

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 Aug 51		2. LOCATION Alexandria, Va		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1805 GMT 19/2205Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		13. Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military		14. Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not given 2 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE 155 deg true	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Color. Frosty silver. Speed very high. Shape oval. 50' long. Altitude 2000-4000 ft. Shape did not change. Object appeared along a controlled flight path at a constant altitude. Did not change its reflections as it move through sunlight. No smoke or other signs of propulsion.				11. COMMENTS Evaluated as a/c.	

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED BY LT. [REDACTED] AND WIFE

Alexandria, Virginia . 19 August 1951

Time: 1805 EDT

Wind: Surface SSW/12; 1000 190/13; 5000 220/15; 10,000 310/15 (Anacostia NAS 1600 EST)

Description of Object Sighted: A "frosty" silvery football-shaped object with its longitudinal axis parallel to the ground. Off-hand estimate of size at time of sighting 50 feet along longitudinal axis and 20 feet vertical axis.

Shape: Elliptical, or football, shaped. Shape did not change.

Position When First Sighted: Time 1805--appeared to be about 2 miles southeast of Masonic Memorial in Alexandria and about 3--4 miles from observer.

Apparent Altitude: 2000 to 4000 feet. Steady.

Elevation: 5-7° decreasing slightly as object appeared to move into distance.

Course: Away from, and to the right of observer, estimated 155° true.

Position When Last Sighted: Time 1807--estimated 10 to 12 miles further away based on approximate visibility of 20 miles. Lost sight of object when we turned off of King Street to go up Masonic Memorial hill for a better look. Arrived in clear area on top of hill at 1807plus 45 seconds, but unable to sight object again.

Unusual Characteristics: Unusual in that the object did not change its reflection as it moved through the sunlight. No wings. No tail surfaces or other protuberances. No vapor trail. No smoke or other sign of propulsion. No apparent noise.

Summary: This object appeared to be progressing along a controlled flight path at a constant altitude. Its angular decrease in elevation is believed to be due to its disappearing into the distance toward the horizon since its size appeared to decrease at the same time. It did not behave like a balloon. It did not look like any form of aircraft known to the observer.

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CSAF ITEM 7 /RESTRICTED/

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FROM AFOIN-V/TC

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ACTION.

AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT WAS SIGHTED
NEAR ALEXANDRIA VIRGINIA, AT 1805 EDT, 19
AUG 51, BY [REDACTED], USN, AND

HIS WIFE. THIS OBJECT WAS DESCRIBED AS A

"FROSTY SILVERY" OVAL-SHAPED

OBJECT OF APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET IN LENGTH

TRAVELING AT HIGH SPEED AT 2,000-4,000 FEET.

LT. [REDACTED] REPORTED THE SIGHTING TO THE COMMAND
POST AT THE PENTAGON.

IT SEEMED LIKELY THAT THE OBSERVATION WAS A
REFLECTION OF THE SUB'S RAYS FROM AN AIRCRAFT
FLYING AT AN ALTITUDE OF 6,000 FEET TO 15,000
FEET AND A SPEED OF 150 MILES PER HOUR TO
425 MILES PER HOUR, DEPENDING UPON THE
DISTANCE THE OBJECT FROM THE OBSERVER.

THE REPORTED "APPARENT ALTITUDE OF 2,000 FEET-
4,000 FEET" IS JUDGED TO BE INCORRECT,
CONSIDERING THE OTHER OBSERVATIONS MADE BY
LT. [REDACTED]. THIS INTERVIEW WAS
CONDUCTED BY LT COL M.D. WILLIS. AFOIN-V/TC.

END CSAF ITEM 7 /RESTRICTED/

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22 Aug 51

CSAF Item 7

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DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

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FILE NO.

SUBJECT (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects

TO Chief, ATIC FROM Dept of the Air Force DATE SEP 7 1951 COMMENT NO. 1
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio Hq USAF - AFOIN

1. On 19 August 1951, an unidentified object was reported near Alexandria, Virginia.

2. Details of the sightings and sketches of the sightings are forwarded for analysis and file. The signed statement made by LT. [REDACTED], USN, is a summary of his observations.

3. The evaluation was made in Air Technical Intelligence Center teleconference 220, item 7, by Lt. Colonel M. D. Willis, Project Officer for Unidentified Flying Objects.

2 Incls

1. Signed statement by LT. Neville.
2. Sketches of Sightings by LT. Neville.

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ANGULAR ELEVATION $5^{\circ}-7^{\circ}$ *

ELEVATION DECREASED
SLIGHTLY

~~SEVERAL~~ FINAL
OBSERVATION

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used on later observation from auto
same locations as original slightly-

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time 1

SIGHTING AT 1807

* Estimated Speed

Based on Visibility
and apparent distance
and movement

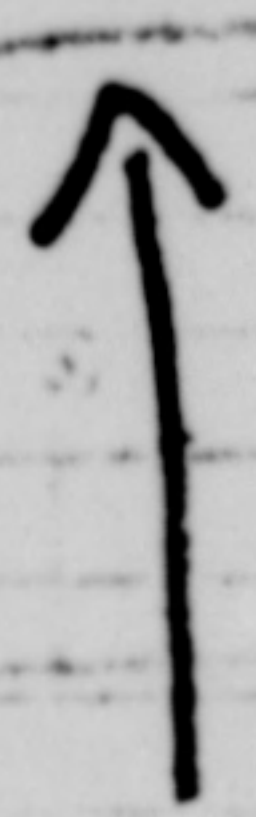
300-400 K

ANGULAR ELEVATION

FIRST
OBSERVATION

* Based on later
in same location

KING STREET



Shape of Object

COLOR
"FROSTY" BRIGHT
SILVER

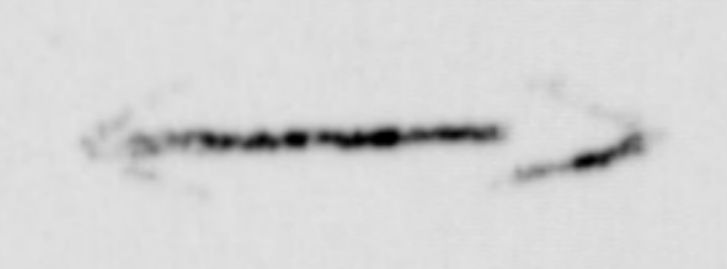
Shape Did not Change

King Street

X

2 Min.

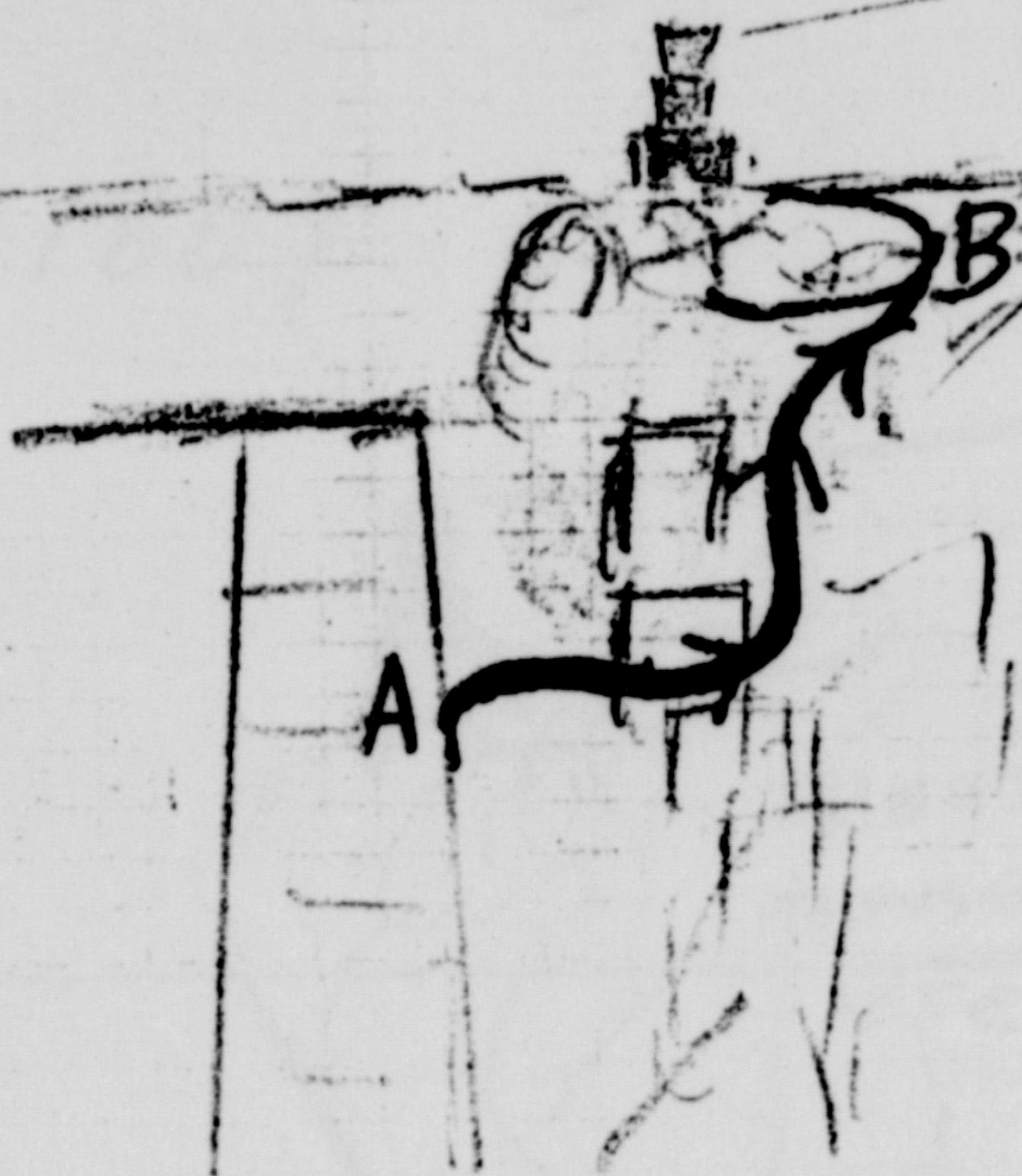
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1805

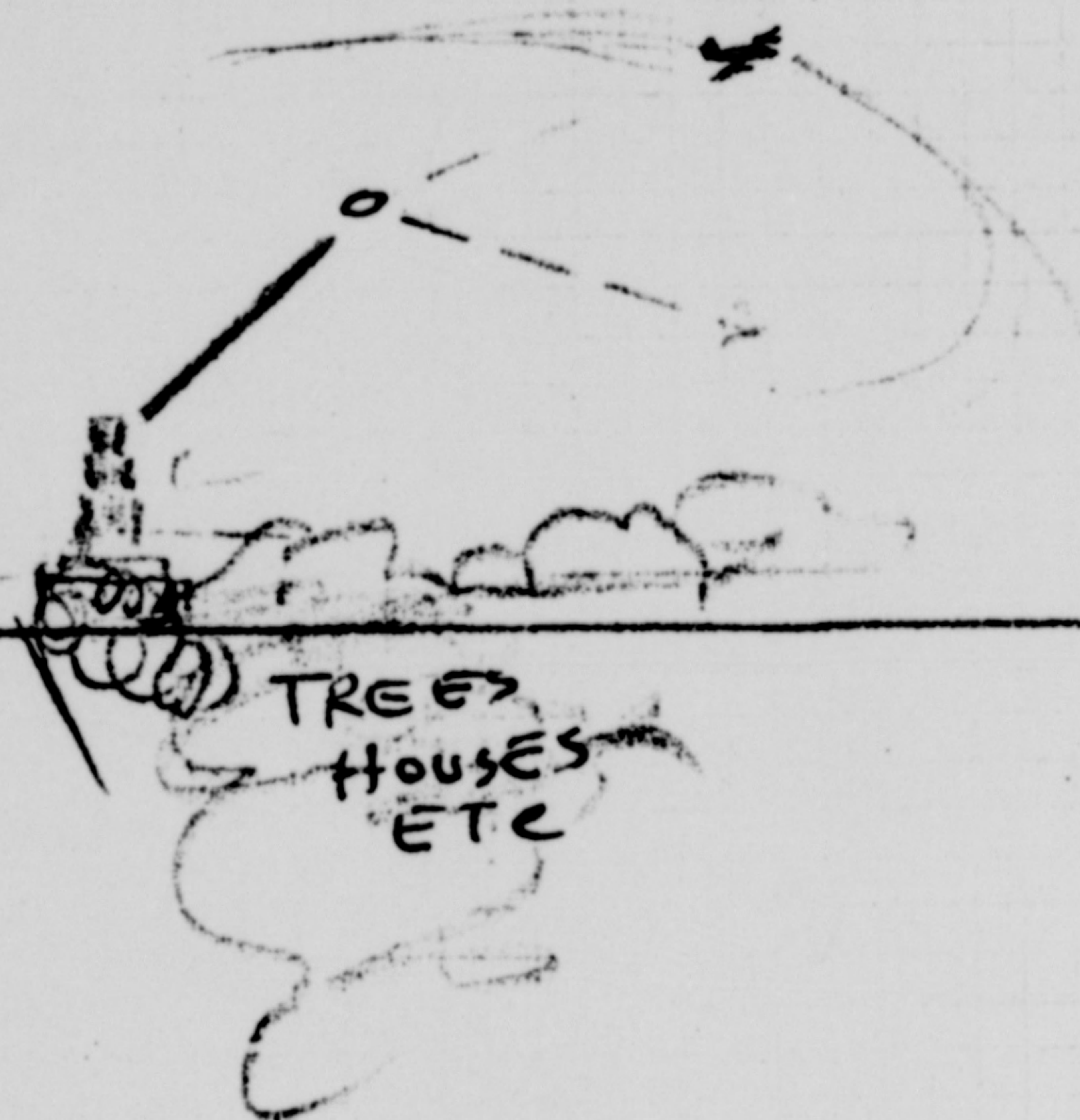
1807

Altitude steady
Appeared moving
OBJECT INTO
RANDOMLY INTO
DISTANCE *



note: at 1807 left
King Street as shown "A"
and proceeded to clear
area on Memorial
parking lot (hilltop)
B - did not see
object after this

1805



1807



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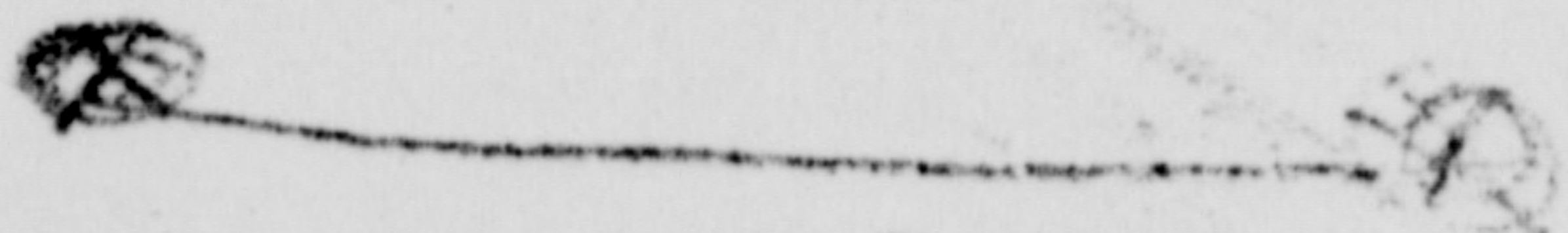
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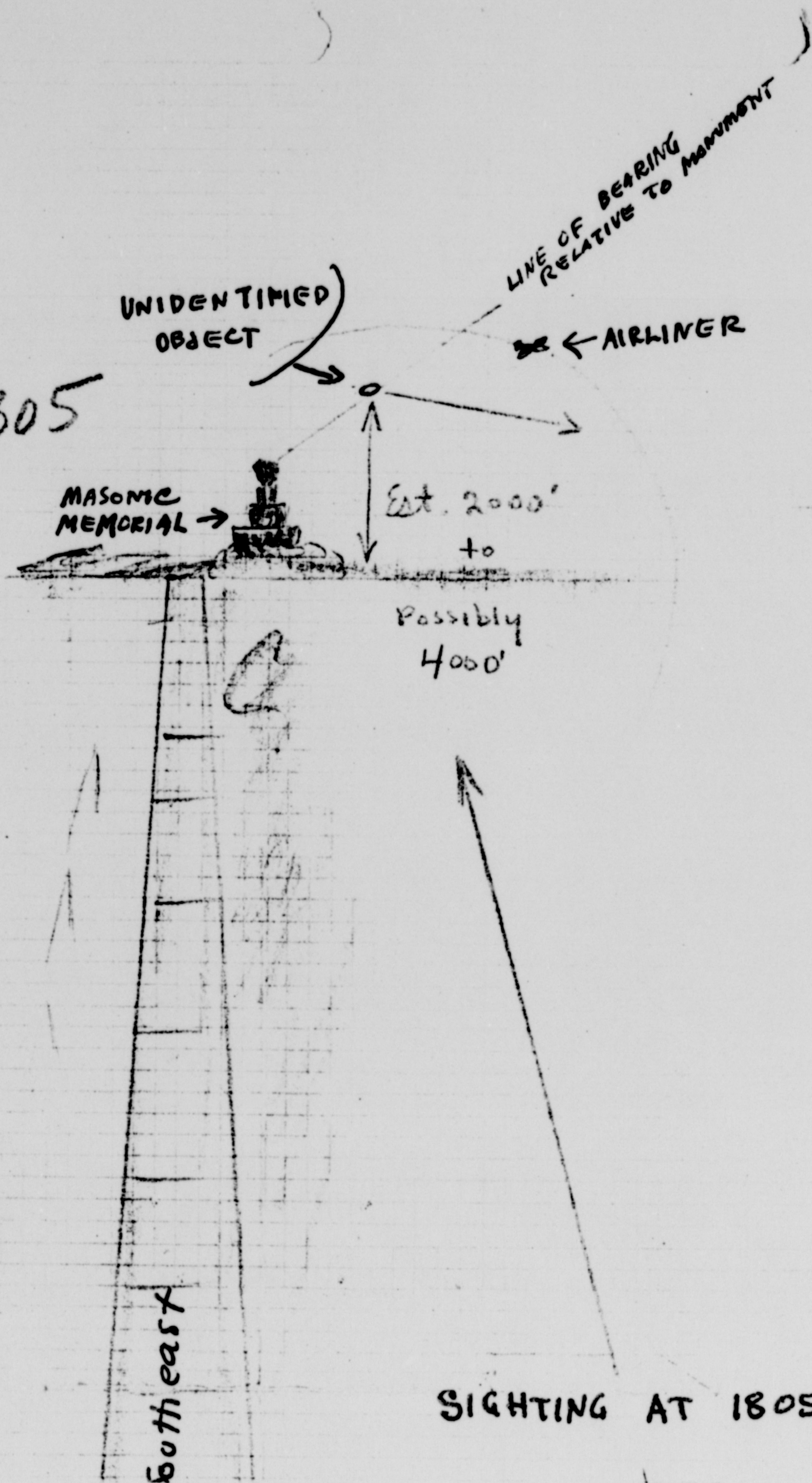
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Based on later observation from auto
in same locations as original sighting -



1805



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