PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
5 November 1957

2. LOCATION
Des Rosa, California

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local
GMT 06/0722Z

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

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
30 seconds

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
One round very bright yellowish red light seen on two occasions one minute for a duration of thirty seconds.

11. COMMENTS
Description, duration indicate that this sighting was probably caused by an aircraft or more over Norton at the time of sighting reported.

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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1. A. ROUND. B. UNKNOWN C. VERY BRIGHT YELLOWISH RED LIGHT. D. ONE.
E. NONE. F. G. H. NONE. I. NONE.

2. A. SITTING IN LIVING ROOM WITH LIGHTS OFF. B. 10DEG ABOVE HORIZON OVER NORTON LIGHTED TOWERS. C. UNKNOWN. D. STEADY IN INTENSITY.
E. UNKNOWN. F. TWO SITINGS ONE MINUTE APART THIRTY SECONDS DURATION.

3. A. GROUND-VISUAL. B. NAKED EYE. C. NONE.

4. A. 06/0722Z B. NIGHT.

5. DEL ROSA, CALIFORNIA.

6. A. CIVILIAN. [redacted] KCS[redacted], DEL ROSA, CALIF.

1. what was the size of the object?
2. in what direction was the object located?

Comments:

Probably a light on a pole or building; or a reflection on the window pane.

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other

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7. A. CLEAR. B. SURFACE: CALM: 6,000' NW/5; 12,000' NW/10; 16,000' N/A; 20,000' CAVU; 30,000' N/A; 50,000' N/A, 80,000' N/A.
C. NOT APPLICABLE. D. 40 MILES. E. NONE. F. NONE.

8. NONE.

9. NONE

10. NONE

11. NO EXPLANATION. CAPTAIN BROWN, USAF, SENIOR CONTROLLER.

12. NONE.

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ASTRONOMY

Venus Most Prominent

Venus, the only planet now visible in the evening, is a brilliant object in the sky and will soon be joined by the Leonids, "shooting stars."

By JAMES STOKLEY

► THAT BRILLIANT object you see in the southwestern sky these evenings as darkness falls is not an airplane, a flying saucer, or some bright light hung in the sky as part of an experiment.

What you see is the planet Venus, now reaching its greatest prominence, which comes just before its disappearance from the evening sky early in 1958.

Venus is far brighter than any other star or planet seen in the night sky and there is no difficulty in identifying it. Indeed, it can be observed long before the sky is dark. In fact, if you know where to look, you can even see it in broad daylight!

After it passed behind the sun last April 14, Venus has gradually been drawing to the east of that body. That meant that it followed the sun in its daily motion across the sky, and so remained visible in the west after the sun had set. On Nov. 18 it will be farther east of the sun, hence remaining in the sky for the longest time after sunset, nearly three hours. After that it will start moving toward the sun again.

Because of its early setting, Venus does not appear on the accompanying maps of the November evening skies, which show their appearance about 10:00 p.m., your own kind of standard time, at the first of November, 9:00 p.m. on the 15th and 8:00 p.m. on the 30th.

Bright Birds in the Sky

These maps do, however, show the stars that are now visible.

Toward the west is Deneb, at the top of the "northern cross," which is really part of the constellation of Cygnus, the swan. Deneb is in the bird's tail; in fact, the word is Arabic and means "tail." The crosspiece represents the wings, and the lower part of the cross his long neck, stretched forward in flight. At the head is Albireo, a star of the second magnitude on the astronomical brightness scale. Below Cygnus is another first-magnitude star, Vega, in Lyra, the lyre. To the left is another bird, Aquila, the eagle, with the star Altair.

High in the south you can see the four stars that form the "great square," part of the constellation of Pegasus, the winged horse. Although these are not among the brightest, their characteristic arrangement makes them a good starting place from which to find other groups. The horse, actually, is upside down in the sky, as the row of stars extending westward from the lower right corner of the square is his head!

The star at the upper right, Alpheratz, is not in Pegasus at all, but in the neighboring group of Andromeda. This constellation represents the Ethiopian princess who, according to mythology, was chained to a rock to be devoured by a sea monster, represented by the constellation of Cetus, the whale, in the south. Fortunately, she was rescued by the hero, Perseus, who is seen in the northeast.

Andromeda's mother, Cassiopeia, is seen in the north, a group forming the letter M, above Polaris, the pole star. Alongside her is her husband, the king, Cepheus.

Turning now toward the east, we can see what is generally considered to be the finest constellation in the sky making its debut for the season.

Orion: Season's Finest

This is Orion, the warrior, easily recognized because of the three stars in a row that form his belt. To the left is Betelgeuse, to the right is Rigel, both of the first magnitude, although being so low in the sky they do not appear as bright as they will in the coming months. Then you will see them high in the south.

Just above Orion is Taurus, the bull, with brilliant Aldebaran, and to the left of this figure stands Auriga, the charioteer, with first magnitude Capella.

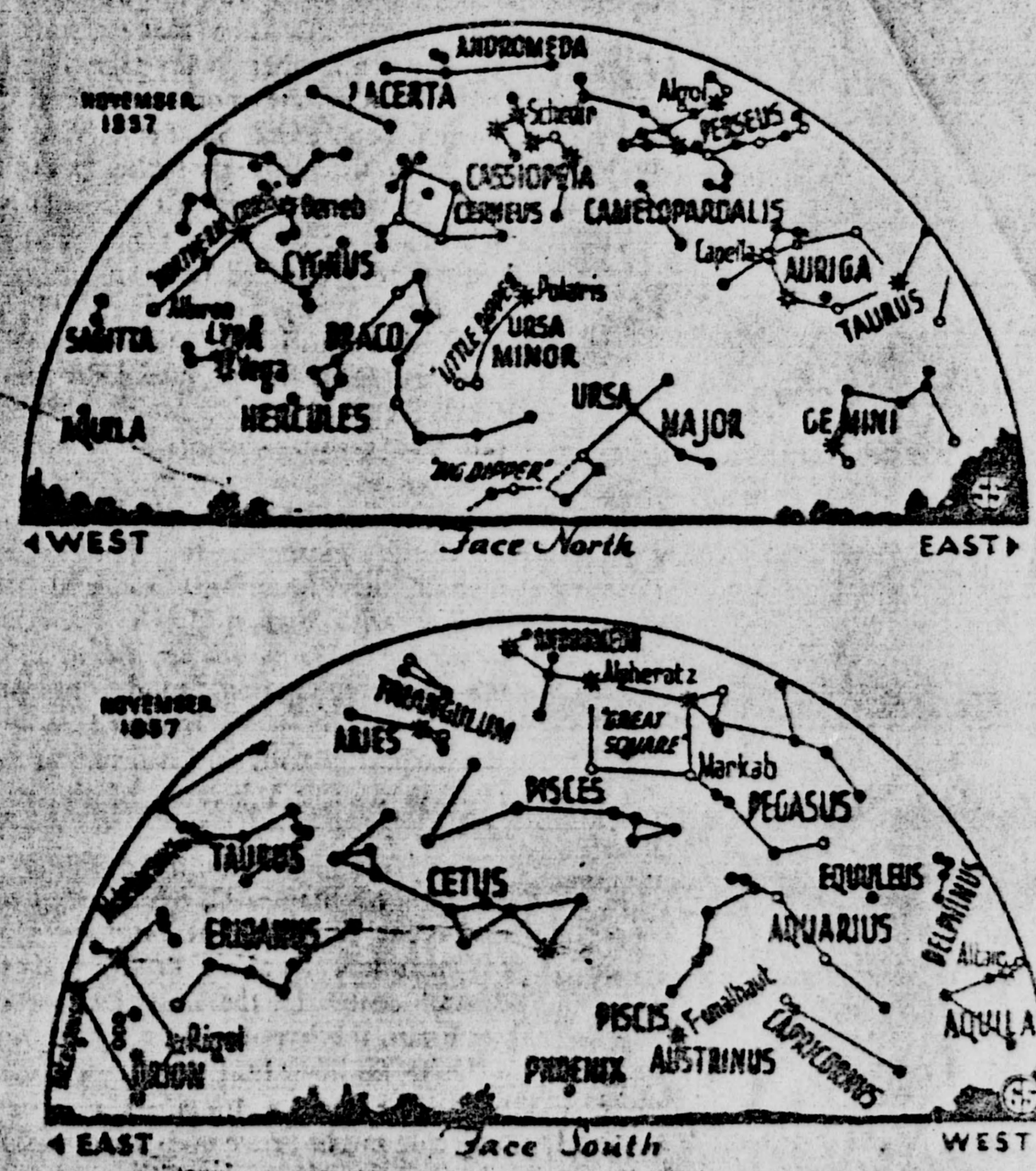
Although only Venus is now visible in the evening, two other planets appear in the southeast before sunrise. Brightest of these is Jupiter, in the constellation of Virgo, the virgin. It is close to the bright star Spica. However, it exceeds the star in brilliance about ten times.

Farther east is Mars, rising about an hour ahead of the sun. Its brightness is about half that of Spica. Mercury and Saturn are both too near the sun to be easily visible in November.

Shower of "Stars" to Come

November is the month bringing one of the year's famous showers of meteors, or "shooting stars," which appear from about the 13th to the 16th.

They are most numerous after midnight, because then we are on the forward side of the earth in its annual movement around the sun. Thus, we meet them head-on. This is different from the evening hours when we are on the rearward part, and see only those that catch up to us.



SYMBOLS FOR STARS IN ORDER OF BRIGHTNESS

So bright was this planet that a local Sheriff and his deputies were attempting to intercept it a few days ago — after numerous calls from parent publics.

SICAL "SA CER" HOVERS NEAR BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY

There ar ections of Broadway from which one could watch a saucer hovering over an openfi few hundred feet away. One such section - perhaps the only one - is in t hern Bronx, just south of the Yonkers line, where the avenue is built up only a west side, and the east side gives on the wide playing fields of Van Cortland .

At about l on the morning of November 5, a truck-driver for a rubbish-disposal compan k C. (he has requested us not to publish his name), was driving his garage- ition truck down Broadway from Yonkers on his regular rounds. He had stopped a bus shelter about two blocks north of the 242nd Street subway terminus, and ing to a bus driver there as he emptied the trash cans, when his attention only arrested by something strange in the air over the park. "Look at tha laimed to the bus driver. Then, as he puts it, he "froze." He realized tha looking at a flying saucer, no more than a quarter-mile away. Dully re the dim light of the Broadway street lamps (dawn was not yet brighten , it was of the "classic" shape: a flat, disk-shaped base surmounted by a t-like dome, with portholes. The dome was motionless, but the base was sp mitting a purring noise "like a Hollywood muffler two blocks away." The obje not luminous, and bore no lights. Its apparent size greatly exceeded that of moon, and it was hovering over the field at a height that seemed to be "ab of a five-story building" - perhaps two of its own diameters. Mr. C. sa profile view, and could not see the under surface of the disk. He thinks he bus-driver watched it for about half a minute. Suddenly, there burst for a most brilliant yellowish light, that lit up every corner of the broad fi he saucer took off "just like a shooting star," leaving the witnesses dazzle gasping.

An hour or , Mr. C. was in a diner with his helper, telling him of what he had seen. The man was all for going back to the park to look for traces on the ground where had been seen, but Mr. C. had no desire to go anywhere near it again. When we d to him a month after the sighting, he told us, "I stay far away from that pa "

Mr. C. has ne ard of Adamski or Menger - unless he is deliberately concealing the fact, which ink is most unlikely. He seldom reads books, and was not acquainted with Lo n's radio program. He does not drink. Although we can't claim to know him w it is our understanding that no suspicion has ever been cast on his truthfulnes present, we see no reason to doubt that this report is perfectly authentic - of the most noteworthy UFO sightings in New York City that have ever come to our ttention. We thank Harold Oksenkrug for informing us of it.

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URGENT

NEW ORLEANS, NOV. 5--(UP)--THE U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER SEBAGO REPORTED IT SPOTTED A BRILLIANT FLYING OBJECT IN THE SKY THIS MORNING ABOUT 200 MILES SOUTH OF THE MOUTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

THE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED AT 5:10 A.M., THE COAST GUARD SAID. RADAR CONTACT WITH THE OBJECT WAS RETAINED INTERMITTENTLY FROM 5:10 A.M. TO 5:37 A.M., WITH THE OBJECT VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE FOR THREE SECONDS BEGINNING AT 5:21 A.M.

A RADIO REPORT FROM THE SEBAGO, ON DUTY IN THE GULF OF MEXICO, SAID THE OBJECT "RESEMBLED A BRILLIANT PLANET" AND WAS TRAVLING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED.

THE "PLANET" TRAVELED IN CONCENTRIC CIRCLES AROUND THE SHIP, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, AND WAS LAST TRACKED 175 MILES FROM THE VESSEL. AT THAT TIME, IT WAS HEADED NORTHWARD TOWARD THE LOUISIANA COAST.

THE COAST GUARD IN NEW ORLEANS SAID IT IS ALERTING SHIPS TO KEEP A WATCH FOR THE OBJECT, WHOSE WHIRLING FLIGHT COVERED AT LEAST 175 MILES DURING THE 27 MINUTES IT WAS TRACKED BY THE SEBAGO.

IN NORTH LOUISIANA, FOUR PERSONS TOLD STATE POLICE THEY SIGHTED A BRIGHT OBJECT ABOUT HALF THE SIZE OF AN AUTOMOBILE RISING FROM THE GROUND LAST NIGHT NEAR MONROE.

TROOPERS CHECKED THE REPORTS AND FOUND NOTHING UNUSUAL.

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ADD OBJECT, NEW ORLEANS X X X NOTHING UNUSUAL.

THE FOUR PERSONS SAID THE HOVERING OBJECT "SUDDENLY ROSE RAPIDLY STRAIGHT UP AND VANISHED INTO THE SKY" AS THEY DROVE FROM MONROE EASTWARD TOWARD RAYVILLE ON U.S. 80.

THE SAID THE OBJECT APPEARED "GASEOUS".

AT KNOXVILLE, TENN., A ONE-TIME NAVY PILOT SAID TODAY HIS SON SPOTTED A HUGE OVAL-SHAPED AIRCRAFT EARLY LAST NIGHT.

JAMES JEFFRIES SR. SAID HIS 11-YEAR OLD BOY DESCRIBED THE AIRCRAFT AS "BIGGER THAN A JET AND HAVING MORE THAN ONE EXHAUST. HE SAID IT HAD A BRILLIANT REDDISH-GOLDEN HUE AND SOUNDED MORE LIKE THUNDER THAN A JET."

YOUNG JEFFRIES SAID HE SPIED THE STRANGE-LOOKING AIRCRAFT ABOUT 5:45 P.M.

"IT WAS OVAL-SHAPED AND HAD NO VISIBLE WINGS," HIS FATHER SAID. "THE BOY KNOWS ALL MILITARY CRAFT--HE'S A FORMER SKY WATCHER--AND HE SAID THE OBJECT WAS MOVING PRETTY FAST FOR ITS ALTITUDE."

THREE FIREMEN REPORTED EARLY TODAY THEY SAW AN OBJECT THAT APPEARED TO BE A "HUGE BALL WITH A SHINY GLOW" COMING OVER THE HORIZON FROM THE DIRECTION OF ATLANTA.

"IT HAD A STEADY GLOW, BRIGHTER THAN A STAR," SAID FOUNTAIN CITY FIREMAN GEORGE WILLIAMS, 42. HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS THE RUSSIAN EARTH SATELLITE.

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Streaking 'Planet' on Cutter's Radar

Coast Guard Ship in Gulf Sees Strange Light

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (AP).—A brilliant mystery object was reported sighted today in Southern skies by a Coast Guard cutter, even as the Air Force investigated a flurry of earlier similar reports.

The Coast Guard cutter Sebago, cruising in the Gulf of Mexico 200 miles south of Louisiana, radioed that an object resembling "a brilliant planet with a high rate of speed" was seen for three seconds at 5:21 a. m.

Coast Guard headquarters in New Orleans said the message did not report exactly who on board the cutter had seen the object.

The Sebago's message said the object was tracked on the vessel's radar screen for twenty-seven minutes and that, during that period, the object flitted on and off the screen several times.

Sightings of strange objects have been reported from widely scattered sections of the United States since Sunday, most of them near secret military installations in the Southwest.

The Air Force said the radar network of the Air Defense Command is keeping watch—so far with no results—and that specially qualified investigators have been assigned to look into the reports.

For several years the Air Force has checked all reports of unidentified flying objects. Investigators work under the Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs and report to the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

As to Flying Saucers

During the first half of this year, the Air Force said, only 1.9 per cent of the 250 reported sightings of flying saucers and other fantastic aerial objects have wound up in the "unknown" category.

An the Air Force said firmly—though not all flying saucer buffs may agree—that it doesn't believe even the 1.9 per cent residue is made up of the things you read about in science fiction magazines.

Balloons, aircraft and such astronomical sights as meteorites and bright stars account, at least to the Air Force's official satisfaction, for almost four-fifths of the sightings.

The director of a private organization set up to investigate flying saucers and such said he couldn't evaluate at this point the current rash of reported sightings. But retired Marine Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, added that the reported objects may be something from another planet.

"Assuming they are real," he said, "they would be secret weapons made on earth or are interplanetary." Any nation with the secret, he added, would by now have abandoned conventional aircraft or missiles. It looks as though they are interplanetary."

He said one source of power for such reported objects could be cosmic-ray energy.

Some of the citizens, peace officers and service men who reported sighting mystery objects since the week end said the objects stalled auto engines and caused radios to fade.

James Stokes, an engineer at the Air Force Missile Development Center at Alamagordo, N. M., reported ten autos were stalled yesterday on a desert highway between Alamogordo and the White Sands Proving grounds.

He reported seeing a soundless, "brilliant colored egg-shaped object" which flitted erratically across the countryside and left a sort of heat wave, "like radiation from a giant sun lamp," in its wake.

Leonard Hardlund, chief engineer for the National Inventors Council here, said a device that could stall autos or other mechanical equipment is one of the things the armed forces would like to see developed. But Mr. Hardlund said he knows of no research in this country aimed at producing such a device.

Object Called Part of Missile Lands in Egypt

CAIRO, Egypt, Nov. 5 (AP).—A mysterious flaming object bounced into the yard of Alexandria University today. Russian scientists who rushed to the scene from the atoms-for-peace exhibit here identified it as part of a short-range missile.

The object, three inches long, two inches wide and less than an inch thick, was made of white rubber and had three lenses.

Flames from the object were extinguished by police.

No planes were flying over Alexandria at the time the object bounced into the school yard and no one saw where it came from.

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AF Radar Hunts Mystery Objects

By the United Press.

The Air Force said today its radar network has been alerted to watch for whatever has sparked a flurry of "space ship" reports from the Gulf of Mexico, Texas and New Mexico.

The latest report came today from a Coast Guard craft which relayed word it had kept a brilliant flying object in its radarscope as it circled

The Coast Guard cutter Sebago reported that the object observed by members of its the ship at high speed.

crew for 27 minutes resembled "a brilliant planet." Three Air Force pilots at Selma, Ala., said they saw a similar bright object zoom through the sky yesterday morning.

Here are various other reports of unidentified objects:

● A report from Levelland, Tex., that several persons had sighted an egg-shaped object about 200 feet long which glowed with a reddish color. It caused motors to stop and headlights to dim.

● White Sands, N. Mex., missile proving grounds officials also reported seeing the object.

● An electronics engineer reported seeing an object near Alamogordo, N. Mex., which caused his car radio to fade and his engine to die. Other New Mexico residents aiso reported seeing the object.

Two hours later, from 5:10 to 5:30 a.m., radarmen on the Coast Guard cutter Sebago, 200 miles south of New Orleans in the Gulf of Mexico, reported tracking an unknown object; the high-speed target was also observed visually for several

seconds at 5:22, and was described as "planet-like" in appearance.

A RADIO REPORT FROM THE COAST GUARD CUTTER IN THE GULF OF MEXICO SAID THE OBJECT SPOTTED BY ITS MEN "RESEMBLED A BRILLIANT PLANET" THAT TRAVELED IN CONCENTRIC CIRCLES AROUND THE VESSEL.

RADAR CONTACT WAS RETAINED OFF AND ON FROM 5:10 A.M. UNTIL 5:37 A.M. THE OBJECT WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE FOR ABOUT THREE SECONDS DURING THAT TIME. THE COAST GUARD ALERTED OTHER SHIPS IN THE AREA TO KEEP A WATCH FOR THE OBJECT.

FOUR MEN ABOARD THE SHIP TALKED BY MARINE PHONE AND RADIO WITH COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS IN NEW ORLEANS.

ENS. WAYNE SCHOTLEY, REDLANDS, CALIF., SAID HE SAW THE OBJECT AT 31DEGREE ELEVATION MOVINGNORTH. HE SAID IT ENTERED A CLOUD BANK AND DISAPPEARED.

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CUTTER SIGHTS FLYING OBJECT OFF LOUISIANA

Noted on Ship Radar, Guard Reports

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about the signal classified, but an FCC spokesman was later quoted as saying:

"It isn't classified. We just don't know yet what it is."

The signal as reproduced from a recording was a long note of low pitch, followed after a few secnds by two short notes.

Last month, shortly after sputnik I went aloft, several radio hams at Phoenix, Ariz., reported hearing a series of strange signals adjacent to the 20.005 frequency used by the Russian satellite.

At that time government officials in Washington, who declined to be identified even as to agency, said they were unable to discuss the matter except to say the signals were not connected with sputink in any way. The implication was that a hush-hush project, probably military, was involved.

Object Over Wisconsin

Spooner, Wis., Nov. 5 (AP)—Widely separated residents of this northwestern Wisconsin area—including an Episcopal minister and a newspaper editor—reported sighting a strange object in the sky at about sunset yesterday. The Rev. R. C. Warder, rector of St. Albans church, said he was driving 20 miles northeast of Spooner when he saw a "cigar shaped object" in the western sky.

William Stewart, editor of the Spooner Advocate, received a call from a woman who reported she also saw something in the westerly sky. Stewart went outside his office with a pair of field glasses and confirmed that he could see a distant object, but could not identify it.

'Ray' Device Unknown

Washington, Nov. 5 (AP)—A device capable of disrupting the operation of motor vehicles or other mechanical equipment is one of the things the armed forces would like to see developed.

Leonard Hardland, chief engineer of the national inventors council, said today in response to an inquiry that he does not know of any research in this country aimed at producing a device that could stall automobiles or cause radios to fade.

Such happenings have been reported in the last several days in the southwest in connection with the reported sighting of a mystery object in the skies.

Hardland said that four or five years ago the military asked the inventors council to put a "destructive or death ray" on its list of wanted inventions. The council circulates such a list among civilian inventors, engineers and scientists. So far, he said, no one has come up with any death or destructive ray.

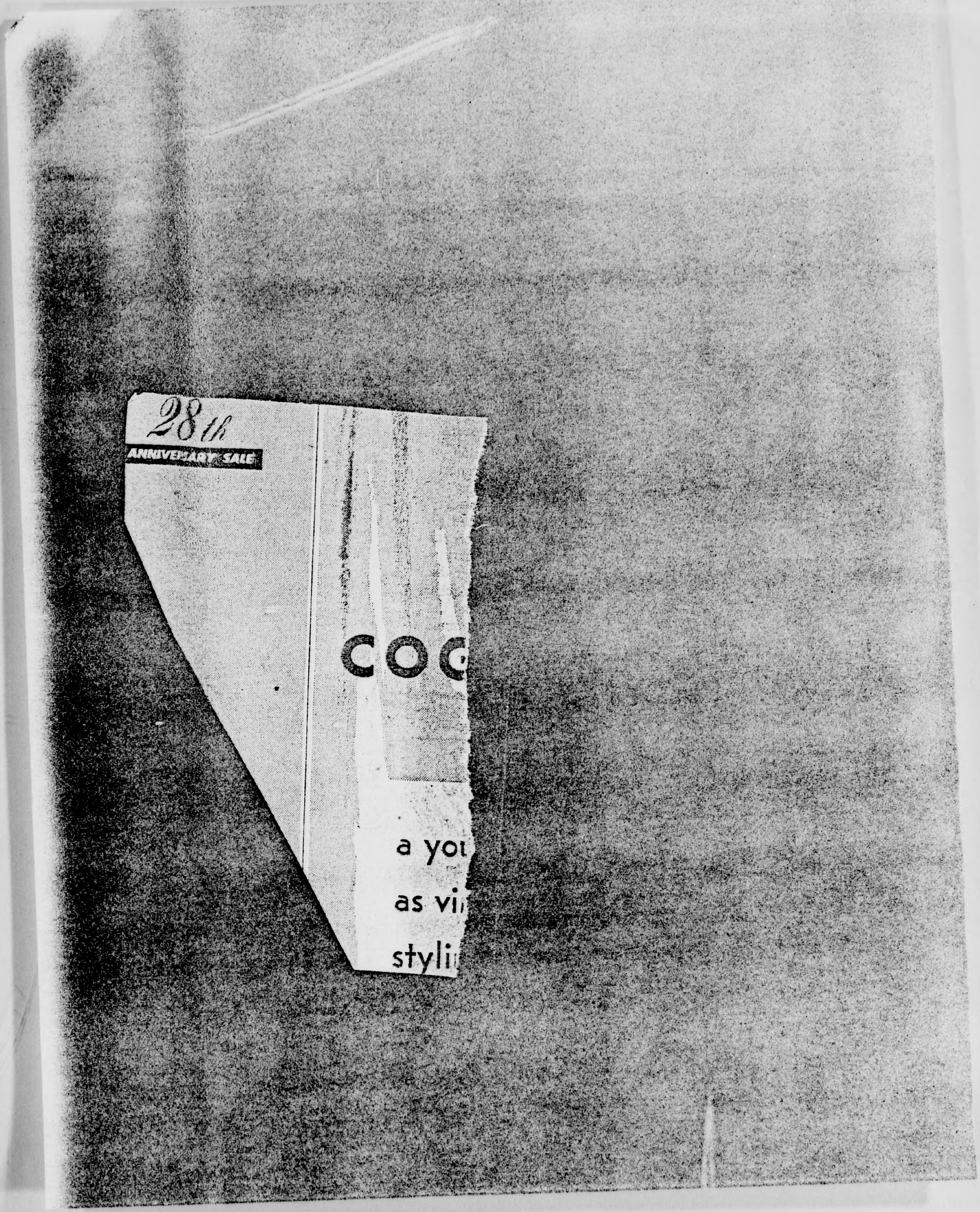
The air force said today it has assigned trained investigators to look into the current flurry of reported sightings of strange flying objects.

The radar network of the air defense command is keeping watch, the air force said, but no radar sightings have been reported by it.

Within the last two days sightings of strange objects have been reported from a variety of places in the United States and at sea. Several reports spoke of an egg shaped object several hundred feet long.

Reports Autos Stalled

Lubbock, Tex., Nov. 5 (AP)—A missile engineer reported seeing a "brilliant egg-shaped object" which he said stalled autos in New Mexico yesterday. The air force began an


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No Saucer Data Found, AF Says

The Air Force says its investigations of 5,700 reported sightings of flying saucers in the past 10 years have produced "no physical or material evidence" that such things exist.

The Pentagon issued this report last night after sightings of mysterious flying objects were reported this week from various parts of the country. Some of the reported objects were said to glow with a strange light and to have caused auto engines to stall.

Sightings of flying saucers have been reported from time to time over the past decade. Investigation of them has been handled by the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio. Previous Air Force reports on saucers have been along the lines of the one put out last night.

There have been suggestions that the new rash of sightings was inspired by Russia's launching of earth satellites.

No Evidence of Saucers

In its report last night the Air Force said, "There is no physical or material evidence, not even a minute fragment, that a so-called flying saucer was ever found."

It also said there is no evidence that the alleged objects are interplanetary space ships, that they indicate developments beyond the range of current scientific knowledge, or that they pose any threat to the Nation's security.

In Pensacola, Fla., the navigator of the Coast Guard cutter Sebago yesterday estimated a flying object sighted over the gulf the day before had a speed of between 1,000 and 3,300 miles per hour.

Lt. (j.g.) Donald Shaffer of Greensboro, Pa., said he based the estimate on elapsed time and distance traveled between the first and second sightings on the cutter's radar screen.

The object was first spotted on the radar screen at 6:10 a.m. (EST) as the Sebago was cruising in the gulf 300 miles southeast of New Orleans. It was seen by four men on watch for about three seconds at 5:21 a.m. The last radar contact was at 5:37 a.m.

Lt. Shaffer said the radar indicated the brilliant object was about 14 miles from the cutter when it was first spotted. It was moving from north to south and faded rapidly astern on the radar scope.

Second Contact Reported

About three minutes later, he said, a second contact was made.

"Its range was very close and it was coming back in the opposite direction from which it had been traveling—in other words from south to north. It moved up again and back up the port side of the Sebago and again no audible or visual contact was made."

On another radar contact, the officer said, the object was at a distance of 22 miles on a bearing of 188 degrees. He continued:

"Two minutes later it was bearing 190 degrees at a range of 55 miles. I consider those the two best possible chances we had to clock it for speed and our best two tips. If it went 33 miles in two minutes, it was going almost 1,000 miles an hour."

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...satellites and their repercussions on world affairs.

The solemn mien of cabinet members evidenced concern over the impending full scale senate investigation into what the United States needs to win the race for superiority over the soviet union in rocket-missile developments.

Admits Reds Ahead

In the afternoon Secretary of State Dulles told a news conference that Russia appears to lead the United States in the missile field in some respects, but expressed confidence this country can catch up.

The United States, he said, will demonstrate that, like Russia, it has the capacity to launch an earth "moon." He said such a launching will be helpful to this country from a psychological point of view.

Meanwhile, he conceded, Russia's demonstration of weapon power poses a danger so serious that this country must work for greater unity

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...5:20—Contact was regained. The object appeared stationary, seven miles due north.

5:21—The object was seen, moving horizontally south to north. It was seen for about three seconds and resembled a brilliant planet with a high rate of speed.

5:21—Radar contact was resumed.

5:37—The cutter reported its last radar contact with the object about 175 miles north of the ship.

The Sebago is expected to report back to its home base in Mobile by Thursday.

Mystery Signal Heard

New York, Nov. 5 (AP)—A mysterious radio signal not emanating from Russia's new sputnik is baffling short wave listeners and government officials, the National Broadcasting company said today.

An NBC newscast said the signal is being heard near the satellite's frequency but is of a different tonal pattern.

The report said that the federal communications commission at first called information

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on Science

BY WALTER TROHAN

[Chicago Tribune Press Service]

Washington, Nov. 5—After an extraordinary two hour cabinet session earlier in the day, President Eisenhower tonight announced that he will make an address of major importance Thursday night on science and security on national radio and televisions hookups.

The cabinet meeting was held against the ominous background of Russian scientific accomplishments and the related legislative and budgetary programs of the administration for 1958. Several hours later the White House said that the President will cancel his scheduled press conference tomorrow morning because he will cover the same information in his Thursday night speech as he would have provided in answers to press questions. Thursday night falls on the 40th anniversary of the Russian revolution.

Slate Live Broadcast

The address, the first of his "confidence" speeches he promised recently, will be carried live by the Columbia Broadcasting system on television and radio from 7 to 7:30 p. m., Chicago time. The White House said the American Broadcasting system will show a film of the speech at 9:30 p. m. and National Broadcasting company at 10:15 p. m., Chicago time. Mutual Broadcasting system will rebroadcast the speech at 10 p. m., Chicago time.

Cabinet members left the White House silent as usual on their deliberations with the President. They will return Friday for another assessment of problems confronting the administration.

Meet Again Friday

The White House and cabinet members would not disclose that the extraordinary session and the regular session Friday were concerned with the startling Russian developments in rocket and missile research. It was conceded, however, that no consideration of 1958 spending could fail to be influenced by the Red earth satellites and their repercussions on world affairs.

The solemn mien of cabinet members evidenced concern over the impending full scale senate investigation into what the United States needs to win the race for superiority over the soviet union in rocket-missile developments.

Admits Reds Ahead

In the afternoon Secretary of State Dulles told a news conference that Russia appears to lead the United States in the missile field in some respects, but expressed confidence this country can catch up.

The United States, he said, will demonstrate that like

Early Morning

OTHER STORIES

Reds expect to celebrate 50th anniversary of bolshevik revolution on the moon. Story on page 3.

Tribune told of boron, Russia's "new" rocket fuel, nine years ago; two U. S. plants produce it. Story on page 5.

Sectional jealousies imperil midwest's preëminence in nuclear research, U. of C. chancellor warns. Story on page 11.

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Gives Location of Ship

Comdr. James Schrader, head of search and rescue operations in the gulf, said the object had been seen at latitude 25.47 north, longitude 89.24 west or about 200 miles directly south of the mouth of the Mississippi river.

Comdr. Schrader said the radio message gave this log of the morning incident:

5:10 a m.—The object was seen on the radar screen, moving north to south, about 14 miles from the cutter. The object continued to move closer, shifting toward the port side.

5:14—Contact was lost.

5:16—Contact was regained with the object about 22 miles north of the cutter.

5:18—The object, about 55 miles from the Sebago, faded off the screen.

Tell Object's Changes

5:20—Contact was regained. The object appeared stationary, seven miles due north.

5:21—The object was seen, moving horizontally south to north. It was seen for about three seconds and resembled a brilliant planet with a high rate of speed.

5:21—Radar contact was resumed.

5:37—The cutter reported its last radar contact with the object about 175 miles north of the ship.

The Sebago is expected to report back to its home base in Mobile by Thursday.

Mystery Signal Heard

New York, Nov. 5 (AP)—A mysterious radio signal not emanating from Russia's new sputnik is baffling short wave

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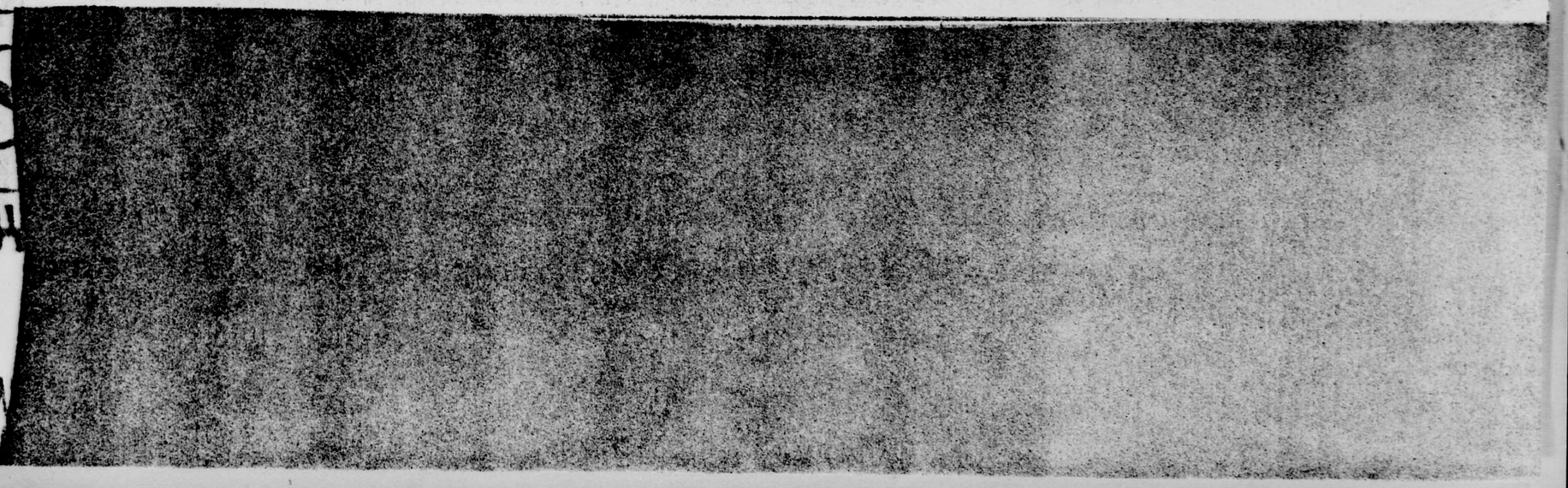
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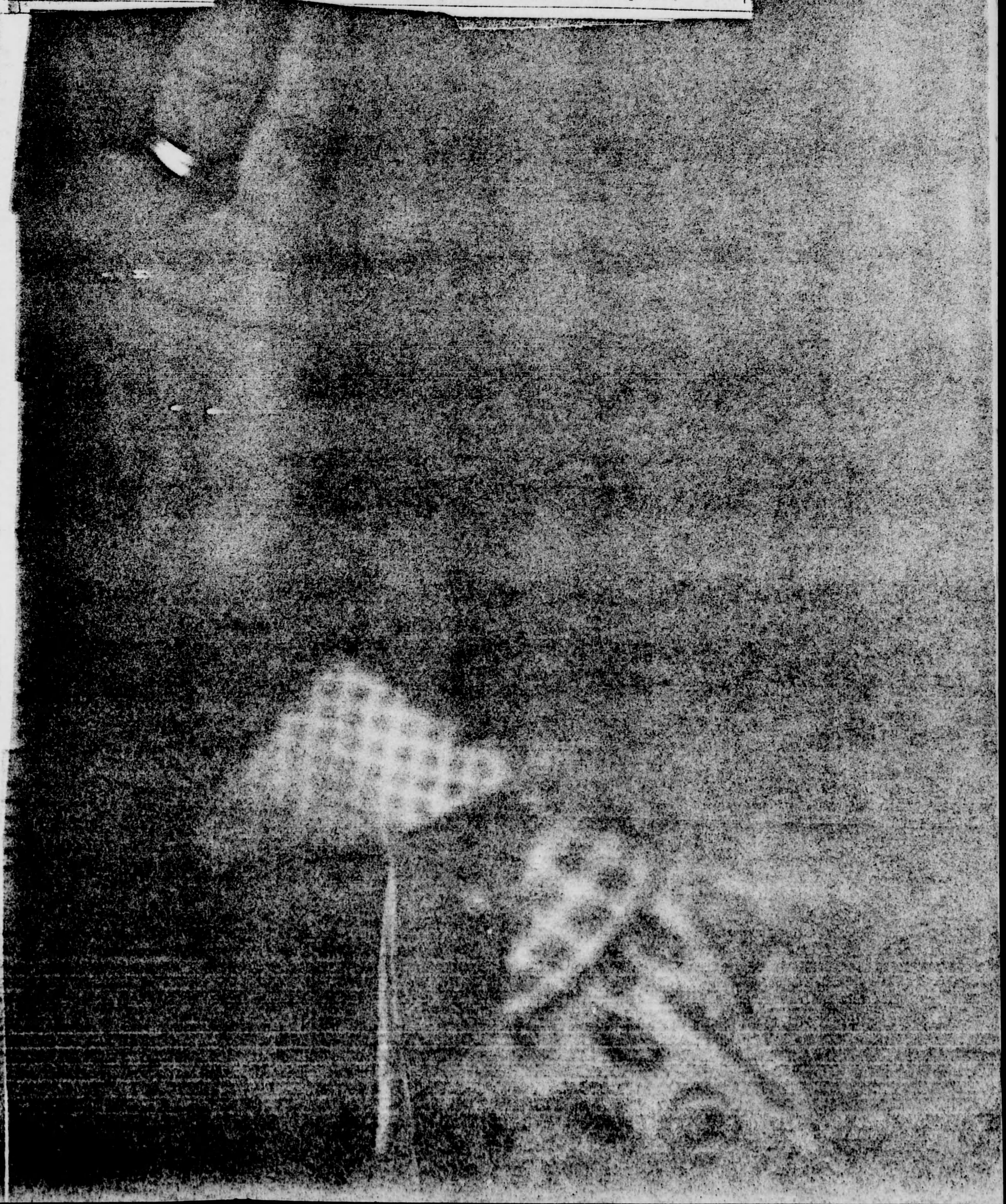
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New Sky Mystery Seen As Guessing Continues

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By Associated Press

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Radar Keeping Watch

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[The Sebago radioed New Orleans Coast Guard Headquarters that the object was traveling at an estimated 1000 miles per hour, International News Service reported. However, at one point, the object appeared to remain stationary and hover above the waters before it resumed its erratic flight.

Strong Pip

[The cutter's captain, Cmdr. C. H. Waring, said the object first appeared on the ship's radar screen as a "good, strong pip" at 5:10 a. m. and was lost in a northerly direction at 5:37 a. m.

[In this time, the skipper said the object, which came as close as two miles to the ves-

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sel, was actually seen by four members of the crew. One, Ens. Wayne D. Shockley, described it as a "bright point of light with no definite shape, resembling the planet Venus." Shockley said there were no vapor trails or any other indications as to the object's method of propulsion. One estimate of its height placed it at 2000 feet.

[Glenn Northcutt, Willis, Okla., rancher and member of the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, reported that on Saturday he and five others had watched "a brilliant, mysterious light that looked like the planet Venus magnified many, many times." The object, he said, was visible more than half an hour.]

Many Sightings

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Air Force Set To Study 3 of 46 'Objects'

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Associated Press

The North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs, Colo., reported yesterday it had received 46 reports of unidentified objects from throughout the Nation but only three, including one from Kearney, Neb., "deserved further study."

Capt. Andy Beasley, public information officer, said two Air Force investigators were sent to Kearney after a Caliaforian, R. O. Schmidt, told of sighting a cigar-shaped object on a Nebraska praire and chatting with four men and two women in it.

Beasley said the command had not yet decided whether to assign inspectors to the two other reported sightings. He did not say where these reports came from.

Florida Sightings

A dazzling fiery object flashed across southern skies an hour before sunup yesterday and some observers reported it zoomed close to them a treetop level. Reports of sightings came from Albany, Ga., to Miami. The majority described the brilliantly lighted thing as blue or green.

At Tallahassee, a Florida State University department of meteorology professor said that from descriptions of the objects it appeared to be a meteor which came unusually close to the earth.

N. E. Lasuer, the professor, said the meteors appeared to give off a bluish green light, particularly at night.

The navigator of the Coast Guard cutter Sebago estimated that a flying object sighted over the Gulf of Mexico Tuesday had a speed of between 1000 and 3300 miles per hour.

Time Figured

Lt. (jg) Donald Shaffer of Greenburg, Pa., said he based the estimate on elapsed time and distance traveled between the first and second sightings on the cutter's radar screen.

The cutter refuled at the Pensacola Naval Air Station dock during the morning yesterday and then departed for its home port at Mobile, Ala.

Ensign Wayne Shockley of Redlands, Calif., who was officer of the deck when the object was sighted, and radarman James Moore, Carlton, Tex., left the ship to fly to New York to appear today on a national television program, today.

Crewmen said they have not yet been questioned by Air Force investigators.

The Air Force said Tuesday its radar network of the Air Defense Command had been altered to watch for the object.

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U.S. Ship in Gulf Reports Sighting Mystery Object

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Cosmic Energy

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Device Sought

Leonard Hardlund, chief engineer for the National Inventors Council in Washington, said a device that could stall autos or other mechanical equipment was one of the things the armed forces would like to see developed.

But Hardlund said he knew of no research in this country aimed at producing such a device.

Two teen-age girls reported seeing a mysterious object in the sky over Annapolis, Md., last week.

Jean Hunt, 13, and Sylvia Fowler, 15, said they saw an egg-shaped object which glowed like a neon light. They spotted it while trick-or-treating with Jean's two younger sisters on Halloween night in Primrose Acres, a housing development on the outskirts of Annapolis.

Jean said the girls became frightened and ran home but no one would believe their story until weekend newspaper accounts told of a mystery object sighted in Texas.

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NEW ORLEANS, NOV. 5.--(UP)--A U.S. COAST GUARD COMMANDER REPORTED A BRILLIANT FLYING OBJECT HOVERED OVER THE CUTTER SEBAGO IN THE GULF OF MEXICO EARLY TODAY, MAKING CREW MEMBERS "FEEL THEY WERE BEING OBSERVED."

CMDR. C.H. WARING, SKIPPER OF THE CUTTER, SAID THE OBJECT RESEMBLING THE STAR VENUS THEN STREAKED INTO A CLOUD AT A SPEED OBSERVERS ESTIMATED AT 1,000 MILES AN HOUR.

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IT WAS VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE FOR THREE SECONDS AT 5:22 A.M. WHILE IT APPEARED TO BE MOVING IN A GREAT ARC, HE SAID.

WARING SAID RADAR "BIPS" OF THE OBJECT WERE "VERY STRONG."

RADAR TRACKING SHOWED THE OBJECT REACHED SPEEDS OF UP TO 1,000 MILES PER HOUR, COMMANDER J. N. SCHRADER, SEARCH AND RESCUE OFFICER, SAID IN NEW ORLEANS.

THE OBJECT HAD NO VISIBLE MEANS OF PROPULSION AND LEFT NO VAPOR TRAILS, WARING SAID.

COAST GUARD OFFICIALS BRIEFED NEWSMEN IN A RADIO ROOM IN THE NEW ORLEANS CUSTOM HOUSE BEFORE A HUGE MAP OF THE GULF OF MEXICO SHOWING THE SEBAGO'S POSITION.

IN A SHP TO SHORE BROADCAST WARING SAID THE MYSTERY MISSILE AROUSED "KEEN INTEREST" AMONG NIS CREW. THEY HAD "CONFIDENCE THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN ACTUAL SIGHTING," HE SAID.

WARING SAID IT WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE MYSTERY LIGHT BORE NO RELATION TO THE SOVIET SATELLITE CARRYING A DOG.

COAST GUARD OFFICIALS HERE SAID THE ENTIRE REPORT FROM THE SEBAGO HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON.

THE SEBAGO'S MEN REPORTED THEY TRACKED THE OBJECT ON RADAR FIRST IN A NORTH-SOUTH DIRECTION AND MINUTES LATER IN A SOUTH-NORTH DIRECTION.

LT. JG DONALD SHAFFER OF GREESBURG, PA., THE CUTTER'S NAVIGATOR, ESTIMATED THE ALTITUDE AT "LESS THAN 1,000 FEET."

CONTACTED BY THE SHIP-TO-SHORE RADIO FACILITIES SHAFFER AND RADARMAN THOMAS KIRK OF BROOKLYN, N. Y. TOLD HOW THEY TRACKED THE OBJECT AND LATER SAW A BRILLIANT FLASH ACROSS THE SKY.

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"I SAW IT MOVING QUITE RAPIDLY ACROSS THE SKY," KIRK SAID. "IT BEGAN MOVING AND DISAPPEARED INTO A CLOUD. THEN IT WAS MOVING AT A TREMENDOUS SPEED."

THE OFFICER DISCOUNTED THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WAS A METEOR BECAUSE "THERE WAS NO TRAIL, AND IT MOVED IN A HORIZONTAL RATHER THAN A [illegible] DIRECTION ACROSS THE SKY."

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Extract from Buffett's book

Coast Guard Cutter Seabago radioed in their report from the Gulf of Mexico wheels began to turn—fast.

On Tuesday morning, the 5th, the Seabago was about 200 miles south to the mouth of the Mississippi River on a northerly heading. At 5:10 a.m. her radar picked up a target off to the left at a distance of about 14 miles. This was really nothing unusual because they were under heavily traveled air lanes.

The early morning watch is always rough and as the small group of officers and men in the Combat Information Center quietly watched the target, with a noticeable lack of enthusiasm, it moved south, made a turn, and headed back to the north again. A few of the men noticed that the turn looked "a little different," but this early in the morning they didn't give it much thought.

At 5:14 the target went off the scope to the north.

At 5:16 it was back and the latitude was instantly gone. Now the target was 22 miles south of the ship. No one in the CIC had to draw a picture. Something, in two minutes, had disappeared off the scope to the north, made a big swing around the ship, out of radar range, and had swung in from the south!

Word went up to the lookouts. They tensed up and began to scan the sky.

The radar contacts continued.

This second contact, south of the ship, was held for two full minutes as the target moved out from 22 to 55 miles. Then it faded.

At 5:20 the target was back but now it was north of the ship again, and it was hovering!

Again the lookouts were called. Could they see anything now? Their "No" answers didn't hold for long because seconds later their terse reports began to come into the CIC. A "brilliant light, like a planet" was streaking across the northwest sky about 30 degrees above the horizon. Unfortunately the radar had lost contact for a moment when the visual report came in.

At 5:37 the target disappeared from the scopes and was gone for good.

Tuesday morning's chief contribution to the UFO epidemic was not to be laughed off so easily, for it was made by trained military personnel. At 5:10 A.M. on November 5, the Coast Guard Cutter *Sebago*, traveling north in the Gulf of Mexico, detected an erratically maneuvering UFO on the radarscope. The swiftly moving object would race across and off the scope only to reappear almost immediately from another direction and position and again move off the scope at incredible speed. After ten minutes the radar target vanished, but watchers on the deck glimpsed a glowing object, brilliant as a planet; it streaked across the sky just above the northwest horizon and vanished. The unknown radar targets then returned and continued to fill the scope with their incredible movements until 5:37, when they finally disappeared and did not return.

This mystery, too, yielded to orderly investigation by the Air Force. The ship, some 200 miles south of New Orleans, was moving under heavily traveled air lanes. The radar targets came not from a single, fantastically maneuverable UFO but from the complex pattern of air traffic overhead. Weather conditions accounted for the unusual and briefly puzzling radar echoes (see *Chapter* VIII). The brilliant light that flashed across the sky was not reported by the radarscope and had no relation to the radar returns. In view for a few seconds at most, brilliant in the morning twilight (the sun rose some fifty minutes later), the flash of light was probably a distant meteor. No evidence for a spaceship could be found.

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PART II. GULF OF MEXICO, COAST GUARD CUTTER "SABEGO" SIGHTING 200 MILES SOUTH OF NEW ORLEANS. FACTS SOMEWHAT [redacted]

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CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS. FROM LIMITED DATA IN OFFICIAL REPORT, REFERENCE TT MESSAGE CGC SEBAGO WPG 42, COPY YOUR HEADQUARTERS. FOLLOWING CONSIDERED OUR TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS:

a. IMPRESSION THAT ONLY ONE OBJECT OBSERVED APPEARS ERRONEOUS. FOUR SEPARATE TARGETS INDICATED. 3 ON RADAR, ONE VISUALLY.

b. EACH TIME SUCCEEDING TARGET PICKED UP IT WAS IN ALMOST DIRECT OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM PRECEDING TARGET AND SOME DISTANCE AWAY.

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e. AREA OF INCIDENT IS SCENE OF MANY FLIGHTS AND OPERATIONS OF NAVY AND AIR FORCE. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT CHECK THE COUNTLESS POSSIBLE ORIGINS OF AIRCRAFT AND THEIR FLIGHT PLANS,

f. ON BASIS OF ABOVE, MANEUVERS AND SPEEDS SUGGESTIVE OF CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT FOR MOST PART. HOWEVER, THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE AND DISAPPEARANCE OF THE TARGETS COULD BE INDICATIVE OF SPURIOUS RETURNS (FALSE TARGETS). IN ANY EVENT, MORE THAN ONE RETURN IS INDICATED, CONTRARY TO

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PRESS REPORTS.

PART III. [redacted] AS, "BLUE LIGHT" CASE. INFORMED BY COMMANDER, 1006TH AISS THAT INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. FURTHER DATA DISCLOSE FOLLOWING:

a. CONTRARY TO KEYHOE'S AND WASHINGTON PRESS REPORTS ONLY THREE, NOT NINE PERSONS WITNESSED INCIDENT.

b. OBJECT OBSERVED FOR ONLY FEW SECONDS, AND NOT LENGTHY PERIOD AS IMPLIED BY PRESS.

c. MIST, RAIN, THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHTNING DISCHARGES IN SCENE OF INCIDENT, FACT NOT QUOTED BY NEWSPAPER RELEASES.

d. THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES, REPEAT POSSIBILITIES, BEING CHECKED, WHICH COULD RESULT IN UNUSUAL PHENOMENA OBSERVED PARTICULARLY UNDER DARKNESS, MIST AND RAIN:(1) BURNING GAS FROM OIL OPERATIONS IN THE AREA,REFLECTING OFF LOW CLOUD CEILING EXISTING AT THAT TIME, (2) DOWNED POWER LINE GIVING OFF SPARK DISPLAY IN CONTACT WITH WET GROUND, (3) ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE OR SIMILAR PHENOMENA LIKE ST. ELMO'S FIRE CAUSED BY RIGHT COMBINATION OF WEATHER AND OTHER CONDITIONS, AND (4) "BALL LIGHTNING" A RARE, BUT NEVERTHELESS, POSSIBILITY IN VIEW OF LIGHTING DISCHARGES IN VICINITY.

PART IV. SIGHTING AROUND WHITE SAND PROVING GROUND, NEW MEXICO AREA. INFORMED THAT MAJOR GENERAL LEIGHTON DAVIS, COMMANDER HAS SET UP INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO SIGHTINGS. REPORTED THAT PRINCIPAL [redacted] ENGINEER

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WITH THE MISSILE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, WHO MADE A STATEMENT TO ALAMOGORDO RADIO STATION REGARDING SUNBURN GIVEN OFF BY HEAT OF FLYING OBJECT THAT MADE A PASS NEAR HIS LOCATION, WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION.

PART V. REFERENCE DEMANDS OF [redacted] FOR RETURN OF HIS SAUCER FILM ALLEDGEDLY WITHHELD BY THE AIR FORCE.

[redacted] IS TELEVISION EDITOR OF TV STATION KVWT, CLEVELAND. HAS PUBLICLY ACCUSED AF OF THIS. FOLLOWING IS QUOTED FROM LETTER TO AFCIN-X, DATED 9 MARCH 1954. QUOTE 1. AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER HAS NO RECORD OF HAVING RECEIVED SUBJECT FILM FROM (MARINE) [redacted]. 2. LIFE MAGAZINE, IN RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH ATIC, INDICATED THAT IT (FILM) HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY TURNED OVER TO A NAVAL BASE. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THE FILM WOULD HAVE REMAINED WITH NAVAL INTELLIGENCE. UNQUOTE. IT APPEARS THAT [redacted] DESIRES TO COMMERCIALIZE ON THE CURRENT "SAUCER SIGHTINGS" FUROR.

PART VI. REGARDING POSSIBLE DECLASSIFICATION AND RELEASE OF BRIEFING GIVEN TO MEMBER OF OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, DR. ROBERTSON, REFERENCE IS MADE TO FORM AFHQ 0-86 MESSAGE TO AFCIN-X1, DATED 18 OCTOBER 57, ATTENTION: MAJOR BYRNE ON SAME SUBJECT. IN BRIEF, THIS CENTER INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE. HOWEVER, DECISION TO RELEASE LIES WITH AFCIN AND SAFIS.

PART VII. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO FACT THAT MEMBER OF [redacted]

NICAP WAS IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO LEVELLAND TEXAS TO INVESTIGATE. SIGNIFICANT TO POINT OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THIS ORGANIZATION CONTINUOUSLY IMPLIES USAF NOT QUALIFIED TO INVESTIGATE, OR DO NOT RELEASE THEIR FINDINGS, IT HAS NOT MADE ANY STATEMENTS REGARDING ITS OWN FINDINGS OR CONCLUSIONS. DESIRABLE IF NICAP WOULD MAKE ITS FINDINGS KNOWN FIRST, THEN USAF COULD QUERY HOW ANALYSIS PERFORMED AND CONCLUSIONS DERIVED. IN ALL PROBABILITY NICAP WILL LET USAF MAKE FIRST STATEMENT, THEN WILL MAKE THE USUAL CHARGES.

PART VIII. MAKING CHECK FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ATIC'S ENTRY INTO UFO PROGRAM AND EARLY HISTORY REGARDING DOCUMENTS WHICH BROUGHT THIS ABOUT.

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FROM:
COMDR ATIC

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO: ACS/I, WASHINGTON, D.C. ATTN: AFCIN-XL MAJ BYRNES

CONFIDENTIAL/FROM: AFCIN-4E4 CITE IC 41030

REFERENCE PREVIOUS MESSAGE IN EIGHT PARTS, DTD 8 NOVEMBER 1957. THIS IS ADDITIONAL INFO RE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED INCIDENTS.

REF. PART I OF PREVIOUS MESG: INVESTIGATION OF ANOTHER SOURCE IN AREA WHO CLAIMS THAT HIS IGNITION STALLED AT TIME OF [redacted] SIGHTING, DISCLOSED THAT HIS DISTRIBUTOR ROTOR WAS CHANGED IN HIS TRUCK DAY BEFORE. FURTHER, STATEMENT FROM MECHANIC INDICATES THAT PIECE OF OLD ROTOR LATER FOUND WEDGED IN BETWEEN POINTS.

REF. PART IV, [redacted] INCIDENT: HOSPITAL EXAMINATION REVEALS NO BURNS ON [redacted] UNDER EXAMINATION ADMITS THAT HE HAD EXPERIENCED RADIO FADE-OUT IN THAT AREA PREVIOUSLY. WITNESSES WHOM [redacted] CLAIMS TO HAVE JOTTED DOWN CANNOT BE FOUND AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH. [redacted] EVALUATED AS [redacted] BY AF INVESTIGATORS.

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REF PART IV, MILITARY PATROLS INCIDENTS: INVESTIGATION MADE OF 3 OR 4 MEMBERS WHO OBSERVED UFOS AT SEPARATE TIMES IN WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS. FOLLOWING DISCLOSED:

a. SOURCES AGES 17 to 21, QUITE IMPRESSIONABLE.

b. INDICATED THAT NOT PARTICULARLY OBSERVANT OR ANALYTICAL.

c. ALL MEMBERS HAD DISCUSSED PHENOMENA AMONG THEMSELVES, WHICH PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR ALMOST IDENTICAL STORIES.

d. THEY GAVE STORY FIRST TO LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

e. ASTRO PLOTS INDICATE VENUS AT ITS MAGNITUDE AT TIME, PLACE AND DIRECTION OF FIRST PATROL'S OBSERVATION. MOON IN GENERAL DIRECTION OF SECOND PATROL'S OBSERVATION, WITH SCATTERED CLOUDS.

PASS ON TO MAJOR TACKER, SAFIS. CAPTAIN GREGORY COULD NOT CONTACT MAJOR TACKER, MONTS OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE OFFICE, SATURDAY. INFORMATION GIVEN TO MISTER HOWELL. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEGATIVE GIVEN TO LIFE MAGAZINE BY SOURCE. AISS DETACHMENT, NORTON AFB SAYS PRINT WILL BE OBTAINED SOON. ASSUMPTION GIVEN TO MISTER HOWELL NOW APPEARS VALID.

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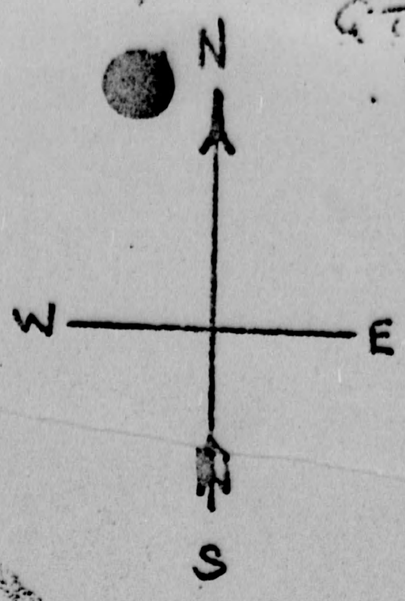
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E - DISTANCE - SPEED PLOT OF SABEGO INCIDENT.

G. T. GREGORY
7 Nov 57

A. THREE (3) RADAR SIGHTINGS
B. ONE (1) VISUAL SIGHTING



GULF OF MEXICO

FLORIDA

Av. Speed: 250 MPH
1ST CONTACT
Time: 0510

Av. Speed: 650 MPH
3rd Contact, UFO Stationary
Time: 0520

(SEBAGOS Course 23°)

Av. Speed: High Speed
4th Contact, Visual
Time: 0521 (See 3rd Contact position)

DISTANCE: 22 MILES FROM SHIP

Av. Speed: 650 MPH
2ND Contact
Time: 0516

LEGEND

- Contact Point
- Disappearing Point
- --→ Direction of UFO movement

← FADED AT 55 MILES FROM SHIP

Plots From Separate Official Reports on Sighting

1st Contact: Appeared North, went South, then turned North of ship. Disappeared.

2nd Contact: Picked up SSW of ship 22 miles away. Held Contact for 33 miles until object disappeared at approx. 55 miles South of ship

3rd Contact: Picked up almost due North of ship. Appeared stationary ...

4th Contact: Due West to 310° (NW),

$\frac{55}{33}$

WT Contest:

14 3)16 miles 4)16

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miles per minute

approx 250 MPH

0516 – 0520 = 2 min.

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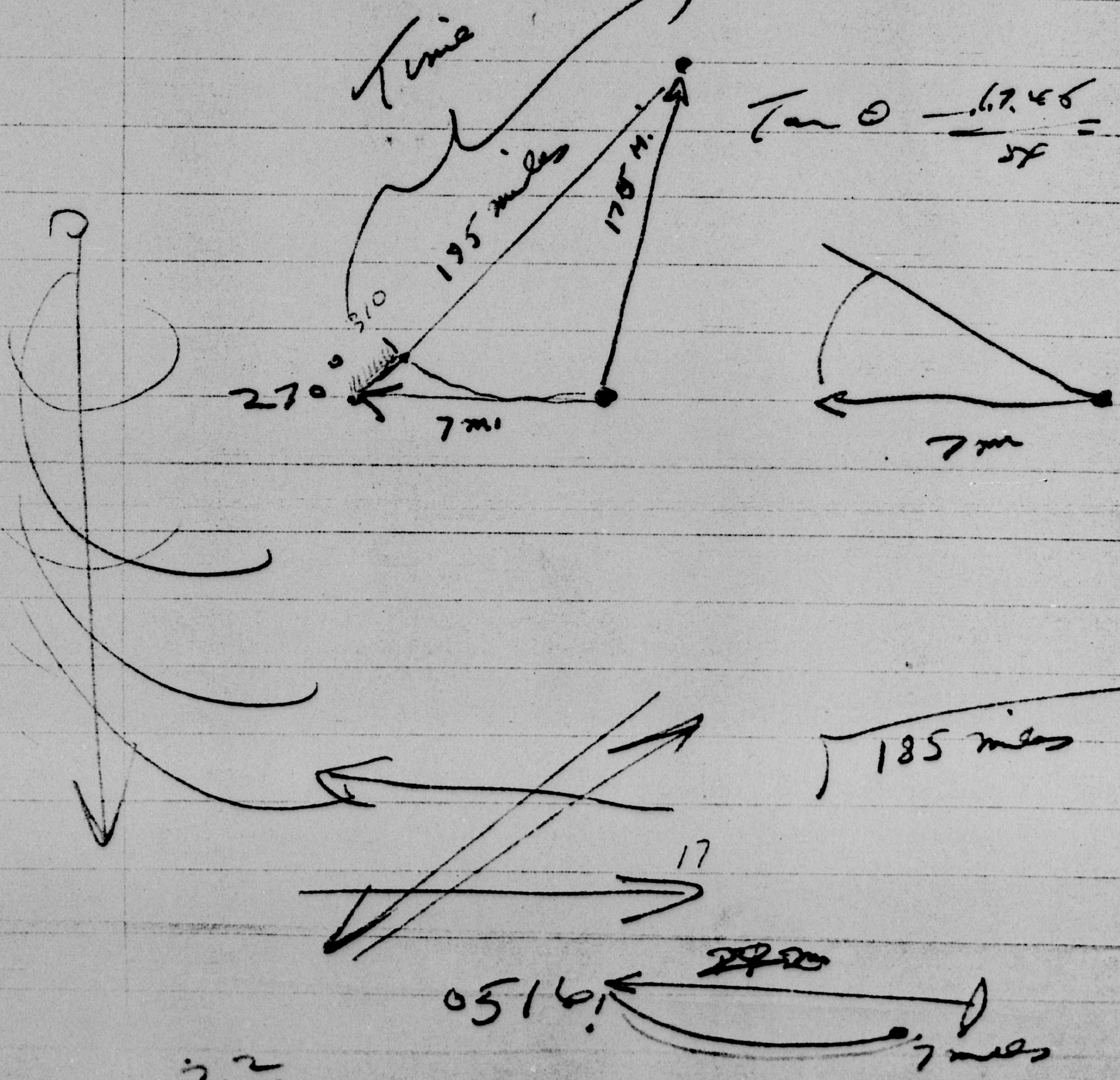
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~~1 per = 60 sec~~

10 sec. 600

60

520 –



4 min — 240 mi

4/16 mi

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6 NOVEMBER 1957 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
6	United States /21 Reports ([redacted])		Astro (AURORA)
6	N of Seoul, Korea	Military	Balloon
6	Philippines	Military & Civilian	Astro (VENUS)
6	Kaisong, Korea ([redacted])	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
6	Farmingdale, New York	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
6	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Military	Insufficient Data
6	Anaheim, California ([redacted])	[redacted] (PHOTO)	Other (NOAA)
6	Shiroi AB, Japan	Military	Astro (METEOR)
6	Whiteman AFB, Missouri ([redacted])	Military (RADAR)	Other (FALSE TARGET)
6	Georgia, Florida, Alabama	Multi (6 cases)	Astro (METEOR)
6	New Orleans, Louisiana	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
6	Denbigh, North Dakota (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (VENUS)
6	Lake County, Ohio	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
6	Robbins AFB, Georgia	[redacted]	Other (UNRELIABLE REPOR
6	Washington Island, Wisconsin	[redacted]	Aircraft
6	Kogashima, Japan	Military RADAR & Vis	1. Aircraft 2. Radar (WX Effects)
6	Danbury, Connecticut	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
6	Atlantic 43.20N 17.30W	Military	Astro (METEOR)
6	Atlantic 35.22N 74.14W	Civilian Ship	Astro (AURORA)
6	Laredo AFB, Texas	Military (RADAR)	Other (ANOMALOUS PROP)
6	Vassalboro, Maine	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS)
6	Selma, North Carolina	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
6	Oak Tree, New Jersey	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
6	Haverhill, Massachusetts	[redacted]	Aircraft
6	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
6	Columbus, Ohio (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Aircraft
6	Buffalo, New York	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS)
6	Abington, West Virginia	[redacted]	Aircraft
6	New York, Maine	Multi (6 cases)	Astro (VENUS)
6	Great Neck, New York	[redacted]	Aircraft
6	Ft Knox, Kentucky	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
6	St Albans, West Virginia (CASE MISSING)	GOC	Astro (METEOR)
6	Rydal, Georgia	[redacted]	Aircraft
6	Macon, Georgia	Multi [redacted]	Other (UNRELIABLE REPOR
6	Englishtown, New Jersey	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
6	Oconto, Wisconsin	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
6	Boerne, Texas	[redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED
6	Montville, Ohio (FOLDER #3) ⊕	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
6	Cleveland, Ohio	[redacted]	Other (Searchlight)
6	Hempstead, Long Island, New York	[redacted]	Aircraft
6	Chilo, Ohio (CASE MISSING)	Civilian (GOC)	Other (UNRELIABLE RPT)
6	Turner AFB, Georgia	Military	Astro (METEOR)
6	Bellmoer, Long Island, New York	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
6	El Paso, Texas	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
6	Greensboro, North Carolina	[redacted]	Aircraft
6	Lakewood, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
6	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Military	Astro (VENUS)

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