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Harmon Field, Newfoundland
10 July '47

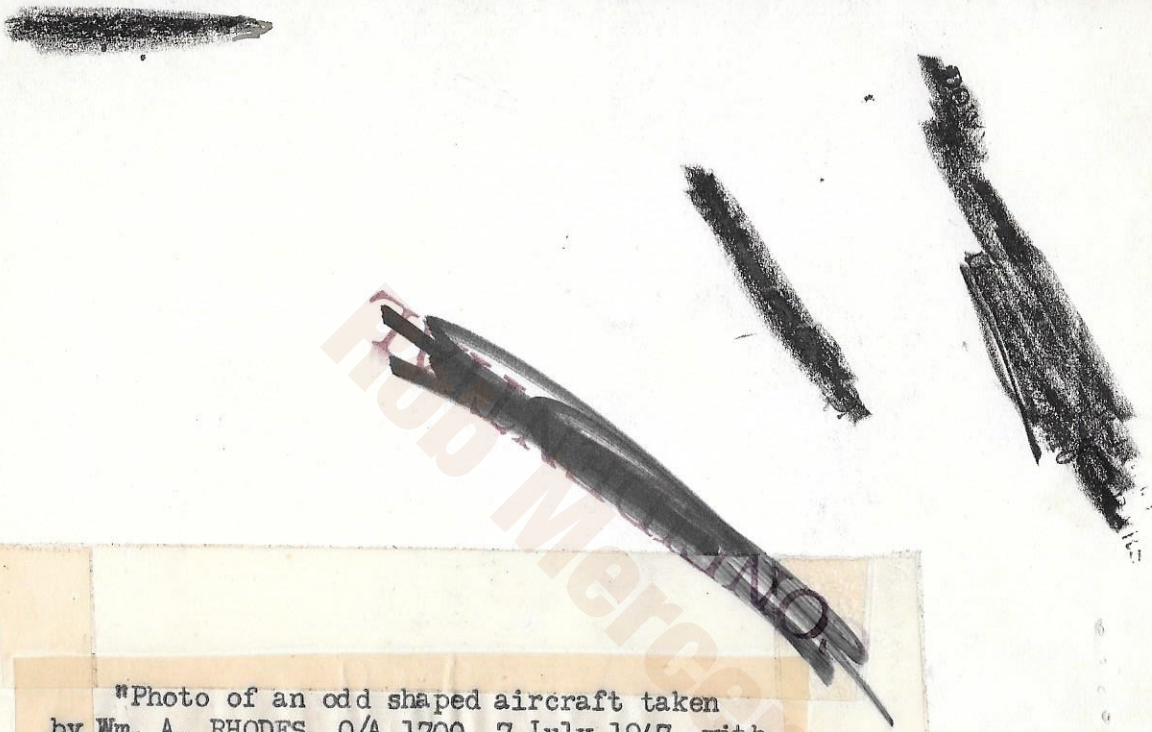
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"FLYING SAUCER", ALLEGED SPECIMENS

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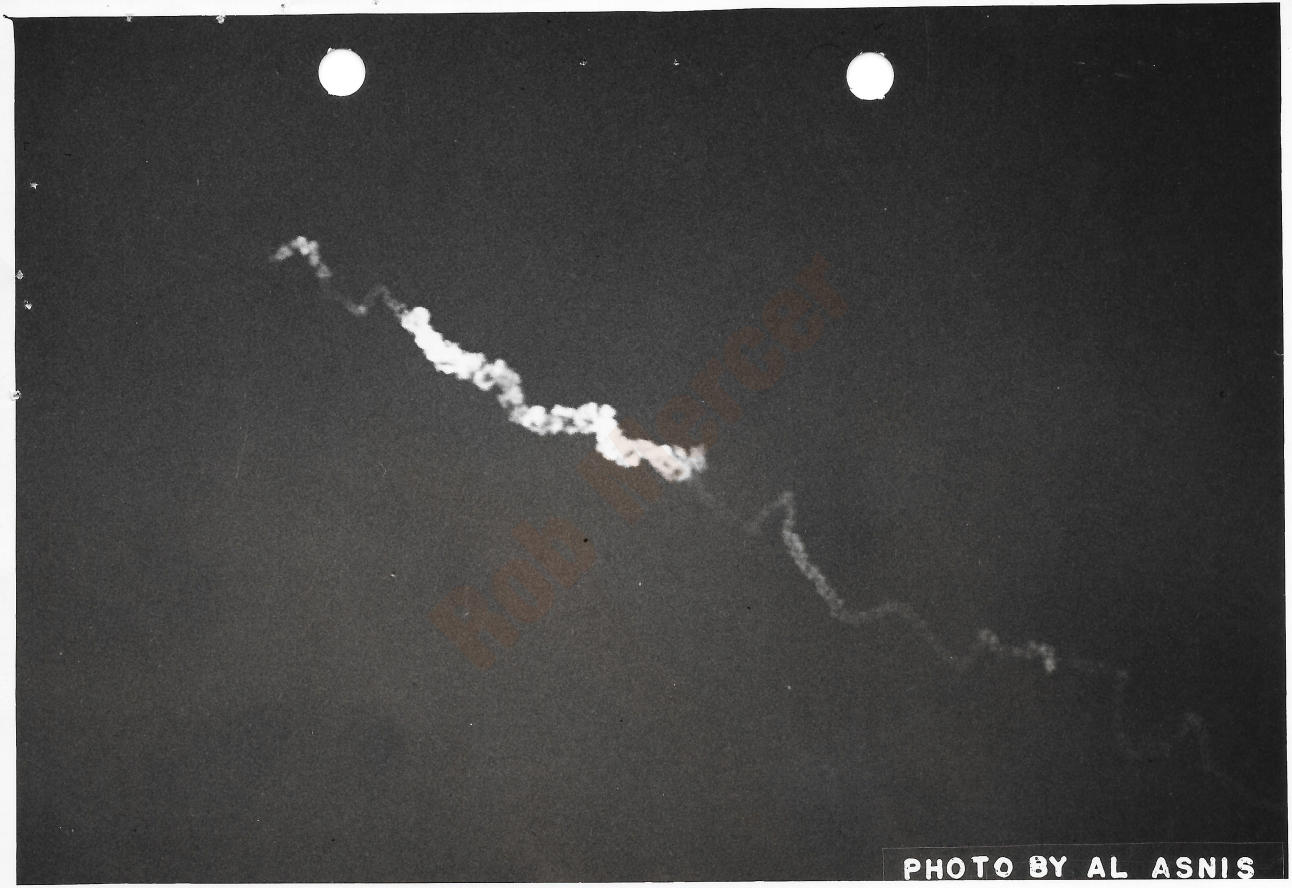
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Aug. 1944
Dayton, Ohio
Roof

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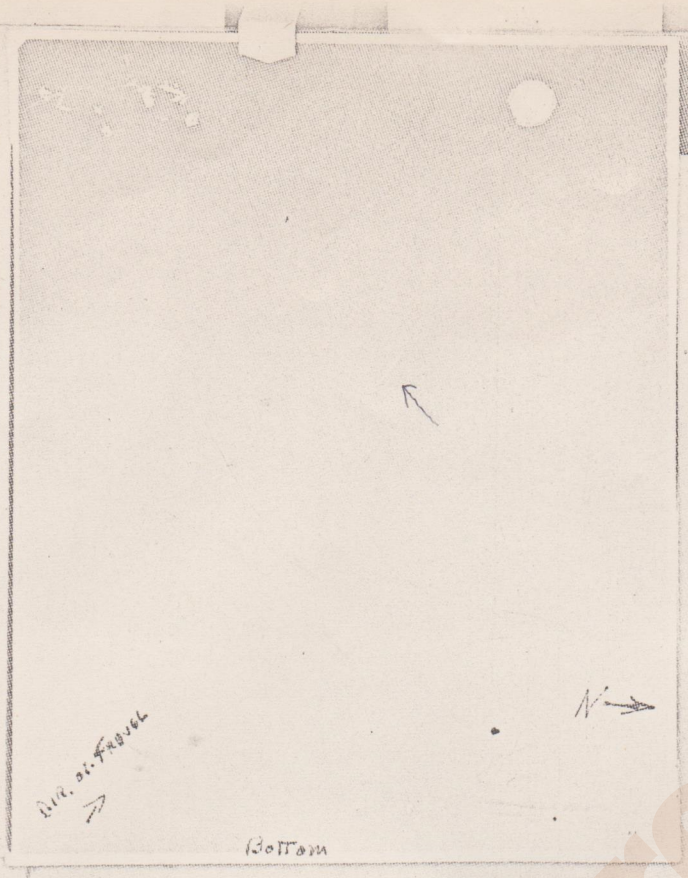

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15 Feb 1948
Norton Kansas
Meteorite

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26 April 1948

15 mi ± S of Amarillo Texas

Aircraft Contrail

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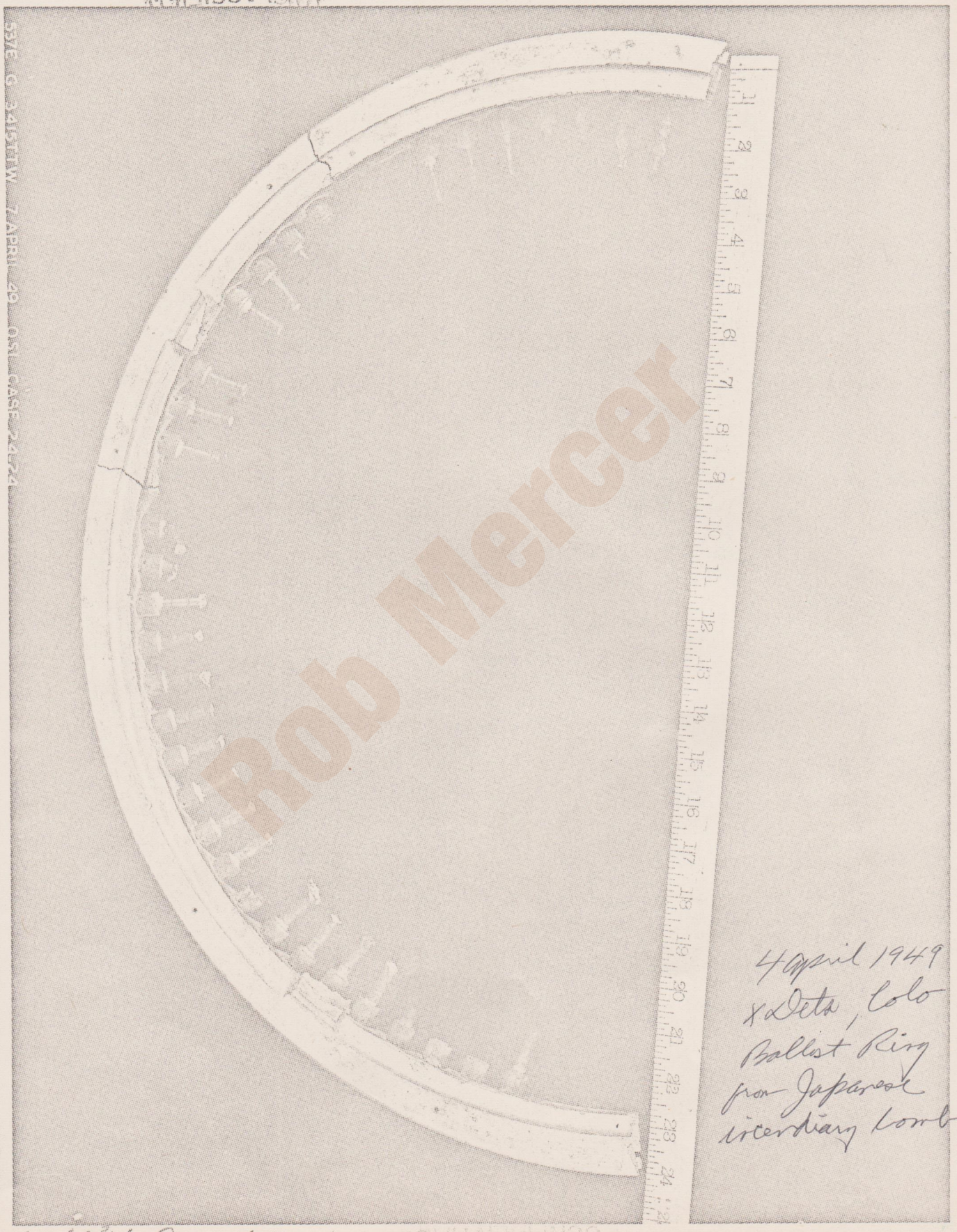
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23 November 1949

Santa Rosa Island, Florida

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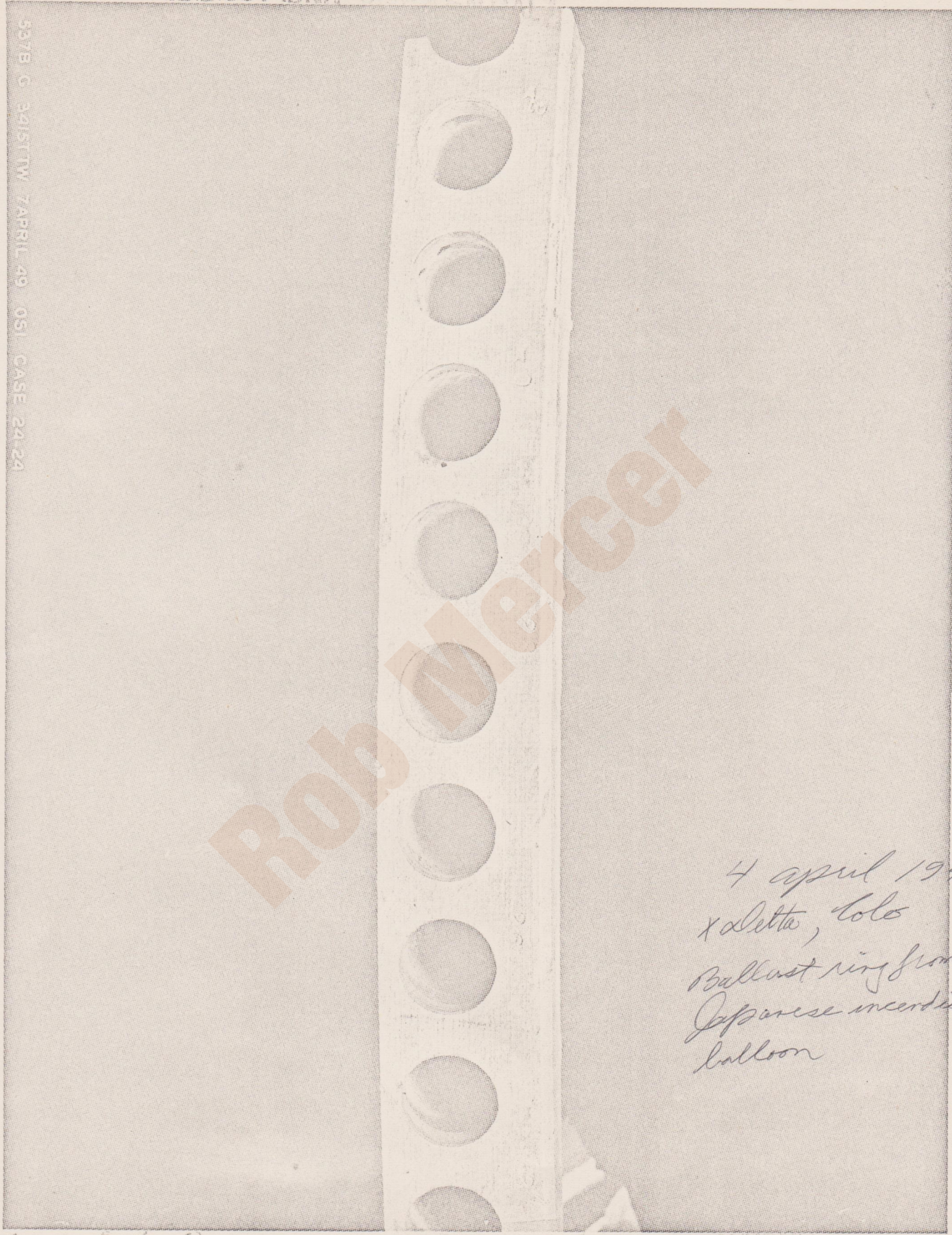


4 April 1949
x Delta, Colo
Ballast Ring
from Japanese
incendiary bomb

Rods 2½ to apart

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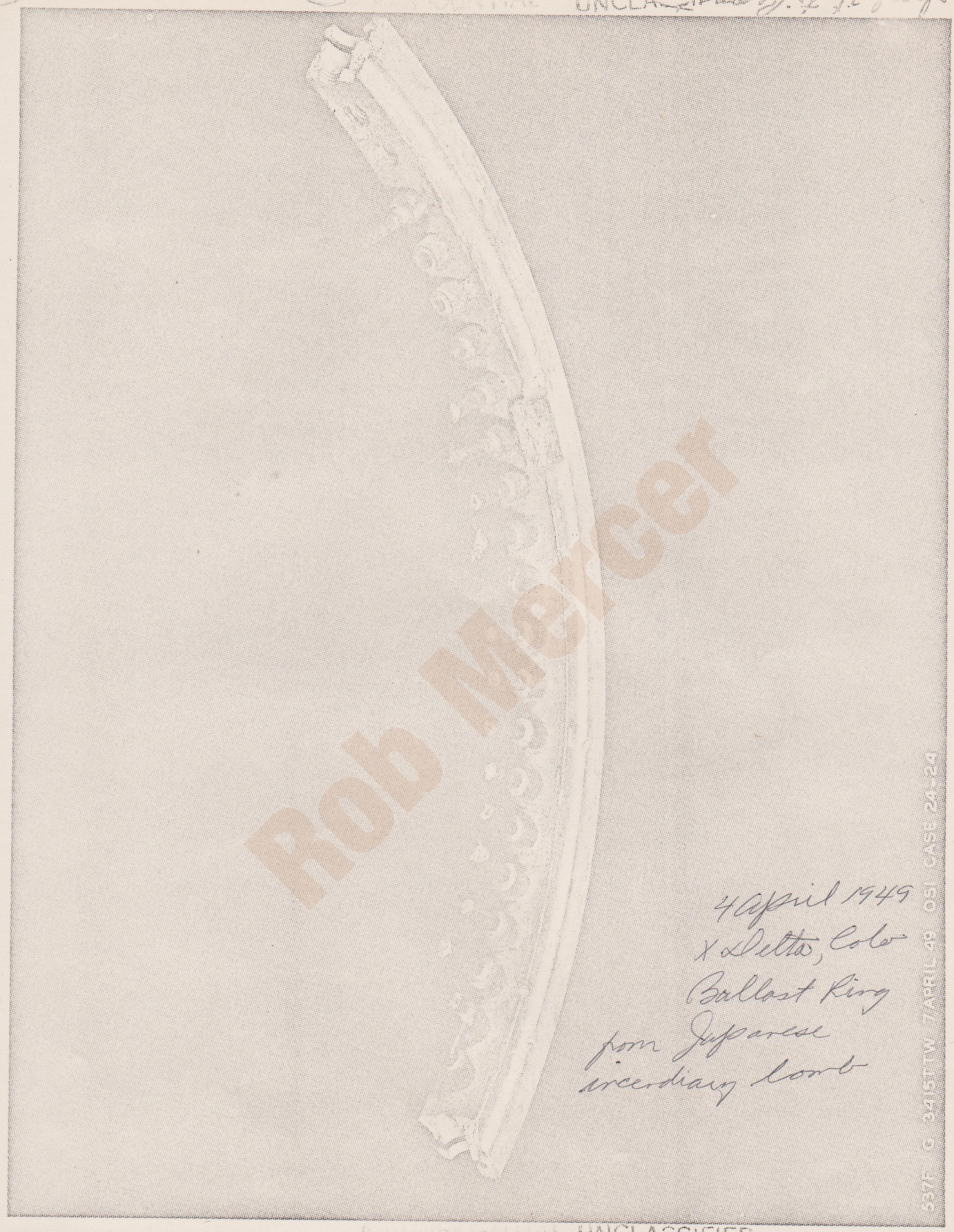
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X Delta, Colo
Ballast Ring
from Japanese
incendiary bomb

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New Orleans, La
Cast Aluminum Alloy

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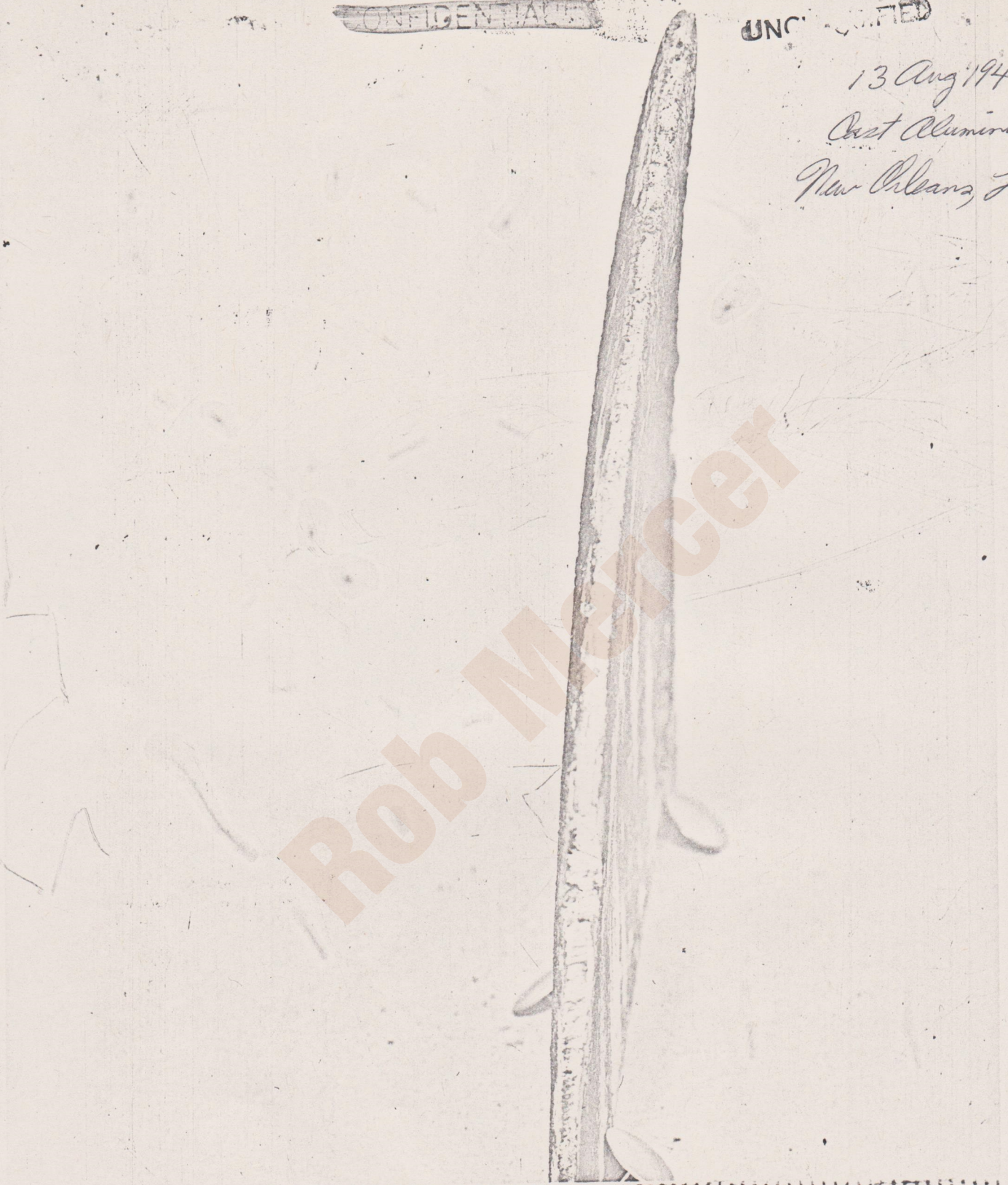
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Case: Hoax

SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER
20 AUG 49
SEATTLE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1949

Real Flying Saucers Found At Last--Inventor Missing



DADDY OF DISKS—This tattered old contraption, found by Maryland state police Friday in a barn near Baltimore, is all that's left of a 10-year-old flying experiment. The big disk went 'round and 'round and was designed to lift the fuselage at left, like a helicopter and look like the flying saucers of two years ago. The inventor, Jonathan Caldwell, dropped out of sight eight years ago.
—(Associated Press Wirephoto.)

Air Force Official Says Improved Models Are Now Being Sent Up Into Sky

BALTIMORE, Aug. 19.— (AP) — The Baltimore Sun tonight quoted an air force officer as saying that two battered old aircraft found near here are — "definitely the prototype of the flying saucer."

The Sun quoted the air forces official as saying that he believed greatly improved models of the two planes found in an abandoned barn are flying now, and are the source of the flying saucer reports of two years ago.

State police found the old machines, now largely a collection of junk, in the barn near Glen Burnie, about 11 miles south of Baltimore.

Their inventor, Jonathan E. Caldwell, dropped out of sight about 1941.

NEW PLANES—

The official declined the use of his name, the Sun said, but declared air force authorities had given him permission to make a statement concerning the Glen Burnie discovery.

The officer explained that the air force uses the term "prototype," to denote the first model from which an airplane develops.

The Sun went on to quote him as saying:

"I, personally, think the inventor went to some other part of the country and that he— or someone else — developed new planes along these lines and is sending them up."

An aircraft mechanic who worked with Caldwell on the strange craft back in 1936 and 1937 declared Caldwell was 10 years ahead of his times in developing the planes.

One of the planes had a small fuselage something like a conventional plane, with a rotating disc and propeller blades above it.

The other looked like a big, round cheesebox. It had propellers above and below, and seated four.

STOCK TROUBLE—

Caldwell made a splurge with them back in 1939 and 1940. The one with the disc made a demonstration hop in Washington, but crash landed.

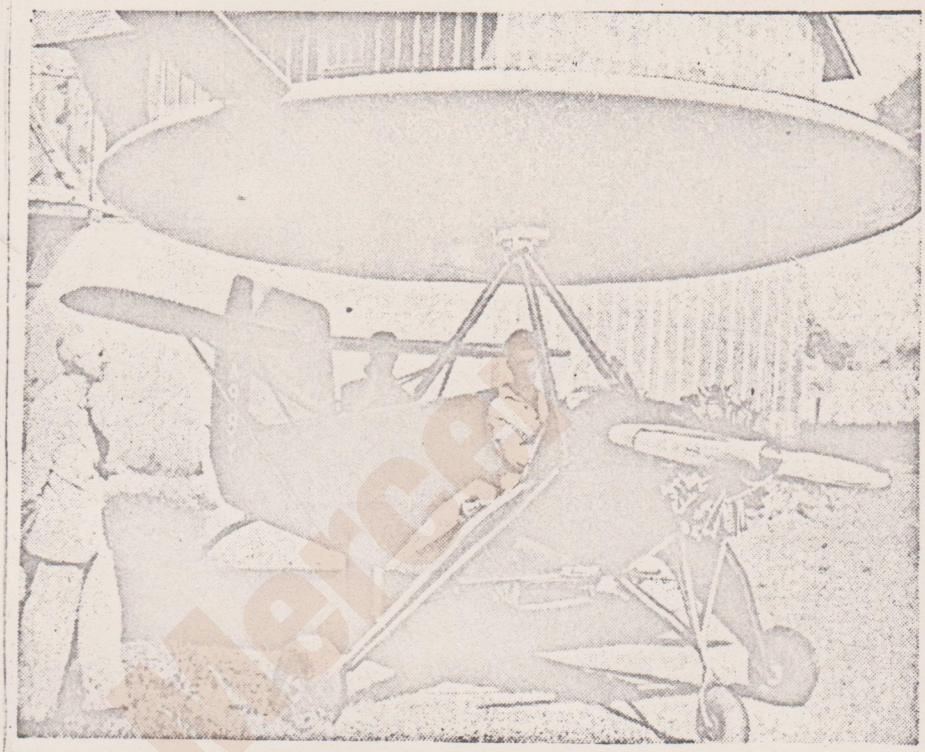
Caldwell got into legal difficulties in Maryland, New Jersey and New York about the same time for selling stock in two corporations he set up to develop his inventions.

Two officers from the air force inspector general's special investigating staff brought about discovery of the old planes, now falling apart.

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Case: Hosp

WASHINGTON POST 21 AUG 49

Air Force Now Decides Odd Maryland Relics Leave Flying Saucer Mystery Where It Was



Associated Press WIREPHOTO

FLYING (SAUCER) MACHINE—Inventor Jonathan E. Caldwell (left) is shown with his rotor plane in this 1940 photograph. Remains of the airplane were found near Glen Burnie, Md. Officials call it the "granddaddy" of "flying saucers." Other two men in the picture are unidentified

The two-year old flying saucer mystery is still a mystery. The discovery Friday of a "saucer"-rotored helicopter and a flying tub didn't solve it at all, the Air Force said yesterday.

Widespread interest in the two 10-year-old tattered brainchildren of a Maryland stock promoter was originally triggered by an enthusiastic Air Force investigator on the scene, who called them "definite prototypes" of flying saucers.

Yesterday however, the Air Force admitted that it was no closer to solution of the origin of the whirling discs than it was last April, when it issued its last statement.

It said yesterday that "the two experimental aircraft found near Baltimore, Md., have absolutely no connection with the reported phenomena of 'flying saucers'."

In its statement of last April, the Air Force said: "Many of the reported instances have been definitely determined to be meteorological balloons, or natural celestial phenomena. However, there are some instance reported by reliable and competent observers which are still unexplained."

Following a policy of investigating all reports, Bolling Field investigators, together with Maryland State police, traced a tip to the Glen Burnie, Md., farm where the rotting machines were found.

The inventor, one Jonathan E. Caldwell, had disappeared 10 years ago after he had been enjoined from selling stock in the "Grey Goose Airways." He was 60 years old at the time.

An airport repairman, John W. Ganz, told the investigators he helped Caldwell build the contraptions.

Air Force belief in the possibility that Caldwell's machines were original models for the flying saucers went far enough to cause a Nation-wide alert to be sent out for the inventor, a United Press dispatch said.

The news agency said investigators wanted to find out if Caldwell had built better models in the past 10 years.

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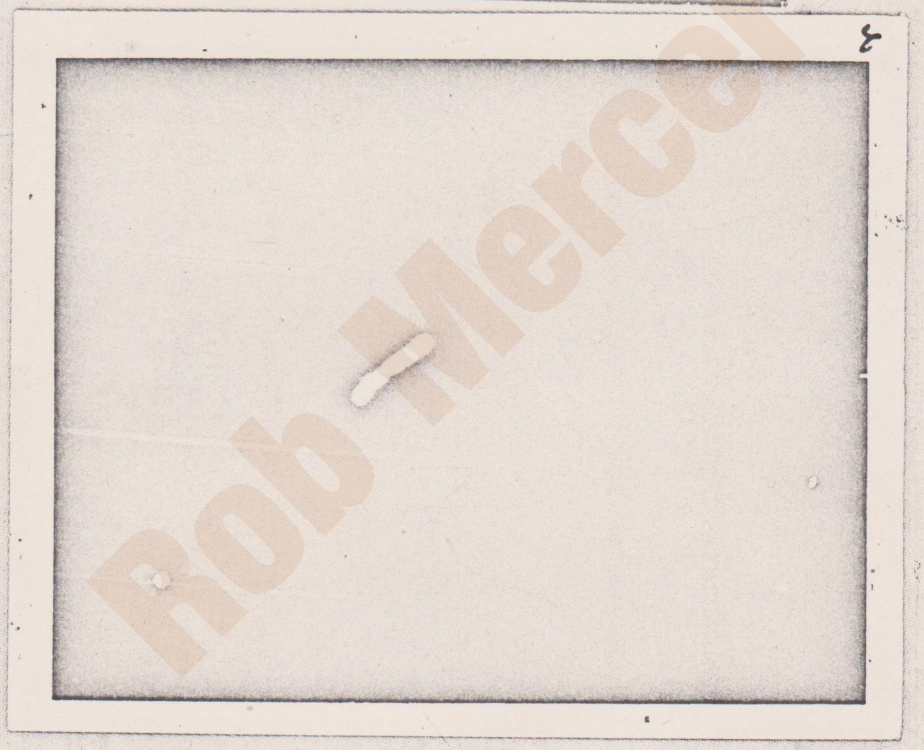
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Col. D. D. Carter USAF

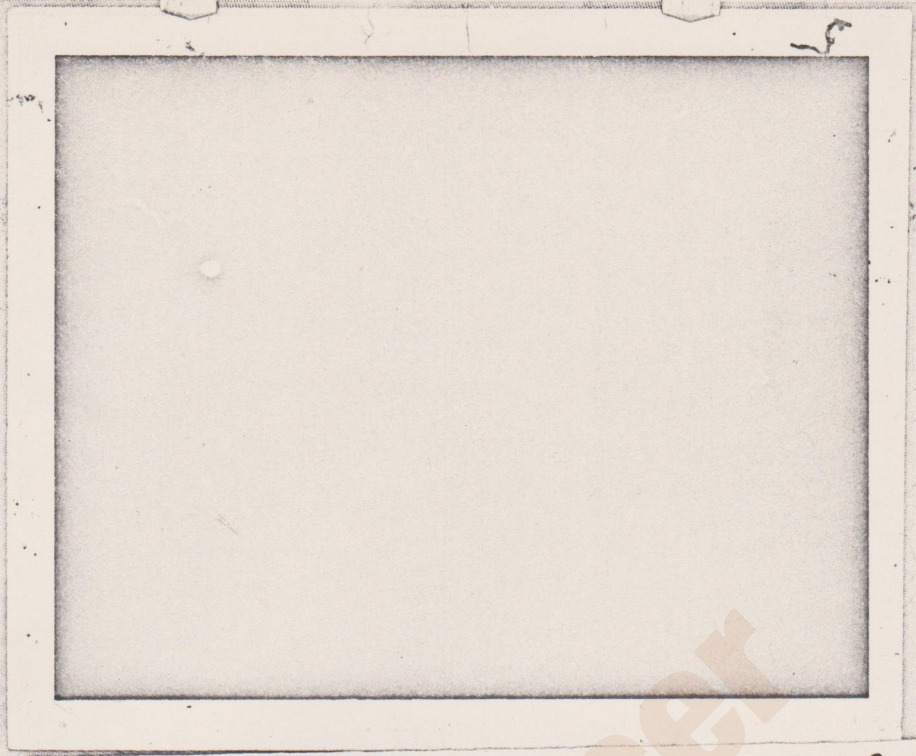
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24 Feb 1950
Alamogordo, N. Mexico
Comet

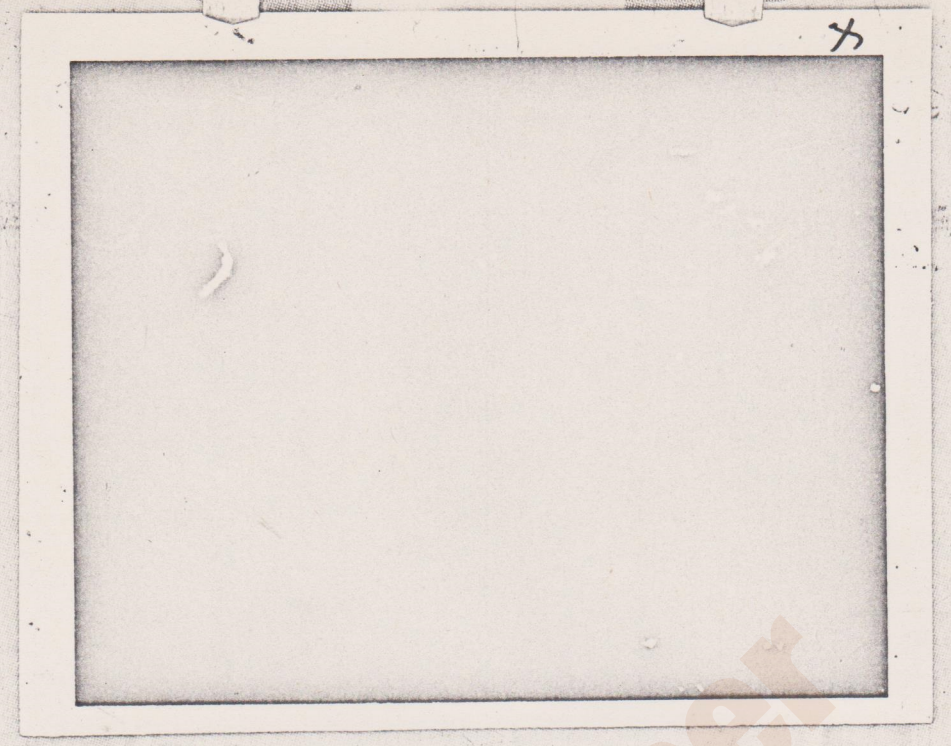
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Alamogordo N. Mexico
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20 March 1950
NYC, NY
evaluated/astro/moon
submitted as a UFO
by Irving Underhill
Underhill Studio
17 Park Place
NYC 7, NY

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Moon

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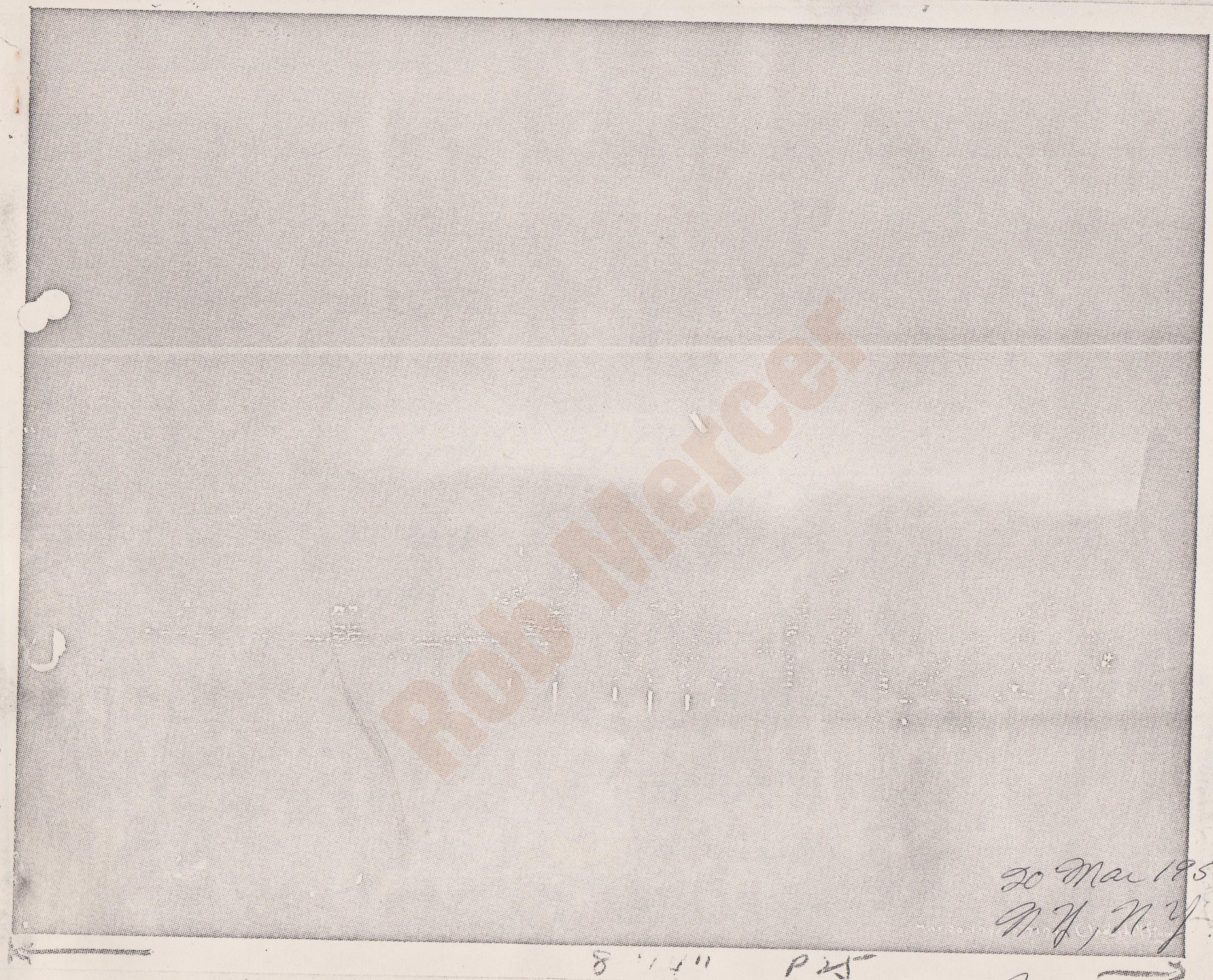
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DATE: 20 March 1950

LOCATION: New York, New York

EVALUATION: Astro (MOON)

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N.Y., N.Y.
8 1/4" PST
Moon

24 APR 50

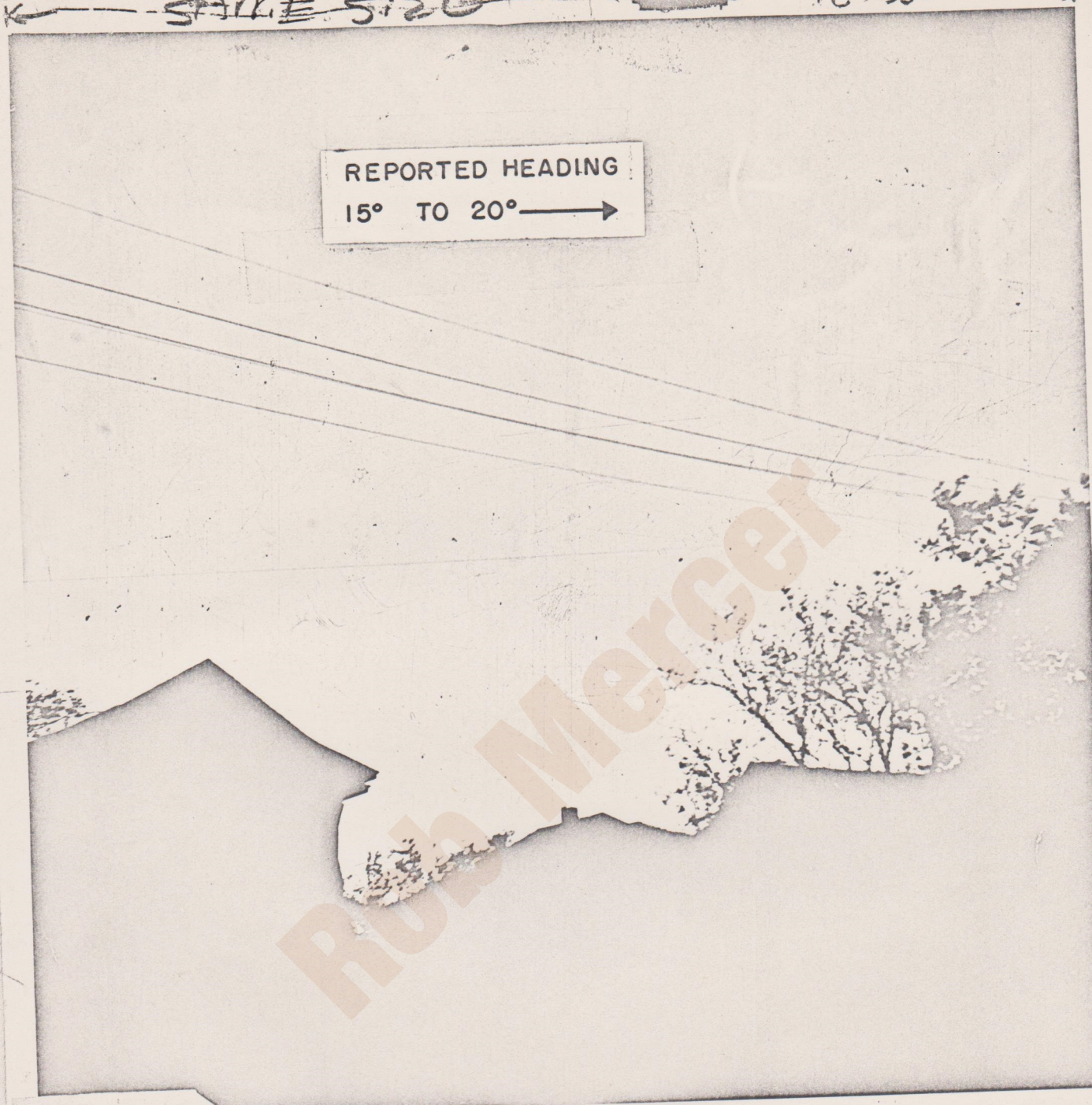


Dean Margan got this intriguing shot near Red Bud, Ill., in 1950.

23 April 1950
Red Bud, Ill.
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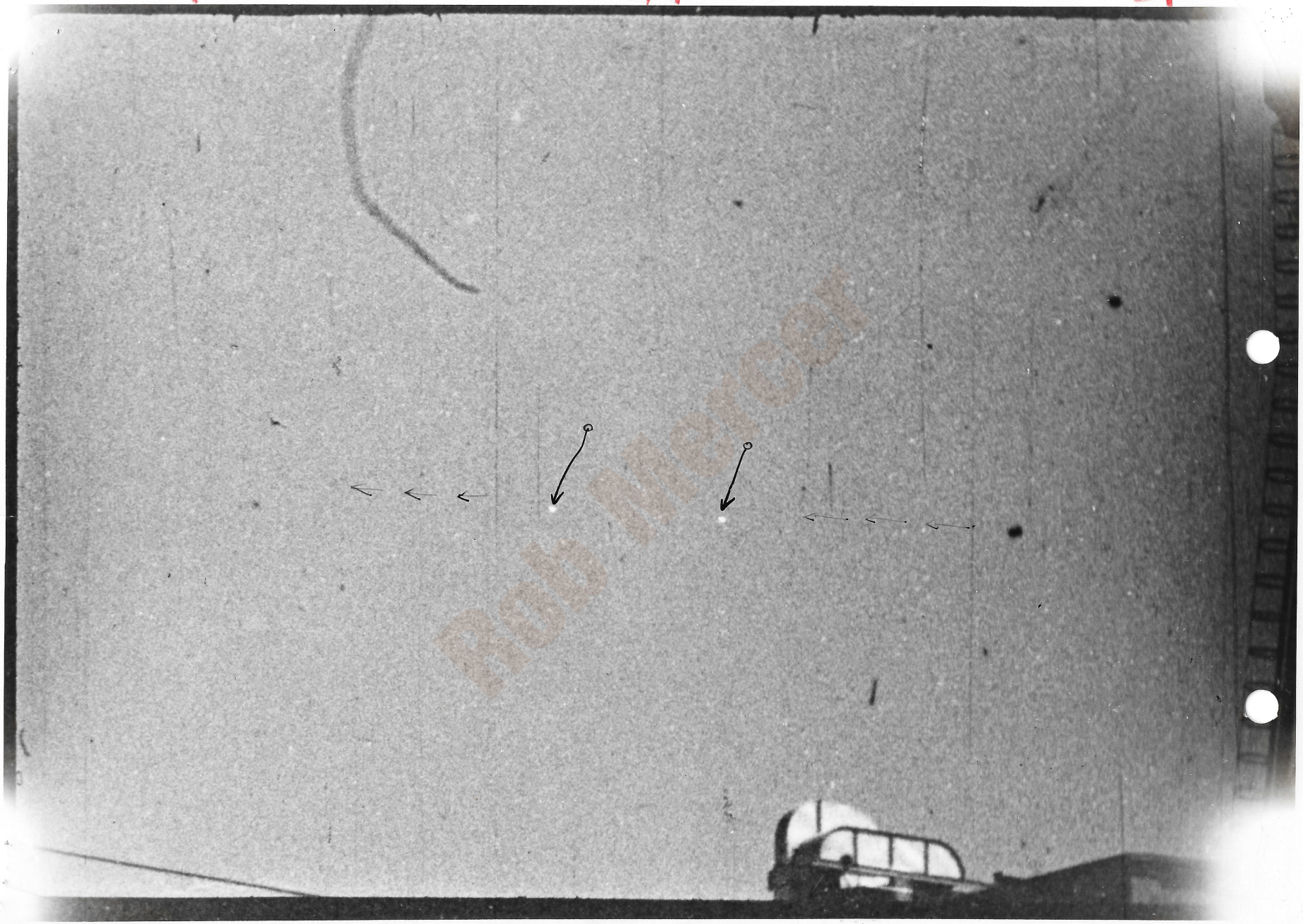
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9 April 1950
Ft Worth Texas
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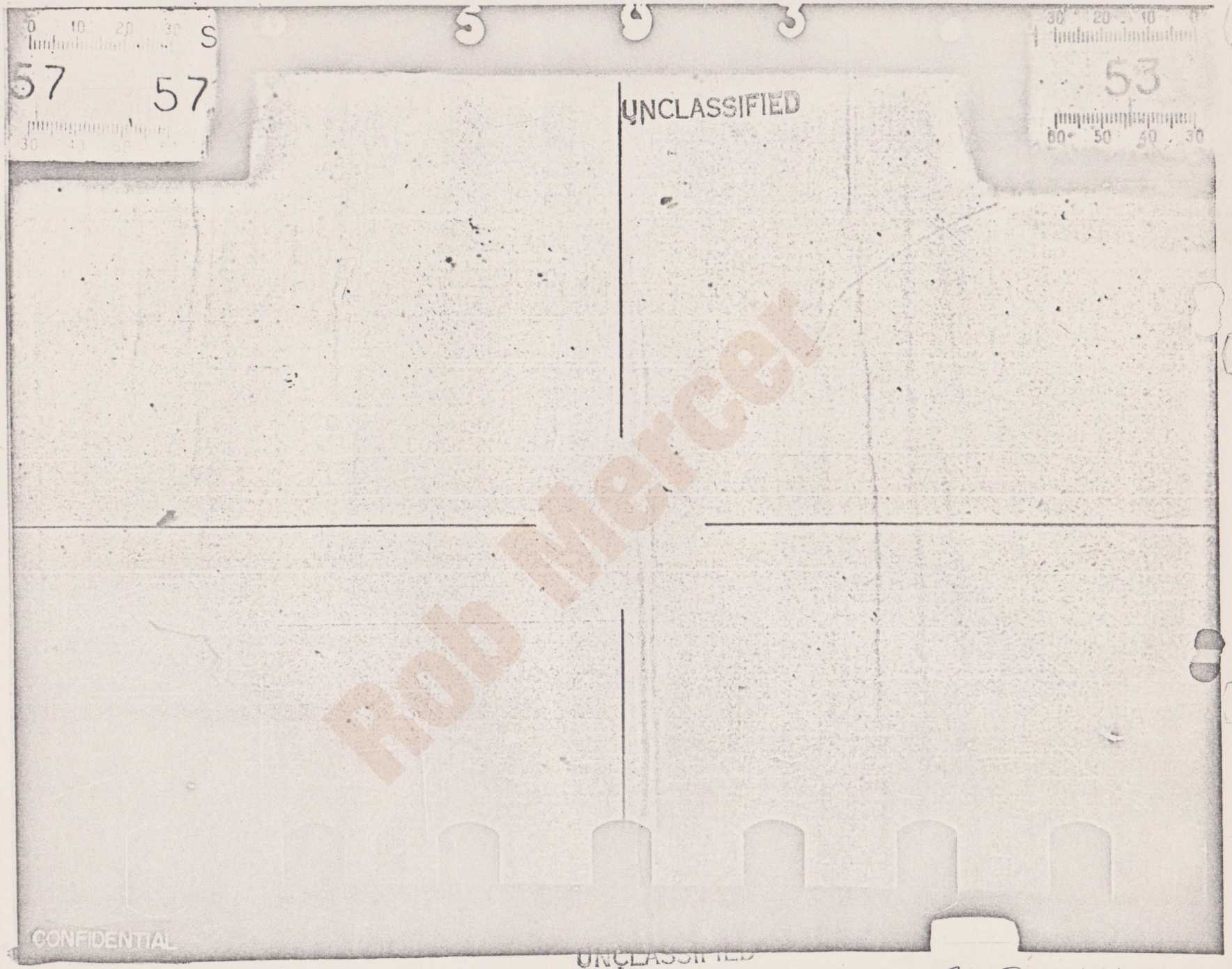
SCENE FROM THE " MARIANNA FILM "

Submitted as a UFO) evaluated as aircraft
15 August 1950
From Great Falls, Montana
by Nicholas Mariana
3235 5th Avenue South

aircraft



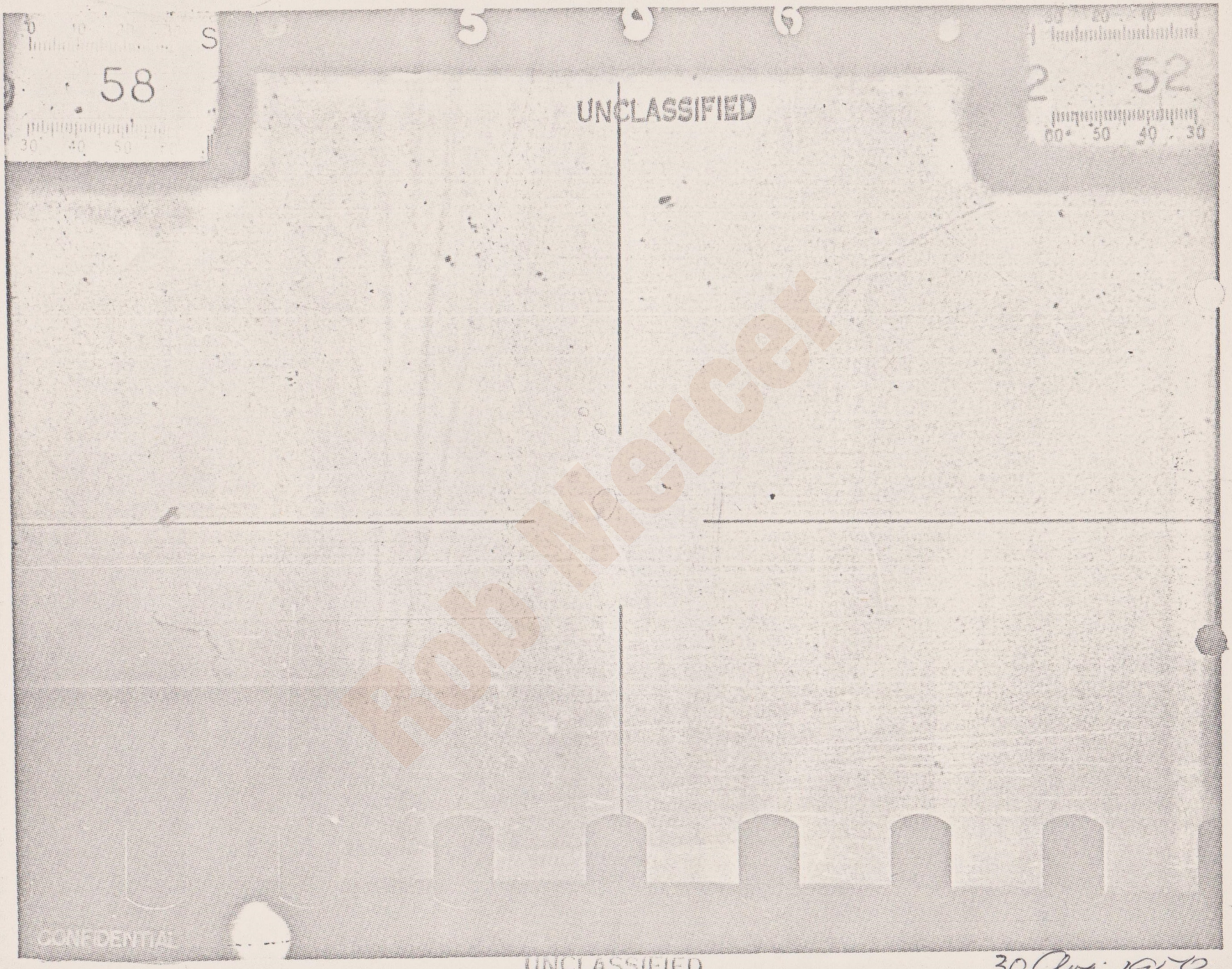
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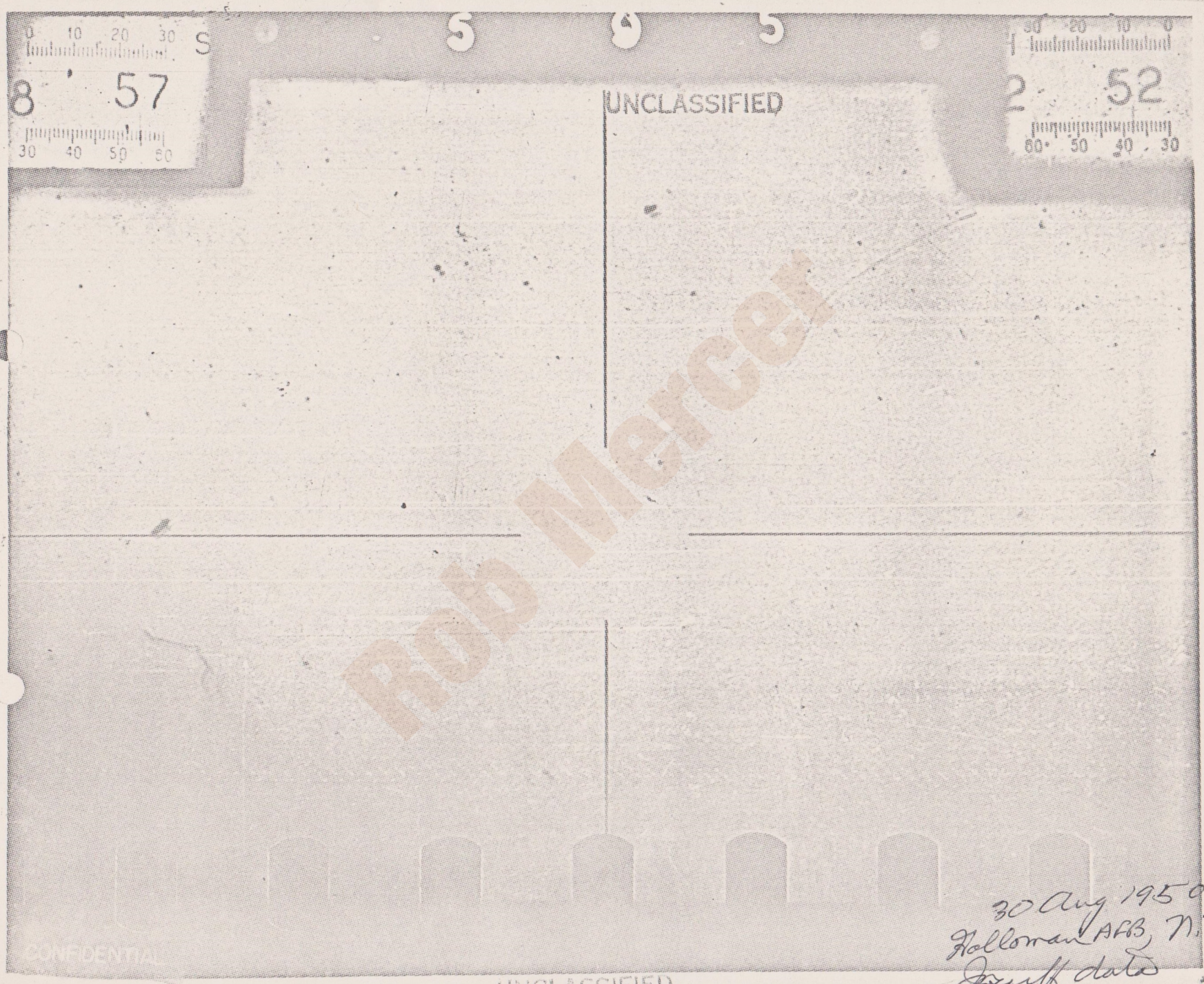
30 Aug 1950
Holloman AFB, N.M.
Staff data



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30 Aug. 1950
Dalhart AFB, N.M.
Grid & data


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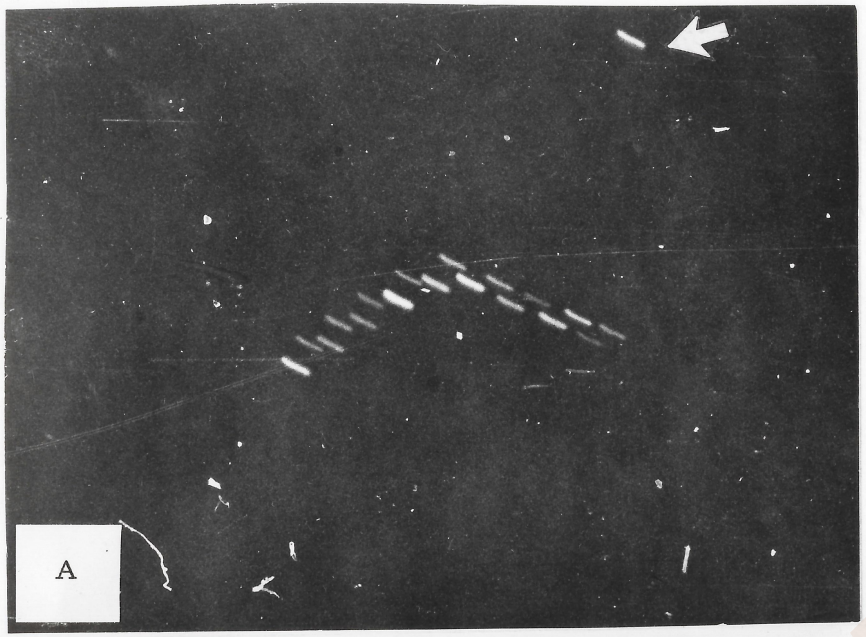
23 November 1951
Riverside, California
evaluated as a hoax
Submitted as a bonafide UFO
by Guy B. Marquand, Jr
4326 Elmwood Court

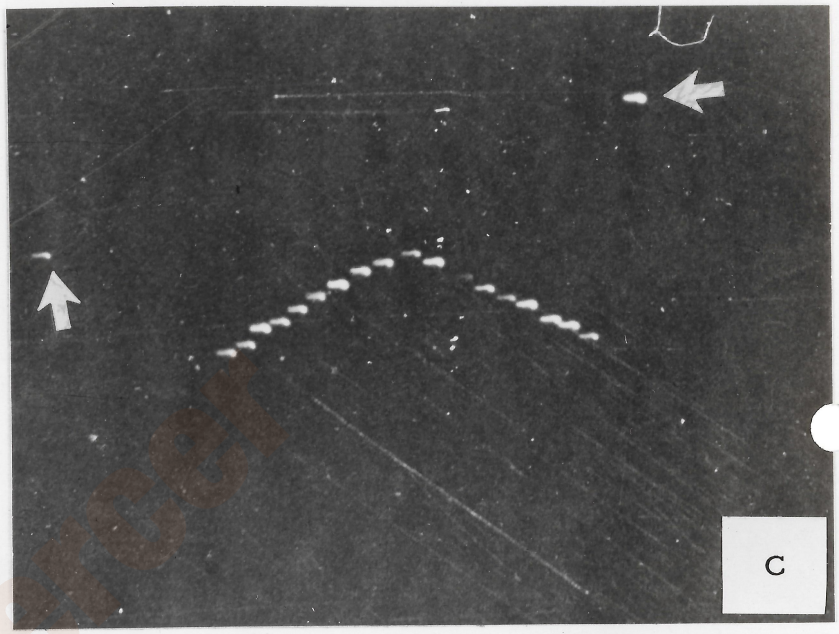
Interviewed on 24 March 1952
by the AF, Marquand admitted
whole thing was a hoax, started
as a gag that got out of his
control when press took over.
Object was a tire cover from a
1937 Ford

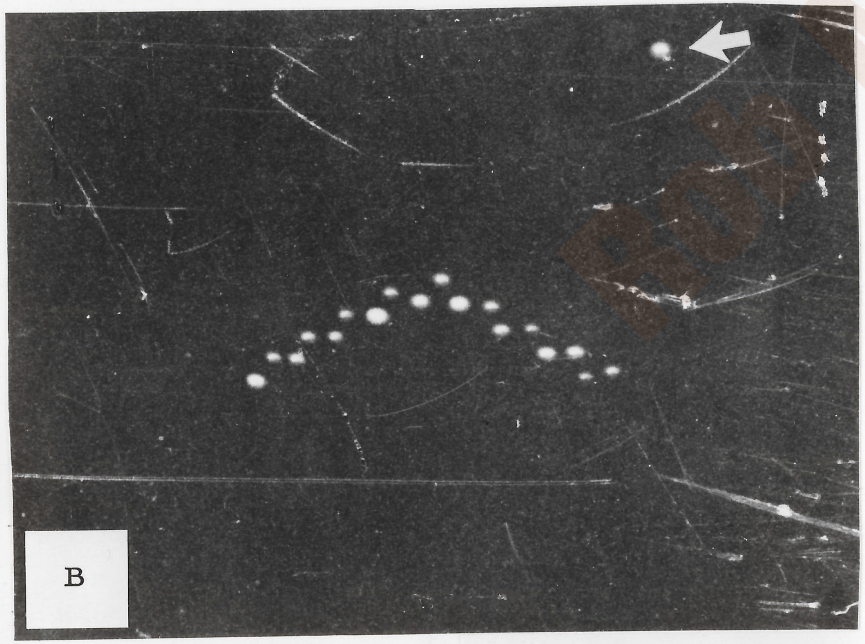
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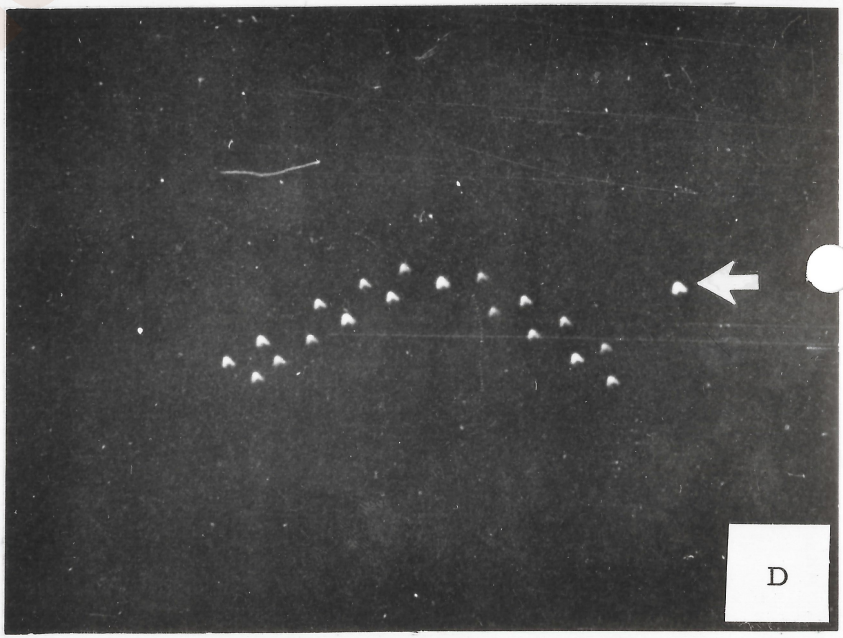
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Photos of Unidentified Aerial Objects - Lubbock, Texas

25 Aug 1951
Lubbock, Texas

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH USAF
TECHNICAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICE SECTION
MATERIAL DIVISION
WRIGHT AIR DEVELOPMENT CENTER
W-P AFB DAYTON, OHIO

MAR 11 1952

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21 Nov 52
Havana Cuba

NO CARD with CASE

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21 Nov 1952

Cuba

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no card.



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Photograph A

25 Dec 1952
Miami Florida

pos- Astronomical
ξ Sirius — ξ
Venus

* Imperfection

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* Subject unidentified
Object

Incl 2

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
25 Dec 52

2. LOCATION
MIAMI, FLORIDA

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 26/2005EST
GMT 27/0105Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☒ Yes
☐ No

6. SOURCE
Three Civilians

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
1/2 hour

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One

9. COURSE
SW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Pinpoint shaped bluish white light (bright) with a tint of amber color "three times as large as Venue". Moved at an estimated angular velocity of 40° per hour and disappeared behind horizon. Winds aloft are described in report.

11. COMMENTS
1. This object moves approx 1 degree per 1 minute and might be ~~the planet~~ SIRIUS.
2. 30 min observation and relatively Little movement plus disappearance below the horizon.

VENUS SETTING IN WEST

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☒ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)


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Photograph B

25 Dec 1952
Miami Florida

*Imperfection

pos. Astronomical
{ Sirius or Venus }

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*Subject unidentified object



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FEB 22, 1952

El Paso, Texas

Rob Mercer

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
2 Apr 52	Washington, D.C.	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other LENS FLARE ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local ____ GMT 03/0430Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	**6. SOURCE** civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** 1	**9. COURSE**

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

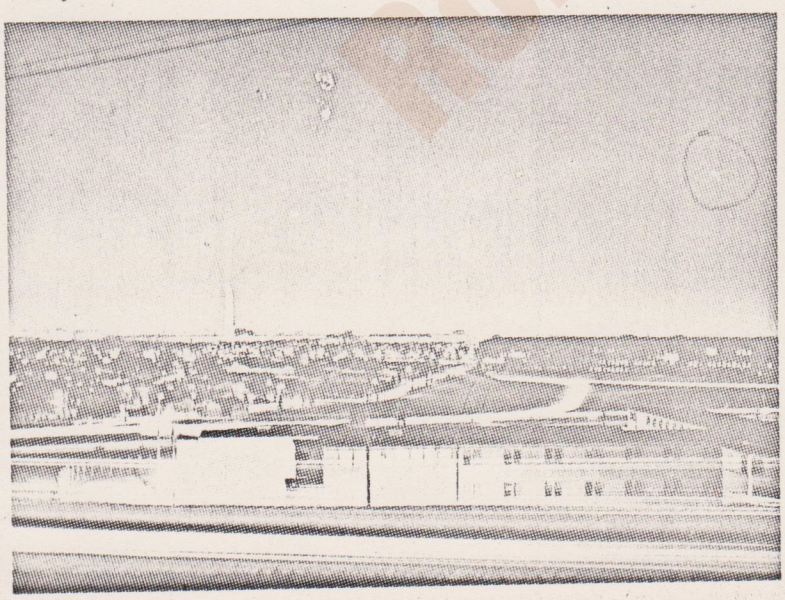
Spot could have been due to several things - all faulty in development.

11. COMMENTS

Photo submitted to ATIC for examination of "spot".

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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1. DATE 20 Apr 52	2. LOCATION Griffin Park, Los Angeles, Calif.	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other WATERSPOTS ON NEGATIVE ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2 HR AFTER DARK GMT 21/0400Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Objects were undoubtedly due to water spots on negative. Very common on photographs. Negatives not requested.

11. COMMENTS

Photoes taken showed "objects".

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)



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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

19 May 1952

2. LOCATION 30°37' N to 100°47' W
San Angelo, Texas

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local 2055 CST

GMT 20/0148 GCT 0252Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual (Binoculars) ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☒ Yes
☐ No

6. SOURCE

B-36 Crew

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

15-20 Min

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

7

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Color: White
Shape: Doughnut

11. COMMENTS

Stacked in a vertical column"

12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☒ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other _____
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19 May 52
San Angelo, Tex.

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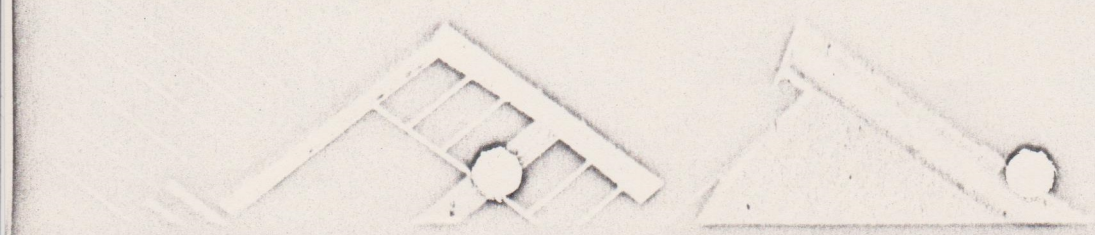
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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
7 May 52

2. LOCATION
Rio de Janerio, Brazil

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 1630
GMT 07/1930Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☒ Yes
☐ No

6. SOURCE
Newspaper men

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☒ Other POSS HOAX
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Disc shaped.
Photos show shadows on object that do not appear from trees in print. Too easy to fake.

11. COMMENTS

See report for details.
Photos in report.
Originally wanted $25,000, labor free for credit line.

Rob Nersen



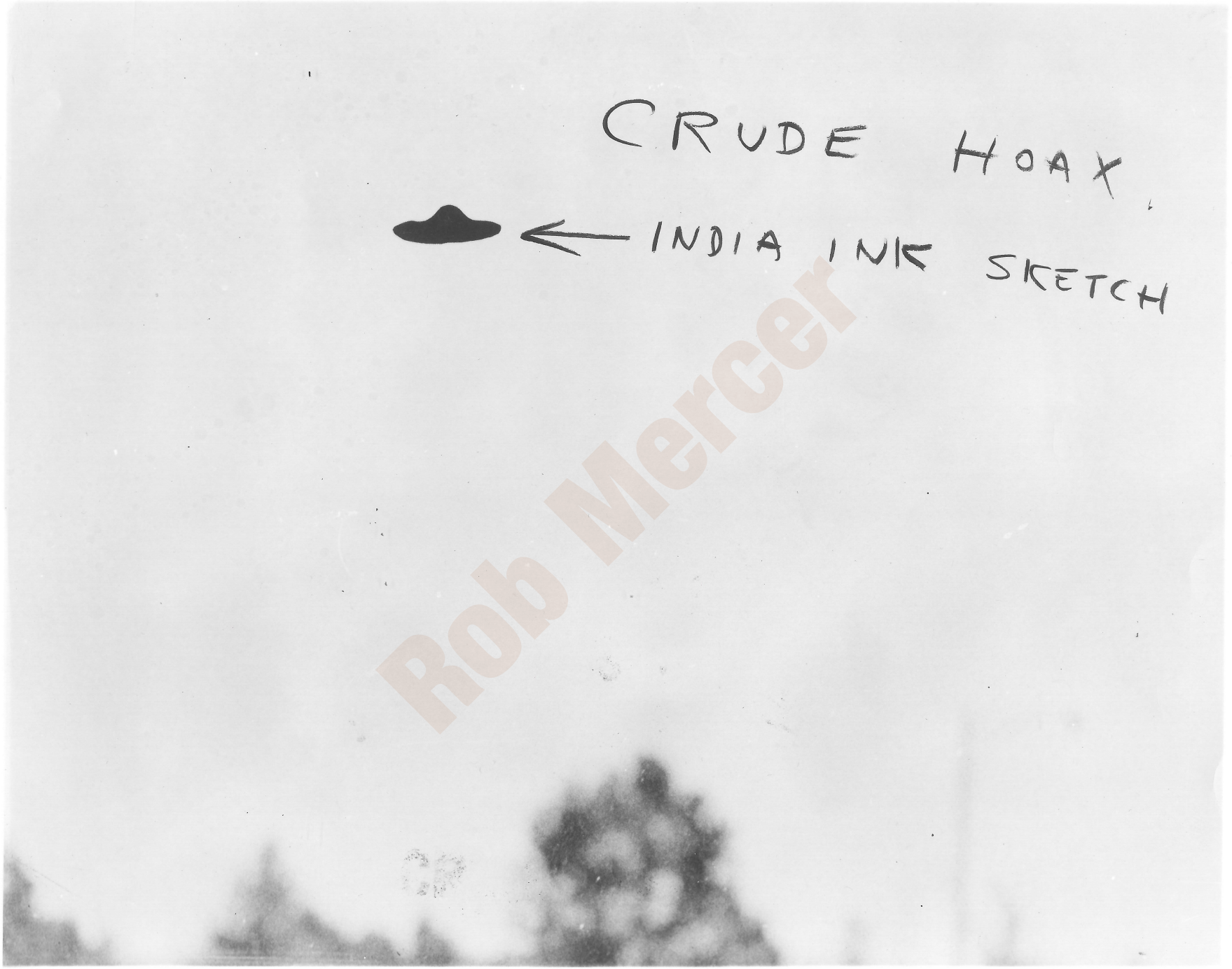
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Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 Jul 52	2. LOCATION BEVERLY MASS	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 16/0935 EST GMT 16/1435 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION XXX Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS XXX Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE 2 Coast guardsmen	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20-30 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 4	9. COURSE ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation XXXX Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Two coast guard photographers observed and photographed four bright lights over Salem coast guard station.

11. COMMENTS

1. Photo Recon. Lab. analyzes photographs as "open to doubt because there are no reflections of the obj on nearby parked cars".

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UFO SIGHTING
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS
16 July 1952

On 16 July 1952 a photograph of four objects was taken by the USCG station photographer at Salem, Massachusetts. The photograph was submitted to ATIC for analysis and the analysis was completed on 1 Aug 52. Analysis was made from the original negative which was returned to the Coast Guard at their request. The results of this analysis indicated that the photo was a hoax. Extensive photographs were taken under similar conditions. Failure of the light source to cast reflections on the highly polished cars below indicated that the light was not outside and it was assumed by the analyst at the time, that the photo was a double exposure and for this reason was a hoax. A subsequent examination of this photo was made in October 1963 and the following analysis is indicated as a more probable cause.

The photo was taken through a window with a 4/5 Busch Pressman Camera (135 MM F4.7 Raptar lens with Rapax shutter, loaded with 4/5 Super XX cut film). The photographer observed several lights which seemed to be wavering. He observed the lights for 5 or 6 seconds and grabbed the camera, which had been on a nearby table. The focus was adjusted to infinity. The photographer pulled the slide in preparation for the picture when he noticed that the lights had dimmed. He assumed at the time that the object he saw was a reflection. He ran out of the room to get an additional witness, and upon returning noticed that the lights were again brilliant. When they went to the window the lights were gone. He again stated that perhaps some sort of refraction or ground reflection could possibly account for the lights.

The following points are deemed pertinant to analysis. The camera was focused on infinity and the picture taken through a window. As the witness approached the window the objects dimmed, as he returned to his point of initial observation and at the second observation as he reentered the room the lights were again brilliant. The objects as photographed, appear fuzzy and out of focus. The cars and buildings outside are sharply outlined. The window frame inside the building is out of focus. All four objects have the same outline and general configuration, in spite of the blurring.

Conclusion: It is believed that the photos represent light reflections from an interior source (probably the ceiling lights) on the window through which the photo was taken. With the camera set on infinity the window would be more out of focus than the lights. The lights would still be out of focus since the distance from the lights to the window and back to the camera lens would still be shorter than the distance required for

a clear picture with the lens setting on infinity. The objects outside the building would be in focus. The apparant brightness of the reflection would decrease as the photographer approached the window. The initial photo analysis indicating the magnitude of the light and substantiation of fact that the light source was not external is correct. There is no indication of any attempt to perpertrate a hoax. The photo received is similar to many others taken through windows which have been confirmed as reflections of an interior light source. Had the camera been focused for a shorter distance the outlines of the interior light sources would have been sharper. It is believed that there is sufficient evidence to substantiate the evaluation of this photo as reflections of internal light sources.

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OFFICIAL U. S. COAST GUARD PHOTO
AIR STATION, SALEM, MASS.

16 July 1952

Beverly Mass

case unknown 2 photo leaves serious doubts ??

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FLYING SAUCER OVER NEW YORK

'Observer George Conger sighted a round orange light hovering motionless directly east of our post at 0011, 28 July 1952, and pointed it out to Observers August Roberts and James Leyden. They noted that it moved slightly south-east. (This reported to Air Defense Filter Center.) Roberts was able to take a picture of this object while it hung motionless for a minute. Upon developing the film, there was proof that there was something in the sky besides a conventional aircraft. Pictures on file at Civil Defense Office.' (R. V. Blasczak to Inspector J. B. Foley.)

PHOTO ANALYSIS REPORT

NR 64-49

PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES

DATE OF REPORT 9 September 1964

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

LOCATION New York, New York DATE 28 July 1952

PHOTOGRAPHY

AF IR QUALITY Fair

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1. PURPOSE: This photo analysis report is in answer to WO #64-62 submitted by Sergeant D. N. Moody, TDEW. The image as viewed in the upper right quadrant of the photo appears to be a bright hemispherical object. However, the overall reflective characteristics imply that the object is probably spherical.

2. ANALYSIS: Reflected light intensity from the object suggests a close proximity to the centrally located light source. Shadow and reflected light distribution on the object suggests a location slightly in front of the illuminating source. Resolution and degree of image acuity of the object falls between the front telegraph pole and back telephone pole implying a position somewhere between the two telegraph poles. Estimating the cross arms of the telegraph poles to be 5 feet in length the object would be approximately 3 feet in diameter.

3. From the above evaluation and associated imagery the object appears to have a terrestrial source and is a sphere suspended in air such as a gas-filled balloon.

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Project Blue Book



2 photos

no card with case

25 July 52

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NO CARD with case DS July 52

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
31 Jul 52

2. LOCATION
PASSAIC N J

12. CONCLUSIONS
- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Hoax

Possible hoax

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 31/1015 EST
GMT 31/1515 Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
XXX Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
XXY es
☐ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian photographer

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

9. COURSE

1

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Saucer-shaped object with dome in center hovered and traveled leisurely over Passaic, N. J. During seven minute observation, source was able to snap several photographs.

11. COMMENTS

1. Source is photo finisher but has working knowledge of photography.

2. Some acquaintances of source do not consider him reliable.

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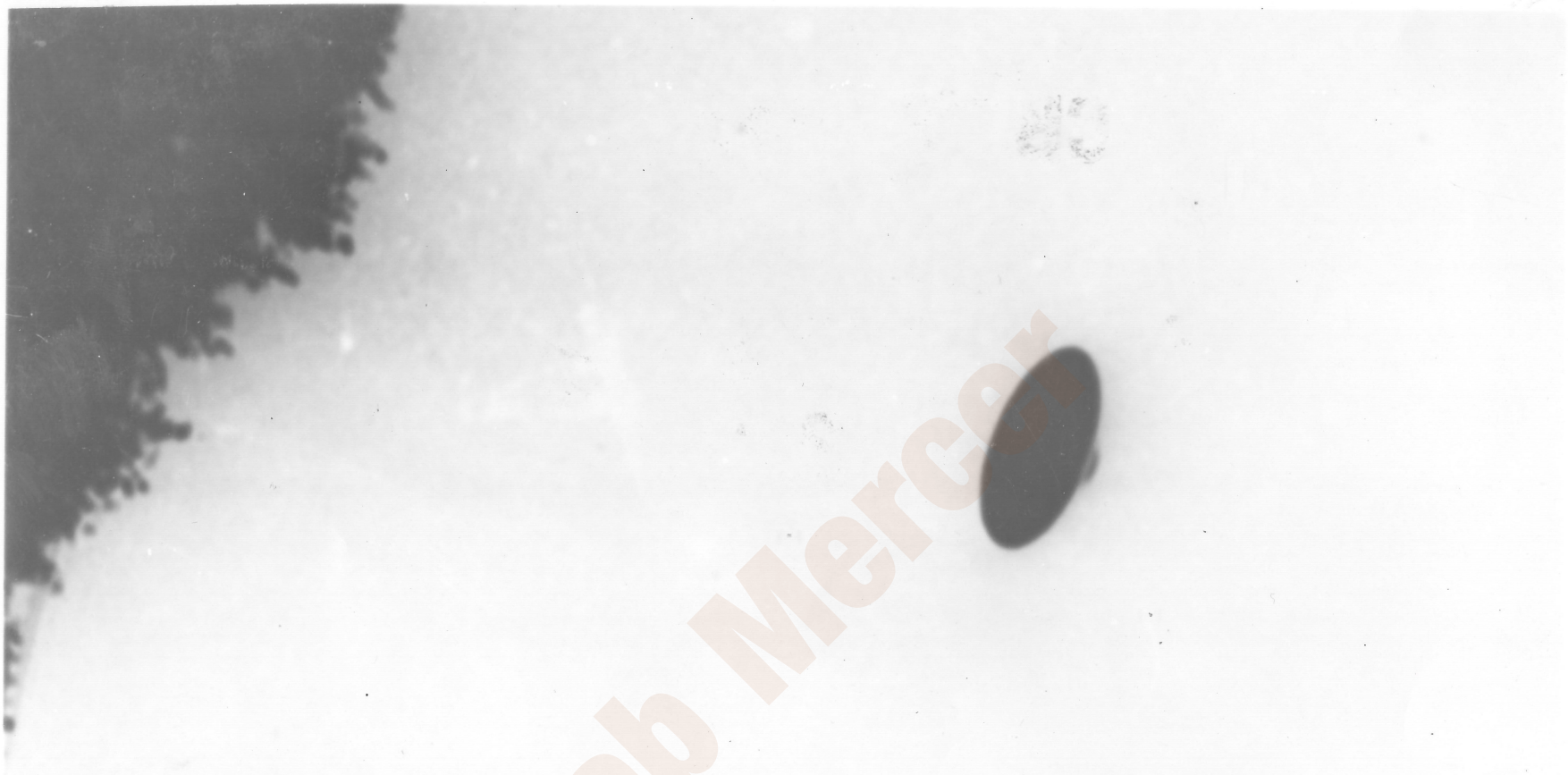
31 July 54
Passaic N.J.

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1. DATE

6-12 Jul 52

2. LOCATION

NEW YORK N Y

12. CONCLUSIONS

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☑ Unknown

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local 06/2300 EST

GMT 07/0400 Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

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

5. PHOTOS

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

6. SOURCE

Civilian man

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Pictures belonging to customer show unindentified objects appearing in sky. Each of the pictures shows spots - taken by amateur photographer.

11. COMMENTS

Objects recorded on film - not noticed by source until development of film.

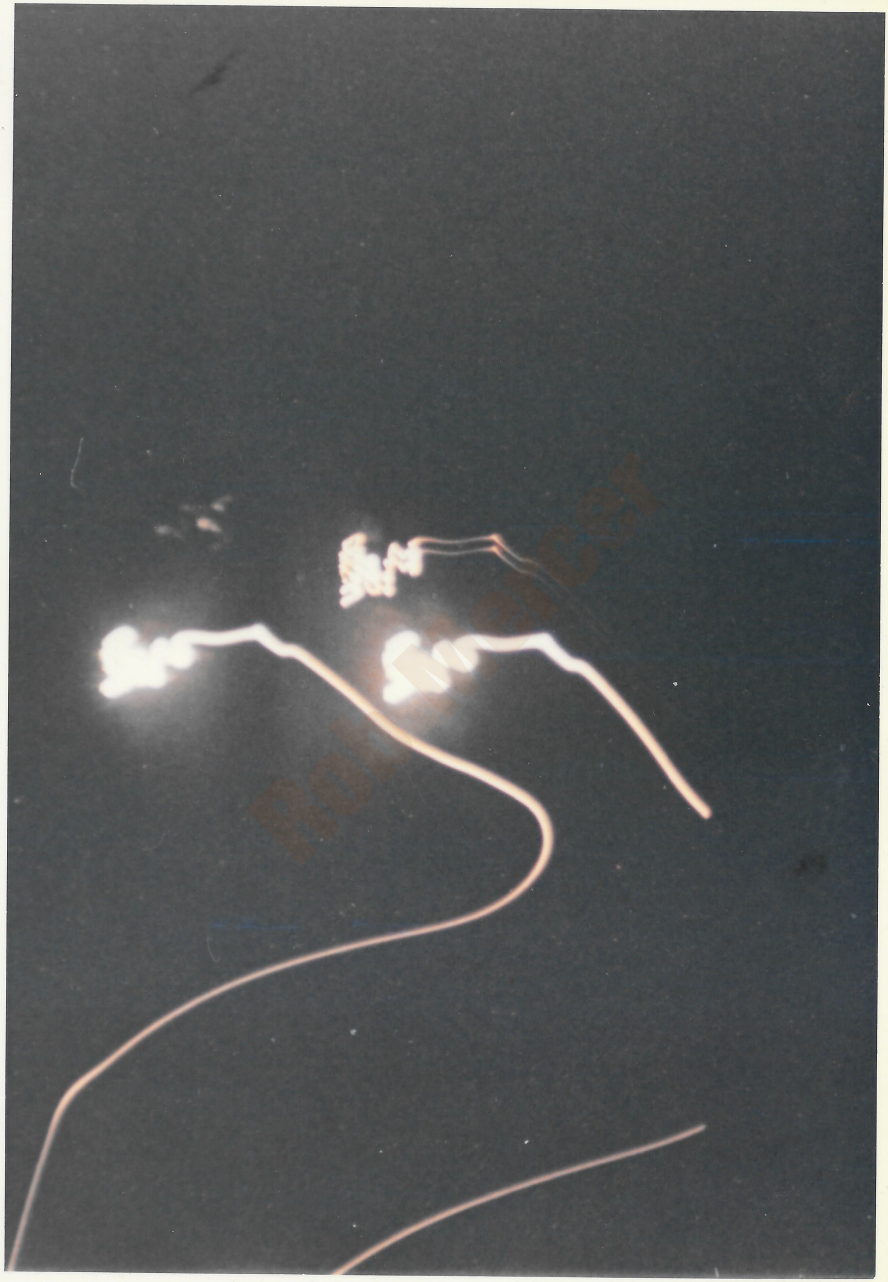
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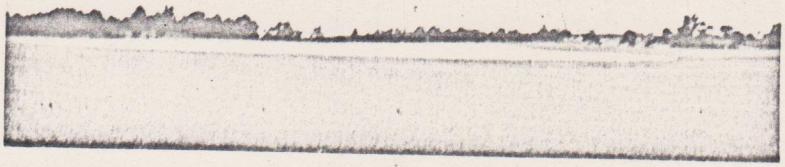

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6-12 July 52
Governors Island, N.Y.

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9 July 52
No Card.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE: 1 Aug 52	2. LOCATION: BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation XX Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 01/1051 EST GMT 01/1551 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual XX Ground-Radar XX Air-Visual XX Air-Intercept Radar	
PHOTOS XX Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE Radar Operator, AF Pilot	
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE

BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

664 ACW Sq tracked unidentified object on radar scope, vectored toward F86 a/c from 97 FI Sq to target. F 86's sighted object, made run with gun camera. Objects was very high.

11. COMMENTS

1. Films viewed, but image too small to analyze properly.

2 Very large enlargement shows a small round object which resembles somewhat small wx balloons released for metro winds. However, in view of reliability of observers, confirmed tracks by radar, visual sightings and photos made must place = UNKNOWN.

AC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

Ron Mercer

1 Aug 52
Bellefontaine Ohio



Could be a
Can-ter
However
does look like
a small UFO!

SUN

17x MAGNIFICATION

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
27 August 52

2. LOCATION
Davis-Monthon AFB. Arizona

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 0915 MST
GMT

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☒ Yes
☐ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian & military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
2

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Brilliant blue-white. Erratic pendulous.

11. COMMENTS
Photo of an object that looks like a balloon.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☒ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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3 Aug 52 Gresham Oregon

no card with core

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18 Sept 13 52

18 September 1952

Location: Little Rock, Arkansas

Evaluation: Other (HOAX)

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UNCLASSIFIED

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

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DISPOSITION FORM

FILE NO.	SUBJECT (Unclassified) Material for Project Blue Book

TO Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

FROM Dept of the Air Force, Hqs USAF-AFOIN

DATE OCT 23 1952

COMMENT NO. 1

Maj Fournet/cmb/71379

1. Inclosed report was furnished by OSI and is for your information and retention.

2. The inconsistencies between the visual description reported by the observer and the attached photograph are obvious, viz. the time reported as 1000 hours while the photograph was evidently taken at night; the reported shape and relative size as compared with the image in the photograph, etc.

3. The Photographic Division of AFCAG has evaluated the "object" as a light fixture superimposed on the background through double-exposure.

William A. Adams

1. Incl:
Photo cy Spot Intel Rpt
dtd 3 Oct 52 w/attchd photo

WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Topical Division
Deputy Director for Estimates
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

18 Sept 52
Little Rock, Ark.

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
2 Sep 52

2. LOCATION
DELFT NETHERLANDS

12. CONCLUSIONS
- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- xxx Other Probably hoax
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 2/1635 CEST
GMT 2/1535 Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
xxx Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
xxx Yes
☐ No

6. SOURCE
Dutch engineer

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
10-15 sec

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

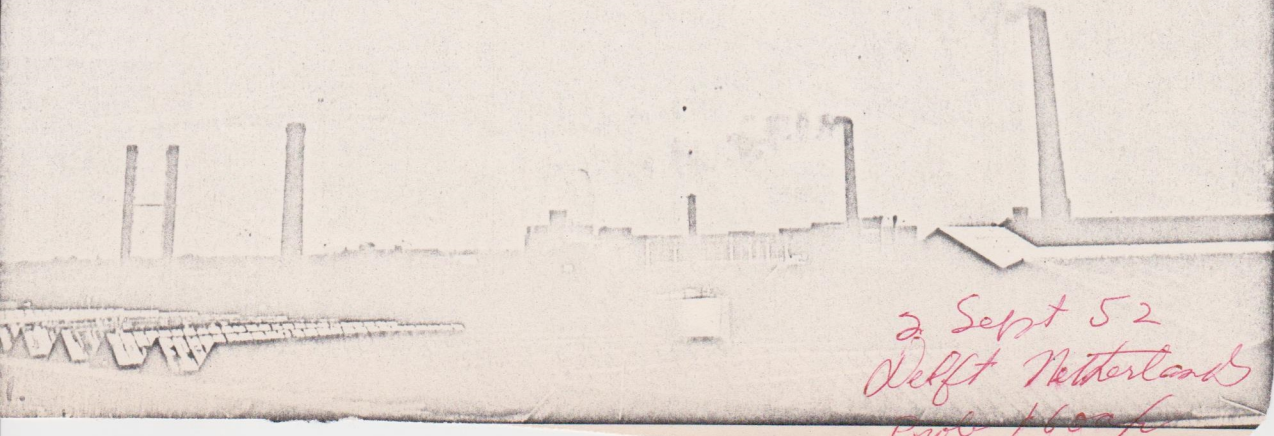
Dutch electrical engineer, testing voltage line on roof of factory, observed and photographed bright light which source identifies it as a flying saucer.

Object affected measuring instruments which source was photographing when object appeared.

11. COMMENTS

Kit Nerser

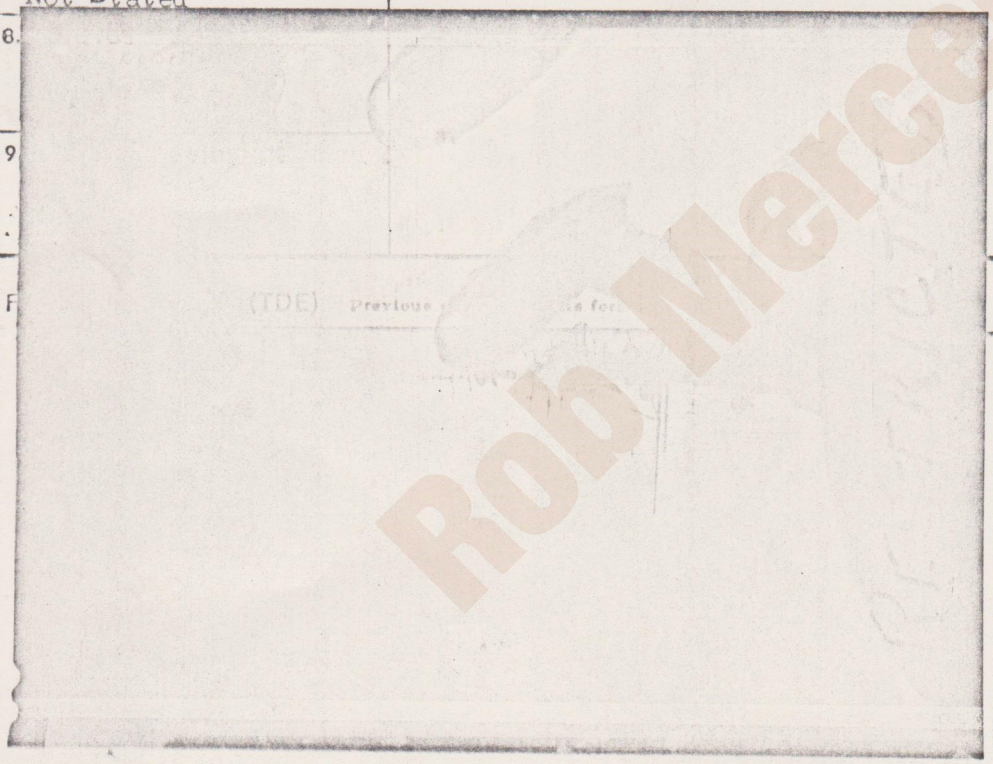
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2 Sept 52
Delft Netherlands
Prof. Hoogs

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 September 52	2. LOCATION At sea on (U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt.)
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE BASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Not Stated	
8.	
9	



3 color reps
would be good for view graph


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USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

20 September 1952

On 20 September 1952, at a few minutes after 4:00 p.m., a professional photographer was standing on the forward flight deck of the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt. With him, at the time, was a helicopter pilot. It was a bright day, and there were occasional clouds in a very blue sky. As the observers were talking, the photographer saw a round object about five hundred or a thousand feet in the air, directly above the after end of the ship. The photographer ran aft a bit to shoot a photograph of the object with a bit of the ship's "island" in the picture to establish the location of the object. He had time to take a meter reading and three exposures before the rapidly rising object was out of sight.

COMMENTS: An aerological balloon with a radar reflector was launched from the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt shortly before the pictures were taken. This balloon is believed to be the object sighted.

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