PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 May 1955	2. LOCATION New York City, New York	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Hoax ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 15/2000Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one & one half minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE North & South

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

As the sources were taking pictures on the roof of a downtown New York City building, one of them noticed an object in the sky which at times had a metallic glint and appeared to be moving north after hovering. Object then returned to original position. Source snapped ten photos of obj but only five were purportedly returned. In photos the obj appears fuzzy, similar to cloud or smoke.

11. COMMENTS At request of ATIC this sighting investigated by this Hq. Investigating officer's opinion is that photos fraudulent. This hq agrees w/conclusion of IO that sighting is hoax. Photos will be forwarded to ATIC upon receipt of AF Form 112 fm ADC publications. 112 on this case states reasons for Hoax evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

10 June 1955

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-175

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED
BY [redacted] ON 15 May 1955

TO Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information and retention is one (1) copy of Report of Investigation by Special Agent MICHAEL THEODORAKIS, District Office No. 2, file 24-433, dated 7 June 1955, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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ROI DO #2 dtd 7 Jun 55

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-433

DATE JUN 7 1955

REPORT MADE BY [redacted], S/A

REPORT MADE AT [redacted], New York 3, N.Y.

PERIOD 24 May 1955

OFFICE OF ORIGIN [redacted], New York 3, N.Y.

STATUS CLOSED

TITLE

(Unclassified)
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED
BY [redacted] ON 15 May 1955

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

INITIAL REPORT

SYNOPSIS

[redacted] sighted and photographed unidentified flying object, 15 May 1955. [redacted] described object as appearing oblong and then circular in shape as angle of sight changed. Object bright white becoming gray as it turned from sun. It made no sound, and had no trail or exhaust. Object in sight for about one and one half (1½) minutes. Identifying information concerning [redacted] set forth.

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED BY WARREN SIEGMOND ON 15 MAY 1955
FILE NO: 24-433

DETAILS:

1. This investigation was directed by the Commander, 2d District OSI, based upon information received in this office that [redacted], 7 West 15th Street, New York City, had sighted and photographed what he believed to be a "Flying Saucer".

2. The writer was assisted in this investigation by Special Agents WILLIAM K. MacMINN, and FRANK AULD.

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

3. On 24 May 1955, [redacted], New York City, was interviewed by S/A MacMINN and S/A AULD. [redacted] described the unidentified flying object which he photographed as follows:

a. Description of Object
   1. Shape; The object appeared oblong at first but as the angle of sight changed with the movement of the object, it appeared more circular.
   2. Size compared to a known object held in the hand at about arms length; About the size of a quarter.
   3. Color; Bright white (such as the sun reflecting from a mirror) but as the object moved the object became a gray color.
   4. Number; One only.
   5. Formation if more than one; Not Applicable.
   6. Tail, trail or exhaust; None.
   7. Sound; None

b. Description of Course of Object.
   1. What first called the attention of observer to object? [redacted] was on the roof of an apartment building photographing a girl friend when she called his attention to this object overhead.
   2. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object when first observed; 40-45 degrees.
   3. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance; 45 degrees.
   4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object; [redacted] described the manuevers of the object as being similar to that of the white ball in the "Community Sing" movie shorts, which bounces from word to word keeping time with the music.
   5. Manner of disappearance of object; The object shot upward at a 45 degree angle and vanished from sight in the distance.

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DETAILS: (Cont'd)

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

6. Length of time in sight; One and one half (1½) minutes maximum.
7. Manner of observation; Ground visual.
8. Optical aids used; None

c. Time and Date of Sighting;
1. Zulu time-date group of sighting; 152000-152030 May 1955
2. Light Conditions; Day - Clear.
3. Location of Observer; On roof of Chelsea Lane Housing Project, 7 West 15th Street, New York City.

d. Identifying information on Observer
1. [redacted], age 31, [redacted], New York City. [redacted] was a Television Technician for DuMont from 1950 to 12 January 1955. At the time of the sighting [redacted] was unemployed. [redacted] advised that he attended high school in Palmerton, Pennsylvania and later attended the school of General Studies at the New York University. He was in the U. S. Army from January 1943 to December 1945, serial number US 3348 7402, and was in the 480th Anti Aircraft Battery in the European theater of operations.

e. Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting; [redacted] stated he heard or saw no aircraft in the vicinity at time of sighting.

f. Existence of any physical evidence of the sighting; [redacted] took a series of photographs of the unidentified flying object, copies of which are attached as inclosures to this report.

4. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1. R7C

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED BY [redacted] ON 15 MAY 1955

INCLOSURES:

FOR DIRECTOR, OSI, WASHINGTON 25, D. C. (dup)

FOR COMDR, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

1-3. A series of photographs showing the object as a blotch in the sky when it appeared bright white, reflecting the sun as a mirror.

4-5. Two photographs showing the object as it turned from the sun and taking some shape and a gray color. The object appeared as a blur to the observer at all times.

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TO:

Director of Intelligence
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ATTN: Collection Operations Div.
Washington 25, D. C.

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT NUMBER: D3-UFOB-3-55

DATED: 30 Jan 55

SOURCE OF REPORT (Air Attache, Command, etc.): Det. 3, 4602d AISS, SAFB, N.Y.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT PREPARED BY (Name of officer): JOHN A. QUINN, Capt., USAF

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	USABLE		POSSIBLY TRUE		SLIGHT
	TOO GENERAL		DOUBTFUL		
			CANNOT JUDGE		

COMMENTS (*Keep the intelligence collectors informed. Your comments, guidance and criticism are greatly appreciated. Definite and detailed evaluation will lead to improvement in the quality of intelligence reporting*).

1. This report is definitely [redacted] one of the better quality UFOB follow-up reports thus received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. The [redacted] extensive coordination and subsequent reporting of all pertinent details existed in the clarification of a sighting which caused considerable concern.

2. ATIC concurs in the final evaluation awarded the incident. From past experience with cases of a similar nature, quite often an evaluation of the source's background and beliefs will provide a logical explanation for the sighting.

3. This report was [redacted] prepared as well as comprehensive in content. No further information is desired by this Center.

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These photographs were reproduced in the photo-lab here at the 4602d. It was imperative that the negatives be returned to the SOURCE at once. The photographs are numbered in the same sequence as the SOURCE has notated on the negatives. The imperfections on the prints, especially on photo-graph #1 are due to a crease in the negative.

FROM NAME OR TITLE	DATE
A/1C Ronald DeRudder	28 Jul 55
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION AISOP, 4602d AISS	TELEPHONE 4498

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4602d AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON (ADC)
ENT AIR FORCE BASE
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

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28 JUL 1955

SUBJECT: AF Form 112 (UFOB Report)

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAE-5
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Inclosed herewith is one (1) Unidentified Flying Object report with pictures as requested by your organization.

1 Incl
a/s

RAY L. JONES
Major, USAF
Adjutant

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SUBJECT
UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
New York City, New York	Det 3, $ 4602d AISS, SAFB, Newburgh, NY

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
30 June 1955	30 June 1955	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
JOHN A. QUINN, Capt, USAF	See contents below

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List enclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112a, Part II.)

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PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr. W[redacted]D, [redacted], New York City, New York (GEOREF HJBL 0044).

PART TWO: Description of sighting by Miss J[redacted], [redacted], New York City, New York

PART THREE: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART FOUR: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: 29/2000Z JUN 55, Det 3 was instructed in telephone conversation with Hq, 4602d AISS, to institute a follow-up investigation of a UFOB sighting that occurred at [redacted]t., New York, N.Y. (GEOREF HJBL 0043) 15/2000Z MAY 55. Mr. W[redacted], a resident of the address given above, was on the roof of the apartment house preparing to take pictures of Miss J[redacted]R with a camera he had rented for the occasion. While he adjusted the camera, [redacted] gasped and pointed at something in the western quadrant of the sky. Mr. [redacted] turned to observe. He stated that he saw a large, opaque, airborne object to the west at an elevation of 45°. The object hovered momentarily, then moved very rapidly to the north on a bounce. It returned to its original position with the same bouncing motion and the process was repeated a second time. It then disappeared in the northern sky. When first sighted, the object was opaque, becoming almost translucent as it moved to the north. It gleamed in the sunlight as though metallic. At no time during the 1½ minutes of sighting was there any sound or visible exhaust trail. Mr. [redacted]utilized the rented camera to take pictures of the object in flight.

III. INVESTIGATORS: CAPT JOHN A QUINN AO 2074783
S/SGT SYLVESTER E CASTILLO AF 15281554

John A. Quinn Capt
for WILLIAM C VAN NORMAN
Major, USAF
Officer in Charge

4 INCLS.
1. Flight Path of UFOB
2. Newspaper Clipping
3. Negatives (5)
4. Position of UFOB Observer

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I. SOURCE: [redacted]D

Age: 31

Occupation: Television Technician

Education: Two years college

Qualifications: Antiaircraft Gunner, ETO 1943-45

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was extremely cooperative, even profuse in answering questions and recounting the events surrounding the sighting. He had been somewhat disappointed that the Air Force had apparently abandoned further inquiry into the "Flying Saucer" and expressed satisfaction and enthusiasm that investigation was to be reinstituted. He stated that as soon as the negatives of the "Saucer" were developed, he took them to the offices of "Life" magazine and to the New York Journal American. Both organizations declined to publish them, the latter insisting that water vapor on the camera lens had caused the "Saucer" effect. Finally, the New York World Telegram agreed to publish the pictures together with an article on the sighting. Source stated that subsequent to publication of the article, he received many requests for prints of the picture of the "Saucer" and that he was currently filling these requests on a cost basis. In the course of conversation, Source mentioned that he had been interested in "Saucer Phenomena" for some time prior to the actual sighting. He is now participating more actively,,attending "Saucer Club" mettings, etc. Continuing in this vein, the Source demonstrated more than a cursory knowledge of the terminology and more notorious names of "Flying Saucer" literature, e.g. Adamski, Keyhoe, Vaeth. Throughout the interview, it was obvious that Source is enjoying the publicity and speculation caused by his sighting. In view of the above, and considering what might be termed a neurotic susceptibility to give credence to "Flying Saucers," Source is considered to be of extremely dubious reliability.

III. SOURCE's DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. Sunday, 15 May at 1600 Eastern Daylight Saving Time, Source and companion, Miss J[redacted]R, had gone to the roof of their residence - a four-story apartment building in downtown Manhattan - to take some sanpshots.

2. Source was using a rented English reflex sighting box camera. The camera had two (2) f. settings (apertures); f:11 and f:8. Two speed settings were available; 1/25th second and 1/75th second. Focus determined by visually estimating range and adjusting distance setting. No range finder accompanied or was attached to the camera.

3. Source faced south-east, preparing to take Miss [redacted]s picture. While adjusting the camera, Miss [redacted] gasped and excitedly pointed in the direction of the northwest quedrant of the sky. Source turned and saw an object he estimated to be at an altitude of 7,000 feet. The object was dark in color and elliptical in shape. Azimuth and altitude of the object when first observed were 270° and 45° respectively. The object moved to the north at great speed, describing an arc in its flight-path (See incl), coming to rest momentarily in the north at 45° elevation. It then returned along the same arc to its original position (Point A). Almost immediately, the object repeated the cycle (Point B) and upon reaching its northern position, hovered momentarily and rose vertically in the northern sky and disappeared (Point C).

4. Upon sighting the object, the Source immediately set the camera at f:8 and shutter speed of 1/75th second. Focus was set at infinity. He repeatedly shot the object while it was visible. Althought he exposed ten (10) frames, only five (5)

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were returned; the druggist explained that the remainder were no good.

5. While in the western position, the object was dark in color. As it progressed northward, it became brighter and became almost transparent. It gleamed brightly in the sun, like the aluminum skin of an aircraft. There was no sound accompanying the object nor did it display an exhaust pattern or condensation trail. The object's size was estimated to be two hundred feet or a quarter size at arm's length. Distance appeared to be "several miles."

6. The object was observed for approximately one and one-half minutes before disappearing. The sky was clear in bright sunlight and the temperature was relatively high.

7. Source was emphatic in belief that the object was physically real and not an optical phenomenon. He did not think it could possibly have been a balloon because of its extreme velocity and arc-like trajectory.

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I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Age: 28

Occupation: Employed by the French Government Tourist Office

Education: Unknown

II. RELIABILITY: Source apparently occupies same apartment as Mr. [redacted]. She was present during the interview with the latter. She remained silent during the conversation and did not volunteer any additional, original information on the sighting. Although she appeared to be calm and confident, Source conferred with Mr. [redacted] before venturing an answer to questions posed by the investigators. She indicated reluctance to discuss her occupation, etc, and efforts in this direction were not pressed. Her description of the sighting coincided identically with that of Mr. [redacted]. In view of her obvious "rapport" with the opinions of Mr. [redacted], Source is considered unreliable.

III. SOURCE's DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: As stated above, Source's account parallels exactly that of Mr. [redacted]. See PART ONE of this report.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS

1. 30/1500Z JUN 55, investigators visited the Office of Special Investigations, District #2 at 111 East 16th St., New York City, N.Y. The sighting had been reported to this office by Source - Mr. [redacted], several days after it occured. Mr. Frank Auld - Special Agent - was detailed to make an investigation and accordingly collected preliminary information on the sighting from Source. A file, summarizing t is information, was prepared by Mr. Auld and was retained at District #2. No preliminary report, as prescribed by AFR 200-2, was tr nsmitted. OSI had obtained the negatives for examination, but failed to establish any significant data. The file prepared by OSI was consulted by the investigators prior to interviewing the Source. No deviations were noted. No attempt at identification of the sighting was made in the OSI report..

2. COC, EADF, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N.Y. indicated that there was no unusual air activity in the Manhattan area at the time of the sighting. Specific inquiry was made with regard to balloons or dirigibles with a negative reply. However, one incident of note had occurred in the metropolitan area on the same afternoon at an earlier hour. At 15/1713Z MAY 55, the 26th Air Division reported a sighting that had occurred at 15/1630Z MAY 55 at position HJBL 1156. The object - like a red watermellon, was observed by Miss Hart - a COC Observer of 119 West Sanford Boulevard, Mount Vernon, N.Y. Altitude was given at 1,000 feet to the south of observer's position. This object was positively identified as a balloon by Lt. Curry, Intelligence Watch Officer of 26th Air Division.

3. The 12th Weather Squadron of Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N.Y. furnished the following summary of weather conditions for 15/2000Z MAY 55: LaGuardia at 2030Z reported scattered clouds at 2,500'; visibility 15 miles; temperature - 72°F; dew point - 36°F; wind from the north at 6 MPH; barometer - 30.14. Floyd Bennet reported clear sky; temperature 70°F; dew point 43°F; wind from the east at 2 MPH. At 2130Z Lakehurst reported clear sky; temperature - 67°F; dew point- 45°F; wind from the southeast at 10MPH. Mitchell AFB 2100Z winds aloft, reported as follows:

1,000'	180°/05 knots
2,000'	220°/06 "
3,000'	300°/07 "
4,000'	320°/10 "
5,000'	330°/17 "
6,000'	330°/19 "
7,000'	350°/19* "
8,000'	360°/19 "
9,000'	360°/17 "
10,000'	350°/19 "
12,000'	350°/25 "
30,000'	350°/45 "
35,000'	360°/50 "

Note We have file on the "Flying Saucer News"

4. Interviewed Mr. [redacted] of "Flying Saucer News" at 1597 3rd Avenue, N.Y. City, N.Y. Mr. [redacted] stated that he does not personally know Mr. [redacted], but added that he would publish an article on the sighting in his magazine. Mr. [redacted] was certain that the sighting was an authentic "Flying Saucer", probably from a neighboring planet.

5. Submitted the negatives of the sighting furnished by Mr [redacted] to M/Sgt Busch, Stewart AFB Photo Lab, for inspection and evaluation. The camera

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was adjudged to be of inferior quality. The negatives showed no evidence of retouching. Absence of clarity and definition in the negatives thought to be caused by camera motion as well as imperfect exposure.

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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER

1. The possibility that the balloon identified in PART THREE par 2 of this report accounts for the sighting is extremely remote. Position of the balloon was fixed at a point approximately seventeen miles northeast, three and one half hours earlier than the sighting in question. The average wind between 1,000 feet and 10,000 feet was reported at 325° at 15 knots. The balloon would logically have traveled well beyond the metropolitan area in the specified time interval. At standard rate of ascent, moreover, the balloon would have disintegrated long before 2000Z. The sighting has been described as varying in color from dark to gleaming aluminum. The balloon is described as red. Time of the sighting was one hour prior to scheduled radiosonde releases (2100Z); therefore, it is considered unlikely that activities of other weather stations is significant. The peculiar trajectory pattern ascribed to the sighting cannot rationally be collated with that of the balloon.

2. No significant radar plots can be established for the time of the sighting. Dirigible activity has been reported in the negative.

3. Celestial phenomena are considered unrelated to the sighting. The sun, in relation to the observer's position, was at true azimuth 254.5°, observed altitude - 44.5 degrees. Mars, Mercury and the bright star Aldebaran had already transited the observer's meridian and were too close to the sun for observation. Venus lay to the west but was very low on the horizon.

4. Source's estimate of size, distance and altitude of sighting are equivocal. Inspection of negative #3 reveals that the length of the object is almost 1½ times greater than the TV tower atop the Empire State Building. The tower is known to be 200 feet long. The Source stated that the object was several miles distant. At a range of three miles, the object would measure about 750 feet across. It is inconceivable that an object of such size, flying over a city inhabited by 8,000,000 people, would be seen by only two individuals.

5. The Source fixed the position of the original sighting at 270°, observed altitude - 45°. The sun's position is calculated at 254.5°, observed altitude - 44.5°. In a clear sky, within 15° of the sun, the object would hardly be discernible, possibly invisible. Although the object was described as opaque in the west, becoming brighter as it progressed to the north, the negatives do not support this claim. In negative #2, the object is opaque, with maximum delineation; in negative #3, oriented in the same direction, the object appears as an amorphous, colorless blob.

6. Disregarding the slight blurring effect produced by camera movement, all the buildings shown in the negatives are in focus. The water tower shown in negative #2 is not more than 300 feet from the camera lens. It is sharply outlined. The object is never in focus, nor can its shape be determined with any degree of certainty. The Source stated that the exposures were made with the range element of the camera set at infinity. Objects at a distance greater than 15 feet to 20 feet should be in focus. Therefore, it may be postulated that the object was less than 15 feet from the camera lens. Consequently, the object was relatively minute, probably less than six inches across.

7. Optically, such an effect might be produced by the hysteretic effect of lens accomodation of the human eye, when focusing from a proximate to a distant object. Both Sources first observed the object visually without any optical instrument. The camera, however, is not subject to such an effect, focus being permanently fixed. This hypothesis is accordingly discarded.

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8. In view of the discrepancies noted above and on the basis of those equivocal items which cannot be resolved, it is considered that the "object" and the accompanying pictures were conscientiously manufactured. Considering the questionable reliability of the Source, his attempts at exploitation and affiliation with "Flying Saucer" material, it is herewith submitted that the "object" described in this report and the photographs of it are fraudulent.

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2. ~~Newspaper Clipping~~
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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the object described in this report and the photographs of it are fraudulent for the following reasons:

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e. Although the object was given a rapid rate of speed by the source, he managed to snap ten pictures (of which only five were returned) in one and one-half minutes, which do not, by position, give a rapid movement to the object.

2. This report and pictures are forwarded to ATIC for further analysis and evaluation.



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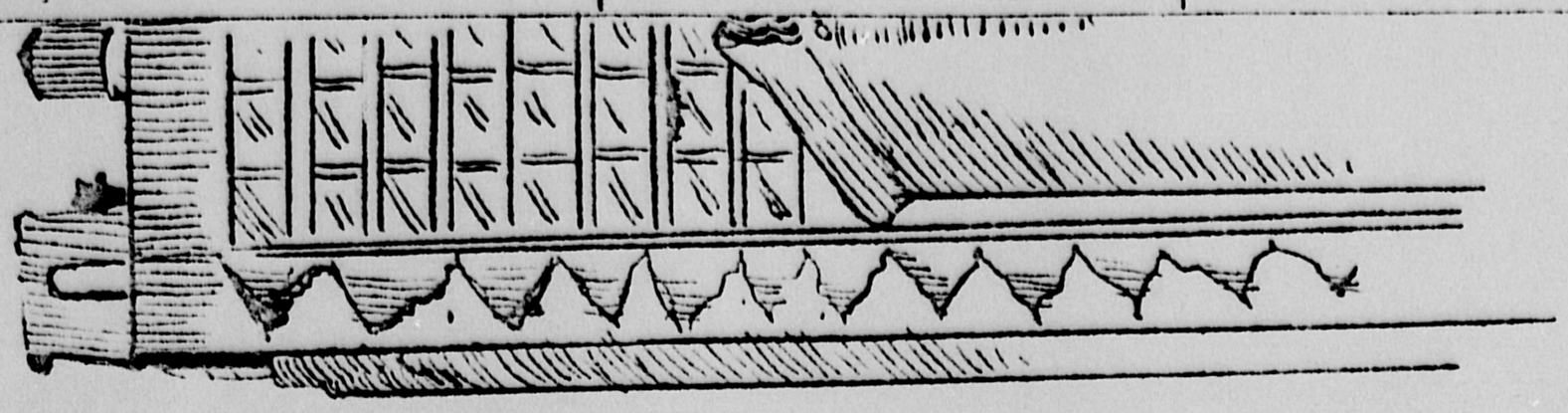

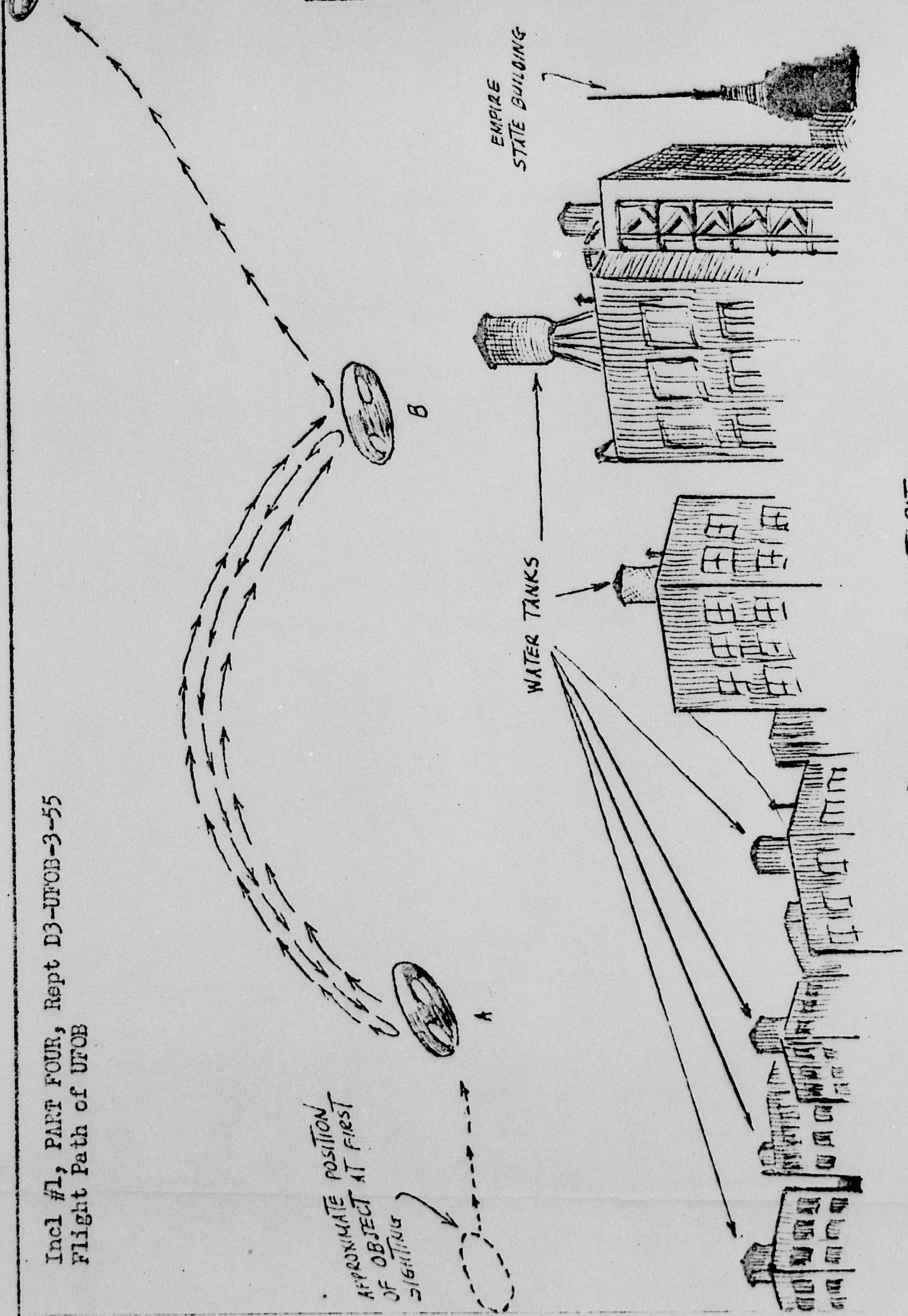

DIAGRAM OF APPARENT FLIGHT-PATH OF UFOB AS RELATED BY SOURCE

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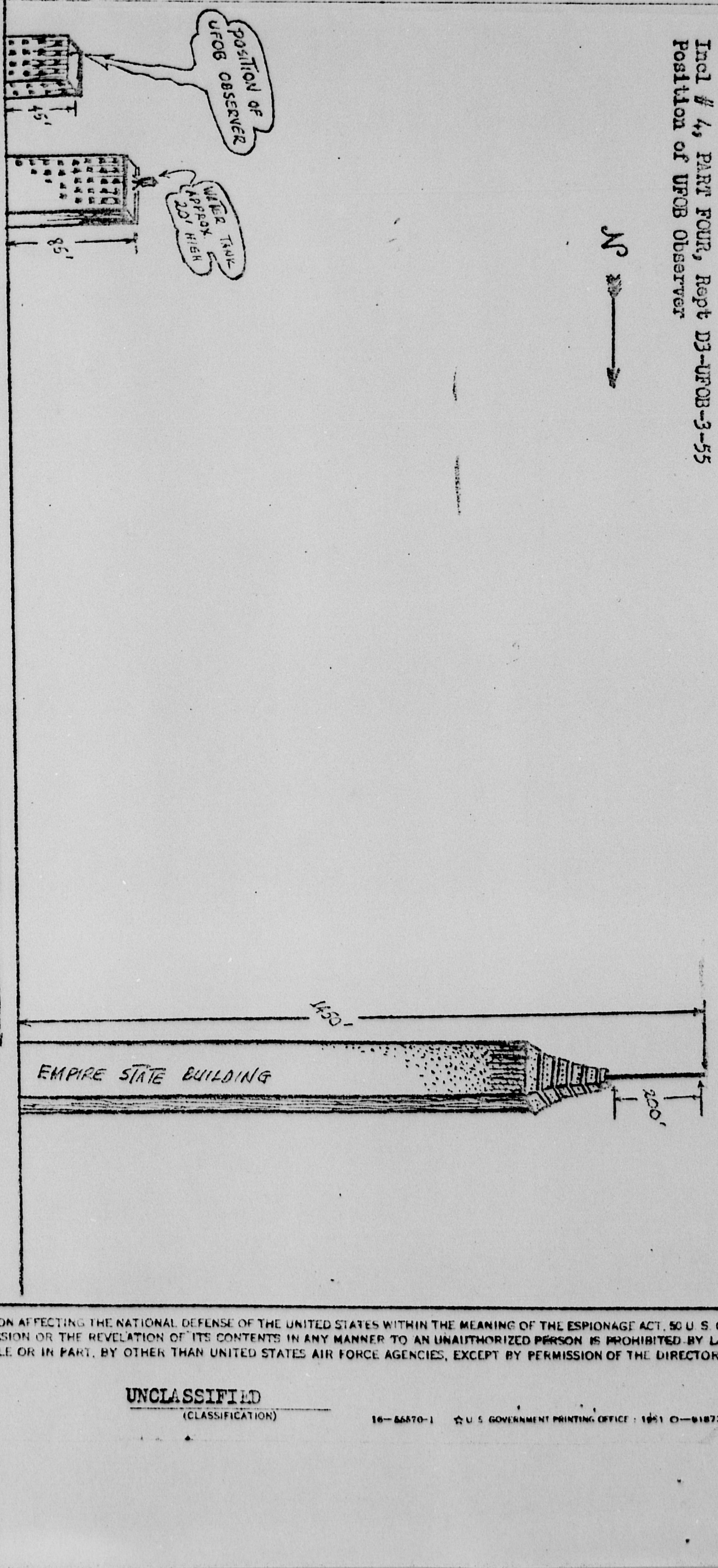

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NEW YORK, MAY 23--(UP)--IT'S SPRING AGAIN AND "FLYING SAUCERS" ARE ON THE WING AGAIN.

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TV Technician Takes Pictures

The flying saucer season, usually as unpredictable as an oboe player's moods, has arrived in New York at last.

So quietly, indeed, did the season arrive—Sunday, May 15, at 4 p.m., if you're interested in making a note of the time—that it might well have gone unnoticed had it not been for the alertness of a young television technician named Warren Siegmond and an attractive French girl, who as it turned out—well, there's no point in going into that.

What happened was simply this: Mr. Siegmond rented an English reflex-type camera for $1.25 on May 13 and bought two rolls of films to make pictures of the attractive French girl, whose name is Jeannine Bouiller and who works for the French Government Tourist Office.

Taking Pictures on Roof.

On the Sunday afternoon when the flying saucer season opened they were in Mr. Siegmond's apartment at 7 W. 15th St. when he suddenly said the only decent place to take pictures was on the roof. Up they go. Mr. Siegmond began making pictures of Miss Bouiller, he clicking, she smiling, when she gasped and cried out, at the same time pointing.

There in the skies above the familiar water tanks, grimy roofs and angular structures of the Union Square neighborhood was a spherical object without markings. It moved rapidly. Obviously it was in the hands of a skillful pilot, and a daring one, moreover, since the risks of saucer flying in the Union Square area are so well known. (Apparently familiar with police regulations against low flying, the pilot kept well above the legal limits, indicating to Mr. Siegmond that he was a disciplined flier.)

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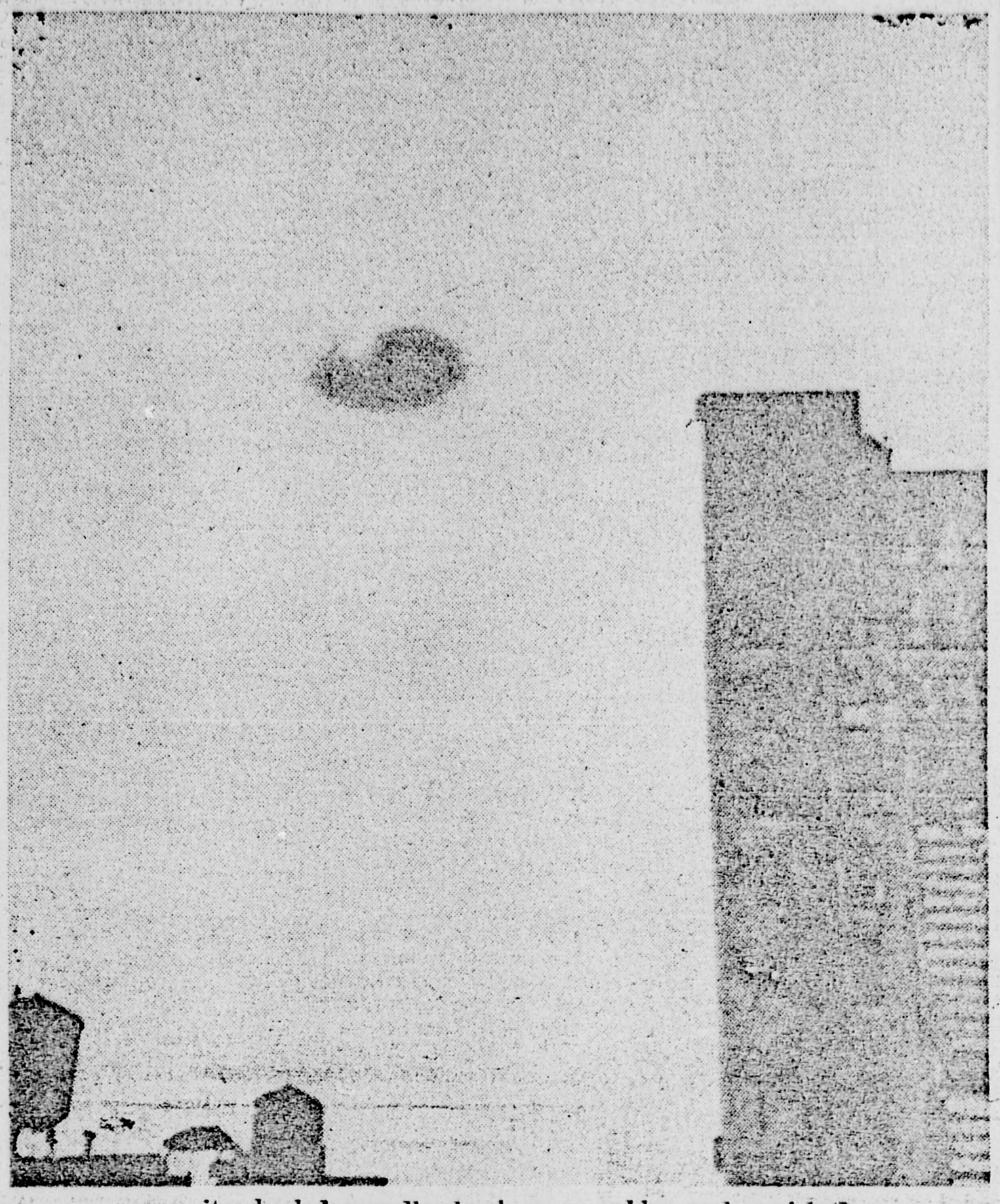

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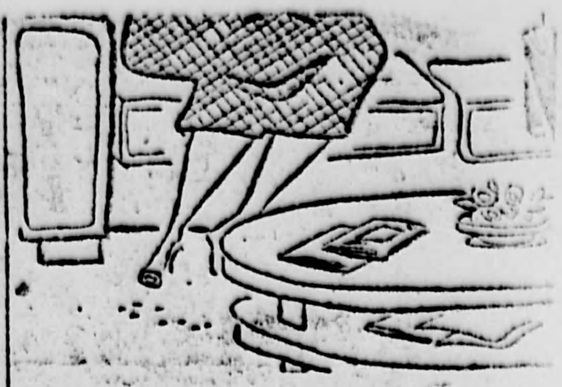

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Mrs. Rigberg looked at Mr. Siegmond's pictures and said, "Ah-h-h." Of course, they weren't the first photos of flying ships she has seen. Man over in New Jersey has some; sells them at $1 each.

As the owner of the largest bookstore to deal in flying saucer material, Mrs. Rigberg spoke with authority. Her husband is vice president of the club. Mrs. Rigberg has never seen a flying saucer, probably because she is too busy with her books.

But her husband saw one last month. About 6 in the evening as he was leaving a small eatery where he works as a daytime counterman. (This would place the arrival of the season earlier than May 15, but Mrs. Rigberg didn't care. Let somebody else claim the credit if he wants to.)

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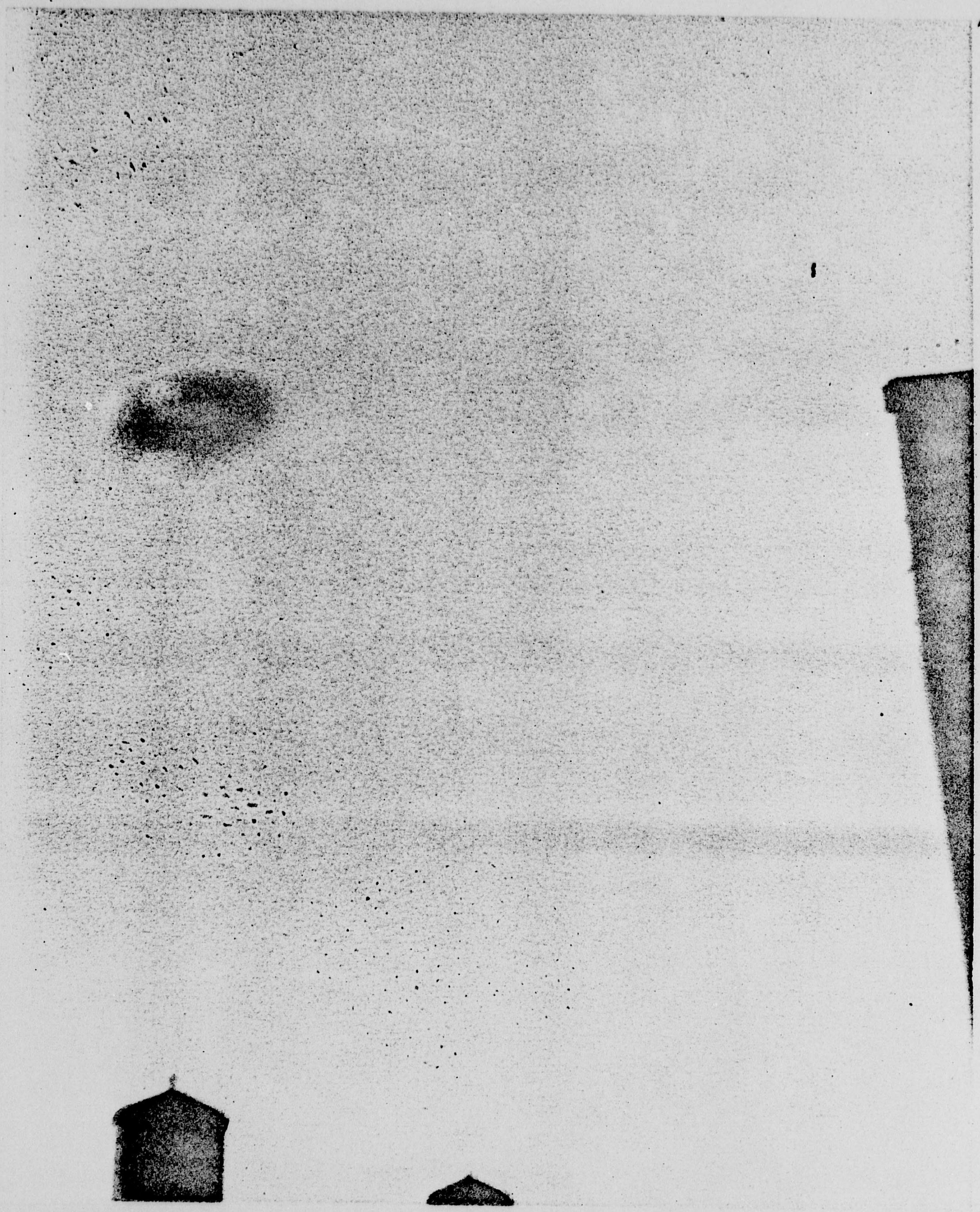

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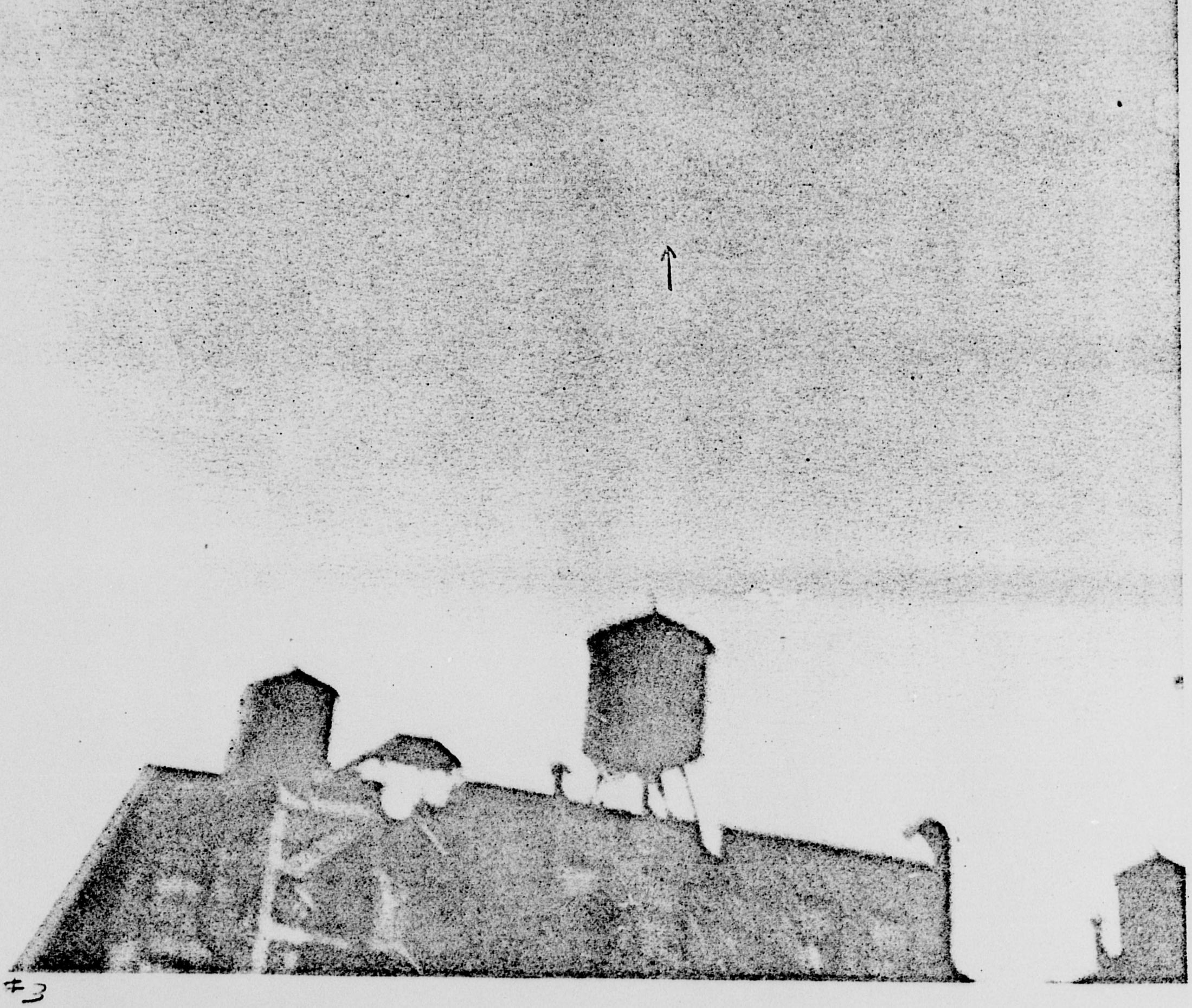

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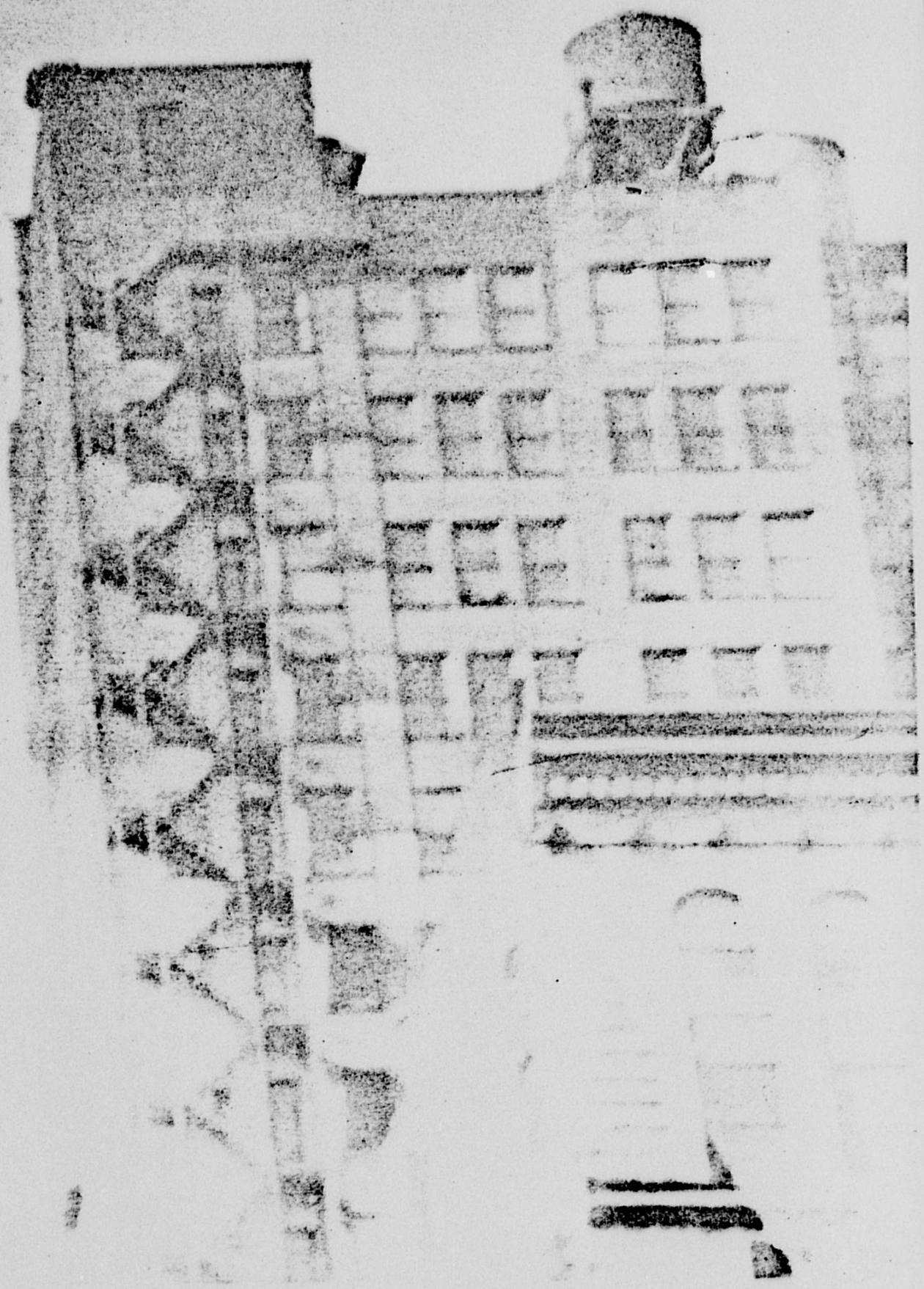

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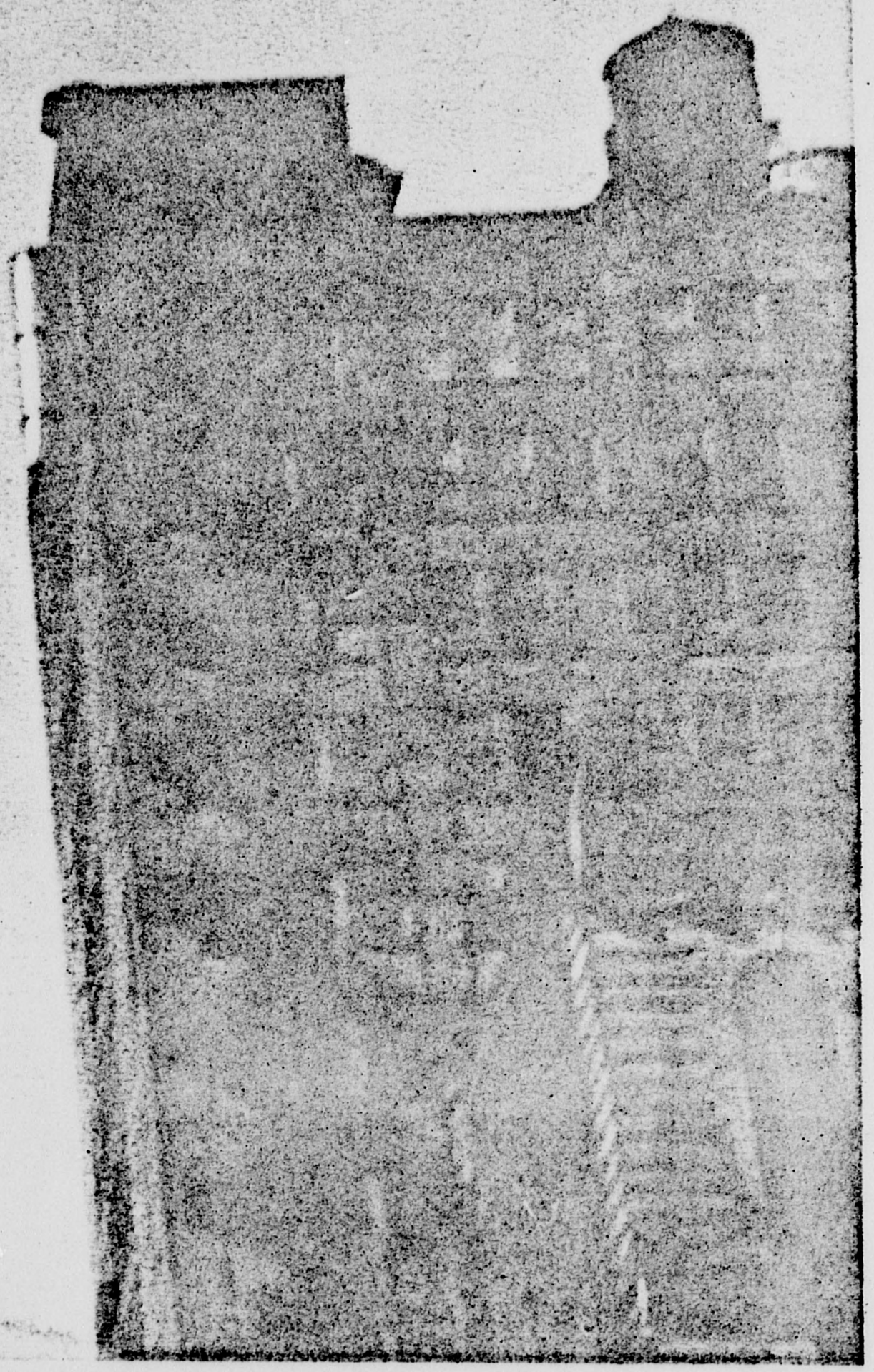

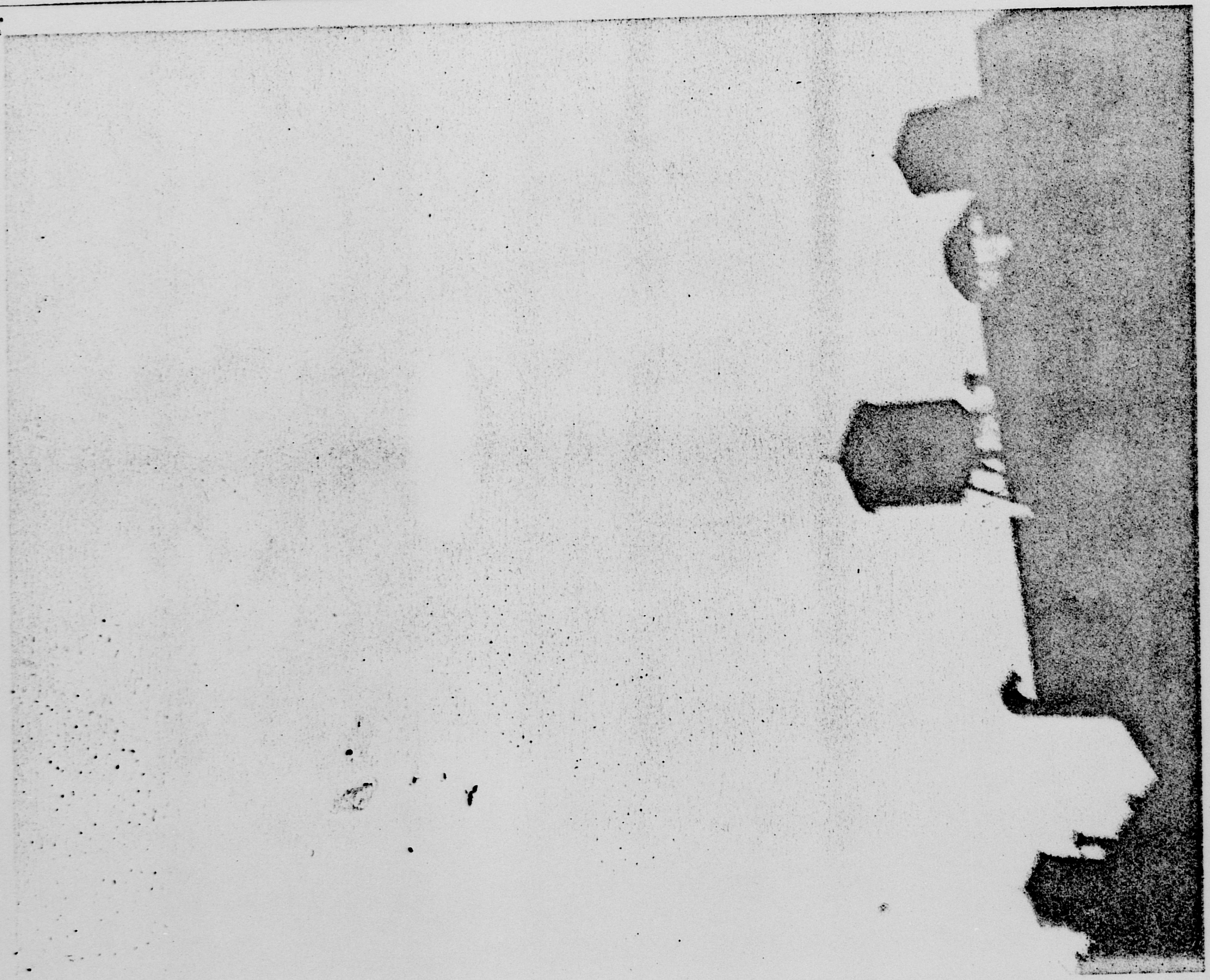



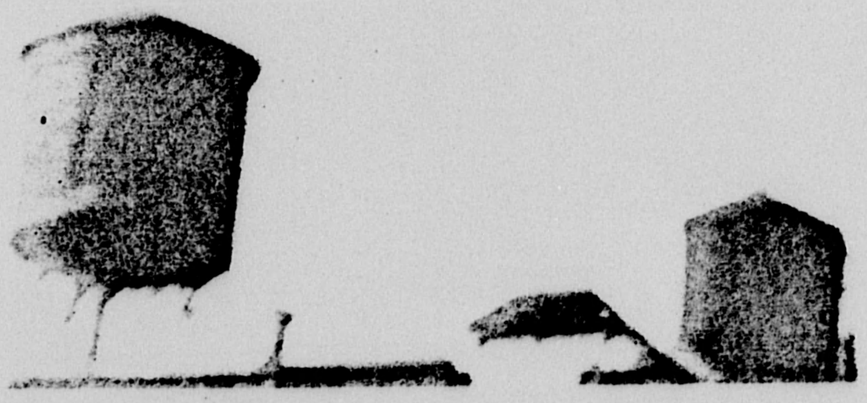

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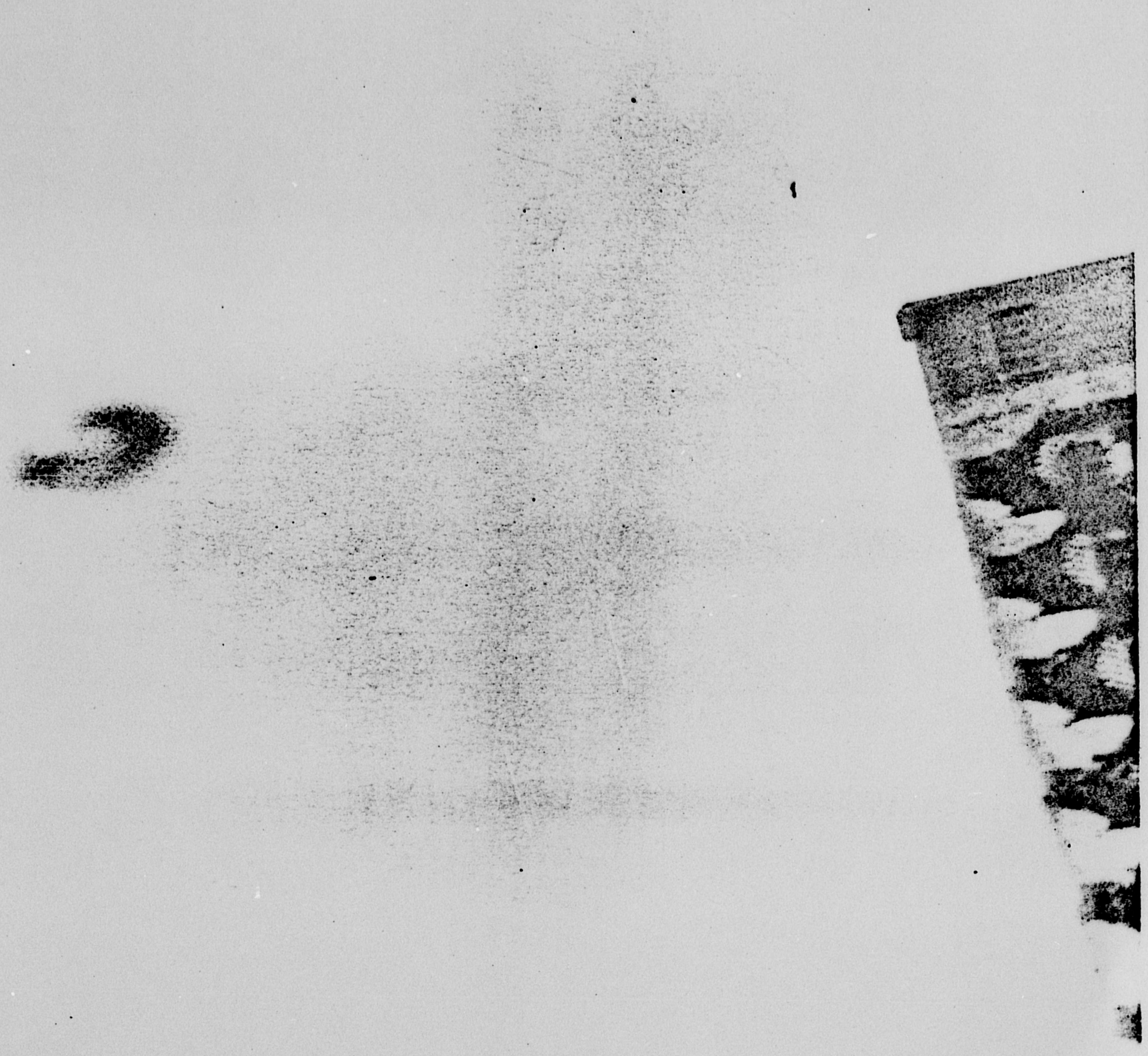

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