PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 Jul 67 2/0330 Z	2. LOCATION Dyke, Virginia
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible ~~(AIRCRAFT)~~
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 minute	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer stated that the object appeared to be a light. Object was compared to that of a bright star. Object brightness appeared to be brighter than the star. Edges of the obj. were fuzzy and blurred. Object had no distinct sound of its own. Color: bright white light.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE SW - NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

PENDING
OVERTHERE REPORT

Copy all for Hynek

The Blue Ridge School
Dyke, Virginia 22935

Unidentified Flying Objects Division
United States Defense Department
Washington, D.C.

[redacted]
Trenton, N.J.

Dear Sirs:

We are not sure if such an individual account would be helpful to you or not, but my husband and I thought we should report an extremely unusual sight which we saw in th sky last night, and which was unlike anything we had ever seen before.

We are residing temporarily (until August 6) at the Blue Ridge School which is 13 miles north west of Charlottesville, Virginia near the small towns of Dyke and Standardsville. At approximately (and we are not sure of the exact time) 10:30-11:00 pm we were sitting by the school swimming pool when my husband suddenly called my attention to a bright, flashing object moving very rapidly across the sky. This object seemed to both of us to be a very strong burst of light that went off and on at regular intervals -- about five seconds apart, and moved in what appeared to be a very straight arc overhead, from horizon to horizon. In our discussion of it afterwards, we had only one area of disagreement, in that it appeared to be distinctly oval to me in shape and he had not noticed this and said it seemed to be to him only a "flash of light."

I would not be writing this note except for the unusual character of the object we saw. The cloud ceiling was low, and the object moved below this ceiling. It was certainly within small aircraft range, we would guess, if not lower. The flashes of light that it emitted were exceedingly bright, although they did not light up the night air with any kind of luminescence, being only in their own area.

What convinced us that this was something unusual was that the "craft" was travelling at an incredible speed. We estimated that it went from horizon to horizon in nearly twenty seconds. (Again may I say that we only saw light flashes and not an outline of any object.) The Charlottesville airport is nearby, but these flashes of light were totally different from any airline landing lights either of us has seen, and moved far too rapidly for an incoming plane -- even a jet. Secondly, there was absolutely no sound connected with the light which convinced us it was not a plane. It also could not have been a searchlight -- we could see these in the distance and the night, although cloudy, did allow us to see a continuous beam from the searchlights around us. This "object" did not seem to emit any sort of beam, but only very startling and isolated flashes of light.

Neither of us is susceptible to fancies of our imagination, nor are we great followers or believers of U.F.O. reports. But this was an experience that we felt should be reported. Perhaps it may be of service to you.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]
[illegible] Ridge Cho[illegible]
Dyke, Virginia 229[illegible]

Division of Unidentified Flying Objects (U.F.O.)
The United States Defense Department
Washington, D.C.

4 July

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Observation

13 JUL 1967

TO:

Mr. & Mrs. [redacted]
The Blue Ridge School
Dyke, Virginia

Reference your unidentified observation. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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FTD Form 164 w/envelope

wind direction ??

w 864 - 1861 - 196
wx report needed
- ceiling

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will *not* be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

21	July	1967
Day	Month	Year

(not positive of the date) 8

2. Time of day: 10:30 pm (approximate)
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): (a.) Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): (a.) Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[redacted] VKE VA

Nearest Postal Address | City or Town | State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____ Hours 1 Minutes [redacted] approximately Seconds

a. Certain
(b.) Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? by number of light flashes that appeared at what we guessed to be 8-second intervals

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ____ No ✓

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY	NIGHT
a. Bright	a. Bright
b. Cloudy	(b.) Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One):
a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

FORM
FTD OCT 62 164 This form supersedes FTD 164, Jul 61, which is obsolete.

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

(a. None)
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
(c. No moonlight – pitch dark)
d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS *(Circle One)*:

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
(d. Thick or heavy clouds)

WEATHER *(Circle One)*:

(a. Dry)
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: *(Circle One)*:

a. Solid
b. Transparent
c. Vapor
(d. As a light)
e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? *(Circle One)*:

(a. Brighter)
b. Dimmer
c. About the same
d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object: A very bright, white light such as what an exploding rocket or roman candle might produce (although there were no sparks of course)

12. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): (a. Fuzzy or blurred)
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

e. Other although to me & us it appeared somewhat oval in shape

13. Did the object:

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
e. Change brightness?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
f. Change shape?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
g. Flash or flicker?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
h. Disappear and reappear?	(Yes)	No	Don't know

(Circle One for each question)

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? Yes - it traveled in an arc from one horizon to the other and eventually disappeared over the hills and horizon to our left

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: _____

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

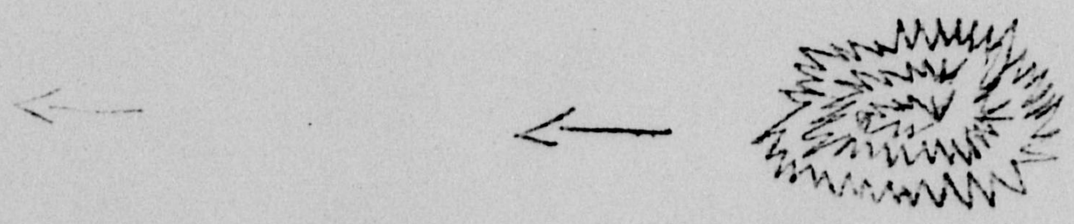
a. Sound No audible sound at all

b. Color Bright white light

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

This is difficult to say as the matchead would have only covered a very small portion of the object. For instance, the matchead covers approximately 1/20 of the head of a teaspoon. The object was much larger than a teaspoon - approximately the size of 2 softballs - but we did not know its height or distance for sure.

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



There were no protrusions, wings, exhaust or vapor trails. It was a startlingly bright light with no clearly defined outline.

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? It was definitely travelling much faster than any aircraft either of us has ever seen. A rough estimate may be 2,000 mph.

(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was? (We cannot estimate it's height except it was below the heavy cloud cover.)

(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? [redacted] miles

22. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
(c. Outdoors)
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other _____

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
(c. In open countryside?)
(d. Near an airfield?) - 15 miles away
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

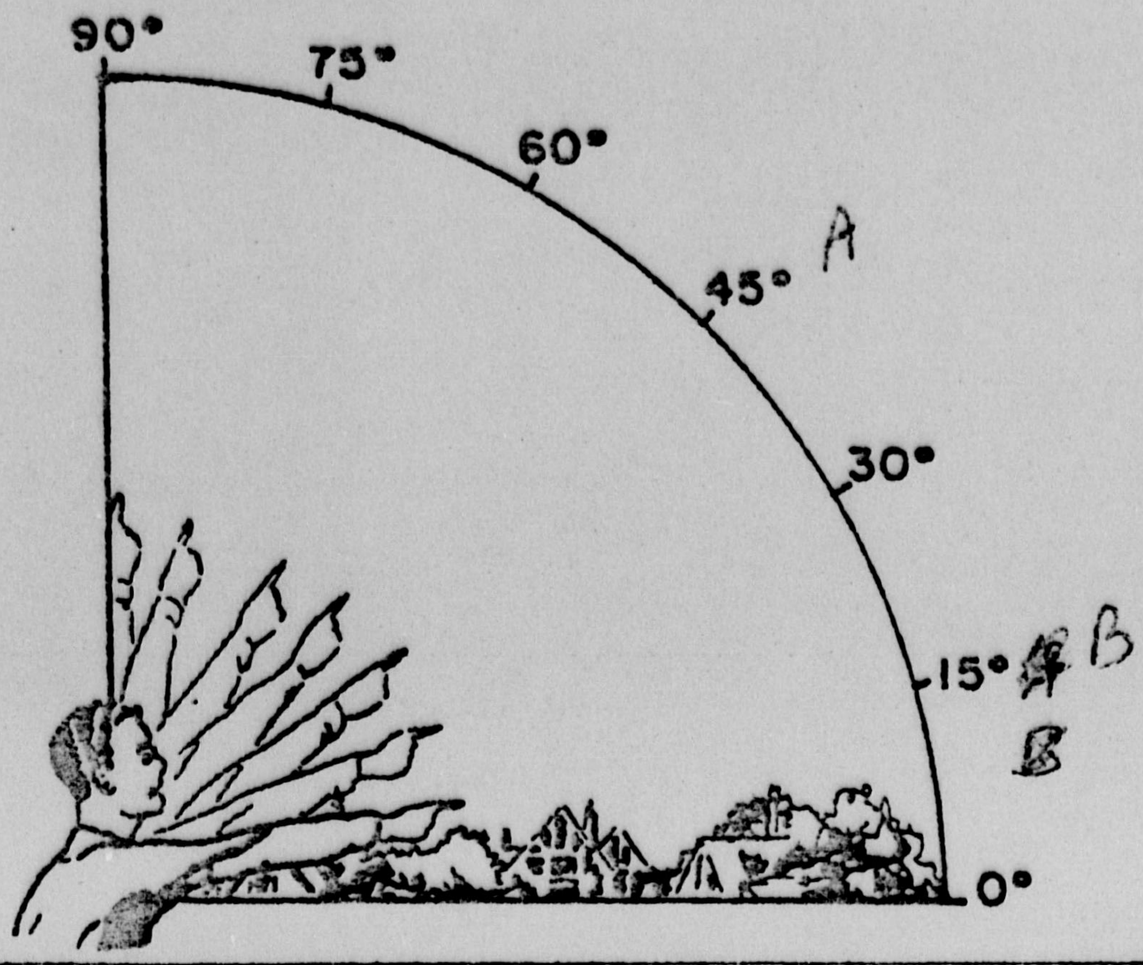
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

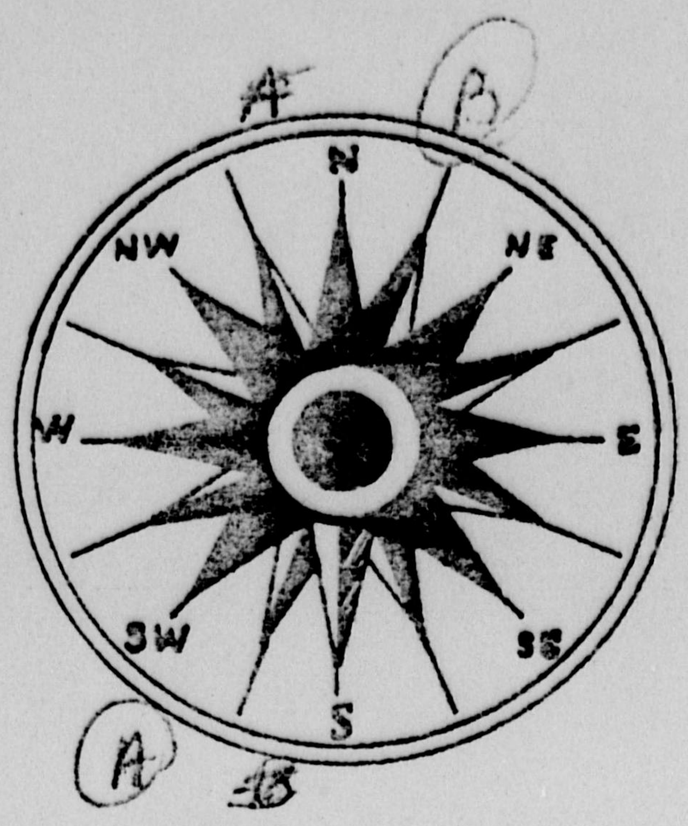
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	(No)	e. Binoculars	Yes	(No)
b. Sun glasses	Yes	(No)	f. Telescope	Yes	(No)
c. Windshield	Yes	(No)	g. Theodolite	Yes	(No)
d. Window glass	Yes	(No)	h. Other _____		

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

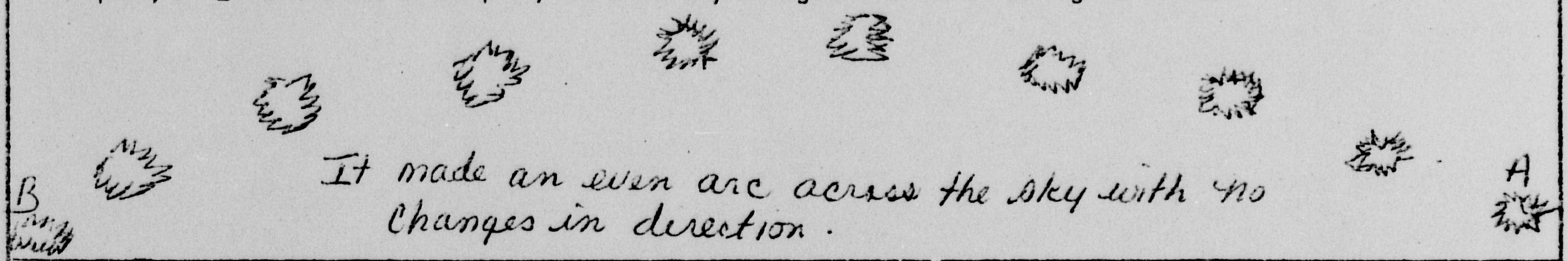
A bursting white flare - extremely bright, although without any shower of sparks or fire.

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.





28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



It made an even arc across the sky with no changes in direction.

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

Just one

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

No

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) (Yes) No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) (Yes) No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

My husband, same address

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS The Blue Ride School (City) Dyke (Zone) 22935 (State) Virginia

TELEPHONE NUM[redacted] AGE 27 SEX F

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

Neither my husband nor I have ever been subject to hallucinations of any kind nor are we likely to report anything that did not seem extremely extraordinary to us as we both know how many things can contribute to the appearance of an unfamiliar object (balloons, gasses, etc.) However, nothing in our sub minds could explain what we saw. Also, I have flown in planes many times and my husband was in the Air Force, thus giving him a knowledge of many types of aircraft.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Several days (Day) after the sighting (2 to be exact) July (Month) 1967 (Year)

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 22 (Day) July (Month) 67 (Year)

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

One thing that was not clearly depicted was that the object we saw, which appeared as a bright light, went off and on as it traveled across the sky. The periods of illumination were approximately 5-8 seconds apart, and very even. It had no color and no resemblance whatsoever to an airplanes lights - being much larger and what appeared to be a complete object unto itself (no outlines of anything around it.) There were searchlights in the sky that night but we were convinced it was not one of these because it had no beam connected to it and was intermittent in its flashing. We are certain it was not a plane because it must have been flying low to get under the cloud cover and yet there was no sound. It was also traveling too rapidly for any plane we know of, had no vapor trail and managed to cross the entire sky ~~in it~~ in ~~a little~~ approximately one minute. It did not look anything at all like a meteor, a comet or a satellite.

Ross aircraft 1 July 67

TDET/UFO (Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/27 Sep 67)

SEP 28 1967

1 Jul 67
Dyke, Va.
02/0330Z

UFO Observation, 1 July 1967

Bendix Flight Operations
Attn: [redacted]
Friendship International Airport
Baltimore, Maryland 21240

1. The Aerial Phenomena Branch is in receipt of an unidentified flying object report which occurred on 1 July 1967 at 2230 EDT, near Dyke, Virginia, northwest of Charlottesville, West Virginia. The observer described the object as a bright, flashing white light that moved very rapidly across the sky. The object was estimated to have traveled from horizon to horizon in approximately thirty seconds, disappearing in the northwest.

2. Information on whether any of the NASA aircraft used in testing the operation of various space tracking stations were in the area at that time, would be helpful in the analysis of this sighting.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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THE Bendix CORPORATION

BENDIX RADIO DIVISION — FLIGHT OPERATIONS FRIENDSHIP INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21240 – AREA CODE 301 – 761-5500

2 October 1967

Department of the Air Force
Headquarters Foreign Technology Division (AFSC)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Attention: TDET/UFO

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter dated 28 September 1967, inquiring if any of the NASA Instrumented Aircraft were conducting tests in or around the area of Dyke, Virginia. None of the aircraft that we operate were engaged in any NASA tests within the United States, 1 July 1967. Nearest tests that date were Grand Bahama Island.

Very truly yours,

William T. Morgan
Chief Pilot
Bendix Flight Operations

WTM:rrk

[redacted]

jul 67

TDET/UFO (Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/12 Aug 67)

AUG 14 1967

UFO Observation, 1 July 1967

Watch Supervisor
FAA Control Tower
Charlottesville Airport
Charlottesville, Virginia 22901

1. The Aerial Phenomena Branch is in receipt of an unidentified flying object report for 1 July 1967. The sighting occurred near Dyke, Virginia which is approximately 18 miles northwest of Charlottesville, Virginia. The witnesses described the object as a bright, flashing white object moving very rapidly across the sky. The object was estimated to have traveled from horizon to horizon in approximately thirty seconds; it disappeared in the northeast.

2. Any information you can provide as to a possible cause for this 1 July 1967, 2230 EDT sighting would be helpful in our investigation. Possibly, someone at the airport tower observed the same or similar UFO.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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FORM FAA-2800 (6-61)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY

DATE: August 16, 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, July 1, 1967
Reference Your Letter of August 14, 1967

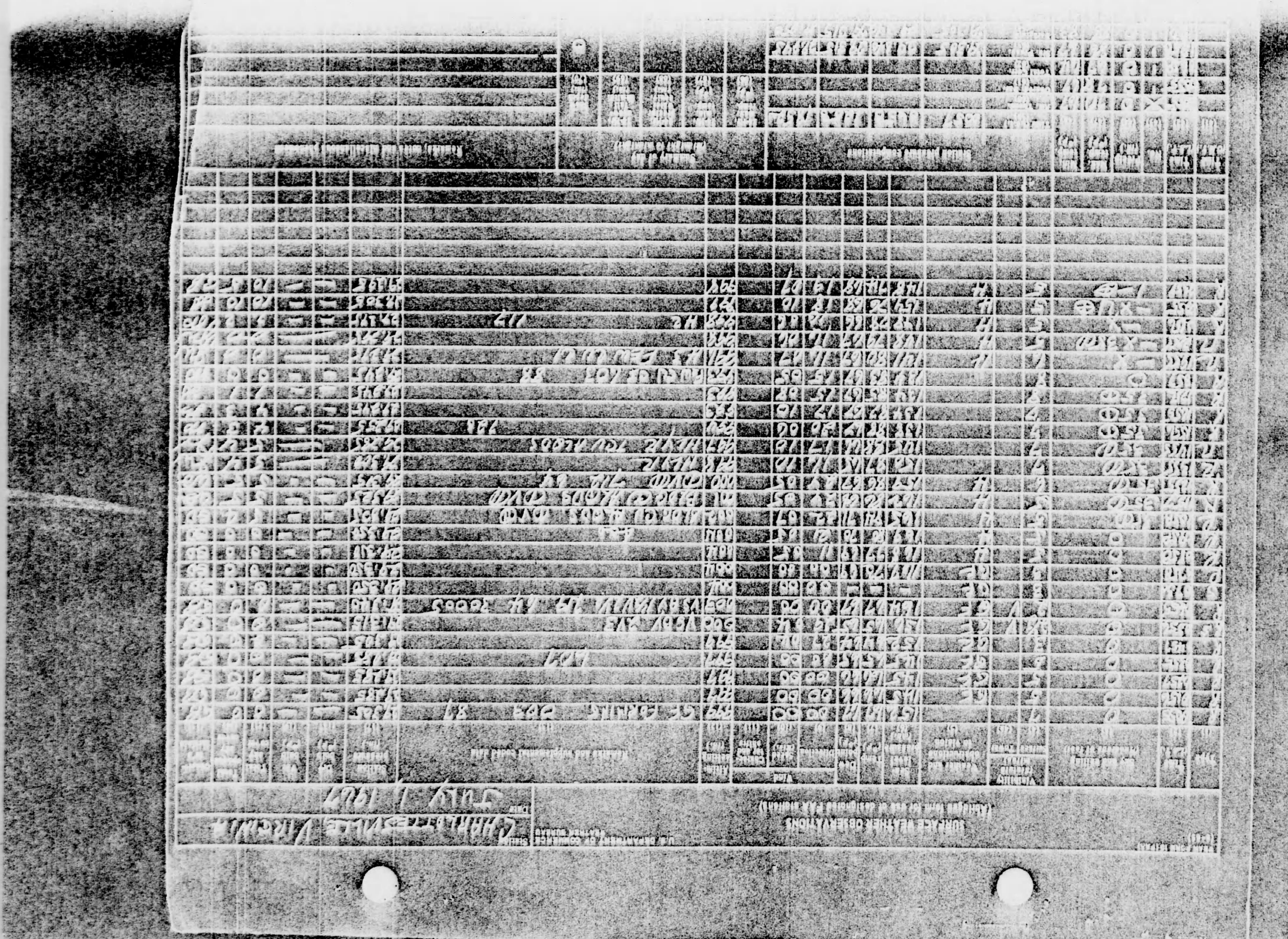
FROM : Chief, Charlottesville FSS

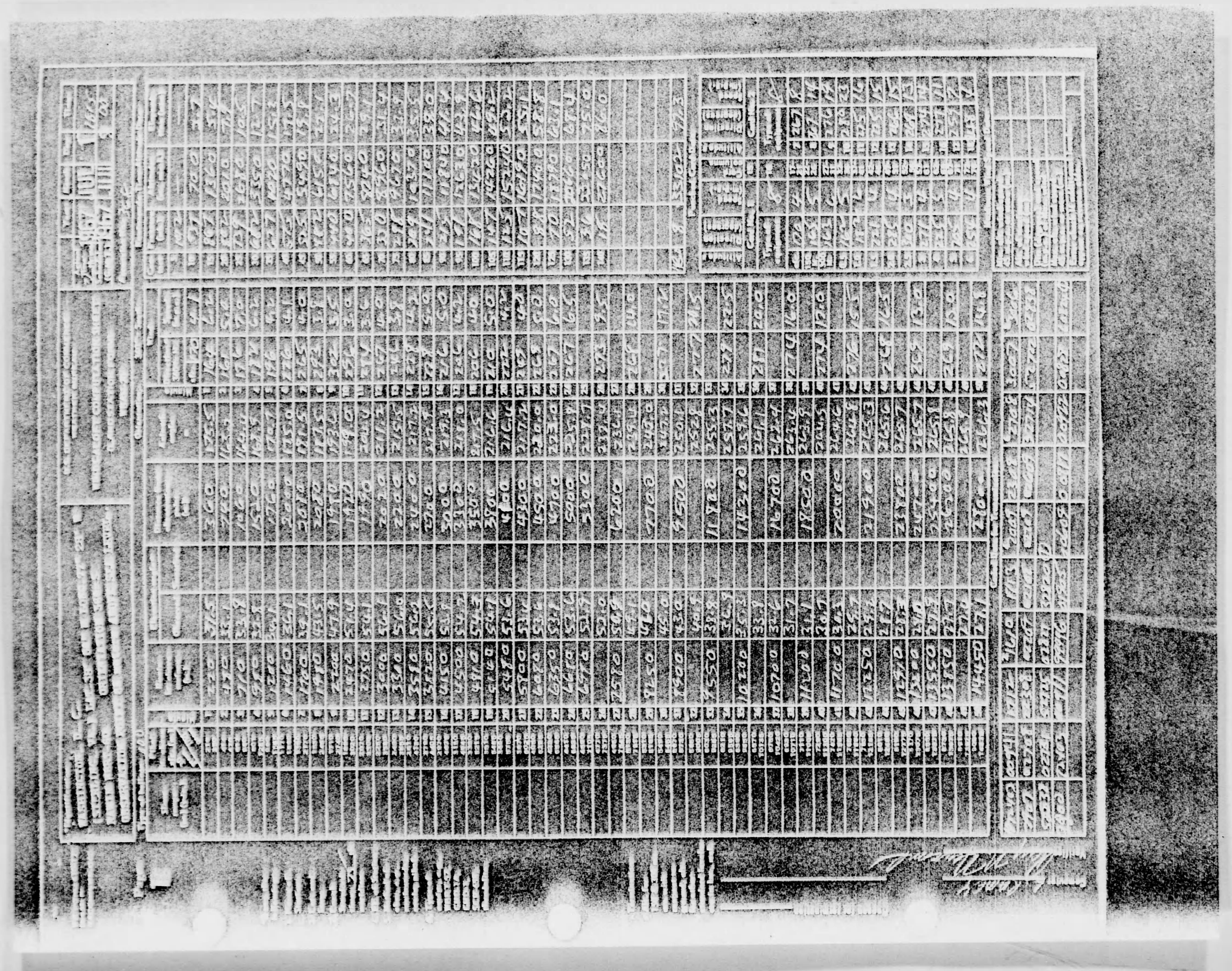
TO : James C. Manatt, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

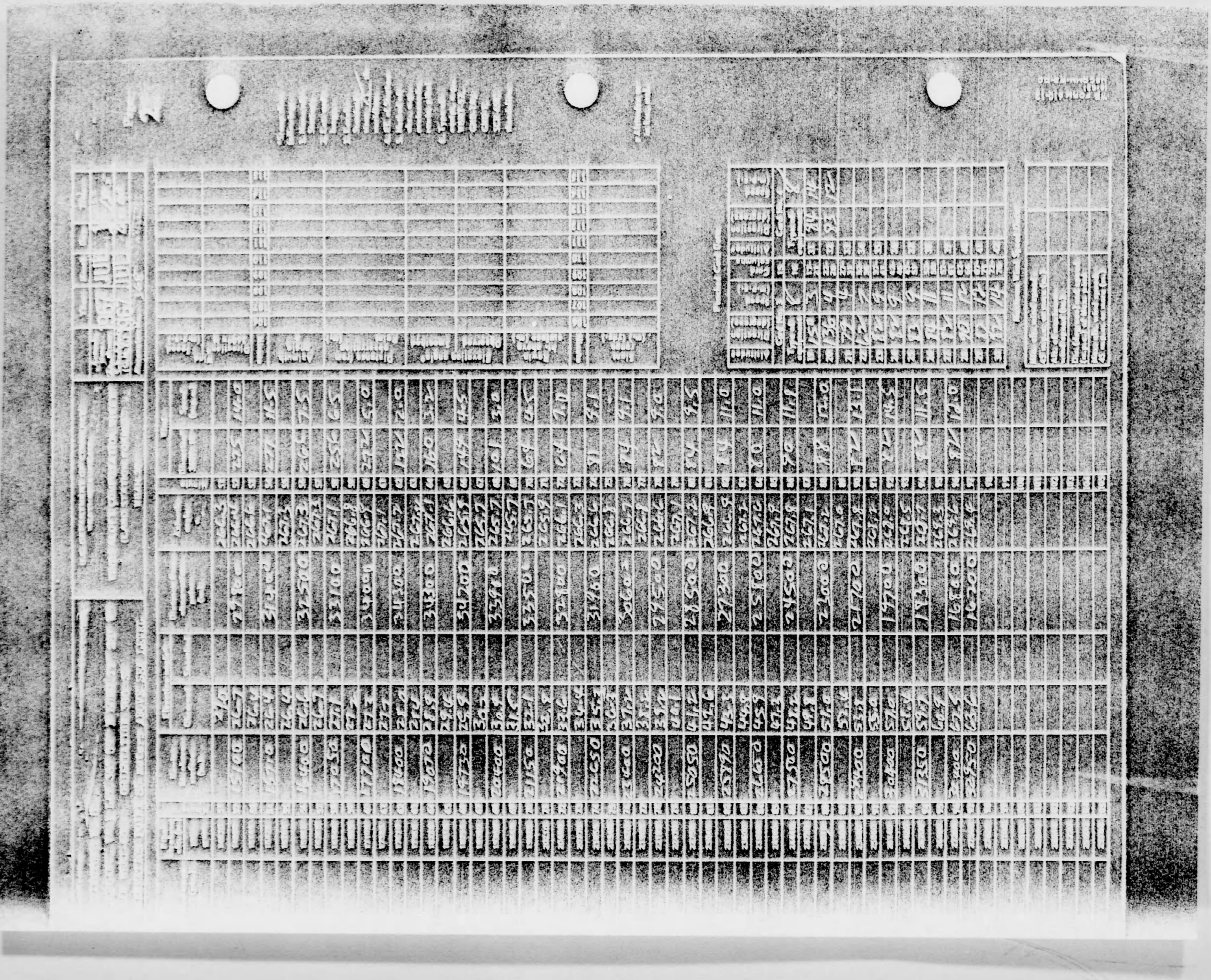
In reference to the UFO sighting near Dyke, Virginia, there is no Control Tower at Charlottesville, Va. There is an FAA, Flight Service Station located here, which would have made an observation much more difficult. Our records show no UFO calls were made to this facility on that date.

Sorry, we are unable to provide you with any additional information as to the possible cause of the sighting.

E. E. Reed







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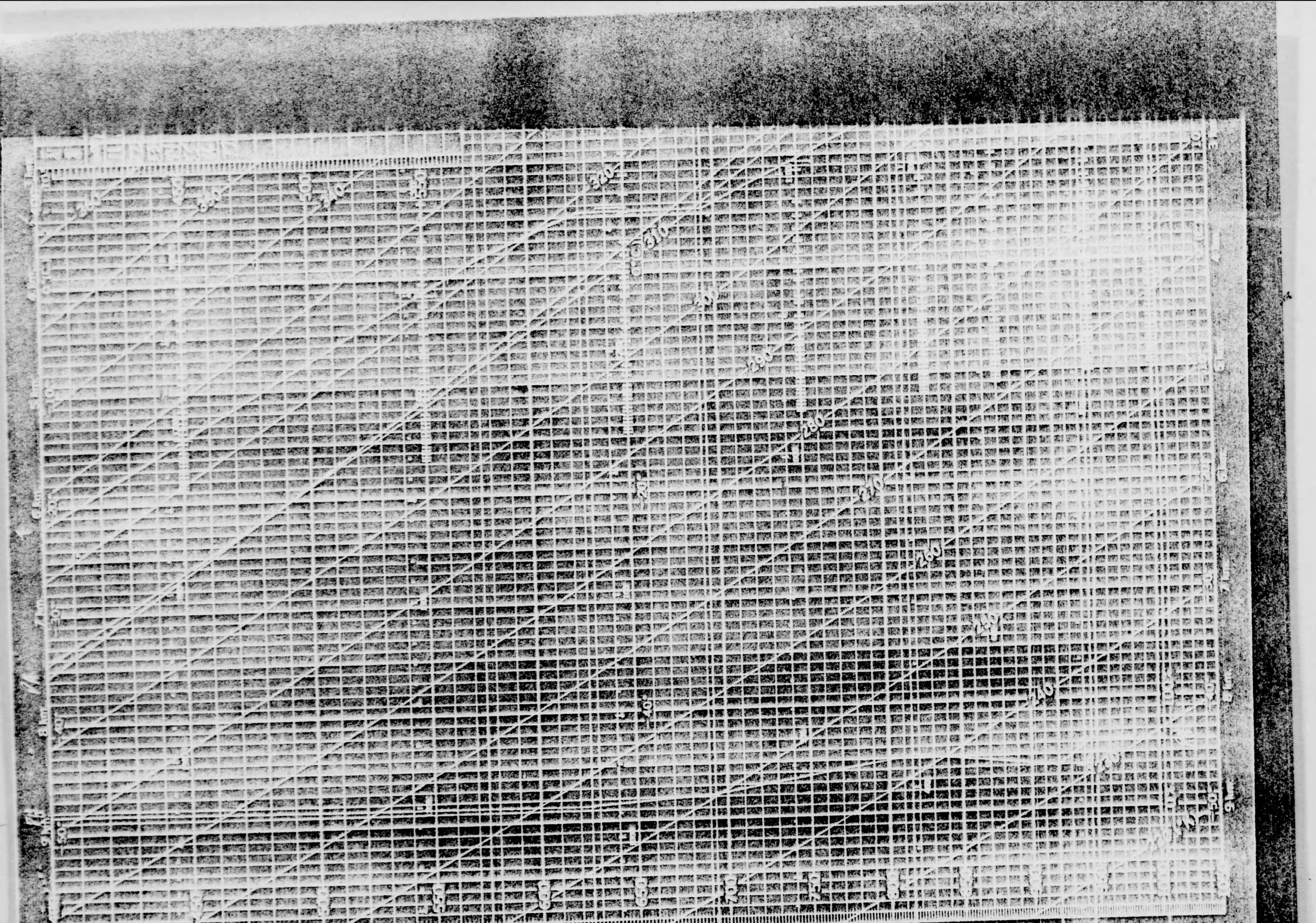

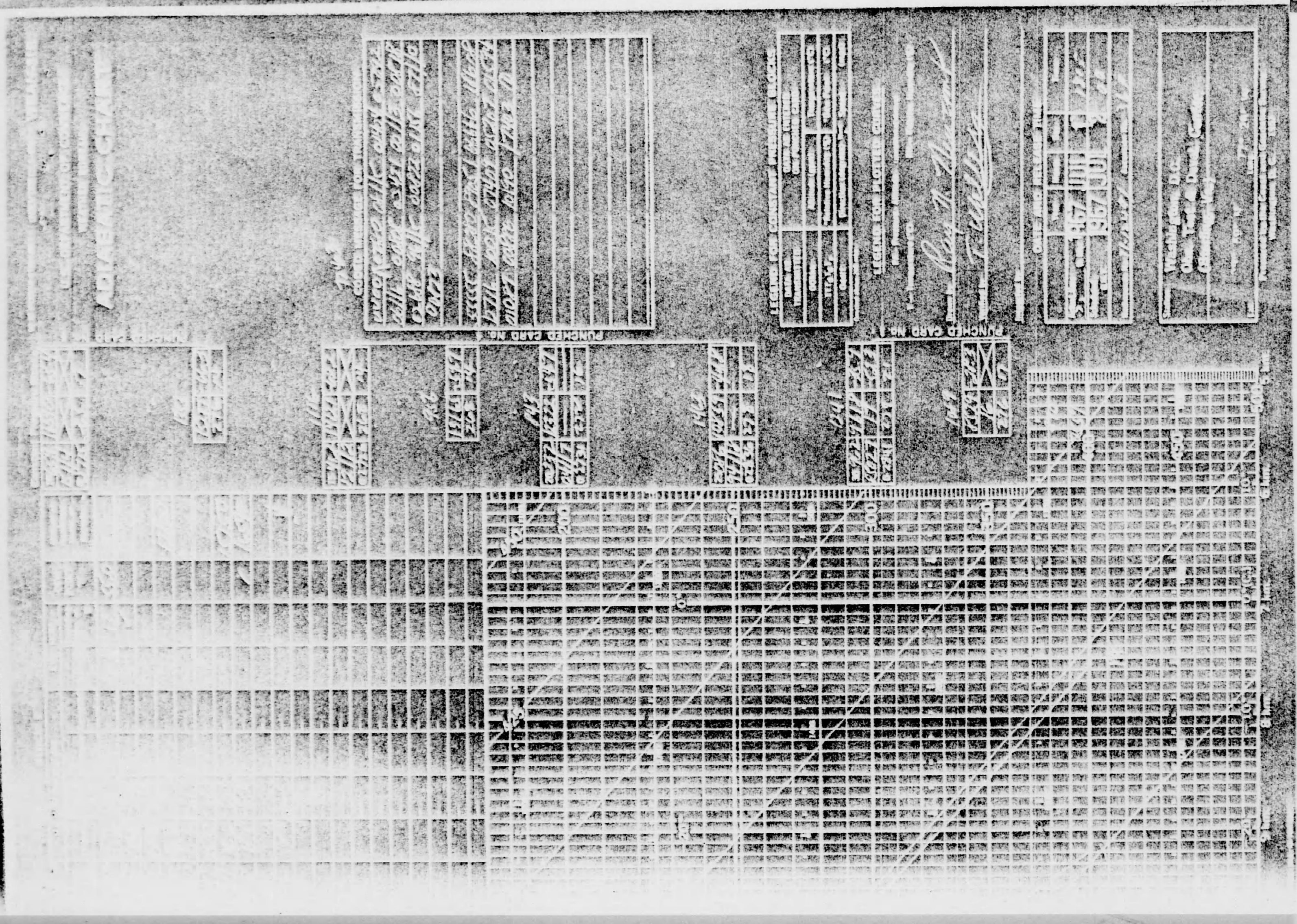

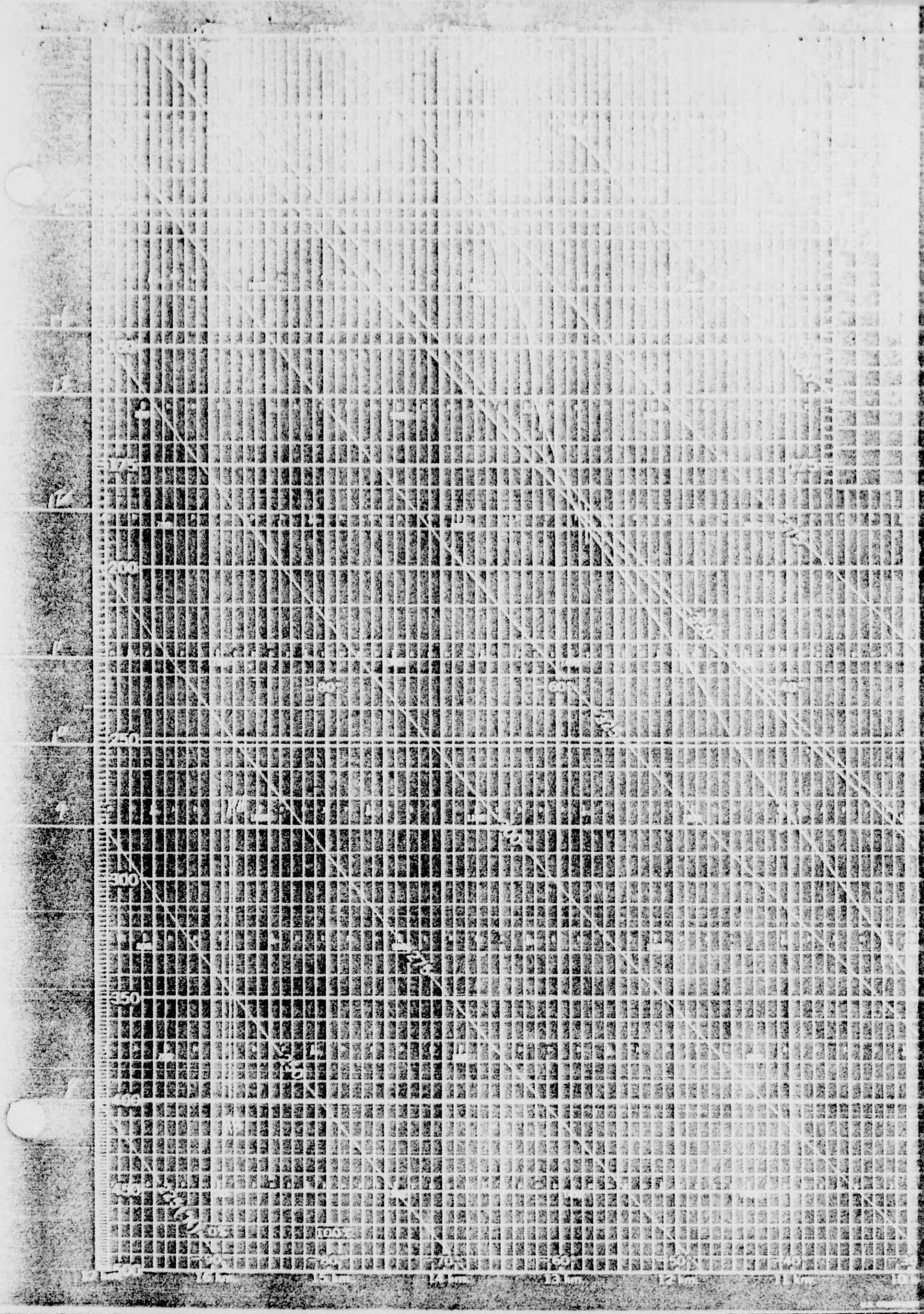

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