

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 December 1951	2. LOCATION Hastings, Minnesota	12. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1550CST GMT 12/2150Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 to 4 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <p>Pilot at 10,000 ft observing object at all times below his a/c. Object resembled kite. Made second observation below left wing tip and object appeared as round and white. Assumed object to be balloon. Appeared round, 18 " to 2 ft in diameter, white or silver. Gave illusion of spinning. Pilot attempted to close on object. Object to be two objects approximately 1 ft apart. Could not locate object when turn made for additional observation.</p>	11. COMMENTS Evaluated as balloon.	

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Subject

Sighting of Unidentified Object *35 sec*

Area Reported On Vicinity of Hastings, Minnesota	From (Agency) WG, INTELL. 133rd FIW, St. Paul
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Date of Report 19 December 1951	Date of information 12 December 1951	Evaluation Minn.
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Prepared by (Officer) GERHARD P. KASKE, Major, USAF	Source Interrogation of Fighter-Pilot
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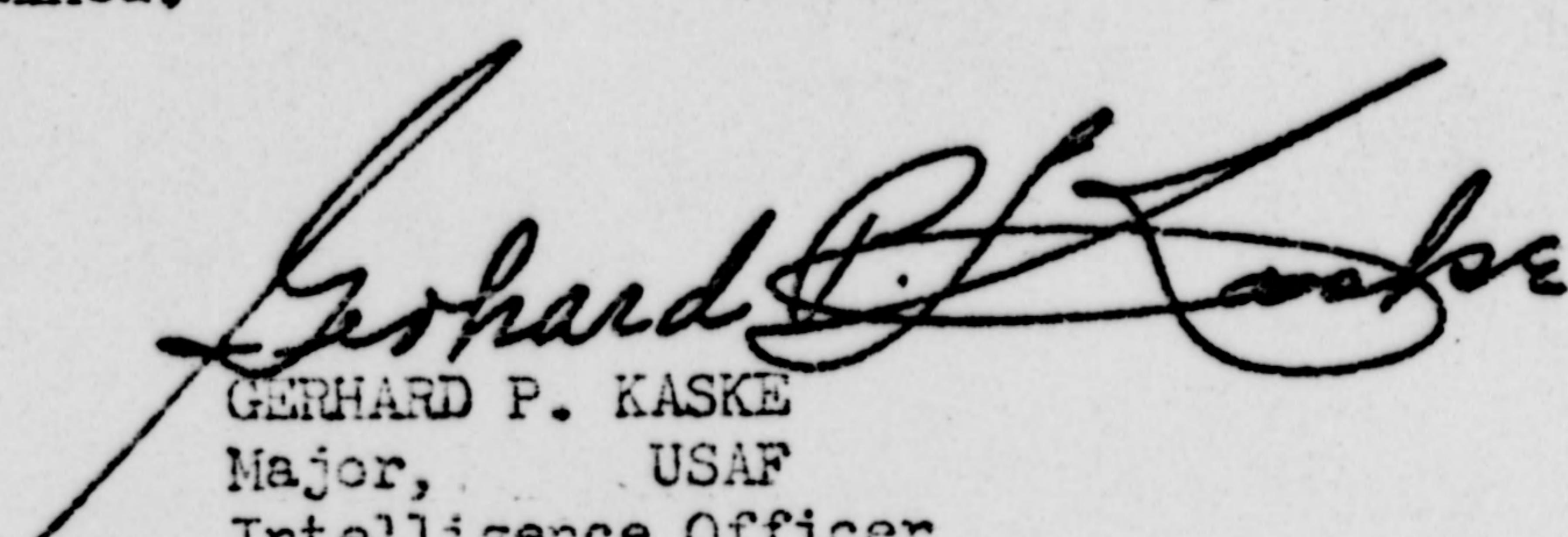
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The following is a report from Capt. Donald K. Slayton, AO-677 597, of the 133rd Maintenance Squadron, 133rd Fighter-Interceptor Wing.

This report concerns a three (3) to four (4) minute observation of an unidentified object, while on a test flight in an F-51 aircraft, on 12 December 1951. *, 550 CFT.*

Visibility on this day was exceptionally good. Observation was at 2150Z on 12 December 1951. Pilot was flying at 10,000', unidentified object was at all times below the F-51 aircraft. Due to the fact that the aircraft was at 10,000', no correct estimation of distance was obtained.



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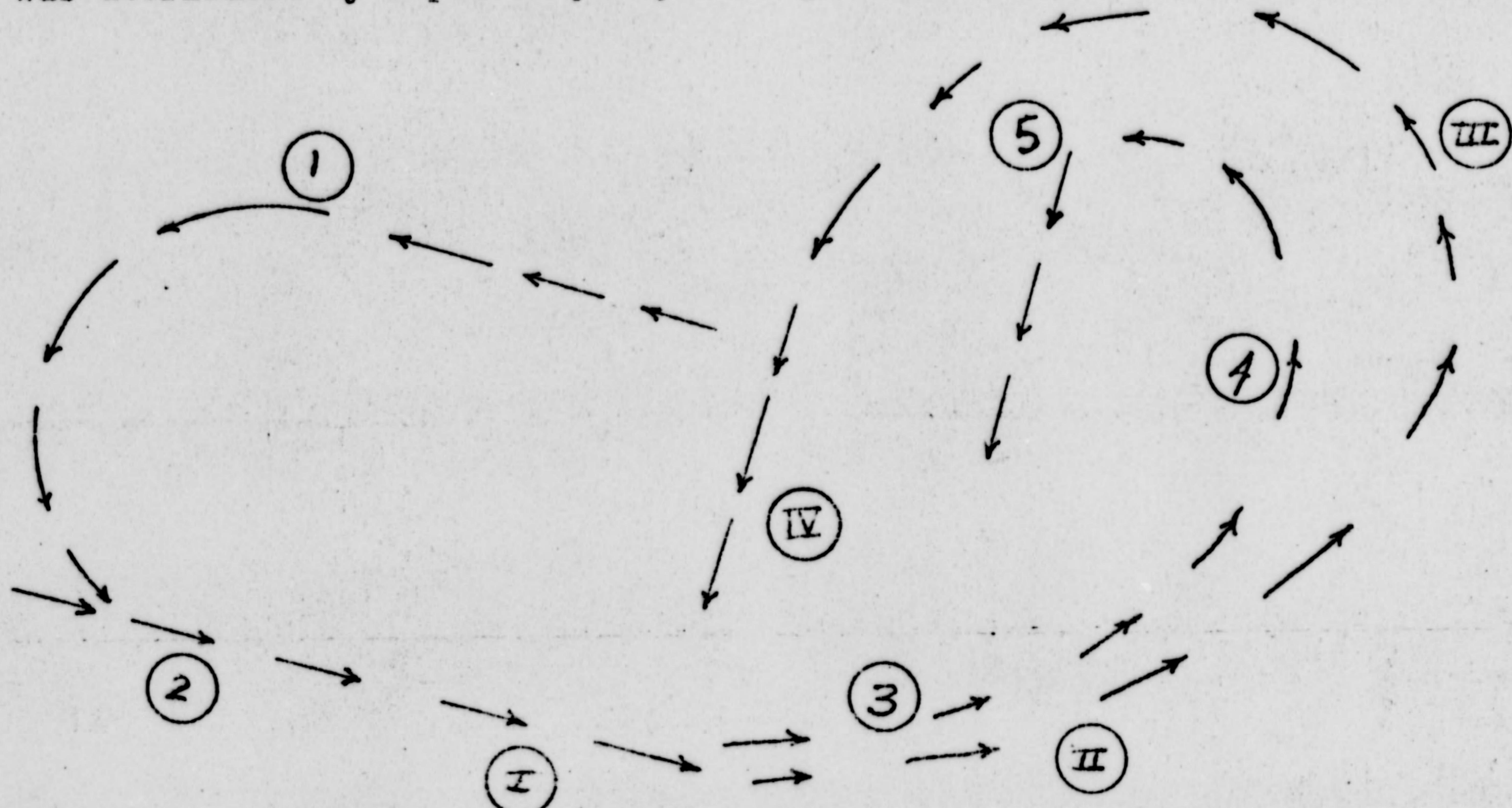
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(1) At 2150Z on 12 December 1951, Capt. Donald K. Slayton, observed an unidentified object five (5) miles southeast of Hastings, Minnesota. Capt. Slayton was cruising at 10,000', and had just pulled out of a loop and was heading back towards Wold-Chamberlain Airfield, when he first spotted a white object about one (1) mile out and 1,000' below his left wing tip.

(2) When the object was first spotted it appeared to resemble a kite, but the pilot assumed a kite would not normally be at this altitude. When the second observation was made, the object was almost even with and below the left wing tip and resembled a round white object. The rate of closure seemed exceptionally fast, but at this position the pilot assumed the object was a weather wind balloon riding down-wind. It appeared perfectly round, 18" to 2' in diameter, white or silver. The object gave an illusion of spinning, which at this stage was attributed by Capt. Slayton, to light diffusion.



Numbers - A/C
Roman Numerals - Object

(3) At point No (1), pilot first observed object, he made a left 180° turn which should have brought him straight into the object at point (2). At point (I) the object began to turn to the left and seemed to gain speed rapidly. The pilot turned with the object at about a 30° left bank. It was at this point the pilot became aware the object was not floating in space, but rather had accelerating and maneuvering abilities.

(4) The pilot kept closing in until he was at about an assumed distance of 500 yds. at point (3) - (II). At these points the object appeared to be two disks 18" to 2' in diameter and approximately 1' apart, spinning at a rapid rate. Disks appeared as shown on next page.

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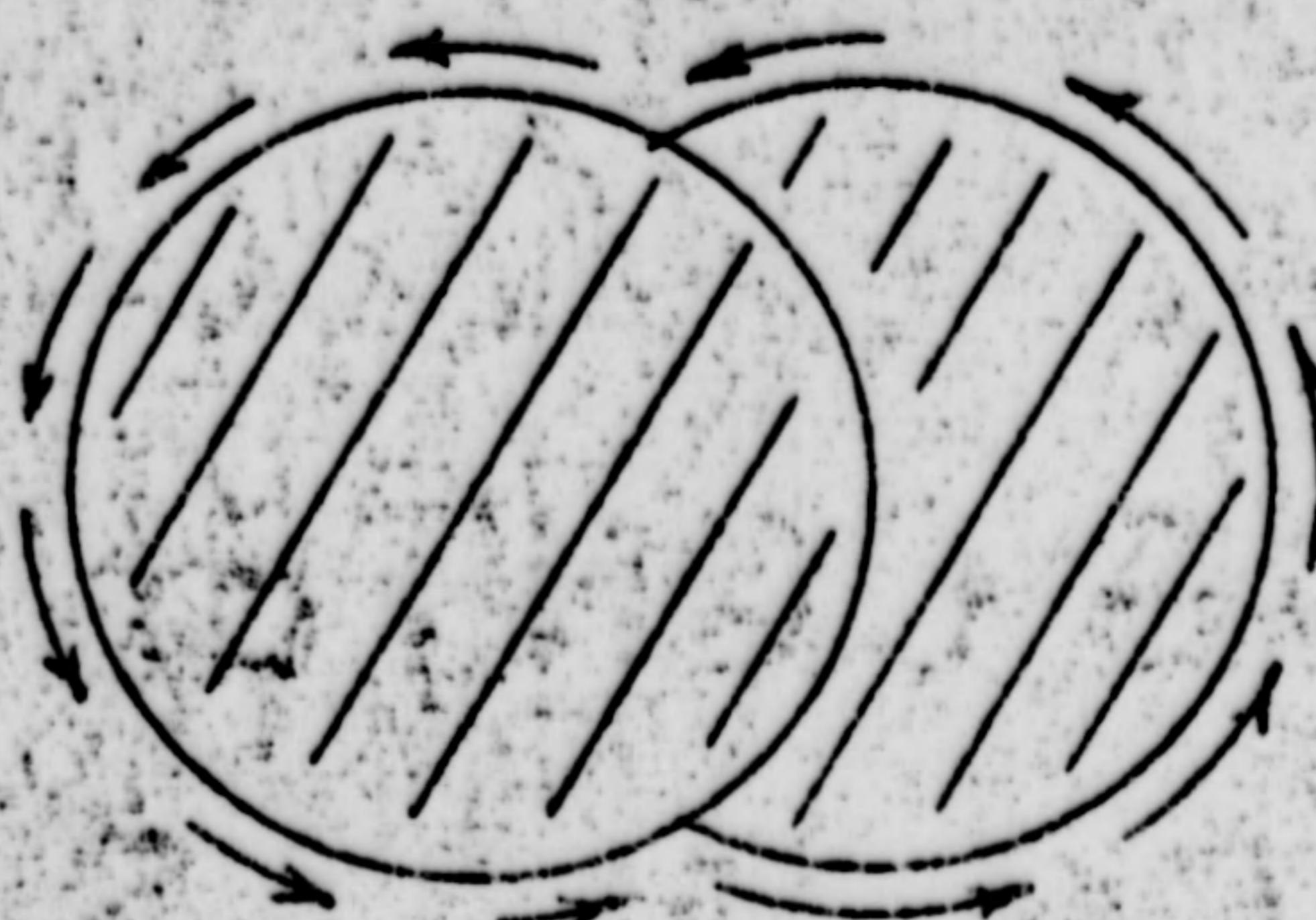
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(5) The object or objects gained speed from points (3) - (II) at a very rapid rate, and took on the appearance of a single object, and then gained speed very rapidly leaving point (II) and approaching point (III). Rotational effect appeared to be in a counter-clockwise direction at all times.

(6) Pilot when approaching point (4) started to turn with object at about a 270° left turn, the object picking up speed at all times. At point (4) - (III) the pilot had an estimated speed of about 280 mph. The pilot assumes the speed of the object at this point was about 380 or 400 mph.

(7) The pilot started to straighten out then snap back into position at point (5). When pilot went back into turn he lost sight of object at point (IV).

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 2

DATE: 12 Dec 51

TIME (Local): 2150Z

LOCATION: Hastings, Minn.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 3-4 Min.

SOUND: None

SPEED: 380-400 mph

ALTITUDE: 9,000'

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: USAF Pilot

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Pending

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: White object resembling a kite about 1000 ft. below a/c.