

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP		. LOCATION	
20 June 1949 20/1805(L)		Paget, Bermuda	
3. SOURCE		10. CONCLUSION	
Civilian		BALLOON	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS	
One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION			
5 - 10 Minutes			
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION			
Ground-Visual		<p>Object was spherical in shape and brilliantly silver in color and approximately 45-50 deg off the horizon due north of point of observation when first sighted and traveled due south. The original size was about that of a medium size star and as it proceeded south its size increase slightly. Object decreased in valocity and when at a position about 80 deg off the horizon in a line due south, it disappeared straight upward in a matter of seconds. According to the latter, observation of the balloon from Paget woudl have been impossible. It is noted that the account given therein concerning the path of the weather balloon differs from that plotted.</p>	
7. COURSE			
South			
8. PHOTOS			
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9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE			
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<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT <b>Sighting of Unidentified Object in Bermuda</b>	FROM (Agency) <b>Bermuda</b>	EVALUATION <b>Intelligence Division, NAF</b>
DATE OF REPORT <b>11 July 1949</b>	DATE OF INFORMATION <b>20 June 1949</b>	SOURCE <b>S-3</b>
PREPARED BY (Name) <b>Clarence V. Schmitz, Captain, USAF</b>	SOURCE <b>Sgt., Bermuda Base Command, Kindley AFB, St. George, Bermuda</b>	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

- On 20 June 1949 at 1805 local daylight time (estimated accurate within five minutes) Mr. [redacted] Bermuda architect, while at his home in Paget, Bermuda, sighted an unidentified object in the sky (see attached map, inclosure #2). The object, spherical in shape and brilliantly silver in color, was approximately 45°-50° off the horizon due north of point of observation when first sighted and traveled due south. The original size was about that of a medium size star and as it proceeded south its size increased slightly. At approximately 1810 it was seen to decrease in velocity and when at a position about 80° off the horizon in a line due south, it disappeared straight upward in a matter of seconds. Due to the shape of the object no accurate estimate of the altitude or speed could be determined. Considering its position in relation to cumulus clouds, however, it was determined that it was at least 10,000 to 15,000 feet above the surface of the ocean. A rough estimate of its altitude is placed at 30,000 feet or higher. The observations, as recorded by JONES, are transmitted as inclosure #1.
- Other persons seeing the object included Mrs. [redacted], Miss [redacted] [redacted] Street, Jackson Heights, New York and Miss [redacted] Street, Philadelphia. These individuals all concurred in the observations of Mr. [redacted] to the best of their knowledge.
- The 8/9 Weather Squadron Detachment released a weather balloon at 1800, 20 June 1949 the course of which was plotted on the attached map (inclosure #2) by the weather officer, Captain [redacted], from computations based upon weather records. According to the latter, observation of the balloon from Paget would have been impossible. Captain [redacted] statement is transmitted as inclosure #3. A copy of a report of the winds aloft over Bermuda for 20 June 1949 as prepared by the 8/9 Weather Squadron Detachment is transmitted as inclosure #4.
- Transmitted as inclosure #5 is an article concerning the incident which appeared in the July 3 issue of the Hamilton, Bermuda "Sunday Royal Gazette". It is noted that the account given therein concerning the path of the weather balloon differs from that plotted on inclosure #2 by Captain [redacted].

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- Observations of Mr. [redacted] (copy)
  - Map (copy)
  - Statement of Captain [redacted] (copy)
  - Statement of winds aloft (copy)
  - Article from Hamilton, Bermuda, "Sunday Royal Gazette"

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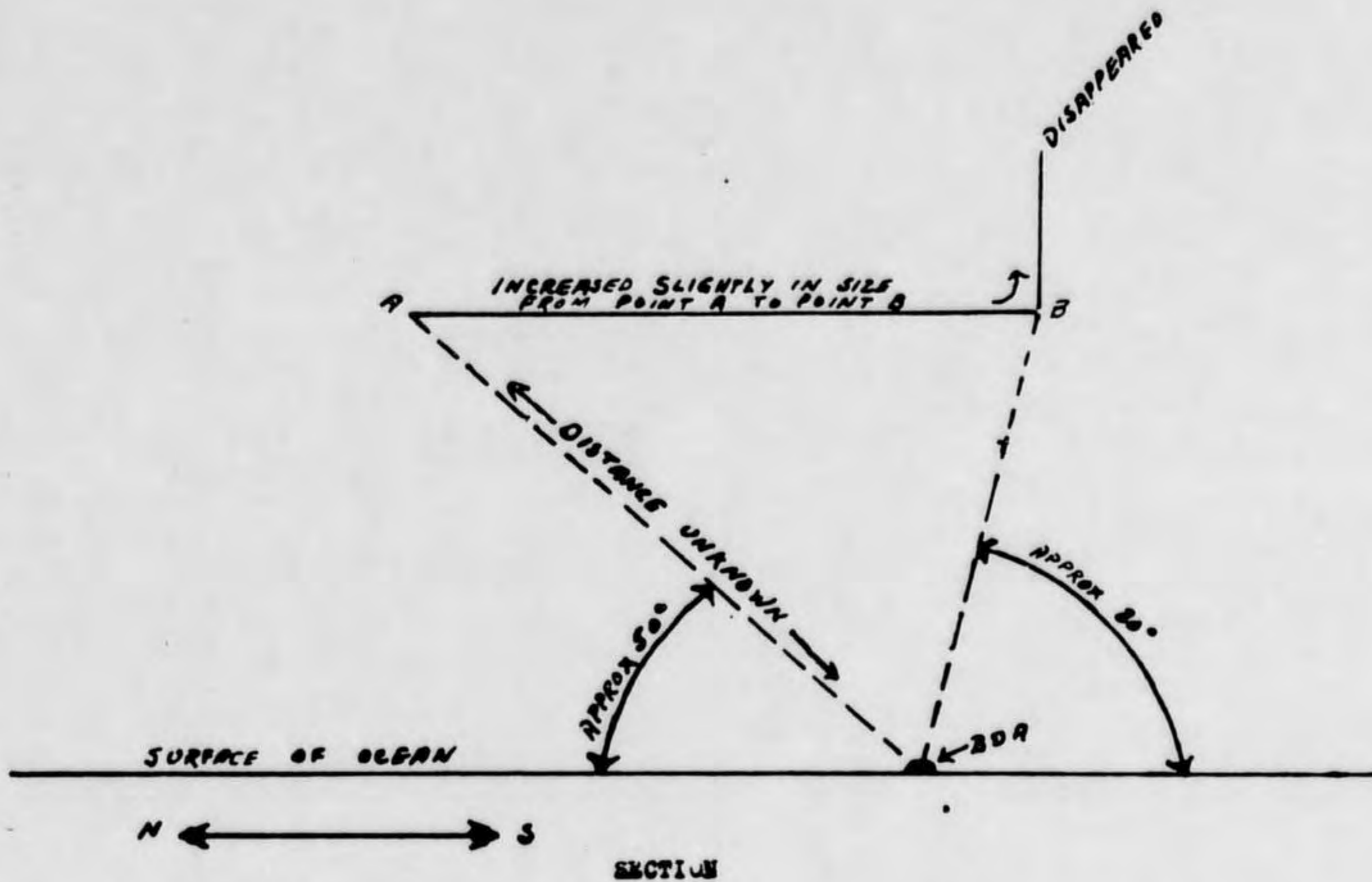
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Spherical object (o) brilliantly silver was sighted at approximately 6:05 pm local daylight time. It was approx.  $45-50^\circ$  off the horizon due north of the point of observation and, as observed, was travelling due south. The original size was about that of a medium size star and as the object proceeded south it increased slightly in size. At approx. 6:10 pm the object was seen to decrease in velocity at about  $80^\circ$  off the horizon in a line due south and in a matter of seconds it disappeared straight upward.



/s/ John Paul Jones

NOTE: Due to the shape of the object no accurate estimate of the altitude or speed could be determined. It was determined in relation to existing cumulus clouds that the object was at least 10,000 to 15,000 ft. above the surface of the ocean. (Rough estimated altitude 30,000 or higher).

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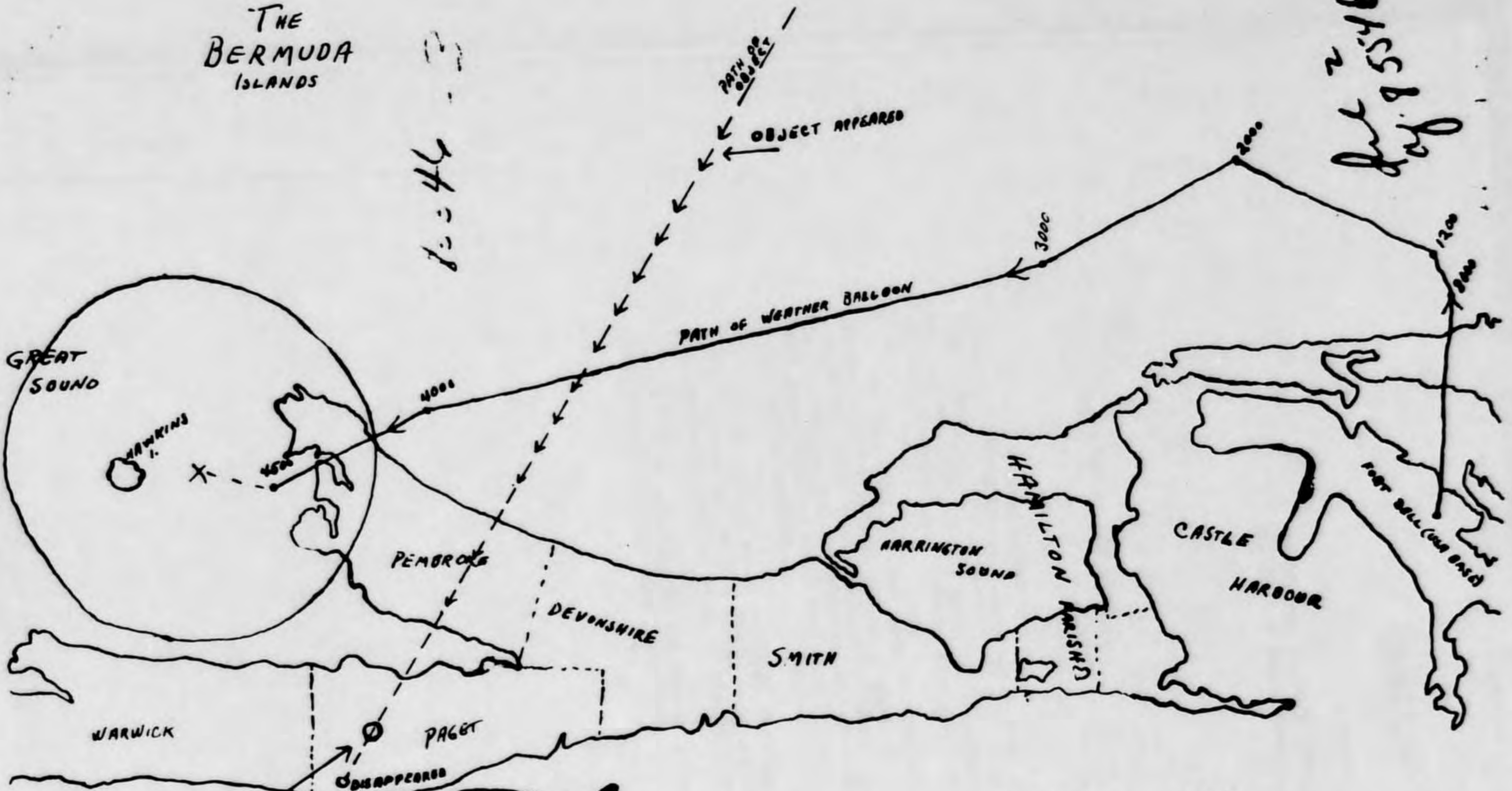
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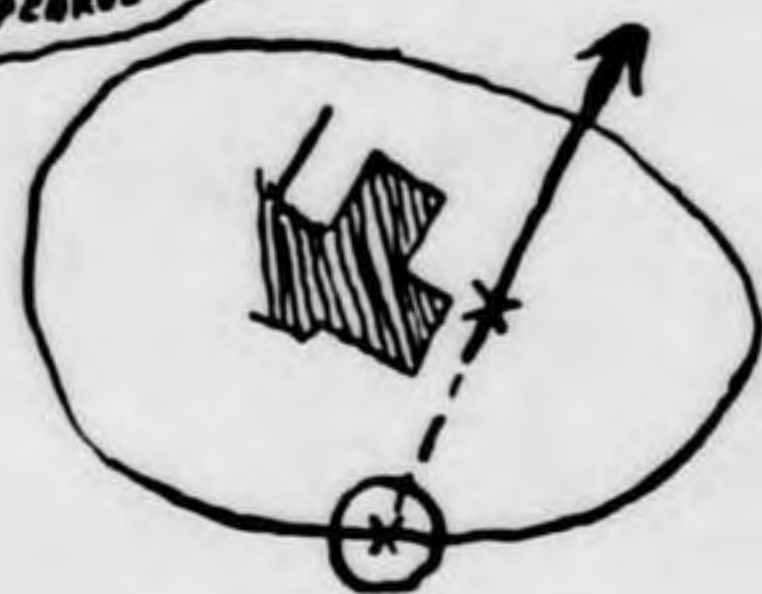
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RESIDENCE OF MR JONES  
IN BERMUDA FROM WHICH  
HE, HIS WIFE AND 2 FRIENDS  
SAW OBJECT



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AT TIME OF  
SEEING OBJECT

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S/9 WEATHER SQUADRON DETACHMENT  
APO 856 c/o Postmaster, N. Y.

27 June 1949

MEMO :

TO : Intelligence Officer EBC

1. Using first degree approximations, I have computed the probably traverse of the radiosonde release of 202100Z June 1949 and, without benefit of protractor, indicated same on the attached chart. The balak figures along the traverse are an approximation of the altitude of the instrument at that particular point.

2. The black "X" just east of Hawkins Island in the Great Sound is my estimate of the place where the instrument should have struck the water after the balloon burst. Since the errors involved in the problem are compensating, the point of impact could hardly be farther from the point indicated (X) than the mile and one half circle surrounding it.

3. It will be noted therefor, that the instrument fell at a point between one and four miles from, and on a bearing between west and northwest from the point of alleged observation.

4. With reference to the balloon released from EOB, observation from Paget would have been impossible.

/s/ E. A. Lambie  
Capt. USAF  
Det 8 Wes Sq

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27 June 1949

SUBJECT: WINDS ALOFT FOR 20 JUNE 1949 AT 2100 GREENWICH TIME

TO : Intelligence Officer Bermuda Base Command

The following is a true extract copy (in plain language) of the 2100 Z winds aloft run for 20 June 1949. Run was started at 2100Z ascension rate approximately one thousand and forty feet per minute. Wind directions are the directions from which the wind is blowing.

Surface wind	180 degrees	at 09	knots
1,000 Feet	140	09	
2,000	160	10	
3,000	160	11	
4,000	160	10	
5,000	160	09	
6,000	160	10	
7,000	160	13	
8,000	160	10	
9,000	130	07	
10,000	130	09	
12,000	120	09	
14,000	090	10	
16,000	070	10	
18,000	060	10	
20,000	070	10	
25,000	030	14	
30,000	040	26	
35,000	050	30	
40,000	040	46	
45,000	020	37	

/s/ William B. Hicks  
Major USAF  
Acting Sta. Wm. Officer

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