PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
October 1957

2. LOCATION
Angelus Crest Hwy, Californi

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local unknown
GMT

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes ☒ No Physical Specimen

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
NA

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
NA

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

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
A small guided-missile-appearing object was submitted to PIO office, Hollywood. Object had Russian markings. Photographs on file.

See Specimen 7-3745-454
In following folder

11. COMMENTS
Object was hoax. No means for propulsion, Russian script was amateurish, and couplings (brand new) were stricltly US type w/ US markings. The aluminum fins had ALCOA markings on them. Finder admitted making object to play "prank" on boss.

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM: COMDR ATIC

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO: DET 2, ATIC, WESTERN OFFICE
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

/UNCL/FROM: AFCIN-4E4 #2-1913-E

IN RECEIPT OF PHOTOS OF ROCKET-LIKE OBJECT BEARING RUSSIAN WRITING, OBVIOUS HOAX. REQUEST DETAILED INFO. REGARDING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ANY INDICATION OF PRINCIPALS OR SOURCES THAT MAY BE INVOLVED FOR CASE FILES HERE. STATISTICAL SURVEY OF HOAXES AND ATTEMPTED HOAXES HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY HQ USAF. INFO REQUIRED TO COMPLETE COMPILATION. REFER TO UFO UNIT, AFCIN-4E4, IN REPLY.

AFCIN-4E4

COORDINATION

AFCIN-4E4 H A Miley Dr. H. A. Miley DATE 3 Dec 57

AFCIN-4E for Col H.K. Gilbert DATE 4 Dec 57

AFCIN-4X1 [illegible] MR. DRCIER DATE 4 Dec

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DATE	TIME
03	1230
MONTH DEC	YEAR 57

WRITER

SYMBOL AFCIN-4E4 2 DEC 57 George T. Gregory

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required) Capt G.T. Gregory

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RELEASER

SIGNATURE Robert E. O'Connor

TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE

ROBERT E. O'CONNOR
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

DD FORM 1 MAY 55 173 REPLACES DD FORM 173, 1 OCT 49, WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED

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DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT UFO Hoax

TO AFCIN-4E4 FROM Western Office, ATIC DATE 10 Dec 57 COMMENT NO. 1

Lt Col Mitchell/ck

1. Reference your message AFCIN-4E4 cite 12-1913-E, the following information pertaining to the hoax perpetrated recently by an individual in Van Nuys, California, is submitted.

Mr. [redacted], an employee of Bendix Radio, Van Nuys, California, reported to his supervisor at Bendix to display a "finned missile like" object he [redacted] had ostensibly found in the mountains near Angelus Crest Highway. The supervisor placed the object in the hands of Bendix police, who in turn released it to Van Nuys police.

At this point the Air Force Office of Public Information was called to aid in identification of the object. The Western Office, ATIC was requested by AF PIO to assist. The object was easily identified as being locally built and ATIC was so informed.

Unfortunately, a vast amount of publicity accompanied the series of events; publicity, which Mr. [redacted] did not relish; since it was later determined that he had meant only to play a joke on his supervisor. He became concerned about "how things got out of hand" in view of the mounting publicity. In order to rectify the situation he called the AF PIO and admitted having made the object himself, but only as a joke to play on his supervisor. He intended that it end there.

Air Force PIO, Hollywood, promised Mr. [redacted] not repeat not to release the details presented above since the individual concerned would probably suffer loss of his job or other possible embarrassment. This office felt obligated to comply with their request.

The object has been shipped to ATIC, Attention: Major Smith, AFCIN-4A.

Max O. Mitchell

MAX O. MITCHELL
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Western Office, ATIC

Rec'd AFCIN-4E4
17 Dec 57
10:30

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FROM: COMDR ATIC

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO: DET 2, ATIC, WESTERN OFFICE
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

/UNCL/FROM: AFCIN-4E4 12-1988-E

REF YOUR DF, DATED 10 DEC 57 IN REPLY TO OUR TT MSG FOR DETAILS. COPY OF PHOTO, MATERIAL AND INFO. UP TO THE TIME OF ORIGINAL RECEIPT IN HQ. USAF, SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTELLIGENCE AND PIO POLICIES REGARDING HOAXES, WHICH HAVE BEEN GREATLY INCREASING THIS YEAR. POSSIBILITY THAT ALL, INCLUDING THE HOAX YOU REPORTED, MAY BE PRESENTED ON A NATION-WIDE PROGRAM. REPLY TO OUR QUERY BY TELETYPE MSG, INSTEAD OF DF WOULD HAVE [redacted] BEEN ARRIVED [redacted] HERE IN TIME FOR PREVENTIVE ACTION. YOUR DF RECEIVED 17 DEC. WILL CONTACT PIO, HQS USAF, WITH SUGGESTION THAT IF TO BE RELEASED AS PART OF SERIES, THAT NAME AND LOCATIONS OF THE "VAN NUYS HOAX" NOT BE USED.

ATIC

COORDINATION 13 DEC 21 14 32

AFCIN-4E4 Dr. H. A. Miley DATE 17 Dec 57

RECEIVED

DATE	TIME
17	1313
MONTH DEC	YEAR 57

WRITER

SYMBOL: AFCIN-4E4

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature if required): Capt. G. T. Gregory

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

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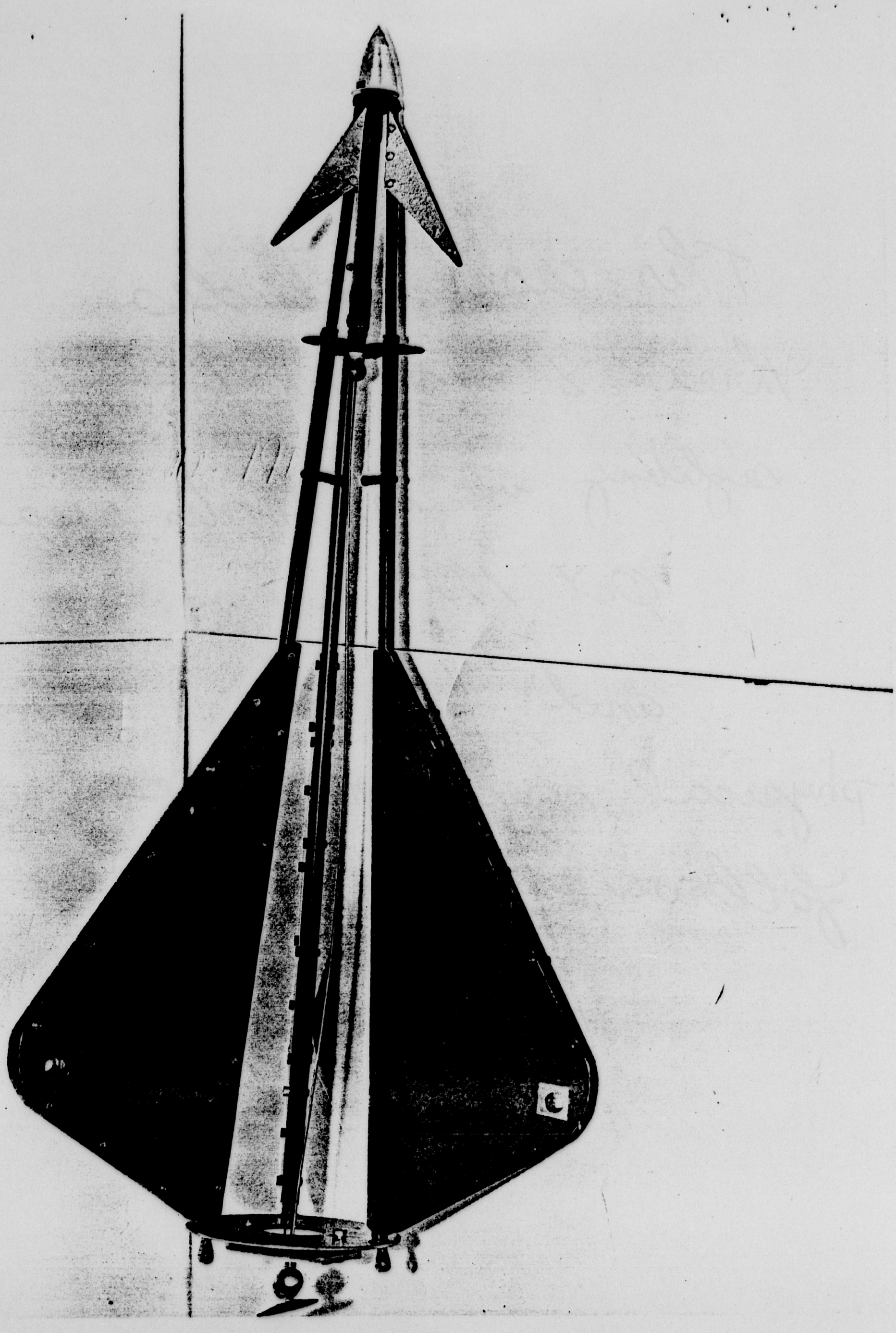
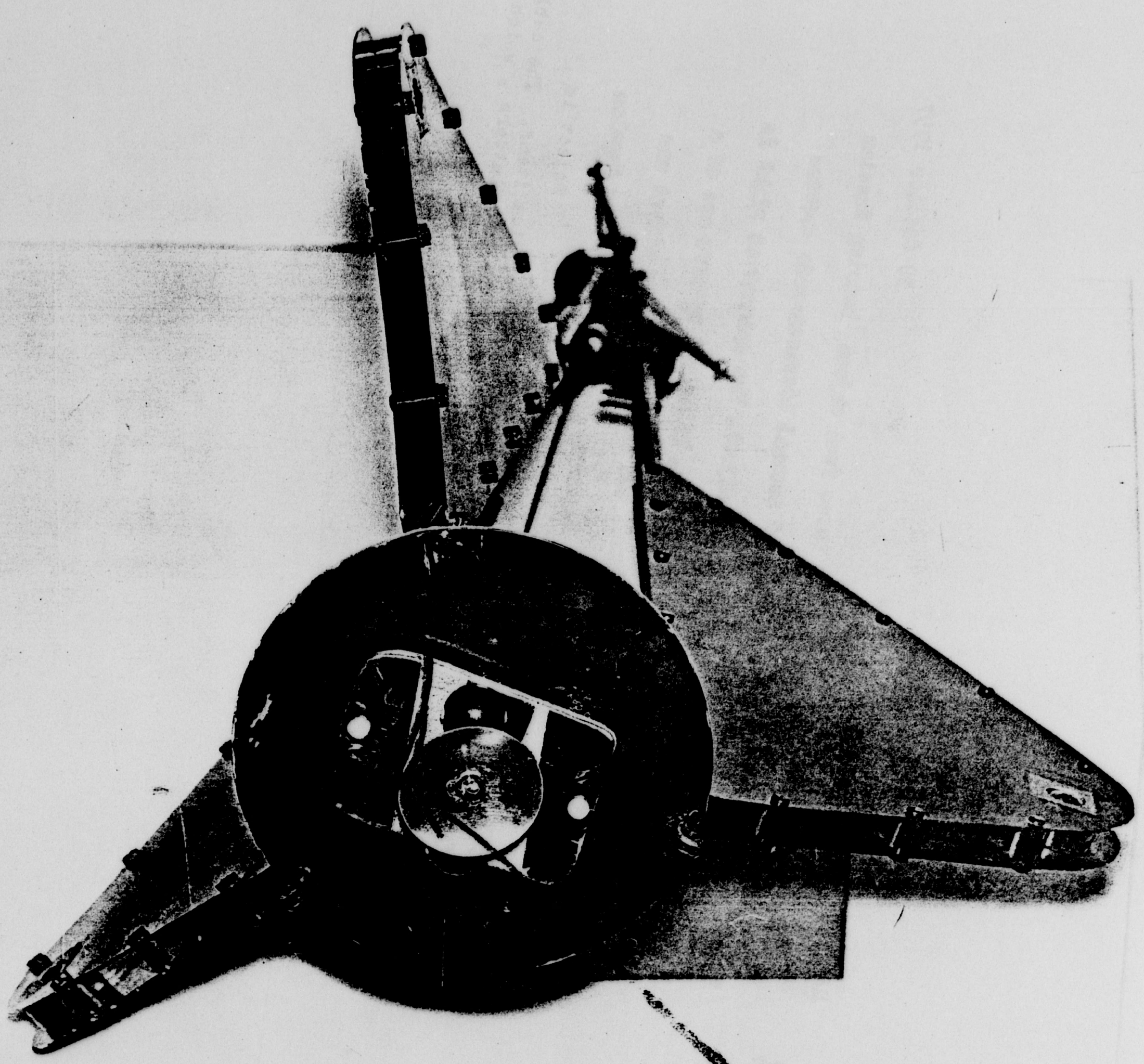
This case includes
three 8"x10" photos of
sighting in Los Angeles area
Oct 1957

and
physical specimens see
following folder





RUSSIA !!
CHARGE !

30 October 1957

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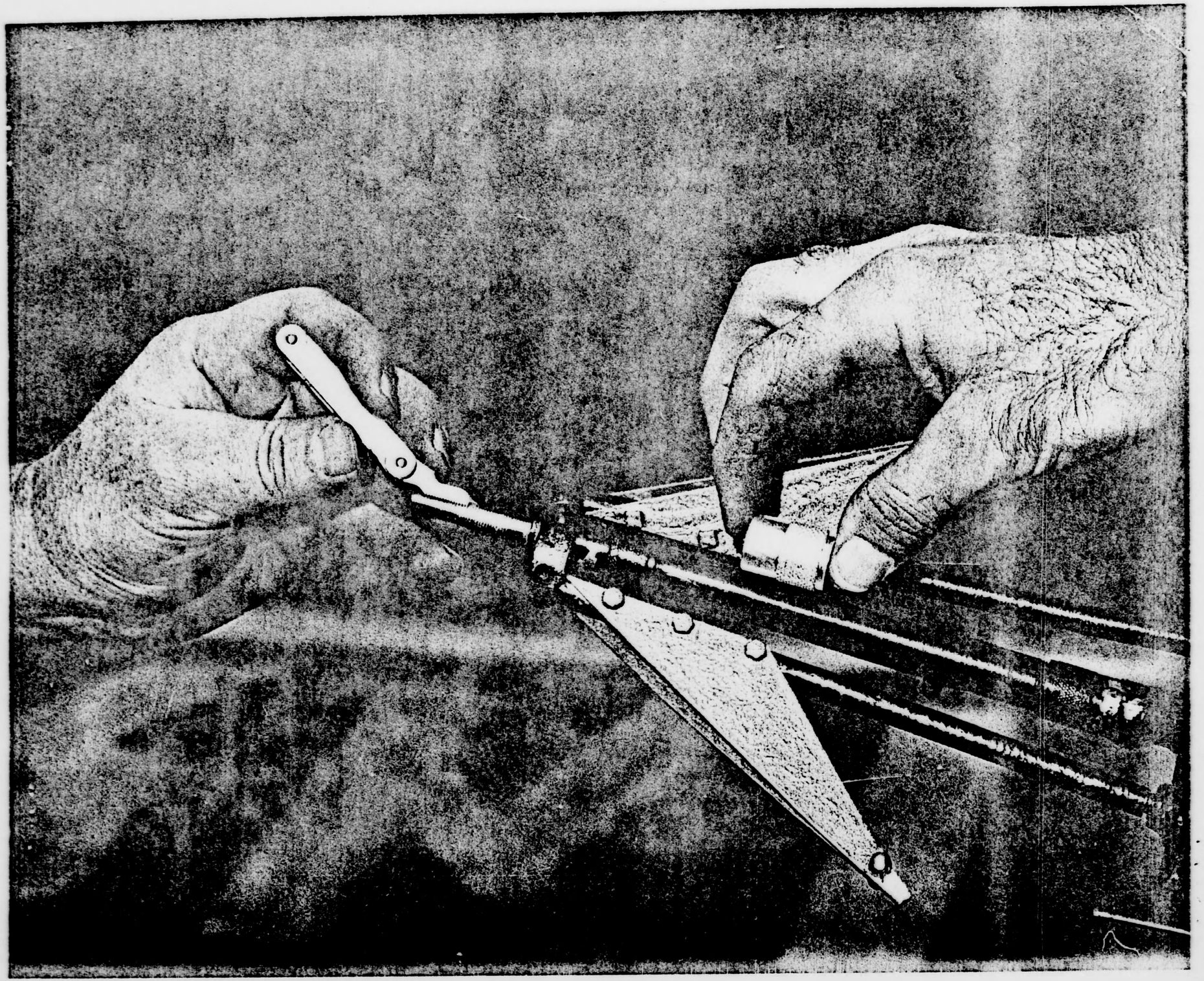
Photo above is a close-up of a three foot object, bearing Russian writing, alongside which are displayed several American-made objects which match perfectly those within the object. The spinner at right is of the kind used on metal airplanes. Hole, bolts and spinners are of a type which can be purchased anywhere. The three-foot long object was declared to be a hoax by Col. Ben F. Hoch, director of the Los Angeles Office of Information Services, after analysis by experts. Object is "useless". Many of the parts within it are U.S. war-surplus items. The cable connector in the object bore the name "Massachusetts" in tiny letters, which were hidden by the paint.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

In this close-up photo, an analysis expert holds a cable connector, which matches perfectly with one used in a three-foot object, bearing Russian writing, which the Air Force has found to be a hoax. Col. Dean E. Hess, director of the Los Angeles Office of Information Services, said the object was "absolutely useless.