1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26-27 Feb 53 27/1330Z	2. LOCATION Japan
3. SOURCE ACW Personnel	10. CONCLUSION 1. Probably Astro (VENUS). 2. LIGHT HOUSE. 3 Astro (ARCTURUS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS (See Case File. Various Reports). All radar sites were alerted but object was not picked up on radar scope.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE V	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ATIC Document 123865, Northwest Hokkaido, Japan

At approximately 2100I, 25 Feb 53, an unidentified airborne object was reported seen by several members of an AC&W Squadron. The object changed colors from red to pink-orange and then to white. Sighted by several members of the detachment. The object appeared to move slowly toward the horizon then abruptly disappeared. Azimuth and elevation readings at 2155 hours on the 25th was 285 degrees from true north and 18 degrees 12 minutes above horizontal.

One member of the observing party, an Air Force major, stated that he believed the object was an obvious ~~was an obvious~~ star or planet.

ATIC Comment: Azimuth and elevation readings indicate that the sighted object was the planet Venus. Dr. [redacted], ATIC astronomer, concurs with this evaluation.

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1. Description: Object was round 3 or 4 times larger than a star, reddish-orange, moving very slow almost unnoticable.
2. Time of initial sighting: Visual sighting was made at 2230 Item, 26 Feb. 1953.
3. Manner of sighting: Sighting was visual by site personnel.
4. Location of observer: Observers were at site # 4 (Shiroi), Honshu, Japan, 35 degrees 45 minutes N - 136 degrees 26 minutes E.
5. Identifying Information: See paragraph 1.
6. Weather and winds aloft: Weather was CAVU temperature 36 degrees.
7. Possible explanation of sighting: See narrative.
8. Physical evidence: None, no radar contact.
9. Action taken: Notified all sites to stay on alert for unusual sightings, no intercepter was scrambled.
10. Air Traffic: No aircraft of any type in vicinity.

NARRATIVE:

At 2230I 26 February 1953 at Site # 4 a reddish-orange object was sighted at azimuth of 265 degrees, elevation of about 20 degrees above the horizon. The object was about 3 or 4 times larger than nearest bright star; appeared to move toward horizon to about 5 degrees and fade, reappear at 30 degrees and move down to horizon and again fade. This was repeated three(3) times. Last seen at 2245I. for a total of 15 minutes.

COMMENT OF PREPARING OFFICER:

Personnel who were interviewed by intelligence officer, 528th AC&W Gp., both were of the opinion that they would not have reported the incident if the object had not moved but since it did, even though it was moving so slow it was hardly noticable. The object moved in same path for the 3 times it was observed. No radar contacts were made and no anti-aircraft weapons were fired. No photographs were taken.

Possible explanation for sighting. At 2110I. 26 Feb. 1953, all radar sites in central area of Honshu, Japan, were alerted to watch for unusual sightings. Object sighted at heading of 265 degrees from site which would indicate aircraft flying at Yakota or Tachikawa that are not plotted by GCI if the aircraft were flying in their local area. No aircraft were flying at Johnson, and the weather search lights at Yakota and Tachikawa were on.

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Flying Object Report		
AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)	
Honshu, Japan	528th Aircraft Control & Warning Group	
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
3 March 1953	26 February 1953	C-6
PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE	
George Nosal Jr., Captain, USAF	GCI Ground Radar Site # 4	

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

AFL # 200-5, Subj: FLYOBRPT, dtd 29 Apr 52.

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in first one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

The following is a report of an unusual sighting report of an unidentified visual sighting over Honshu, Japan, which was made by personnel at Radar Site # 4, 35 degrees 45 minutes N - 140 degrees 02 minutes E.

APPROVED:

George Nosal Jr.

GEORGE NOSAL JR.
Captain, USAF
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S T A T E M E N T

I am crew chief at GCI operations APO 73. My crew was on duty from 1800 to 2400, 26 February 1953, when Captain C.W. Miller, the senior controller told me there was a strange object reported in the sky. At about 2230, I told S/Sgt. Percy Watson and A/3C Sullivan to go outside and try to observe this. I went out with them. We saw a reddish-orange object, azimuth about 275 degrees, elevation about 20 degrees. The size of this object was that of a very large star. It appeared to me to be an actual object closer than a star. I watched it at least 2 minutes. It did not move. Then I returned to the operations building. At about 2242 S/Sgt. Watson called me and I went outside again. I saw the light fade and reappear, and finally fade completely such as an aircraft light fades away as an aircraft travels out of sight. I would say the object was almost on the horizon when it disappeared for good. Its azimuth was unchanged from the time I first saw it.

William H. Standridge
S/Sgt. AF 14343222
Det #4, 528th AC&W Gp.

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S T A T E M E N T

At about 2230 hours 26 February 1953, S/Sgt. William Standridge told us that other AC&W Sites had reported seeing strange lights in the sky and asked us to go outside the operations building and observe what we could. We went out the west door of the operations building and climbed on top of a 10 foot embankment. In west (azimuth 265 degrees; elevation approximately 20 degrees above the horizon) we saw a round reddish-orange object. It was not too much larger than a star but large enough to show a definite round shape. Its diameter was probably 3 or 4 times that of a bright star. Our attention was attracted to this object by its color and motion. It moved from 20 degrees elevation down to 5 degrees elevation. After a minute or two it moved back up to approximately 30 degrees elevation and stayed for a minute or two, then it dropped to about 10 degrees elevation and stayed there for at least five (5) minutes. Then the object appeared to move westward as it moved it faded out of sight two times and reappeared. Then it disappeared for a third time and wasn't seen again. We do not think it disappeared over the horizon. When the object disappeared the last time it was 2245 hours.

Percy R. Watson Jr.
S/Sgt. AF 11175477
Det #4, 528th AC&W Gp.

Harris Sullivan Jr.
A/3C AF 14438178
Det #4 528th AC&W Gp.

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NARRATIVE:

On 26 February 1953 at approximately 2110Item hours an unusual object was sighted west of EW Ground Radar Site # 20 (Wajima, Honshu, Japan, which is located at approximately 37 degrees 24 minutes N. - 136 degrees 54 minutes E). The object is reported to have been stationary, in the form of an orange colored ball of unknown size, also red light of unknown size and shape. The object was estimated to have been from 15 to 40 miles from the site on an approximate bearing of 270 degrees magnetic, and at an altitude estimated to have been from 500 to 900 feet and 1500 to 3000 feet by several observers. The object was seen from approximately 2110I. until approximately 2120I., and it reappeared at approximately 2125I. for three (3) minutes.

At 2300I. another light was seen at a bearing which approximated that of the orange colored ball. However, the altitude was reported to have been close to the surface of the water and moved slowly in a northerly direction. This light disappeared after about ten (10) minutes.

At approximately 2215I. three (3) unidentified blips were reported on the radar scope which were later identified as surface vessels.

At approximately 2325I. a red streak of light of unknown size and shape was seen to rise from the water to a height of approximately 200 feet, range estimated at 40 to 50 miles at 310 degrees, it then disappeared.

COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

Navy and Coast Guard contacted if they had any ships in the area with negative results. No aircraft were in the area. Weather was CAUV, temperature 32 degrees. Observations were visual without optical aids. Negative radar contacts on initial sighting. No photographs were taken.

This report submitted in accordance with Ltr. file 350.09 Subj: Reporting of Unusual Incidents, Hqs. JADF, APO 710, dtd. 23 Oct. 52 as the preparing officer believes it was not a flying object.

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Unusual Sighting Report		
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Sea of Japan		523th Aircraft Control & Warning Group
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
4 March 1953	26 February 1953	C-6
PREPARED BY (Officer)		SOURCE
George Nosal Jr., Captain, USAF		RM Ground Radar Site # 20

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

Ltr, file 350.09, Subj: Reporting Unusual Incidents, Hqs. JADF, APO 710, dtd 23 Oct 51.

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in first one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 118—Part II.)

The following report is of an unusual sighting report of an unidentified visual sighting over Sea of Japan, which was made by personnel at Radar Site # 20. 37 degrees 24 minutes N. - 136 degrees 54 minutes E.

APPROVED:

George Nosal Jr

GEORGE NOSAL JR.
Captain, USAF
Group Intelligence Officer

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On 26 February 1953 at approximately 2110 hours, Wajima Dog Fox called operations and reported a strange object at approximately fifteen (15) miles west of this station.

The crew chief, A/1C McClellan, went outside and took a look at it, came back inside, and reported it to our GCI Station (Niigata), then he asked me to take a look at it and try to determine just what it might be. I went outside at approximately 2115 hours. At the west side of operations at approximately fifteen (15) miles, at about three (3) thousand feet up in the air was a strange object which looked like a fire ball. It appeared to be about ten (10) feet in diameter. While I was watching it, it changed color from orange to red and then to red-orange. It maintained it's original position for about three (3) minutes after changing colors, then it disappeared.

At approximately 2300 hours, I noticed a same light at approximately twenty miles North-West of this station. After watching this for a while, I went back to looking for the fire ball to appear again. Approximately ten (10) minutes later, I went back to watching the light in the water; it had moved approximately 20 degrees from it's original position. I reported the incident to Lt. Parker and went back into the operations building at approximately 2310 hours. Komatsu called and said they had three (3) so called fire balls West of their station. I checked our weapon and noticed three blips at 274 degrees at fifteen (15) miles from this station, then I called them in to Niigata.

HARRY RHEA
A/3C AF 13318323
Radar Operator, Det. # 20

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S T A T E M E N T

At 2110 hours, 26 February 1953, D/F called operations and told us about a red light at about 270 degrees at approximately fifteen (15) miles from this station. I went out and took a look at the light which appeared to be about 270 degrees and about fifteen (15) miles, between 500 to 800 feet in altitude. I called the Japanese guard and asked him if he had a pair of field glasses and he said that he left them at the main gate. There were two (2) guards here at the time, so I asked one of them to go down to the gate and get the field glasses. I went back into the Operations Building and A/3C Rhea came back and said that he observed the light going out and reported this to me. This occured at 2117 hours. I called Lt. Parker and reported the incident to him. We set one scope on short range and expanded the observation area to about 25 miles on the face of the scope. We didn't have anything that looked unfamiliar on the scope at the time. There were lots of fishing boats in the area at the time. The light was red and looked to be about ten (10) feet in diameter when I observed it. Niigata called and told us that Aikawa was observing some light of the same sort and I told them about ours. They told us if we saw it again to try and get a picture of it.

At about 2235 hours, A/3C Rhea got three (3) targets that were traveling about forty (40) miles per hour and on a heading of 360 degrees. A/3C Rhea called Niigata Controller and told him about it and we gave them the first plot at 2238 hours. It was flashed at 2243 hours. The flash was killed at 2319 hours and was identified as surface vessels. Doing that same time, D/F called and told us that Komatsu had seen three (3) of the same sort of lights that were orange.

CC IA L. McCLELLAN
A/1C AF 18267802
Crew Chief Ops., Det. # 20

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At approximately 2110 hours, 26 February 1953, I saw an orange ball in the sky about forty miles away and approximately 1,550 to 2,000 feet in altitude. I immediately reported it to the crew chief at operations, A/1C McClellan. After that, I proceeded to watch the ball again. As I watched it, it changed colors; first from orange to red and then to orange-red. At no time did it seem to move from it's position. At 2120 hours, it disappeared. At 2125 hours, it appeared again for about three minutes. It never was seen again. It's approximate bearing from D/F was 285 degrees.

At 2300 hours, 26 February 1953, a light appeared in the water, which seemed to be the light of a fishing boat moving at great speed. It's range and bearing was the same as the ball mentioned above. After ten (10) minutes, it too vanished. At 2325 hours, a red streak appeared from the water, rose to an approximate height of two-hundred (200) feet, and fall into the water. It's range was forty (40) to fifty (50) miles, at a bearing of about 310 degrees.

MERRILL W. BURN
A/2C AF 16357985
D/F Operator, Det. # 20

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D/I JADF Comment:

(Reference also IR 8-53, 511th AC&W Group; IR 1-53, 527th AC&W Group; and IR 2-53, IR 1-53 from 528th AC&W Group).

Although this report involves an object sighting on 26 Feb 53 (See IR's referenced above), it has been submitted as a "Reporting Unusual Incidents" report rather than as a FLYOBRPT for this reason: The reporting personnel determined the object sighted to be other than an "unidentified flying object", as stipulated in AFL 200-5.

This Headquarters has received a later message from the reporting agency which stated that further investigation determined the object sighted to have been the planet VENUS.

Site 10 was reported also in this late message to have seen VENUS on 26 Feb 53.

This Headquarters has no further information that would warrant altering this explanation of sighting.

Roberta L. Lander
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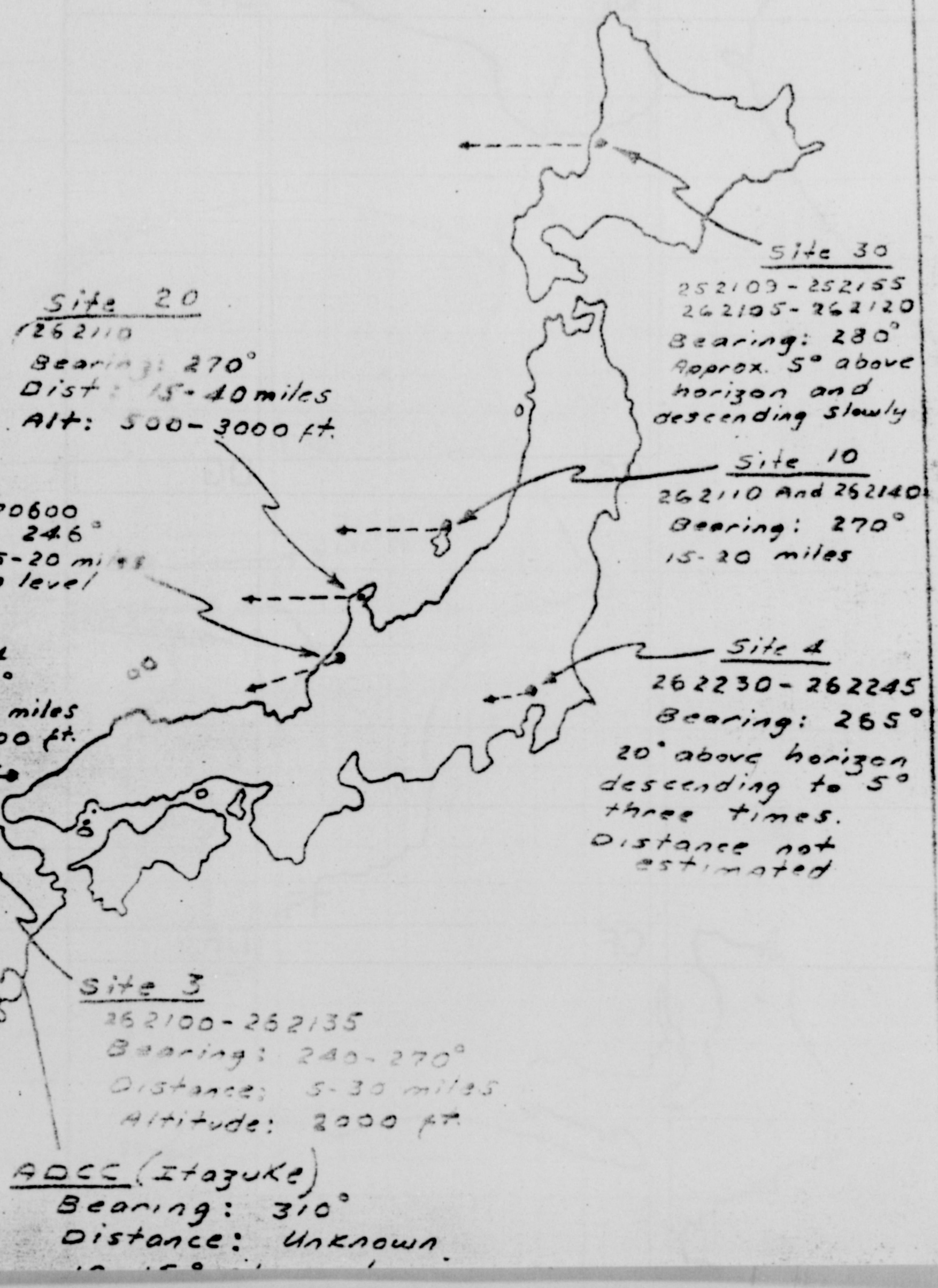

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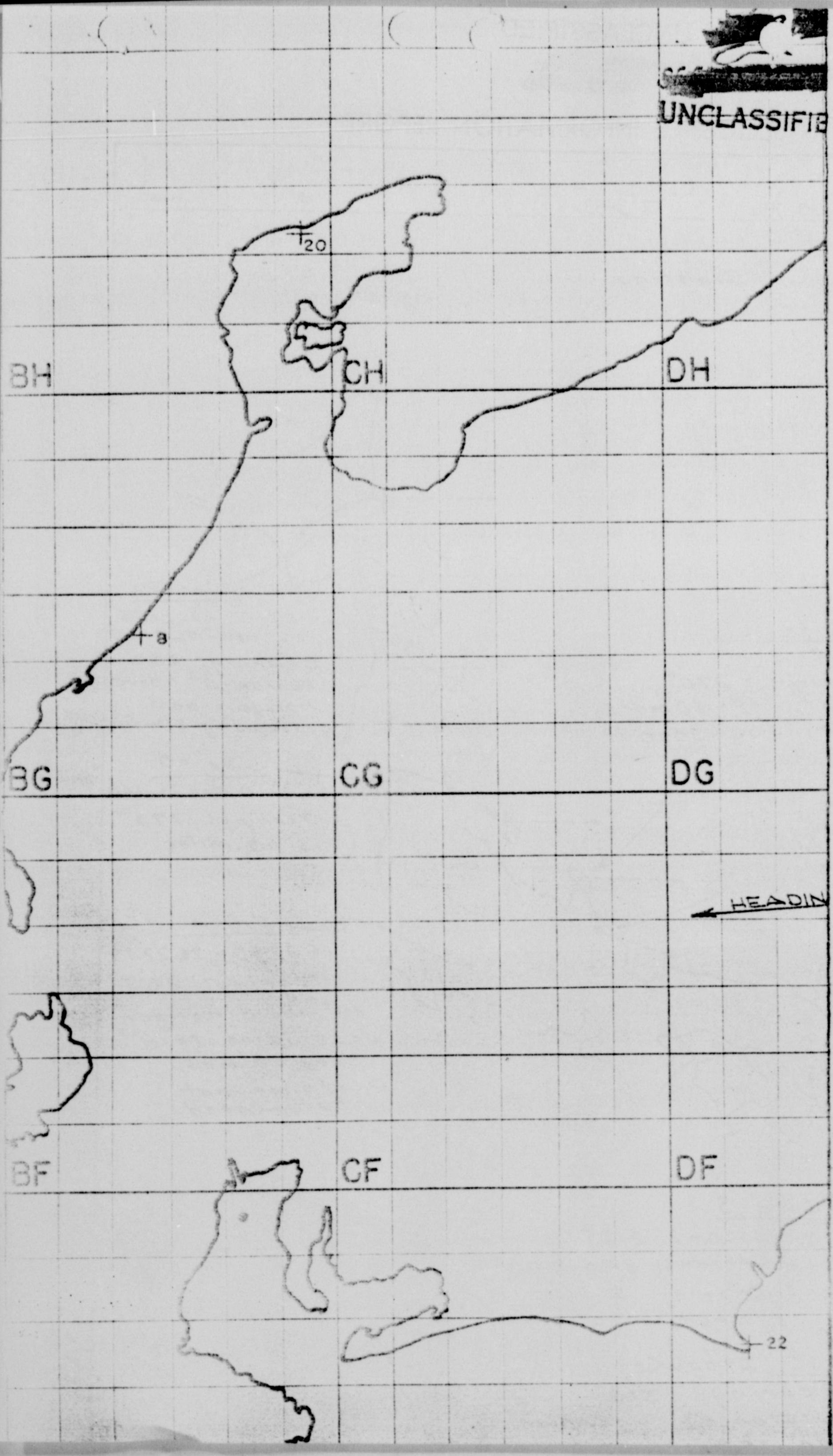

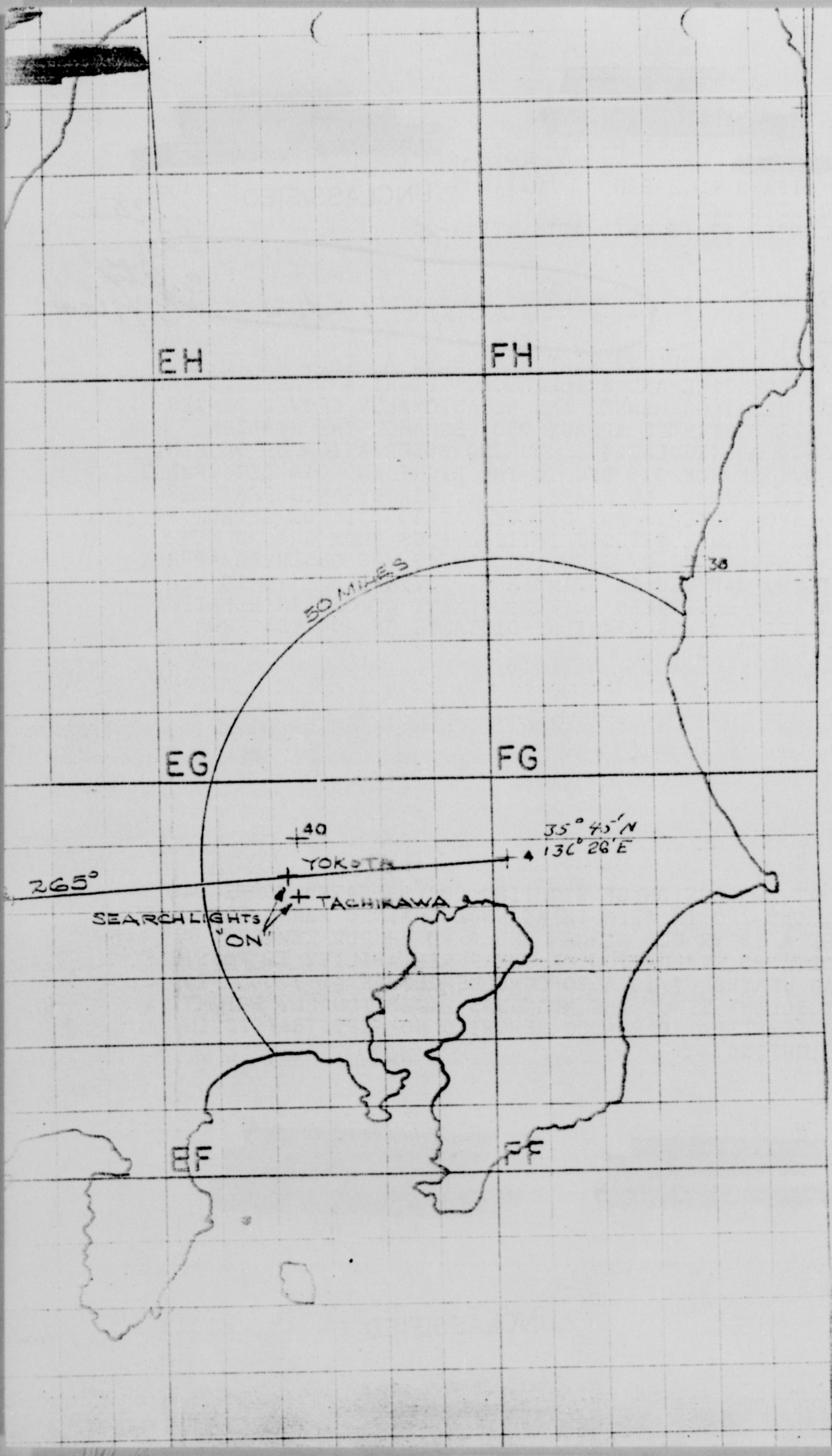
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THEIR POSITION. AT CONCLUSION OF SIGHTING OBJ APPEARED TO BE 040 DEG IN ELEVATION, 055 DEG IN AZIMUTH AT UNDETERMINED RANGE FROM BASE. PAR OBSERVERS WERE A 20 YR OLD AIRMAN AND A 40 YR OLD FEMALE I AND E INSTRUCTOR. NO EVALUATION OF THEIR RELIABILITY IS POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. PAR WEATHER 7/10 ALTO CUMULUS CLOUDS AT 12000 FT. VISIBILITY WAS EXCELLENT SINCE THE MOON WAS EXCEPTIONALLY BRIGHT. NO INTERCEPTION ATTEMPTED. PAR ADCC REPORTED NO ACFT TRAFFIC IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING

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1. Description of Object: Unidentified object resembled a bright star and was twice the size of a bright evening star. There was no aero-dynamic features other than one witness describing it as looking similar to one aircraft landing light. There was no sound, trail or exhaust features visible. Observers opinions differed insofar as the color was concerned from white to yellow to orange and to light green.

2. Time of Sighting: Object was first sighted at 2100/I, remaining visible for approximately 30 minutes.

3. Manner of Observation: Was visual from the ground, with one observer at Det #3 (Shigano Shima, WJLD 1840) sighting it with 7 x 50 binoculars. No radar contact was made from the ground stations.

4. Location of Observers: Four observers were stationed at Det #3, and three at the ADCC at Itazuke AB. The observers at Det #3 placed the object at 270° from their position, at an altitude of aprx 2,000 feet, varying from 5 to 30 miles distant from the detachment and disappearing at 240°. The observers at ADCC placed the object at 310° from their position at aprx 10° to 15° above the horizon, and no estimated distance from their position.

5. Identifing Information of Observers: Although the statements of observers are contradictory as to the time of actual sighting they are considered as reliable although they have had little experience in this type of visual sighting.

6. Weather Conditions: Between 2000/I and 2200/I, 26 Feb 53:

2100/I	2130/I	2200/I
22,000 scattered -- visibility - 8 mi wind - calm	20,000 scattered -- visibility - 8 mi wind - calm	20,000 scattered visibility - 7 mi wind - calm

7. Other Activity: None.

8. Physical Evidance: None.

9. Interception or Identification: Controller at Det #3 vectored an F-94 on CAP (Badger Red) to the area, but pilot was unable to locate object visually. Aircraft observer attempted to locate object with airborne radar with negative results.

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DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
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PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
ALONZO N. SLOAN JR, CAPT, USAF	Dets #3 Shigeno Shima, #17 Mi Shima

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
AFL 200-5, 29 APRIL 1952

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Information contained in this report concerns an unidentified object observed at Detachment #3 (Shigano Shima) and Detachment #17 (Mi Shima) on 26 February 1953 between 2100/I and 2135/I.

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ALONZO N. SLOAN JR.
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1. Statement by Lt Taylor
2. Statements by airmens Mikina, Webb, and Ayers
3. Statements by Lt Spector and Airmens Riddle and Webster
4. Statement by airman Scroggs
5. Sketch of movement from Det #3

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1. Description of Object: Unidentified object resembled a bright star and was twice the size of a bright evening star. There was no aero-dynamic features other than one witness describing it as looking similar to one aircraft landing light. There was no sound, trail or exhaust features visible. Observers opinions differed insofar as the color was concerned from white to yellow to orange and to light green.

2. Time of Sighting: Object was first sighted at 2100/I, remaining visible for approximately 30 minutes.

3. Manner of Observation: Was visual from the ground, with one observer at Det #3 (Shigano Shima, WJLD 1840) sighting it with 7 x 50 binoculars. No radar contact was made from the ground stations.

4. Location of Observers: Four observers were stationed at Det #3, and three at the ADCC at Itazuke AB. The observers at Det #3 placed the object at 270° from their position, at an altitude of aprx 2,000 feet, varying from 5 to 30 miles distant from the detachment and disappearing at 240°. The observers at ADCC placed the object at 310° from their position at aprx 10° to 15° above the horizon, and no estimated distance from their position.

5. Identifing Information of Observers: Although the statements of observers are contradictory as to the time of actual sighting they are considered as reliable although they have had little experience in this type of visual sighting.

6. Weather Conditions: Between 2000/I and 2200/I, 26 Feb 53:

2100/I	2130/I	2200/I
22,000 scattered -- visibility - 8 mi wind - calm	20,000 scattered -- visibility - 8 mi wind - calm	20,000 scattered visibility - 7 mi wind - calm

7. Other Activity: None.

8. Physical Evidance: None.

9. Interception or Identification: Controller at Det #3 vectored an F-94 on CAP (Badger Red) to the area, but pilot was unable to locate object visually. Aircraft observer attempted to locate object with airborne radar with negative results.

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10. Air Traffic: In general area at time of sighting:

TIME	TRACK NO.	POSITION	SPEED	ALTITUDE
2116/I	67	KD 5550	190	5,000 Ft
2116	74	JF 1525	200	9,000 "
2117	"	JF 2020	"	" "
2118	"	JF 3015	"	" "
2120	"	JF 3508	"	" "
2126	"	JE 5055	"	" "
2129	"	JE 5545	"	" "
2130	"	JE 5545	"	" "
2131	"	KE 0136	"	" "

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: Although the reliability of the observers is good, does not discount the possibility that the object was a planet or star. The planet Venus was in the same general direction at time of sighting, and is a bright planet. Reporting officer's evaluation of subject report is B-5. This report was not accomplished on the proper deadline date due to the lack of transportation for sighting reports from Detachment 17 to this headquarters for period of 26 Feb to 5 Mar 53.

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S T A T E M E N T

At 2105/I, 26 Feb 53, I was standing outside the operations building of Det #3, (Shigano Shima), WJLD 1840 and observed a light at about 270 degrees from that position, at a range of approximately 25 miles, altitude of 2000 to 3000 feet. It looked similar to an aircraft landing light. As I was Ground Control Intercept controller on duty at the time, I returned to the operations building and vectored an F-94 on CAP (Badger Red) into the area where I had observed this light. The interceptor was unable to locate the light and the object was not picked up on radar.

Olen F. Taylor

OLEN F. TAYLOR
AO 786663
1st Lt, USAF
GCI Controller
Det #3, 527th AC&WG

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S T A T E M E N T S

At 2100/I, 26 Feb 53, I observed an unidentified object with a pair of 7 x 50 binoculars at 1000 feet altitude, approximately 5 miles distance and 100 yards to the left of the lighthouse due west of Detachment #3, (Shigano Shima), WJLD 1840. The object's shape appeared to be spherical but deception possible due to sparkling effect of object that may have been caused by atmospheric conditions between our D/F tower and object. The object appeared to have very light green rim with a bright white colored center. I then went into operations and reported the sighting to the controller. When I returned at 2105/I object had moved laterally to the left approximately 05 degrees. At 2115/I the object disappeared completely. When object reappeared at 2120/I, it had moved another 05 degrees laterally to the left. The object changed to orange color at 2125/I and continued to move very slowly to the left laterally until it disappeared in a direction of 240 degrees, at 2131/I.

Stephen Mikina

STEPHEN MIKINA
AF 45021366
A/2C, USAF
Det #3, 527th AC&WG

On the night of 26 Feb 53, I was working as operations floor supervisor at Detachment #3, when at 2115/I, Fukuoka D/F and then Mi Shima D/F reported a strange light west of this station. I ran out of operations and observed a bright star-white round object, about 30 miles due west of my position, at a distance of about 30 miles and altitude of two to three thousand feet. In size, it was about twice as big as a bright evening star. This was about 2120/I. During the time I observed this light, it did not move. The sky was clear at the time. I returned to operations and then went back outside at 2145/I. By this time, the light or object had disappeared.

Cyrus E. Webb

CYRUS E. WEBB
AF 16376766
A/1C, USAF
Det #3, 527th AC&WG

On 26 Feb 53, at 2100/I, A/2C S. Mikina called me outside of the D/F shack to observe a light. When I came outside I saw a very bright object west of Det #3. The light appeared to be approximately 3000 feet in altitude, stationary and at a distance of 15 miles. The color of the object was bright white, and twice the size of a bright evening star. At 2110/I, I returned to my duty station and when I went outside again at 2135/I the object had disappeared.

Milton M. Hood

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At approximately 2135/I, 26 Feb 53, I observed a light northwest (310°) of ADCC, Itazuke. It was yellowish red in color and stationary about 10 degrees above the horizon and remained in that position while I watched it; approximately 5 minutes. I then went inside the building and was informed about 5 or 10 minutes later that it had disappeared.

James O. Riddle
JAMES O. RIDDLE
AF 38371983
S/Sgt, USAF

At 2135/I on the 26th of Feb 53, I was walking guard at ADCC and 1st Lt Milton N. Spector came out to locate a visual sighting that had been reported from Detachment #3. We saw a light that was yellow and it seem to turn orange. He went back inside and ask me to observed it and just before it went out at 2140/I it turned bright yellow, then went out just like some one turning off a light.

Harold D Webster
HAROLD D. WEBSTER
AF 17161215
A/1c, USAF

At 2135/I on 26 Feb 53, I observed a strange star-like object in the sky, approximately the size of a bright evening star. It was orange - red in color and appeared to be approximately 10 to 15 degrees above the horizon, on a NW (310°) bearing from me. This object was stationary and did not move during the time I had it under observation. Posting a guard to continue the observation, I went indoors. Approximately 5 minutes later, the guard, A/1c Webster reported to me that the object had disappeared.

Milton Spector
MILTON N. SPECTOR
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The object was first sighted on 26 Feb 53 at 2115/I, 270 degrees from Detachment 17 (WJME 0746) at an altitude of 3,000 feet at an estimated distance of 20 miles. Location of the object was approximately 130°45'E - 34°45'N. It was the shape of a star and was twice the size of any star in the sky at the time of sighting. It was too far away to observe any aerodynamic features, although there was a very distinct pulsating from deep orange to white, then back to deep orange. There was no noticable sound or lateral movement to the object. It seemed to get lower and dimmer indicating that possibly it was traveling away from this station. Object first disappeared at 2125/I and reappeared at 2130/I, with the color ranging from white to deep orange. The object faded completely at 2134/I and that was the final observation. The sighting was visual and no Radar pickup was made of unidentified object. There was no air traffic during the period of the sighting. My location was west side of the DF tower. The weather during the sighting was very clear and calm.

William A Scroggs

WILLIAM A SCROGGS
A/2C, AF14391255
Operator on Duty

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D/I JADF Comment:

(Reference also IR 8-53, 511th AC&W Group; and IR 1-53, IR 2-53, IR 3-53 from 526th AC&W Group).

These two sightings coincide with a series of sightings reported on 26 Feb 53 which ranged the Western coast of Japan from Kyushu to Hokkaido. Of the seven (7) sightings reported on this date, all but two (2), Sites 3 and 17 (this report), have been reasonably well explained by further investigation on the part of personnel at the reporting sites.

IR 8-53 (report on Site 30) indicates object sighted to be a star.

IR 2-53 (report on Site 4) suggests the possibility that aircraft may have been the object sighted. A further report from the reporting agency advises that B-29 aircraft over Yokota were definitely determined to be involved in this sighting.

IR 1-53 (report on Site 8), which suggests the possibility that a lighthouse may have been the object sighted, has been amplified by a further report from the reporting agency which stated that additional investigation determined that object sighted was a lighthouse

IR 3-53 (report on Site 20) was supplemented by an additional late report from the report ng agency which stated that the object sighted was determined upon further investigation to have been the planet VENUS,

The weather section at this Headquarters confirms the legitimacy of initial explanation that VENUS, or a bright star, could have caused the phenomenon related to these sightings.

This Headquarters believes that, in all probability, Sites 3 and 17 also may have seen VENUS, or a bright star.

Roberts L. Lander
Lt. Col

CHESTER H. MORNEAU for
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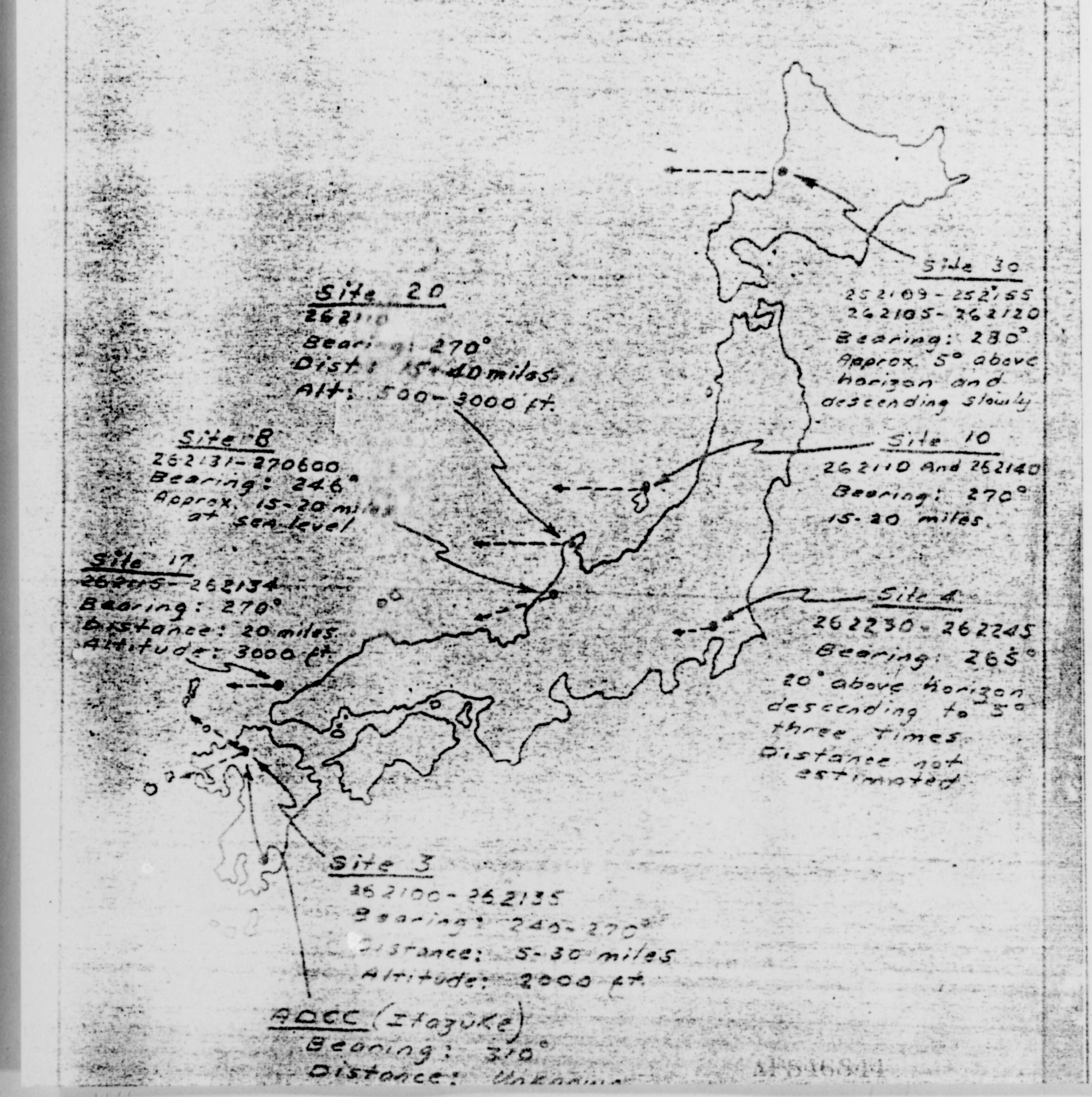

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SUBJECT
Unusual Sighting Report

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Sea of Japan	529TH Aircraft Control & Warning Group

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
3 March 1953	26 February 1953	C-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
George Noval Jr., Captain, USAF	AN Ground Radar Site # 8

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
Ltr., AG 330.09, subj: Reporting Unusual Incidents. Hq., JADF, APO 719, dtd 23 Oct 52.

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.)

The following report is of an unusual sighting report of an unidentified visual sighting over Sea of Japan which was made by personnel at Radar Site # 8, 36 degrees 24 minutes N - 136 degrees 26 minutes E.

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George Noval Jr
GEORGE NOVAL JR.
Captain, USAF
Group Intelligence Officer

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NARRATIVE: At approximately 2131 Item, 26 Feb. 53, Detachment # 8, 528th AC&W Sq. located near Komatsu, 36 degrees 24 minutes N 136 degrees 26 minutes E was queried by land-line from Detachment # 6 Niigata, 37 degrees 56 minutes N 139 degrees 06 minutes E, if they had seen strange flashing lights along the coast. A negative report was sent and Detachment # 6, at approximately 2208, requested a spotter be assigned to watch the coast.

A/2C Tyson reported seeing a flashing yellow light immediately upon going outside. The time of sighting was at 2203. A/2C Tyson reported the light flashing 3 times, then a pause, and then repeat. See Inclosure # 2. The last sighting was at 0600 and the light still flashing.

A/1C Kostic also observed yellow light and so informed Detachment # 8, who in turn requested pictures, direction of flight, distance, and that Captain Woirol, Detachment # 8 Commander, to submit a report. See inclosure # 4. A/1C Kostic informed Japanese Coast Guard of sighting to check possible shipping in area. Japanese Coast Guard replied saying the Towa Maru, Japanese coal freighter was in the same area. See inclosure # 1.

A/2C Heffenber also observed yellow flashing light in same area from the Operations tower. See inclosure # 3.

In consensus, all four airmen and the Detachment Commander, observed the same light, same flashing characteristics, same colour and approximately the same bearing and distance from the point of observation. Visibility was unlimited, moonlight night, calm weather, temperature approximately 36 degrees. The light was observed to be on a magnetic heading of 246 degrees between 15 to 20 miles in distance and at sea level or very close thereof. It remained stationary throughout the night. Pictures (4 exposures) were taken with negative results.

The Navy was contacted with negative aircraft or surface vessels in the area. Negative radar pickup on subject light.

COMMENT OF PREPARING OFFICER: This officer believes the light observed was from one or two light houses west of the site on approximate heading of 246 degrees. Both using a flashing red signal. Further evidence would be that the light remained stationary repeating same sequence until last sighting at 0600 I 27 Feb. 53 for an estimated time of approximately eight (8) hours.

Submitted in accordance with Ltr., File 350.09, subj: Reporting Unusual Incidents, Hqs., JAFP, APO 710, dtd 23 Oct 52 in place of AF Ltr. 205-1 as the preparing officer does not believe it was a flying object.

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STATEMENT

At approximately 2131, 26 Feb. 53, while on duty as a Radar Operator, this Detachment, I received a call on land line from Lt. Good at Niigata and he requested to know if we had seen any strange flasning lights along the coast. I informed him that we had not.

At approximately 2208, Lt. Good called again and requested that we put out a spotter to see if he could spot any lights along the coast. I informed Capt. Weirol of same and had A/2C Tyson go outside on top of operations with a pair of field glasses.

Almost immediately after A/2C Tyson went outside. He reported that he had spotted a flashing yellow light. I went outside and also spotted the yellow light. I then informed Lt. Good at Niigata of same and he requested that we take pictures of object, obtain direction from station, estimate miles from station and have our Commanding Officer make out a report of same.

After Capt. Weirol arrived at operations he immediately went on the tower and looked at the object through field glasses. He then took four (4) pictures of the flashing light and we obtained a telescopic compass from DF and took a bearing on the light. We found it to be 246 degrees from our radar tower. We also called the Japanese Coast Guard to have them check the area of the flashing light.

After observing the light for a short time, I estimated that the light was approximately fifteen (15) miles from our station. The light was flashing at approximately 1 second intervals for three flashes and then it stopped for approximately 3 seconds and then started same procedure again. I also observed that the light was stationary.

At approximately 2357, we received a report from the Japanese Coast Guard saying that there was a Japanese coal freighter in the area that we had them check. The name of this vessel was Towa Maru. I informed the Controller at Niigata of same.

s/t EARL F. KOSTIC AF 19361876
A/1C USAF

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I was on duty in Radar Maintenance when I was requested to go up on top at operations and see if I could see any sign of a flashing light. The time was 0302 Hrs, 26 Feb 1953.

When I looked to the west, I saw a blinding light flashing three (3) times, then a pause and repeat. I reported this to Lt Hardie who was on duty in Operations and he notified the proper authorities.

I remained on standby for the rest of the night and at 0400 Hrs, 27 Feb 1953, I looked for the last time and the light was still showing in the same sequence.

s/t LARRY D. TYSON AF 11201619
A/2C, USAF

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STATEMENT

I was Sgt. of the Guard on 26 Feb. 1953, and at approximately 2210 Item, I was called to get a relief man for operations. After taking the relief man up to operations, I went up on the tower and saw a light flashing off and on, coming from the coast. It was flashing at regular intervals of approximately one (1) second each for three (3) times then there was approximately a three (3) second interval. I looked at it through field glasses and the distance was very hard to judge but I would say it was about twenty (20) miles from this station.

At 2300 Item, I came down off the tower and the light was still flashing.

s/t DONALD L. HOFFNER AF 19401647
A/2C, USAF

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STATEMENT

At approximately 2205; 26 Feb. 53, A/1C Earl F. Postic, crew chief on duty at Radar Operations, called my quarters and informed me that Detachment # 20 had reported sighting some unusual lights off shore and that our Detachment was instructed by Detachment # 6 to keep a visual observation of our off shore area. A/2C Henry B. Tyson was posted on the Operations building roof and immediately reported a flashing light. I went to Operations at 2220 and observed the light which flashed three times at one second intervals and then remained off for three more seconds. this sequence of flashes continued until approximately 2330 when I left the roof of the operations building. The light was white when observed through binoculars but had an orange tinge when viewed with the naked eye possibly due to the distance and slight ground haze. The light remained stationary at all times. I estimated the distance from this station between 15 and 20 miles, however, this may be extremely inaccurate due to the fact of darkness and no discriminable objects close enough to the light by which a distance estimate could be made. A sighting was taken of the light, the bearing of which was approximately 246 degrees magnetic. Elevation of the light was sea level or very close to sea level. The weather was ideal for long distance sighting with no sky coverage, wind calm and the moon illuminating the surrounding area so that a human being could be distinguished at 100 to 200 yards from the Operations roof. I attempted to take four photographs of the light but due to its brief duration believe they will be unsatisfactory. The undeveloped film is included as Inclosure # 5. The elevation of the picture will be extremely difficult because five lights in the foreground were used as reference lights and I am sure their intensity was such as to obliterate the pinpoint of light that was the object. From the direction and estimated range of the flashing light it could possibly be a ship navigation light indicated on Aircraft Navigation Charts of this area.

s/t WARREN S. MOIROL
Capt. USAF
Detachment Commander

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Although this report involves an object sighting on 26 Feb 53 (See IR's referenced above), it has been submitted as a "Reporting Unusual Incidents" report rather than as a FLYOBRPT. This was accomplished in this manner because the reporting personnel determined the object sighted to be other than an "unidentified flying object", as stipulated in AFL 200-5.

This Headquarters has received a later message from the reporting agency which stated that further investigation determined the object sighted to have been a lighthouse.

Robert L. Lander
Lt. Col USAF

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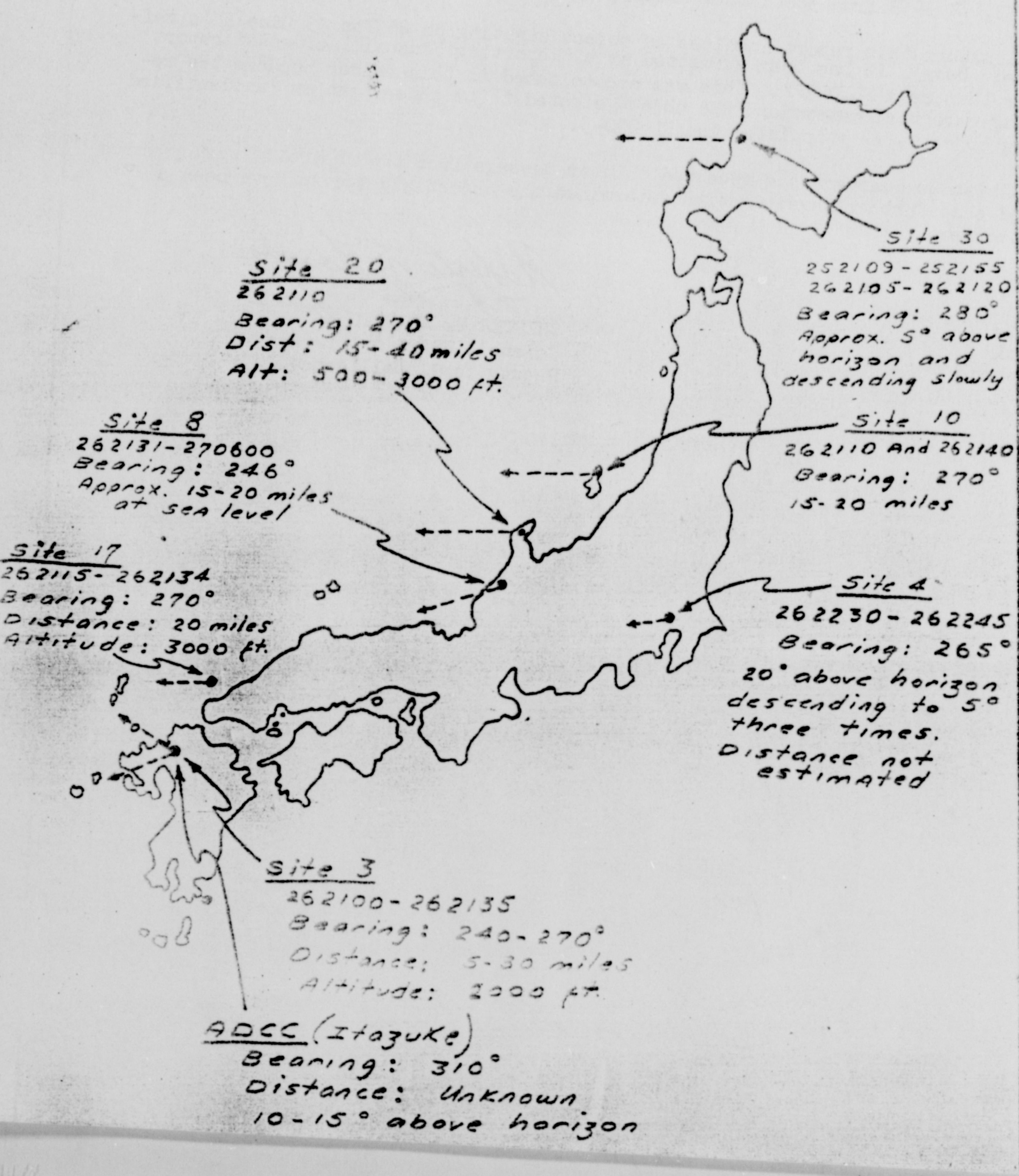

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1. Description of Object: Object was a bright green light that resembled a star except for its size, brilliance, and apparent movement. The object was described as being several times brighter, larger, and much nearer to the earth than a normal star. The observers reported that an occasional tinge of red could be detected in the object. Throughout the period of observation, the object appeared to vary in intensity in a rhythmic pulsing manner, but did not appear to twinkle as a star does. Although no exhaust trails, means of propulsion, or aerodynamic features were observed, the object seemed to move perceptibly to the right and upward from the position of original sighting. The object was observed to move approximately 010° in each direction during the ninety minute period of observation. The object appeared to move in a slow stair like pattern. It was observed to move definitely to the right and very slightly upward, pause momentarily, and then move definitely upward and slightly to the right and pause before repeating the process. The object also appeared to recede at times as though it were either growing very dim or moving farther away without changing its azimuth position or angle of elevation. Observers were unable to estimate the size or shape of the object.

2. Time of Sighting: At 1950I for approximately 90 minutes.

3. Manner of Observation: Visual without optical aids from the ground at KJGL 2243.

4. Location of Observers: Throughout the period of sighting, the observers position remained constant at KJGL 2243. At time of initial observation, the object appeared to be approximately 015° above the horizon at an estimated range of 7 to 10 miles on a bearing of approximately 045°. As the object moved, the observers judged its position in relation to two radio antennas approximately 90 to 100 feet high at an estimated range of 300 yards. The antenna poles are oriented in a general northwest to southeast direction approximately 100 yards apart and are set on a slight knoll 5 to 10 feet higher than the position of the observers. Object was first sighted slightly to the right and slightly above the left hand pole. It subsequently moved to a position slightly to the right of the right hand pole approximately 025° above the horizon at an undetermined range. Altitude at time of first sighting was estimated at 10,000 feet; at time of last observation approximately 20,000 feet.

5. Identifying Information on Observers: Observers were a 20 year old Airman and a 40 year old female DAFC Information and Education Instructor. The Airman has had some aerial experience as a radio operator and exhibited good presence of mind in attempting to estimate object's movement and position. Both appear sincere and are firmly convinced that their sighting was not a star.

6. Weather: 7/10 Alto Cumulus clouds at 12,000 feet. The moon was extremely bright and visibility was good.

7. Other Activity Which Might Explain Sighting: The possibility exists that the object sighted was a star. Many persons in this area have reported observing somewhat similar phenomena and have expressed a belief that the objects seen were particularly brilliant stars which appeared to vary in intensity and change colors. It is possible that the individuals concerned were decieved by the objects brilliance in estimating range and size. It is interesting to note that the majority of these sightings have occurred on nights when the moon was particularly bright.

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PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

AFL 200-5, 29 Apr 52; Msg WBA 430, 6016th Air Base Wing, 28 February 1953

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 is a report of an unidentified aerial object which was observed by 2 people from the ground near Misawa Air Base (XJQL 2243) for a period of approximately 90 minutes at 1950I, 27 February 1953. The object was a green light that resembled a star except for its brilliance, nearness to the earth, and apparent movement.

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D/I Japan Air Defense Force Comment:

A study of weather charts for the period in which this sighting occurred suggests the possibility that a temperature inversion at 4,000 feet may be a contributing factor in this instance.

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1. Statement of A/3c Welch
2. Statement of Miss [redacted]
3. Sketch of object position

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STATEMENT

At approximately 1950I on the night of February 27 1953 I observed an object, which at first sight I took to be a star of exceptional brilliance. I noted the fact to myself, and then turned my attention to tuning the radio inside the automobile. About five minutes later, I glanced back at what I thought was the star, and it seemed to have moved both slightly to the right, and up. I thought then that I might have been mistaken in my first observation, so I looked away again, then a short time later, I looked back and I was certain that it had moved. I then thought of the possibility of its being some sort of aircraft, but I knew that an aircraft would go out of sight in less than the time I had spent looking at the object. I then took note of the changing brightness of the light, and the exceptional brilliance of it. I then started to think of how to estimate the altitude and distance both in miles from the end of the airstrip, and in degrees from the same point. I used the clouds which I knew to be at about 20,000 feet, to estimate the altitude, and the AACS homer antenna which I know to be directly off the end of the runway to estimate the distance in degrees from that point. I estimated the distance to approximately 7 to 10 miles from the base, out over the sea.

I watched the object from 1950I until 2125I, and during this time it seemed to move both vertical and horizontally, I would say that it moved about 10° in both directions.

After watching for quite awhile the object seemed to recede, then it came back, at about the same position as it was when it started to recede. The following morning I started asking questions about what the weather had been, and I called ADCC to ask if there had been any sightings of aircraft, or other objects, there had been none. I then asked the man who had been on duty in the control tower if they had any knowledge of any aircraft in the area, they said that all they knew of was some F-94's that had taken off, I saw these aircraft, and recognized them. These proceedings I reported to M/Sgt. Foster of my Squadron.

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9. Interception: None attempted.

10. Air Traffic: The controller at Misawa ADCC reported no air traffic in the area during the time of sighting.

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STATEMENT

At approximately 2000I on 27 February 1953 I was in a car outside Misawa city when I sighted what appeared to be a star but after observing it for some time it appeared too large and too close to the earth to be a star. Two Japanese CAA poles were guides as to the movement of the object. When first observed the object was a little below the red light and to the right of the left hand pole. The object twinkled between the pole and then gradually moved up to the top of the right hand pole and seemed to hover over the pole just in front of a small bank of clouds. Then gradually it moved up and away until it was out of sight after having been observed over an hour. It appeared to be bluish green with an occasional tinge of red, round if any shape could be described.

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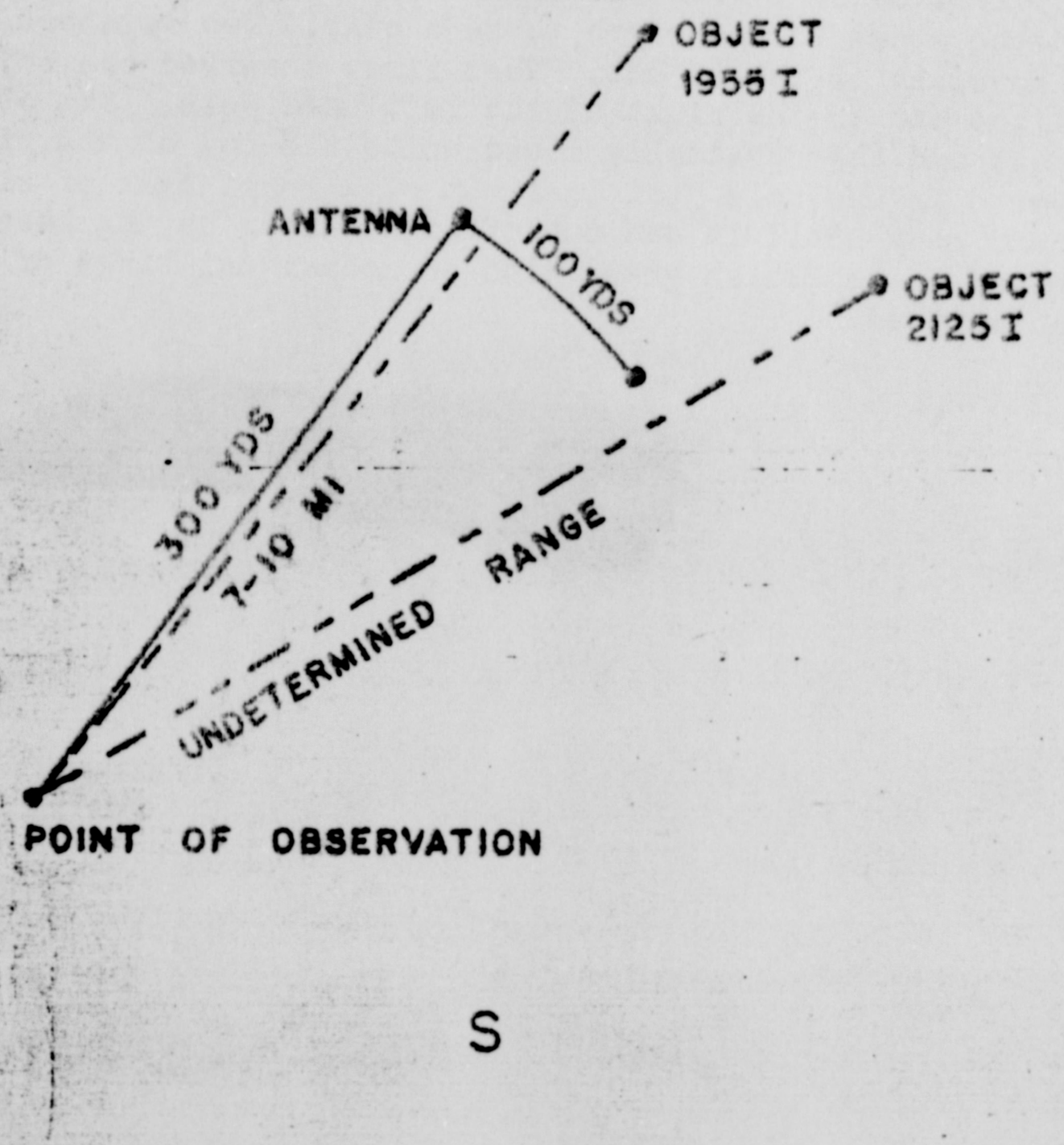

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