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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Alaska		FROM (Agency) 10th Air Division (Defense)
DATE OF REPORT 21 Feb 53	DATE OF INFORMATION 18 Feb 53	EVALUATION F-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) Major John S. Masterson		SOURCE 39th Air Police Squadron
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Msg DTG 18/0630Z Msg No. 020121		

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.)

A large red light, approximately thirty-six (36) inches in diameter, was reported by six Air Policemen at 18/0455Z Feb 53 as crossing Elmendorf AFB and the city of Anchorage, and then disappearing in a vertical climb. No identification has been established.

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At approximately 18/0455Z February 1953 an unidentified red light was sighted in the vicinity of Elmendorf AFB by the following members of the 39th Air Police Squadron: A/2C DARCE R. ODOM, AF 18356875, A/2C JEWELL W. WILLINGHAM, AF 18 396 441, A/3C AUGUSTUS J. WORMUTH, AF 23 746 279, A/3C ROBERT A. WOOD, AF 27 011 420, and A/B NORMAN S. MOTTS, JR, AF 12 342 976.

The object is described as a large red light, estimated to be thirty-six (36) inches in diameter from a distance of 3/8ths of a mile and an altitude of 1500 feet. Its shape was not clearly defined, but appeared to be round. It emitted no sound nor were there any discernible trails of exhaust patterns. Weather at the time of the sighting was a measured 5500 feet overcast, visibility 10 miles, wind 15-16 knots from 170 to 185 degrees.

The object first appeared approximately at the west end of runway 05. At the time of the initial observation its altitude was estimated to be 1500 feet. However it was described as climbing gradually and was traveling at a speed a little slower than a jet. The object continued in a southwesterly direction and crossed Anchorage to a point just beyond the city limits when it circled to the west to a position out over the middle of knik arm, but on a line with the city.

One fighter interceptor was scrambled in an effort to intercept. As the jet became airborne there was a noticeable increase in the speed of the object. When it reached a point midway across the arm, the light climbed vertically at a speed far in excess of any jet observed by the airmen and disappeared from sight. The fighter reported no contact at any time. A nearby radar site was alerted and was operational during the entire period but reported no sighting.

The duration of the sighting was five (5) to ten (10) minutes. No weather balloons were released during the period. All airmen have previously observed falling stars and declared the sighting did not resemble such natural phenomenon. A similiar sighting was made the previous evening, see LOAD-3- 53, but was unknown to the airmen.

## COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

All persons who could have knowledge of this sighting have been interrogated. The light still remains unidentified.

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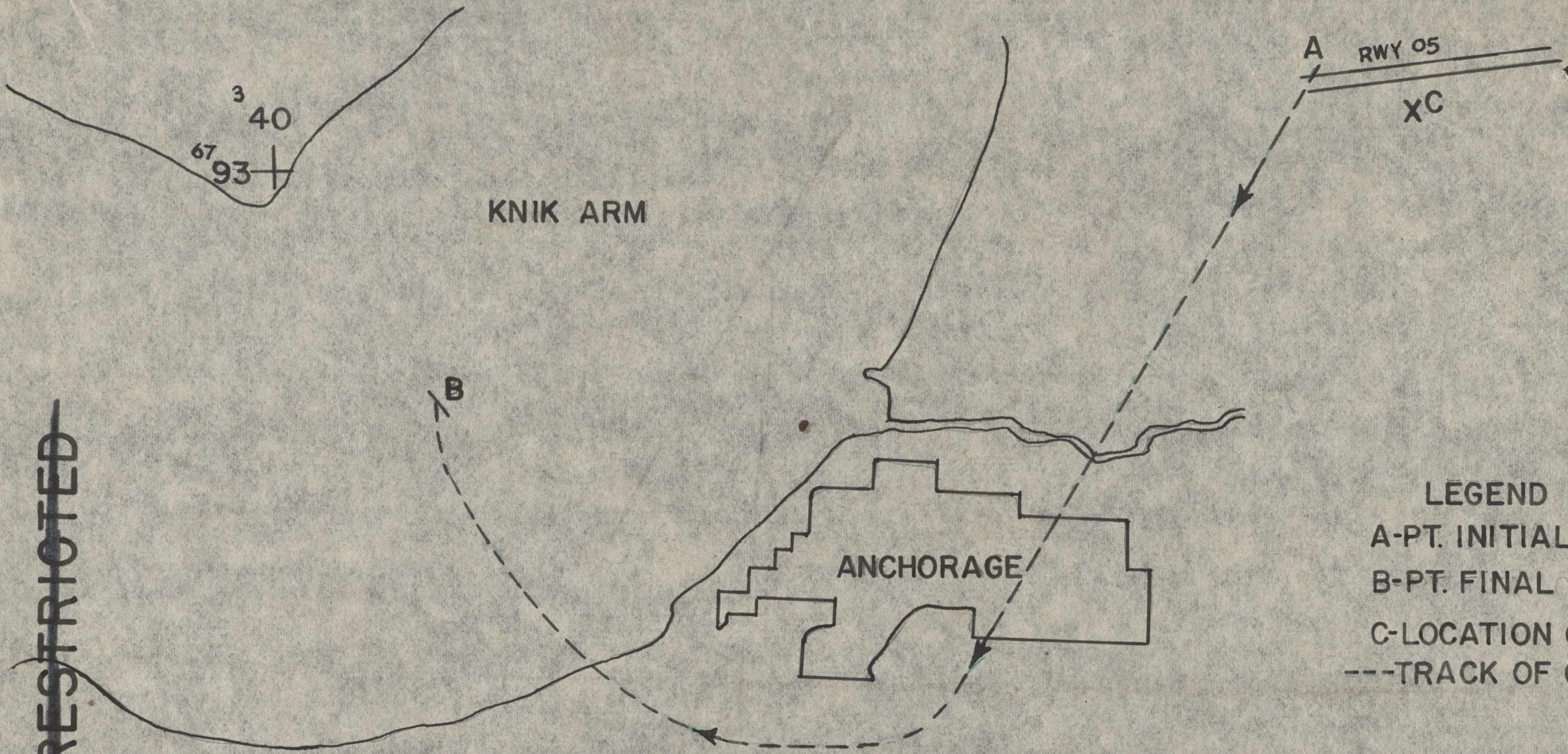
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