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DATE OF INFO 8 April 49

AF NO. _____

LOCATION Kodiak, Alaska

REPORT NO. _____

SOURCE US Marshal

DATE OF REPORT _____

DATE IN TO ATTC _____

TIME OF OBSERVING 2030

COLOR Greenish-Blue

CHARACTER Ball of fire

SPEED 1500 mph

SIZE _____

ALTITUDE 2500'

COURSE W to E

LENGTH OF THE OBSERVED 15 sec

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

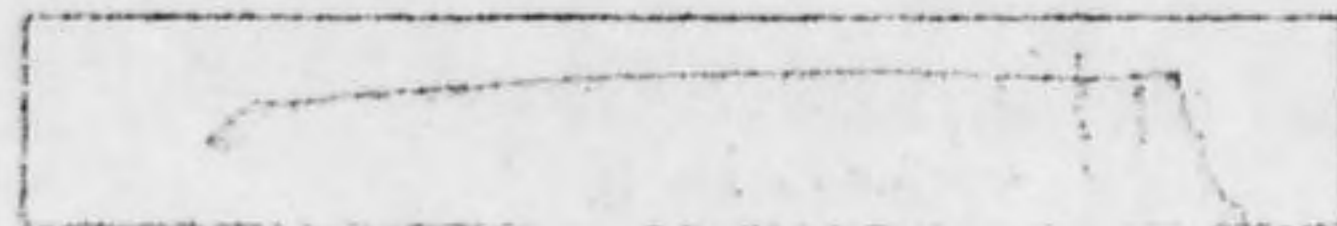
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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Serial 13-49 of Kodiak, Alaska Date 23 April
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Reference DIO-17ND Secret WNI-96, Serial 4-C-48, dated 13 February 1948
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Source Informants named in report Evaluation B = C
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Subject US/ALASKA - Meteorological Phenomena - Luminous Energy
(Index as noted on) (With title as per Index Guide) (Statistical) (When separate report for each file)

Summary (where appropriate) summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include essential facts, names, places, dates, etc.

POSSIBLE METEOROLOGICAL OR CELESTIAL PHENOMENA.

BRIEF: A manifestation of luminous energy was observed on the night of 3 April 1949 passing over the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska.

AF 69417

NOTE: This information is as of 3 April 1949.

SPECIAL NOTE: Inasmuch as the Intelligence File Index, 1948 Edition, does not contain an index relative to celestial or meteorological phenomena, as related in this report, no Index Guide Number has been incorporated.

ENCLOSURE: (A) Photostatic copy of a drawing made by [redacted] indicating course of atmospheric disturbance on 3 April 1949.

1. Deputy U.S. Marshal [redacted], Kodiak, Alaska, reported to the Intelligence Officer on 11 April 1949 that he observed a celestial manifestation crossing the sky above the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska, 3 April 1949 at approximately 2030 hours. According to Mr. [redacted], he saw a flaming greenish-blue object plummet across the sky at an altitude of 2,500 feet at an estimated speed of 1,500 miles per hour. This disturbance, stated Mr. [redacted], was first observed above Anton Larson Bay, (See Enclosure (A)), moving from West to East on a course that approximately paralleled the East-West runways of the U.S. Naval Air Station, Kodiak, Alaska, and was visible for approximately 15 seconds when the plane disappeared in the vicinity of Puffin Island, Chiniak Bay. In the opinion of Mr. [redacted] the object was not a meteor as it was too large and there were no sparks which are generally observed associated with such phenomena. He stated that his first impression was that it was either a jet fighter or that an aircraft was on fire. This opinion was dissipated when he

[redacted]

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23 April 1949

Subject: US/ALASKA - Meteorological Phenomena - Luminous Energy

called the Naval Air Base and learned there were no aircraft of any description in the air in the vicinity of the Naval Air Station.

2. Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED], USN, Operations Officer, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska, reported that while standing near the NCB Post Office he had observed "a strange object streaking across the sky, near Old Woman Mountain", on 8 April 1949 at approximately 2040 hours. Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED] described the object as a reddish ball of fire approximately two (2) feet in diameter traveling from West to East at an estimated 2,500 feet altitude. "The object was a brilliant color, without a tail, traveling with a flat trajectory of decline between 21 and 20 degrees. It seemed to disintegrate over Chiniak Bay" was Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED] report of his observation. No opinion as to the nature of the object was advanced by Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED].

3. [REDACTED], taxicab driver, Arrow Cab, Kodiak, Alaska, stated that he was enroute from the Unlisted Mens Club to the Administration Building on 8 April 1949, when he saw a strange bright blue object streak across the sky at approximately 2035 hours. To [REDACTED], the object appeared to be about 1-1/2 feet in diameter trailed by a three (3) foot streamer which was "pinkish in shading". This object, stated [REDACTED], appeared in the sky over Old Woman Mountain traveling on a West to East course at an estimated altitude of 2,500 feet. It was losing altitude at an estimated 25 degrees and, if it continued on it's course, it would have struck Chiniak Bay off Nyman Peninsula. To [REDACTED], the object appeared to disintegrate as bright particles flew from the object as it passed beyond Nyman Peninsula. [REDACTED] was of the firm opinion that the object he saw was not a meteor or shooting star which he has seen on numerous occasions.

4. [REDACTED], Bus Driver, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska, reported that he was driving his bus on 8 April 1949, when at 2045 hours, he observed a strange greenish-blue object flash across the sky from the vicinity of Old Woman Mountain to Nyman Peninsula (West to East direction). [REDACTED] described the object as being 1-1/2 feet in diameter and approximately 10 feet long. He stated the object was approximately 500 feet high as it passed over hangar #3 of the Air Station and it would have landed in Chiniak Bay off Nyman Peninsula but it faded from his view when it passed over the Peninsula. "It had the appearance of a large greenish tracer shell", stated [REDACTED].

5. U.S. Navy Weather Central, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska, reported the weather for 8 April 1949 at 2000 hours as follows:

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| Clouding: | 3,000 feet, scattered clouds, 3/10 coverage. |
| Visibility: | 15 miles. |
| Wind: | North-Northwest, 15 knots. |
| Temperature: | 27 degrees. |

6. No emission of noise by the object was reported by the observers.

REMARKS:

As the above statements are approximately the same in position, altitude,

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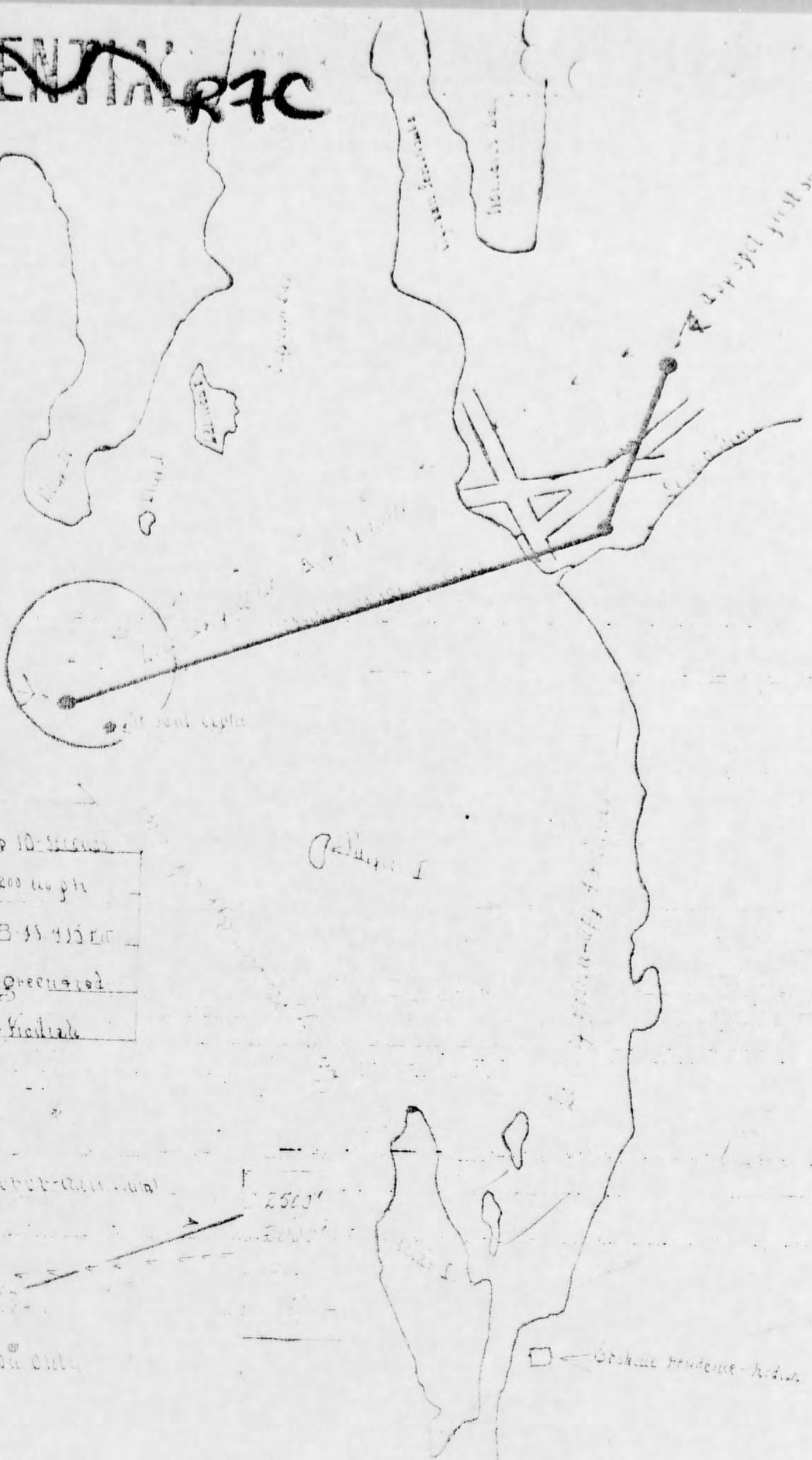
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from west side



Type _____
 Duration of flight approx 10 seconds
 Speed of object 1000 to 1200 mph
 Time and date April 8-49 4:15 PM
 Color of plane - bluish green and red
 Observer - V. E. Herring - Kitchikan

Palmer I

7 miles off Kitchikan

500 ft

2500'

500 ft

approximation only

□ ← Cushman residence - hatched

ENCLOSURE (A) TO OIO-17ND
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 BY PAUL HERRING, INDICATING COURSE -
 OF ATMOSPHERIC DISTURBANCE ON
 8 APRIL 1949.

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