PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE TIME GROUP 6 Mar 68 06/1130Z	2. LOCATION Amarillo, Texas (3 Witnesses) Copy for Project
3. SOURCE Civilian & Military	10. CONCLUSION [redacted] Possible (AIRCRAFT)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	There were no radar paints of unusual objects. A shallow inversion under which a thin layer of smoke was trapped, existed at the time of the sighting. Several aircraft were in the area during the time
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION See Case	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS of the sighting (See Case). The sighti appears to be an aircraft that was in the area with landing lights on.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visua 1	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

At about 0530 first observer sighted an object that was describe as being like the edge of a plate but quite thick in the center. It remained stationary briefly then tilted, taking the form of the top view of a plate and sped away eastward. At 0610 another observer was enroute to Amarillo AFB when she heard a noise similar to a wind tunnel or a tornado. She also observed a light traveling eastward. She drove to a truck stop where she stopped and asked for the manager to observe the object. At about 0625 the truck stop manager steped outside and observed a bright light to the east. He tried to follow it in his car but the light quickly disappeared. Meanwhile the other observer continued to Amarillo AFB. At the South Gate she told the A. P. on duty what she had seen. About 15 minutes later approx 0700

(OVER)

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

the airman saw a yellow light or object with a red flashing light on top drop from a dark cloud, make a right angle turn travel horizontally awhile and go straight back up to the cloud.

TDPT (UFO)

2 JUL 1969

Request for Permission for an Interview

[redacted]
Amarillo, Texas 79103

Dear [redacted]

Dr. [redacted] private UFO investigator, has requested that I contact you and secure your permission for an interview regarding your UFO observation of March 6, 1968. The Air Force is not allowed to provide names and addresses of UFO witnesses to private investigators without the witnesses' written consent. If you consent or disapprove of this interview, please advise at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Request for Permission for an Interview

Mr. [redacted]

[redacted]

Amarillo, Texas 79102

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Request for Permission for an Interview

A1C Joseph F. Winfield
Hq Sq Air Base Group
Amarillo AFB, Texas 79111

Dear Sgt Winfield:

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6 Mar 68

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Request surface observations and upper air data for Amarillo AFB, Amarillo, Texas, 0600 hours local, 6 March 1968.

TDPT (UFO) Lt Marano 25 Jun 68

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Pending weather data and 117's that Dr. H is To supply.

TO Sgt H T Jones TDPT(UFO) DATE: 15 July 1968

NAME AND OFFICE SYMBOL

The Document you requested from TDBID, Map Amarilla Texas Walk-in

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____7. Estimated delivery date at FTD is approximately 30 days.

____8. Remarks:

SURFACE OBSERVATIONS DATA SHEET

Amarillo AFB, Texas - March 6, 1968

0400L *3505 7402* 10205 ***** 52****
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0600L 83306 74012 10905 20977 53303
0700L *3304 7402* 12902 ***** 53****
0900L *0204 7402* 13005 ***** 52219

almost completely overcast
Strato-Cum Clouds at appox 8,400 ft
5/8 pass elect act 3
surface temp 05 °C
Dew point -3 °C
Surface wind from 330 at 06 Knots

Winona, Minnesota - April 3, 1968

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2200L 81610 5845* 91708 ***** 08****

Salisbury, N.C. - February 3, 1966

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Houston, Texas - February 4, 1966

1200Z 00204 74000 32101 00900 52****

Surfside, Texas - March 20, 1966

0735Z 72112 74022 20819 754** 16302

Truth or Consequences, N.M. - April 3, 1966

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Lycoming, New York - April 5, 1966

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Bloomington, Indiana - July 4, 1966

0130Z 22405 6603* 14432 214** 28****

Donnybrook, North Dakota - August 19, 1966

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Pecos, Texas - August 27, 1966

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Rome, Georgia - August 27, 1966

0251Z 33005 7402* 19323 3086* 18****

East Dennis, Mass. - October 8, 1966

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ESSA Surface History Files

Proj: 5292D -- STAR TREK TIME: 0600L

SOUNDING #24 LOCATION: Amarillo, Texas March 6, 1968

HEIGHT gpm	PRESSURE mb	TEMP °C	DEW PT °C	WIND DIR deg	WIND SPD kts
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	874	9	3		
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	615	-10	-15		
	596	-11	-12		
	502	-17	-19		
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	330	-40	-42		
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	217	-43			
	208	-43			
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	161	-54			
13790	150	-57		235	35
	131	-62			
16280	100	-67		230	27

REMARKS:

DATA SOURCE: ETAC Surface and Upper-air History Files.

The following cases were forwarded to Dr. J. Allen Hynek for his information and/or comments on 12 June 1968.

7 Dec 67		Bellevue, Ohio
6 Mar 68		Amarillo, Texas
Sep 1965	No Case Information Only	Oklahoma

get weather data
for A to get 117's and send us a copy

6 MAR 68

TDFF (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/15 May 68

Request for UFO Case Files

Dr. J. Allen Hynek

Reference your request for specific UFO cases. These reports have been reproduced and are attached; they are for your comments or information. The case of 3 March 1968, from Mrs. G. M. Reichardt is for OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

DATE	LOCATION	ACTION
4 Jan 49	Kelham Field, Hawaii	Comments or Info
18 Oct 67	Oakdale, Iowa	Info
6 Feb 68	Fayetteville, North Carolina	Comments or Info
3 Mar 68	Nashville, Tennessee	Info
6 Mar 68	Amarillo, Texas	Comments or Info
19 Apr 67	El Cajon, California	Comments or Info

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AMARILLO TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
AMARILLO AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS 79111

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SAF

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

TO: Wright-Patterson AFB (FTD)
Dayton, Ohio 45433

1. On 6 March 1968, in the early morning, several unidentified flying objects were reported by four (4) persons. The sightings were reported during a period of 1 hour 40 minutes just prior to official sunrise. The sightings were not reported to local news media.

2. Statements of observers are forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDER

RICHARD D. PEDERSEN, Major, USAF
Director of Safety

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Unidentified Flying Object Report

Copy sent to Univ. of Colo. 5 April

UFO REPORT

Date: 6 March 1968 Time: 0530 - 0545 Zone: CST

Place: Highway 287 at Pullman Switch Road

Duration: 10 to 15 seconds Direction Disappeared: East

No. Visual Observers: 1

No. Objects: 1 Size: 30 to 70 feet in diameter

Shape: Circular Color: White

Distance: $\frac{1}{4}$ mile East Motion: Stationary to extreme speed

Other Features: Definite outline, circular, quite thick

Weather: See last page of attachment - Weather Conditions

Observer - Name: [redacted] Age: 34
Address: [redacted], Amarillo, Texas
Phone: None Occupation: Service Station Attendant

Reporter - Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted]marillo, Texas
Phone: [redacted] Occupation: Service Station Manager

Receiver: [redacted]AAFB, [redacted]

Description:
Mr [redacted] stated that he was working the night shift at the [redacted] Truck Stop at Hwy 287 at Pullman Switch Road. At about 0530 to 0545 hours he went outside the station to put a package of fruit in his car. As he was returning, he noticed the tail lights come on on two tractor-trailers, which were traveling East on Hwy 287 on the overpass over Pullman Switch Road. While watching the trucks, and object to his right (East) caught his eye. The object was described as being like the edge of a plate but quite thick in the center. It remained stationary briefly then tilted, taking the form of the top view of a plate and sped rapidly away Eastward at about a 30^{o} upward angle and disappeared into the clouds. He further described the object as being the color produced by shinning a white light through a glazed glass. No colored lights were noted.

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UFO REPORT

Date: 6 March 1968 Time: 0620 - 0630 Zone: CST

Place: Highway 287 from Eastern St. to Spur 288

Duration: 10 minutes (approximate) Direction Disappeared: East

No. Visual Observers: 2 No. Objects: 1

Size: 50 - 60 feet in diameter Shape: Circular Color: Greyish

Distance: Near Overhead Motion: Hovering to extreme speed

Other features: Had flashing red, green, and white lights on outer edge

Weather: See last page of attachment - Weather Conditions

Observer - Name: [redacted] Age: 39
Address: [redacted] 79103
Phone: [redacted] Occupation: USAF Nurse

Reporter - Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted] marillo AFB, Texas 79111
Phone: [redacted] Occupation: Air Policeman

Receiver: Air Police desk, AAFB, Ext 200 Date: 6 March 1968

Description:
Major Hottinger stated that she left her residence at 2500 S. Spring Street in Amarillo at approximately 0610 enroute to Amarillo AFB where she is a nurse at the base hospital. She was driving North on Eastern Street and was about to turn East onto Highway 287 when she heard a loud noise she described as similar to a wind tunnel or a tornado. She stopped her car, stepped out of it and looked around. She said she observed an object an estimated 1000 feet above and to the East of her. She looked around for other people and seeing none, she reentered her car and started driving East on 287 to find someone to which she could report the sighted object. The object preceded her Eastward at a position where she could see it just below the top of her windshield at speeds up to 90 MPH. After driving 3 miles, she pulled into a Shelly Truck Stop at Pullman Switch Road and Highway 287, went into the service station and asked the manager, [redacted] to come outside and observe the object. Major Hottinger said that she preceded [redacted] out the door and as she stepped outside, the object moved Eastward at extremely high speed. [redacted] got into his car to follow the object and Major Hottinger followed behind in her car. She said she continued to observe the object until she turned off Highway 287 North onto Spur Road at which time it went out of sight. Major Hottinger stopped at the South Gate Guard House and asked the Air Policeman on duty, A1C Joseph F. Winfield, Jr. if he had seen anything unusual and he said he had not. Major Hottinger then informed him of her experience and then proceded to her duty station at the hospital on base.

UFO REPORT

Date: 6 March 1968 Time: 0630 hours Zone: CST

Place: Highway 287 and Pullman Road

Duration: 5 to 10 seconds Direction Disappeared: East

No. Visual Observers: 2

No. Objects: 1 Size: 3 times the size of yard light 1 mile away

Shape: Glowing light Color: N/A - Observer is color-blind

Distance: Estimated 1 mile East Motion: Unable to see any

Other Features: Glowing bright and dim alternately

Weather: See last page of attachment - Weather Conditions

Observer- Name: [redacted] Age: 40
Address: [redacted]
Phone: [redacted] Occupation: Service Station Manager

Reporter- Name: [redacted] Age: 39
Address: [redacted] Amarillo, Texas 79103
Phone: [redacted] Occupation: USAF Nurse

Receiver: [redacted] AAFB, Ext 7431 Date: 6 March 68

Description:
[redacted] stated that he arrived at work at the Skelly Truck Stop about 0600. A night shift attendant, [redacted], related his experience of sighting an object a few minutes earlier. At about 0625, Major Hottinger came into the station and asked him to come outside to observe an object in the air. [redacted] said that he saw a glowing light above a farm house approximately 1 mile East of the station. The farm house has two flood lights and the glowing light was located between these lights. The object was glowing bright and then dim alternately. [redacted] could not distinguish any colors as he is color blind. He decided to chase the object and got into his car and started East on Hwy 287. However, by the time he started his car and headed East, the object had disappeared from his view. He drove to the first turn off to the right (a dirt road) and returned to the service station without further sighting of the object.

UFO REPORT

Date: 6 March 1968 Time: 0700 hours Zone: CST

Place: South Gate, AAFB, Tex Duration: 5 to 6 seconds

Direction Disappeared: Northeast

No. Observers: 1 No. Objects: 1

Size: Semi-trailer Shape: Obscure glow Color: Yellow

Distance: 1¼ mile Motion: Down-horizontal-up

Other features: No definite form

Weather: See last page of attachment - Weather Conditions

Observer - Name: AlC Joseph F. Winfield Age: 20
Address: Hq Sq Air Base Group, AAFB, Texas
Phone: 349-1511, Ext 200 Occupation: Air Policeman

Reporter - Same as above

Receiver - Air Police Desk, AAFB, Texas, Ext 200 Date: 6 March 1968

Description:
AlC Joseph F. Winfield, Jr. was on duty at the South Gate at approximately 0645 hours, when Major Hottinger stopped at the gate to report an object following her. Major Hottinger told him that yellow object with a red light had followed her from the time she had left her home. She reported that she stopped at a filling station to make sure of what she had seen. The station attendant then followed the object. The object stopped following the Major when she turned onto the South Gate road. About 15 minutes later Airman Winfield was looking to the rear of the gate house when he saw a yellow light or object with a red flashing light on top, drop from a dark cloud and then make a right angle turn, and travel horizontally and then go straight back up to the cloud. At that time he called Security Police Desk to report what he had seen. The size of the object was about that of a semi-truck and did not have any noise or sound at all. The location of the object was Northeast near the golf course. The object came out of the cloud about half the speed that it traveled horizontally. He guessed the object to be about 700 to 800 feet high. He saw the object for only 5 to 6 seconds from the time it appeared to the time it disappeared. He called the desk and asked for the Flight Commander but he did not come. He made a report when he got off duty.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

A shallow inversion existed over AMA this morning from surfact to 4000 feet MSL due 3.5c to radiational cooling. A thin layer of smoke was in the area trapped under this inversion. Winds were light and variable. Sky condition, 10,000 high overcast visibility 15+. Temperature was 41° at 0600C.

Summation:

a. This series of sighting occurred during a 1½ hour period over a distance of approximately 5 miles in a general East-West line. Times of the sightings being from 0530 to 0700.

b. A temperature inversion occurred in the sighting area during a closely corresponding time; 0530 to 0800.

c. Sunrise was at 0710 CST.

d. Aircraft in the area of sighting and bearing flashing lights and/or exhaust flames are as follows:

Type Aircraft	Time	Direction of Takeoff
Continental DC-9	0612	South
Electra	0611	South
Conventional 240	0615	South
2 C-141	0623-0720	Practice Instrument Approaches

e. All four descriptions vary either in size, color, shape, or sound.

f. No radar sighting of unusual objects were observed.

g. A low cloud cover related to the inversion lay Southeast of and parallel to the area of sighting.

h. The sighting occurred along a line paralleled on the North by lights from the City of Amarillo, Texaco Refinery and Amarillo AFB.

No contact was made by the object with ground, persons or property nor was any residue found. No electric magnetic phenomenon was associated with the sightings.

Conclusions: Based upon the conditions and circumstances cited above correlated to guidance provided by the AF - University of Colorado Conference, it appears most likely that these sightings were perceptual distortions in the form of mirages created by the temperature inversion. The loud noise described by Major Hottinger cannot be identified but could have been from one of the aircraft operating near the point of sightings.

THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS FORWARDED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ON

5 APRIL 1968

6 March 1968 Amarillo AFB, Texas

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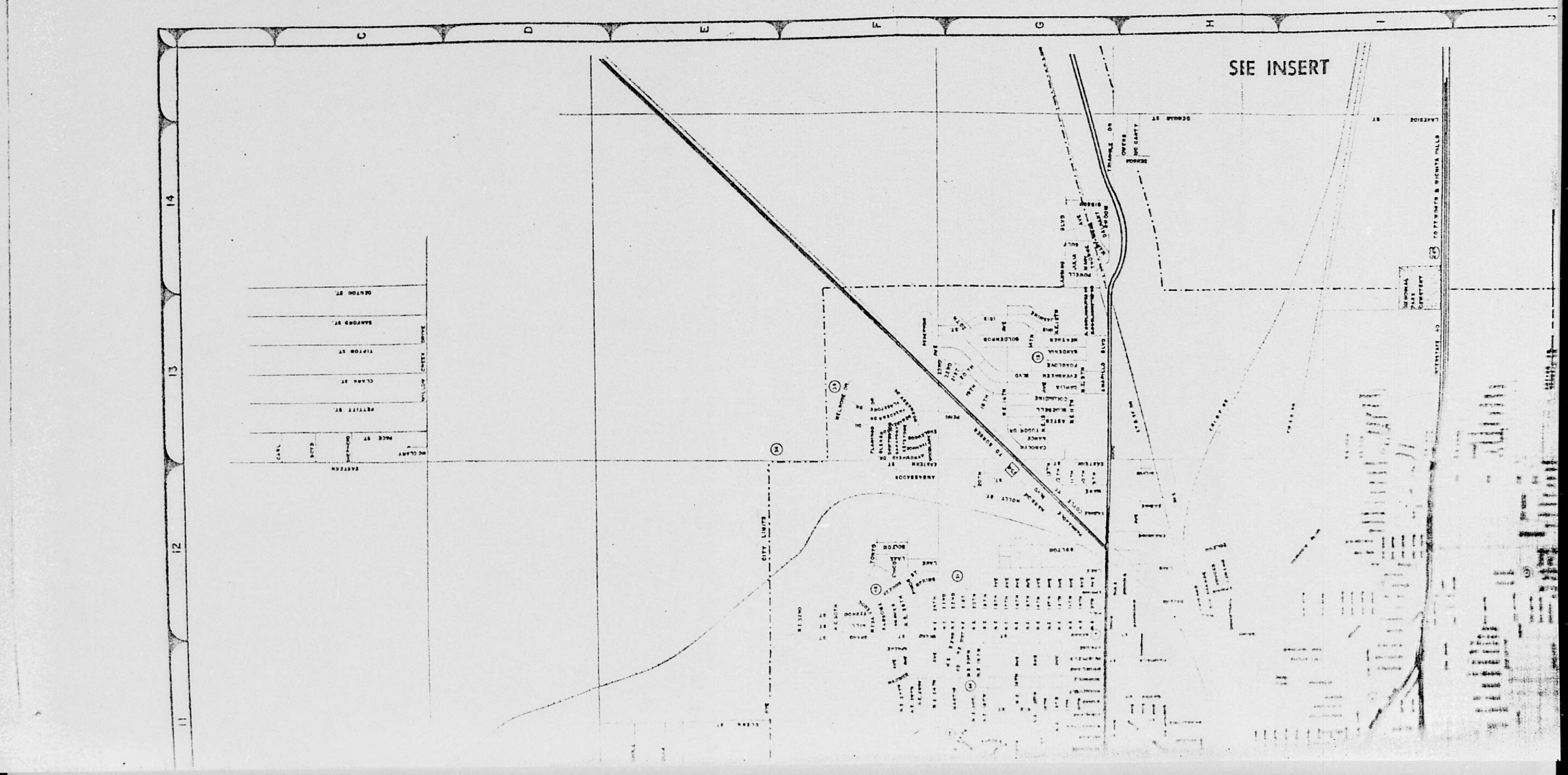
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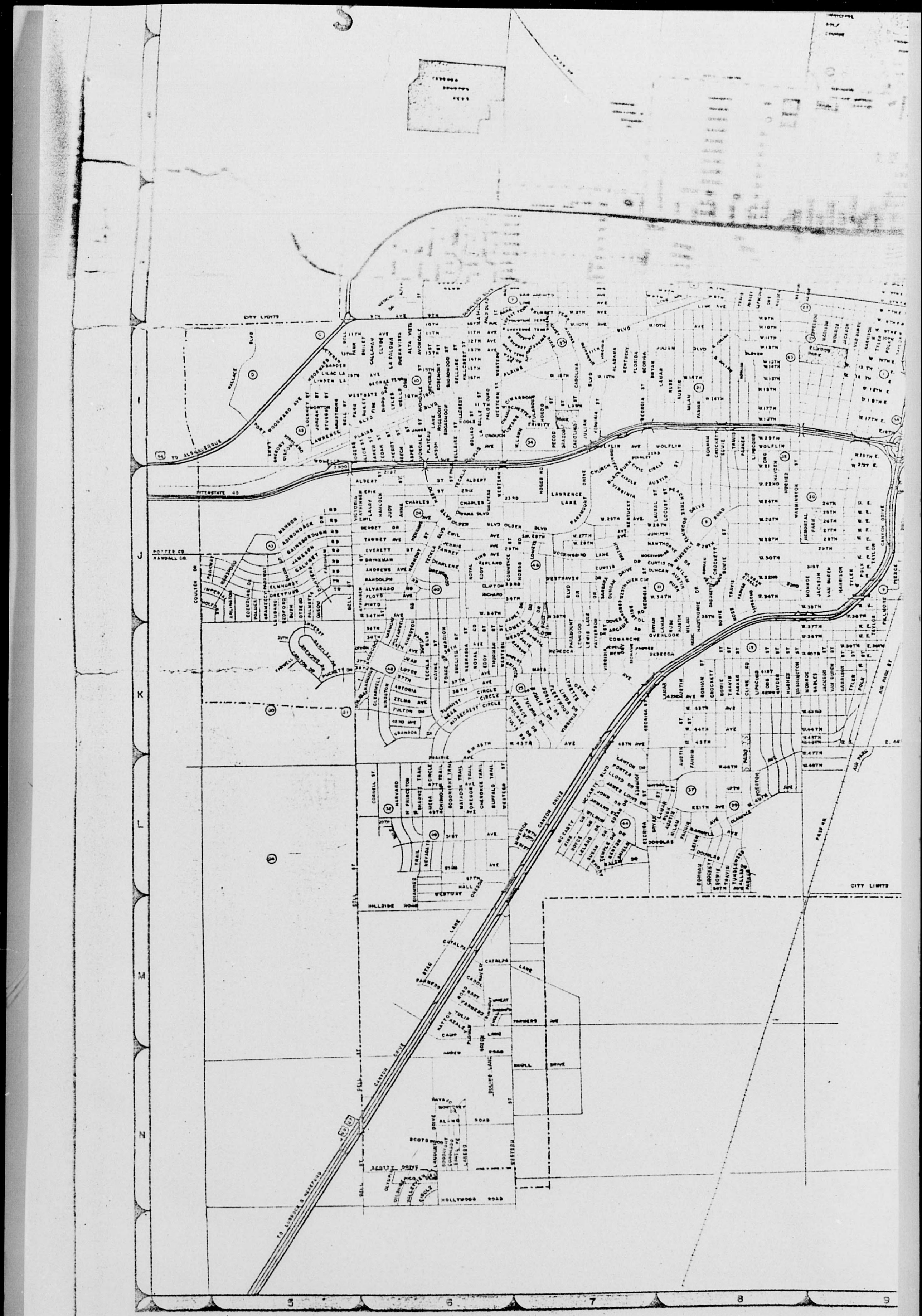
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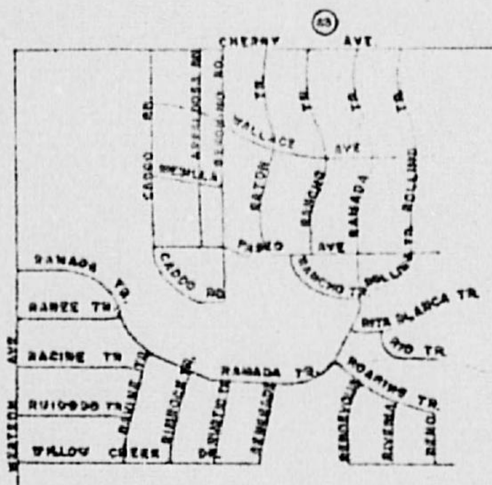

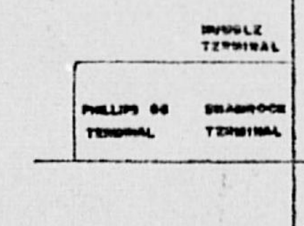

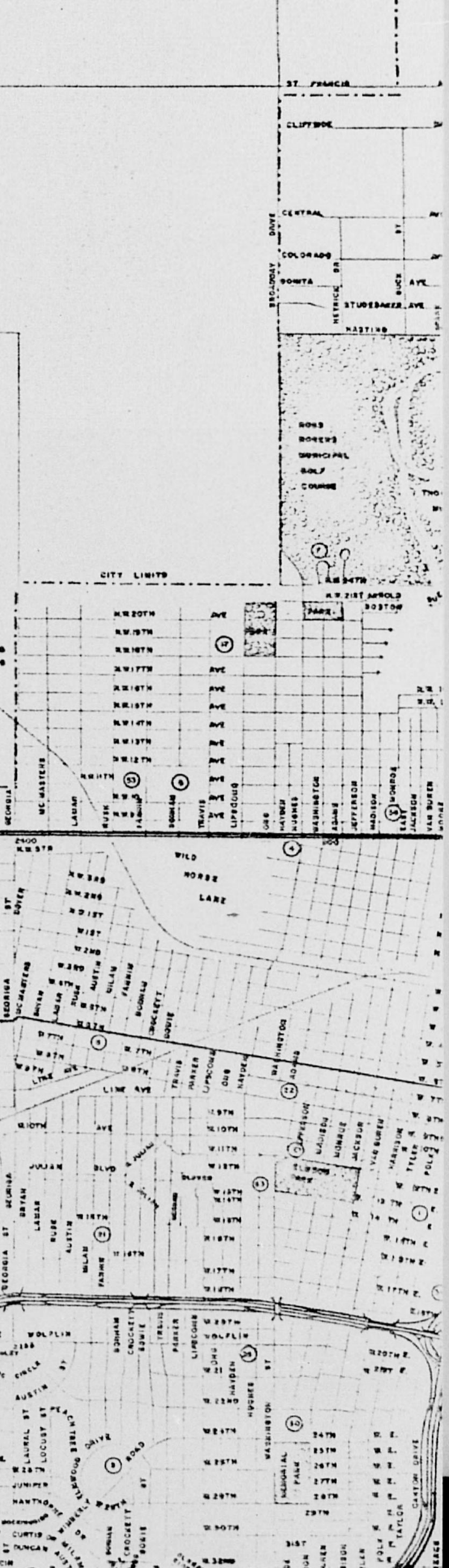

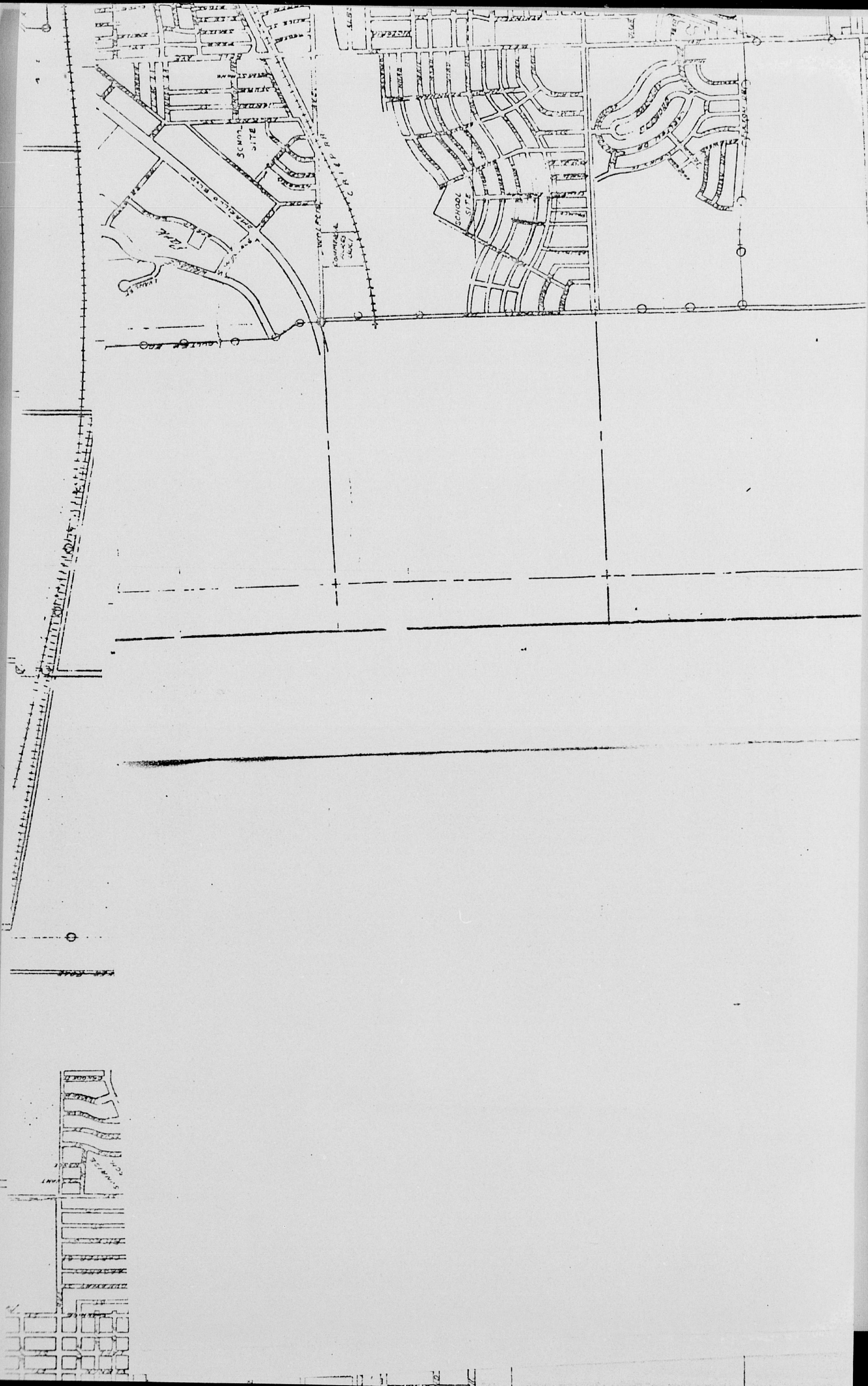
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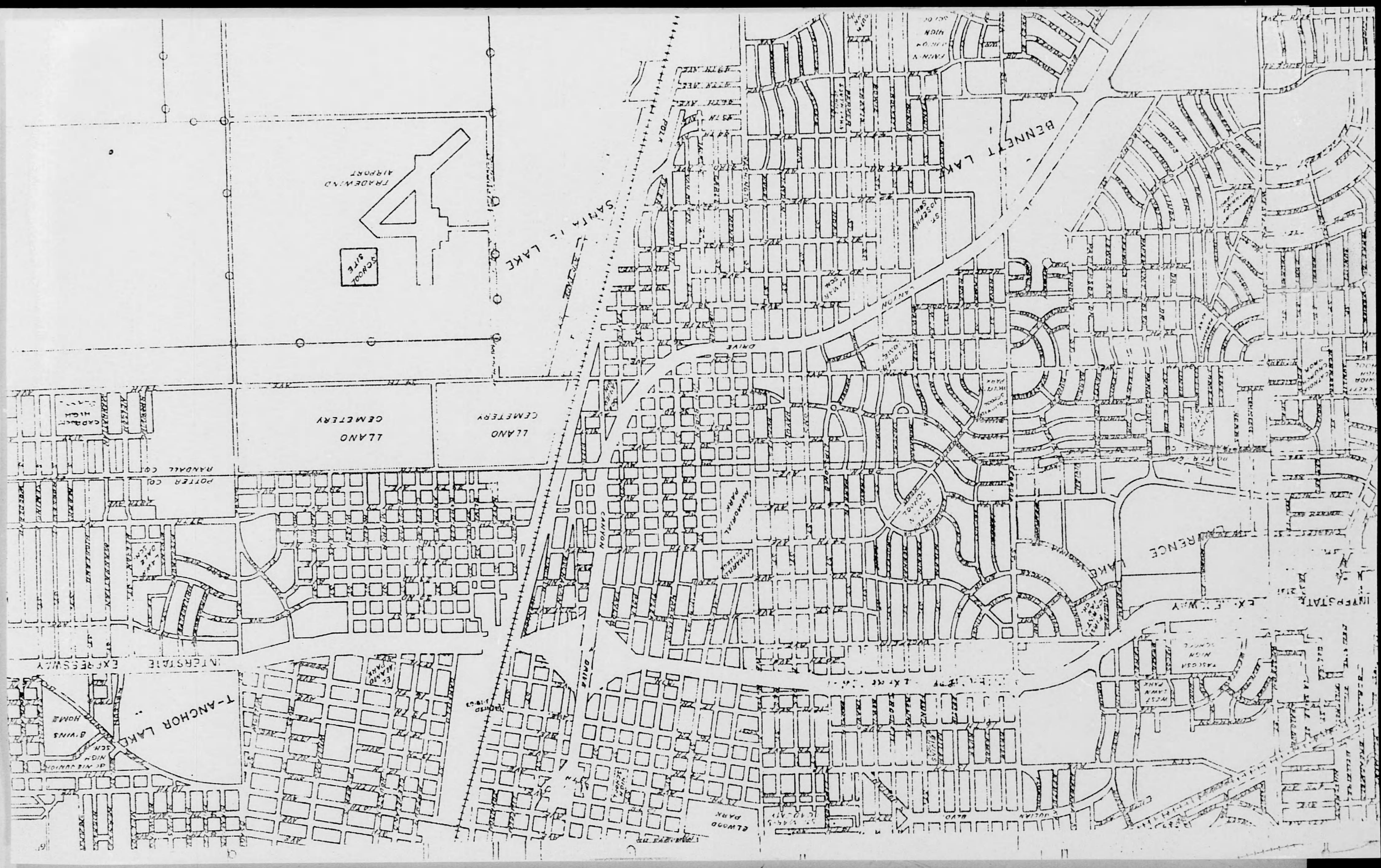
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