

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 Sep 1954	2. LOCATION France
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Insufficient Data
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION ?	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Red orange disc. Disc suddenly stopped 300-400 meters from the ground. Seemed to have on its upper side a small luminous tail forming an integral part of the object.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Visual-Ground	
7. COURSE ?	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Finland - 14 Sep 54

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France - 30 Aug 54 - Paris

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Somme Department - 7 Sep 54

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Rome - 17 Sep 54

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Netherlands - 4 Aug 54

Ten fireman observed two "flying saucers" over the Hague on the night of 4 August between 2300 and 2400 hours. They moved at incredible speed, at times remaining motionless for as long as 30 seconds. They were flat ovals with a whitish gray light. ATIC Eval: Possible searchlight beams.

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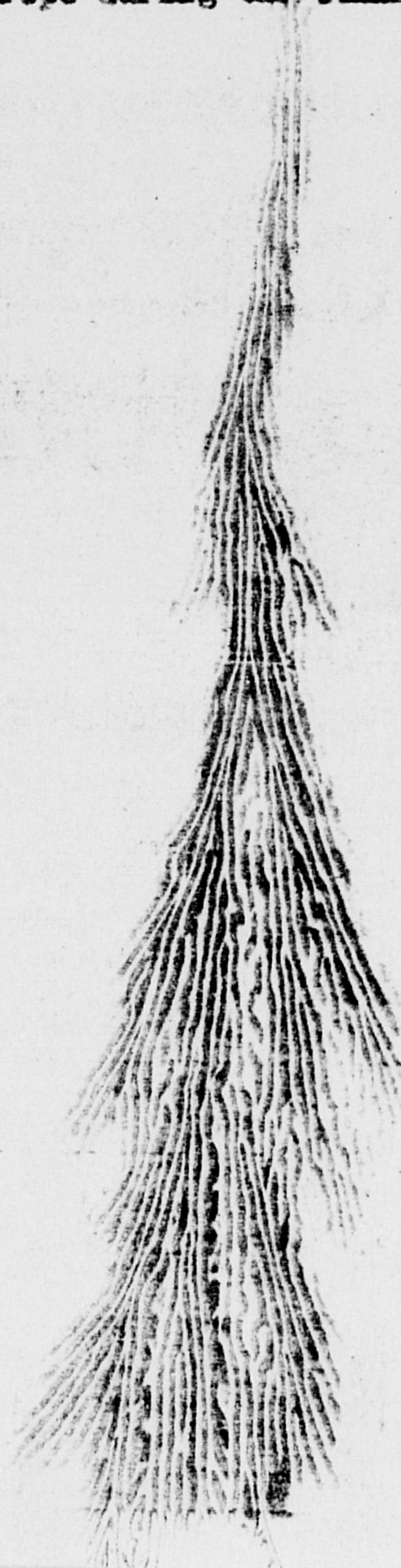
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