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INCIDENT REPORT

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Francis L. Ridge, State Director, MUFON INDIANA

Type of Report: RV (Radar/Visual, CI)  
Great Significance

Classification: SECRET  
(Deletions on PR copy)  
1970

Computer ID#: Bet. June 1973 & Nov 1973 1500 D KINGSLEY FLD OR RV MW DISC HUMMING  
17-HRS+

Lead Investigator: Francis Ridge  
"Gene"

Local Evaluation: Unexplained

Copy To: ( ) Walt Andrus, MUFON HQ  
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Date Submitted: SEP. 7 1989

Flight Type:  
(X) 1-Within 200' of Ground  
(X) 2-Object Observed Under Cloud Ceiling  
(X) 3-Motion Began/Changed During Event  
( ) 4-Continuous Flight Path, No Deviation  
(X) 5-Stationary Target

Special Evidence Forms Used:  
( ) 01 General Case  
( ) 02 Computer Input  
( ) 03 Electrical/Magnetic Case  
( ) 04 Animal Effect Case  
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(X) 09 RADAR/VISUAL Case  
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(X) 11 Aerial Sighting Report

## INVESTIGATION REPORT

Date of Sighting: Ret. June 1970 & November 1973

Local Time & Time Zone: Et. 3:00 & 4:00 PM

Location of Sighting: Klamath Falls, OR  
Keno Mt.

Number of Witnesses: Multiple

Principal Witness: "Gene" (Not actual name)

Permission To Use Name: Not Given

### SIGHTING BACKGROUND (FI-4)

A description of the circumstances surrounding the receipt of the initial UFO sighting information.

"Gene" recently found out that he had only 2 to 2-1/2 years to live. He decided that several events that he was aware of and took an active part in should be recorded for historical and scientific reasons. The following report is a verbatim copy of the actual transcript.

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#### INVESTIGATION ACTIVITY LOG

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Simple chronological log by date, time and place denoting the tasks the FI carried out during the investigation.

Because of the nature of this report, to protect the witness I will not give out the information on when, where & how the report was obtained.

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#### INTERVIEW AND INTERROGATION

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A description of the interview and interrogation including the FI's personal impressions of the primary witness and his or her home environment, interests, etc.

See above. The original version of the report was typewritten by the witness & given to this investigator. The final version, with some explanations, was put on the UFOFC wordprocessor immediately.

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#### ADDITIONAL WITNESS CHECK

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The circumstances surrounding how, when, and where additional witnesses were located and any subsequent interviews and interrogations including the FI's personal impressions of the witnesses and their home environment, interests, etc.

No check possible at this stage. Other witnesses may come forth at a later date.

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**SOURCE TEST (SYNOPSIS)**

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A list of what natural or man-made objects were checked in an effort to identify the stimulus for the reported UFO is attached to this report. The reasons for rejecting or suspecting each, as being the stimulus, should be clearly noted. Summary is as follows:

Natural sources immediately ruled out. Man-made explanations also ruled out.

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**WITNESS BACKGROUND CHECK**

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A list of the persons checked, their comments about the witness's character and their relationship to the witness. This section should include the FI's impressions of the witness personality, credibility, etc.

The credibility of this witness has been established beyond reasonable doubt.

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**SIGHTING EVALUATION**

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The result of the overall analysis of the data collected by the FI.

Unknown

Great significance

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**DETAILED BACK-UP**

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Cross-reference list of all back-up material by date and location of sighting.

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Map of section of Oregon

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**COMMENTS BY FI/STATE DIRECTOR**

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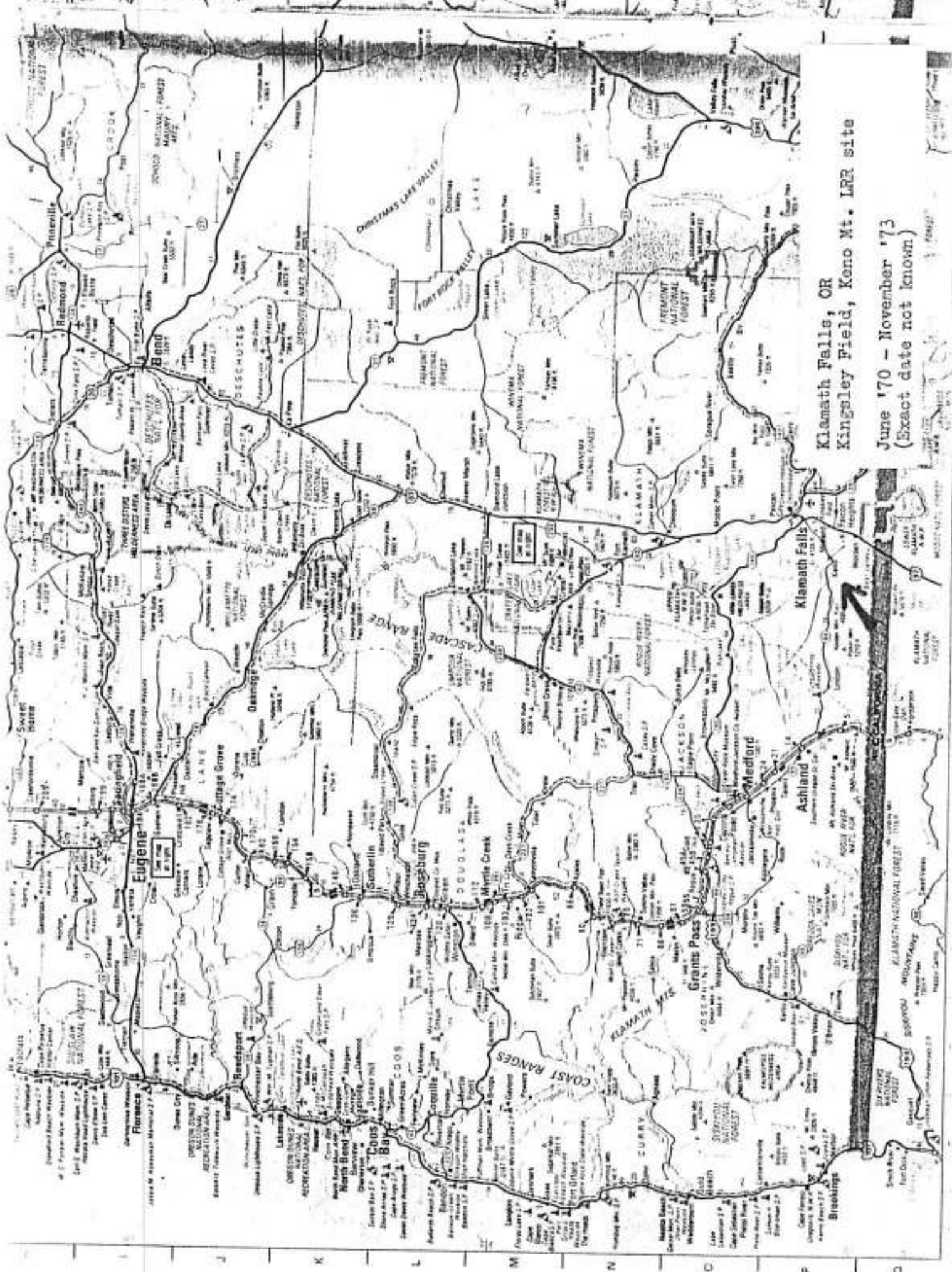
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- 2) CIRVIS reports are/were filed after 1969.
- 3) The Air Defense Command demonstrated a lack of interest once the object became stationary.
- 4) The object was not a radar "angel". The original sighting was a good CI.
- 5) ADC doesn't scramble jets after false radar targets.
- 6) It is cases like this that demonstrate that Dr.'s Ring and Persinger do not have the ultimate answer for true unknowns.

Provided we had better handle on the dates in question, an FOIA request might turn up something.

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Klamath Falls, OR  
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 June '70 - November '73  
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## ENCOUNTER AT KENO

By Francis Ridge & "Gene"

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A man whom I will refer to as "Gene" recently was diagnosed with an ailment that has the power to snuff out his life within the next couple of years. As many in the past have done, especially with all the fanfare regarding new age theories such as expressed by Persinger and Ring, "Gene" would like to share a piece of reality with all of us:

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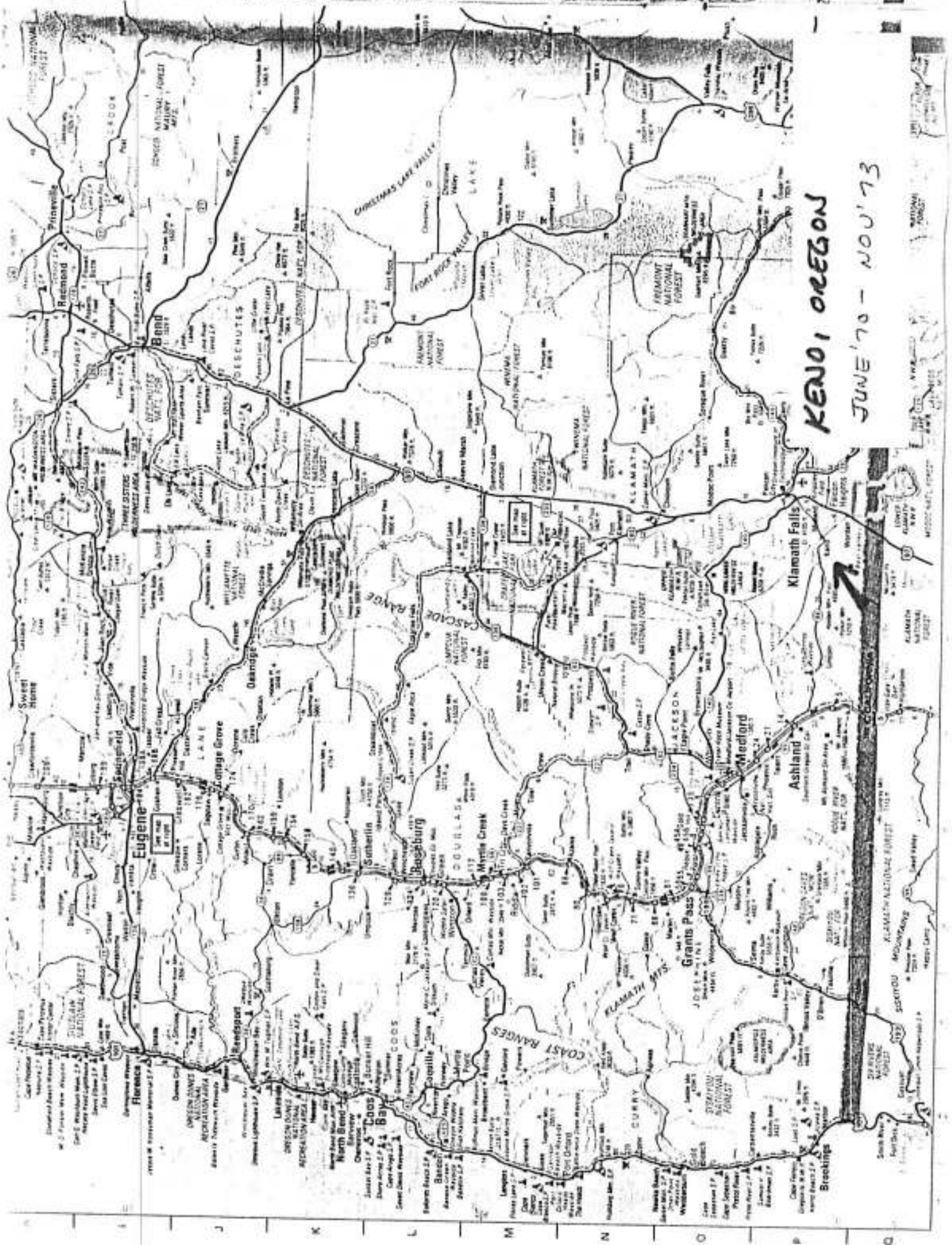
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