

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 May 1952		2. LOCATION Kirtland AFB, New Mexico		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1600 MST GMT 2300 Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual (5x) ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Other poss paper in the ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Several AF Officers			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 Min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Generally hovering--very little change in position One source thinks it was paper in an updraft? No definite conclusions Color: Silver Shape: Circular w/dome				11. COMMENTS Detailed Report--Visual sighting with a telescope, theodolite, binoculars. Attempted radar and airborne interception. (Description, duration, and motion consistent with balloon sighting. without wind data a def. evaluation is impossible. However if the balloon did not have a radar reflector it would explain why no radar contact was made.)	

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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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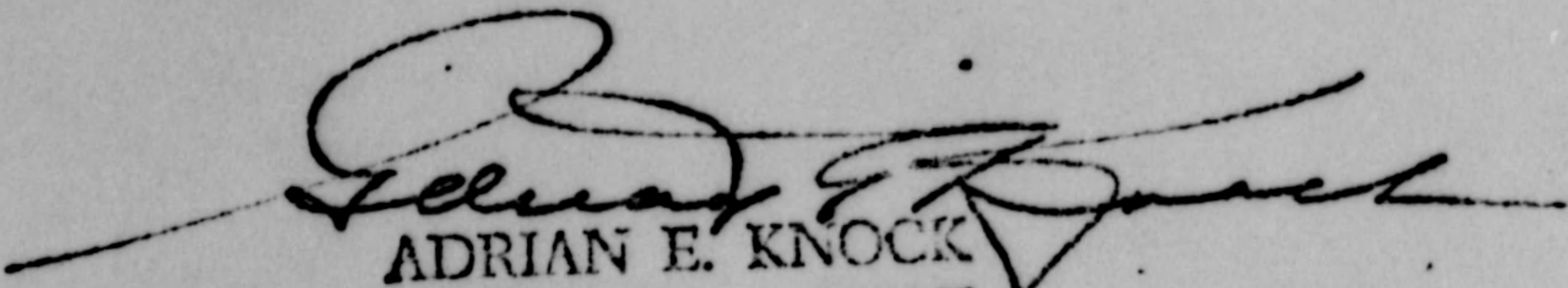
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SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA - 2c
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Air Intelligence Information Reports, dated 2 June 1952, are submitted in compliance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.
2. Electrical message was not submitted.
3. One information copy of this report has been sent to Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:


ADRIAN E. KNOCK
Lt. Colonel USAF
Air Adj. Gen.

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1. AIIR - Part I
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1st Lt. [REDACTED]
4. AIIR - Part II
1st Lt. [REDACTED]
5. AIIR - Part II
Capt. [REDACTED]
6. AIIR - Part II
Lt. Colonel [REDACTED]
7. Sworn Statement - [REDACTED]
8. Sworn Statement - 1st Lt. [REDACTED]
9. Sworn Statement - 1st Lt. [REDACTED]
10. Sworn Statement - Capt. [REDACTED]
11. Sworn Statement - Lt. Col. [REDACTED]
12. Reliability Statement
Lt. Col. [REDACTED]
13. Map Overlay

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. NOT APPLICABLE	(LEAVE BLANK) AF 458544
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOBREP		
AREA REPORTED ON Albuquerque	FROM (Agency) 37th Air Division (Defense)	
DATE OF REPORT 29 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 23 May 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) PAULA W. STIMSON, Capt., USAF	SOURCE Visual Observers	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None		

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.)

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBREP)

In accordance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBREP), the following report of unidentified flying object is submitted:

On 23 May 1952, at approximately 1600 MST an unidentified flying object was observed by the following people at the 135th AC & W Squadron: Colonel [REDACTED] Jr., 1st Lt. [REDACTED] and 1st Lt. [REDACTED].

The object sighted was silver in color, and appeared to be flat on the bottom; however, slightly rounded on the upper side. It was approximately 260 degrees from Hurland Air Force Base heading east at an altitude of about 5000 feet above the terrain. The object was observed for about 45 minutes during which time it appeared to be floating in the air. Toward the end of observation, the object's angle of elevation decreased rather steadily, and at the same time, its brilliance decreased until it became invisible near the horizon.

This object was viewed through a pair of 7 x 30 binoculars and the telescope of a transit, but recognition was impossible. Interception was attempted by the 53rd FIC with negative results.

The informants are completely reliable and are members of the 135th AC&W Squadron with the exception of [REDACTED], is a Philco Technical Representative.

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1. Shape: Flat on the bottom, slightly rounded on the upper edge.
Size: Negative
Color: Silver
Number: One
Formation: Negative
Aerodynamic features: Negative
Trail or exhaust: Negative
Propulsion system: Negative
Speed: Negative
Sound: Negative
Maneuvers: Negative
Manner of disappearance: Drifted below the horizon, and I did not see it again.
2. 1600 MST
3. Visual--- I observed the object through field glasses.
4. Object was located at 260 degrees Azimuth. Observer was at 135th AC&W Squadron.
5. Observer's reliability is very good.
6. Negative
7. Negative
8. Negative
9. Attempted to identify by field glasses.
10. Negative

The information given above by Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED] is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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1. Shape: Negative
Size: Too small to be identified by using the transit.
Color: Bright- possibly silver.
Number: One
Formation: Negative
Aerodynamic features: Negative
Trail or exhaust: Negative
Propulsion system: Negative
Speed: Object appeared to be floating in the air in a random fashion.
Sound: Negative
Maneuvers: Negative
Manner of disappearance: Negative
2. 1600 MST- observed for about 45 minutes.
3. Visual observation- observer attempted to identify the object by using a transit; however, the object was too small to be identified using the telescope of the transit.
4. 135th AC&W Squadron, KAPB, New Mexico.
5. Observer is reliable; however, did not observe object as long as others.
6. Negative
7. Negative
8. Negative
9. Attempted to identify by using transit.
10. Negative

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Aerodynamic features: Negative
Trail or exhaust: Negative
Propulsion: Negative
Speed: Negative
Sound: Negative
Maneuvers: Negative
Manner of disappearance: Negative
2. 1600 MST
3. Visual
4. 135th AG&W Squadron, KAFB, New Mexico
5. Reliable
6. Negative
7. Negative
8. Negative
9. Attempted to locate on radar- however, negative results. 93rd FIS attempted interception, but did not sight anything.
10. Three outbound planes at this time- one was a Constellation, another a Piper Cub, and the other a C-47.

The information given above by 1st Lt. [REDACTED] is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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Formation: Negative
Aerodynamic features: Negative
Trail or exhaust: Negative
Propulsion system: Negative
Speed: Negative
Sound: Negative
Maneuvers: Seemed to be circling slowly.
Manner of disappearance: Slowly descended below the horizon.
2. 1600 MST
3. Visual -- used a pair of 7X50 binoculars and the telescope of a transit, but due to the distance, recognition was impossible.
4. 135th AC&W Squadron
5. Reliability of witness is rated as good.
6. Negative
7. Negative
8. Negative
9. Interception was attempted with negative results.
10. Negative

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Maneuvers: Negative
Manner of disappearance: Negative
2. 1600 MST, observed for about 45 minutes.
3. Visual observation
4. Observer was located at Kirtland Air Force Base, 135th AG&W Squadron, at the time of sighting.
5. Reliability of observer is good.
6. Negative
7. Negative
8. Negative
9. No contact by radar; however, an attempt was made by 93rd FIS Sq to intercept, but no contact was made.
10. Negative

The information given above by Captain [REDACTED] is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

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SWORN STATEMENT

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I, [REDACTED] Philco Technical Representative, 135th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, do hereby make the following sworn statement:

At about 1600MST, Friday 23 May 1952, my attention was called to a bright object in the Western sky. A transit was available in Radar Maintenance Section, and using this instrument, I attempted to identify the above mentioned object. Although plainly visible to the naked eye because of its brilliance, the object was still too small to be identified using the telescope on the transit. Attempts to identify the object with the aid of a pair of 7 X 50 binoculars were also unsuccessful.

This object was observed for about forty-five minutes during which time it appeared to be floating in the air and moved about in a random fashion. When first observed, it was about 2 degrees above the horizon and almost due West of Building T-420. (About 268 degrees). Total change of position did not exceed 5 degrees horizontally or 3 degrees vertically. No rapid changes in position were observed.

Toward the end of the period of observation, the objects angle of elevation decreased rather steadily and at the same time its brilliance decreased until it became invisible at or near the horizon, bearing about 271 degrees. Brilliance of this object changed continuously during observation, being bright for periods of two seconds to two minutes, and very dim, sometimes invisible, for like periods. Change in brilliance was gradual.

Motion of this object rules out the possibility of it being an airplane or meteor. Other possibilities are:

1. Helicopter: No helicopters known to be in the area.
2. Flying Saucer: No comment.
3. Piece of paper soaring on thermals: Possibly taken aloft by a whirlwind. Explains motion and changing brilliance. Cannot be discounted because of high brilliance of observed object. Sunlight on floating paper results in an unusually brilliant object when viewed with the sky as a background.

It is my opinion that the object sighted was a piece of paper.

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[REDACTED]
Philco Technical Representative

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of May 1952

Edwin G. Kenyon
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1st Lt., USAF
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SWORN STATEMENT

I, [REDACTED], Lt., USAF, [REDACTED], 135th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, do hereby make the following sworn statement:

On 23 May 1952 at 1600 hours, while acting as Director, I was informed by the door guard that there was a silver object in the sky to the West of our station. I immediately went downstairs to the door and observed a shining object at a low angle from the ground. I then went back to the radar scope and observed three tracks, at 20, 25 and 30 miles heading outbound. After checking with the Identification Section, I was able to identify one track as a Constellation. Idaho #1 being airborne at the time on a test flight, was diverted from over Kirtland to identify the other two tracks and also to search for any unusual objects. Idaho #1 was vectored to 350 degrees and 11 angels and at approximately 35 miles one track was identified as a Piper Cub. Idaho one continued for the second track on a heading of 280 degrees and at 50 miles, identified a C-47. The third track at this time was 270 degrees and 85 miles.

I received word that the object was still in sight so had Idaho #1 climb to 23 angels and search on an inbound heading. He came within 15 miles of the field without sighting anything and since the object was still in sight from the ground, he was again vectored outbound on a track of 254 degrees at 18 angels.

When at 50 miles, he reported fuel running low, he was vectored toward the base at minimum altitude and landed.

Idaho #1 reported excellent visibility with the only clouds 50 miles West of Kirtland Air Force Base, with tops estimated at 17,000 feet.

At no time was there an indication other than the three outbound tracks, with the exception of Idaho #1.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
1st Lt., USAF
[REDACTED]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of May 1952

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SWORN STATEMENT

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I, [REDACTED] Lt. USAF [REDACTED] 135th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, do hereby make the following sworn statement:

At 1600 MST, Friday 23 May 1952, an object was sighted approximately 260 degrees, West of Building T-420, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Object was light in color reflecting the sunlight intermittently. Bright for periods varying from 3 seconds to 2 or 3 minutes. Remaining dark for like periods of time as though slowly circling. Object did not vary it's position horizontally more than 5 degrees.

Object was under constant surveillance from 1605 MST to 1625 MST. Object was viewed through a pair of 7 X 50 binoculars and the telescope of a transit but due to the distance which was approximately 12 to 20 miles recognition was impossible.

Toward the end of the observing period the object slowly descended below the horizon and out of sight.

Interception was attempted with negative results.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
1st Lt. USAF
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Lt. Col. USAF
[REDACTED]

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On 23 May 1952 at 1600 hours, a shiny airborne object was called to my attention. This object was approximately 260 degrees from KAFB, appeared to be heading West and was approximately 3,000 feet above the terrain. It appeared to be 15-20 miles from KAFB and because of this distance no definite shape could be determined. However, because of the reflections, which were continuous, the surface could have been aluminum.

Despite the fact that the Idaho aircraft was dead reckoned and directed to the position with relation to a cloud bank, the interception of this object was not successful. After about 25 minutes the Idaho flight, low on fuel, returned to KAFB for Pancake.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of May 1952

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I, ~~_____~~ Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force,

~~_____~~ do hereby make the following statement:

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On or about 1600 hours, 23 May 1952, my attention was called by Lieutenant ~~_____~~ to a strange object at 260° Azimuth, this Station. This object appeared to me to be approximately one to two thousand feet above the terrain at a range of ten to twenty miles. It did not have any apparent motion other than random motion. I looked at it once through field glasses and it appeared to be silver in color, flat on the bottom, slightly rounded on the upper edge, but the highest portion of the rounded section was offset to the left.

Captain ~~_____~~ arrived at this time and the object was pointed out to him. I had called the Direction Center by this time and asked what action had been taken. I was informed that a fighter was now vectoring on 260.

Captain ~~_____~~, Lieutenant ~~_____~~ and I went to the Direction Center and observed the object from the Radar Maintenance room window. Mr. ~~_____~~ was by that time observing the object through a transit telescope. I directed that a line be run from the controller to the observers position which was done within the next two or three minutes. By that time, however, the object had drifted below the horizon and was not again observed by me.

I have on two previous occasions observed objects in the air which I subsequently decided were merely large pieces of paper. This time, however, I can not convince myself that this was either an airplane outbound, a paper object, or a balloon.

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Subscribed and Sworn by me this
27 May 1952.

~~_____~~
Lt Col, USAF
Commanding

Charles P. Ward Jr
CHARLES P WARD JR
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

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The following statement is my opinion of the reliability of the witnesses:

Captain [REDACTED] y--thoroughly reliable.

Lieutenant [REDACTED] --thoroughly reliable.

Mr. [REDACTED] --reliable but statement must be considered in the light of his late observance of the object. He did not study it as long as the others.

Lieutenant [REDACTED] --reliable but is convinced that the object was an outbound plane even though there is no evidence that a Constellation would have been in that area at that time.

[REDACTED]

Lt Col, USAF
Commanding

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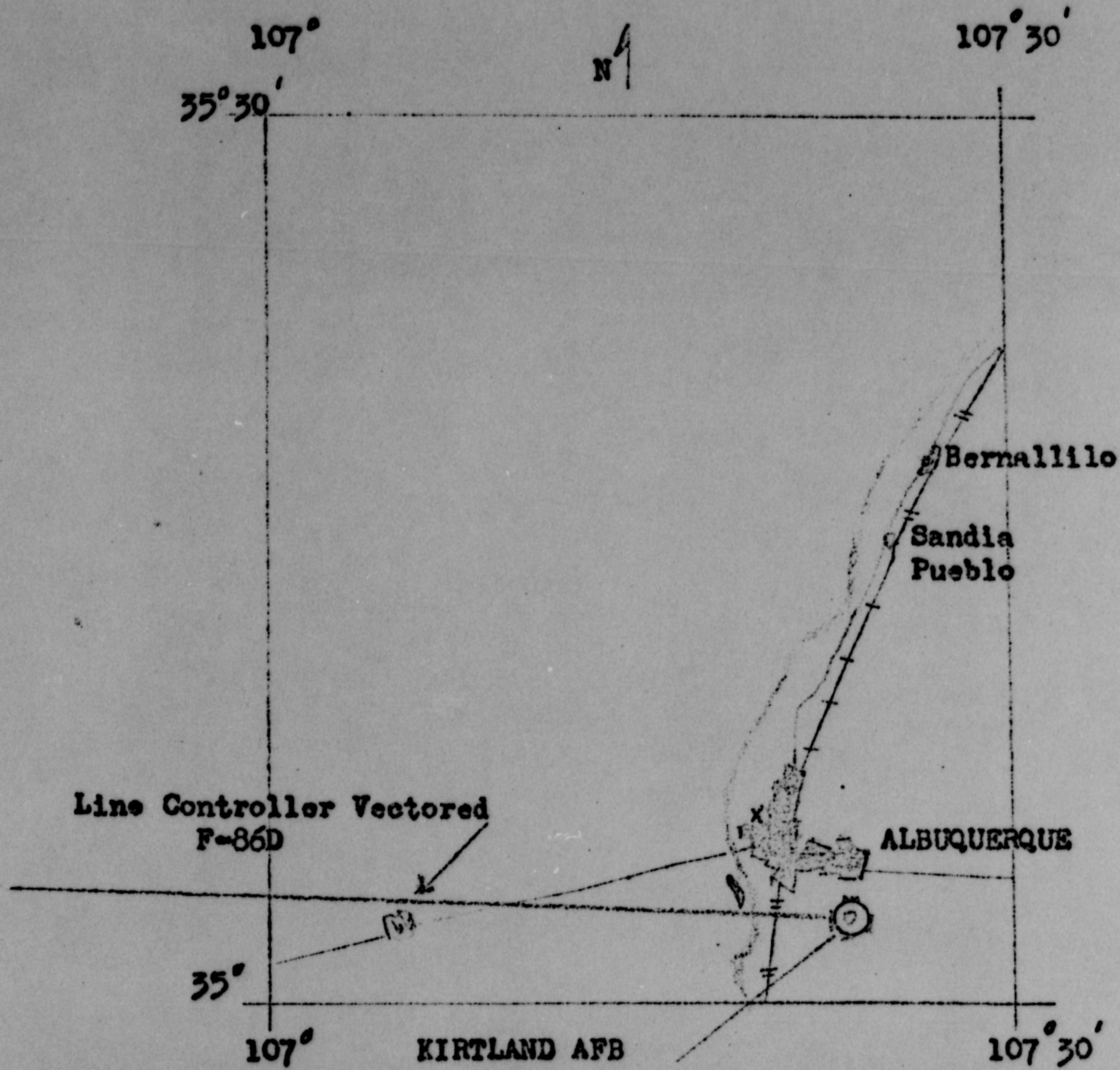
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