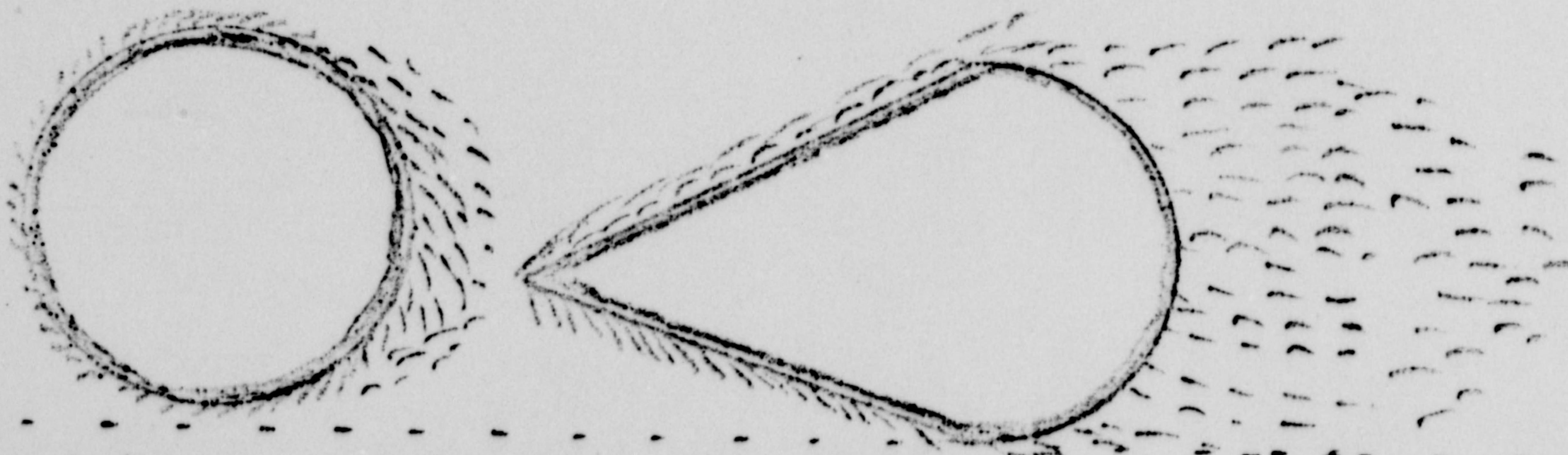


PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>10 Apr 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Ada, Minnesota</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical METEOR	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>0415 CST</u> GMT <u>10 1015Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Minnesota Highway Patrol Officer and civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>1.5 MIN.</u> <u>Not Reported</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one/two</u>		9. COURSE ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Yellow center green blue rim. Circular/oval. Straight and level maneuvers. Possibly fireball or meteor.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Object was circular when first observed then changed to oval shape and split into two parts. Didn't think it was a meteor because it traveled horizontally.</u>	

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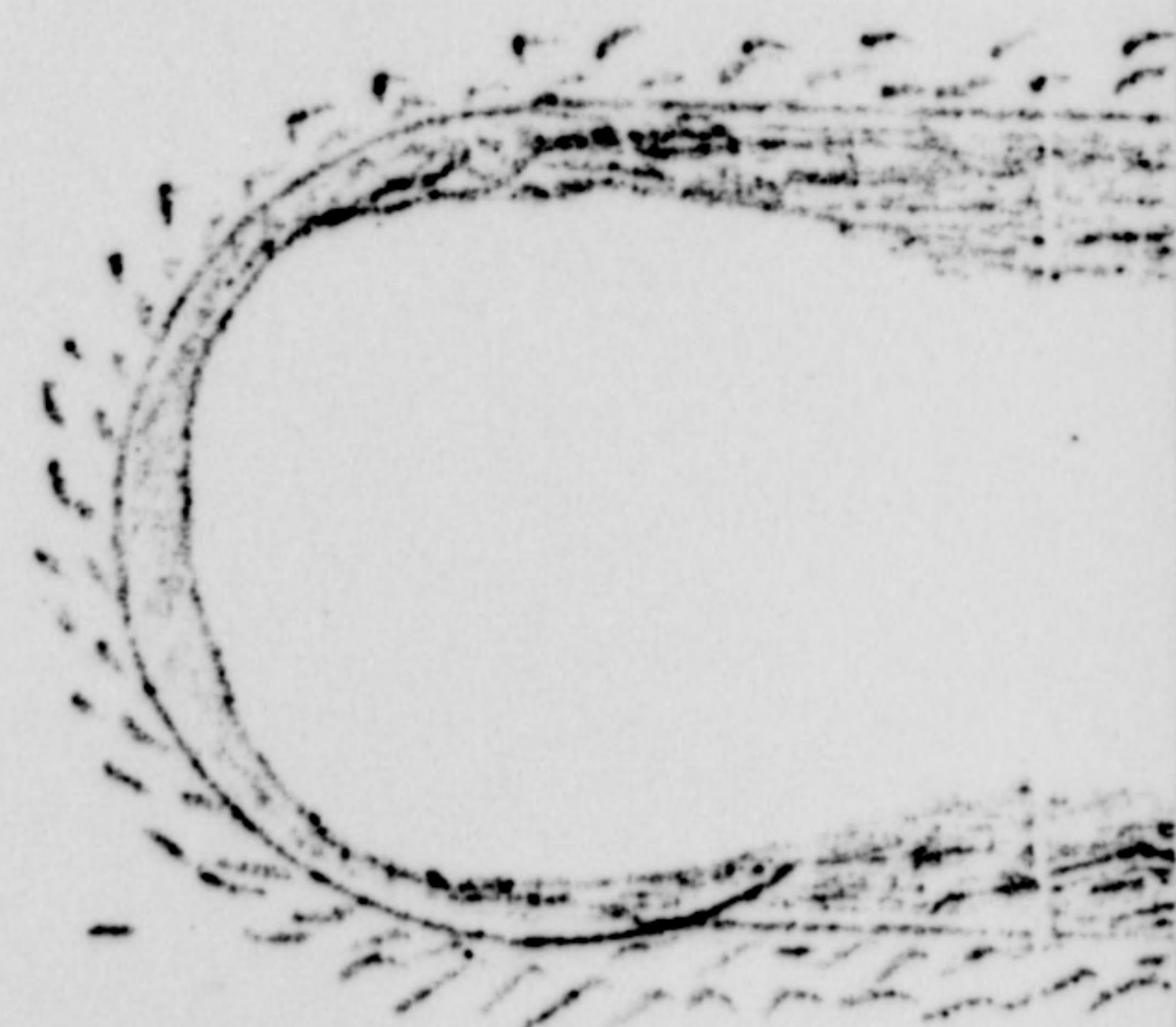


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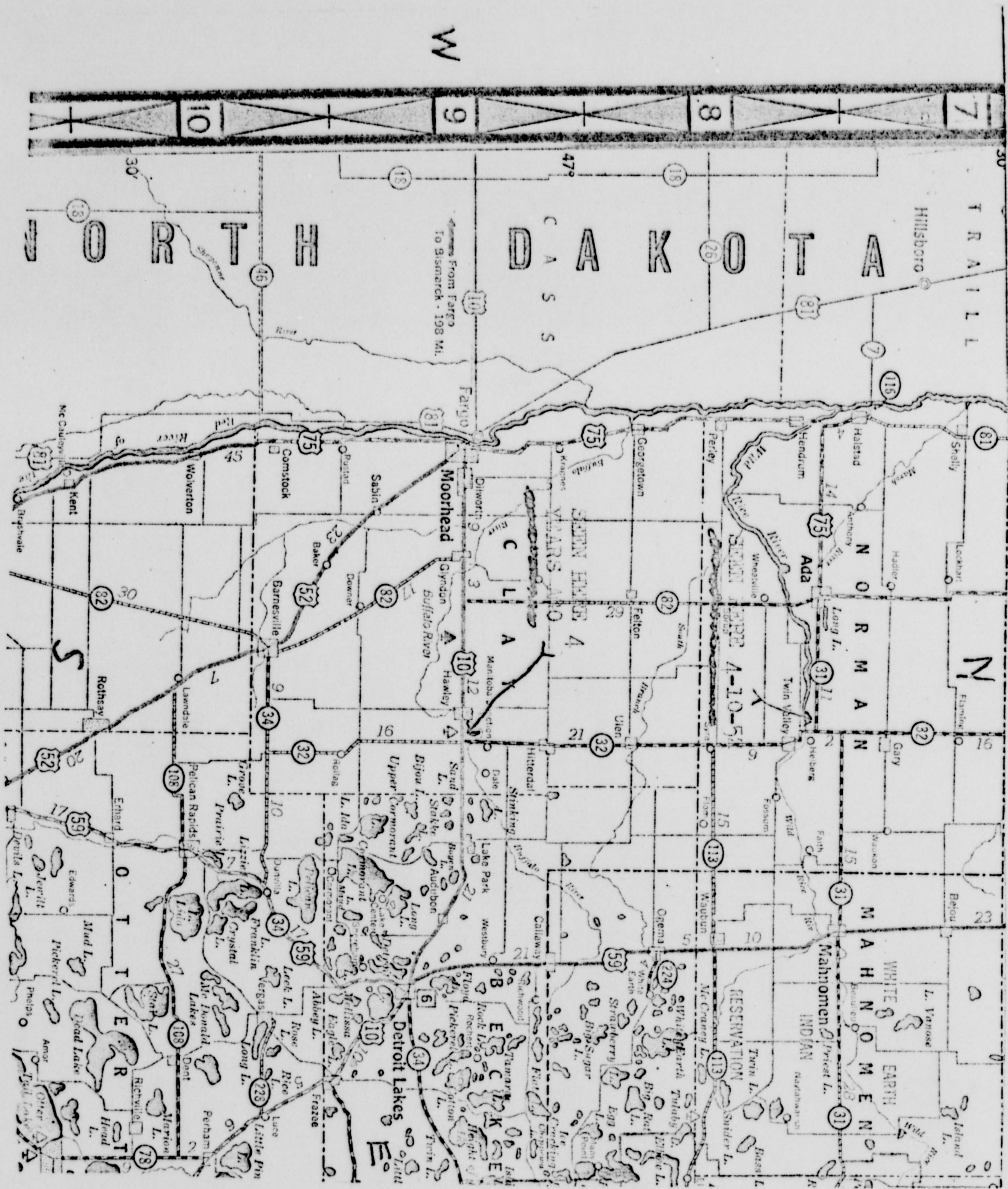


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Detroit Lakes Minn.

Apr. 10th. 1952

Dear Chief

SUBJECT: PHENOMENAL INCIDENT

This date as I sat in Patrol car along with Mr. [REDACTED] of Frazee, our civilian helper I see an object in the skies which I describe as follows, Mr. [REDACTED] see it too as I called it to his attention.

It was no falling star as we know them as it went in a horizontal line, level, it started out as a circle, then became oval, then part of it left the main body, during all this time the object as a whole was on a level plane, all parts were of the same brightness at all times and all went out of sight at about the same time.

This THING was going South, we were park at Jct. 31-32 at 4:15 A.M. Norman County, Patrol car was facing north and this THING was to our left a little or in other words a little west of where we were.

I see this same THING or one like it about 4 years ago, it too was going South and was in about the same line of flight, was alone that time so said nothing about it but this time I had a witness.

First time I see this THING I was going East on U.S. 10 just a little West of Jct. 10-32 and in looking at the map you will see that it took the same route.

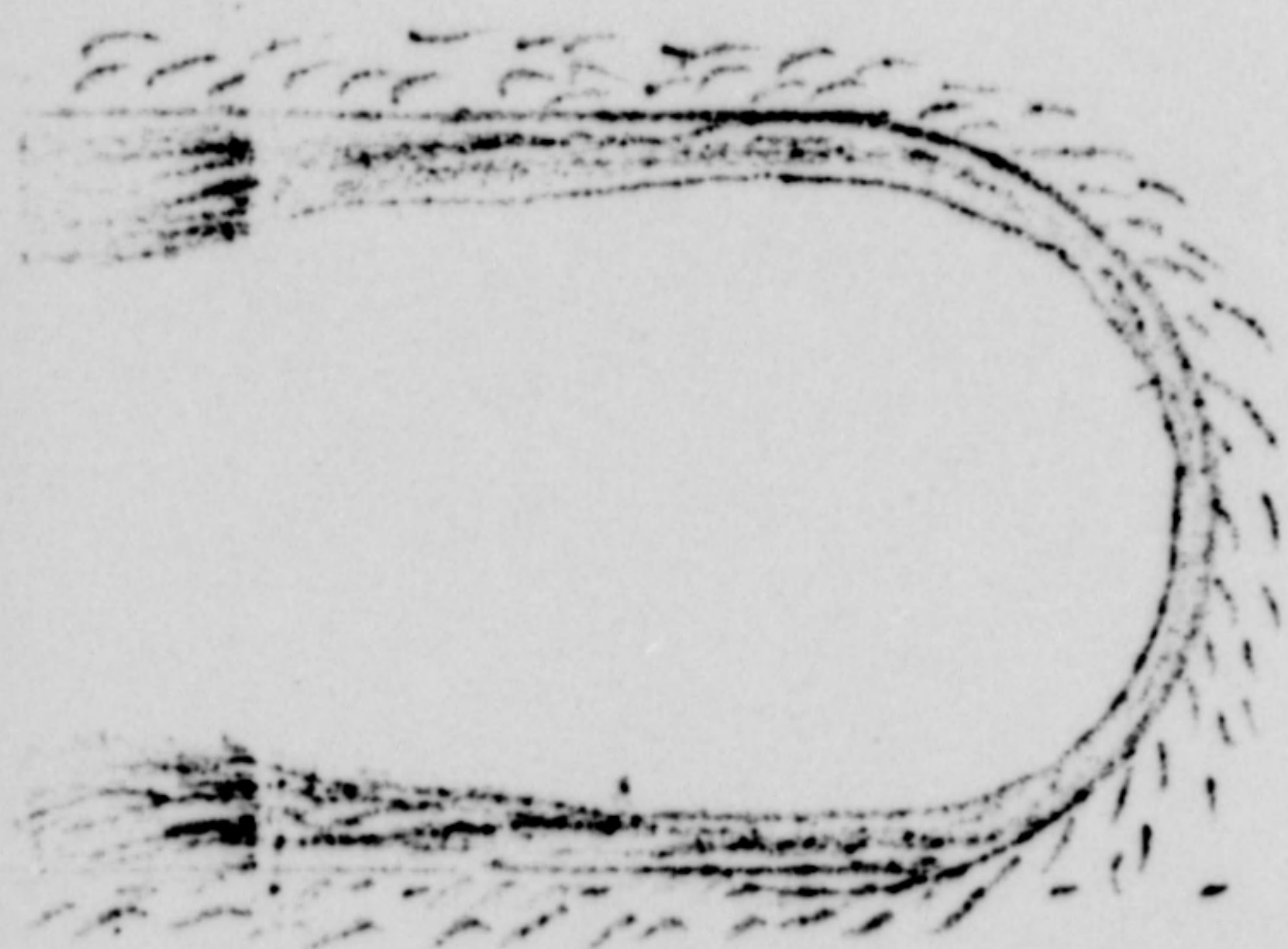
Dont know if this means a thing or that I should even report it to you but it struck me that as both times IT went the same direction there may be food for thought in it.

Yours Truly

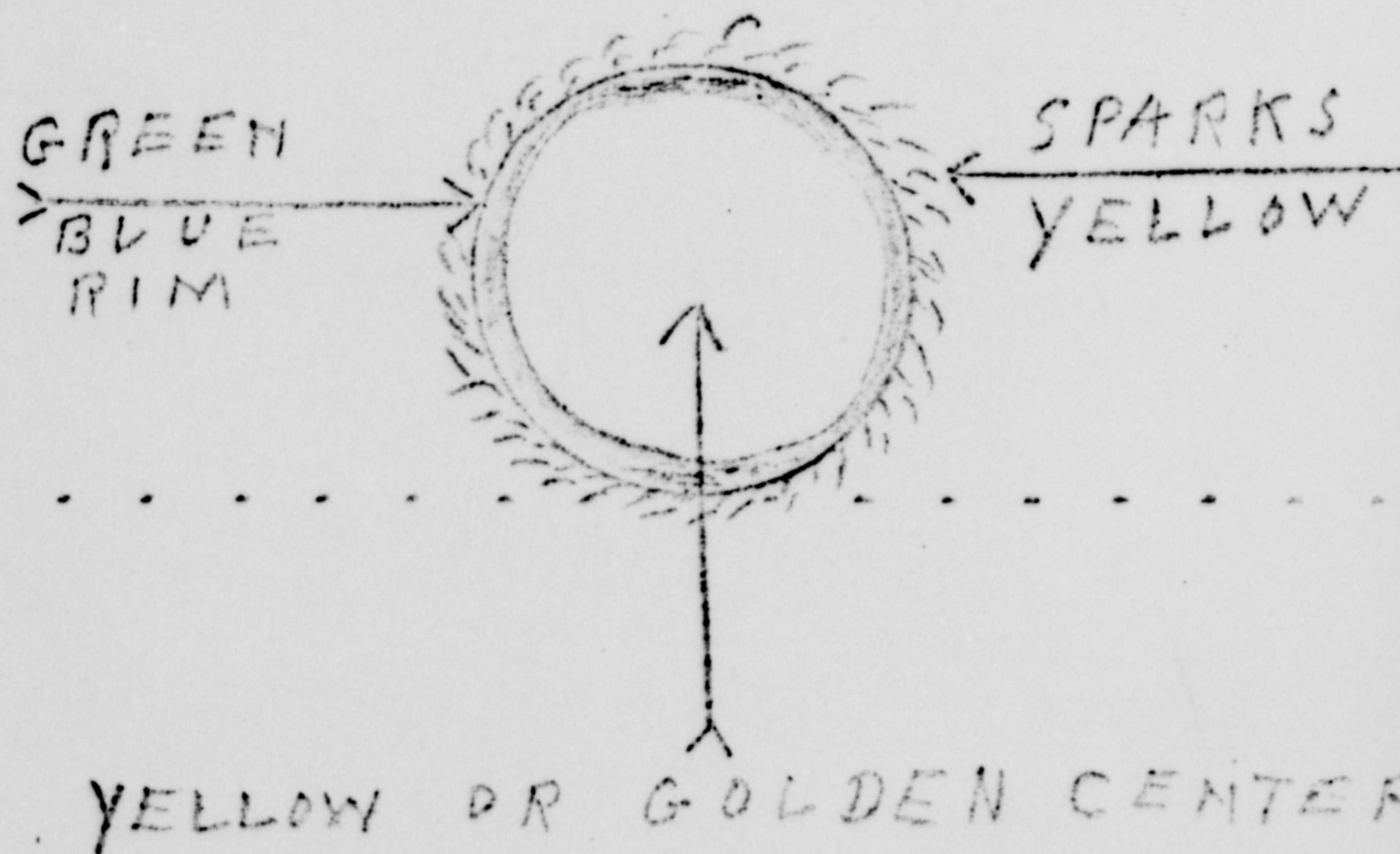
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YELLOW OR GOLDEN CENTER

Detroit Lakes, Minn.
April 11th, 1952

Chief [REDACTED]
1279 University Ave.
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Memo from [REDACTED]

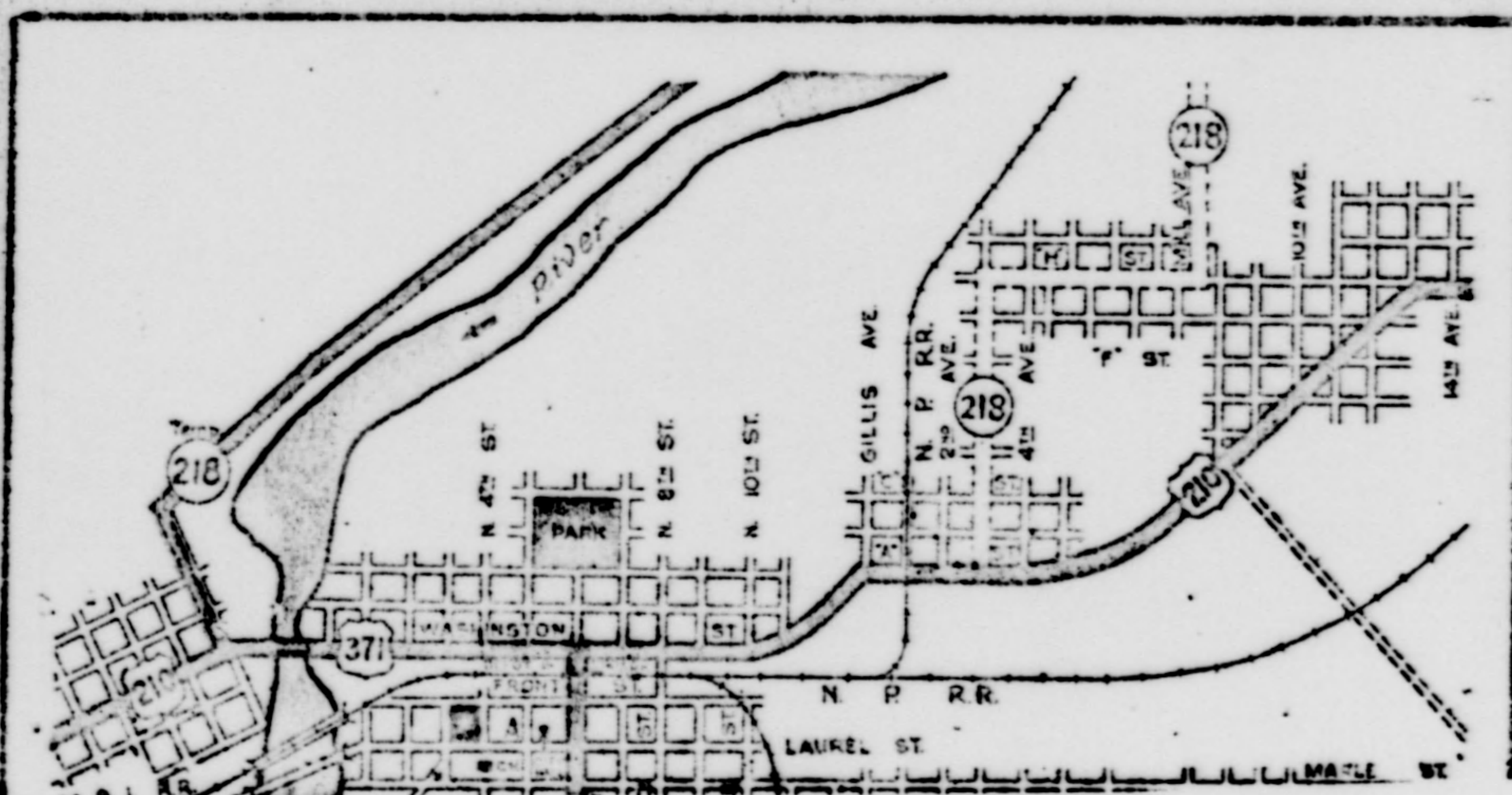
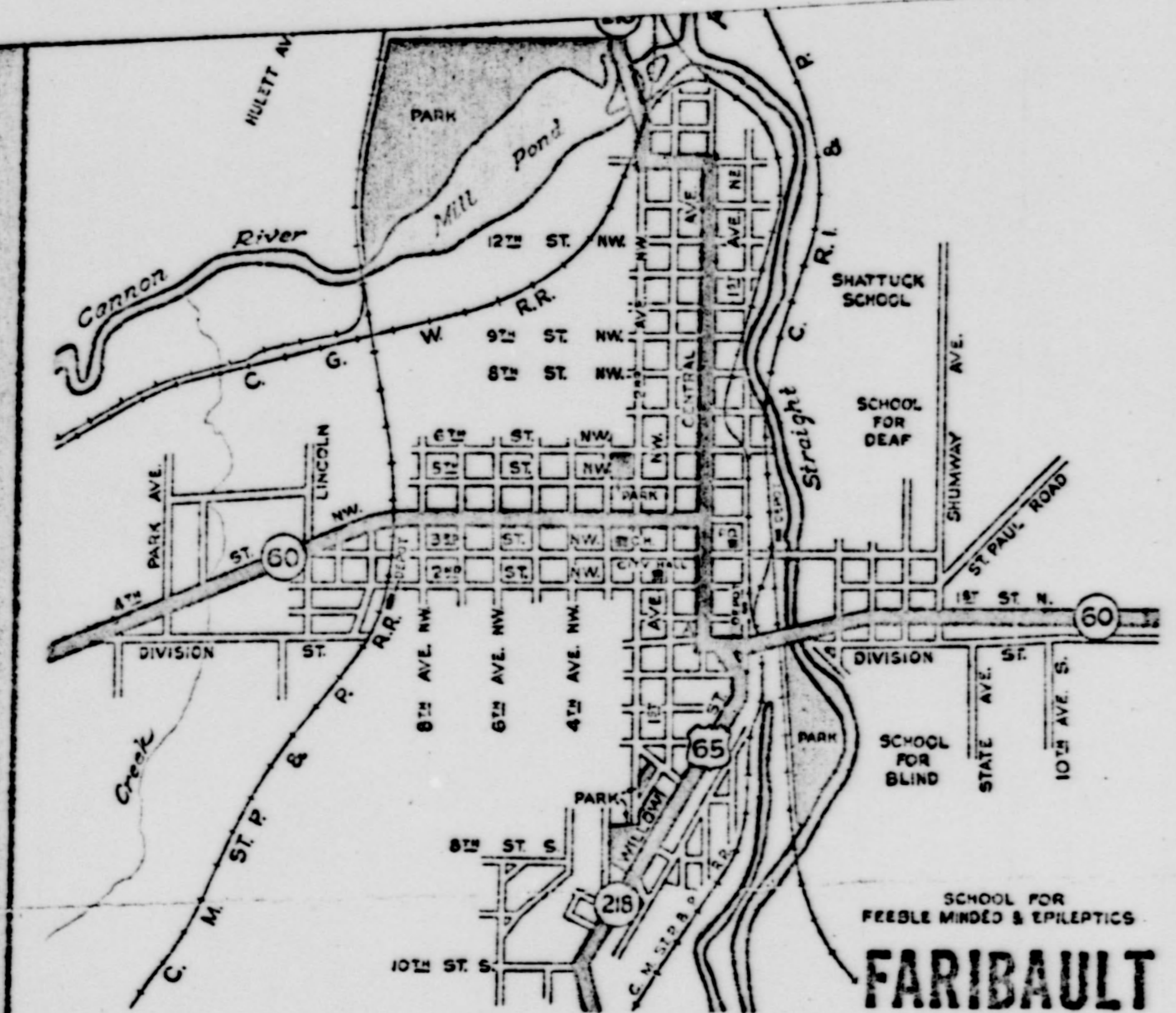
I believe that you have recieved a memo from Officer [REDACTED] regarding an object seen by him and his helper on April 10 th.

I talked to Officer [REDACTED] about this before he sent in the memo and instructed him to send it in as it was an unusual condition. Then I noticed a piece in the Minneapolis Star on April 11th regarding different objects.

I beleive that this incident should be reported to the Air Force as they are interested in these conditions and have a group assigned to such work with a labratory which I believe is located at Dayton Ohio. I beleive that they would be interested to the extent of the date when this appeared for future reference and also the discription of the object.

2488 We have not mentioned the incident around here and only a few know about it as far as we are concerned. I questioned Cal in particular regarding the size of the object and he said it looked to him to be as large as a fair sized house and that it was travelling in a horizontal plane and did not seem to lose altitude from the time he first saw it until it dissappeared from view.

Yours Very Truly
[REDACTED]



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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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From (Agency)	Report No.	Page 1 of 1 Pages
CG, 31st Air Div. Ft. Snelling, Minn.	3-52	

Officer [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] of the Minnesota State Highway Patrol sighted a strange flying object on the 10th of April 1952. The details are reported below.

DESCRIPTION IN OBSERVER'S OWN WORDS: "It was no falling star as we know them as it went in a horizontal line, level, It started out as a circle, then became oval, then part of it left the main body, during all this time the object as a whole was on a level plane, all parts of the same brightness at all times and all went out of sight at about the same time. This THING was going south."

Officer [REDACTED] superior in a separate letter says, "I questioned Cal in particular regarding the size of the object and he said it looked to him to be as large as a fair sized house....."

TIME: 10/1015Z

MANNER OF OBSERVATION: Visual

LOCATION OF OBSERVER DURING SIGHTING: Sitting in patrol car facing North at the junction of Highways 31 and 32, 11 miles east of Ada, Minnesota

LOCATION OF OBJECT: "....this THING was to our left a little or in other words a little West of where we were. I see this same THING or one like it about 4 years ago, it too was going South and was in about the same line of flight.....First time I see this THING I was going East on US #10 just a little West of Jct. 10-32 and in looking at the map you will see that it took the same route."

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: None other than the fact he is a Minnesota State Patrolman.

WEATHER: At 0430 skies were practically clear, with only thin, wispy, high, cirrus clouds. Visibility at the surface was unrestricted. Winds aloft at the 10 and 20 thousand ft level were 310 degrees, 25 knots.

ANY OTHER ACTIVITY OR CONDITION WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTINGS: None Known

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: No known physical evidence.

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Country United States	Report No. 3-52	(Leave Blank)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
Subject Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object		
Area Reported On Near town of Ada in Northwestern, Minn.		From (Agency) CG, 31st A. Div. Ft. Snelling, Minn.
Date of Report 6 May 1952	Date of Information 10 April 1952	Evaluation F-6
Prepared by (Officer) WILLIAM R. RILEY 2nd Lt. USAF		Source State Patrol Officer
References (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) ADCL 200-1 JANAP 146(b)		
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.) The inclosed report was forwarded to this Headquarters by the Chief Highway Patrol Officer for the State of Minnesota on the 29th of April 1952. At 4:15 a.m. (local time) on the tenth of April 1952 Officer [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] sighted a strange flying object near Ada, Minnesota. This object was similar to another one seen about four years ago by Officer [redacted]. <u>SIGNIFICANCE:</u> The observer claims to have seen the same object flying in the same path about four years ago, but said nothing about it because he had no other witness to verify his observation at that time. 3 Incl: (forwarded to Chief, ATIC) 1. Ltr from Officer Cummings 2. Section of road map 3. Ltr. from [redacted]		
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