

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 Feb 59		2. LOCATION Victorville, Calif.		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>PSYCHOLOGICAL</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <i>25/0500Z</i>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE variable	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Egg-shaped obj, approx 7.5" in diameter, dull red with purple waves throughout extremities, sound like the hum of a large generator, but higher in pitch. Made five passes over house.				11. COMMENTS This sighting is classified as <del>insufficient information</del> . <i>OTHER PSYCHOLOGICAL CAUSES</i>	

**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.)

**An Unidentified Flying Object** was reported to this Headquarters by telephone on 26 February 1959 by a civilian source. A thorough investigation of the report was made by Captain Rudolph H. Pestaloszi, 831st Air Division Intelligence Officer. The text of the report begins on Part II of Form 112 and is in accordance with AFR 200-2.

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## a. Object data:

(1) Elongated egg. (See Attachment # 1)

(2) The size of the object could not be accurately judged, however, the observer stated the object was slightly larger, top to bottom, than his handsbread (about  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " at his arms length (27"), when the object was at a distance of about 50 feet. At the side view, the object was about twice as long as its height and in the general shape of an elongated egg.

(3) The color was dull red with purple waves coursing throughout the extremities of the object. Although the colors were dull, the intensity of light seemed moderate to bright to the observer. He did not notice the color reflected on objects below.

(4) One (1), as far as the observer could determine.

(5) N/A

(6) None

(7) None

(8) The object emitted a sound which he described as the hum of a large transformer but higher in pitch. This object also agitated the air and he described the sound as similar to but vastly greater in volume than a whip swishing through the air.

(9) [REDACTED] stated that while the object was in the vicinity of his home, his radio which had recently been receiving very clear programs until then, was completely blocked by intense static.

## b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) The attention of [REDACTED] was drawn to the object while he was in his darkened bedroom by a bright, white, steady light which was reflected against his bedroom wall opposite the windows of the room. He realized that the light was too intense to be the headlights of a car. As his parents were away at night school and he was in charge of the home and his younger brother, he arose, dressed and went out on the front porch of the home to see what caused the light. The family pet dogs had commenced to howl and run around as if in terror and he wanted to let them in the house.

(2) The object was first observed in a due westerly direction from the home, at an elevation of about  $20^{\circ}$ , at an undetermined distance from the observers position.

(3) [REDACTED] observed the object on its first pass for about 10 seconds. It flew directly towards his home on a steady declining altitude of approach and when over his front yard at an altitude of about 8 to 10 feet, it veered gradually away to the North East. He was, however, unable to see the object when he knew that he should have been looking at the rear of the object. He could hear the object only while he could see it. He went back into the house to calm the family pets and his younger brother, and noticed the time at about one minute after 2100 hours LST (0501 Z). He went back outside at five minutes after 2100 hours LST (0505 Z), and observed the object again due West of the house and approaching his position. He observed the object would pass closer to the house on this second pass and immediately went inside to get a gun. He became terrified as the object sped past the house and decided against the gun. He stated that on this pass his younger brother saw the object through the living room front window which was covered by split bamboo blinds. [REDACTED] went outside again at 05-12Z, observed the object to the West of his position, approaching at high speed.

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He went back into the house and the object again sped by the house. The object passed directly over the house twice more. The last time at 2115 LST (0515 Z). The object was only heard on these last two passes. On the last pass the vibration of the object could be felt throughout the house. [REDACTED] did not see in which direction the object left the area.

(4) See Attachment # 1.

(5) Unknown

(6) Pass #1 - 10 seconds, pass # 2 - 5 seconds, pass # 3 - 5 seconds, passes # 4 and 5, not observed.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground-visual observation

(2) No optical aids used

(3) N/A

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 250500 Z to 250512 Z February 1959.

(2) Night

e. Location of Observer:

(1) 8 miles due South of George AF Base traffic control tower, at P.O. Box 1348, Victorville, California.  $34^{\circ} 30' 15''$  N/  $117^{\circ} 25' 02''$  W.

f. Identifying information on Observer:

(1) Civilian, [REDACTED], 17 year old, [REDACTED], Victorville, Calif., High School Student.

g. (1) Observer stated that the weather was clear with a bright moon just rising.

(2) Wind Direction

Velocity

Altitude

050°

4 knts

Surface

060°

15 "

6,000

020°

20 "

10,000

360°

30 "

16,000

360°

30 "

20,000

020°

50 "

30,000

300°

30 "

50,000

(3) Ceiling - clear

(4) Visibility - 20 miles

(5) Amount of cloud cover - No clouds

(6) Thunderstorms in area - none

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h. None

i. None

j. None

k. Captain Rudolph H. Pestalozzi, USAF, A0739577 831st Air Division Intelligence Officer. [REDACTED] seems to be an average young man of average intelligence. He is liked by his schoolmates and teachers. His parents rely on him, say he is a reasonably responsible boy. He has flown with the Air Scouts and as a hobby makes and fires aerial rockets. His parents testified to his story of the family pets reactions to this incident. When they arrived home at approximately 0600 Z, the animals were whimpering and shaking and hiding under the furniture. The static on the radio was not evident before 0500 Z nor after 0515 Z, indicating some electrical or magnetic disturbance in the area during these observations. [REDACTED] stated that on each pass of the object he heard a very sharp cracking noise and compared it to the spark gap of an automobile spark plug but of greater volume and intensity. He was emphatic in saying that this noise was not that of a sonic boom which he has heard many times. [REDACTED] was sincere, did not change his story though questioned several times on different points and seemed genuinely convinced that what he saw actually exists.

Two neighbors living in the area who were questioned at different times, admitted seeing "something" at "about that time" and experiencing severe radio and television interference. They would not, however, give any details nor did they give the reporting officer permission to use their names.

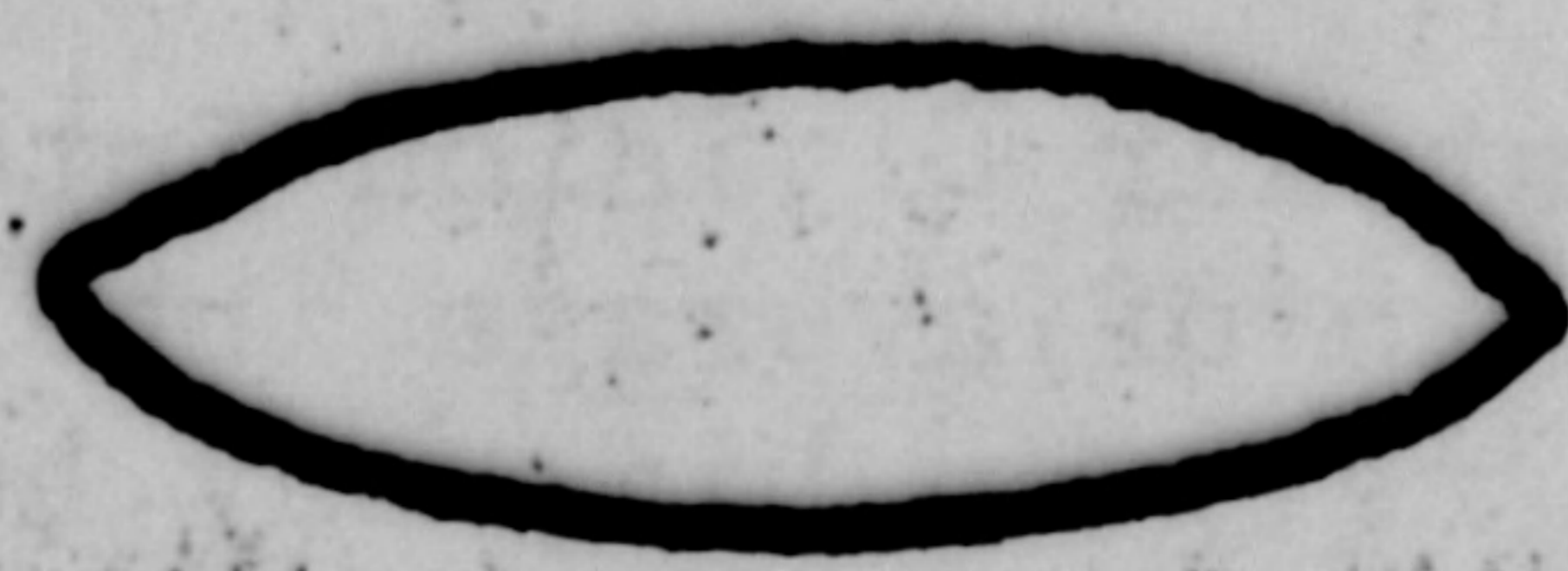
Unidentified Flying Objects have been reported to the 831st Air Division Intelligence Officer during the past two weeks by both civilian and military observers, who decline to be used for reporting purposes for fear of "being laughed at".

1 Attachment  
Drawing

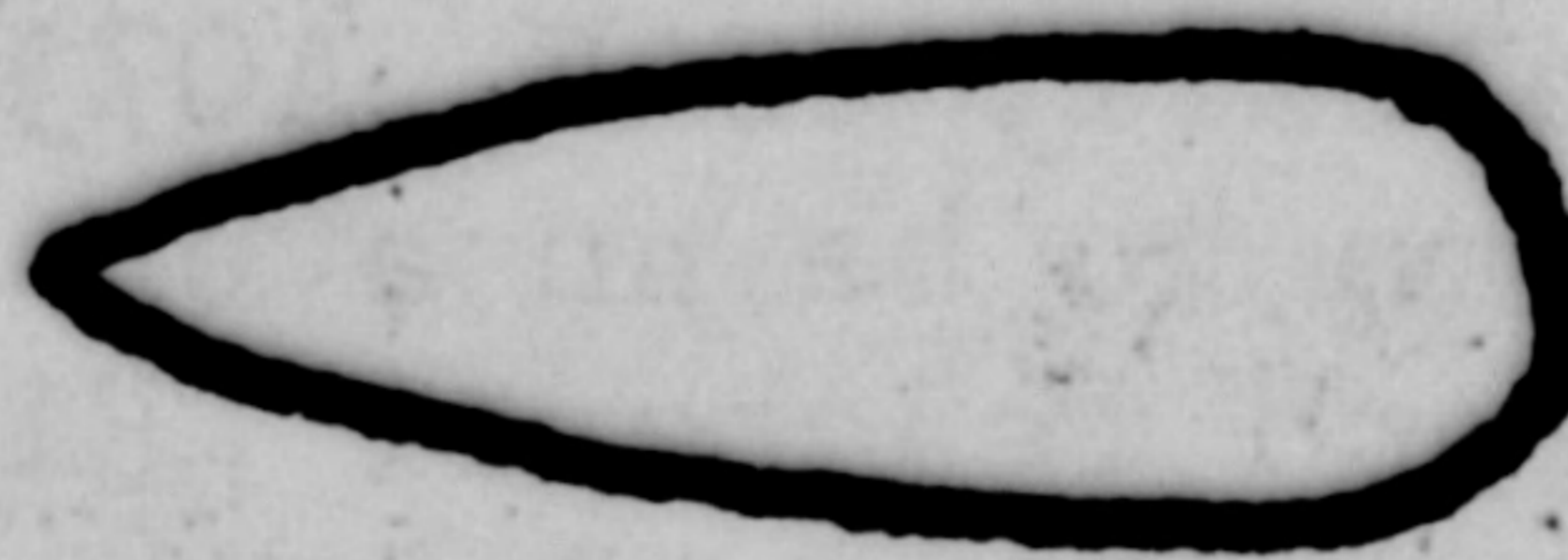
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FRONT VIEW



SIDE VIEW

FIGURE # 1. SHAPE OF OBJECT

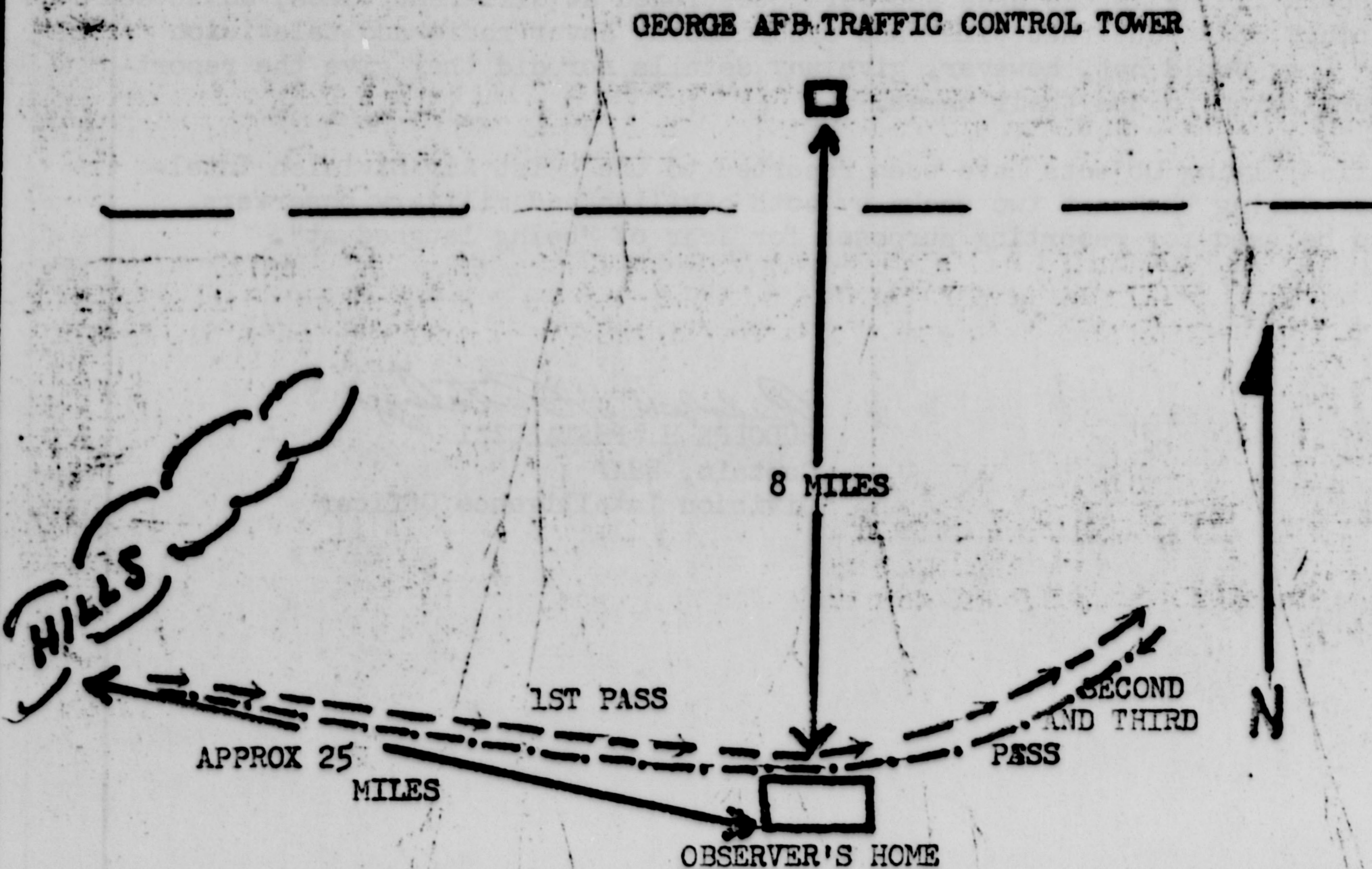


FIGURE # 2. LAY OUT OF SIGHTING AREA