1. DATE - TIME GROUP 27 Jan 53 27/1840Z	2. LOCATION Mather AFB, California 36°21'N-119°41'W
3. SOURCE 2 AF Pilots	10. CONCLUSION Probably Balloon X Probably same balloon sighted by witnesses at March AFB on this same date, but 40 minutes earlier.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Four	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4-5 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Four extremely brilliant objects performing unconventional rolling maneuvers were observed at estimated alt of 12,000' to 15,000' by 2 AF pilots of T-29 a/c. Objects was observed from 8,000' alt.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Same report as #22 More than witness

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ACTION

CSAF ITEM 4 (UN C L)

FROM CAPT HARRY SMITH AFOIN-2A2

TO CAPT ED RUPPELT ATIAA-5

THE FOLLOWING FLYOBRPT WAS RECEIVED 27 JAN 53

FROM FRESNO AIR TERMINAL FRESNO CLALIFORNIA

AS A CIRVIS MESSAGE AND IS FORFARDED FOR ANY

ACTION YOU DESIRE:

"AF 1927 T-29 OVR HANFORD 1044P 80 MHR ROUND

ROBIN REPORTS 4 OR 5 UNIDENTIFIED SHINY OBJECTS

IN THE BAKERFIELD AREA AT 12,000FEET OBJECTS

SHINY AND VERY LITTLE MOVEMENT. THEY ARE SOUTHWEST

BOUND. ONE TURNING NORTH BOUND OTHERS DISAPPFARING

SOUTHWEST BOUND. ONE NORTHBOUND REVERSED COURSE

ABRUPTLY. PILOT STATED OBJECTS NOT JETS AS THEY TURNED

TO ERRATICALLY. SPEED OF THE OBJECTS WAS ABOUT

THAT OF JETS. VERY FASE.

END CSAF ITEM 4 (U N C L)

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[redacted]D/GWT11A FLYOBRPT. REF PAR 7C, AFL 200-5. 1. DESCRIPTION: FOUR EXTRMELY BRILLIANT OBJECTS PERFORMING UNCONVENTIONAL BBL ROLL TYPE MANEUVER. 2. TIME OF SIGGHTING: 1040 HRS PST, 27 JAN 53. LGTH OF TIME OBSRD: 4TO 5 MINUTES. 3. MANNER OF OSBR: VIS FR T-29 ACFT AT 5,000 FEET. IAS: 170 KNOTS. 4. LOC OF OBSR: 36 DEGREES AND 20 MINUTES N: 119 DEGREES AND 40 MINUTES W LOC OF OBJ W/RESPECT TO OBSR: EST IN AREA OF 35 DEGREES AND 35 MINUTES N LATITUDE: 119 DEGREES AND 30 MINUTES W LONGITUDE. 12,000 TO 15,000 FERT. 5. INFO CONCERNING OBSRS: 2 AF PLTS WITH 8 1/2 YES AND 3 YRS PLT EXPERIENCE RESPECTIVELY. 6. WEA CONDS: HAZE LAYER APRX 4,000 FEET W/VISIBILITY ABOVE HAZE EST 100 MILES. 7. NO MET COND OR OTHER ACTY WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR SIGHTING. 8. NORPHYOOEYXDGEY. INTCP OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN:

PLT OF ACFT NOTIFIED FRESNO RAD TO RELAY INFO TO MIL FLT SV. 10. LIGHT SCATTERED AIR FRAF IN SAN JOAQUIN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

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SUBJECT: Move than one
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AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Southern California	3535th Observer Training Wing MATS, Mather Field, California

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
23 February 1953	27 January 1953	C-2

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Capt Madley and 1st Lt Cuker	USAF Pilot and Co-Pilot

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

ATL 200-5, ATSC Reg. 200-3, TWX CWT 11A dtd 29 Jan

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 113—Part II.)

Objects were sighted approximately 1044 PST, 27 January 1953. True course was 164 - heading was 161. We were four miles south of Hanford, California, 36 degrees and 20 minutes north; 119 degrees 40 minutes west.

APPROVED:

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FROM (Agency) 3535th Obsr Tng Wing MAFB, Mather Fld, California	REPORT NO. ATRC IR-3-63	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES

The first object I saw was circular shape, round and flat like a pie tin or plate. It was very bright; a brilliant silver. I watched it for about a minute or a minute and a half, and four more appeared then disappeared. The one got about 30 miles away from us. It was about the size of a head on a pin held about 15 or 20 feet away. I judged it was about 40 to 50 miles ahead of us. It was about 15 or possibly 20 thousand feet in altitude. It came straight on toward our airplane. It seemed to stop and retreat again. The objects seen were not in formation. They left no tail or exhaust. All we could see was reciprocating motions toward us and backing away. The object was observed for about four or five minutes; visual from the air. Type of aircraft was a T-29, No. 49-1927. True airspeed was 200 knots; altitude 8,000 feet. We did not have radar. These objects were observed while flying over Hanford, California - 36 degrees 20 minutes north; 119 degrees 40 minutes west. Objects were estimated to be in the area of Bakersfield, California, 35 degrees 35 minutes north latitude; 119 degrees 30 minutes west longitude. At the time of observation we were wearing smoked colored sun glasses. The weather was clear - there were no clouds. Winds aloft were about 23 knots from 250 degrees. We notified Fresno Radio who in turn notified Military Flight Service. Several of Mather's T-29 aircraft were flying missions in the San Joaquin Valley area. I am a recent recalled officer. I had 3 years of service during world war II. I was inactive in 1946 and recalled in November 1952. I was with the Reserve Unit, 442nd Trwop Carrier Wing, Air Force Reserve Combat Training Center.

Frank L. Cukar.
FRANK L. CUKAR
1st Lt., USAF
AO 940 708

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SUBJECT
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AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Southern California	3535th Observer Training Wing MATS, Mather Field, California

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
25 February 1953	28 January 1953	C-2

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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I originally sighted four objects. One of them was particularly brilliant in contrast to the other three. When I first saw them I took them for a flight of four jets. I took another look at them. They were not jets or conventional type aircraft. The maneuver appeared to be a tumbling within themselves; a barrell roll effect. They were passing inside of each others orbit. The one observed had an intensely brilliant light, almost like sodium vapor. It was coming toward us. It was getting brighter and larger; it seemed to be taking on a definite shape. It would retreat just as rapidly as it closed in. There was about a 5 degree lateral arch of travel. I would estimate them anywhere from 30 to 60 miles from us. It was down over the mountains near Bakersfield, then it was coming closer. We were about four miles south of Hanford when it started; about 1044 PST, 27 Jan 53. I used the windshield center post to gage the size of the disk. It moved about 8 to 10 inches from the windshield center, gradually moving from the south to the southwest. I thought we were going to have a mid air collision. Length of time observed was five minutes. Manner of observation was visual. Indicated speed was 170 knots, 8,000 feet. Type of aircraft was T-29. Pilot and co-pilot position. True course was 164 - heading was 161. We were four miles south of Hanford - 36 degrees and 20 minutes north; 119 degrees 40 minutes west. I estimated the disks to be about 12,000 in altitude; 30 to 60 miles away. Beneath the area in which I judged the objects to have been, there was about 7/10's layer of stratus at about 3,000 feet. They were maneuvering about the stratus. There was a haze layer at about 4,000 feet. It was very clear at our altitude. Visibility was close to 100 miles. The mountains south of Bakersfield could be seen very clearly. Winds aloft were practically negative. I have ten years of total service with 8 ½ years as a pilot - USAF - continued active service. I have observed jets in formation but not doing formation acrobatics. The reflection was too intense to be a jet; it was no aluminum object. We were wearing rose smoke colored glasses. We called the instructor and asked him if he had observed anything but he didn't have glasses. When the glasses were removed there was nothing but haze. With the glasses on I could see the images. Fresno radio was notified. There was no other air traffic noticed in this vicinity.

Ronald W. Hadley

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RONALD W. HADLEY
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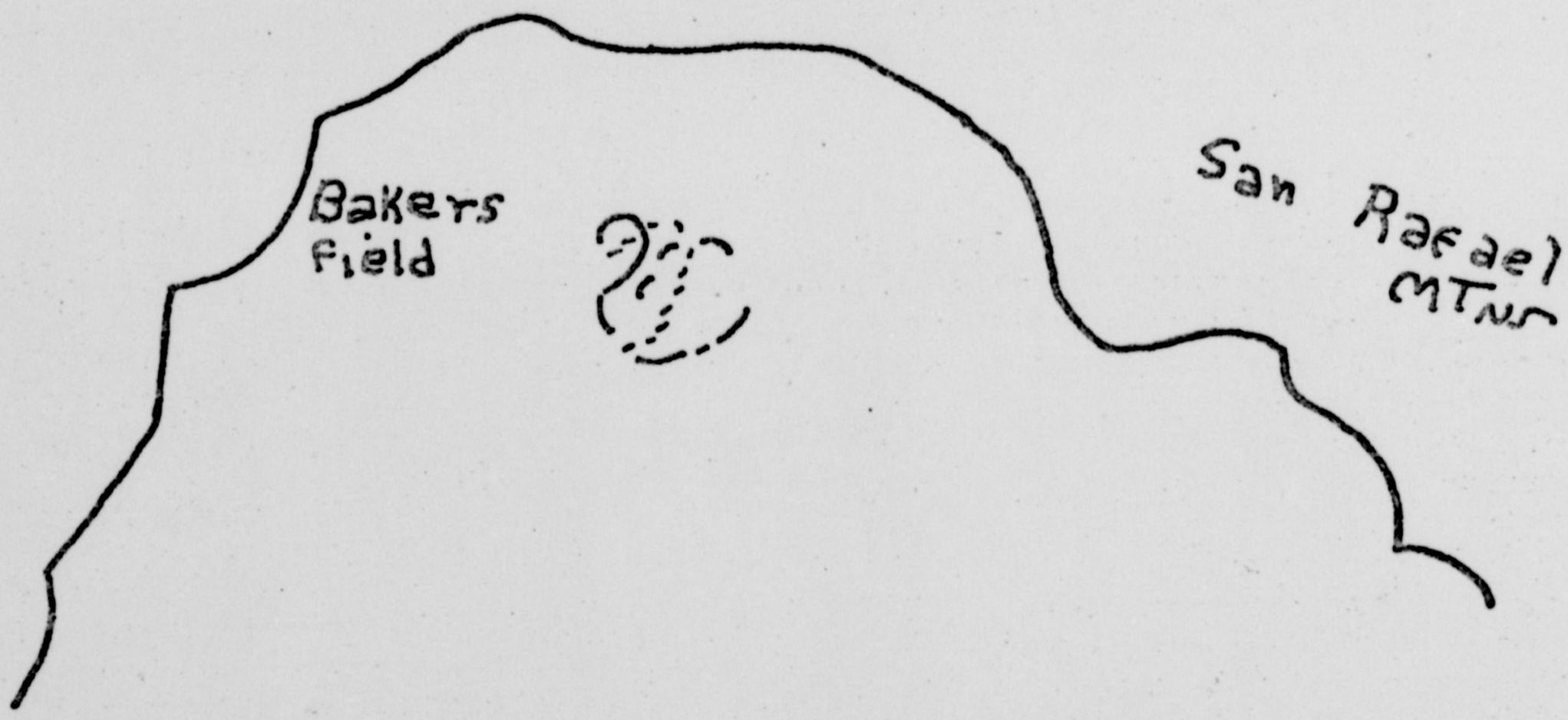

Maneuvers performed were of a tumbling nature - three objects eventually faded from view - The tumbling object would approach and retreat toward the aircraft at an extremely high rate of closure. The course made appeared to be a collision course and would have hit the aircraft on the right side. The object was either approaching or able to control the intensity of the light emission.

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MILITARY USAF Pilot School ; ; (Field) (No. of years) (Degree)

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:

1. AIRC & Eng - Mech	WHERE:	Patterson AFB, Ohio Trans-World Airlines	FROM 4-8-41	TO 11-1-43
2. AIRC & Eng - Mech	WHERE:	New Castle, Del T.W.A.	FROM 6-2-46	TO 1-12-49
3. Flt Engineer	WHERE:	Kansas City, Mo. T.W.A.	FROM 2-12-49	TO 17-4-50
4. AIRC & Eng - Mech	WHERE:	Kansas City, Mo.	FROM 20-4-50	TO 26-10-52
5.	WHERE:		FROM	TO

MILITARY OCCUPATION:

1. Aviation Cadet	ORGANIZATION	USAF	FROM 23-1-43	TO 19-11-44
2. Pilot Reserve Duty	ORGANIZATION	USAF	FROM 20-11-44	TO 30-1-46
3. 6 Plt & Maint Off Active Duty	ORGANIZATION	442 TR.C.W. 3535th OTU	FROM 1-10-51	TO 28-10-52
4. Pilot	ORGANIZATION	MAFB, Calif	FROM 1-11-52	TO Current
5.	ORGANIZATION		FROM	TO

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B. Installations: (Factories, airfields, communication nets and terminals, etc.)

were flying 8000 feet over Hanford, California, going south, sighted 5 objects about 40 - 50 miles south in area of Bakersfield California.

Estimated Altitude, 12 to 15000 feet.

C. Activities: (Procedure and organization of political parties, police, Special Security police, Department of propaganda, educational system, etc.)

D. Scientific Development: (List such specific items as aircraft type and model, specific guided missiles, type of radar equipment, name of particular tank, etc., or list general research field.)

E. Military Information: (Order of battle, names of personnel, location of units, organization.)

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EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

REMARKS:

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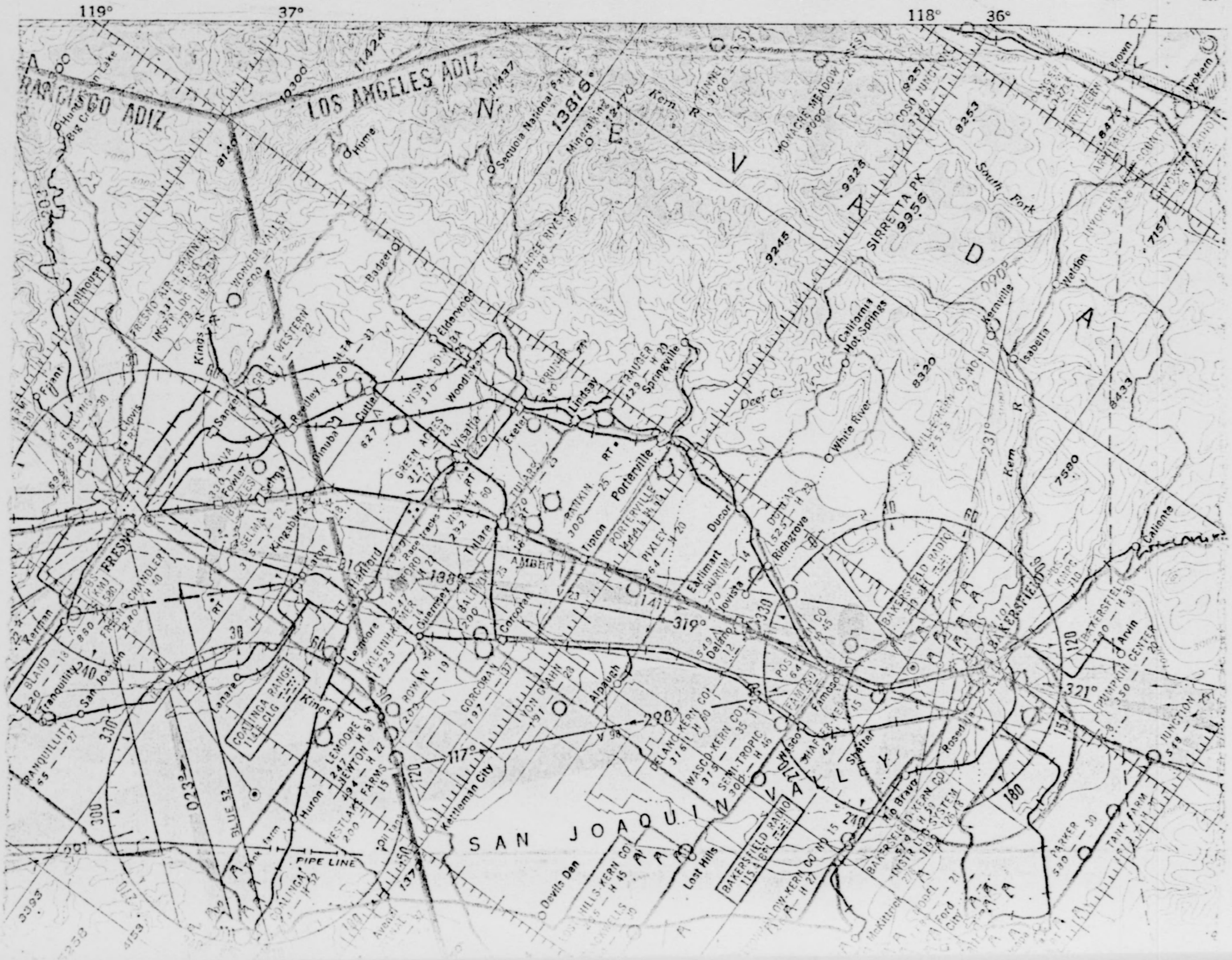
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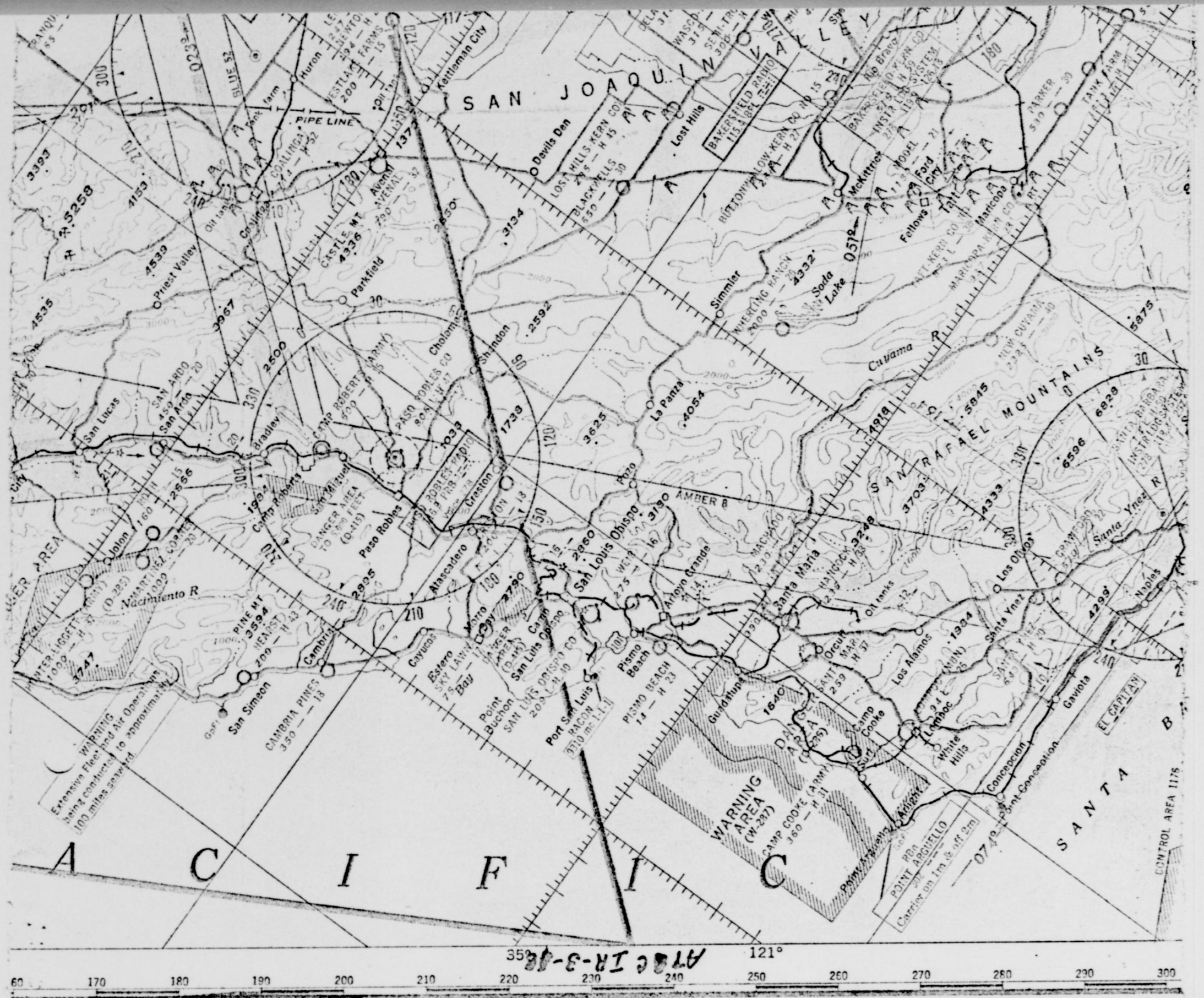

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