

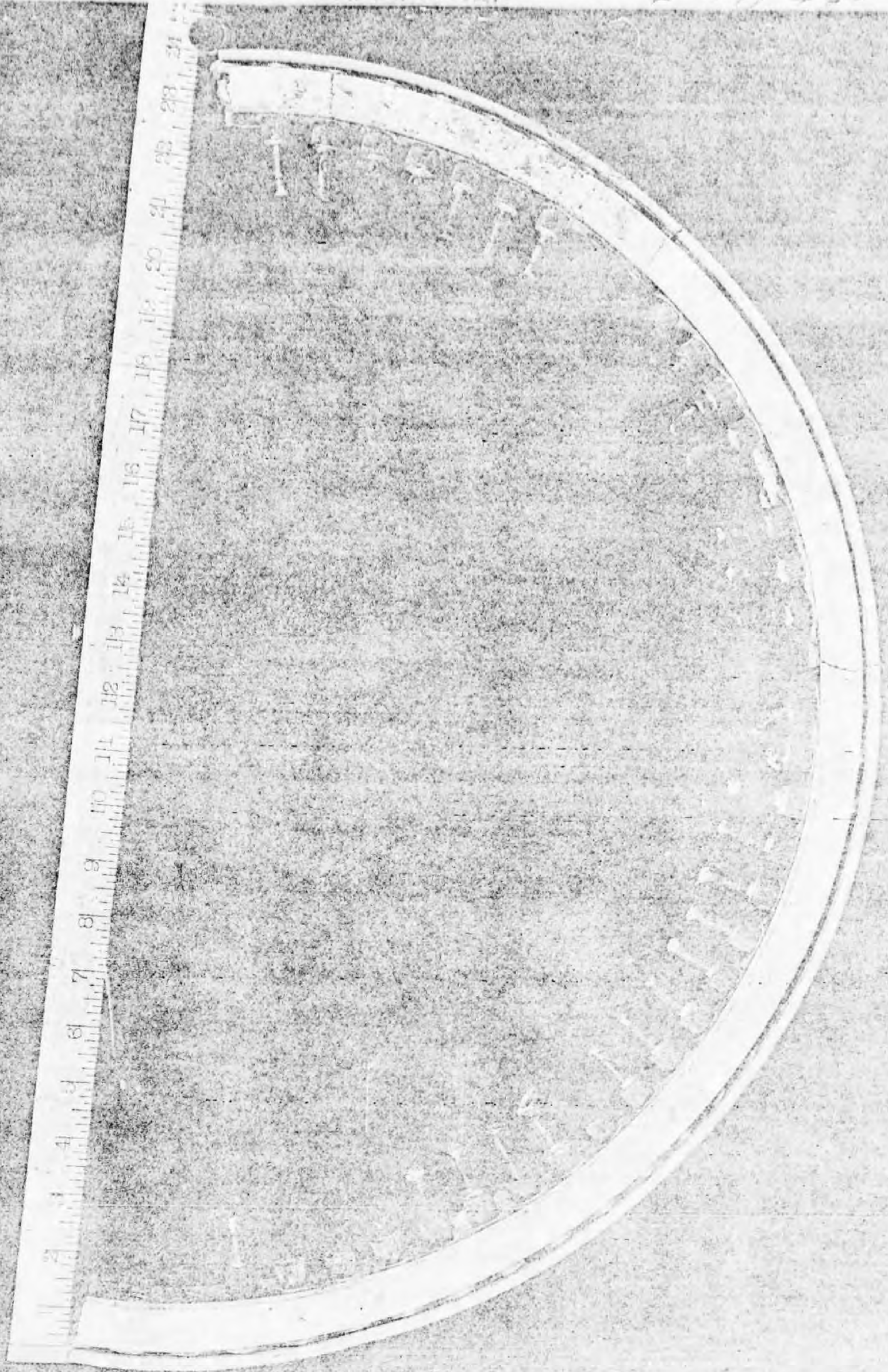
PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>N/A</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
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7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION N/A	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Found by farmer in 1946 near Delta, Colorado rptd 4 Apr 49. Cast aluminum wheel shaped with 72 holes in the periphery into which explosive plugs are inserted.		11. COMMENTS Definitely identified as ballast ring from Japanese incendiary balloon.

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18 April 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXS

1. Reference TMX from Lowry Air Force Base, to your activity, Cite No. LWGB-2039, and telephone conversation between Mr. Towles of your office and Mr. Merrill of this office on 8 April 1949.

2. Inclosed for your information is report of investigation of S/A ROBERT C. LANE, DO #14, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado.

3. Your attention is invited to the fact that the unidentified objects were subsequently identified as parts of a Japanese Bomb or Incendiary Carrying Balloon.

4. No further investigation is contemplated by this OSI District.

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Rpt of Inv dtd 7 Apr 49

JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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Director of Special Investigations,
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JEROME M. BRAUN,
Acting District Commander
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14th OSI District (IG)
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INTELL THIS HQS IDENTIFIED OBJECT AS BALLAST RING
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT:

Unconventional Aircraft - "Flying Disc"

AREA REPORTED ON Vicinity of Delta, Colorado	FROM (Agency) Hq 3415th TT Wing, Lowry AFB, Denver, Colo.
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DATE OF REPORT 8 April 1949	DATE OF INFORMATION 2 April 1949	EVALUATION A-1
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PREPARED BY (Officer) W. A. WILTBERGER, Major, USAF, Wing Intel. O.	SOURCE 14th District OSI
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

TT LOGB 2089, Hq 3415th TT Wing, Lowry AFB, Denver, Colorado, 7 April 1949

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

1. 14th District OSI reported 2 April 1949 receiving a report that Mr. [REDACTED], rancher, six miles South Southwest of Delta, Colorado, had previously discovered three pieces of a metal ring in April 1946 but had not picked it up until approximately six weeks ago. OSI agents proceeded to scene, made investigation, and returned with parts the evening of 5 April 1949.
2. Inspection of objects by Wing Intelligence Officers, verified by picture and description, pages 2061 to 2063, ONI Weekly Publication, Vol. IV, No. 26, June 27, 1945, confirmed identification.
3. Newspaper story, Rocky Mountain News, 7 April 1949, and other news services, reported finding as that of a Flying Disc.
4. 14th District OSI holding parts for advice as to disposition.
5. Object identified as a cast aluminum wheel shaped device, with 72 holes in the periphery into which explosive plugs are inserted, which was used in Japanese paper balloons to drop incendiary and explosive material in the United States during World War II. Case closed.

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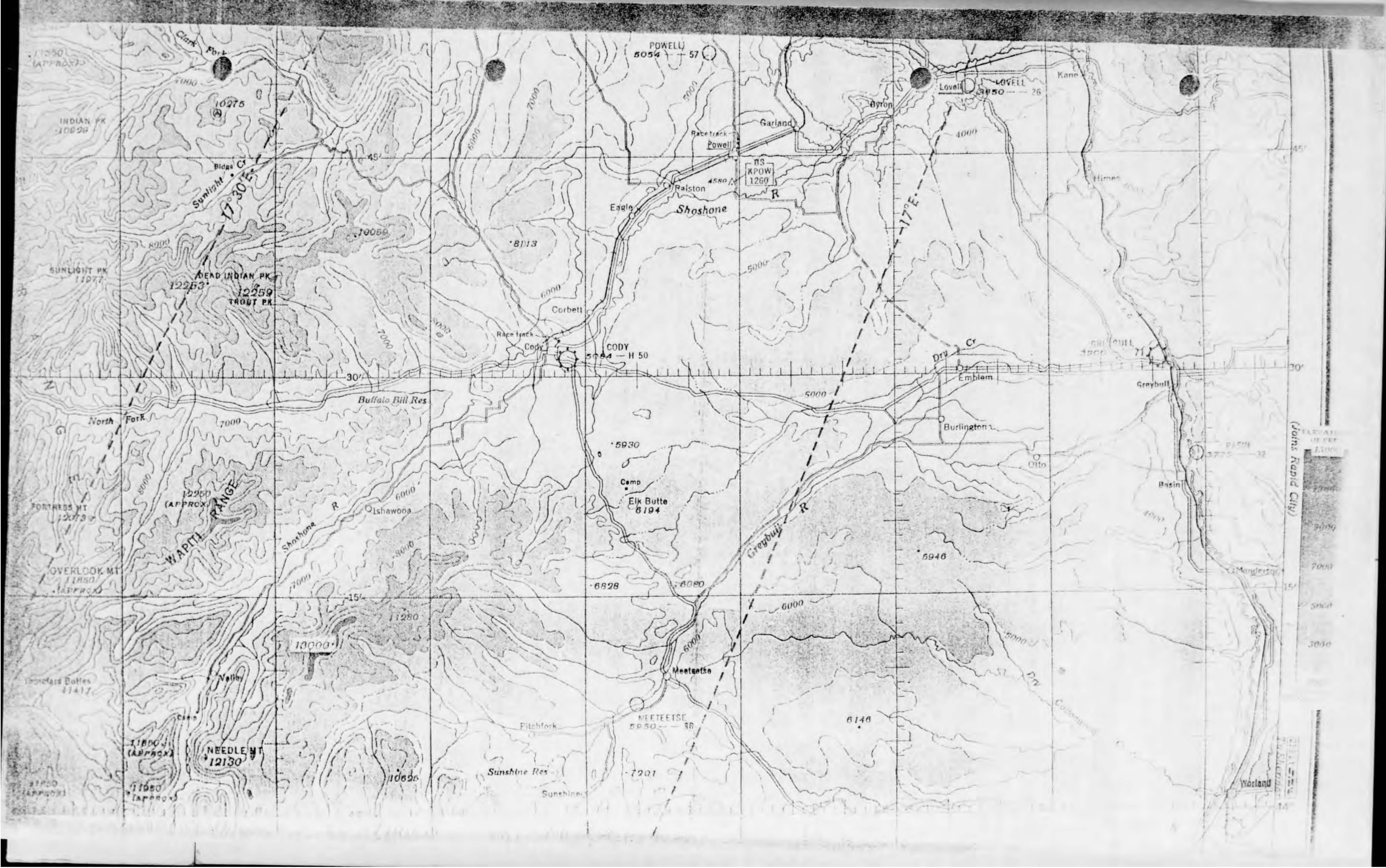
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Incident: 236

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Name and address of observer:

Mr. [REDACTED]

Merced, California

Occupation and hobbies:

Former Pilot -Major in active USAF

Has 2200 hours ~~XXX~~ flying time

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

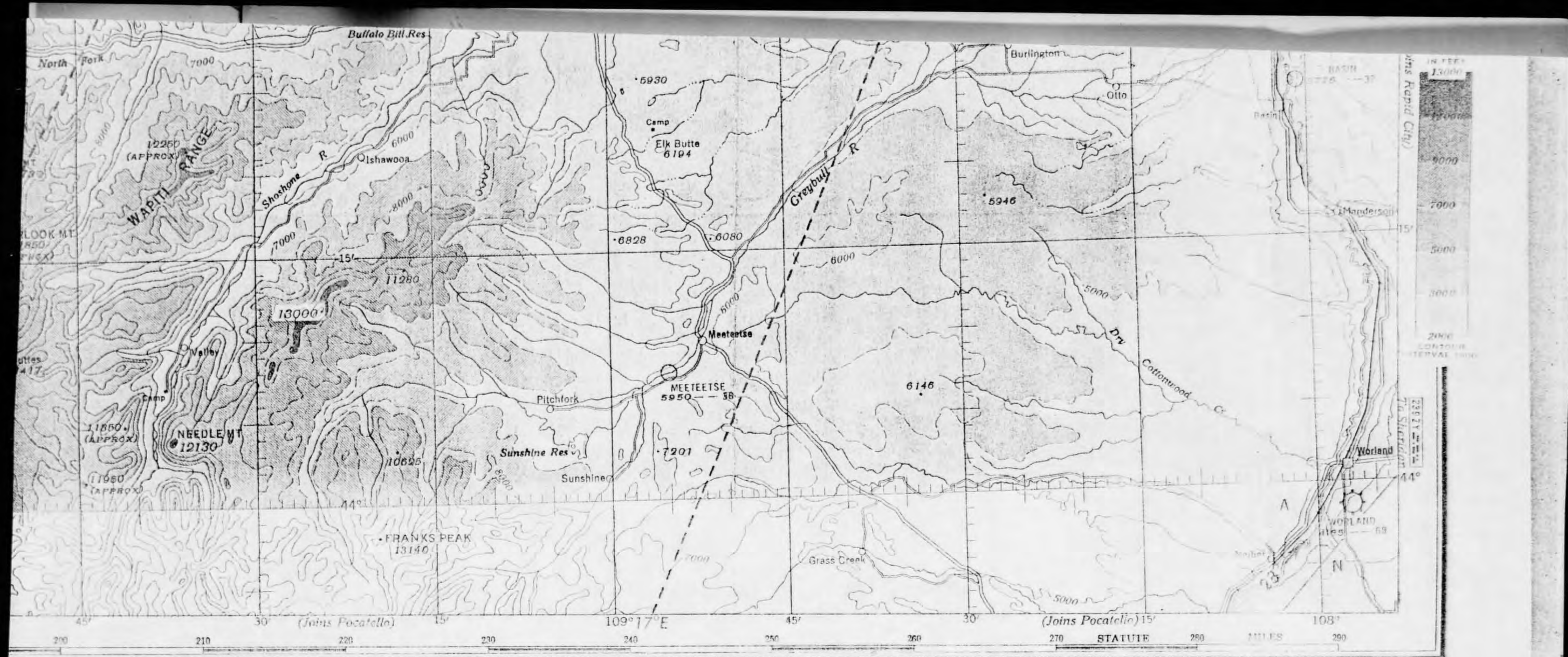
XXXXXXXXX MR. [REDACTED]: I had occasion to step from home, located [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the town of Merced, on the night of April 4, 1949, at approx. 2220. My attention was diverted to a clicking noise of considerable intensity. I stopped on the sidewalk about 20 feet from the steps and recognized the source of this clicking to be in the sky in an area about 40° from the surface of the earth in an easterly direction. The sky condition was 20,000 thin broken with 12 miles visibility and surface winds were reported as North 9 mph at Castle Air Force weather station. My home is approx. 7 miles south of Castle and in an area somewhat sheltered from surface winds and no appreciable surface wind was apparent at the time the aural observation was made. After about ten seconds of looking into the area described previously as being the source of this sound, an object was observed blanking out stars in describing a flight path in a west or northwesterly direction. Only one object was apparent; its shape can be described as only a solid mass. Its size can be estimated as 4 or 5 feet in diameter in keeping with an estimated altitude of considerably less than 1,000 ft. Color was shown by the reflection of ground lights on only two occasions, and appeared to be dull surfaced, light colored metal. The only ground lights of intensity were a row of street lights behind me one half block which leads me to believe the under surface of this object to be curved in shape.

This object when first sighted, was moving very slowly in a West or Northwesterly direction. I would estimate that I had it in my range of vision for 35 seconds, after having heard it about ten seconds before locating it. It passed on beyond the house and maneuvered through an arc of turn to the left of about 90°, the clicking sound was continuous throughout this turn, however, it became louder on its new heading of south or southwest. On its return the clicking sound became louder, but I was unable to see it at this time. The clicking sound stopped ~~max~~ when it was at its greatest intensity and appeared to come from a position directly overhead. I was unable to see the object after the sound stopped.

This clicking sound retained the same pitch and speed throughout the entire course observed, but intensity varied. There was no whistle or roar, but only the clicking noise which might be compared to beaters of a home mixer that was not properly meshed. No lights or flames were observed during its ~~entire~~ entire course with exception of the previous described reflections twice. No exhaust trail was ~~distinguishable~~ distinguishable.

My dog was with me and directed her attention in the general direction of this object's flight throughout its course. She had been romping with me on coming out of the house, but without spoken word stopped and directed her attention to the previously described area. The clicking sound might have been unusual to the dog, but there is a possibility of sounds on wave lengths discernable only to the dog, being emitted.

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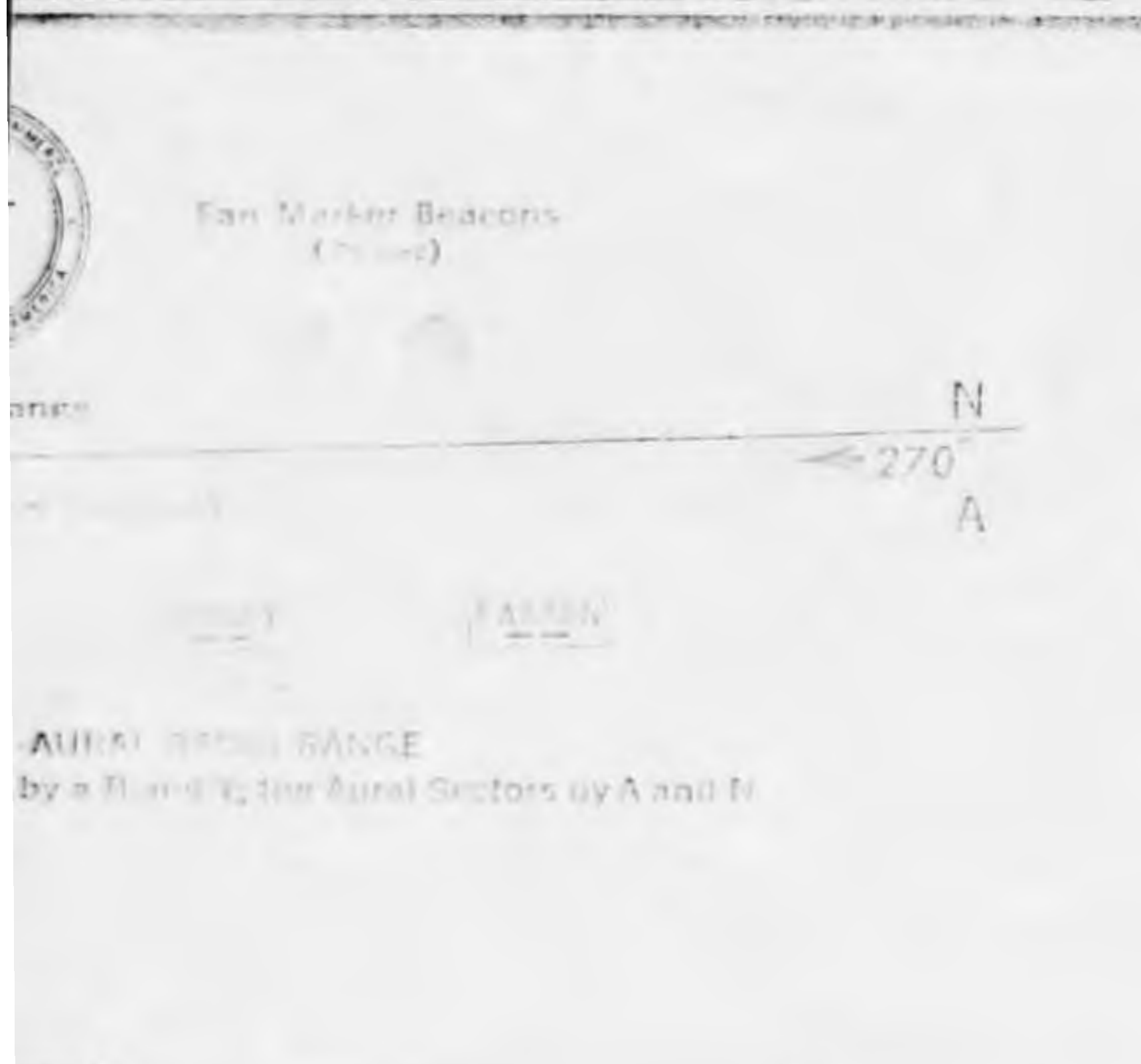
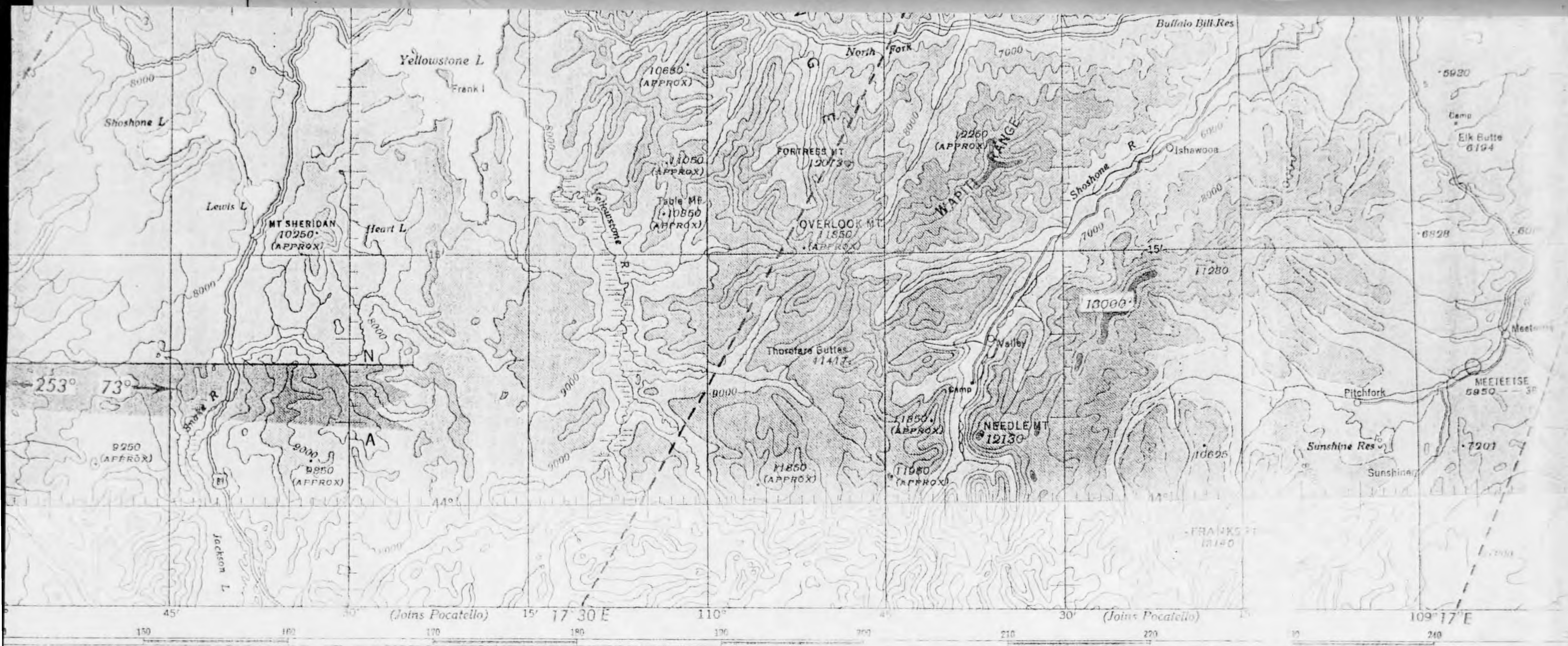
Consult Civil Aeronautics Administration Notices for changes in aeronautical data on this chart after
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**YELLOWSTONE PARK (W-3)
SECTIONAL AERONAUTICAL CHART**



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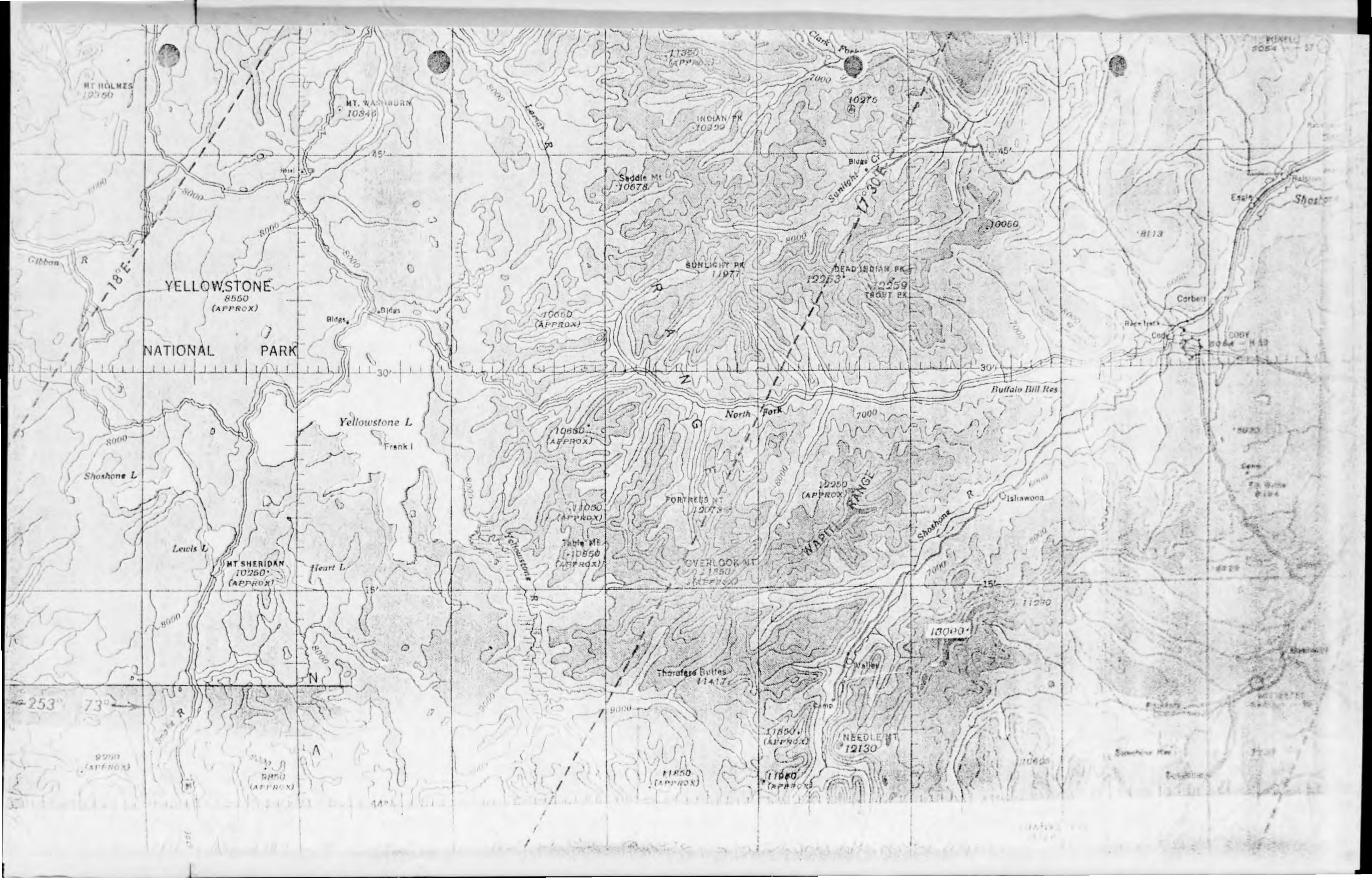
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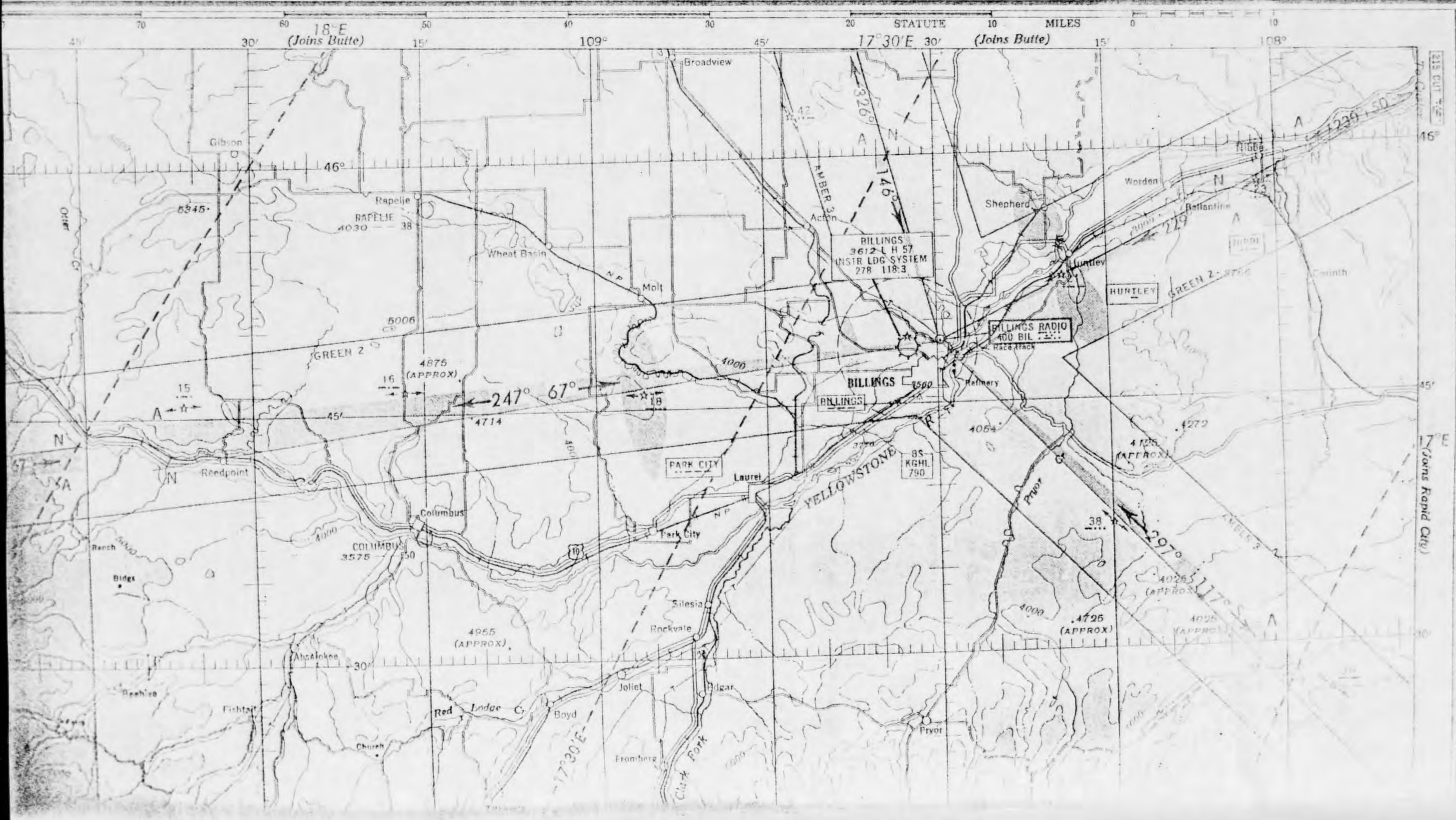
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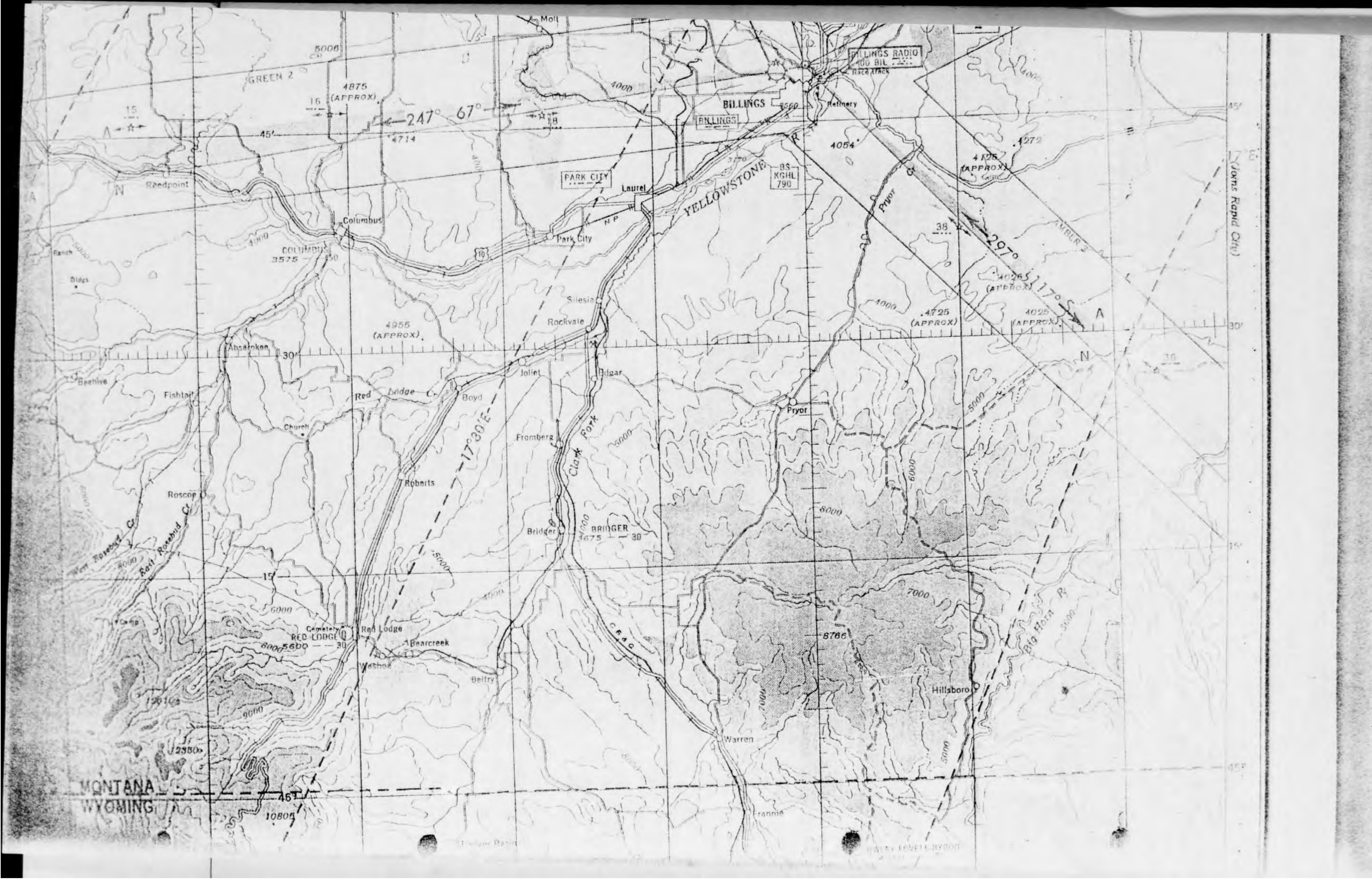
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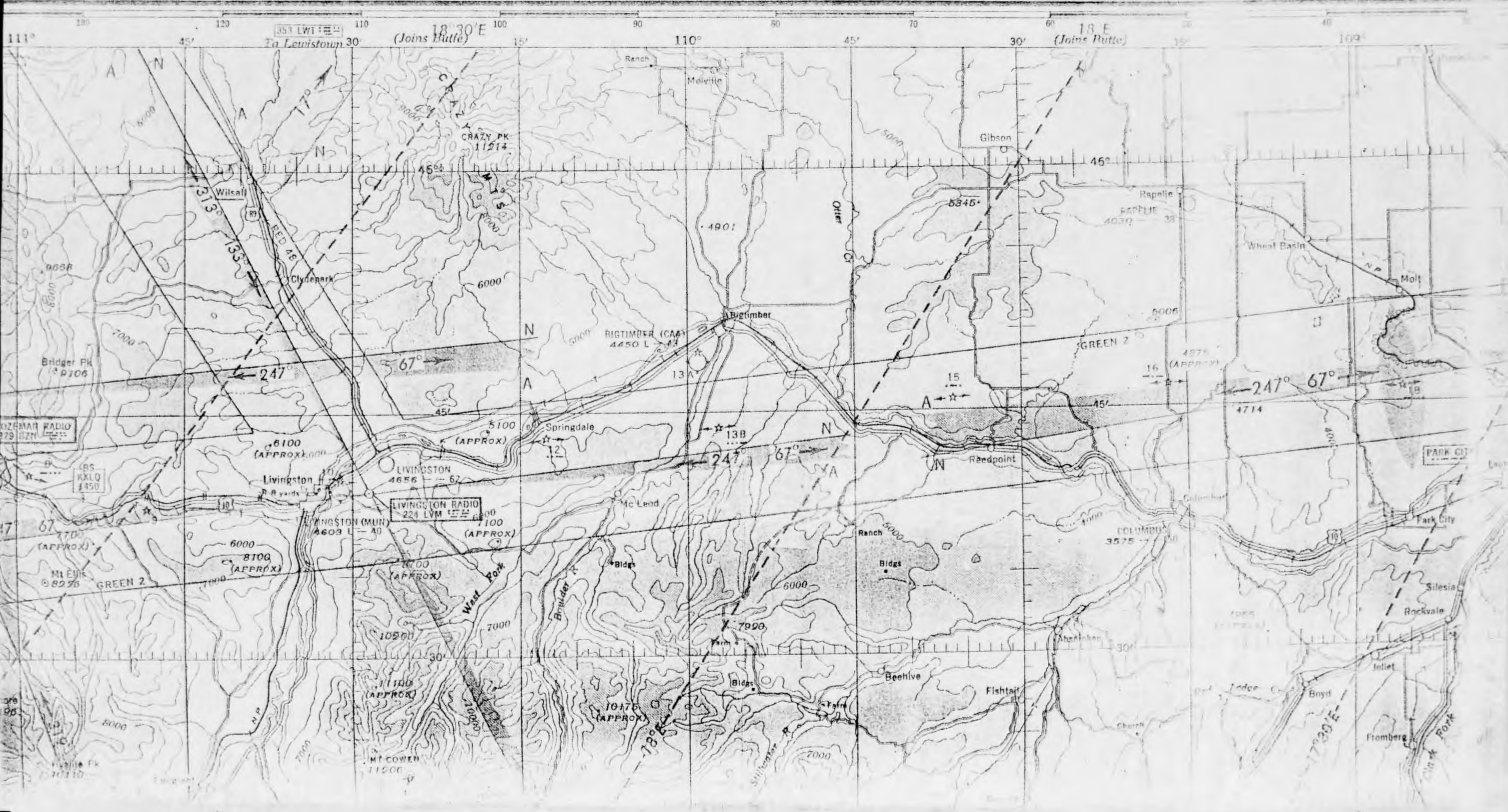
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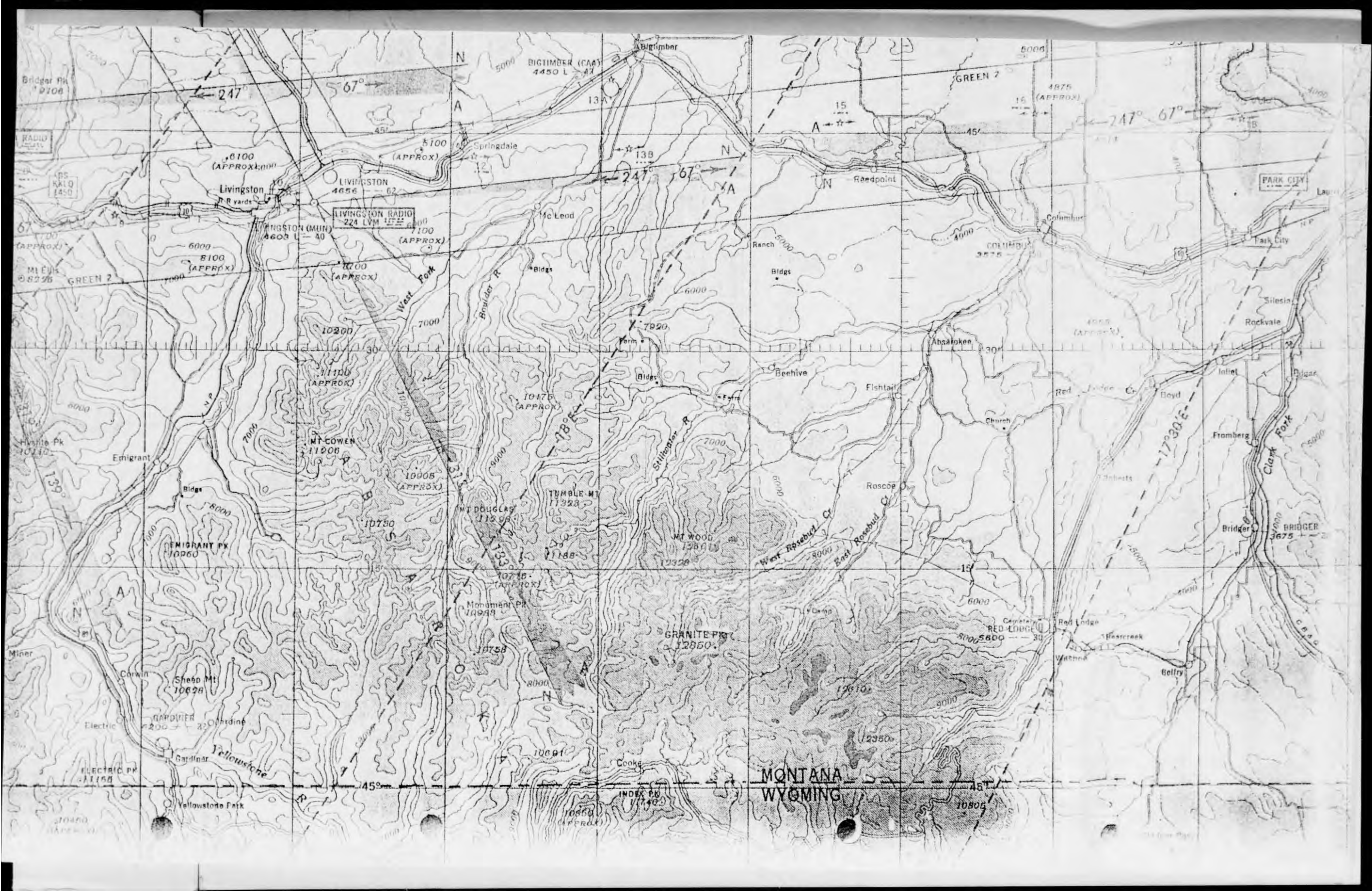
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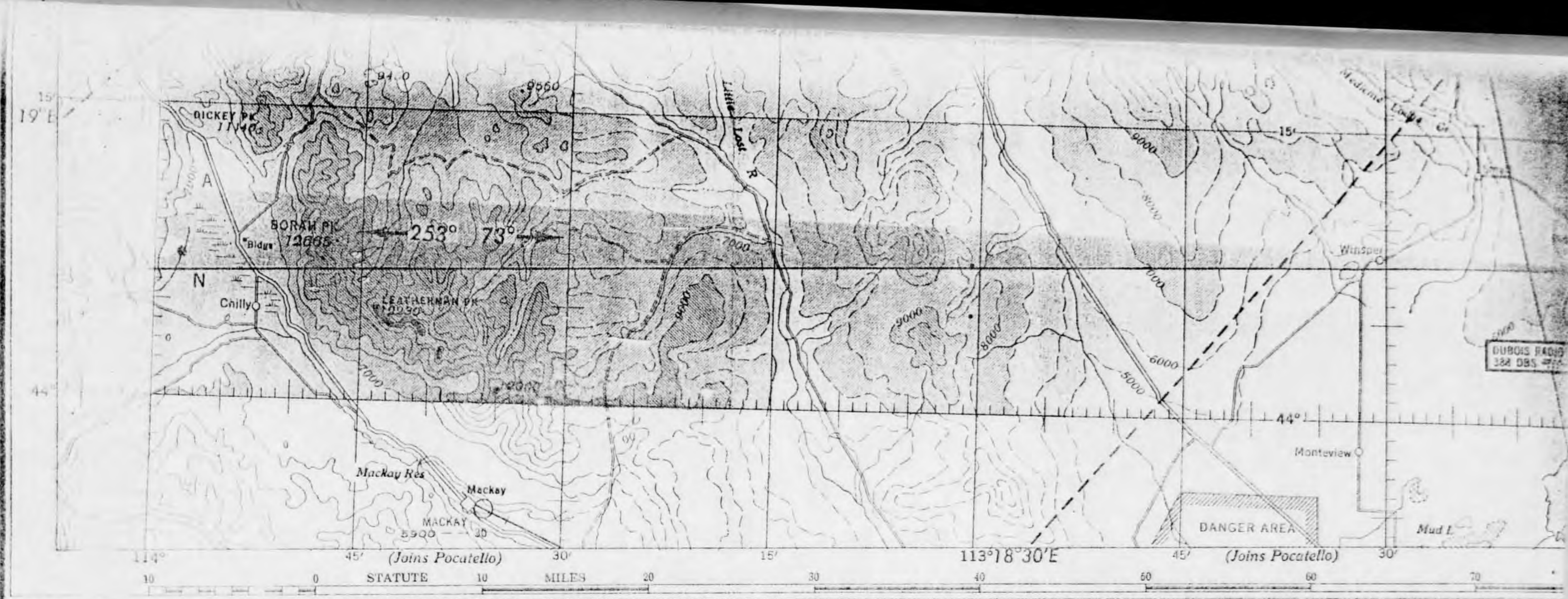
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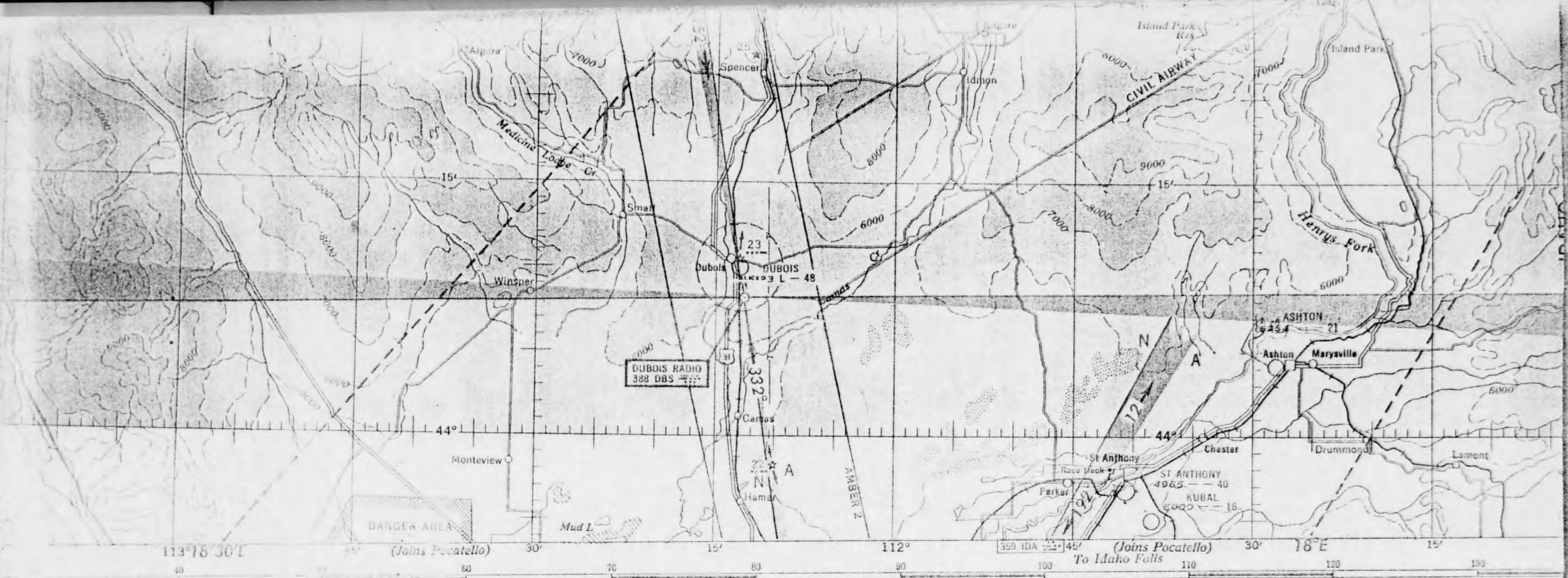
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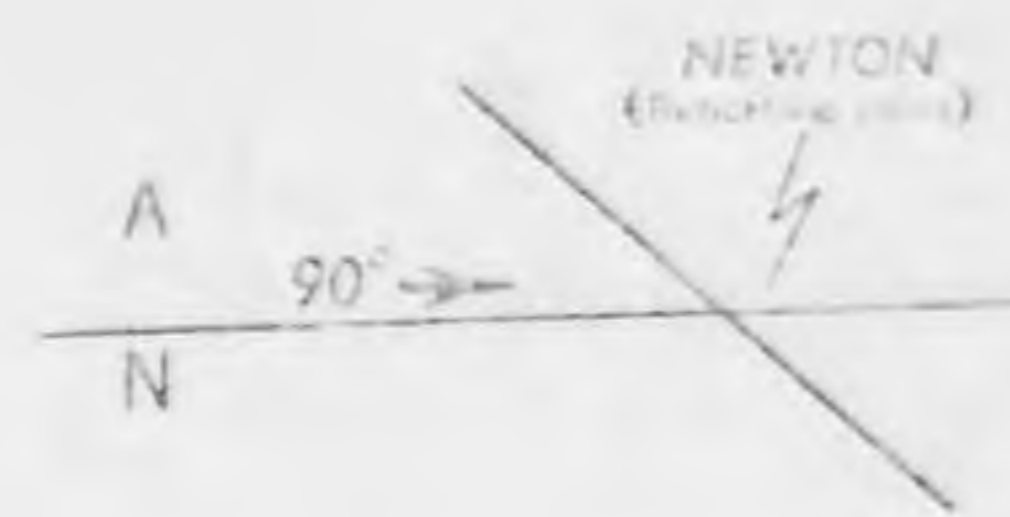


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(Symbol)	Water landing	(Symbol)	Complete facilities including fuel, hangars, etc.
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AIR NAVIGATION LIGHTS		AERODROME DATA	
(Symbol)	Rotating light	(Symbol)	Elevation in feet
(Symbol)	Rotating light (with flashing code)	(Symbol)	Minimum lighting
(Symbol)	Rotating light (with Morse light)	(Symbol)	Hard surfaced runway
(Symbol)	Flashing light	(Symbol)	Length of longest runway to nearest hundred feet
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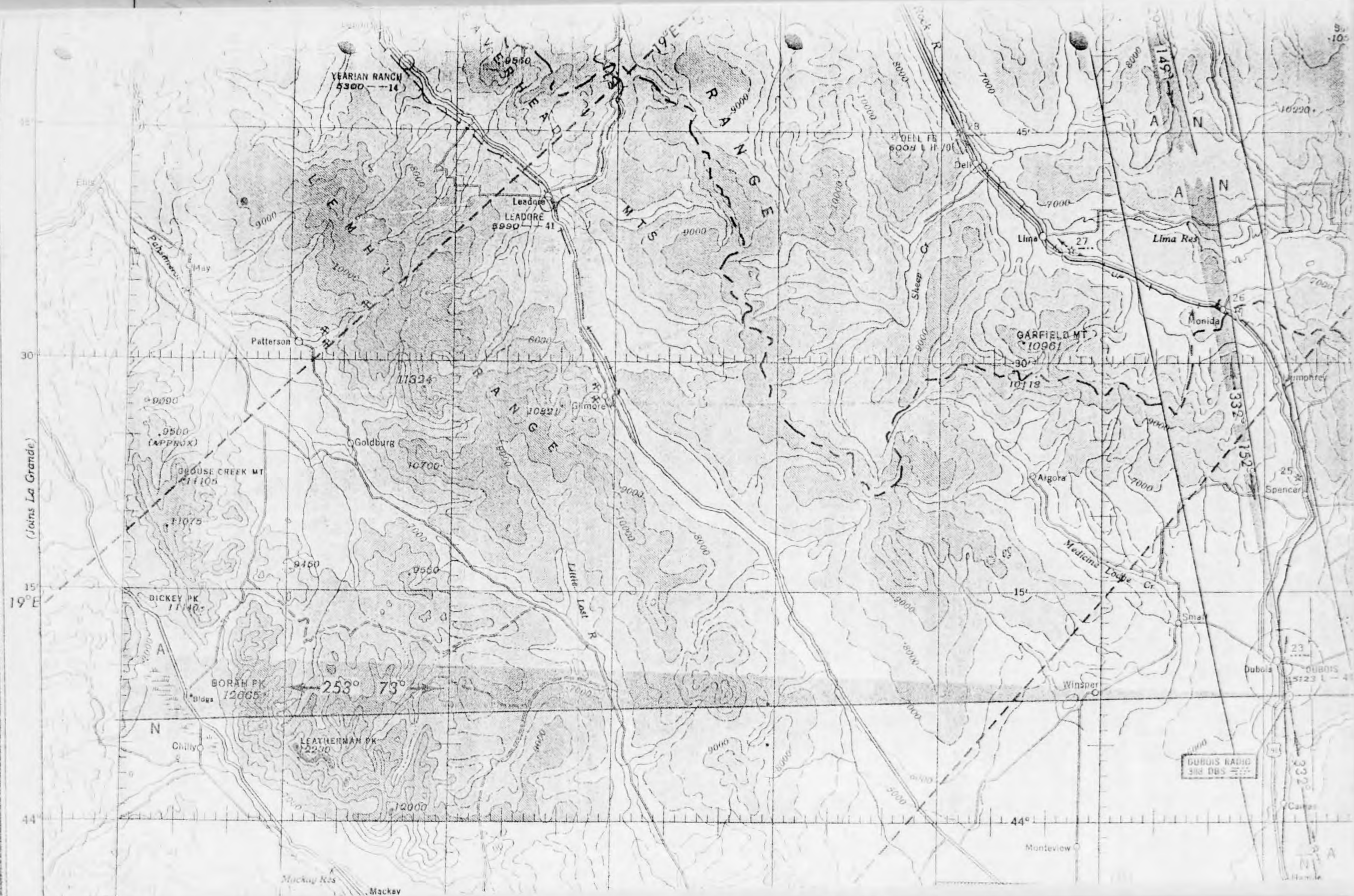
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VHF FOUR (00) The Blue and Yellow Visual Sectors



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HEADQUARTERS 93D BOMBARDMENT WING (M)
Castle Air Force Base, California

SPJ/JMC/db

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SUBJECT: Report of Possible Intelligence Interest.

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB,
Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAIO

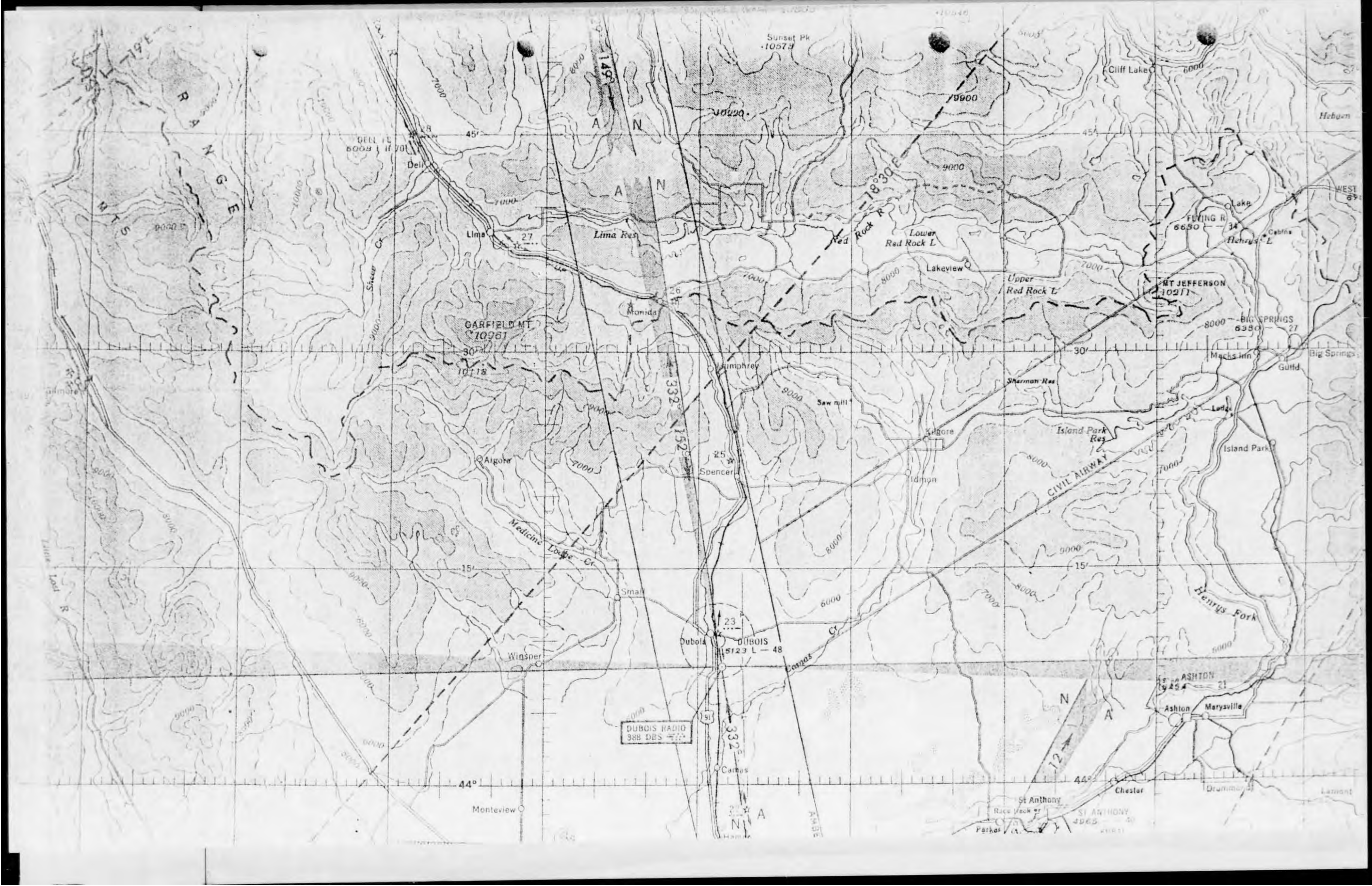
Mr. [REDACTED], residing at [REDACTED], Merced, California, appeared at this base of his own accord and made the enclosed statement. Mr. [REDACTED] is a member of the Active USAF Reserve with rank of Major. He attained rating of pilot in August, 1941 and has approximately 2200 hours flying time. During his active duty period in World War II he states that he had considerable night flying experience in connection with his military assignment. Mr. [REDACTED] wishes to state that he did not hear Walter Winchell's newscast on the night of 3 April 1949. He states that the reason for reporting this occurrence is the unusual observation and was not prompted by anything written or heard concerning these objects because he states that he has neither heard or read mention of same for approximately six months. An attempt to locate other witnesses in the area or through the local newspaper proved unsuccessful.

"I had occasion to step from my home, located approximately one mile west of the town of Merced, on the night of April 4, 1949, at approximately 2220. My attention was diverted to a clicking noise of considerable intensity. I stopped on the sidewalk about 20 feet from the front steps and recognized the source of this clicking to be in the sky in an area about 40° from the surface of the earth in an easterly direction. The sky condition was 20000 thin broken with 12 miles visibility and surface winds were reported as north nine M.P.H. at Castle Air Force weather station. My home is approximately seven miles south of Castle and in an area somewhat sheltered from surface winds and no appreciable surface wind was apparent at the time the aural observation was made. After about ten seconds of looking into the area described previously as being the source of this sound, an object was observed blanking out stars in describing a flight path in a west or northwesterly direction. Only one object was apparent; its shape can be described as only a solid mass. Its size can be estimated as four or five feet in diameter in keeping with an estimated altitude of considerably less than 1000 (one thousand) feet. Color was shown by the reflection of ground lights on only two occasions, and appeared to be dull

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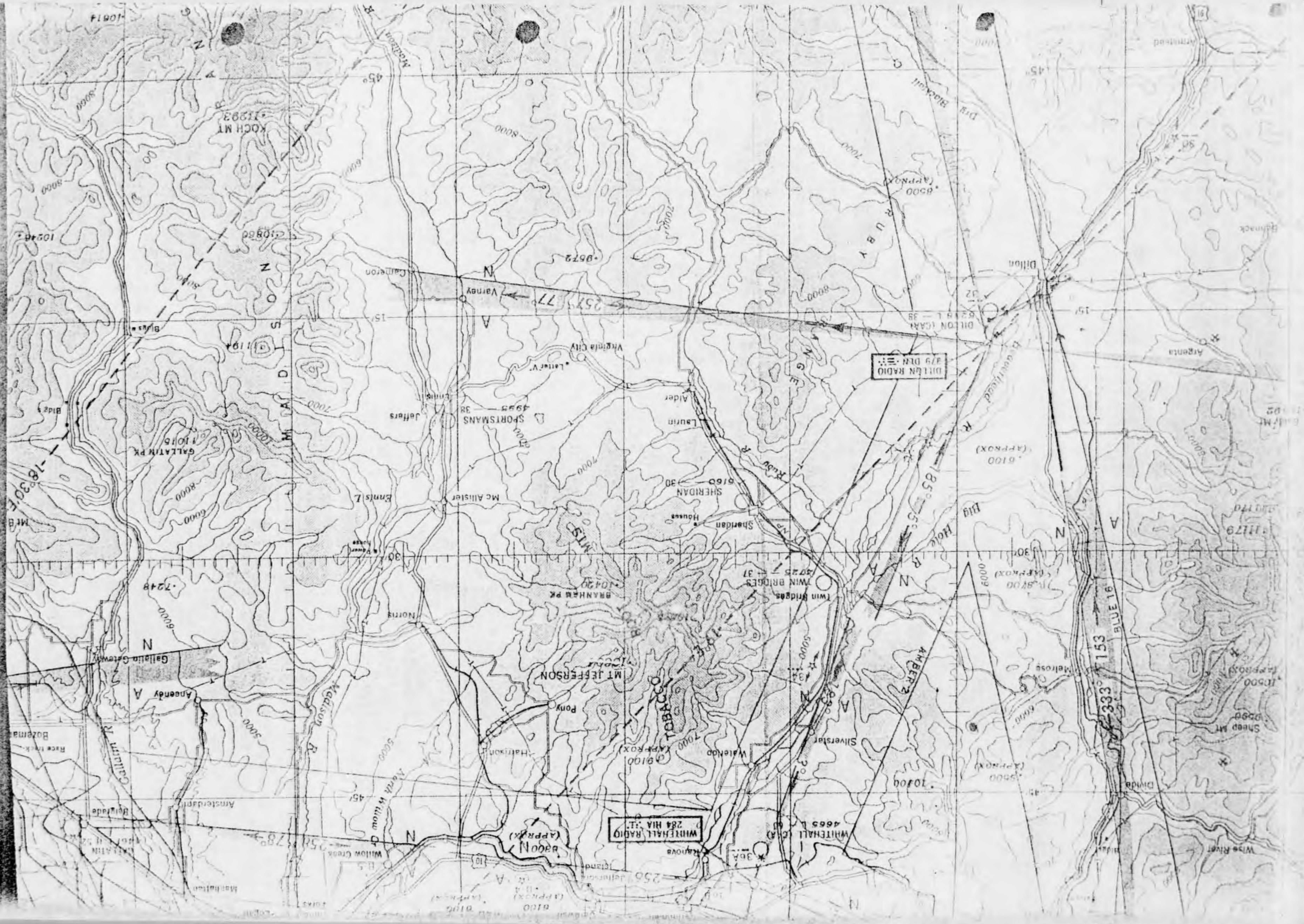
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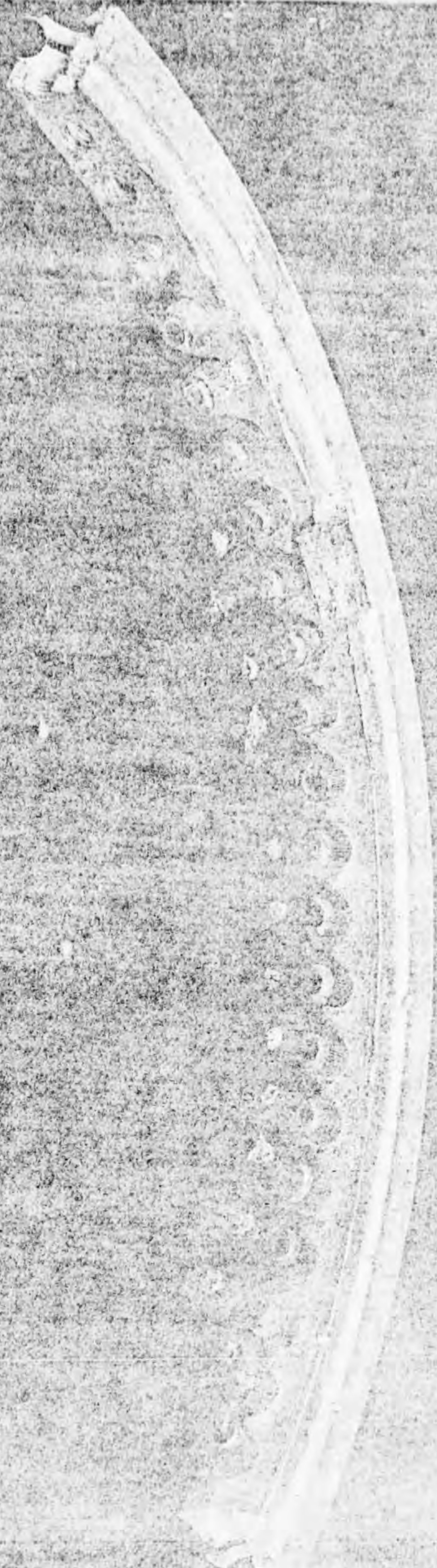
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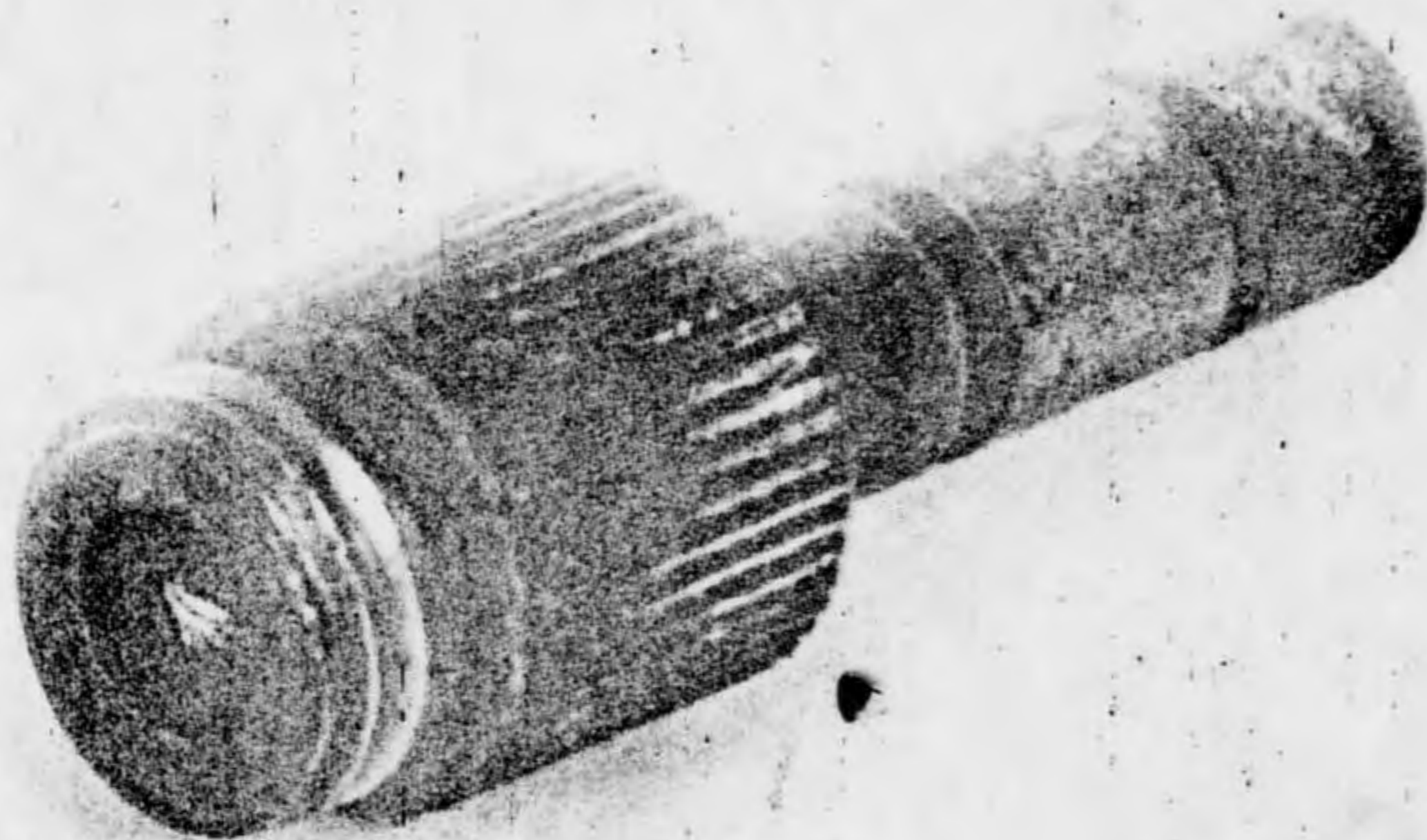
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