

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Jan 52	2. LOCATION E. LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK ✓	3. CONDITIONS
4. TIME OF OBSERVATION 17/0100 EST 17/0600 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION E Ground Visual H Skyward S SOURCE Civilian man	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Defiant <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Rocket <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Rocket <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical (Mention) <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
5. DURATION 5 Sec.	6. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	7. COURSE 180° & 45°
8. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright yellowish orange light came out of the SE horizon traveling at a high rate of speed on a horizontal course. As the light approached, it seemed to get brighter and gain speed appearing to a tail. It disappeared by exploding.	9. COMMENTS -	

March 29, 1952

AFOIN - V/TC

W. W. Ottinger
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Executive, Evaluation Division
Directorate of Intelligence

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 27, 1952. It was most encouraging to learn that my information was of interest to you.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding additional descriptive details which is in conjunction with my previous report.

Perhaps this may be of further service to you, I remain,

Sincerely,

~~W. W. Ottinger~~

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New York.

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ATTN: [unclear]

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any) 3

FILE NO.

SUBJECT (Unclassified) Transmittal of Letter From Charles Karlik, Flushing, New York, Concerning Green Flash on the Eastern End of Long Island, 17 January 1952

TO Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio

FROM Dept of the AF
Hq USAF - AFOIN-V/TC

DATE 27 MAR 1952

COMMENT NO. 1

Capt Fournet/55894

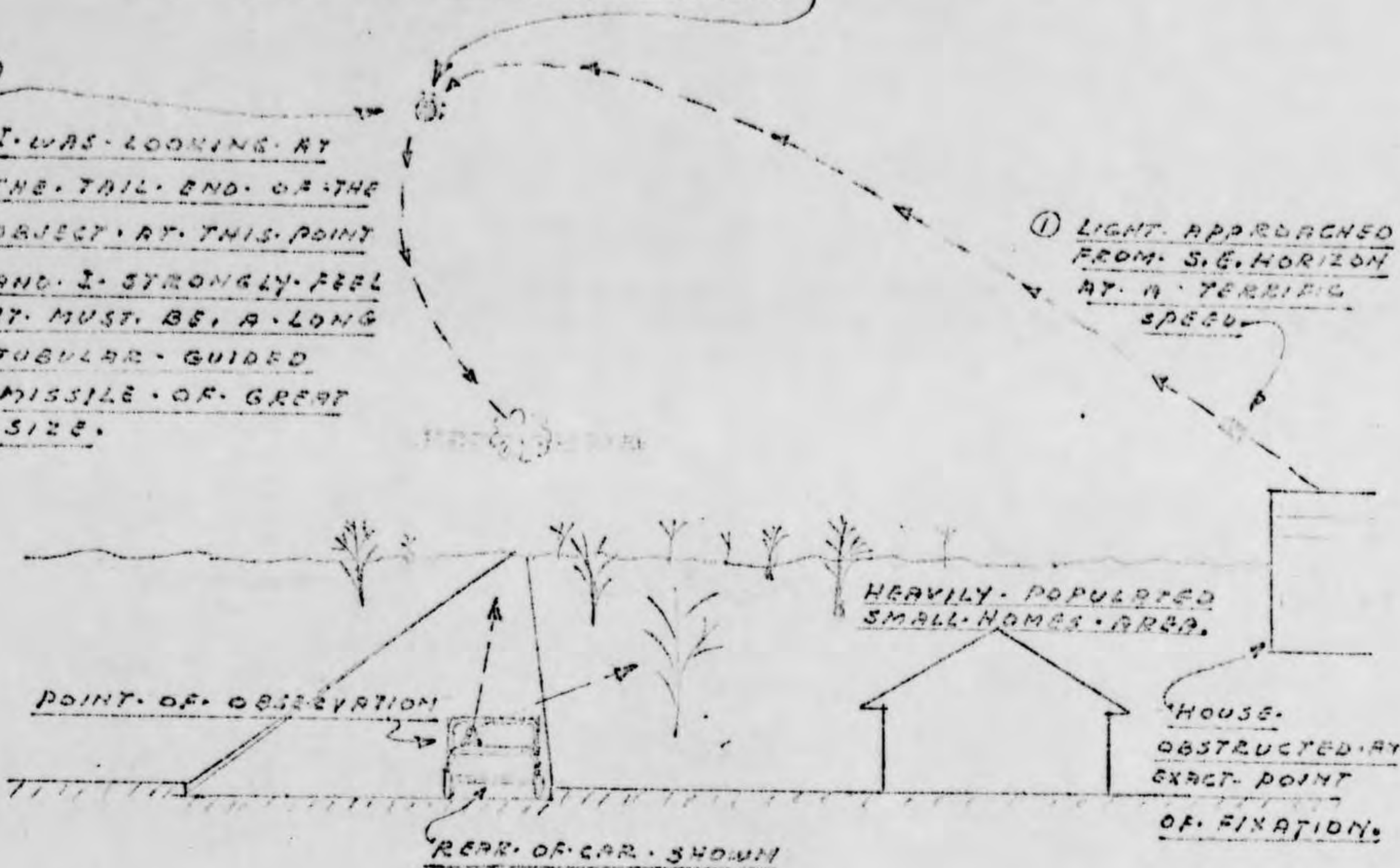
A letter, dated 17 February 1952, with inclosed diagrams, concerning aerial phenomena allegedly witnessed by [redacted], Flushing 55, New York, is forwarded for your information and retention.

1 Incl
Ltr fr [redacted]
w/incls

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② AT THIS POINT OF VEERING, THE LIGHT CHANGED SHAPES VERY RAPIDLY — SHOWING PART OF ORANGE LIGHT AND REVEALING A BLUE-WHITE CRESCENT WHICH SEEMED TO COME OUT OF PORTS OR JETS.

③ I WAS LOOKING AT THE TAIL END OF THE OBJECT AT THIS POINT AND I STRONGLY FEEL IT MUST BE A LONG TUBULAR GUIDED MISSILE OF GREAT SIZE.



④ THIS OBJECT VEERED INTO THE DIRECTION OF "MITCHEL FIELD AIR BASE" AND EXPLODE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE "BROOK HAVEN ATOMIC LABORATORIES" FROM MY POINT OF OBSERVATION.

⑤ THE NIGHT WAS DARK (NO MOON & MISTY) AND IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE ANY OUTLINE OF THE OBJECT.

POINT OF OBSERVER

② CHANGING OF COURSE REVEALED
A DIFFERENT PATTERN OF
LIGHT - SHOWING AN ORANGE
AND BLUE CRESCENT.

PLAN VIEW SHOWING THEORY OF OBJECT.

① MISSILE APPROACHING IN
DARK FROM THIS ANGLE
SHOWED ONLY EXHAUST FLAMES.

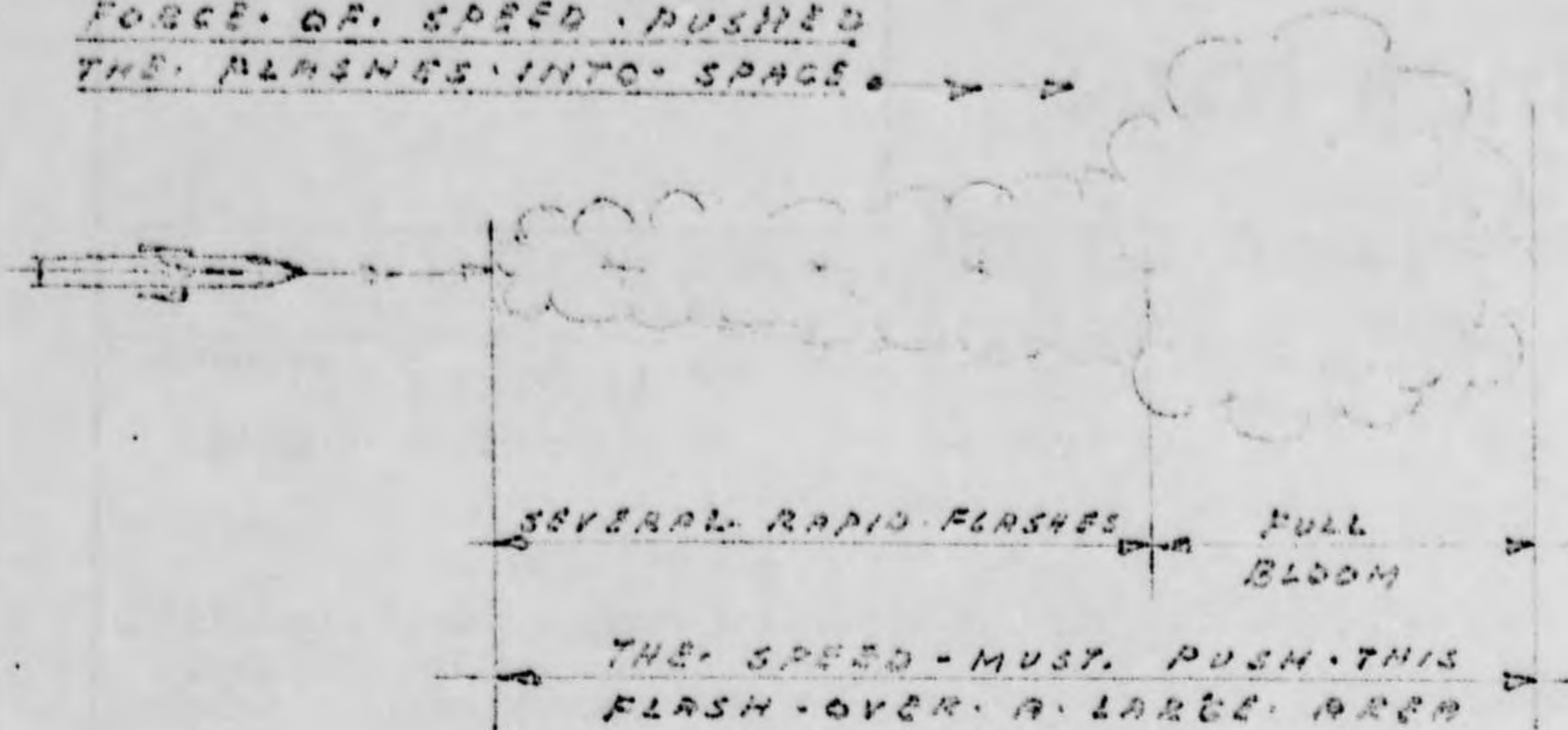
TAIL VIEW

ORANGE & BLUE CRESCENTS

③ ON VEERING THIS ANGLE SHOWED A DEFINITE
DARK OUTLINE - THEREFORE I FEEL IT MUST BE
A TUBULAR PROJECTILE.

(PROBABLY THE CRESCENT LIGHTS SEEM)
(TO CREATE THE ILLUSION OF FLYING SAUCERS)

FORCE OF SPEED PUSHES
THE FLASHES INTO SPACE. → →



THIS SKETCH SHOWS THEORY OF GREEN FLASHES AS
THEY WOULD APPEAR FROM A SIDE VIEW.

BEING IN A TECHNICAL FIELD AND HAVING EXPERIENCE
WITH VARIOUS METALS, I HAVE OBSERVED THAT COPPER,
COPPER DUST OR SHAVINGS IN A FLAME HAVE ALWAYS
PRODUCED A GREEN LIGHT. PERHAPS THIS MISSILE
MAY BE COMPOSED OF SOME COPPER ELEMENTS.

DISPOSITION FORM

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FILE NO.

SUBJECT (Unclassified) Transmittal of Correspondence Concerning Unidentified Flying Objects

TO

Chief, Air Technical
Intelligence Center,
Wright-Patterson AFB,
Ohio

FROM

Dept of the AF
Hq USAF - AFOIN-V/TC

DATE

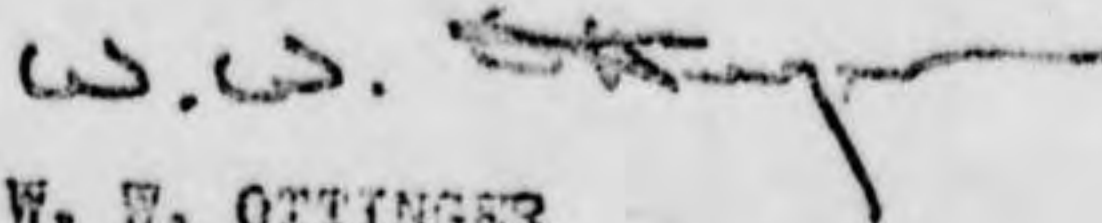
16 APR 1952

COMMENT NO. 1

Capt Fournet/55894

Reference is made to Disposition Form, Headquarters USAF, dated 27 March 1952, transmitting a letter and inclosures received from Mr. Charles Karlik, Flushing, New York. A second letter with additional data has been received and is forwarded herewith for your information and retention.

1 Incl
Ltr fr Mr Karlik
dtd 29 Mar 52
w/incls


W. W. OTTINGER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Executive, Evaluation Division
Directorate of Intelligence

AFOIN-V/TC
Capt Fournet/ro/55894
Wrtm 12 Apr 52

AFOIN-V/TC

18 APR 1952

[REDACTED]
Flushing 55
New York

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

We wish to thank you for the additional information that you supplied in your letter of 29 March 1952.

Once again, let us assure you that this data will be incorporated in our intelligence analysis of this problem.

In the future, we would appreciate your addressing all correspondence dealing with this subject to the Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. W. OLFINGER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
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Directorate of Intelligence

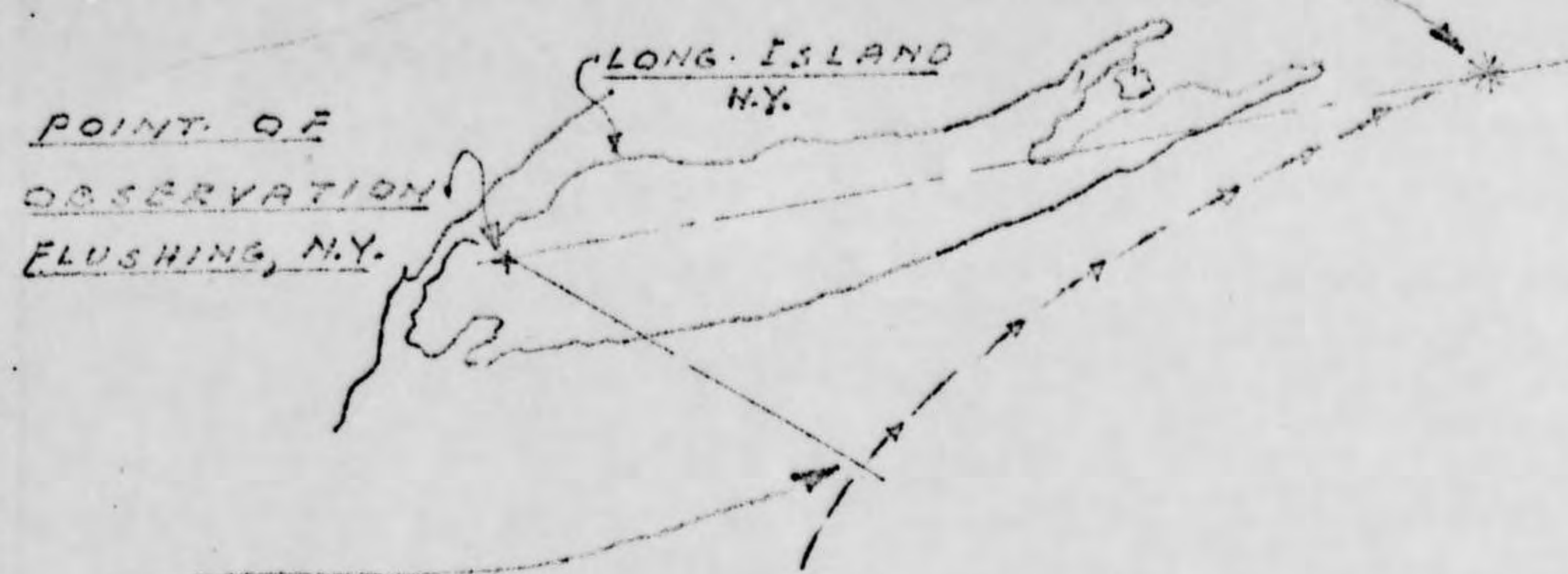
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APPROX. DIRECTION
WHERE FLASH WAS SEEN.

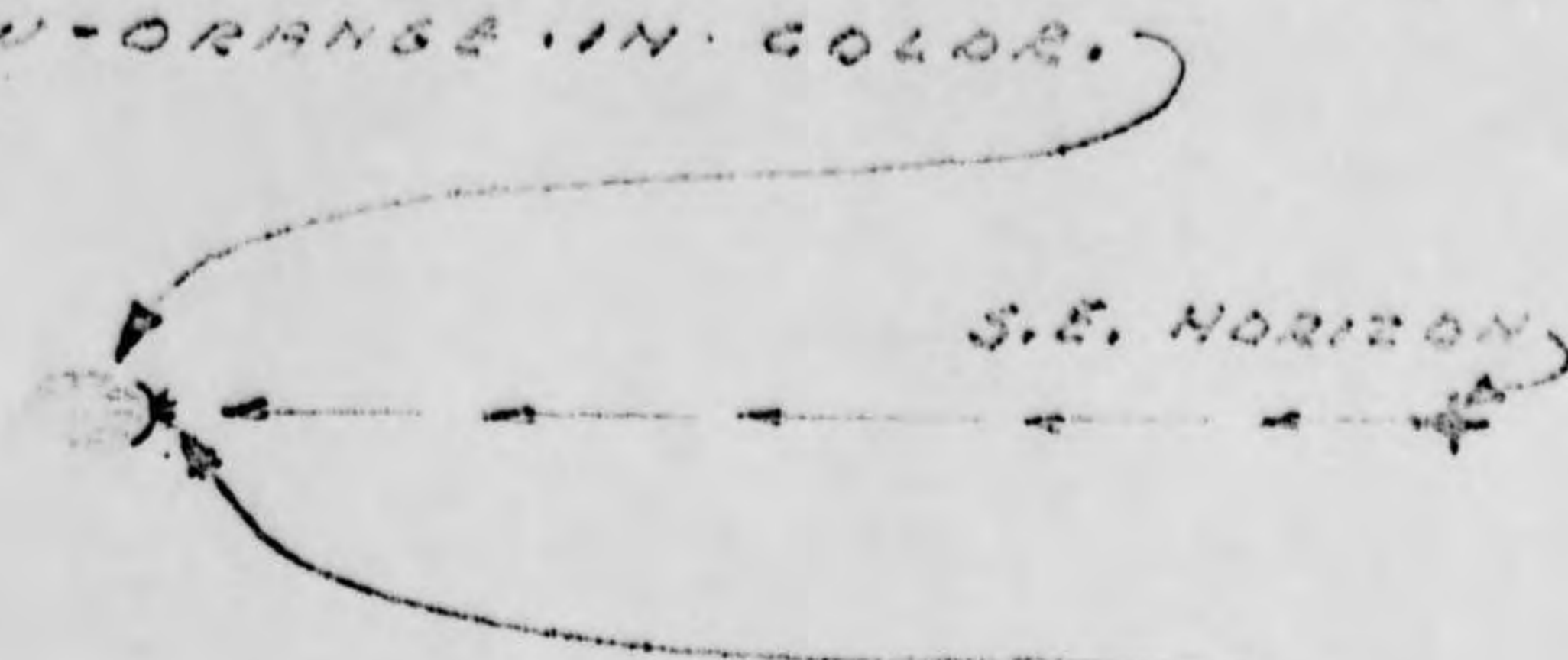


① A LIGHT SIMILAR TO THAT OF AN AIRPLANE,
CAME OUT OF THE SOUTH EASTERN HORIZON;
AS IT CAME CLOSER, IT VEERED TO A NORTH
EASTERN DIRECTION.

② THIS LIGHT TRAVELED IN A HORIZONTAL COURSE
THEREFORE I FEEL IT WAS NOT A METEOR.

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① THE BALL OF LIGHT APPEARED OVAL IN SHAPE AND BRIGHT YELLOW-ORANGE IN COLOR.



② AS THE LIGHT APPROACHED, IT SEEMED TO GET BRIGHTER AND GAIN SPEED AS IT VEERED EASTWARD. ON VEERING, A BLUE-WHITE CRESCENT AND FUSE-LIKE LIGHT, BEGAN TO APPEAR ON THE TAIL END.

③ ON ITS EASTWARD COURSE - THERE WAS A SUDDEN FLASH, SMALL IN SIZE, THEN IT BEGAN TO BLOOM LARGER AND LARGER, LIGHTING ITS WHOLE AREA WITH A GREEN COLORED DAYLIGHT.

THE FLASH WAS OF THE LIGHT GREEN
SHADES - AS SEEN IN A SPECTRUM.

LOW LYING CLOUDS
EXPOSED ON THE
HORIZON BY THE
LIGHT.

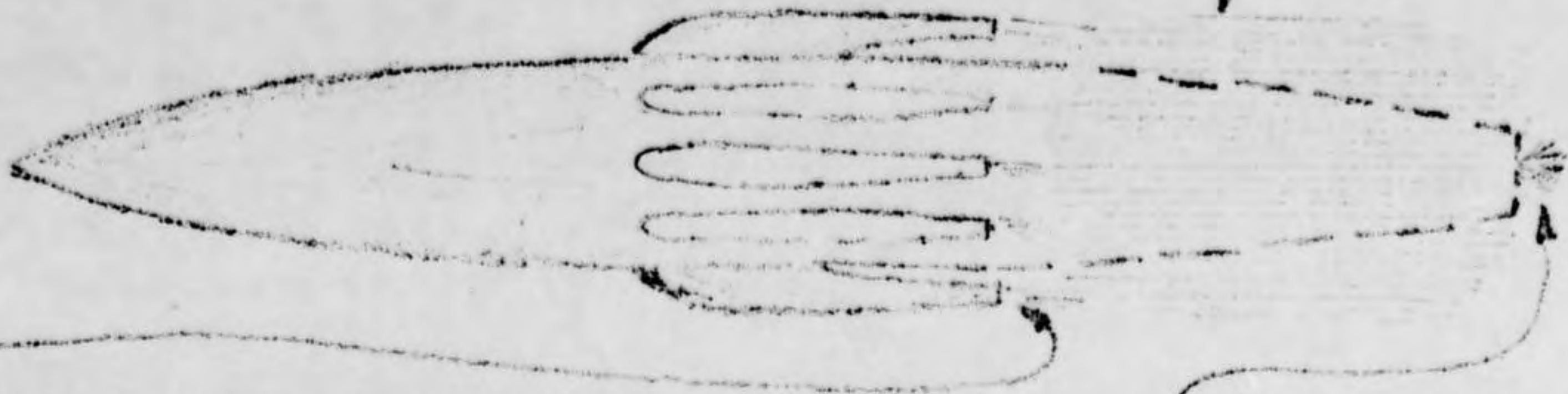
BRILLIANT WHITE
GREEN LIGHT AT
CENTER - BRIGHT
AS DAYLIGHT.



ACTUAL DESCRIPTION OF FLASH IN
FULL BLOOM.

THE WHOLE EPISODE - FROM FIRST FLASH TO
FULL BLOOM - LASTED APPROXIMATELY 5 SECONDS.

THE ORANGE-YELLOW LIGHT COULD
BE THE FLASH OF JETS.



THE BLUE CRESCENT COULD
HAVE BEEN THE EXPOSURE
OF JETS AS IT BEGAN TO
VEER ON ITS COURSE.

{ SIMILAR TO THAT OF
{ AN AIRPLANE ENGINE EXHAUST.

BRILLIANT BLUE-
WHITE TRAIL LIGHT
APPEARED AS A
SPUTTERING FUSE

THIS IS JUST A THEORY OF
THE OBJECT.

FLASHES REPORTED
IN NEW MEXICO
AS PER NEWSPAPER
ARTICLE

U.S.A.

90°

FLASH SEEN IN
LONG ISLAND, N.Y.
DURING THE EARLY
MORNING OF
JAN. 17, 1952
BETW. 10AM & 12AM.

SOUTHEASTERLY
APPROACH

S.A.

POSSIBLE POINT
OF ORIGIN - OR
THE ANTARCTIC?

THIS IS JUST THEORY



SHEET 5 OF 5

Transmittal of letter from [redacted] New York, Concerning
Green Flash on the Eastern End of Long Island, 17 January 1952

Technical Capabilities Branch, Evaluation Division, 17 Mar 1952
Dir. of Intelligence, DCS/O, ATTN: Captain Forney 1
Counter Intelligence Div, Dir. of Special Lt. Col. Free/in/AFCSI-6
Investigations, The Inspector General Code 102, X-140

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Ltr fr [redacted]
w/incls

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The Inspector General

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CLASSIFICATION

PROJECT CONTROL RECORD		PROJECT NO. 3-150
SUBJECT Transmittal of Ltr fr G. Karlik, Flushing, N.Y. Re Green Flash on the Eastern End of Long Island 17 Jan 52		
DEADLINE 26 Mar 52	DATE RECEIVED 19 Mar	
ORIGINATED BY Mr. Karlik		
ACTION BRANCH TC	BRANCH PROJECT OFFICER	
REQUIREMENT For preparation of reply.		
PROPOSED APPROACH Routine		
ACTION TAKEN Prepared ltr to Mr. Karlik Prepared DF to ATIC fwding Orig fr Mr. Karlik		
RECOMMENDED FURTHER ACTION None <i>Copy to Coordination</i>		
MAN HOURS REQUIRED 30 min - Capt Fournet 1 hr XXXXXX Miss Overstreet		
DATE FORWARDED	APPROVED BY	

AFHQ FORM 0-553
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FORM ARE OBSOLETE.

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