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**1. DATE**

3
28 March 1955

**2. LOCATION**

New York, N. Y.

**3. DATE-TIME GROUP**

Local _____

GMT ~~24/0935 Z Mar 55~~

**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION**

☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☒
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

**5. PHOTO**

☐ Yes
☐ No

**6. SOURCE**

Civilian

**7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION**

Unk.

**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS**

one (1)

**9. COURSE**

Stationary

**12. CONCLUSIONS**

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☒ Other Searchlights ~~cloud reflection~~
☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

**10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING**

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One white, oval object was onbserved by an elderly woman. From the preliminary report there was no indication of directional motion nor drastic change of appearance .

**11. COMMENTS**

D/I 26th ADiv also observed the same phenomenon from he air and concluded that sighting was caused by ~~cloud reflections.~~ 1 SEARCHLIGHT ACTIVITY REFLECTING FROM CLOUD LAYER.

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| 7 Jan 55 | 4 & 5 Jan 55 | C-2 |
| PREPARED BY (OFFICER) | SOURCE | |
| WILLIAM C VAN NORMAN, Lt Col, USAF | See CONTENTS: Para 1 | |

REFERENCES (Cite Publications, Charts, Previous Reports, Directives, Regulations, etc. Give significance to their use in this report.): AFR 200-2 dtd 12 Aug 54; AFIC Form 4; TWX (C) WCSHQ-1 DTG 041747Z Jan 55; ADCR 200-7 dtd 25 Jan 55

SUMMARY (Brief abstract of report. Give significance to the data and conclusions presented. Use Continuation Sheet if necessary. Do not exceed 10% of length of report or 10 lines, whichever is less.)

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PART THREE: Description of sighting by [redacted] Street, New York (GEORGE RMBF 02/5)

PART FOUR: Investigators Summary


1. SUMMARY: At 0/2215Z Dec 54, Dec 3 was directed by Headquarters, AG026 ADSS to conduct a follow-up investigation of a UFOB sighting northeast of the George Washington Bridge (GEORGE RMBF 0351). Sightings were reported to Commander, Eastern Sea Frontier and Commandant, Third Naval District by [redacted] Housewife, and Cpls Joseph E. MEDICA and John J. CARRIER, USMC. Five [redacted] saw sighting the object, called the police, MEDICA and CARRIER hurried and were directly referred to the Commander, Eastern Sea Frontier. The witnesses (on duty at 90 Church Street, NYC (GEORGE RMBF 59/3), MEDICA and CARRIER, Sunnyside, LI) ran out of the window and were able to observe an object for approximately three (3) minutes until it disappeared from view. The time of the disappearance of the object coincides with all three (3) reports of the sighting. The probability of the race that the sighting was a form of light was confirmed by a spokesman from Captain Bellinger's (D/I, 2d) Air Division (see Part Four, Investigators Summary) who was flying at 1500 feet over New York Harbor at the time of the sighting and reported high intensity search light activity in the area.

2. INVESTIGATORS: S/Sgt John P. Bannon, AF 11 210 035
A/1C Raymond J. Snyder, AF 12 403 077

WILLIAM C VAN NORMAN
Lt Col, USAF
Officer in Charge

3. Incl: (See individual parts)

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I. SOURCE: Joseph B. [illegible], USMC

Age: 19

Duties: Guard at 90 Church St., N.Y., N.Y.

Length of Service: 12 months

Education: High School

Station: Wayne Barracks, Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was very anxious to get the interrogation over with so he was on his own time and planning to drive home and take his examination that the interrogators were only holding him up. SOURCE stated a great deal on Lesson Gol (WASHRA for his answers and did not appear to have any connection to his own (illegible) SOURCE stated that during the day they may have been talking about (illegible) with other members of their unit in the barracks and there appeared to be the possibility that the Corporal's statements were some that overheard by conversation in Paragraph 2 it is felt that the information received from SOURCE may not be considered too reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE was on duty inside of building located at 90 Church Street, New York City, New York on the 15th floor. He only claimed seeing a (illegible) object about an unidentified object and (illegible) SOURCE was ordered (illegible) to look out of the window at approximately 2145 hours, EST (01/02Z), JAN 56). SOURCE observed a (illegible) white light and then took (illegible) for better observation.

2. During the two (2) or three (3) minutes that SOURCE observed this object it appeared to be a cluster of (illegible) light moving in a westerly direction. The object was observed in the North at approximately 25° elevation moving in a westerly direction until it exploded. The object was about the size of a baseball held at arms length. It was located about (illegible) miles and (illegible) with an estimated speed or (illegible) of 170 miles per hour and (illegible) it exploded it had reached a speed of approximately 600 miles per hour. This estimate was based on the relative speed of aircraft flying in the area.

3. SOURCE could not remember any wind data but stated that there was a heavily clouded sky and it was dry and cold.

4. SOURCE stated that the object looked like (illegible) lights moving across the sky.

5. The object disappeared by exploding.

6. SOURCE did not know what the object was or what might have caused it.

Enclosures:
1. Drawing of Object
2. Location of Object

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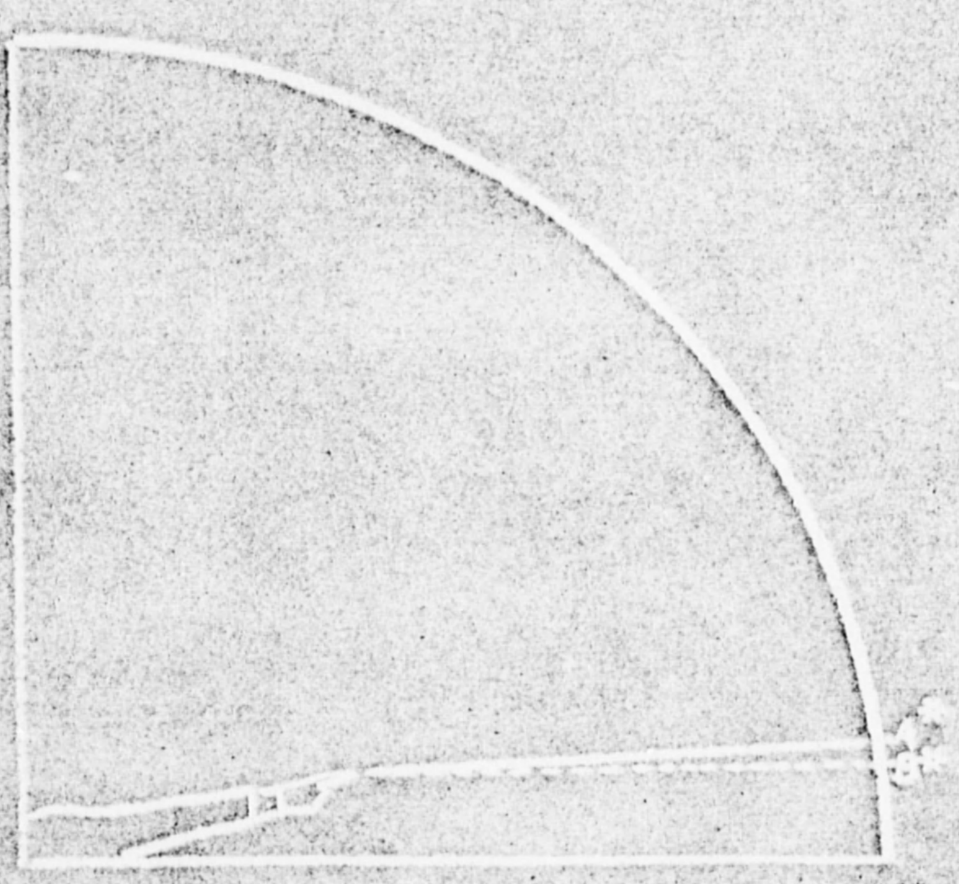
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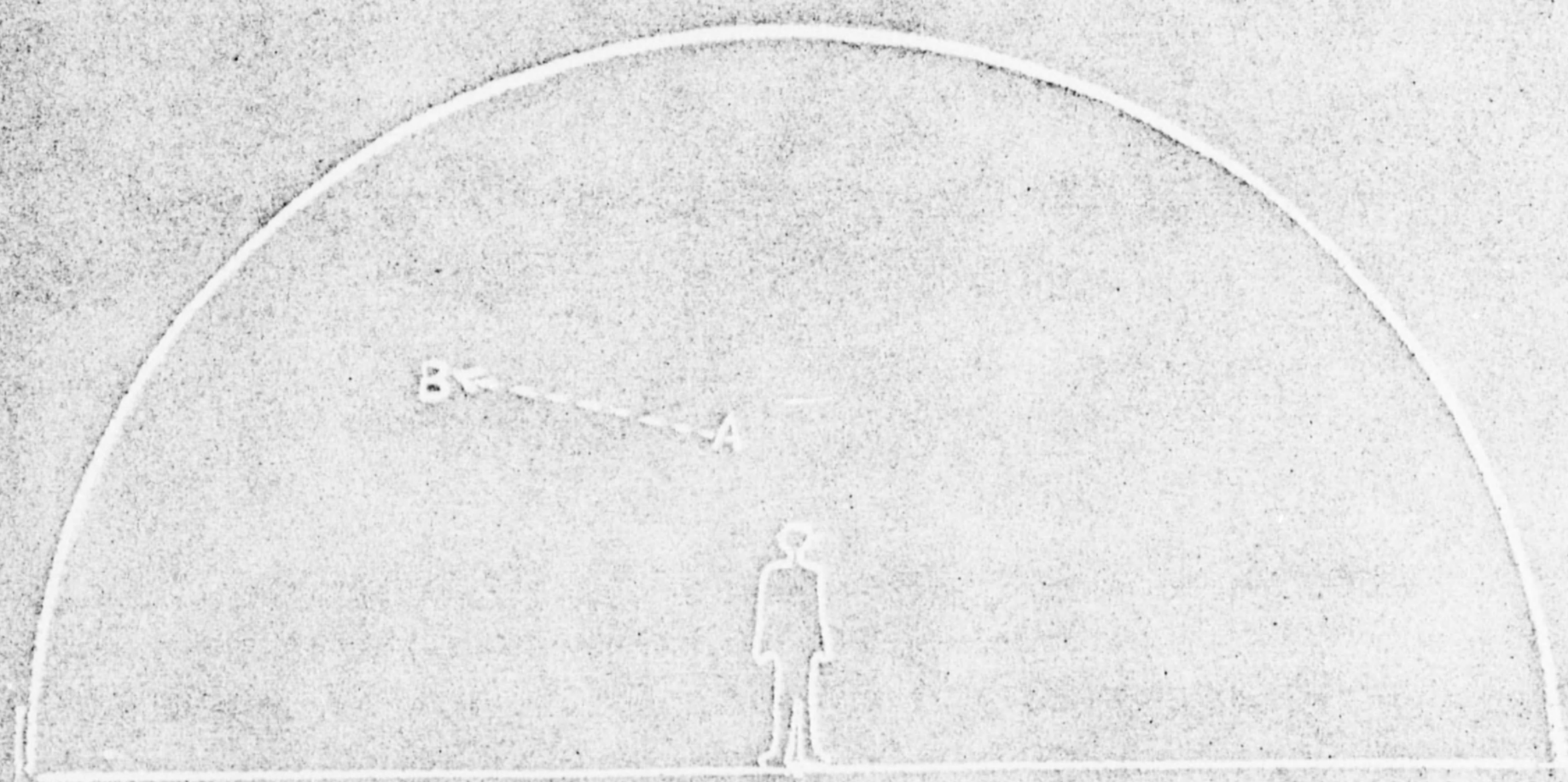
A. Position of object when SOURCE first saw it.

B. Position of object when SOURCE last saw it.

A-C = Shows how high the object was from the horizon when first seen.

B-C = Shows how high the object was from the horizon when last seen.






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1. SOURCE: John D. (Confidential, DSI)

Age: 19

Length of Service: 12 months

Duties: Guard at 90 Church St., NY, NY

Education: High School

Station: Moving Investigating, Brooklyn, New York, (NY) CGIC

2. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was considered both competent and reliable on the basis of his highly trained observers. Although he undoubtedly saw an object and observed it through binoculars, it is believed that SOURCE's report has been embellished upon considerably in the Moving Investigation. It is believed that the information may be considered fairly reliable.

3. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

a. SOURCE was on sentry duty on the 15th deck (Tower) of building located at 90 Church St., NY, NY. The duty officer received a telephone call from a Mr. Gladden reporting a flying object. The duty officer, Major Hall of the 616 SOURCE and Master Sgt Bixby (a radio operator) were the witnesses. It was approximately 2145 hours, EST (01/0245Z Mar 52). SOURCE observed a blinding white light. Under ground they found to be a vivid, fast-changing, pulsating red which gradually picked up speed and disappeared from view.

b. During the five (5) minutes that SOURCE observed this object (two minutes of this time with binoculars) he described it as circular in form with bright, all over, light moving in a generally westerly direction. It disappeared and then reappeared at the original point of sighting and again disappeared in a northerly direction until it disappeared from sight. Object looked to be about the size of a baseball held at arms length and was located at an approximate distance of four (4) miles. With a speed varying from approximately 170 to 600 miles per hour. This estimate was based on the relative speed of aircraft flying in the New York area.

c. SOURCE could not remember the temperature but did recall that the sky was cloudy with no stars or moon and that it was cold and crisp.

d. SOURCE stated that the object looked like a chandelier, sphere-like shaped and was very similar to a perpetually exploding sky rocket.

e. The object disappeared from sight gradually (seeming smaller as the distance from the observer increased.

f. SOURCE had no idea what the object might have been.

4. Inclosures:
1. Drawing of Object Moving
2. Motion of Object
3. Location of Object

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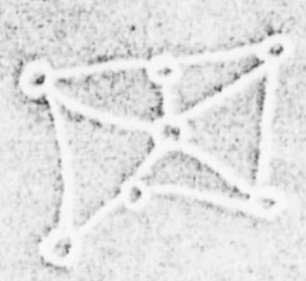
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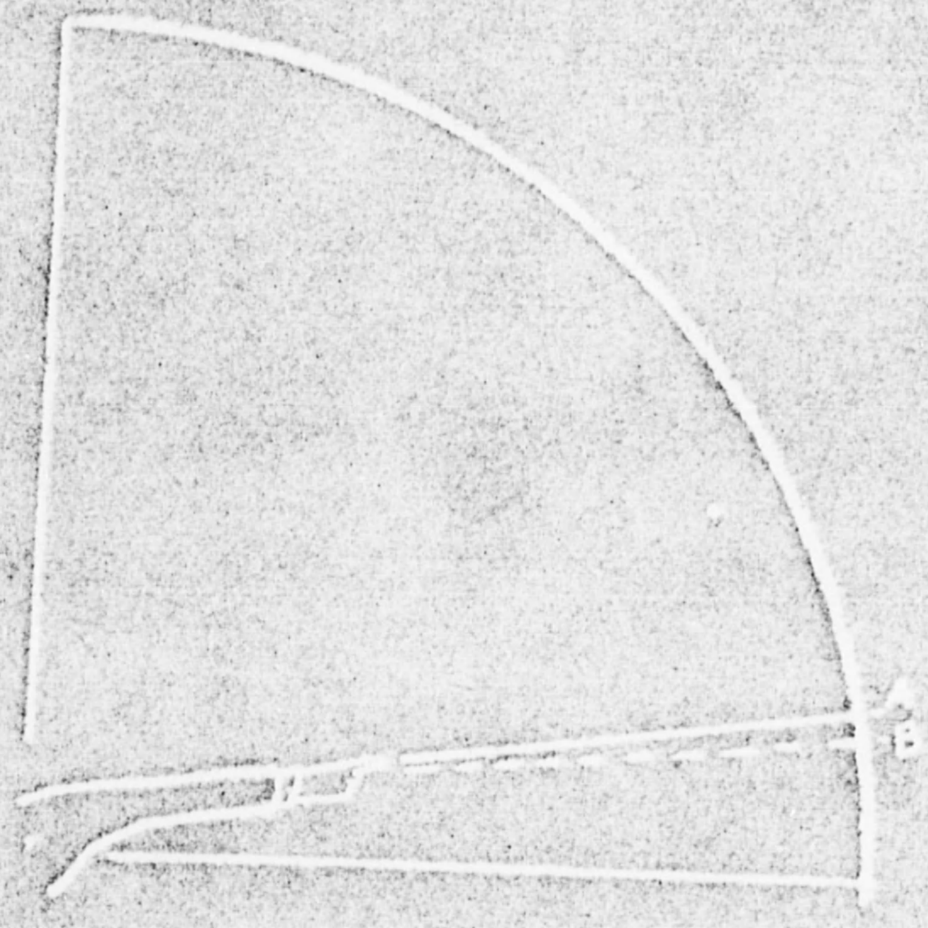
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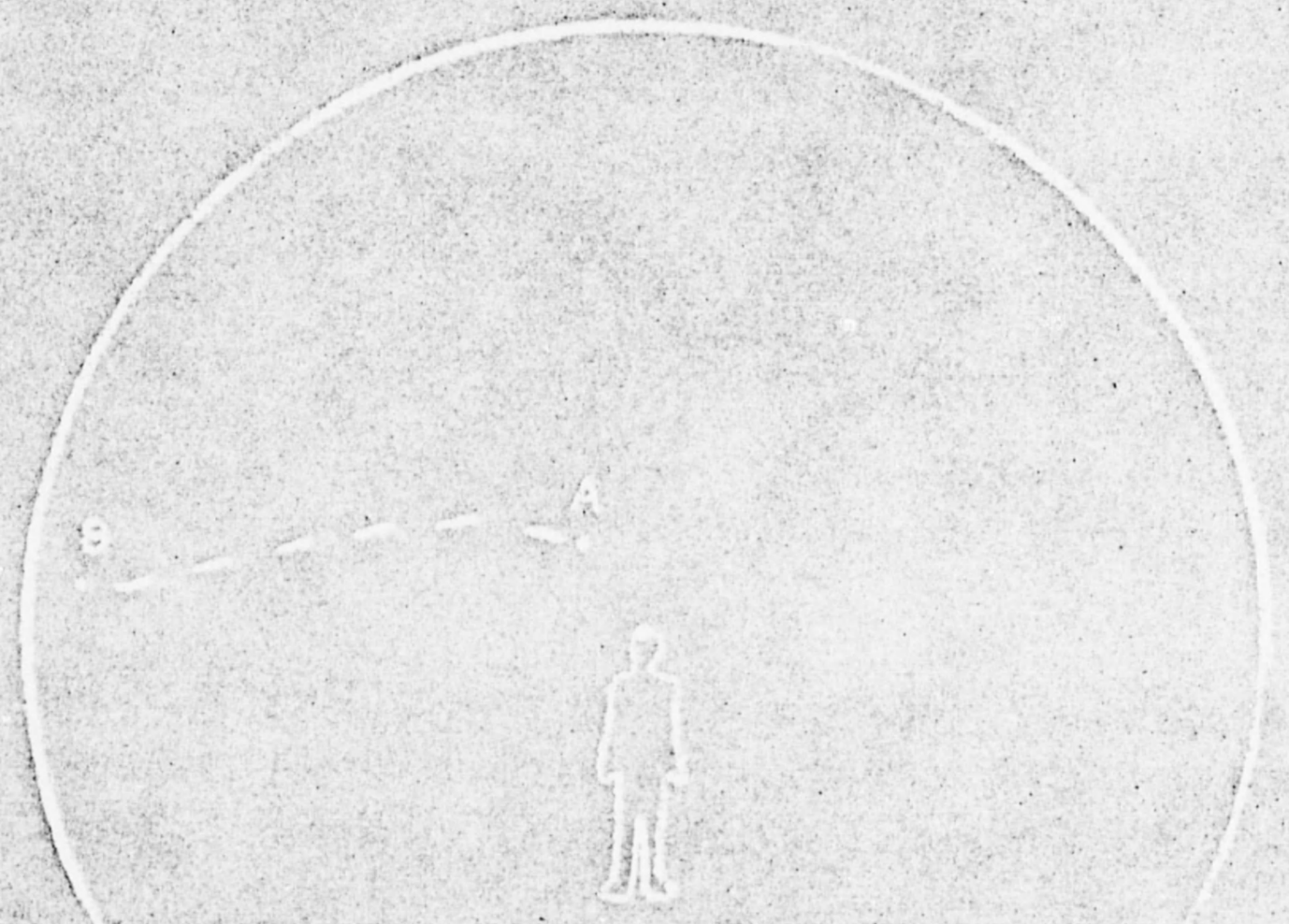
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Tracing of Drawing by Col CARBERRY
showing Location of Object (Unretouched)

A. Height of object above the horizon when first seen.
B. Height of object above the horizon when last seen.




A. Location of object when first seen.
B. Location of object when last seen.



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1. SOURCE: [redacted]

Age: 39

Professional Rank: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] (Date: 12

2. SUBJECT: SOURCE was interviewed by [redacted] on the subject of an observed flying object. SOURCE was advised of the security classification of the interview and the need for discretion. SOURCE was cautioned by [redacted] that the interview was to be conducted in English and that SOURCE was not to feel obligated to answer any questions which he did not understand. SOURCE was told that he could refer to any notes he had made and that he could ask questions at any time during the interview. SOURCE was told that he could have a copy of the report of the interview if he desired one.

3. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

a. SOURCE was in his backyard and was looking at the stars when his attention was attracted to a bright object which appeared from behind a cloud in the southeast. The object was observed for approximately (2) seconds before it disappeared behind a cloud in the southwest. SOURCE was unable to estimate the altitude of the object. SOURCE described the object as being round and bright orange in color. The object was [redacted] in size. SOURCE was not able to estimate the speed of the object. SOURCE stated that the observation was made with the naked eye.

b. SOURCE stated that he first observed the object as it appeared from behind a cloud. SOURCE stated that the object appeared to move in a straight line from northeast to southwest. SOURCE also observed a second object which appeared above the first rotating body which lasted for a few seconds and then faded away. The second object (pea shaped) did not move as the first but appeared and disappeared under the same circumstances as the first. SOURCE stated that the second object appeared to be smaller than the first object. The objects were observed for approximately (2) seconds.

c. SOURCE stated that he did not observe any sound or exhaust trail from the objects. SOURCE stated that the objects were not visible after they disappeared behind the cloud.

d. SOURCE stated that there was a bright moon but no stars and a partly cloudy sky. SOURCE could not remember if there were any other lights but stated that it was quite cold outside.

e. SOURCE's first impression was that the object was a beam of light but later changed it to a fluorescent color ready to fire the shape of a solid one piece object with uneven edges.

f. The object disappeared by fading out from a period of about six (6) seconds.

4. Keys:
1. Arrangement of Object
2. Motion of Object
3. Position of Object
4. Drawing by Source (12 yr old son
5. Size (Number) of Source

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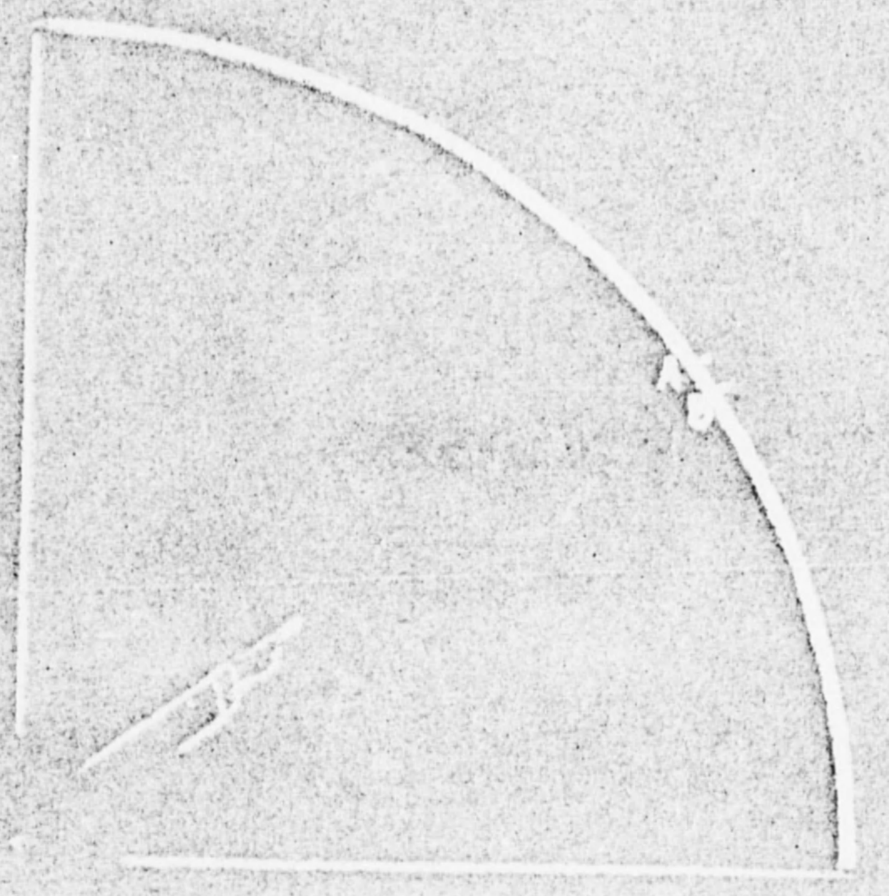
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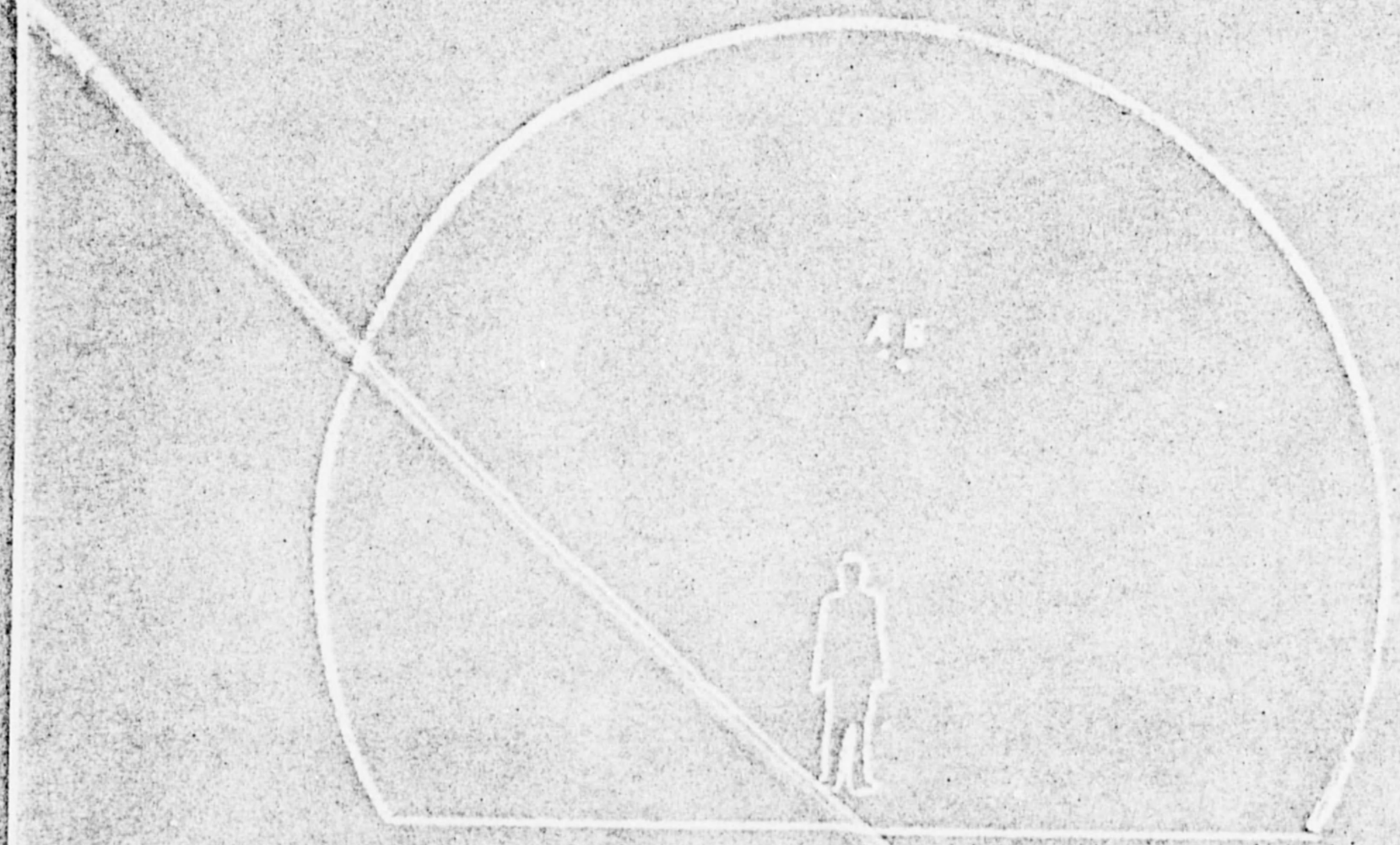
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Tracing of Drawing by Miss Gibbs showing
Location of Object (Unretouched)

A. Height of object above the horizon when first seen.
B. Height of object above the horizon when last seen.



A. Location of object when first seen.
B. Location of object when last seen.




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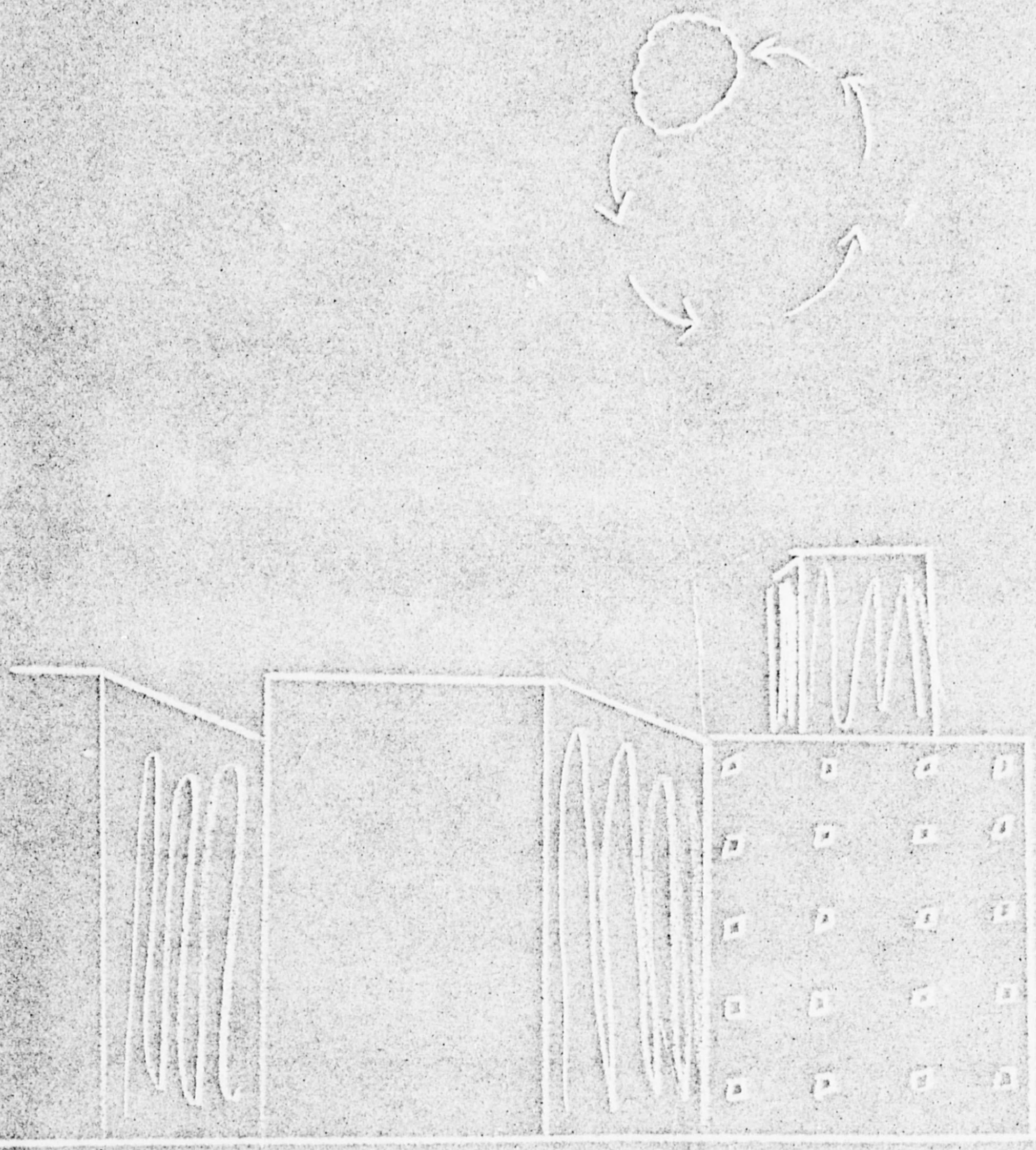
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EXPLANATION OF CONDITION OF OBJECT AS SEEN
BY SOURCE (IF OTHER THAN OBJECT) (Continued)



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Statement of Mrs. [redacted]

## STATEMENT

My husband came home from work on the night of March 3rd, 1955. As he approached Interstate Highway 15 he glanced up and saw an object in the sky. He was facing South at the time. He brought my attention to it and by the time I looked I noticed my husband in observing this object which seemed to appear in circular rotating constantly. It also disappeared at intervals appearing again as if hidden by a cloud. It made revolutions of approximately 45 degrees in the sky. The object appeared as a hazy round light which took odd shapes at times. A second object, also sort of pear shaped appeared about 15 minutes after the first. This second object appeared and disappeared at intervals but did not twist. Both objects lasted about one hour and faded out simultaneously.

/s/ [redacted]

## STATEMENT

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Major
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INVESTIGATOR'S SUMMARY

1. A check with the Ground Observer Corps Editor Center at Watertown, New York (GEORGE HENRY ELIOT) revealed nothing to substantiate the sightings. A/1C Roy M. Hendrix, Adjutant, informed the investigators that there were no sightings of any sorts in the area.

2. A check with the Hayden Planetarium also produced negative support to the sightings. Mr. Duffy, who holds the position of Assistant Director, informed us that there were no sightings or reports of any kind.

3. A call was placed to the office of the D/I, 26th Air Division, and the investigators were informed that the Manhattan Broadcast Control Center had been very active with pure-control light activity. At the time of the first sighting, Captain Riley, D/I, 26th Air Division, was airborne at approximately 1500 feet over the Bay of the New York Harbor area, proceeding on a 060/090 heading. Attached as Inclosure #1 is a statement from Capt Riley.

4. See Inclosure #2 for weather data at the time of sightings.

[redacted]
[redacted]
Major, USAF
Officer in Charge

2 Incls.
1. Statement by Capt Riley
2. Weather Chart

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur in the hypothesis of the Reporting Officer that sightings is probably attributed to searchlight activity in the area.

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Statement of Captain Baily

## STATEMENT

We took particular note of search light activity and related it to probable stimulation of UFO: reports. I have no doubt that the objects observed were the result of search light activity on low hanging clouds or smoke layer. Search light activity is widespread in this locale. It began early in the evening and continued until 2300-2400 hours EST.

/s/ George Baily
Capt USAF

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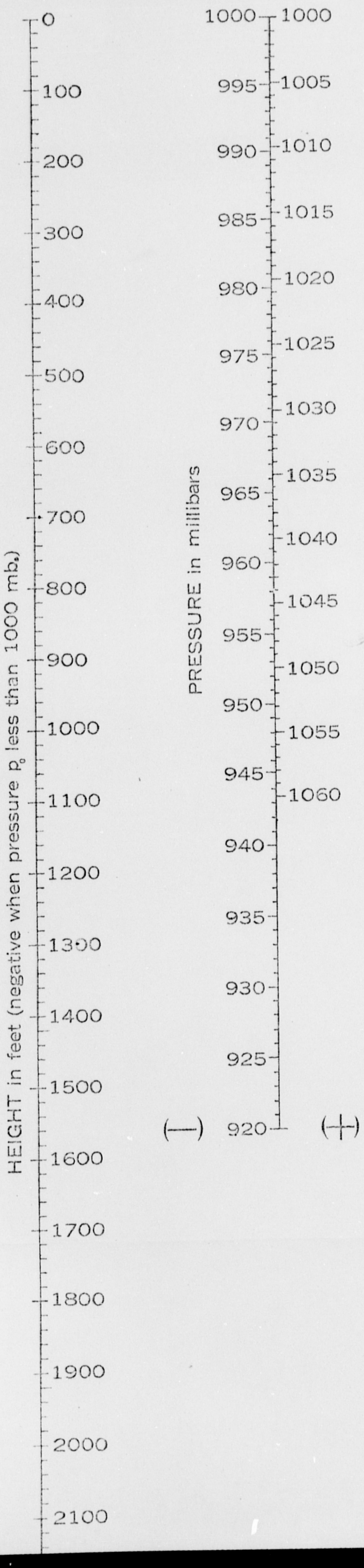
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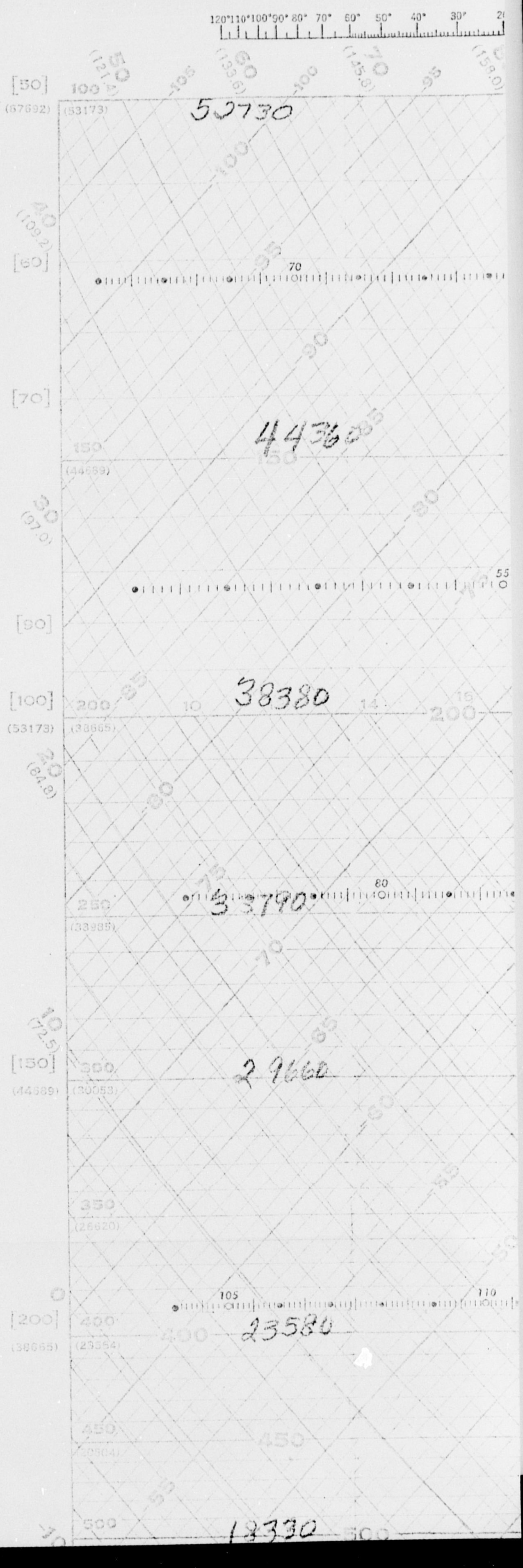
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# USAF SKEW T, log p DIAGRAM

TEMPERATURE IN DEGREES FAHRENHEIT

0° −10° −20° −30° −40° −50° −60°

90 (170.3) 100 (182.5) 110 (194.7) 120 (206.9) 130 (219.1) 140 (231.3) 150 (243.5) 160 (255.7)

−85 −80 −75 −70 −65 −60 −55 −50

75 80 85 90

−80 −75 −70 −65 −60 −55 −50 −45 −40

150 140 130 120 110

60 65

20 22 24 26 28 30 32

−50 −45 −40 −35 −30 −25 −20 −15 −10

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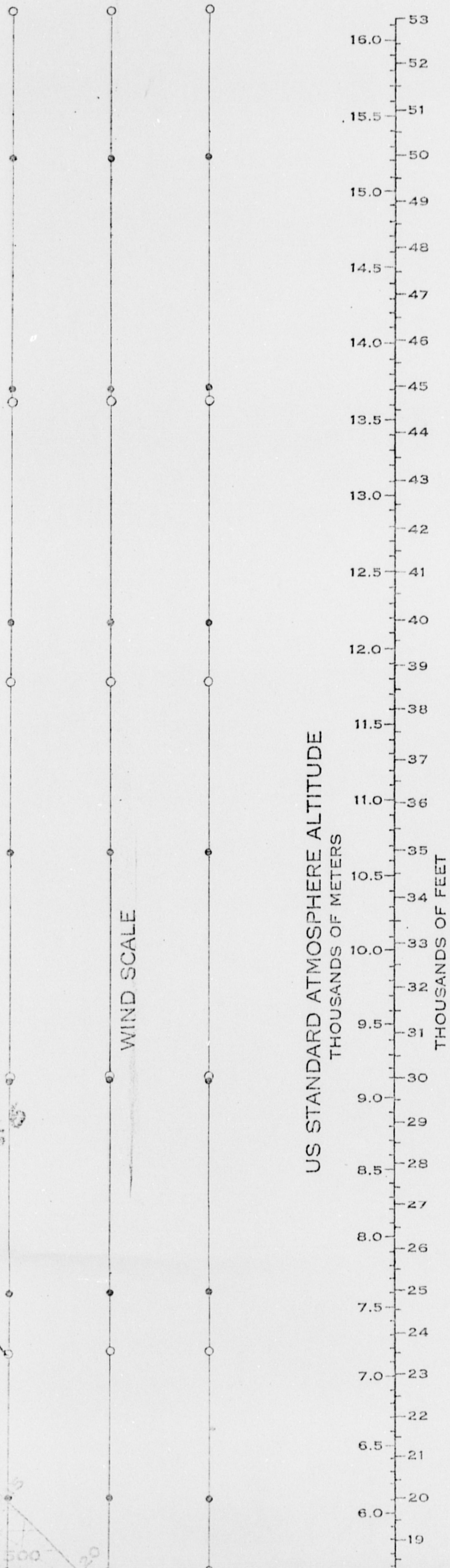
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−30 −25 −20 −15 −10 −5 0 5 10

400 350 300 250 200 150

WIND SCALE

US STANDARD ATMOSPHERE ALTITUDE
THOUSANDS OF METERS




# EXPLANATION

ISOBARS are straight, horizontal brown lines. The heights in feet of the pressure surfaces in the U.S. Standard atmosphere are in parenthesis () below the pressure values on the left.

ISOTHERMS (°C) are the straight, equidistant brown lines running diagonally upward from left to right.

DRY ADIABATS are the slightly curved brown lines that intersect the 1000 mb. isobar at intervals of 2°C, and run diagonally upward from right to left. The Dry Adiabats for the folded portion of the pressure range are labeled with two (2) values. (See below).

SATURATED ADIABATS are the curved green lines that intersect the 1000 mb. isobar at intervals of 2°C, diverging upward and tending to become parallel to the dry adiabats.

SATURATION MIXING RATIO (in gm. per kg.) is represented by dashed green lines. Their values appear at the bottom of diagram.

THICKNESS (in hundreds of geopotential feet) of the layers between the levels 1000, 700, 500, 300, 200, 150 and 100 mb. is represented by numbers and a graduation along the middle of each layer. The thicknesses are obtained from the virtual temperature curve by the equal-area method, using any straight line as a dividing line.

HEIGHT in geopotential feet above mean sea level, or station level, of the 1000 mb. surface is obtained from the nomogram in the upper left-hand corner by drawing a straight line from the point on the temperature scale (°F) through the point $p_o$ (mean sea level or station pressure) on the pressure scale, and reading the height on the height scale.

U.S. STANDARD ATMOSPHERE SOUNDING is indicated by a thick brown line.

The saturated adiabats and isopleths of saturation mixing ratio are computed by use of vapor pressure over a plane water surface at all temperatures.

Extension of chart to 50 mb has been accomplished by overlap with pressure indicated in brackets, [200] at 400 mb, and [50] at 100 mb. Dry adiabats for the overlap are labeled in parentheses ( ).

APPROXIMATE VIRTUAL TEMPERATURE may be obtained from the formula $T_v = T + \frac{w}{6}$ where $T_v$ is virtual temperature in °C, T is free air temperature in °C, and w is mixing ratio in grams/kilogram. For purposes of thickness computation, use the mean temperature of the layer for T and use the mean mixing ratio of the layer for w.

Sounding data will be entered on two (2) sets of charts. One chart will include 0300Z and 1500Z soundings; the other 0900Z and 2100Z soundings. To provide twelve (12) hour continuity the preceding 1500Z or the 2100Z soundings, whichever the case may be, will be entered as a trace of the temperature curve without the reproduction of data or circling of any point. (See AWSM-105-22).

Black dots • along wind scale lines indicate the levels for which wind data is reported and plotted. The open circles ○ indicate the mandatory pressure levels at which wind data is also entered.

HEIGHT in feet (negative when pressure $p_0$ less

1000
1100
1200
1300
1400
1500
1600
1700
1800
1900
2000
2100
2200
2300

(—) 920 (+)

930
945
940
935
930
925
1055
1060

(53173) (38665)
20 (84.8)
60
50
80
250
(33985)
70
[150]
300
(44689) (30053)
40 (12.5)
65
60
350
(26620)
0
[200]
400
(38665) (23564)
105
450
(20804)
55
50
500
(18281)
-10
60
-12 -8 -6 -4 -2
550
(15956)
45
600
(13785)
75
-20
650
(11775)
40
10
-5
700
(9879)
-30
750
(8088)
35
30
-40
800
(6332)
80
85
(4760)
900
(3242)
950
(1773)
1000
(364)
1050
40
0.1 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8

3790
2960
2380
1830
10000
4960
670

-45 -40 -35 -30 -25 -20 -15 -10 -5 0 5

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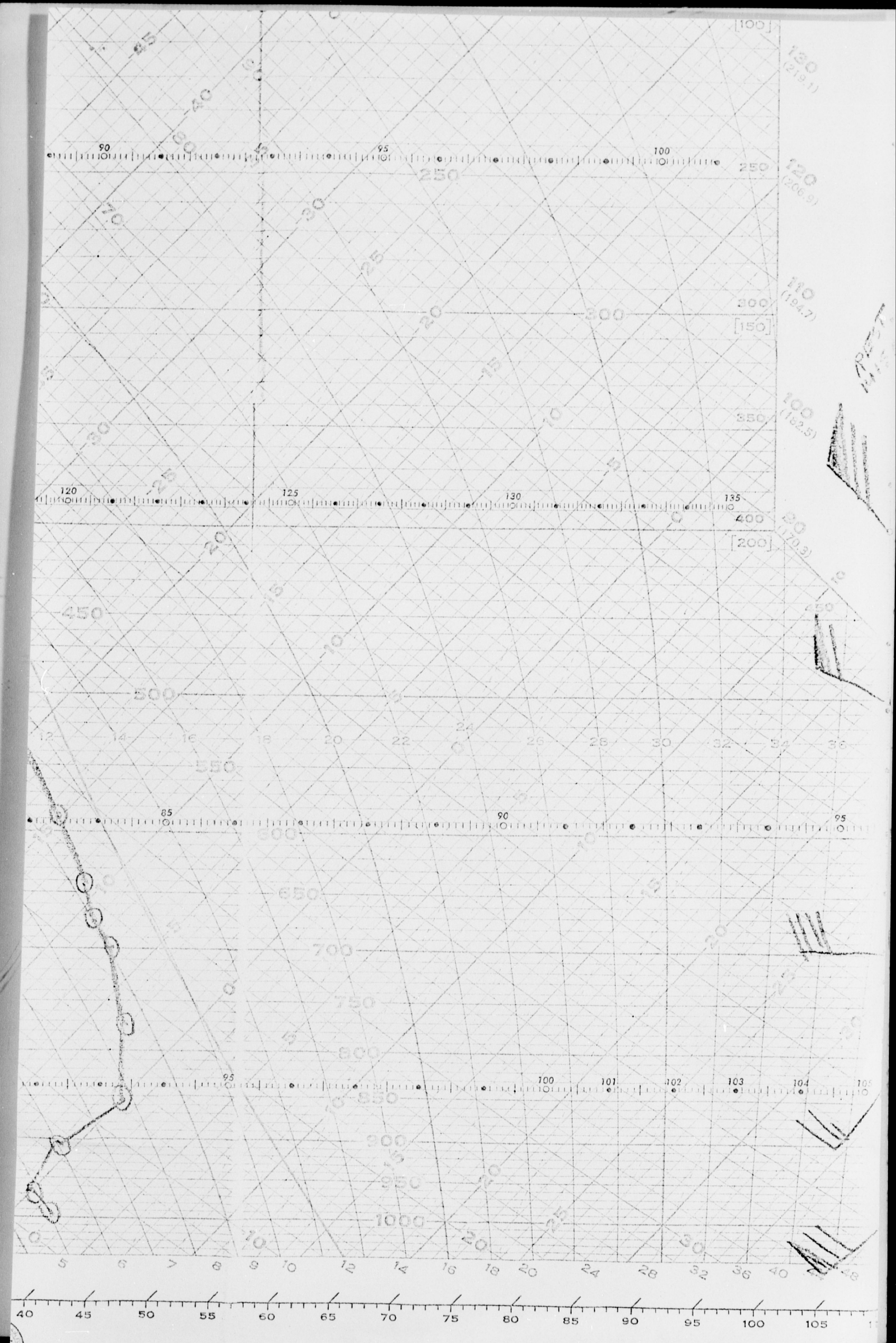
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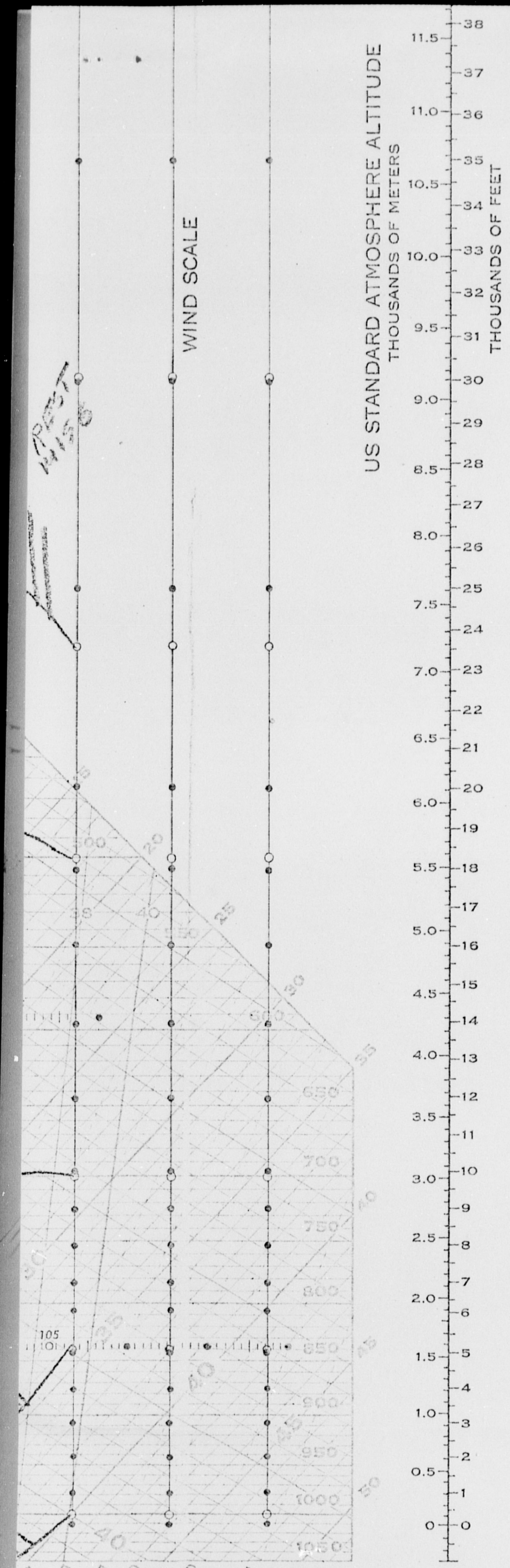
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FAHRENHEIT TEMPERATURE SCALE


90
95
100
120
125
130
135
85
90
95
95
100
101
102
103
104
105
40
45
50
55
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70
75
80
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90
95
100
105




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| NUMBER | STATION |
|---|---|
| HEM | Mitchel AFB NY |
| TIME (GCT) | DATE (GCT) |
| 2100Z | 03 Mar 55 |

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