

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 Sep 52		2. LOCATION WHITE LAKE, S.DAK.		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	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 14/1900 CST GMT 15/0100 Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE GOC Observer			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30-40 min.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Reddish "stick" or "cigar" with three puffs of smoke or vapor behind it sighted by GOC. Object was very high, very bright, observed through binoculars for over 30 min.			11. COMMENTS 1. Observer considered reliable by preparing officer.		

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1. The object was "stick" or "cigar" shaped with longitudinal axis parallel with horizon. It was reddish in hne. There were three puffs of what could have been smoke, vapor, or clouds a short distance behind it. The object moved west for a short time; then appeared to veer south and disappear. This object is very plain and visible while it is still daylight. It was definitely not a plane of any kind. The object can best be described as a brightly burning object, quite high, too close and too large to be a star of any kind, and moving from East to West. It was very bright and visible, with definite outline and shape.

2. Object was sighted between 1900 and 1930 hours, Central Standard Time, 14 September 1952, and was under observation for approximately 30 to 40 minutes. A similar object was sighted in about the same place for about the same length of time about 3 weeks earlier.

3. Object was sighted through "high power" binoculars.

4. Observation made from White Lake, South Dakota (43 degrees, 44 minutes North, and 89 degrees, 43 1/2 minutes West.) Object sighted a "great" distance west and slightly south of observer. Observer could make no estimate of distance involved.

5. Observer, Mr. ~~James~~, is an ~~in the town of White Lake, South Dakota, and a Director of the~~. He is also an observation post supervisor in the Ground Observer Corps. In view of these facts and that Mr. ~~James~~ specifically requested no publicity be given to him personally, it is felt the information can be considered reliable.

6. No weather information was reported.

7. It should be pointed out that this observation was made in an area where prior sightings of weather balloons have occurred. However, Mr. ~~James~~ stated it did not seem to be a balloon even though the distance at which the object was sighted precluded the possibility of observing any structural features of the object.

8. No physical evidence of the object available.

9. No interception or identification action was taken.

10. Location of air traffic in the area at the time is unknown.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Subject
FLYOBJPT

Area Reported On White Lake, South Dakota

From (Agency)
CG, 31st Air Division

Date of Report
30 September 52

Date of Information
14 September 52

Evaluation

Prepared by (Officer)
WILLIAM R. RILEY, 2nd Lt. USAF

Source
Mr. [REDACTED]

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.)

A Ground Observer Post supervisor sighted a brightly burning "stick" or "cigar" shaped flying object near White Lake, South Dakota on two different occasions. The objects were each sighted for 30 to 40 minutes duration. Observer states that the object reported on was definitely not a plane of any kind. Three puffs of what could have been smoke or vapor appeared a short distance from the object.

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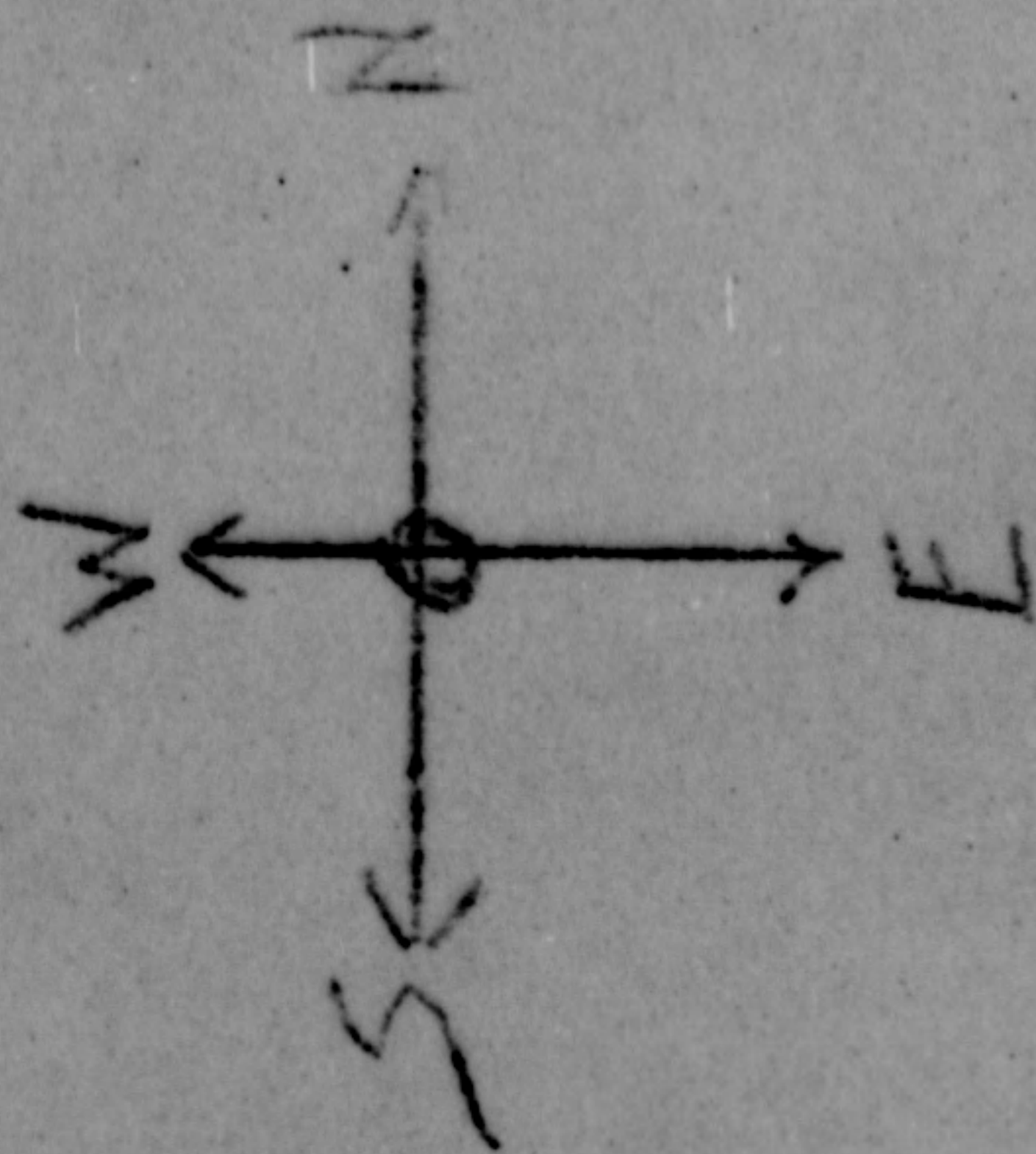
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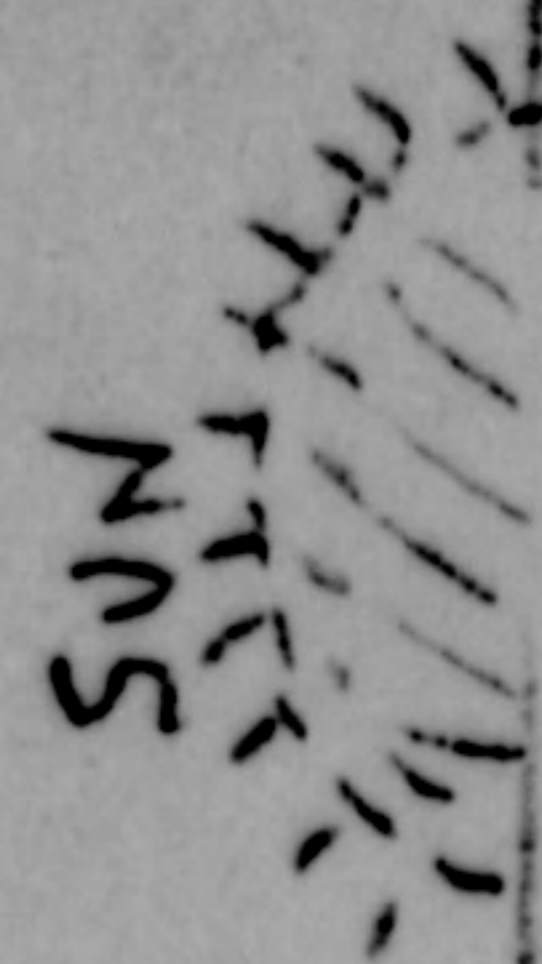
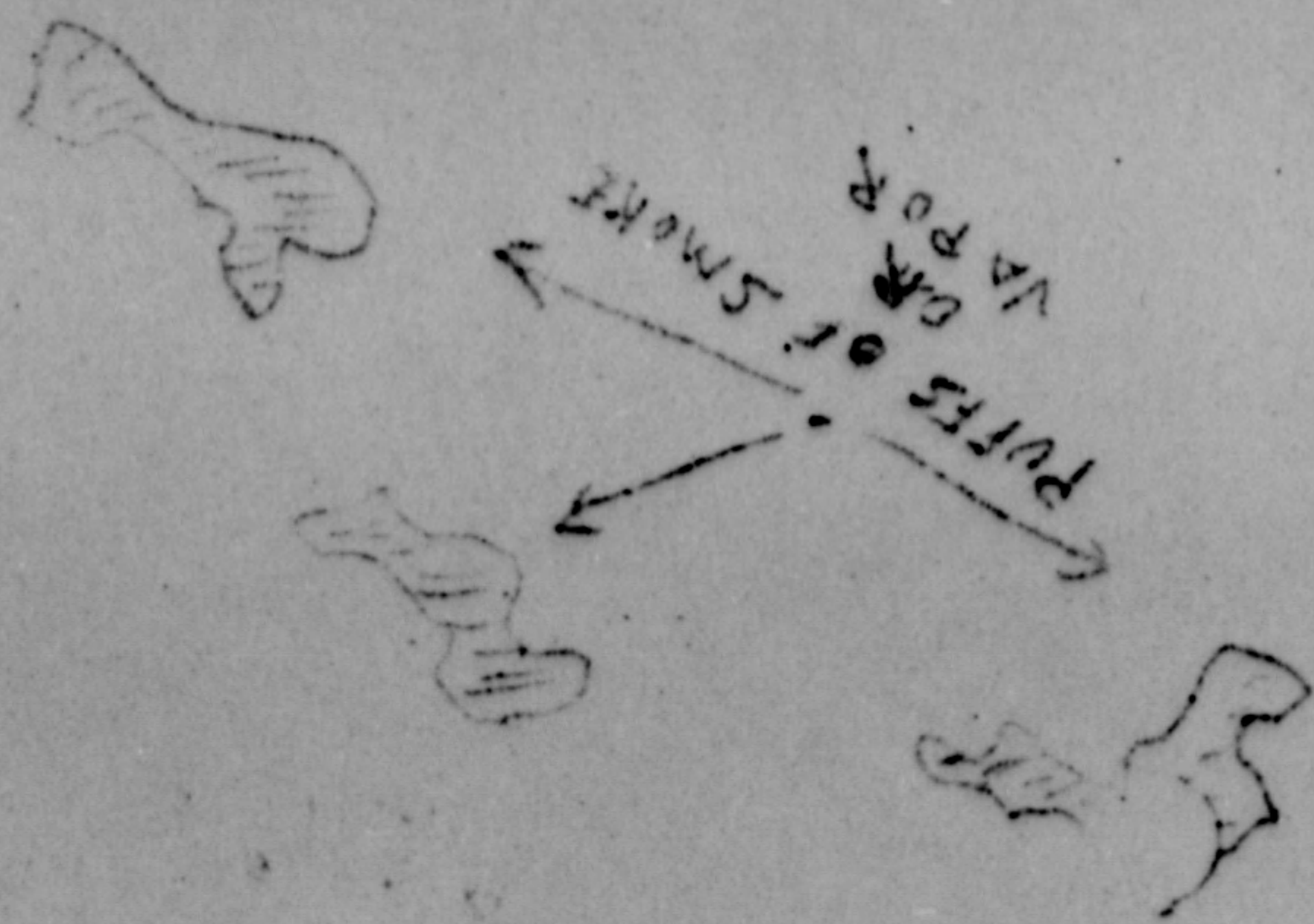
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OBJECT



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WHITE LAKE
OBSERVATION POST
GOLF PAPA 14 BLACK

SIGHTED ON LATE AFTERNOON SEPT 14, 1952