

Incident #259

DATE OF INFO 25 Feb 1952

LOCATION Little Rock, Ark.

SOURCE Civilian Couple

DATE IN TO ATIC 2/25

COLOR -

Several times that of
SP-4P conventional A/C
However, at other times

ALTITUDE 10,000'-12,000' -

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 1/2 hour

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS Highly maneuverable. Appeared
to stop and reverse direction several
times.

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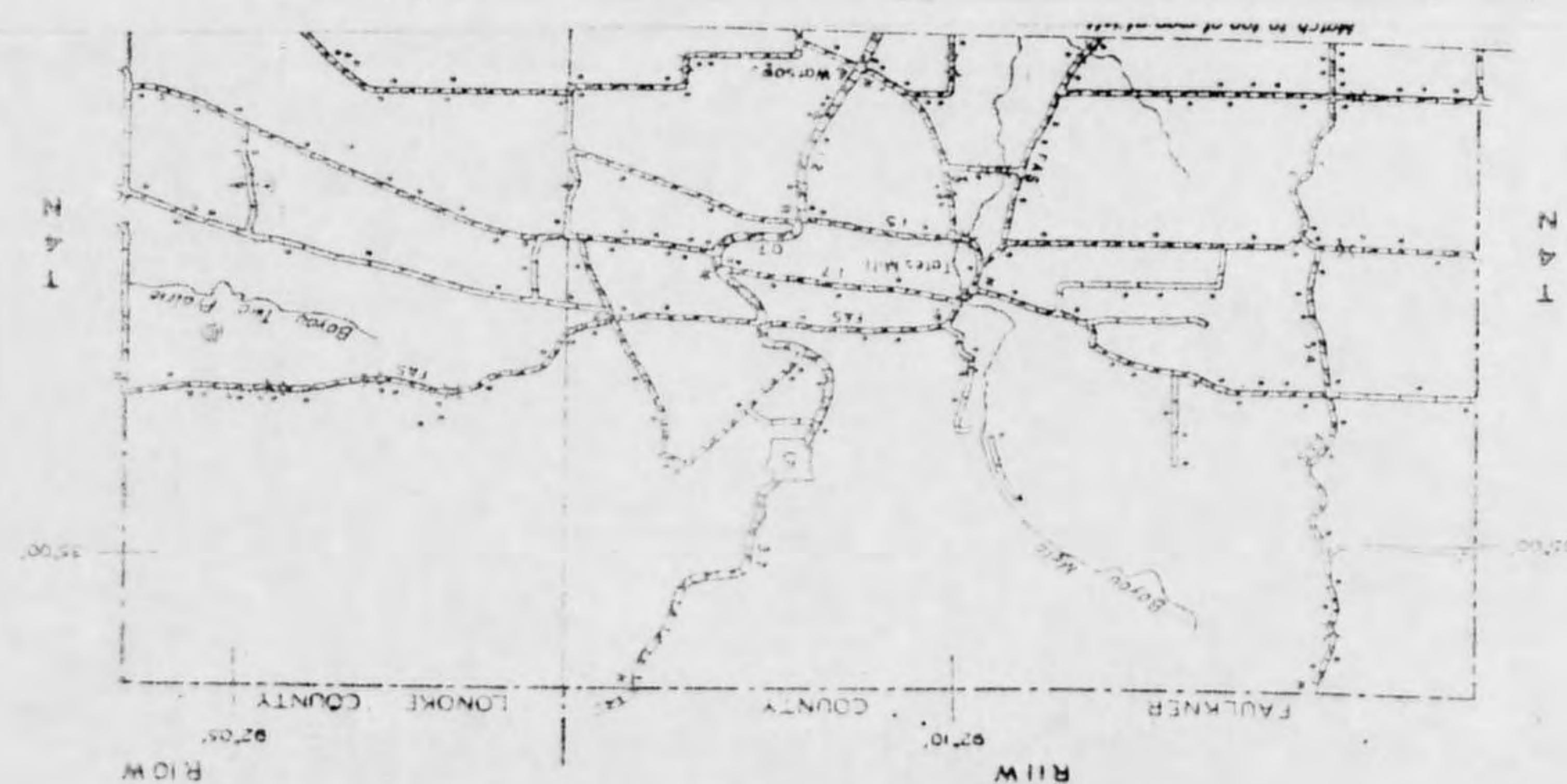
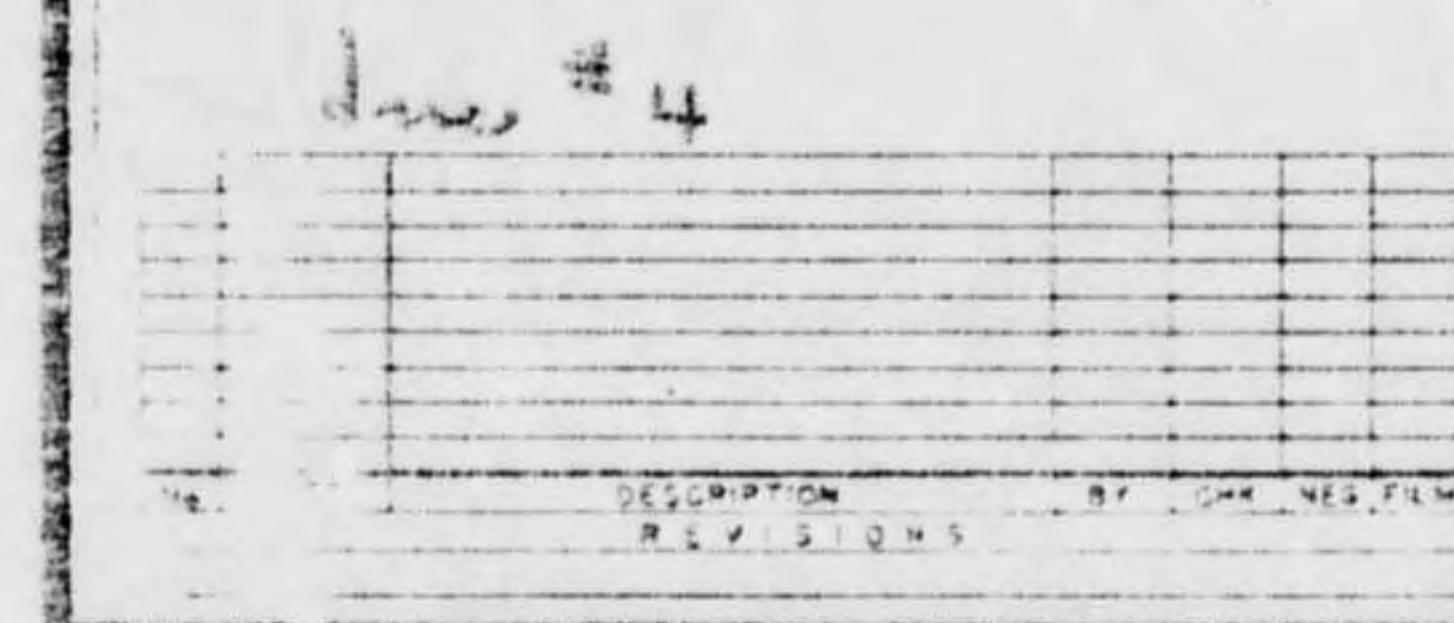
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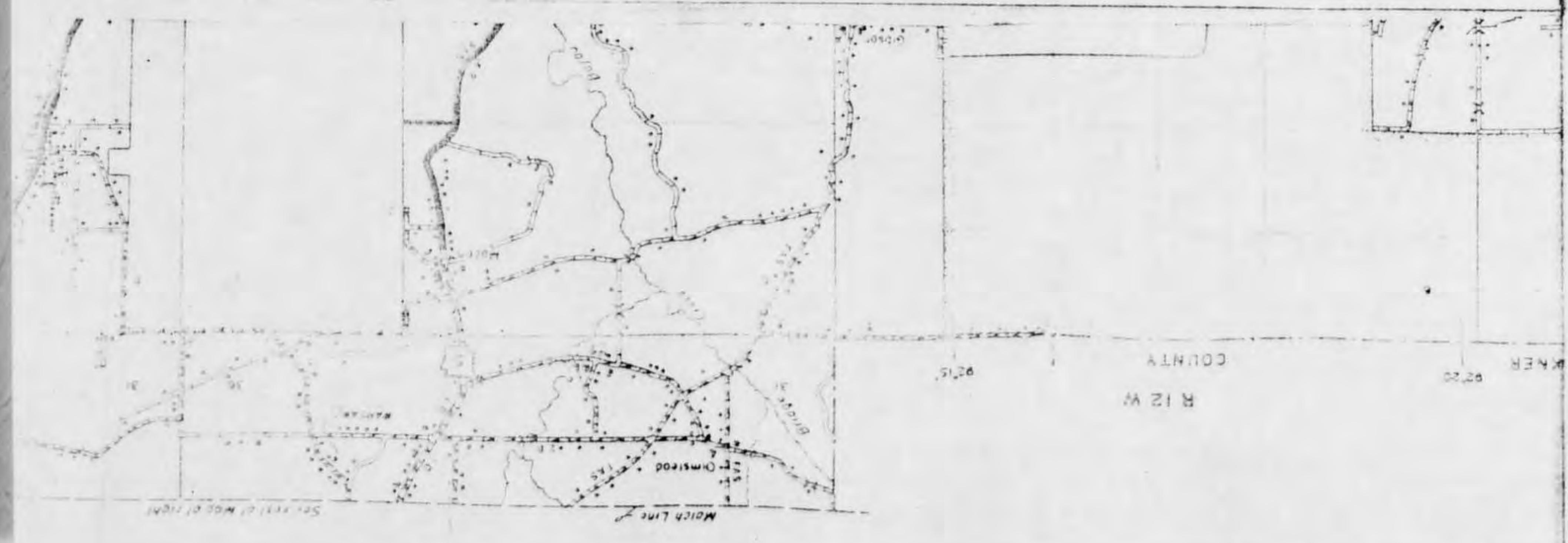
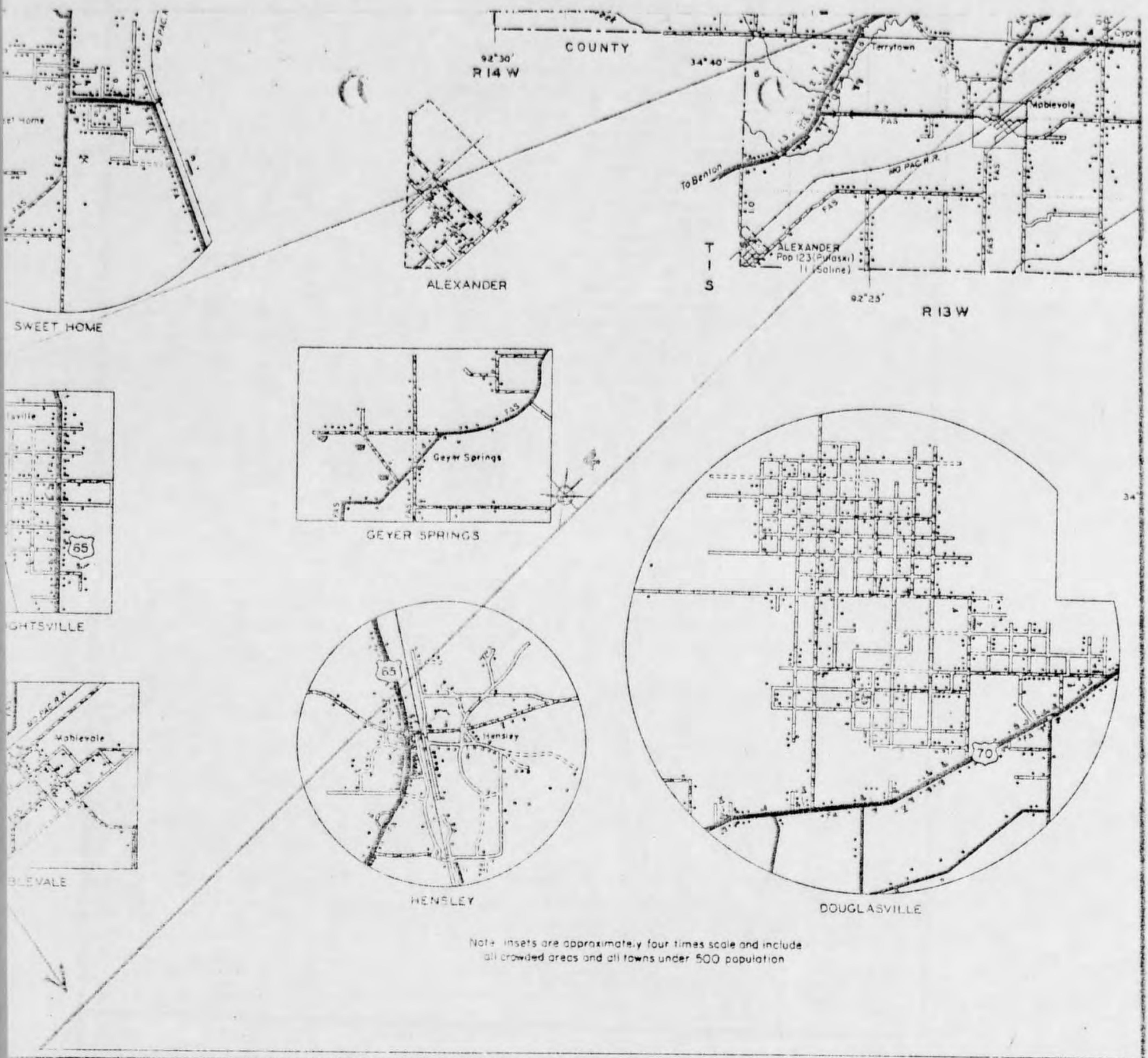


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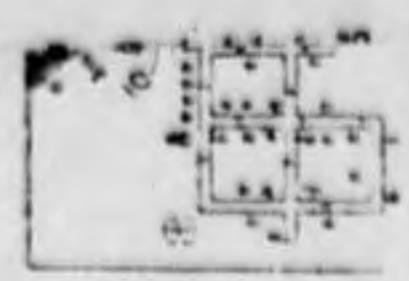
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 MINE, SHAFT OR DRIFT
 OIL OR GAS WELL
 GRAVEL PIT OR QUARRY
 NURSERY
 TOWN OR COMMUNITY HALL
 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONAL
 RADIO STATION, CALL LETTERS
 MILEAGE BETWEEN POINTS
 FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY SYSTEM
 FEDERAL AID SECONDARY SYSTEM
 TRIANGULATION STATION
 AIRPORT (RUNWAYS INDICATED ON MAP)
 MARKED AUXILIARY OR EMERGENCY FIELD

- (1) Path of lighted weather balloon showing time, altitude and wind velocity
- (2) Point of observation of "Flying Disc"
- (3) Direction of observation by witnesses
- (4) Location of lighted airways beacon





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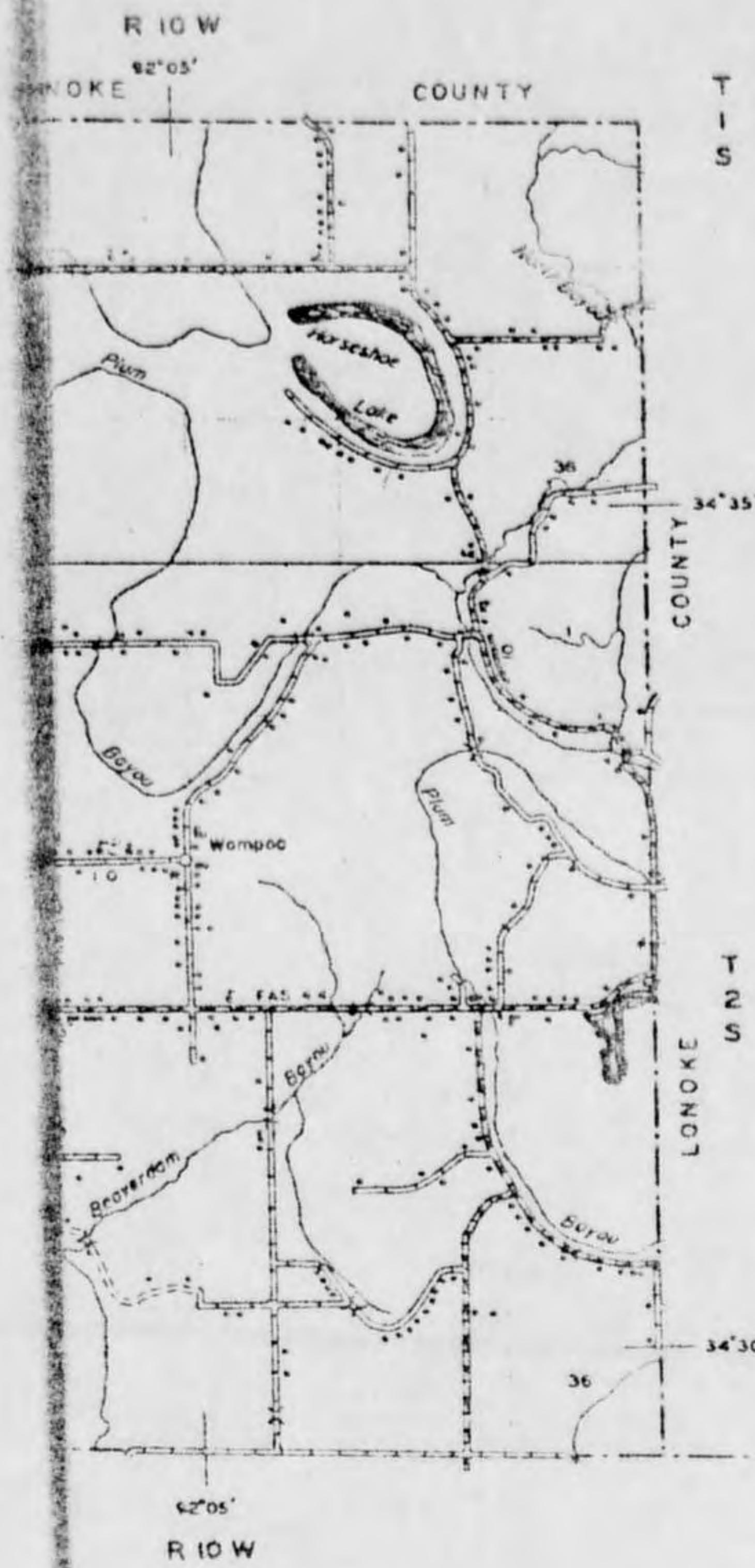


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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
PULASKI COUNTY
ARKANSAS

PREPARED BY
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
DIVISION OF STATISTICS AND ANALYSES
IN COOPERATION WITH
PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION
FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY

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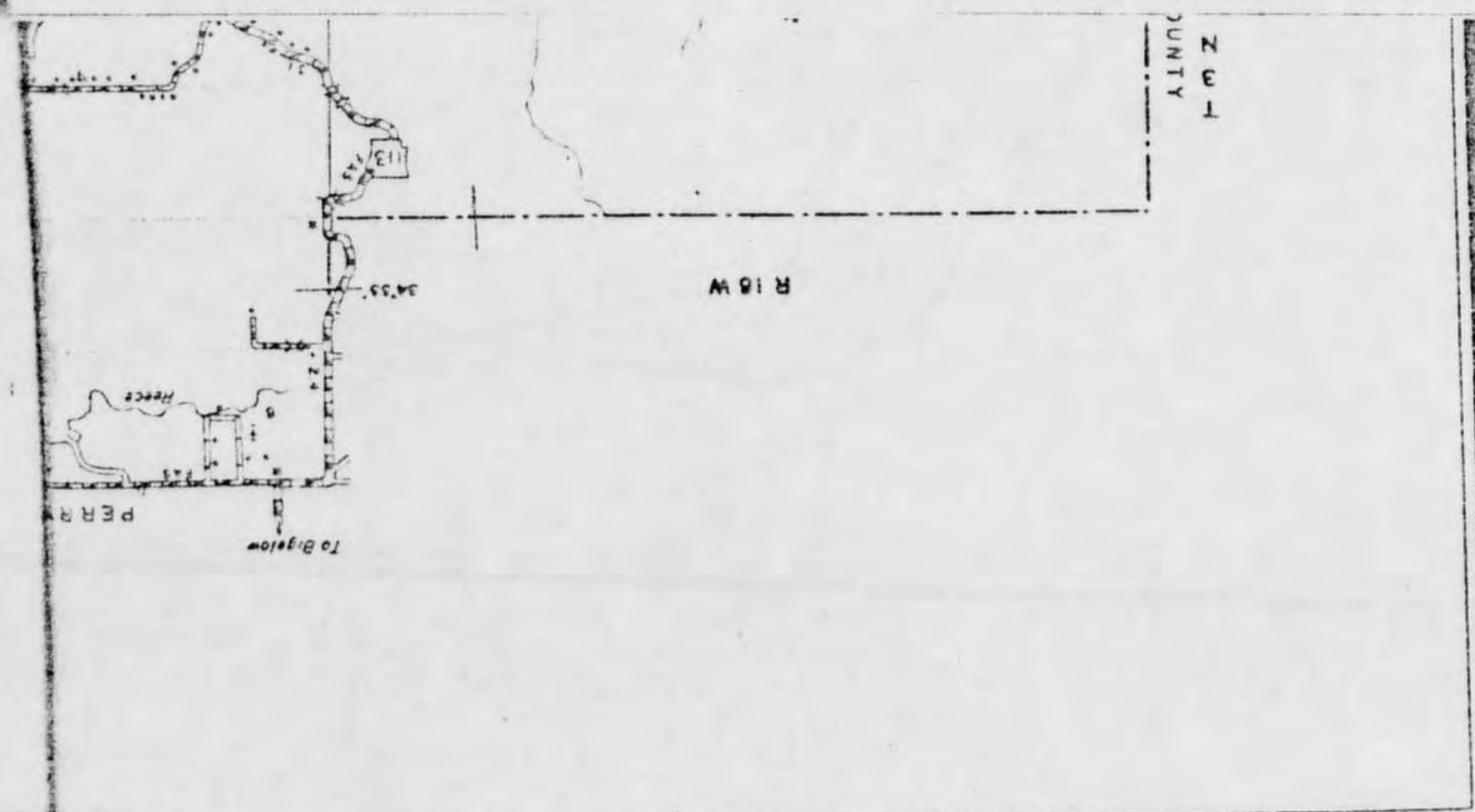
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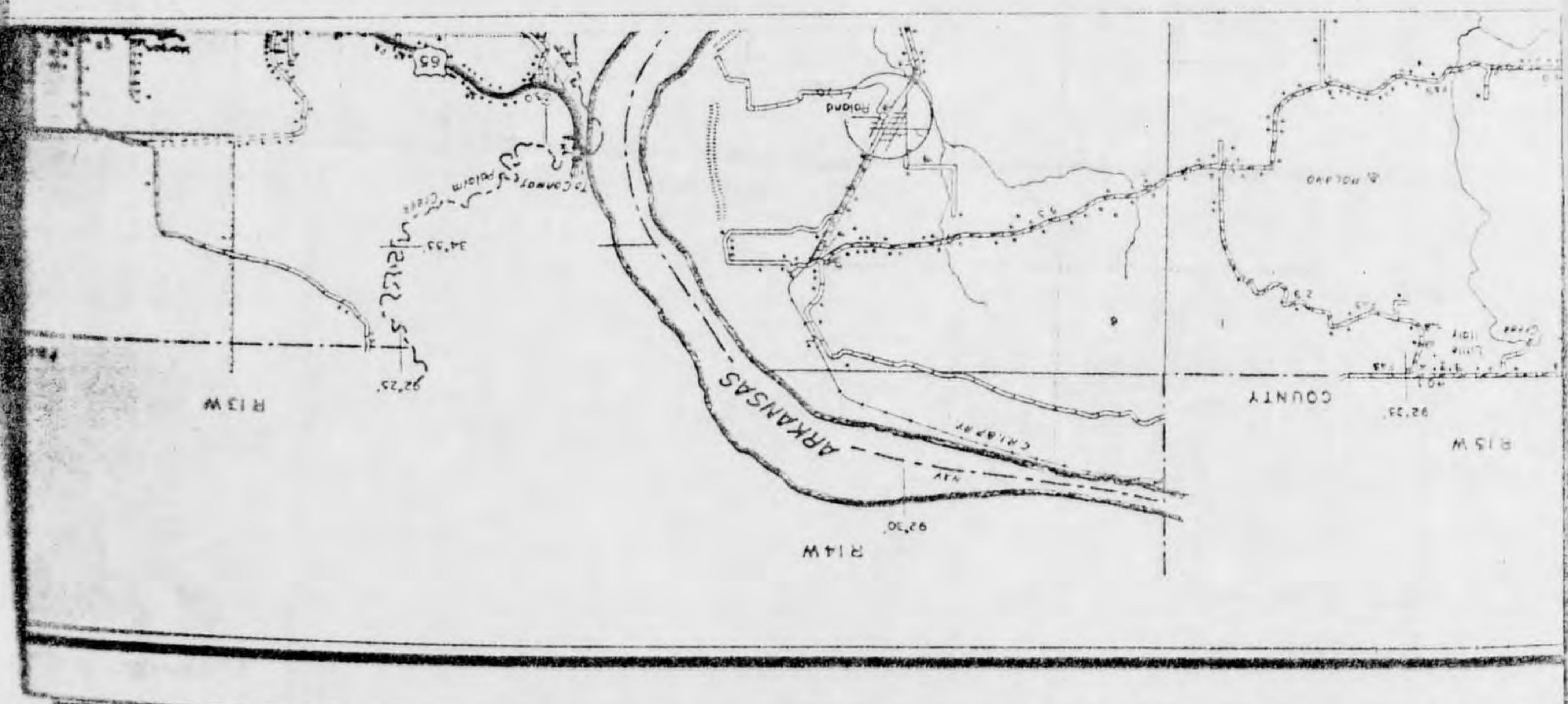
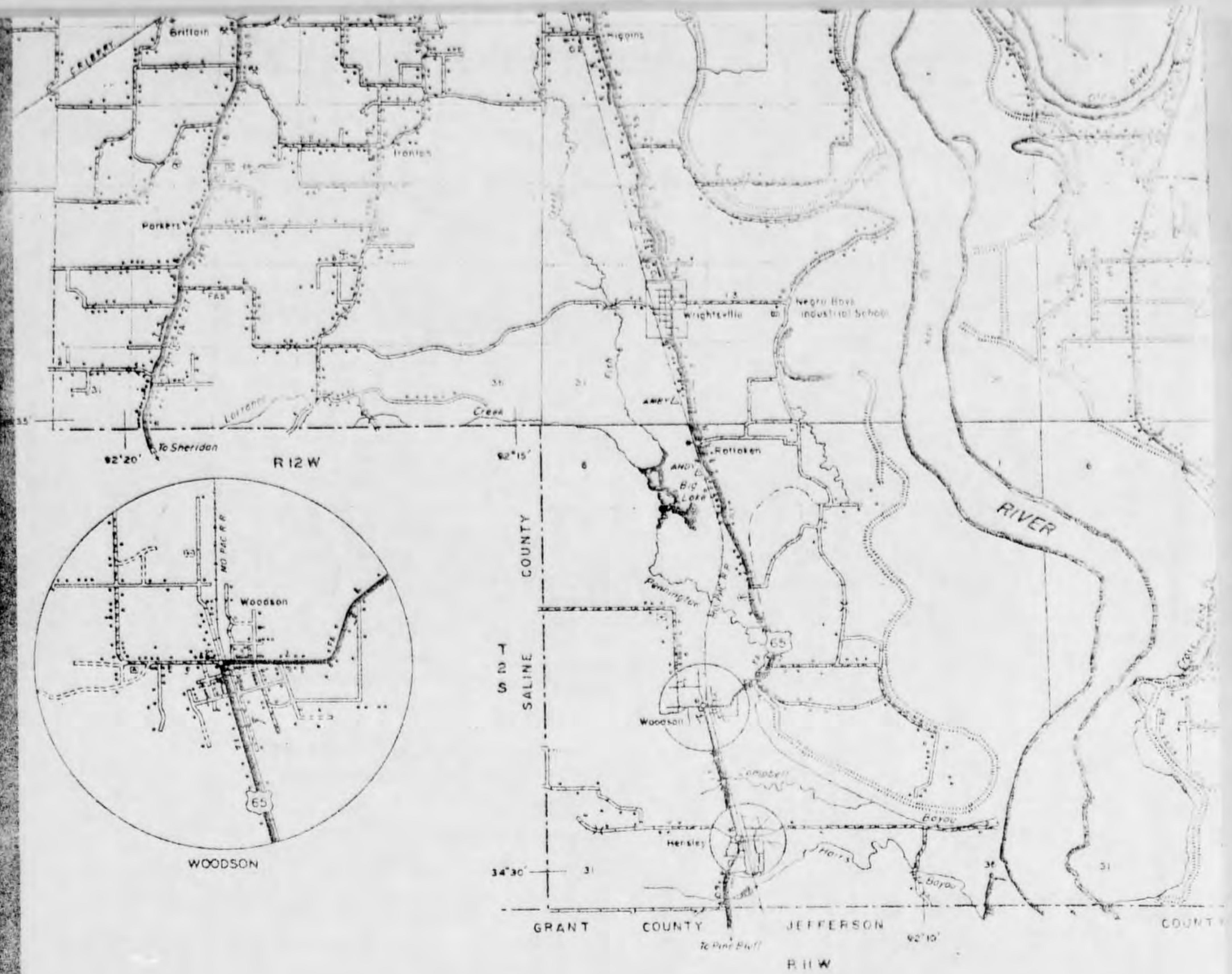


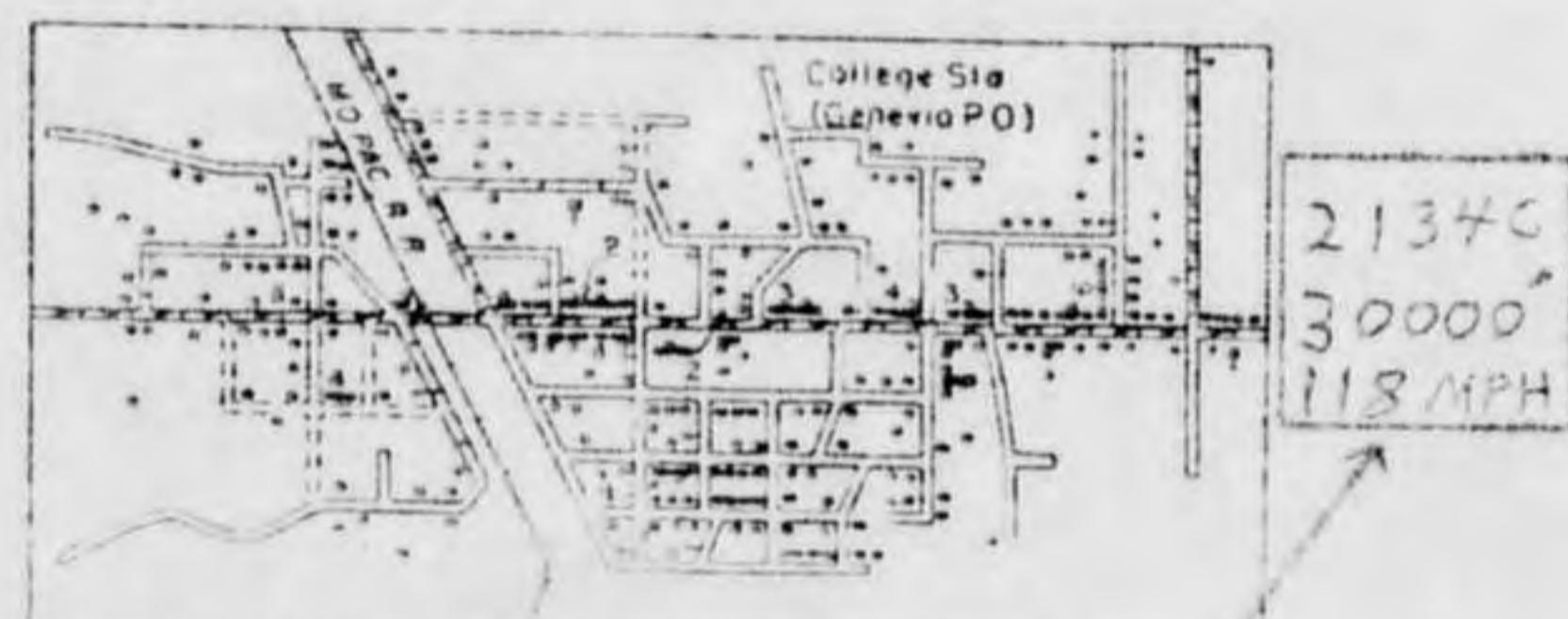
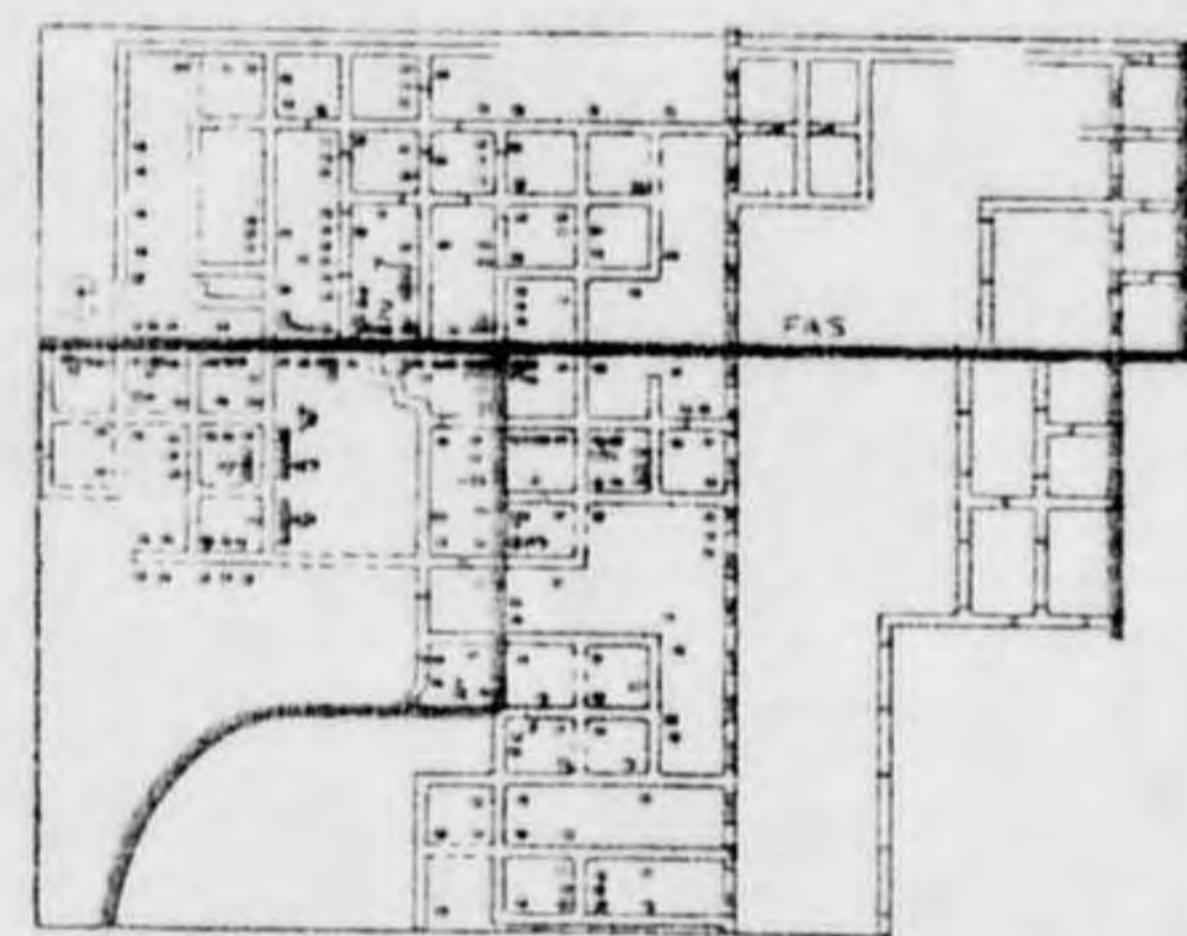
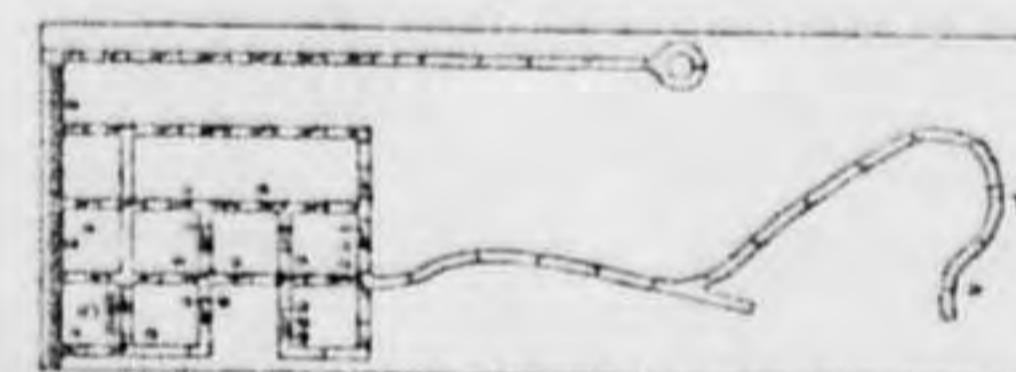
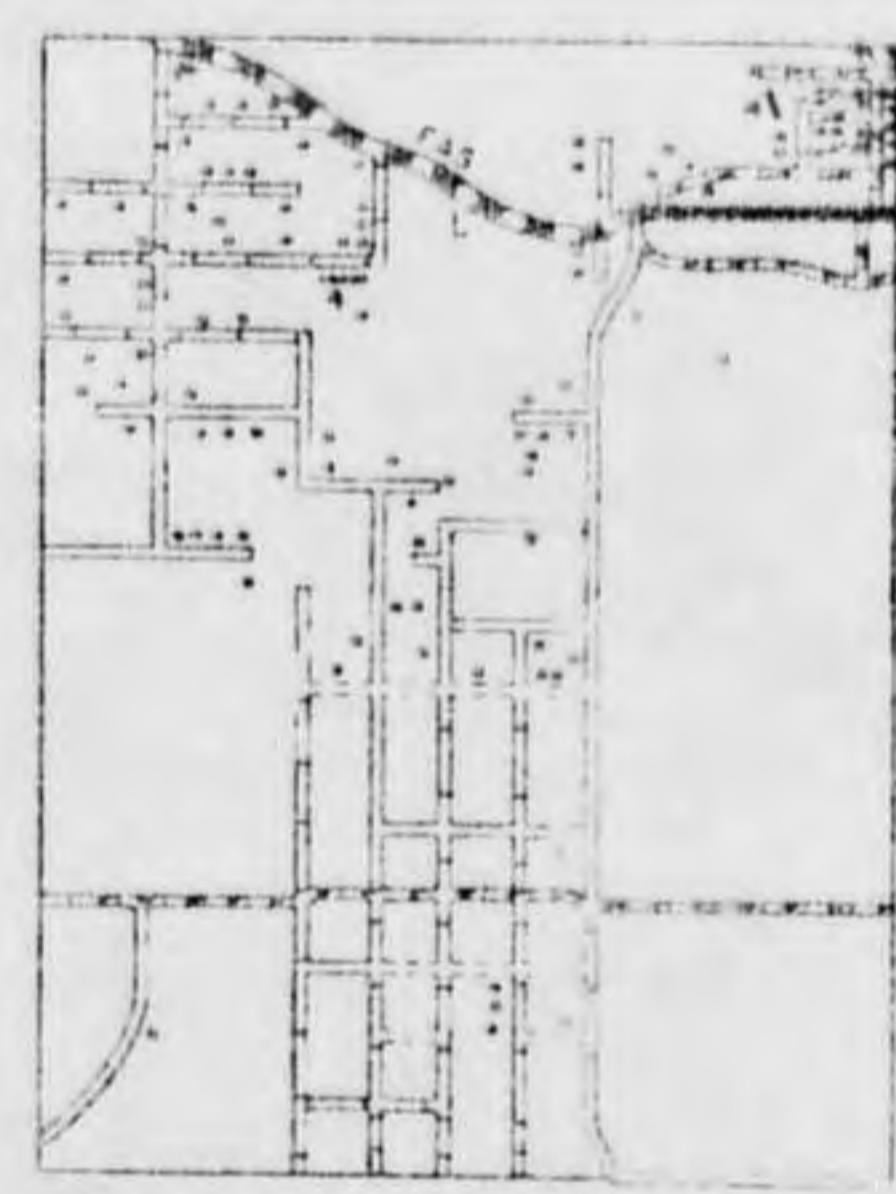
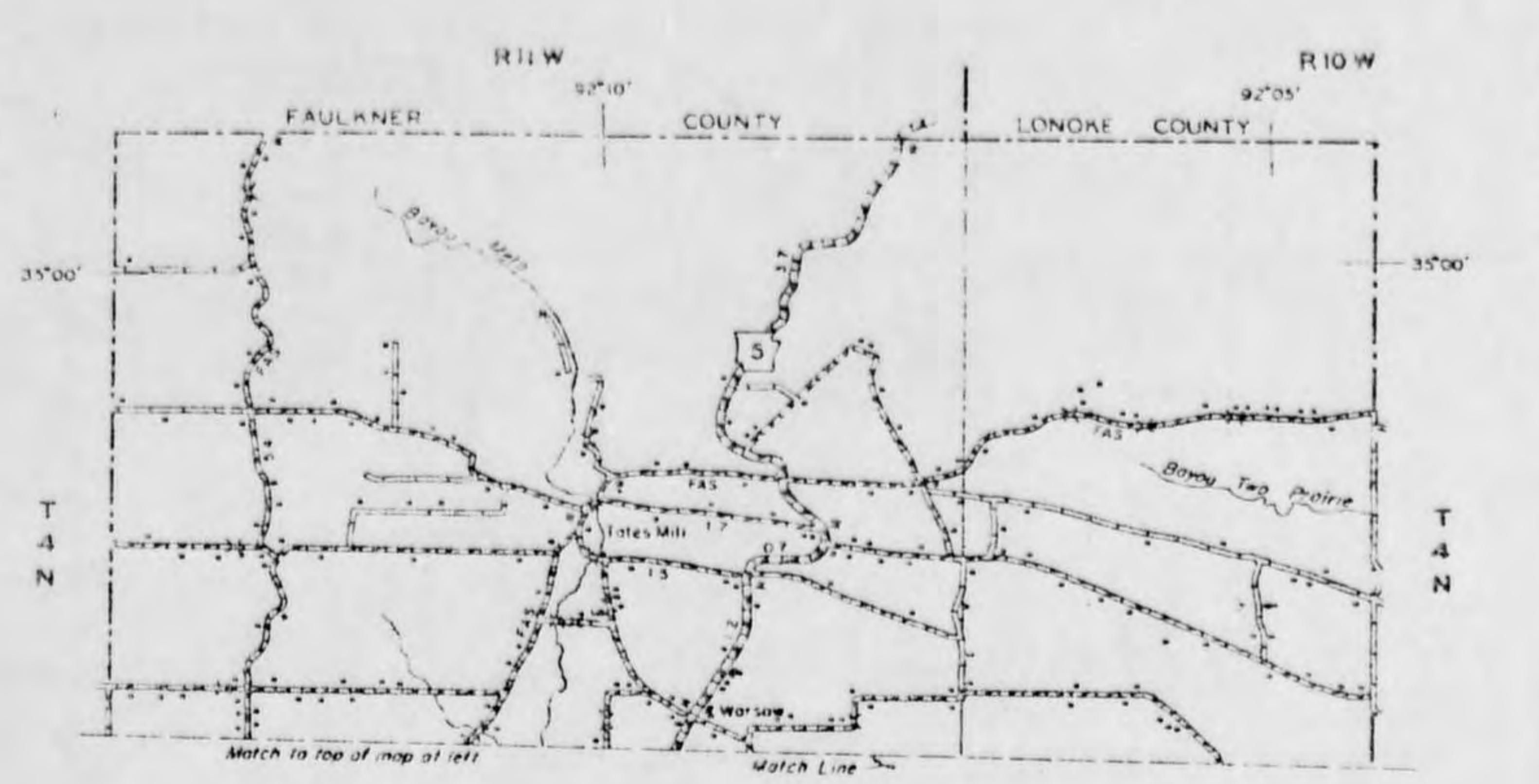
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Based on U.S.C.G.S. Special Publication No. 59

GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP PULASKI COUNTY

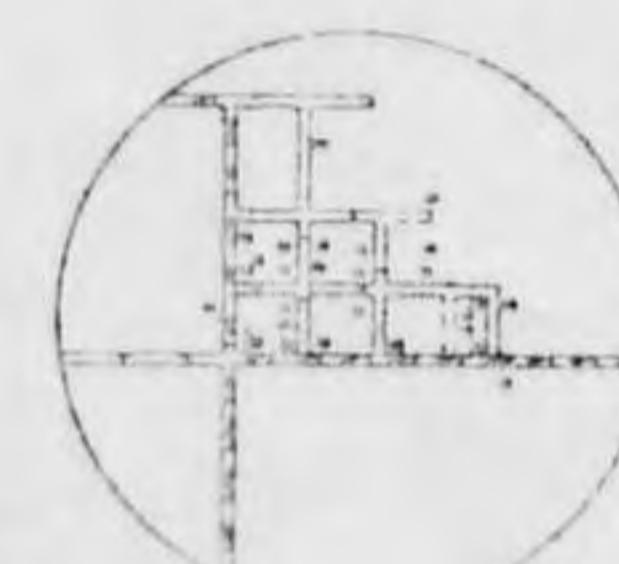
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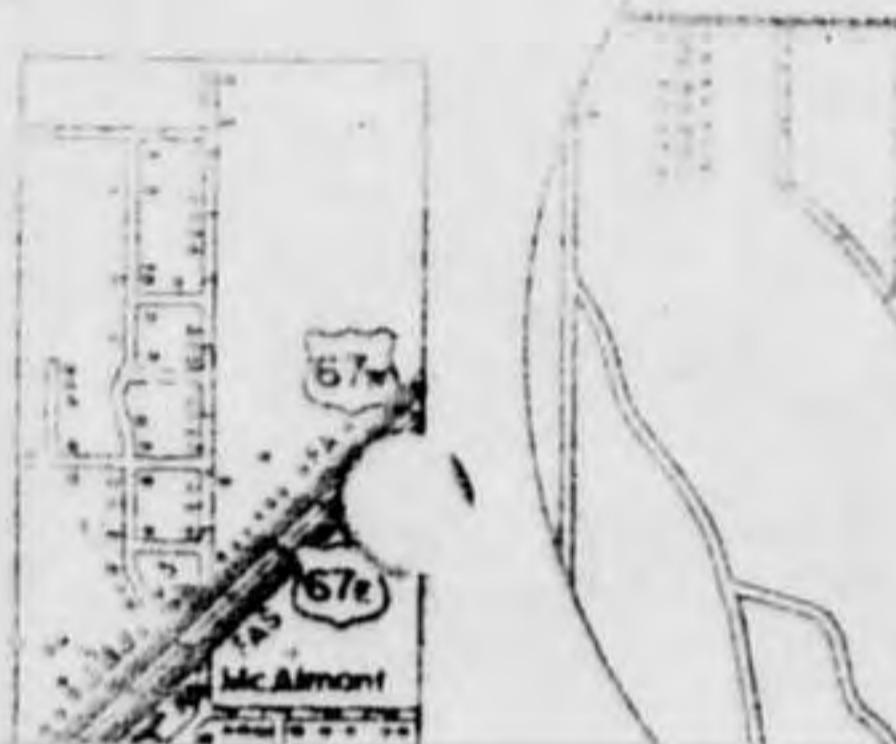




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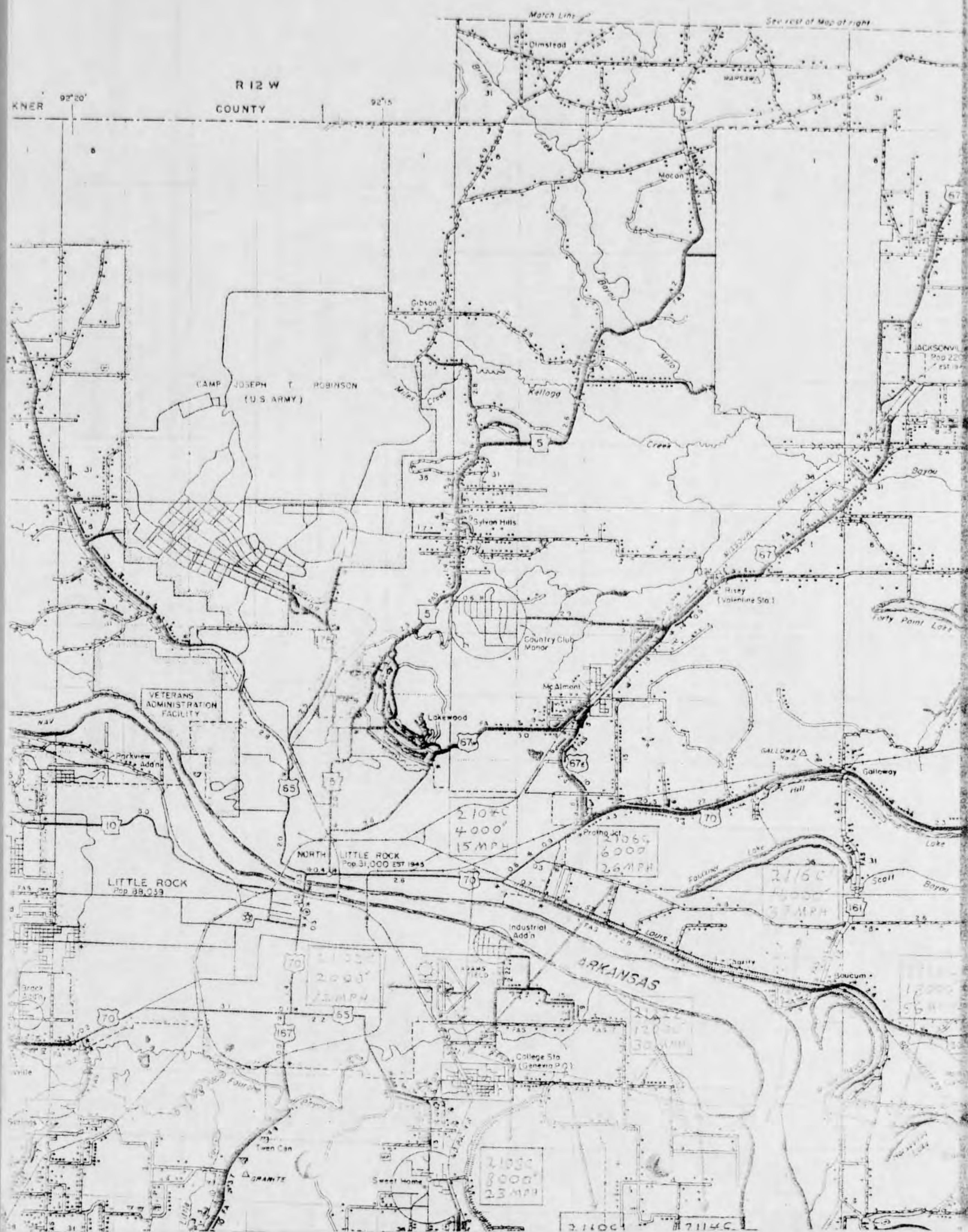


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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE
25 February 1949

PREPARING OFFICE

Branch Intelligence Office, Little Rock, Arkansas

SUBJECT

Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

| OF SOURCE: | OF INFORMATION: |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| COMPLETELY RELIABLE A | CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES . . . 1 |
| USUALLY RELIABLE B | PROBABLY TRUE 2 |
| FAIRLY RELIABLE C | POSSIBLY TRUE 3 |
| NOT USUALLY RELIABLE D | DOUBTFULLY TRUE 4 |
| UNRELIABLE E | IMPROBABLE 5 |
| RELIABILITY UNKNOWN F | TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED 6 |

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Sighting of one (1) "Flying Disc" was reported to this office at 1315 hours, 25 February 1949 by the Little Rock office of the FBI. The following pertinent information was obtained:

a. Witnesses of sighting:

[REDACTED], employee of [REDACTED] (father), Contractor, [REDACTED], Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mrs [REDACTED], housewife, [REDACTED], Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mrs [REDACTED] (sister of Mrs [REDACTED]), [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Little Rock, Arkansas

b. Time of sighting: 0030 hours to 0100 hours, 25 February 1949

c. Location: First sighted directly overhead residence of witnesses on outskirts of Little Rock, Arkansas.

d. Shape and size: Appeared to be flat and perfectly round with a diameter of from 30 to 60 feet.

e. Color: Color of object not determined due to darkness. Entire "disc" was reported to be plainly outlined by radiation or luminescence.

f. Altitude: Estimated at 10,000 - 12,000 feet

g. Maneuverability: Object was highly maneuverable. During one half hour of observation, object appeared to stop and reverse its direction several times. At one time, during observation, object appeared to come to a sudden stop and move directly up for several thousand feet, after which it returned to its normal elevation of 10,000 - 12,000 feet.

h. Speed: No estimate was made of speed of object but witness reported it as "several times as fast as conventional aircraft."

i. Weather: Weather at time of sighting was clear with good visibility.

j. Sound: No sound was noticed.

k. Exhaust trail: No exhaust trail of object was noticed. At one time during observation, a vertical beam or ray of light was noticed from the object to the ground.

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S/I Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft, continued

1. Heading: At approximately 0100 hours, 25 February, object left area at high speed. Direction taken was south-southeast. (B-6)

2. No attempt has been made to establish reliability of witnesses. No apparent attempt has been made by them to attract publicity to themselves and no newspaper or radio accounts of the sighting have been noted. (B-2)

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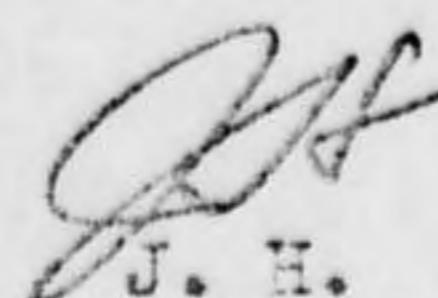
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112th CIC Detachment, Hq Fourth Army, Ft Sam Houston, Texas, 4 April 1949

TO: A C of S, G-2, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas


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1. Photograph

2. "Pihal" Form

3. Map of Pulaski County

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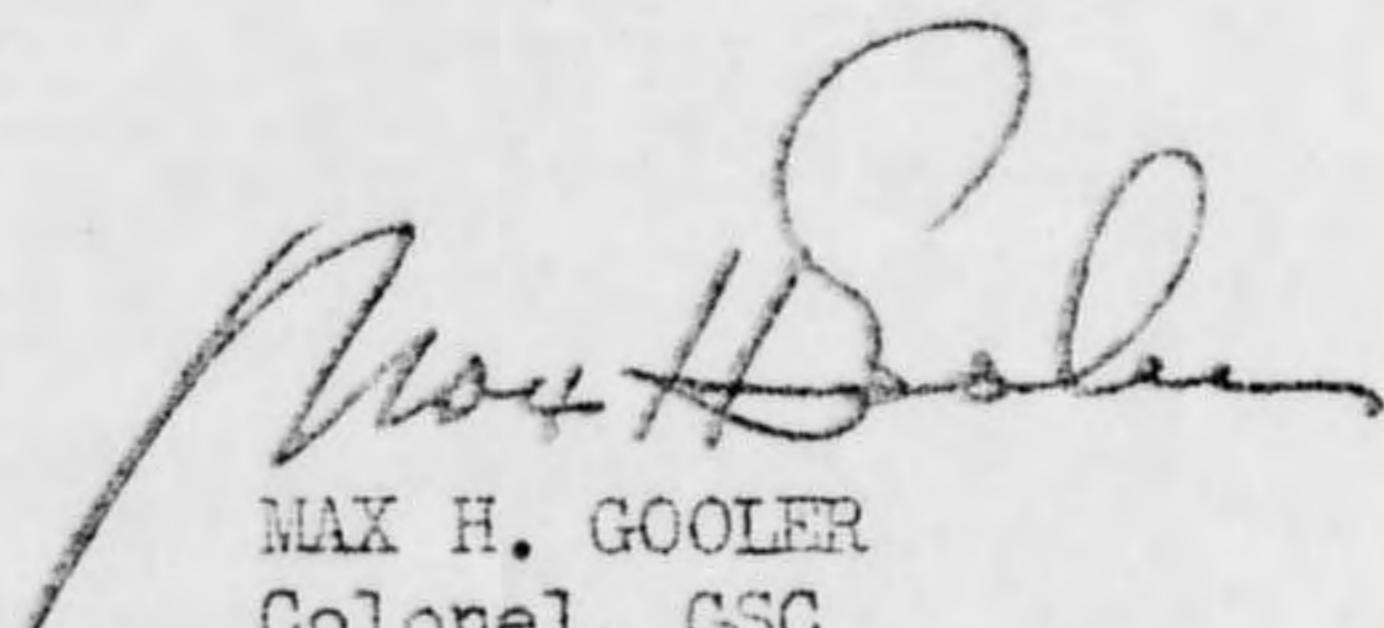
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Headquarters Fourth Army, Office of the AC of S, G-2, Ft Sam Houston, Texas
5 April 1949

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base,
Dayton, Ohio. ATTENTION: Chief, Intelligence Department

Inviting attention to 3d Indorsement and inclosures thereto.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



MAX H. GOOLEY
Colonel, GSC
Actg. AC of S, G-2

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INCIDENT NO. 259

1. Date of Observation 25 Feb 49 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact time (local) 0030 hours to 0100 hours
3. Place of Observation Little Rock, Arkansas
4. Position of observer ground
5. What attracted attention to object disc
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size 30 to 60 feet in diameter
8. Color of object Undetermined
9. Shape disc - flat and perfectly round
10. Altitude 45 - 60°
10,000 to 12,000 feet
11. Direction from observer A15°(magnetic)
12. Distance from observer _____
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South southeast
14. Time in sight 1/2 hour of observation
15. Speed Several times fast as conventional aircraft
16. Sound and odor No sound noticed
17. Trail No exhaust trail noticed
18. Luminosity Entire "disc" plainly outlined by radiation or luminescence
Had vertical beam or ray of lighted from object to ground at one time.
19. Projections _____
20. Maneuvers highly maneuverable - Appeared to stop and reverse direction
several times; made sudden stop and moved directly up several thousand feet
21. Manner of disappearance Object left area at high speed.
22. Effect on clouds _____
23. Additional information concerning object _____
24. Weather conditions Clear, good visibility

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Incident: 259

Name and address of observer: [REDACTED] & Mrs [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Little Rock, Ark & Mrs [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], [REDACTED], Little Rock, Ark
Contractor, housewife. Occupation of Mrs [REDACTED] not stated

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of
observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUM. ARK: At 0030 hours 25 Feb 49, the above witnesses sighted an unknown object directly overhead of their residence on outskirts of Little Rock, Arkansas. The shape appeared as flat and perfectly round with a diameter of from 30 to 60 feet. Color could not be determined because of darkness. The entire "disc" was reported to be plainly outlined by radiation or luminescence. Altitude was estimated at 10,000 - 12,000 feet. The object was highly maneuverable. During 1/2 hour of observation the object appeared to stop and reverse its direction several times. At one time, during observation, it appeared to come to a sudden stop and move directly up for several thousand feet, after which it returned to its normal elevation of 10,000 - 12,000 feet. No estimate was made of speed of object but witness reported it as "several times as fast as conventional aircraft". No sound was noticed. No exhaust trail of object was noticed. At one time during observation a vertical beam or ray of light was noticed from the object to the ground. Weather at the time was clear with good visibility.

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

MAR 15 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Fourth Army
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

1. Reference is made to "Summary of Information" dated 25 February 1949 from Branch Intelligence Office, Little Rock, Arkansas, subject "Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft" forwarded by confidential letter from Hq, Fourth Army, dated 2 March 1949, file number 452.1 AMADB, subject "Unconventional Aircraft".

2. Additional information is requested regarding the sighting reported in referenced communication. A copy of "Guide to Investigation" is inclosed as an aid in obtaining desired information.

3. It is particularly desired that weather units in the area be contacted for schedules of release and probable trajectory of lighted synoptic balloons.

4. It is requested further that a check be made to determine whether lighted beacons or searchlights were in the vicinity at the time.

5. All collected data should be directed to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: AMCIAMO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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J. P. Shingerman
Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief, Intelligence Department

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Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, 21 March 1949

THRU: Commanding Officer, 112th CIC Detachment

TO: Branch Intelligence Officer, 153 Federal Building, P. O. Box
106, Little Rock, Arkansas

For compliance.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL HANDY:

Eustis L. Poland

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EUSTIS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

452.1 AKADB

2d Ind

112th CIC Detachment, Hq Fourth Army, Ft Sam Houston, Tex, 22 March 49

TO: Branch Intelligence Officer, P. O. Box 106, Little Rock, Arkansas

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Ltr Hq AMC, MCIAKS, 15 Mar 49, Subj: UNCLASSIFIED "Unconventional Aircraft"

452.1 AKADB 3rd Ind

Branch Intelligence Office, Little Rock, Arkansas, 30 March 1949

THRU: Commanding Officer, 112th CIC Detachment

TO : AC of S, G-2, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

1. In compliance with basic communication, the following added information regarding sighting of unconventional aircraft is submitted:

a. Individual interviews with persons sighting object on 25 February 1949 disclosed no discrepancies in stories of the three witnesses. They are well known in the community and are of good character and average intelligence.

b. According to witnesses, object was first noticed by them at a magnetic bearing of 225°. During period of observation, object appeared to be maneuvering between a bearing of 225° and 255°. Object, although originally reported as being "almost directly overhead" was maneuvering at an elevation of 45° to 60°.

c. Distance of object from the observers could not be accurately stated because of darkness and lack of a reference point. One witness estimated altitude of the object at 10,000" to 12,000" and all witnesses estimated elevation of the object as being between 45° and 60°.

d. The Little Rock office of the US Weather Bureau, located at Adams Air Field, Little Rock, Arkansas, releases four synoptic weather balloons daily. They are released at 0300, 0900, 1500 and 2100 hours, CST. Balloons released at 0300 hours and 2100 hours are lighted. Attached hereto as Enclosures 3 and 4 are mimeographed US Weather Bureau "Pibal" form and map of Pulaski County Arkansas showing observation time, altitude, trajectory and velocity of the weather balloon released at 2100 hours on 24 February 1949.

e. A lighted airway beacon is located approximately 11 miles from the point object was sighted at a magnetic bearing of 225°. No evidence could be found of any searchlight being operated within the area at the time.

f. Teletype local weather sequences for the period, 1830 hours 24 February to 0330 hours 25 February, are as follows:

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| Time | Clouds | Visibility | Wind | MPH | Temperature | Dew Point |
|----------------|---------------------------------|------------|------|-----|-------------|-----------|
| 24 Feb 1830 | Thin, Scatter- ed, 25,000 ft | 12 Mi | West | 6 | 61° | 52° |
| 1930 | Clear | 12 Mi | W | 5 | 59° | 52° |
| 2030 | Clear | 12 Mi | West | 2 | 56° | 51° |
| 2130 | Clear | 12 Mi | W | 3 | 55° | 50° |
| 2230 | Clear | 10 Mi | W | 5 | 53° | 49° |
| 2330 | Clear | 10 Mi | W | 4 | 53° | 48° |

BIO, Little Rock, Arkansas, Subj, "Unconventional Aircraft", dt 30 Mar 49

| Time 25 Feb | Clouds | Visibility | Wind | MPH | Temperature | Dew Point |
|----------------|--------|------------|------|-----|-------------|-----------|
| 0030 | Clear | 10 Mi | NW | 5 | 52° | 48° |
| 0130 | Clear | 10 Mi | NW | 8 | 50° | 45° |
| 0230 | Clear | 10 Mi | NW | 8 | 50° | 45° |
| 0330 | Clear | 10 Mi | NW | 10 | 48° | 40° |

g. Local Weather Bureau winds aloft graphs and adiabatic charts for the period of 24 and 25 February have been forwarded to the Weather Bureau Airport Station, Raob Analysis and Verification Unit, Washington National Airport, Washington 25, D. C. Form symbol for winds aloft graph is WBAN-20A. Form symbol for adiabatic chart lower level is WBAN-31A and adiabatic chart upper level is WBAN-31B.

h. No private or military aircraft were in the vicinity at the time. Commercial aircraft in the vicinity at the time were as follows:

- (1) Braniff International Airways flight from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, arrived Little Rock at 2214 hours on 24 February and departed for Memphis, Tennessee, at 2225 hours.
- (2) Chicago and Southern Airlines flight from Shreveport, Louisiana arrived Little Rock at 0030 hours on 25 February and departed for Memphis, Tennessee, at 0050 hours.
- (3) American Airlines flight from New York City arrived Little Rock at 0007 hours on 25 February and departed for Fort Worth, Texas, at 0019 hours.

i. No soil samples were obtained as object is not believed to have contacted earth.

j. Photograph of surrounding terrain taken at a magnetic bearing of 240° from approximate point of observation of object is attached as Enclosure 2.

2. An Associated Press dispatch, dated 25 February, announced the release of a rocket from White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico, which reached an altitude of 250 miles above the earth. Time of release of the rocket was not given. White Sands is located at an approximate magnetic bearing of 265° from Little Rock. Distance between the two points is approximately 800 miles.

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Capt., QM
Branch Intelligence Officer

This case includes
one(1) photograph 5"X7"



HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

452.1 AKADB

2 March 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: M.C.I.

1. Reference letter Intelligence Division, GSUSA, CSGID 452.1, 25 March 1948, subj, "Unconventional Aircraft," and to Control No. A-1917.

2. Inclosed Summary of Information, Branch Intelligence Office, Little Rock, Arkansas, 25 February 1949, subj, "Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft," is forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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As stated

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