PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
17 April 66 17/1000Z	Ravenna, Mantua, Ohio

Portage County.

3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION
Civilian	1. PHOTO: (PROCESSING DEFECTS) ✓ 2. SATELLITE 3. Astro (VENUS) || Do not agree - JH
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One Reported	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION SEE CASE FILE	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West to East, Hovered	
8. PHOTOS XX Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

FORM
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ANALYST: Major Quintanilla PI: Lt Benson DATE: 22 Apr 66

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FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
25 April 1966

Chief Gerald Buchert
Mantua Police Department
Mantua, Ohio 44255

Dear Chief Buchert,

The most probable cause of the object which you were trying to photograph was the planet Venus and this was the reason that you were unable to photograph it with your camera. In order to photograph Venus, you would have had to photograph it with a time exposure. This cannot be done with the type of camera you were using.

Thank you for your cooperation and your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

Please Send Mantua Police Dept
Check for $1.31 % or Made out
to Chief Harold Buchert. 44235

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF PORTAGE
RAVENNA, OHIO
AXminster 6-9911

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May 2, 1966

Congressman William Stanton
11th Congressional District
New House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Bill,

When I recently served in Washington as the Congressman from the 11th District, I was often amazed at the number and variety of letters I would receive from certain of my constituents complaining about the action or inaction of various federal officials or employees.

However, as a result of recent events here in Portage County, I believe I now better understand why citizens write their Congressman when upset with certain federal personnel.

I am writing to complain about the attitude and actions of representatives of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Field in reference to reports of U F O sightings in Portage County. On April 17th at about 3:00 A. M. two deputies of the Portage County Sheriff's office, Dale Spaur and Wilbur Neff, and the Chief of Police of Mantua, Gerald Buchert, reported that they observed an object in the air over Portage County and the two deputies stated that they chased this object some 85 miles before they were forced to give up their pursuit

Deputies Spaur and Neff said that they had a good look at the object and at times it was within 100 feet of them. Chief Buchert took a picture of what he saw from a greater distance.

Several police officers along the 85 mile route taken by the Portage County officers confirm their report.

It is my understanding that units of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Field are charged by the United States Air Force with the responsibility to investigate reports of Unidentified Flying Objects in this area.

It is my further understanding that their investigation of these sightings has merely consisted of telephone conversations with several of the eye witnesses and an examination of the photographs taken by Chief Buchert.

Their conclusion that the object sighted was the planet Venus is so ridiculous that the United States Air Force has suffered a great loss of prestige in this community.

However, what bothers me most, as a private citizen and as a former U. S. Congressman, is that representatives of the United States Air Force charged with the responsibility of investigating U F O reports, have never personally come to this county to interview the three eye witnesses to this happening. Wright-Patterson is not far away and I am sure there are personnel available to conduct a thorough investigation.

I personally know the three officers involved. They are men of integrity and I feel it is grossly unfair to them for the Air Force to reach any conclusion in this matter until it has conducted a real and complete investigation.

As the Congressman from this District I sincerely urge you to insist that the Air Force immediately send investigators to Portage County to make such an on the spot investigation and to re-evaluate it's findings after such a visit.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Cook

REC/der

ENGINEERING SUPPORT WORK REQUEST

☐ ENGINEERING ANALYSIS ☒ PHOTO ANALYSIS ☐ MACHINE COMPUTATION

PPT NUMBER: A6010301

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Request photo analysis as to what unidentified object is. A rapid Analysis is needed due to widespread publicity.

MANTUA –

REFERENCE MATERIAL: One film strip. Request material be returned upon completion of analysis.

REQUESTED BY Maj H Quintanilla, Jr SYMBOL TDEL/IIMO PHONE 70916/676678

I CERTIFY THAT THIS WORK IS AUTHORIZED BY ME AND THAT IT HAS THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY AND DEADLINE WITHIN MY DIVISION.

PRIORITY	22 Apr 66 DEADLINE DATE	SIGNATURE OF APPROVING DIVISION CHIEF	DATE

ENGINEERING SUPPORT MONITOR _____ ASSISTANT _____

FINAL WORK TO BE IN FORM OF :

☐ ENGINEERING NOTE ☐ COMPUTATION ☐ PI REPORT ☐ DRAWING ☐ PROGRAM

WORK REQUEST APPROVED BY: _____ DEADLINE DATE _____

PRIORITY NUMBER ☐ ONE ☐ TWO ☐ THREE

WORK ORDER NUMBER

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 911TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP, MEDIUM (RESERVE) (CONAC)
GREATER PITTSBURGH AIRPORT, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15231

EXT 275

REPLY TO ATTN OF: CSS-I

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting 17 Apr 66

18 APR 1966

TO: Foreign Technical Division
AFSC, Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio 45433

1. A report of a UFO was received from Mr. Dale F. Spaur, Badge #15, Portage County Sheriff's Office, Ravenna, Ohio., 17 Apr 66. Sighting between 0300 and 0600 hours. "First sighted in Ravenna, Ohio along Routes 224 - 44, followed object to Conway, Pa., for about 80 miles. Object seemed to be taking off from ground, oblong shaped, with antenna projecting from it. There were no colored lights only a very bright silvery radiance. Object flying about 500 feet over vehicle. It would show down in speed and then go very fast. The glow from object was so bright it blinded driver of vehicle. Object was flying due east. This was witnessed by people along the route between Ravenna, Ohio and Conway, Pa. There were three (3) men from sheriff's office and two (2) patrol cars that followed object along this route."

2. After the report was received a call was made to the Airport Tower at Greater Pittsburg Airport. Nothing had been picked up on radar at the airport. The Air National Guard, also located at Greater Pittsburgh Airport had been called but not by this organization. F-102's were not scrambled to follow the UFO.

3. Mr. Tom Schley, Beaver County Times, called 0815 hours 18 Apr 66 requesting info on UFO. He mentioned that a photo of the UFO had been taken. Local news media publicized the fact that a photo of the UFO had also been taken but was not being released by the sheriff's office but would be turned over to the Federal Government. Rochester Police and Conway Police were contacted by this office 18 Apr 66. No information concerning UFO was received. Any connection with sighting of UFO was denied.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eugene F. Fehrer

EUGENE F. FEHRER
Information Officer

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Newsclippings

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will *not* be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

Sunday (Day) April (Month) 1966 (Year)
April 17 -

2. Time of day: 5 (Hour) 30 (Minutes)

(Circle One): (A.M.) or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. (Eastern)
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[redacted] (Nearest Postal Address) Vandalia, Ohio (City or Town) Montgomery (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ (Hours) 30?4 (Minutes) _____ (Seconds)

(a. Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? guessed

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

Early morn at 5:30 A.M. and clear sky.

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

The sun leader it made its appearance as yet on this day.

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Satellite

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight – pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS *(Circle One)*:

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER *(Circle One)*:

a. Dry
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
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e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: *(Circle One)*:

a. Solid
b. Transparent
c. Vapor
d. As a light
e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? *(Circle One)*:

a. Brighter
b. Dimmer
c. About the same
d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

_____

12. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One):
a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

13. Did the object: *(Circle One for each question)*

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	No	Don't know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	No	Don't know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't know
e. Change brightness?	Yes	No	Don't know
f. Change shape?	Yes	No	Don't know
g. Flash or flicker?	Yes	No	Don't know
h. Disappear and reappear?	Yes	No	Don't know

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

1. yes
2. I watched it till it faded out of sight.

15. Did the object move behind something at any-time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: ____

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: ____

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound There was no sound.

b. Color Bright as a star.

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails.

Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____

22. Where were you located when you saw the object? *(Circle One):*

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
(c. Outdoors)
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other _____

23. Were you *(Circle One)*

a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
(c. In open countryside?)
d. Near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

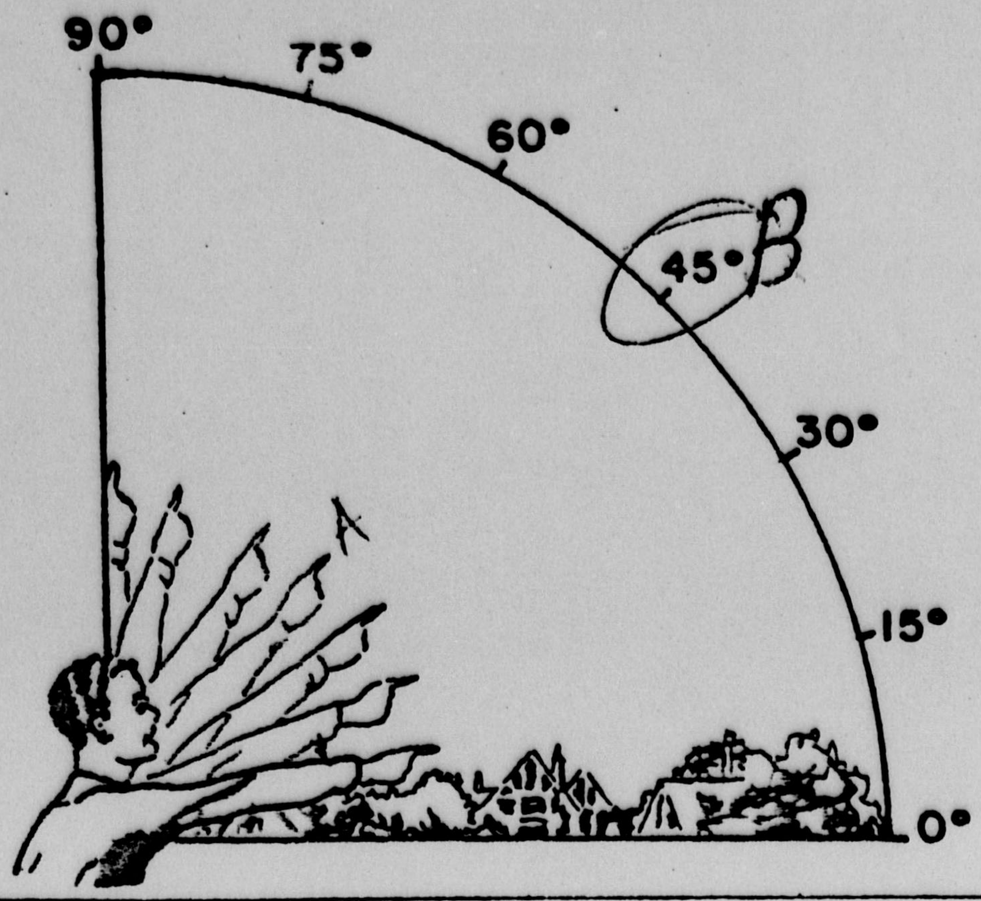
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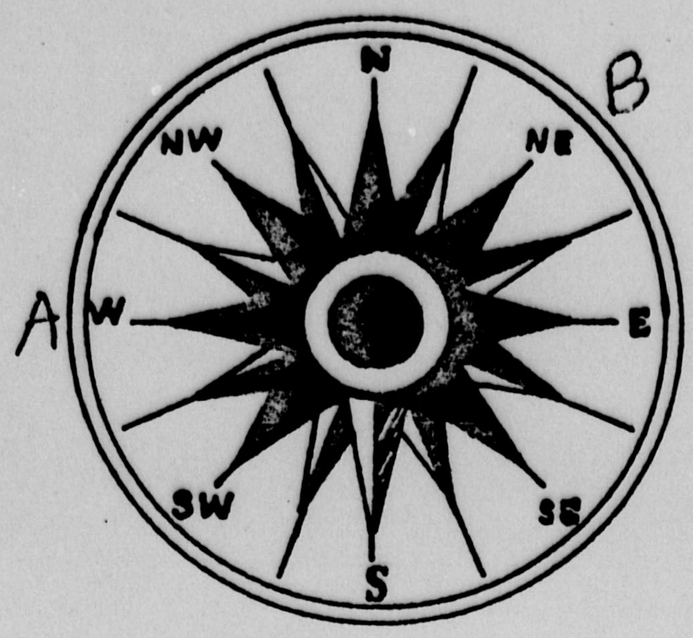
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
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c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

I saw this bright star like object in the west (direction) moving swiftly in a North easterly (direction). The fact that it was moving so swiftly, this is what drew my attention.

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28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? *(Circle One)* Yes (No)

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? *(Circle One)* Yes No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) Vandalia (City) (Zone) Ohio (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 44 SEX F

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

17 (Day) April (Month) 1966 (Year)

1st to my Husband
2. WLW-D-TV Station
3. Wright-Patterson AFB

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 23 (Day) April (Month) 1966 (Year)

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

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17 (Day) April (Month) 66 (Year)

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5.1 How was time in sight determined? Guess

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6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY	NIGHT
a. Bright	a. Bright
b. Cloudy	b. Cloudy ✓ Cloudless

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One):
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Very Bright White

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? *(Circle One)*:

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NO Stars

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h. Disappear and reappear?	Yes	(No)	Don't know

Window L & R

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

Don't Know (turned back & gone)

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

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18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

Very little

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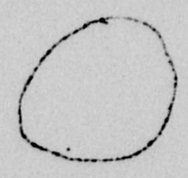
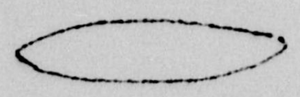
Sphere (still) 

plate (moving) 

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24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

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a. North c. East e. South g. West
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24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No Still

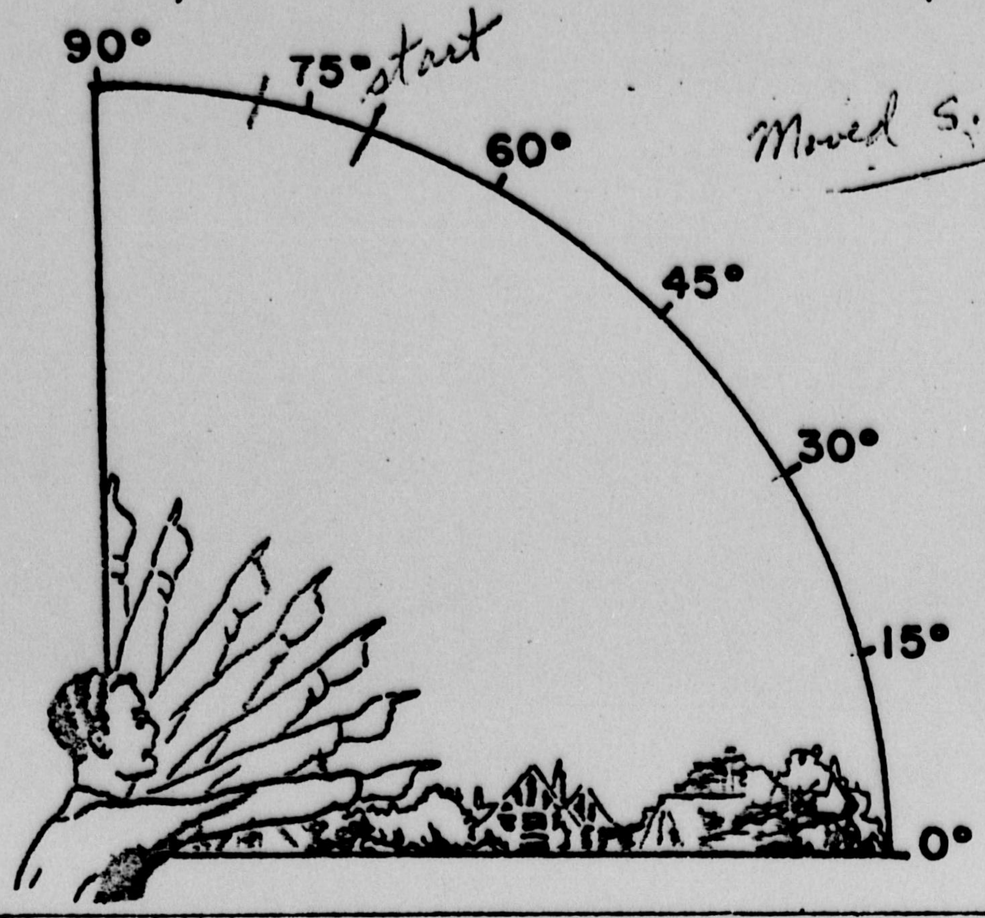
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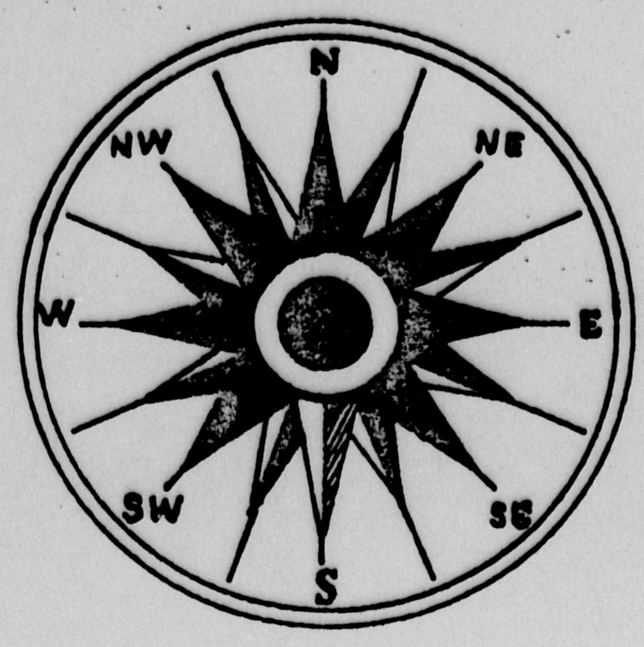
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c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other eyes		

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

Cannot

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Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

No

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? *(Circle One)* Yes No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? *(Circle One)* (Yes) No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[redacted]

32. Please give the following information about yo[redacted]

NAME [redacted] First Name [redacted] Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] Street Mantua City Zone Ohio State

TELEPHONE NUMBE[redacted] AGE _____ SEX M

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

Chief of Police
Has picture of "object"

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object? Keyhoe's Outfit?

17 Day April Month 66 Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 17 (Day) April (Month) 62 (Year)

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

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6. What was the condition of the sky?

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g. Flash or flicker?	Yes	No	Don't know
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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? no

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: a hill while we were on route 51 about ½ to 1 mile east of Rochester Pa

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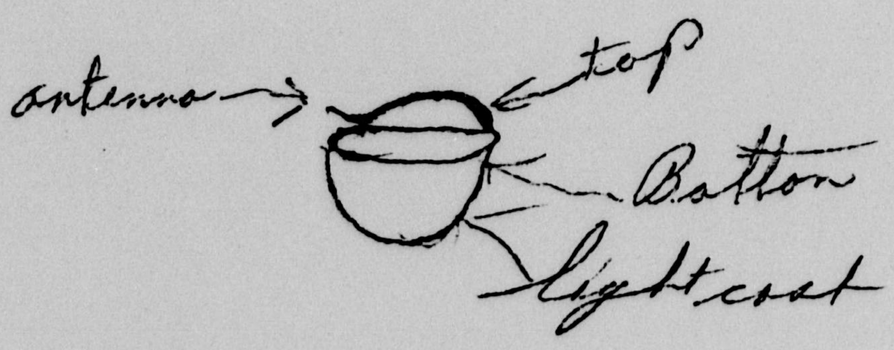
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to hold a match stick at arms length it would of covered th whole match & your hand or fist also

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20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 103 miles per hr ground speed

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(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 150' to 200'

22. Where were you located when you saw the object? *(Circle One):*

a. Inside a building
(b.) In a car
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(Circle One) (Yes) No

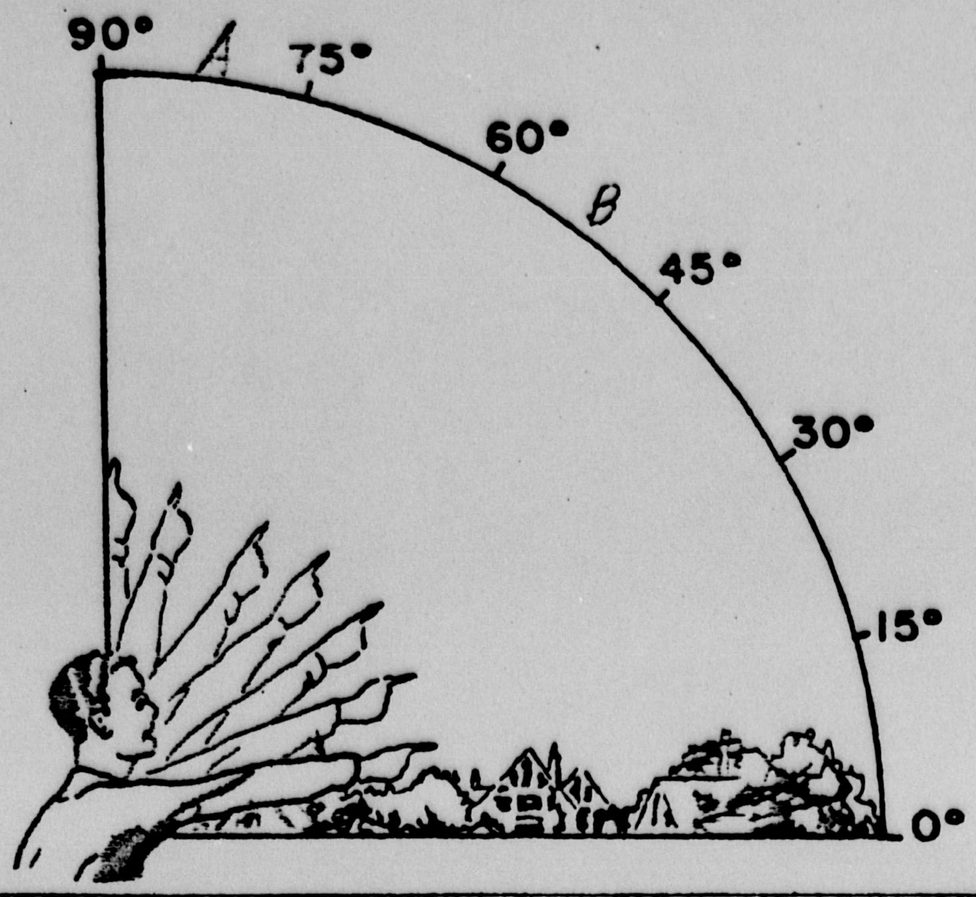
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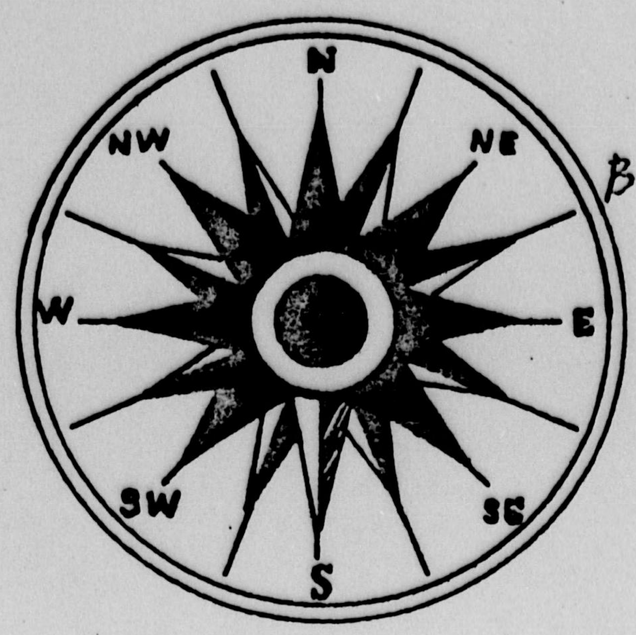
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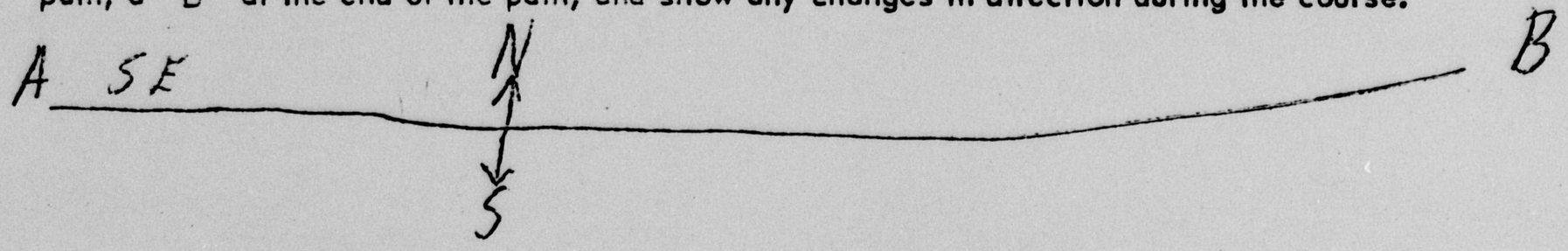
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[redacted] Sheriffs office

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NAME [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Last Name — Middle Name

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TELEPHONE NUMB[redacted] AGE 26 SEX M

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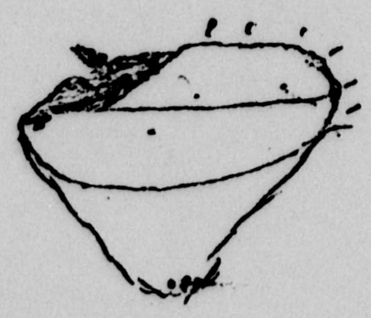
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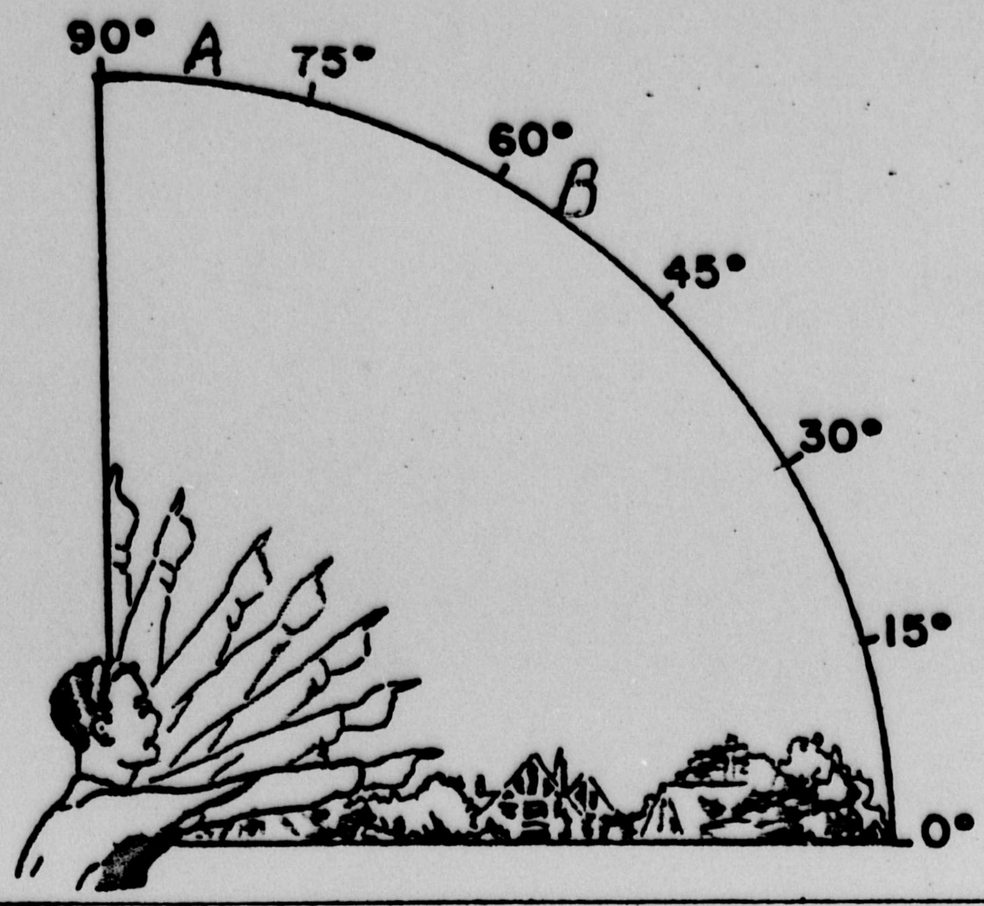
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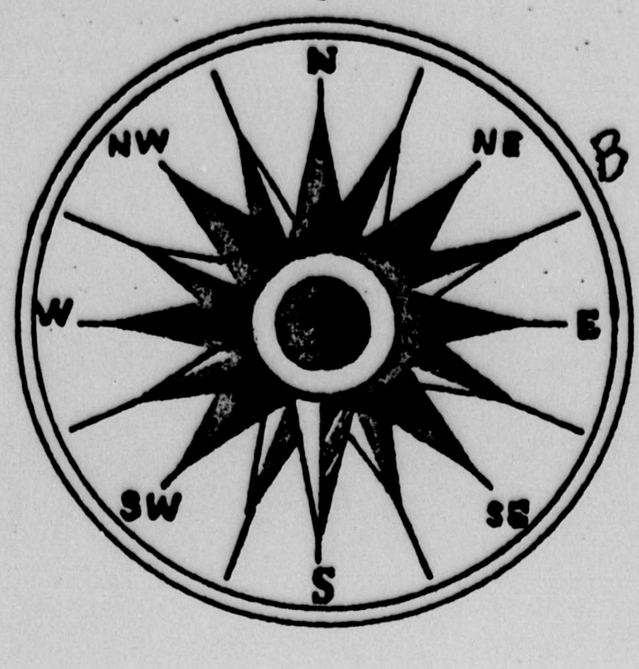
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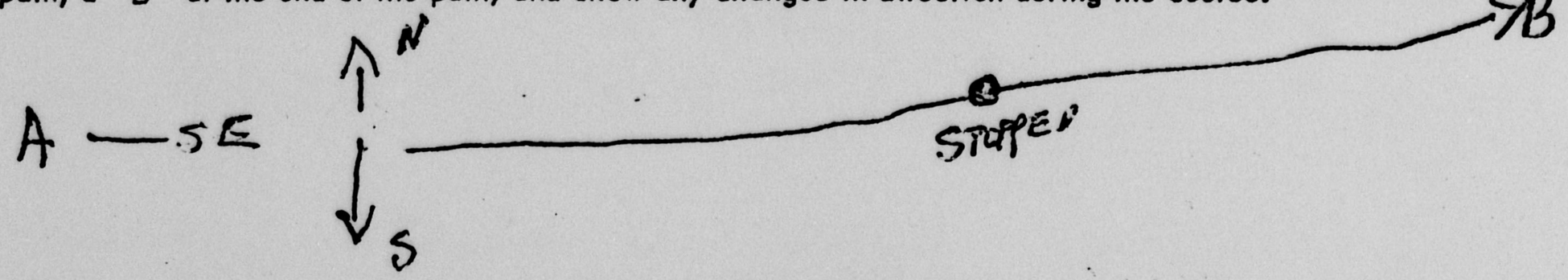
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[redacted] SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) Redwood (City) ___ (Zone) Calif (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER X AGE 34 SEX Mal.

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

None.

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THIS Vehicle ? was able to move up & Down or to the right or left. Could stop & start any time. there was only one thing sticking out and I thought it to be a radio antenna. And it seemed to be Silver. The light would get brighter as it went higher.

Memo for the Record: 19 Apr 66

Subj: Radar Report for 17 Apr 66, 0530 - 0615

Conversation with Oakdale, Pennsylvania, 662d Radar Sq (SAGE), Allegheny County, area code 412, 276-5800. AFSC Lt Parkett in charge. There was nothing on radar on 17 April 1966 between 0530 and 0615.

NEGATIVE.

CONVERSATION WITH COLONEL HENDRICKS, YOUNGSTOWN RESERVE 18 Apr 66.

We have been erroneously quoted by the AP, also have been falsely quoted. Have had no contact with the news media. In the initial release of a plane being two fast or two slow, nothing. I have attempted this morning to find out who in the organization may have had contact. Could find no one. News media had called last night and were informed that they had no information. Spoke with the writer of the Cleveland Plain Dealer (Bloomfield) who daims the Air Force planes were too fast. He doesn't know where the info came from. They are quering the AP wires. Youngstown did not have any aircraft airborne. Major asked him if there were any other units close. Air Force information flight in Cleveland. Gave him Sara's number in Washington to call so she could inform the Colonel up there and so she could squelch the news that they had a/c aloft, when actually they did not.

UFO REPORT RECEIVED OVER TELEPHONE FROM GREATER PITTSBURGH, AIRPORT, 18 Apr 66

Sheriff Spaur, Ravenna, Ohio, spotted object 0300-0600, 17 Apr 66. First sighted in Ravenna along Route 224 and 44, followed object to Conway for about 80 miles. Object seemed to take off from ground, oblong, shaped with antenna projecting from it. There were no colored lights only a very bright silvery radiance, object flying 500 feet over vehicle. It would slow down and speed up and then go very fast. The glow was so bright it blinded the driver of the vehicle. Object going due East. Witnessed by people from Ravenna and Conway. Three more from Sheriff's office. Two cars followed object along this route. Dep Sheriff Dale F. Spaur, was observer. Pittsburgh didn't send up any aircraft. Have flying box cars 119, is all they have. Air National Guard was contacted to scramble their 102's but they didn't since nothing showed up on radar. The 102's were not scrambled. They belong to the Air National Guard. The release on the sighting was broke from the Sheriff's office at East Palestine, Ohio and Conway, Pa. He has tried to contact the police at Conway and Rochester, Pa. They refuse to give the AF any information. Pittsburgh did not release anything to the press. To his knowledge the Air National Guard did not release any information. The responsibility is the Air Force's so they take it. Air National Guard Number is area code 412 264-3380, Colonel Philippe. Pittsburg will call us if they have more info (Eugene Reher)

WIND DATA for the Northeastern Ohio Area 17 April 1966

ALTITUDE	DIRECTION	SPEED
2,000	120	15
5,000	LV	10
8,000	280	12
10,000	290	12
14,000	330	10
20,000	330	25
25,000	320	45
30,000	320	45
35,000	310	50
40,000	300	45
50,000	290	30

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Calls of 18 Apr 66 on Northeastern Ohio & Pennsylvania Sighting of 17 Apr 66.

Associated Press, Columbus, Ohio (0815) We have not received a report from Northeastern Ohio as yet, therefore, we could make no comment.

Joe Collier, Maine - 3- 1111, Cleveland Press - Informed us that two deputies Sheriffs, from Portage County also observed object. Deputy Sheriff W. L. Neff of Ravenna, Ohio area code 216. Followed object to Pittsburg. Also said Buchert is holding a picture subject to request by Air Force that it not be shown. Major explaindd that all were interested in is the original negative and he can do whatever he wants to do with them. Understood that the Air Force at Youngstown Reserve at Vienna sent up planes.

Mr Tom Koch/Geek, WHLO News - I have no information on the sighting as yet. I have a call into Mr Neff and one to Mr Buchard. Wanted to know if anyone from W-P be coming into Portage County. As of right now I don't no until I get some detailed information. Phones 253-7101 Main Number for WHLO, private number of newsroom 253-2716, area code 216. Tom Koch

Don Oliver, NBC News - Have no information as yet.

WKLN News - No information as yet. We had not been able to get in contact with the witnesses as yet.

CALLS OF 19 APRIL 1966

Record Courier, Ravenna, Ohio, Carol Clap. Do not plan to send anyone to the area. We will examine the film after its received. We have received information from Spaur on the telephone. Its impossible to recreate the scene.

JACK JONES, DAYTON DAILY NEWS. Gave him same info as above

WHLO NEWS AKRON - same info as above.

PHONE CONVERSTIONS WITH BILL POWERS AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY,

18 APRIL 1966.

[redacted]s made some phone calls. Called Portage County. [redacted]
& [redacted] were in conference. On state route 14 noticed a lighted object going down behind woods. While they were out of squad car. Stopped over the car. Bright enought, it was like daylight. Called the home radio base in Ravenna. Asked them what to do. Told him to keep calm and keep it under observation. When it took down highway they followed. He didn't get any pictures. Followed it, in radio contact with home base. They clocked it for 10 miles, they were driving 83-84 mph. Got near East Palestine, contacted a man in Police, Wayne Houston. It very high speeds. Lost it going across river and finally stopped at Conway. On route 14, almost all the way, into the rea of ElaCripa. Went until Conway. Another Police car and somebody was watching the object. He turned around and went back home. Houston heard the radio contacts going on and was listening, getting within 10 miles established contact. He didn't see until they were five miles away. It was traveling down going SE. He got his car and joined it and described. "Top traveling sideways". Very bright with no speciail lights. No markings, no turning,. As they went into Rochester, thought they saw an antenna. Powers thought we should send someone down to get the right directions. Thought one critical point was when Houston first saw the object. Saw it come over the trees, only five miles. There is some confusion getting near dawn. By getting over Pennsylvania. They probably started out with a real object, they actually lost it and then saw Venus. All they would see was tiny bright light in sky. None

no

noticed other stafs,.

Mr and Mrs [redacted] in Conway saw object. Powers had talked to them. As far as he could tell they saw Venus. The Taylor's would look again and see if it was Venus. SPaur had the impression that there was a police car in Conway watching object.

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Congressman Stanton Mis[redacted] 202-225-5306 D.C.

17 April Sighting North-Eastern Ohio

Detailed phone testimony from Chief of Police Gerald F. Buchért Mantua
Written statement fro[redacted]...quite complete.
Photographs from[redacted]
Bkgnd density 1.25 image 1.06 processing defects...old fogged film poorly handled in developing.

Deputh Sherif Dale Spaur Ravenna
Testimony complete satellite sighting/ saw Venus

Inherited Trudy Cooke's record in case.

8 other phone calls

Radar rport 662 Radar Sq. negative.

Both Buchert and Spaur gave excellent testimony over phone.

I doubt much more can be gained be personal interview..

REPORT BY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION 18 Apr 66

POLICEMAN GERALD BUCHERT, MANTUA, OHIO AREA CODE 216, phone 274-2251

He had called Lt Weisinger, FTD Duty Officer on 17 Apr 66. I have several prints and negative. The Lt said not to release them. Major explained that he was free to release them or do whatever he wished to do with them. He said the Lt didn't exactly say not to release them but said to hold onto them. Major explained to him that we would like to have the negatives so that we could blow them up. Said he would send them registered mail and asked that we send him a letter stating that we got them. Major explained that he was the officer in charge of the project. Buchert said he wasn't too sure how he should go about reporting his observation. Had a Dacon lens, with fixed lens at 14. No speed, 127 Black and White, thought it was Ansco film. Observed object for 15-20 minutes. It was stopped, didn't appear to be moving, when it did move then went up and down and went back to its same position, left to the right, like it was tilting, went SE, on state route 44. The pictures were taken in front of my farm. Major explained that he could do whatever he wanted to do with the film as far as releasing goes, he could even sell them. Buchert said he would feel kind of silly. He would send them to us registered mail along with ~~W~~ his police report. Said it wasn't a star, plane, or balloon. Looks like two saucers in prints. One object. Major told him we would send him an official report.

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SHERIFF SPAUR, RAVENNA, OHIO.

0506 when I got back from my cruiser, I was checking an abandoned vehicle on 224, very bright light, first attracted. Came from West in an eastern direction, passed over us to the North side of the highway. I believe there was a partial moon due East of us. There was one other object like a star, right of the moon on South of moon at 3 o'clock. The only shape was the roundness of it, unperfect circle, egg shaped, almost like oblong, but not real oblong. So bright that we couldn't look directly at it. It came out of a deep wooded area. Came from the West towards us. We just disregarded it at first. Just a routine patrol. Partner he also observed it. He was to the right of the car. Thought someone might come walking out of the woods Waited to make sure no one was walking behind us. Very low on the horizon. Theother car was watching it from two roads above it. It was not more than 150 feet over the one area. Didn't have a red light. No wind. When it came over us it lighted the whole area. The ground was lighted by this object. Like looking at arc welder, blue-white light. The only sound heard was a humming sound like a power transformer, no thrust like from a jet. No sudden surge of power. It went to the north side of the road. Angled slightly, bottom came across 224 on the south side of road, started going East. Slow movement. We ran back and had a camera. Kept under survellance till it could be possiblyphotographed. Those were our instructions after we had called in. The Mantua Police had photographed the object. We have a copy from Mantua. Major Quintanilla explained

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to Sheriff Spaur that we were interested in the negative then we could blow it up. Spaur said he was pretty sure the sheriff would give it to us. Object was first going 80 - 83 mph. Had to make a turn on the roadway. The vehicle stayed right with us and came back to its line. 103 - 104 mph. Followed it through Mahony county into Columbia County. Cruiser with Patrolman Houstan observed object. Object got ahead of us onece. It seemed as if we were going to lose it. It dropped 500 ft alt. At route 51 that thing was waiting on us. Started moving again, East Palestine into Conway, Pennsylvania, till 15 miles from Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Running out of fuel. Conway had been watching the object. It was after 6 am when they stopped looking at it.

Memo for the Record

Monday, 18 April 66, Aiman Elmer placed a call to Sulpher Grove to find out the general wind directions in the eastern ohio area. Winds were westerly from the surface up. They launced a weather balloon at 0030 and it would not have been the cause of the sighting.

The wind data (Surface up to 50,000 feet) was obtained from Major Smith.

On 18 April 66 the following agencys were called to find out if a ballon was in the area at the time of the sighting.

National Center For Atmospheric Research (NCAR)
Boulder, Colorado
Dr. Alvin Morris (AC 303) 443-1960 ext. 502

Negative

Balloon Control Center
Holloman AFB, New Mexico
Robert Slaven Autovon 553-1360
Negative Suggested 4th Weather Group at Goodfellow

4th Weather Group
Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas
Autovon 733-1640
Negative

Office of Naval Research (ONR)
Henry Demboski Direct 86-64723
Negative - No launches of balloons at Churchill, Canada.

Weather Bureau, Akron, Ohio
216/896-1311
Negative - They dont launch balloons.
Youngstown, Ohio launches a balloon every 6 hours
Columbus, Ohio also launches a balloon every 6 hours
They would not be the cause of the sighting.
No other known balloon launches in the area.

Memo for the Record

Call made to Holloman AFB, New Mexico (20 Apr 66) Autovon 553-1360 ext. 4421. Airman Elmer stated that he had heard that a ballon came down near Washington Court House, Ohio on the 19th. Heard that it was ~~x~~ classified in nature and that they had been launching these balloons for the past month. ~~WHX~~ Wanted to know if it was at all possible that one of these balloons were in the area on 17 April. The balloon that came down on the 19th was confirmed and was one of thiers but it was not in the area on the 17th. They launched one on the 14th but it was down on the 17th.

The following agencys were called by airman Elmer to find out if one of the satellites Echo I,II ; Pegusus I,II,III. would be visable in the area at the time of the sighting on 17 April 66.

Smithsonian Astrophysics Laboratory
Boston, Mass.
Mr. [redacted] Public Information
AC 617 Un4-47910 ext. 463
They only track and plott the Echo satellites and only for east coast ~~xxxxxx~~ cities. Did not think an Echo satellite would have been visable in Ohio at the time of the sighting.

Marshall Space Flight Center
Huntsville, Alabama
Mr. [redacted] 205 876-0210
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NORTHEASTERN, OHIO

Photo Analysis, of the negative submitted by Chief of Police Gerald F. Buchert, Mantua, Ohio, indicates that the "very bright light" which he tried to photograph does not appear as an image. The two images which appear on the negative are probably the result of processing defects due to old fogged film and poor handling. If the object was "bright" against a dark sky the images should be plus density, however, they were not. The average background density was 1.25, the image density was 1.06.

The probable cause of the sighting by Deputy Sheriff Spaur of Ravenna, Ohio was the passage of a satellite over northeastern Ohio. As the satellite approached the southeast portion of the sky, the satellite disappeared and Deputy Sheriff Dale F. Spaur focused his eyes on the planet Venus. Venus was rising in the southeast and was at a magnitude of -3.9 which would be brighter than other stars in the sky. It is believed that Deputy Sheriff Spaur was chasing the planet Venus. Radar indicates that no airborne objects were in the area of the sighting during the period that Deputy Sheriff Spaur was chasing the UFO.

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UFO Near Reading

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lebo said the object emitted no sounds but changed colors from bright yellow to red and blue. Lebo said he called his three sons to the window and they watched the object through a small telescope. They said it rose slowly until it was high in the sky and appeared like a morning star before it vanished in the sunrise.

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Associated Press Wirephoto

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Utica Observer-Dispatch - 18 Apr 66

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Spokesman for Project Bluebook, the Air Force UFO headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, said the base's officer of the day made the request to Buchert. The spokesman also said no picture or report had reached the Bluebook office yet.

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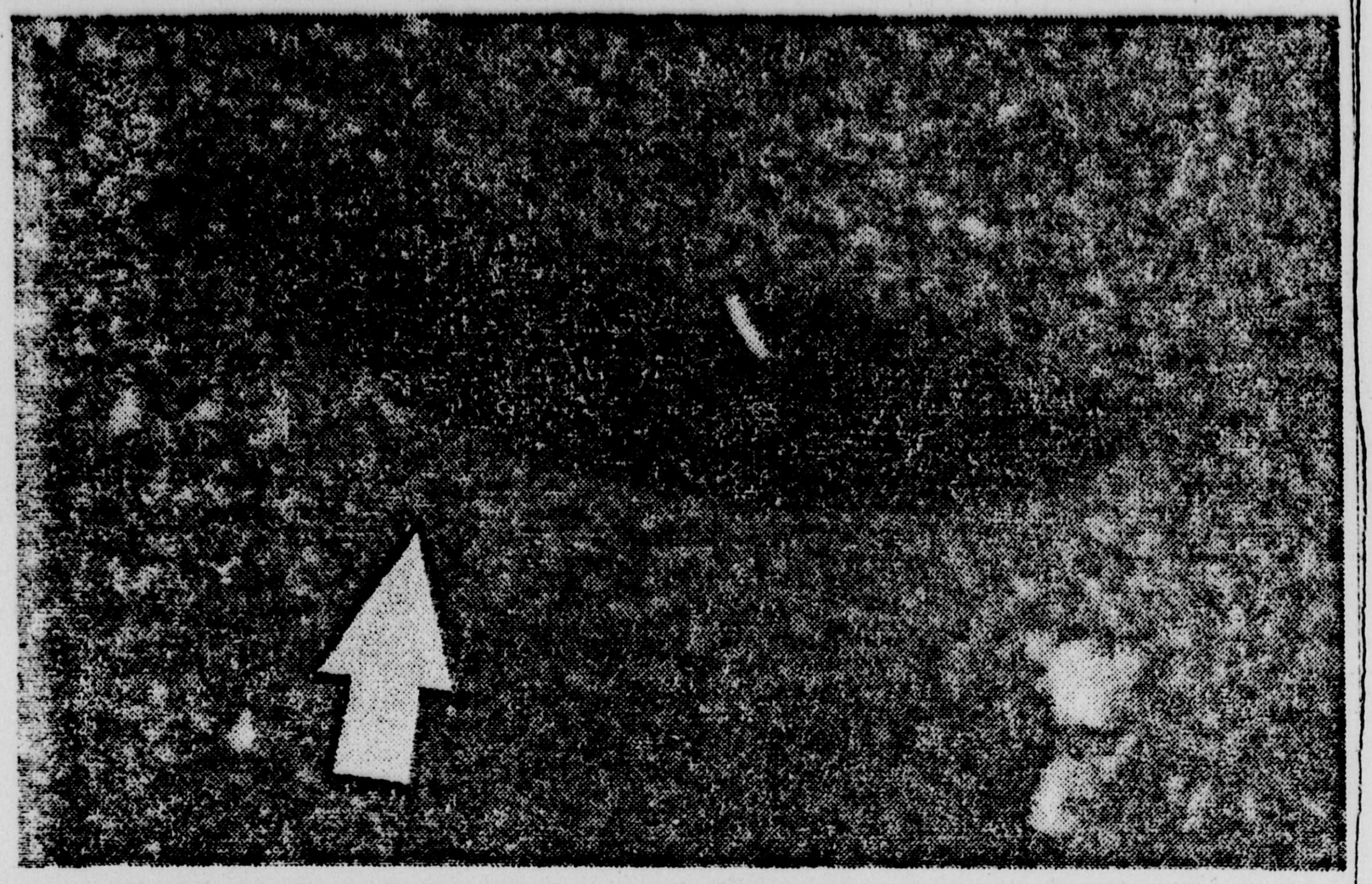
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DARK OBJECT SAID TO BE PICTURE OF UFO NEAR RAVENNA
Mantua Police Chief Took Shot While Following Object—UPI

POLICE CHIEF SAW IT

This Saucer Had Large Red Light

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Apr. 20—(UPI)—Police Chief Merle McCarroll said Monday he and his wife watched a silent flying object with a "large red dome light" from their home Saturday night.

His report followed that of other Benson Harbor residents who said they saw a strange flying object during the week end.

"WE WERE LOOKING out the front window and my wife remarked, 'look at that large airplane and how low it is,'" McCarroll said. "I looked and I said, 'that's not an airplane.'

"Then we went out the front door where we could get a better view. It was floating along but there was no noise, no sound at all.

"It was very, low, probably 100-150 feet off the ground. It disappeared behind the buildings and trees and we couldn't see it any longer.

"IT DEFINITELY wasn't an airplane. It did have a large red dome light on it that was blinking, and other lights around it. We couldn't determine just exactly the shape of it."

Two girls at Lake Michigan beach, a Benton Harbor suburb, reported a similar sighting Saturday night.

Rome Daily Sentinel - 18 Apr 66

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Pittsburgh Post Gazette, April 18, 1966

UFO Almost Makes It to Pittsburgh

'Saucer' Flies From Ohio to Pa.

An Unidentified Flying Object (Flying Saucer to you, Charlie) shaped like an ice-cream cone almost made it to Pittsburgh yesterday, but apparently got headed off at the pass by some over-zealous Ohio policemen.

A "very bright, cone-shaped object, some 35 to 45 feet across the top and about 24 feet high," was first spotted south of Akron, Ohio, by Portage County Sheriff's Deputy W. L. Neff, who gave the above description, about 5 a. m.

He added that the object, which seemed to be able to navigate by itself, gave off a faint humming noise.

This greatly interested Deputy Neff, who reportedly believes in flying saucers, and he took up the chase southeastward toward Pennsylvania along U.S. Routes 422 and 14 at speeds ranging from 80 to 100 miles an hour.

Near East Palestine, Ohio, he was joined by an East Palestine deputy police officer, Wayne Huston, also on patrol, and the two of them followed the object across the state line into Pennsylvania.

Near Conway, Beaver County, they lost it.

But hundreds of other people had sighted the object by this time and calls were coming to police switchboards as well as to an Air Force Reserve unit near Youngstown and to the Federal Aviation Agency at Greater Pittsburgh Airport.

Pilots were up in jet trainers almost immediately from the Youngstown base, but complained that the object—speed of which was estimated at just over 100 miles an hour—was moving too slowly for them to keep up with it. Or down.

Clever saucer, playing our own technology off against us . . . !

At Greater Pittsburgh Airport nothing showed up on the radar screen. A Federal Aviation Agency official there stated later in the morning that there weren't any airplanes, either in the area where the saucer was sighted—at least not at 5 o'clock in the morning.

That was a point for saucer fans.

Conway police said they neither heard nor saw any UFO and weren't about to speak of it, and wished in general that newsmen would stop bothering them.

With the coming of full daylight, apparently, the saucer faded—or flew—or teleported—away, leaving us earthlings to sort the whole thing out.

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(300) FLYING OBJECTS
WASHINGTON, APRIL 22 (AP)-THE AIR FORCE SAID TODAY AN OBJECT IN THE SKY WHICH AN OHIO DEPUTY SHERIFF SAID HE CHASED AT HIGH SPEED ON THE GROUND PROBABLY WAS THE PLANET VENUS.
AT THE SAME TIME, THE AIR FORCE SAID THAT A TWIN OBJECT REPORTEDLY PHOTOGRAPHED BY ANOTHER LAW OFFICER IN OHIO ON THE SAME DAY PROBABLY APPEARED ON FILM AS TWO IMAGES BECAUSE OF "PROCESSING DEFECTS" IN DEVELOPING THE PICTURES.
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BUCHERT SAID THE AIR FORCE TOLD HIM NOT TO RELEASE THE PICTURE, BUT THE AIR FORCE DENIED THIS.
COMMENTING ON BUCHERT'S CLAIM, THE AIR FORCE SAID THAT:
"PHOTOANALYSIS OF THE NEGATIVE...INDICATES THAT THE 'VERY BRIGHT LIGHT' WHICH HE TRIED TO PHOTOGRAPH DOES NOT APPEAR AS AN IMAGE.
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HUNDREDS OF PERSONS IN BOTH OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA REPORTED SEEING A "BRILLIANT AND SHINY" OBJECT IN THE SKY EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.
THE AIR FORCE DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS.

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OBJECT DISAPPEARS NEAR CONWAY

UFO Chased Into County

By TOM SCHLEY
TIMES Staff

An 86-mile high-speed chase after an unidentified flying object (UFO) ended in Conway Sunday morning nearly an hour after it began in Ohio.

Conway Patrolman Frank Panzanella said he saw what prompted two sheriff's deputies and a policeman from Ohio to drive at speeds 80 to 105 miles per hour in pursuit of the "flying saucer."

The two deputies from Portage County, Ohio, Dale Spaur and W. L. Neff, began the chase shortly after 5 a.m. on Ohio Route 224 near Atwater, south of Akron and southeast of Ravenna, the Portage County seat.

At about the same time, Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua, Ohio, snapped a photo of the object from some distance while he and his wife stood in their front yard about 10 miles north of Ravenna.

Spaur and Neff, on instructions, pursued the brightly lighted object alone down Ohio Route 14. They were joined at East Palestine by Patrolman Wayne Huston of that city in another police cruiser.

The two cars sped on into Pennsylvania, down Route 51 to Rochester and then on Route 65 to Conway. At Conway they spotted Panzanella in his parked cruiser at a service station. They stopped there since Spaur was running low on gas. He also had burned a new set of tires bald from the high speed chase.

The three Ohio men asked Panzanella if he had seen the object and he pointed it out to them. He had seen it a few minutes earlier from the top of 11th Street hill but hadn't though much about it at that time.

Panzanella told the TIMES

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that when he first saw the brightly lighted object he thought it was a reflection from the rising sun off an airplane. He came off the hill and spotted the object again just before the Ohio men arrived.

He called Rochester radio base station to have the Greater Pittsburgh Airport contacted, and the four men watched for about 20 minutes as the object rose "straight up" until it was barely visible.

Spaur and Panzanella both said they had heard that the Air Force had sent jets up after the object. There were reports that jet trainers from Youngstown went up but the object, traveling about 100 miles per hour, was moving too slowly for them to stay with it.

A Federal Aviation Agency official at Greater Pittsburgh Airport said the object wasn't spotted on radar nor were there any planes in the area where the object was sighted at that time.

The four men viewing from Conway said a plane that apparently took off from the airport passed right through the area below the unidentified object they were watching.

Air Force personnel at the airport would make no statement about the sighting other than to say that officials at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, had been notified. Official Air Force investigations of UFO's are handled from Wright Patterson.

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SPAUR, 35, a former Air Force gunner, told the TIMES Sunday that he and Neff were checking an abandoned car when they spotted a strange light through the trees. He said the object came over the trees along the highway and direcelty over their patrol car, about 150 feet above them.

He said the bottom of the object was very brightly lighted and the light from the bottom gave the appearance of a cone shape. It lighted up the area around the car like daylight and they could not look directly at the bright white light when it was shining on them, he said.

Spaur said the object had no apparent effect on him and Neff or on the car. It was about 35 feet to 40 feet across and about 18 to 24 feet high, he said.

Spaur said he became frightened and he and Neff ran for the car. He reported the sighting to police headquarters in Ravenna and was told to keep the object under surveillance as long as possible.

Thus the chase began.

MEANWHILE, Chief Buchert in Mantua had monitored a report to Portage County from the Summit County Sheriff's Office in Akron about a strange light that had been spotted.

Buchert was on Main Street in Mantua when he first spotted the object overhead. He said it looked like two saucers with their rims placed together and the bottoms facing out.

He said it was very brilliant and a bright white or silver with no coloring of any thpe. He reported it to the Portage sheriff's office and said Spaur reported it shortly after that.

Buchert went home and awakened his wife to show her the object. It had moved off to some distance and Buchert used an inexpensive camera from the police car to shoot three pictures of the object. He told the TIMES that only one of the three exposures turned out.

He planned not to release the picture to anyone until after he conferred with government officials.

An enlargement of the photograph indistinctly shows one object which Buchert said was the moon and a dark disc shaped object surrounded by a ring of light to the right of the moon.

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THE ONLY noise Spaur heard that might have come from the object was when it was first spotted. He said he heard a faint, steady humming noise similar to an electrical transformer.

His main thought throughout the chase was to remain as calm as possible and do everything he could to verify the sighting and get a description of it.

He said this included keeping it in sight as the sun rose so as to have seen it in both darkness and daylight.

Spaur said the object didn't make any attempt to get away and it followed the main highway almost as "if it knew it."

Deputy Robert Wilson, the radio operator at Ravenna, said the object was reported by at least six or seven other police departments in Ohio.

Huston told the TIMES he was in radio contact with Spaur and he first spotted the object over Route 14 when Spaur was still about five miles away.

He fell in behind Spaur and said the object was about 800 to 900 feet in the air and mostly remained directly ahead of them.

Spaur said that both cruisers clocked the speed of the object at 103 miles per hour.

Huston had his headquarters telephone Pennsylvania State Police at Chippewa Barracks about the chase, but none of the state police cars were near Route 51 at the time.

He said that they lost sight of the object near the entrance to Bradys Run Park when trucks stopped at the traffic light forced them to slow up.

They continued through Fallston, and just after passing the P&LE Railroad underpass in Bridgewater, they again spotted the object in the direction of Rochester. At Rochester it was directly ahead of them again.

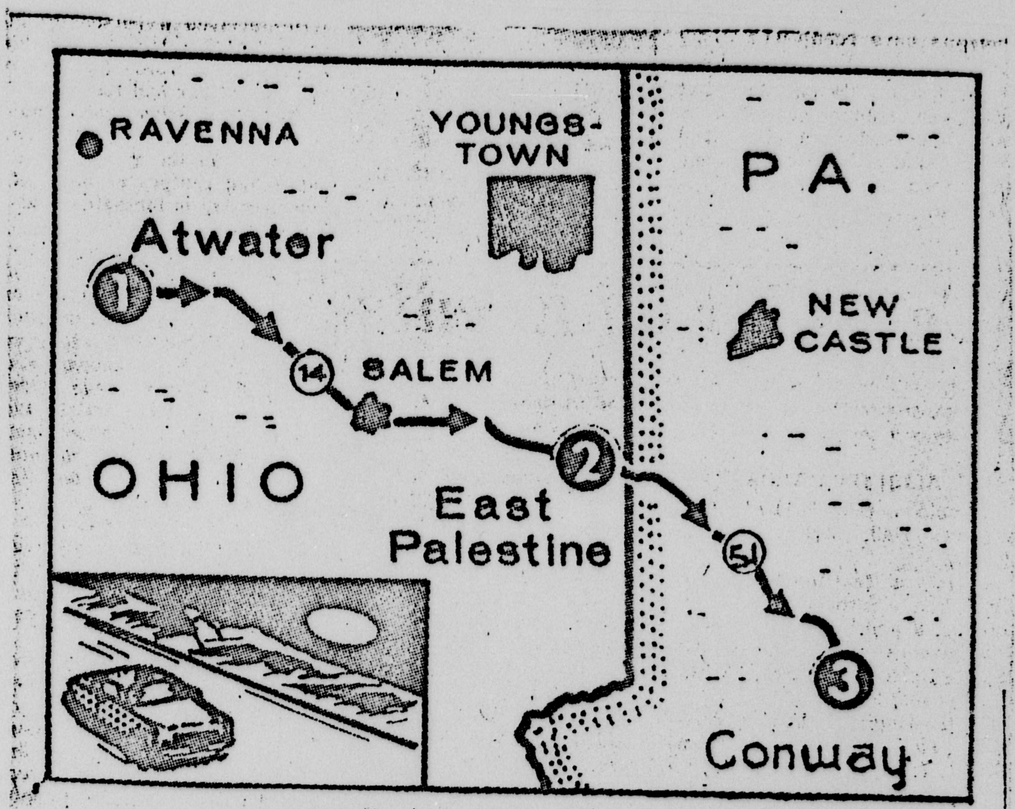
Spaur said the object also seemed to wait for them to get through the bridges at Rochester and back onto the open boulevard before it continued at its regular speed.

Spaur said the object definitely was controlled because it could change speed, and gain or lose altitude. "When it wants to go up, it doesn't play around," he said. When he thought they had lost it for good at Bradys Run it seemed as if it had waited for them to catch up again, Spaur said.

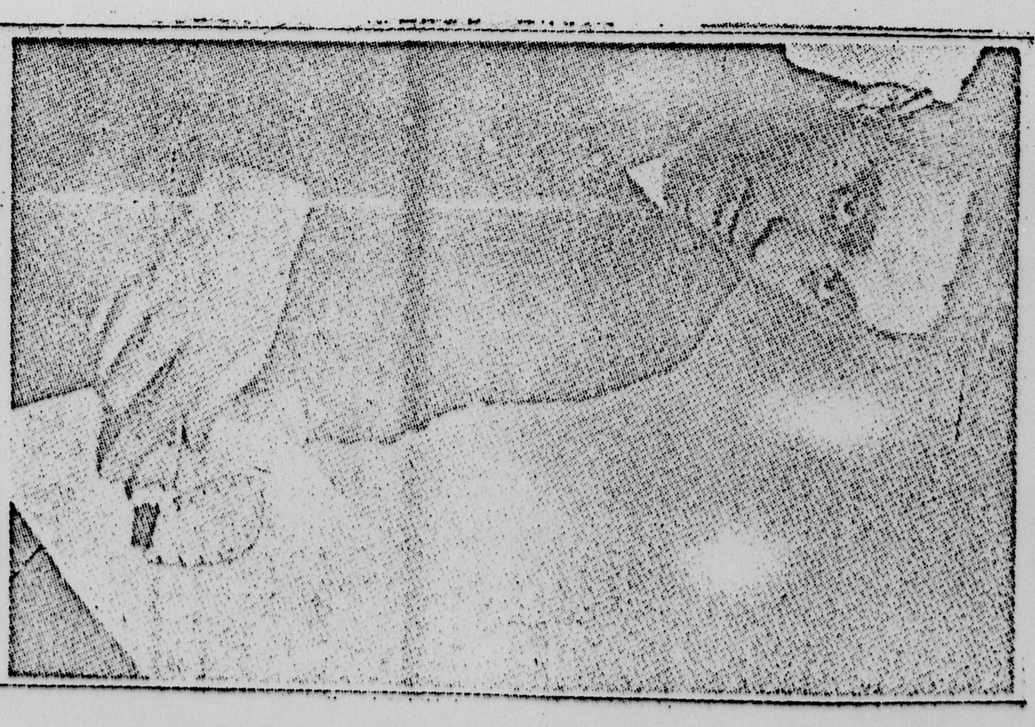
When shown the picture taken by James Lucci, Brighton Township last August, Spaur told the TIMES it looked very much like the object he had seen.

William Weitzel, chairman of the Pittsburgh subcommittee for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, who investigated the Lucci sighting, was in Ravenna Sunday and today to investigate this latest sighting.

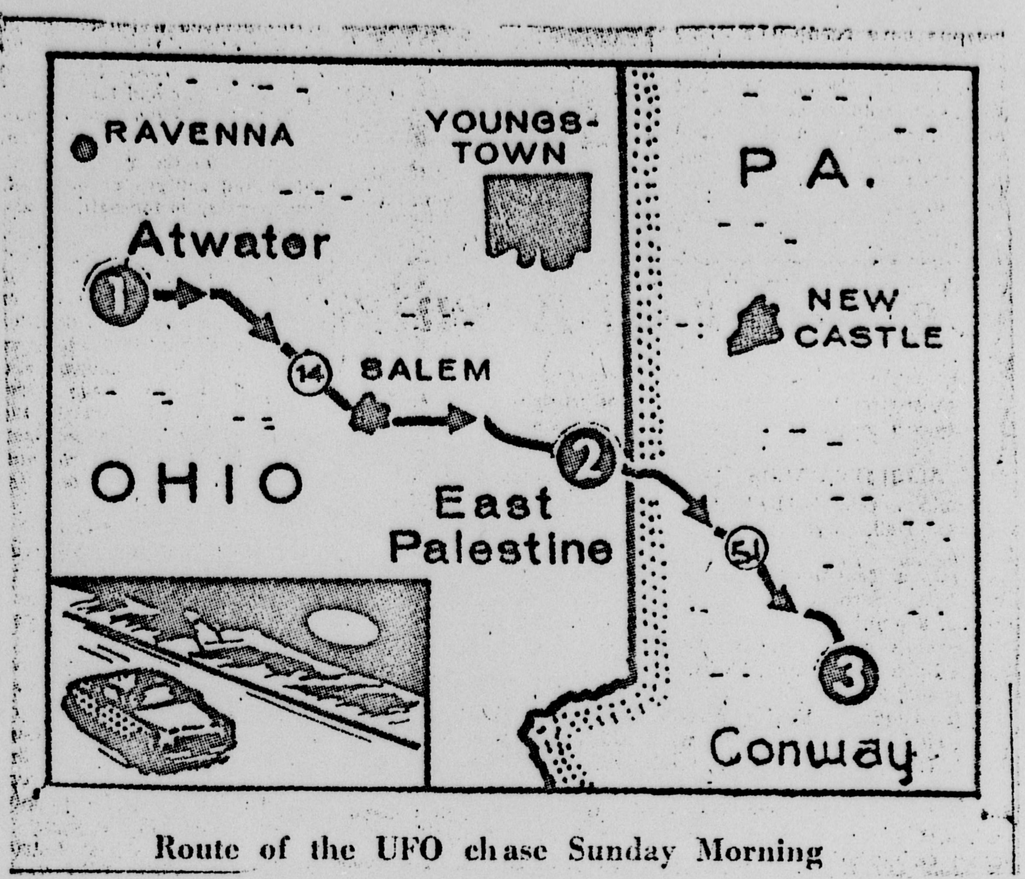
Air Force personnel were expected in Ravenna today to investigate the sighting and to look at Buchert's photograph.



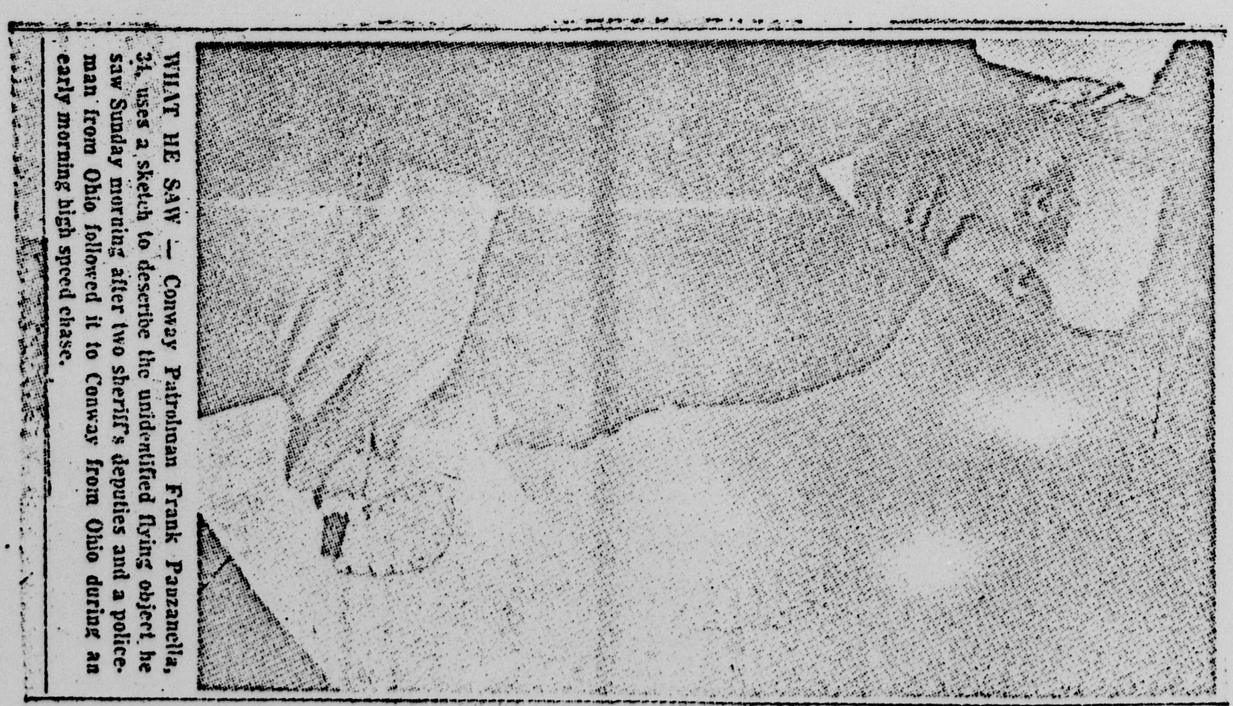
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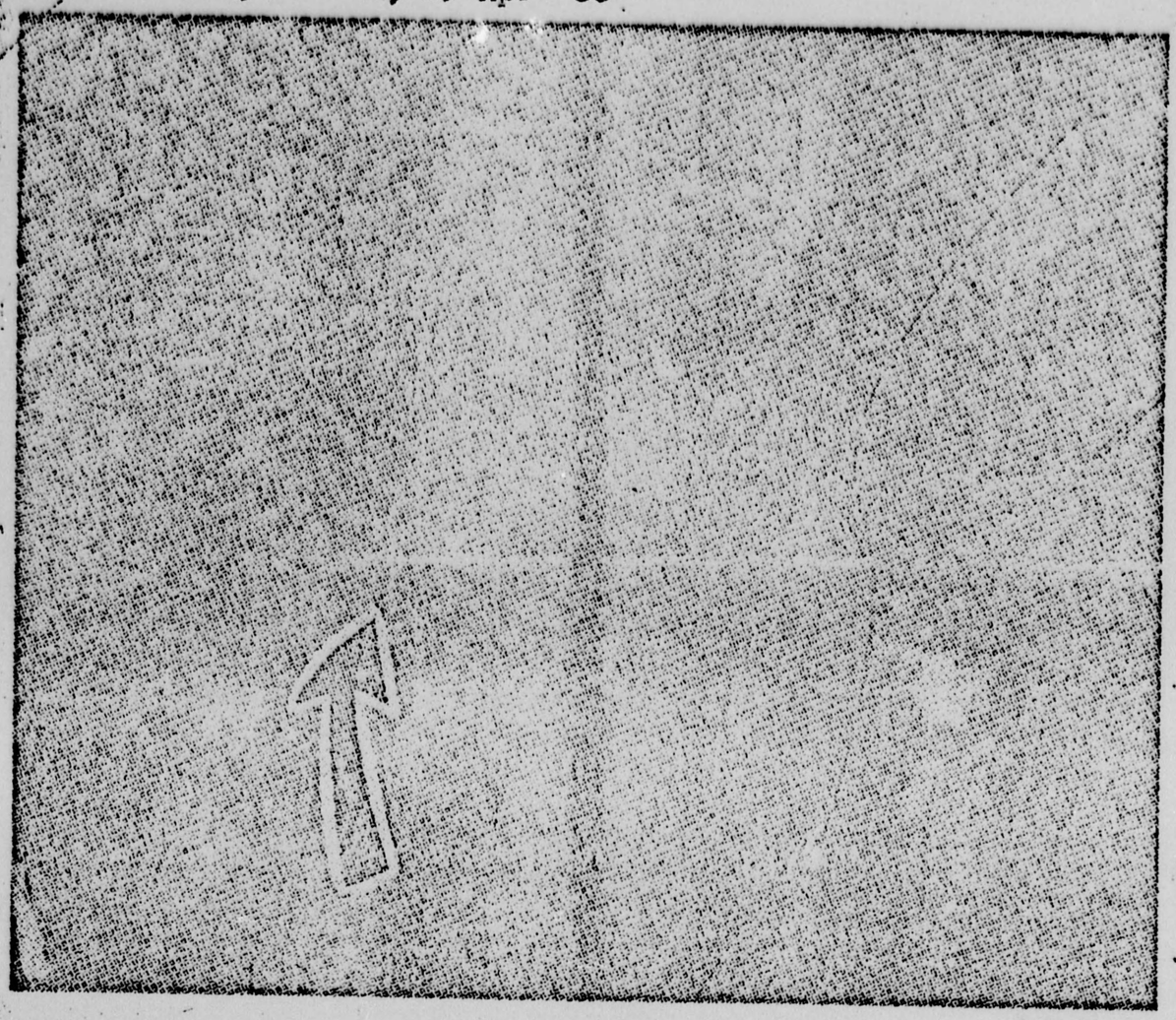


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The Pittsburgh Press, 19 Apr 66



—UPI Facsimile

OFFICER'S PICTURE OF UFO—Mantua, Ohio, Police Chief Gerald Buchert took this picture Sunday of an unidentified flying object which two Ohio sheriff's deputies in autos reported chasing into Pennsylvania where "it disappeared."

Rumor and Rhubarb

Here 'n There

Maybe there's a UFO base in Conway. West Aliquippa residents among others, saw a UFO (unidentified flying object) Monday night and among persons watching it were Aliquippa Policemen John Wytiaz and William Byrd, who were in a cruiser at West Aliquippa Overpass at 9:30 p.m.

Wytiaz doesn't buy the theory that it was a private airplane with an illuminated advertising message under its wing as was reported Tuesday. He described it as a reddish-orange, saucer-like object with white lights on its circumference.

He looked at it through binoculars, saw no sign of advertising on it and said that, unlike an airplane, it was noiseless. Like a UFO that Ohio police cruisers tailed to Conway early Sunday, the local police-men watched the "saucer" disappear in the direction of Conway.

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He's Sure Negative's Positive

Chief Saw the Saucer And Got the Picture

By ROBERT FROMER
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

While hundreds of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio residents gawked at this area's first flying saucer early Sunday morning, Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua, Ohio, did something beautifully simple.

He took a picture.

When the picture was developed, there it was.

"Well," said Mrs. Buchert to the Post-Gazette yesterday, "it looked like a . . . saucer."

One feels a little silly saying things like that in the daytime, with the sun shining.

But it was different at 5 a. m. Sunday when Chief Buchert dragged her out of bed and they watched the bright object maneuver its way across the sky.

While they were watching, Portage County Ohio sheriff's deputies W. L. Neff and Dale Spaur, in separate cars, were chasing the object into Pennsylvania at speeds up to 103 miles an hour.

At East Palestine, Ohio, Patrolman Wayne Huston took up the chase, and the three police cars sped all the way to Conway, Beaver County, where the "object" disappeared.

One picture is said to be

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worth 10 thousand words, and anyone who tries to put together a rational description of the saucer from the eyewitness reports had better believe it.

►**Patrolman Huston:** "It looked like a partially melted ice-cream cone — a wedge-shaped affair with the pointy part down . . . What looked like an antenna was sticking out on one side of it . . ."

►**Chief Buchert:** "It looked like two table saucers put together."

►**Mrs. Buchert:** "It was a ronud, bright, white object, and when it tilted or turned it had a ring around the middle of it."

►**Sheriff's Deputy Spaur:** "It looked like the head of a flashlight, about 40 feet wide and 18 feet high."

►**Sheriff's Deputy Neff:** "It was a very bright, cone-shaped object, some 35 to 45 feet across the top and about 24 feet high."

Chief Buchert was the man with the picture, but he had some initial trouble with the Air Force. He called Project Bluebook, the Air Force UFO headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, and a spokesman told him he could release the picture if he wished but they'd rather he didn't.

Taking the hint, Chief Buchert kept it to himself over Sunday.

Yesterday morning an Air Force spokesman from Washington called Buchert and told him to go ahead and release the picture if he hadn't already done so.

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The saucer's strange behavior had apparently frightened one of the pursuers, Deputy Spaur. "We were close, closer than I ever want to be again," he said.

Spaur said the lines of the object were very distinct. "Somebody had control over it," he said. "It wasn't just floating around. It can maneuver."

Near Rochester, Beaver County, the pursuing policemen "got tangled up in a mess of bridges," according to Spaur's account. "But when I came out from under the bridge it came down and waited for us, just as though it knew these cars were following it.

"I know nobody's going to believe it," Spaur added presciently, "but it's true."

So there you have it, sports fans: nothing on the Federal Aviation Agency's radar screens, but a definite image on Buchert's picture. No planes in the area at the time, but—rumor has it—an Echo II satellite high above at the right time and place. Tune in tomorrow, same bat-time, same bat-channel.

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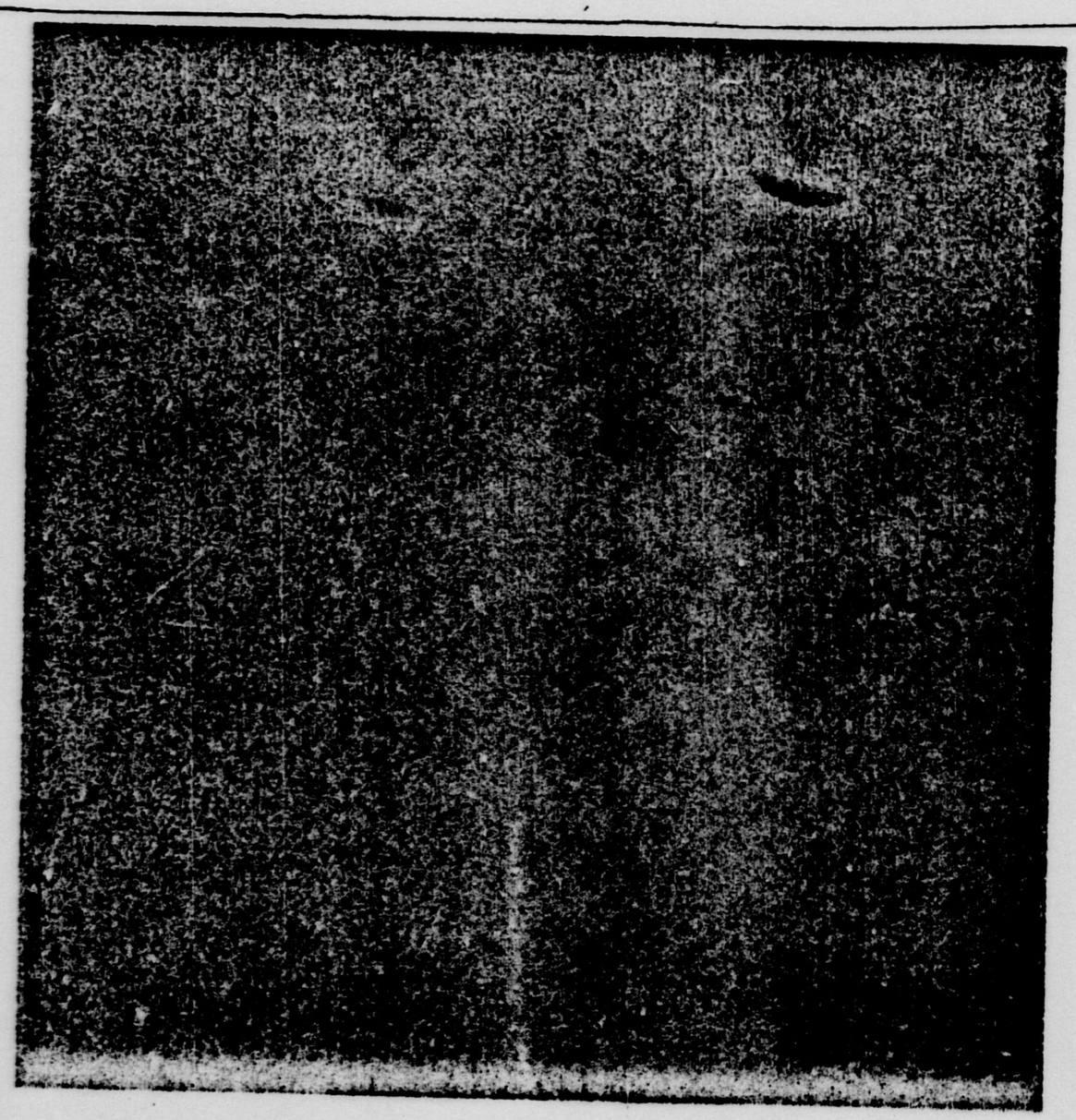
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