

DATE - TIME GROUP 1 March 53 01/1125Z		2. LOCATION Misawa & Northwest Hokkaido, Japan	
3. SOURCE Military (AC&N Personnel)		10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (VENUS)	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 Hour, 16 Minutes		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS A light was observed by two airmen in Northern Japan which appeared at 270 deg azimuth, 35 deg elevation & disappeared at 280 deg azimuth, 10 deg elevation. It changed colors from yellow to green. COMMENTS: 1. Preparing officer states that saw object seen on previous occasions and is apparently a bright star. 2. Venus is low on the Western horizon & extremely bright in March 53. Ties in with recent sightings from Japan.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE Northerly			
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No			

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CITE WBA 495AC&W INT. FLYOBRPT REF AFL 200-5, PAR 7C. 1.
ONE UNIDENT OBJECT CHANGING YELLOW, ORANGE LIGHT.
2. SIGHTED APPROXIMATELY 2025 I, 1 MAR 1963. DISAPPEARANCE
2125 I.
3. VISUAL.
4. OBSERVER LOCATED AT 43-57 N, 143-43 E. OBJECT APPEARED TO HAVE SOME
SLOW MOVEMENT IN SLIGHT DROP IN ALTITUDE.
BEARING OF OBJECT 273 DEGREES. APPROXIMATE ELEVATION 15 DEGREES.
5. UNAVAILABLE AT PRESENT.
6 AND 7. UNKNOWN.
8. AIRMAN 1C JOHN H HUGES OBSERVED SIGHTING AND TOOK
CAMERA EXPOSURE.
9. NONE.
10. NO AIR TRAFFIC. RADAR SIGHTING OF SHIP IN AREA. DETAIL
REPORT WILL FOLLOW

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SUBJECT

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AREA REPORTED ON

FROM (Agency)

IO, 511TH AC&W GP, APO 919

NORTHWEST HOKKAIDO

DATE OF REPORT

DATE OF INFORMATION

EVALUATION

12 MAR 53

1 MAR 53

PREPARED BY (Officer)

SOURCE

FRANCIS S. DOLE, MAJOR, USAF

RUMOI AF DETACHMENT, APO 919

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

MSG, 511 AC&W GP, CITE WBA 493, DTG 030003Z MAR

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.)

Following is a report of an unidentified airborne object which was sighted from Rumoi AF Detachment, Hokkaido, Japan, at approximately 2025I on 1 March 1953. The object was a bright light changing color from yellowish green to pink and was observed by two members of the detachment for approximately 36 minutes.

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1. Description: At approximately 2025I, 1 March 1953 an unidentified airborne source of light which reportedly changed colors from yellowish green to orange to pink was sighted by two members of Rumoi AF Detachment on a bearing of approximately 270 degrees from station and 35 degrees above the horizon. It appeared to fade and reappear several times within 35 minutes during which time it progressed to a bearing of 230 degrees and 10 degrees above the horizon where it disappeared completely.

2. Time of sighting: 2025I - 2101I, 1 March 1953.

3. Manner of observation: Visual from the ground without optical aids.

4. Location of observers: Rumoi AF Detachment, Northwest Hokkaido, Japan, (43-57N, 141-40E).

5. Information on observers:

a. S/Sgt Gordon C. Ward, AF 13 345 853, Radar Operator, 33 months experience, 3 months site duty.

b. A/1c John H. Hughes, AF 16 327 124, Radar Mechanic, 17 months experience, 5 months site duty.

6. Weather: Generally clear with a few scattered clouds.

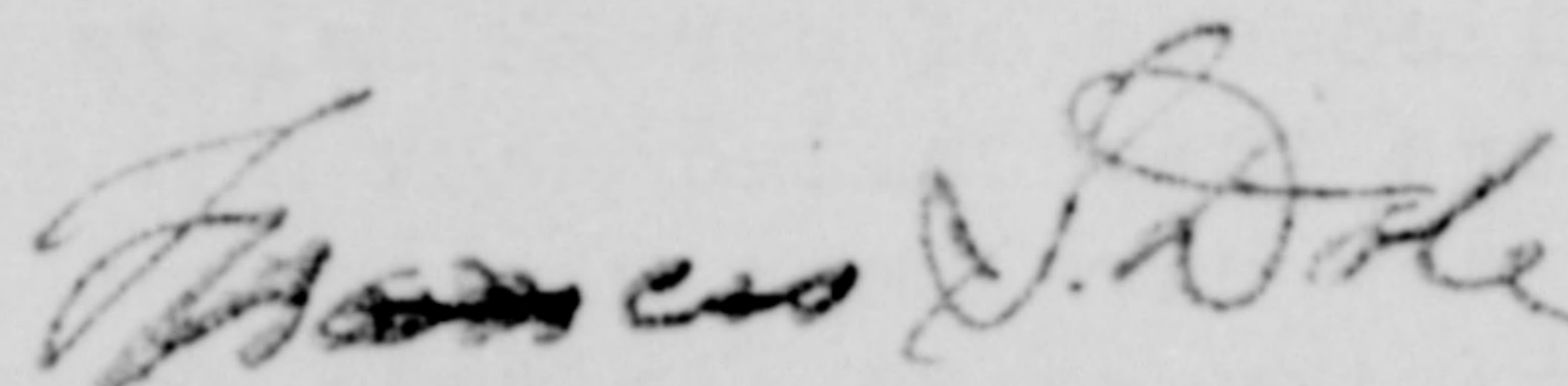
7. Negative

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10. Negative

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: This appears to be another incident of a sighting of the same object which was reported on 25 and 26 February as well as on several other occasions during the past month, and which is believed to be a star. As mentioned in the flash report reference this incident a photograph of the object was attempted and apparently met with some measure of success. However, subject print will not be available for at least another week due to transportation and courier schedules from the detachment and report is submitted without it to prevent further delay. Photo will be forwarded at earliest possible date.



FRANCIS S. DOLE
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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S T A T E M E N T S

On 1 March 1953 I sighted a starlike object at 2025 hours. It was at approximately 270 degrees azimuth at 35 degrees elevation.

It first appeared to have a yellowish green color, but later took on a dull pink color.

After first appearing, the object faded out intermittently for periods of 10 to 20 seconds and then remained visible at its brightest for about 10 minutes. It then faded out for several minutes and reappeared for 5 minutes. It faded again and then reappeared for several more minutes. It faded for the last time at 2101 hours. By this time it had progressed to an azimuth of about 280 degrees and the elevation had dropped to about 10 degrees.

While visible the object appeared to move toward and away from our position and also gave the impression of bouncing or vibrating. No star that I observed at the time gave any appearance or effect like this and though some clouds were present, they did not appear to be the cause of the objects fading at any time.

I cannot estimate the range of the object, therefore I cannot determine the altitude or the speed of its apparent motion.

/s/Joan H. Hughes
/t/JOHN H. HUGHES
A/lc, AF 16 327 124
Radar Mechanic

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On 1 March 1953, at 2025 hours, I was on duty in radar operations. I was notified at this time that the unusual object that was seen several nights previous had been sighted again. I was the radar operator on duty at this time, therefore my observation of this unknown object was limited to about two minutes. The object looked similar to a star except it was much brighter. It seemed to be bobbing up and down. The object was at 270 degrees from this station and was at about a 30 degree angle from the horizon.

At 2035 hours I called one of our FM Relays and asked them to attempt to observe this object. At 2048 hours they called back and stated they could not see it. If they had observed it we may have been able to get a crude fix, and therefore been able to get additional information as to altitude and range.

/s/Gordon C. Ward
/t/GORDON C. WARD
S/Sgt, AF 13 345 353
Radar Operator

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D/I JADF COMMENT:

(Reference also IR 8-43, 511th AC&W Group)

This sighting of 1 March 1953 appears to coincide with similar earlier sightings on 25 and 26 February 1953 in which the object sighted appeared to be a star. No further information is available to warrant a possible alternate explanation.

Attached are three (3) each negatives and prints made at the time of this sighting. Camera information: Bolsey B-1, lens opening F3.2, time exposure.

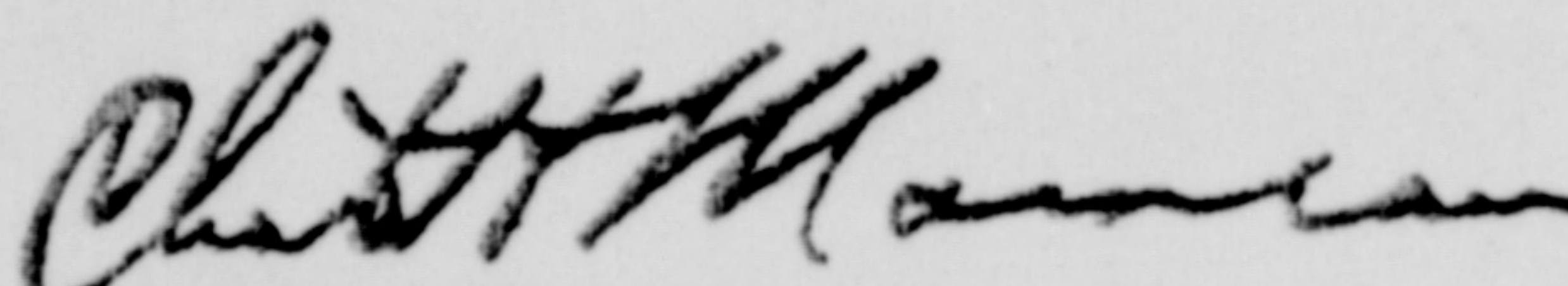
Information from photographer is noted below:

Picture #1 photographed between 2025-2035I on 1 March 1953. Camera pointed west. The streak in center of picture is the sighted object.

Picture #2 photographed between 2040-2045I on 1 March 1953. Camera pointed west. The broken streak in center is sighted object. Streak at upper left is believed to be bright star or planet.

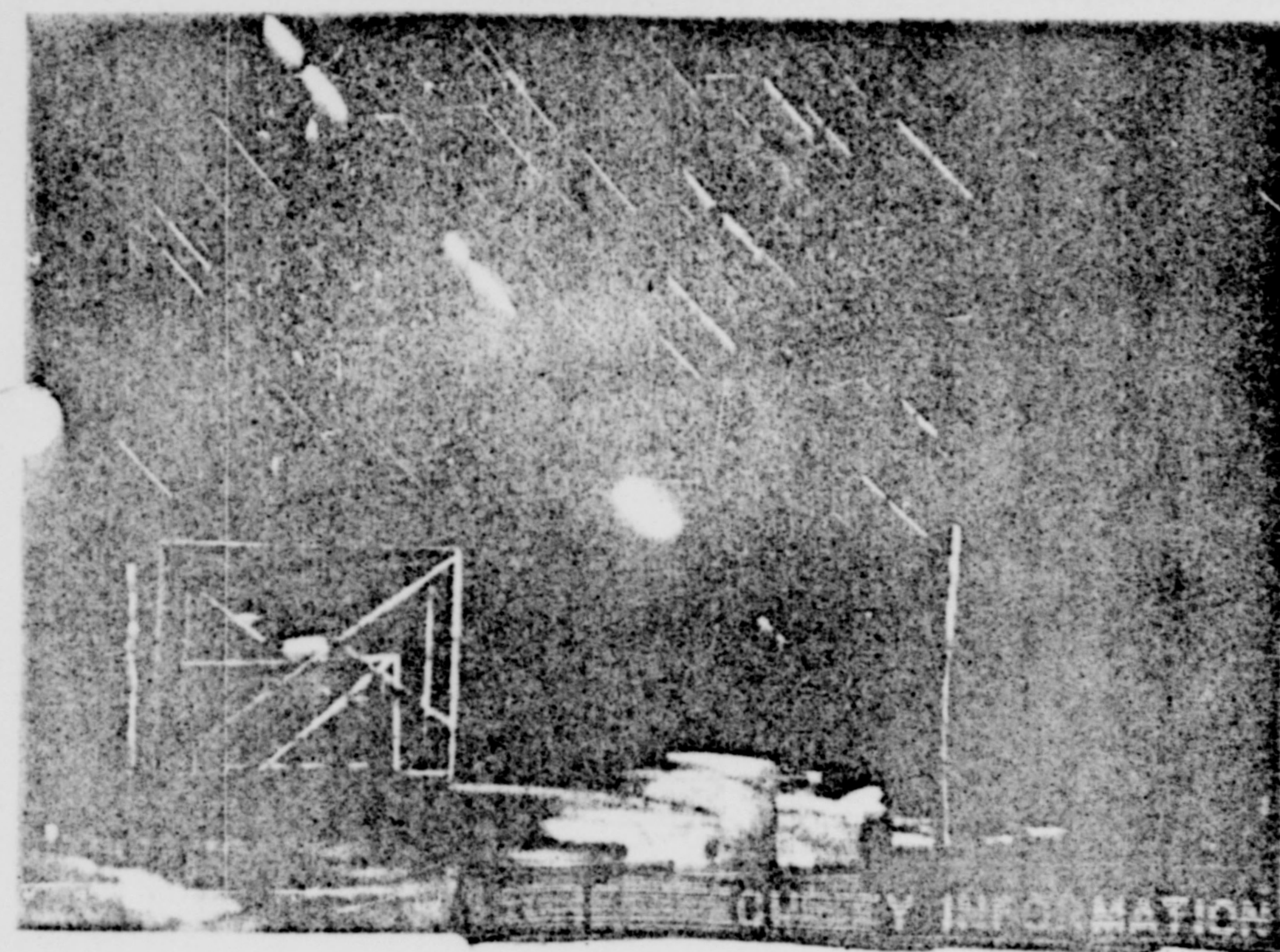
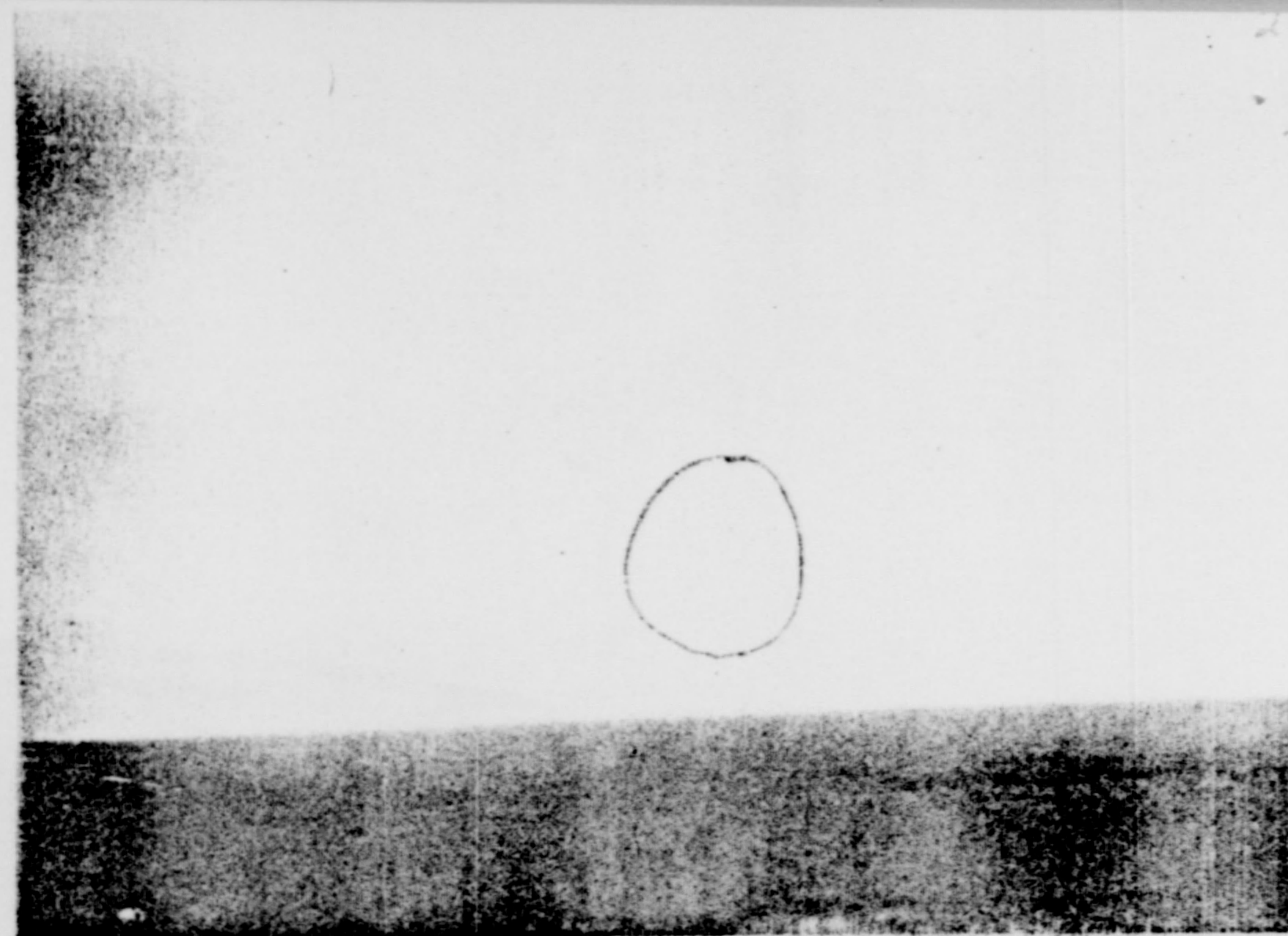
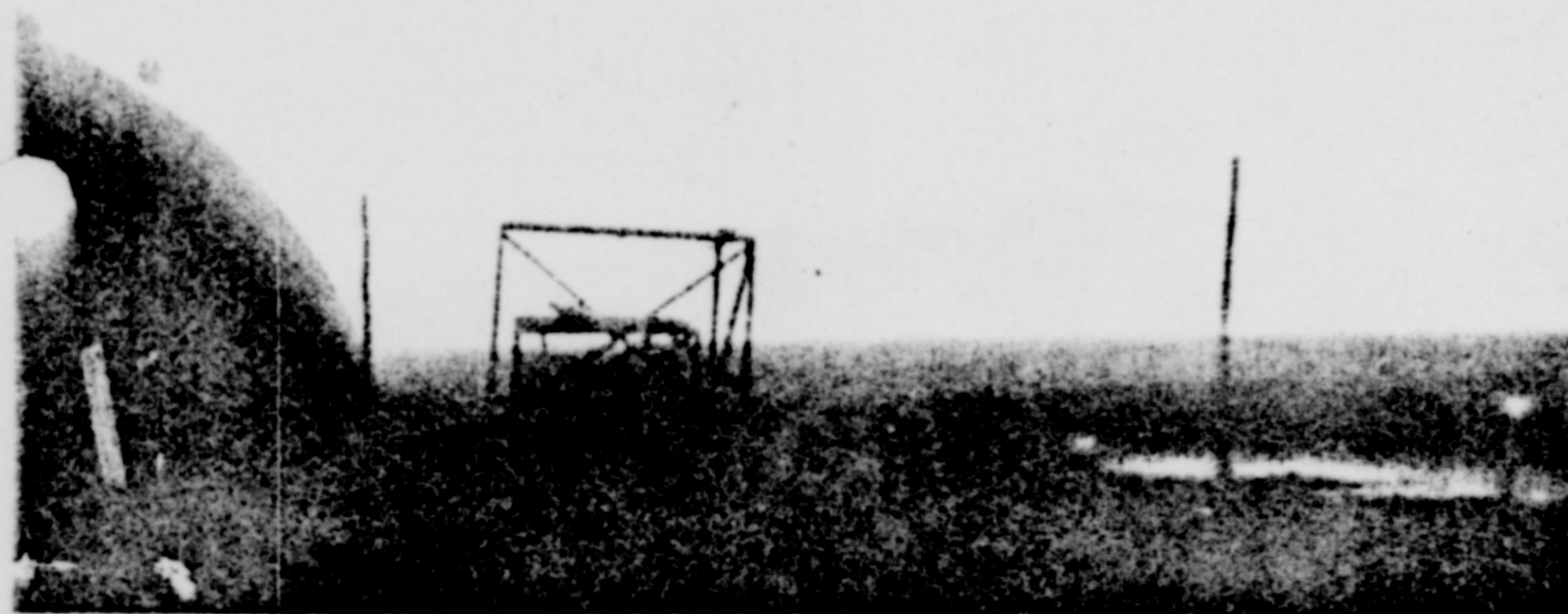
Picture #3 was taken on 6 March 1953 and submitted in support of this IR 9-53 as it appears to be a similar type of sighting. Photographed between 2030-2135I. Camera pointed west. Brightest streak in center is the sighted object which appears again below and to the right of first streak. Other streaks are stars.

Breaks in streaks, photo #3 in particular, were made by star and object movement during time exposure was caused by cloud movement and by fading due to unknown causes. Other streaks and marks are scratches and blemishes on negative.



CHESTER H. MORNEAU
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Intelligence

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by military personnel
at Misawa, Japan

Atro/Venus

1 March 1953

by A/1c John H. Hughes
who said he "observed
The sighting and took
The pic

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