

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 January 1956		2. LOCATION Beltsville, Maryland (Photo)		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 _____ GMT 25/0207Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian (14 yrs old)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION thirty three minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE see photo	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING See attached photo and AF Form 112. Similar to fluorescent light.				11. COMMENTS It is the opinion of the 4602d AISS that the object on the attached photo is a time exposure of the moon. During the time of the exposure, the moon traversed the arc depicted on the photo, Note the curvature of the object, the appearance of a spherical image at each end of the obj, and the size of the spherical image is compared to the size of the roof of the photo.	

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1 Witness

HEADQUARTERS
4602d AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON (ADC)
ENT AIR FORCE BASE
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

AISOP

26 MAR 1956

SUBJECT: Transmittal of AF Form 112 (UFOB)

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: AFOIN-4E1
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

1. Inclosed herewith find AF Form 112 number IR-81-56,
1401st Air Base Wing, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, for-
warded for action deemed necessary.

2. As indicated on the UFOB Index Card (Incl 2), it is
the opinion of this headquarters that this sighting was a mis-
interpretation of a time exposure of the moon and an evaluation
of WAS ASTRONOMICAL has been placed on this sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Henry C. Boker

- 2 Incls:
1. AF Form 112
2. UFOB Index Card

HENRY C. BOKER
Captain, USAF
Asst Adjutant

THIS CASE INCLUDES

1 PHOTO $3\frac{1}{2}$ IN X $3\frac{1}{2}$ IN

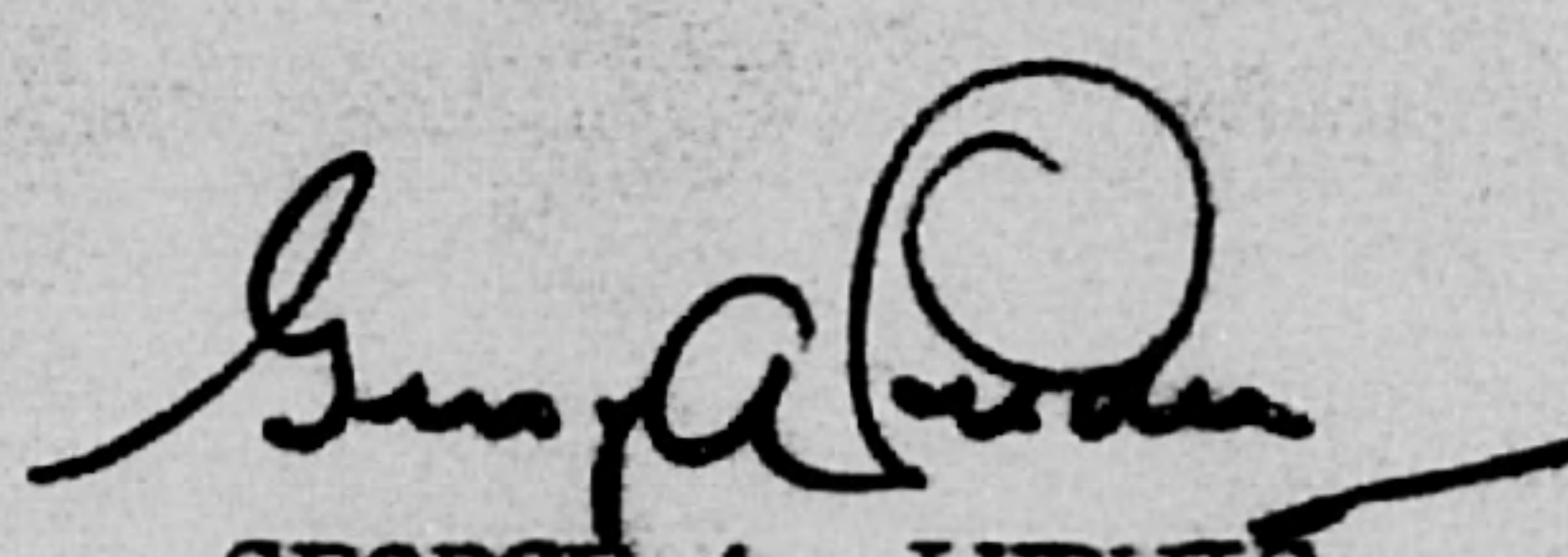
1 PHOTO 4 X 5 IN

1 PHOTO 8 X 10 IN

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COUNTRY OF ORIGIN USA - MATS		REPORT NO. IR -81 - 56	(Leave blank)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
AREA REPORT CONCERNS Beltsville, Maryland			
AGENCY OF ORIGIN 1401st Air Base Wing Andrews Air Force Base	DATE OF REPORT 1 Mar 56		
SOURCE OF INFORMATION Civilian	DATE OF INFORMATION 25 Jan 1956		
PREPARING OFFICER Major Donald S. Watkins	EVALUATION		
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) WFOB AFR 200-2			
SUBJECT "UFOB" Report			
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 112a.) UFOB photographed in Beltsville, Maryland area, 25 January 1956.			
FOR THE COMMANDER: 2 ENCLS 1. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX 3 photographs 2. Map  GEORGE A. LUDWIG Lt Colonel, USAF Adjutant			
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The following information is submitted in format required by par 7d, AFR 200-2:

(1) Description of object:

(a) thru (i) - see attached photographs.

(2) Description of course:

(a) See 3 below.

(b & c) Camera was focused on the moon in east southeasterly direction, angle of elevation about 85°.

(d & e) See 3 below.

(f) 33 minutes.

(3) Manner of observation:

(a) Ground - photographic.

(b) Nettar Zeiss Ikon 75 mm camera. Novar anastigmat lens, f 6.3, on tripod, opening f 6.3, infinity - .

(c) N/A.

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) 250207Z Jan 56 until 250240Z Jan 56.

(b) Night.

(5) Location of observer:

11612 - 34th Place, Beltsville, Md., approximately 39°03'N, 76°55'30"W.

(6) Identifying information of observer:

(a) Civilian.

(1) Name: [REDACTED]

(2) Age: 14 years.

(3) Mailing address: [REDACTED] Place, Beltsville, Maryland.

(4) Occupation: student.

(b) N/A

(7) Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

(a) Observer's account of weather conditions - Clear, no wind.

(b) The Andrews AFB Weather Station reports the following conditions at the times indicated for the Washington D. C. area (approximately

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25 miles from the location of the sighting, meteorological data at the location of the sighting is not available):

250300 Jan 56

Surface WNW at 7 knots

6000' 320 degrees at 18 knots

10,000' 300 degrees at 24 knots

16,000' 290 degrees at 39 knots

20,000' 280 degrees at 66 knots

30,000' not available

50,000' not available

80,000' not available

(c) Ceiling: None.

(d) Visibility: 8 miles.

(e) Amount of cloud cover: Clear.

(f) No thunderstorms in the area.

(8) There was no other unusual activity or conditions, meteorological, astronomical or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

(9) No interception or identification action was taken.

(10) There was no known air traffic in the area at the time of sighting.

(11) (a) Preparing Officer: Donald S. Watkins, Major, USAF.

(b) Position Title: Plans Officer
1401st Air Base Wing
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

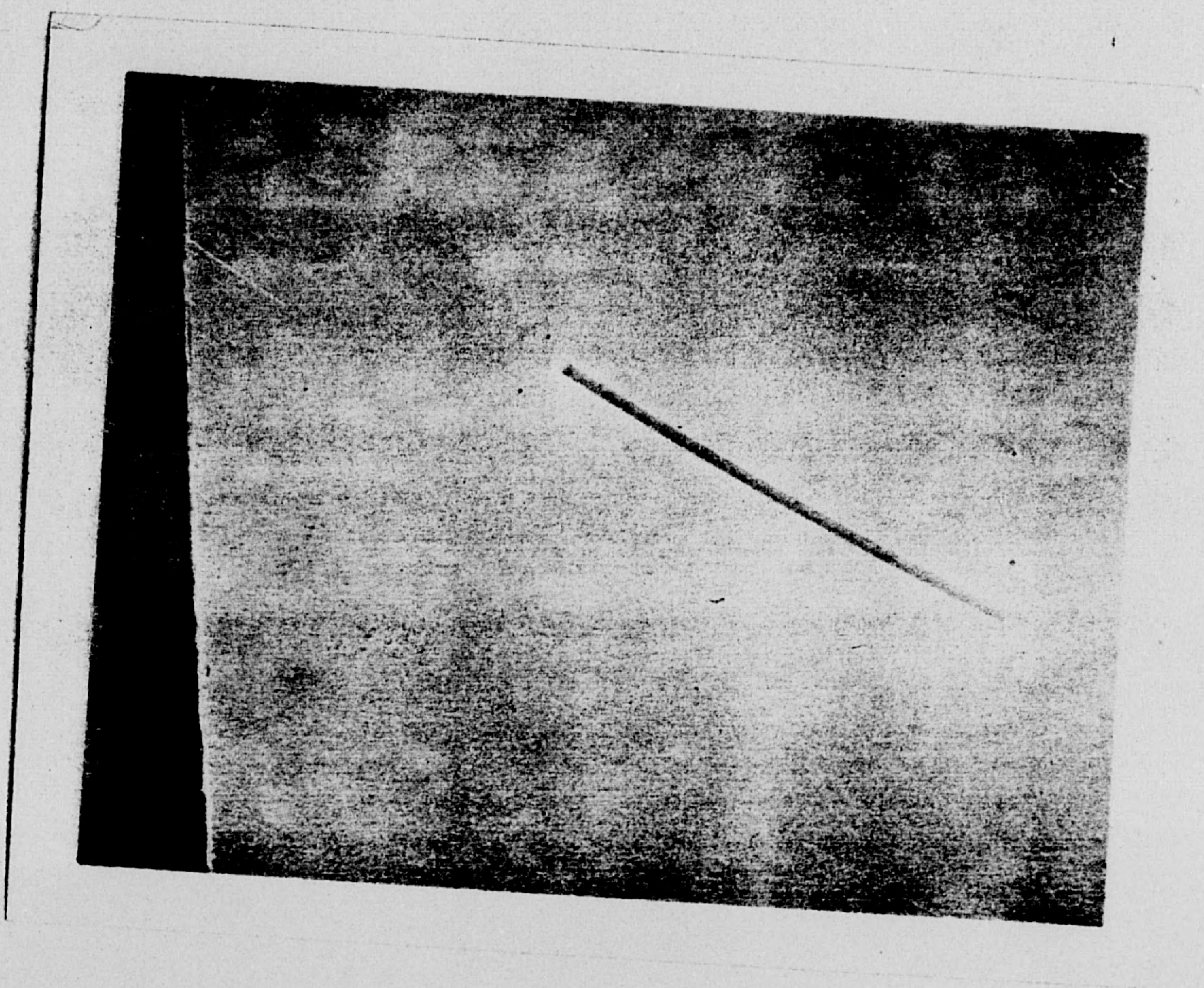
(c) Observer has stated that during the 33 minute exposure of the negative inclosed he did not see the object which appears on the photograph. The preparing officer has no comment to offer concerning the possible cause of the sighting.

(12) Physical evidence consists of three (3) photographs and one (1) ~~negative~~ (inclosed). *withdrawn*

Donald S. Watkins
DONALD S. WATKINS
Major, USAF
Wing Plans Officer

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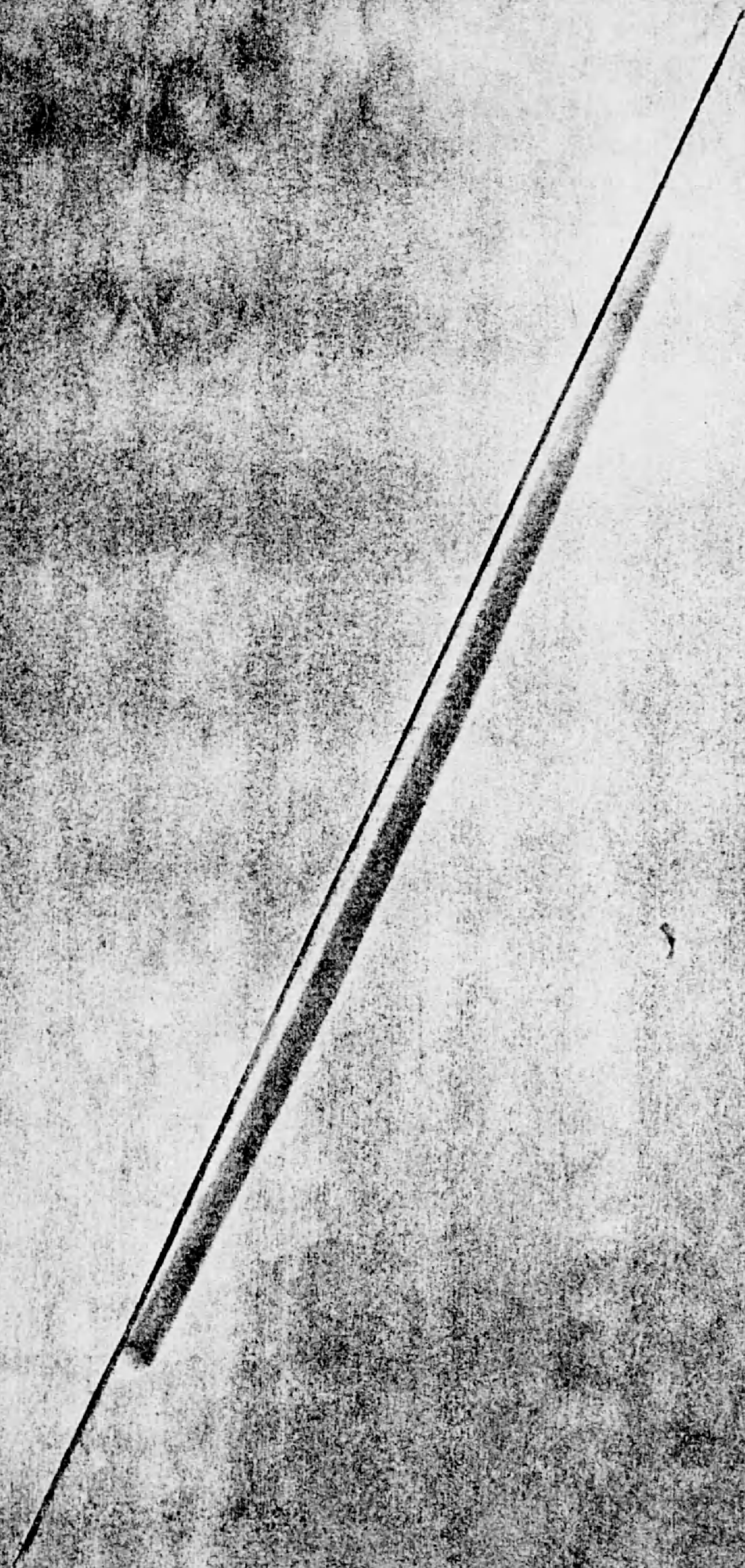


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24 January 1956
at Beltsville, Maryland
by ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
(then 14)

time exposure (of moon)
submitted as a UFO
11612 = 34th Place

MISS-UFOS-77-56



Initial to IR-81-56 (USA-MATS)

(Sandy Spring)

ELLCOTT CITY 18 MI.
ASHTON 2.2 MI.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

77°00'
39°07'30"

57°30"



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
(Clarksville)

ATHOLTON 5.1 MI.

55'



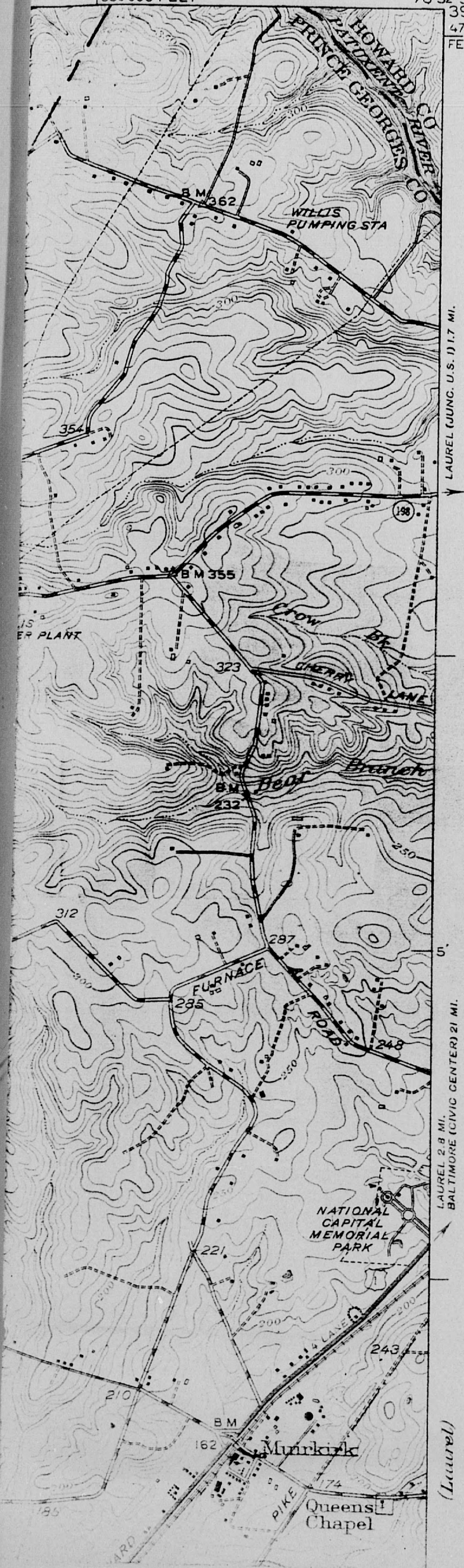
BELTSVILLE QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5-MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

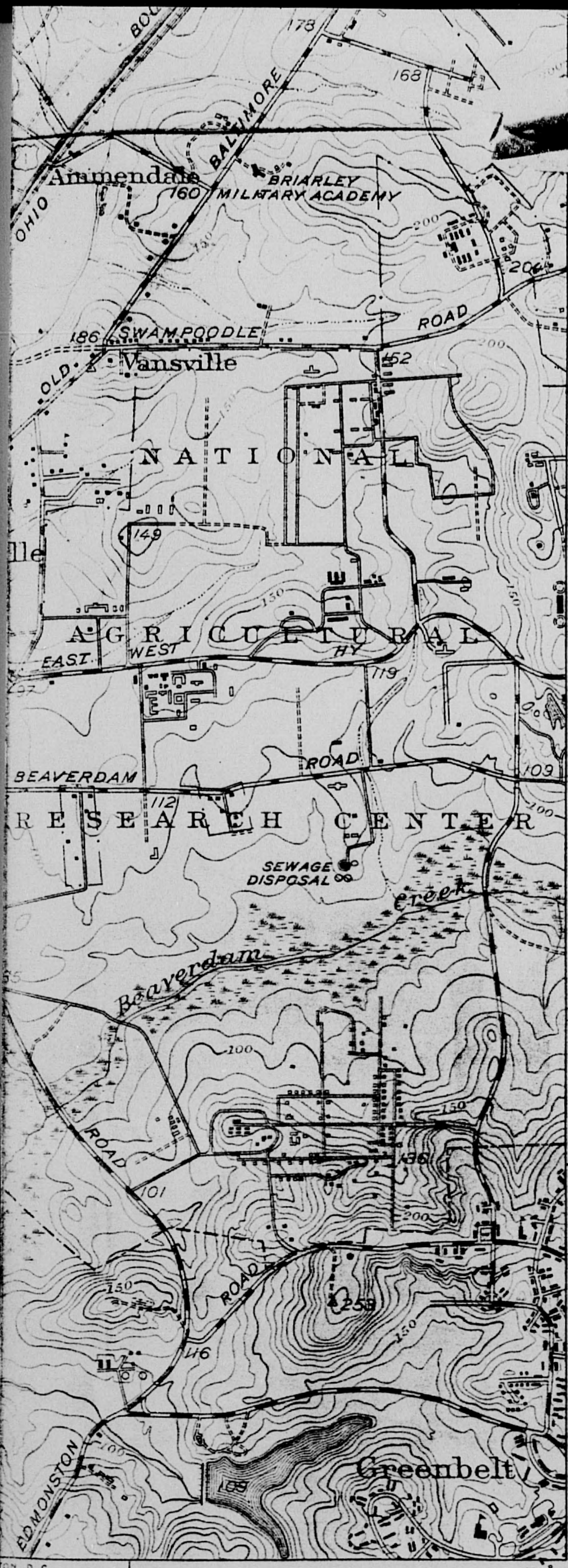
(Savage)

1830000 FEET

76°52'30"

39°07'30"
470000
FEET





Place, Beltsville, Md

VERDALE 3.1 MI.
BURG 4.7 MI.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- | | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------|-------|
| HARD-SURFACE ALL WEATHER ROADS | | DRY WEATHER ROADS | |
| Heavy duty | 4 LANE 6 LANE | Improved dirt | ===== |
| Medium duty | 4 LANE 6 LANE | Unimproved dirt | ----- |
| Loose-surface, graded, or narrow hard surface - - - - | | | |
| U. S. Route | | State Route | |

BELTSVILLE, MD.

N3900-W7652.5/7.5

EDITION OF 1951

39°00'
76°52'30" (Lanham)



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

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Topography by plane-table methods 1913-1915, 1941-1942 and 1944

Revised 1949 from aerial photographs and by plane-table methods. Aerial photographs taken 1949

Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum

10000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION, 1949

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH

(Washington West)

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25/0207Z

25/2607Z

24/2107 EST

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