

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 Dec 52	2. LOCATION MIAMI, FLORIDA	12. CONCLUSIONS <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical (S/P) <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 24/0005EST GMT 23/0105Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Three Civilians	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1/2 hour	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE SW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF REPORTING	11. COMMENTS	
Pinpoint shaped bluish white light (bright) with a tint of amber color "three times as large as Venue". Moved at an estimated angular velocity of 40° per hour and disappeared behind horizon. Winds aloft are described in report.	1. This object moves approx 1 degree per 1 minute and might be the planet SIRIUS. 2. 30 min observation and relatively little movement plus disappearance below the horizon.	

Was Sirius in 1952

stated she was unable to give any estimate of the distance or altitude of the light from her, other than that "it was up in the sky", due west of her. As pointed out to the interviewing officer, the altitude would be approximately forty five (45) degrees in elevation above the horizon, and as mentioned above, she stated it did not move laterally, but at last viewing was approximately twenty five (25) degrees in elevation above the horizon.

- (5) Miss [redacted] stated she is twenty four (24) years old, but appeared to be older; and that she has a high school education and works as a telephone operator. She professed to be interested in phenomena such as "flying saucers" and reads about them as much as she can. She stated she is unable to distinguish between constellations or individual planets by name but that she is familiar with the location of stars or constellations during the course of the year. She believed the light she saw was "The Christmas Star" at first sight; this is the star that appears every Christmas, according to her, and which, she stated, she sees every year at Christmas time but at no other time. However, she later became convinced it was not this star nor an aircraft landing light. She has no aircraft observation or identification experience. She did not contact the newspapers because she fears anticipated public ridicule. Miss [redacted] appeared to this interviewer to be very impressionable, and the witnesses described her as very emotional. It is the opinion of this interviewer that her observation is of little or no value due to the surrounding circumstances. The impression is inescapable that a gay party with much confusion was going on in her apartment at the time and, although she herself might not have been unduly affected by the celebration, yet it was sufficient to prevent a normal unemotional and sustained objective observation.

- (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) See corresponding subparagraphs in the preceding section A.

C. No other statements were obtained from the observers other than that by Mr. [redacted] attached hereto because they pleaded business or social engagements which would prohibit their taking the necessary time. No maps are appended hereto since distances and altitudes given were so general.

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Wing Intelligence Officer

[REDACTED] /w/ Phone after 5 p.m.

About 8:05 p.m., I sighted what I took at first glance to be an exceptionally bright star in the western sky, slightly north of due west. I was just leaving my parents home in the Coconut Grove section of Miami after Christmas dinner.

About five or six minutes later, arriving at my own home at [REDACTED], Miami, I went into the house, came out again to get something out of the car. When I came out, my wife, who had stayed outside, said something about "That isn't any star, [REDACTED]"

I stood in the yard for a couple of minutes looking at the light and decided for myself that it wasn't a star. It was dropping faster than a star would drop and had moved from slightly north of west to slightly south of west. Its elevation at this time I estimated at about 30 degrees.

I took my camera out of the car and made a picture of the object, which is attached then continued to watch it. My wife went into the house to call one of her friends about the object. While she was on the phone, the light continued its slow drift southward and toward the skyline.

When it was about 20 degrees above the horizon--not the skyline--it suddenly became very dim, assuming a reddish hue much like an ember. Then it flared to about a third its previous brilliance and went out. This took place in only two or three seconds, there was no gradual dying out of the light. It was then about 8:20 p.m.

I continued watching for a couple of minutes then went in the house myself. Still curious about the object, I went outside again and moved around until I found the low spot in the skyline and again I saw the light, much dimmer and tinged with yellow this time. It had moved quite a bit farther south and was very close to the skyline, about 10 degrees above the horizon. In a few moments it went below the skyline entirely. The time then was 8:25/
[REDACTED]

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NO.

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FROM: (Originator)

CG ATIC

TO: CG 456TH TROOP CARRIER WING
MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MIAMI FLA

INFO:

DATE-TIME GROUP

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FOR:

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 BOOK MESSAGE ORIGINAL MESSAGE MULTIPLE ADDRESS

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 YES NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

17456-11-11-267

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FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-1-4-E FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Reference your FLYCRIPT B/456-WIN-11-267 of 27 Dec 52, ATIC requests that you obtain and forward photographs of unidentified flying object if possible. Assure source that his photographs will be returned promptly after evaluation has been completed. In reply cite Project Blue Book.

COORDINATION:

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT R.M. OLSSON/vs

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ROBERT E. HANCOCK, MAJOR, USAF
AIR ADJUTANT GENERALDD FORM 173
1 OCT 49REPLACES NME FORM 173, 1 MAY 48
WHICH MAY BE USED.

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HEADQUARTERS
456TH TROOP CARRIER WING (M)
MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Miami, Florida

WIN

19 January 1953

SUBJECT: Project Blue Book

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2C
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. In reference to message AFOIN ATIAA-1-4-E, 16/2231Z, from your Headquarters, the inclosed copy of this office's letter to the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, is provided for your information.

2. Inclosed herewith are the original negatives secured from Mr. [REDACTED], and additional copies of the contact prints made at this Headquarters from the photographs originally developed by him.

3. At the time of the latest contact with source, he and his wife stated that they had observed no similar phenomena since their reported observation, although they both have scanned the sky on frequent occasions since. Mr. [REDACTED] amended his original statement by informing the undersigned that his photographs had been overdeveloped 100% instead of 50% as he originally stated. He added further that his camera is an Argus C-3, not an Argus C-53.

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1. Ltr to Hq USAF,
19 Jan 53
2. Negatives, strip
3. Contact print A
4. Contact print B

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*Max: Look up the sighting and return to me for
[unclear]
[unclear]*

HEADQUARTERS
456TH TROOP CARRIER WING (M)
MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Miami, Florida

WIN

19 January 1953

SUBJECT: Flying Objects Report, 456th Troop Carrier Wing (M), dated
30 December 1952

THRU: Commanding General
Eighteenth Air Force
ATTN: Director of Intelligence
Donaldson Air Force Base
South Carolina

Commanding General
Tactical Air Command
ATTN: Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Langley Air Force Base
Virginia

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attention is invited to the inclosed copy of message, AFOTM-ATIAA-1-4-E, received in this Headquarters 17 January 1953.

2. It is believed that the photographs referred to in the inclosed message are the originals developed by the source himself. The photographs and contact prints of the same, made in this Headquarters, were inclosed with the pertinent Air Force Form 112 which was forwarded through channels to your Headquarters by letter of transmittal from this office, dated 30 December 1952. Copies of the contact prints were also inclosed with the information copy of the Form 112 forwarded to the Office of the Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center.

3. This office has secured the negatives of the photographs from the source and has forwarded them to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, this date, with an information copy of this letter.

4. At the time of the latest contact with source, he and his wife stated that they had observed no similar phenomena since their reported observation, although they both have scanned the sky on frequent occasions since. He amended his original statement by informing the undersigned that his photographs had been overdeveloped 100% instead of 50% as he originally stated. He added further that his camera is an Argus C-3, not an Argus C-53.

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By msg AFOTM-ATIAA-1-4-E

cc; CG, AFIC, ATTN: ATIAA-2C
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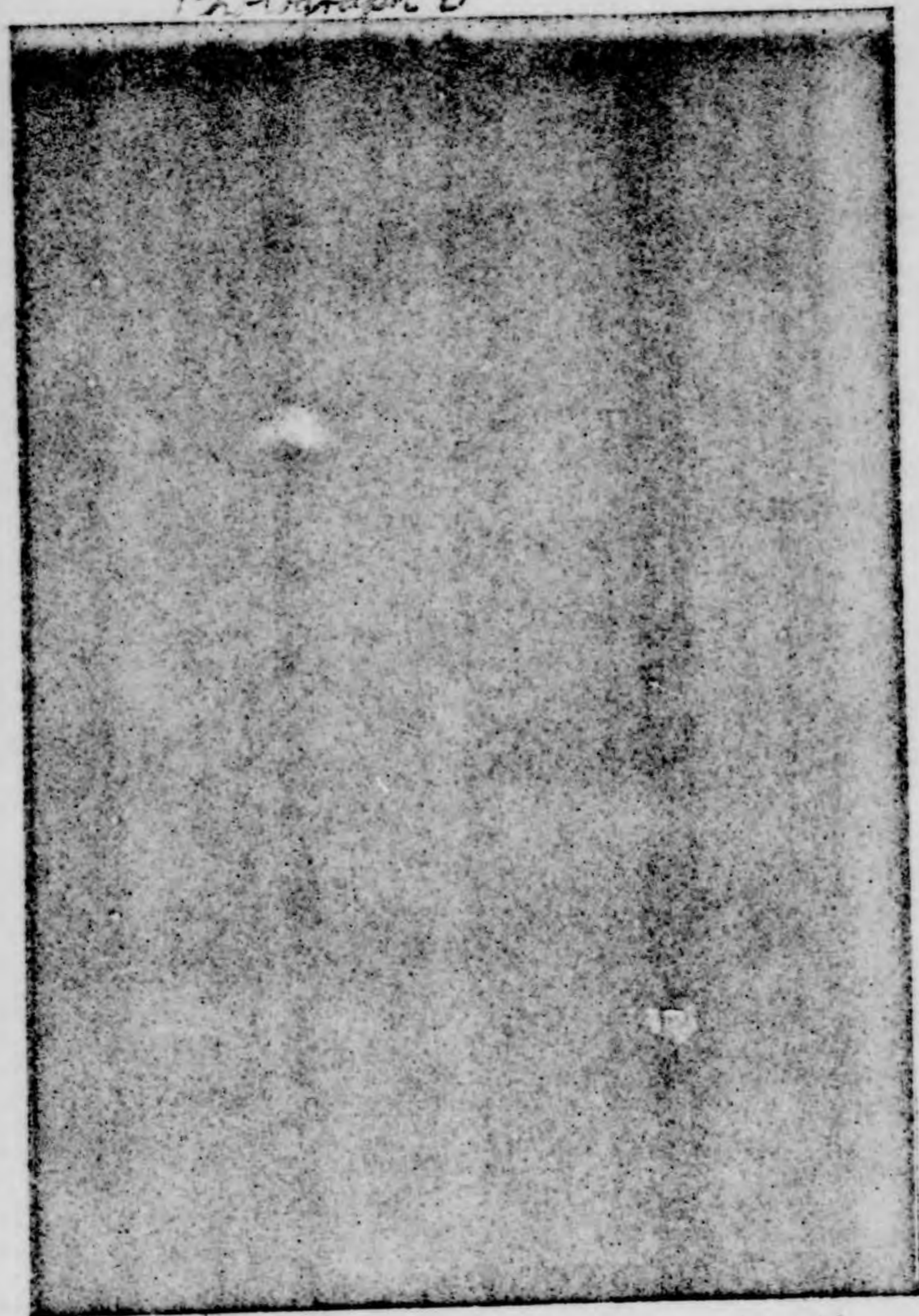
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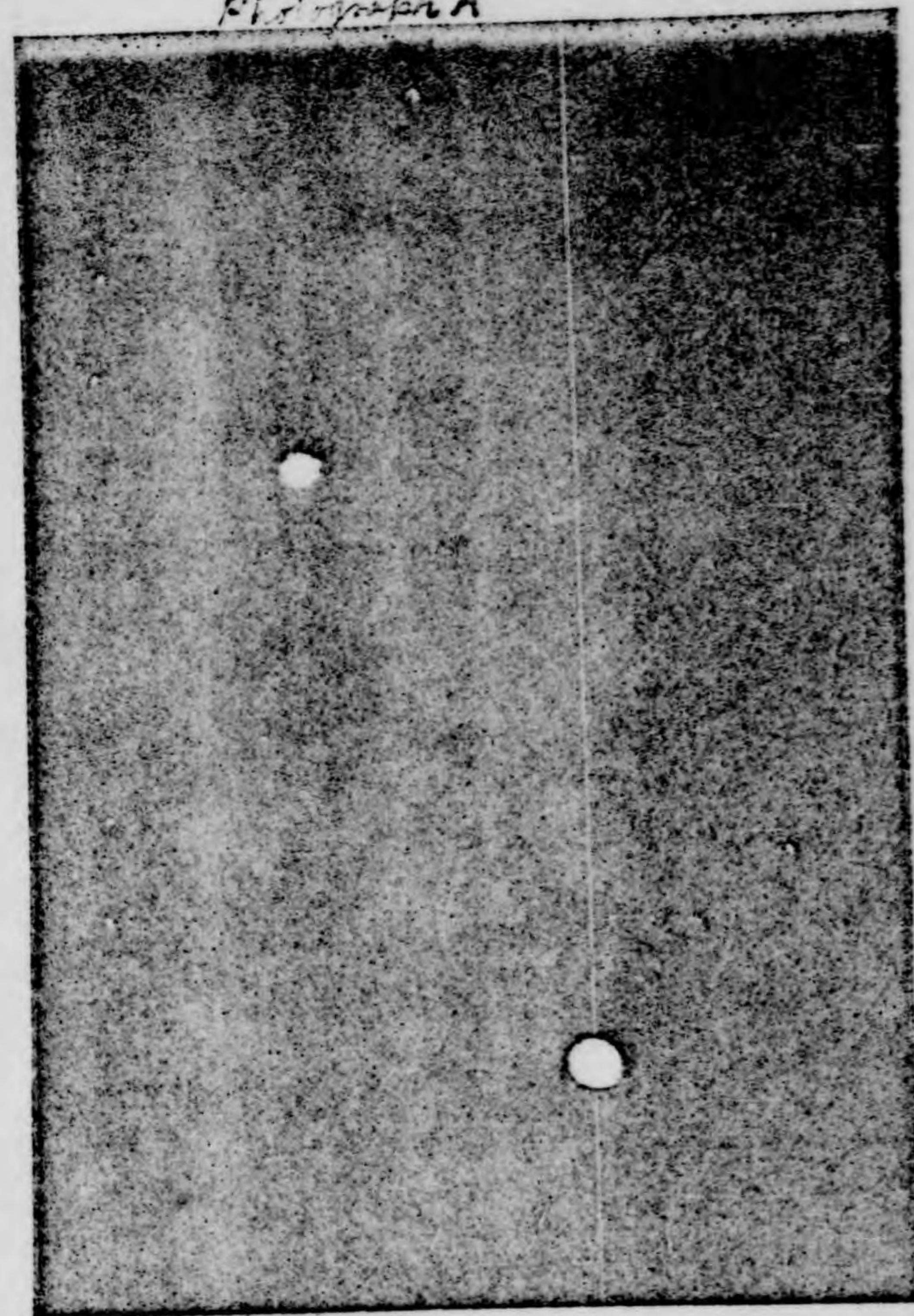
TWO (2) 35mm negatives
and TWO (2) prints (4 1/2" x 6").

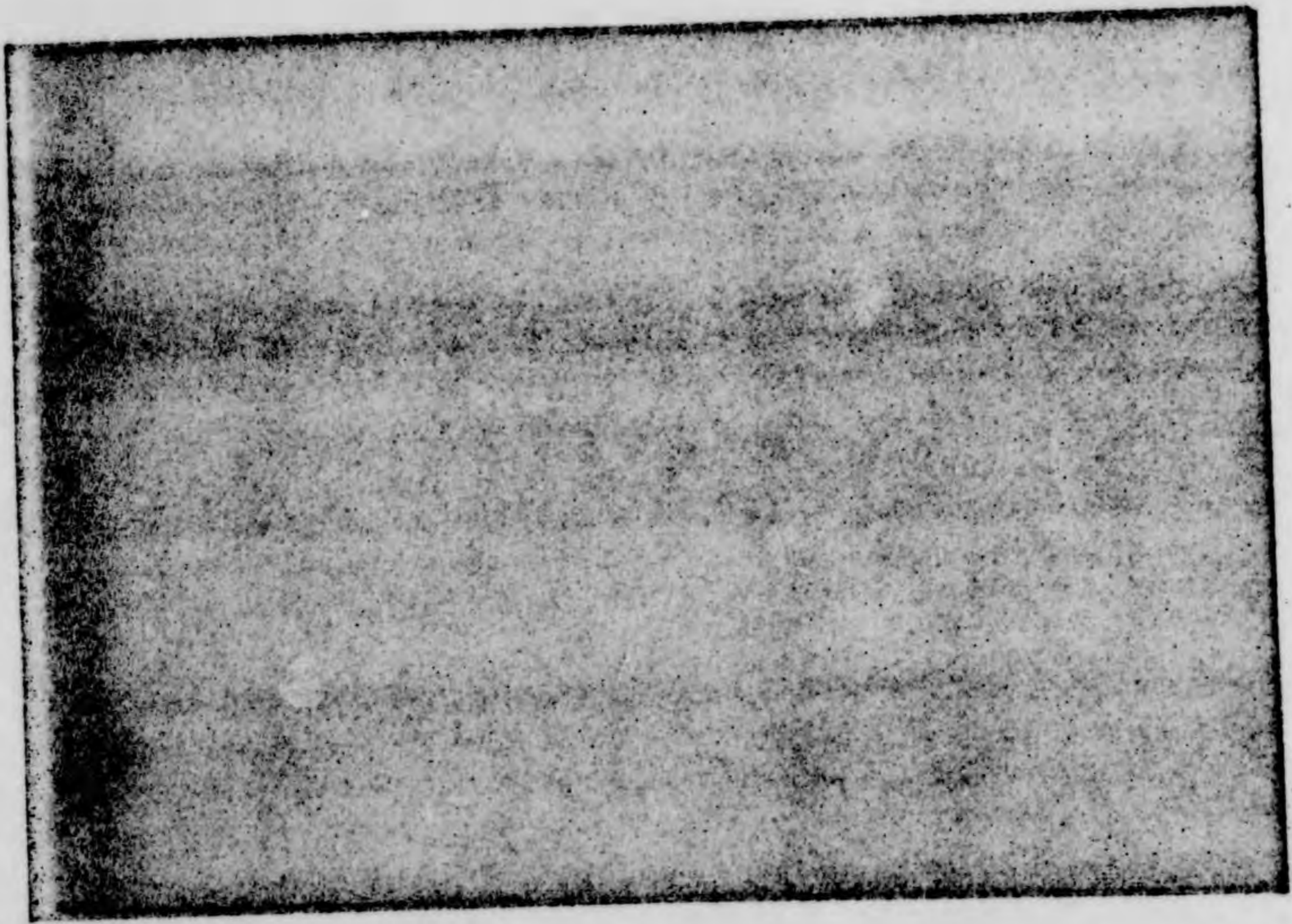
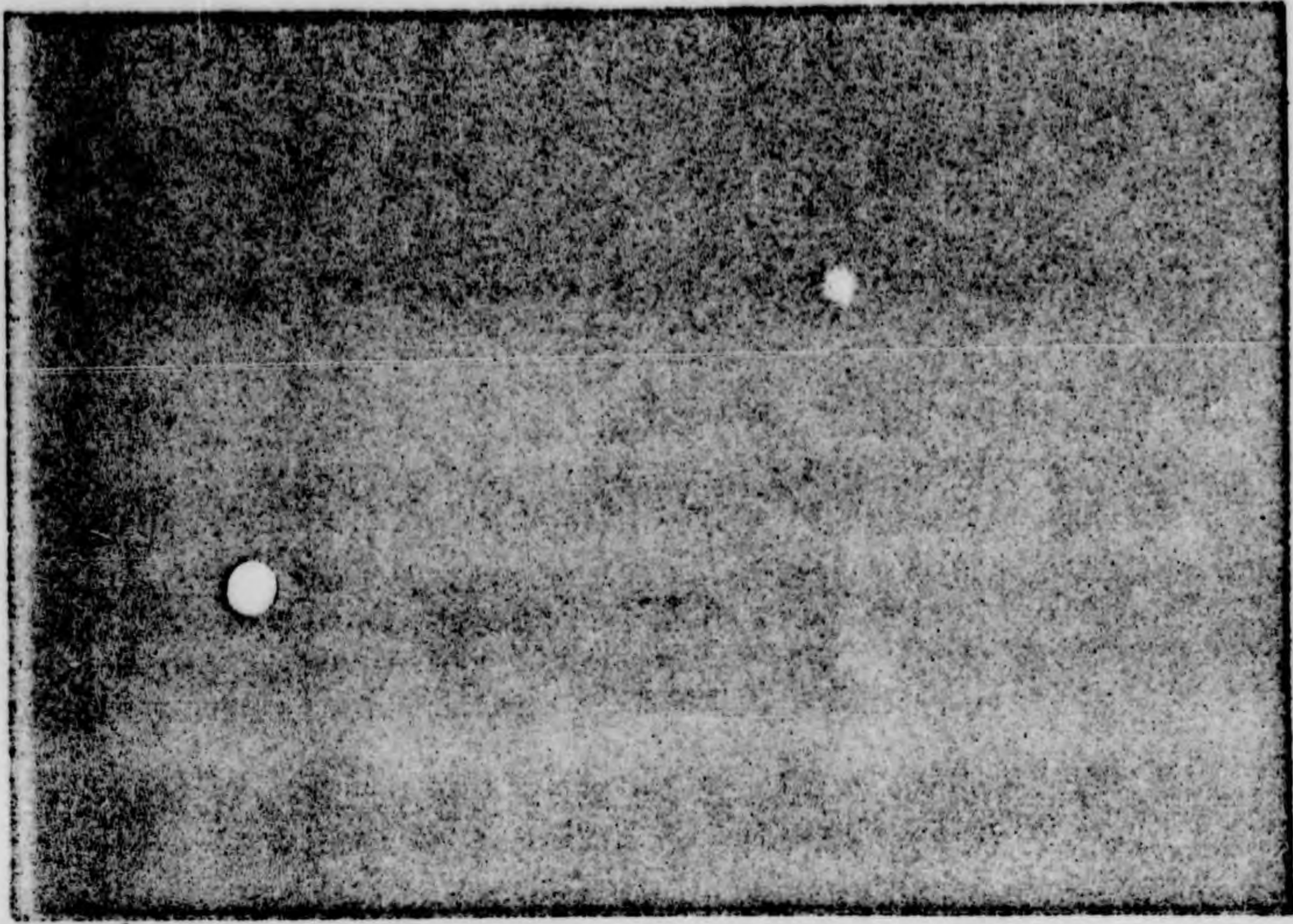
TOTAL OF FOUR (4) prints.

Photograph B



Photograph A





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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 25/2005EST GMT 26/0105Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civ. man and woman	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A very bright light was observed in the sky W of Miami, Florida. Object would disappear below the horizon, then reappear. Object seemed to be moving in a straight level path.		11. COMMENTS 1. Photos show the object's resemblance to a star.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

[REDACTED]

Miami, Florida, 27 Dec 52, ATIC Document 110734

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A civilian man and woman at about 2005 hours on the night of 27 Dec 52 observed a very bright light in the Western sky. The light was observed for about 1/2 hour during which time it moved from the NW corner to the SW and finally disappeared below the skyline. The civilian source phoned a few friends and they also confirmed the presence of an unusual white light.

ATIC Comment: Very probably this is another observation of the Planet Venus by inexperienced observers.

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JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO
JESGN/CG 18TH AF DONALDSON AFB SC
JEPLG/CG TAC LANGLEY AFB VA

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/ [REDACTED] D/456-WIN-12-267 ATTN: ATIAA-2C ATTN: DI FLYOBRPT
A/W PAR 7C AFL 200-5 PD INFORMATION BY SUB PARS FOLLOWS COLON (1)
PINPOINT SHAPE CMA QUOTE THREE TIMES AS LARGE AS VENUS AT BRIGHTEST
DASH AS BRIGHT AS AIRPLANE LANDING. LIGHT UNQUOTE PD BLUISH WHITE TO
AMBER PD ONE OBJECT PD AERODYNAMIC AND MECHANICAL FEATURES UNOBSERVABLE
PD SPEED DASH UNESTIMATED EXCEPT ANGULAR VELOCITY OF FORTY (40)
DEGREES PER HOUR PD NO SOUND PD NO MANEUVERS OTHER THAN VEERING TO
EITHER SIDE OF STRIAIGHT COURSE ON OCCASION PD DISAPPEARED BELOW
HORIZON LINE PD NO OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURE OBSERVED PD
SUBPARAGRAPH (2) TIME OF SIGHTING 25 1 5Z PD LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED

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40° per hr.
 20° per 1/2 hr.
 10° per 15 min
 5° per 7 1/2 min

2.5° per 3.7 min
 1.35° per 1.85 min

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DASH ONE HALF HOUR PD SUBPARAGRAPH (3) VISUALLY OBSERVED FROM SURFACE
 MAINLY BY NAKED EYE CMA OCCASIONALLY WITH SMALL OPERA GLASSES PD
 PHOTOGRAPHED PD SUBPARAGRAPH (4) LOCATION OF OBSERVER DASH 2545N
 88015E CMA SW MIAMI /PD LOCATION OF OBJECT DASH DISTANCE UNKNOWN CMA
 TRAVELING FROM NORTH OF WEST TO SOUTH OF WEST CMA ALTITUDE UNKNOWN
 CMA ESTIMATED THIRTY FIVE (35) DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON PD SUBPARAGRAPH
 (5) OBSERVERS DASH MR AND MRS [REDACTED] CMA MISS [REDACTED]

WIFE PD MR [REDACTED] EX MARINE 6 YRS SERVICE 32 YRS OLD PRESENTLY

JOURNALISH STUDENT UNIV OF MIAMI PD APPEARS MATURE INTELLIGENT.

UNEXCISED PD MADE NO MENTION TO PRESS CMA STATED INTENTION OF MAKING
 NONE RPT NONE PD WILLS NOT YET CONTRACTED PD SUBPARAGRAPH (6) WEATHER
 CAVU PD WINDS ALOFT 2200Z COLON 1200 FT 110 DEGREES 8 KNOTS CMA 3000
 FT 60 DEGREES 4 KNOTS CMA 5000 FT 230 DEGREES 15 KNOTS CMA 7000 FT
 230 DEGREES 12 KNOTS CMA 10000 FT 260 DEGREES 10 KNOTS CMA 12000
 FT 260 DEGREES 15 KNOTS CMA 16000 FT 260 DEGREES 30 KNOTS CMA 20000
 FT 260 DEGREES 25 KNOTS CMA 30000 FT 270 DEGREES 35 KNOTS PD WINDS
 ALOFT DASH 2300Z COLON 1000 FT 140 DEGREES 6 KNOTS CMA 3000 FT 40
 DEGREES 10 KNOTS CMA 5000 FT 360 DEGREES 15 KNOTS CMA 7000 FT 250
 DEGREES 5 KNOTS CMA 10000 FT 240 DEGREES 15 KNOTS CMA 12000 FT 250
 DEGREES 20 KNOTS CMA 16000 FT 250 DEGREES 30 KNOTS CMA 20000 FT 250

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DEGREES 30 KNOTS CMA 30000 FT 270 DEGREES 40 KNOTS PD SUBPARAGRAPH
(7) (E) (9) DASH NEGATIVE REPORT PD SUBPARAGRAPH (10) DASH OBSERVER
LIVES WITHIN TRAFFIC PATTERN MIAMI INTNTL AIRPORT PD WRITTEN REPORT
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HEADQUARTERS
456TH TROOP CARRIER WING (M)
MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Miami, Florida

WIN

30 December 1952

SUBJECT: Transmittal of AF Form 112

THRU: Commanding General
Eighteenth Air Force
ATTN: Director of Intelligence
Donaldson Air Force Base
Greenville, South Carolina

Commanding General
Tactical Air Command
ATTN: Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Forwarded in accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, is AF Form 112, Air Intelligence Information Report, Subject: Flying Objects Report, processed at this station on 30 December 1952.

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✓ Info cy to:
Chief, Air Technical Intelligence
Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2C, Wright
Patterson AFB, Ohio

Photos enclosed

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South East Florida - Miami

Wing Intelligence Section
455th Trp Carr Wg, MIA, Miami, Fla.

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1ST LT DONALD J TWOMBLY

Civilian Observers

AFL 200-5, 29 April 1952, FLYCBRPT

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Miami, Florida, observed a very bright light in the sky west of Miami at about 2005 hours on the night of 25 December 1952. The light was observed for about one half hour, at intervals, during which time it moved from the northwest quadrant to the southwest and finally disappeared below the skyline. Mrs. [REDACTED] telephoned a friend, Miss [REDACTED], at the latter's home, [REDACTED]. Miss Will stated she, too, had seen a light but wasn't sure it was the same as the White-shields had been observing. Miss [REDACTED]'s apartment was the scene of a party at the time and she stated all the guests were "pretty excited", consequently no very deliberate observation was made by anyone other than herself. Mr. [REDACTED] photographed the object.

This office has no comment on the significance of the report other than that the observers evidently saw a very bright light or lighted object which was not familiar to them.

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1. Statement, C [REDACTED]
2. Photograph A
3. Photograph B

2 cys - Director of Intelligence, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

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✓ 1 cy - Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AIIAA-2C,
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio (info)

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456th Troop Carrier Wing
HIA, Miami, Florida

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1. The following information is submitted in the order established in paragraph 7c, APL 200-5:

A. Observation by Whiteshields:

- (1) As observed by the Whiteshields, the subject light was shapeless, approximately "three times as large as Venus" when that planet is "at the peak of its brilliance" and was "as bright as an aircraft landing light". It was bluish-white when first observed, dimmed after about fifteen (15) minutes, taking on a reddish hue, then flared to its previous brilliance and disappeared. After about five minutes it was again observed, lower in the sky, with an amber tint which it retained till out of sight below the skyline. The observers were unable to distinguish any mechanical features. Mr. [REDACTED] would not venture an estimate of its speed on the grounds that he was not certain of its size nor of how distant it was from him; he did, however, state that the object's speed was enough to carry it through a traverse of forty (40) degrees in an hour. The observers heard no sound and noted no maneuvers other than a tendency to veer to either side of its straight course occasionally, and then to return to the previous path. In Whiteshield's words this was also described as a "tendency to drift". The object disappeared the first time, as stated above, by appearing to fade out or extinguish quickly. Its second disappearance was caused by its being obscured by the skyline. No other pertinent or unusual features were observed; however, it is worth remarking that when the undersigned interviewed the Whiteshields at their home and had them point out their lines of vision to the object, tall trees with heavily foliated branches stood in the lines of sight. Both the Whiteshields insisted they were able to make out the glaring light from the object even when it was greatly diffused by the leaves.
- (2) The subject light was first observed at approximately 2005 hours (0105Z). It first disappeared at approximately 2020 hours (0120Z). It was observed again at approximately 2024 hours (0124Z) and moved below the skyline and out of sight at approximately 2025 hours (0125Z).
- (3) The Whiteshields observed the object visually, using a pair of opera glasses only occasionally. They were standing on their screened-in porch or in the yard while observing the light. Mr. [REDACTED] took two pictures of the light using a 35 millimeter Argus C-53 camera with a fifty (50) millimeter lens and "Plus X" film. Both pictures were taken with no tripod or other mount for the camera. The inclosed photograph B was hand-held for five (5) seconds at a lens opening of f3.5. Mr. [REDACTED] is not certain whether the movement indicated in the picture was caused by the movement of the subject light or his person during the exposure. He developed the original films himself, overdeveloping them 50% in solution "D-76" using regular speed Varigam paper with a number ten (10) filter. The photographs were enlarged approximately ten (10) diameters. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he believes the second white spot in both photos was caused by

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some imperfection or foreign substance in the camera. He declined to part with the negatives at the time he was interviewed, stating he would do so only if it were absolutely imperative.

(4) The Whitshields observed the object mainly from their premises, [REDACTED] Miami, Florida, the geographical location of which is approximately 2545 N 08015 E. The exact location of the object cannot be identified by the Whitshields, other than its primary position in the northwest quadrant of the sky, from which it moved to the southwest quadrant. No estimate of distance could be obtained. It moved in a generally southern direction at an altitude which was not ascertained other than as being thirty (30) to thirty five (35) degrees above the horizon at first sight, approximately twenty (20) degrees in elevation at 2020 hours (0120Z), and finally, approximately ten (10) degrees above the horizon.

(5) Mr. [REDACTED] is thirty two (32) years old and is a veteran of six (6) years in the Marine Corps. He was in ground crews servicing Naval and Marine aircraft during his service and was an enlisted man. He is presently a student majoring in Journalism at the University of Miami and carrying a minor course of study in Geography. He has studied one semester each of astronomy and meteorology, and stated that he is very interested in astronomy. In connection with this he also stated that he is well acquainted with most of the constellations and is certain he was not confusing the light he observed with any constellation or star known to him, although at first glance he dismissed it as being Venus. He stated that he had not contacted the newspapers in connection with the incident and did not intend to since he fears possible adverse publicity and ridicule. He further stated that he believes the majority of people who report "flying saucers" do so out of a desire for publicity and/or are cranks. He appeared to be intelligent, mature, observant, well-read, and unexcitable. Both he and his wife were very cooperative at all times. Mrs. Whitshield appeared to be quiet and observant, but not as mature nor as unexcitable as her husband. She appeared to be about the same age. She works as a telephone operator.

(6) Weather and winds aloft at the exact time of the sighting were not available; however, the figures at 1700 hours (2200Z) and 2200 hours (0300Z) for winds aloft on 25 December 1952 were as follows:

Altitude - Feet	Direction - Degrees		Speed - Knots	
	1700	2200	1700	2200
1,000	110	150	3	3
3,000	60	10	4	10
5,000	280	360	15	15
7,000	230	250	10	0
10,000	250	210	10	15
12,000	260	250	15	20
16,000	260	250	30	30
20,000	260	250	25	30
30,000	270	270	35	40

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Wing Intelligence Section
456th Troop Carrier Wing
MIA, Miami, Florida

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Ceiling and visibility were unlimited at the time with scattered clouds, coverage about one tenth (1/10).

- (7) This office has been unable to discover information of any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. A check with installations or agencies in this area which release weather balloons reveals that no releases were made at the time in question, and that the time of the release most immediately prior to the sighting was at 1600 hours (2100); this was an unlighted balloon.
- (8) No physical evidence of the sighting is available other than the inclosed photographs, the copies ~~copies~~ of which were reproduced in this Headquarters from the prints developed by Mr. [REDACTED]
- (9) No interception or identification action was taken. Mr. [REDACTED] waited until he had developed his films before bringing them to the Base Operations Office at this station in the afternoon of 26 December 1952.
- (10) At the time of the sighting air traffic in the general area was constantly heavy in all quadrants due to the proximity of Miami International Airport.

B. Observation by [REDACTED]

- (1) Miss [REDACTED] stated in an interview with the undersigned, on 26 December 1952, that she had sighted a light in the western sky from her porch at [REDACTED] Miami, Florida, following a telephone call to her from Mrs. [REDACTED]. She stated that no shape was observable, the light was simply a bright glare which appeared to be larger than the moon, perspectivevely. It appeared to be bluish-white and hung stationary in the sky except for a slight oscillating movement from side to side when first observed. She then went inside her apartment and returned approximately ten minutes later, at which time the light had disappeared. She reentered the apartment and approximately fifteen minutes later went outside again; at this time, she stated the object was again visible at the same location laterally, i.e. due west, but much lower in elevation; it appeared to be much less bright and to have a yellowish glow, although it was of the same size. It again appeared to be oscillating. It appeared for a moment to move directly towards her, then to move back to its former position, after which it faded out very quickly. She was unable to observe any other features.
- (2) Time of the sighting was first at approximately 2015 hours (0115Z), the observation being for approximately five minutes. The next appearance was at approximately 2045 (0145Z) and lasted for approximately two minutes.
- (3) Observation was solely visual, from the surface, and no optical or other equipment was used.
- (4) Observer was located at the address given above, the geographical location of which is approximately 2547 N 08013 E. She

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