

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 Apr 52		2. LOCATION N. of Goodland, Kansas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2200 PST GMT 30/0400 Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE AF Bombardier			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White color. "Fan" shape. Straight and level flight.				11. COMMENTS B-29 bombardier saw fan shaped light that pulsed 3-4 times/second. Passed B-29. No other air traffic in air.	

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SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object			
AREA REPORTED ON Fifteen miles north of Goodland, Kansas		FROM (Agency) Director of Intelligence, 90th Bombardment Wing M, Forbes AFB, Topeka, Kansas	
DATE OF REPORT 9 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 29 April 1952	EVALUATION B-2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) GEORGE A. HANSEIMAN, Lt. Col., USAF		SOURCE 1/Lt. [REDACTED], Forbes AFB, Topeka, Kansas	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Department of the Air Force Letter, AFOIN-C/CC-2, December 19, 1951.			

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 following observation of an unidentified flying object was reported to the Director of Intelligence, 90th Bombardment Wing M, Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, Kansas, on 5 May 1952:

1/Lt. [REDACTED], 321st Bombardment Squadron, a B-29 bombardier, reports the sighting took place at 2200 CST, [29 April 1952], at a position 15 miles north of Goodland, Kansas. (39°38'N/101°40'W). He states that he was in the bombardier's nose compartment and that the aircraft was cruising at 30,000 feet pressure altitude on an easterly heading just above a 10/10 undercast at the time. The sky above was clear except for a slight haze, through which the stars and moon were clearly visible. He then noted directly ahead and at a 45 degree elevation, a soft white fan-shaped light approximately 5,000 feet above, traveling very rapidly in a westerly direction toward the aircraft. The light pulsed at an estimated 3 to 4 times per second, and passed overhead with great speed in about 2 seconds, after which observation was blocked by the B-29 airframe. The light only was seen, with no visible fuselage. The base and sides of the fan were sharply defined and the trailing edge indefinite. The base appeared approximately 50 feet across, extending to 100-150 feet at the trailing edge. No audible sound was heard, nor any radio interference noted. No interphone check was made at the time, but subsequent questioning of the crew by this observer, indicates that no other crew member saw the object.

Investigation of possible meteoric or other natural phenomena with the Department of Astronomy, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, produced negative results. No unusual activity was reported by this source.

The Kansas City Air Traffic Control Center reported that no other air traffic other than the observer's B-29 was in the area at the time according to their records.

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1. Sketch "A"
 2. Sketch "B"
 3. Annotated Map of Area

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1. Description of the object.
 - a. Size - Approximately 50 feet across at base extending 100 to 150 feet across trailing edge. Length, about 75 feet. This is based on an assumed altitude of 5,000 feet above the aircraft. See Sketch "A".
 - b. Color - Soft white light.
 - c. Number - One.
 - d. Formation - None.
 - e. Aerodynamic features - None observed.
 - f. Trail or exhaust - No trail observed; light considered by observer to be an exhaust flame.
 - g. Propulsion system speed - Pulsed about 4 times per second. If estimations of distance from observer, duration of sighting, and limiting angles of sighting field are correct, speed about 2,000 miles per hour. See Sketch "B".
 - h. Sound - None audible.
 - i. Maneuvers - None observed.
 - j. Manner of disappearance - Obscured by frame of our own aircraft.
 - k. Unusual features - None.
2. a. Time sighted - 2200 CST, 29 April 1952.
b. Length of time observed - About 2 seconds.
3. Manner of observation - Visual. Observer was in bombardier's nose compartment of B-29 aircraft number 4462186, 321st Bombardment Squadron, 90th Bombardment Wing M, Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, Kansas.
4. a. Location of observer during sighting - 15 miles north of Goodland, Kansas, at 30,000 feet altitude above solid overcast to about 28,000 feet. Coordinates: 39°38'N/101°40'W.
b. Location of object with respect to observer - Directly ahead at 45 degree elevation, at an estimated 5,000 feet above aircraft.
5. Estimate of observer's reliability.
 - (1) Veracity - Good.
 - (2) Skill and technical background - Good.
6. Weather and wind condition at time and place of sighting - Weather clear above overcast, Slight haze. Goodland weather was reported as follows:
2130 CST, 29 April 1952 - M4050010RW 152/49/48 9/002/RWB32.
2230 CST, 29 April 1952 - S9 M4015 152/49/48 10/002/
7. Any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account

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8. Existence of any physical evidence - None.
9. Interception or identification action taken - None.

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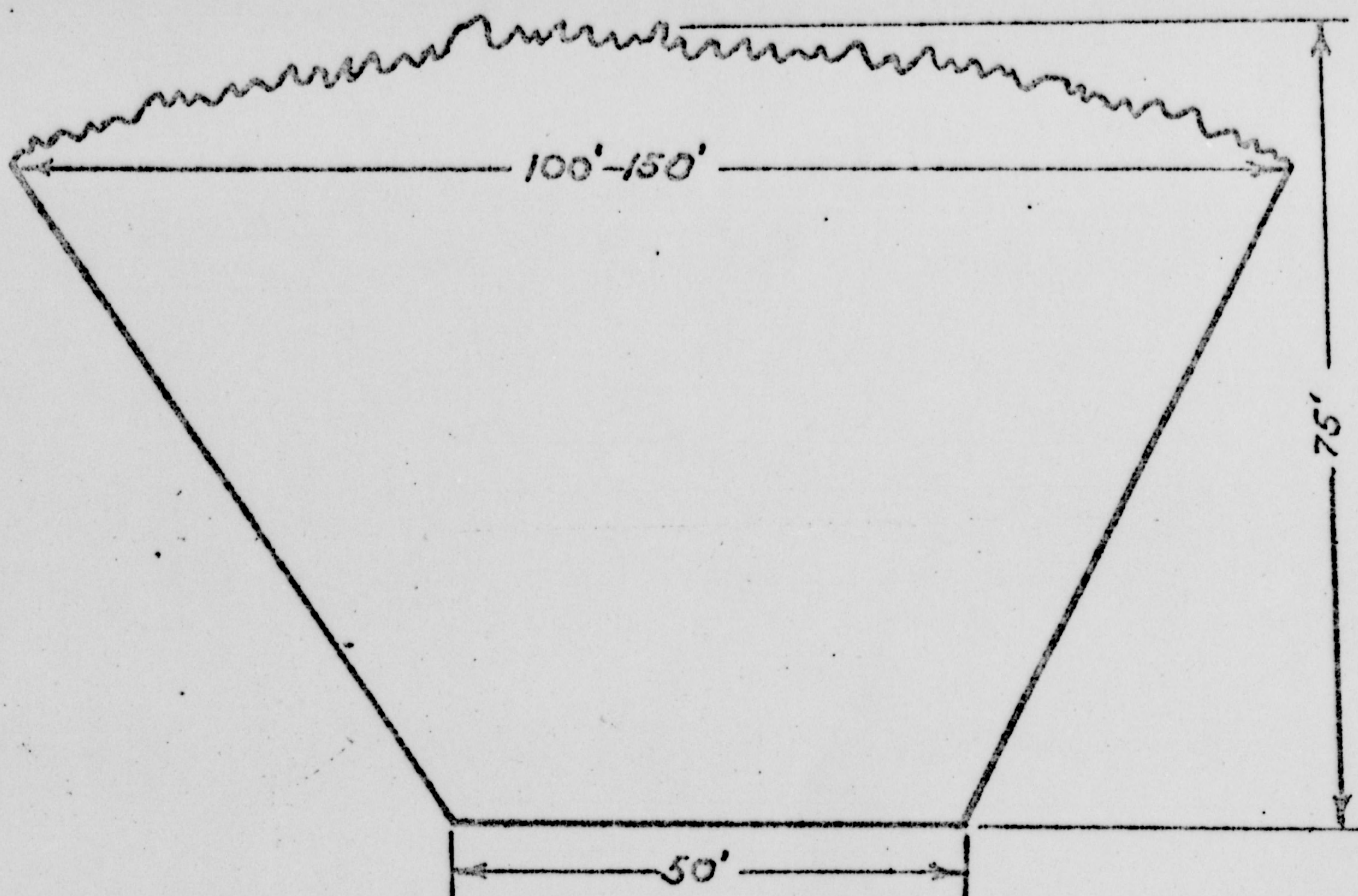
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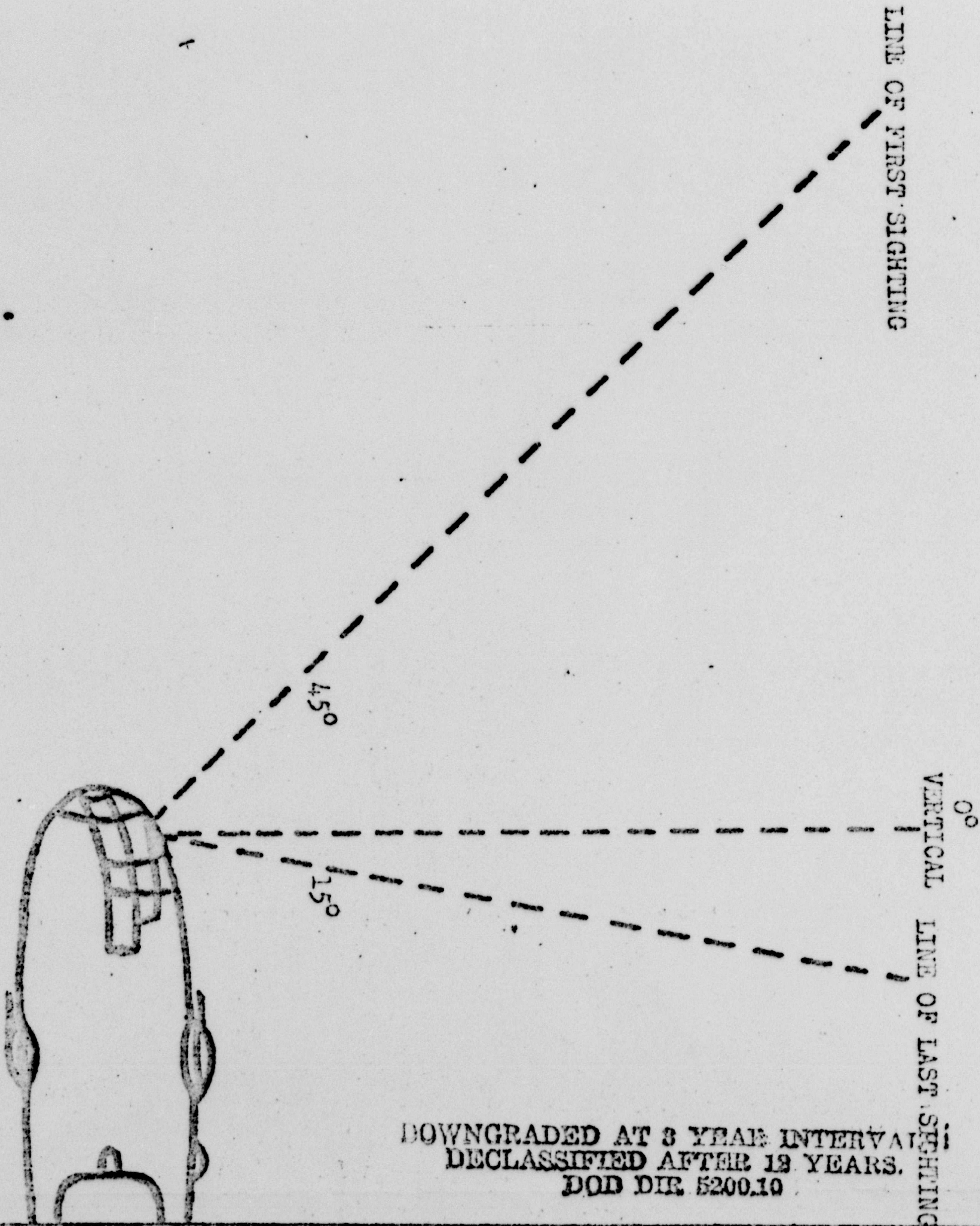
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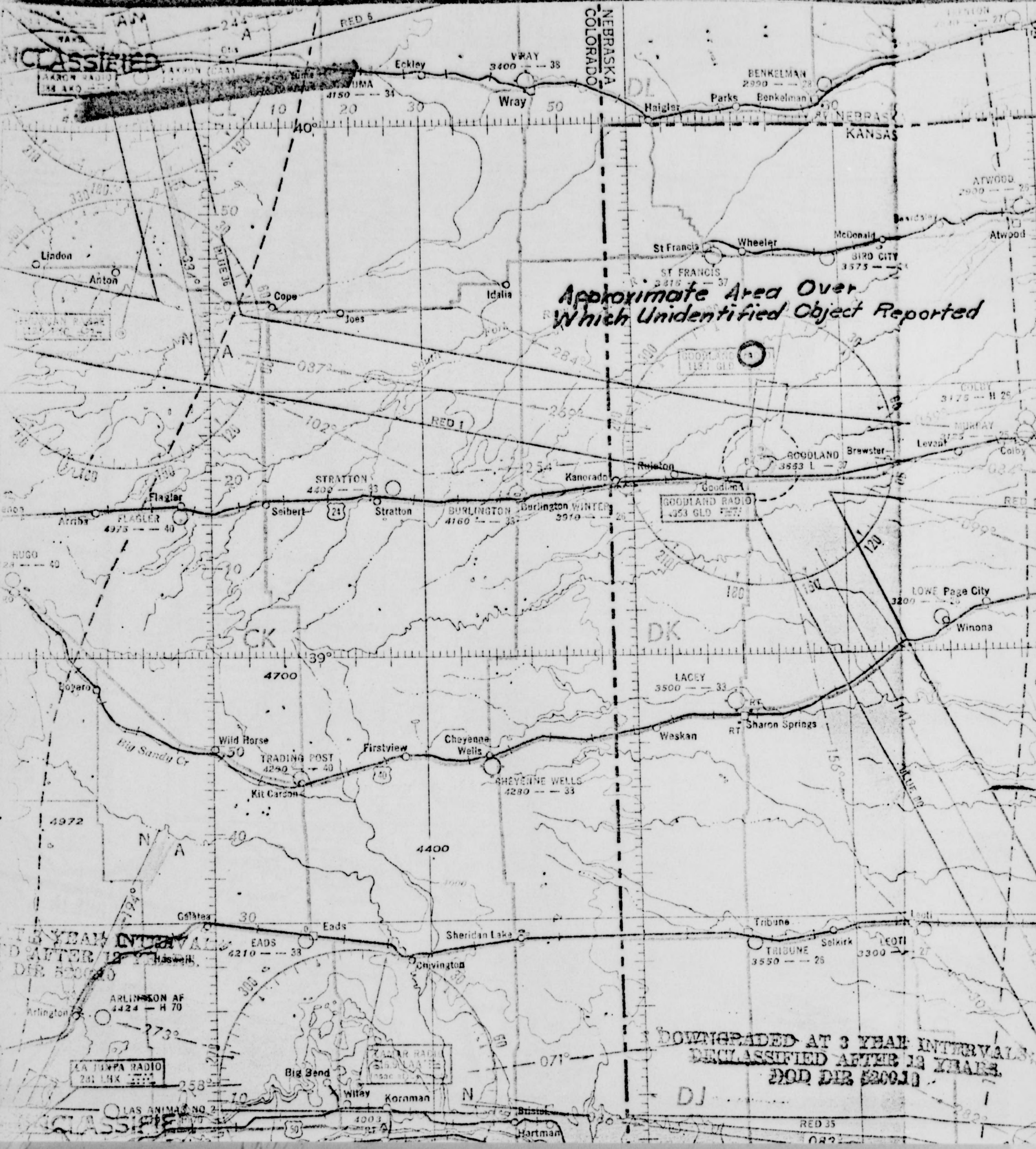
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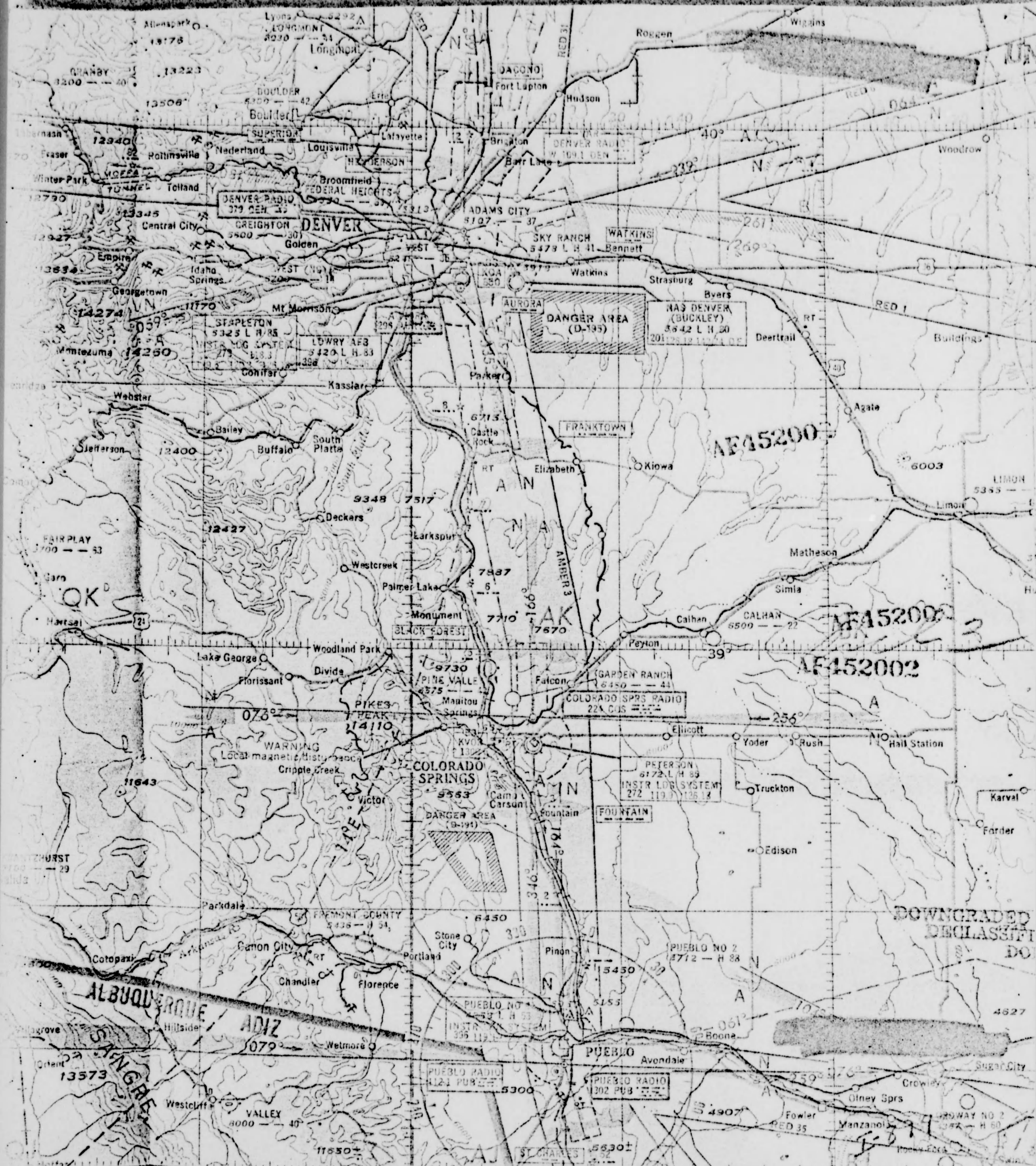
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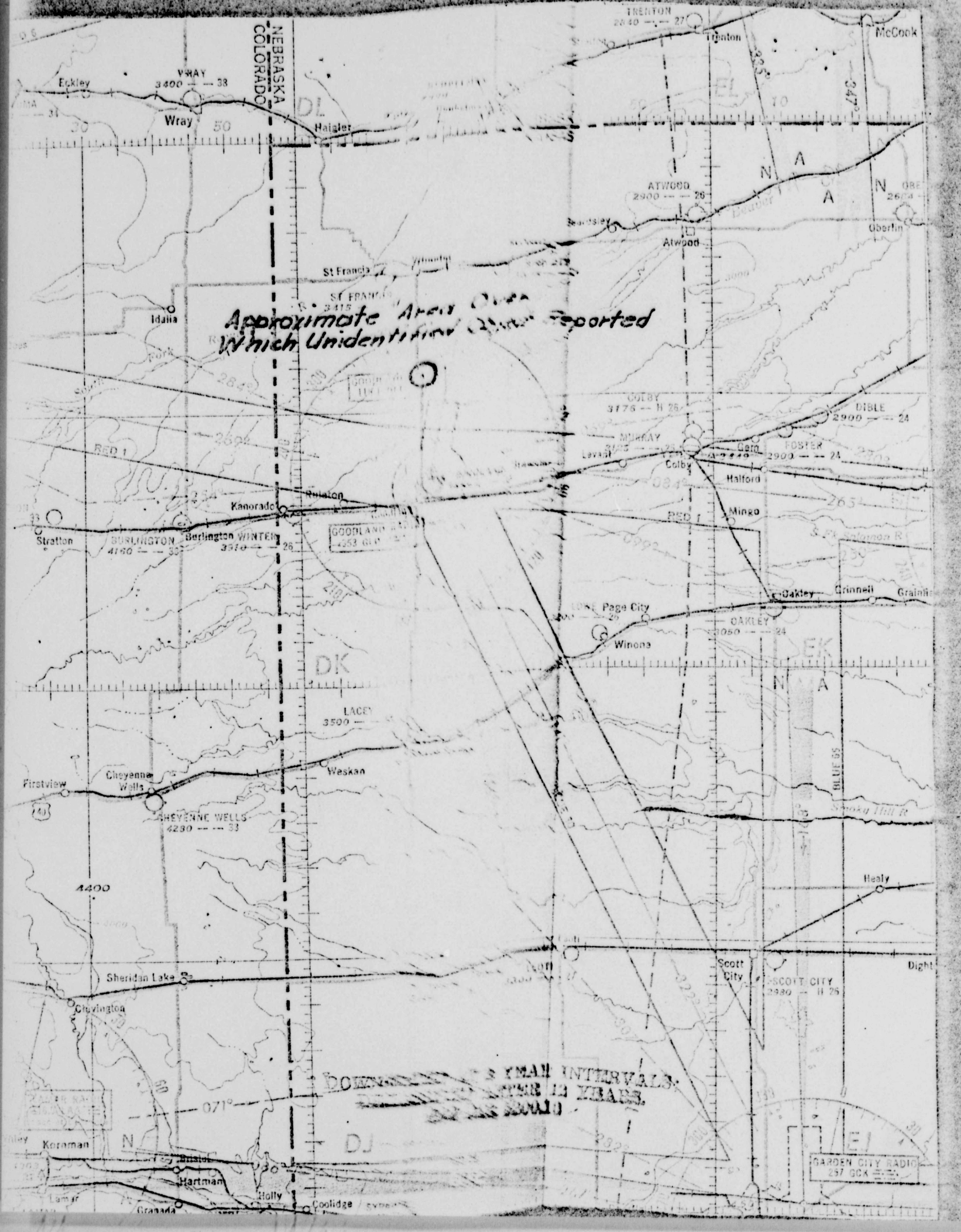
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