PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

DATE
24 AUG 52

2. LOCATION (Coast of N. Africa)
34°35'N-12°14'W

12. CONCLUSIONS
- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other
- ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

DATE-TIME GROUP
Local
GMT 2330

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
- ☐ Ground-Visual
- ☐ Ground-Radar
- ☒ Air-Visual
- ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

PHOTOS
- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

6. SOURCE
AF plane crew

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

6. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

9. COURSE

BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Greenish blue. "Flash".

11. COMMENTS

Similar to gun fire or explosions.

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USA-MATS IR-555-52

Unidentified Flashes on Surface of Sea

Eastern Atlantic Off Morrocan Coast

3 September 1952 24 August 1952

J. M. Penny, Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer, Hq. CNTID MATS, Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas
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6th AT SQ, 1703d ATG, MATS, Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama

1. At approximately 2330Z on 24 August 1952 while piloting a C-124 type a/c on a transport mission from Lajes Air Force Base, Azores to Nouassuer Air Base, French Morocco at an altitude of 7500' on a magnetic heading of 113 degrees at a point 180 miles off coast of North Africa coordinates 34° 35' N - 12° 14' W, the pilot, Major Hugh L. Baynes and Co-pilot, Captain Charles H. Link, of the 6th Air Transport Squadron, 1703d Air Transport Group, CNTID, MATS, observed a distinct greenish blue, fan shaped flash similar to gun fire or an explosion at the surface of the sea at a distance estimated to be 50 to 75 miles from the aircraft at an angle of one o'clock. Five minutes later a second flash identical with first cited was observed at the same location.

2. When the aircraft arrived in the area of the incident a thorough observation was continued to ascertain presence of surface vessels with negative results. Area was free of any signs which would incidate fire or explosion of any type.

3. Aircraft continued to destination at Nouassuer and reported incident to MATS liaison officer on duty.

APPROVED:

J. M. PENNY
Major, USAF
Division Intelligence Officer

[redacted]

PROJECT [redacted] REPORT

3. LOCATION

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. SOURCE

6. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

8. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

9.

10. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Balloon

☐ Prosaic, Other

☐ Possibly Prosaic

☐ [redacted]

☐ [redacted]

☐ [redacted]

☐ Not Adequate

☐ Probable

☐ [redacted]

☐ Insufficient Information

☐ Unknown

11. COMMENTS

[redacted]

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
DIRECTORATE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.	DATE
24-132	7 October 1952

REPORT MADE BY: ELMER T. LIAN, S/A

REPORT MADE AT: DO #13, Offutt AFB, Nebr.

PERIOD: 24 September 1952

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DO #13, Offutt AFB, Nebr.

STATUS: PENDING

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON SIGHTED
PITTSBURG, KANSAS
25 August 1952

Pittsburg, Kansas 25 Aug 52

CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE: Ltr, DO #5, file 50-24-21, 16 Sep 52

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by the Chief, Technical Analysis Division, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Mr. [redacted], Pittsburg, Kansas., stated that he saw an unidentified object in the air at 0535 hours, CST, on 25 August 1952, seven (7) miles northwest of Pittsburg, Kans. Object described as seventy-five (75) feet long, forty (40) feet wide, and fifteen (15) feet high. Shape described as two oblong (elliptical) platters placed face to face. Object hovered about ten (10) feet above ground for about one-half (½) minute and disappeared in about ten (10) seconds by moving straight up in the air. Object observed for approximately one-half (½) minute from a distance of four hundred (400) to one-hundred (100) yards. Soil and vegetation samples taken from ground below sighting forwarded to Technical Analysis Division, Wright-Patterson AFB, on or about 4 September 1952.

Disclosure of the nature, sources, or even the existence of the information in this report to persons not normally entitled to such information may be made only when expressly authorized by the Director of special investigations, IG, or higher authority. Unauthorized disclosure of such information will be considered to be a violation of AFR 205-1.

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District Commander

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by the Chief, Technical Analysis Division, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, by letter from the District Commander, 5th OSI Dist, file 5D-24-21, dated 16 Sep 52.

AT PITTSBURG, KANSAS

2. On 24 September 1952, Mr. [redacted], Pittsburg, Kans., was interviewed at Radio Station KOAM, Pittsburg, Kans. [redacted] stated that he lives with his wife and son on a small farm about ten (10) miles northwest of Pittsburg, Kans. He works for radio station KOAM as a Musician and plays in various types of musical aggregations. [redacted] stated he had worked at the station most of the time for the past five (5) or six (6) years.

At approximately 0530 hours, CST, on 25 August 1952, [redacted] left his farm driving a 1952 Jeep Station Wagon and started driving south on a rough gravel road, known as Yale Road. When he reached a point approximately one-fourth (¼) mile from US Highway 160, which runs east and west, he noted the unknown object off to the right side of the road at a horizontal angle of about 40 degrees and at a distance of about two hundred fifty (250) yards. He immediately started slowing down his car and continued to view the object through the right side of windshield. When he came to a point where object was visible through the right door glass and about 90 degrees to right of his vehicle he stopped and slid his body over to the right hand door of the vehicle, opened the door and stepped out on the road. At all times, he attempted to keep object in view. After he had stepped to side of road nearest the object, it began a rapid vertical ascent. [redacted] estimated he viewed object for about one-half (½) minute. At this time, [redacted] estimated he was about one hundred (100) yards from object. When object reached a height "about as high as an airplane flies" object then increased acceleration at a tremendous rate and rapidly disappeared from view, straight up through broken clouds. Clouds did not obscure view of disappearing object at any time. [redacted] described the object as platter shaped; by this he said it looked like two (2) platters or bowls had been put together by reversing one platter and placing it over the first one. He estimated it was about seventy-five (75) feet long and forty (40) feet wide and about fifteen (15) feet through the mid-section, measuring vertically in center of object. Object was about ten (10) feet above ground when first seen by [redacted] and remained in this position until it started its rapid ascent after he stepped to the side of the road. The object was hovering or moving slightly up and down and to the side, or rocking slightly as it hovered about ten (10) feet off the ground. [redacted] then went on with a more detailed explanation of the object: It was of a dull aluminum color; smooth surface; one window in front section, with head and shoulders visible of one man sitting motionless facing forward edge of object, clear glass, light in forward section, medium blue continuous light. In the mid-section of object were several windows extending from top to near edge of object; mid-section of ship had a blue light which gradually changed to different shades. There was a large amount of activity and movement in the mid-section which could not be identified as being human as it did not have a regular pattern of movement such as mechanical objects would make in the blue light. There were no windows,

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doors, portholes, vents, seams, etc., visible to observer in rear section of object or under the object (viewed at time of ascent). Another identifiable feature was that along the outer edge of object, there were a series of propellers about six (6) inches to seven (7) inches in diameter, spaced closely together, these propellers were mounted on a bracket so they revolved in a horizontal plane along the edge of the object. These propellers were revolving at a high rate.

After stopping his car [redacted] urned off the ignition and when stepping out of his car, he heard a deep throbbing sound coming from object. As the object started its ascent it emitted a sound like a large covey of quail starting to fly at one time. There was no visible exhaust or odor detected by viewer. There was only one object seen. [redacted] described the weather as being warm, and the sky dotted with clouds. He does not recall a wind at the time of sighting. [redacted] said the sun was just rising as he was going to work that morning and it was light enough to see all objects in the area. Viewer cannot recall any airplanes, trains, or other vehicles in the area at time of sighting. He stated that to his knowledge, he was the only person to view the object. [redacted] stated he wanted to go to the area over which the object had hovered; however, he did not as the terrain was rough (ditch, fence, tall weeds, etc.) and he has an artificial leg which prevents normal movement. [redacted] said the grass was moving under the object when it was hovering.

[redacted] has completed two (2) years of high schoo', is thirty-six (36) years old, does not wear glasses, denies recent illness or injuries, drinks only socially and claims to have been 100% sober at the time of sighting. He knew of no objects in the area which had a similar appearance, and he has never seen an object similar to it before. He could think of no one who would want to play a practical joke on him. Viewer was at a total loss in attempting to explain the viewed object as being a "vision", "optical illusion", or some other explainable phenomenon.

3. On 24 September 1952, 2d Lt [redacted] Signal Corps, USAR, [redacted], Pittsburg, Kans., was interviewed at station KOAM in Pittsburg. [redacted] stated he was an assistant professor of mathematics at Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kans., and an engineer at station KOAM. [redacted] stated he had known [redacted] about three (3) years and has never known [redacted] to make any false statements. He has worked with [redacted] at radio station KOAM. Lt [redacted] stated that he took soil and vegetation samples about ten (10) hours after sighting time and he detected that some of the vegetation was lying down but not broken in area of sighting. He was unable to distinguish a definite perimeter which may have aided in establishing the size of the object. [redacted] stated that he forwarded the samples of soil and vegetation direct to the Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, by registered Air Express on or about 4 Sep 1952.

[redacted] stated he had discussed the case with Dr [redacted], head of Mathematics Department at Kansas State Teachers College and they were unable to arrive at a plausible solution to the sighting. [redacted] stated that

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he had spoken to a psychiatrist with reference to "visions" or the viewing of objects which actually do not exist. This theory was discounted by [redacted] when the psychiatrist advised him that normally "visions" exist for only brief moments and the persons seeing them usually cannot describe them in detail. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been hesitant to talk about the object and was sure [redacted] had not fabricated the story. [redacted] said, "I am sure [redacted] thinks he saw the object." He described [redacted] as "tops" and far above the average entertainer or musician. He said many people had openly ridiculed [redacted] said he had spoken to [redacted] on several occasions at length since the sighting and can determine nothing that would lead him to doubt [redacted] story.

4. On 24 September 1952, Mr. [redacted] Radio Station Manager, KOAM, was interviewed in his office. [redacted] said he could think of no reason to doubt [redacted] story. [redacted] described [redacted] as a "solid-type guy," whom he had known eight (8) years and he had never known [redacted] to "tell any tales." He could think of no personal gain that [redacted] may have expected or received from his story. [redacted] concluded by advising that SUBJECT does not drink excessively, does not use narcotics, and has had no recent injuries or sickness. To [redacted] knowledge, [redacted] has never made similar reports.

5. 1st Lt [redacted] inactive U. S. Air Force Reserve, [redacted], Pittsburg, Kans., was interviewed by the writer on 24 Sep 1952. Lt [redacted] stated that he and Mr. [redacted] drove out to the scene of the sighting with Mr. [redacted] at about 1020 hours on the morning of the sighting. [redacted] stated that he walked directly to the area which Mr. [redacted] described as being below the location at which the object was sighted, and noted that the weeds and grass in the area seemed to be "pushed down" and twisted. Interviewee also stated that he noted many small dead weeds that seemed to have been blown around in the area, and the broken weeds were found lying on top of some of the other growing weeds. [redacted] stated that to him, this would indicate that there had been a strong wind blowing in the area. In looking at the broken weeds, [redacted] detected that the weeds seemed to have a newly broken appearance which was substantiated by the fact that the inside of the broken weeds were still soft and had not dried out like a weed that had been broken for some period of time. [redacted] stated that he walked to various parts of the area and it seemed to him that there were less weeds pushed down in other parts of the field. [redacted] stated, however, that by walking from one end of the field to the other, and crossing through the area directly below the sighted object, a person would be unable to detect anything unusual about the area below the sighting unless one paid particular attention to this fact. [redacted] said that in his opinion, Mr. [redacted] was a very reliable man whom he had known for a period of over four (4) years. Mr. [redacted] operates the [redacted] Supply Company which has an office on the fourth floor of the Commerce Building in Pittsburg next door to radio station KOAM. He stated that he has never associated socially with [redacted] however, he has had almost daily contact with him inasmuch as their offices are next door to each other.

6. On 24 September 1952, Mr. [redacted] Advertising Salesman for Radio Station KOAM, Pittsburg, Kans., was interviewed in the studios of KOAM. [redacted] stated that he had visited the scene of the reported sighting along

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with Lt. [redacted] on the morning of the reported sighting. It was [redacted] opinion that the weeds and tall grass immediately under the spot where the object was seen by Mr. [redacted] had been disturbed. [redacted] stated that the weeds "were not mashed down"; however, they seemed to have been "pushed over." [redacted] stated that he walked around to various parts of the field and in his opinion the tall grass and weeds were definitely more upright in other areas. [redacted] said he had considered Mr. [redacted] story very carefully, and he had, from time to time, tried to break down Mr. [redacted] story; however, this had not been possible. [redacted] could think of no reason why [redacted] would report this incident for personal gain. [redacted] stated that he had never believed any of the "flying saucer" stories in the past years; however, to date, he had found no reason to doubt the story of the sighting as related by Mr. [redacted] described Mr. [redacted] as a dependable and trustworthy individual. [redacted] concluded by advising that he could offer no explanation which would aid in clarifying Mr. [redacted]' reported sighting.

7. On 24 September 1952, while the writer interviewed various persons at Radio Station KOAM, the names of three (3) persons were given to the writer, who had, in the past, also reported "flying saucers" in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Kans. These persons were Mrs. [redacted] Street; Miss [redacted]t; and Mr. [redacted]t, Pittsburg, Kans. The writer interviewed these three (3) persons in regard to the flying saucers which they had reported during the past two (2) months to Radio Station KOAM. During the interviews with these persons, it was determined by the writer that none of them had seen any of the unidentified aerial objects at close range. Mrs. [redacted] described the object she had seen similar to a star. Miss [redacted] described her object similar to a white light on an airplane passing overhead. Mr. [redacted] stated that he could not recall ever having seen or reported any flying objects in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Kans.

8. On 24 September 1952, Mr. [redacted], Pittsburg, Kans., was interviewed. Mr. [redacted] stated that he knew of no mysterious objects which had appeared in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Kans., and he knew of no aircraft or other flying object in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Kans., in the early morning hours of 25 August 1952. Mr. [redacted] stated that the nearest official weather station was located at Joplin, Missouri, a distance of twenty-four (24) air miles southeast of Pittsburg, Kans.

9. On 24 September 1952, Mr. [redacted] Flight Service Specialist, CAA, Municipal Airport, Joplin, Missouri, was interviewed. Mr. [redacted] made available to the writer the U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Surface Weather Observations, Weather Station, Joplin, Missouri, for 24 August 1952. The weather reading taken at the above station at 0528 hours CST on 25 August 1952 was as follows: Sky condition - 10000 ft scattered; Visibility - 15 miles; Temperature - 61 degrees; Dew Point - 55 degrees; Wind - west southwest, seven (7) miles per hour; Altimeter - 30.11. No wind aloft report available at the Joplin station. Mr. [redacted] was queried relative to air activity in the vicinity of Pittsburg between 0500 and 0600 hours on 25 August 1952. Mr. [redacted] stated

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that he knew of no air activity in that vicinity at that time; however, he did not have records available to verify this statement.
AGENT'S NOTE: The Municipal Airport, Joplin, Missouri, is in DO #12 area, approximately seven (7) miles outside the area of DO #13.

10. On 24 September 1952, Mr. [redacted], Investigator, Pittsburg, Police Department, Pittsburg, Kansas, was interviewed by the writer. [redacted] stated that Police Department records at Pittsburg contained no information on Mr. [redacted]. He said he personally knew Mr. [redacted] and considered him to be a reliable person in the community. [redacted] concluded by stating that Mr. [redacted], Police Officer with the Pittsburg Police Department, Pittsburg, Kans., could perhaps give additional information relative to the report made by Mr. [redacted] on 25 August 1952.

11. On 24 September 1952, Mr. [redacted], Police Officer, Pittsburg Police Department, Pittsburg, Kansas, was interviewed by the writer. [redacted] stated that he was born and raised within two (2) miles of the location where Mr. [redacted] had reported the sighting and that he had theorized that the reported sighting made by Mr. [redacted] was, in reality, the passing of a train in the vicinity of the sighting. He stated that the Kansas City Southern Railroad tracks run a short distance to the west of the reported sighting. [redacted] went on to say that a train leaves Pittsburg around 0520 hours each morning and would pass the vicinity of the sighting at about 0530 hours. [redacted] stated that he thought some of the windows in the engine or coaches of the train were of a blue color and that if Mr. [redacted] observed the passing train through the trees, this may give the impression of changing blue light.

12. On 24 September 1952, the writer interviewed Mr. [redacted], Division Train Dispatcher, Kansas City Southern Railroad Company, Pittsburg, Kans. Mr. [redacted] made available to the writer a train dispatcher record dated 25 August 1952. A review of these records revealed one (1) Passenger Train #16, Diesel Powered, pulling eight (8) cars, left Pittsburg going north at 0500 hours on 25 August 1952. Mr. [redacted] stated that train #16 passed the area of the reported sighting between 0506 and 0507 hours on the morning of 25 August 1952. [redacted] concluded by advising that there were no other trains going either direction on the track within one hour of the time of reported sighting with the exception of the one train cited above.

13. On 24 September 1952, Mr. [redacted], Pittsburg, Kans., was interviewed by the writer. Mr [redacted] stated that he had been a neighbor of Mr [redacted] for approximately one (1) year and he considered [redacted] a reliable and truthful person. Mr. [redacted] lives approximately one (1) mile north of the reported sighting and when queried as to whether he saw any objects or heard any sounds on the morning of 25 August 1952, [redacted] stated he had seen nothing and heard nothing [redacted] concluded by advising that he was sure there had been no flying saucers in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Kans.

14. On 24 September 1952, Mr. [redacted] was reinterviewed by the writer, at the scene of the reported sighting. At this time, the writer and [redacted] drove in a vehicle and covered the same route taken by Mr. [redacted]

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on his way to work on the morning of 25 August 1952. While driving south on the country road towards highway 160, [redacted] pointed out to the writer the exact spot where the object first came into view. This distance measured from the corner of the country road (Yale Road) intersecting U. S. Highway 160 was found to be one-fourth (¼) mile. The angle at which the object was first sighted was approximately forty degrees to the right of the vehicle. The writer and [redacted] then proceeded in the vehicle and stopped at the spot on the road where [redacted] stated he had stopped and viewed the object by standing on the right hand side of his car. At this point, the writer requested that [redacted] sketch the unidentified aerial object to the best of his knowledge. [redacted] sketch is included with this report, designated Inclosure #1. The writer than proceeded to the area of the reported sighting and with [redacted] aid made a number of measurements in the field in an attempt to procure more exact measurements of the dimension of the unknown object. With the aid of Mr. [redacted], the writer then drew a sketch of the scene which is included with this report as Inclosure #3. At this time, a train passed over the Kansas City Southern tracks and neither Mr. [redacted] nor the writer could see the train due to large trees.

AGENT's NOTE: While walking over area of reported sighting, Agent noted that the grass in area immediately under reported sightingwas more disturbed than in surrounding area. It was also noted that the area under reported sighting is the most open area in vicinity and, therefore, subject to more wind and weather than the grass and weeds in other areas. While standing on the road at the spot [redacted] saw the object, at close range, the writer was unable to see any grain bins, houses, or other man-made features that could have been mistaken for the unidentified object.

The writer asked Mr. [redacted] if he had profited monetarily or otherwise from the report of his sighting. [redacted] stated that he had not, and that the sighting had in fact caused him a great deal of personal trouble. Writer asked [redacted] if he would be available for additional information if desired by the U. S. Air Force, to which [redacted] replied that he would be glad to cooperate with the U. S. government in any way possible. At the conclusion of the interview, the writer asked [redacted] what his personal opinion was in regard to the object he had seen. [redacted] said he was almost certain it was a new type plane developed by the U. S. government.

INCLOSURES:

DISTRICT OFFICE #5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO
HEADQUARTERS OSI, WASHINGTON, D. C.

(One copy of each inclosure, as listed below, is furnished with each copy of the report)

1. Photostatic copy of sketch of unknown object drawn by [redacted].
2. Photostatic copy of drawing of unidentified aerial phenomenon sighted, prepared by writer and [redacted]
3. Photostatic copy of area sketch, by writer and SQUYRES.

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INCLOSURES (Cont'd)

4. Photostatic copy of cross section area sketch, drawn by writer and [redacted]
5. Photostatic copy of newspaper clipping from the Pittsburg Headlight.
6. Photostatic copy of newspaper clipping from the Pittsburg Headlight, dated 25 August 1952, page 1.

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PITTSBURGH, KANSAS SIGHTING

At 1735CST, 25 August 1952, one [redacted] sighted an unknown object hovering over a field outside of Pittsburgh, Kansas. According to the source, the object was approximately 70' in length and 12' high and had the appearance of an airfoil. A number of windows were observed and the source stated that he distinctly saw a man inside who seemed to control the object. It had a dull aluminum color, rather a weathered look, the windows were blue, becoming darker blue as time passed. Around the perimeter small propellers were seen, each of a 12" diameter. These were rotating and in a vertical position. The object appeared to be oscillating with a rocking motion 12' above the ground and lay generally in a north-south position.

[redacted] was proceeding along U.S. highway 160 on his way to work traveling south and was approximately 8 miles from Pittsburgh. After he sighted the phenomenon, he stopped his car and ran towards the field where it hovered. He approached to within a distance of 150' whereupon it took off straight upward and made a whinning noise which he described as similar to the sound of a covey of quail being flushed.

Background information on [redacted]

Works for local radio station KOAM and is considered extremely reliable by his employer and fellow employees. [redacted] is a professional singer. He has a poor educational background, and in the opinion of several who know him, he does not have the active imagination capable of engendering such an account. Age is between 40 and 45. [redacted], a prominent local businessman and connected with [redacted] radio station, advises that he has known the source for 10 years and holds him in the highest regard. Wade considers him completely reliable. [redacted], an engineer at

KOAM, feels that Squyers is sincere, but states that auto suggestion is a possible explanation.

Site:

Object reported as hovering over an open 2 acre field used for cattle grazing. General area is heavily wooded. The grass under the exact location was pressed down and formed a round 60' diameter impression, with the grass in a recognizable concentric pattern. Loose grass lay over the top of the impression as if drawn in by suction when the object ascended vertically at a high speed. Vegetation and grass approximately 3 to 4' high. Area is extremely dry at present. Grass showed where [redacted] had walked in to a fence and stopped. [redacted] and [redacted], local employees of KOMA, went to the place of sighting at 1135CST with Squyers and confirmed his path to the fence and the 60' diameter impression in the tall grass. [redacted] visited the site at 1600, 25 Aug 52, with the source and reports that the vegetation was laid down in concentric circles but with the impression less distinct than reported by [redacted] and [redacted] obtained grass and soil samples of the immediate area where the impression was made and also gathered control samples 200 yards removed from the site. He is sending same to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Air Mail, Special Delivery.

Weather Conditions at Time of Sighting:

Wind velocity 4.1 knots, 87° F, wind direction WSW. Clear day with no percipitation.

Publicity Situation as of 4 September 1952:

According to [redacted], who called ATIC on 3 Sept 52 to report the circumstances of the sighting, the local newspapers, expecially the "Wichita Beacon", is giving sighting a big play. A "Life" and "Time" representative has contacted [redacted] and said that those publications would run a story on

the Pittsburgh case next week. He also made the statement to [redacted] that "Life" knows that the Air Force is responsible for "flying saucers", has and operates them and that "Life" is going to pressure the Air Force into bringing the "saucer" into the open!

[redacted]

He is affiliated with KOMA in Pittsburgh, Kansas, as an engineer. Has just completed a Masters Degree in mathematics and stated that he hopes to get his Phd in the future. [redacted] is a 2/Lt in the Army Reserve. Because of this, his written report went through channels thus causing a delay. He stated that there was some confusion in his mind about the matter of jurisdiction in this instance. He is, however, forwarding a detailed letter with the soil samples to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, W-P AFB, Ohio. He further stated that [redacted] and [redacted] were astute observers. As far as [redacted] is concerned, over the telephone he seemed logical, a non-exitable person and was co-operative in the extreme.

Further details on the unknown object, the alleged man within the object and the elapsed time between the initial sighting and disappearance of the object are not available at this time. The above general account was obtained by ATIC from [redacted] over the telephone, 2030CST 3 Sept 1952. Additional background will be available upon receipt of his letter and/or the detailed report submitted through channels. Efforts are being made by ATIC to obtain this report from G-2 in the Kansas Military District.

* Note: [redacted] stated that source was not familar with the DesVergers' sighting in Florida on 19 Aug 52.

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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(29 Aug 52) 1st Ind FHM/eb
SUBJECT: Disposition of Samples Obtained at Location of "Saucer" Sighting

Head Instructor, Sub-District #2, Kans ORC Instr Gp, Parsons, Kansas, 2 September 1952

TO: Chief, Kansas Military District, 723 Quincy Street, Topeka, Kansas

1. Forwarded.

2. Attention is invited to Paragraph 4 wherein Lt. [redacted] desires a directive from higher authority as to the disposition of the samples.

FRED H. MURET
Major, Infantry
Head Instructor

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D-24-178

23 October 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial
Phenomenon Sighted
Pittsburg, Kansas
25 August 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-5

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 22 October 1952, subject and file as above.

2. Transmitted herewith are copies of Report of Investigation, of Special Agent C. E. SHINEHART, this District Office, dated 23 October 1952, subject and file as above.

3. Investigation is considered closed in the files of this District Office.

4. Attention is invited to Paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

D. G. North

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5D-24-178
Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon

DETAILS:

AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

1. On 22 October 1952, 2d Lt [redacted], Aerial Phenomenon Section, Technical Analysis Division, Air Technical Intelligence Center, was interviewed and stated that the results of the analysis of the three (3) vegetation and soil samples monitored by the Technical Analysis Division, ATIC, determined no evidence of any radio activity, burning, or stress of any kind.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D-24-178

31 October 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial
Phenomenon Sighted
Pittsburg, Kansas
25 August 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-5

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 23 October 1952, subject and file as above.

2. Transmitted herewith are copies of Report of Investigation by Special Agent C. L. GRAYBILL, 13th OSI District, dated 27 October 1952, pertaining to the above captioned matter.

3. Investigation is considered closed in the files of this District Office.

4. Attention is invited to Paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-132

DATE 27 October 1952

REPORT MADE BY
C. L. GRAYBILL, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
DO #13, Offutt AFB, Nebr.

PERIOD
27 Oct 52

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DO #13, Offutt AFB, Nebr.

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TITLE
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL
PHENOMENON SIGHTED
PITTSBURG, KANSAS
25 August 1952

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
Report of S/A G. E. SWINEHART, DO #5, file 5D-24-178, 23 Oct 52

SYNOPSIS

With the submission of referenced report, all logical investigative leads have been developed and reported.

DETAILS:

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With the submission of the report of Special Agent G. E. SWINEHART, 5th OSI District Office, file 5D-24-178, 23 October 1952, all logical investigative leads have been developed and reported.

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, ~~XXXX~~ OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D-24-178

22 October 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon Sighted
Pittsburg, Kansas
25 August 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-5

1. Reference is made to Disposition Form, your office, dated 10 September 1952, Subject: Investigation of Source.

2. Transmitted herewith for your information and any action deemed appropriate, are two copies of Report of Investigation, of Special Agent ELMER T. LIAN, OSI District Office No. 13, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, dated 7 October 1952, File No. 24-132, subject as above.

3. Investigation is continuing in this and other OSI District Offices and subsequent reports will be forwarded your office upon receipt.

4. Attention is invited to Paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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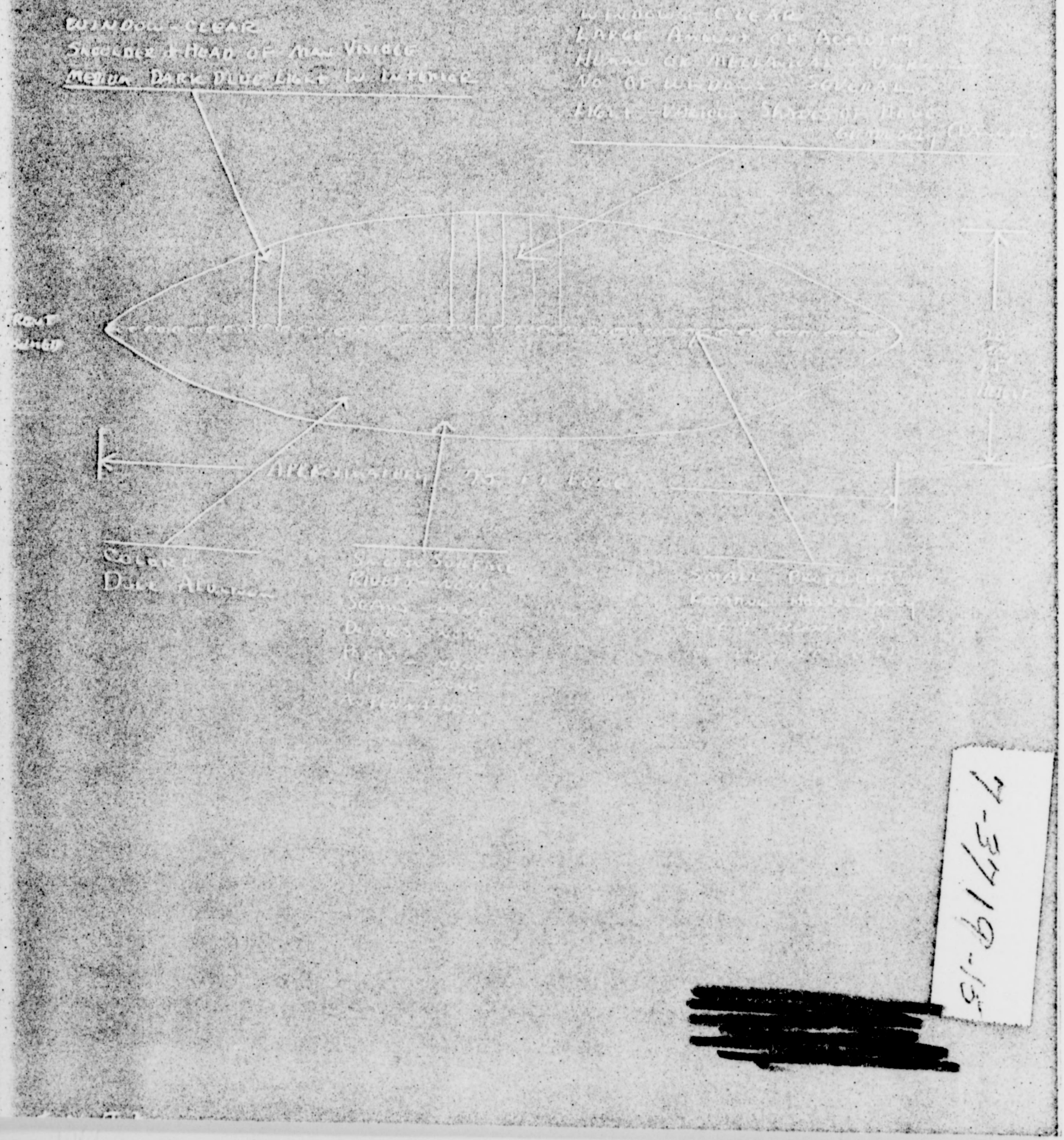
25 AUGUST 1952

PHILLIPSBURG, KANSAS

BY MR. [redacted] PHILLIPSBURG, KAN.



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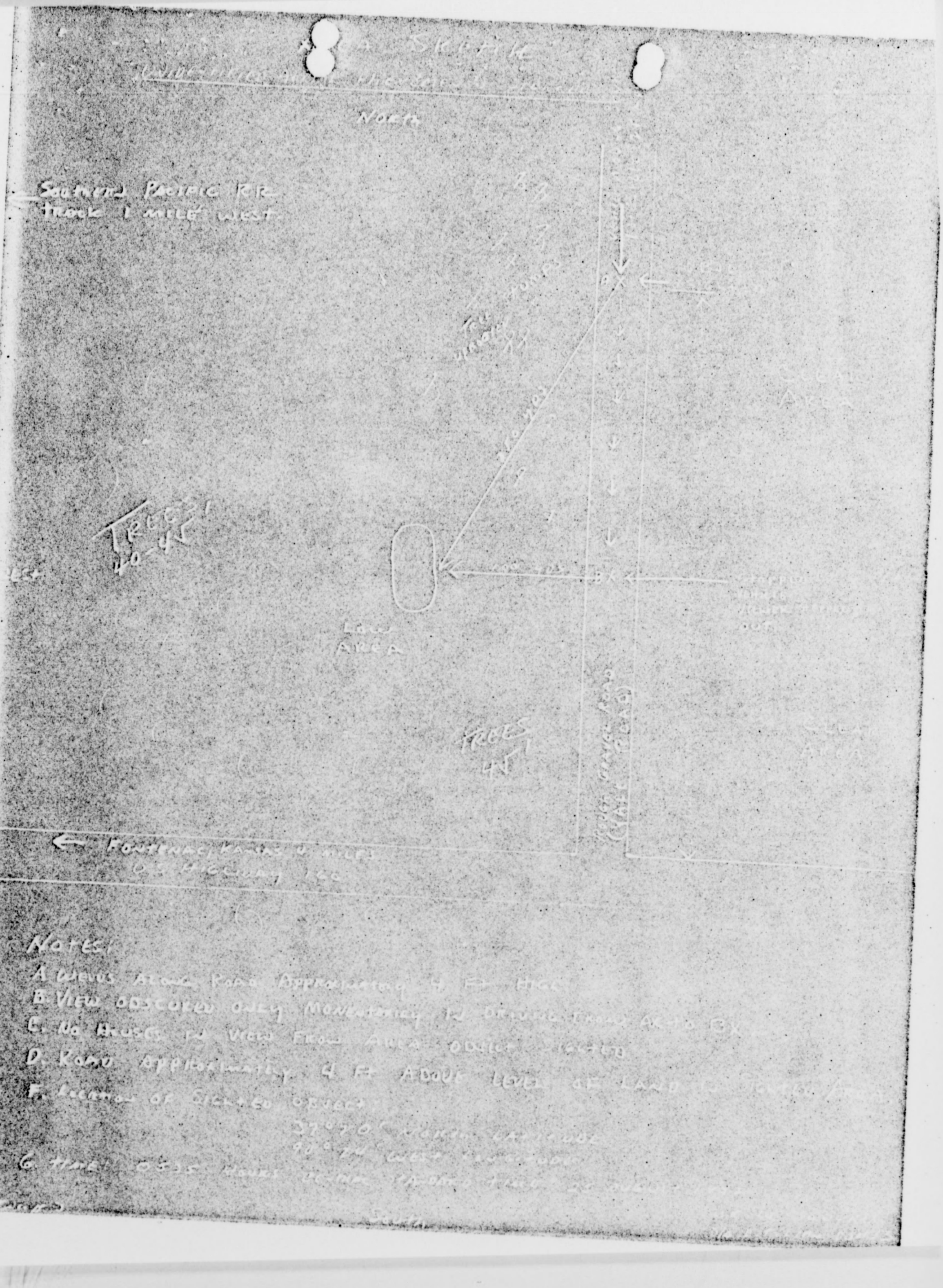
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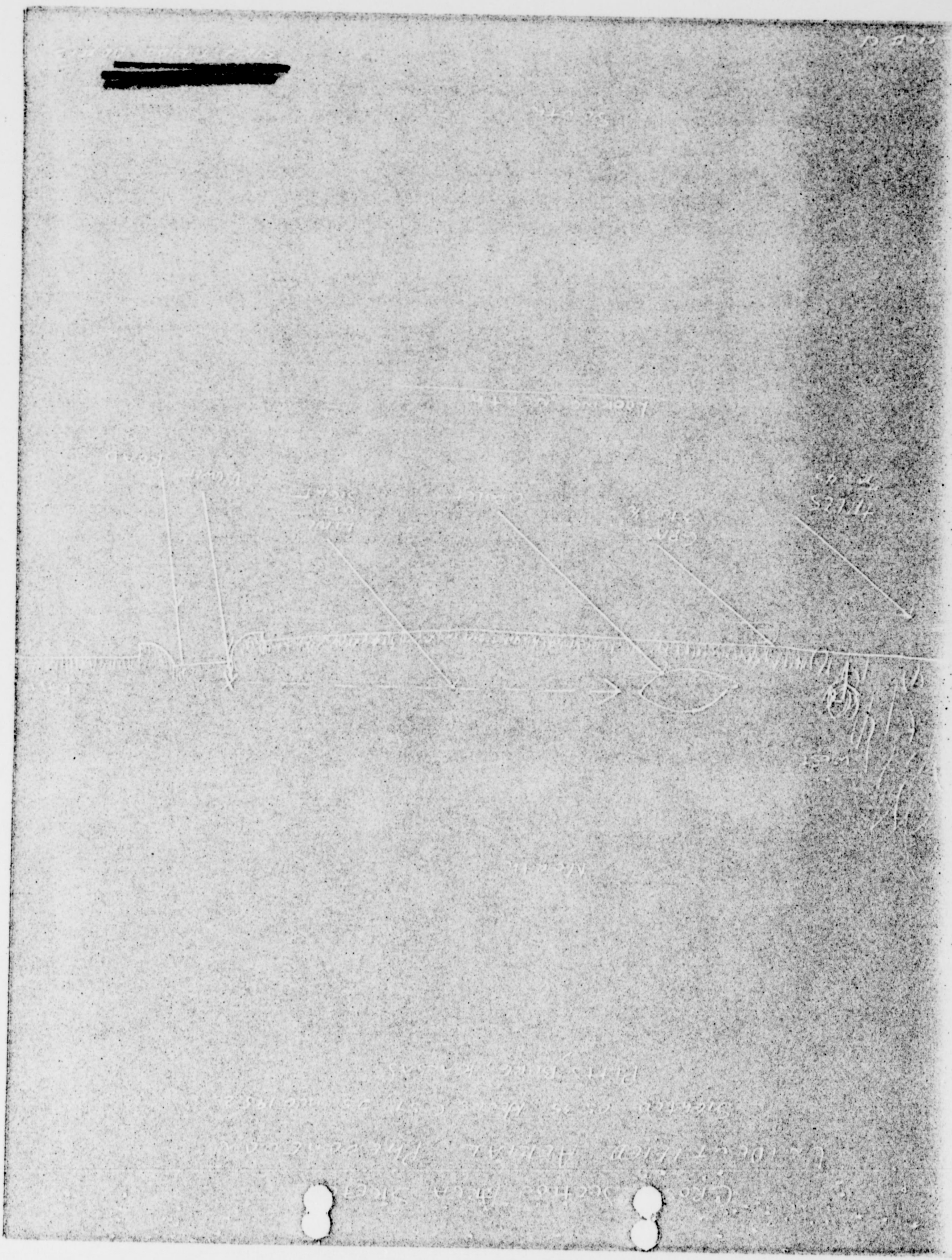

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THE PITTSBURG HERALD
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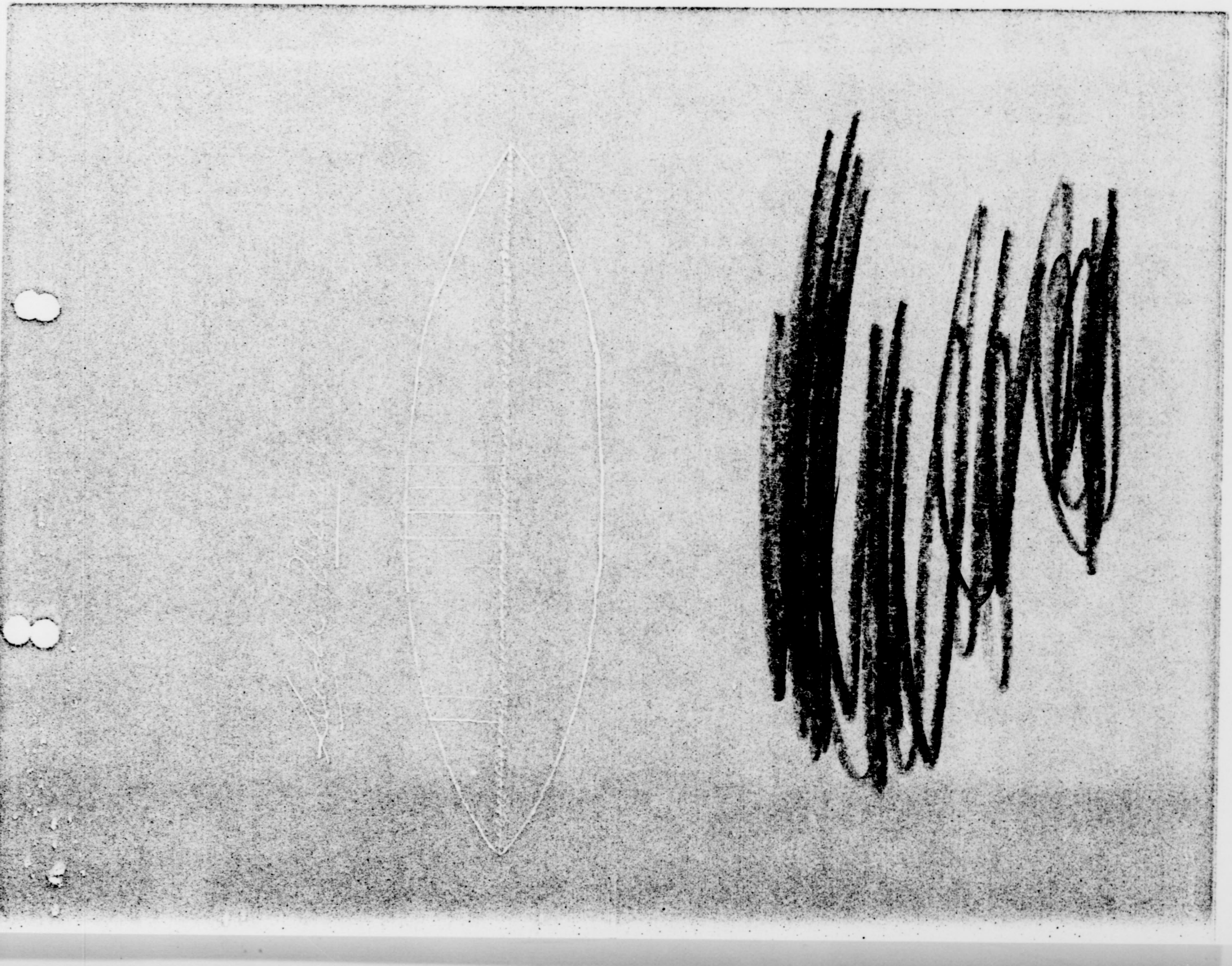

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TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	24-135-371

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) FLYOBRPT
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Topical Intelligence Division, Deputy Director for Estimates, DATE 3 NOV 1952
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O, ATTN: Maj Fournet

COMMENT NO. 1

FROM: Counter Intelligence Division — Capt Brown/fjm/AFCSI-6
Directorate of Special Investigations, IG — Code 192/X-140

1. Inclosed herewith for your information are two (2) OSI reports reflecting results of investigation completed concerning an unidentified aerial phenomena sighted near Pittsburg, Kansas, on 25 August 1952.

2. Any further data received concerning subject will be furnished your office.

2 Incls ✓
1. Rpt (DO 13) dtd 7 Oct 52
2. Rpt (DO 5) dtd 23 Oct 52

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Major, USAF
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.	DATE
5D-24-178	23 October 1952

REPORT MADE BY
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Unidentified Aerial
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Pittsburg, Kansas
25 August 1952

REPORT MADE AT
DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

PERIOD
22 October 1952

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REFERENCE
R/I, S/A ELMER T. LJAN, DO #13, dtd 7 Oct 52, File No. 24-132

SYNOPSIS

Par 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

Analysis of soil and vegetation samples determine no evidence of any radio activity, burning, or stress of any kind.

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It is requested that OSI conduct an investigation into the events surrounding the sighting of an unidentified aerial phenomenon by a Mr. [redacted] of Radio Station KDAF in Pittsburgh, Kansas.

DONALD L. BOWER, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division
Air Technical Intelligence Center

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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
United States of America		204767

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)	
Pittsburg, Kansas	90th. Strat Recon Wing M, Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, Kansas	
DATE OF REPORT	**DATE OF INFORMATION**	**EVALUATION**
3 September 1952	25 August 1952	F-6
PREPARED BY (Officer)	**SOURCE**	
Lt. Col. George A. Hanselman, A0304174	Letter forwarded by Headquarters, Kansas Military District, Topeka, Kansas	

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)
Department of the Air Force Letter, AFOIN-C/CC-2, December 1951

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.*)

1. At 1430 hours, 3 September 1952, Captain Myers, Kansas Military District Headquarters, Topeka, Kansas, brought the attached file to me and requested advice as to further action. I accepted the file and the responsibility for necessary reporting.

2. In view of the age of the incident and the apparent general knowledge evidenced by Captain Myers' statement that he had just been contacted by the editor of the Wichita BEACON, who in turn had been queried by USAF, I immediately contacted the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson AFB to ascertain if investigation was already under way or if this base should undertake investigation.

3. At 1615 hours, 3 September 1952, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base called back and, after receiving the details of the attached file, stated that they would contact Lt. Green directly in regard to shipment of soil samples and that no further action by this base was necessary.

4. This report is therefore submitted to forward the basic file on the incident.

George A. Hanselman
GEORGE A. HANSELMAN
Lt. Col., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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AUG. 24, 1952 NEAR FRON[redacted]IAC, KANSAS (BARKER P 76) 1 WITNESS 00
[redacted] A RADIO ENTERTAINER OF STATION KOAM, [redacted]ITTSBURG KANSAS, CLAIMS 01
TO HAVE HAD A CLOSE OBSE[redacted]'ATION OF A UFO ON HIS WAY[redacted] AN EARLY MORNING 02
BROADCAST. 03

DRIVING THROUGH A HEAVILY WOODED AREA SEVEN AND A HALF MILES FROM PITTSBURG04
HE ENCOUNTERED A WEIRD CONTRAPTION HOVERING ABOUT TEN FEET FROM THE 05
GROUND. HE JAMMED ON THE BRAKES, PULLED OVER ONTO THE SHOULDER OF THE ROAD, 06
AND SAT THERE LOOKING AT IT. 07

*IT LOOKED LIKE TWO TURTLE SHELLS OR TWO PLATTERS JOINED TOGETHER AND 08
HAD A DULL ALUMINUM APPEARANCE. IT WAS ABOUT 75 FEET LONG AND ABOUT TWO-- 09
THIRDS AS WIDE.* AT ONE END OF IT, WHICH HE PRESUMED WAS THE FRONT, HE SAW 10
WHAT APPARENTLY WAS A CONTROL CABIN, WITH THE FIGURE OF A HUMAN-LIKE CREATURE 11
SITTING THERE, THOUGH HE COULD SEE THE FIGURE ONLY FROM THE SHOULDERS UP. AT 12
FIRST SQUYRES THOUGHT THE THING WAS AN ORDINARY AIRPLANE, BUT THEN HE SAW AN 13
INTENSE BLUE LIGHT. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STRANGE CRAFT WERE MORE WINDOWS, 14
ALSO LIGHTED BY THE EERIE BLUE LIGHT, WHICH PULSATED FROM DARK TO LIGHT BLUE. 15
SQUYRES- EYES THEN GLUED THEMSELVES TO THE WINDOWS OF THE THING, FOR HE COULD 16
NOW SEE PEOPLE OR SOMETHING MOVING, AS IF IN GREAT AGITATION. THE SIDE 17
WINDOWS MUST HAVE BEEN TRANSLUCENT, HOWEVER, FOR [redacted]S SAID HE COULD 18
DISCERN ONLY SHADOWS, SUCH AS ONE WOULD SEE ON A WINDOW SHADE PULLED DOWN IN 19
FRONT OF MOVING PEOPLE IN A LIGHTED ROOM AT NIGHT. 20

[redacted] SWORE HE OBSERVED PROPELLERS ALL AROUND THE MIDDLE. 21

A THROBBING SOUND CAME FROM THE MACHINE, WHICH [redacted] SAID WAS *SORT OF 22
WIGGLING* OR OSCILLATING. 23

[redacted] DECIDED TO HAVE A CLOSER LOOK, AND GOT OUT OF HIS CAR. WHEN HE 24
SLAMMED THE CAR DOOR THE THING TOOK OFF, STRAIGHT UPWARD *LIKE A LIGHT CORD 25
WHEN YOU RELEASE IT.* 26

IT SOUNDED LIKE A COVEY OF A HUNDRED QUAIL TAKING OFF. HE SAID, TRYING TO27
DESCRIBE THE HUMMING NOISE AS IT ACCELERATED. 28

THREE ASSOCIATES OF [redacted] RETURNED WITH HIM TO THE SITE BUT THE SAUCER 29
HAD LEFT LITTLE EVIDENCE, ONLY SOME WEEDS WHICH HAD BEEN BLOWN DOWN, 30
APPARENTLY, THOUGHT[redacted], BY THE BACKWASH OF THE PROPELLERS. 31