

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 May 61	2. LOCATION Wayside Park, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2115 GMT 240315Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military and Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE Stationary	☒ Other <u>Conflicting Info</u> ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One objt but shaped with two humps. At 3 miles away, seemed about 8" across. Firey red in color. Looked like a fire in the Gulf. Appeared parallel with horizon and in a NW direction. Disappeared by fading down.			11. COMMENTS Info provided by witness is conflicting. A comment is made that fire was in Gulf but direction is given as NW. Comparison of drawing prepared by witness and map of area indicates that witness does not know directions fm his location. This case is classed as "insufficient Evidence" There is strong indication that atmospheric refraction was responsible for witnesses viewing some light source which would normally have been below horizon.

HEADQUARTERS
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE
and
4756th AIR BASE GROUP (ADC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

26 MAY 1961

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: ABDO

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center (AFCIN) 4E2X
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

In accordance with AFR 200-2, paragraph 15, dated 14 September 1959,
the attached Flying Object Reports and sketches are submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Grover N. Lipe

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Captain, USAF
Administrative Officer

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a/s

Report on Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

1. Description of the object:

- a. Shape - Like two humps. (See attached sketch)
- b. Size - About 8 inches across (3 miles away)
- c. Color - Firey red
- d. Number - one but had two humps.
- e. Formation - N/A.
- f. Any discernible features or details - Bright red light, red haze and small dot of light.
- g. Tail, trail or exhaust - None.
- h. Sound - none
- i. Other pertinent or unusual features - Two humps.

2. Description of course of object:

a. Sergeant Baumgart - at approximately 2115 hours (EST), 23 May 1961, my wife and I had just returned home from Port St. Joe. Upon arriving home my wife commented upon the fire out in the Gulf. She showed me where and it looked like a big blaze quite a distance away. We got in the car and drove to Wayside Park at Mexico Beach. I didn't think we could get a better view any closer to it or see it any better than from there. While we were watching it seemed to die out somewhat. It appeared to be a blaze but only in color. Usually with a fire you can see flames shooting up. This was not the case with this. It was stationary. The location, as best I could tell, was the point of beach northwest of Mexico Beach. (See attached maps). Only my wife, children and I saw it as far as I know. However, it was possible for anyone to see who looked in that direction.

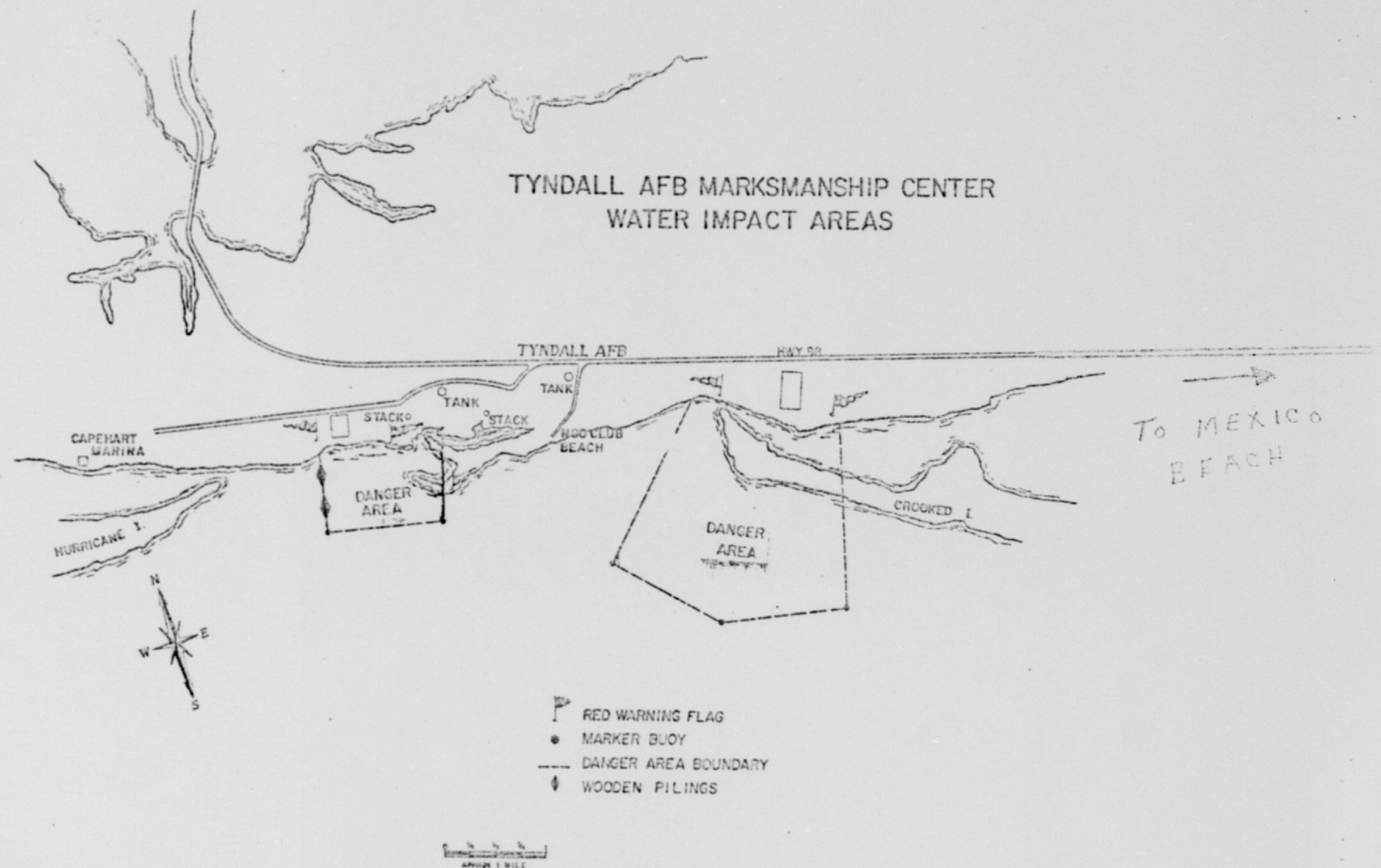
b. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object - Parallel with horizon and in a northwest direction.

c. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance - Faded down,

- d. How long was the object visible? - 30 minutes.
- 3. Manner of Observation: Visual
- 4. Time and date of sighting:
 - a. Time - 2115 hours; Date - 23 May 1961.
 - b. Light conditions - Night
 - c. Weather and wind - Ceiling 2000, visibility 7 miles and winds south southeast.
 - d. Location of flying object: See attached sketches.
 - e. Witness - SSGT Charles A. Baumgart, Hq Sq Section, 4756th Air Base Group, Tyndall AFB, Florida, extension 3109.
- 5. Report prepared by MSGT Henry J. Lacour, Assistant UFO Flying Object Officer, Tyndall AFB, Florida, extension 22151 or 6105.

/s/ Henry J. Lacour
/t/ HENRY J. LACOUR
MSGT, USAF
Training Section
Tyndall AFB, Fla

SMALL ARMS RANGE DANGER AREAS

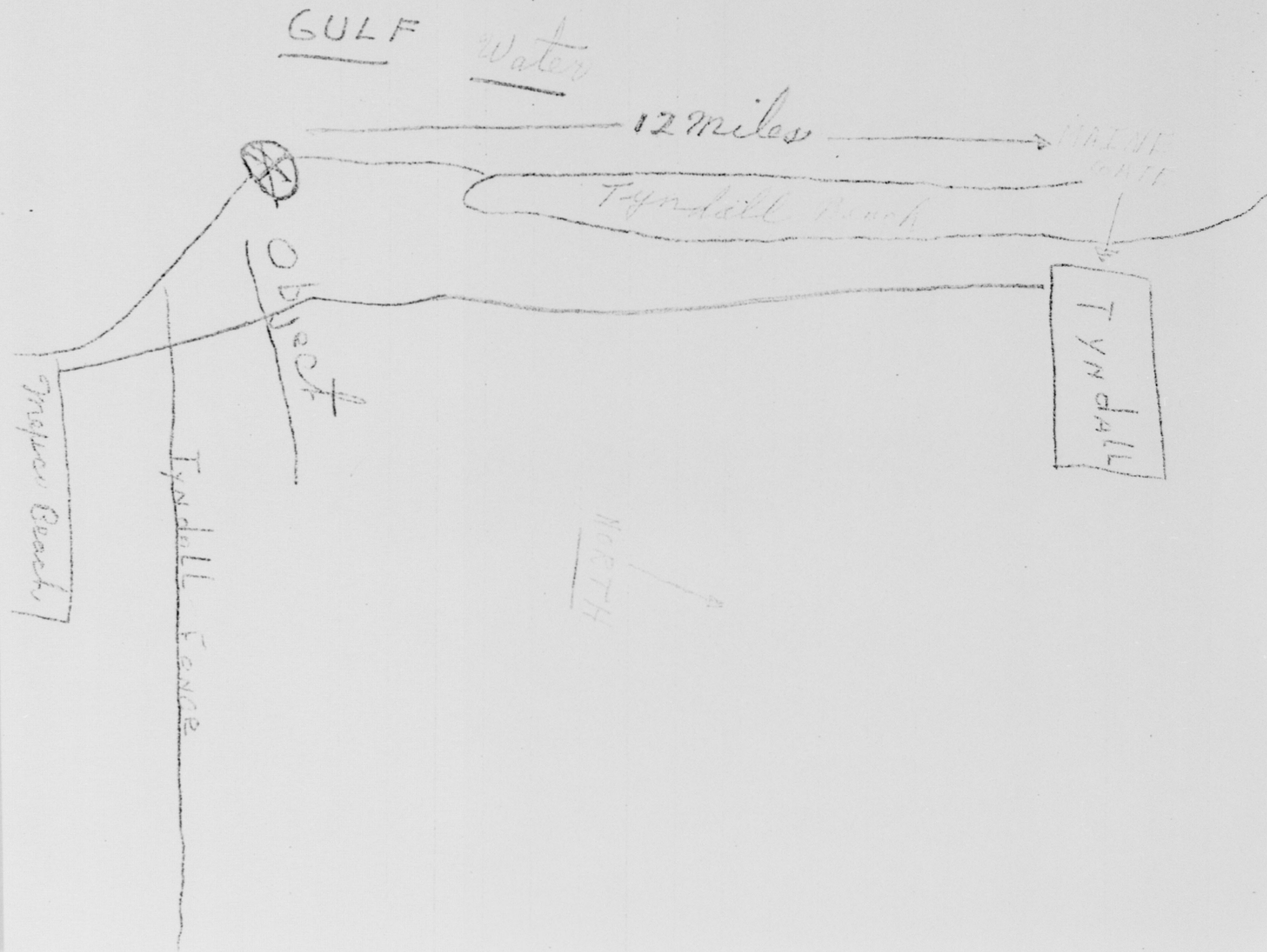


When Red Flags are displayed on the boundaries, that range is in operation and firing is in progress. Fishermen, boating enthusiasts and personnel on beaches are to remain clear of designated areas.

For further information, contact Tyndall Air Force Base, AT6-2111, extension 22151, Base Training.

- A. — BRIGHT RED LIGHT
B. — RED HAZE
C. — SMALL DOT OF LIGHT





UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

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Location WAYSIDE PARK, FLA.

Date (Local) 23 MAY 61

Hour (Local) 2115

Hour (Z Time Group) 24 MAY 61-0315

Satellite: (Det 5 ATIC, Ext 3279) —

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) —

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) —

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) —

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc —

Other —

Evaluation of Source Reliability UNKNOWN -

Analysis and Conclusions: THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE WITNESS IS CONFLICTING. A COMMENT IS MADE THAT THE FIRE WAS IN THE GULF BUT THE DIRECTION IS GIVEN AS N.W. COMPARISON OF THE DRAWING PREPARED BY THE WITNESS AND THE MAP OF THE AREA INDICATES THAT THE WITNESS DOES NOT KNOW THE DIRECTIONS FROM HIS LOCATION. THIS CASE IS CLASSED AS "INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE" BUT THERE IS STRONG INDICATION THAT ATMOSPHERIC REFRACTION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WITNESSES SEEING SOME LIGHT SOURCE WHICH WOULD NORMALLY HAVE BEEN BELOW THEIR HORIZON.

Friend



Panama City
Florida

Gulf of Mexico

West Bay

North Bay

East Bay

PANAMA CITY
ST. ANDREW

CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

Great Lagoon

SHELL
ISLAND

St. Andrew Bay

BACK BEACH ROAD

BACK BEACH ROAD

TO TALLAHASSEE
AND JACKSONVILLE

TO PORT ST. JOE
AND TALLAHASSEE

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

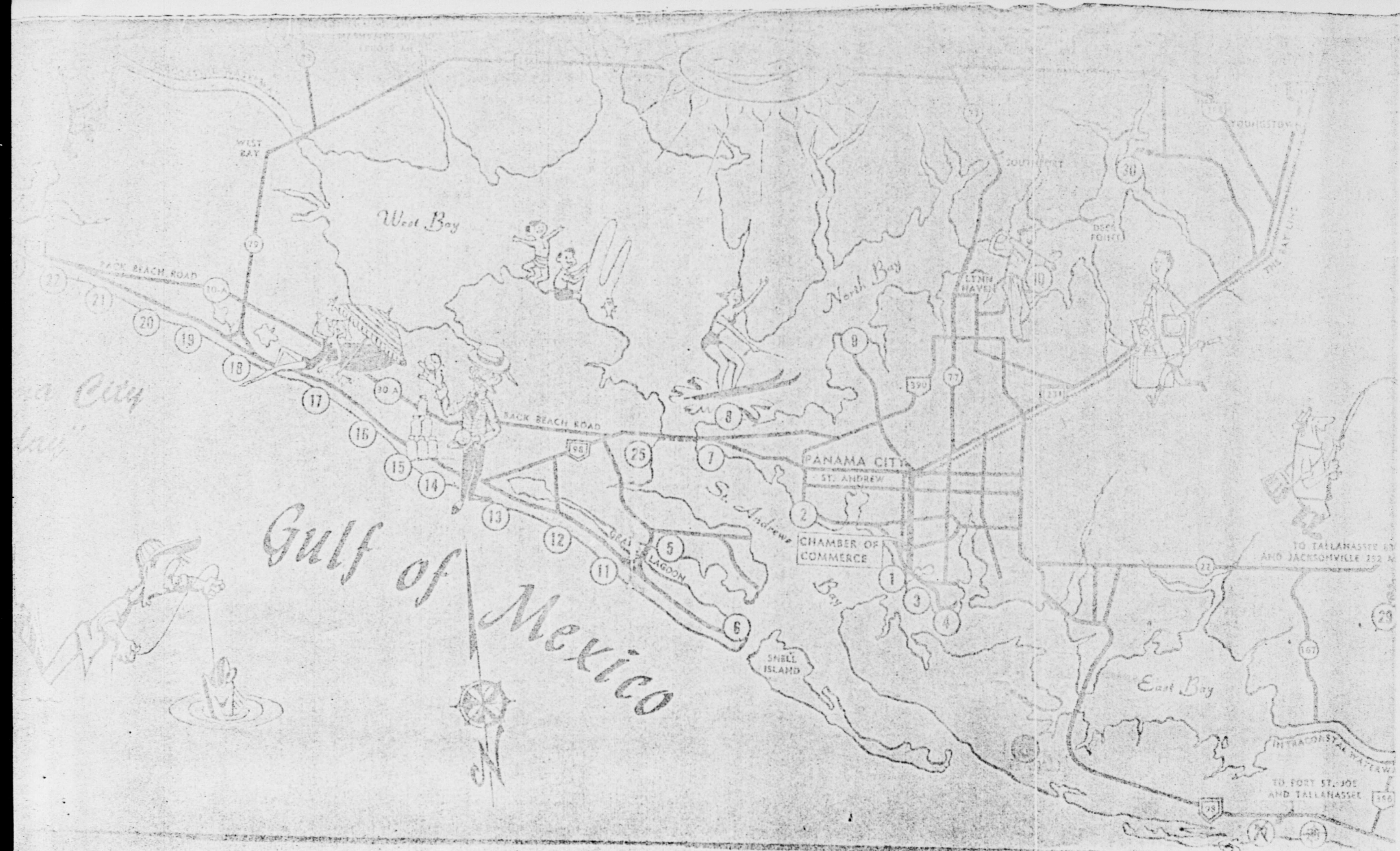
SOUTHERN RY

WEST RY

DUNSTON

DEER POINT

LYNN HAVEN



Gulf of Mexico

PANAMA CITY
ST. ANDREW
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

TO TALLAHASSEE 67
AND JACKSONVILLE 252 M.

TO FORT ST. JOE
AND TALLAHASSEE 150