PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE.

19 Dec 52

2. LOCATION

ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local 19/0615Z K

GMT 18/2015Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. SOURCE

Five Airmen

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

5 sec

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

One

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Spherical, silvery metallic colored object traveled at an extremely high rate of speed. Object appeared to be 100'-150' between extremities. A white flame, which equaled the length of the object, followed it. Object disappeared behind clouds.

11. COMMENTS

12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical Meteor
☒ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

Anderson AFB, Guam 19 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

From 2050 to 2055 hours an unidentified aerial object was sighted from three separate points of observation -- (1) ground crew personnel at Anderson AFB, Guam, (2) a Naval Officer 14 miles south of Anderson AFB, and (3) from an incoming B-17 115 miles from Guam on a westerly heading. The object or objects in all cases were reported to be on a heading of 270°, appeared cylindrical in shape, of silvery color with a bright flame trailing from the rear. The speed was considered to be in considerable excess of that of a conventional jet and in each case the sighting did not exceed 45 seconds.

II. Discussion of Incident

The object was seen at 0850 a.m. at which time it would be too bright to see a meteor or star. It appears that all observers saw the same object since descriptions, directions given to the unknown, and time of sighting all coincide. The B-17 pilots sighted the object 115 miles west of Guam, five minutes after the other sightings and yet the object was reported to have been going west of Anderson AFB five minutes earlier. This seeming discrepancy here might be explained by the fact that the time estimate by the B-17 pilots was off. The object appears to be going too slow to be a meteor and all local aircraft have been accounted for. There was a scheduled balloon launch at Guam at 2100Z close to the sighting time but the description of the object does not coincide with usual balloon descriptions.

III. Conclusion

~~Unknown~~ Meteor

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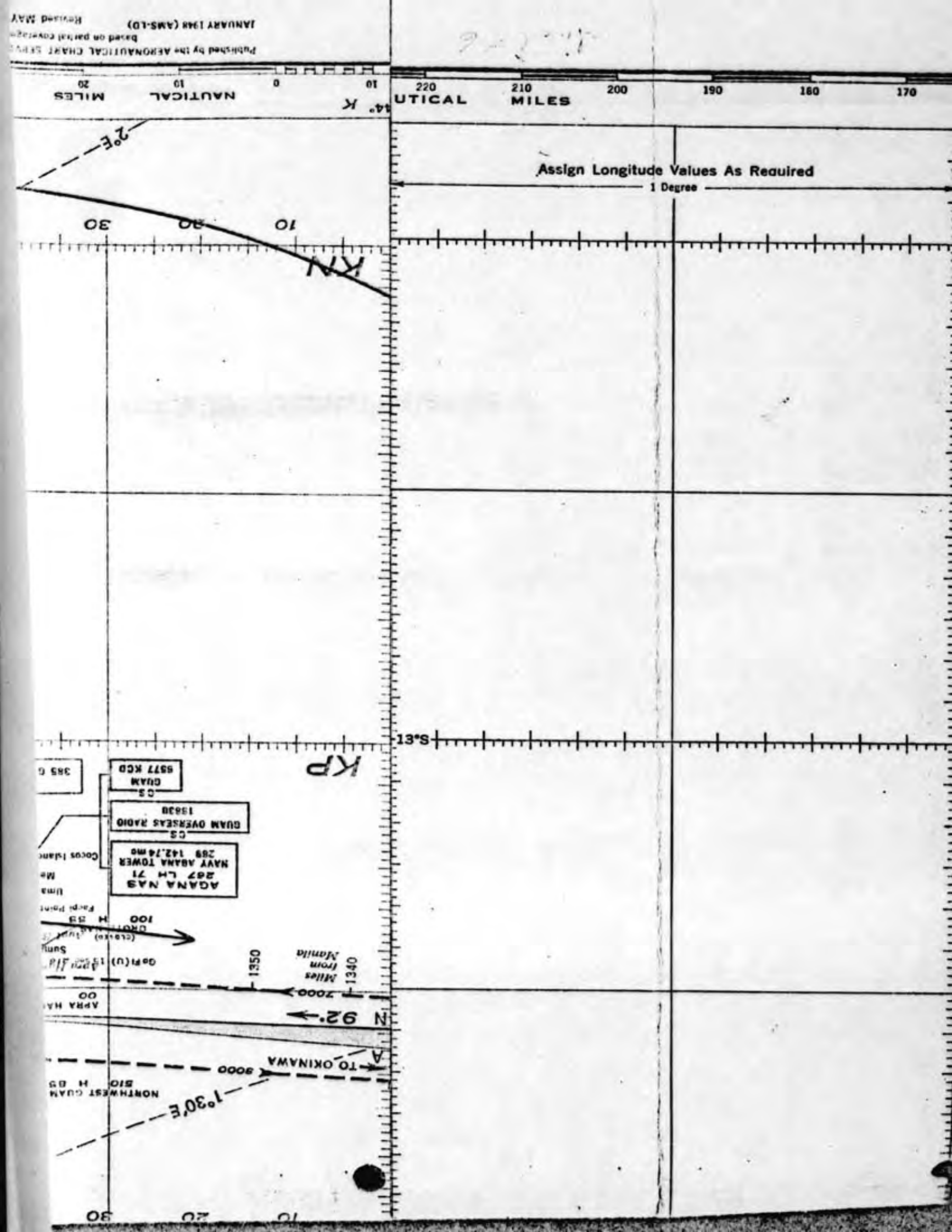
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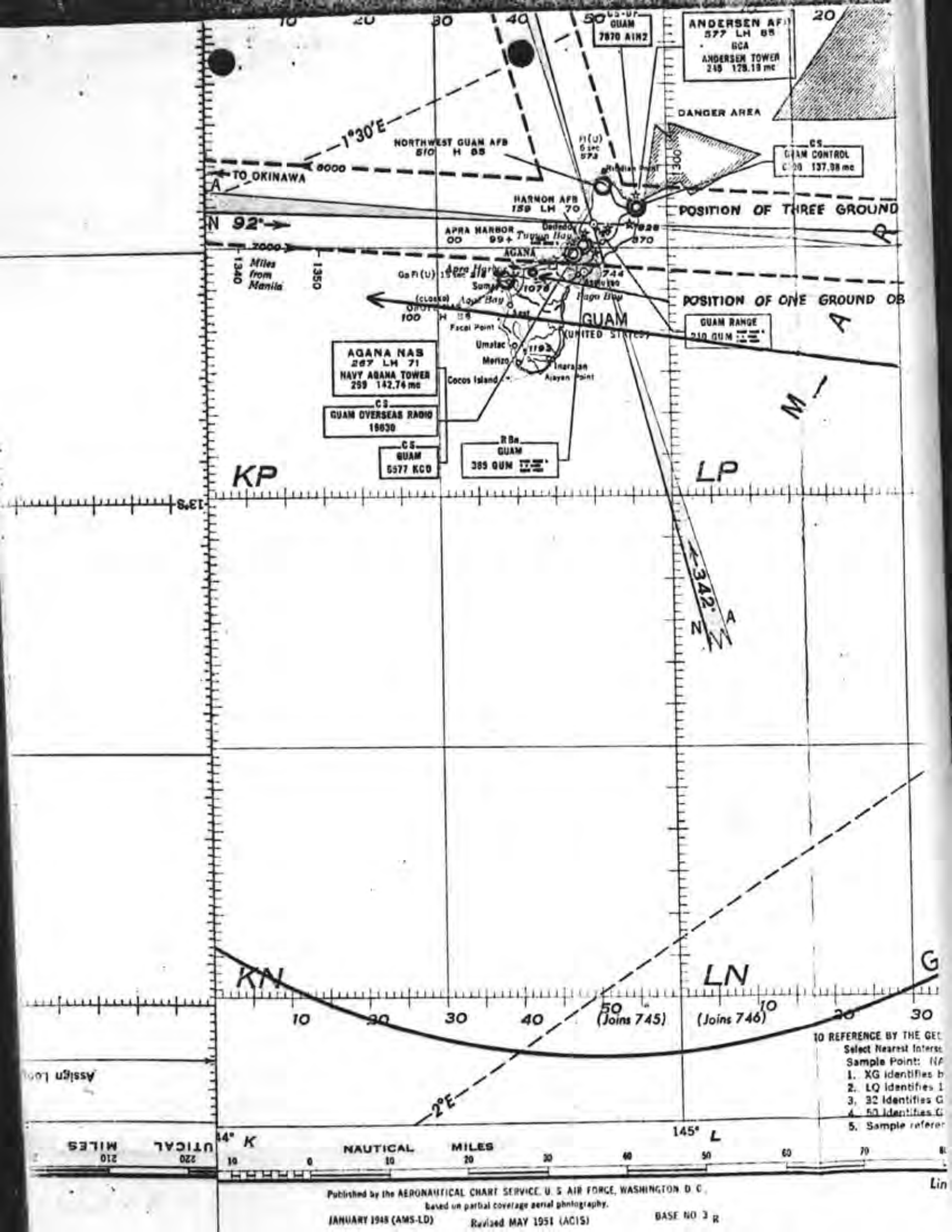
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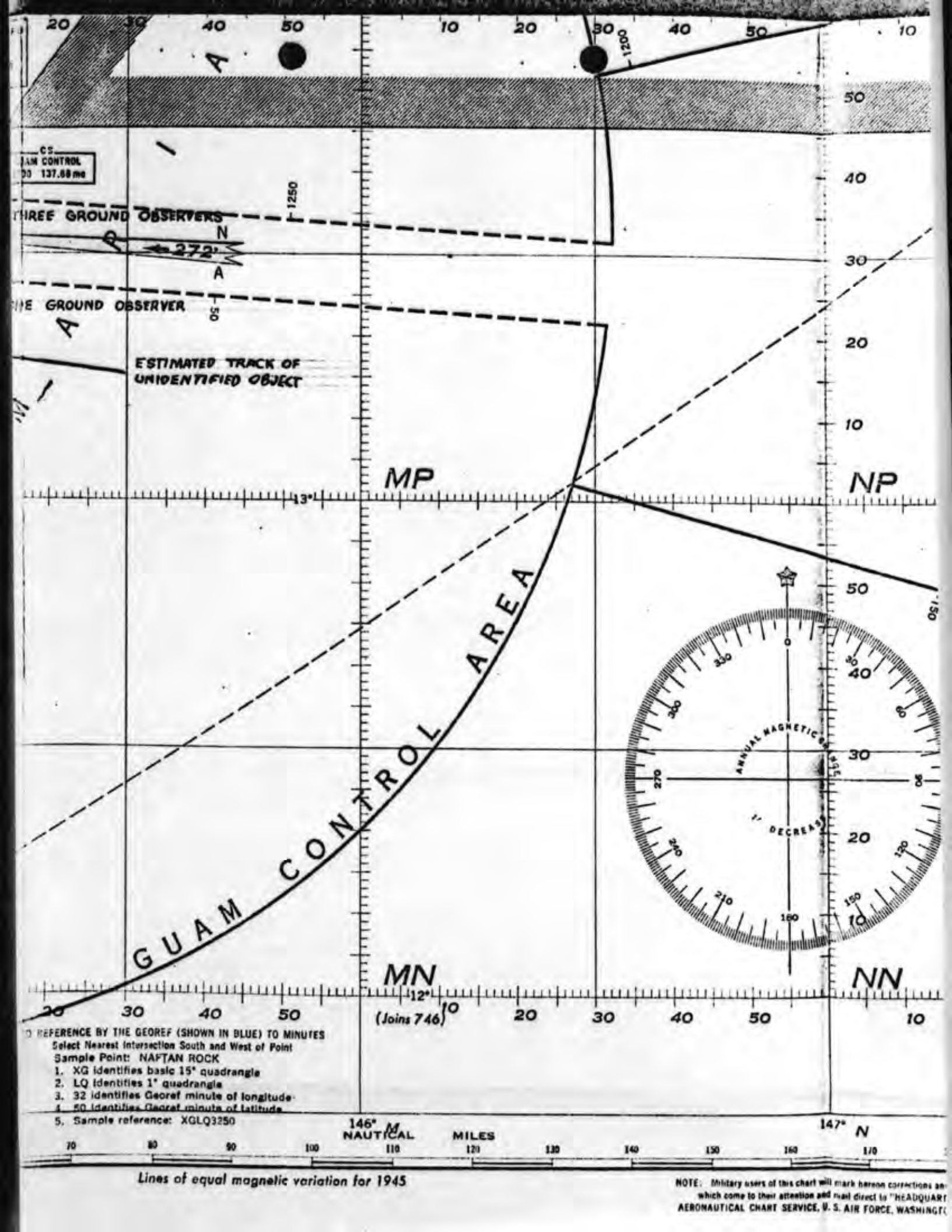

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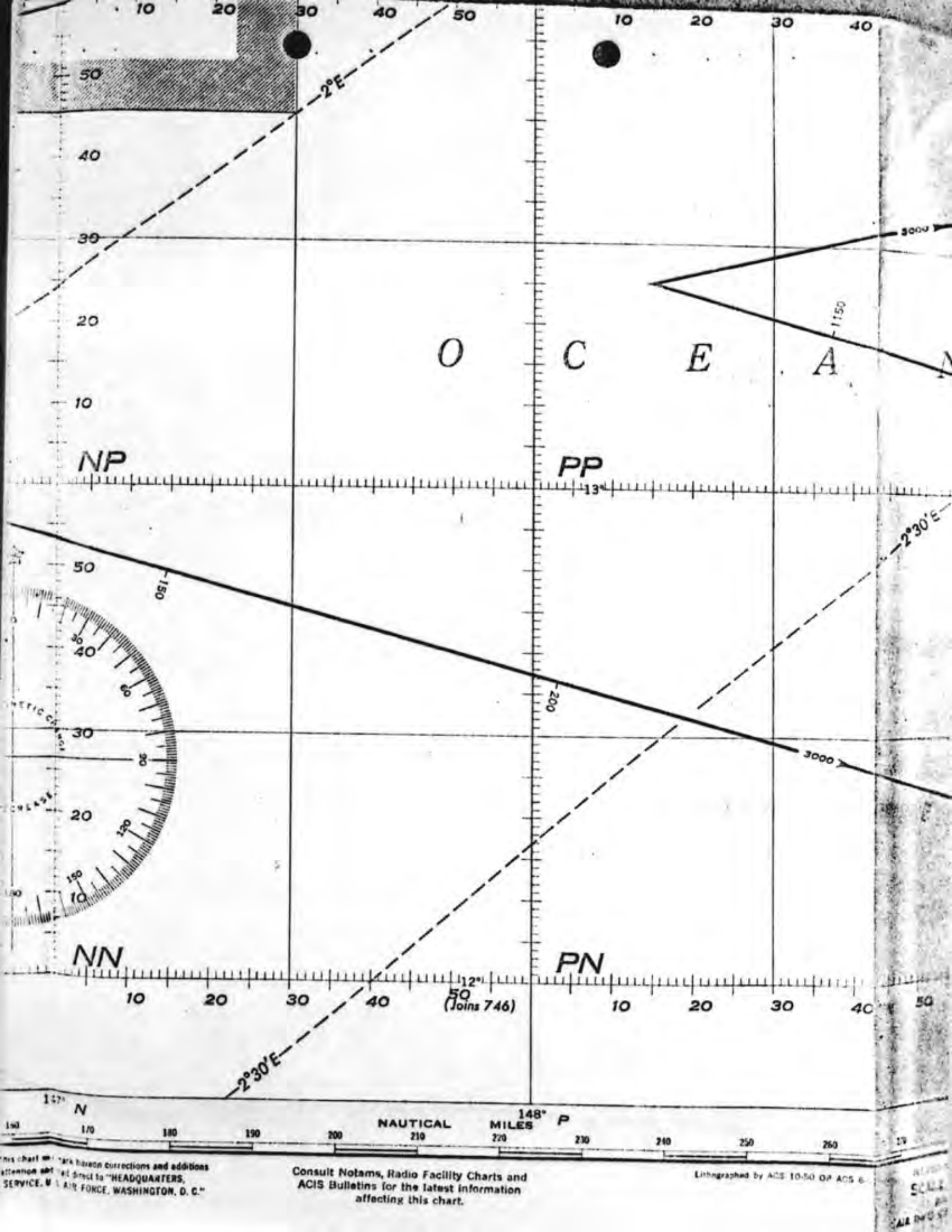

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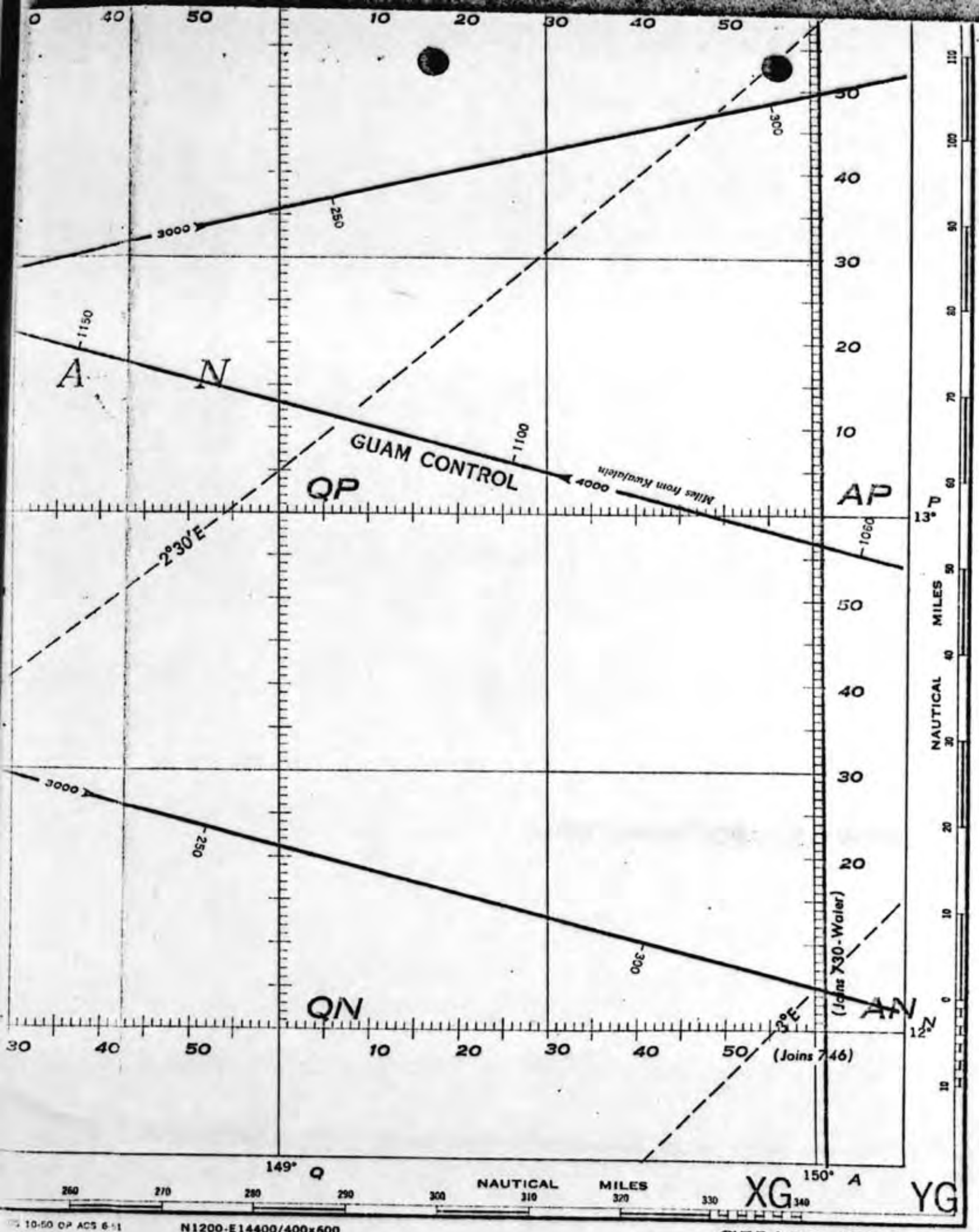

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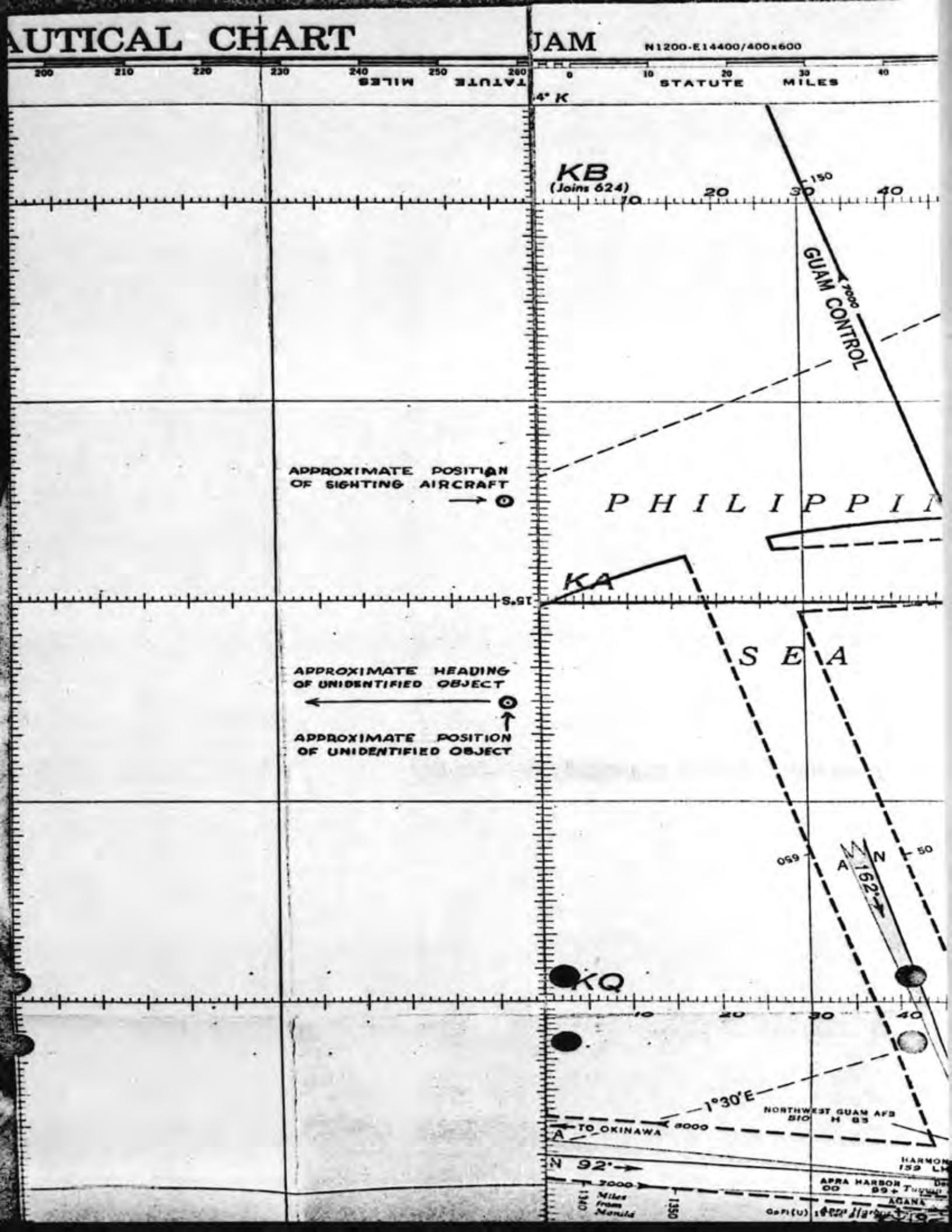
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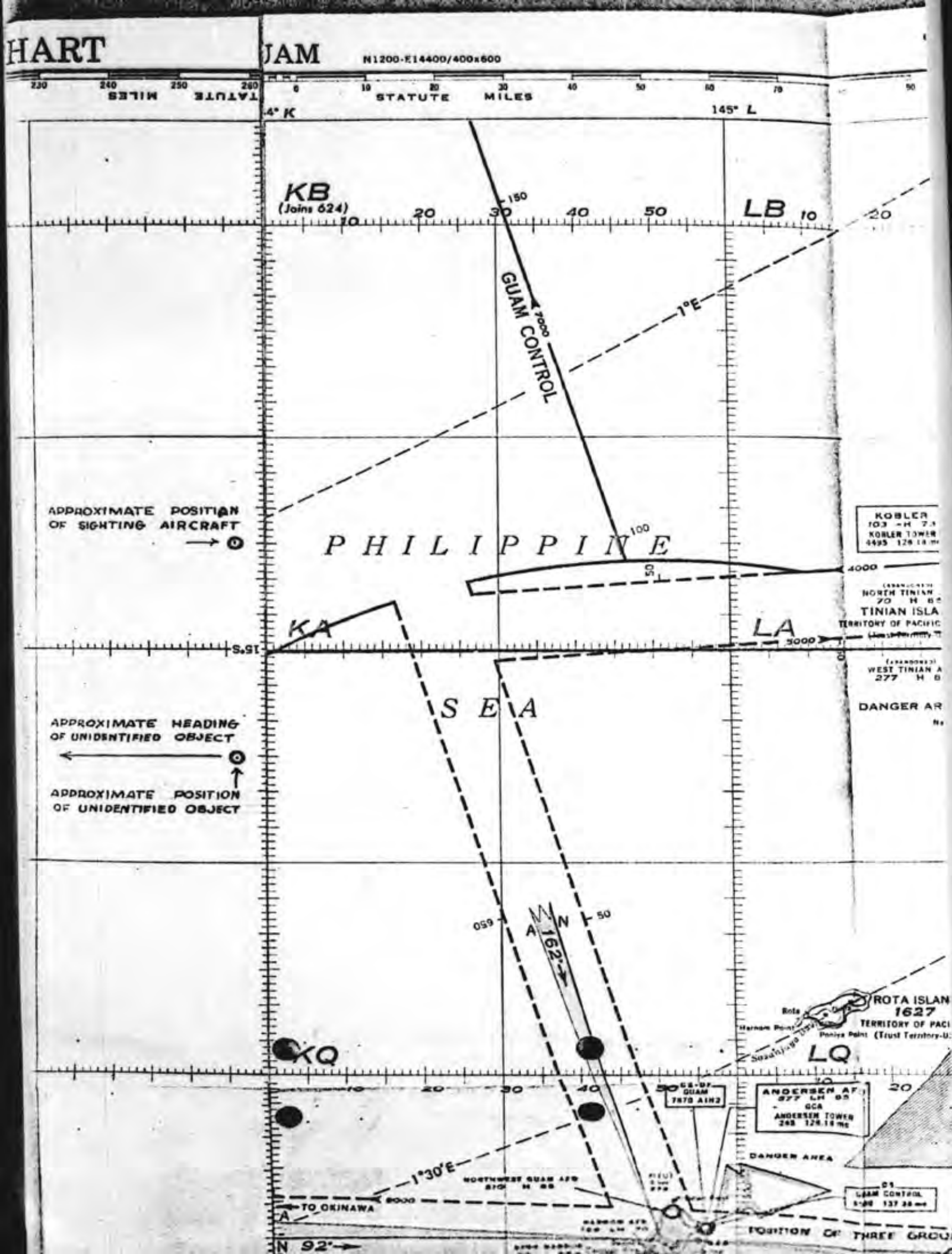
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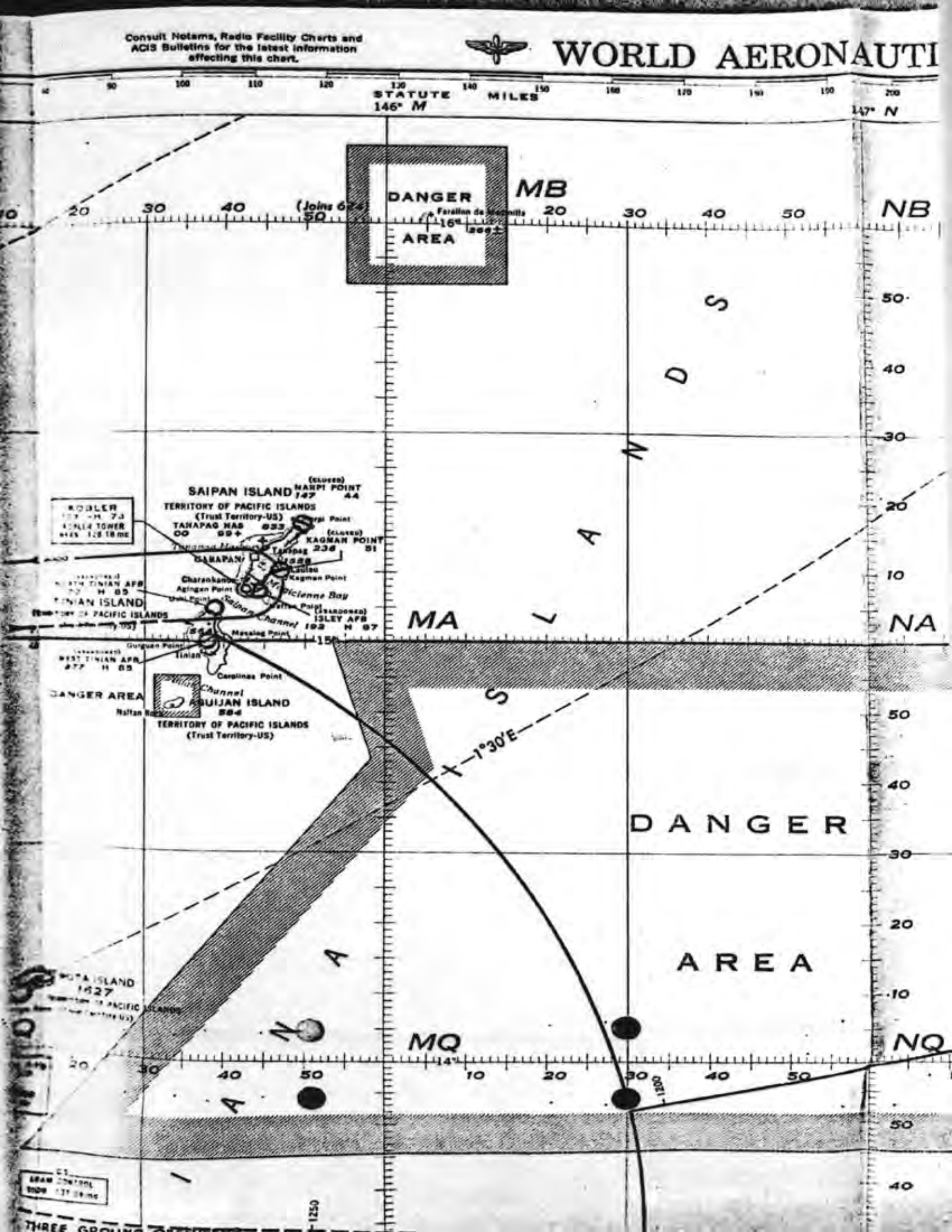
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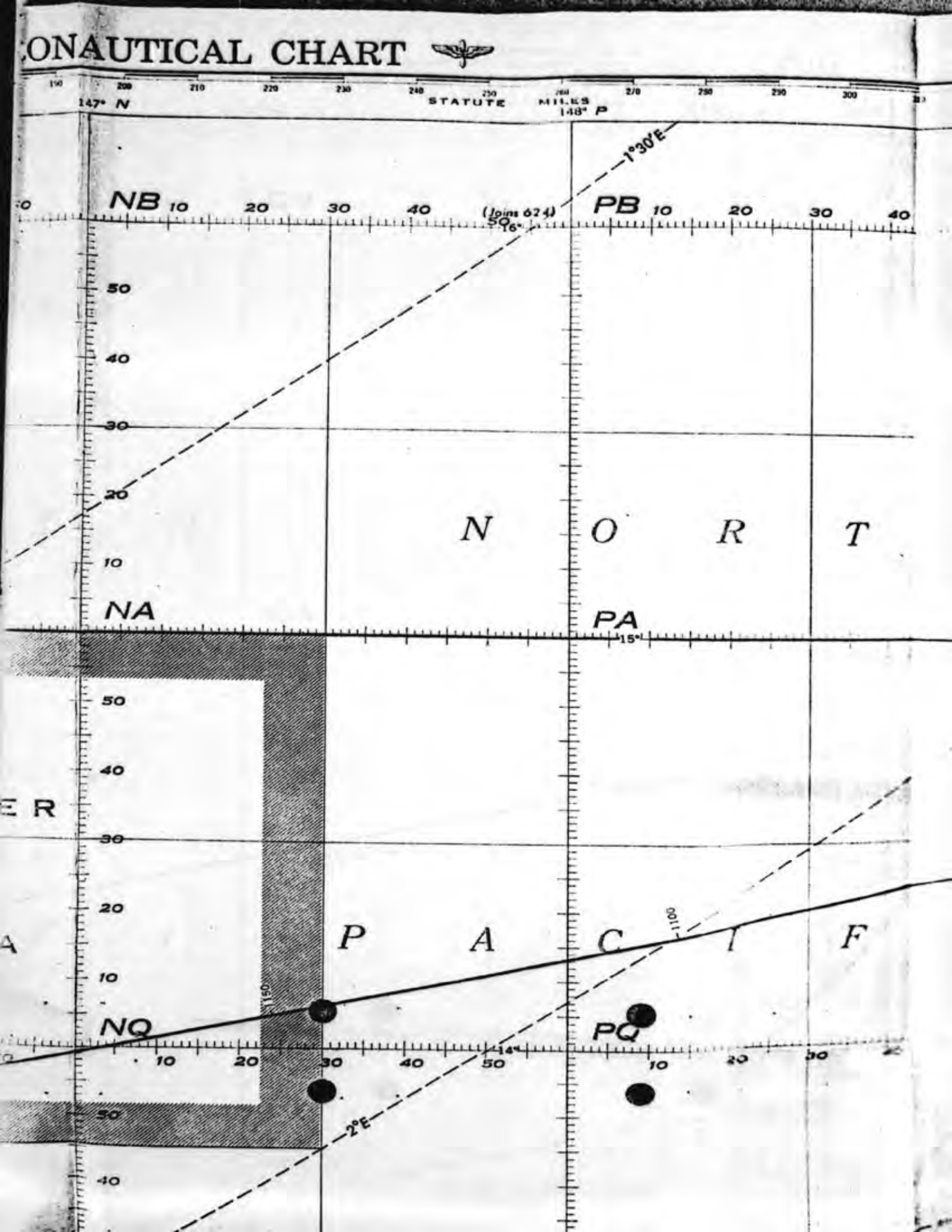
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: 4. FLYOBRT		
AREA REPORTED ON: 5. GUAM, M. I.	FROM (Agency): 6. HQS. 19TH BOMB WING (M) WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER	
DATE OF REPORT: 7. 22 Dec 52	DATE OF INFORMATION: 8. 19 Dec 52	EVALUATION: 9. B-3
PREPARED BY (Officer): 10. LT. COL. WALTER L. NICHOLLS Wing Intelligence Officer	SOURCE: 11. B-17 Pilots, ground crew personnel	

REFERENCES (General number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
12. NOT APPLICABLE

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Cite significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

13.a. On 19 Dec 52, at 0650K, three (3) ground crew personnel of the 54th Strat. Recon. Sqdn. reported that they sighted an unidentifiable object traveling an approximate heading of 270 degrees from Andersen AFB, at a speed estimated to be considerably in excess of that of a conventional jet aircraft.

b. The object appeared to be cylindrical in shape, silvery color with a bright silverish flame trailing from the aft section. There was no exhaust or vapor trail observed. A similar or the same object was observed by two pilots of a B -17 at approximately 130 miles from Guam on a heading approximately 270 degrees during the same time span as the original sighting from the ground.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

There appears to be no reason to doubt the validity of the observers claims of sighting a flying object. Although the ground observers have not been trained in aircraft identification the two pilots have had considerable experience and stated the object sighted did not appear to be a conventional type aircraft to their knowledge.

4 INCLS

Incl 1 - Statement of Maj Mckowen (6 cys)
Incl 2 - Statement of Capt MacDonald (6 cys)
Incl 3 - Statement of A/2c Andersen (6cys)
Incl 4 - Statement of A/3c Johnson (6 cys)

15. Approved:

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WALTER L. NICHOLLS
LT. COL., USAF
Wing Intel Officer

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STATEMENT OF MAJOR McKOWN

On the morning of 19 Dec. 1952 while enroute from Kadena to Andersen in B-17, #3061, an object was sighted by the undersigned. At the time of sighting, I was flying as pilot in the left hand seat. Capt. MacDonald, who was in the right seat pointed to the object and brought my attention to it. This object at first glance appeared to be another aircraft in our immediate vicinity but on looking closer, I realized that it was not a conventional type of aircraft.

It was cylindrical in shape and I was unable to notice any distinguishing shape of the nose or leading section. The tail seemed to have the appearance of exhaust gases extending to the rear about one-half the distance of the object. The solid part of the object was aluminum color and was moving horizontally in a westerly direction.

This incident occurred prior to our ETA, 0700K, at the 100mile boundry to Guam, and I would estimate the time to be between 0645 and 0655 K. We were flying at 7000 feet and the object appeared to be about 9000 or 10000 feet. Our magnetic heading at the time was 150 degrees.

The object was easily discernible to me when first pointed out but only remained in view for approximately six (6) seconds. From the clouds and horizon I estimated the distance between the object and our aircraft to be 20 - 30 miles.

Checking with Guam control at 0700K, I inquired if other aircraft were in the area and was informed that none were known to be although a Rescue aircraft had departed Andersen at 0643K.

Robert E. McKown

ROBERT E. McKOWN
Major, USAF

STATEMENT OF CAPTAIN D. O. MCDONALD

On the 19 December 1952 approximately 0630, we were flying at 7000 feet on a heading of 130 degrees when I saw an object traveling about 90 degrees to our course, and approximately the same altitude. The object appeared to be about 20 to 30 miles away.

The object appeared to be silver white in color, with a bright blue ball like flame at the aft end, it had a vapor like trail approximately three times it's own length trailing. This object was in my sight for about 45seconds before it passed into a cloud. At the time this object was in view we were about 120 miles N NW of Guam. When I first sighted the object I called Major McKown's attention to it.

Donald O. McDonald

D. O. McDONALD
Capt., USAF
AO 764 717

22 December 1952

STATEMENT

On 19 December 1952 about 0650 hours while awaiting roll call on the 26th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron Ramp Area (Rose Look #2). I was watching a 97th AWS B-29 take-off to the NE. When aircraft was just about over end of runway (approximately). A/3C Johnson, L. T., who was sitting at my left, called my attention to what he expressed as a "falling Star".

When I turned to look, he said "It's gone behind that cloud bank" pointing in a southeasterly direction.

There was an open space in the clouds and Airman Johnson, and Adams, and myself kept watching this opening for about 1 or 2 seconds. Suddenly a silvery, metallic object which appeared to me to be cylindrical flashed past quite nearly behind the clouds. It was travelling in a very straight horizontal path heading about 270 degrees (from Compass directions checked later). The object was travelling about twice as fast as a jet plane. It had a bright silverish flame trailing from rear end. There was no smoke trail or vapor trail behind it. I could not hear any noise and if there was any, the wind was from the NE, not strong, but it would have carried the sound away.

I only saw the object for about 1 second, but I don't think it was a meteorite for two reasons: First, it travelled on too straight a Line - I have observed falling stars before and they have always had some curve to their path; second, it was too silvery metallic appearing. It definitely looked to me as though there was a bright silvery flame attached directly to it. The flame appeared to be slightly longer than the object.

Lorne A. Anderson

Lorne A. Anderson
A/2C, AF 17303519

Incl 3

22 December 1952

STATEMENT

On 19 December 1952 at about 0650, I was sitting in front of Nose Dock #2 on the 54th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron Ramp Area at Andersen AFB, Guam, M.I. awaiting roll call. One of our aircraft had been reported returning to base and I was just looking all around the skies thinking I might see it. When I looked in the southeasterly part of the sky, suddenly, this object flashed out from behind a bank of clouds. It was so bright I called to the other fellows, "Look at the falling star". It continued on from the East and went behind a large cloud. When the other fellows turned to look, it was gone, momentarily, and then reappeared in another opening between the clouds. It was travelling in such a straight flat line that I no longer thought it was a "falling star". I could now see that there were two distinct portions to it; a bright, shiny metallic front end and a bright, [illegible] silvery blue flame coming out of the rear end of the forward portion. There was no noise and no smoke or vapor trail behind the object other than the bright silvery blue flame which seemed to be slightly longer than the object itself. The object and flame was long and slender and travelled about twice as fast as any jet plane I've ever seen. When I last saw it, it disappeared behind a cloud bank just South of me. We kept watching further along, where there another opening in the clouds, but it never reappeared. It didn't turn or make any maneuvers while we saw it.

Merlin T. Johnson

Merlin T. Johnson
A/2C. 19345451

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THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES MARIANAS

MEMORANDUM

From: 64

To: 30

Subj: "Flying Saucer"; observation of

1. At 0650 hrs., Friday , 19 December 1952, I observed an object in the sky similar to that illustrated in Life Magazine of April 7, 1952. This object, while similar to the illustration, was somewhat more narrow and longer. It was intensely brilliant and of Blue green color. It appeared to have a nucleus near the forward end and was surrounded by a haze of light which streamed out behind, giving the whole object a torpedo shape. It passed south of Cowmar Hill and was traveling in a westerly direction, apparently at a very high rate of speed. The object was seen between clouds at two different points but no accurate estimate of the distance or the rate of speed could be determined.

2. This is for your information and use as may be appropriate.

/s/ [redacted]

A TRUE COPY:

Walter L. Nicholls

WALTER L. NICHOLLS
Lt Col., USAF
Wing Intel Officer

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STATEMENT OF MAJOR McKOWN

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It was cylindrical in shape and I was unable to notice any distinguished shape of the nose or leading section. The tail seemed to have the appearance of exhaust gases extending to the rear about one-half the distance of the object. The solid part of the object was aluminum color and was moving horizontally in a westerly direction.

This incident occurred prior to our ETA, 0700K, at the 100 mile boundry to Guam, and I would estimate the time to be between 0645 and 0655 K. We were flying at 7000 feet and the object appeared to be about 9000 and 10,000 feet. Our magnetic heading at the time was 150 degrees.

The object was easily discernible to me when first pointed out but only remained in view for approximately six (6) seconds. From the clouds and horizon I estimated the distance between the object and our aircraft to be 20 - 30 miles.

Checking with Guam control at 0700K, I inquired if other aircraft were in the area and was informed that none were known to be although a Rescue aircraft had departed Andersen at 0648K.

/s/ ROBERT E. McKOWN
/t/ ROBERT E. McKOWN
Major, USAF

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Walter L Nicholls

WALTER L. NICHOLLS
Lt. Col., USAF
Wing Intel Officer

22 December 1952

STATEMENT

On 19 December 1952 at about 0650 hours, I was sitting in front of Nose Dock #2 on the 54th Strategic Reconnaissance Ramp Area at Andersen AFB, Guam, M. I., awaiting roll call. One of our aircraft had been reported returning to the base and I was just looking all around the skies thinking I might see it. When I looked in the Southeasterly part of the sky, suddenly, this object flashed out from behind a bank of clouds. It was so bright I called to the other fellows, "Look at the falling star". It continued on from the East and went behind a large cloud. When the other fellows turned to look, it was gone, momentarily, and then reappeared in another opening between clouds. It was travelling in such a straight flat line that I no longer thought it was a "falling star". I could now see that there were two distinct portions to it; a bright, shiny metallic front end and a bright, silverly blue flame coming out of the rear end of the forward portion. There was no noise and no smoke or vapor trail behind the object other than the bright silverly blue flame which seemed to be slightly longer than the object itself. The object and flame was long and slender and travelling about twice as fast as any jet plane I've ever seen. When I last saw it, it disappeared behind a cloud bank just south of us. We kept watching further along where there was another opening in the clouds, but it never reappeared. It didn't turn or make any manuevers while we saw it.

Marlin T. Johnson
A/3C AF 19345451

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22 December 1952

STATEMENT

On 19 December 1952 about 0650 hours while awaiting roll call on the 54th Strategic Reconnaisance Squadron Ramp Area (Nose Dock #2), I was watching a 79th ARS B-29 take-off to the NE. When aircraft was just about over the runway (approximately), A/3C Johnsan, M. T., who was sitting at my left, called my attention to what he expressed as a "falling star".

When I turned to look, he said "It's gone behind that cloud bank", pointing in a southeasterly direction.

There was an open space in the clouds and Airman Johnsen, and Adams, and myself kept watching this opening for about 1 or 2 seconds. Suddenly a silvery, metallic object which appeared to me to be cylindrical flashed past quite aways behind the clouds. It was travelling in a very straight horizontal path heading about 270 degrees (from compass directions checked later). The object was travelling about twice as fast as a jet plane. It had a bright silverish flame trailing from the rear end. There was no smoke trail or vaper trail behind it. I could not hear any noise and if there was any, the wind was from the NE, not streng, but it would have carried the sound away.

I only saw the object for about 1 second, but I don't think it was a meteorite for two reasons: First, it travelled on too straight a line - I have observed falling stars before, and they have always had some curve to their path; second, it was too silvery metallic appearing. It definitely looked to me as though there was a bright silvery flame attached directly to it. The flame seemed to be slightly longer than the object.

Lorne A. Anderson
A/2C AF 17303519

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STATEMENT OF CAPTAIN MAC DONALD

On the 19 December 1952 approximately 0630, we were flying at 7000 feet on a heading of 150 degrees when I saw an object traveling about 90 degrees to our course, and approximately the same altitude. The object appeared to be about 20 to 30 miles away.

The object appeared to be silver white in color, with a bright blue ball like flame at the aft end, it had a vapor like trail approximately three times it's own length trailing. This object was in my sight for about 45 seconds before it passed into a cloud. At the time this object was in view we were about 130 miles NNW of Guam. When I first sighted the object I called Major McKewen's attention to it.

/s/ DONALD C. MACDONALD
/t/ DONALD C. MACDONALD
Captain., USAF
AO 764 717

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Lt. Col. WALTER L. NICHOLLS 10. Wing Intelligence Officer	11. B-17 Pilots, ground crew personnel

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
12. AFL 200-5 FEAF ICI, 19th Bomb Wing Message #7474

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13. a. On 19 Dec 52, at 0650K, three (3) ground crew personnel of the 54th Strat. Recon. Sqdn. reported that they sighted an unidentifiable object traveling an approximate heading of 270 degrees from Andersen AFB, at a speed estimated to be considerably in excess of that of a conventional jet aircraft.

b. The same or similar object was reported being seen at the same time (0650K) by a Naval Officer whose location was approximately 14 miles south of the three observers at Andersen AFB.

c. A similar or the same object was subsequently observed by two pilots of a B-17 at approximately 115 miles from Guam on a westerly heading at approximately 0655K.

d. The object appeared to be cylindrical in shape, silvery color with a bright silverish flame trailing from the aft section. There was no exhaust or vapor trail observed.

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5. At 0650K on 19 Dec 1952 an unidentified flying object was reported being sighted from Andersen AFB by three airmen of the 54th Strat. Recon. Sqdn.. At the same time, 0650K, a similar or the same object was sighted by a Navy Commander attached to Staff Commander Naval Forces Marianas. Subsequently, at approximately 0655K the same or similar object was sighted by two pilots at a position 115 miles from Guam, (approximately located at 15 degrees 15'N - 143 degrees 56'E). From analysis of the statements and interviews of subject personnel the object appears to have been cylindrical in shape of unidentifiable size. The forward part of the object appeared to be silvery in color with a bright silvery blue flame trailing behind. The estimated length of the flame varied from one-half the length of the object to three times its length. The speed of the object appeared to be considerably in excess of conventional jet aircraft but no estimate was attempted in miles per hour. The object was not reported being audible. The object in all cases disappeared behind clouds after a short interval of observation. The Naval Commander stated the object appeared very similar to that illustrated in Life Magazine of April 7, 1952. All sightings were from approximately 0650K to 0655K and no sighting was for more than 45 seconds duration. All sightings, both from ground and air, were visual. The air sighting was made by two pilots of a B-17 enroute from Okinawa to Guam flying at an altitude of 7000 feet on a magnetic heading of 150 degrees and an indicated air speed of 175 MPH. The object at this time was estimated to be 9000 to 10,000 feet in altitude and 20 to 30 miles away at approximately 14 degrees 44'-30'N - 143 degrees 56'E.

Three of the ground observers were at Andersen AFB (13 degrees 35'N - 144 degrees 56'E). These observers could not give an estimate of distance or altitude but stated the object was traveling on a heading of approximately 270 degrees. The Naval Commander was located at approximately 13 degrees 27'N - 144 degrees 43' 45'E. No estimate was made of the altitude or distance but stated the object passed south of his position heading in a westerly direction. No information is available on the reliability of the Naval Officer's sighting. The three airmen are comparatively inexperienced in aircraft indentification and are not rated personnel. These airmen state, however, that they are certain the object was not a meteor since the trajectory was horizontal and did not have the appearance of any meteor ever observed by them.

The two pilots have had considerable flying experience and it is felt that their judgement is sound. One of the pilots is a weather officer and stated the object did not appear to be a meteorological phenomenon. The existing weather at Andersen AFB during the time of sighting was as follows:

0559K - 1000 feet scattered, estimated 30,000 feet broken, visibility 8 miles, wind 020/18, altimeter setting 29.85.

0658K - 1000 feet scattered, estimated 9000 feet broken, 30,000 feet overcast, visibility 8 miles, wind 020/15, altimeter setting 29.87.

0759K - 1200 feet scattered, estimated 9000 feet broken, 30,000 feet overcast, visibility 10 miles, wind 110/19, altimeter setting 29.89. The weather at the time and location of the air sighting was approximately the same as above.

There was no activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise which might account for the sightings. There was no physical evidence of the sightings such as fragments or photographs of the sightings. There was no interception or identification action taken on the sightings. At the time of sighting the only known traffic within the area was a Rescue SB-29 which had taken off from Andersen AFB at 0648K.

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COMMENTS of the Preparing Officer:

There appears to be no reason to doubt the validity of the observers claims of sighting a flying object. Although the ground observers have not been trained in aircraft identification the two pilots have had considerable experience and stated the object sighted did not appear to be a coventional type aircraft to their knowledge.

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