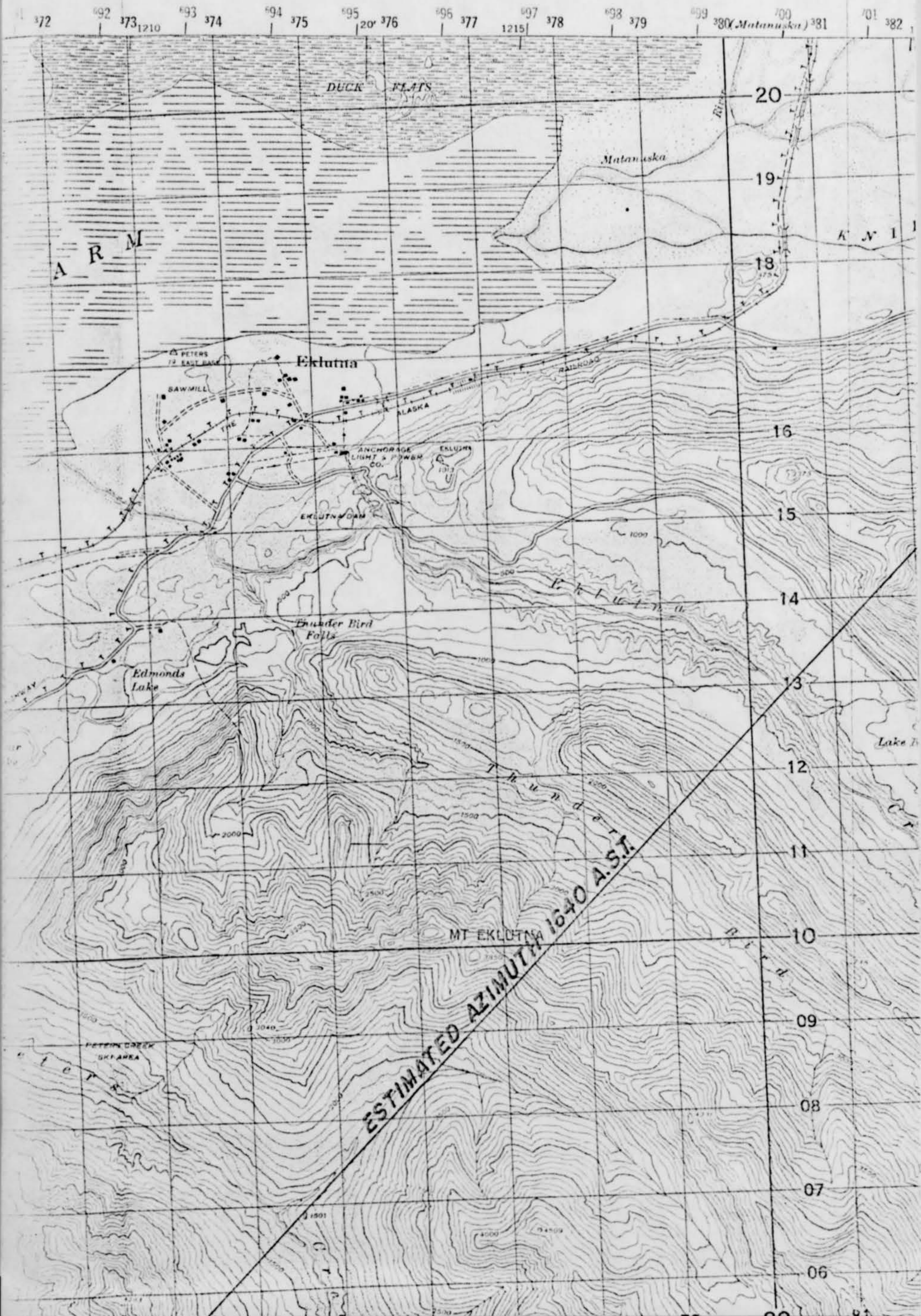


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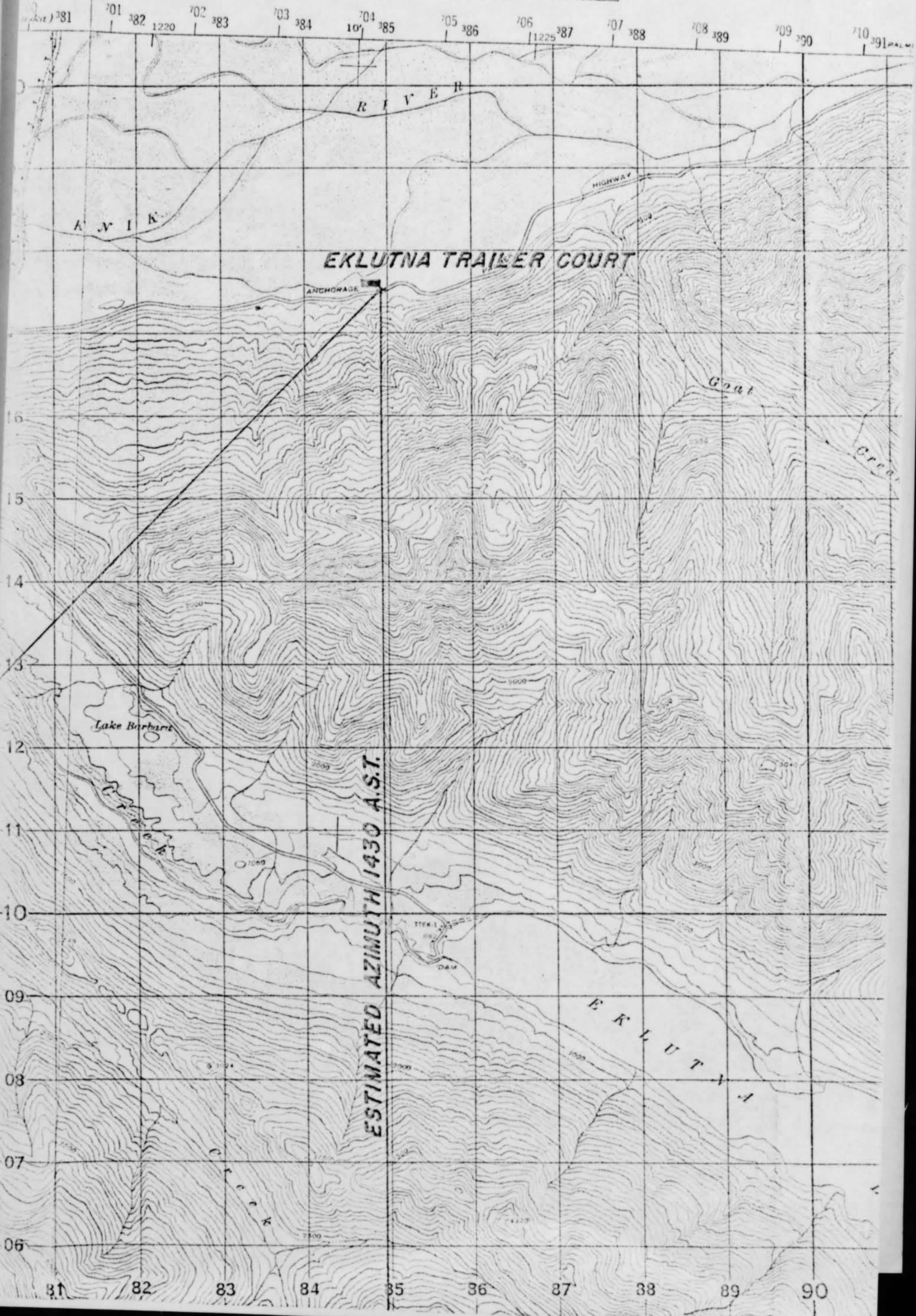
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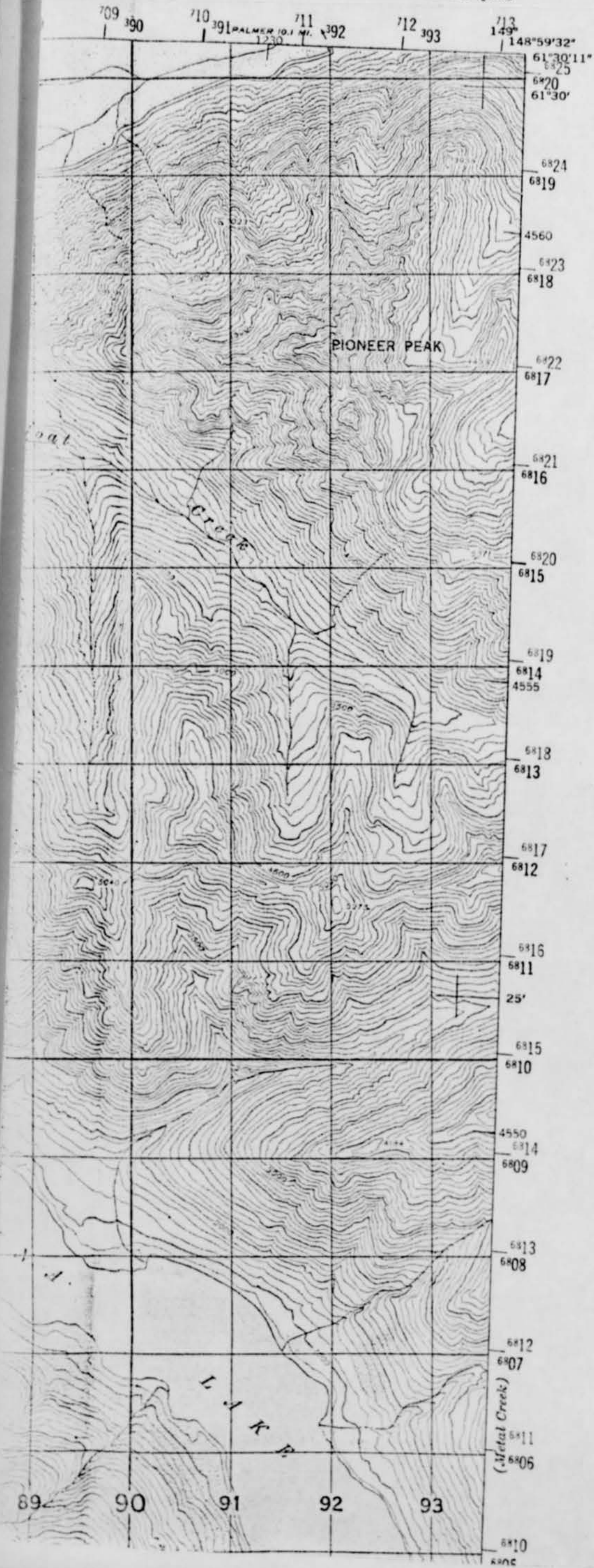
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OBJ X OBJ APPREARED TO MOVE UP AND DOWN VERY RAPIDLY X OBJ FINALLY
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DATE OF REPORT 29 January 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 22 January 1953	EVALUATION F-6
PREPARED BY (NAME) Capt. Winston E. Boutelle	SOURCE 5004th Air Intel Sv Sq	
REFERENCES (Cite report number, date, etc., previous report, etc., as applicable) AAC Mag AACID-4 1318 241800Z JAN 53		

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

Six (6) women report observing an unusual aerial object in the vicinity of Eklitna, Alaska (61 degrees 28' N - 149 degrees 10' W) on 23 January 1953. The sighting, a shiny, bright object described as twice the size of a star, was watched for approximately two (2) hours. It was first noted on an azimuth of 180 degrees with an elevation of approximately 30 degrees and had moved imperceptibly to approximately 225 degrees azimuth when it disappeared with no apparent change in elevation.

No weather or other type balloons were released in this area near the time of the sighting. The object could possibly be a celestial body such as Venus, which is located in that general sector of the sky.

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Mr. Harry Stiver, Circulation Manager, ANCHORAGE DAILY TIMES, notified the 5004th Air Intelligence Service Squadron that six (6) women had observed an unusual object in the sky near Eklutna, Alaska, on 22 January 1953. Mr. Stiver interviewed two (2) of the observers and wrote an article which appeared in the January 23 edition of the ANCHORAGE DAILY TIMES. A copy of this article is included at the end of this report.

The following account of the sighting is prepared from notes made by investigating officers of the 5004th Air Intelligence Service Squadron, who interviewed five (5) of the observers:

At approximately 1440 AST, 22 January 1953, Mrs. [REDACTED] who lives in the Eklutna Trailer Court (61 degrees 28' N - 149 degrees 10' W), stated that she saw an unusual bright object in the sky south of her position. The object appeared to be twice the size of a star, angular rather than round in shape, and the color of aluminum in bright sunlight.

She quickly called her neighbors, Mrs. [REDACTED] and her adult daughter, a neighbor woman, [REDACTED] (last name unknown), and two other women visiting from Anchorage, Mrs. [REDACTED], Anchorage, and Mrs. [REDACTED], Drive, Grandview Gardens, Anchorage. All six (6) women saw the object and continued to watch it for the next two (2) hours or more. When viewed through a pair of binoculars (8 x 25 Featherweight Deauville France), the object appeared round in shape. It was first noted due south of the trailer court, above and in line with two (2) peaks of the Chuyach Range. Its elevation was estimated at 30 degrees. At the time of disappearance some two (2) hours later, it had moved imperceptibly around to the west to an approximate azimuth of 225 degrees. The elevation of the object remained approximately 30 degrees.

As twilight approached, the observers stated that the object appeared to get smaller and after looking away from it for a few minutes, they were unable to re-locate it.

Although the newspaper article indicated unusual up and down movement, close interrogation has tended to rule this out. The investigating officers received conflicting evidence as to movement and believe that use of the binoculars may have created the impression of movement.

There was no sound, trail or exhaust associated with the sighting. However, the women report a vapor-like substance was noted near the object.

Shortly after first sighting the object, which appeared to have been approximately 5 degrees elevation above the two peaks, an unidentified black object was reported to have flashed between the two peaks. This object was reportedly seen for only a very short period (1 to 4 seconds). In the opinion of the investigating officers, this object had no relation to the original object and may have been a raven or some other bird which is numerous in that area.

The women had a camera but did not attempt to photograph the object due to its small size and lack of contrast.

Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] returned to Anchorage the same evening and reported their story to Mr. [REDACTED]. No other reports of this sighting have been received as a result of the TIMES article. The observers from the Eklutna Trailer Park

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state that although they looked for the object the following day with similar weather conditions, they did not see it again.

Mrs. [redacted] made sketches of the object as follows:

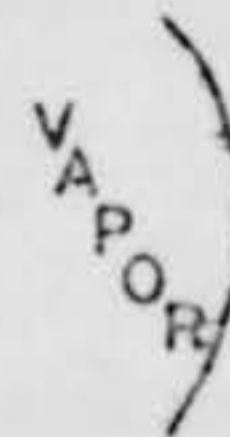
AT FIRST



LATER



FINALLY



COLOR: BRIGHT ALUMINUM

COLOR: BLUE-YELLOW

COLOR: RED-YELLOW

The observers state that the weather during the sighting was clear with unrestricted visibility. The following weather sequences were reported from Elmendorf (EDF) and Talkeetna (TKA 62 degrees 19' N - 150 degrees 04' W) at the times indicated:

230030Z (221430 AST)
 EDF 70 @ 20 031/11/-11 NNW 7 1959 11141 99990 11121
 TKA E60 @ 80 @ 20 020/8/2 SSW 5 1956 BINOV 98519

230130Z (221530 AST)
 EDF 70 @ 20 037/9/-8 NW 7 1962 11131 99990 11131
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230230Z (221630 AST)
 EDF 70 @ 20 054/8/-9 NNW 7 1966 11121 99990 11141
 TKA 60 @ E 90 @ 15 044/1/-2 M

Following are winds aloft recorded at Anchorage:

221500Z (220500 AST)	23030Z (221700 AST)
1000' 040/20K	1000' 040/10K
5000' 000/20K -12 degrees C	5000' 330/15K -13 degrees C
10000' 200/20K -18 degrees C	10000' 240/10K -18 degrees C
20000' 200/30K -34 degrees C	20000' 240/25K -36 degrees C
25000' 210/35K -46 degrees C	25000' 240/35K -45 degrees C
35000' 210/35K -56 degrees C	30000' 250/50K -57 degrees C

22 January 1953 Sunrise 0843 Sunset 1540

Comments of preparing Officer: Agencies normally releasing weather balloons in the area were contacted and only Merrill Field, Anchorage, released balloons at the times indicated above for winds aloft. No unusual radar returns were reported during the period of the sighting. The Navigation Section, AIC, states that the sighting correlates closely with the planet, Venus, which is in that general sector of the sky in 2nd magnitude. However, it is noted the object was not seen again on the following day with similar weather conditions.

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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES APPEARED IN THE 23 JANUARY 1953 EDITION OF THE ANCHORAGE DAILY TIMES:

STRANGE FLYING OBJECTS SIGHTED NEAR EKLITNA

SIX WOMEN SEE MOVING OBJECTS OVER MOUNTAIN

A mysterious round-shaped illuminated object, twice the size of a star and unlike any aircraft ever seen, was sighted early yesterday afternoon hovering over the top of a mountain near the Eklitna tunnel.

Two Anchorage women today vividly described the weird sensation of witnessing along with four other women the strange phenomena of what may have been a flying "saucer."

The women watched the object for about two hours from the Eklitna trailer court at Eklitna project. The object accelerating in first one direction and then in another, gradually moved to higher altitude or just faded from sight.

Military authorities were notified this morning.

Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted], 1915 [redacted] Drive, Franklin Junction, both declared that the object had none of the flight characteristics of any conventional aircraft. It appeared larger than a B-5 or D-4 and made no noise.

The round-shaped light object was only part of the performance, the Anchorage women related. Shortly after it was first sighted by Mrs. [redacted] and her sister, Mrs. [redacted], another "saucer," black in color, flew below it.

Traveling at a speed faster than any jet the women have ever seen, the black "saucer" soared through a mountain pass and disappeared. It was not seen again during the two hours the ladies spent observing the other object.

The Anchorage residents were visiting Mrs. [redacted] sister, Mrs. [redacted] and her mother, Mrs. [redacted] at the trailer court at Eklitna.

Mrs. [redacted] and [redacted] a neighbor lady, whose last name was not remembered by Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] also observed the "saucers."

The light object, which had the appearance of an aluminum weather kite, was spotted at 2:40 p.m. yesterday. Mrs. [redacted] ran immediately in her mother's trailer to tell them to look at the revolving disc.

With a pair of binoculars, Mrs. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] returned to the Todd trailer to check their observations. A magnified view gave the object a round shape.

A vapor-like substance was noted under the "saucer." It appeared to change colors, from a blue-yellow effect to red-yellow, the women continued.

The Alutians watched amazed as the "saucer" accelerated up and down very rapidly. Mrs. Todd said she saw it zoom straight up, level off and then acquire a stationary position.

Finally it moved to the right and either gained too much altitude to be seen or it just disappeared, Mrs. Hoedel declared.

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Both Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] have been in the territory for over seven years.

"We've seen jets and other fast moving aircraft and helicopters, and we know that this was something entirely different," they emphasized.

Comments of Preparing Officer continued:

Investigating Officers state that the women observers, whose ages ranged from 24 to 45, seemed mature and level-headed. None had ever seen or reported any other unusual sightings before. All the observers agreed generally in their description of the object since they watched it together and exchanged comments and opinions during the sighting.

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