

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 Oct 52		2. LOCATION LAKE CHARLES AFB, LA		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 06/2120 CST GMT 07/0320 Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE AF mechanics			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object the size of a nickle at half-arm's length observed by mechanics on flight line at LCAFB. Object performed erratic maneuvers, including right angle turns. Heavy air traffic in area at time.				11. COMMENTS 1. Object seen almost overhead and dims out at intervals. 2. 20 min after local balloon release.	

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OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) FLYOBRPT

TO: Chief,
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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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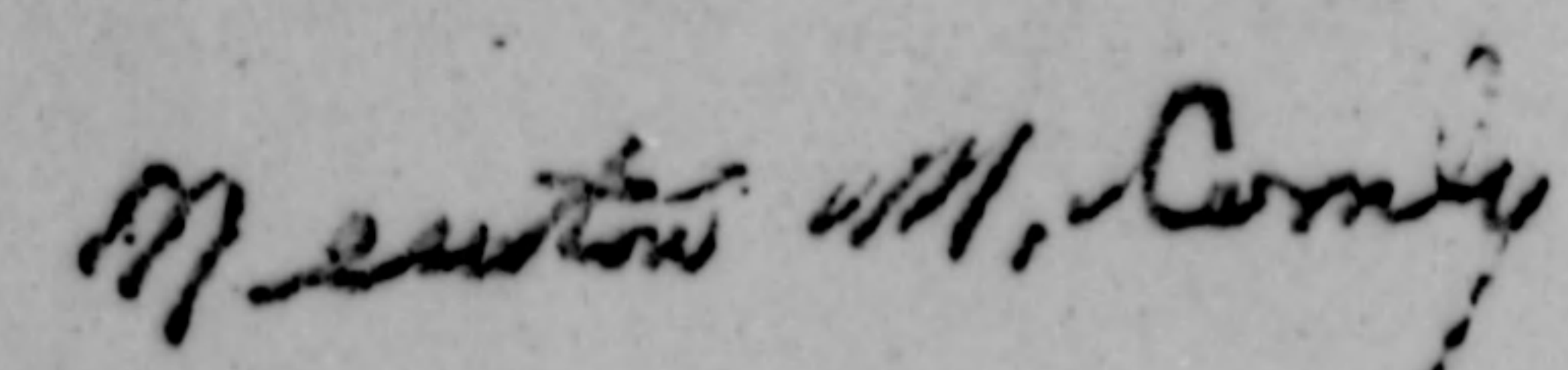
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COUNTRY USA		REPORT NO. IR-162-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT FLYODREP			
AREA REPORTED ON Lake Charles, La.		FROM (Agency) DOI-68th Bomb Wg (M) LCAFB	
DATE OF REPORT 9 Oct 52	DATE OF INFORMATION 6 Oct 52	EVALUATION E-3	
PREPARED BY (Officer) NEWTON H. COMLY 2nd Lt. USAF		SOURCE 3 Airmen, 68th Periodic Maintenance, LCAFB	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFI 200-5 & PT 68 DOI # 15007			
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.) It is the belief of the Interrogation Officer that the airmen observed some unidentified object traveling N-S just skirting the base at 1220 CST.			
 NEWTON H. COMLY 2nd Lt. USAF Wing Intelligence Officer			
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- (1) Object sighted was round in shape and about the size of a nickel held at $\frac{1}{2}$ arms length. The object was white in color resembling a bright light, dimming in intensity and then returning to a bright white again. Only one (1) object was sighted. Speed varied from very fast to almost stopping. At the slowest speeds the object made sharp right angle turns about four (4) times. (2) Object was sighted at 2120 CTS and was observed for five (5) minutes. (3) Observation was made from the Lake Charles AFB flight line. (4) Location of observers was 3012N 9309W. Object moved from North to South at an undetermined altitude.
- (5) Identifying Personnel- A/2c William L. Huffman Jr. AF-16375514 A/2c Donovan E. Wallace AF-13386125 A/2c Michael A. O'Brien AF-16375005, all of the 68th Periodic Maintenance Squadron.
- (6) Weather 9500 scattered ten miles visibility wind NNE as reported by weather Officer this station at 2127 CST (7) No Meteorological or other conditions reported that could have caused the sighting. (8) No physical evidence of sighting. (9) Reporting action taken at once. (10) There was one (1) B-29 in traffic pattern at the time which was sighted by observers.

STATEMENT OF FACT

At 2120 CST 6 Oct 1952 we were leaving the dock area of the flight line when we observed a round shaped white object traveling N-S. It got bright then dim, and changed speeds from very fast to almost stopping. At the slowest speeds it made right angle turns and completed 3 or 4 of these. It was still in sight when we left to report it, but at a much higher altitude than when first seen. We observed it for a total of almost 5 minutes before leaving.

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Witnessed by

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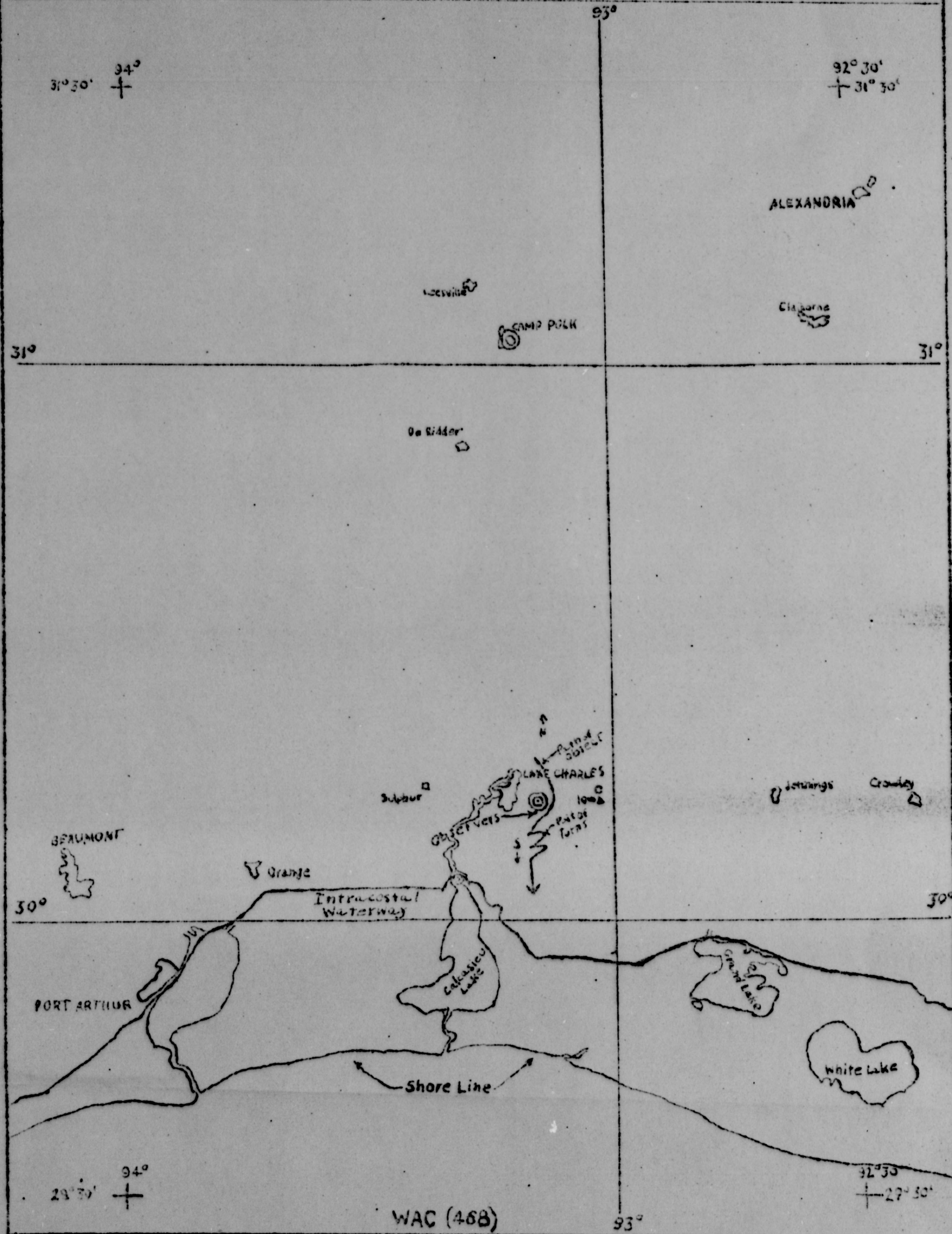
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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>6 Oct 1952</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Lake Charles AFB, La.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>2120 CST</i> Zebra: <i>0320</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☒ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☒ Normal ☐ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: ☒ Blinking "dimmed" ☐ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: ☐ 1-15 Seconds ☒ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)		
<i>CO ADIV 806 Lake Charles AFB, La.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>N/O</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes	☒ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes	☒ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes	☒ No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☒ Night		
☐ Day		
☐ Sunrise		
☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☒ Yes ☐ No
☐ One Aircraft ☒ More Than One Aircraft	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☒ Yes ☐ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☒ Yes ☐ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☒ Yes ☐ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?					☒ Yes		☐ No	
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:					<u>20</u> Minutes			
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:								
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting		
				Yes	No			
a.	Lake Charles AFB, La.	radiosonde	USDA Weather Bureau	☒	☐	white		
b.								
c.								
d.								

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate
23. FINAL EVALUATION: ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS:	

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <i>6 Oct 52</i>		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <i>12 27 CST</i>		3. STATION OBSERVING <i>L.C. AFB</i>	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0		<i>30</i>	25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
<i>3</i> tenths at <i>9500</i> feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.				<i>10</i> MILES.	
9. COMMENTS:					
<i>Dimming of light may be due to thin cloud layer.</i>					