PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP
31 July 66 1/0225Z

2. LOCATION
Presque Isle State Park, Pennsylvania (3 witnesses)

3. SOURCE
Civilian

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
Two

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
5 minutes

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
Ground Visual

7. COURSE
NE

8. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
☐ Yes
☐ No

10. CONCLUSION
1. lights - Unidentified
2. indentations - Not related to above sighting
3. monster - probable animal - not related to 1 and 2

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
SEE CASE FILES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 910TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP (RESERVE) (CONAC)
YOUNGSTOWN MUNI APRT, VIENNA, OHIO 44473

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: BOPS

SUBJECT: UFO Report per AFR 200-2 3 Aug 66

TO: AFSC (FTD)

A. Description
1. Square or hexagonal in air-tumbling.
2. Compared to half dollar, just before touchdown or a little bigger.
3. Couldn't see - edges either lit up or reflecting.
4. One
5. NA
6. Circle of spotlights at top when on ground.
7. None
8. Soft buzz or hum heard for about three seconds. Later described as groan or turbine sound, decreasing in speed and pitch. Stopped abruptly as object settled to sand.

B. Course of Object
1. Car stuck in sand. Observer watching sky through windshield and noticed bright star. Looked back seconds later and object appeared to be "Free-Falling".
2. 45° above horizon, North of observer.
3. Ground level, NE of observer.
4. Object appeared to fall nearly straight down from left to right, approximately N. to S. Total time to ground level 3 to 5 seconds. Tumbled as it fell, exhibiting appearance of cube or hexagon with edges visible as lights or reflections. Stopped suddenly 5' to 10' above beach behind bushes. Red light blinked on, then off, and object settled heavily to beach. No sound of hitting sand. All three adult occupants felt a vibration as it hit or touched. Immediately several strong small spot lights came on, seemingly arranged in circle around top, estimated 10-15' above ground. Circle of lights moved around as individual beams showed on sand and trees. Appeared to be among trees close to edge of beach and woods. Edge of light beams very sharp. As police car drove up from rear to check on stuck car, police turned on blinker, and all lights from object disappeared, and it could not be seen. See par "K" for further happenings.

REPORT FROM MAJOR HALL

(Youngstown AFB, Ohio)

Cont, UFO Report Per AFR 200-2

Statement s from the police lead to the following chain of events; At 8:15 PM EDST, group arrived. At 9:30PM , probably as beach became deserted, Gerald Labelle left to get help. Additional witness reports seeing the car at 9:40pm with light on inside and people around picnic table. 10PM, police noted car, stopped to offer help. Informed that help had been sent for, they said they would return in about 45 minutes and see if all was well. At that time all persons were sitting in car, with food still on table about 20' away, around some bushes. 10:25 to 10:30 sighting took place. 10:35 police returned, Were told by Tibbetts "Something wierd is going on up there". Tibbetts and police departed car and walked nearly 300 yards up beach when Miss Klem heard rustling in bushes, looked up to see "dull black shape, bigger than a man, big head and shoulders, arm like appendeges, no hands, no face visible, as though it had it's back turned." It was in front of the car, and when Miss Klem blew the horn it "lumbered into the bushes". The lights were not turned on. Tibbetts and police ran back to cars. All persons got into police car and returned to Admin Bldg to calm down women and alert police chief. Policemen and Tibbetts returned to stalled car, searched area around picnic table with no results. More food missing from table and cake gouged, circular hole about5" in diameter. All returned to Admin Bldg. Labelle returned with friends from Erie with car to aid, and reported at Admin Bldg. Time of return is not clear. Patrolmen searched beach with no results.

At 0630AM, just after full daylight, 2 other patrolmen searched the beach and found marks they considered unusual. They had no exact knowledge of the area designated by Tibbetts as landing place. These marks did coincide with that area, according to patrolmen who accompanied him. (See exhibits for diagram and pictures). I believe the witnesses were at least nervous at being stuck in the sand in an unlighted area. This is supported by the fact they had abandoned their picnic on the table and were in the car. Police report comments of scratching sound heard prior to sighting. Whatever was seen or purported to be seen of the UFO must have heightened this feeling. Tibbetts warned women to keep windows up and doors locked while he and the patrolmen walked up the beach. He further directed Miss Klem to flash the lights if she needed them while they were gone. When she saw the "shape" she blew the horn steadily instead, and told Mrs (?) Haifly "not to look."

—I have no reasonable explanation of the UFO, but the scratching sounds, food missing and "arm like appendages" with no hands of t the shape, leads me to a possible explanation of the shape as a raccoon or the shadow of a raccoon being projected from the picnic table. The park has many of them that regularly visit picnic areas.

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5. Lights went out. No fade or glow. No sound. No sighting.
6. More than 5 minutes. Observer would not leave car for clearer view.

C. Manner of Observation
1. Ground-visual
2. None
3. NA

D. Time and Date of Sighting
1. 1 Aug 1966 - 0025Z
2. Night - Bright Moonlight

E. Location of Observers
42deg 08 ~~deg~~ M.N N / 80 deg 09 ~~deg~~ M.N W

F. Identifying Info on Observers
[redacted]reenhurst, NY (interviewed)
[redacted]Ave,Jamestown,NY
not avail for interview.
[redacted]45 Franklin St,Jamestown,NY
not avail for interview.
[redacted]ve, Jamestown,NY
member of party, not present at sighting.

G. Weather and Winds
1. Clear sky, bright moonlight, no wind
2. SFC, 190 05
6M 240 10
10M 280 10
16M 320 13
Remainder Not Available

H. Other Unusual Activity or Condition (None)

I. Action Taken (None)

J. Location - General Direction
1. Erie Tower Reports no Traffic

K. Comments of preparing Officer
Of the three adult witnesses, I was able to talk to only the male, and to obtain statements from the two police officers who arrived on the scene. Statements from news editor who was called in by the chief of police and additional patrolmen were taken. The general impreseion is that the witnesses were fairly level-headed, but obviously frightened. Miss Klem was described as being very nearly in a state of shock but rapidly regained control of herself when taken to the Park Admin Office. Listening to conversation of those present at the initial interview, there appear to be disorepancies in description between Mr Tibbetts and Miss Klem.

2.

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The witness appeared creditable. He did state affirmative answer to one questioner who asked if he was a policeman. He was wearing a borrowed police jacket at the time - early morning. This could have been caused by lack of desire to be questioned by curiosity seekers.

Park police placed a vehicle at the observers spot and cruised the area roads with another vehicle with various light combinations to try to duplicate light conditions, but could not.

Newsreel photographers stationed all night on the beach the following night saw a light and photographed it. Film is being forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2

L. Physical Evidence

1. Physical evidence is questionable. Two triangular marks found in the sand (see attach #1) were photographed and a plaster of paris cast made by Penna State Police. There is no evidence to actually relate these marks to the sighting. These marks were obivously made by an angular flat, slightly concave object pointed slightly down, and pushed into the sand, as evidenced by firmly packed bottom surface, sand pushed up in crater-like ridge around the edges, and penetration of this angular surface about 4 - 5" below surface of sand, maximum. Cast was made with top even with average surface of sand, not as deep as pushed up ridge. A smaller mark, similar but not identical with two larger marks also existed. As seen in photo, it has no obvious relation with other two holes. The most striking feature of these two marks is their similarity, being very nearly identical, except for direction.

Some damp spots in the sand nearby, which did not become noticeably drier during the day were sampled from various locations within the damp area, and samples are included, along with sketch of area.

Full cast of Easterly hole is included, and partial cast of West hole, along with sand from general area.

William S Hall

WILLIAM S HALL, MAJOR
Base Operations Officer, AFRes

List of Attachments

1. Drawing of Arrangement of Marks

2. Drawing of Dump Sand Area

3. 9 Photographs (6 To Be Returned)

4. 2 Maps of Presque Isle Area

Previously Forwarded By Aircraft

1 Full Cast - East Hole

1 Partial Cast W. Hole & Surrounding Sand

5 Sand Samples From E & W Dump Sand Areas

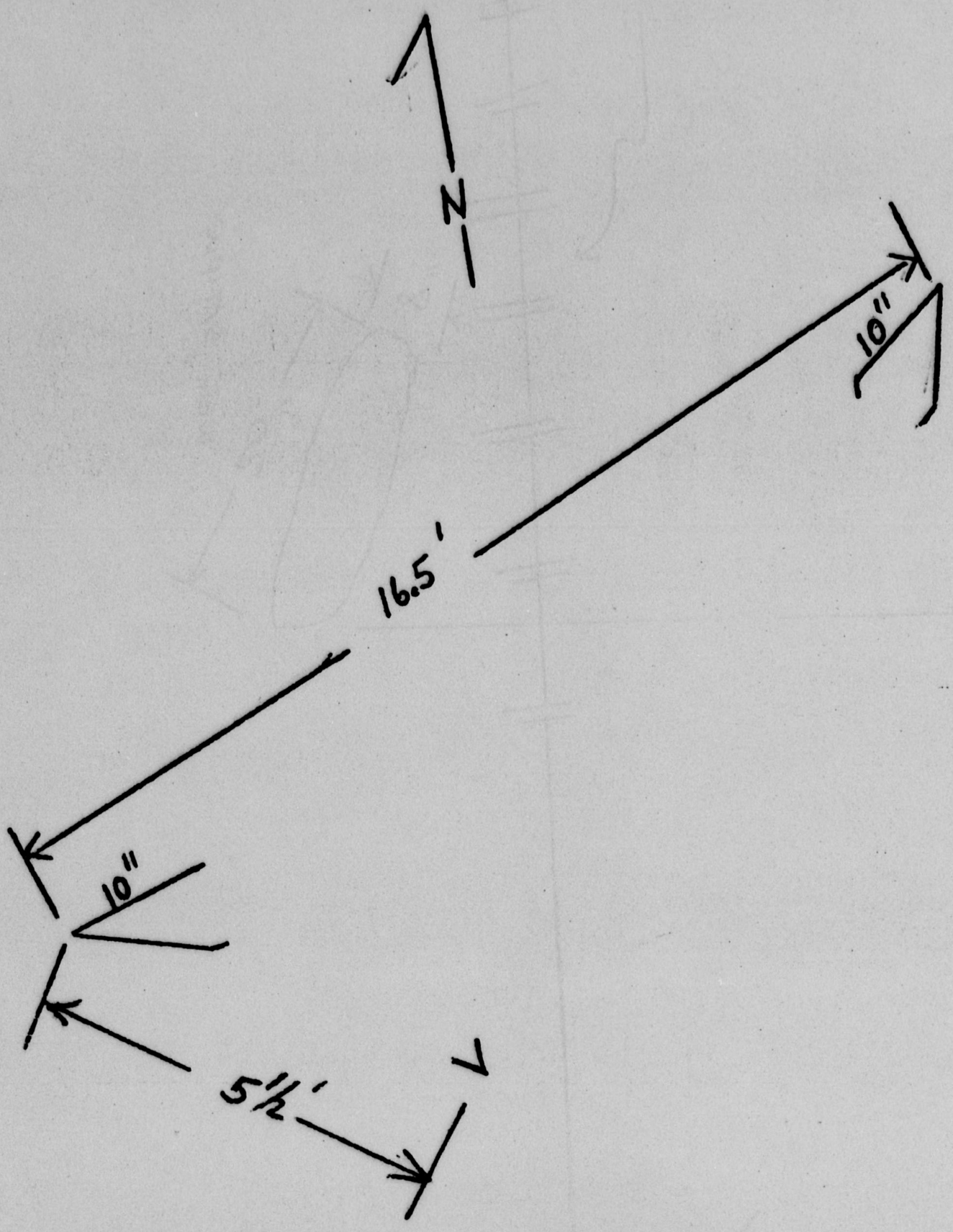


DIAGRAM of SAND MARKS

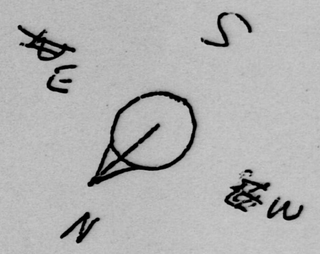
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ATCH 1.

WATER WORKS
(DIRECTLY ACROSS 15 MPH SIGN)



EAST SAMPLE

APPROX 8'

10"

18"

15' TO MARKS IN SAND

SNOW FENCE
18" ABOVE SAND LEVEL

8"

20"

WEST SAMPLE

BEACH AREA

ART 2

LAKE ERIE

AREAS of DAMP SAND -

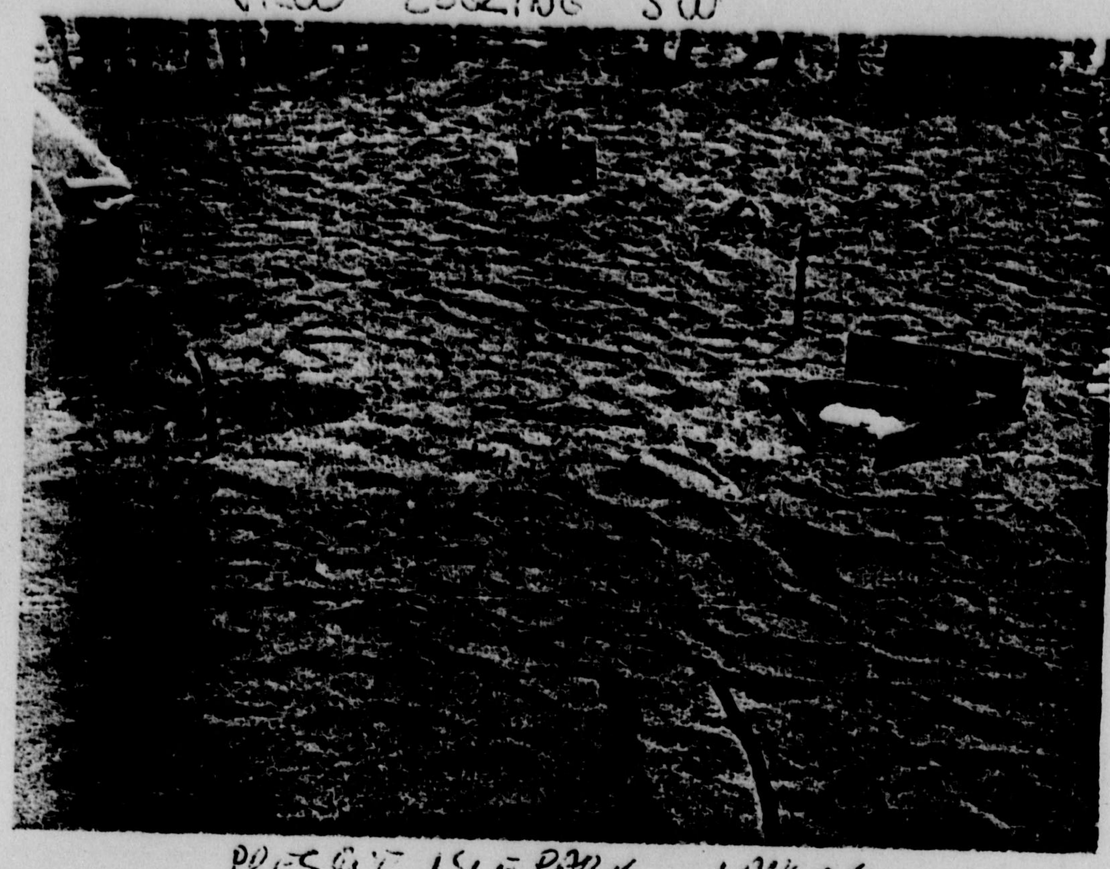
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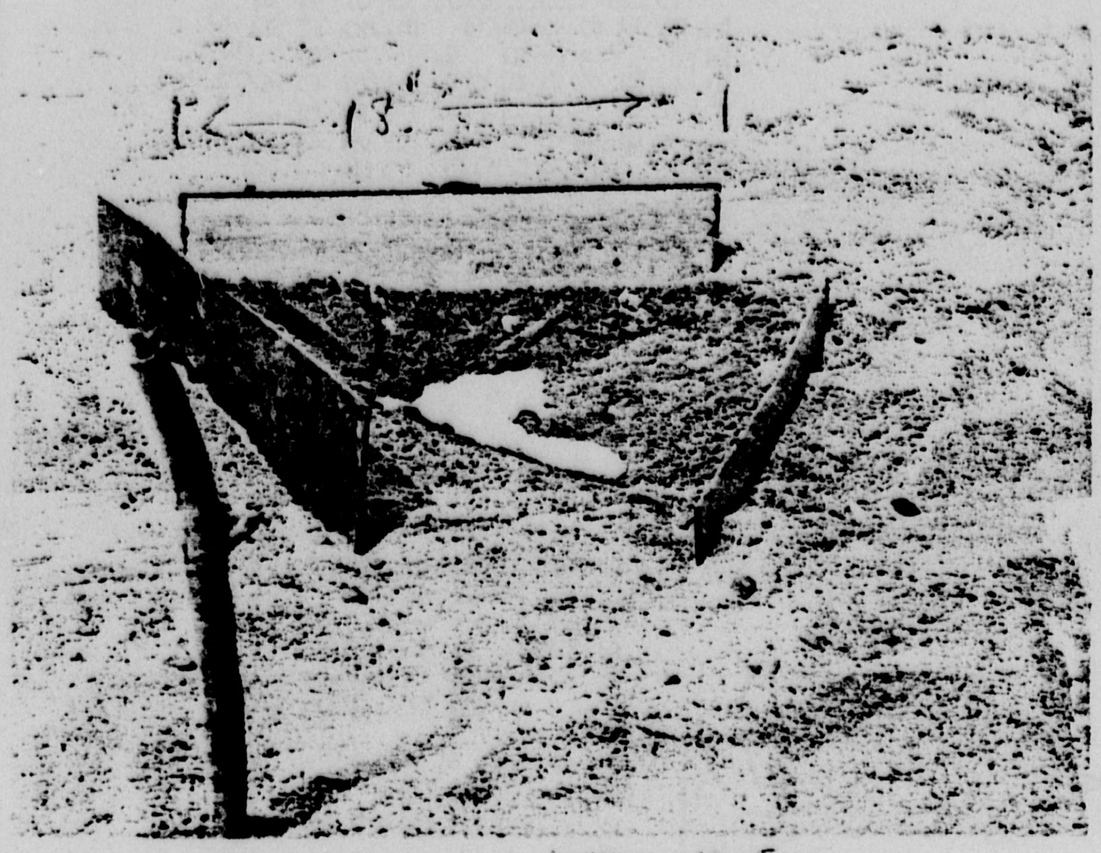
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VIEW LOOKING SW



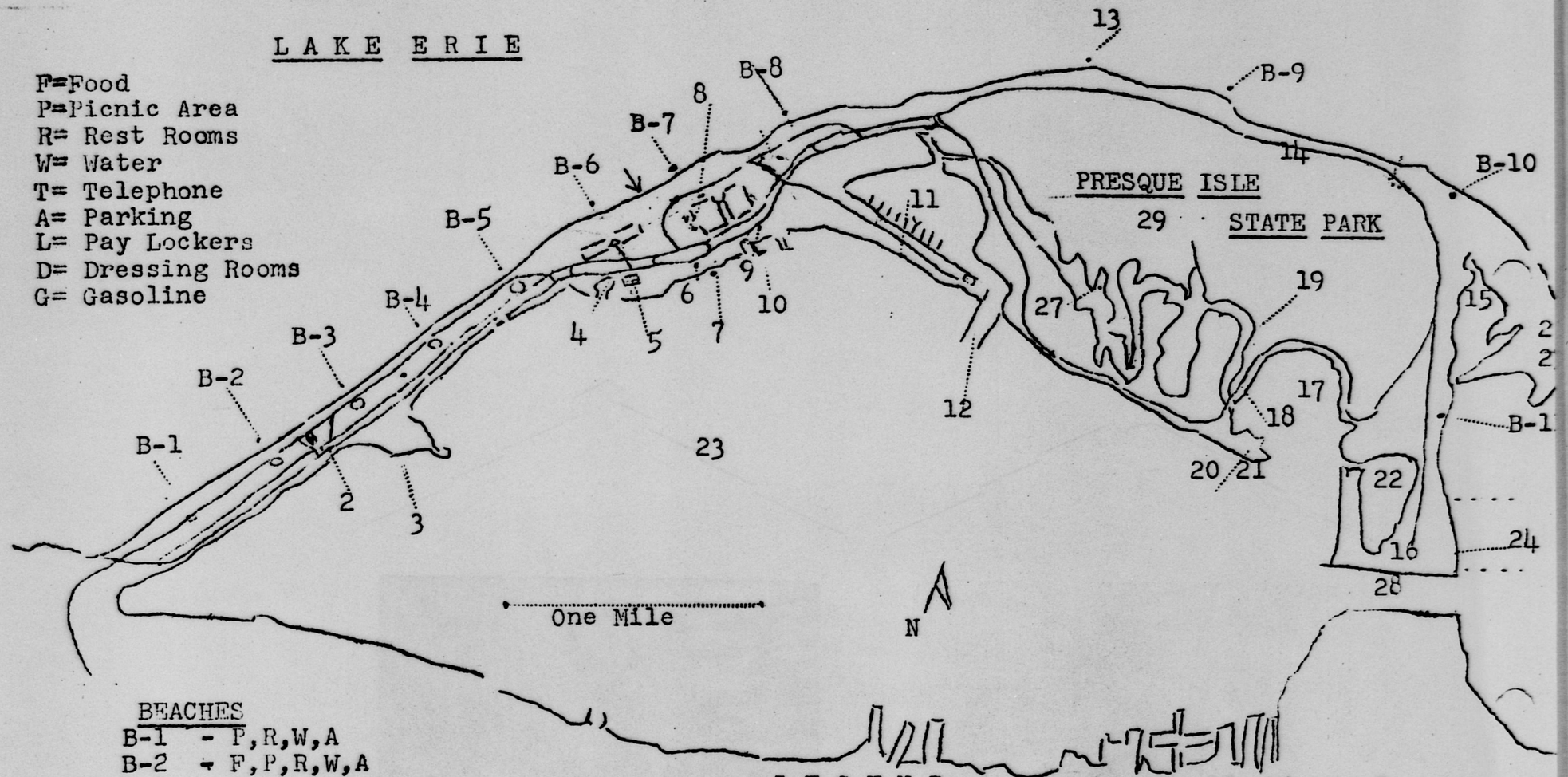
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WEST HOLE

PRESQUE ISLE PARK 1 AUG 66





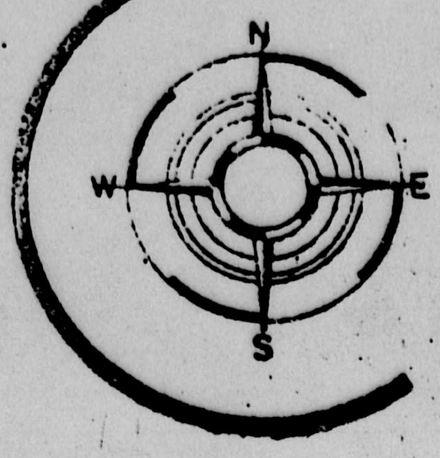
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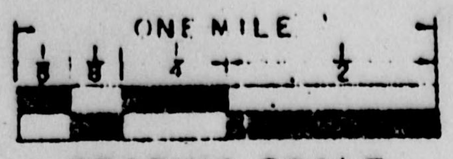
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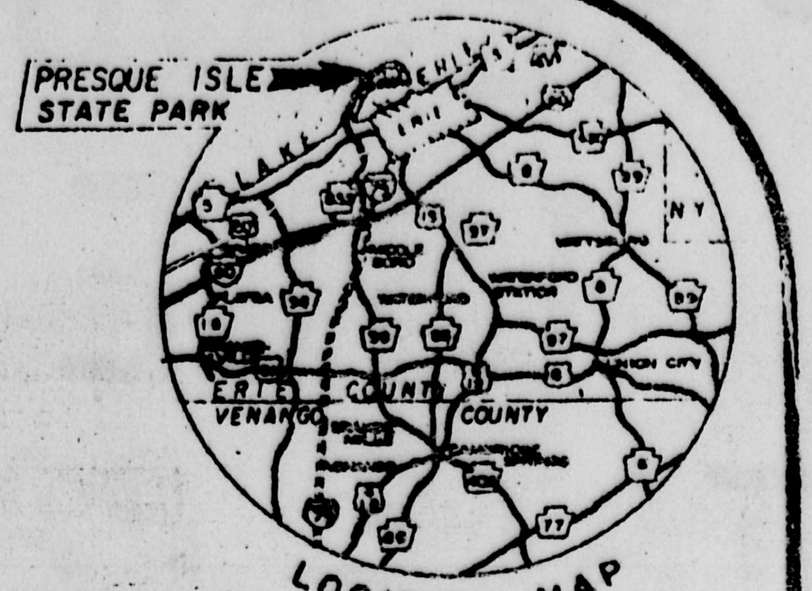
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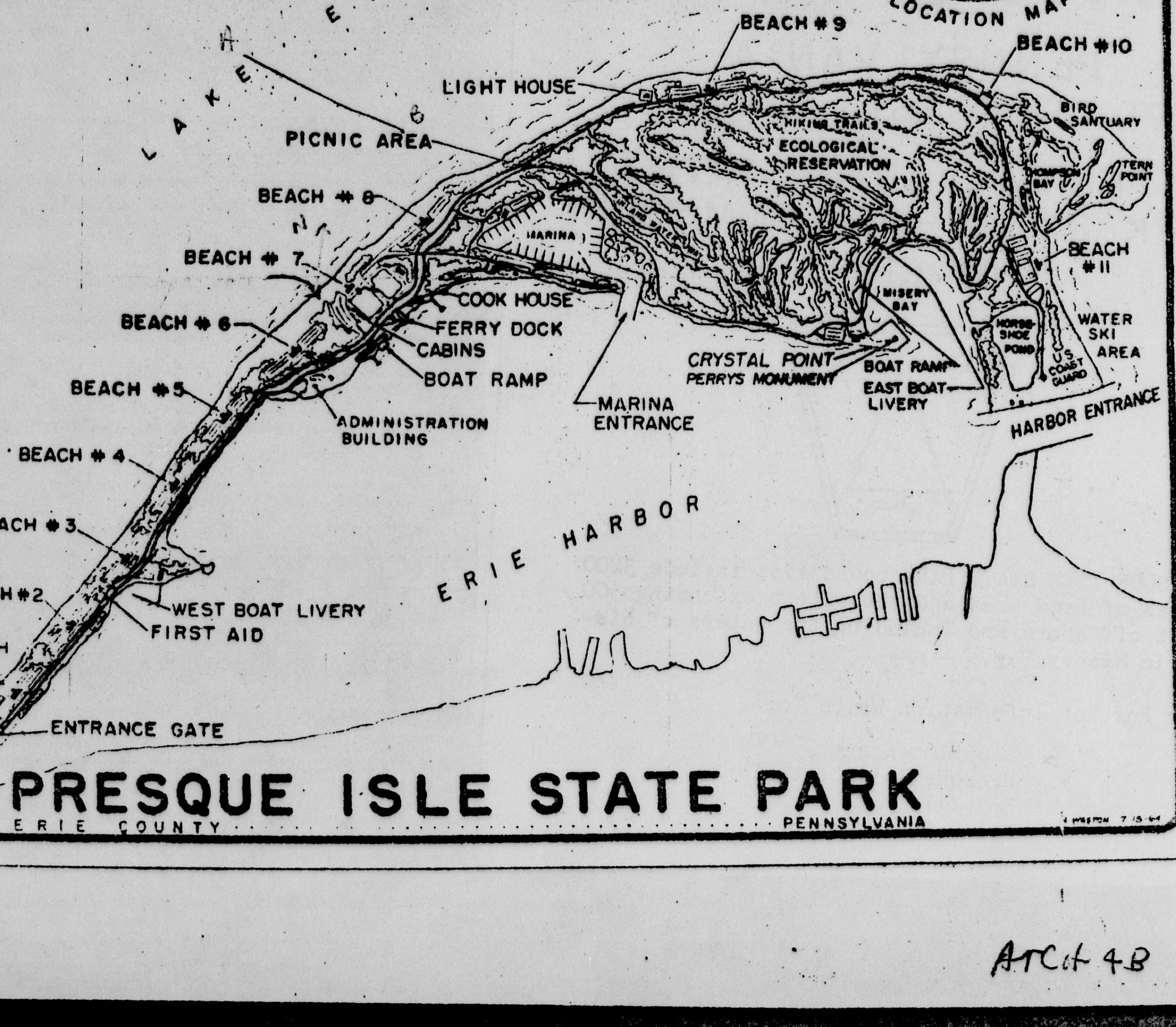
2. First Aid (ARC)
3. West Boat Livery
4. Lilly Pond
5. Park Office
5. Police
6. Play Green
7. Niagara Ramp
8. Cabins
9. Cookhouse
10. Ferry
11. Marina -G
12. Marina Ent.
13. Lighthouse
14. Pine Tree Area
15. Thompson Bay
16. Coast Guard
17. Misery Bay
18. East Boat Ramp
19. East Boat Livery
20. Crystal Point
21. Perry Monument
22. Horseshoe Pond
23. Erie Bay
24. Water Ski Zone
25. Gull Point
26. Bird Sanctuary
27. Lagoons
28. Erie Bay Channel
29. Ecological Area

ATCH 4 a









PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK

ERIE COUNTY ..... PENNSYLVANIA

ATCH 4B

PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK

PENNSYLVANIA
DEPT. OF FORESTS & WATERS

PENNSYLVANIA STATE
PARK & HARBOR COMMISSION
OF ERIE

PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK boundaries include 3200 acres of land area and the waters extending 500 feet off shore and including the waters of historic Misery Bay.

For Further Information Write To:

Superintendent
Presque Isle State Park
Box 1115
Erie, Pennsylvania

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOURS OF OPERATION: The Park is open to the public the year around, weather and road conditions permitting. The park opens at 5 A.M. each day and closes at 9 P.M. from Labor Day to Memorial Day and at 12 midnight from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Park Entrance Gate closes one hour before the above closing hours and all visitors must be out of the Park by closing time.

CONDUCT OF VISITORS: The atmosphere in the park is expected to be one of "wholesome recreation for the family". Visitors are expected to observe park rules and regulations and behave in accepted fashion. Intoxicating beverages are not permitted in the park.

FIRES: The prevention of forest fires is of utmost importance. Open fires are not permitted in the Park. Visitors are urged to bring own charcoal stoves. Please extinguish all charcoal before leaving. DO NOT DUMP HOT COALS ON THE GROUND.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS: Traffic regulations are designed to insure the utmost of safety to park visitors. A 25 m.p.h. speed limit is enforced throughout the Park. Violations are prosecuted through the minor judiciary as required by law.

OVERNIGHT LODGING: There is no overnight lodging or camping on the Park premises. These accommodations may be obtained off the park at commercial establishments.

ACTIVITIES: The general rule is that ALL ACTIVITIES CEASE ONE HOUR AFTER SUNSET. The exceptions to this rule are that bathing ceases AT SUNSET and motoring through the Park is permitted until closing. Parking or stopping of motor vehicles during this period is not permitted.

PARKING: Please park cars in parking areas according to posted signs. Please do not park cars on firetrails or in prohibited zones. Illegally parked cars will be tagged by park police, and if public safety requires, they will be towed away at the expense of the owner. Parking of cars or stopping of cars is not permitted beyond one hour after sunset.

PICNICKING: Picnic tables are available in the

picnic areas. Please do not move tables from one area to another or use tables for wind shelters. Share tables on busy days. Good park manners call for a cleanup of the area after use and it is requested that picnickers either take rubbish home or deposit it in roadside refuse containers. A limited number of charcoal stoves are available in the picnic areas. DOUSE ALL HOT CHARCOAL FIRES WITH WATER BEFORE DUMPING! This prevents burns to bathers' feet. Picnicking on the bathing beaches is not permitted.

PETS AND ANIMALS: Dogs are permitted only when on a leash and at all times must be under the control of the owners. No dogs or pets are permitted on the bathing beaches.

BATHING: Bathing is permitted only in guarded areas when guards are on duty. All bathing is confined to the lakeside waters of the park. Please keep out of the water when guards indicate that water is too rough for safe bathing. New beach houses contain dressing rooms, refreshment stand and coin checking facilities. Floating devices inflated by air are not permitted as a safety measure, but life jackets approved by U. S. Coast Guard are permitted. In order to keep the beaches as clean and sanitary as possible to meet public health regulations, picnicking on the beaches is not permitted nor are pets permitted on bathing beaches or bathing areas.

PICNIC RESERVATIONS: Cabins and Cookhouse facilities are available for DAY USE ONLY by groups and by reservation. These facilities may be reserved in advance at the Park Office. Each group shall assume full responsibility for its members and shall leave the premises in clean condition.

BOATING: Each boater using Park waters is required to register his boat at the police headquarters at the Park Office. Trailer boats may be launched at several boat ramps in the park at no charge. Boat speed is limited to 4 miles per hour in all park waters. Police boat is on duty to enforce State boating rules. Please get boating bulletin at Park Office when registering boat.

MARINA: Slips up to 45 feet are available by lease. Inquire at office for rates.

BOAT LIVERIES: Two boat livery concessions

perate in the park at which boats, canoes, bait nd fishing gear may be rented.

ANOEING: Canoeing is permitted on inland waters nder park jurisdiction. Due to rough waters hich may arise, canoeing is not permitted in isery Bay, Erie Bay or Lake Erie waters.

KIN DIVING: Skin diving in waters under park urisdiction is prohibited. Divers may launch a oat and proceed to a point 500 feet off shore here they may engage in this sport.

ATER SKIING: A water skiing area has been designated on Thompson Bay for water skiers. Skiing is prohibited in all other park waters. Please stop in office for further information concerning this sport.

FISHING: A Pennsylvania fishing license is required of all fishermen except that children under 16 years are not required to have a license.

LOST AND FOUND: Please report lost and found articles to Police Headquarters. Finders of articles have first claim to unclaimed lost articles.

FIRST AID: During the summer, a nurse is on duty at the Red Cross Hut in the Park, to render first aid. This service is provided through the Erie Chapter of the American Red Cross in cooperation with the Park as a United Fund Service. First Aid attention is also available at the Park Office the year around.

EFRESHMENTS: Several refreshment stands are located in the Park to serve the public. These are operated by a concessionaire who is required to give a high quality service.

PARK RULE VIOLATIONS: Violators of park rules, hs traffic rules and highway littering laws are subject to arrest and fine under existing laws. Park rules and regulations are posted in the Park Office and at various convenient points throughout the Park. It is expected that visitors will observe the rules and abide by them.

PARK POLICE: Park police are on duty 24 hrs. a day and are instructed to courteously enforce the laws and rules of the Park and to aid and assist the public.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

Area was checked for Beta & Gamma radiation by investigating officer at 2:20 PM CDST and negative results obtained.

Was checked at approximately 0830 CDST by
MR DAVID PARMENTER
ASST DIRECTOR
ERIE COUNTY CIVIL DEFENSE

Mr Parmenter had negative results.

Cast of hole with plaster of paris, strengthened with twigs picked up in area. Hole prepared for cast by spraying with acrylic lacquer.

William L. Hall

REPORT FROM CAPTAIN MEIER

(Niagara Falls AFB)

S T A T E M E N T

INTERVIEWING OFFICER: Captain Harry Meier
Chief, Operations and Training
Niagara Falls International Airport
Niagara Falls, New York

The first interview was conducted on 2 August 1966, in the home of Anita Haifley, She was very calm and had more interest in her children than the interview. Information given on her written statement varied from the information received from the interview. She was very easily lead, agreeing with my statements, not veing able to think of what to say.

The interview of Betty Klem, Gerold and Douglas was conducted in the home of Betty on the 3rd of August. Both Gerold and Douglas stated they were both very interested in UFO's. Gerold stated he had seen one (UFO) last year. Douglas stated he had seen them before and so had his father, stating, someone has to find out what "they" want, either they are good, or bad - "The longer Douglas talked, the more distant or "wayout" his stories were. Douglas stated that he thought the object was going to pick up the monster the girls saw. Also, the monster was sighted in Jamestown, the night of the 1st and 2nd and that the monster was looking for Betty because she saw it. There was no mention of a full moon, only a dark, clear sky - yet no one could identify anything. Why would they go to a beach a hundred miles away when there are many beach areas on the lake in Jamestown...arriving at the picnic area at 8:00 PM and were ready to leave at 8:20 as stated in Betty's statement. All statements varied and no one would say or write just what it was they saw.

Douglas and Betty were the only ones interviewed by the press yet Anita also was present at the sighting. She had no idea that Douglas and Betty went back to Erie for the interview or that I had set up an interview on the 3rd of August. Also, newsmen arrived and wanted to take pictures of Betty and Douglas; Sister-in-law to Betty requested no pictures since Mon and Dad were on vacation. However, Douglas was all for the pictures when I departed.

My personal opinion is that Betty, Douglas and Gerold set up a hoax, getting Anita involved as a backup. Every time the police arrived the object disappeared. Douglas seems unreliable, likes to tell stories. Anita is very gullible. Betty seemed reliable. Gerold's statement varied from Douglas's statement. Gerold was not accounted for until everything was over. Douglas said the object the girls saw was on the right side of the car, Betty said it was in front. Betty said a stem came from the center of the object before landing. It looked like the stem of a big mushroom. Douglas drew the object having no center.

I hope you can make sense out of my own thoughts, but the more I think about the type of people that are involved the more disbelief there is.

If any more information is required, please call.

Harry Meier

HARRY MEIER, Captain, USAF
Investigating Officer

S T A T E M E N T

INTERVIEWING NCO: Earl W. Schroeder, SSgt, USAF
Niagara Falls International Airport
Niagara Falls, New York 14306

After carefully analyzing the facts as told to us by the people involved in this sighting and from my personal observation of the people concerned and the environment they live in, I have come to the conclusion that this incident could very well be a hoax concocted by three of the principals involved [redacted], and [redacted] in my opinion, was led to believe she saw the things stated in her statement by [redacted] I am of the opinion that [redacted] has no knowledge or part of this if it is found to be a hoax.

Being a native of this area and having spent a good share of my life hunting and fishing this area, I believe that the so called "monster" (if there was such) could very well have been a large black bear; as black bears are not too uncommon in this area.

Some of the facts that bring me to this conclusion are as follows:

1. All four principals involved stated it was a clear dark night - no clouds in the sky. There was no mention of the moon which on 31 July was full and rose at 19:30 hours in this area.

2. During the week of 26 July the local TV stations showed a program called "Lost in Space". In this program there were two monsters fitting their description controlled by a human being.

3. [redacted] was conviently absent during the incident and the only things that [redacted] saw were suggested by Betty Klem or Douglas Tibbetts.

4. Wh[redacted] first observed, as she states "monster", she exclaimed "close your eyes, it's coming".

5. [redacted] stated that he knew the beach and beach area and that is why they went there for a picnic. However, the picnic lasted only twenty minutes and the distance between Jamestown and the beach is approximately 80 miles.

6. The only persons whose statements agree on exact times of the sighting and disappearance of the vehicle is [redacted] and [redacted] These two are boy and girl-friend.

Earl W Schroeder

EARL W SCHROEDER, SSgt, USAF
Investigating NCO

4 August 1966

A check of Lockport Air Force Station as per Telecon between Sgt. Jones, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and Capt. Harry Meier, Niagara Falls International Airport - SSgt. Earl W. Schroeder checked with OIC Lockport Air Force Station and was told they are computerized and would not have personal observation of a Blip unless requested by Division. A call was put in to Division Computer Section, who stated "If there were any unidentified Blips they would comply with AFR 202-2.

Harry Meier

HARRY MEIER, Captain, USAF
Chief, Operations and Training

Douglas -

U F O

BASIC REPORTING DATA AND FORMAT

A. Description of the Object(s):

1. Shape 1/hexagon.

2. Size compared to a known object (pin head, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit or basketball...held at arms length.) basketball

3. Color white

4. Number of Objects one.

5. Formation, if more than one.
1/hexagon. 6 square fluorescent lights.

6. Any discerible features or details.
8-1/2 rotating beams of light.

7. Tail, Trail or Exhaust, including size if same compared to size of object(s). none.

8. Sound, if heard, describe sound.
slowing down turbine of loud pitch ground almost like a jet slowing down.

9. Other pertinent or unusual features.
red lights flashed never have seen any red lights like this. and then stopped rotating beams of light

D. Time and Date of Sighting: 10:15 7/31/66

1. Zulu time-date group. 10:15—10:35

2. Light conditions (night, day, dawn, dusk).

E. Locations of Observer(s). Give latitude/longitude or geographical position. In checklist/reports, give a position with reference to known landmark. NE 4/5 degree dagrgle one ~~from~~ Pentacle

F. Identifying Information on the Observer(s):

1. Civilian - Name [redacted]

Age 18 Mailing Address Box [redacted] Greenwest N.Y

Occupation Mountain Cook Reliability Work-Too many different stories - unreliable.

2. Military - Name _____

Rank _____ Organization _____

Duty _____ Reliability _____

G. Weather/winds aloft conditions at time of sighting:

1. Observer(s) account of weather conditions.

Clear Skys.

2. Wind direction/velocity from AWS-U.S. Weather Bureau Office:

no wind

Surface _____ 6,000' _____

10,000' _____ 16,000' _____ 20,000' _____

30,000' _____ 50,000' _____ 80,000' _____

3. Ceiling _____

4. Visibility _____

5. Cloud Cover _____

6. Thunderstorms in area/quadrant _____

7. Vertical temperature gradient _____

H. Any other unusual activity/condition, meteorological, astronomical or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

I. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon realese in area.

J. Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause.

I believe we have something!

~~K. Existence of physical~~ evidence — such as materials or photographs.

I. Capt Harry Mears
Chief, Operations & Training

would come on in turns they turned their red flashes on and the lights from the craft disappeared completely. I told the officers and in turn we went up the beach the officers and I, and walked 3 to 400 yards up not finding anything, and all of a sudden the Car horn started blasting as if [redacted] was glued to the horn. we run back not seeing anything and took them to the police station there in the park. The girl was pretty well shaken up. I have never seen anybody ~~[redacted]~~ so shaken upon [redacted] in my life as she was. She described the beast over and over again the same, longer than any man, dull black, no face or neck or legs could be seen. Several officers and myself went back to the beach to search for clues but nothing came up. we searched the whole woods but I noticed as the 3rd time we went I saw the red light flash up and the they and went to patrol it out but it was so fast that they didnt see it. So we ~~went~~ went back to the barracks at about 3:30 or 4:00 I sent the girls and Gerald back home in formations and I remained in Erie to help for evidence also my Camera and black cover shee. Monday morning at about 8:30 was woken in the first sergeant room, and the officers went to the beach, and found tracks in the Sand. I later went to the beach and found there were tracks all over

[redacted] Box [redacted] Mountainair

We arrived at the Eric peninsula at about 8:00 o clock, we set the table and started to grill the hot dogs and eat the other food. At about 8:30 ~~PM~~ [redacted] and myself decided we would change into our bathing suits. Well [redacted] and myself got into the Car, I started the car and started to back and became unable to move the car ~~any~~ either way. So [redacted] went for some help with other picnicers, so the girls and I climbed into the Car to sit and wait. At about 10:00 o clock we noticed a car comming up behind us, which was to police officers. They knew I was stuck, I told them I had already sent for help, they said they would check back in about 15 minutes. 10:15 I noticed this object standing to fall out of the sky. I didn't think to much of it thinking it was a meteorite, but as this falling object came closer, I noticed a red light flashed on and on once, then several rotating beams of light scatterd the ground as in search of something. At about 10:35 the police officers come up Close to the car, I hit my brakes, as my ~~brake~~ brake lights

La Belle

[redacted]

arrived at 8:00 P.M. to have a picnic. We went to beach 6 because I had already been there and remembered a picnic area the last time I was there. A/1 Gerald La Belle was driving the car. I decided to pull off the parking lot on to the beach area. I stopped the car and every one got out of the car. Greg and I got everything out of the car up to the tables to start the food. I set up the barbecue and also started the fire. It was getting dusk by now and the light was slowly fading. The hot dogs were charcoaled and passed around. Every one expect [redacted] had the usually (hotdog, potato salad, macaroni salad, cool-aid,) [redacted] and I was ready to go swimming so we got in the car. We were going to the bath house to change to our swimming trunks. [redacted] started the car and tried to back out and found out they were stuck. Some people next to our table came over to help us out.

the barrel. I was pretty sick and I didn't feel to well but anyhow they drug me out of the sand and I went for breakfast and back to barracks and laid down. feeling very drowsy. At about 4:00 o clock they took me to the hospital with a 101 temp. and a very sore throat. Don't remember anything after that.



and finally about ~~about~~ 4:45 or 5:00 A.M.
[redacted] got back at 7:00 A.M. the same for Amite

[redacted]

Jamestown, New York

Phone No. [redacted]

all of our efforts were not good enough.
I said I knew a friend of mine in Erie
that would help us out. The people using
the next stall down the offered to give me
a ride to where I wanted to go. We
left about 9:20 P.M. Due (DUE) to being a
stranger to Erie I didn't know the area
to well I had a hard time finding the street
and house that I wanted. I found a friend
about who was willing to try to help us
out. After a few tries to get something to help
pull the car out my friend, [redacted] got his brother-
in-law to let us use his chains. We drove
back to the ~~present~~ area. We got back to where
the two lanes by the barakade. We were stopped
by a policeman. I got out of the car and talked
to the man. He said there was some trouble
on block 6 and it involved some people from
Jamestown. This really scared me. I got back
to the police station to find some really scared
girls. [redacted] was still crying. Anita wasn't
crying but she broke down when I came in.
The girls were questioned for a length of time.

B. Description of object(s) course:

1. What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s)?
We were talking about science fiction movies. Just happened to glance up

2. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) when first observed.

3. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance.

4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s).
Movement from West to East - landed behind trees giving off a light blue glow.

5. How did the object(s) disappear? (Instantaneously to the North)

6. How long was (were) the object(s) visible? Be specific.
30 Seconds

C. Manner of Observation:

1. Ground-visual; Air-visual; Ground-electronic; Air-electronic (if electronic, specify type of radar).

2. Statement as to optical aids used. (Telescopes, binoculars)
None

3. If sighting occurred while airborne, give type of aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station.

U F O

BASIC REPORTING DATA AND FORMAT

A. Description of the Object(s):

1. Shape looked like a satellite - Silver in color (object on ground) - ~~2~~ 7 to 8' tall, had head and shoulders, couldn't tell if it had arms and legs.

2. Size compared to a known object (pin head, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit or basketball...held at arms length.)

3. Color Silver, turned red - faded away. Had a beam of light, not like a spot light or not like ad wide as car lights which lit the tree.

4. Number of Objects 1

5. Formation, if more than one. —

6. Any discerible features or details.
object was visible for 30 seconds -

7. Tail, Trail or Exhaust, including size if same compared to size of object(s).

8. Sound, if heard, describe sound. sounded like jet motor shutting down, car was vibrating as object landed.

9. Other pertinent or unusual features.

I. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon realese in area.

J. Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause.

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Chief, Operations and Training

K. Existence of physical evidence — such as materials or photographs.

(Maj Hall)

D. Time and Date of Sighting:

1. Zulu time-date group.

2. Light conditions (night, day, dawn, dusk).

E. Locations of Observer(s). Give latitude/longitude or geographical position. In checklist/reports, give a position with reference to known landmark.

F. Identifying Information on the Observer(s):

1. Civilian - Name [redacted]

Age 22 Mailing Address [redacted] Jamestown N.Y.

Occupation Genral office work Reliability Seems to be OK

2. Military - Name _____

Rank _____ Organization _____

Duty _____ Reliability _____

G. Weather/winds aloft conditions at time of sighting:

1. Observer(s) account of weather conditions.

Not a cloud in the sky — very light breeze.

2. Wind direction/velocity from AWS-U.S. Weather Bureau Office:

Surface _____ 6,000' _____

10,000' _____ 16,000' _____ 20,000' _____

30,000' _____ 50,000' _____ 80,000' _____

3. Ceiling _____

4. Visibility _____

5. Cloud Cover _____

6. Thunderstorms in area/quadrant _____

7. Vertical temperature gradient _____

H. Any other unusual activity/condition, meteorological, astronomical or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

blowing the horn and started crying. She told the police what we had seen and they took [redacted] to the station.

The car was parked ~~parel~~ parallel to the lake headed towards and out branch of the woods. The parking area was behind the car

I couldn't see any facial features, arms or legs on the creature. I don't know whether it walked or glided. It was black.

[redacted]

On Sunday July 31, 1966 [redacted]
my two daughters, and I went to the peninsula for a picnic. About
3:00 pm we got to Beach 6. When we got ready to leave we discovered
that we were stuck in the sand. At 9:30 I very left to get help. I
got into the car to put the girls to sleep. The police came at 9:45
or 10:00 and told us to stay in the car and they would be back in
15 min. Soon after they left [redacted] pointed out this object in the
sky. I was in the back seat and couldn't see it. When I leaned
forward I saw this silvery object. I thought it was just a satellite
and sat back down. Then we heard this sound similar to jet motor
shutting down. I was watching out the back window for Jerry and
did not see it land. I heard [redacted] gasp at the same time I felt the
car vibrate. I turned around and [redacted] said that it had landed. I looked
towards the woods and saw this glow. I then saw this light beam
coming out from where they said it had landed. I watched the light
for a couple minutes and then started looking for Jerry again. I
heard some sounds like something in the woods. When the police
came back the beam of light disappeared [redacted] got out of the car and
told the police what was happening. The two policemen and [redacted] went
down towards where this object had landed. I thought that I
heard a car and looked out the back window again. I started
to turn around and say something to Betty; just then she said to
close my eyes." I to "coming. I looked passed her towards the woods.
I saw this black thing coming out of the woods at us. It was about
7½ to 8 feet tall. Betty started blowing the horn. The baby woke up
and I took care of her [redacted] stopped blowing the horn and started crying.
I told her to continue blowing the horn until the men come back.
This creature came to about 6 or 7 yds of the car when I last looked
at it. I saw the flashlights and the men and told Betty. She stopped

blowing the horn and started crying. She told the police what we had seen and they took [redacted] to the station.

The car was parked ~~parrel~~ parallel to the lake headed towards and out branch of the woods. The parking area was behind the car

I couldn't see any facial features, arms or legs on the creature. I don't know whether it walked or glided. It was black.

[redacted]

B. Description of object(s) course:

1. What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s)?
① Speed of object very high

2. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) when first observed.
Straight down from the beginning - Seen landing - Blowing Sand in area and car was vibrating.

3. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance.

4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s).
Came straight down

5. How did the object(s) disappear? (Instantaneously to the North)
? It disappeared when police arrived

6. How long was (were) the object(s) visible? Be specific.
35 to 40 minutes

C. Manner of Observation:

1. ~~Ground-visual;~~ Air-visual; Ground-electronic; Air-electronic (if electronic, specify type of radar).

2. Statement as to optical aids used. (Telescopes, binoculars)
None

3. If sighting occurred while airborne, give type of aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station.

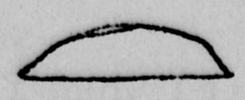
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359 BROAD HEAD

UFO

BASIC REPORTING DATA AND FORMAT

A. Description of the Object(s):

1. Shape,  Egg shaped - 1/2 - 1 had dark in front some lights in back.

2. Size compared to a known object (pin head, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit or basketball...held at arms length.)
looked like a star falling

3. Color metalic color -

4. Number of Objects 1

5. ~~Formation, if more than~~ one.

6. Any discerible features or details.
landing gear looked like a mushroom stem from the center

7. Tail, Trail or Exhaust, including size if same compared to size of object(s).
None -

8. Sound, if heard, describe sound. very low telephone dial tone.

9. Other pertinent or unusual features.

2 in cars - windows closed -
object came from woods - noise in bushes - looked around
and saw object - got scared and blew horn -
(object about dome of man -) dull black - no features -
couldn't tell much - just looked away - object gone -
2nd car left gone - ???

I. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon realese in area.

J. Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause.

K. Existence of physical evidence — such as materials or photographs.

Jelly substance.

D. Time and Date of Sighting:

1. Zulu time-date group. 31 July 2210 - (2250)

2. Light conditions (night, day, dawn, dusk).

E. Locations of Observer(s). Give latitude/longitude or geographical position. In checklist/reports, give a position with reference to known landmark. Beach 6 in the picnic area near the woods.

F. Identifying Information on the Observer(s):

1. Civilian - Name [redacted]

Age 16 Mailing Address [redacted] Ave. Jamestown N.Y.

[redacted] Occupation Student/cook Reliability yes

2. Military - Name _____

Rank _____ Organization _____

Duty _____ Reliability _____

G. Weather/winds aloft conditions at time of sighting:

1. Observer(s) account of weather conditions.

Clear - mild warm -

2. Wind direction/velocity from AWS-U.S. Weather Bureau Office:

Surface West and 6,000' _____

10,000' _____ 16,000' _____ 20,000' _____

30,000' _____ 50,000' _____ 80,000' _____

3. Ceiling _____

4. Visibility _____

5. Cloud Cover _____

6. Thunderstorms in area/quadrant _____

7. Vertical temperature gradient _____

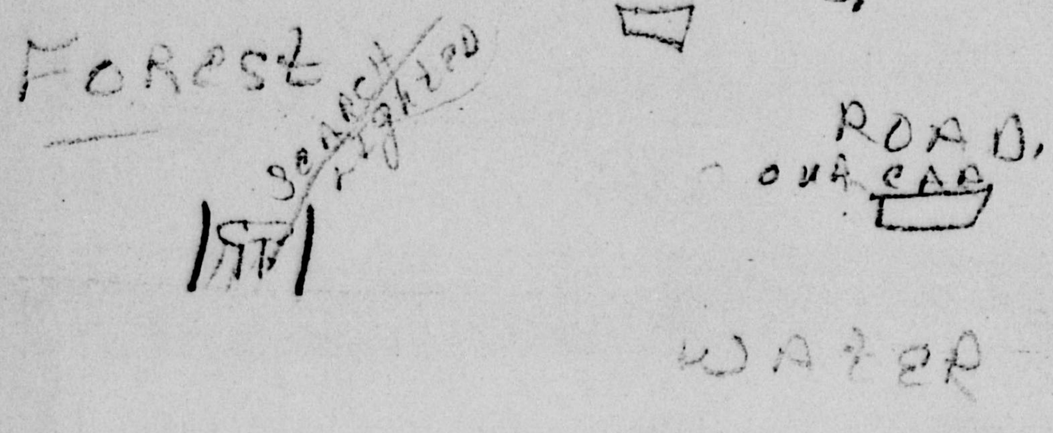
H. Any other unusual activity/condition, meteorological, astronomical or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

When they came [redacted] jumped
out of the CAR AND told them
"something WEIRD's going on. AROUND
HERE, So the START out In the
DIRECTION the OBject HAD LANDED.
Then I HEARD some RUSSLING
In the Bushes, I TURNED AROUND
AND SAW A OBject IN FRONT
of the CAR. It WAS Butt like
AN ABOMABAL SNOW MAN. It WAS
BLACK AND I COULDN'T SEE ANY
FACEAL FEATURES. It LOOKED TO ACT AFRAID
AND BLEW the HORN. Then It OF THE SNOW. I WAS SCARED
MOVED VERY SLOWLY BACK INTO
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to the CAR. they took us to
the police STATION AND guestion
me 3 times BY 3 DIFFERENT
People Then BERRY CAME BACK

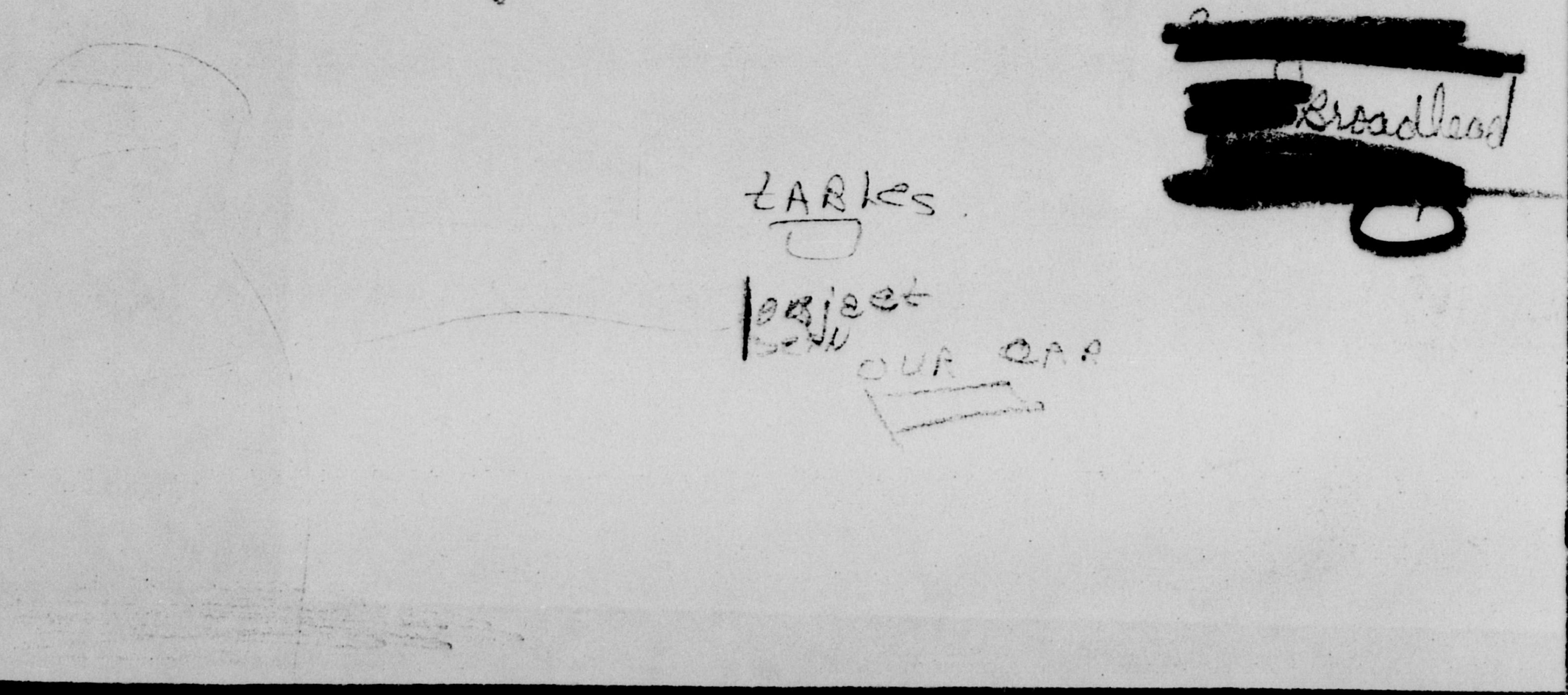
We ARRIVED AT the PARK AT 10 MIN. to 8. We SAT up the PICNIC LUNCH AND ATE. AFTER we were DONE I WALK out to the BEACH AND TALKED FOR A FEW MINUTES. then WENT BACK to LEAVE. FOR Home. He tRIED to START CAR ABOUT 9:20 But we were stuck, so left FOR HELP WITH some other PICNICERS, ABOUT 8:30. It STARTED to get DARK SO WE ALL WENT INTO the CAR. WE SAT there, Just talking. then WE HEARD something SCRATCHING on the ROOF of the CAR. But we DIDN'T ~~pay~~ much ATTENTION to It CAUSE HAD SPOTTED AN OBject INTIE SKY. So we AT WATCHING It. WE SAW It LAND ABOUT quARTER AFTER ten. when It LANDED it VIBRATED the whole CAR. I STARTED to get SCARED. then WANTED to get out of the CAR AND LOOK AROUND But AND I wouldn't let HIM. So WE SAT there UNTIL the POLICE CAME BACK ABOUT 10:35.

. AND took ME AND ANIATED BACK Home. I got Home At 7:30 A.M.

OBject In the sky.



OBject. IN Bushes.



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OF AREA

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2ND STAGE

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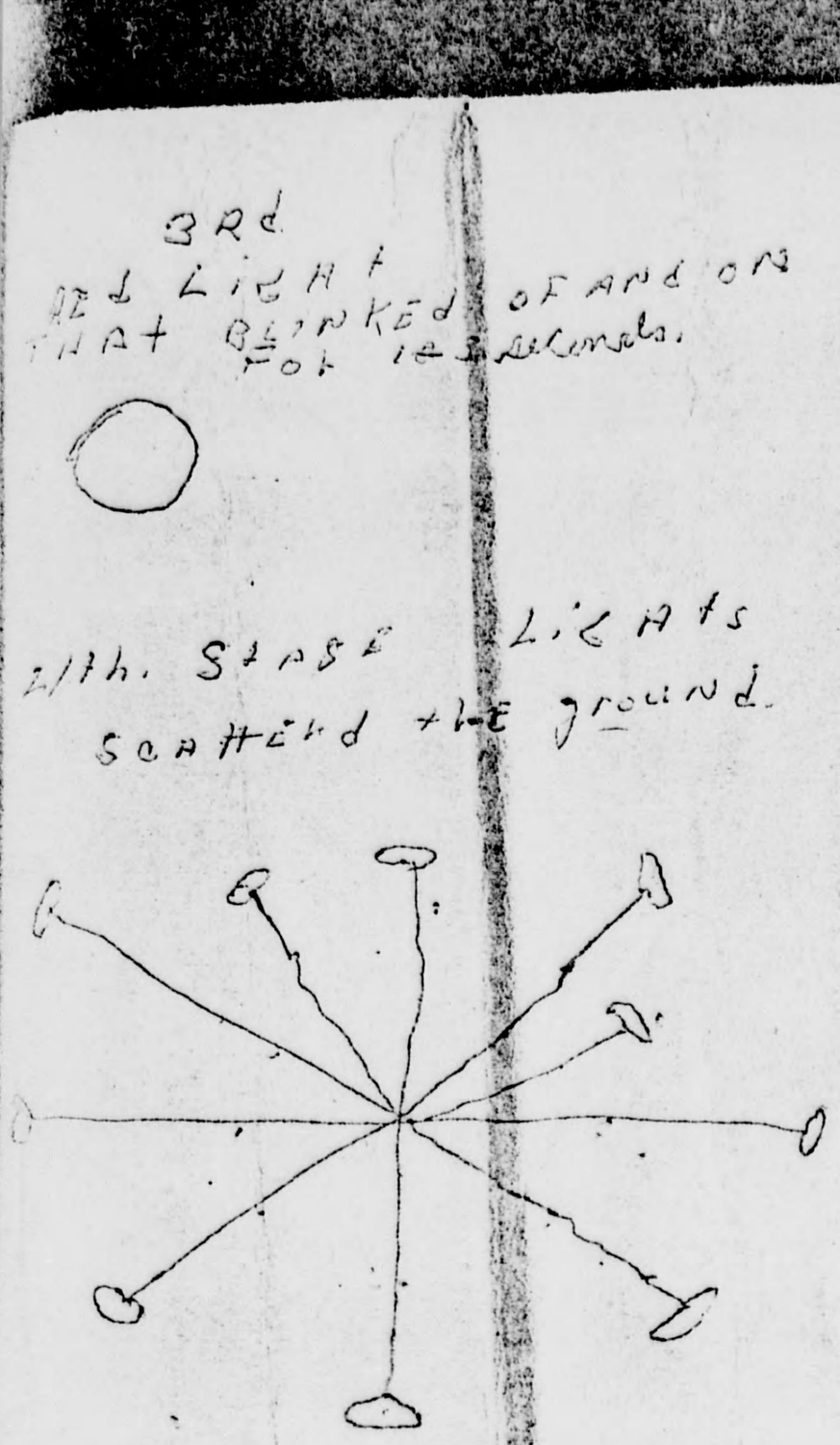
1st STAGE
OF SHIP
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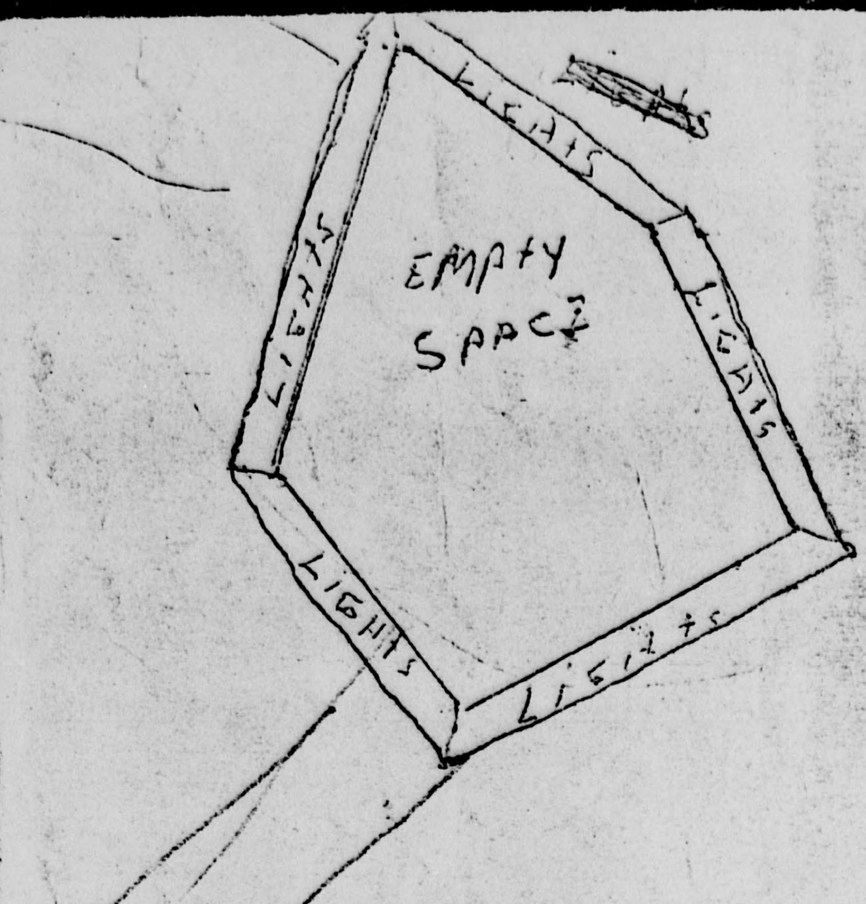


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WHERE MONSTER
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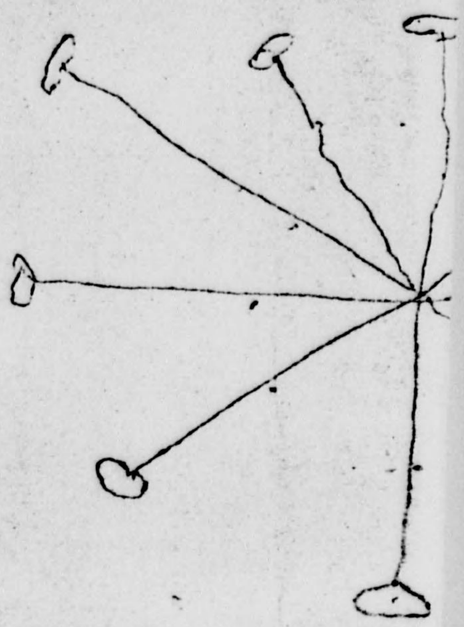




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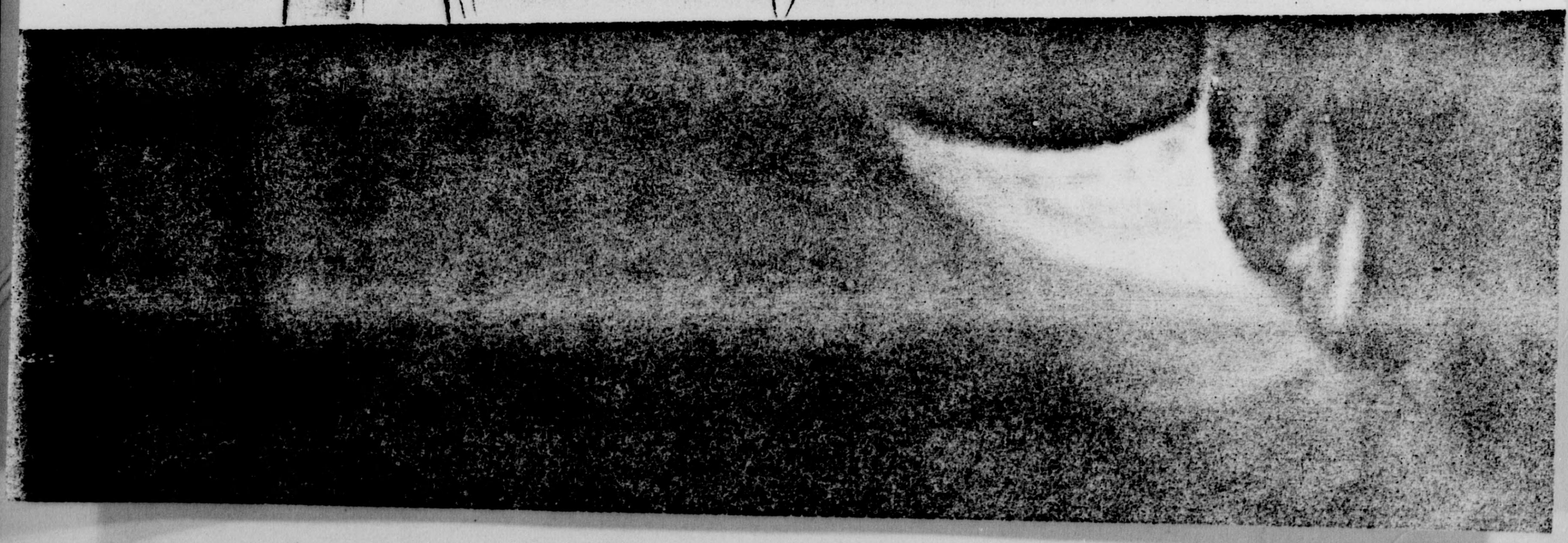


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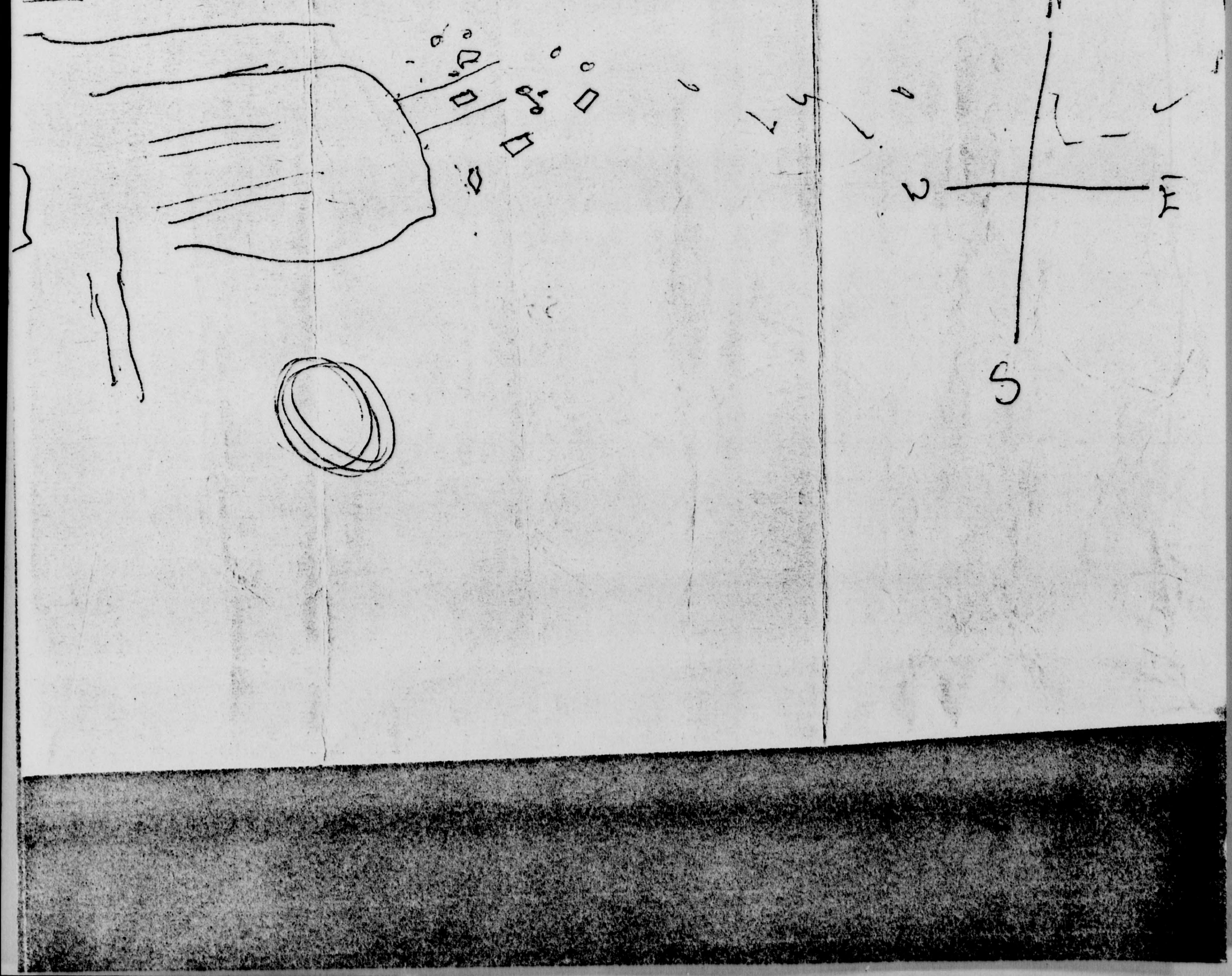


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Recommendations:

1. Instructions be issued to investigating Air Force personnel to remain completely objective in the reporting and recording of observed data. The distortion of the true orientation of the two larger footprints would have been very misleading had the photographs not been available to show them to be located in other than symmetrical manner.

2. It is suggested that an appointed member of the civil engineering personnel of each Air Force Base be given a very brief course in obtaining soil samples and taking soil strength data readings. Capt. Skillen, AFIT/CEC, has suggested that this course could be given to such personnel during their regularly scheduled periods of instruction at the Air Force Institute of Technology at WPAFB. In this manner, a more accurate estimated weight acting on the depressions can be made in the investigation of future reported sightings.

For instance, it is highly desirable that cone penetrometer (or other similar tests) be performed at a number of stations in the immediate vicinity of the depressions as well as within the depression itself. In this manner, the strength of the undisturbed soil would be established as well as the degree of compression of the soil under the footprint area.

3. It is mandatory that a more accurate layout of the footprint locations and orientation be made. Pieces of string tied between pegs can serve as valuable reference lines. At the minimum, a base line should be drawn by scribing a straight line in a convenient location on the soil. All points would then be referenced from this line so that an accurate diagram can be reconstructed of the site by participating investigators. Photographs of the site should include this base line (or Lines) as a reference. In this particular case, no record whatever was made of the angular relationship of the two larger triangular footprints, which is a decided handicap in the analysis of the evidence.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE FLIGHT DYNAMICS LABORATORY (AFSC)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: FDFM/R. J. Parker/55027

8 August 1966

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Depressions Found in Beach Sand in Presque Isle State Park Near Erie, Pennsylvania

TO: Major H. Quintanilla, Jr., FTDTR

The Landing Gear Group of the Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory was asked to evaluate the subject depressions found in the vicinity of a UFO sighting that occurred on July 30, 1966. According to the investigators, the location of the depressions did not correspond to the area where the witness reported that the UFO alighted. However, the unusual shape and orientation of the depressions prompted further investigation following their discovery. The following are the conclusions and recommendations of FDFM:

Conclusions:

1. According to the investigating USAF Officer, the sand was definitely compressed under load and not excavated as might have been done by a child playing on the beach.

2. Assuming that the depressions were made by an applied load and based on inspection of the soil sample and the plaster-of-paris casting provided, the estimated weight that caused the two larger depressions was 750-1000 lbs. Since no information was given regarding the size and depth of the smaller (third) depression, no estimate regarding the weight that may have rested on it can be given.

3. According to Mr. Max Groff, EWFRG, of Base Civil Engineering, the outrigger stabilizing pads of certain large construction equipment could leave an inverted three-sided pyramid footprint shape similar to the ones found on Presque Isle. However, no vehicle tracks were observed in the vicinity of the footprint, which effectively eliminates this potential explanation.

4. The layout of the three footprints showed no semblance of symmetry. If the third, smaller footprint is discounted, lines extended through the apex and bisecting each of the two larger triangular footprints do not converge in a symmetrical manner. This information, obtained from study of the photograph which shows both larger footprints, is contrary to the orientation shown on the sketch made by the USAF investigating officer.

5. Based on the number of depressions and their orientation, it is not likely that they served as ground-stabilizing contact elements for any kind of platform or vehicle. A minimum of three points is necessary to provide stable support of any object and some form of symmetry in their location is basically logical.

ANALYSIS TEST REPORT
ANALYTICAL BRANCH

SUBJECT: Analysis of Sand from Erie, Pennsylvania Related to UFO

TEST NR: 6-1018/1024 | TASK NR: 6010212

SUBMITTED BY: Lt. William F. Marley, Jr., TDETR, 70916 76678 | DATE RECEIVED: 4 Aug 66

PURPOSE: Analyze sandy material that is bound together to determine the identify of the binder and the sandy material in the plastic vials to determine the identify of any organic matter present.

FACTUAL DATA:

Five samples of sand in plastic vials and about 10 pounds of sand were submitted for analysis. Three of the vials were labeled "W" and two vials were labeled "E".

The ten pounds of sand was submitted in a large pasteboard box.

The vials were opened and all of them had a strong unmistakable odor of urine. A test for the urea in urine was performed by heating a portion of the wet sand from each vial in a small amount of distilled water and sodium hydroxide. A red litmus paper was held over the top of the container in which the sand, water, and sodium hydroxide were heated and in every case the litmus turned blue indicating that ammonia had been formed. This was a positive test that urea was present in the sand.

Other portions of the wet sand in the vials were dried under a heat lamp and extracted with chloroform. The chloroform was evaporated but no residue was found.

The sand in the box contained several pieces of sand bonded together in the form of thin flat sheets. One of the pieces of bonded sand was placed in a beaker of water but no observable change took place. Another piece of bonded sand was placed in a beaker of chloroform and the bonding substance dissolved. The soluble portion of the bonded sand was decanted and the chloroform was evaporated. An infrared spectrum of the soluble substence was recorded and identified as an acrylic resin. The day after this identification was made and reported verbally to Lt. Marley of TDETR, he informed me that he had just received information that the sand had been sprayed with an acrylic resin prior to making plaster of paris casts of the indentations. (Next page.)

DATE REPORTED | SIGNATURE

SUBORDER (Ref ASDR 8041)

1. TO (Supporting Element)	2. DATE	3. FOR SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF:	4. FILE OR LEDGER NO.
MAYA	4 AUG 66	SYSTEM NO.	INITIATING ELEMENT
5. DATE COMPLETION REQ.	6. PRIORITY	PROJECT NO.	SUPPORTING ELEMENT 6-1018/1024
7. SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF WORK REQUESTED: UNCL.	8. PRECEDENCE RATING	TASK NO. 6010212	
9. A/C TYPE, MODEL AND SERIAL NO.		PROGRAM STRUCTURE	OTHER
		TITLE. ANALYSIS OF UFO SAND (ERIE, PENN.)	

10. DESCRIPTION OF WORK

ANALYZE SANDY MATERIAL THAT IS BOUND TOGETHER TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF THE BINDER.

ANALYZE SANDY MATERIAL IN VIALS TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF ANY ORGANIC MATTER PRESENT.

CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE ☐

FOR USE OF RESPONSIBLE ELEMENT

11. INITIATED BY	12. APPROVED BY	13. CHIEF (Responsible Element)
William F. Manley Jr.		
ORGN SYMBOL TDETR EXT 70916 76679	ORGN SYMBOL EXT	

FOR USE OF SUPPORTING ELEMENT

14. ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	15. PROJECT ENGINEER OR PLANNER	16. CHIEF (Supporting Element)
MAN-HOURS	Lee D. Smithson	
	ORGN SYMBOL MAYA EXT 55119	

CLOSING ACTION

17. REASON: ☒ COMPLETED ☐ CANCELLED	20. CHIEF (Supporting Element)	21. CHIEF (Responsible Element)
DATE COMPL: Aug 66	F. F. Bentley	
19. M/HRS EXP: 20	MAYA 55036	

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AFLC–WPAFB–AUG 65 60

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? actually 31 July 66 11 P.M.

01 (Day) Aug (Month) 66 (Year)

2. Time of day: 22 (Hour) 40 (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?

Presque Isle state park (Nearest Postal Address) Erie (City or Town) PA (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ (Hours) 30-45 (Minutes) _____ (Seconds)

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Witness police watch

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ____ No X

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY	NIGHT
a. Bright	(a.) Bright
b. Cloudy	b. Cloudy

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

FORM FTD OCT 62 164 This form supersedes FTD 164, Jul 61, which is obsolete.

ANALYSIS TEST REPORT

SUBJECT

TEST NR	TASK NR
SUBMITTED BY	DATE RECEIVED

PURPOSE

FACTUAL DATA

Obviously, the acrylic resin that was identified came from the investigator who made plaster of Paris casts of the indentations.

This is a good opportunity to emphasize the importance of taking a representative and an uncontaminated sample if the sample is to be subjected to a chemical analysis.

A portion of the sand in the box which appeared to be uncontaminated by the acrylic resin was extracted with chloroform. The chloroform was evaporated and a small residue remained which was identified by infrared spectroscopy as an ester. It is not unusual to find esters in the soil.

CONCLUSIONS

The five samples submitted in the plastic vials contained urine.

The sand submitted in the box contained a very small amount of ester material, however, this was not considered to be unusual. The acrylic resin originated from one of the investigators when he sprayed the indentations with the resin prior to making plaster of Paris casts.

DATE REPORTED	SIGNATURE
7 August 66	Lee L. Smithson

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

landed between two trees

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 dial tone on telephone

b. Color metalic silver white

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?

in sky. ½ of match head got larger when landing

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.

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
d. Snow
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 _____

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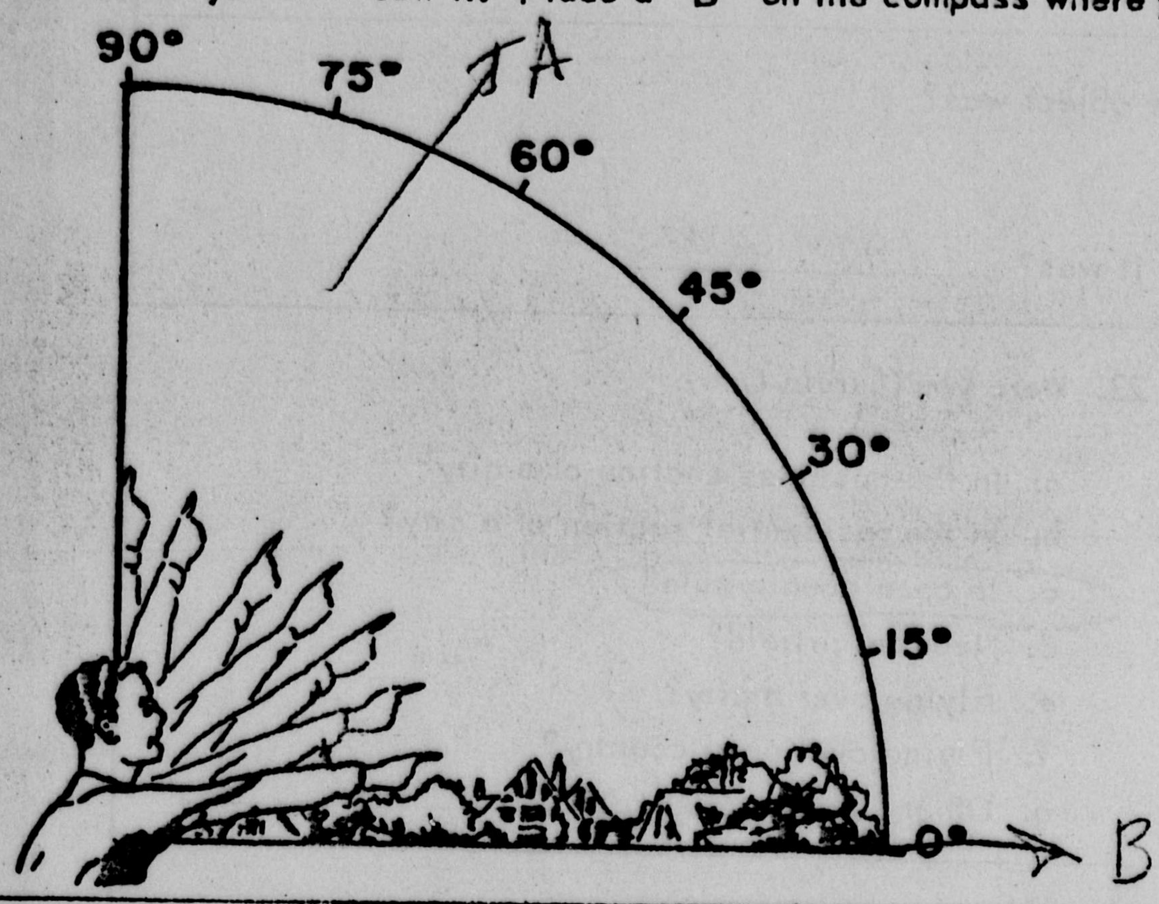
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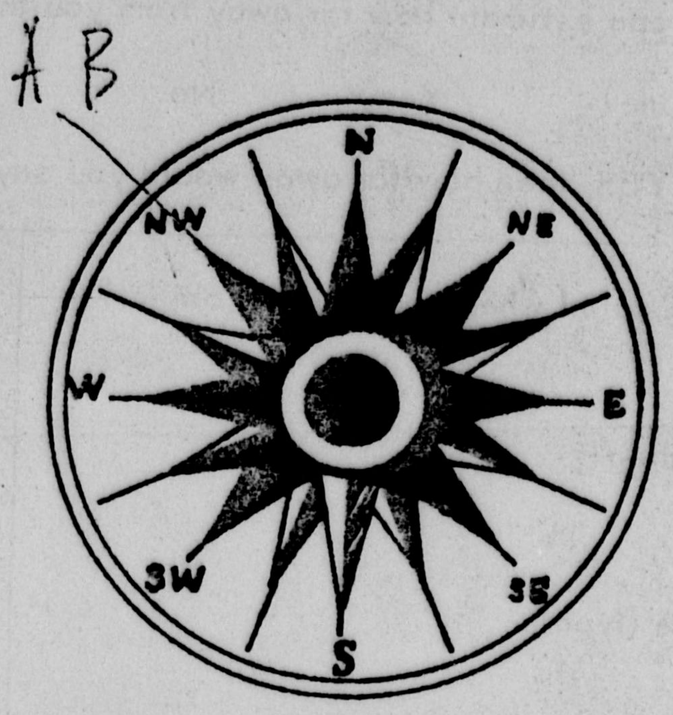
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13. Did the object: *(Circle One for each question)*

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

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.





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.

straight toward subject

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 2
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

not at same time

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

(Circle One) Yes No a little faster than sonic jet

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? 140 yards

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 3 mi from airfield

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 c. East e. South g. West
b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest 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

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses	(Yes)	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	(No)
b. Sun glasses	Yes	(No)	f. Telescope	Yes	(No)
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.

egg shaped

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

never

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:

- MRS [redacted] ST JAMESTOWN NY 23

L D [redacted] GREENHURST NY 18

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [redacted] AVE (Street) JAMESTOWN (City) ___ (Zone) NY (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 16 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?

31 (Day) July (Month) 1966 (Year)

DAN DASCANIO, POLICE CHIEF PRESQUISLE STATE PARK ERIE, PA.

814 / 733-6124

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 01 (Day) Aug (Month) 66 (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.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Both investigators (Major Hall - Captain Meier) reported discrepancies in the information available to them. The following is a listing of puzzling factors:

1. Who actually saw "black shape"?
2. Description of object quite varied.
3. Who actually walked down beach?
4. The sounds heard varied.
5. Vibrations of car as alleged UFO settled to ground.
6. How did object disappear.
7. Why were [redacted] and [redacted] getting ready to go swimming when Miss [redacted] reports they were ready to leave for home at about 8:30.
8. Why were persons parking on that part of beach at this time of night.

Observers were watching the sky from inside the stranded automobile when they noticed a bright star. Arcturus was on an azimuth of 275° at a 30° elevation at 1030 EDT, possibly accounting for this observance. Looking back several seconds later an object was observed "free falling" toward the ground.

The girls saw nothing but a light in the sky and a glow of light in the woods prior to observing the "black shape". One observer; however, provided a vivid description of the alleged UFO. Only male observer allegedly saw object land. There was food missing from the picnic table which leads to the belief that some animal was responsible for the black shape portion of the total sighting. There are numerous bears and raccoons in the area.

CONCLUSIONS

1. No evidence exists to relate the damp areas and the indentations found on the beach to the sighting. Considering the identations, the following comments are presented:

a. No object could have made a stable landing without at least a third appendage.

b. Sand should have been a lot more compressed for alleged landing.

c. No ground maneuver capability apparent.

d. Portions of ground indentations appear to have been uncovered - not totally compressed, as should have been.

e. No definite sign of vehicle departing area in the sand. No evidence of heat blast or sand being disturbed by aerodynamic vehicle.

f. Rough weight calculations place weight of alleged object at approximately 1500 lbs. total weight. This being a static load estimate calcualted anticipating a two-legged object.

g. Acrylic resin was present in the large sample taken around the indentation. This was attributed to the acrylic lacquer which was sprayed on the indentations prior to casting the mold.

h. Urine was distinctly present in the soil samples.

2. Both Major Hall and Mr. Parmenter (Erie County Civil Defense) checked for existence of radioactivity. In both cases negative results were obtained.

MENTS FOR RELEASE TO SAFOI

1. No correlation can be found to exist between the three facets of the case under consideration: light - indentations, indentations - monster, monster - light.

2. No evidence exists to relate the damp sandy areas and the indentations found on the beach to the visual sighting. Considering the three indentations, no evidence is present to indicate a landing of any type occurred (Flights Dynamics Lab, W-PAFB). A chemical analysis of the soil samples was completed. There was nothing unusual in the samples except urine (AF Materials Lab W-P AFB).

3. There is no evidence to substantiate the presence of a black monster. No unusual markings were found to indicate such a "thing" was observed. The missing food and scratching sounds are indicative of some type of animal in the area.

4. As yet, there is no explanation of the lights that were observed. An object was observed "free-falling" for approximately 3 - 5 seconds. Concluding a possible meteor as the explanation, the Smithsonian Institute was contacted; however, they had no information of any meteors being observed at this time and place. Contact was made with the Park Police and nearby U.S. Coast Guard Base for any unusual lights over the area. Negative results were received in both cases.

5. With the existing data no conclusive explanation can be made concerning the lights. It is assumed that no correlation existed between the lights, the indentations, and the "alleged black monster".

Relayed above information to SAFOI on 8 August 66 at 1525.

Worthy of note is the fact that as object settled to the ground the car vibrated. An object slowly descending onto a sandy area isn't likely to cause the vibration of a car approximately 300 - 400 yards in the distance, especially since the depth of the indentations were only about 4 - 5 inches in the loose sand.

Various discrepancies are noted throughout the available information. These discrepancies are prevalent in the description of the alleged UFO and in the actual sequence of events as they occurred. Considering these discrepancies, it is difficult to give any much credence to the sighting. ~~The validity of the sighting is definitely questionable~~.

MEMOS FOR THE RECORD

At 0130, 1 August 1966 Lt Marley was notified by SSgt Jones, of TDETR, that the Duty Officer had information on an important sighting in Pennsylvania that took place in a public park. The police wanted to know if they should rope off the area. Lt Marley called the Duty Officer and after finding out that the object appeared as a light and stayed there for 45 minutes that there would be no need for roping off the area. Duty Officer was Captain O'Brian.

At 0745, 1 August, Lt Marley received a telephone call from Major Hall, Youngstown Airport, 231-3600, ext. 258 autovan. Youngstown had been called by Captain O'Brian. Major Hall didn't know anything about the sightings over in Pennsylvania. They are manned by civilian guards over the weekends and evidently it was these guards that gave the number of Wright-Patterson to the Police in Pennsylvania. Lt Marley said he would contact Youngstown if they are to go out and investigate.

Talked to Sgt Heckencheck with the State Police, Pennsylvania 814 899-3117 - State Police said that the sighting had been brought to their attention. These people were stuck in the sand and they saw this bright shiny object that sparked. Later they saw it land and then later they saw a black monster in the bushes. Sgt Heckencheck at this point mentioned that it was possible imagination which took over at this time.

Lt Marley spoke with Chief of Park Police Dan Dascanio, 814 833-6124. We got statements from the people. Dascanio had talked with Captain O'Brian and he said not to rope the area off. A search of the area commenced at daylight and

New Castle News of New Castle, Pennsylvania called at approximately 0845, 1 Aug 66. A picture which their photographer had taken was a possible UFO. Spoke with [redacted]. Looked something like a pentagon but didn't seem to have a body. Major [redacted] said he had no idea what it could be. Would have to turn it over to the photo analysts. Mr. [redacted] is going to send us the background information with camera data along with the negative.

all had returned with the exception of two officers. The people said there were marks out there, but they hadn't seen anything yet. Basically the same report is in the newspaper. He will send us his report along with the newspaper clippings. Yes these people had also observed a black monster. He would send us his reports.

Conversation 0930, 1 August 1966 with Major Hall, Youngstown Airport. He will leave at noon today to check out the sighting, will take a camera, camper, geiger counter etc, will try to go as near as possible to AFR 200-2. Since the witnesses have returned to New York, Major Hall will have Niagra AFS contact the witnesses and give Major Hall information received from witnesses. Explained to Major Hall that there had been widespread publicity already on this. Major Hall said he would get background readings from the geiger counter and then readings in the immediate area. Will call us collect to inform us how things are going.

Conversation at 1500 hours, 1 August 1966 with Major Hall, on the scene this afternoon, presently at the Police Department at Erie, Pa. Object left three "V" shaped marks in the ground, 45° angle, indentations 4 inches deep, two identical, indentations 16 feet apart, 10 - 12 inches long.

Getting statement from Tibbetts - other two observers back in Jamestown, New York. Cast being made and Major Hall had taken pictures. Had gotten five soil samples. There is a plane coming over to Wright-Patterson AFB 2 August 1966 and he will get this stuff on the plane. The Civil Defense had a negative reading as far as radioactivity goes. Major Hall had negative reading

on radioactivity. He will get the Civil Defense to give a statement to this effect. [redacted] is apparently level headed. Measurements were made by tape measure.

At 1930, 1 August 1966 Lt Marley was called by Major Hall from scene of sighting. After conversation with Mr [redacted], Major Hall said that said observer saw something free falling downward to the sand. There were at first white lights noted; however, after the object supposedly hit the ground the white lights disappeared and red lights became visible. M[redacted] watched this for about 10 minutes. When the park police came up the lights disappeared and were never seen again. The police did not see anything. [redacted] and Miss [redacted] were walking down the beach and Miss [redacted] stayed in the car. Miss [redacted] noted a type of black monster around the car and she began to blow the horn causing the other two witnesses to return to the car. Major Hall felt he had done all that could be done at the scene. He thought that a personal interview should be performed with the witnesses.

At 0745, 2 August 1966, Lt Marley spoke with Captain Meier, Niagra AFS autovan 231-3860, ext. 351. Two witnesses returned to Jamestown, New York, need statements and a personal investigation with them. Requested Captain Meier do this. He has Duty Officer today and tomorrow, but said he probably could get relieved of this duty or someone else would go today. He will call in his findings followed by a written report. He will look into the fact that the 16 year old gets hysterical.

Conversations at the home of SSgt Harold T. Jones on 2 August 1966, approx-
mately 1915.

Spoke with Major Hall, 3 August 1966, 0745 hours. Airplane is going to take off in approximately ½ hour from Youngstown, arriving in Dayton, approximately 1½ hours later. 23354 is the plane number. Wanted us to call Base Ops and have them notified that they were just dropping off some information and packages and will be right off again. Recommended bringing a station wagon to pick up the cast and soil samples.

Two guys from WJET decided to park over on the beach Monday night. They saw some light, with a movie camera they took a picture, about five seconds. WJET is sending this film into us. With all the background information on the film, camera, etc.

Sand samples in tubes are marked one, W and other E. This stands for the areas where the sighting took place. One is from West section other from East section.

Conversation with Capt Meier, 3 August 1966, 1145 hours. He has received written statements from all witnesses. There is no description on any of these. The length, size etc. There doesn't seem to be any concrete. When you talk to them you see that they definitely have seen something. He has a diagram of so called space craft which they described as real wierd. [redacted] described it as a five sided figure, with lights around it, empty in the middle. Observed from 300-400 yards away. He had talked to the photographer who took the pictures of the landing site. Everything is sort of word of mouth. [redacted]s will build onto everyting. 22 year old girl very calm. She didn't see it land, only saw something in the sky like a satellite. Thought it was a satellite. Noise was similar to a jet motor. Felt the car vibrate. Girls saw nothing except a glow through the woods. Glow of light.

FTD Duty Officer called three different times to inform me that Captain Meier called and wanted a breakdown of the UFO sighting in Erie, Pa. I asked the OD to call Captain Meier back and to tell him our office would call him at 0730 or 0800 hours in the morning on 3 August 1966.

Again: O.D. called back and said Capt Meier called him and wanted to know if he should go to Erie, Pa. that he could only get a statement from one of the observers and she didn't make too much sense. The other girl went back to Erie for a press interview and I told the OD to call him back and tell him to go to the girls house tomorrow, 3 August 1966.

Again: O.D. called and said Capt Meier called him again and said if we called him at the time stated we were going to call that it would be too late that he would be enroute to the other observers home for the statement requested by us. O.D requested that either Lt Marley or myself give Capt Meier a call and brief him on the sighting tonight.

2115(L) I called Capt Meier and gave him a brief summary of the sighting and he stated that the girl he spoke to did not make much sense, all she kept saying that it sounded like a jet engine going on and off right overhead. Told Capt Meier as soon as he got the other observers statement to give us a call collect and he said he would give us a rundown of what the girl said.

2145(L) Received another call from the O.D. at home and he stated that "UPI" just called and wanted to know about the Maj Hall from Project Blue Book that was investigating the sighting in Erie. I informed the O.D. if they called back to tell them to call our office from 0715 - 1600. The O.D. wanted to know if it would be okay if he said Project Blue Book, and I said that was Okay.

in the large sand sample which was taken around the indentation. This binder was sprayed into the indentations prior to casting the mold. A smell test of the five samples around the area definitely had the presence of urine. An additional chemical test will be performed of these five samples.

3 August 1966, contacted Mr. Wagner about the analysis of indentations in the sand off Lake Erie, Pa. Left casting of indentation at his office. Told him I (Lt Marley) would furnish him with measurements and additional information when Major Hall's report came in.

4 August 1966, contacted Mr. Smithson and reported that acrylic lacquer was sprayed on indentations accounting for the presence of the acrylic resin. Urine was definitely present in several of the samples. Additional testing were in the process of being conducted.

4 August 1966, conversation with Capt Meier concerning alleged UFO sighting. Capt Meier is sending radar information, basically whether anything unusual was reported in the area on radar.

Conversation on 4 August 1966, with the U. S. Coast Guard Base, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, Pennsylvania, 833-7697. They had checked into the fact that there were lights over Lake Erie on the night of 1 August 1966. All it was, was a fishing boat. Observed somewhere between 2130 - 2200 hours. Somebody from General Electric Plant had observed it. One plane going North and one was going South, passenger planes, they too had observed the objects. The Coast Guard went up in the tower and they saw these weird looking lights on the lake. They took the Coast Guard boat out and found it was a fishing boat.

[redacted]drew a picture of it. Did not observe any legs under it. [redacted] seems reliable and said that it looked like a mushroom from underneath object. [redacted] comes from a clean type of home. There is nothing you can put your finger on. The news reporter described the indentations to be 6 - 8 inches deep in parts, fluffy sand around it, as if nothing solid was there. [redacted] said something about there being web foot with 9 toes. Both of the girls and [redacted] saw 7 - 8 foot monster come out of woods, blew the horn and it just went back. A tree nearby had claw marks on it, with bark tore off. Capt Meier had a Sgt with him who was a hunter and said that it could easily be bear marks, as there are bear in the area. Conflicting information during the whole case. [redacted]as in the car. Personally he cannot believe [redacted]. [redacted] has seen these things before. [redacted]had gone to get help, hitched a ride into Erie and then stayed there all night, not sending help until the next morning. [redacted] saw one of these things last year. No shape, no nothing, has gone back to the area and hopes to see them. [redacted]thinks the spacecraft is looking for the beast who has been seen over the area.

Nobody saw the object take off. It just vanished when a police car came. [redacted]touched the brakes when he saw the police car coming in the rear view mirror. The object just vanished then. When everybody was gone they saw the monster. Asked Capt Meier what the possibility of the [redacted] doing the scaring. He felt that this was quite possible, since they could not account for his presence, other than he supposedly went after aid for the car.

3 August 1966, contacted Mr. Lee Smithson of AF Materials Labs. 55119 (MAYA). Mr. Smithson made initial investigation and determined an acrylic resin present

5 August 1966, conversation with Mr. Smithson of Materials Labs. Confirmed preliminary analysis of soil specimen as having the presence of urine. Mr. Smithson found nothing unusual in the five samples. Some traces of organic material was found but this was expected.

8 August 66, conversation with Dan Dascanio (Police Chief) took place concerning operation of the lighthouse in the state park. Chief Dascanio said that it would not have been possible for the witnesses to have seen the lighthouse because the lighthouse only throws light out over the lake. The light isn't seen from the land.
Nothing else on the case had turned up. There had been several other cases reported in the area.

8 August 1966, conversation with Coast Guard Base, Presque Isle State Park, Pennsylvania. There was nothing in the log book to indicate the observance of an alleged UFO on the night of 31 July 1966. The tower at the base is not manned all the time. The only night that a boat was scrambled to identify an apparent UFO was the night of 1 August 1966.

Relayed above information to SAFOI at 1525, 8 August 1966.

They said that these lights were about 2-3 miles out, and would give the appearance of being weird.

4 August 1966, contacted Mr. Aivars V. Petersons of Flight Dynamics Lab (FDFM) for information on alleged indentations in ground. Following are his comments:

1. No way object could have made stable landing without at least third appendage.

2. Sand should have been a lot more compressed for alleged landing.

3. No ground maneuver capability apparent.

4. Portions of ground around indentations appear to have been uncovered - not totally compressed as should have been.

5. No definite sign of vehicle departing area in the sand. No evidence of heat or sand being disturbed by aerodynamic vehicle.

6. How could object have caused car to shake when it supposedly hovered over the ground approximately 10-15 feet and then settled to the ground.

Mr. Petersons said that various persons had discussed tha alleged landing. It was mentioned that indentations were very similar to bow of a boat that could have been pulled up on the beach. Smaller mark looked like where anchor was placed. Also looked like the type of indentations that would have been made when a rifle was fired at the ground.

Rough weight calculations made place weight of alleged object at approximately 1500 lbs total weight. This being a static load estimate - (Mr. A.V. Petersons)

4 August 1966, contacted Mr. Alex Geddes of the Smithsonian Institute on above date. He didn't have any reports of any meteors coming down over Lake Erie on 31 July 1966. Said he would call if he heard of any such reports.

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Investigation of Presque Isle Park UFO Sighting

910th Troop Carrier Group (Reserve) (CONAC)
Youngstown Municipal Airport

1. We wish to commend Major William S. Hall, Base Operations Officer, for the excellent manner in which he investigated the Presque Isle Park sighting. The pictures, casts and soil samples he provided enabled a comprehensive analysis. Major Hall's promptness in relaying the information and samples to Wright-Patterson AFB aided in a quick evaluation. This was essential due to the widespread publicity on this unidentified observation.

2. For your information, we are attaching a copy of our comments which were submitted to SAFOI on 8 August 1966.

FOR THE COMMANDER

W. S. W.

WARREN S. WHEELER, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology & Subsystems

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Photographs, Presque Isle State Park

Chief Dan Dascanio
Presque Isle State Park

Enclosed you will find the six photographs forwarded to our office by Major Hall. I wish to thank you for the use of these photographs in our investigation. I am attaching a copy of the evaluation on the sighting of 31 July 1966.

W. S. W.

WARREN S. WHEELER, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology & Subsystems

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2. Evaluation

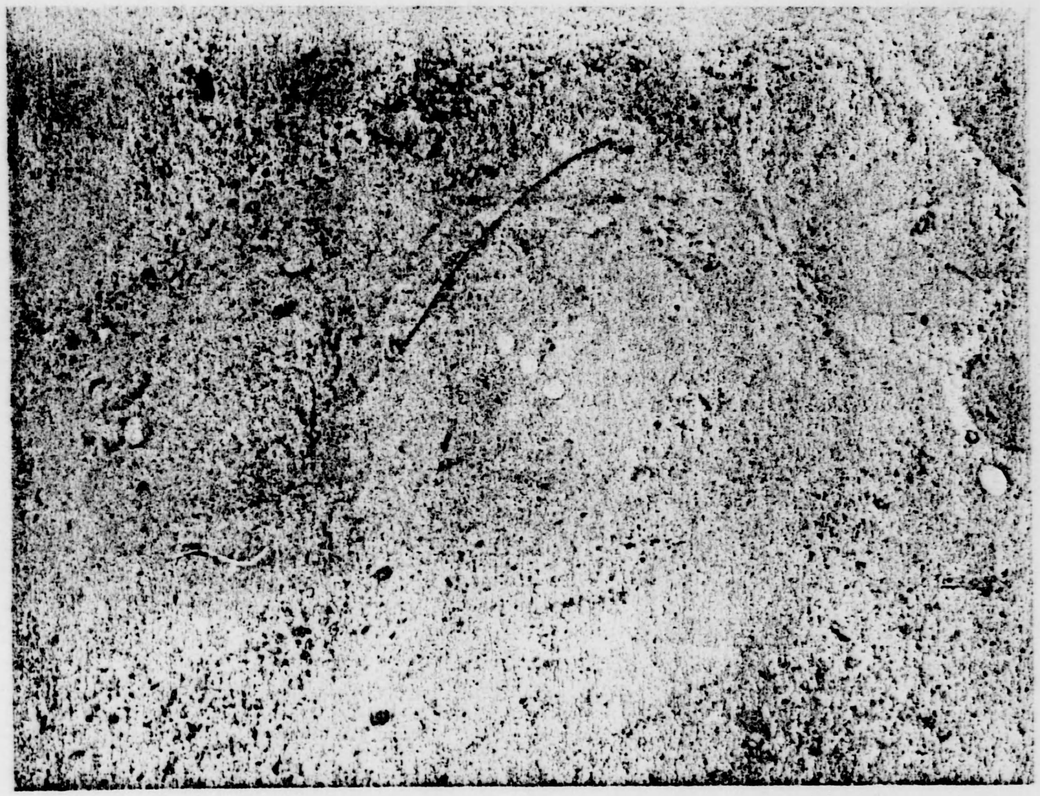
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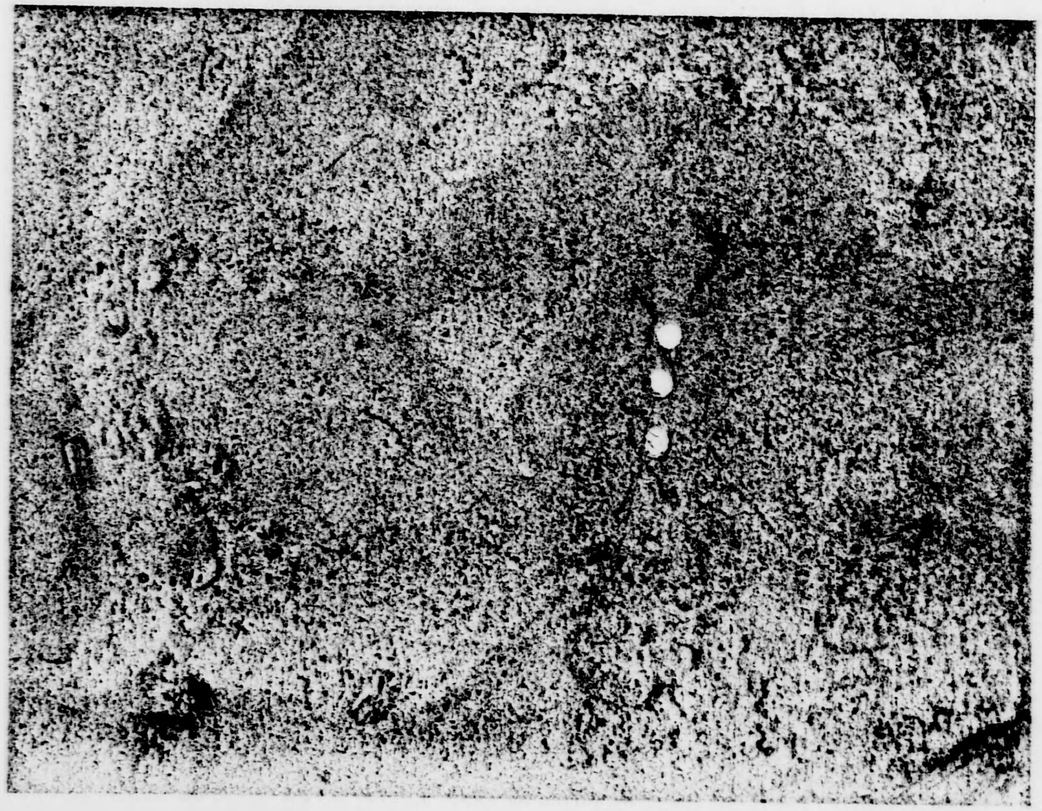
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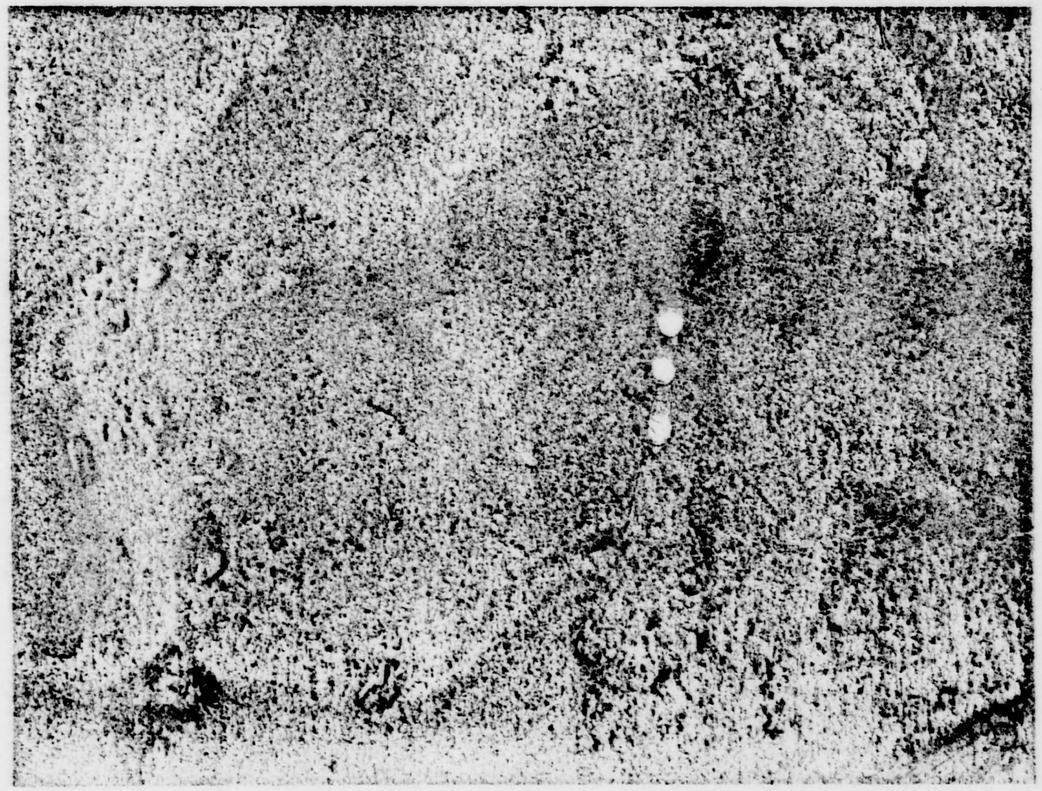
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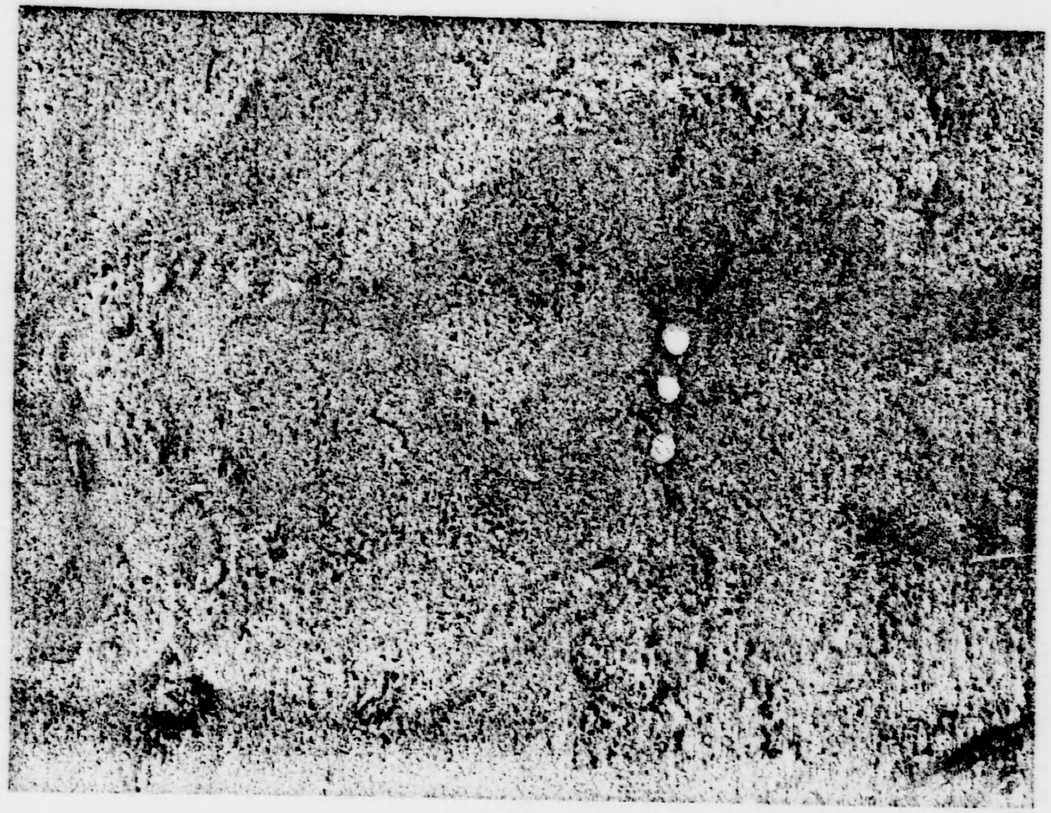
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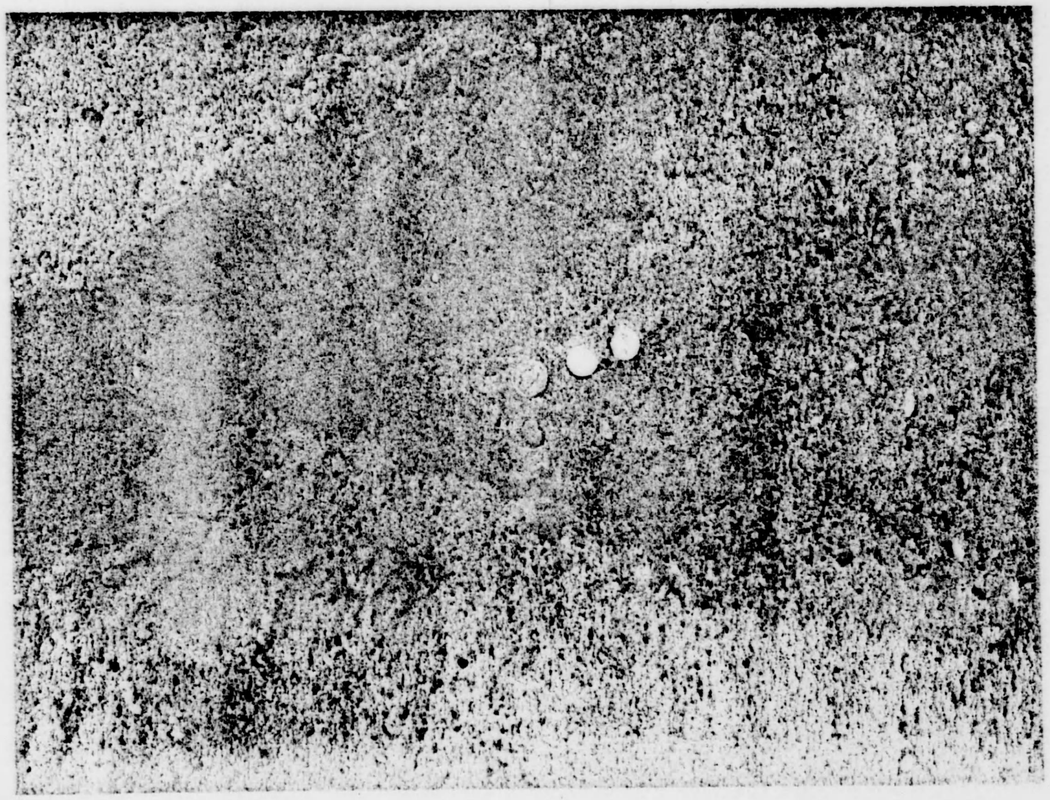
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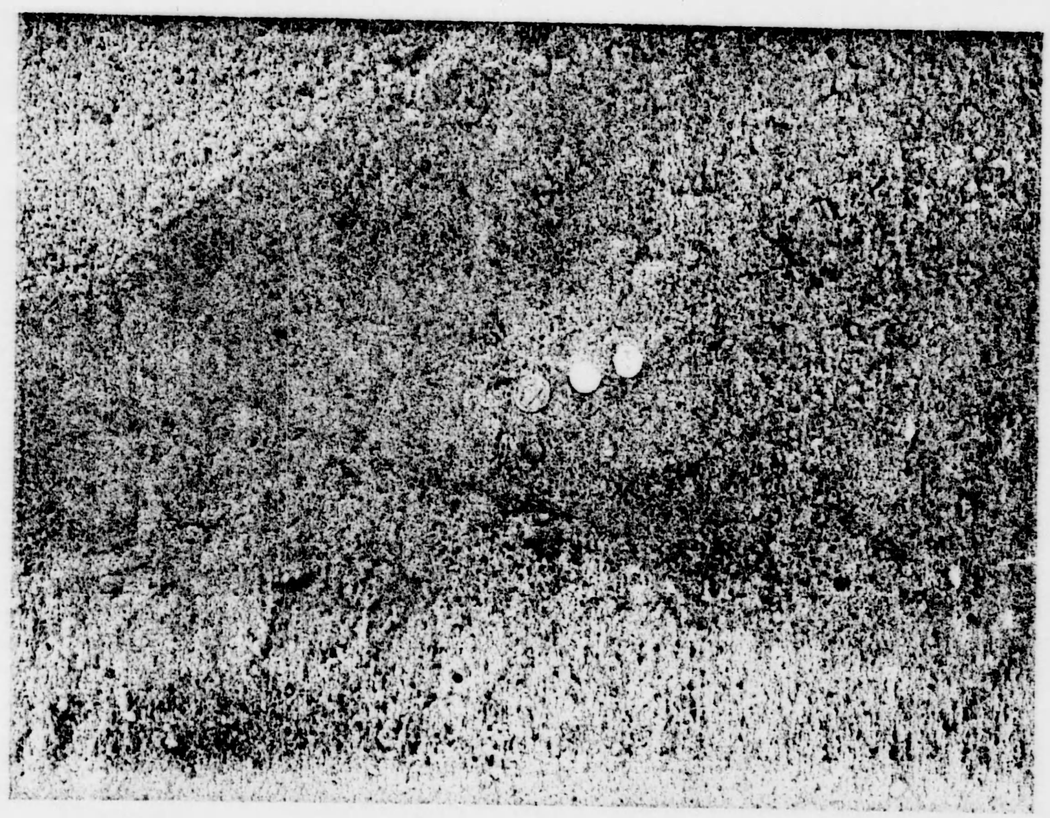


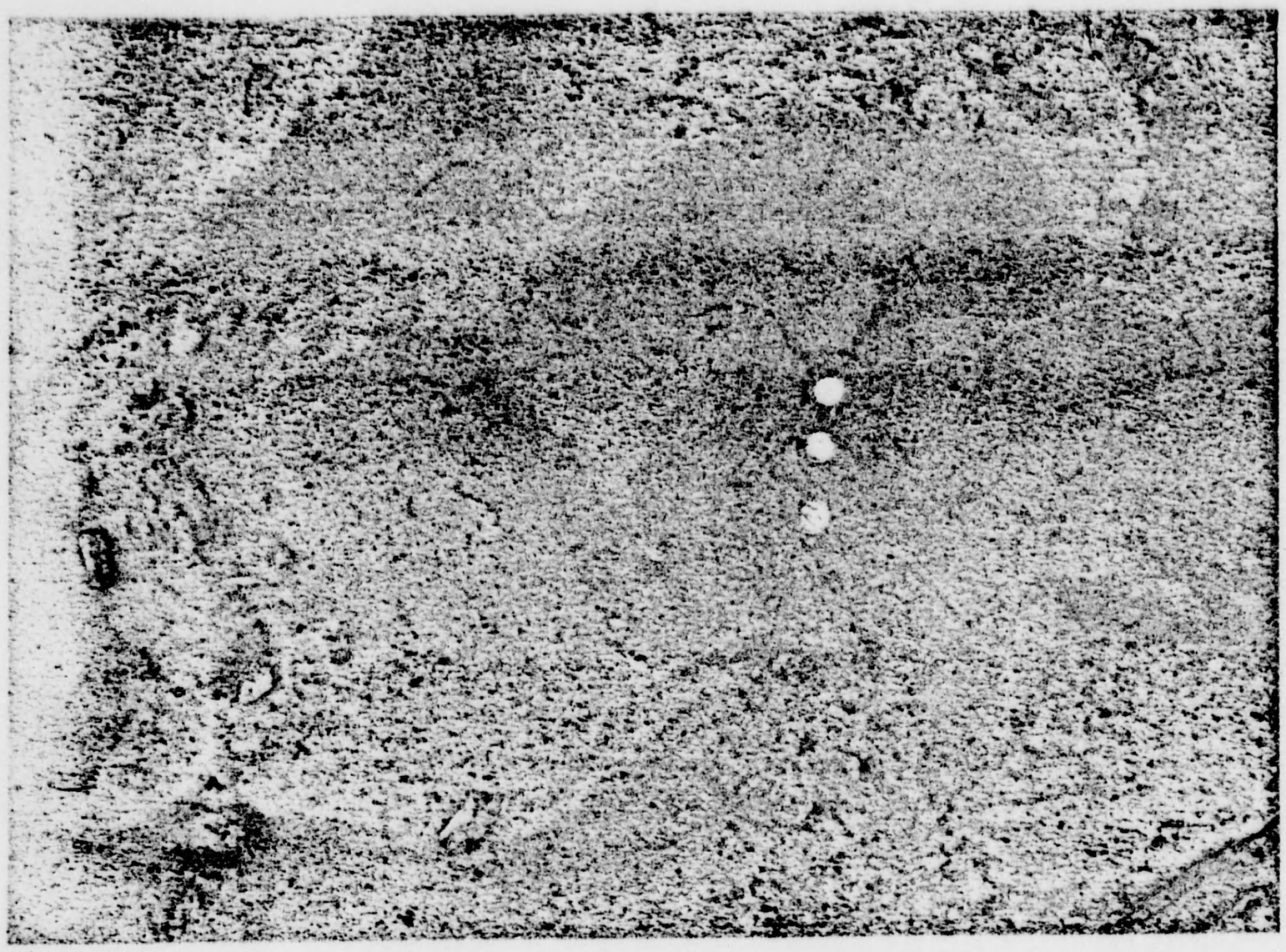


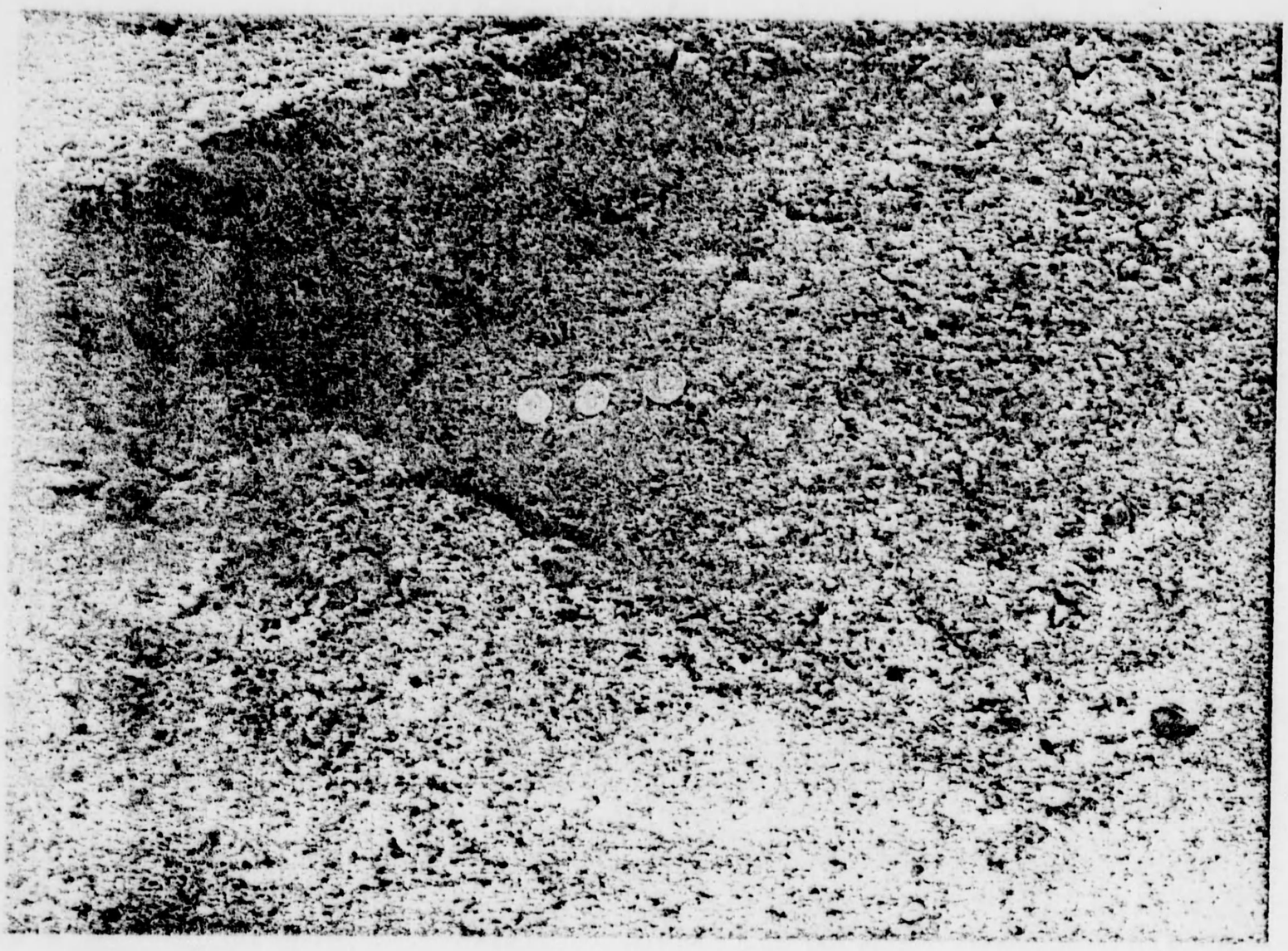


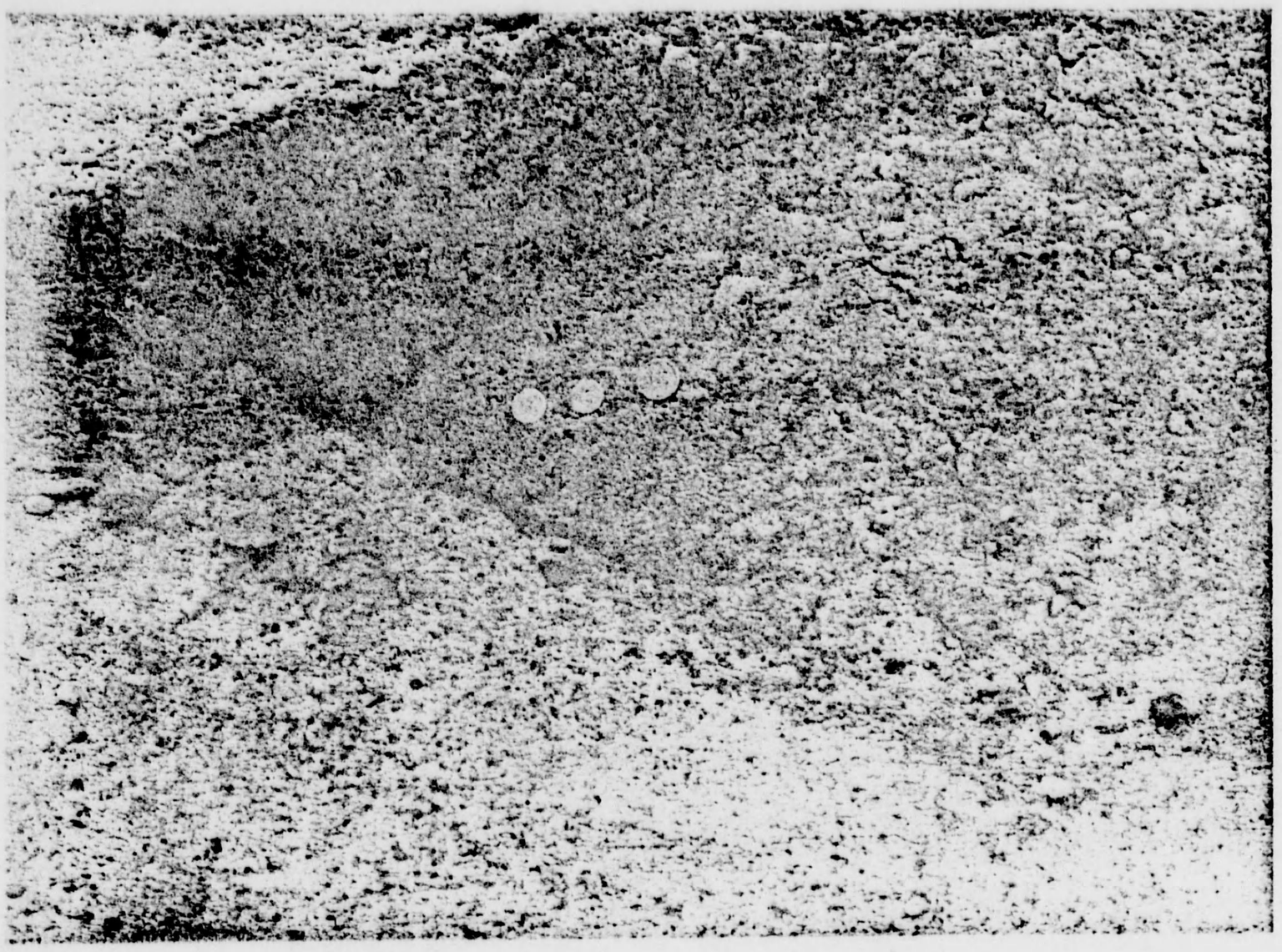


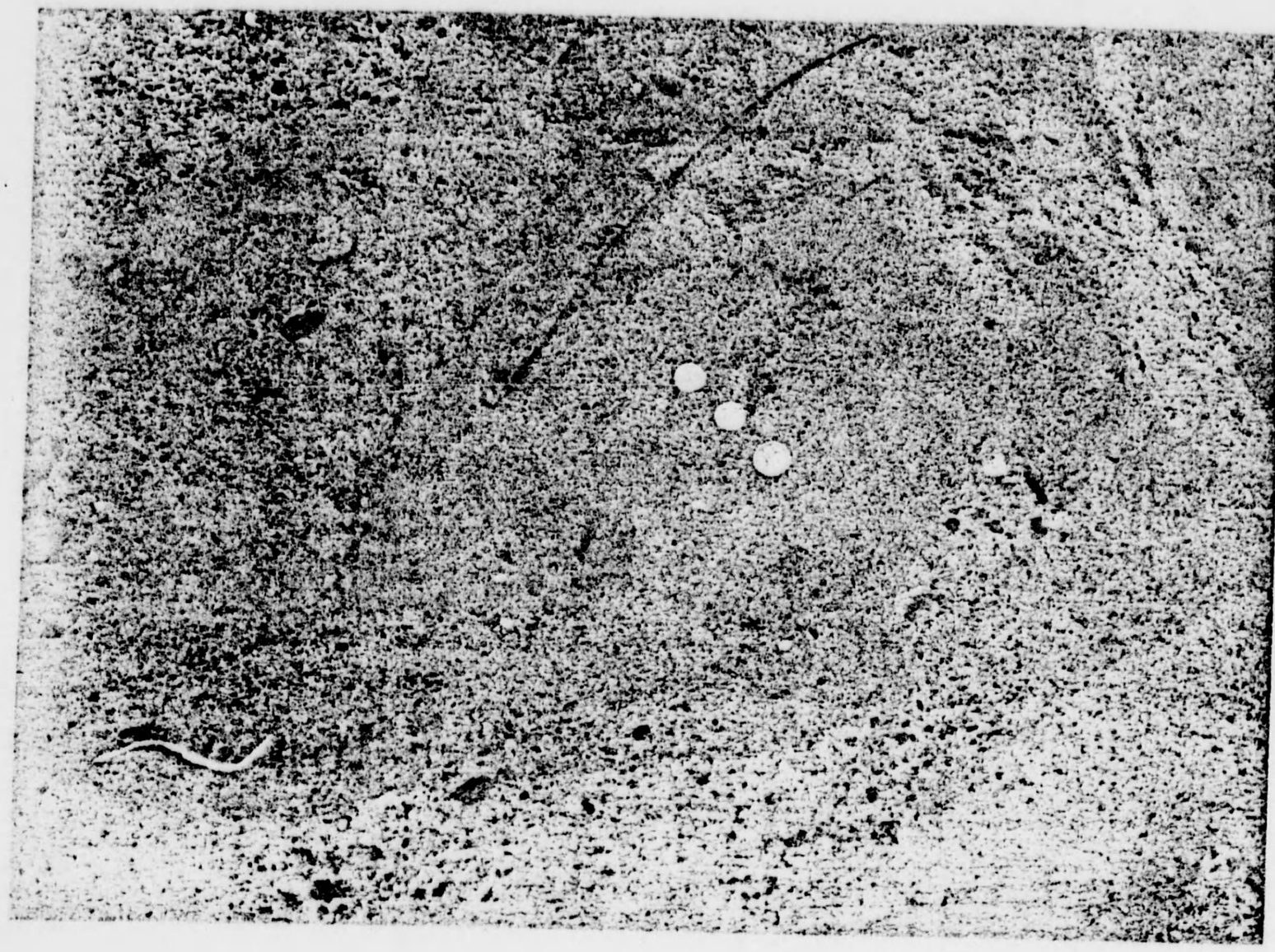


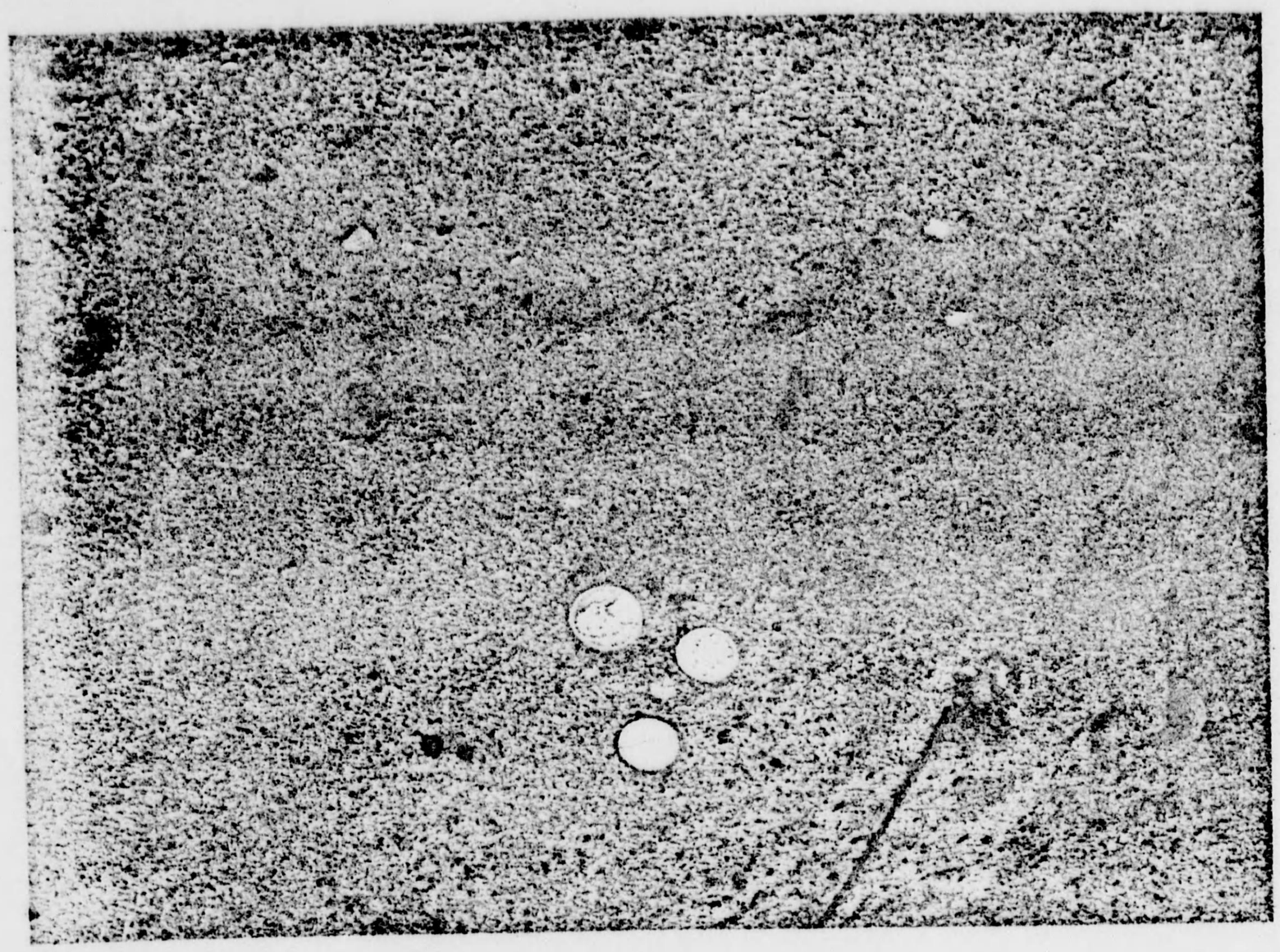


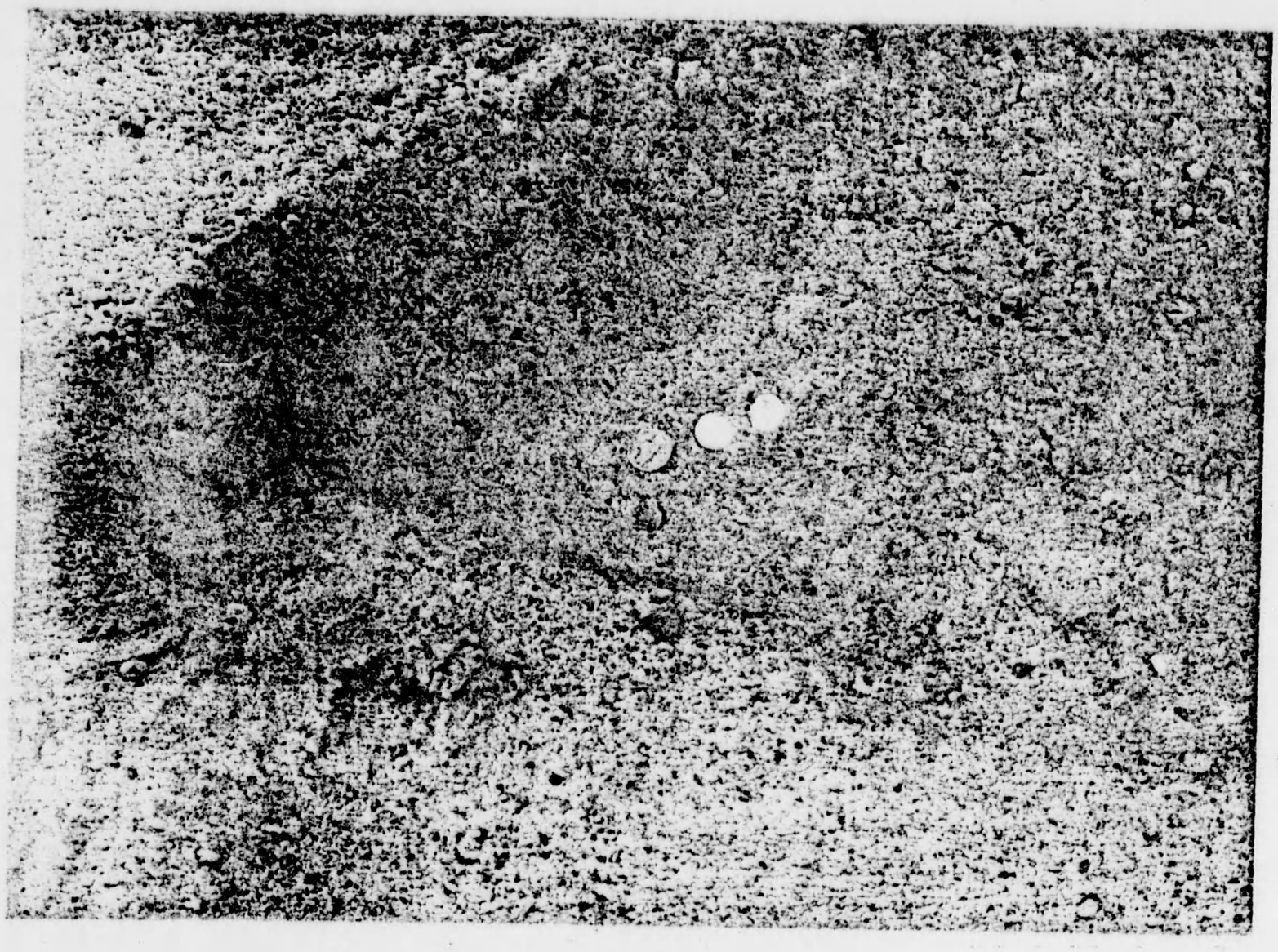


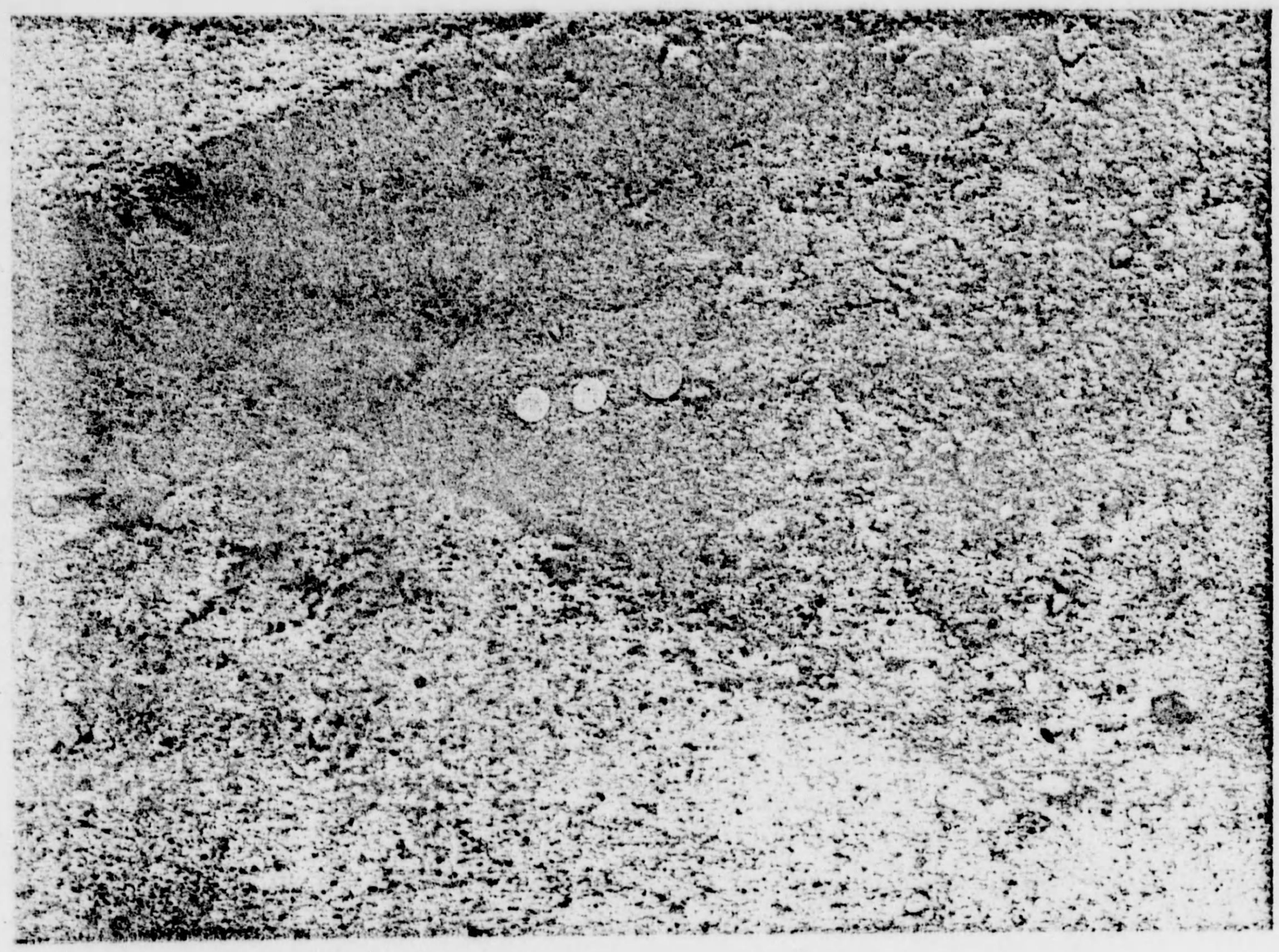


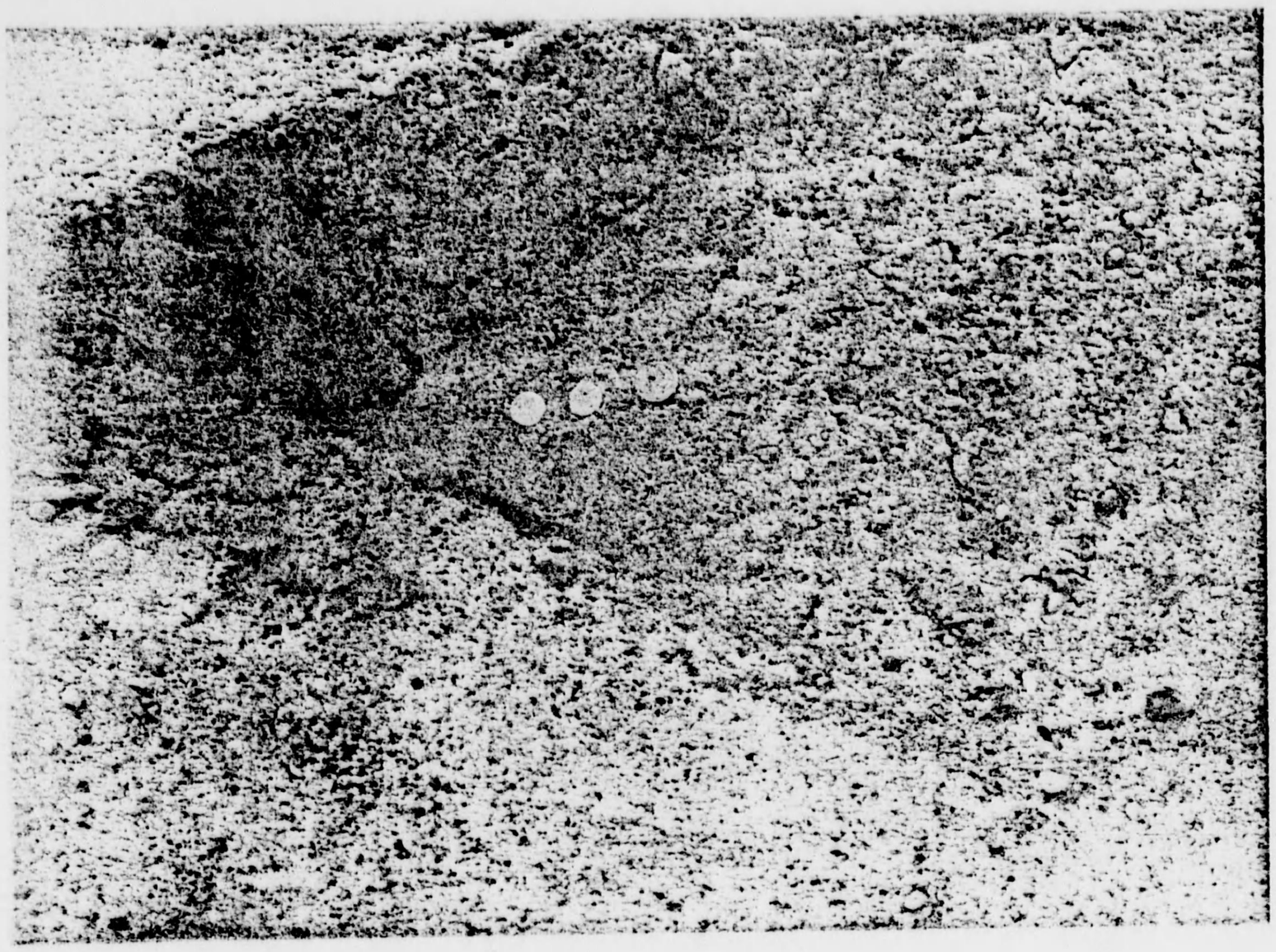


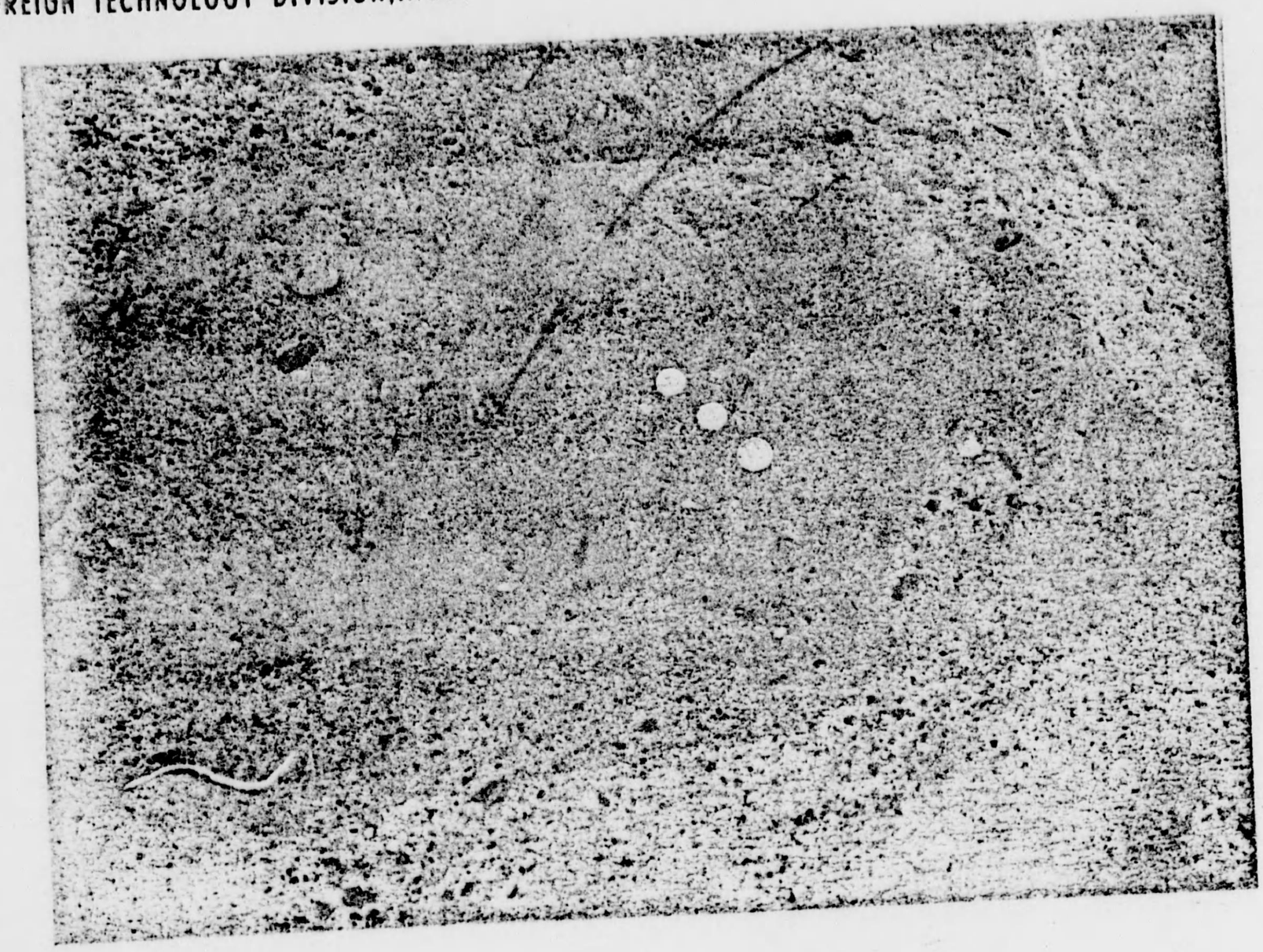


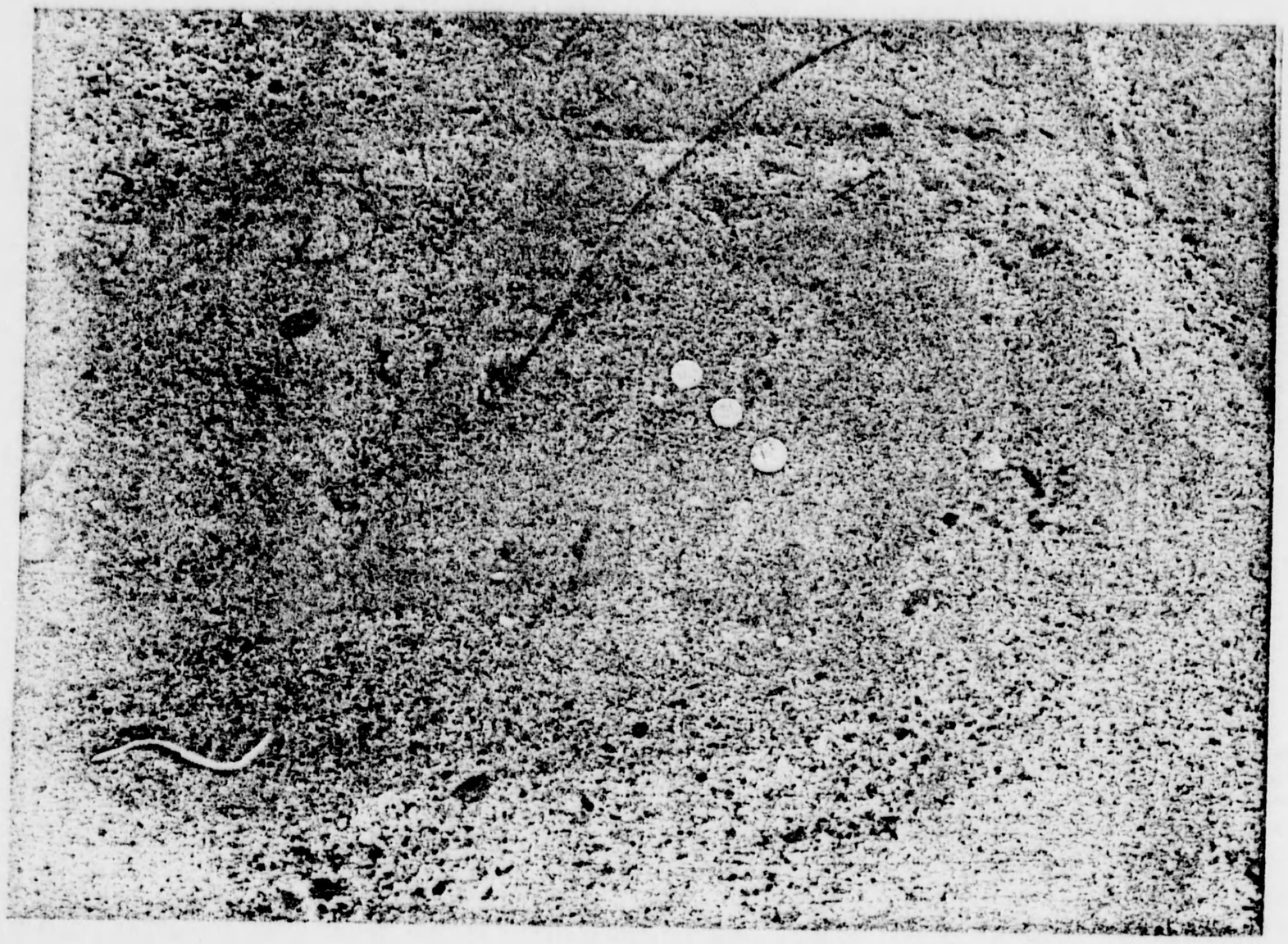


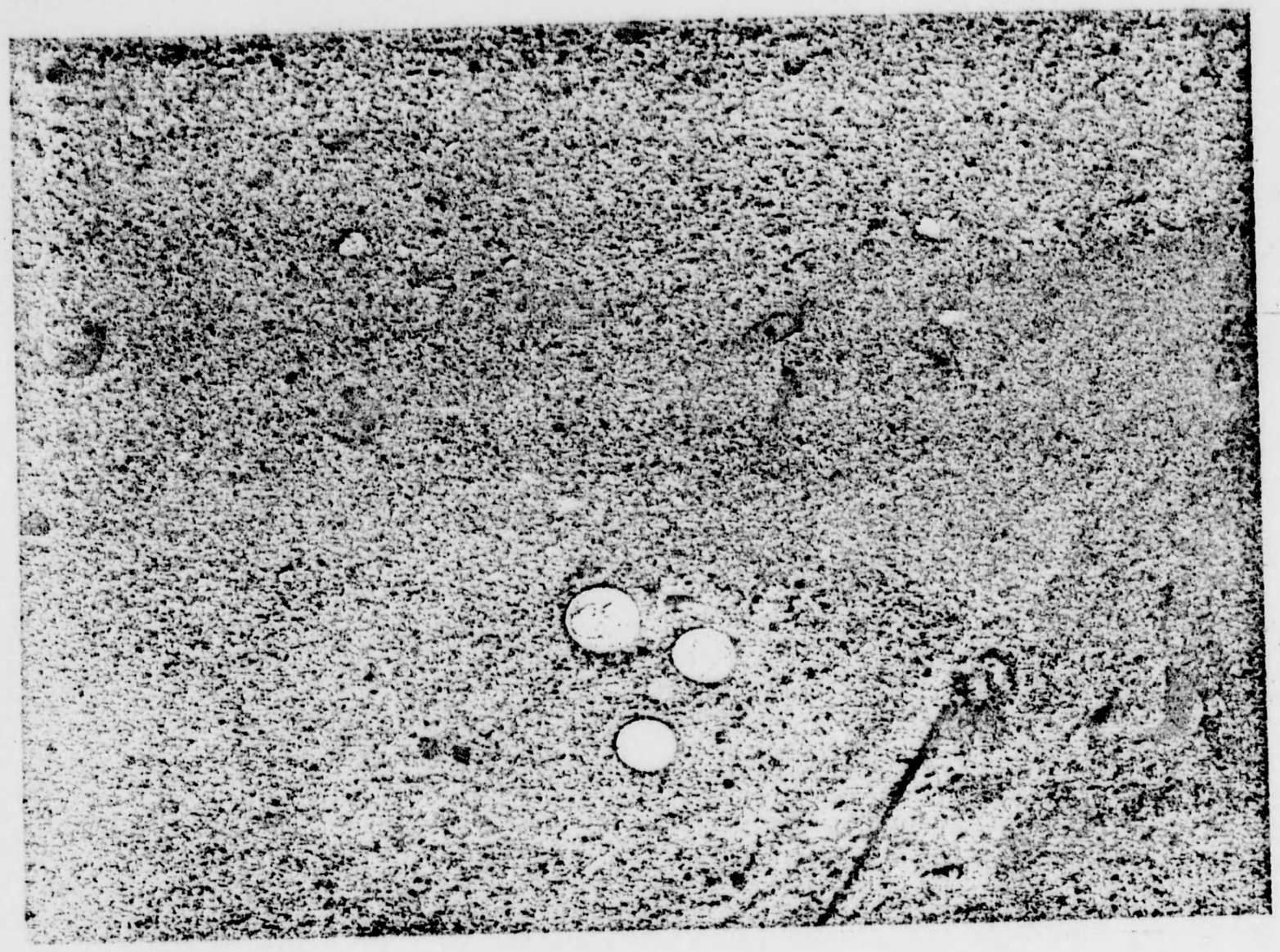


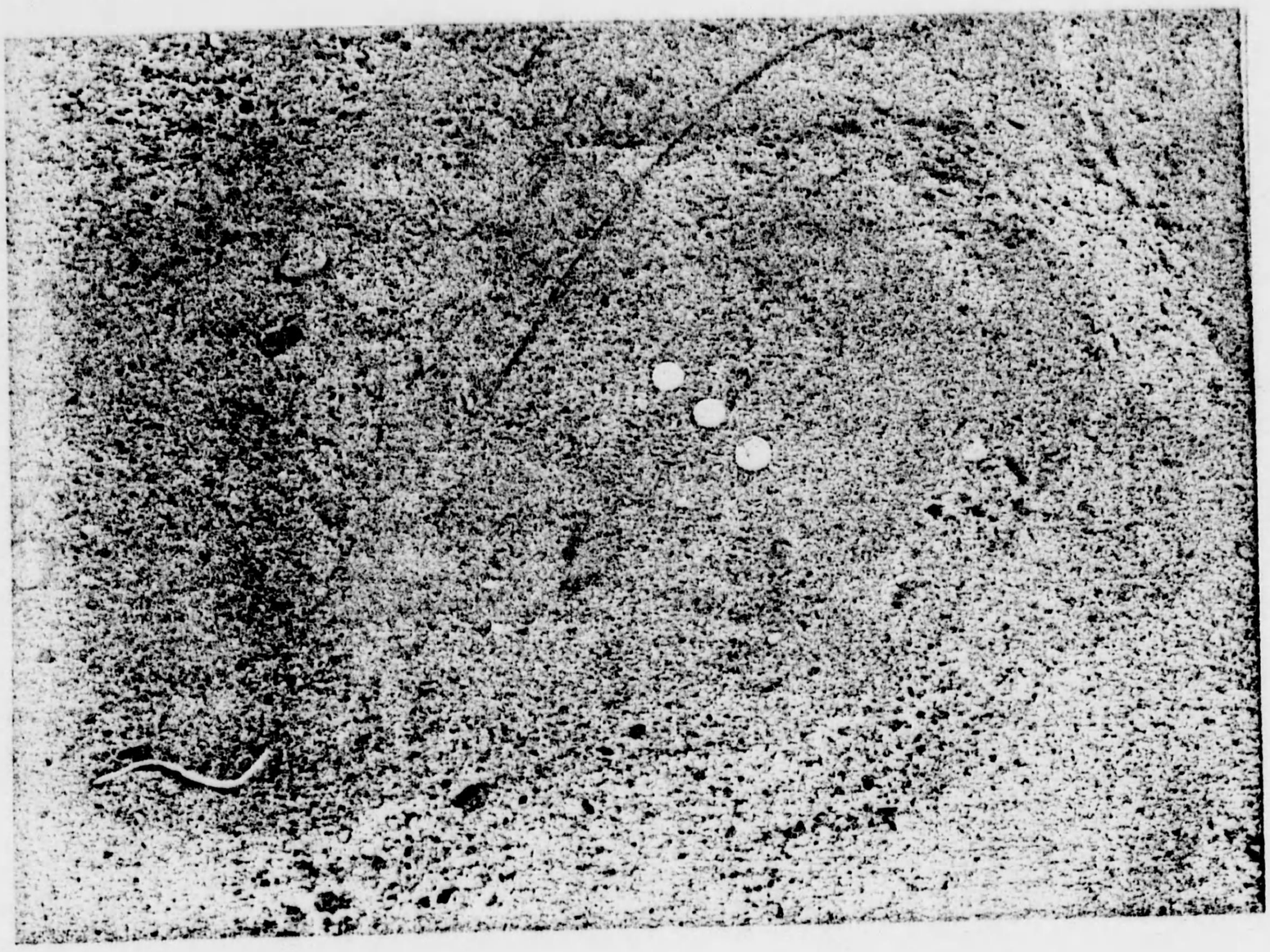


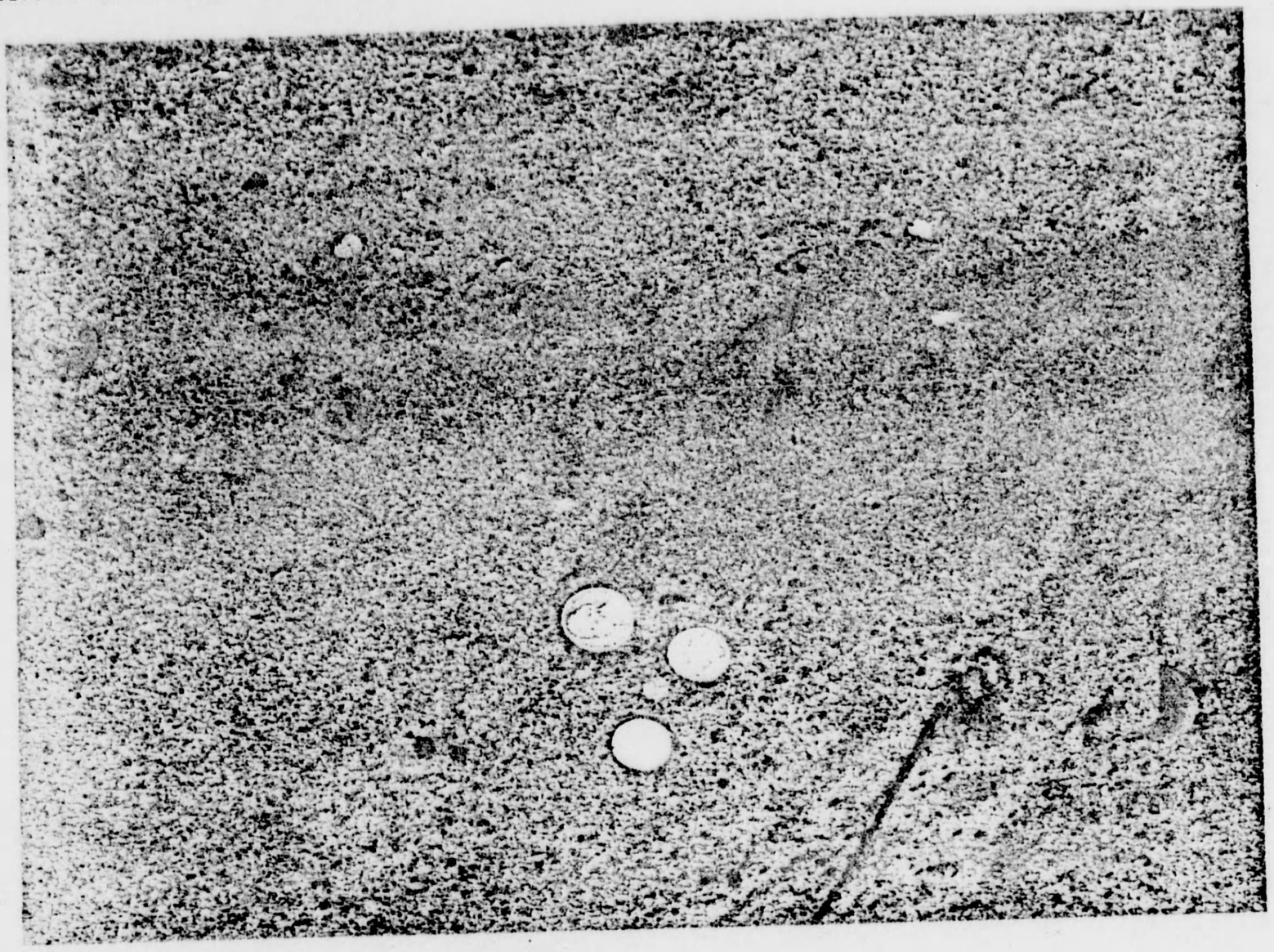


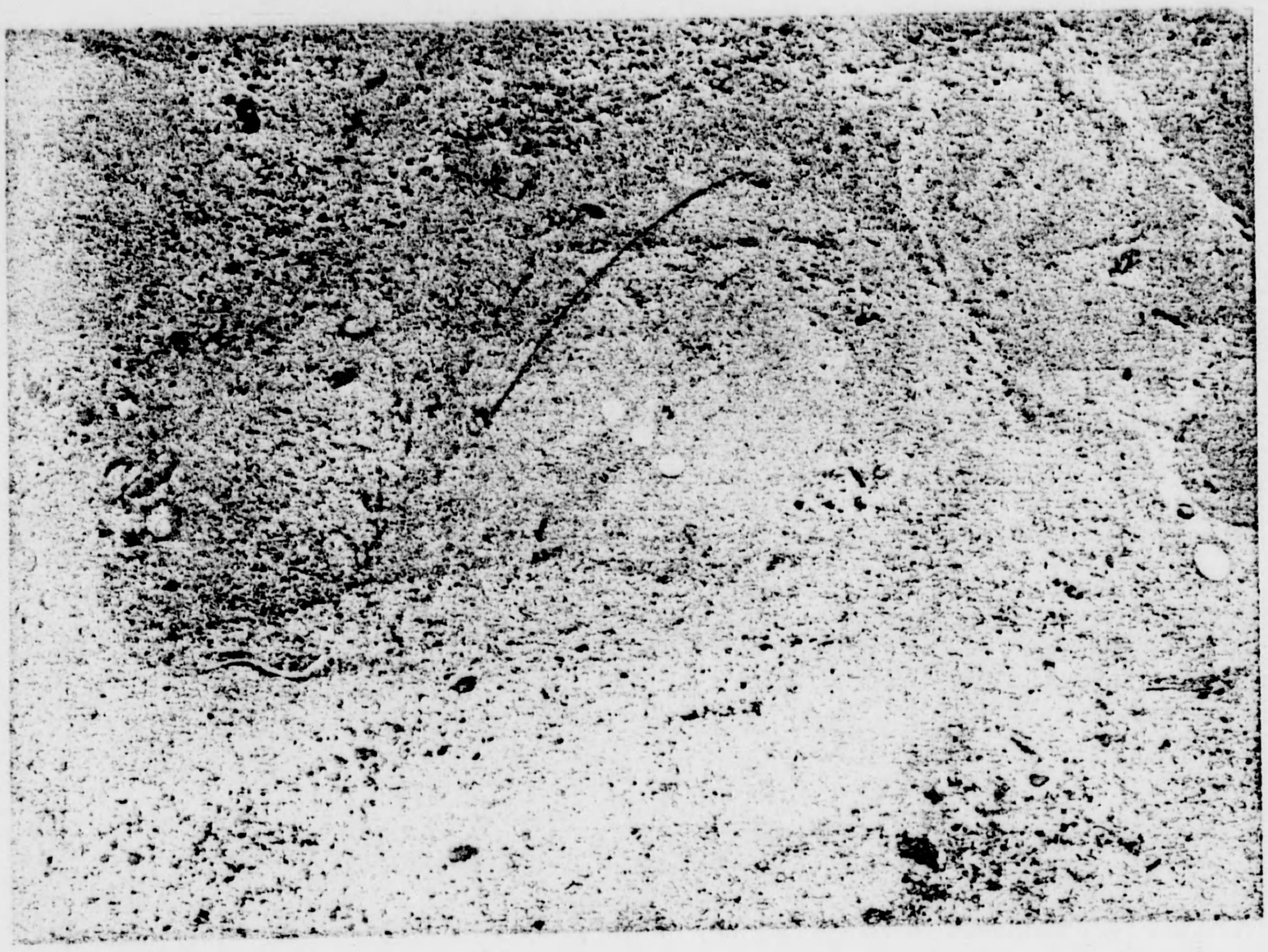


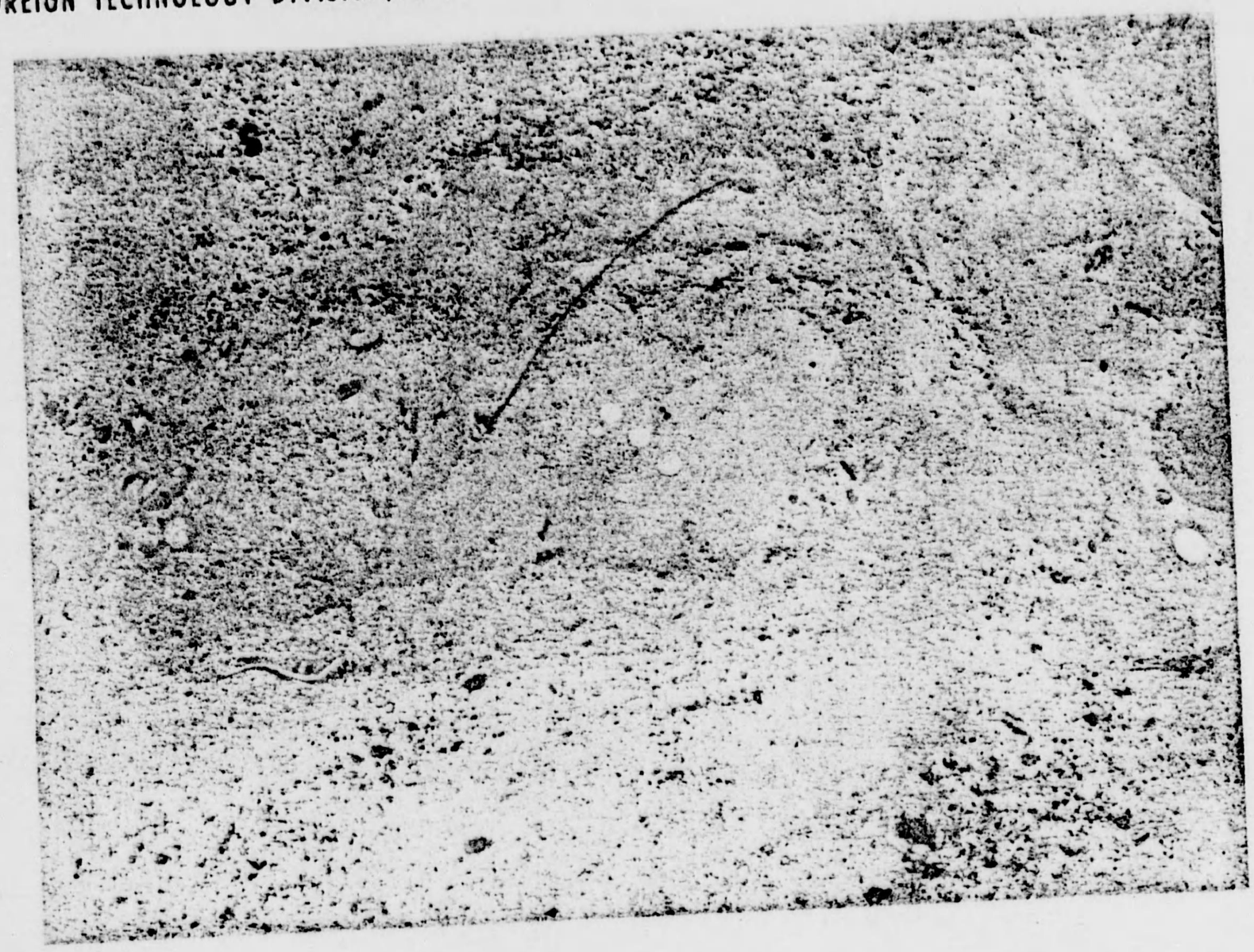


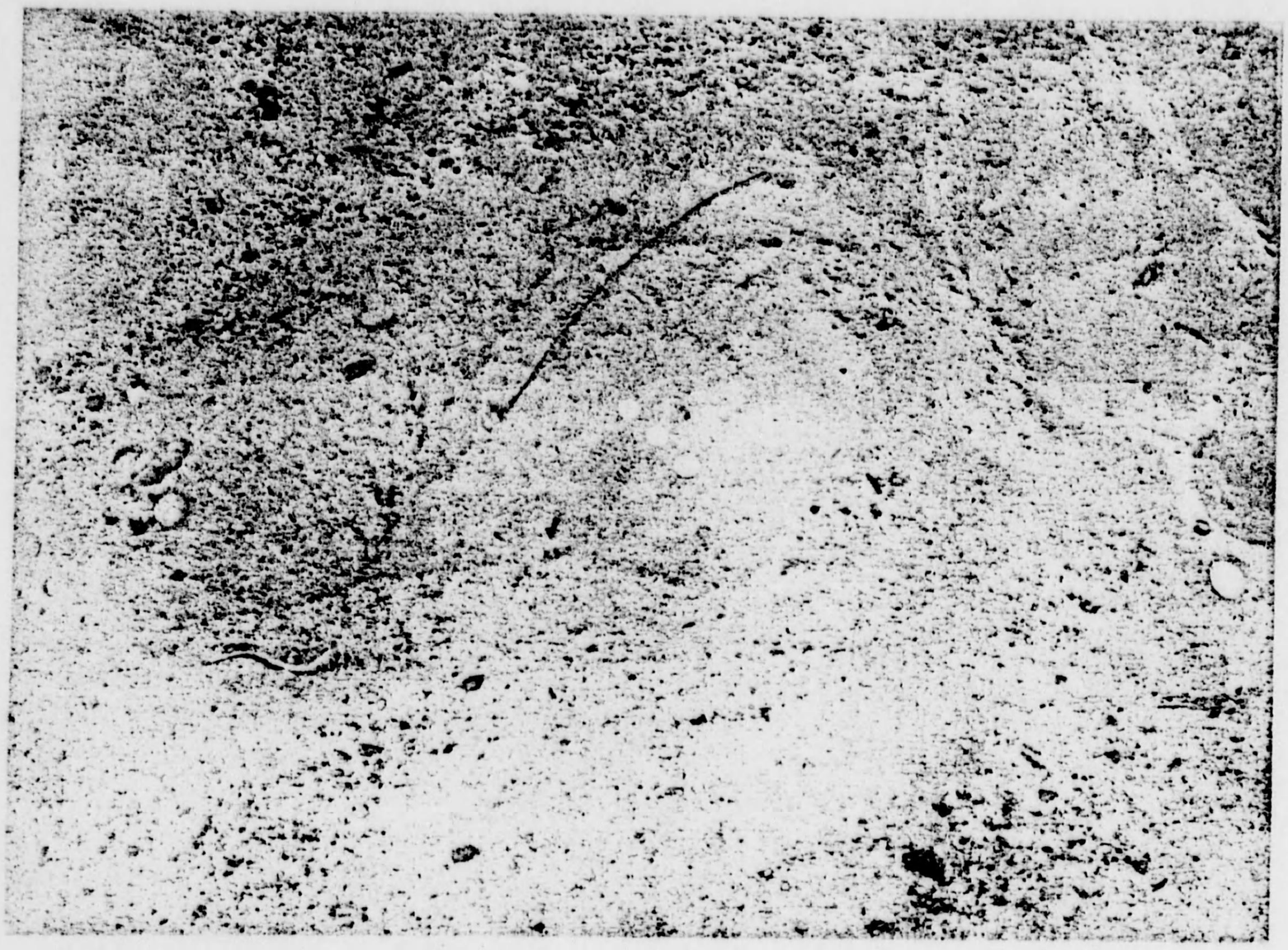












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Chicago, Illinois 60616
August 3, 1966

Commanding General
Wright Air Development Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The pentagon shaped light areas on the upper right quarter of the space photograph pictured on the cover of the August 5, 1966 issue of Life Magazine are images of the diaphragm of the lens used in making the picture. They result from internal reflections due to a strong source of light in the field of the lens. Other photographs showing this same phenomenon appear on pages 25 and 26 of the same issue. Your photograph of an unidentified flying object (Chicago Daily News; August 3, 1966; page 50) shows striking similarity.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Enclosure



ERIE, PA., NEWSMAN SHOT THIS 'SAUCER'
His Argument Had Five Sides



KOEHLER FOUND 5-SIDED HOLD IN STORY
Could it be the Flying Pentagon?

Did Flying Pentagon Check On Gemini 10 Astronauts?

By JACK JONES, Daily News Staff Writer

Did the Gemini 10 astronauts see flying saucers out in space and neglect to report them?

Astronauts John W. Young and Michael Collins brought back photographic evidence that seems to show the same kind of unidentified flying objects in space that earthbound people spotted last week near Erie, Pa.

THE ODD THING is that the objects don't seem to be round, the usual shape of flying saucers.

They look more like the home plate on a baseball diamond —or perhaps like the five-sided Pentagon building in Washington, D. C. (Some military significance?)

The mystery shapes showed up in the space pictures. But no one got excited. Life magazine attempted to explain them away by calling the geometric patches light distortions from the spacecraft window and camera lens.

BUT THEN last week a flying saucer was reported near Erie, Pa. With the story The Daily News ran a photo captioned: "It Looked Like This."

One sharp-eyed reader, G. F. Riegler of 848 Riverview Terrace, spotted the similarity. He compared the astronauts' photo on the Life magazine cover and the News' picture, and asked: "Coincidence?"

EITHER THOSE flying saucers are everywhere—or else perhaps they really are light distortions caused by the camera lens.

To test the latter theory, staff photographer Bill Koehler set up a camera with a spotlight aimed directly at the lens.

SURE ENOUGH, he got a picture of some mysterious, five-sided objects. He figures the shape is caused by the iris diaphragm—the little gadget that closes down when you take pictures in bright light—which lets the light through a tiny, five-sided hole.

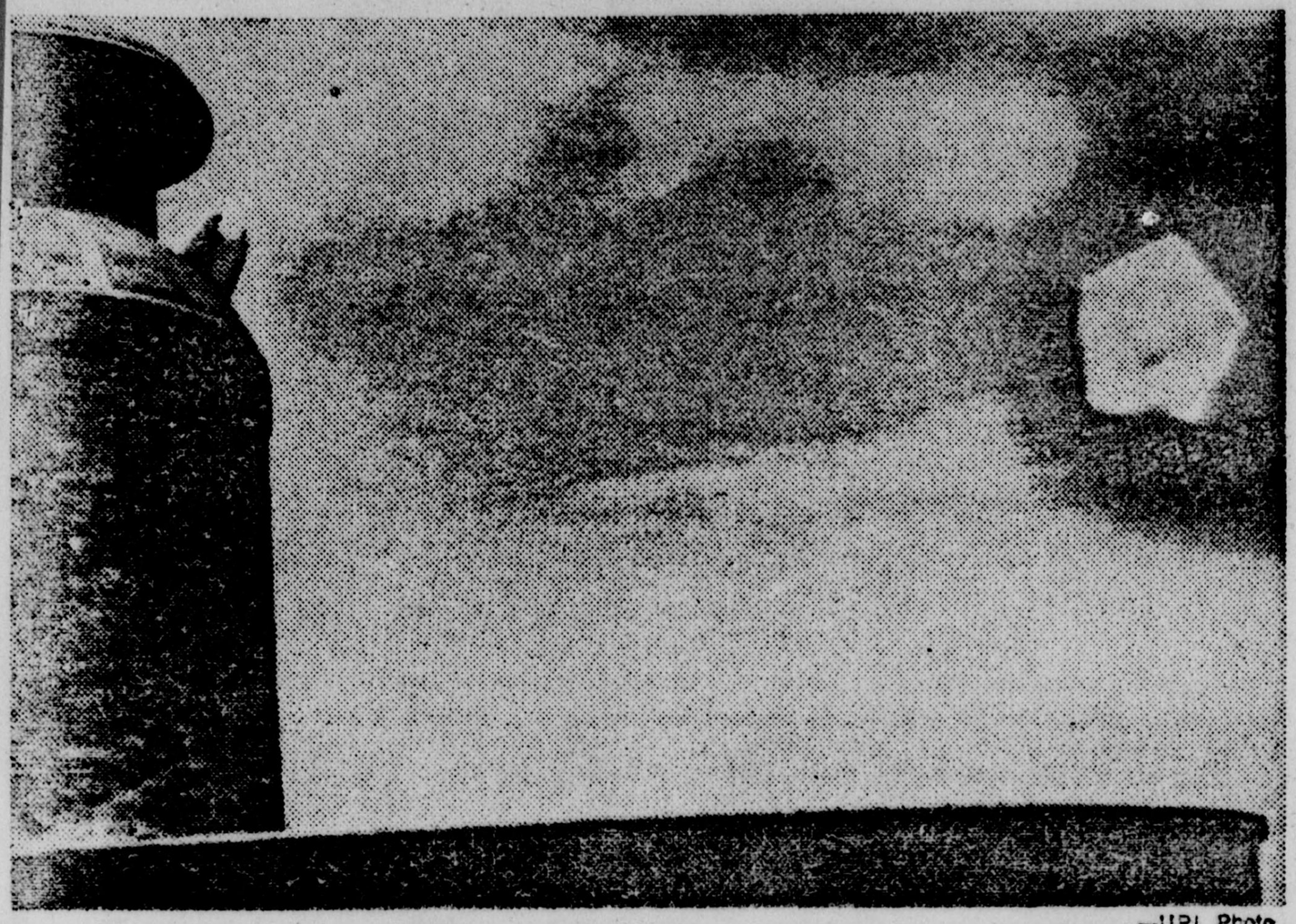
Koehler figures the same thing could happen if the sun shines into the lens.

Well, there goes that Martian theory.

How to get rid of those pesky little spaceships?

Children Escaped Previously

d Girl Found Unharmed



—UPI Photo

VISITOR FROM SPACE?—Betty Jean Klem, 16, and three friends were sitting in their disabled car near Erie, Pa., when they saw what appeared to be a star moving in the sky. "You could see it come down," Betty said. "It was metallic, sort of silvery. It landed between two trees." She said a formless creature then appeared from the bushes, whereupon she blew the auto horn and the creature fled. As if to support her report, this picture of an apparent unidentified flying object was taken by a photographer who was snapping the milk can at New Castle, Pa. near the time Betty spotted her UFO Sunday. An Air Force officer investigating Betty's story referred all queries to the Air Force Secretary.

Molds of Landing Prints Sent for U.S. Study

Flying Saucer No Hoax, Erie Police Chief Says

Girl Hysterical After Seeing 'It' On Presque Isle

Special to the Post-Gazette

ERIE, Pa., Aug. 3—"She could not have put this on as an act. That would be absolutely impossible. She was hysterical."

With these words Police Chief Dan Dasconio of Presque Isle State Park discounted any possibility that a dramatic flying saucer report near Erie was a hoax.

Dasconio said today he was sure "something" had been sighted by 16-year-old Betty Jean Klem of Jamestown, N. Y., and an 18-year-old male companion, Douglas Tibbets of Greenhurst, N. Y.

Others See It

They were among a carful of people who reportedly saw a "metallic, sort of silvery" object land between two trees on Presque Isle Peninsula Sunday.

A rash of other reports of unidentified flying objects (UFO's) followed the incident.

Two police officers in suburbs east of Erie reported seeing a bright light moving back and forth across the sky today from 4:45 to 6:55 a. m. One of the officers said the object



—Associated Press Wirephoto

Maj. William Hall views print attributed to UFO, partly filled with plaster to form mold for study.



4:15 to 6:55 a. m. One of the officers said the object turned red, disappeared, reappeared and turned bluish.

Another unexplained bright object was reported moving across the sky at 2:30 a. m. by eight persons on a beach near Erie. One of the witnesses—Dennis Buckel of an Erie radio station—said they watched it for about 10 minutes during which period it changed direction several times.

Saw Another Day Before

Buckel said they also saw an orange-red object at about the same time and place the day before.

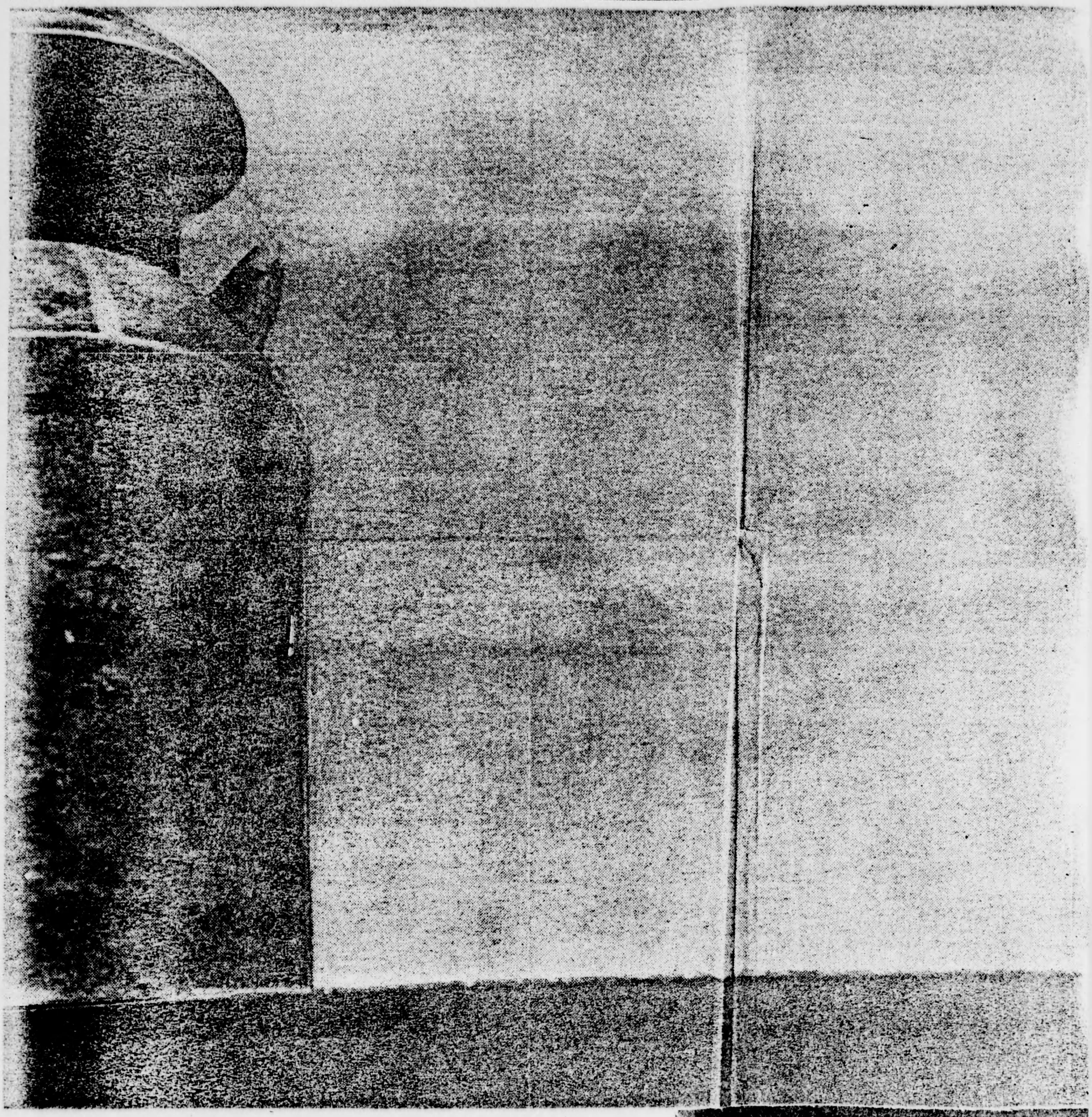
Spokesmen at Buhl Planetarium in Pittsburgh were unable to account for the sightings. Arthur Draper, Buhl's program director, ruled out the possibility of meteorites—a meteorite sighting never lasts as long as 10 minutes—or artificial satellites — satellites don't change direction. Weather balloons were also ruled out.

Meanwhile, there were these developments in the investigation of the original sighting by Miss Klem:

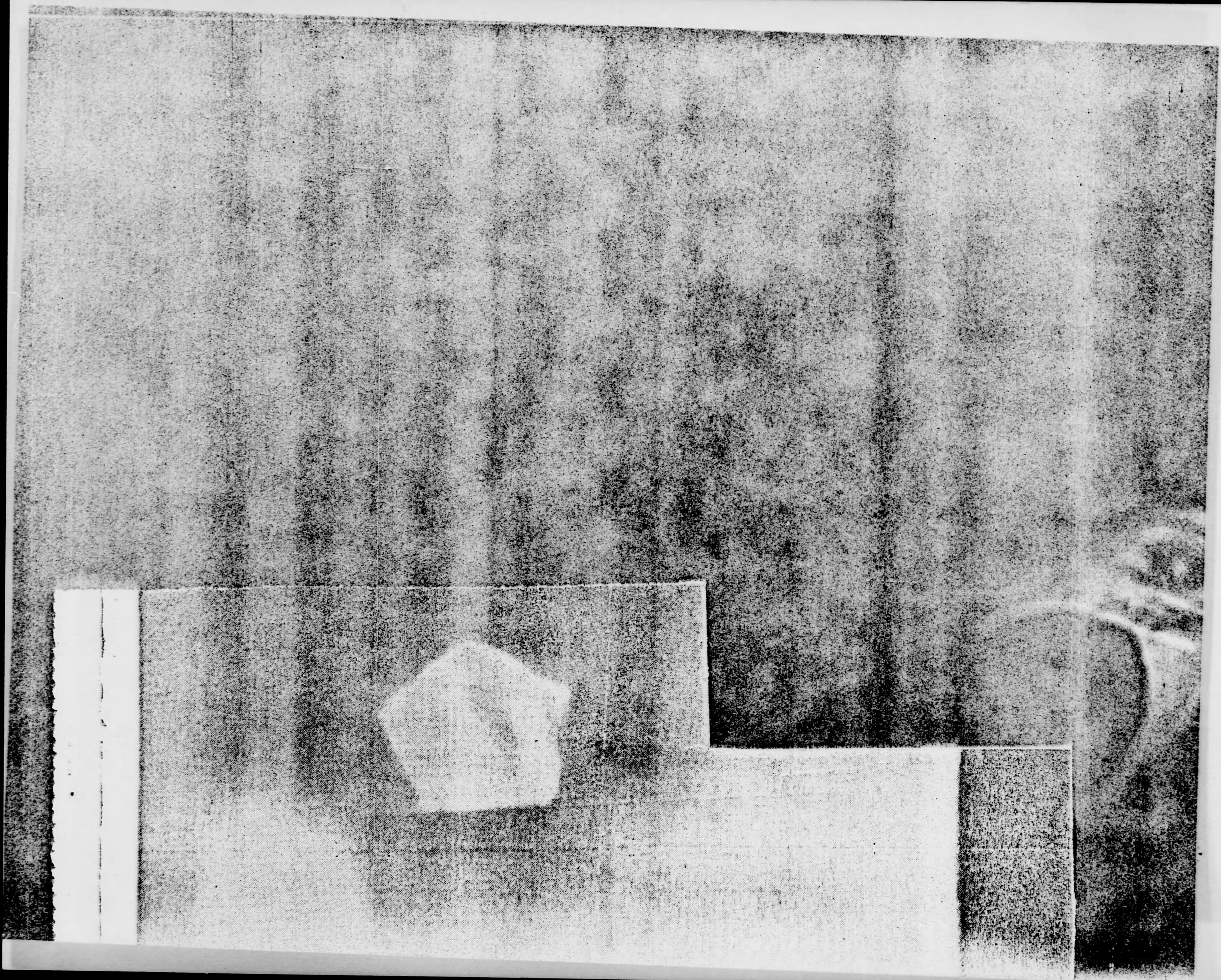
►Maj. William S. Hall, an Air Force investigator, ordered plaster molds made of imprints in the sand, allegedly produced by the legs of the UFO. The molds were sent to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton.

►An astronomy professor at Jamestown Community College, Dr. Marshall Martz, said he will interview Miss Klem. He is a member of the National Investigations Committee for Aerial Phenomena (NIICAP).

►Five other NIICAP members were investigating the report.



ABOVE: This photograph, taken July 30 but just made public, shows a pentagon-shaped unidentified flying object over the Lawrence County Farm Show grounds, at New Castle, Pa. Similar sightings were reported over Presque Isle Peninsula, near Erie, Pa., about 75 miles away. The object at the left is a milk can.





CLAWLIKE MARKINGS POINTED OUT NEAR AREA OF SIGHTING
Air Force Officer Viewed Prints and Declined to Comment—UPI

SAND WAS MARKED

Erie Newsmen Report Saucer

ERIE, Pa., Aug. 3—(AP)—Two Erie newsmen said they saw and photographed early today a bright object in the sky near where a young couple reported the landing of a mysterious object.

Dennis Buckel of Radio Station WJET said at about 2 a.m. he saw what looked like a bright

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he saw what looked like a bright star, but faster moving.

Another WJET newsman, Jerry Trembley, said he saw the same object about two hours later and another strange cluster of flashing lights.

ON SUNDAY, Betty Jean Klein, 16, of Jamestown, N.Y., and Douglas Tibbets, 18, of Greenhurst, N.Y., said they saw a metallic, silvery object land near their car on beach No. 6 on Presque Isle State park, a curving peninsula jutting into Lake Erie.

Police said they found two triangular impressions in the sand, about six inches deep.

The teenagers' report attracted five members of the National Investigations committee on Aerial Phenomenons and an official from the headquarters of Project Bluebook at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

POLICE CLOSED off the beach area.

The WJET newsmen came up with motion pictures of objects in the sky.

Said Trembley of the objects he saw:

"As we walked toward the spot where the original sighting took place we again noticed the movement of the same object or the same type of object in the sky, but this time it was more south than the original sighting."

He said a second object "had only red and green and white lights, but did not act like an ordinary plane. It came first towards us and then seemed to head away and climb higher in the sky."



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Aug	Fostoria, Ohio	[redacted]	Sighting: INSUFFICIENT DATA Photo: NO RECORD OF RECEIPT
Aug	Cincinnati, Ohio	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
1	Manila, Phillipines	Military	INSUFFICIENT DATA Photo: Other (EMULSION DEFECT)
1	Annadale, Virginia	[redacted]	AIRCRAFT
1	Eastern Maryland Area	Multiple	INSUFFICIENT DATA
1	Jeffersonville, Ohio	Civilian	AIRCRAFT
1	Washington, D. C.	[redacted]	1. Astro (METEOR) 2. Other (CLOUD)
2	Oak Lawn, Illinois	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
2	Springfield, Virginia	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
2	San Luis Obispo, California	Multiple	AIRCRAFT
3	Englewood, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS)
3	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	BALLOON
3	Indianapolis, Indiana	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
3	Wilmette, Illinois	[redacted]	Astro (CAPELLA, JUPITER, VENUS, MARS)
3	Dayton, Ohio	Multiple	AIRCRAFT
3	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
3	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Multiple	SATELLITE
3	Dayton, Ohio	Civilian	INSUFFICIENT DATA
3-4	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
4	Broomall, Pennsylvania	[redacted]	AIRCRAFT
4	Holly, Michigan	Multiple	AIRCRAFT
4	Kettering, Ohio	[redacted]	AIRCRAFT
5	Kettering, Ohio	Multiple	AIRCRAFT
5	Kettering, Ohio	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
5	Springdale, Ohio	Multiple	AIRCRAFT
5	Warrenton, Mo.	Multiple	SATELLITE
6	Harlinger, Texas	Multiple	INSUFFICIENT DATA
6	Girard, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
6	Cincinnati, Ohio	[redacted]	SATELLITE
7	Long Island Beach, New York	Multiple	Astro (VENUS, JUPITER)
7	Fairborn, Ohio	[redacted]	Other (SUNSET)
7	Colorado Springs, Colorado	[redacted]	SATELLITE
8	Lansdale, Pennsylvania	Multiple	Other (CONFLICTING DATA
8	Utica, New York	[redacted]	AIRCRAFT
8	31.15N 170.20E (Pacific)	Cicilian	Astro (METEOR)
8	40.30N 13.10E	Military	Astro (METEOR)
8	Canton, Kansas	[redacted]	SATELLITE
8	Dayton, Ohio	Multiple	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
9	New Carlisle, Ohio	Multiple	SATELLITE
9	Rossburg, Ohio	Multiple	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
9 - 30	Big Fork & Yellowstone National Park, Montana	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
11	Springfield, Ohio	[redacted]	AIRCRAFT
11	Harvard, Mass.	[redacted]	Other (CLOUD)

1 - 11 AUGUST 1966 SIGHTINGS

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
Early Aug	Forest Grove, Oregon	[redacted]	
Aug	Onamia, Minnesota		
Aug	Pensacola, Fla.		
Aug	Warsaw, Indiana		
Aug	Beyport, N. Y.		
Aug	Connersville		
3	Takoma Park, Maryland		Multiple
7	Marysville, Washington		
7	Pacullpa, Peru		Civilian
8	Shaftsbury, Vermont		
9	Stevens Point, Wisc.		
9	Salley, South Carolina		
10	Streetboro, Ohio		
10	Port Cloborne, Ontario Canada		