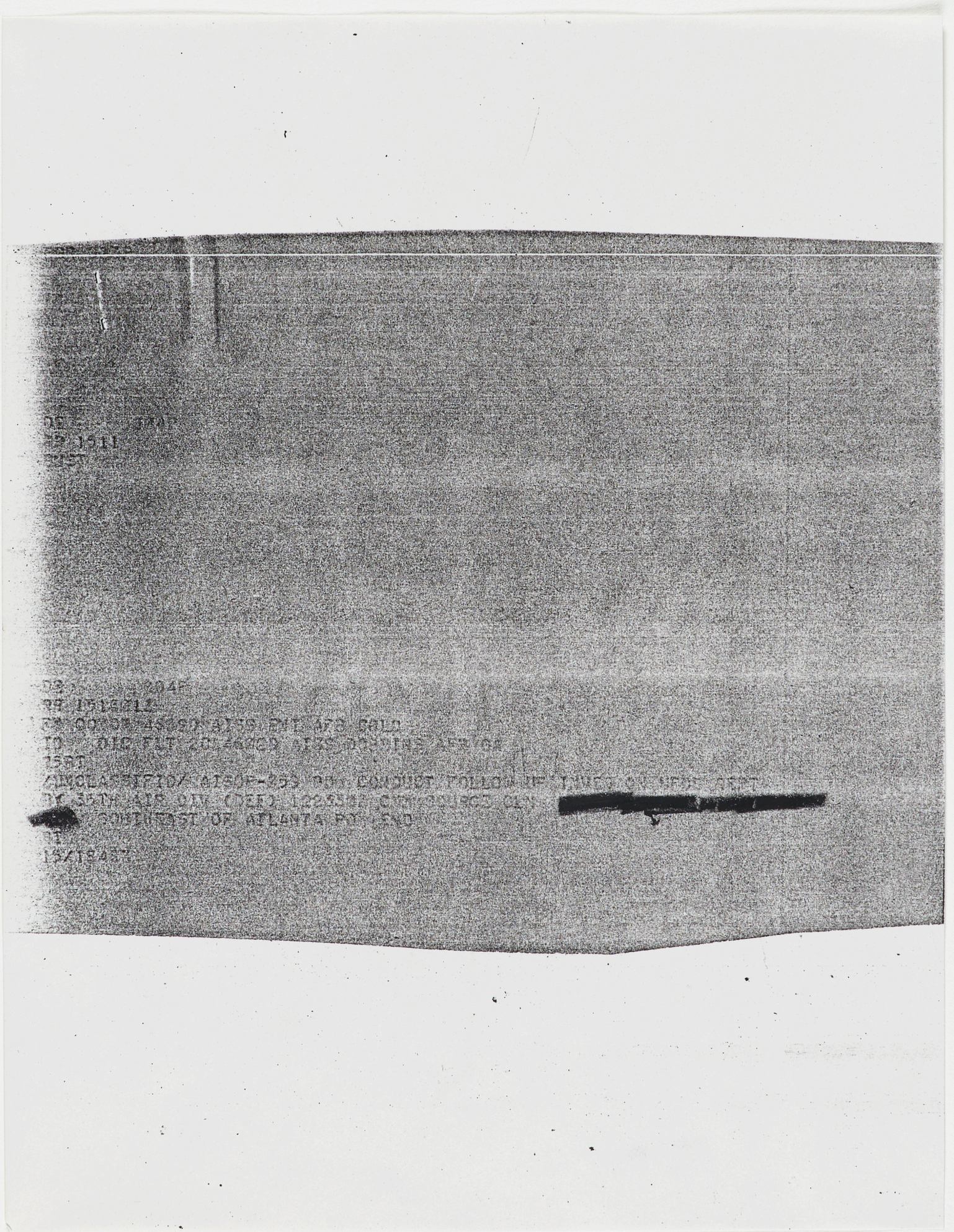
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Bob:
Drop this one.
Chalk it up to imagination
and/or reflection.

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FLIGHT 2-C
4602D AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON (ADC)
35th Air Division (Defense)
Dobbins Air Force Base
Marietta, Georgia

AIS2C

5 February 1955

SUBJECT: Report of UFOB Investigation

TO: Commander
4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. The attached report of UFOB investigation (Inclosure 1) is late because of administrative mishandling of the TT message that directed a follow up investigation (Ref TT Msg AISOP 059 DTG 15/1846Z Jan 55) and carelessness in the performance of the investigation and preparation of the report.

2. Action has been taken to insure that future UFOBs are correctly and expeditiously investigated and reported.

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1st Lt., USAF
Officer in Charge

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4602D AISS UFOB LOG

1 REPORT NO.	2 DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING	3 RECD HQ 4602D
AISS-UFOB-91-55	12/1430Z January 1955	Unk

4 LOCATION OF SIGHTING
Forsyth, Georgia

5 MEANS RECD	6 ACTION	
Unk	Investigation Authorized	
7 INVES UNIT	8 DATE INVES ASSIGNED	9 ASSIGNING OFFICER
2-C	12 January 1955	Unk

10 DATE IR RECD HQ	11 DATE IR APPROVED	12 DATE IR TO ATIC
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13 AISOP FORM 5		
2 June 1955		

14 COMMENTS
Investigated by Flight 2-C.

15 CONCLUSIONS
Optical phenomena: Optical Illusion

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SUBJECT: UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
FORSYTH, GEORGIA	Flight 2-C, 4602d AISS

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
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PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
RICHARD C. VAUGHN, 1st Lieutenant, USAF	See contents below

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
AFR 200-2, dtd 12 Aug 54. Dobbins AFB TT MSG INT 201 DTG 12/2359Z Jan 55

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.)

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PART ONE: Report of UFOB sighted by Mr. [redacted] Flight Test Center, Dobbins AFB, Ga (GJFD 2954).

II. SUMMARY: One unidentified flying object was sighted approximately 22 miles East of FORSYTH, GEORGIA (GJGD 0402). Information contained herein was obtained from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of this sighting.

III. INVESTIGATOR: M/Sgt CARL G. TENNILLE, AF 69 730 86.

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1. Description of Object:

a. The shape of the object was oval.

b. The size of the object was comparable to a dime held at arm's length, estimated to be about 50 feet in diameter.

c. The color of the object changed from bright chrome lustre to pink hue.

d. Only one object was sighted, estimated to be 20,000 feet above aircraft.

e. N/A

f. Object was too far from observer therefore, no discernible features or details were observed.

g. No tail, trail or exhaust was noted.

h. N/A

i. No other pertinent or unusual features were noted.

2. Description of Course of Object:

a. Observer was flying as an observer on AF B-47E type aircraft out of Dobbins AFB. At about 12/1430Z Jan 55, approximately 30 miles SE of Atlanta Municipal Airport (GJFD 4709), he was following the AF Route between ATLANTA, Georgia and MACON, Georgia when he spotted the object through the observer's top window. The object was located at 11 o'clock 45 degrees elevation (GJED 2301).

b. The object was estimated to be 130 degrees from true North and 45 degrees from horizon when it first appeared.

c. The object was estimated to be 130 degrees from true North and 20 degrees from horizon when it disappeared.

d. Object appeared to accelerate in a forward direction, away from the nose of the aircraft displacing from about 45 degrees to 20 degrees elevation in a matter of 1 to 2 seconds, while its radiance diminished and its hue became a pale pink.

e. Object faded from sight by moving in a direction away from the nose of the aircraft and slightly to the right, then it appeared to fade from sight.

f. Observer was certain that he had the object in view for a period of two minutes.

3. Manner of Observation:

a. N/A

b. N/A

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c. Sighting was made while airborne in a B-47E type aircraft at 23,000 feet, 144 degrees heading. Home station is Lockheed Aircraft Corporation at Debbins AFB, Georgia (GJIM 2954).

4. Date and Time of Sighting:

a. Time was approximately 12/1430Z Jan 55.

b. Light conditions at time of sighting was bright daylight.

5. Location of Observers:

a. See paragraph 2a.

6. Identifying Information of All Observers:

a. [redacted] civilian. Age: 31. Address: [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia. Present Position: [redacted] A/C Corp. Education: High School, 3 years college. Qualifications: Flight Observer.

(1) Observer further stated that he contacted Pilot and Co-pilot upon sighting the object, giving its position. However, they were unable to spot the object. They believed that a possible reason for not being able to spot the object was prevalent sun glare. Pilot's and Co-pilot's names are:

(Civilian) [redacted] A/C Corp [redacted], Marietta, Georgia. Pilot.

(Civilian) [redacted] A/C Corp [redacted], Marietta, Georgia. Co-pilot.

b. N/A

7. Weather and Winds Aloft:

a. Weather at time and place of sighting was as follows; cirrus clouds 30-35,000 feet, hazy. There was smoke on the ground.

b. Surface from 270 degrees at 9 knots
6,000, from 270 degrees at 25 knots
10,000, from 265 degrees at 35 knots
16,000, from 260 degrees at 70 knots
20,000, from 270 degrees at 90 knots
30,000, from 280 degrees at 110 knots
50,000, from 280 degrees at 100 knots

c. 25,000 feet, scattered

d. Seven (7) miles

e. Less than 6/10

f. None

8. The following personnel and/or agencies were consulted with results as indicated:

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a. Weather Stations

(1) Weather Station at Dobbins AFB, Georgia disclosed that they did not release any balloons on 12 Jan 55.

(2) U. S. Weather Station, ATLANTA, Georgia stated that no weather balloons were released immediately prior to or during the time of sighting.

(3) Naval Air Station, CHAMBLEE, Georgia (GJFD 4153) disclosed that no weather balloons had been released and no aircraft had been airborne between 12/1400Z and 12/1500Z Jan 55.

(4) A check with the weather station at Lawson AFB, FORT BENNING, Georgia (GJFC 0221) disclosed that they had released no weather balloons on 12 Jan 55. However, they advised that Maxwell Weather Station at MAFB, Ala (GJDC 3618) releases weather balloons continuously at six hour intervals.

(5) Maxwell AFB Weather Station advised that no balloons on 12 Jan 55 released by their station could have been in the vicinity of this sighting, at the time of the sighting.

b. Observatories

(1) Dr. [redacted], Professor of Physics and Astronomy and [redacted] Bradley Observatory, Agnes Scott College, DECATUR, Georgia (GJFD 4547), revealed that no unusual astronomical conditions occurred which might account for the sighting.

c. Electronics Personnel

(1) The Electronics Engineer in Charge, Municipal Airport, ATLANTA, Georgia, stated that no unusual radar Blips were picked up between 12/1400Z and 12/1500Z Jan 55.

d. Ground Observer Corps

(1) Mr. Joe M. Fowler, in charge of FORSYTH, Georgia (GJGD 0402) filter center stated that no reports of unusual sightings were made between 12/1400Z and 12/1500Z.

9. N/A

10. Air Traffic

a. Atlanta Control Tower, Atlanta Municipal Airport, HAPEVILLE, Georgia (GJED 3439) disclosed:

(1) Atlanta Airport reported overflight of Resort Airlines, C-46 #74179 at 0927 EST (12/1427Z Jan 55) enroute to Wright-Patterson, DAYTON, Ohio, flying at an altitude of 7,000 feet.

(2) Reported departure of Navy FNB, N-9570 at 0932 EST (12/1432Z Jan 55) NE bound, flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet on top of the clouds.

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(3) Reported overflight of AF 5505, Baker 26, (position 5 miles SE of ATLANTA, Georgia) at 0935 EST (12/1435Z Jan 55) enroute from Langley Field, Virginia to Maxwell Field, Alabama, to DALLAS, Texas, flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet on top of the clouds.

(4) Reported on Red 27 AW to DAYTON, Ohio AF 49176, Charlie 119, at 0957 EST (12/1457Z Jan 55) enroute from Turner AFB, Georgia, to ATLANTA, Georgia, flying at an altitude of 7,000 feet.

11. Comments of Preparing Officer

a. Observer estimated the object to compare in size to a dime held at arm's length. He also stated it to be approximately 50 feet in diameter and that it was approximately 20,000 feet above him. These statements are in conflict in that a dime held at arm's length would cover an object with a diameter considerably larger than 50 feet at a distance of 20,000 feet.

b. The personnel in electronics, meteorological and astronomical fields who were consulted reported no balloons, aircraft, meteorological or astronomical phenomena or unusual sightings in the area at the time of sighting that could account for the sighting with the possible exception of the aircraft reported in par 10a (2) and (3) above. This coupled with the fact that no other crew member aboard Observer's aircraft sighted the object, even after it was pointed out to them, points strongly toward the possibility that the Observer was the victim of a cockpit reflection or an optical illusion.

12. Negative

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2 Incls
1. Statement of Flight Observer
2. Observer's Memory Sketch of Flight Pattern of Object

COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER:

A check with the Control Center for System 119 L reveals that the project had no activity in the area at the time. Concur in comments of preparing officer that sighting was possibly attributed to optical phenomena.

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Statement of Flight Observer [redacted] Acft Corporation [redacted]

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

While flying as an observer on a B-47E approximately 30 miles SE of ATLANTA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT altitude 23,000 feet, at about 0930 hours on 12 January 1955, I observed a metallic, oval shaped object through the observers top window. It appeared to be reflecting considerable luster from the bright sun, resembling the glow of chrome, and was located at 11 o'clock and 45 degrees elevation. I called for the pilots, [redacted] and [redacted], to look at the high aircraft, which had the appearance of being about 20,000 feet above us, and having no visible vapor-trails. They both failed to see the object, and complained of limited vision from looking at the sun. The pilot then changed course to the left, and I advised him we were lined-up on the target. It then accelerated in a forward direction, and displaced from about 45 to 20 degrees elevation in a matter of 1 or 2 seconds, while its radiance diminished and its hue became a pale pink. The object was now aligned at 0130 o'clock, and as the pilot corrected course again, the object repeated its previous maneuver, and disappeared from sight. During this time, the attitude of our aircraft did not change, and it was impossible for a reflection to produce this phenomenon, as the refraction of the thick glass causes objects within the cockpit to appear as double images.

/s [redacted]
[redacted] Aircraft Corporation
Marietta, Georgia GAP-6

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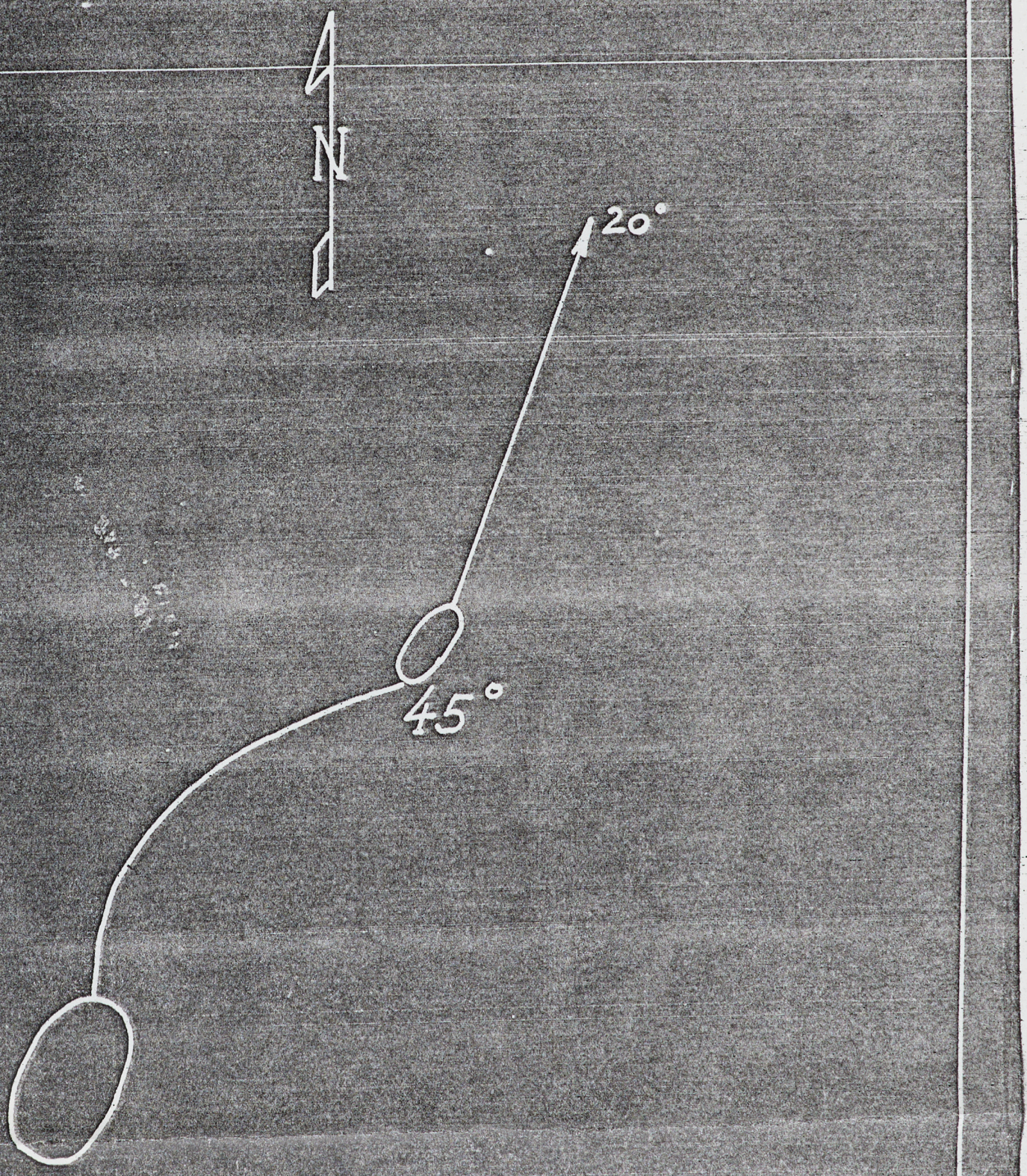
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1. Description of Objects:

a. The shape of the object was oval.

b. The size of the object was comparable to a dime held at arm's length, estimated to be about 50 feet in diameter.

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d. Only one object was sighted, estimated to be 20,000 feet above aircraft.

e. N/A

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h. N/A

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3. Manner of Observation:

a. N/A

b. N/A

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4. Date and Time of Sighting:

a. Time was approximately 12/1430Z Jan 55.

b. Light conditions at time of sighting was bright daylight.

5. Location of Observers:

a. See paragraph 2a.

6. Identifying Information of All Observers:

a. [redacted], civilian. Age: 31. Address: [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia. Present Position: [redacted] A/C Corp. Education: High School, 3 years college. Qualifications: Flight Observer.

(1) Observer further stated that he contacted Pilot and Co-pilot upon sighting the object, giving its position. However, they were unable to spot the object. They believed that a possible reason for not being able to spot the object was prevalent sun glare. Pilot's and Co-pilot's names are:

(Civilian) [redacted] A/C Corp [redacted], Marietta, Georgia.
Pilot.

(Civilian) [redacted] A/C Corp [redacted], Marietta, Georgia.
Co-pilot.

b. N/A

7. Weather and Winds Aleft:

a. Weather at time and place of sighting was as follows; cirrus clouds 30-35,000 feet, hazy. There was smoke on the ground.

b. Surface from 270 degrees at 9 knots
6,000, from 270 degrees at 25 knots
10,000, from 265 degrees at 35 knots
16,000, from 260 degrees at 70 knots
20,000, from 270 degrees at 90 knots
30,000, from 280 degrees at 110 knots
50,000, from 280 degrees at 100 knots

c. 25,000 feet, scattered

d. Seven (7) miles

e. Less than 6/10

f. None

8. The following personnel and/or agencies were consulted with results as indicated:

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a. Weather Stations

(1) Weather Station at Dobbins AFB, Georgia disclosed that they did not release any balloons on 12 Jan 55.

(2) U. S. Weather Station, ATLANTA, Georgia stated that no weather balloons were released immediately prior to or during the time of sighting.

(3) Naval Air Station, CHAMBLEE, Georgia (GJFD 4153) disclosed that no weather balloons had been released and no aircraft had been airborne between 12/1400Z and 12/1500Z Jan 55.

(4) A check with the weather station at Lawson AFB, FORT BENNING, Georgia (GJFC 0221) disclosed that they had released no weather balloons on 12 Jan 55. However, they advised that Maxwell Weather Station at MAFB, Ala (GJDC 3618) releases weather balloons continuously at six hour intervals.

(5) Maxwell AFB Weather Station advised that no balloons on 12 Jan 55 released by their station could have been in the vicinity of this sighting, at the time of the sighting.

b. Observatories

(1) Dr. [redacted], Professor of Physics and Astronomy and [redacted] Bradley Observatory, Agnes Scott College, DECATUR, Georgia (GJFD 4547), revealed that no unusual astronomical conditions occurred which might account for the sighting.

c. Electronics Personnel

(1) The Electronics Engineer in Charge, Municipal Airport, ATLANTA, Georgia, stated that no unusual radar Blips were picked up between 12/1400Z and 12/1500Z Jan 55.

d. Ground Observer Corps

(1) Mr. Joe M. Fowler, in charge of FORSYTH, Georgia (GJGD 0402) filter center stated that no reports of unusual sightings were made between 12/1400Z and 12/1500Z.

9. N/A

10. Air Traffic

a. Atlanta Control Tower, Atlanta Municipal Airport, HAPEVILLE, Georgia (GJED 3439) disclosed:-

(1) Atlanta Airport reported overflight of Resort Airlines, C-46 #74179 at 0927 EST (12/1427Z Jan 55) enroute to Wright-Patterson, DAYTON, Ohio, flying at an altitude of 7,000 feet.

(2) Reported departure of Navy FNB, N-9570 at 0932 EST (12/1432Z Jan 55) NE bound, flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet on top of the clouds.

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(3) Reported overflight of AF 5505, Baker 26, (position 5 miles SE of ATLANTA, Georgia) at 0935 EST (12/14357 Jan 55) enroute from Langley Field, Virginia to Maxwell Field, Alabama, to DALLAS, Texas, flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet on top of the clouds.

(4) Reported on Red 27 AW to DAYTON, Ohio AF 49176, Charlie 119, at 0957 EST (12/14577 Jan 55) enroute from Turner AFB, Georgia, to ATLANTA, Georgia, flying at an altitude of 7,000 feet.

11. Comments of Preparing Officer

a. Observer estimated the object to compare in size to a dime held at arm's length. He also stated it to be approximately 50 feet in diameter and that it was approximately 20,000 feet above him. These statements are in conflict in that a dime held at arm's length would cover an object with a diameter considerably larger than 50 feet at a distance of 20,000 feet.

b. The personnel in electronics, meteorological and astronomical fields who were consulted reported no balloons, aircraft, meteorological or astronomical phenomona or unusual sightings in the area at the time of sighting that could account for the sighting with the possible exception of the aircraft reported in par 10a (2) and (3) above. This coupled with the fact that no other crew member aboard Observer's aircraft sighted the object, even after it was pointed out to them, points strongly toward the possibility that the Observer was the victim of a cockpit reflection or an optical illusion.

12. Negative

Richard C Vaughn
RICHARD C. VAUGHN
1st Lt., USAF
Officer in Charge

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1. Statement of Flight Observer
2. Observer's Memory Sketch of Flight Pattern of Object

COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER:

A check with the Control Center for System 119 L reveals that the project had no activity in the area at the time. Concur in comments of preparing officer that sighting was possibly attributed to optical phenomena.

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Statement of Flight Observer [redacted] Acft Corporation [redacted]

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While flying as an observer on a B-47E approximately 30 miles SE of ATLANTA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT altitude 23,000 feet, at about 0930 hours on 12 January 1955, I observed a metallic, oval shaped object through the observers top window. It appeared to be reflecting considerable luster from the bright sun, resembling the glow of chrome, and was located at 11 o'clock and 45 degrees elevation. I called for the pilots, [redacted] and [redacted] to look at the high aircraft, which had the appearance of being about 20,000 feet above us, and having no visible vapor-trails. They both failed to see the object, and complained of limited vision from looking at the sun. The pilot then changed course to the left, and I advised him we were lined-up on the target. It then accelerated in a forward direction, and displaced from about 45 to 20 degrees elevation in a matter of 1 or 2 seconds, while its radiance diminished and its hue became a pale pink. The object was now aligned at 0130 o'clock, and as the pilot corrected course again, the object repeated its previous maneuver, and disappeared from sight. During this time, the attitude of our aircraft did not change, and it was impossible for a reflection to produce this phenomenon, as the refraction of the thick glass causes objects within the cockpit to appear as double images.

/s/ [redacted]
Aircraft Corporation
Marietta, Georgia GAP-6

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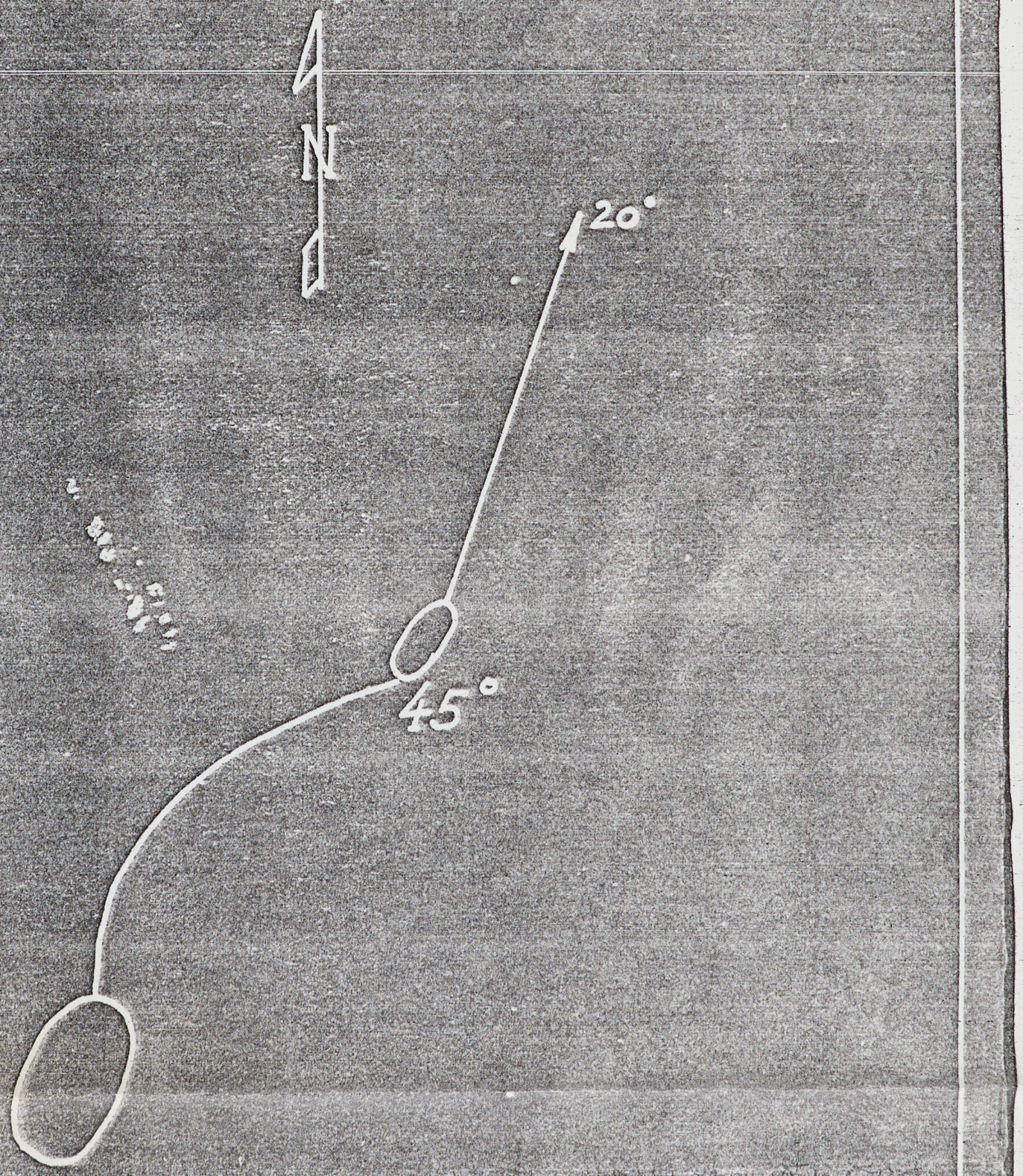
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Observer's Memory Sketch of Flight Pattern of Object



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