PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 Apr 54/1500(DAY)	2. LOCATION Norfolk, Va
3. SOURCE military	10. CONCLUSION PROBABLY AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25-30 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Two objects flying formation under base of clouds - dark in color - covered 30 miles in 3- sec. in gentle and constant arc. Observer at first thought they were birds. Speed and flight consistant with analysis of a/c, objects. Possible a/c sighting.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION air-visual	
7. COURSE 180 deg ARC	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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To: Commanding General, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado
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Subj: Unidentifiable objects; reports of

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April 8, 1954

REPORT OF SIGHTING OF STRANGE AND UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS BY C. R. ALLEN, ACC(AP), USN, IN VICINITY OF LAKE DRUMMOND ON 7 APRIL 1954.

TIME: Approximately 1500, 7 April 1954.

LOCATION: Objects were first observed approximately two miles west of Lake Drummond at an altitude of 3500 feet.

OBJECTS SIGHTED: TWO DISC-SHAPED FLYING OBJECTS.

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STATEMENT OF OBSERVER:

At approximately 1500, 7 April 1954, while engaged in flying an air control flight in an F6F type aircraft for Fleet Training Center Norfolk, Va., I observed two strange saucer-like objects at an altitude of 3500 feet flying in very close proximity to each other, as in formation with each other. My altitude was 3000 feet. Visibility in all directions was 20 to 25 miles. As shown on attached chart in diagram, the objects were approximately 15 miles from me when I first sighted them. My first impression of the objects immediately made me think "two birds flying pretty high and right under the base of the clouds", then as the objects changed their relative position so rapidly and came into better view, I was able to distinguish them as disc-shaped. I immediately started turning my plane and kept them in sight until they disappeared in the vicinity of Cape Henry in an Easterly direction. They were dark colored - i.e., they gave no impression of color other than that they showed up dark against the white background of the cumuliform type clouds. There was no apparent motion directly around the discs - the only impression there was that of very great speed, in that they flew through a gentle and constant arc of approximately 180°, covering somewhere around 30 miles in the time of 25 to 30 seconds. They kept approximately the same relative position to each other, and stayed about the same distance from me until they disappeared from my sight. I notified FTC of this sighting as soon as the objects left my sight. They acknowledged my call and apparently let it drop there as they said they had volumes of reports of flying saucers. Attached is a chart showing position the objects were first sighted, their path, my position, and position where objects disappeared. The cloud base of the scattered to broken cloud layer was 3500 to 3000 feet.

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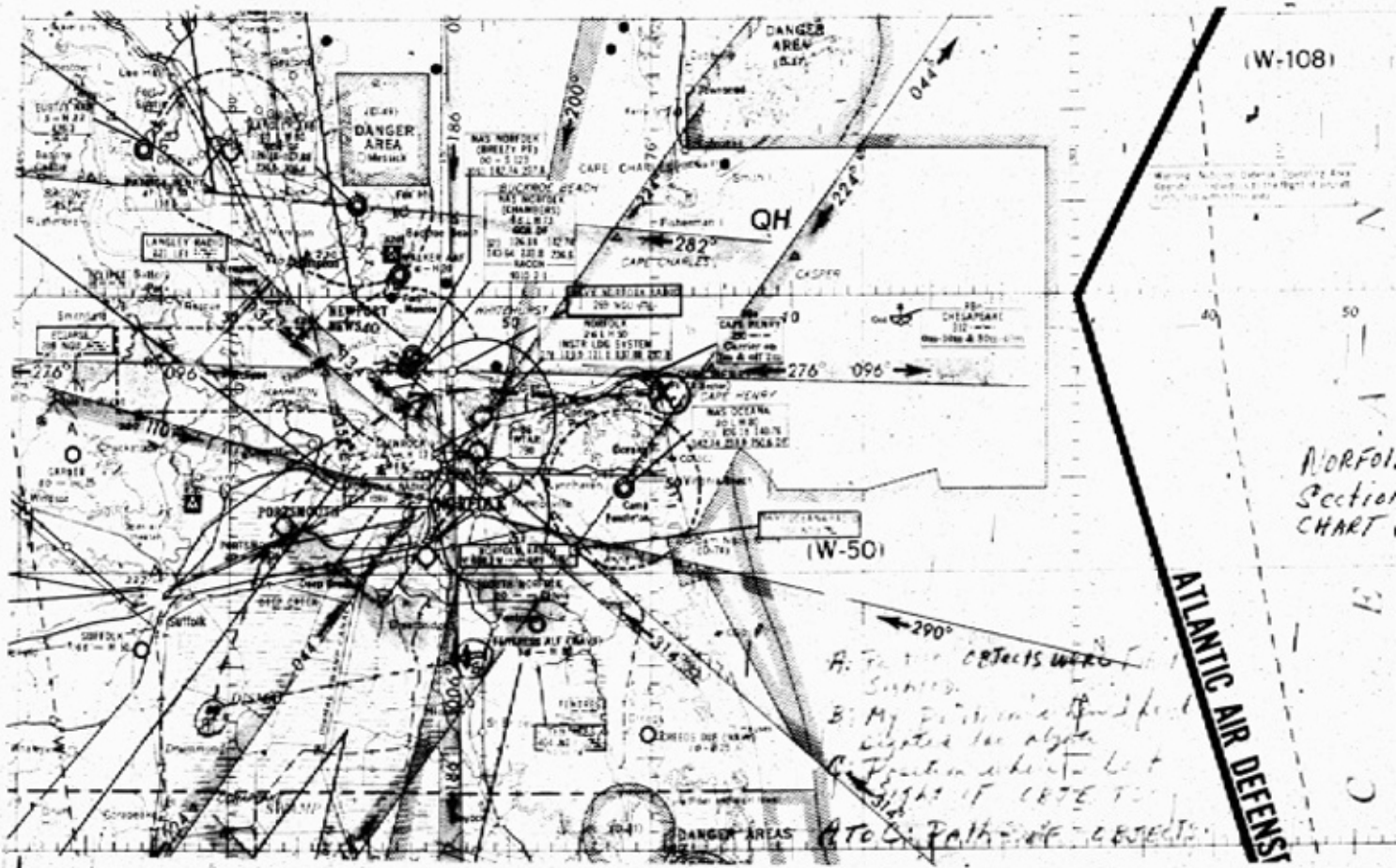
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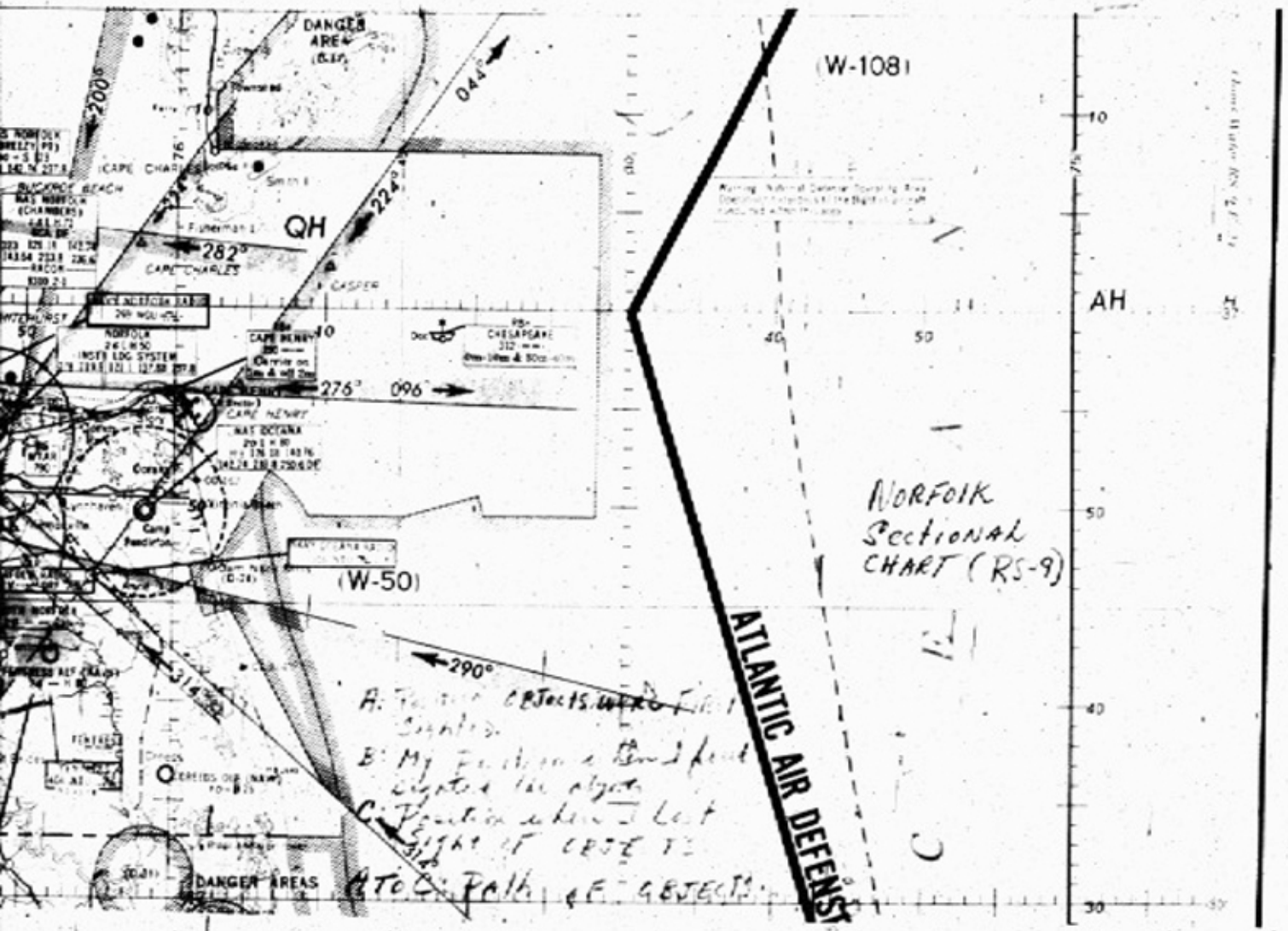
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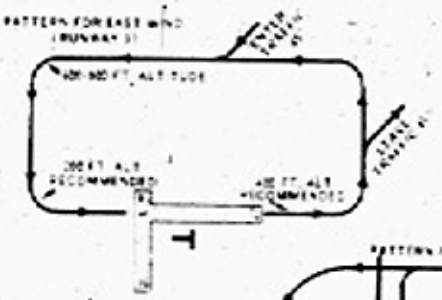

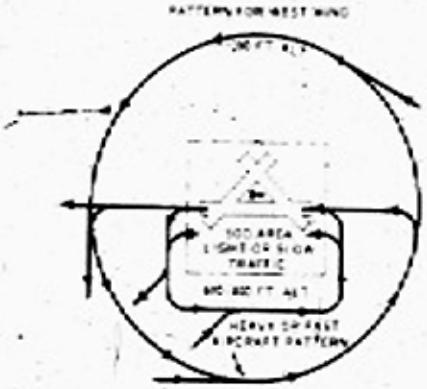

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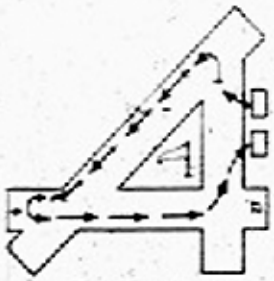

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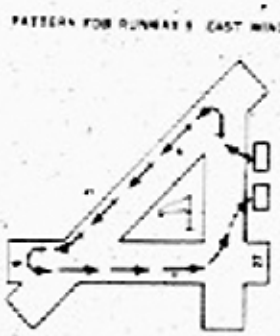

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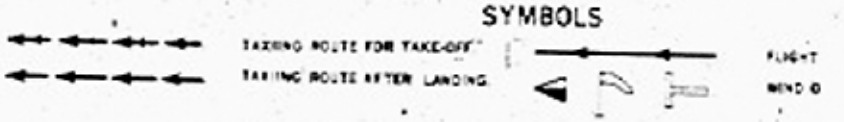

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