

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 19 May 1950	LOCATION 100 Mi East of Honshu Japan
3. SOURCE Military ANALYSTS ANALYSTS	10. CONCLUSION Other (Dropsonde)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Time element differs slightly but appearance and all other elements in accord with this evaluation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 22 Minutes Radar 12 minutes Visual	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object picked up on ground Radar. Pilots of two A/C were vectored to area and identified an object that looked like a kite having dimensions of 36 inches to 24 inches.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air Visual Gd RADAR	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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COUNTRY Japan	REPORT NO IR-132-50	(LEAVE BLANK) AF 198255-1
SUBJECT Fighting of Unidentified Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Honshu, Japan	FROM (Agency) Hq, FFAF, APO 925	
DATE OF REPORT 20 June 1950	DATE OF INFORMATION 19 May 1950	EVALUATION B-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) Maj. Edward R. McLean	SOURCE Two (2) F-80 Fighter Pilots	
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.)

Report of the sighting of an unidentified object by two (2) F-80 pilots at 40°30'N 143°26'E (100 miles East of Misawa Air Base, Honshu, Japan) at 1040K, on 19 May 1950.

An object was first detected by ground radar and the pilots were given a vector at 1030K. At 1040K the pilots made contact with an object. Several passes were made in an effort to determine its identity. The pilots reported the object as being similar to a box kite in appearance and having the approximate dimensions of thirty inches by twenty-four inches. (Incl #1-2-3-4) No visible means of supporting the object was noted and both pilots reported that it appeared to remain stationary. The object was under observation from 1040K to 1052K.

At 1000K a dropsonde was released from an PB-29 We ther Reconnaissance aircraft in the approximate vicinity of the sighting. (Incl #5) The dropsonde is similar in appearance to the reported sighting, and it reached the surface at 1015K.

COMMENT OF APPROVING OFFICER:

Since the object cannot be positively identified as the dropsonde, due to the incongruity of the time element, this report is forwarded for your information.

H. J. CHISHOLM
Major USAF
Dir of Air Int Reg

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1. Statement of Capt R. L. Thomas
 2. Sketch by Capt Thomas
 3. Statement by 2d Lt. C. F. Wenzel
 4. Sketch by Lt Wenzel
 5. Report from 2143d Air Weather Wing

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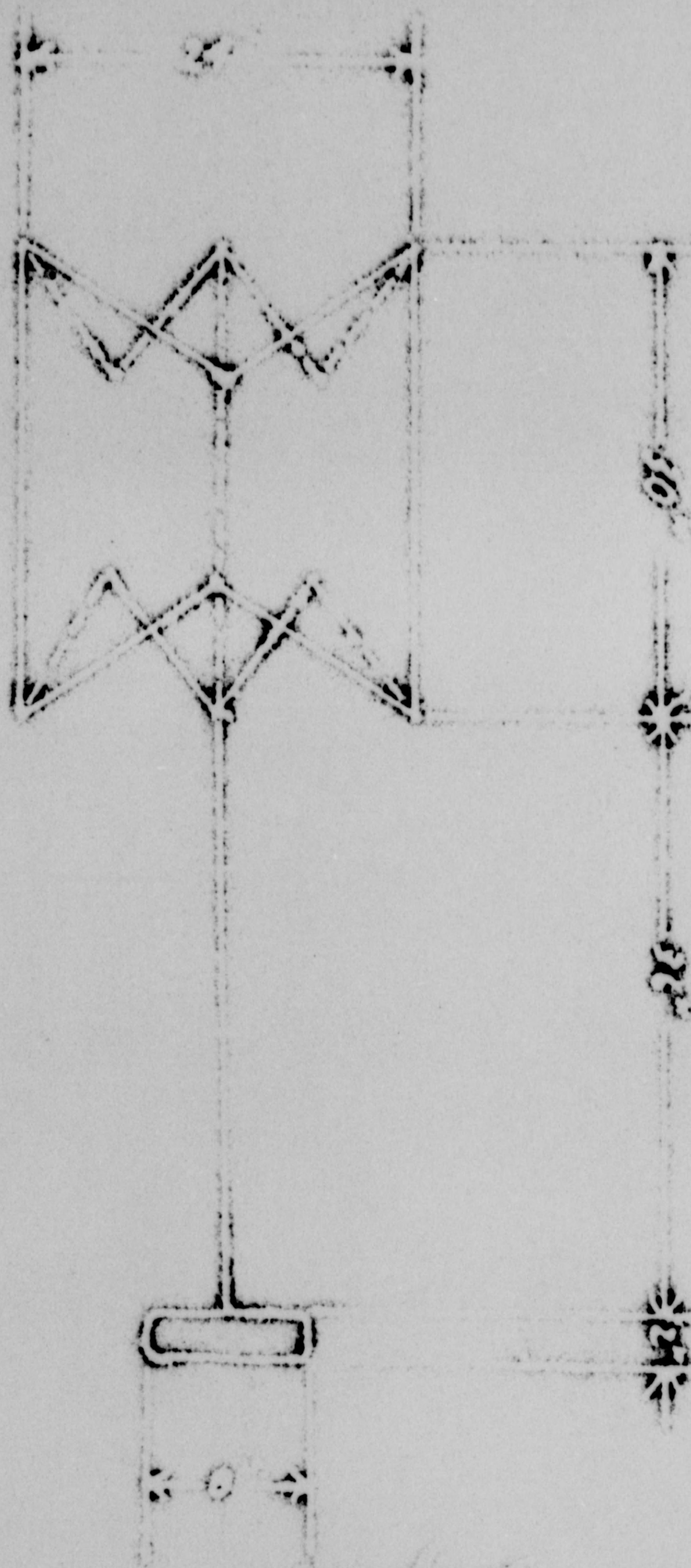
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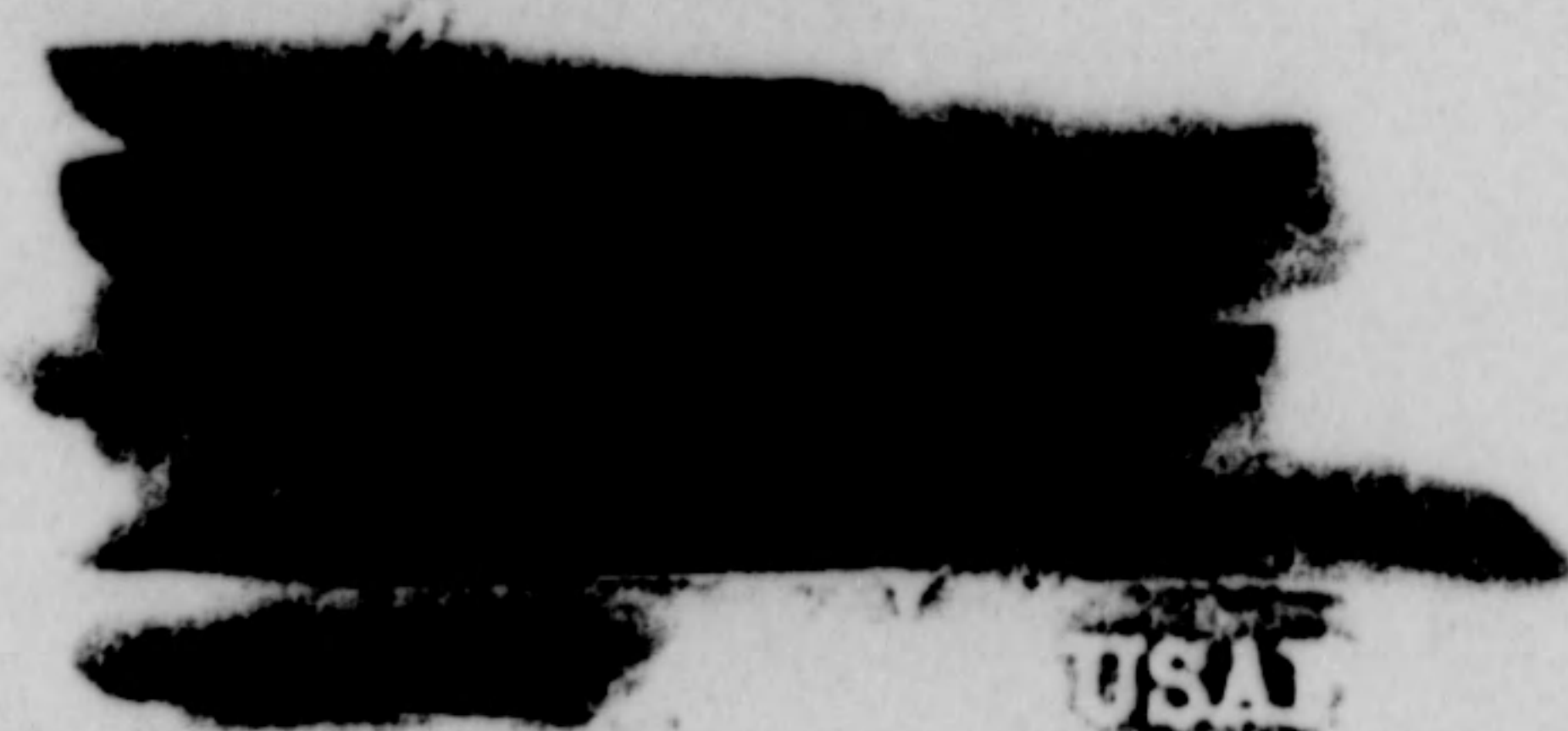
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Squadron, Marine Air Base, APO 915, San Francisco, California. The following information

On the 19th May 1954, my flight leader and I were on a regular mission. At about 1020 hours we received a call from the tactical control center to intercept a target they had picked up on their scope. We were vectored to the south. At that time we were sixty miles north of the base at thirty thousand feet. After receiving additional vectors we were told that the target was on a heading of 80° and four miles ahead. This was the last position that the control center gave us.

The flight leader started a slow turn to the left and I followed in trail. The leader spotted the target and in a few seconds it was past us off my left wing. The altitude was between two and three thousand feet. After the initial pass we started to make more passes and to reduce our speed. We made six or seven passes on this object. On the last pass the flight leader dropped his flaps and landing gear and I dropped my flaps. Half a second past the object at 150 miles per hour indicated airspeed. The object did not appear to be moving at that time. The object was approximately two and a half feet across and approximately the same distance in height. It had the appearance of a kite. The object could have been square or triangular. It was made out of metal or at least appeared to be made of metal. During all of the passes I saw no visible means of support.

Below is my conception of the way the object appeared.



1. Sketch of object.

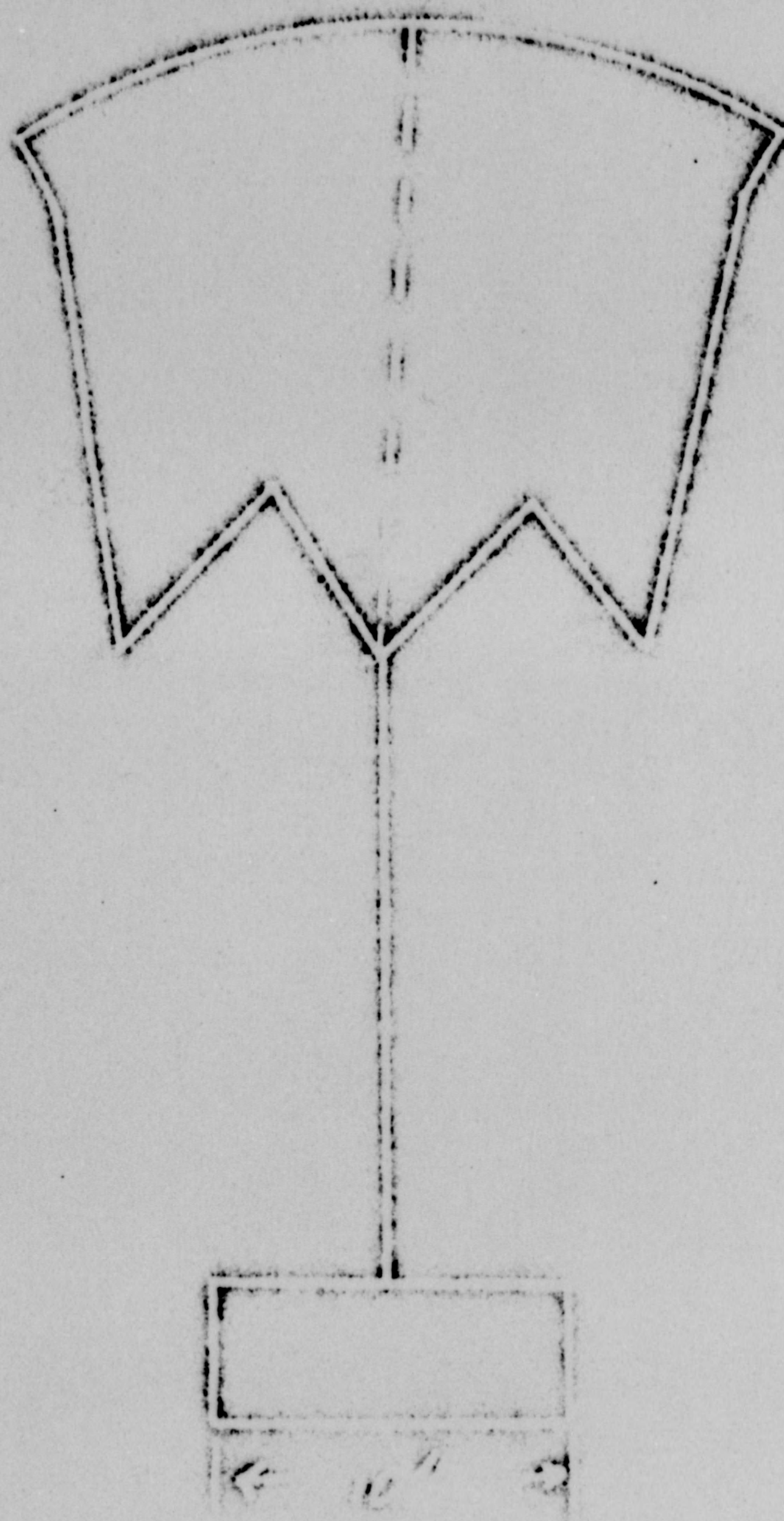
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21 May 1950
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Claim Flying Discs Observed In West

MONTROSE, Colo., May 21.--
(UP) — Felix Zanon, 60, who
ranches on a mesa five miles east
of here, said he came out of the
back door of his home this morn-
ing and saw a huge silver disc
hovering over the city.

Zanon said the object was joined
almost immediately by another of
the same size, shape and color,
and both moved in an easterly
direction toward Cerro Summit, a

cut in the Rocky mountains 16
miles east of here.

Zanon said he did not believe in
"flying saucers" before 7:30 this
morning. After he saw the objects
-- about 15 minutes later -- he said:

"I'm a believer now."

He called his wife and said they

both watched the objects ~~spin to-~~
ward the mountains. His son, Bill,
came up from the field and both
Zanon and he watched the objects
through field glasses.

Bill Zanon said: "They're sau-
cers all right."

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