

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Sep 52		2. LOCATION TUCSON, ARIZONA		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 17/1140 MST GMT 17/1840		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian Couple			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Six		9. COURSE NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two formations of 3 flat, bright white objects sighted below skyline of Tucson Mountains. Slow rate of speed, straight course, delta formation.			11. COMMENTS 1. Objects seen below skyline - 3 in south track and 3 in NW track. 2. No mention of local air traffic included in Form 112.		

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>17 Sept '52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Tucson, Ariz.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1140 MST</i> Zebra: <i>1840</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☒ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ Normal ☐ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: ☐ Blinking ☐ Steady <i>Not light</i>		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: ☐ 1-15 Seconds ☒ 1-5 Minutes <i>2 min</i> ☐ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>432d Bomb Wing, Intell. Division, Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>NO</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes	☒ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes	☒ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes	☒ No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☐ Night ☒ Day <i>AM</i> ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☒ Yes ☐ No
☒ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☒ Yes ☐ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☒ Yes ☐ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☐ Yes ☒ No

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FLYOVER

Tucson, Arizona

43rd Bomb Wing, Intelligence Division

22 September 1952

17 September 1952

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Capt. R. H. Pestaluzzi

Mr. ~~REDACTED~~

AFOLN C/CC - 2

2 witnesses

1. At approximately 11:48 MST, on 17 September 1952, ~~REDACTED~~ of ~~REDACTED~~, Tucson, Arizona and his wife, observed six flat, shiny, large, unidentified flying objects in two sightings of three each. The first group of three objects appeared to be in extremely close formation, (see diagram #1), traveling in a general northerly heading at an extremely slow rate of speed. This group of objects seemed to be flying through a pass in the North end of the Tucson Mountains. The second formation of these objects had the same general appearance as the first, flew in the same close formation but were traveling at a slightly faster rate of speed. Both formations seemed to fade from view rather than disappear because of distance.

2. Significance - Unknown

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1. All six objects appeared to be of the same shape, size, and color. Mr Hollingsworth stated that they were generally flat in shape (see diagram #2), and very bright white in color. During the second sighting Mr [redacted] states that a B-50, taking off from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base crossed under his line of vision to the objects and that the total length of the formation of objects was about $\frac{1}{2}$ as long as the B-50. Both the B-50 and the formation were below the sky line of the Tucson Mountains. Mr [redacted] reported no flight surfaces on any of the objects, no exhaust trails and no propulsion noises although any noise from these objects in the second sighting would have been negated by a B-50 passing directly overhead at that time. The objects in the first formation were traveling on a general northwest straight line course at what appeared to be a very slow rate of speed. The second formation was traveling on a southwesterly course at a faster rate of speed than the first formation but much slower than any airplane in his experience.

2. Time sighted: 1st Formation 11:38 lasted for about one minute.
2nd Formation 11:40 lasted for about one minute.

3. Manner of Observation: Visual only. Mr [redacted] was wearing dark, polaroid glasses and was able to see the objects for a longer period of time than his wife who wore no glasses.

4. Location of Observers: 1st Sighting $32^{\circ} 08' 40''N / 110^{\circ} 57' 20''W$ ✓
The two formations were observed Northwest of the observers position. The first group of objects appeared to be passing between the last two peaks on the northern end of the Tucson Mountain Range. The distance, if the observers judged correctly would be about 22 1/2 miles. The second formation appeared near the southern end of this range of mountains and below the sky line (see diagram #2).

5. Identifying Information on Observers:

a. Mr [redacted] is 36 years of age, in good physical health and above average in intelligence. He is at present a salesman for the Empire Craft Corporation and a part-time student at the University of Arizona.

b. Mrs [redacted] is in good physical health, above average in intelligence and by profession a housewife.

c. Mr [redacted] and his wife seem to be absolutely sincere and thoroughly convinced of what they saw. Neither has ever seen anything similar before.

6. Weather and Wind Conditions: 11:30 MST 17 September 1952
Weather: Clouds Clear 35 miles Temperature 92° Humidity 32% Dew Point 58°
Wind North at 4 knots Barometric Altitude 995

Wind sequence for 17 September 1952
00000/0900/43603/3603/63603/0204
80350/0506/00506/20705/40608/60306
83007/03012/52822/02626

7. Activities or Meteorological conditions accounting for sighting: None

8. Physical evidence of sighting: None

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1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <i>17 Sept 52</i>		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <i>1130 MST</i>		3. STATION OBSERVING <i>D.M. AFB, Tucson</i>	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0	<i>4</i>	<i>360</i>	25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.		<i>35</i> MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS: <i>Humidity 32%, dew point 58°</i>					

IV. BALLOON DATA

9100
1840
0360

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: 4 hrs. Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	Tucson (D.M. A.F.B.)	rainier	AWS		☒	
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- ☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☒ Fair
☐ Poor
☐ Unreliable
☐ Extremely Doubtful
☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- ☐ Good
☐ Fair
☒ Poor
☐ Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- ☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

- ☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

- ☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

- ☒ Other: yes birds
☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation

☒ Unknown

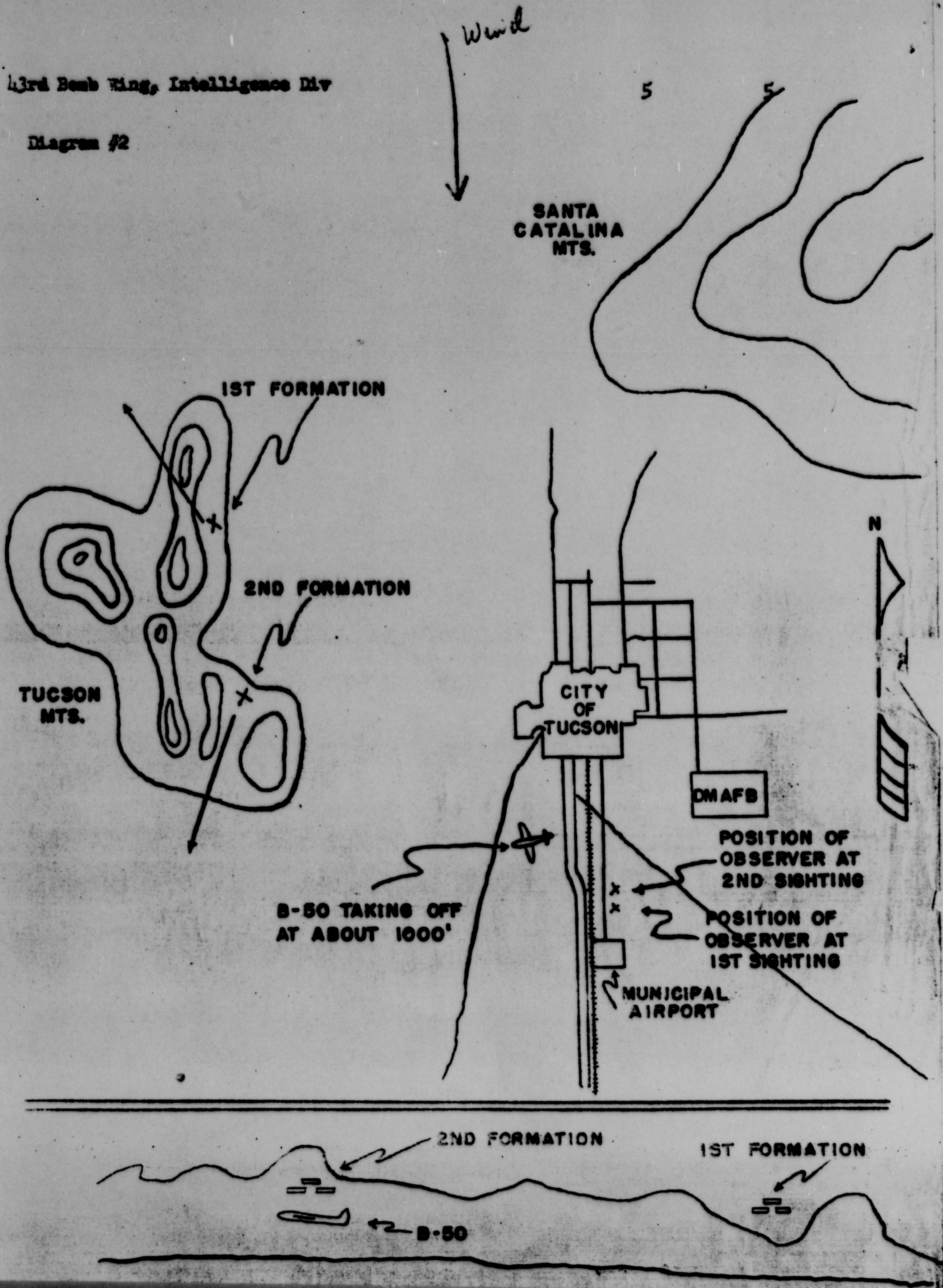
24. COMMENTS:

No mention of local air activity.

Possibly birds? sounds like
Tucson (2 July) sighting.

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Diagram #2



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9. Interception or Identification action taken: None

10. Comments of preparing Officer:

Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] appear to be of good character and seemed sincere while rendering this report. Neither of them has had a previous similar experience and they are convinced of what they saw.

Mrs [REDACTED] saw substantially the same thing that Mr [REDACTED] reported. Neither has had training that could qualify them as reliable observers.

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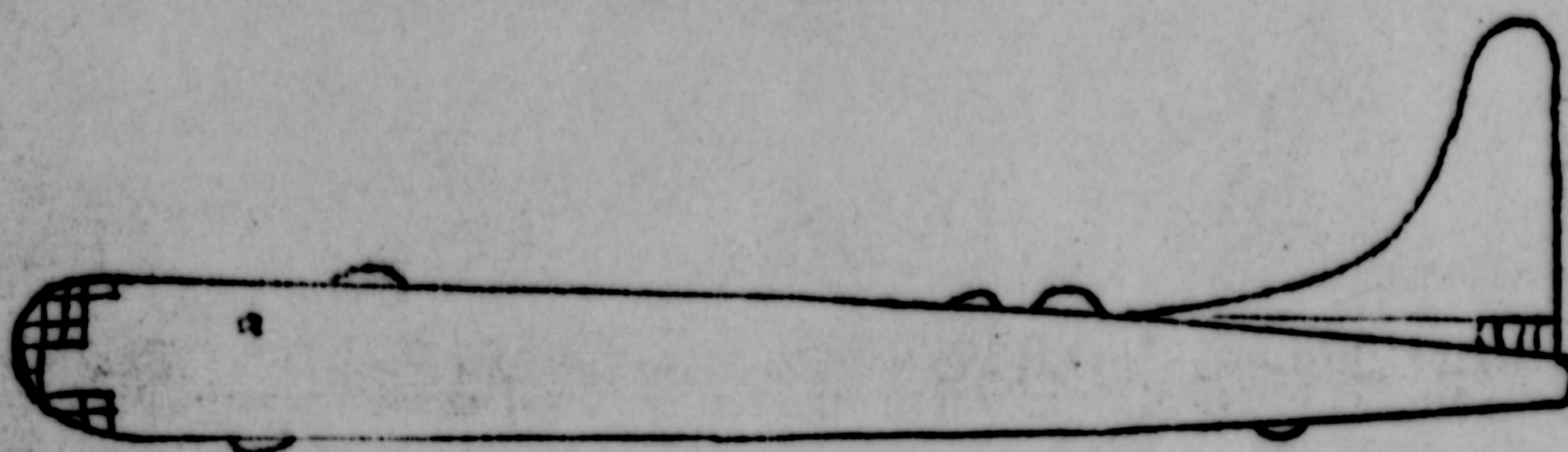
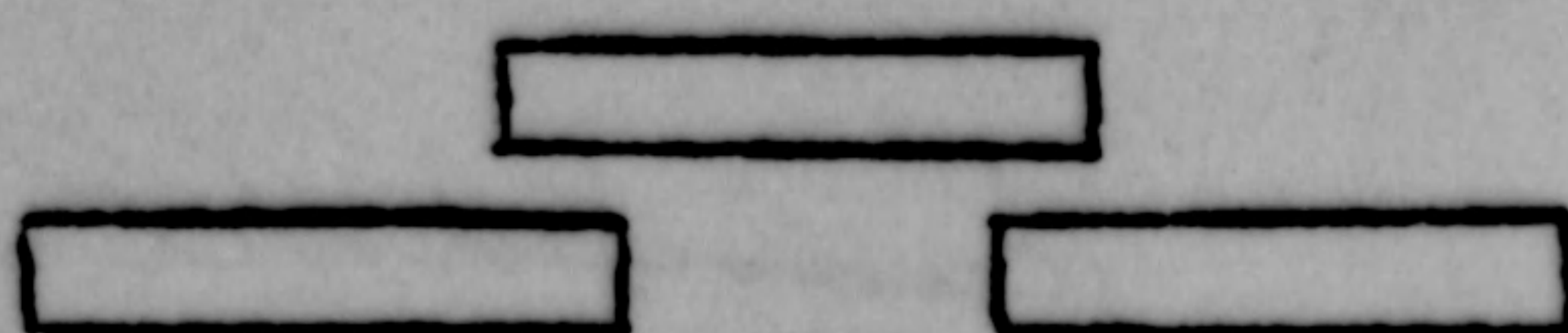
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Diagram



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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET
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TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	24-185-11-10

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Object at Little Rock, Arkansas
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Topical Intelligence Div, Deputy Director for Estimates,
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O
ATTN: Major Fournet

FROM: Counter Intelligence Div, Dir of
Special Investigations, IG

DATE 16 OCT 1952

COMMENT NO. 1

Capt Brown/es/AFCSI-6
Code 192/x 140

1. Inclosed herewith for your information are two (2) photostat copies of a Spot Intelligence Report concerning the above subject, dated 3 October 1952.

2. The files of this Directorate contain no further information pertaining to this matter. Any further data received will be furnished your office.

1 Incl
Photo cy
Spot Intel Rept
dtd 3 Oct 52 (dup)

Lucius E. Free
LUCIUS E. FREE
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch

18 SEPT 52
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

When Incl. No. ~~1~~ is (are) withdrawn or not attached, the classification of ~~Confidential~~ on this correspondence will be cancelled in accordance with par 25c, AFR 205-1.

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DISPOSITION FORM

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SUBJECT

(Unclassified) Material for Project Blue Book

TO Chief, Air Technical
Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio

FROM Dept of the Air Force
Hqs USAF-AFO-IN

DATE OCT 23 1952

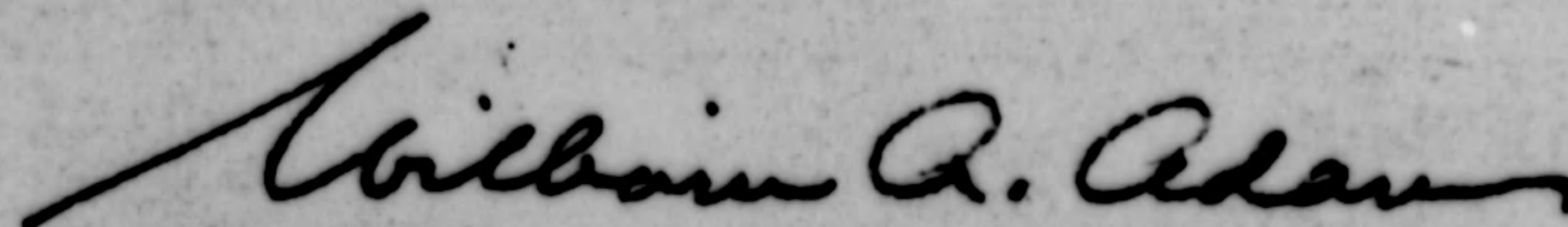
COMMENT NO. 1

Maj Fournet/cmb/71379

1. Inclosed report was furnished by OSI and is for your information and retention.

2. The inconsistencies between the visual description reported by the observer and the attached photograph are obvious, viz. the time reported as 1000 hours while the photograph was evidently taken at night; the reported shape and relative size as compared with the image in the photograph, etc.

3. The Photographic Division of AFCAAG has evaluated the "object" as a light fixture superimposed on the background through double-exposure.



1. Incl:
Photo cy Spot Intel Rpt
dtd 3 Oct 52 w/attachd photo

WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Topical Division
Deputy Director for Estimates
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

18 Sept 52
Little Rock, Ark.

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OCO File No. 24-0, Subject: Unidentified Flying Object at Little Rock, Arkansas.

The evaluation of this report has been placed at F-4, since it is impossible to properly evaluate the information from the attached photograph and without further interview of Mrs. [REDACTED]

3. ACTION: Copies of this report and inclosures have been furnished Commanding General, Air Materiel Command.

1 Incl
Photo of Unidentified
Flying Object

John C. McLendon
JOHN C. McLENDON
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

✓cc: CG, AMC (2)

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OCO/JCM/PMJ:am

File No: 11D 24-0

3 OCT 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object at Little Rock, Arkansas

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Mrs. [REDACTED], Little Rock, Arkansas, advised that at approximately 1000 hours on 18 September 1952, she took a photograph of an unidentified flying object which appeared in the sky, south of her home, at the address listed.

2. DETAILS: Mrs. [REDACTED] residence as shown, who is employed by the U. S. Time Corporation, Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas, reported to the 11th District Office of Special Investigations Detachment Commander, Little Rock, Arkansas, on 29 September 1952, that she was stepping from her front door, facing south, at the approximate hour and date mentioned, in preparation to take photographs of her dog when she observed an object in the sky. She had in her possession a No. 616 box-type camera and took a photograph of an object which was estimated to be at a distance of approximately four blocks, about the size of a dishpan, and about three stories from the ground.

Mrs. [REDACTED] described the object as being bright silver and dark in the middle and appeared to be spinning in one direction, then appeared to reverse itself and fade away, and the length of this observation was somewhat less than one minute. [REDACTED] related that the day was clear with little or no wind and the only object between her and the flying article was a small wooded area which is shown in the inclosed photograph.

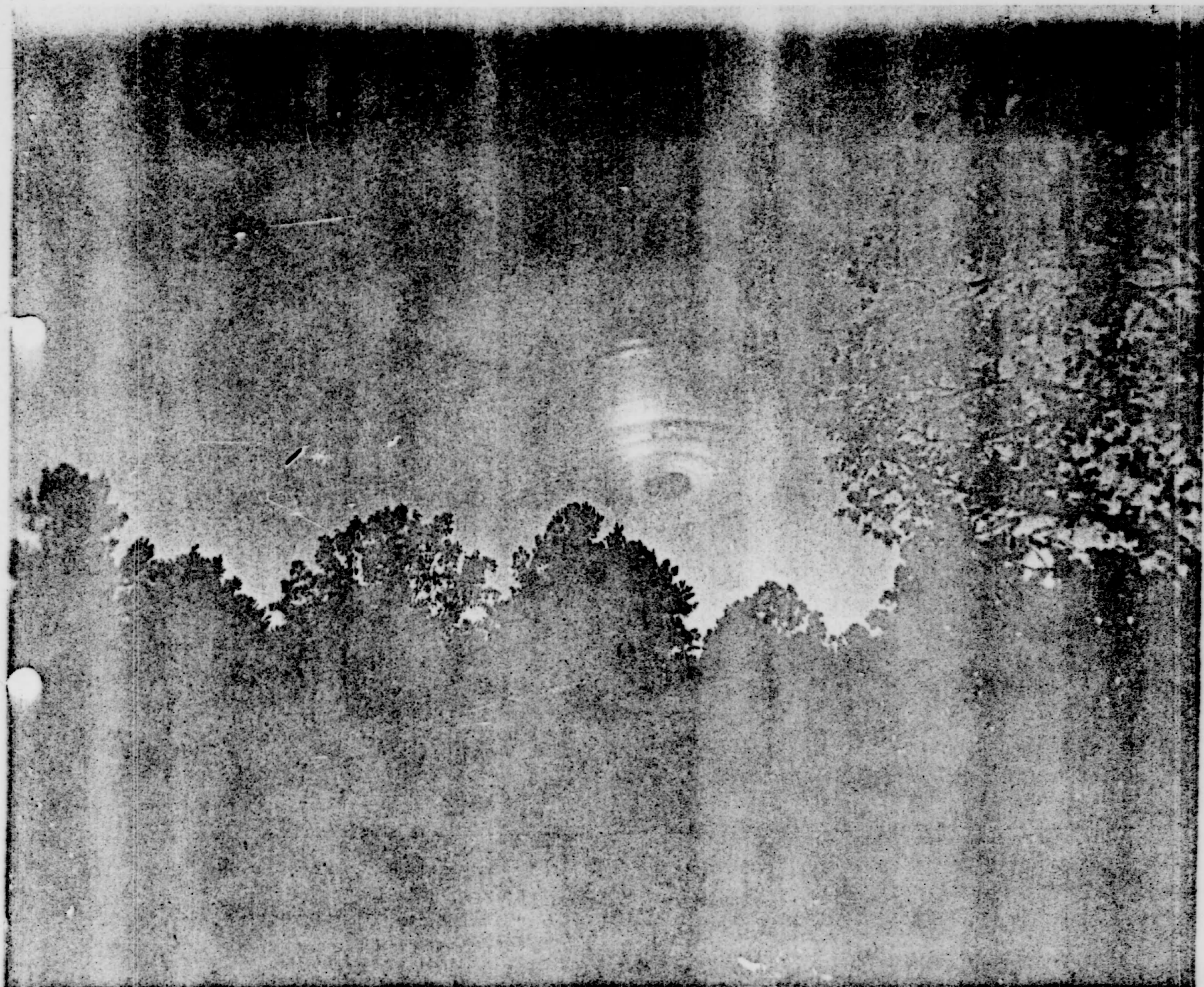
The original photograph has been reproduced at this District and are the inclosures, the original having been returned to Mrs. [REDACTED] per her request.

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1 ONLY 4 X 5 NEGATIVE
AND
1 ONLY 8 X 10 GLOSSY
PHOTOGRAPH OF
ALLEGED UFO SIGHTED
AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

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COUNTRY Libya		REPORT NO. IR-12-52	(LEAVE BLANK) 477562
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects			
AREA REPORTED ON Tripoli and Garian, Libya		FROM (Agency) Air Attache, Tripoli, Libya	
DATE OF REPORT 11 October 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 19 and 22 September 1952	EVALUATION F-3	
PREPARED BY (Name) Capt. Clifford B. Ewart, Asst. A/A		SOURCE Local newspaper and miscellaneous interviews	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable)			

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance to final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin last of report on AF Form 119—Part II.)

Two unidentified flying objects were reported by civilians in the Tripolitanian area of Libya on the nights of September 19 and 22, 1952. The information was informally recorded and reported and the reliability of both the source and information is questionable.

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7th Rescue Squadron, Wheelus Field, Tripoli

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A. Unidentified object sighted September 19, 1952:

1. A circular light with an illuminated tail, which was 20 meters in length; moved horizontally and then disappeared in a vertical climb. The object was silent.
2. Time - 2240 Local. Observed for approximately five minutes.
3. Visual observation from the balcony of a Garian building, Libya.
4. Coordinates of Garian, Libya are 3212N - 1302E. The object appeared south-east at a height of 10,000 meters. It traveled a southwesterly direction for five minutes, then disappeared in a vertical climb.
5. The information was informally reported to the Sunday Ghibli, an English language newspaper published weekly in Tripoli, Libya. The information was carelessly and incompletely recorded and the published article lacked many essential details. The editor of the Sunday Ghibli admitted freely to printing the article for its "interest" value.

The witness of this flying object was Mr. [REDACTED], Tripoli. Reliability undetermined.

6. Weather - Clear; visibility 15 miles - surface winds 130° 4 knots.

Winds aloft:	2,000'	150°	12 knots
	5,000'	150°	11 knots
	10,000'	290°	10 knots
	20,000'	240°	10 knots
	30,000'	260°	24 knots
	40,000'	270°	48 Knots

7. No activity or unusual meteorological conditions.
8. No photographs or other evidence.
9. No interception or identification action taken.
10. No other air traffic at time of sighting.

B. The second unidentified flying object; sighted 22 September 1952.

1. A brilliant lighted ball, about the size of a football, was sighted moving silently and noiselessly. Disappeared vertically and the light went out quickly.
2. Time - approximately 2030 Local. Observed for approximately six to seven seconds.
3. Visual observation at various locations in the city of Tripoli, Libya.
4. Traveling, in general, on a North-South line and then disappearing vertically. Sighted approximately ten miles North over the Mediterranean Sea at high altitude (not estimated). There were contradictory reports on its movement — both northerly and southerly directions being given.

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Witnesses were one English couple and a Welsh couple, all unidentified. One reliable source reporting this flying object was Senor Javier de Salas of the Spanish Legation in Tripoli.

6. Solid overcast 3,000'; 15 miles visibility, slight rain. Surface winds 40° 22 knots. A low pressure area was centered East of Italy. A cold front, almost stationary, was joining a trough coming out of the central desert area of Africa. Both the cold front and the trough became nearly stationary in the Tripoli area.

Winds aloft:	2,000'	90°	16 knots
	5,000'	230°	17 knots
	10,000'	240°	49 knots
	20,000'	250°	44 knots
	30,000'	250°	70 knots

7. No activity or unusual meteorological conditions other than those described in Par. 6 above.

8. No photographs or other evidence.

9. No interception or identification action taken.

10. No other air traffic.

C. Both copies of these two Sunday Ghibli articles are copied herewith verbatim:

FLYING SAUCER SEEN OVER GARIAN GEBEL

Third Libyan appearance reported

Another "Flying Saucer" has been seen over Libya. This is the third reported appearance of the phenomena in Libya which when the "saucers" have appeared in other countries have puzzled scientists and military experts alike.

First reported three years ago by an American serviceman at Wheelus Field who said that he saw a disc high in the sky over the airfield, and lately said to have been seen over the Cyrenaica gebel by a party of Englishmen returning to Benghazi after a day in the mountains, the latest appearance was last Friday night at Garian.

The story comes from Mr. Joseph Mallia of 24 Via Livorno, Tripoli, who was sitting with four friends in the Government tobacco monopoly building in Garian at 10:40 p.m. All five saw the flying disc and watched it for more than five minutes during which time it slowed down and then increased speed, finally disappearing from sight as it mounted almost vertically to an enormous height.

"We were sitting on the balcony of the building", said Mr. Mallia to the Sunday Ghibli, "when from the south east, flying at a height of some ten thousand metres, we saw a circular light approaching. It had a tail of about twenty metres long and this was also illuminated."

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"We knew that it could not have been an aeroplane as it flew without a sound. At first it was coming slowly towards us and we had it in view as it travelled South West. We all saw it quite plainly. Suddenly, after we had been watching it for five minutes, it stopped moving horizontally and shot upwards in a complete vertical climb. It disappeared out of sight into what I can only think was the upper atmosphere.

"It could not have been a comet because these fly round the earth's orbit—they don't go straight upwards. Similarly this disposes of the theory that it was a shooting star because these always fall to earth. As it went upwards its tail lights went out.

"After a few minutes an aeroplane flew over from the other direction. It was able to compare the two, and the movements, flight and lights were completely different. We also heard the noise of the plane's engines, but the 'saucer' was completely silent."

FLYING SAUCER SEEN AGAIN OVER TRIPOLI

"Like a football", says Englishman.

Is the "Flying Saucer" reported last week in the Sunday Times as having been seen over the Tripolitanian Jebel range of mountains at Libian still flying around Libya? The question is asked by two more reports of a strange object flashing across the night sky last Monday evening.

Three witnesses, all British subjects temporarily resident in Tripoli, saw a rapidly moving object travel from north to south across the evening sky. It was moving upwards at an enormous speed. The phenomenon was seen at the same time by an Englishman sitting on the balcony of his apartment in the "Ghaddet" near Mardhat, and by a Welshman and his wife who were walking in the Ghaddet Idria.

There was no comparing of notes by the three people concerned. Two of them did not know the other one had seen it until twelve hours later. And their stories tally for time, direction of flight, and size of the "disc".

Said the observer in the Omar Mardhat: "I was sitting on my balcony looking out to sea at about half past eight on Monday evening when a brilliant lighted ball about the size of a football flashed into view. It was travelling approximately from North to South and moving very fast.

There is only a small gap between the two witnesses' accounts. The other witness said: "I was sitting on my balcony looking out to sea at about half past eight on Monday evening when a brilliant lighted ball about the size of a football flashed into view. It was travelling approximately from North to South and moving very fast.

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Confirming these facts the next witnesses were a Welshman and his wife walking in the Giaddat Idris. They had arrived at the turning by the Cafe della Post which gives a view over the sea and were startled to see a brilliant ball of light flash across the opening. They guessed that it was some ten miles out to sea, and they only saw it for a second or so before it was out of range behind the buildings. It was travelling north west to south east.

Meanwhile reports are still being received confirming the details of last week's "flying saucer".

[REDACTED] the Spanish Legation and his wife reported seeing the object quite distinctly as it hurtled across the tranquil sky.

[REDACTED] and he and his wife were sitting on deck chairs in front of their Garden City villa when they saw it approaching from the south at a great speed.

"It was flying at a height," he said, "and over Tripoli it came down low, went along vertically and then shot upwards. It was a quiet peaceful night and we are quite sure it was not an aeroplane. There was positively no sound.

"My wife, who saw it a second or two before I did, says it left a glowing tail, but I did not notice that.

"It came and went in about six or seven seconds. The light seemed to go out as if a lamp had been extinguished rather than a gradual disappearance of the whole from view".

Four Italian residents of Tripoli seated on their balconies near the Tobacco Monopoly Building also report seeing the "saucer" last week.

They thought it was a meteorite until suddenly they realised it was going up instead of down.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

Captain Morey B. Jeffrey, Intelligence Officer, 7th Air Rescue Squadron has injected the possibility that the unidentified object sighted 22 September 1952 was a weather balloon. The 29th Weather Squadron, based at Wheelus Field, Tripoli, sends up four weather balloons daily, at 0300, 0900, 1500 and 2100.

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