PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
19 May 62

2. LOCATION
Marksville
Leesville
Colfax
La.

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 19/2015
GMT 20/0215

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

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
1-5 min.

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

9. COURSE
Stationary and NW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Members of Sheriff's office and La. State Police officers reported and UFO in area of England AFB at 2015 on 19 May 62. Objt was described as ball of fire, cigar shaped, 4 times size of basketball, brighter that brightest star and white or amber in color. One set of witnesses reported objt moved toward NW. Others reported it just moved around in same general direction in which it was originally sighted.

11. COMMENTS WX data for area in which sighting occurred shows inversion was present at time of sighting. Probable that ground sources of light were observed due to inversion and misidentified by witnesses. In one instance rising full moon was observed & distorted by atmospheric refraction. 2 witnesses excited by original report probably misidentified a/c.

12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☒ Other Mirage
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, DIA-7 (31)

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UNCLAS TFW/DOI 5-576.

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT FOLLOWS:

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

(1) (A) ROUND NOT EXACTLY A BALL OF FIRE, MORE LIQUID IN APPEARANCE (OBSERVER "A")

(B) BALL OF FIRE (OBSERVER "B")

(C) CIGAR SHAPE (OBSERVER "C")

(D) BALL OF FIRE (OBSERVERS "D" AND "E")

(2) HALF THE SIZE OF A BATTLE SHIP

(3) WHITE

(4) ONE

(5) NOT APPLICABLE.

(6) CIGAR SHAPED WITH WINDOWS AND LIGHTS ALONG ENTIRE SIDE (OBSERVER "C")

(7) NONE APPARENT

(8) NO SOUND (ALL OBSERVERS)

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) MOVEMENT (HIGH RATE OF SPEED)

(2) UNKNOWN

(3) DISAPPEARED OVER THE HORIZON

(4) MOVED ACROSS SKY IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION.

(5) DISAPPEARED OVER THE HORIZON TO THE NORTHWEST.

(6) 1 MINUTE (OBSERVER "C")

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) NOT APPLICABLE.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 20/0215Z MAY 62

(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

(1) OBSERVER "A" 31 DEG 23 MIN NORTH, 92 DEG 33 MIN WEST, DRIVING SOUTH THRU TOWN OF BOISE, LA.

(2) OBSERVER "B" 31 DEG 31 MIN NORTH, 92 DEG 43 MIN WEST, DRIVING NEAR TOWN OF COLFAX, LA.

(3) OBSERVER "C" 31 DEG 06 MIN NORTH, 92 DEG 13 MIN WEST, PARKED ALONG STATE HIGHWAY NO 1, 11 1/2 MILES WEST OF MARKSVILLE, LA.

(4) OBSERVERS "D" AND "E" 31 DEG 10 MIN NORTH, 93 DEG 17 MIN WEST, DRIVING APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES NORTH OF LEESVILLE, LA.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS:

(A) [redacted] (OBSERVER "A") AGE UNKNOWN, ADDRESS COLFAX, LA, OCCUPATION SHERIFF. UNKNOWN

(B) [redacted], (OBSERVER "B"), AGE UNKNOWN, ADDRESS COLFAX, LA, OCCUPATION, DEPUTY SHERIFF , UNKNOWN.

(C) [redacted] (OBSERVER "C"), AGE UNKNOWN, ADDRESS MARKSVILLE, LA, OCCUPATION STATE POLICE, THOROUGHLY RELIABLE.

(D) [redacted] (OBSERVERS "D"), AGE UNKNOWN, LEESVILLE,

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LA, OCCUPATION STATE POLICE, UNKNOWN.

(E) [redacted] (OBSERVER "E") AGE UNKNOWN, LEESVILLE, LA, OCCUPATION STATE POLICE, UNKNOWN.

(2) NOT APPLICABLE

G. WEATHER AND WINDS

(1) CALM, HAZY, WARM

(2) WIND DIRECTION VELOCITY TEMP GRADIENT ALTITUDES

(CENT-DEG)

-	CALM	PLUS26	SURFACE
17ØDEG	1Ø KTS	PLUS 13	6,ØØØ FT
17Ø DEG	15 KTS	PLUS 5	1Ø,ØØØ FT
23Ø DEG	1Ø KTS	MINUS 3	16,ØØØ FT
29Ø DEG	2Ø KTS	MINUS 13	2Ø,ØØØ FT
VVM28Ø DEG	25 KTS	MINUS 39	3Ø,ØØØ FT
29Ø DEG	35 KTS	MINUS 69	5Ø,ØØ FT
Ø9Ø DEG	1Ø KTS	MINUS 52	8Ø,ØØØ FT

(3) CEILING: UNLIMITED

(4) VISIBILITY: 12 MILES

(5) AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER: SCATTERED LAYERS AT 1Ø,ØØ FT AND 3Ø,ØØØ FEET.

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(6) NONE

H. NONE

I. INFORMATION GIVEN TO 653D AC & W SQUADRON, ENGLAND AIR FORCE BASE, LA.

J. MR SULLIVAN, FAA REPRESENTATIVE AT NEARBY ESLER FIELD REPORTED THAT THERE WAS NO LOCAL COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS AT THE APPROXIMATE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. A C-131 TYPE AIRCRAFT DEPARTED THIS STATION AT 20/0134Z BOUND FOR FORT WORTH, TEXAS. ONE C-118 TYPE AIRCRAFT DEPARTED THIS STATION AT 20/0425Z FOR MCGUIRE. [redacted] OF COLFAX, FIRST SIGHTED THE OBJECT AS HE DROVE THROUGH BOISE, LA. BOISE IS A SMALL TOWN 10 MILES NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND AIR FORCE BASE. [redacted] WENT ON THE LOCAL POLICE RADIO NET AND DESCRIBED HIS SIGHTING. [redacted] OF COLFAX, IN AN AUTOMOBILE NEAR THAT TOWN RADIOED BACK HE HAD THE OBJECT UNDER VIEW. ALEXANDERIA LA. STATE POLICE BROADCAST THE REPORT AND A SHORT TIME LATER [redacted] AND REPORTED HING THE OBJECT. AFTER HEARING THE REPORT ON THE POLICE RADIO [redacted] OF MARKSVILLE NOTIFIED ALEXANDRIA THAT HE HAD OBSERVED THE SIGHTING EARLIER.

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RAPCON LOGGED NOTHING OF AN UNUSUAL NATURE DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. LOCAL GCI REPORTED NOTHING. UNABLE TO CONTACT ANY OF THE OBSERVERS AT THIS HOUR OTHER THAN [redacted] SO IT IS DIFFICULT TO FORM ANY FIRM CONCLUSION AT THIS TIME. ANOTHER REPORT WILL BE PREPARED AFTER CONTACT IS MADE. PREPARING OFFICER: CAPTAIN PAUL G. WITHEREW, USAF, 44514A, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 401ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING, ENGLAND AIR FORCE BASE, LA.

1. NONE.

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AF IN : 41136 (23 May 62) C/au Pg 1 of 4 Pgs

ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, DIA-7 (31)

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RJWFHW/33AD OKLA CITY OKLA

RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

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UNCLAS TFW/DOI 5-629.

REFERENCE OUR MSG TFW/DOI 5-576, 2Ø MAY 62. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT:

A. (1) (A) (OBSERVER "A") SAME

(D) (OBSERVER "E") OVAL IN SHAPE

(2) (OBSERVER "A") FOUR TIMES SIZE OF BASKETBALL

(OBSERVER "E") MUCH BRIGHTER AND LARGER THAN LARGEST STAR

(3) (OBSERVER "A") REAL WHITE

(OBSERVER "E") AMBER RED

B. (1) (OBSERVER "A") JUST NOTICED BRIGHT OBJECT

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(OBSERVER "E") CALL OVER ALEXANDRIA POLICE RADIO

(2) (OBSERVER "A") OBJECT UNDERNEATH MOON AT 45 DEG. APPEARED TO BE OVER ENGLAND AIR FORCE BASE, LA.

(OBSERVER "E") NO DIRECTLY OVERHEAD BUT TO THE NORTH VER HIGH IN THE SKY

(3) (OBSERVER "A") QUIT OBSERVING

(OBSERVER "E") FLEW TOWARD NW.

(4) (OBSERVER "A") UP AND DOWN, REAW SLOW MOVING

(OBSERVER "E") FLEW IN A NW LINE

(6) (OBSERVERY "A" AND "E") 5 MINUTES

D. (1) (OBSERVER "(-") 20/0300Z MAY 62

(OBSERVER "E") 20/0230Z MAS 62

(2) (OBSERVERY "A" AND "E") NIGHT, BUT BRIGHT MOON.

K. UPON ANALYSIS OF CONVERSATIONS WITH THE OBSERVERS NOT PREVIOUSLY CONTACTED IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT THERE ARE WIDE DIFFERENCES IN THE STORIES. THE TIME DISCREPANCIES MAY BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE FRAILTIES OF HUMAN MEMORY, BUT THE DISCREPANCIES IN THE SIZE AND COURYE OF THE

OBJECT (OR OBJECTS) ARE HARDER TO RECONCILE.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT OBSERVER "A", [redacted]

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OF COLFAX FIRWT SAW AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT AS HE WAS TRAVELLING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION DOWN LOUISIANA ROUTE NO 8. ALTHOUGH IN THE INITIAL REPORT [redacted] WAS CITED AS SEEING AN OBJECT MOVING NORTHWARD. THE INTERVIEW WITH HIM DISCLOSED THAT HE REALLY SAW AN OBJECT FLYING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. FURTHER IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE UFO WOULD HAVE BEEN ALMOST DPRECTLY ABOVE ENGLAND AIR FORCE BASE WHICH WAS ABOUT 8 MILES SOUTH OF HIS POSITION. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT ACTIVITY AT THE BASE MAY HAVE BEEH RESPONSIBLE. AT THE TIME THERE WAS AN UNUSUAL HAZE IN THE ATMOSPHERE WHICH HAD A TENDENCY TO DISTROT THE SIZE OF LIGHTS. A POSSIBLE EXPLANATION COULD HAVE BEEN THE BEACON OPERATING AT THE BASE. ALL THE REST OF THE REPORTS STEMMED FROM [redacted] POLICE RADIO BROADCAST. OBSERVER "B", [redacted] OF COLFAX ORIGINALLY REPORTED SEEING THE OBJECT [redacted] REPORTED, BUT IN AN INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING DAY [redacted] CHANGED HIS MIND STATING THAT WHAT HE REALLY SAW WAS THE MOON BEHIND THE TREES. HE ADDED THAT HIS ORIGINAL OBSERVATION WAS CAUSED BY THE EXCITEMENT OF [redacted] RADIO REPORT.

THIS LEAVES THE SIGHTING BY [redacted] (OBSERVER "D") AND [redacted] (OBSERVER "E") WHO WERE RIDING TOGETHER IN A

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[redacted] CAR NEAR LEESVILLE, LA. AN INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] WHO SPOKE FOR [redacted] AS WELL, DISCLOSED THAT THEIR SIGHTING WAS ALSO THE RESULT OF [redacted] RADIO CALL. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT WHICH THEY SAW (LARGER AND BRIGHTER THAN THE LARGEST AND BRIGHTEST STAR) AND ITS COURSE (NORTHWEST) INDICATE THAT IT PROBABLY WAS A DIFFERENT OBJECT THAN THAT SIGHTED BY [redacted]. THE SIZE AND FLIGHTLINE (STRAIGHT TOWARD THE NORTHWEST) INDICATE THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN A JET WITH THE AFTER-BURNER ON.

ALL REFERENCES TO BOISE, LA IN PREVIOUS MSG SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ BOYCE, LA.

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NOTE : 5-576 is AF IN 38065 (20 May 62).

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CLIMATIC CENTER, USAF
Air Weather Service (MATS)
Asheville, North Carolina

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CCDPD

SUBJECT: Copy of Radiosonde Observations for Burrwood 14 June 1962

TO: Air Force Technical Research Center
ATTN: FTD (3gt Moody)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference: Your telephone call 11 June 1962.

2. We are sending photocopies of radiosonde observations (WBAN-31) taken at Burrwood, Louisiana on 16 through 20 May 1962. Burrwood prepares radiosonde observations for the New Orleans area.

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Captain, USAF
Administrative Officer

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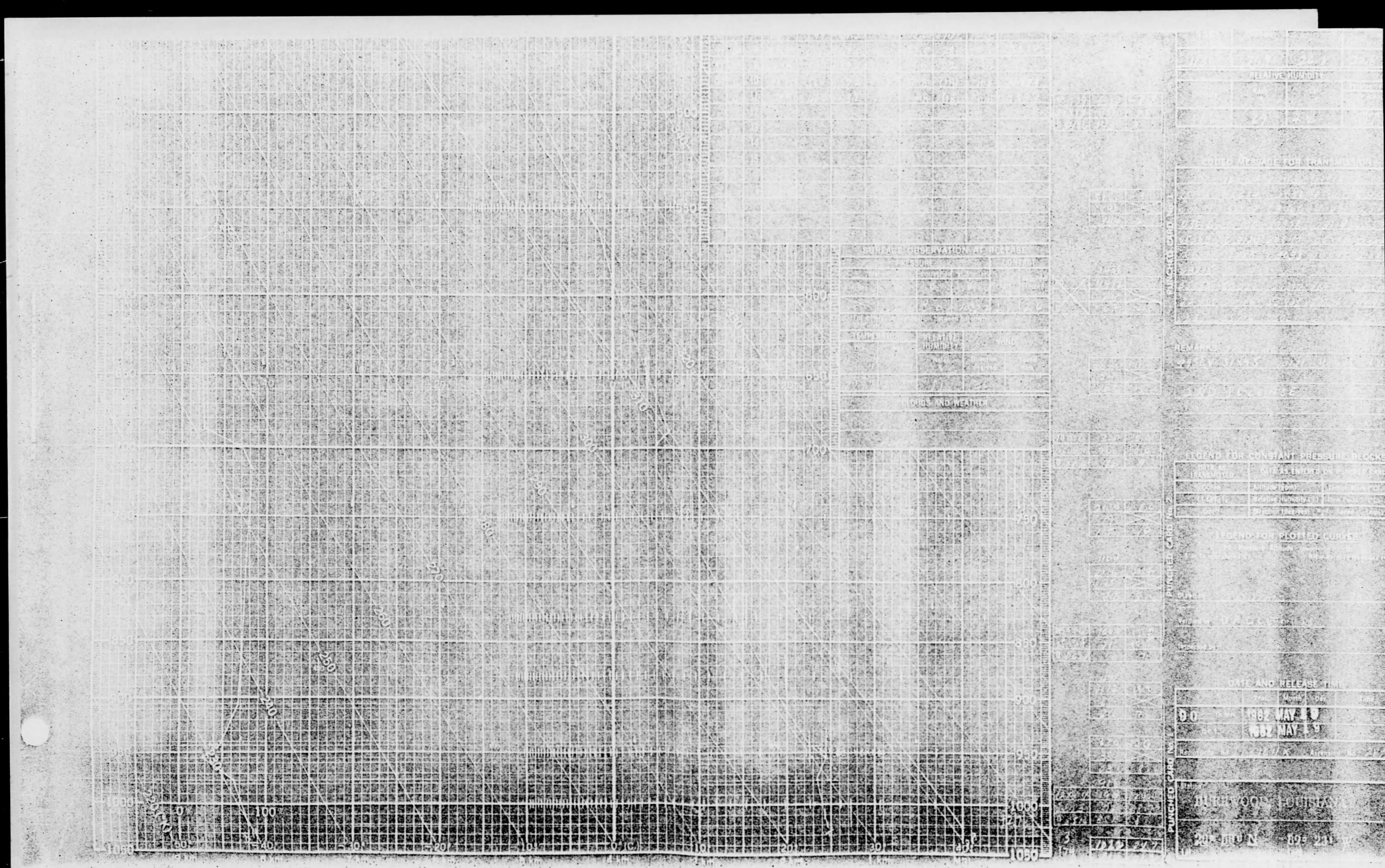
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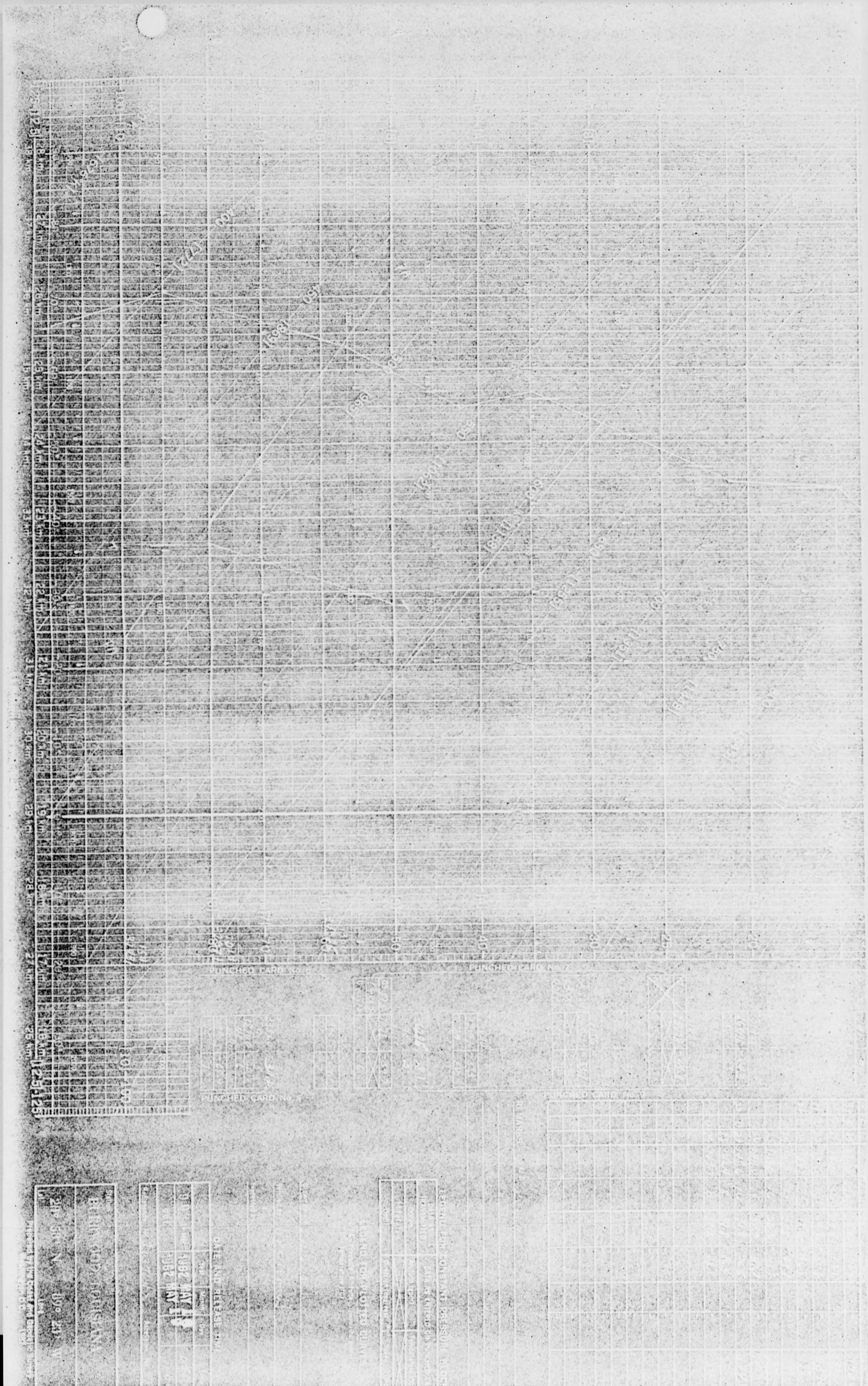

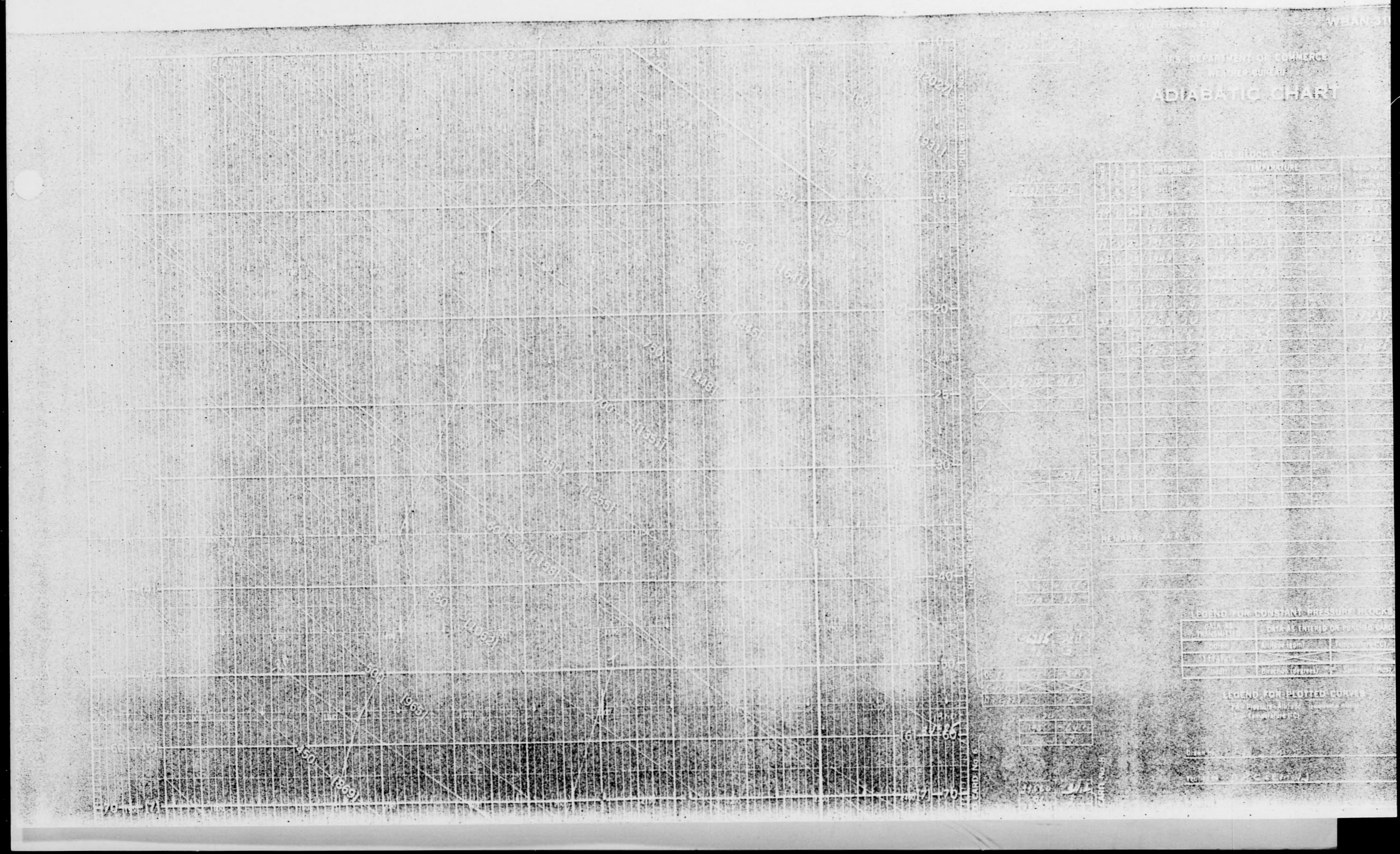

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