

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1. 24/0130Z 23 Feb 53 2. 24/0155Z	2. LOCATION 1. Easton, Maine 2. Westfield, Maine
3. SOURCE Multiple (Civilian)	10. CONCLUSION ASTRONOMICAL: VENUS
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. 3-4 min 2. 15 min	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS 1. Dark red obj, circular in shape, traveled on a West course disappearing below a hill. 2. Circular bright white object changing to bright red for brief periods traveled in a North direction.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE 1. West 2. North	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. F30-T-5	(LEAVE BLANK)
SUBJECT SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED LIGHT ^{27/207}		
AREA REPORTED ON EASTON CENTER COMMUNITY, ME (N46°37' W67°47')	FROM (Agency) FLIGHT 3-G, 4602d AISS, PIAFB	
DATE OF REPORT 4 March 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 2 March 1953	EVALUATION F-0
PREPARED BY (Officer) JOHN F. FARNHAM 1/LT., USAF	SOURCE Mrs H [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Report # F30-T-4 dated 27 February 1953		

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.)

I. CONTENTS:

Report # F30-T-5A Sighting of Unidentified Light

II. PREAMBLE:

This report contains information pertaining to sighting of an unidentified light in the vicinity of EASTON CENTER COMMUNITY, MAINE (N46° 37' W67°47'), by one (1) civilian resident of that community.

III. TECHNICAL INVESTIGATORS:

M/Sgt. Willis B. Minor
T/Sgt. Frank E. Masowski

JOHN F. FARNHAM
1/LT., USAF
OIC, FLIGHT 3-G

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F3G 4602A AISS, PIAPB
PRESQUE ISLE, MAINE

REPORT NO.

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STATEMENT

Between 2030 hours and 2130 hours, either 23 February 1953, or 24 February 1953, as I was about to retire for the evening. (I do not remember the exact date) I observed an unusual light from the west window of my bedroom. My bedroom is located on the first floor in the northwest corner of my home. The light was first observed as I was about to close the venetian blind in the window and it appeared above the crest of the hill west of my home. There are two (2) houses located on the crest of the hill, both two (2) story, and the light was between these houses about mid-way from the ground to the roof of the houses. The direction at this point would be slightly Northwest from my home.

When I first observed this light, it appeared to be circular in shape, four (4) or five (5) times larger than any star visible at that time. The light was dark red in color and it seemed to lose some of its intensity in brightness before it disappeared below the crest of the hill. It was not possible for me to determine whether the light was traveling West and therefore disappeared below the crest of the hill, or if it were losing altitude and disappeared behind the crest of the hill. I had the distinct impression that the light veered slightly toward the South before it disappeared. I judge the total time I watched this light to be three (3) to four (4) minutes. The sky at this time was very clear, the stars were out and the wind was slight. I would definitely say that this light was not a star.

I would like to state that I have lived in this same home for twenty (20) years and at no time is it possible to observe the situation lights on "Quaggy Joe", (a nearby mountain) or any of the other lights at Presque Isle Air Force Base, from this particular point.

I dismissed the importance of this light from my mind until my daughter returned home from the city of Presque Isle the following week-end and told me about a certain Mrs. Cambridge, who works in the same office with my daughter, who reported the appearance of a strange light in the sky on the night of 23 February 1953. I immediately assumed it must have been the very same light which I had observed, but, at no time have I discussed the subject with Mrs. [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Maine

Enclosure # 1

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SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED LIGHT

VII: RELATED ACTIVITY OR CONDITIONS:

No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting was reported in the area. However, a similar object was reported during these hours on 23 Feb 53 by Mr and Mrs [REDACTED]
(See report # F3G-T-5A dated 27 Feb 53.)

VIII. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

No physical evidence pertaining to the sighting was secured during the investigation.

IX. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION:

None.

X. LOCATION OF AIR SERVICE:

No aircraft reported in the general area of the incident by PLAFB control Tower on 23 Feb 53, 24 Feb 53 during the time of this sighting.

JOHN F. FARNHAM
1/LT., USAF
OIC, FLIGHT 3-6

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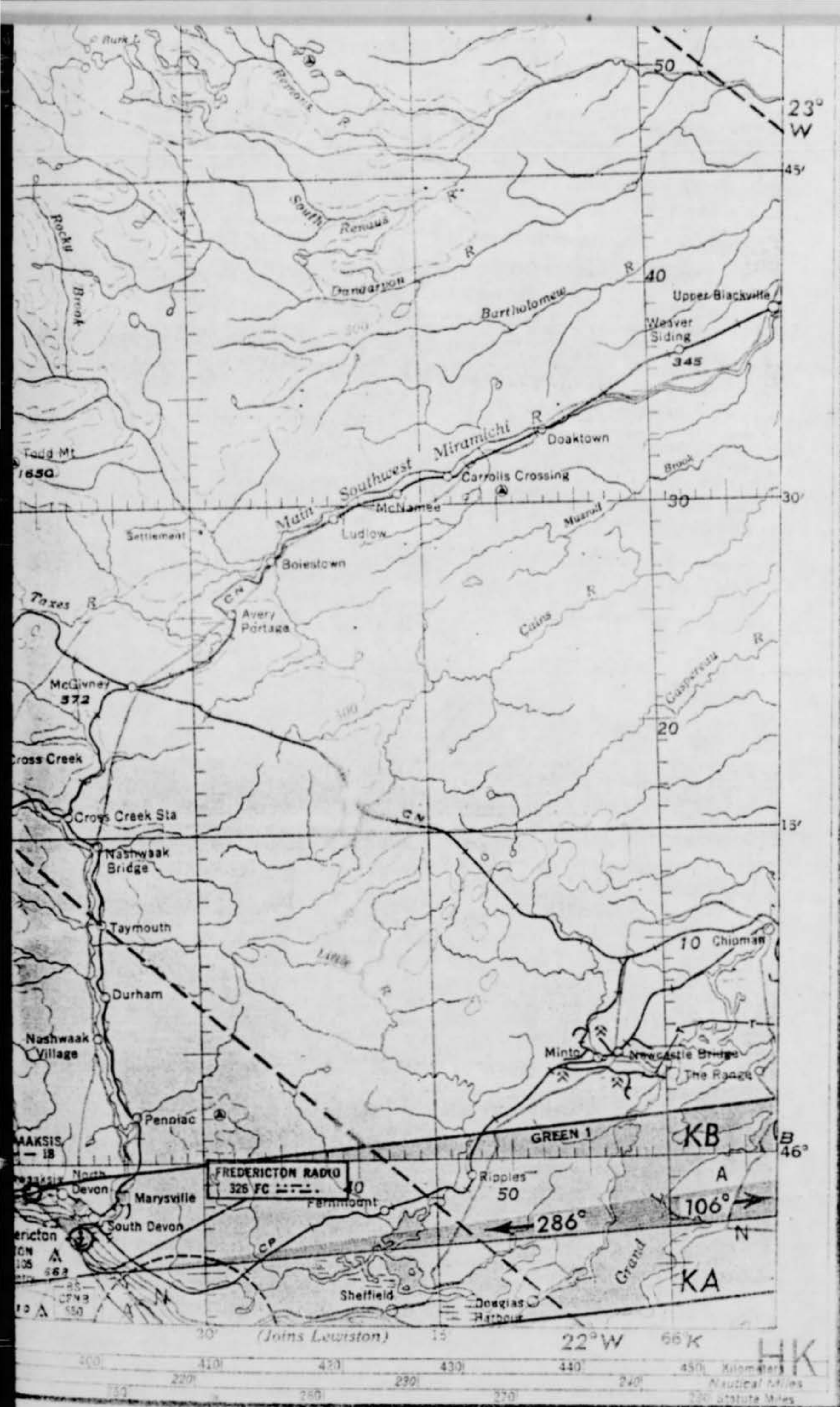
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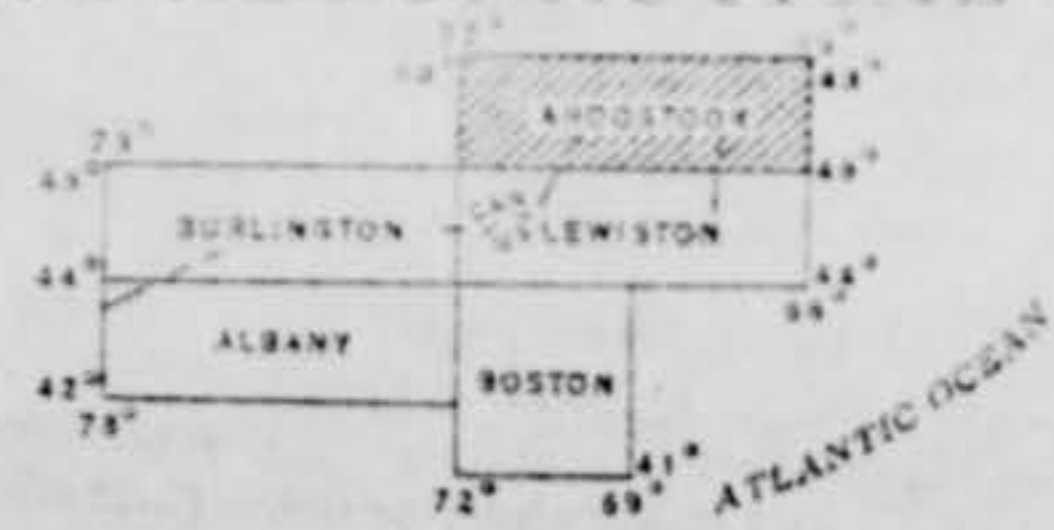
A - Location of Observer

B - Location of Hill and Two Houses



AROOSTOOK (X-10)
SECTIONAL AERONAUTICAL CHART

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CRUISING ALTITUDES

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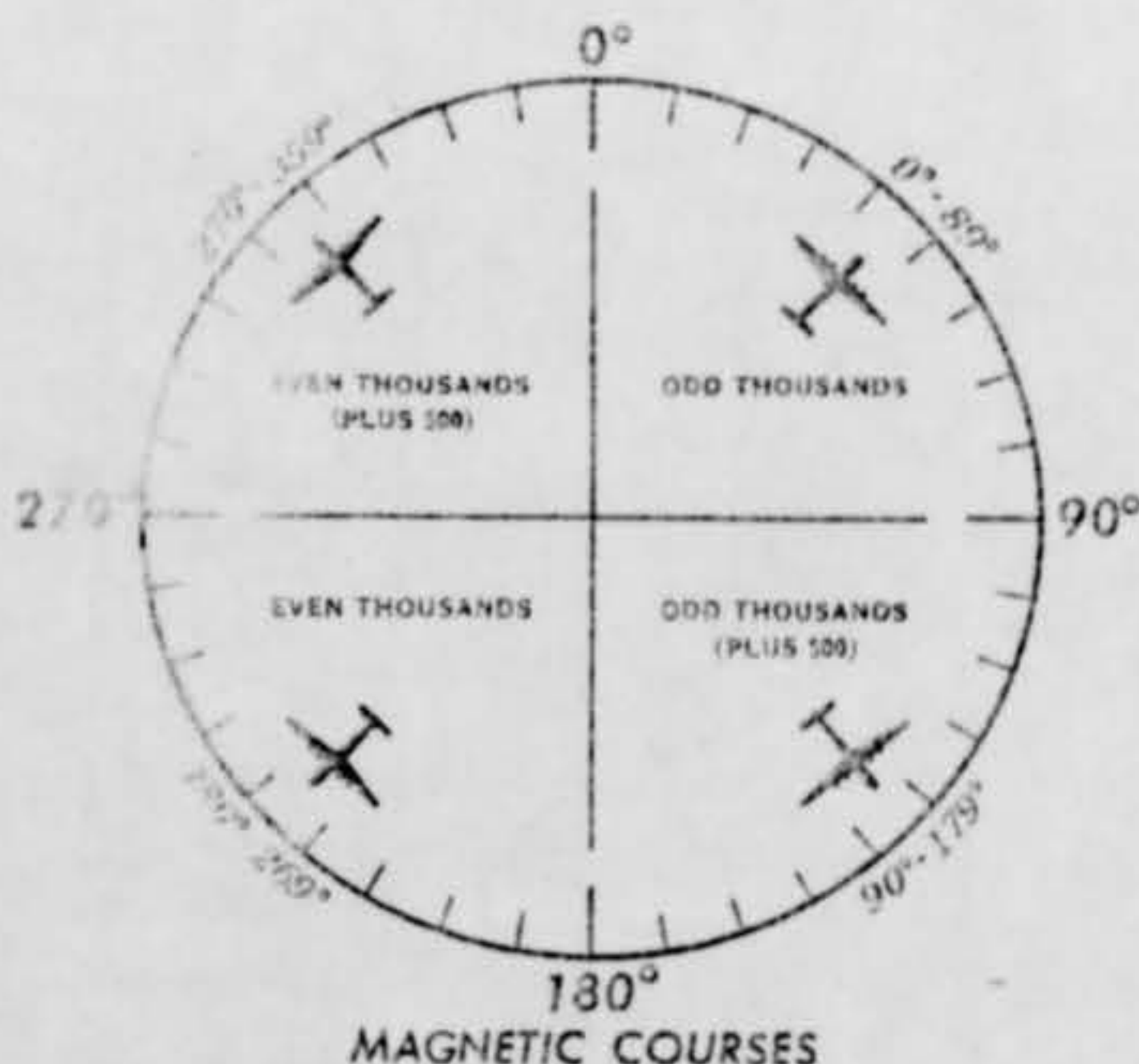
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The following rules will apply on segments where color airways and VOR airways overlap:

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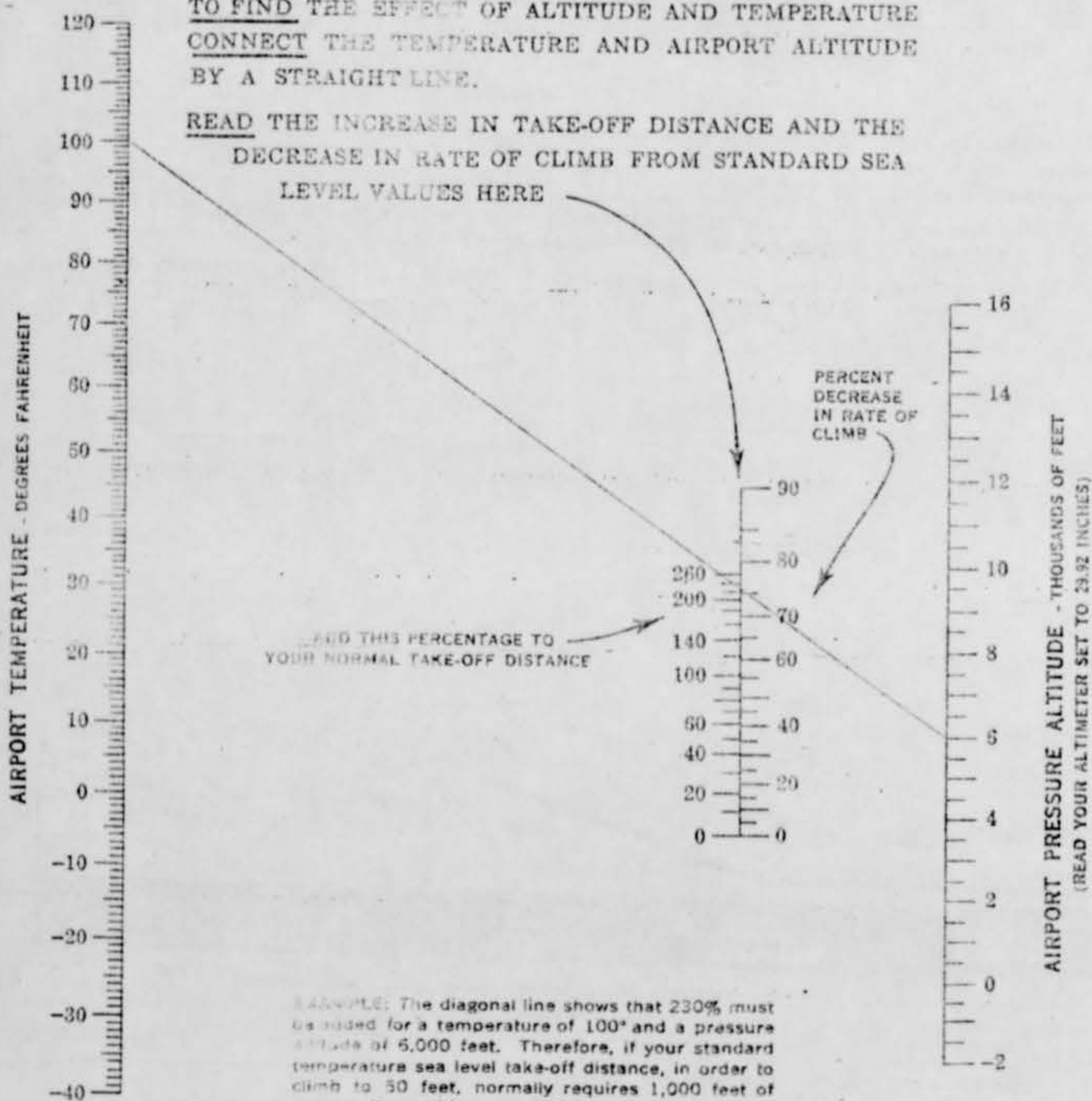
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LOSS OF AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE DURING HOT WEATHER

Thin Air Reduces Lift. You get thin air at high altitudes and in hot weather. The hotter the temperature, the thinner the air.

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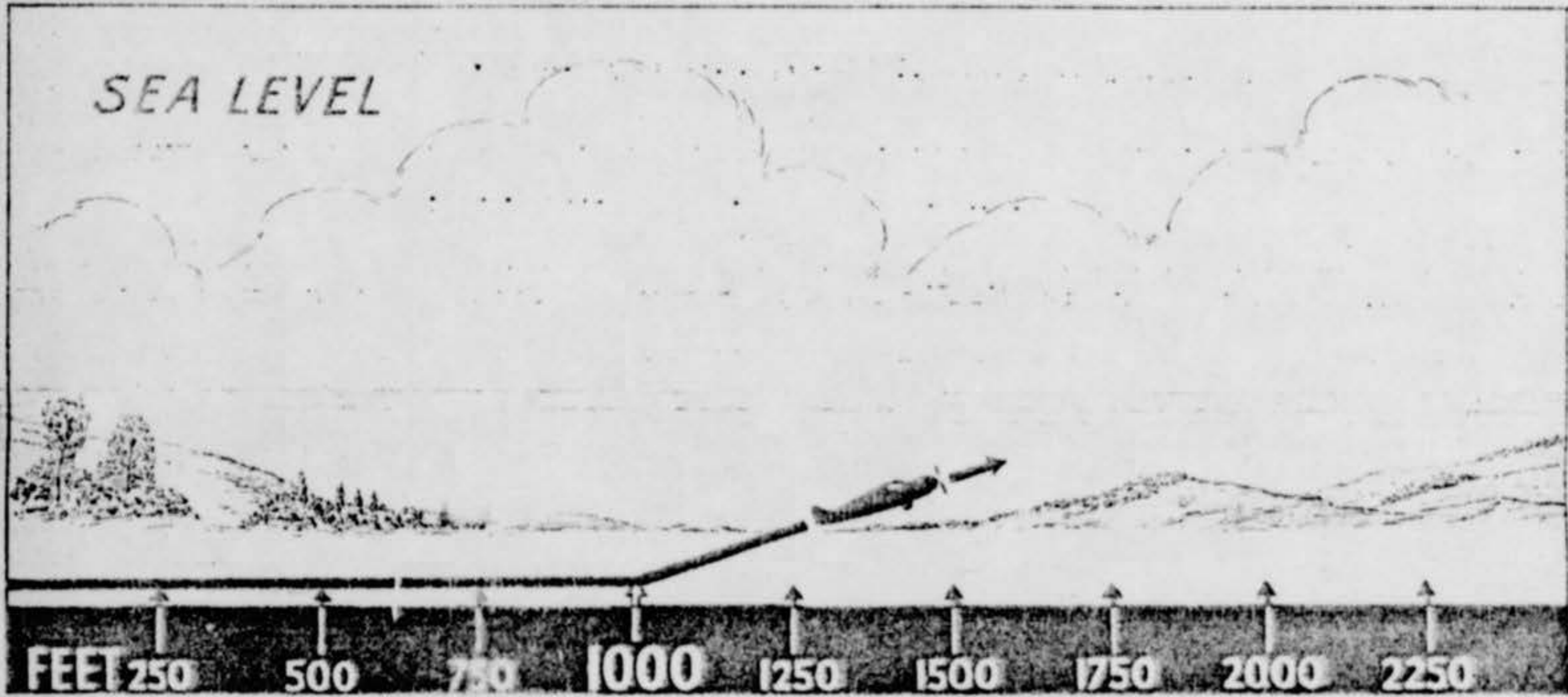
Do you realize that Brees Airport at Laramie, Wyoming, at 7273 feet above sea level, can be above the safe operational altitude of your aircraft during hot weather?

Note: The effective elevation of Brees Airport at 86°F, for example, is 10,250 feet—Caution!

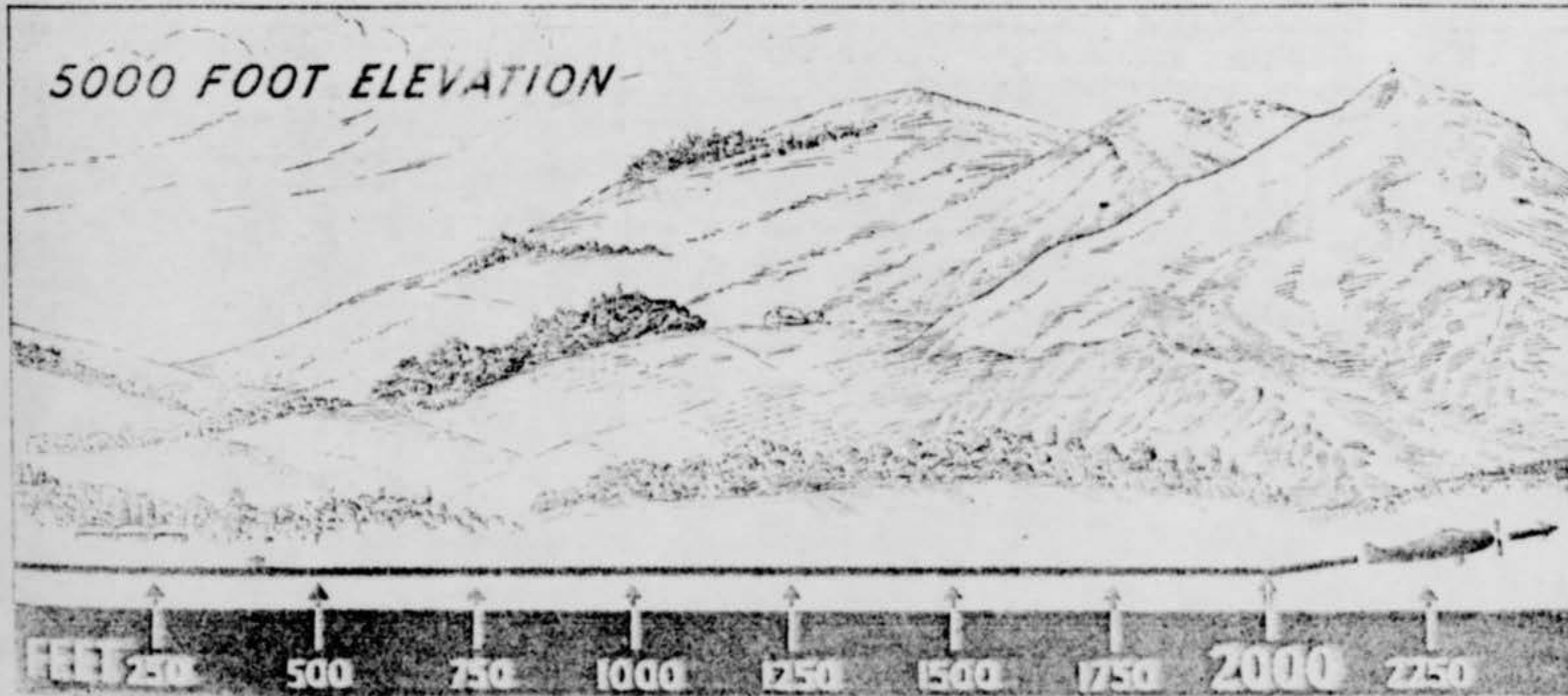
The rarified air at higher altitudes lowers the efficiency of engine and propeller, and lessens a plane's rate of climb. A typical light plane has a maximum rate of climb at sea level of 420 feet per minute, whereas its maximum rate of climb at 5,000 feet altitude is only 225 feet per minute.

This plane might be able to clear a 400 foot hill or factory stack located a few miles from a sea level airport, but if the pilot tried it at 5,000 feet, he would smack right into the middle of the obstruction.

Remember: Any increase in operating altitude (due to elevation or high temperature) greatly increases take-off and landing roll.



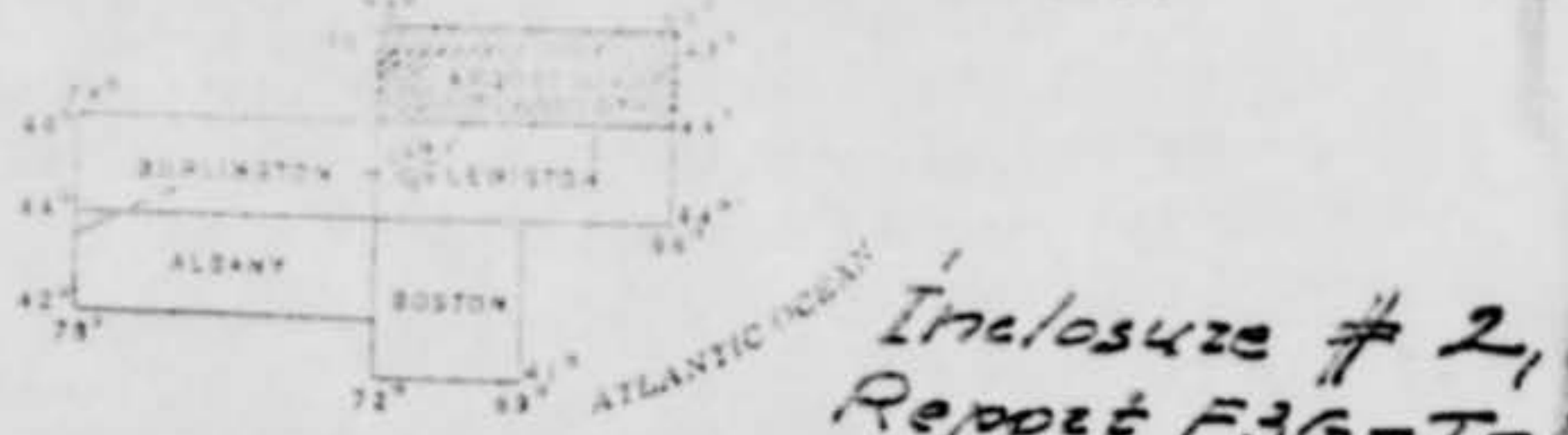
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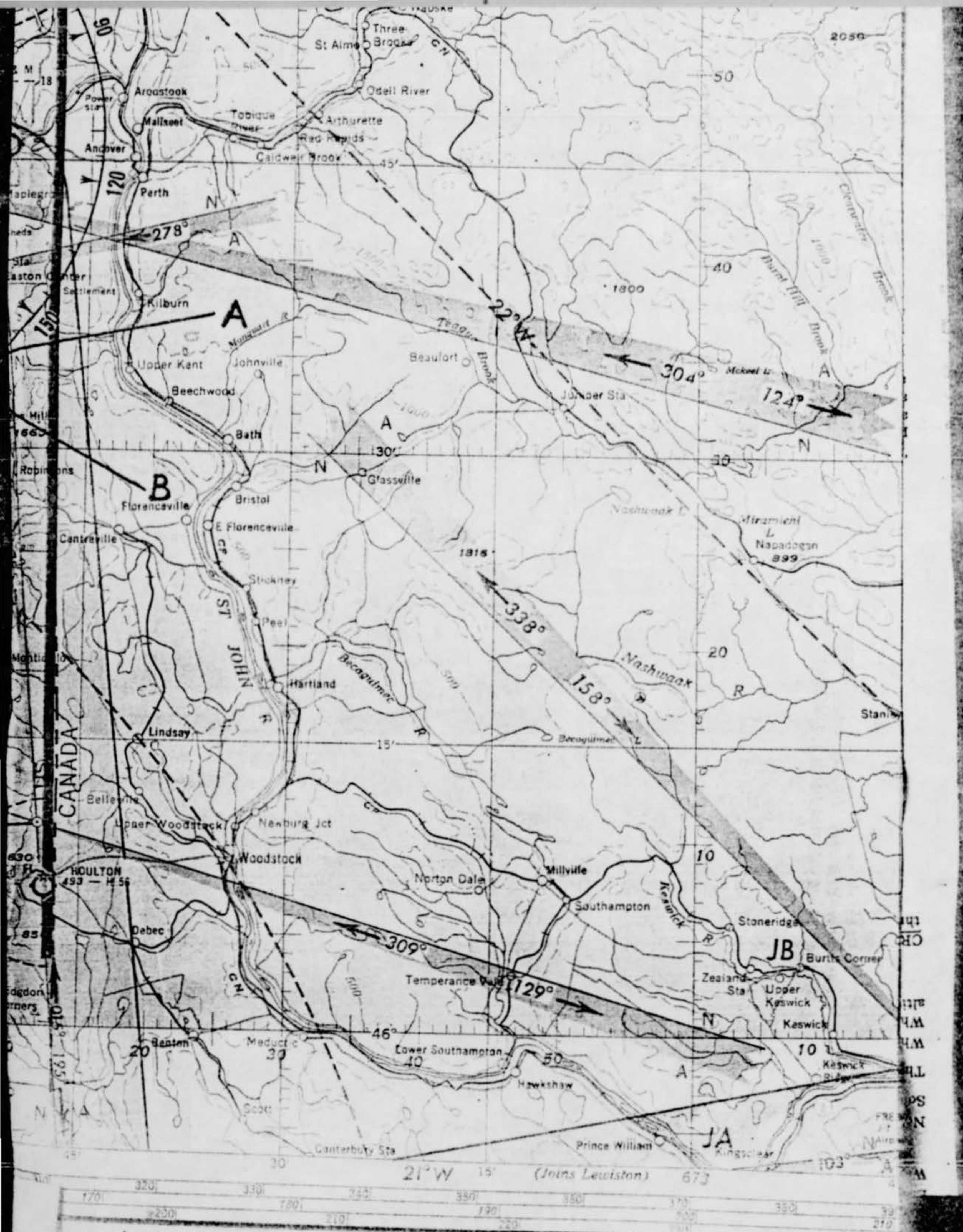
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- A- Location of Observers, First Stationary Sighting
- B- Westfield Road
- C- Location of Observers Second Stationary Sighting
- D- Green Mt., Elevation 1310 Feet
- E- Quaggy Joe Mt., Elevation 1213 Feet
- F- Location of Observers Third Stationary Sighting

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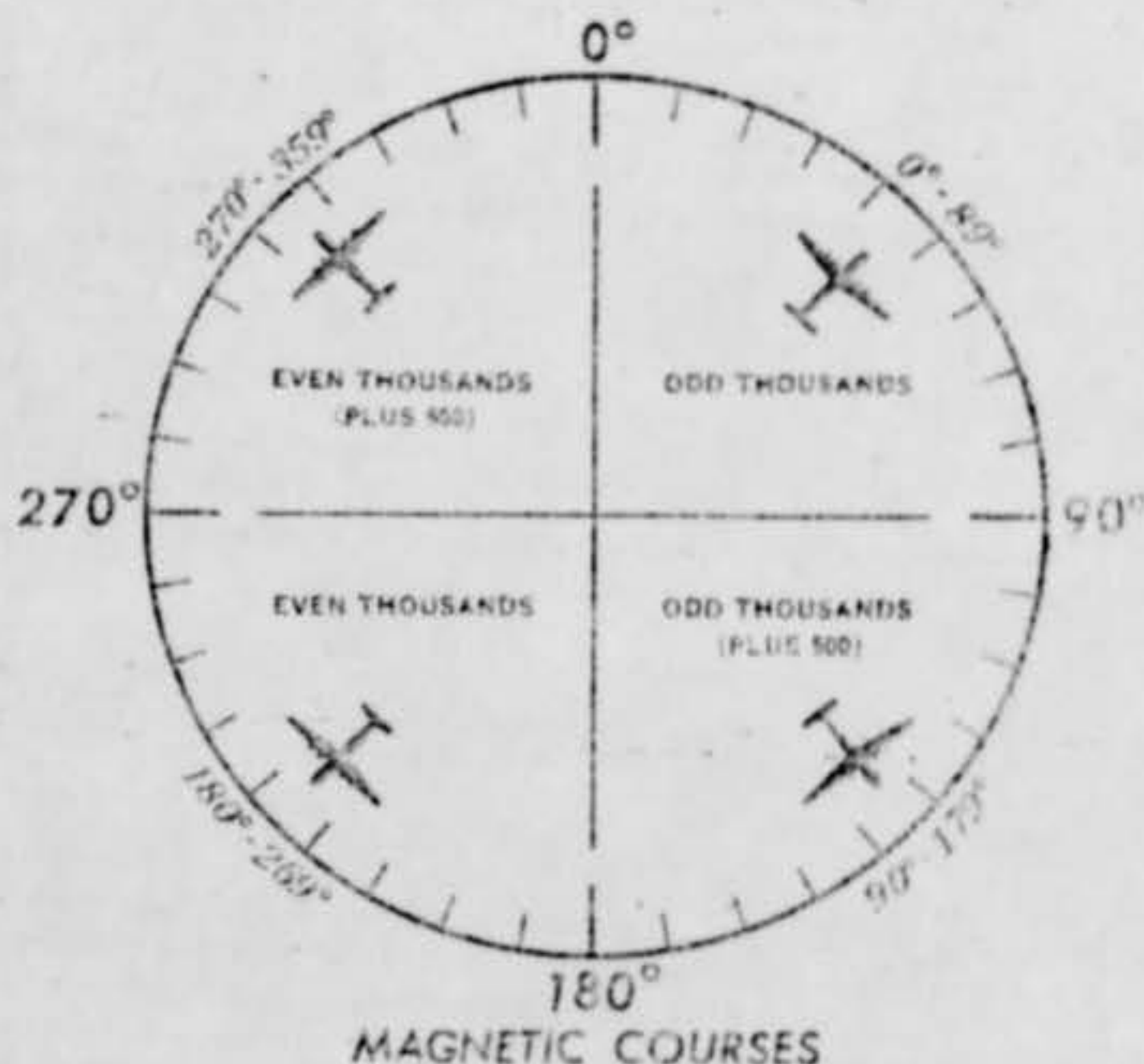
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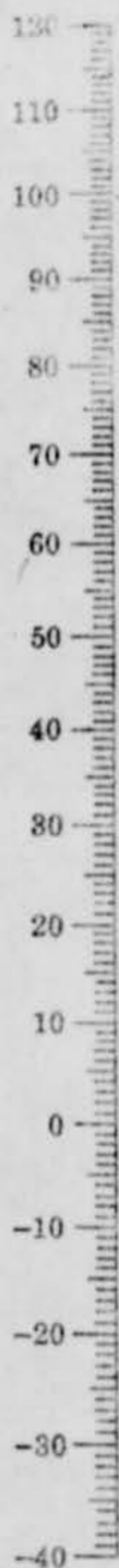
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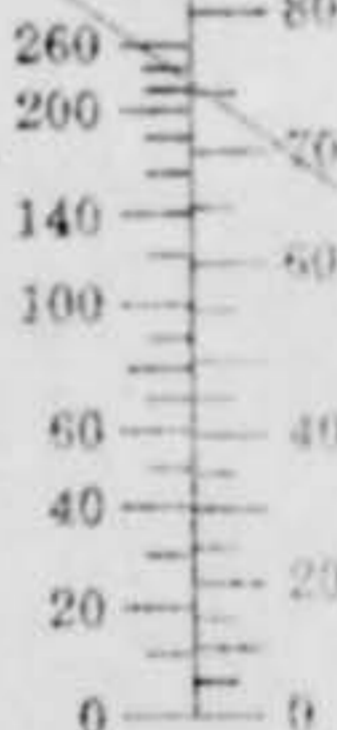
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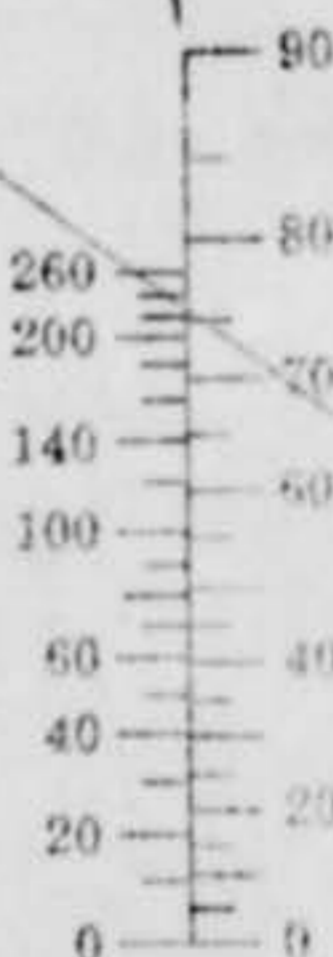
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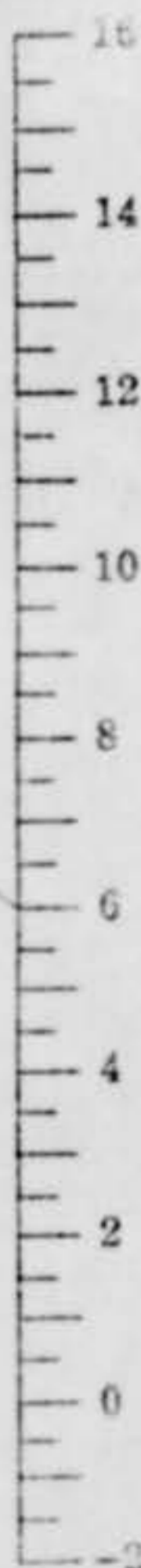
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DATE OF REPORT 27 February 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 23 February 1953	EVALUATION F-0
PREPARED BY (Officer) JOHN F. FARNHAM 1/LT., USAF	SOURCE MR & MRS [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) A.F. LTR 200-3, TWX F3G 4602d AISS # 774, 25 February 1953		

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Report # F3G-T-4A Sighting of Unidentified Light

II. PREAMBLE:

This report contains information pertaining to sightings of unidentified light in the vicinity of WESTFIELD, MAINE, (N46° 34' W67° 55'), by two (2) civilian residents of PRESQUE ISLE, MAINE.

III. TECHNICAL INVESTIGATORS:

M/Sgt. Willis B. Minor
T/Sgt. Frank E. Wasowski

JOHN F. FARNHAM
1/LT., USAF
OIC, FLIGHT 3-G

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 FLYCBRIT PD SINGLE CIRCULAR OBJECT CMA BRIGHT WHIT CMA CHANGING
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 WITH NO AIDS PD LOCATION OF OBSERVERS CMA N 46 DEGREES CMA 34 MINUTES
 CMA W 67 DEGREES CMA 55 MINUTES PD NEAREST COMMUNITY CMA WESTFIELD CMA
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SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED LIGHT

VII. RELATED ACTIVITY OR CONDITIONS:

No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting was observed or reported in the area at the time of sighting.

VIII. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

No physical evidence pertaining to the sighting was secured during the investigation.

IX. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION:

Observers notified via telephone S/Sgt John D. FLAHERTY, Tower operator at PIAFB of the presence of the light at 2125 hrs EST, who in turn immediately notified this Flight. According to Sgt FLAHERTY all locally based acft were on the ground at the time of sighting. Further check with the AC&W units in the area did not reveal any unusual sightings on date of observation. No action was ordered by the Alert Shack at PIAFB due to lack of justification.

X. LOCATION OF AIR TRAFFIC:

No acft reported in the general area of the incident by PIAFB Control Tower.

JOHN F FARNHAM
1/LT., USAF
OIC, FLIGHT 3-3

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FROM (1st Lt) [REDACTED], 4602d AISS, PIAFB
PRESQUE ISLE, MAINE

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SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED LIGHT

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

One (1) milky-white light alternating in color to pink red for short duration, unspecified shape two (2) to three (3) times larger than the largest star in the area, displaying no aerodynamic features, proceeding at the beginning of observation North and later alternating its course to North-West. Gradual loss in size and intensity with simultaneous change in color from milky-white to dark red during the last stage of observation. See Inclosure # 1, this report.

II. TIME OF SIGHTING:

First stationary sighting made at 2055 hrs EST. Second stationary sighting conducted at 2100 hrs EST. The third and last stationary sighting took place at 2110 hrs EST. Visual observation from the vehicle in motion conducted during the entire intervals between times indicated above.

III. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

Only surface observation conducted. No optical or electronic equipment was used. Motions of the light were established by the observers with the help of stationary objects (telephone pole).

IV. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

Initial sightings made from the Eastern outskirts of WESTFIELD, MAINE, (N46°34' W67°55'). Second sighting conducted from the vicinity of " FOUR CORNERS " (N46°34' W67°57'), approximately two (2) miles West of WESTFIELD. During these observations the light was at an azimuth of approximately 275° from the position of observers proceeding North. Last observation conducted from the vicinity of AROOSTOOK UNIONGRANGE HALL (N46°38' W67°59'), approximately four (4) miles North West on U.S. Highway # 1. During that time a change in light direction from North to North-West was observed. No estimate of distance or altitude given by the observers. Approximate elevation of the light during the initial stage of observation believed to be 25° (see Sketch, Inclosure # 2, this report).

V. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVERS:

The observers were identified as Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] presently residing at [REDACTED] PRESQUE ISLE, MAINE. Mr [REDACTED] served as a T/3 with the 217th AAA Bn during WW II in ETO and possesses a prior knowledge of aerial observation and identification as well as very good knowledge of the area described in this report. Both are well educated and of above average intelligence. They appear to be very reliable.

VI. WEATHER:

Weather conditions were good at the time of the observations. Ceiling and visibility unlimited, wind surface 320 degrees at seven (7) mph, at 10,000 feet 280 degrees at 45 knots per hour. The moon was out and the stars were clearly distinguished.

[REDACTED] (CLASSIFICATION)

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We reached a point on the highway near the Arcostock Union Grange Hall where we parked again for approximately two (2) minutes. At this time the light seemed to be farther away, considerably lower, smaller in size and less intense. We lined it again with a telephone pole on the opposite side of the highway and once again we established beyond any doubt that the light was moving in the Northernly direction.

We resumed our journey toward Presque Isle, still observing the light through the left windows of our car. We noticed that it changed the direction from North to North-West and seemed to loose further on the intensity and size and it turned dark shade of red as it faded gradually away. Upon entering Presque Isle we lost contact with the light at approximately 2110 hrs.

We are very familiar with the area described above and the location of permanent orientation lights is known to us. We compared the light with the brightest star in the area and found it to be two (2) to three (3) times bigger. Furthermore, we established beyond any doubt that the light was making the above described motions during the entire fifteen (15) minutes of observation. Weather conditions were very good during the entire observation, with excellent visibility, clear sky, no wind, moon out and all stars clearly distinguished.

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Presque Isle, Maine

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Presque Isle, Maine

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STATEMENT

Presque Isle, Maine
27 February 1955

On 25 February 1955, at approximately 2055 hrs, myself and my wife were just about to begin our journey back to Presque Isle, following our visit with relatives in Westfield, Maine, when upon entering our car parked toward North on the East outskirts of Westfield, we noticed an unusually bright, milky-white, stationary light suspended in the sky West of the community. We were unable to estimate the approximate distance and altitude of the light.

This light seemed to be located in the approximate direction of the Evening Star, however, it was much closer to the horizon, larger in size and brighter in intensity. We turned our car around and proceeded straight through Westfield toward the junction of the Westfield Road with Highway # 1. This time we could observe the light much better through the windshield of our car. The light appeared to be ahead of us. Our observation was momentarily impeded by trees and housings in the area, however, it was possible during the major part of the time when our car was on the Westfield Road.

Arriving at the junction of Westfield Road and Highway # 1, we noticed a late model automobile, light in color, possibly 1950 Pontiac, parked near the junction with the engine pointing South. While the driver of the car was talking to someone in the area, other occupants of the car, more than two (2), had their faces turned toward the light and probably were observing it. We did not exchange any information with the occupants of this car.

Upon reaching the above quoted junction, we headed North on the Highway # 1, toward Presque Isle. At that time the light became more intense and we decided to investigate it more closely. We parked our car on the East side of the highway, in the vicinity of so-called "Four Corners". We remained there for approximately three (3) minutes and noticed that the light was considerably lower than observed before and it was changing the color. From milky-white it turned to pink-red for the duration of approximately thirty (30) seconds and then reassumed the milky-white color again.

I would like to add, that I am a former T/5 with 217th Mobile AAA Bn, (90 mm), 3rd US Army, and I am familiar with principles of aerial observation having substantial coast experience in ETO during WW II, with the above named organization.

After we parked the car near "Four Corners" we lowered the windows and listened carefully for any possible noise produced by the light. We did not hear any, however, we were able to determine with the help of a telephone pole on the West side of the highway, that the light was travelling slowly toward North. We could not determine the approximate speed of the light. Gradually, the light - still proceeding North - disappeared behind the Green Mountain located parallel to the highway and one (1) mile West of it. At that time, we decided to give it a "chase" and going at approximate rate of seventy (70) miles per hour we noticed the light reappearing slowly from behind the Muzzy Joe Mountain, also located approximately one (1) mile West of Highway # 1, and constituting actually the continuation of Green Mountain.

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SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED LIGHT

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

(One (1) dark red, light, circular in shape, and four (4) or five (5) times larger than any visible star.) displayed no aerodynamic features. Path of flight was either in a westerly direction or descending in altitude. The light lost some of its intensity, but did not seem to change in size before disappearing below the hill. (See Inclosure # 1, this report).

II. TIME OF SIGHTING:

Sighting was made between 2030 hrs EST and 2130 hrs EST, either 23 Feb 1953 or 24 Feb 1953. Sighting was conducted for three (3) to four (4) minutes until the light disappeared.

III. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

Only surface observation was conducted from a stationary position.

IV. LOCATION OF OBSERVATION:

Sighting was made from the vicinity of EASTON CENTER COMMUNITY, MAINE, (N46°37' W67°47') Mrs. [redacted]'s home is located approximately one half (1/2) mile south of the US Customs Office. The US Customs Office is located at the intersection of Highway # 10 and the Riviere des Chutes road on which Mrs. [redacted]'s home is located. (See Inclosure # 2, this report). No estimate of distance or altitude of the light was given, by the observer. The estimated Azimuth of the light at this point would be approximately 280° and the Elevation approximately 20°.

V. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVERS:

The Observer was identified as Mrs. [redacted] and has resided in her present home in the EASTON CENTER COMMUNITY for twenty (20) years. Mrs. [redacted] is the wife of Mr. [redacted], a successful Potato farmer, who resides with her. From the appearance of Mrs. [redacted] and her home, she appeared to have a high standing in the community, to be of average intelligence and reliability. When questioned as to why she did not report the appearance of the unusual light sooner Mrs. [redacted] said she did not realize the importance of reporting unusual objects and wished to avoid publicity.

VI. WEATHER:

Weather conditions for 23 Feb 53 at this time of night were, ceiling and visibility unlimited, surface wind 320 degrees at seven (7) MPH., at 10,000 feet 280 degrees at forty five (45) knots per hour. Weather conditions for 24 Feb 53 at this time were, ceiling and visibility unlimited, surface wind 230 degrees at five (5) knots per hour, at 10,000 feet 280 degrees at thirty-two (32) knots per hour.