

AIRCRAFT SIGHTING REPORT

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

28 Jul 52

LOCATION SAN RAFAEL, CALIF

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

28/0501 PDT
28/1201 Z

☒ Ground-Visual

☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual

☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. SOURCE

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2 Civilian Men

1 min.

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6. DESCRIPTION OF OBSERVATION

Reddish-yellow light flew straight course.

1. Naval a/c at 20000' in immediate area

COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. IR-22-52W	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)		
AREA REPORTED ON Central California	FROM (Agency) Dir. of Intel. 28 AD, Hamilton AFB, Calif.	
DATE OF REPORT 4 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 28 July 1952	EVALUATION C-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) Capt. ORVILLE E. BIXEL	SOURCE Dir. of Intelligence Ground Observer	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) TWX 28th OID 2320 FLYOBRPT, 28 July 1952		

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.)

One unidentified object was observed visually for a period of approximately one minute at 0501 Pacific Daylight Time, 28 July 1952. The object was described by observers as being star shaped but like a bulb. Object was reddish-yellow in color and traveling at an estimated speed of 150 M.P.H. at an altitude between 10,000 - 15,000 feet. Object was on a heading of about 280 degrees. One of the observers said the unidentified object may have been an aircraft with landing lights on. No sound was heard coming from the unidentified object.

The observers were located at the G.O.C. Post in Novato, Calif. at the time of the sighting. The observers were: Lt. Grover C. Owens (USAF retired), telephone no. Novato 55R and Mr. Phillip Tuckett, telephone no. Novato 99R.

The Weather Officer, 28th Air Division (Def) reported the weather in the Novato area as clear with 10 miles visibility. Winds at 10,000 ft. were 040° at 7 knots. At 20,000 ft. winds were 130° at 7 knots.

Information from the Control Center, 28th Air Division, indicated that a Navy fighter was in the immediate area of the reported sighting at 20,000 ft. at the time of the sighting.

No physical evidence of the sighting was reported. No identification action was taken.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

Since one of the observers was of the opinion that the sighting was an aircraft in the area and since a Navy fighter was known to be in the area of the sighting at that time, it is believed that this sighting was an aircraft in the area.

Orville E. Bixel
ORVILLE E. BIXEL
Captain USAF
Director of Intelligence

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JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO

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ACTION

[REDACTED] 2801D 2320 FLYOBRPT. ATTN: DIRECTOR OF
INTELLIGENCE. JEDWP ATTN: ATIAA-2C.

(1) ONE OBJECT, STAR-SHAPED OBJECT MORE LIKE A BULB, REDDISH YELLOW
IN COLOR. 150 MPH; NO SOUND, FLEW STRAIGHT COURSE AT SEA LEVEL.

(2) 0501 PDT 23 JULY 1952 OBSERVED FOR ONE MINUTE.

(3) VISUAL FROM GROUND.

(4) LOCATION OF OBSERVER WAS NJ 2606, NEAR SAN RAFAEL, CALIF.

(5) ORSERVERS: LT. GROVER CLEVELAND OWENS (RET)

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(6) CLEAR 10 MILES VIS

(7) NAVY FTRS FREQUENTLY THROW OFF AN ORANGE EXHAUST.

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

(10) NAVY FTR AT 20,000 FT.

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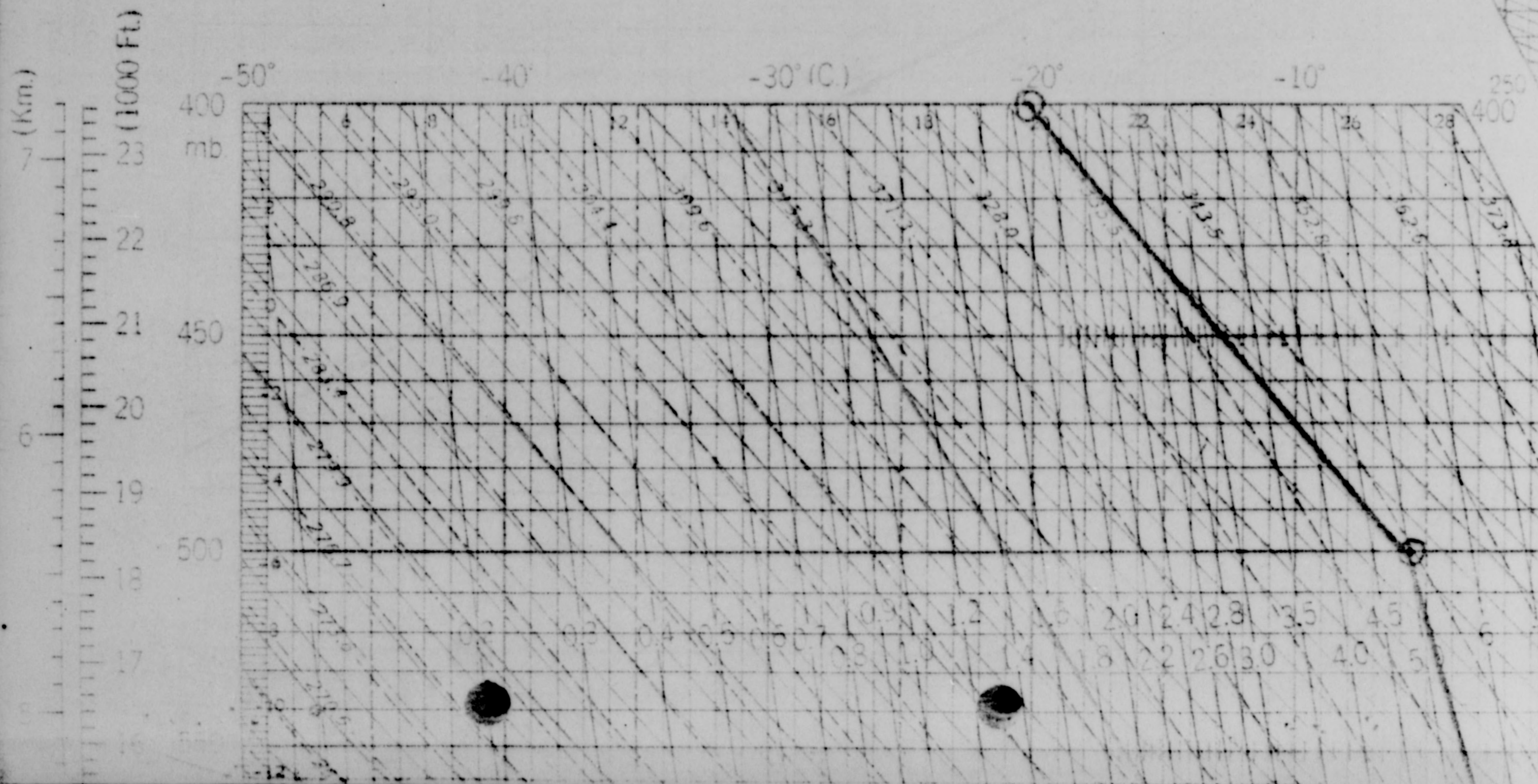
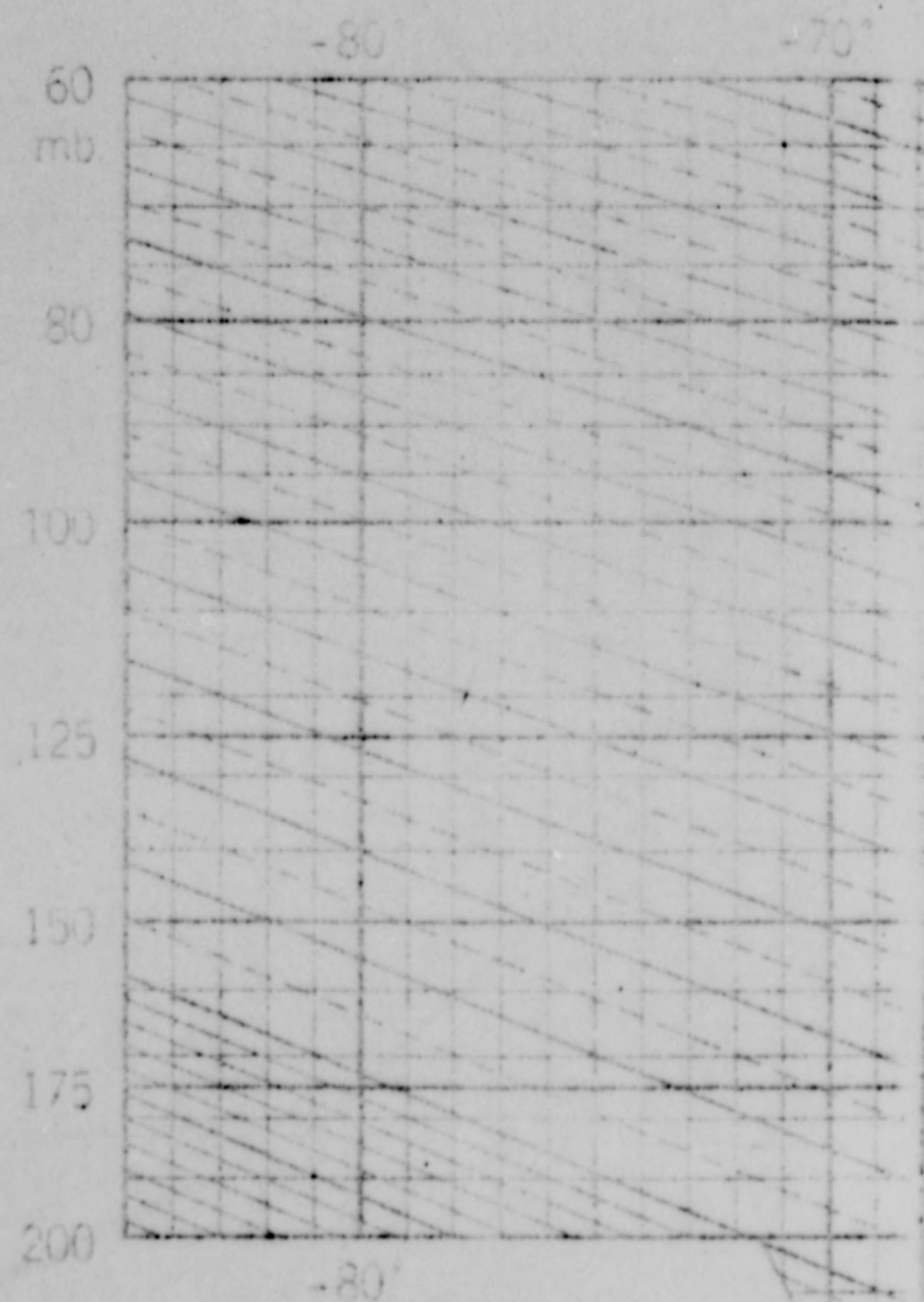
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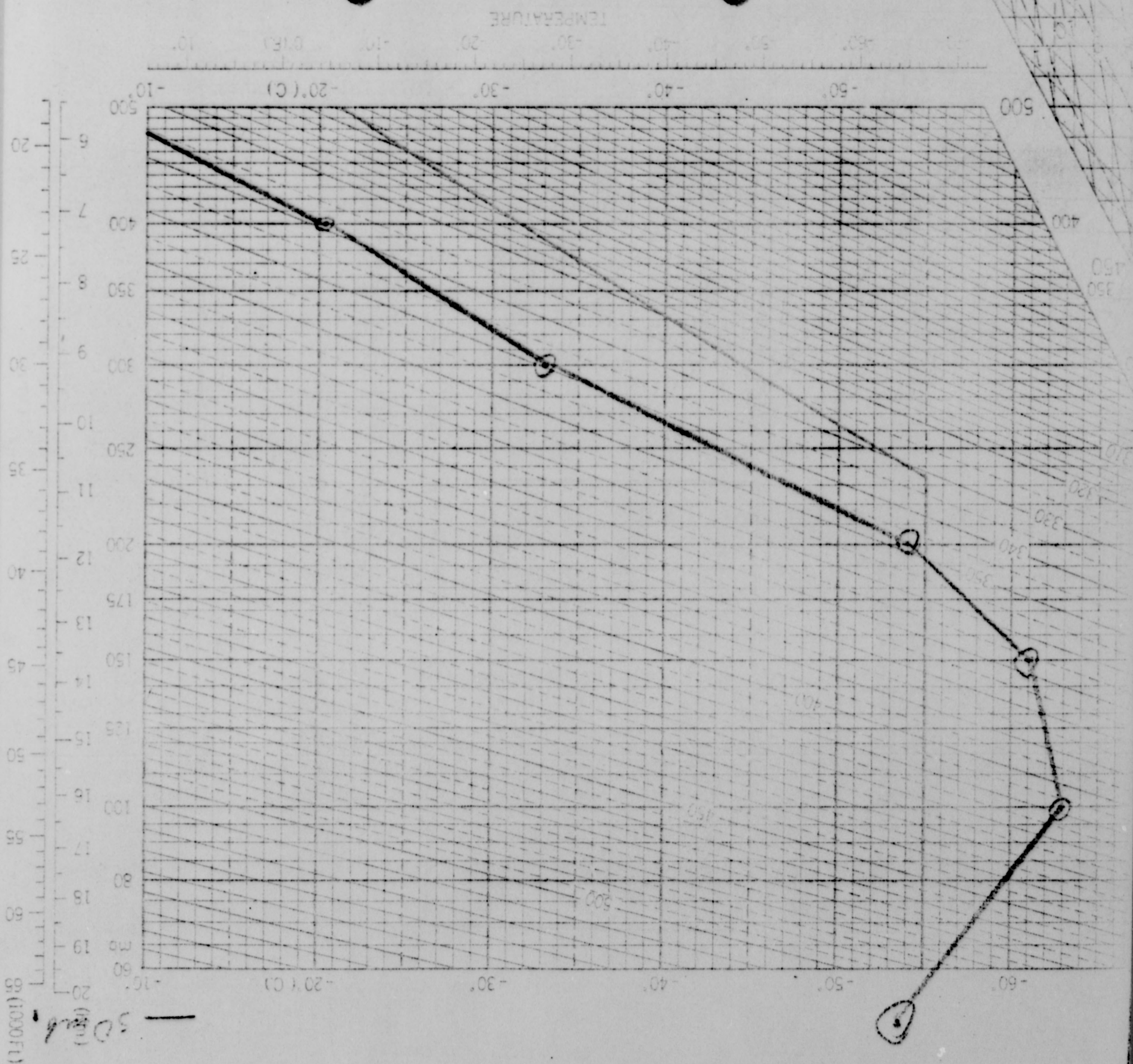
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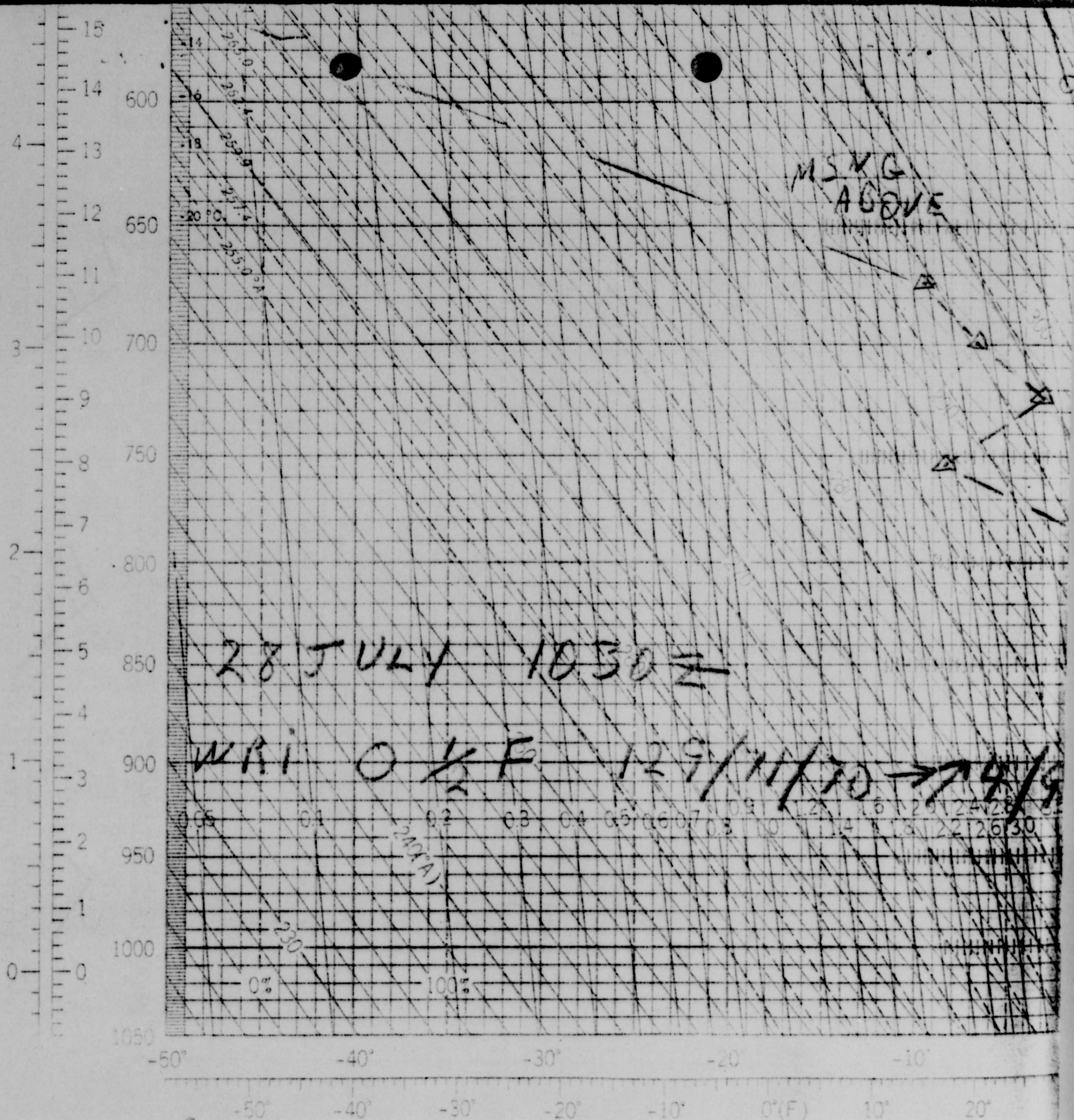
LEGEND

- (1) Abscissas are temperatures (t) in $^{\circ}\text{C}$.
 - (2) Ordinates are $P^{0.28}$ where P = pressure in mb.
 - (3) Sloping straight lines on base are dry adiabats, i. e., lines of constant potential temperature ($^{\circ}\text{A}$).
 - (4) Broken, overprinted curves are pseudo-adiabats. Figures thereon are equivalent potential temperatures ($^{\circ}\text{A}$) and potential pseudo-wet-bulb temperatures ($^{\circ}\text{C}$).
 - (5) Unbroken, overprinted curves are lines of constant saturation mixing ratio in grams of water vapor per kilogram of dry air (assuming saturated conditions).
 - (6) The latter two sets of curves are computed under the assumption that for all temperatures, including those below 0°C , saturation is with respect to a flat surface of liquid water.
 - (7) The printed curve on the base, passing through the point $t = 15^{\circ}\text{C}$, $P = 1013.25$ mb., represents the U. S. Standard Atmosphere pressure-temperature relationship. Stratospheric temperatures are assumed to be -55°C at pressures less than 234.5 mb.
- Absolute temperatures are in the approximate absolute scale: $T^{\circ}\text{A} = (273 + t^{\circ}\text{C})$.



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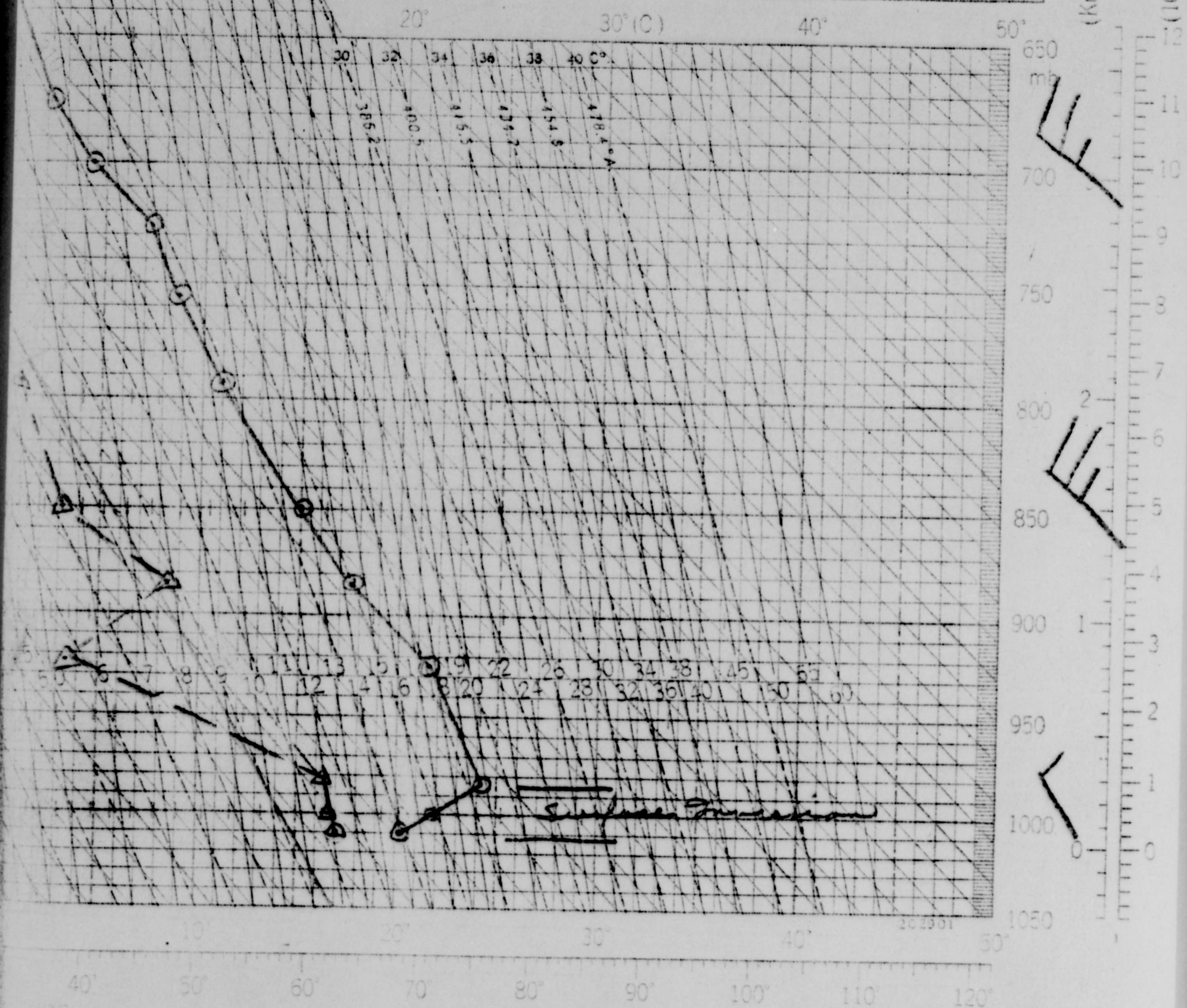




Date (Z): 28 JUL Hour: 0900z

Local Time: Station Height:

Plotted By: Time Completed:



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LOCATION: MARITIME, CROCK

23/1015 FST

28/1515 Z

XX Ground-V. and

□ A-V and

□ SOURCE

□ Ground Radio

□ Air-Intercom: none

Civilian man

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(METER)

4 seconds

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310°

Blue-white flame which tapered to a point and moved at speed faster than jet a/c was seen by ex-publicity man for Eastern Airlines.

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FM 35TH AIR DIV ADCC DOBBINS AFB MARIETTA GA.

TO JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ. USAF WASH 25, D C

JEDWP/AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO. ✓

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JEDKF/CG CADF, KANSAS CITY, MO.

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FLYOBRT: THIS HQ. HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FROM MR. ~~REDACTED~~,

MARIETTA, GA. AT 281922Z: 1. DESCRIPTION: NO SHAPE OTHER THAN A

BLUE WHITE FLAME, ELONGATED AND TAPERING TO A POINT AT REAR. ONE

OBJECT. NO SOUND, NO MANEUVERS. FASTER THAN A JET A/C OUTSTANDING

FEATURE: BLUE-WHITE FLAME, OBSERVER SAID.

2. TIME OF SIGHTING: 231015EST FOR 3 OR 4 SECS.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: VISUAL, SURFACE.

4. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: HOME IN MARIETTA, GA.

LONGITUDE 84DEGREES 32', LATITUDE 33DEGREES 57'. MOVING IN NW

DIRECTION, ESTIMATED "AT LEAST 15,000'".

ACTION

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5. INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: WAS PUBLICITY MAN FOR EASTERN AIR LINES AT TIME THEIR PILOT MADE REPORT ON 'SAUCER' OVER ALABAMA 2 OR 3 YEARS AGO.

6. WEATHER: SKY-CLEAR, VISIBILITY-12 MILES, TEMP-36DEGREES, WIND-WSW AT 6 KNOTS.

WINDS: 10,000'/270DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS

WINDS: 20,000'/360DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS

WINDS: 30,000'/190DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS

WINDS: 40,000'/200 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS

7. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

QPM UNKNOWN.

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