PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE (21 Nov 56) 19 October 1956	2. LOCATION Bostonia, California	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Hoax ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2100 hrs (PST) GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 - 20 min (photo exposure)	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE N/A

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

In report given to FBI, source stated that as part of her photography course, she fixed a camera on the ground to get a "time-exposure" of the moon. Camera was left "open" for 10-20 minutes, then shutter closed. Upon development of the film a saucer-like object was found over a tree in the prints. Source claims she has no knowledge how the object appeared in the film.

11. COMMENTS

Enlargements and different density repros of the prints indicate that there was a "break" in the exposure. The position of the moon and its track, which was shifted to a 45° angle from the original track, was the clue. Apparently a partial track of the moon was made; the shutter closed, and a light fixture in a dark ceiling (indoors) was photographed; and an attempt to return the camera to its original position was made. Evidence of "dodging" and "burning in" of the photography in question is also evident.

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HEADQUARTERS 12TH AIR DIVISION, March AFB, California - 28 June 1957

TO: Commander, Fifteenth Air Force, ATTN: Directorate of Intelligence, March AFB, California

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

James H. Matthews

JAMES H. MATTHEWS
Major, USAF
Asst. Adjutant

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Hq Fifteenth Air Force, March Air Force Base, California 08 JUL 57

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

M. Z. Thornton

M. Z. THORNTON
1st Lt USAF
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Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Although not in accordance with paragraph 7, AFR 200-2, this correspondence is being forwarded as a matter of expediency.

2. This headquarters is directing resubmission by the originator in accordance with the provisions of the above cited regulation.

3. This indorsement does not contain classified information.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Kenneth G. Hebert

KENNETH G. HEBERT
Lt Col, USAF
Actg Chief, Collection Div
Directorate of Intelligence

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DISTRICT COMMANDER
18th District OSI (IG) USAF
Maywood Air Force Depot
Chelf Air Force Station
Maywood, California

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18 JUN [illegible]

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object Photographed by Miss [redacted], Bostonia, California, on 19 October or 2 November 1956.

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attached hereto as Inclosure 1 is a Spot Intelligence Report prepared by the San Diego Detachment concerning the above Subject.

2. Attached as Inclosure 2 to this letter is an enlargement of one of the photographs furnished by HOAG. Your attention is invited to the lighted object in the upper right hand corner of the photograph. According to the photo technician assigned to this office, the method of developing by [redacted] is described as "dodging". Whereas in Inclosure 2 the lighted appearance was achieved by "burning in." The overall exposure time on Inclosure 2 was about two seconds with an additional 40 seconds of "burning in" around the lighted area. No further action is contemplated by this office and it is requested that the negative attached to Inclosure 1 be returned to this office when it has served its purpose for further transmittal to Miss [redacted]

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 30c, AFR 205-1.

Theodore W. Canett
Lt Colonel, USAF
For and in the absence of
PAUL H. CREWS
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

2 Incls
1. Spot Intel Rpt (dup)
2. Enlgmt of Photo

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Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
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cc: Comdr, March AFB, California

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Department of the Air Force
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Washington

The Inspector General USAF
18th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Chell AF Station, Box 310, Maywood, Calif.

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object photographed by Mis[redacted] Bostonia, California, on 19 October or 2 November 1956.

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

COPY FOR COMDR, MARCH AFB, CALIF.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 19 October or 2 November 1956, [redacted] made a time exposure of the moon at about 2100 hours from the yard in front of her father's church using the first of a new roll of film. This requirement was part of a class project of her photography course in school. Subsequently, the roll of film was completely used up. When the Photography Lab in her school became available to her, she developed the films and made prints at which time an unidentified object was observed on one of the prints. This object has the general appearance of a chandelier or light fixture. Miss [redacted] can offer no explanation of how it comes to be on the photograph.

2. DETAILS: On 7 June 1957 at approximately 1545 hours, an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Diego Division, delivered four photographs to this Detachment stating that they had been obtained by him during the course of an interview with one [redacted], Bostonia, California. The FBI has no further interest in the matter at this time.

3. On 10 June 1957 Miss [redacted] a seventeen year old junior at [redacted], was interviewed by Special Agent DONALD E. GRIFFIN and stated that as a part of her photography course she was required to make a time exposure of the moon and stars during the hours of darkness in order to observe their

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appearance on film. Miss [redacted] chose a night when the moon was full and to the best of her recollection the photograph was taken either 19 October or 2 November 1956, sometime between 2100 hours and 2130 hours. The camera was placed on the ground in the yard in front of [redacted] of the church [redacted], Bostonia, California). The camera was propped up with a rock so that the lens pointed directly at the moon at an angle of approximately 60 degrees from the horizontal. The shutter was placed in "time exposure" and left in that position for a period of 10 to 20 minutes. Miss [redacted] stated the camera was in exactly the same position when she found it as when she left it. This was the first exposure on the roll of film and the balance of the film was used during the following week, at which time the roll was removed from the camera. Miss [redacted] stated that she did not develop and print the roll of film until 5 June 1957 because she was awaiting her turn to use the facilities available to her at school.

4. Description of the camera follows:

Nomenclature: AGFA, Model B-2 (Box camera)
Size of Camera: 4" wide, 6" high, 8" long
Lens: Fixed (non adjustable)
Shutter Speed: Fixed (non adjustable)
Shutter Opening: Fixed (non adjustable)

5. Miss [redacted] advised that she maintained no written record of the processing of the film, but that she had developed and printed the film herself and from memory provided the following data:

Type of Film: Kodak, Panatomic X
Temperature of Chemicals used: 75°
Type of developer: Dektol
Developing Time: 15 minutes
Acid Fix Time: 15 minutes
Rinse time (water): 24 hours
Drying Time: 24 hours

Miss [redacted] stated that when she developed this photograph she assumed that the object appearing on the negative was a spot or water mark. She made a contact print on F2 paper, at which time a male fellow [redacted] observed the print and remarked, "You have a picture of a flying saucer". Miss [redacted] advised that she did not believe it at first, but further examination by the class and by the instructor convinced her that an object of some kind other than a water mark

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was concerned. Enlargements were made by Miss [redacted] Upon the advice of her instructor and her father, Miss [redacted] notified the FBI, San Diego Division.

6. The negative in question was obtained from Miss [redacted] and is attached. The contact print described above and three enlargements of the unidentified flying object are attached.

7. Upon conclusion of the interview and in the presence of her mother, Miss [redacted] executed a signed, sworn statement, recapitulated below: [redacted] is in a photography class at [redacted]y High School. The instructor, [redacted], assigned a project involving a time exposure of the moon and stars, to allow students to observe the pattern they make on film. Miss [redacted] exposed a film for about 10 or 20 minutes on the night of the full moon, either 19 October or 2 November 1956. Camera was placed on ground in yard of her [redacted], Bostonia, in such a manner as to include a pepper tree. Other pictures were taken of the moon, candles, etc., that was also part of the project.

The original of the statement is retained in the files of Headquarters, DO #18.

8. On 10 June 1957, S/A GRIFFIN examined the front yard of the church and no wires, lighting fixtures, or any other object was observed other than the church building itself, and the trees that are visible in the lower right hand corner of the photograph. These trees are approximately 40 feet in height and approximately 20 feet southeast of the spot on which the camera was placed.

9. On 10 June 1957, [redacted], art and photography instructor at El Cajon Valley High School, interviewed in his office by S/A GRIFFIN, advised that he is familiar with the photograph and admitted that even though he is quite skeptical about flying saucers, his examination of Miss [redacted]s negative failed, in his opinion, to reveal any indication of double exposure or alteration. [redacted]N stated that Miss [redacted] definitely is not the type of person who would attempt to deceive anyone because she is exceptionally serious minded, mature, and above reproach as to character and integrity. [redacted]N further stated that he is not an expert in the field of photography and although the object in question resembles an electric light fixture, he could offer no explanation as to how the object may have appeared in the film of the camera, nor how it could have been placed there unknown to Miss [redacted]. He attributes the lapse in time between photographing the object and developing and printing, to [redacted] as necessary for Miss [redacted] to await her turn to [redacted] facilities of the school photo lab.

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10. Miss [redacted] has stated that she wishes to retain possession of the negative on which the unidentified flying object appears and requests that it be returned to her at the earliest practicable date.

11. On 10 June 1957, the R[redacted] interviewed at his church by S/A GRIFFIN, advised that his daughter had, in fact, taken a photograph of the moon on which appeared an object that he would term "a flying saucer". The [redacted] stated it is his firm belief that his daughter has a genuine picture even though the object looks like an inverted chandelier. The Re[redacted] escorted S/A GRIFFIN through the church and through his home next door in search of a chandelier or any other object resembling that on the negative in question. No such object was observed. The Rev[redacted] advised that he has conversed with his neighbors on this matter and has located no one with knowledge of such an occurrence. He stated that neither he, or anyone he knows has observed a flying saucer or any other unidentified flying object previously.

12. ACTION: No similar reports relative to this matter were received and no action was taken as a result of this report by this district office.

13. This correspondence is classified CONFIDENTIAL R7C in accordance with paragraph 30c(2)(h), AFR 205-1.

Lt Colonel, USAF
For and in the absence of
PAUL H. CREWS
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

4 Incls
1. Negative
2. Contact print
3. Enlargements
4. Statement, [redacted]

Copies furnished:
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Attn: ATIAA-2C - 2

Comdr, March AFB
California

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

[redacted]
(Place)

June 10, 1967
(Date)

[redacted] hereby state that I am Andrew C. Griffin has identifed himself to me as a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force, and that I do hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make the following statement without having been subjected to any coercion, unlawful influence or unlawful inducement, and without any promise of reward, benefit, or any immunity having been made to me:

I am in a Photography class at Clayton Valley S.R.H. High School. Mr. [redacted], our instructor, gave us a project, stating that we were to take a time exposure of the moon and stars so we would know the pattern that they make on film. On a Friday evening, either on Oct. 19, or Nov. 2, (I'm not quite sure), during a full moon, I took my box camera out to take the time exposure. I propped up the camera with a rock, and set the camera facing the moon. In order to make the picture more interesting, I decided to take in part of the pepper tree that was also on the lot. After the camera was ready, I pulled out the time exposure [redacted]

S.R.H.

(Signature)

STATEMENT OF [redacted] DATE 10 Jun 57

and went into the church, that was near, to wait for the exposure. It didn't make to much difference as to how long the exposure should be, so I didn't ~~keep~~ S.R.H. track of the time. I know that it was there no shorter than ten min. and no longer than 20 min. within this time, I went out again & clicked ~~the~~ S.R.H. the camera and turned the picture for the next exposure.

S.R.H.

[redacted]
(Signature)

STATEMENT OF [redacted] DATE 10 Jun 57

I then took several other pictures of the moon, and other exposure of candles etc. S.R.H. that was also part of the project.

S. R. H.

I further state that I have read this entire statement, initialed all of the pages and corrections and signed this statement, and that it is correct and true, as written.

[redacted]
(Signature)

[redacted]
(Address)

Witnesses:

[redacted]
(Address)

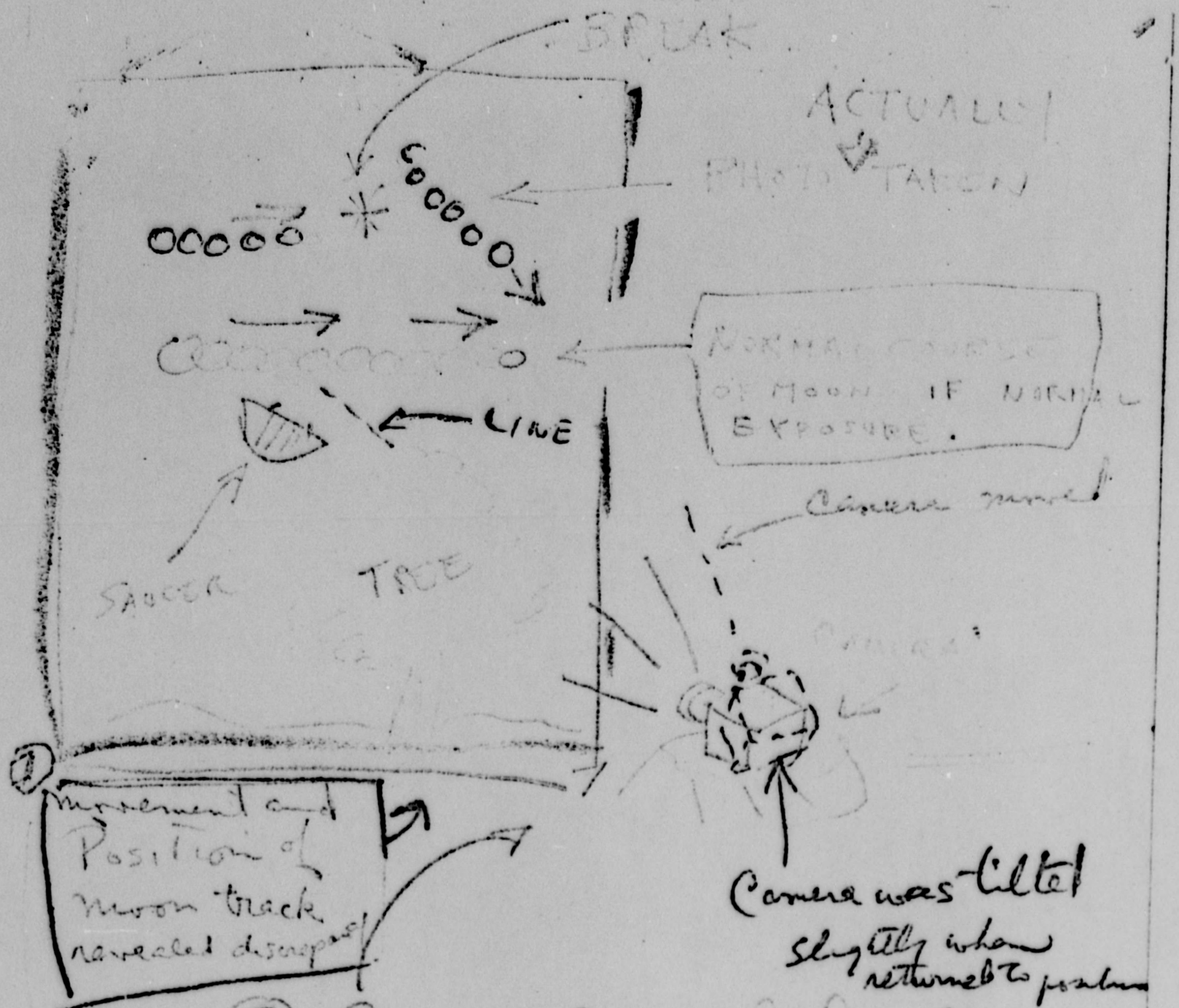
(Address)

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 10 day of JUN 1957
at [redacted] a
person authorized by law to administer oaths.

Andrew C. Griffin
Signature of person administering oath

ANDREW C. GRIFFIN
Typed name of person administering oath

S/A, OSI
Official character, grade, etc.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returned to position
Movement and
Position of
Moon track
revealed disrupted
(2) Camera Removed from fixed position
(3) taken into room having
dark ceiling (to match outside
sky). Picture of light
fixture taken; then
(4) Returned to exact(?) spot
and shutter opened again.
Rough sketch
what he had
attempted
to do
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SUBJECT (U) Review of UFO Photos Obtained by FBI

TO AFOIN-4D2a

FROM AFCIN-4E4

DATE 28 July 57
4E4/Capt G.T. Gregory/wm
69216

COMMENT NO. 1

1. Attached herewith are subject photos and a report regarding the incident.

2. Request your comment concerning the preliminary analysis made by this office, which indicates the following:

a. Source's statement that the camera was not moved does not appear valid: a stationary, time-exposure of the moon would have been shown as one continuous line. Two directions of the moon are indicated on the photograph.

b. Both enlargements show a slender-like item, above and extending outward from the middle of the object.

c. The object resembles the glass fixtures usually found hanging from ceiling - lighting arrangements.

d. In our opinion, the shutter was tripped sometime before removel of the film, and in some room having the glass fixture. A dark-colored ceiling with a clean or frosted-glass fixture, would result in the fixture, being syperimposed, with any slender fixture supports and the ceiling blending into the night sky of the original exposure.

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Spot Intell Rpt w/incls

Henry A. Miley
HENRY A. MILEY
AFCIN-4E4

TO: AFCIN-4E4 FROM: AFCIN-4D2a 23 July 57 Maj. Willner Cm 2

1. The comments above are in general agreement with this additional one. The moon path appears broken both in direction and exposure time. The moon appears as two, possibly three, separate images rather than a single wide line. This shows a lapse of time between separate exposures of possibly 2 - 3 minutes, a sufficient length of time for removal of the camera, a second superimposed exposure to be made, and the camera returned to nearly its original position. If the camera had not been moved, the moon path would have appeared as an uninterrupted, wide, nearly straight line.

William F. Willner
WILLIAM F. WILLNER, Major, USAF
AFCIN-4D2a

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Spot Intell Rpt w/incls

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FBI Report

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AFCIN-4B4

SUBJECT: UFO Photographs Submitted by FBI on Miss [redacted]
Bostonia, California

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attached is a draft of a proposed letter to be forwarded by your office to subject person, reflecting the results of an analysis made by this Center on photographs originally submitted to your organization by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Reference letter from 18th OSI District, Chelli AFB, California, dated 18 June 1957, a copy which was forwarded to this Center with enlargements of the original prints.

2. Subject photography is highly suggestive of a hoax; however, this should not imply that the attempted hoax was necessarily perpetrated by subject person.

3. Experience has shown that incidents of this type are often publicized, with allegations and statements detrimental to the Air Force, when explanations are not given to sources submitting photography. It is, therefore, the general policy of this Center, where possible, to provide a brief summary of our analysis to such individuals.

3 Incls
1. Proposed Ltr to [redacted]
2. Cy, 18th Dist. OSI ltr to Hqs USAF w/spot Intel Rpt & Statement of Witness.
3. 3 (8x10) gloss prints w/markings

When inclosure number (s) 2 is/~~are~~ withdrawn or not attached the classification on this correspondence is changed to Unclass in accordance with [illegible]

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Mis[redacted]

Bostonia, California

Dear Miss[redacted]

We are in receipt of a series of photographs to the Air Force by the Federal Bureau of Investigations, showing what is purported to be an unidentified flying object. A detailed analysis, which included both microscopic examinations and large-size projections, indicate the following:

a. The camera was moved sometime between the period the shutter was opened and closed. This is borne out by a study of the moon track, which would normally be a straight, unbroken-line image. The track in the photographs is broken both in direction and time.

b. The "missing period" can be determined by taking the moon's approximate diameter of $\frac{1}{2}$ degree, and its known time-movement across the sky. A plot indicates that there was a lapse of time between exposures of 2 to 3 minutes. This would be sufficient time for the removal of the camera from its fixed position, after which a second superimposed image made, and the camera returned to its original position. As indicated by the broken track of the moon, the attempt to set the camera in its exact previous position was difficult to do.

c. Your attention is invited to the line slightly above the object. This appears to be part of a room ceiling, and is particularly suggestive of this assumption if a line is extended outward to form a corner. The object, in our opinion, is a conventional light fixture.

d. A further examination of the photography indicates that a method of developing called "dodging" was used in one photograph, and a "burning in" process around the lighted area was used in another.

We have no grounds on which to suspect a deliberate fraud towards a Government agency; however, there appears to have been some tampering by persons unknown with respect to the materiel submitted.

Your interest in reporting this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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3 (8x10) Prints w/markings

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Morristown, N. J., U. S. A.

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12 December 1960

Lt. Col. L. J. Tacker, USAF
Public Information Div., OI
Secretary of the Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Colonel Tacker,

I am in receipt of your letter of 9 December, and the two glossy prints of the AVRO car. Thank you for these; any additional material you can send will be much appreciated, including any press release which accompanies or enlarges on these photographs and the general subject of the air car.

I understand you are not to release UFO case photos as they are returned to the owner. I find this difficult to reconcile with two distinct cases which have now come to my attention, and on which I would appreciate any comments or conclusions.

First, you note you are not familiar with the name of [redacted] Miss [redacted] took a photograph on 16 January 1957, and it appears on page 48 of your book, clearly labeled as a hoax. I quite agree, as I pointed out in my earlier letter, although our analysis was not so complete as the Air Force one, and did not include the ceiling lines, etc. What puzzles me is how you can include this photo without even knowing the owner and, incidentally, copyright holder of the photograph. If you didn't know this, how could the photograph be "returned to the original owner as soon as the analysis has been completed"?

My second case refers to that photograph taken by [redacted] of Denville, New Jersey, and which we sent to ATIC in May 1959. To date I have received neither results of any study, nor photograph, nor anything else from ATIC or your office, and neither has Mr. Wilson. How does this fit in with your statement about photographs, which I note is repeated often in our past correspondence?

I also know of several other cases where prints taken from their owners by Air Force representatives have never been seen again. One is local; others are not. I find your current protestations, therefore, somewhat enigmatic.

d/LtCol Tacker/mhb/72291

16 December 1960

Dear Mr. Munsick:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 12 December 1960 concerning unidentified flying objects.

The hoax photograph on page 48 of my book entitled FLYING SAUCERS AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE was provided me by the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center as an example of a photograph hoax available for publication and, in line with Air Force policy, no names were used in connection with this photograph. The original photograph or negative was, of course, returned to the original owner.

Air Force records indicate that you did submit on 23 May 1959 the UFO photograph taken by Mr [redacted] of Danville, New Jersey. The records also show additional correspondence from you on 12 June 1959 and a letter from this office to you on 2 July 1959 as well as an indication that in a subsequent telephone conversation with you the negative of this photograph was requested for completion of the evaluation. This negative has never been received. Analysis and evaluation of the photograph submitted indicates that there appear to be real images on the picture; however, the negative of the picture is needed for further analysis.

It is customary to return photographs to the owner when requested or upon completion of an analysis or evaluation unless the owner indicates that the negative is in his possession and he can, therefore, have prints made at any time. I regret any delay occasioned by our failure to follow up on this matter and suggest that you submit as soon as possible the negative with an identifying letter of transmittal to ATIC for completion of the analysis.

You refer to several other cases where prints have not been returned to the owners. I am sure in this particular instance the owner retained the negative or indicated to the Air Force or ATIC that they could retain possession of the print. If this is not the case, I would appreciate knowing of the specific instances involved and we will make every endeavor to return such prints if they are wanted by the original owners.

Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

3/26/61

Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center
U.S. Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

Gentlemen:

I assure your staff that I am writing this letter in a completely rational and logical frame of mind. I have made every possible attempt to lay aside prejudice, panic, hysteria, and over-zealousness of purpose.

I have been conducting a personal investigation of UFO phenomena for two years. As yet I have not formed a definite and positive opinion as to the nature, purpose, or absolute possibility of UFO sightings. I do not intend to form such an opinion for quite some time, if ever. An opinion formed about a topic so controversial and sensitive to many people should not be formed with any amount of haste. The "truth" warrants continued and exhaustive analysis and research.

I have just read the book, Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force by Lt. Colonel Lawrence J. Lacker. This is a very good attempt to explain and simplify the "Flying Saucer Period" between June, 1947 and 1960.

It is a very plausible piece of work only as far as collection, analysis, and released conclusions as to the nature of these many UFO sightings, but gentlemen, you are being very narrow minded and foolish to consider the whole "saucer episode" as being all neatly wrapped up; lock, stock and barrel. This just isn't so!

Tell me, how can a single organization such as yours possibly wrap up in ten and one-half years the answer to a problem that has baffled mankind for thousands of years. This to me is inconceivable. To think that one has accomplished such a task is ridiculous. True, investigation has to continue, but I sincerely believe that to arrive at such a definite conclusion such as Lt. Colonel Tacker has stated in his book that none of the UFO sightings can possibly be visitors from space is based largely on misconceptions produced by long established conventionalism.

Let's face it, gentlemen, our present race of man inhabiting this planet is very primitive. Our science is literally just began. Fifty years of refinement is nothing compared to the great potential of a material science. Unless we face up to the fact that we are a primitive society in comparison with our

greatest possible achievements;
prejudice, self-centeredness, and a
so called sense of self-pride will con-
tinue to cloud the most sincere
investigations of flying saucer phen-
omenon. This is clearly a nonsensical
and mistaken approach to the problem
of the U.F.O.

Lets face the evidence squarely in
the face. Not the slightest possible
attempt should ever be made to cover
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Gentlemen:

I assure your staff that I am writing this letter in a completely rational and logical frame of mind. I have made every possible attempt to lay aside prejudice, panic, hysteria, and over-zeolousness of purpose.

I have been conducting a personal investigation of UFO phenomena for two years. As yet I have not formed a definite and positive opinion as to the nature, purpose, or absolute possibility of UFO sightings. I do not intend to form such an opinion for quite some time, if ever. An opinion formed about a topic so controversial and sensitive to many people should not be formed with any amount of haste. The "truth" warrants continued and exhaustive analysis and research.

I have just read the book, Flying Saucers and the U. S. Air Force by Lt. Colonel Lawrence J. Tacker. This is a very good attempt to explain and simplify the "Flying Saucer Period" between June, 1947 and 1960.

It is a very plausible piece of work only as far as collection, analysis, and released conclusions as to the nature of these many UFO sightings, but gentlemen, you are being very narrow minded and foolish to consider the whole "saucer episode" as being all neatly wrapped up; lock, stock and barrel. This just isn't so!

Tell me, how can a single organization such as yours possibly wrap up in ten and on-half years the answer to a problem that has baffled mankind for thousands of years. This to me is inconcievable. To think that one has accomplished such a task is ridiculous. True, investigation has to continue, but I sincerely believe that to arrive at such a definite conclusion such as Lt. Colonel Tacker has stated in his book that none of the UFO sightings can possibly be visitors from space is based largely on misconceptions produced by long established conventionalism.

Let's face it, gentlemen, our present race of man inhabiting this planet is very primitive. Our science is literally just began. Fifty years of refinement is nothing compared to the great potential of a material science. Unless we face up to the fact that we are a primitive society in comparison with our greatest possible achievements; prejudice, self-centeredness, and a socalled sense of self-pride will continue to cloud the most sincere incere investigations of flying saucer phenomenon. This is clearly a nonsensical and mistaken approach to the problem of the UFO.

Let's face the evidence squarely in the face. Not the slightest possible attempt should ever be made to cloud the "truth." Doesn't it seem rational, logical, and completely obvious that a definite pattern

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17 OCT 1961

Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (

Hq USAF (SAFOI-3c - Major Coleman)

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COORDINATION: TD-E Robert J Friend Maj DATE 17 Oct 61
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See note below.

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

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(U) Review of UFO Photos Obtained by FBI

AFCIN-4E4

8 July 57
4E4/Capt G.T. Gregory/wm
69216

1. Attached herewith are subject photos and a report regarding the incident.

Request your comment concerning the preliminary analysis made by this office, which indicates the following:

a. Source's statement that the camera was not moved does not appear valid; a stationary, time-exposure of the moon would have been shown as one continuous line. Two directions of the moon are indicated on the photograph.

b. Both enlargements show a slender-like item, above and extending outwards from the middle of the object.

c. The object resembles the glass fixtures usually found hanging from ceiling - lighting arrangements.

d. In our opinion, the shutter was tripped sometime before removal of the film, and in some room having the glass fixture. A dark-colored ceiling with a clean or fronted-glass fixture, would result in the fixture, being syperimposed, any slender fixture supports and the ceiling blending into the night sky of the original exposure.

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Hq Fifteenth Air Force, March Air Force Base, California 08 JUL 57

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

1. Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your headquarters.

2. When the inclosure is withdrawn or not attached, the classification of CONFIDENTIAL on this correspondence will be cancelled IAW Par 37h, AFR 205-1.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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M. Z. THORNTON
1st Lt USAF
Executive Officer
Directorate of Intelligence

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Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Although not in accordance with paragraph 7, AFR 200-2, this correspondence is being forwarded as a matter of expediency.

2. This headquarters is directing resubmission by the originator in accordance with the provisions of the above cited regulation.

3. This indorsement does not contain classified information.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

KENNETH G. HEBERT
Lt Col, USAF
Actg Chief, Collection Div
Directorate of Intelligence

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object photographed by Miss [redacted] Bostonia, California, on 19 October or 2 November 1956.

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 19 October or 2 November 1956, [redacted] made a time exposure of the moon at about 2100 hours from the yard in front of her father's church using the first of a new roll of film. This requirement was part of a class project of her photography course in school. Subsequently, the roll of film was completely used up. When the Photography Lab in her school became available to her, she developed the films and made prints at which time an unidentified object was observed on one of the prints. This object has the general appearance of a chandelier or light fixture. Miss [redacted] can offer no explanation of how it comes to be in the photograph.

2. DETAILS: On 7 June 1957 at approximately 1545 hours, an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Diego Division, delivered four photographs to this Detachment stating that they had been obtained by him during the course of an interview with one [redacted] Street, Bostonia, California. The FBI has no further interest in the matter at this time.

3. On 10 June, Miss [redacted] a seventeen year old junior at El Cajon Valley High School, was interviewed by Special Agent ANDREW C. GRIFFIN and stated that as a part of her photography course she was required to make a time exposure of the moon and stars during the hours of darkness in order to observe their

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appearance on film. Miss [redacted] chose a night when the moon was full and to the best of her recollection the photograph was taken either 19 October or 2 November 1956, sometime between 2100 hours and 2130 hours. The camera was placed on the ground in the yard in front of her [redacted] pastor of the church located at [redacted] Street, Bostonia, California). The camera was propped up with a rock so that the lens pointed directly at the moon at an angle of approximately 60 degrees from the horizontal. The shutter was placed in "time exposure" and left in that position for a period of 10 to 20 minutes. Miss [redacted] stated the camera was in exactly the same position when she found it as when she left it. This was the first exposure on the roll of film and the balance of the film was used during the following week, at which time the roll was removed from the camera. Miss [redacted] stated that she did not develop and print the roll of film until 5 June 1957 because she was awaiting her turn to use the facilities available to her at school.

4. Description of the camera follows:

Nomenclature: ACME, Model B-2 (Box camera)
Size of Camera: 4" wide, 6" high, 8" long
Lens: Fixed (non adjustable)
Shutter Speed: Fixed (non adjustable)
Shutter Opening: Fixed (non adjustable)

5. Miss [redacted] advised that she maintained no written record of the processing of the film, but that she had developed and printed the film herself and from memory provided the following data:

Type of Film: Kodak, Panatomic X
Temperature of Chemicals used: 75°
Type of developer: Dektol
Developing Time: 15 minutes
Acid Fix Time: 15 minutes
Rinse time (water): 24 hours
Drying Time: 24 hours

Miss [redacted] stated that when she developed this photograph she assumed that the object appearing on the negative was a spot or water mark. She made a contact print on F2 paper, at which time a male fellow student observed the print and remarked, "You have a picture of a flying saucer". Miss [redacted] advised that she did not believe it at first, but further examination by the class and by the Instructor convinced her that an object of some kind other than a water mark

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was concerned. Enlargements were made by Miss [redacted]. Upon the advice of her instructor and her father, Miss [redacted] notified the FBI, San Diego Division.

6. The negative in question was obtained from Miss [redacted] and is attached. The contact print described above and three enlargements of the unidentified flying object are attached.

7. Upon conclusion of the interview and in the presence of her mother, Miss [redacted] executed a signed, sworn statement, recapitulated below: [redacted] is in a photography class at El Cajon Valley High School. The instructor, [redacted] assigned a project involving a time exposure of the moon and stars, to allow students to observe the pattern they make on film. Miss [redacted] exposed a film for about 10 or 20 minutes on the night of the full moon, either 19 October or 2 November 1956. Camera was placed on ground in yard of her father's church, 1280 Clarendon Street, Bostonia, in such a manner as to include a pepper tree. Other pictures were taken of the moon, candles, etc., that was also part of the project.

The original of the statement is retained in the files of Headquarters, DO #10.

8. On 10 June 1957, S/A GRIFFIN examined the front yard of the church and no wires, lighting fixtures, or any other object was observed other than the church building itself, and the trees that are visible in the lower right hand corner of the photograph. These trees are approximately 40 feet in height and approximately 20 feet southeast of the spot on which the camera was placed.

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1CD 24- Hq 18th Dist OSI (IC) USAF, Subj: Report of Unidentified Flying Object photographed by Miss [redacted] Street, Bostonia, California, on 19 October 1956 or 2 November 1956

10. Miss [redacted] has stated that she wishes to retain possession of the negative on which the unidentified flying object appears and requests that it be returned to her at the earliest practicable date.

11. On 10 June 1957, the Reverend HOAG interviewed at his church by S/A GRIFFIN, advised that his daughter had, in fact, taken a photograph of the room on which appeared an object that she would term "a flying saucer". The Reverend [redacted] stated it is his firm belief that his daughter has a genuine picture even though the object looks like an inverted chandelier. The Reverend [redacted] escorted S/A GRIFFIN through the church and through his home next door in search of a chandelier or any other object resembling that on the negative in question. No such object was observed. The Reverend [redacted] advised that he has conversed with his neighbors on this matter and has located no one with knowledge of such an occurrence. He stated that neither he, or anyone he knows has observed a flying saucer or any other unidentified flying object previously.

12. ACTION: No similar reports relative to this matter were received and no action was taken as a result of this report by this district office.

13. This correspondence is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ in accordance with paragraph 30c(2)(h), AFR 205-1.

PAUL H. CIENS
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

4 Incls
1. Negative
2. Contact print
3. Enlargements
4. Statement, Miss [redacted]

Copies furnished:
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Attn: ATIAA-2C - 2

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ROUTING AND COORDINATION

AFOIN-4

AFOIN-4X2b, AFCIN-4B4

AFOIN-4X2c

AFOIN-4X3

AFOIN-4X4

AFOIN-4A

AFOIN-4B

AFOIN-4C

AFOIN-4D

AFOIN-4E

AFOIN-4F

OTHERS

1 AFCIN-4G4

2 AFCIN-4E4

3 AFCIN-4E4

1 AFCIN-4X

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FILE CLASS: ____
OFFICIAL FILE C
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9 AUG 1957

SUBJECT: UFO Photographs Submitted by FBI on Mis[redacted]
Bostonia, California

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attached is a draft of a proposed letter to be forwarded by your office to subject person, reflecting the results of an analysis made by this Center on photographs originally submitted to your organization by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Reference letter from 18th OSI District, Cheli AFB, California, dated 18 June 1957, a copy which was forwarded to this Center with enlargements of the original prints.

2. Subject photography is highly suggestive of a hoax; however, this should not imply that the attempted hoax was necessarily perpetrated by subject person.

3. Experience has shown that incidents of this type are often publicized, with allegations and statements detrimental to the Air Force, when explanations are not given to sources submitting photography. It is, therefore, the general policy of this Center, where possible, to provide a brief summary of our analysis to such individuals.

FOR THE COMMANDER

T. J. CONNAIR, JR.,
MAJOR, USAF,
Adjutant

3 Incls
1. Proposed Ltr to Miss[redacted]
2. Cy, 18th Dist. OSI ltr to Hqs USAF w/spot Intel Rpt & Statement of Witness 8/8/57
3. 4 ea (8x10) gloss prints w/markings

When inclosure number (s) 2 is/~~are~~ withdrawn or not attached, the classification on this correspondence will be changed to Unclas in accordance with Par 25E, AFR, 205-1

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ATIC FORM 144 (REV 20 FEB 56) ROUTING AND COORDINATION SHEET AF-WP-O-30 NOV 58 25M

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Miss [redacted]

Bostonia, California

Dear Mis[redacted]

We are in receipt of a series of photographs to the Air Force by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, showing what is purported to be an unidentified flying object. A detailed analysis, which included both microscopic examinations and large-size projections, indicate the following:

a. The camera was moved sometime between the period the shutter was opened and closed. This is borne out by a study of the moon track, which would normally be a straight, unbroken-line image. The track in the photographs is broken both in direction and time.

b. The "missing period" can be determined by taking the moon's approximate diameter of ½ degree, and its known time-movement across the sky. A plot indicates that there was a lapse of time between exposures of 2 to 3 minutes. This would be sufficient time for the removal of the camera from its fixed position, after which a second superimposed image made, and the camera returned to its original position. As indicated by the broken track of the moon, the attempt to set the camera in its exact previous position was difficult to do.

c. Your attention is invited to the line slightly above the object. This appears to be part of a room ceiling, and is particularly suggestive of this assumption if a line is extended outward to form a corner. The object, in our opinion, is a conventional light fixture.

d. A further examination of the photography indicates that a method of developing called "dodging" was used in one photograph, and a "burning in" process around the lighted area was used in another.

We have no grounds on which to suspect a deliberate fraud towards a Government agency; however, there appears to have been some tampering by persons unknown with respect to the materiel submitted.

Your interest in reporting this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

1 Incl

3 (8x10) Prints w/markings

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

[redacted]
(Place)

June 10, 1967
(Date)

I, [redacted] hereby state that
Andrew C. Griffin has identifed himself to me as a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force, and that I do hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make the following statement without having been subjected to any coercion, unlawful influence or unlawful inducement, and without any promise of reward, benefit, or any immunity having been made to me:

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[redacted]
(Signature)

STATEMENT OF [redacted] DATE 10 Jun 57

and went into the church, that was near, to wait for the exposure. It didn't make to much difference as to how long the exposure should be, so I didn't ~~keep~~ S.R.H. track of the time. I know that it was there no shorter than ten min. and no longer than 20 min. within this time, I went out again & clicked S.R.H. the camera and turned the picture for the next exposure.

S.R.H.

[redacted]
(Signature)

STATEMENT OF [redacted] DATE 10 Jun 57

I then took several other pictures of the moon, and other exposure of candles etc. S.R.H. that was also part of the project.

S. R. H.

I further state that I have read this entire statement, initialed all of the pages and corrections and signed this statement, and that it is correct and true, as written.

[redacted]
(Signature)

(Address)

Witnesses:

[redacted]

(Address) El Capan

(Address)

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 10 day of JUN 1957
at [redacted] a
person authorized by law to administer oaths.

Andrew C. Griffin
Signature of person administering oath

ANDREW C. GRIFFIN
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S/A, OSI
Official character, grade, etc.

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STATEMENT OF [redacted] DATE 10 Jun 57

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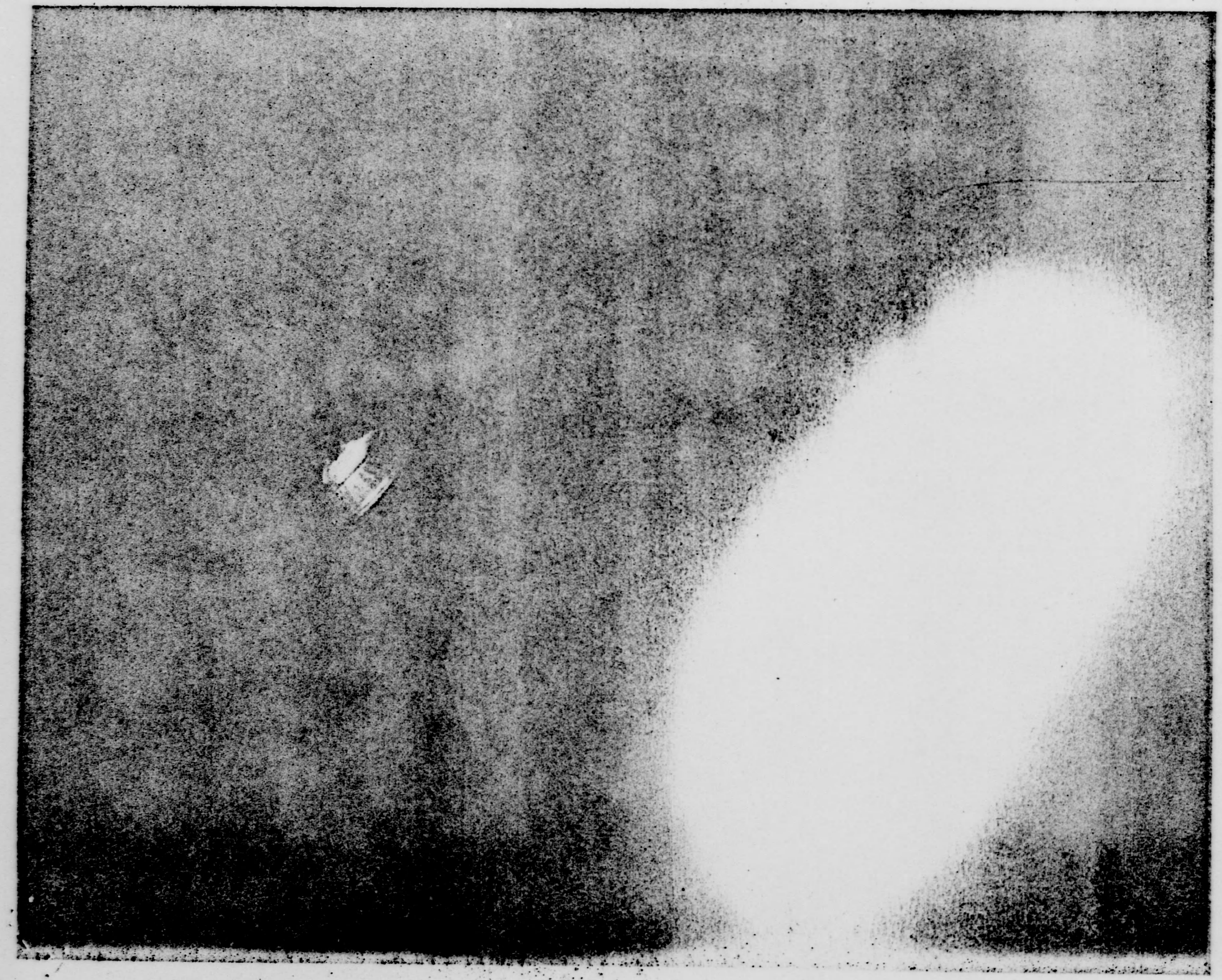

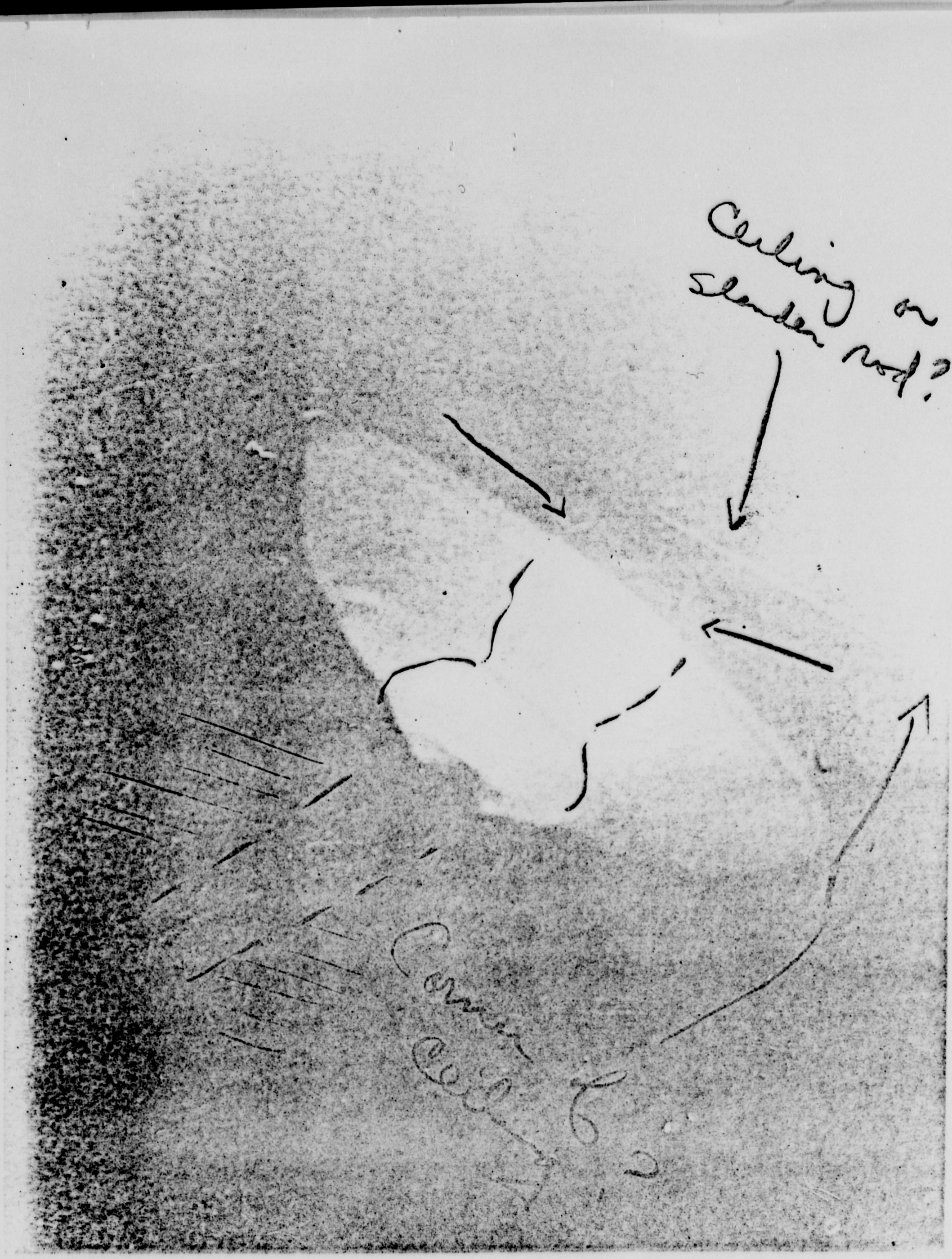
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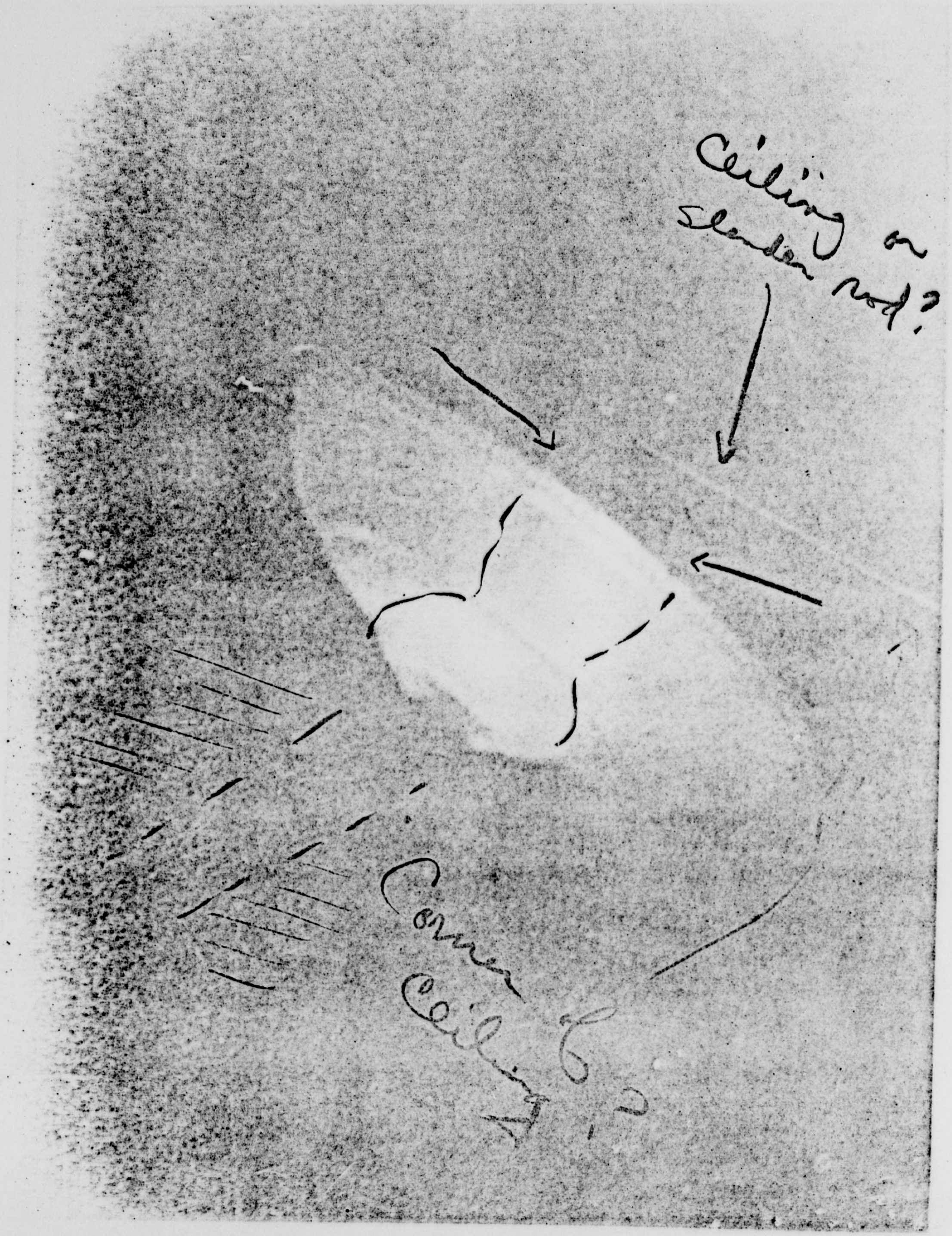
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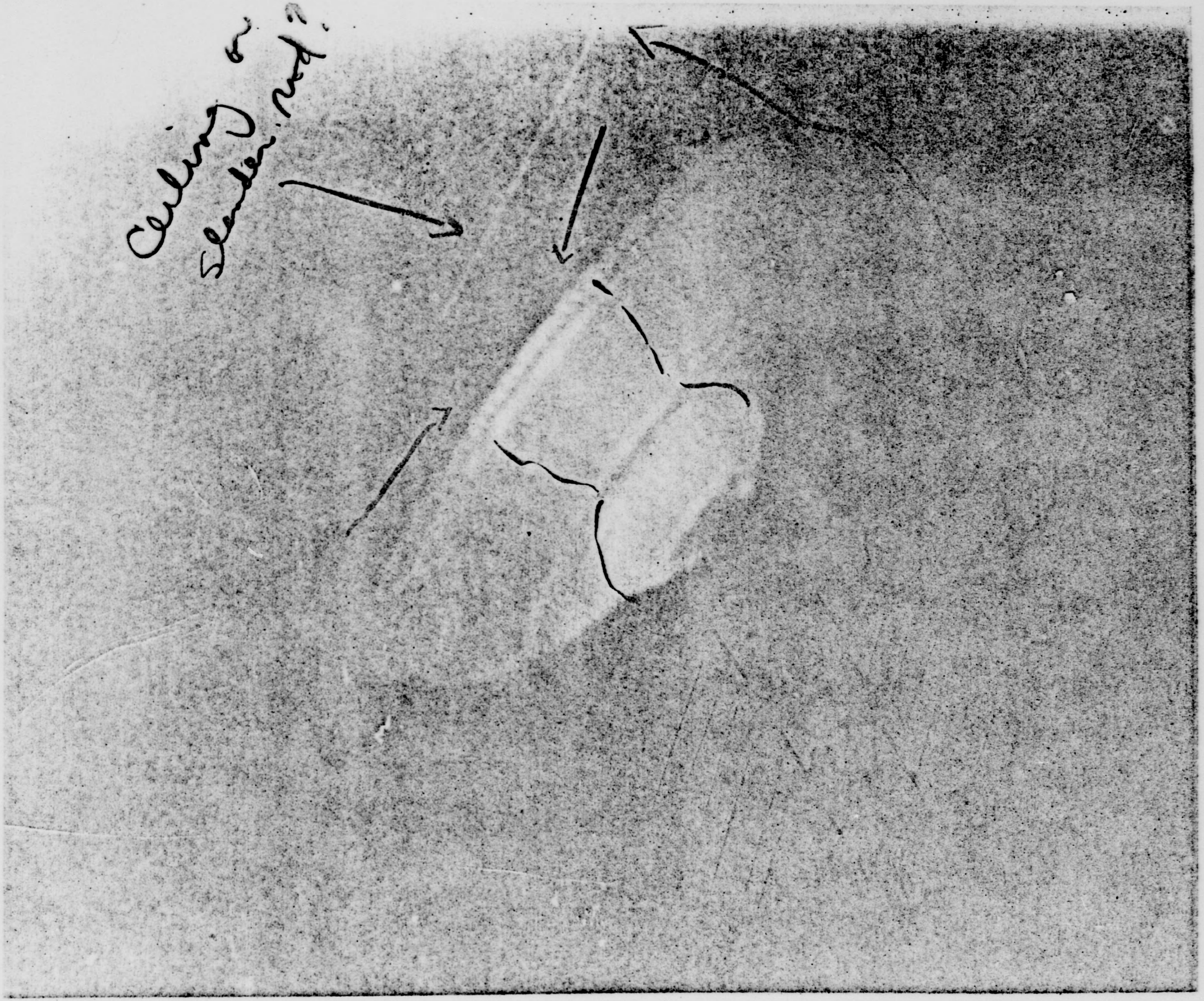
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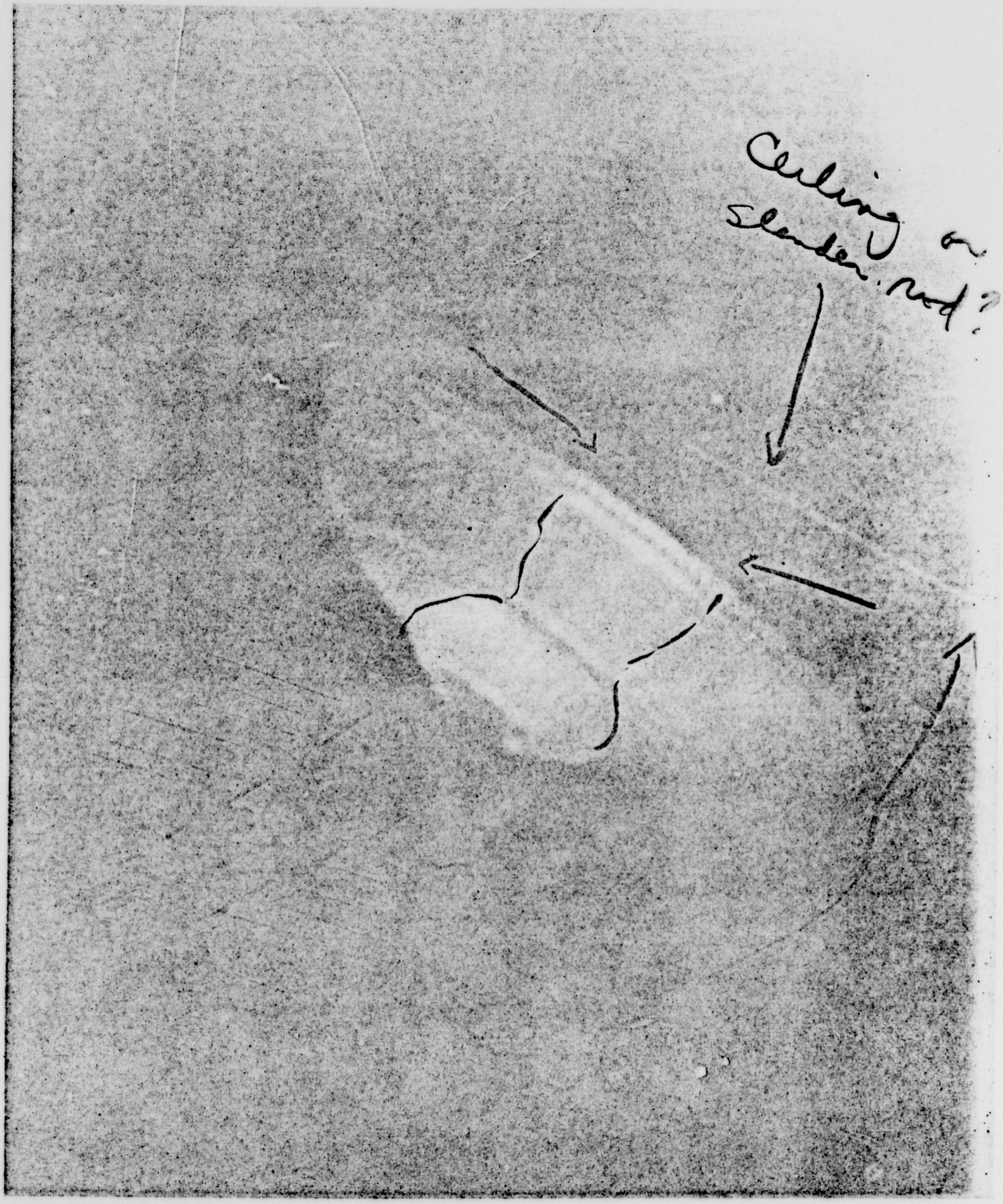
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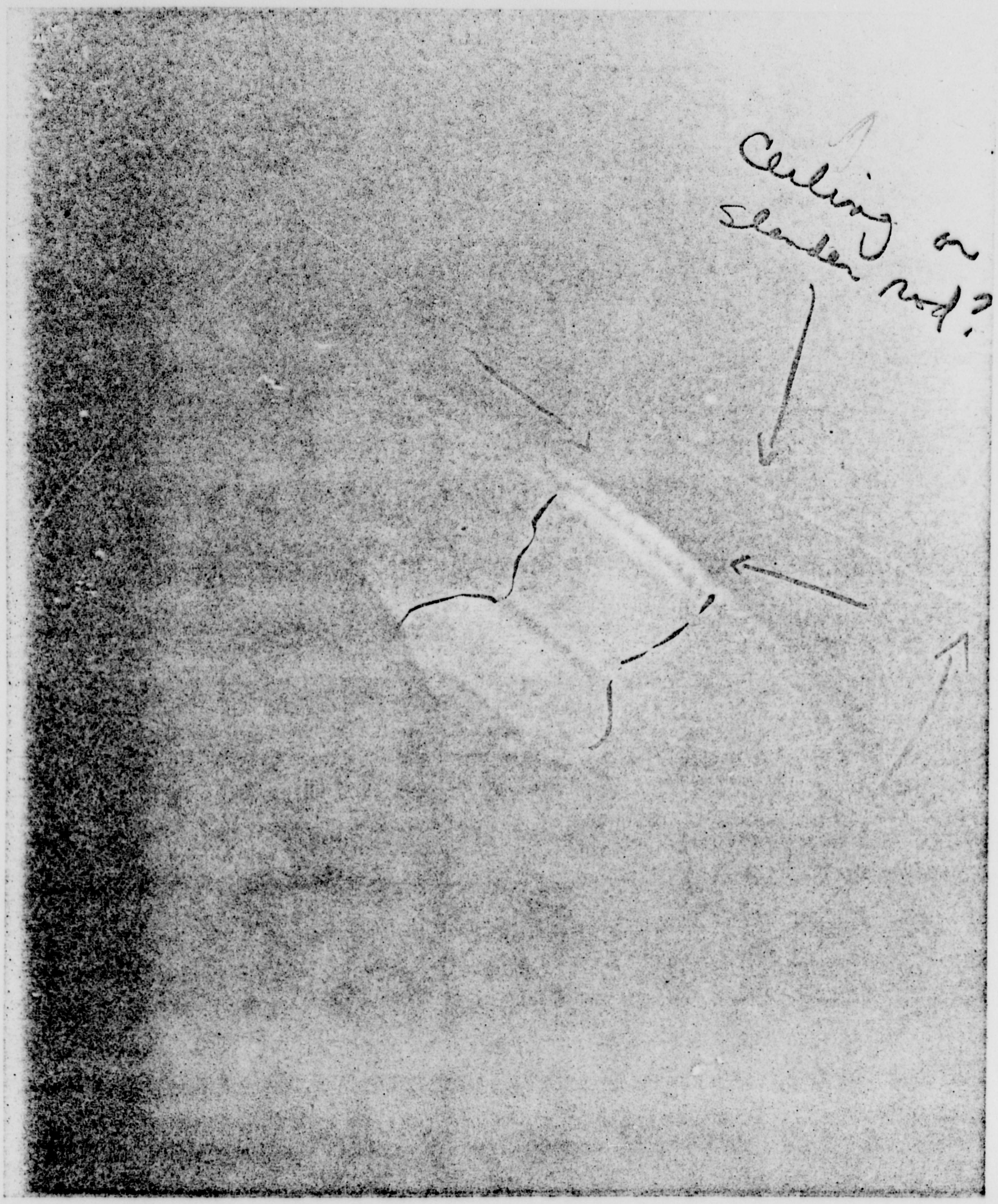
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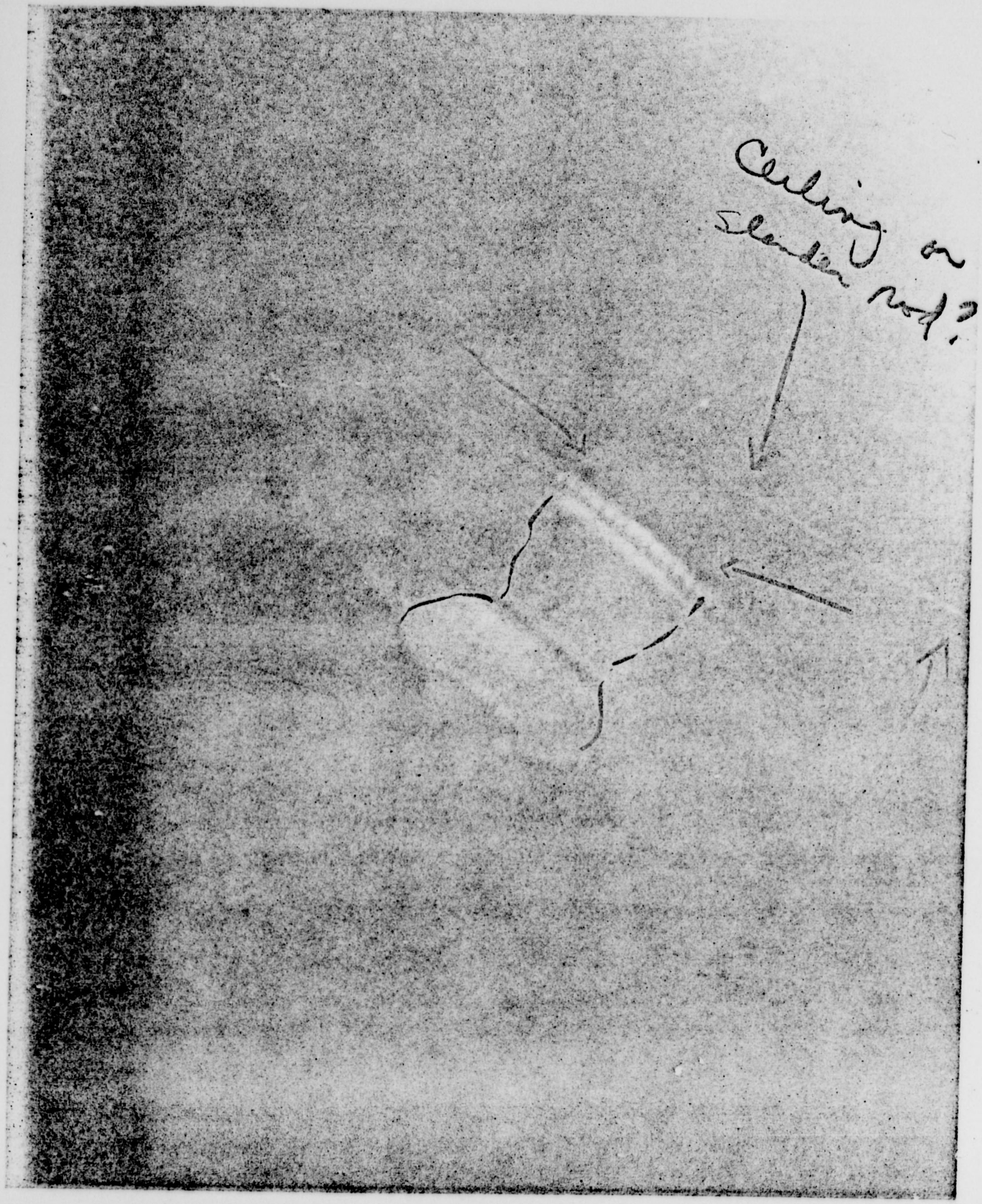
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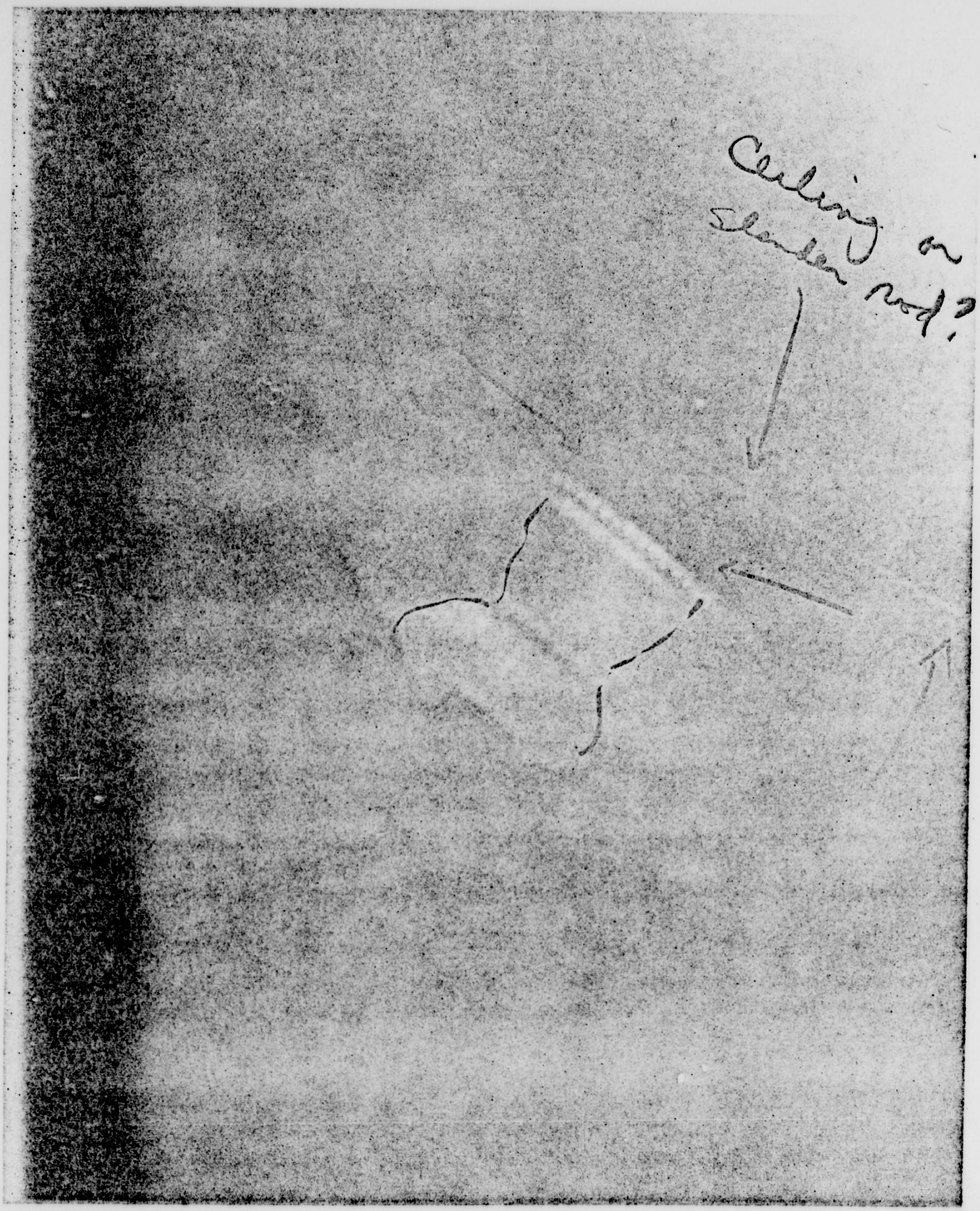
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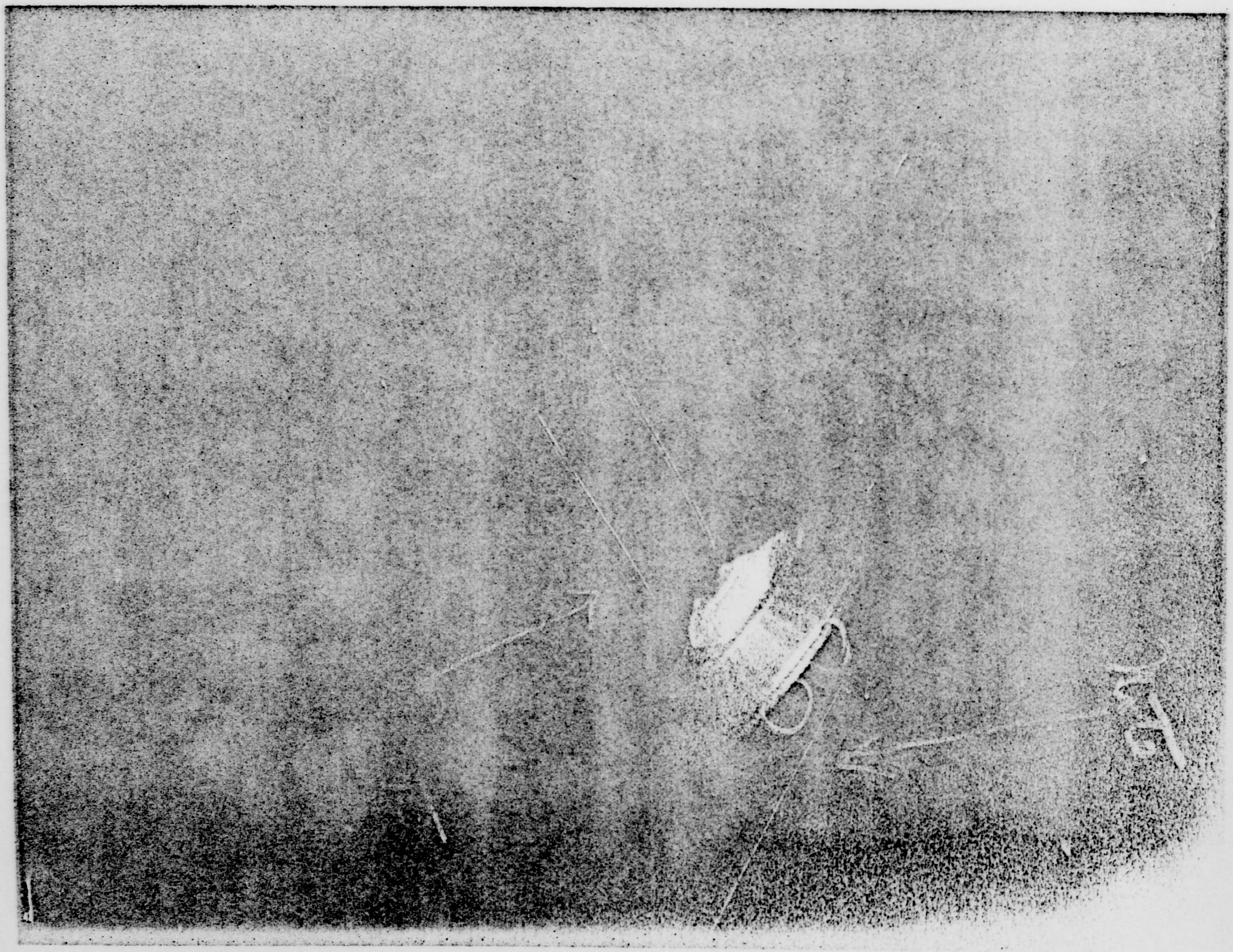

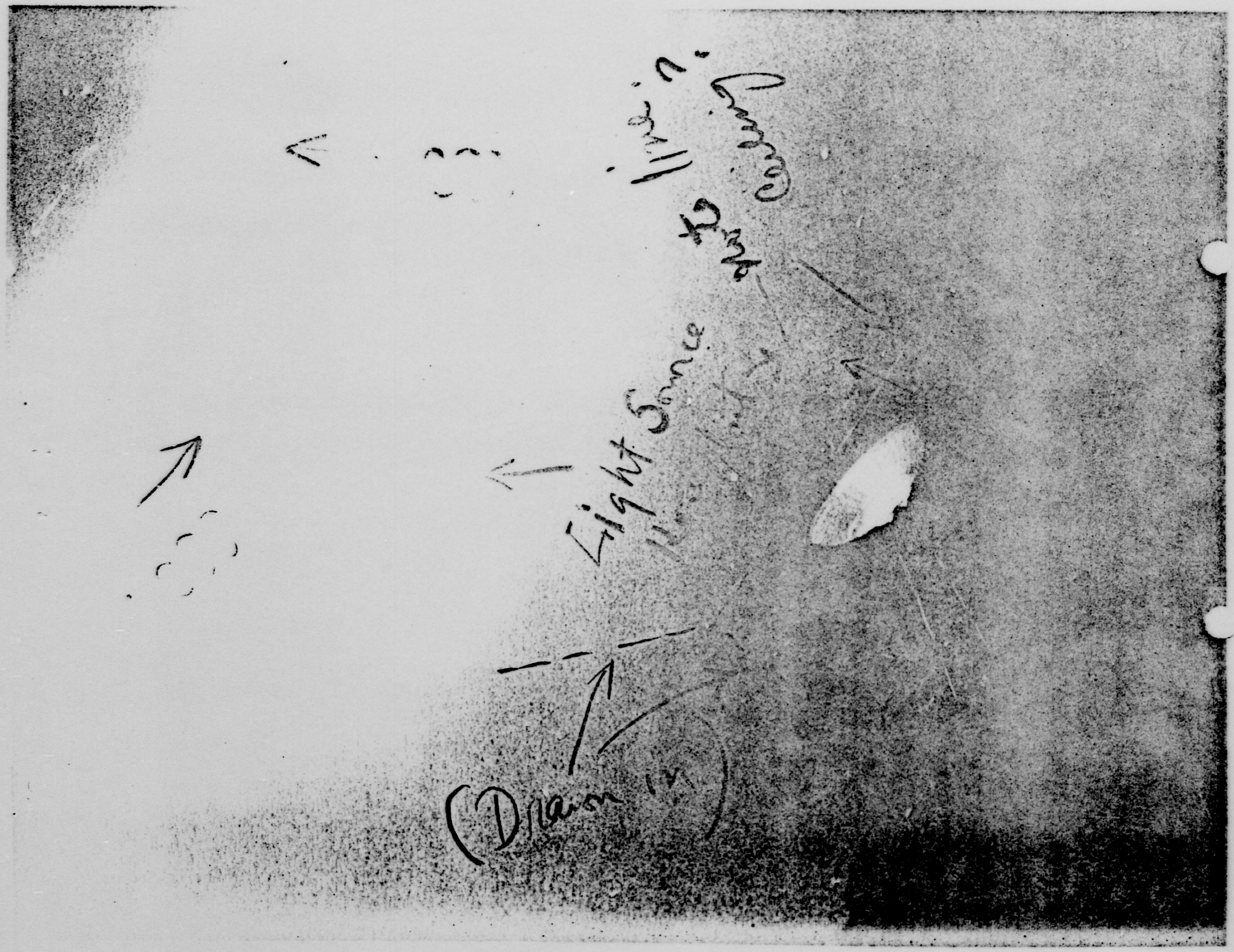
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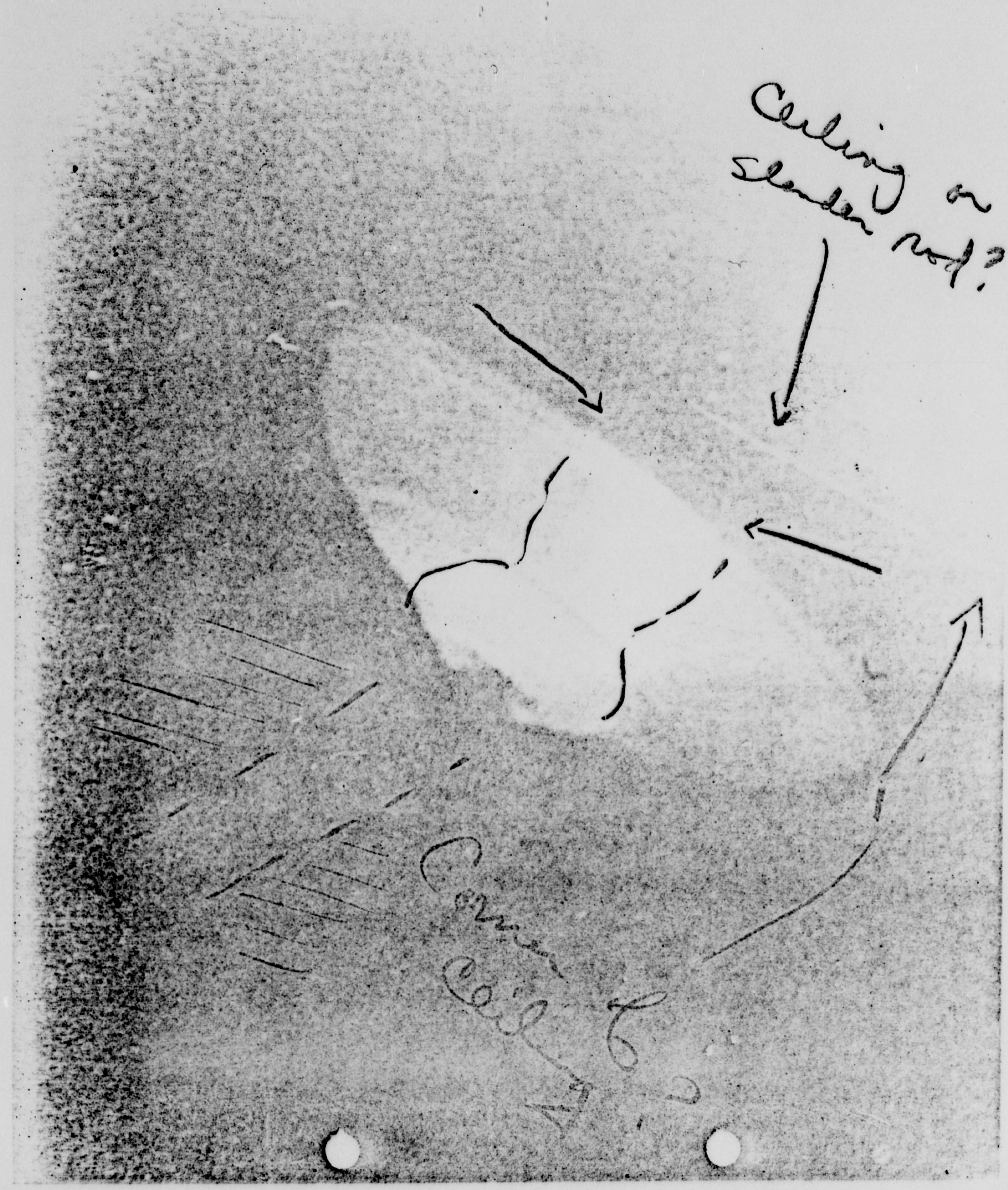
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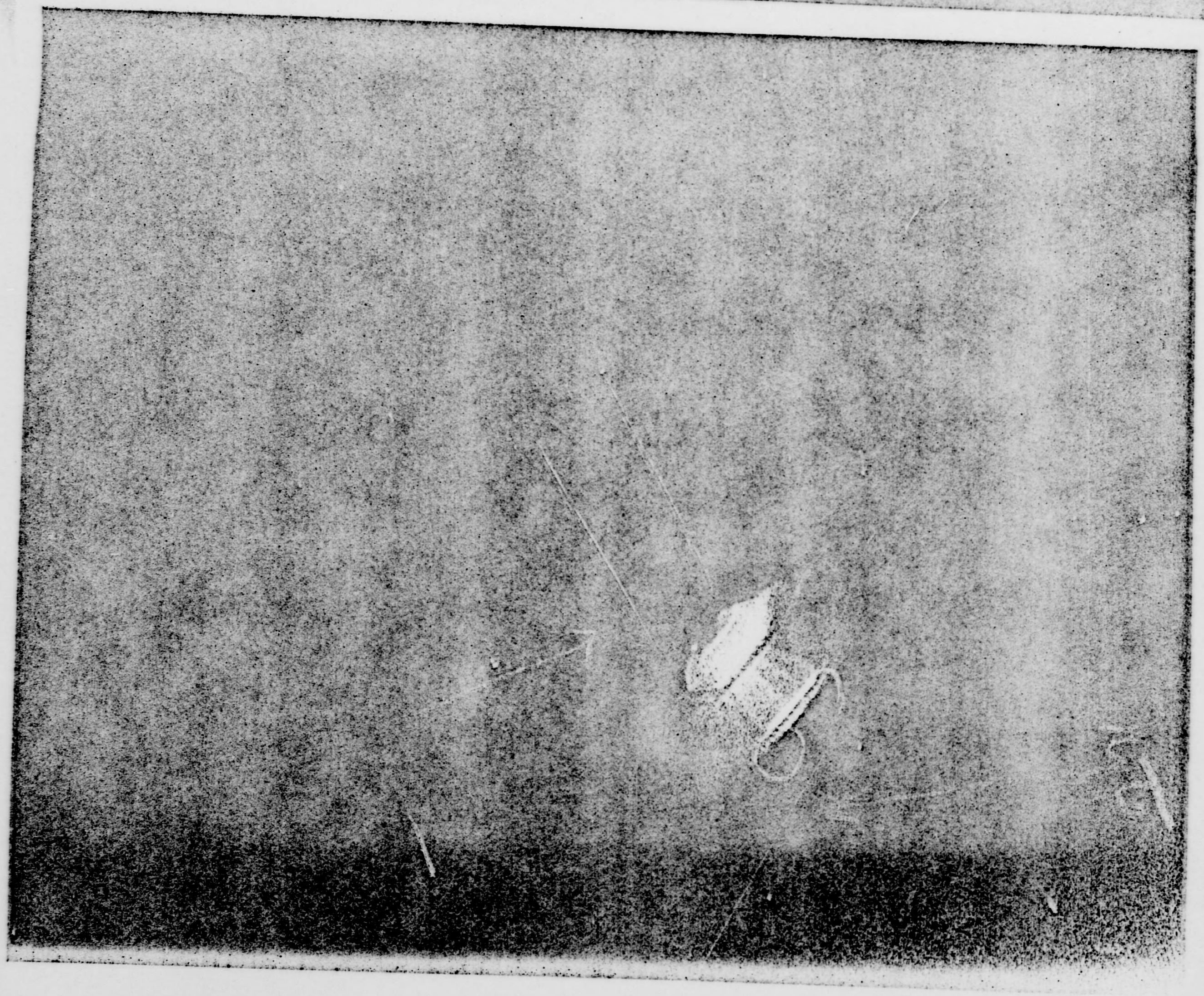

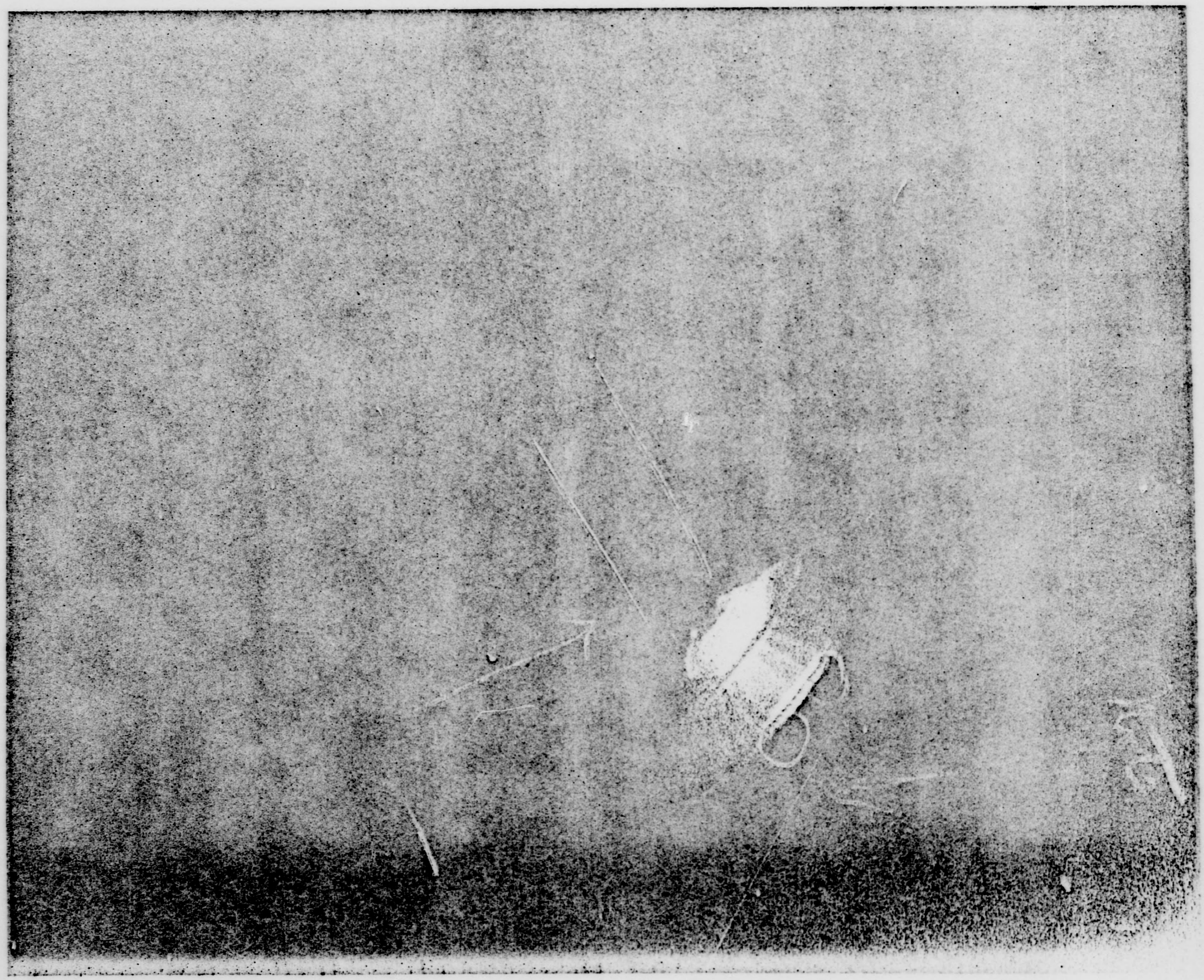

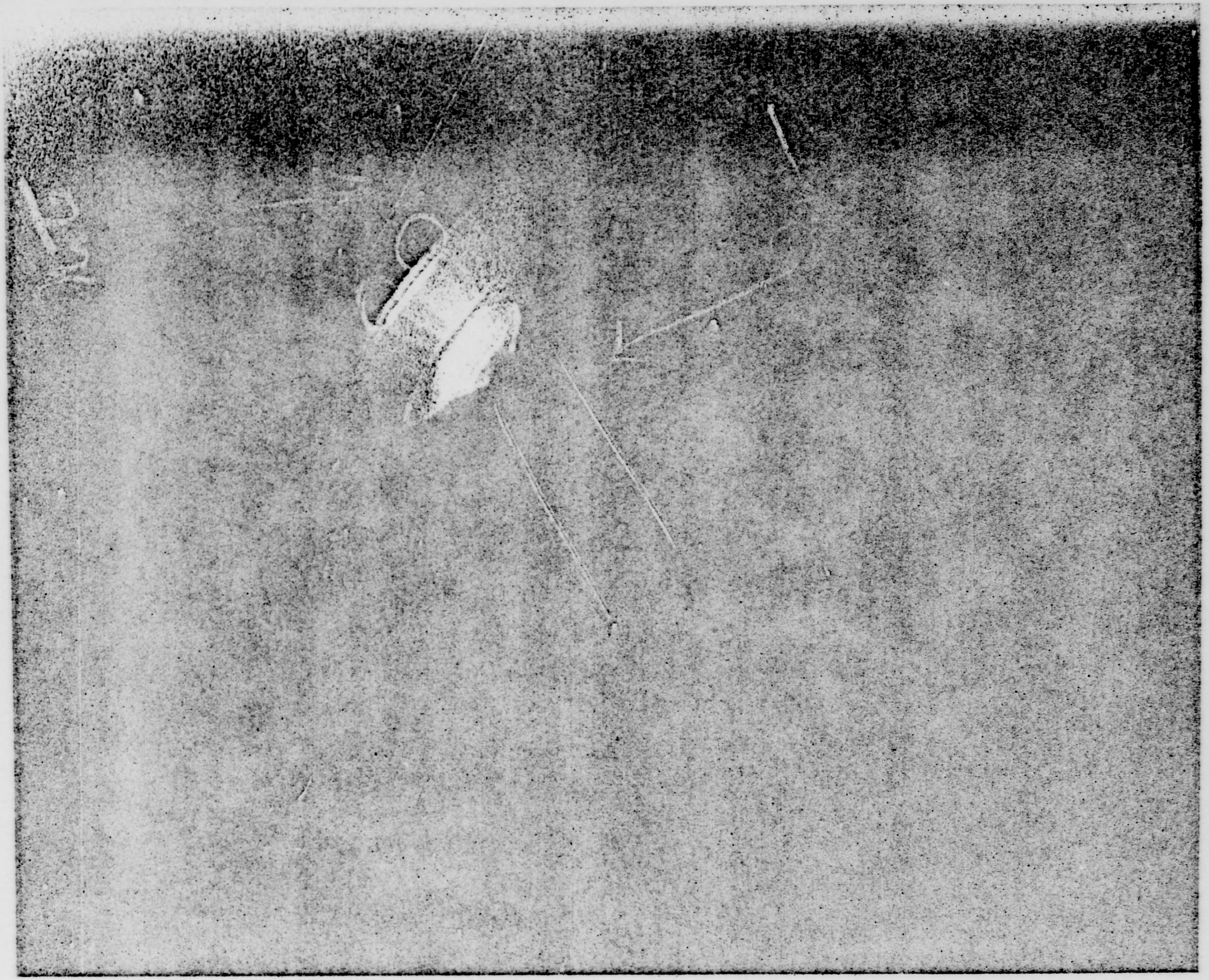

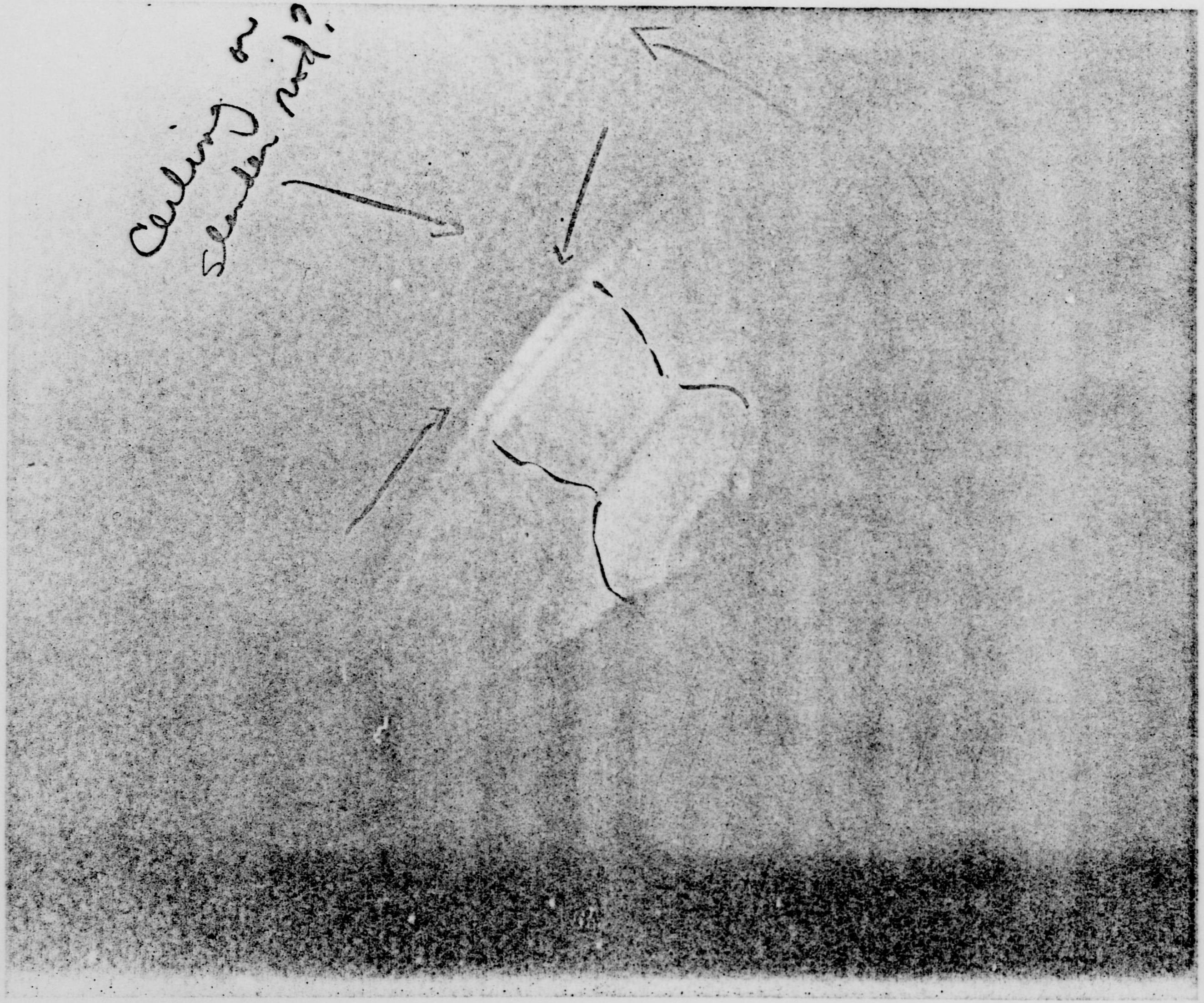
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