

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 Aug 52 28 Aug 52	2. LOCATION Chickasaw, Ala.		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2130 CST GMT 0330	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE multiple		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr, 15 min.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 6	9. COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Fiery red to blue in color. Hover, slow motion, hopping vertical descent and ascent.		11. COMMENTS Green and red lights on one object. Balloon release from 3 stations in area 30 minutes prior to sighting. Observers include OSI agent - all generally generally credible sources. Radar return noted by CCA unit. Weather balloon from Mobile would travel 6 miles down wind in 30 min. Balloons don't ascent, then ascend.	

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ACTION

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R 101330Z

FM CG MOAMA BROOKLEY AFB ALA

TO CG AMC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

[REDACTED] / MOIP-10-8-E URMSG AFOIN-ATIAA-9-4-E 8 SEP 52

REF PROJECT BLUE BOOK /1/ MOBILE RADIO LOG SHOWS THAT NO AIRCRAFT WERE FLY SOUTHWEST LEG AND THERE WAS NO UNUSUAL RAD TRAF. /2/ OBJECTS WERE SEEN BELOW CLOUD COVER EXCEP FOR ONE AND CLOUD FORMATION PASSED BETWEEN IT AND THE EARTH. NONE WERE OBSERVED TO PASS THROUGH CLOUDS. /3/ BASE WEA OFF STATES THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR WEA BALLOONS TO DRIFT OVER THE AREA OF SIGHTING FROM EGLIN AREA OR PENSACOLA AREA. /4/ AIRCRAFT COMMANDER OF C-45 AIRCRAFT 35499 B J SHELDON LT COL 3694A 3800TH AU WG MAXWELL AFB. NO B-29 3554A TOOK OFF FROM BROOKLEY AFB AT THAT TIME.

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R 121330Z

FM CG MOAMA BROOKLEY AFB ALA

TO CG AMC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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FM CG MOAMA BROOKLEY AFB ALA

TO JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHDC

JEDWP/AI TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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JEDWP/CG AMC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

~~REDACTED~~ MOAGS8-4-E FOR ATIAA-2C FOR INTELLIGENCE OFF
FLYORPT PD SHAPE AND SIZE IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE DUE TO DISTANCE AND
NIGHT PD COLOR RANGED FROM FIREY RED TO BLUE SIMILIAR TO A DIAMOND COLOR
PD NUMBER OF OBJECTS SIGHTED WAS SIX PD NO DEFINITE FORMATION WAS
OBSERVED PD OBJECTS WERE SCATTERED OVER THE HORIZON PD TWO OBJECTS
WERE LARGE AND FOUR REMAINING SMALL BY COMPARISON PD SIZE WAS
DETERMINED BY DEGREE OF BRILLIANCY PD SMALL OBJECTS APPEARED SLIGHTLY
LARGER THAN BRIGHT STARS OR PLANETS PD AERODYNAMIC FEATURES
IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE PD NO TRAIL OF EXHAUST OBSERVED PD IMPOSSIBLE

PAGE TWO JESBY 04R

TO ASCERTAIN PROPULSION SYSTEM PD SPEED RANGED FROM STATIONARY FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN MINUTES TO A SLOW MOVEMENT ACROSS ARC OF HORIZON FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE TO EIGHT MINUTES PD NO SOUND WAS HEARD PD MANEUVERS BY ONE OF THE LARGER OBJECTS WAS AN APPARENT HOPPING MOTION PD ONE OF THE SMALLER OBJECTS OBSERVED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE REMAINED IN A STATIONARY POSITION FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES THEN MOVED IN A THIRTY DEGREE ARC TO THE OBSERVERS AND DESCENDED VERTICALLY TO HOVER AGAIN TO TREETOP LEVEL THEN TO ASCEND DIRECTLY AWAY FROM THE OBSERVER PD TWO DISTINCT LIGHTS WERE OBSERVED ON ONE OBJECT PD LIGHTS ~~WERE RED AND GREEN AND IN A RELATIVE VERTICAL POSITION PD THE MANNER~~ OF DISAPPEARANCE OF THE TWO LARGER OBJECTS AND THE REMAINING THREE 0330
042 SMALLER OBJECTS WAS A SUDDEN EXTINGUISHING OF THE EMITTED LIGHT PD TIME OF SIGHTINGS WAS FROM TWENTY ONE THIRTY CENTRAL TO TWENTY TWO FORTY FIVE CENTRAL PD MANNER OF OBSERVATION WAS VISUAL SURFACE PD 2245 ONE SMALLER OBJECT WAS OBSERVED THROUGH BINOCULARS AND ONE ON THE RADAR SCOPE OF GCA UNIT PD RADAR CONTACT WAS A WHITE OBJECT RETURN IN EDGE OF GRAOUND RETURN PD NO AIRCRAFT WERE FLYING WITHIN POSSIBLE RANGE OF THE OBJECTS AS VERIFIED BY GCA OPERATOR PD LOCATION OF THE OBSERVERS WAS THREE ZERO DEGREES FOUR FIVE MINUTES THREE ZERO SECONDS NORTH EIGHT EIGHT DEGREES ZERO FOUR MINUTES THREE ZERO SECONDS WEST CMA

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CHICKASAW ALABAMA AND THREE ZERO DEGREES THREE EIGHT MINUTES ZERO ZERO
SECONDS NORTH EIGHT EIGHT DEGREES ZERO FOUR MINUTES THREE ZERO SECONDS
WEST BROOKLEY AIR FORCE BASE ALA. OBSERVERS LISTED IN FIRST
COORDINATES OBSERVED THE OBJECTS IN THE SOUTH TO THE SOUTH WEST
QUADRANT AT A RANGE OF SEVEN TO TEN MILES WITH AN ELEVATION OF UP TO
FORTY FIVE DEGREES PD OBSERVERS LISTED IN SECOND COORDINATES OBSERVED
THE OBJECT AT FIRST SIGHTING ON A BEARING OF TWO EIGHT ZERO DEGREES
WITH A RANGE OF FOUR MILES FROM GCA SITE ON BROOKLEY AIR FORCE BASE
WITH AN ELEVATION UP TO TWENTY DEGREES PD THE SIX UNIDENTIFIED
OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED BY THREE CIVILIAN RESIDENTS OF CHICKASAW CMA ALA
PD TWO OF THE OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED BY SPECIAL AGENT CHARLIES A ROBINSON
OF THE LOCAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS PD IN ADDITION TO THE
~~ABOVE~~ ONE OF THE OBJECTS WAS OBSERVED BY CAPTAIN WILLIAM EDWARDS CMA
PILOT CMA OFFICER OF THE DAY CMA THREE CONTROL TOWER OPERATORS AND ONE
OBSERVATION MADE ON GROUND CONTROL APPROACH BY QUALIFIED OPERATOR PD
SOURCES EVALUATED AS RELIABLE PD WEATHER WAS SIX TENTHS STRATA
CUMULOUS CLOUDS THREE TWO ZERO ZERO BASE WINDS FROM NINE ZERO DEGREES
TEN KNOTS AT TWENTY ONE THIRTY CENTRAL OBSERVATION PD OBSERVATION
FOR TWO TWO THREE ZERO CENTRAL WAS SAME CLOUD CONDITIONS AS ABOVE WITH
WINDS FROM ONE THREE FIVE DEGREES ONE FOUR KNOTS PD SIGHTINGS BASED
UPON PRESENT INFORMATION ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A RESULT OF
METEROLOGICAL CONDITIONS PD REQUEST WAS MADE OF TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT
COMMANDER TO OBSERVE ANY UNUSUAL INCIDENTS PD NO REPORTS
RECEIVED FROM AIRCRAFT HOWEVER TAKE OFF WAS ACCOMPLISHED AFTER
TERMINATION OF INCIDENT PD. SIGNED CAPT WILLIAM E EDWARDS OFFICER OF
THE DAY

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Southern Alabama

Intelligence Officer, Hq. CNTID,
MATS, Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas

3 September 1952

28 August 1952

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Intelligence Officer
J. M. Penny, Major, USAF

1703rd AT GP UNTID MATS Brookley
AFB, Alabama

TW fr: 1703d AFG, DTG 291319Z

Submitted in accordance with AF Ltr No. 200-5, dated 20 April 1952, Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting.

Between the hours of 2130 and 2245 CST several unidentified flying objects were observed visually by Air Force personnel and civilians from surface positions at Chickasaw, Alabama, coordinates $30^{\circ} 45' 30''$ N - $88^{\circ} 4' 30''$ W in the south and southwest quadrants from that position and Brookley Air Force Base, Mobile, Alabama, coordinates $30^{\circ} 38' 0''$ N - $88^{\circ} 4' 0''$ W. Objects were also observed by CCA radar at Brookley Air Force Base at approximately 280° at a distance of 4 miles and at an angle of 10 to 20 degrees from the ground.

Objects appeared as blinking lights changing in colors varying from red, blue, and blue-green. At times objects remained stationary for periods up to 20 minutes and then alternately moved across the south and southwest quadrants, finally disappearing. No sounds were heard.

Only aircraft reported operating in the vicinity at time of sighting was an Air Force B-29 departing Brookley at 2245C for Maxwell Air Force Base. Pilot requested to report any information obtained concerning objects under observation. Pilot of a/c made no report as objects finally disappeared at about time of takeoff.

Weather at 2130C 6/10ths strata cumulous clouds 3200 base winds from 90° 10 knots. At 2230C was same clouds conditions as above with winds from 135° 14 knots. The sightings made are not considered as have resulted from any meteorological conditions.

APPROVED:

J. M. PENNY
Major, USAF
Division Intelligence Officer

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1. Comments of Reporting Unit
- 2-12 Statements of Witnesses
12. FIOB Report
13. Sectional Aero Chart Mobile (F-7)

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~~ATTACHMENT 6-3~~
~~MOBILE AIR FORCE BASE~~
~~ALABAMA~~

29 AUGUST 1952

SUBJECT: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

John H. Taylor

JOHN H. TAYLOR
CAPTAIN, USAF

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31 AUG 1952

TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: Commander, Continental Division
Military Air Transport Service
ATTENTION: Intelligence Officer
Wally Air Force Base, Texas

1. The following report is submitted in compliance with the provisions of paragraph 7, Air Force Regulation 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

2. At approximately 2130 hours, 28 August 1952, the officer of the day, Capt in William W. Edwards, AO 538751, 13th Air Transport Squadron, 1703rd Air Transport Group, Military Air Transport Service, received a phone call from a Mr. Grover T. Owens, 1052 Mount Street, Chickasaw, Alabama. Mr. Owens informed Captain Edwards that he had sighted several objects in the sky in the south and south east quadrant at an angle of 60° and requested that action be taken to ascertain their identity. Owens informed Captain Edwards that the objects were approximately seven to ten miles distant and almost directly over Brookley Air Force Base. Owens statement pertinent to the sightings are included as Inclosure #1.

3. Captain Edwards notified the Air Evac Hospital and the control tower, and requested the operator on duty to maintain observation in the entire area. The control tower operator in turn notified OIA to place its unit in operation. Upon arrival at the control tower, Captain Edwards was requested by the operator on duty, 4/20 Irl A. Whittaker, 1919 AACS Squadron, to check an object he had seen through the binoculars. The time was approximately 2130 Central. Captain Edwards observed the object through the binoculars and with the naked eye. The object appeared slightly larger than a planet or a star. The object was observed approximately 200° at an angle of 10 to 200° from the ground. The object remained stationary for approximately 20 minutes. The illumination of the object varied and changed from a bluish green to red. Weather conditions are covered in paragraph 7. Captain Edwards statement is included as Inclosure #2.

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4. During the period covered by the preceding paragraph, the office of the Air Provost Marshal had notified the office of Special Investigations and requested an agent to check the accuracy of the report. Agent Charles A. Robinson was dispatched to Chickasaw to check the report made by Mr. [REDACTED]. Upon arrival, Robinson observed four objects in the sky ranging from South to Southwest from Chickasaw, Alabama. One of the objects appeared to be two blurred lights, one above the other, the top light blinked green and the other red as though controlled by a neon sign. Robinson's observations are included as inclosure #3. The observations at Chickasaw were made by Mr. [REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED], a roomer in the [REDACTED] home, and Mr. [REDACTED]. The observations of Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] are included as inclosures #4 and #5 respectively.

5. While the objects were under observation from the control tower at Brookley Air Force Base by Captain Edwards, A/2C Whittaker and A/3C Edward O. Smith, the GHI operator informed the tower that he had made a contact on the AN/CAN-1 set. The object was reported as a return on the scope, not of too definite a shape, at about four miles on a bearing of 280 degrees. This return on the scope was observed to be in the same area as that object which was being observed by Captain Edwards and the two operators in the control tower. The statements of Airman Whittaker and Smith are included as inclosures #7 and #8.

6. At the same time, approximately 2150 Central Time, the remainder of the TCA crew reported for duty and an AN/CAN-4 was placed in operation. Nothing was visible above or through the ground clutter on the AN/CAN-4 set.

7. The observers listed in paragraph 4, Chickasaw, Alabama, observed the objects in the south to southwest quadrant from coordinates $30^{\circ}45'30''N$, $88^{\circ}04'30''W$. Individuals making observations from Brookley Air Force Base observed the object in the southwest to west quadrant at an angle of 280° , coordinates $30^{\circ}38'00''N$, $88^{\circ}04'00''W$. Weather at 21300 6/10 the strata cumulus clouds 3200 base winds from 90° 10 knots. At 22300 was same cloud conditions as above with winds from 135° 14 knots. The sightings made are not considered as have resulted from any meteorological conditions. PIR reports for this period are included as inclosure #11. Location for the sightings have been marked on aerial chart included as inclosure #12.

8. At 22450 the observation being made by the individuals in Chickasaw ceased since the objects faded from sight behind buildings in their area.

9. At 22450 Captain Edwards requested the tower operator for action to be taken to assure interception or identification. An Air Force

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IN 1703rd AGO, CAMEL-WARD, Brookley AFB, Ala., 010001 FLYCRAFT

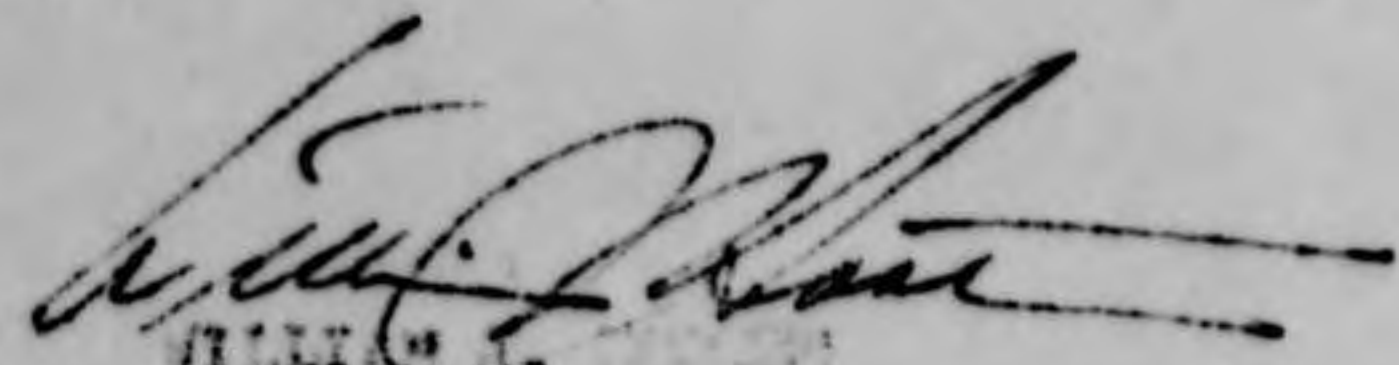
Two three ft separating for Maxwell Air Force Base was requested to observe the area of the sightings and report any unusual objects. At the time the aircraft had left the runway however the observation was hampered due to the extinguishing of the lights as described in paragraph 8. Captain Edwards directed the tower operators to continue their observations. Observations continued through the remaining hours of darkness. There were no objects observed in the area. During the period of sighting there was no aircraft traffic within range of the local OCA unit.

10. The 1703rd Area Intelligence office was not notified of the sighting. Efforts were made to locate the Intelligence Officer by the OSI agents covering the investigation but he was not available. At approximately 1400 hours the Intelligence Operations Technician assigned to this section learned of the sightings and contacted the Officer of the Day. Coordination on previous events was established and the FLYCRAFT sent by electrical means was prepared and forwarded by this section. Interrogation of all individuals involved was conducted the following day and the enclosed statements obtained. The loss of time and awareness of the sightings precluded observations of the objects by personnel within a 1/2 mile radius and a completely accurate accounting of events.

11. A complete coverage of residences living in the area surrounding the OCA "Site" and tower operators observations was made by the undersigned. No unusual sounds or lights were noted in the area.

12. Throughout the course of the interrogations it was noted by the undersigned that the statements made by each of the individuals was made to the best knowledge of each person and accompanied in a manner which depicts a conscientious effort to supply information in an accurate manner.

WILLIAM I. [REDACTED] COMMANDING OFFICER:


WILLIAM I. [REDACTED]
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

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- 1. Statement by Mr. G. E. Ivona
 - 2. Statement by Capt. W. E. Edwards
 - 3. Statement by Mr. [REDACTED]
 - 4. Statement by Mrs. [REDACTED]
 - 5. Statement by Mr. [REDACTED]
 - 6. Statement by A/Sc C. W. Coats
 - 7. Statement by A/Sc E. A. Whitaker
 - 8. Statement by A/Sc R. G. Smith
 - 9. Statement by S/Sc E. W. Perkins

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**HEADQUARTERS
MOBILE AIR MATERIEL AREA
BROOKLEY AIR FORCE BASE
ALABAMA**

IN REPLY

REFER TO: MOIP

31 August 1952

SUBJECT: Transmittal of AF Form 112

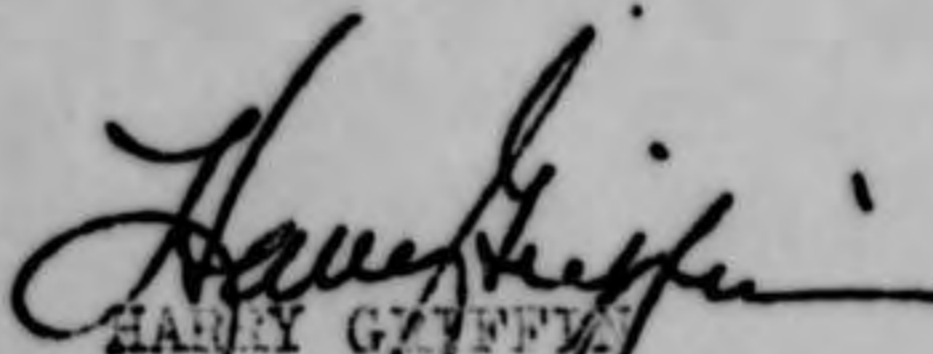
THRU: Commanding General
ATTENTION: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence
Center, ATIA A-2c
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

Transmitted herewith are two complete copies of AF Form 112 (part I and II) of a report of unusual flying objects seen near Brookley Air Force Base on night of 28 August 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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AF Form 112 w/11 Incls:
(Part I and II)


HARRY GIFFEY
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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10. Statement by Mrs. [REDACTED]

11. FICM rpt

12. Area Chart

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STATEMENT OF
CAPTAIN WILLIAM E. EDWARDS
AO 838 751

29 August 1952

103 The undersigned was on a tour of duty as Officer of the Day, Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama, from 0830, 28 August 1952 to 0830, 29 August 1952.

At approximately 2130, 28 August 1952, I received a telephone call from a Mr. [REDACTED] living in Chickasaw, Alabama. I alerted the Air Provost Marshal and the control tower operators, who in turn alerted the G.C.A. operators at Brookley Air Force Base.

I then proceeded to the tower to see if I could observe any objects in the area advised by Mr. [REDACTED], arriving in the tower at approximately 21450.

I was advised while in the tower, that the O.S.I. agents were alerted to check the accuracy of the report.

The tower operator asked me to check an object he had observed with the binoculars in the tower. This time was approximately 21500. Looking with both the naked eye and through the glasses, the object appeared slightly larger than a planet or bright star. This was at an approximately 280° angle and at a degree of elevation of 10° to 20° from the ground. This object remained stationary for approximately 20 minutes. I was called out and advised the tower operators to continue observation.

The G.C.A. advised the tower that they had a small distinct white blip in edge of the ground return at a distance of four (4) miles on a bearing of 280° from Brookley while I was observing the object. This blip was approximately the same relative bearing and distance as estimated by the undersigned.

RESTRICTED SECURITY INFORMATION

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
STATEMENT OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM E. EDWARDS, AO 838 751 (Continued)

The illumination varied and changed from blueish green to a red, nearly the color of exhaust flames and glowing red of exhaust stacks as noted by persons familiar with aircraft flying at night.

My first impression was an aircraft approaching, however, G.C.A. could not observe any aircraft within its scope or any movement.

At the time of observation there was some cloud cover and the undersigned could not observe the Bates Field beacon which is approximately 11 miles distant.

William E. Edwards
WILLIAM E. EDWARDS
Captain, USAF
AO 838 751
13th Air Transport Squadron
1703rd Air Transport Group

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF A/2C [REDACTED] T. GOETZ, AF 11231832

1919th AACS Squadron
Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama

29 August 1952

I went on duty at the GCA trailer at 1900, 28 August 1952, and was to stay out there all night as a trailer guard radar operator. Sometime past nine the tower called and asked me to scan to the North and on a 360 degree angle. I turned on the radar locator of the AN/MFN-1 set to the North. There was nothing out there on the scope. I called the tower back and asked them what it was all about. They said to go ahead to stand watch on the 360 degree angle, that the Officer of the Day was up there, and to report anything at all that I saw on the scope. A little bit later I noticed a return, not of too definite a shape, at about four (4) miles on a bearing of 280 degrees. It did not move. When I called the tower and told them of this, they told me to continue watching it, which I did. I watched it about half an hour. The rest of the team (GCA Team) came out and we turned the new set, an AN/CFN-4, on to see if we could see anything. Nothing was visible above or through the ground clutter on the new set. As far as we could see, it did not move and did not get any more definite. None of us are very familiar with the AN/CFN-4 scope and couldn't notice any difference. I discontinued watching about 0030, 29 August 1952.

Charles T. Goetz

[REDACTED]

CHARLES T. GOETZ
AF 11231832
A/2C, USAF
1919th AACS Squadron
Brookley AFB, Alabama

[REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF
MR. [REDACTED]

29 August 1952

At 2130 on the night of 28 August 1952, my wife went to the back door to latch the screen. She called me and I went over to the door. In the South about sixty (60) degrees above the ground I saw the object. There were clouds but clear atmosphere. The object was a fire engine red, and twinkled to a crystal blue as in a cut diamond. I didn't count them all but there were different ones. We were watching the brightest ones motion. It would weave back and forth and take a couple of hops and dimmed and flickered out. It was much larger than a bright star or planet. We calculated it as between seven and ten miles away, almost directly over Brookley Field. If it were a plane you would hear some noise, but this did not make any noise. Later two smaller ones appeared almost together in the south southwest. Then we saw another large one. It was crystal blue and red and would pale out slowly then appear real bright. We watched this in a southwest direction that appeared just over a house top. It real gradually and slowly disappeared. It was just as red as could be but it didn't have a constant motion. It would stay on red and then on sort of a bronze blue. It was within five minutes after the first one we had seen. After the second one disappeared I called the field and talked with the Officer of the Day and gave directions and distance from here. Then I went to bed and had been in bed only a minute when a car drove up to the front porch. It was Mr. [REDACTED] from the field. It was then about 2150. We went to the back porch and saw another of the bright objects. It was not as bright as the first two and appeared low over the house tops. Mr. [REDACTED] saw it before I pointed it out to him. It was standing still for a while then moved slowly to the right then disappeared. The one Mr. Robinson saw was in the West. The first two that we saw were near little black clouds and stood out real bright. [REDACTED] (Mr. [REDACTED] E. [REDACTED]) made a statement that it looked like it was shining through the clouds. We saw objects again after Mr. [REDACTED] left that looked almost like a comet or a star. I didn't tie that in with the other things because of its flashing and it looked like an explosion. I went back on the porch and again saw these flashes then it just quit pretty soon.

I thought when I first saw them they were stars or planets, then I realized that stars didn't do like that. I have seen them off and on. The first time was on the evening of 5 July 1952, the day my wife and I moved into this house. I was going to call the field before, but they would disappear.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Chickasaw, Alabama

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
STATEMENT OF
MR. [REDACTED]

29 August 1952

I was at home on the evening of 28 August. At approximately 9:30 PM, Mr. [REDACTED] called me to the back door. He wanted me to see something in the sky. There was a bright object in the sky. It was lined up directly with a roof top and kept moving off to the side and down in a westerly direction, then moved to the right in a straight line. We then spotted two more, and as I watched several appeared, three in a triangle pattern. The objects appeared to jump from time to time. A white streak appeared and looked as though it was playing tricks. These objects were in sort of a formation. The one light would appear as if it were turned off and on. At times it appeared up in the sky and other times shoot clear across the horizon. While I was talking to Mr. [REDACTED], who came out from Brookley Field, I noticed one that gave bright flashing light, like a bomb bursting. This was at approximately 9:50 PM. It looked like a ball of fire and I knew it was too bright to be a falling star or anything like that. They looked like two balls on each other with a ray of light on top. There was a red and blue light and at times looked like one above the other. At other times, like a figure eight with the top part smaller. However, I don't know about this, it looked like it might have been a star, its really strange.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Street
Chickasaw, Alabama

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF
S/SGT ROBERT E. CALKINS
AF 19 232 917

1919th AACS Squadron
Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama

29 August 1952

Control Tower Operator

I was working in Traffic answering calls when the Officer of the Day came around. Two boys and I went outside with the Officer of the Day where I saw a light to the West of the field. This was at about 2100. The light was in the vicinity of the rest of the stars. It was brighter than a star and was brighter than the stars in the same vicinity. It was a bright white color. I looked at it for just a little while, only about three or four minutes and then went back inside the building. I know nothing about radar, but at the same time we were in contact with GCA by radio. The GCA operator spotted something on the radar scope, a blip. The GCA operator reported another one Southwest of the field, then reported three blips within 4,000 feet, none moving and did not say anything about size or shape. The weather was pretty good, cloudy in parts. Clouds didn't shade or interfere with stars in the area. It was clear in the area of the object, no clouds interfering whatever. The object was to the right of the moon. I never noticed if the object was below or above the moon. I have witnessed similar sightings in Alaska where we had reports like this for two months, one every seventh night and this object was exactly the same as the one there.

Robert E. Calkins

ROBERT E. CALKINS
AF 19 232 917
S/Sgt, USAF
1919th AACS Squadron
Brookley AF Base, Alabama

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
STATEMENT OF
A/2C IRL A WHITTAKER
AF 14 225 045
CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR

29 August 1952

On the night of 28 August 1952, I was on duty as a control Tower operator when the Officer of the Day came to the tower and requested me to maintain observation for an unidentified aerial object. The Officer of the Day stated that he had a report from Chickasaw of a flying saucer in the area of the field. The Officer of the Day and myself went out to the UHF shack directly behind the DF hanger and we started looking around. Sgt. Calkins, NCO in charge of the tower, the Officer of the Day and myself looked in the vicinity of Chickasaw, and I observed a redish green light in the sky.

At this time the GCA operator reported that he had a blip on his scope at about a 230° angle from the station at approximately 4,000 feet. The GCA picked up another object on the scope at a 240° angle. The object was to the right and below the moon. The Officer of the Day requested aircraft coverage at this point. The only aircraft taking off was an Air Force B-29, #554A going to Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. The Aircraft Commander was notified accordingly and said he would take a look, however, he failed to contact the tower afterwards. The object was stationary then moved back and forth on a horizontal line, then disappeared. I was relieved at 23:30. I could not estimate the size of the object nor give any other details except the remarks concerning color.

IRL A Whittaker

IRL A. WHITTAKER
A/2C, AF 14 255 045
1919th AACS
Brookely AFB, Alabama

[REDACTED]
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AIR PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE
Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama

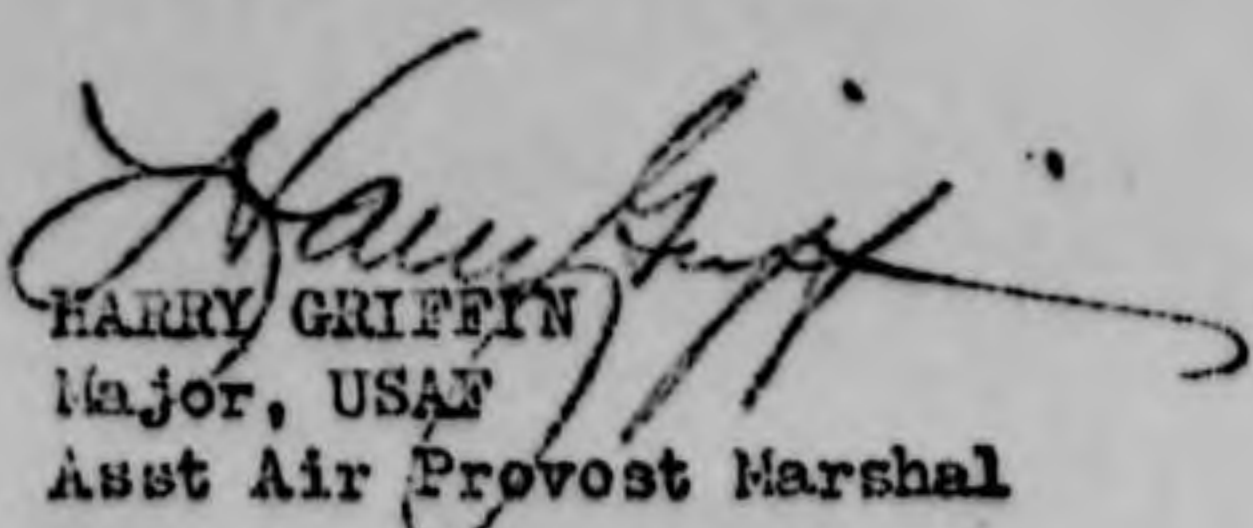
29 August 1952

STATEMENT OF: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Mobile, Alabama

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Last night at approximately 2200 hours, I saw four objects in the sky ranging from due south to southwest from Chickasaw, Alabama. Two of these objects did not move yet were slightly larger and brighter than stars or planets. One of these objects appeared in the form of two blurred lights, one above the other, the top light being green and the bottom light fiery red; these red and green lights flashed on and off as if controlled by a neon sign blinker. The fourth object was alternately fiery red and blue-green in color and seemed to blink at regular intervals. This fourth object remained stationary for about fifteen minutes and then slowly drifted fifteen or twenty degrees and became stationary again. I left Chickasaw, Alabama, for Brookley Air Force Base at approximately 2220 and these objects were still in the sky upon my departure from Chickasaw. I estimate the distance from Chickasaw, Alabama, to the nearest object as eight miles and the farthest object as twelve miles. When I arrived at Brookley Air Force Base I attempted to locate these objects and was unable to locate them. I heard no noise nor saw any exhaust from any of the above objects. From the distance of my observation of these objects I found it difficult to obtain further identifying characteristics.

/s/ [REDACTED]
/t/ [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Conti Street
Mobile, Alabama

THIS IS A TRUE COPY:


HARRY GRIFFIN
Major, USAF
Asst Air Provost Marshal

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

([REDACTED])
[REDACTED]

AIR PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE
Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama

29 August 1952

STATEMENT OF: Mrs [REDACTED] Base and Transient Aircraft Section

At approximately 2130, 28 August 1952, while riding west on Duvall Street between Houston Street and Michigan Avenue, I saw two lighted objects. At first they failed to attract too much of my attention because they appeared to be perhaps large lights on tip end of a large type aircraft. The objects were stationary, as lights do appear on an aircraft proceeding in same direction I was traveling. However, the lights appeared larger than those ordinarily used on wing tips. For approximately two minutes I looked steadily at the objects until they moved in an arc, south and down. Then they disappeared from view. The appearance was as a light only. I noticed no coloring. They did appear rather oval with the flat side together, but not close. When the objects moved they moved simultaneously. I did not see any exhaust or hear any noise that could have come from the strange objects.

[REDACTED]

Base and Transient Aircraft Section
Brookley Air Force Base, Ala

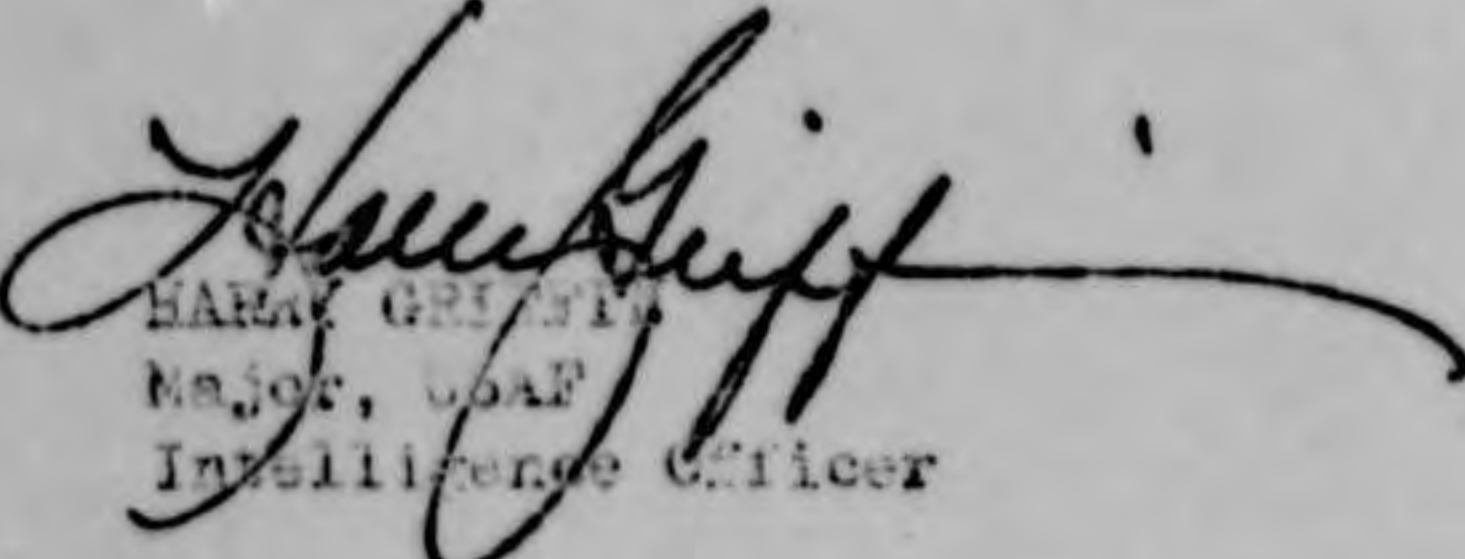
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SUBJECT		
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Brookley Air Force Base, Mobile, Alabama	Intelligence Office, Brookley AFB, Alabama	
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
31 August 1952	28 August 1952	B-2
PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE	
Harry Griffin, Major, USAF		
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.)

Six unidentified flying objects were observed by military and civilian personnel near Brookley Air Force Base, Mobile, Alabama on 28 August 1952 between 2130 hours central and 2245 hours central. Statement of witnesses attached.


 HARRY GRIFFIN
 Major, USAF
 Intelligence Officer

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| 2. Statement, Edwards | 8. Statement, W i taken |
| 3. Statement, Goetz | 9. Statement, Robinson |
| 4. Statement, Owens | 10. Statement, Moore |
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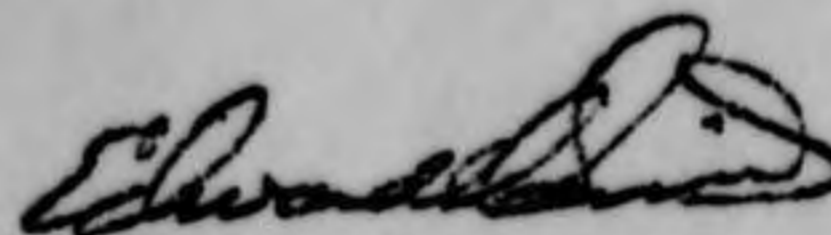
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STATEMENT OF
A/3C EDWARD O. SMITH
CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR

29 August 1952

I was on duty on the night of 28 August 1952, as a control tower operator, when we were called about 2130, to put GCA in operation. As soon as we were called we started looking in the north and west with and without field glasses. I saw an object in the northwest. The object was red in appearance through the binoculars I was using. The object then moved south to southwest. I didn't see it move. First it appeared in one place then in the other. Then it faded out, getting dimmer and dimmer. The object moved around, appearing to have zig-zag movements. The object was brighter than a star. It did not begin to fade until it had moved from the west to the southwest. At first it seemed to be coming toward us, then seemed farther away and we could see it just a little with the naked eye, then it faded out completely.



EDWARD O. SMITH
A/3C, USAF
1919th AACS
Brookley AFB, Alabama

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
STATEMENT OF
MRS. [REDACTED]

29 August 1952

At approximately 9:30 on the night of 23 August, I went to latch our back screen door and looked out across the house tops and then I saw a big light. I called my husband out to see what it was, and at the same time he called Mr. [REDACTED] to see what it was. We watched it a few minutes and then it disappeared. The object over the house was pretty low and larger than a star and was due south. Another object in the south was watched for a long time, it drifted from south to west and it just drifted out of sight. Another object was sighted in the south which disappeared also. We saw two to the southwest. They were dim and I really couldn't tell the height because I don't have any idea. The first object was bright and the other four were dim. At this time a Mr. [REDACTED] arrived from Brookley Field and saw the second object. I couldn't tell you how far away it was. It blinked red and blue during the time Mr. Robinson was there. The object that was close by was red but then it started to vanish slowly and then went out completely. The first object was what I say of a medium height. The second object was higher in the sky. There were clouds in the sky but they did not hinder observation of the objects. There were also a few stars in the sky at the time we were observing the objects. The first object would move swiftly, then stop and move again, then went out of sight. We observed this object for about five minutes.

I knew this object was not a star because it blinked, it would be red then change to blue in color and then it would completely vanish to return to sight again. It did not move away but would black out and return in sight again. The two objects that I observed in a relatively close position, one was beneath the other with the one below moving toward the top one which soon vanished and wasn't seen anymore.

The object, to my mind, was real small, something like a star but still red and blue and you could tell it was moving because it soon moved to the other object. It was about 9:30 when we saw the first object which lasted about five (5) minutes or a little longer. My husband and I have seen these objects before but never notified anyone.

[REDACTED]
MRS. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Chickasaw, Alabama

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

28 August 1952, Chickasaw, Alabama

Reported radar sighting is considered to be insignificant, due to the fact that only one weak stationary target was observed.

Capt R. L. James
19 September 1952

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. TIME
28 Aug '52	Chickasaw, Alabama	Local: 2130 Zebra: 0330
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye + <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Theodolite	
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets	
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted	
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made	
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violent	
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:	<input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steady	
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes	
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)	C.E. MORGAN, Brookley AFB, Alabama	

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?	No.	
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data from Air Almanac)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset	

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Observed up to 45° above horizon

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? Yes No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: 30 Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	Mabile	Rebill	USDA Weath. Bur.			
b.	Valparaiso (Eglin AFB)	Provinc	A.W.S.			
c.	Panama	Military	U.S.N.			
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

<p>21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unreliable <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Doubtful <input type="checkbox"/> Hoax</p>	<p>22. DETAILS OF REPORT:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient to Evaluate</p>		
<p>23. FINAL EVALUATION:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data For Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown </td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data For Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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<p>24. COMMENTS:</p> <p>3 balloon launch stations released weath. ball. 5 30 min. prior to sighting in Mabile + Panama areas.</p>			

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <i>28 Aug 52</i>	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <i>2130z</i>	3. STATION OBSERVING <i>Mobile</i>
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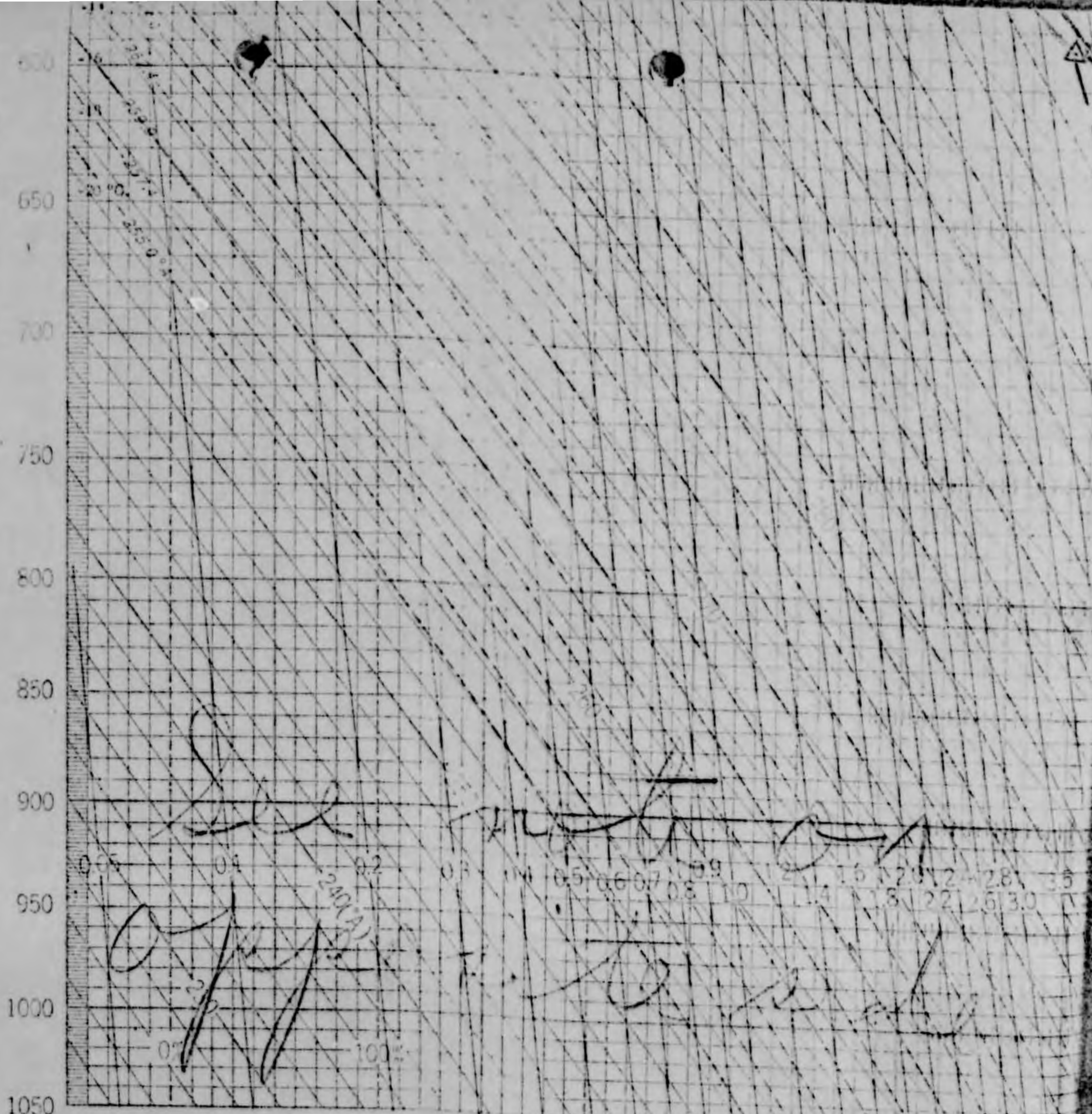
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0	<i>10</i>	<i>90</i>	25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? Yes No
 (If yes, at what altitude? _____)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? Yes No
 (If yes, at what quadrant? _____) *cumulus clouds*

7. CLOUD COVER: <i>6</i> tenths at <i>3200</i> feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.	8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.
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9. COMMENTS:
At 2230z same cloud conditions - wind from 35° at 14 knots - Mobile



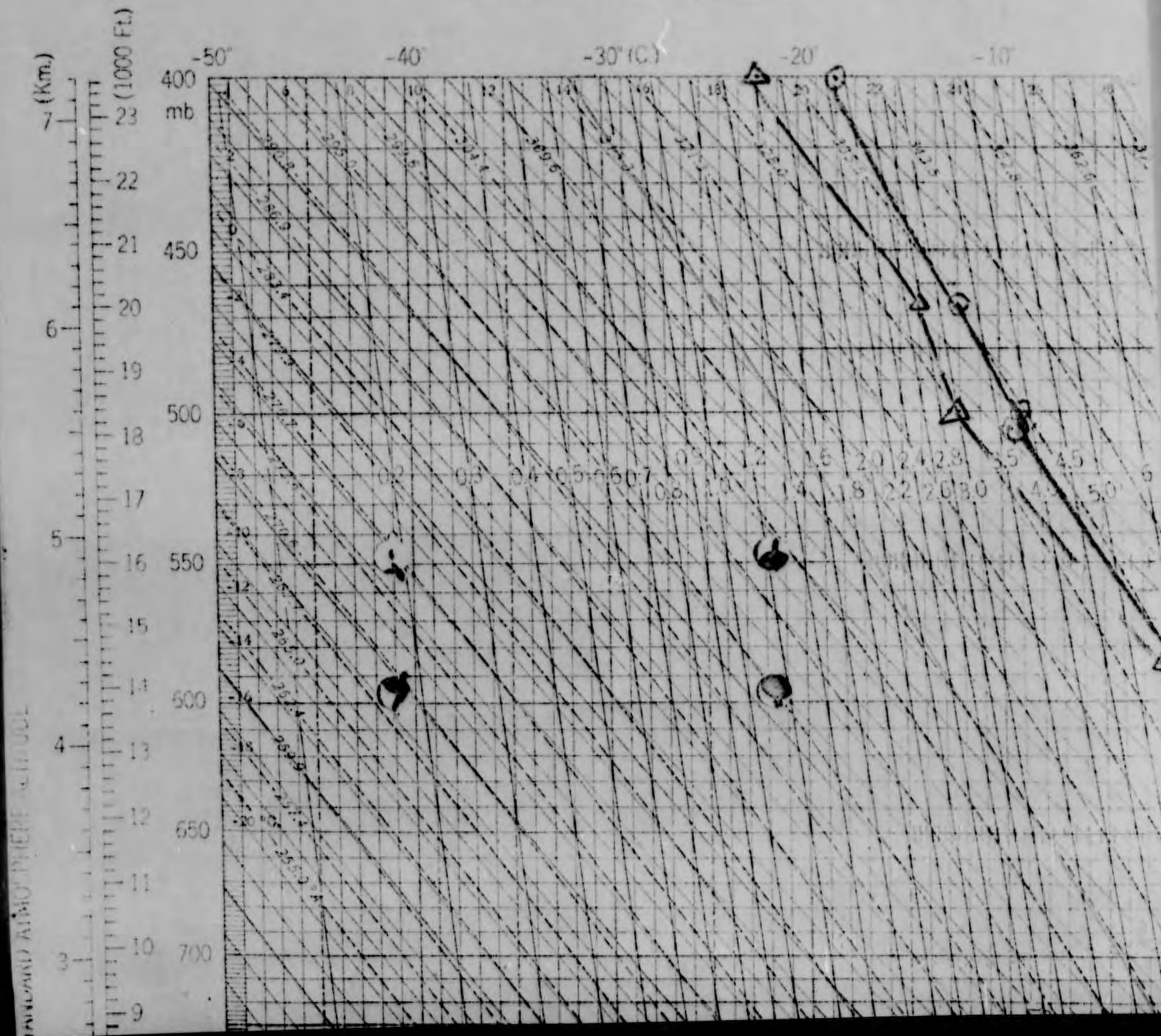
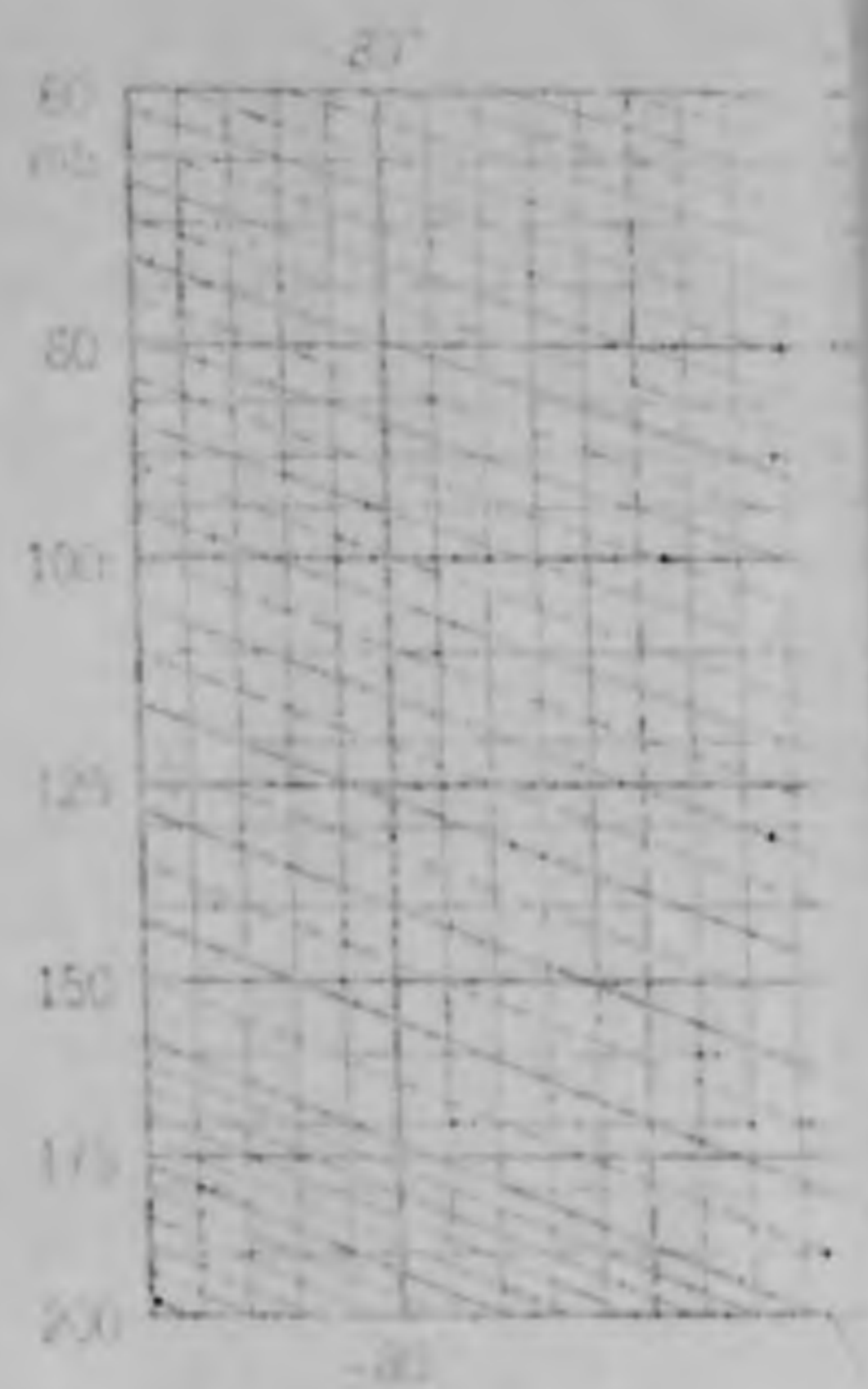
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PSEUDO-ADIABATIC DIAGRAM

CHART ML-124A

LEGEND

(1) Abscissas are temperatures (T) in °C.
 (2) Ordinates are $P^{0.285}$ where P = pressure in mb.
 (3) Sloping straight lines on base are dry adiabats, i. e., lines of constant potential temperature (°A.).
 (4) Broken, overprinted curves are pseudo-adiabats. Figures thereon are equivalent potential temperatures (°A.) and potential pseudo-wet-bulb temperatures (°C.).
 (5) Unbroken, overprinted curves are lines of constant saturation mixing ratio in grams of water vapor per kilogram of dry air (assuming saturated conditions).
 (6) The latter two sets of curves are compared under the assumption that for all temperatures, including those below 0 °C., saturation is with respect to a flat surface of liquid water.
 (7) The dotted curve on the base, passing through the point $T = 15^{\circ}\text{C.}, P = 1013.25$ mb., represents the U. S. Standard Atmosphere pressure-temperature relationship. Stratosphere temperatures are assumed to be -55°C. at pressures less than 234.5 mb.
 Absolute temperatures are in the approximate absolute scale: $T^{\circ}\text{A.} = (273 + T^{\circ}\text{C.})$.



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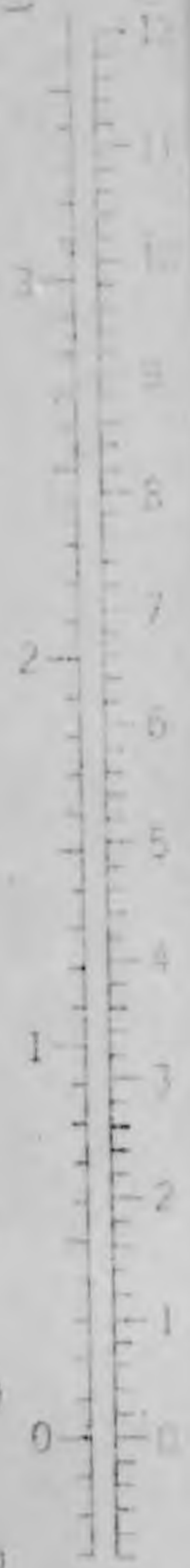
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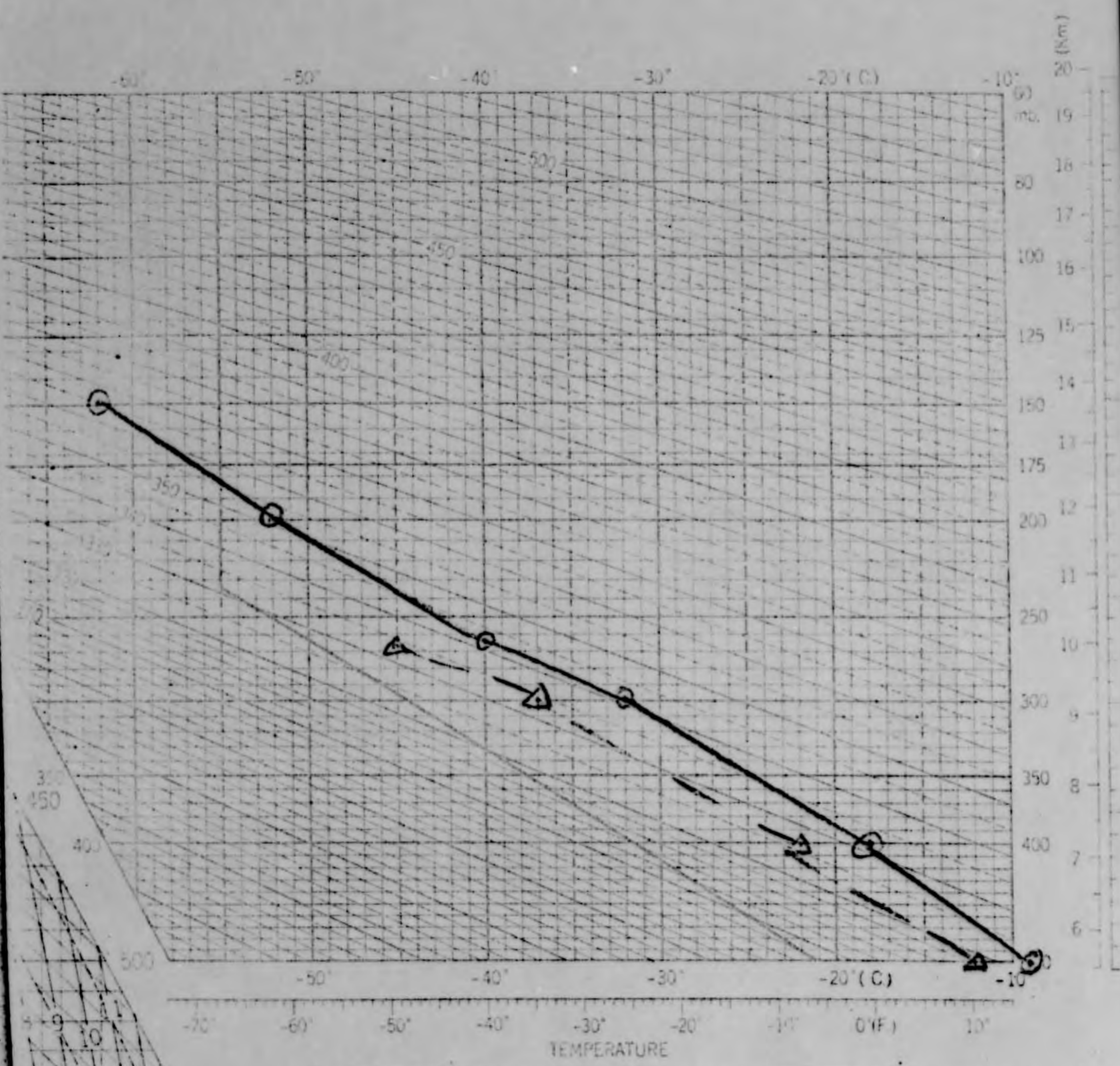
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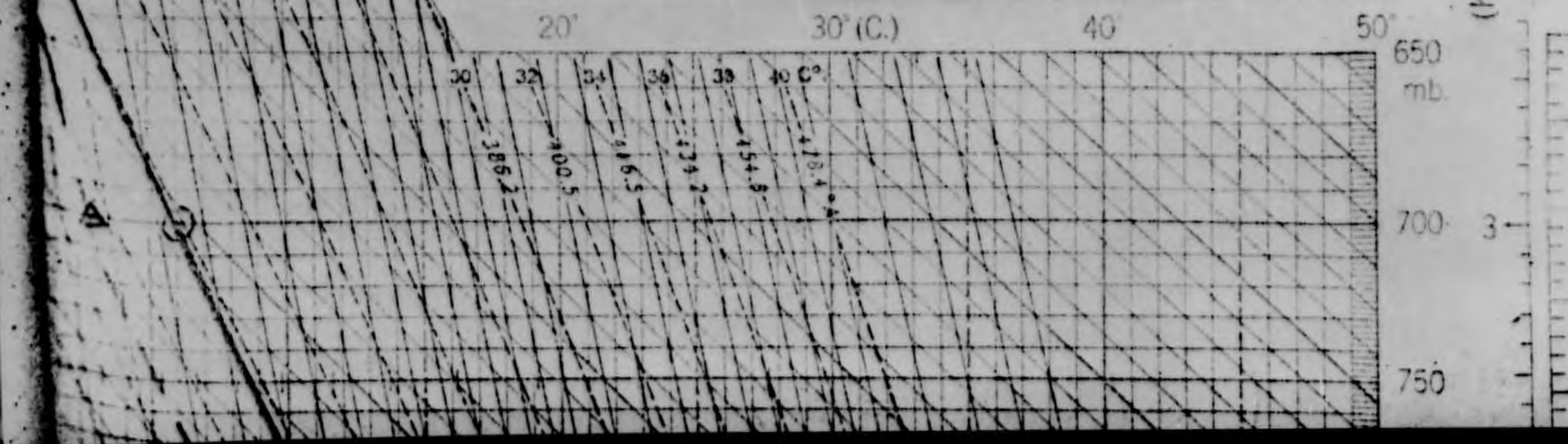
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Details: Six unidentified aerial objects were sighted near Brookley Air Force Base on the night of 28 August 1952 between the hours of 2130 and 2245 central. Witnesses were unable to determine size or shape due to darkness and distance, however the objects were kept under observation for a considerable period of time. The color emitted by lights on the objects ranged from a fiery red to a diamond sparkling color. They were scattered over the horizon, two being large and four small. Size was determined by brilliancy of light. No noise was heard which would be identified as an engine sound, nor was there an exhaust trail similar to a jet engine or rocket. The objects had a definite characteristic of being able to remain noiselessly in place and attracted attention only through their lights. When one of the objects did move it was a peculiar hopping motion. All witnesses stated that they had never seen anything like it previously. Witnesses observed one of the smaller objects to remain stationary and then descend vertically to tree top level, where it hovered and then ascended vertically away from the observer. The remaining three smaller objects and the two larger objects disappeared when their lights were suddenly extinguished as with a switch.

One of the smaller objects was observed through binoculars and the GCA radar picked up an unidentified object showing as a blip in the outer edge of the ground return. Object was not identified on Radar Scope as an Air Craft.

The location of the observers was 30 degrees, 45 minutes, 30 seconds north; 88 degrees, 04 minutes, 30 seconds west, Chickasaw, Alabama and 30 degrees, 38 Minutes, 00 seconds north; 88 degrees, 04 minutes west Brookley AF Base, Alabama. The observers listed in the first set of coordinates saw the objects in the south, to the south west quadrant at a range of seven to ten miles, with an elevation of up to 45 degrees. Observers listed in the second set of coordinates observed the object at the first sighting on a bearing of 280 degrees, with a range of four miles from GCA site at Brookley Air Force Base, with an elevation of up to 20 degrees.

The weather report for the period is as follows; six tenths strata cumulous clouds 3200, bare winds from 90 degrees, ten knots at 2130 central observation. 2230 observation was the same cloud conditions as above with winds from 135 degrees, 14 knots.

These objects were not identified or observed by any aircraft flying in the local area.

Captain William E. Edwards, AO-838751, 1703 Air Transport Group was on duty as Base Officer of the Day on night of 28 August 1952 (a statement is attached). He stated that as the result of a telephone call from Mr. [REDACTED] of Chickasaw, Alabama reporting to him the unusual objects, he began investigating the matter. As set forth in his statement Capt Edwards reported that he observed the object reported by Mr. [REDACTED]

In an interview with Capt Edwards he remarked that he had never seen anything like it before. Capt Edwards is an experienced airman and pilot.

Mrs. [REDACTED], who is employed in the Base and Transient Aircraft Section was proceeding down Duval Street, west, in a car driven by a friend, on the night of 28 August 1952 at about 2130 hours (Statement attached). She observed an unusual object west of her and up at an estimated elevation of 45 degrees on a bearing of about 270 degrees according to her position. Her description of the object coincides with other witnesses and places it in the same general location as the Brookley Air Force Base observers and Chickasaw observers.

Her statement gives her description of the object.

Mr. Charles A. Robinson, OSI agent, Brookley Air Force Base, reports that he saw four unusual objects in the sky while he was at Chickasaw, Ala. (Statement attached)

the sounding at Pensacola, Fla. at 0200Z 29 August '52

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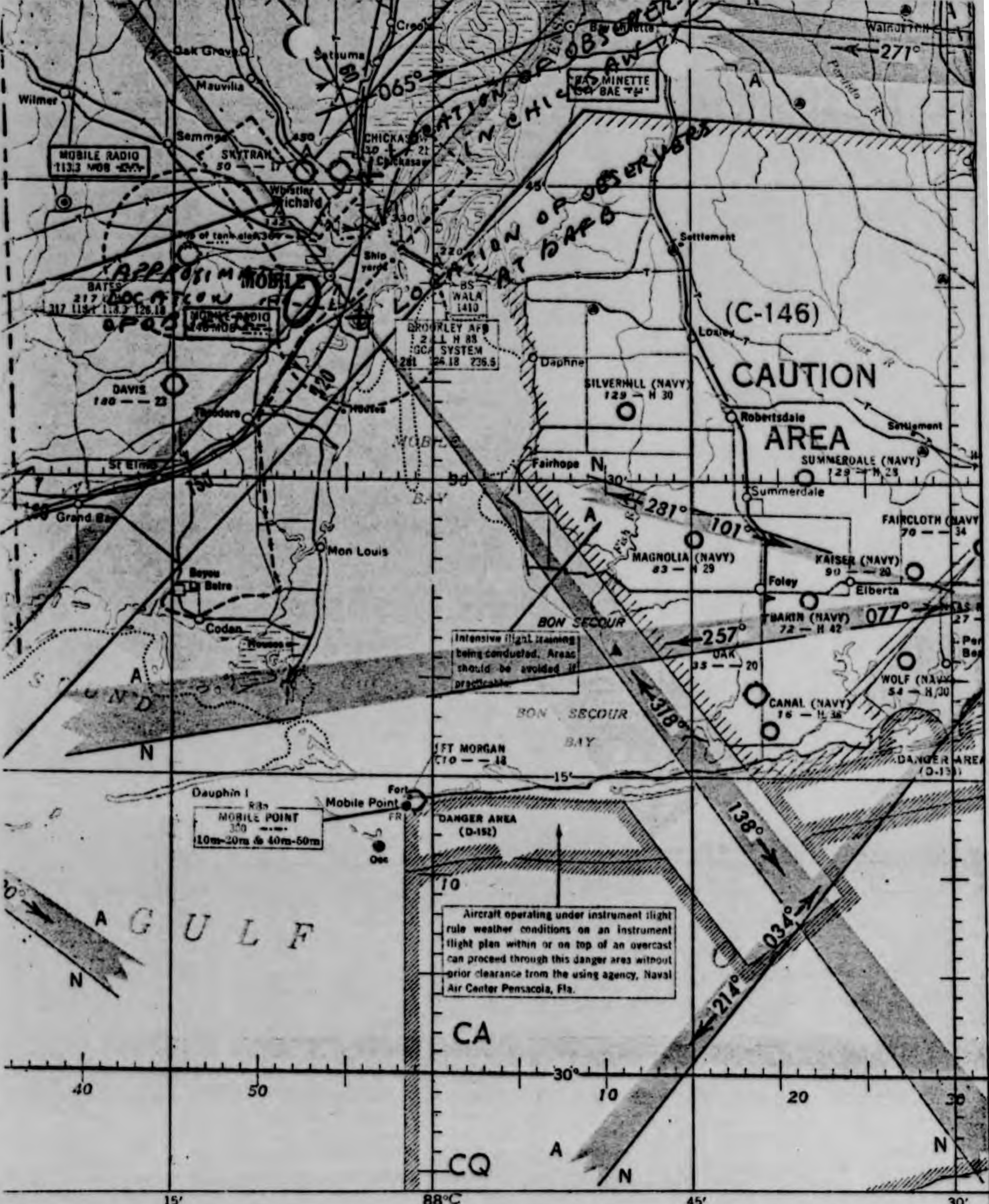
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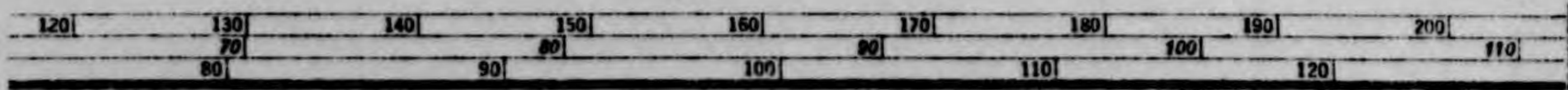
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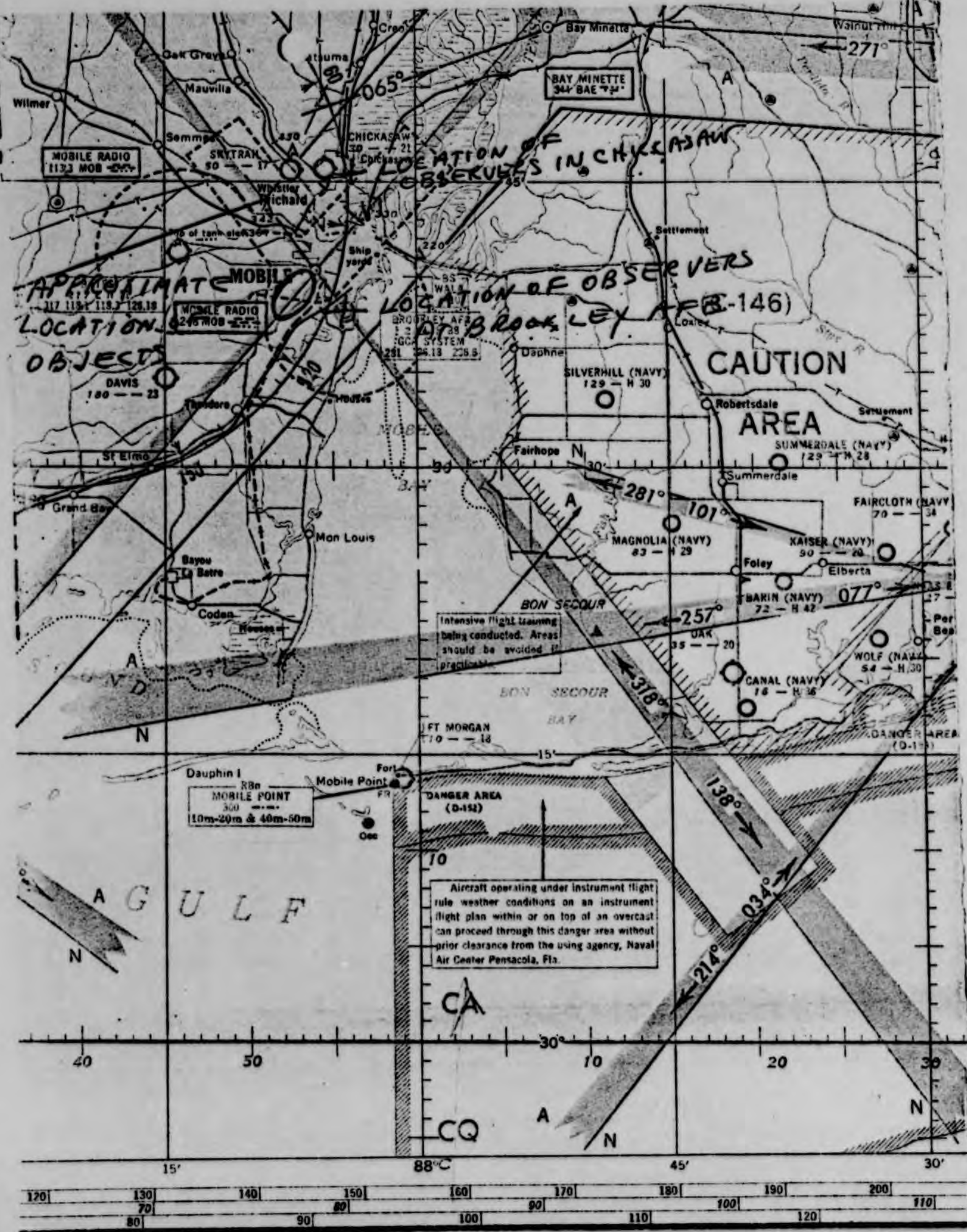
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They were about eight miles from him. He remarked that he was unable to distinguish any real identifying marks because of the distance. He corroborates the testimony of other witnesses in the starlight like flashing of the lights. He verifies the fact that the objects were at first stationary and flying as if drifting and later becoming stationary again. He did not observe them to disappear.

A/3C Edward O. Smith, 1919 AACS Squadron, (Statement attached), was on duty in the control tower on night of 28 August 1952. He observed an object in the northwest through binoculars. He stated that it was red in color, moving in zig zag maneuvers, appearing brighter than a star. It moved away to the south or south west, gradually fading.

A2/C Irl A. Whittaker, AF-14225045, 1919 AACS Squadron (Statement attached) noticed a reddish green object in the sky which had been called to his attention by the Officer of the Day. He was on duty on the night of 28 August 1952. A2/C Whittaker stated that he could only describe the lighting but could not estimate the size or shape.

S/Sgt Robert E. Calhins, AF-19232917, 1919 AACS Squadron, (Statement attached), was on duty on the night of 28 August 1952. He observed a light in the sky, but apparently paid little attention to it. He remarked that he had had similar reports when stationed in Alaska and had seen similar lights. He did not attach any significance to the lights and apparently is convinced that it is similar to a phenomenon observed in Alaska.

A2/C Charles T. Goetz, AF-11231832, 1919 AACS Squadron, (Statement attached), was also on duty on the night of 28 August 1952. He was asked to scan the north by the control tower, sometime after nine. After a little he reported a return on a bearing of 280 degrees and that it did not move. The shape was not to definite and he watched it for one half an hour. The main crew came out to turn on a larger set and did not pick up anything above ground clutter.

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] of [redacted], Chickasaw, Alabama both report (Statements attached) seeing some unusual lights in the sky on the night of 28 August 1952. They claim to have seen similar objects before. The lights they saw were unusual and larger than that given by a star. The light was described as similar to that given off by a diamond. No noise or engine sound was heard. No shape or size characteristics. The lights did blink; on one of the objects it flashed, and on some it was dim. The coloring changed from red to blue. Mr. Owens remarked that he saw one light that appeared like an explosion.

Mr. [redacted], also of [redacted], Chickasaw, Alabama reported that on the night of 28 August 1952 he also saw an unusual light in the sky (Statement attached). He reports an object looking like two balls of fire with a ray of light on top. He again reports the red and blue lights.

In summary it appears that witnesses have seen six objects on the night of 28 August 1952. One of the objects was apparently picked up by the radar of Brookley Air Force Base GCA. The light on the objects was brilliant changing from red to blue. Flying characteristics are described as remaining motionless, drifting, hopping or shooting. One observer reports a vertical descent and ascent. A map is attached showing general locality of the observers and the unusual flying objects.

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Reference your AF Form 112 concerning sightings of 6 unidentified flying objects 28 August 1952. 1) Contact Mobile radio and ascertain if anyone was flying the southwest leg of the Mobile beam at this time. Does log show unusual traffic? 2) Were the unknown objects seen below the cloud cover and did they ever pass through it? 3) Contact Brookley base weather for possibility of weather balloons from Pensacola (Eglin Area) drifting into area of sighting. 4) Desire following information on aircraft commander of B-29 #554A: name, rank, serial number, home station and organization.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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FLYOB RPT PD SHAPE AND SIZE IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE DUE TO DISTANCE AND NIGHT PD COLOR RANGED FROM FIERY RED TO BLUE SIMILIAR TO A DIAMOND COLOR PD NUMBER OF OBJECTS SIGHTED WAS SIX PD NO DEFINITE FORMATION WAS OBSERVED PD OBJECTS WERE SCATTERED OVER THE HORIZON PD TWO OBJECTS WERE LARGE AND FOUR REMAINING SMALL BY COMPARISON PD SIZE WAS DETERMINED BY DEGREE OF BRILLIANCY PD SMALL OBJECTS APPEARED SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN BRIGHT STARS OR PLANETS PD AERODYNAMIC FEATURES IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE PD NO TRAIL OF EXHAUST OBSERVED PD IMPOSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN PROPULSION SYSTEM PD SPEED RANGED FROM STATIONARY FOR A

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PERIOD OF FIFTEEN MINUTES TO A SLOW MOVEMENT ACROSS ARC OF HORIZON
FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE TO EIGHT MINUTES PD NO SOUND WAS HEARD PD
MANEUVERS BY ONE OF THE LARGER OBJECTS WAS AN APPARENT HOPPING MOTION
PD ONE OF THE SMALLER OBJECTS OBSERVED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE REMAINED IN
A STATIONARY POSITION FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES THEN MOVED
IN A THIRTY DEGREE ARC TO THE OBSERVERS AND DESCENDED VERTICALLY TO
HOVER AGAIN TO TREETOP LEVEL THEN TO ASCEND DIRECTLY AWAY FROM THE
OBSERVER PD TWO DISTINCT LIGHTS WERE OBSERVED ON ONE OBJECT PD LIGHTS
WERE RED AND GREEN AND IN A RELATIVE VERTICAL POSITION PD THE MANNER
OF DISAPPEARANCE OF THE TWO LARGER OBJECTS AND THE REMAINING THREE
SMALLER OBJECTS WAS A SUDDEN EXTINGUISHING OF THE EMITTED LIGHT PD
TIME OF SIGHTINGS WAS FROM TWENTY ONE THIRTY CENTRAL TO TWENTY TWO
FORTY FIVE CENTRAL PD MANNER OF OBSERVATION WAS VISUAL SURFACE PD ONE
SMALLER OBJECT WAS OBSERVED THROUGH BINOCULARS AND ONE ON THE RADAR
SCOPE OF GCA UNIT PD RADAR CONTACT WAS A WHITE OBJECT RETURN IN EDGE
OF GRAOUND RETURN PD NO AIRCRAFT WERE FLYING WITHIN POSSIBLE RANGE
OF THE OBJECTS AS VERIFIED BY GCA OPERATOR PD LOCATION OF THE OBSERVERS
WAS THREE ZERO DEGREES FOUR FIVE MINUTES THREE ZERO SECONDS NORTH
EIGHT EIGHT DEGREES ZERO FOUR MINUTES THREE ZERO SECONDS WEST CMA
CHICKASAW ALABAMA AND THREE ZERO DEGREES THREE EIGHT MINUTES ZERO ZERO

ONDS NORTH EIGHT EIGHT DEGREES ZERO FOUR MINUTES THREE ZERO SECONDS
T BROOKLEY AIR FORCE BASE ALA. OBSERVERS LISTED IN FIRST
ORDINATES OBSERVED THE OBJECTS IN THE SOUTH TO THE SOUTH WEST
UADRANT AT A RANGE OF SEVEN TO TEN MILES WITH AN ELEVATION OF UP TO
FORTY FIVE DEGREES PD OBSERVERS LISTED IN SECOND COORDINATES OBSERVED
THE OBJECT AT FIRST SIGHTING ON A BEARING OF TWO EIGHT ZERO DEGREES
WITH A RANGE OF FOUR MILES FROM GCA SITE ON BROOKLEY AIR FORCE BASE
WITH AN ELEVATION UP TO TWENTY DEGREES PD THE SIX UNIDENTIFIED
OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED BY THREE CIVILIAN RESIDENTS OF CHICKASAW CMA ALA
PD TWO OF THE OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED BY SPECIAL AGENT CHARLIES A ROBINSON
OF THE LOCAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS PD IN ADDITION TO THE
ABOVE ONE OF THE OBJECTS WAS OBSERVED BY CAPTAIN WILLIAM EDWARDS CMA
PILOT. CMA OFFICER OF THE DAY CMA THREE CONTROL TOWER OPERATORS AND ONE
OBSERVATION MADE ON GROUND CONTROL APPROACH BY QUALIFIED OPERATOR PD
SOURCES EVALUATED AS RELIABLE PD WEATHER WAS SIX TENTHS STRATA
CUMULOUS CLOUDS THREE TWO ZERO ZERO BASE WINDS FROM NINE ZERO DEGREES
TEN KNOTS AT TWENTY ONE THIRTY CENTRAL OBSERVATION PD OBSERVATION
FOR TWO TWO THREE ZERO CENTRAL WAS SAME CLOUD CONDITIONS AS ABOVE WITH
WINDS FROM ONE THREE FIVE DEGREES ONE FOUR KNOTS PD SIGHTINGS BASED
UPON PRESENT INFORMATION ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A RESULT OF
METEROLOGICAL CONDITIONS PD REQUEST WAS MADE OF TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT
COMMANDER TO OBSERVE ANY UNUSUAL INCIDENTS PD NO REPORTS
RECEIVED FROM AIRCRAFT HOWEVER TAKE OFF WAS ACCOMPLISHED AFTER
TERMINATION OF INCIDENT PD
SIGNED CAPT ROBERT J BURRIGHT GROUP INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
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