

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 May 53 04/0150Z	2. LOCATION Harmon AFB, Newfoundland
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION BIRD Brief duration plus the dimness of object and low altitude indicate a bird observation sound and flight characteristic in accord with this evaluation. 2 second observation. Probable over estimation on the size.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 - 3 Seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observers heard a whistling in sky and saw dark football shaped object traveling at high speed at low altitude. Object disappeared behind office building after approx 2 seconds observation. Object passed through a beacon of light appearing to be metallic in color. Initial observation made as the object passed through the light from the beacon. Object 18 inches high, four feet long.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ZEN/CO 6610TH AB GP MCANDREW AFB NF

ZEN/CO 6611TH AB GP NARSARSSUAK AB GRNLD

ZEN/CO 6612TH AB GP THULE AB GRNLD

ZEN/CO 6621ST AB SQ SONDRESTROM AFB GRNLD

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VERY LOW, SIGHTED BY CONFIDENTIAL OBSERVER OF LIMITED EXPERIENCE.

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OBSERVER AND WAS TRAVELING SOUTH AT LOW ALTITUDE AND HIGH SPEED.
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION ESTIMATED THREE SECONDS. OBJECT WAS COLOR OF
LIGHT METAL OR TIN AND SHAPE OF FOOTBALL. NO LIGHTS OR TRAILS OBSERVED.
NO BERAKS OR RIDGES APPEARED ON OBJECT. MADE NOISE SIMILAR TO
PIECES OF TIN STRIKING EACH OTHER. OBJECT DISAPPEARED IN LOW
CLOUDS NEAR BASE. NO WEATHER BALLOONS WERE RELEASED NEAR TIME OF OB-
SERVATION. ONE C-97 AIRCRAFT DEPARTED HARMON AT 04/0159Z. UNLIKELY
AIRCRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR SIGHTING. WRITTEN REPORT FOLLOWS PENDING AVA-
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Unidentified Flying Object (FLYOVER)

AREA REPORTED ON

Newfoundland

FROM: (Source)

Dir/Int, NEAC

DATE OF REPORT

8 May 1953

DATE OF INFORMATION

4 May 1953

PREPARED BY: (Officer)

NATHAN J. NEYERSON, Captain, USAF

SOURCE

Intelligence Officer, 6602nd AB Gp
Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland

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

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final assessment paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112, Part II.)

1. An unidentified flying object was visually observed by two Canadian Nationals from the ground at Ernest Harmon AFB (48/33N, 52/33W) Newfoundland, 4 May 1953 at 0150Z.

2. This information is of interest to Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIA -A2c, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

APPROVED:

Robert B. Simmons
for: FRED W. JONES, Jr. Major
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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1. An unidentified flying object was observed visually from the ground at Ernest Harmon AFB (48/33N, 58/33W) Newfoundland at 040150Z.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] Canadian National civilian, in company with his fiancée, was seated on the steps of the Canadian Post Office building, Ernest Harmon AFB, when the flying object was observed. Mr. [REDACTED] attention was attracted skyward by a noise, which he described as similar to the whistling of a rotating helicopter blade. Looking up, he saw a dark object travelling fast at a low altitude. The object first appeared as a shadow, however it passed through the beam of light from a rotating beacon and seemed to be of a grey metallic color while in the light. After passing through the beam of light, the object again took on the appearance of a shadow.

3. Mr. [REDACTED] estimated the object was four (4) or five (5) feet long, about two (2) feet thick and shaped like a football or an egg. The object seemed to be travelling very fast and passed out of view behind the building after two (2) or three (3) seconds observation. The object was estimated to be about 200 yards distant when first observed at a point north of the observers. It then travelled to the southeast until the corner of the post office building obstructed the view.

4. No lights, tails or trails were visible. No noise was heard other than that described above. Weather was 1000 feet broken, 15 miles visibility with low cloud obscuring the hills to the north.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. A check of aircraft flight plans and weather balloons indicates that neither could account for the sighting.

2. From the information of the observer, it was calculated that the object would be travelling from 140 to 200 miles per hour.

3. Although the estimated speed would be comparable to that of a small aircraft, the negative flight plan checks necessitate final evaluation as that of a flying object.

Nathan J. Meyerson
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Captain, USAF

Chief, Current Intelligence Division

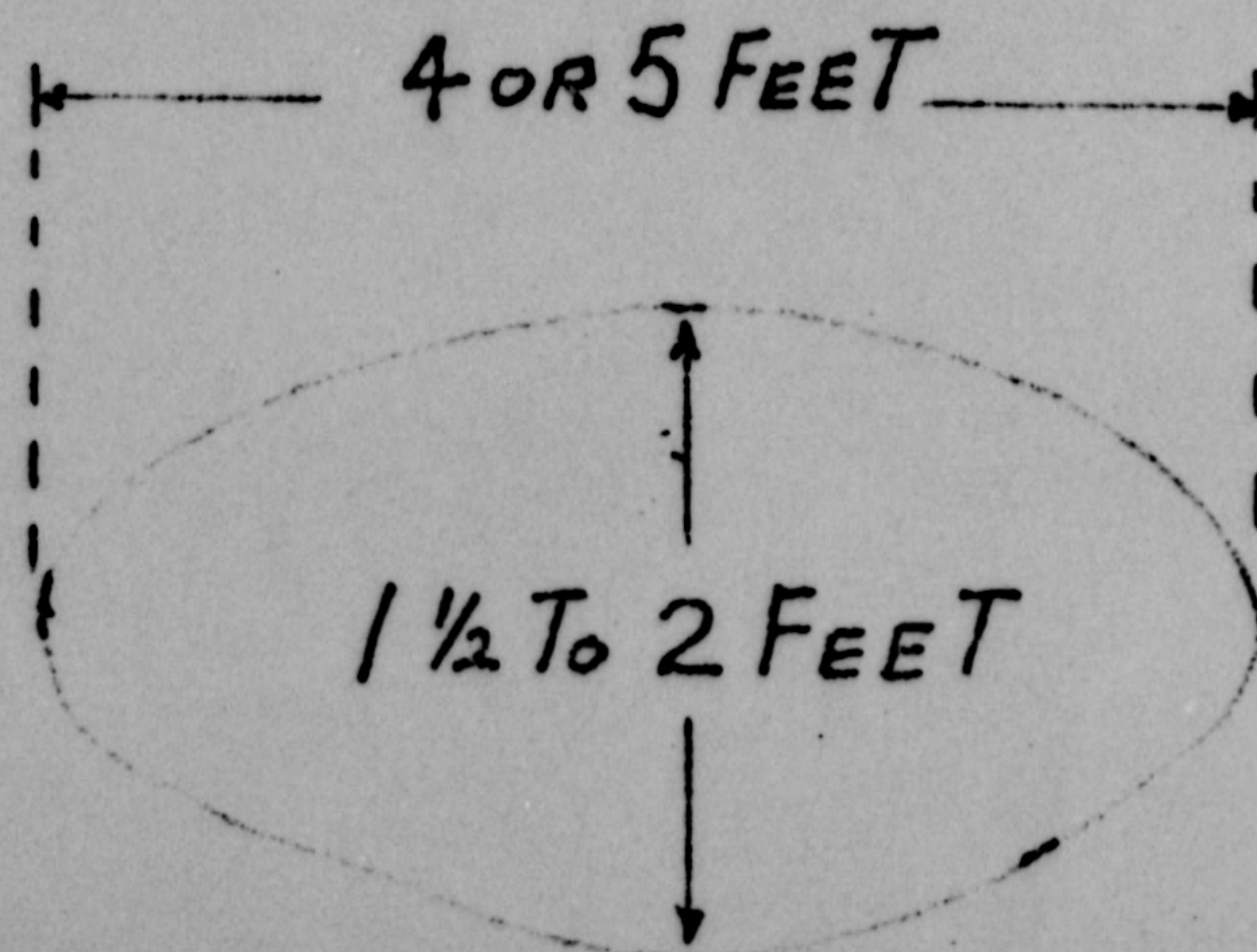
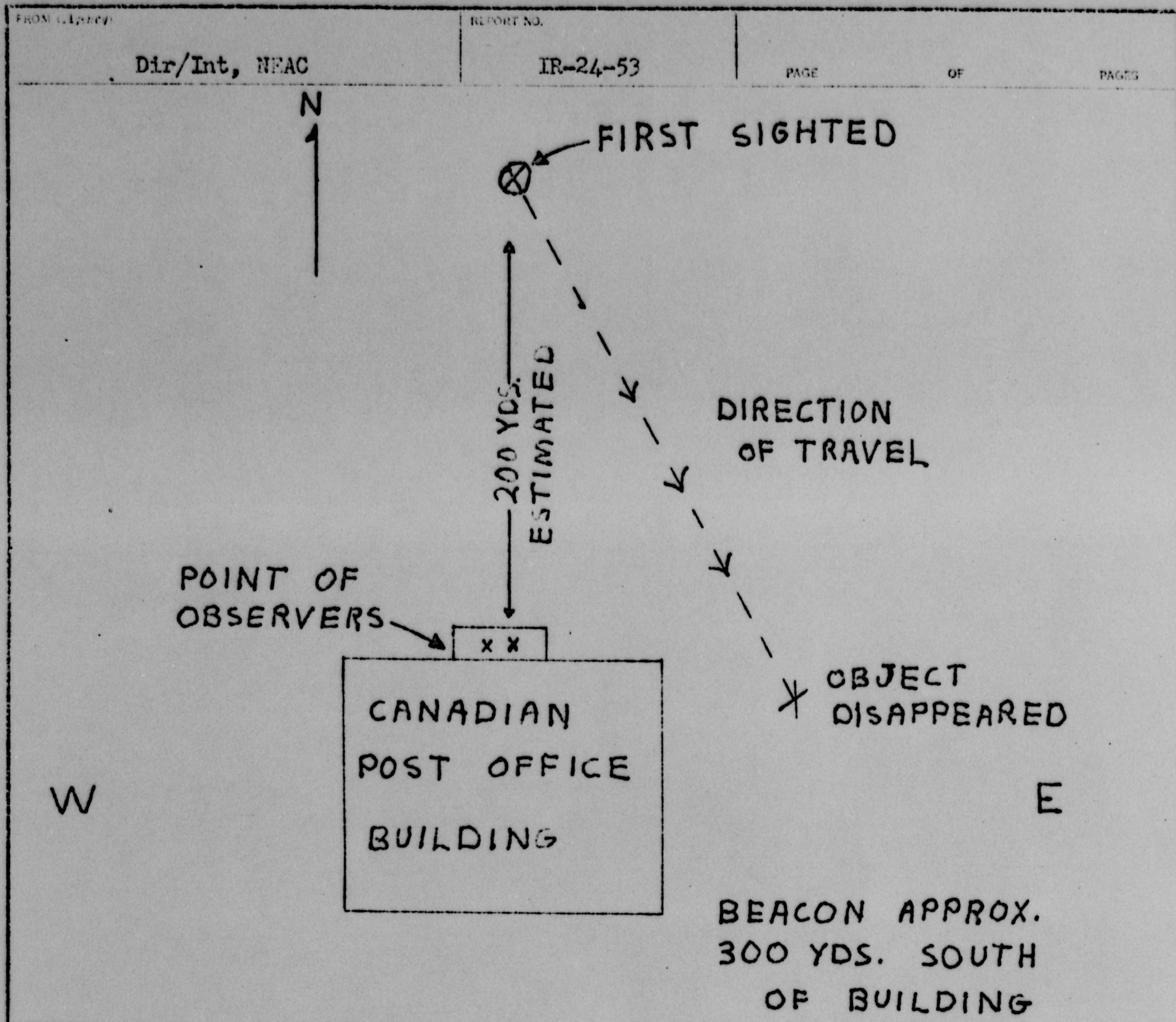
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SHAPE OF OBJECT AS SKETCHED
BY OBSERVERS

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