

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP		. LOCATION	
20 June 1949 20/1805(L)		Paget, Bermuda	
3. SOURCE		10. CONCLUSION	
Civilian		BALLOON	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		The 8/9 Weather Squadron Detachment released a weather balloon at 1800 on date of sighting. 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was spherical in shape and brilliantly silver in color and approximately 45-50 deg off the horizon due north of point of observation when first sighted and traveled due south. The original size was about that of a medium size star and as it proceeded south its size increase slightly. Object decreased in velocity and when at a position about 80 deg off the horizon in a line due south, it disappeared straight upward in a matter of seconds. According to the latter, observation of the balloon from Paget would have been impossible. It is noted that the account given therein concerning the path of the weather balloon differs from that plotted.	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION			
5 - 10 Minutes			
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION			
Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE			
South			
8. PHOTOS			
☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE			
☐ Yes ☒ No			

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"FLYING SAUCER" SEEN OVER BERMUDA

Mysterious Object In Sky Met His Bride For First Time Day Before Wedding Sighted By Four People

ARCHITECT DESCRIBES PHENOMENA WHICH WAS VISIBLE FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES

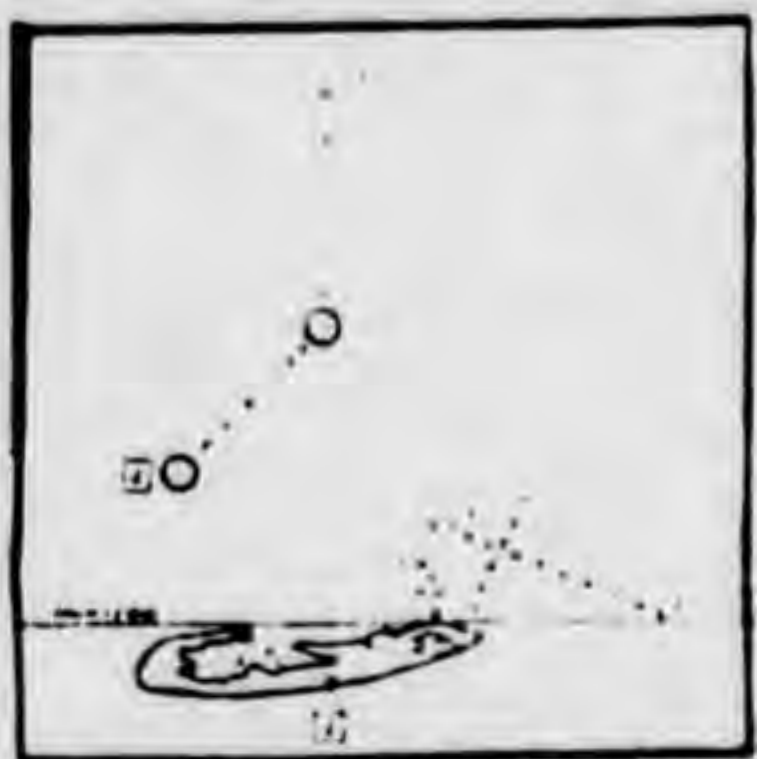
By REGINALD WELLS
Royal Gazette Reporter

A "flying saucer" has been seen over Bermuda. The round, formless phenomena was seen by four people and was watched for 15 minutes before it shot upwards into the stream of light and out of sight.

It is understood that U.S. authorities at Hamilton Air Force Base are conducting an inquiry into the unknown disc-like object which for a short time cut a steady and straight pattern across the blue of the Bermuda sky.

Yacht, fishermen, checks on all air force equipment and meteorological apparatus, disclose that this "flying saucer" in the sky over Bermuda was an object nobody knew anything about. Its appearance is reported as one of the most baffling occurrences locally for years.

There is a story that the Bermuda "flying saucer" was seen by four people. The person who first sighted it was Mr. John Jones, a local architect. He was standing on the beach at Hamilton, looking out at sea, when he saw the object. It was a round, formless disc, about 15 feet in diameter, and it was moving very fast. It was seen for 15 minutes before it disappeared.



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Figure 1. The flying saucer. First where the witnesses were located when they saw the unknown object appear in the North at about 10 degrees above the horizon.

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Senate Appropriations Committee Asks Showdown To Force British To Change European Policy

NEW YORK, July 2 (Reuter).—The Senate Appropriations Committee has demanded a showdown on the Administration's foreign spending program in the light of the British rejection of American proposals to limit a major measure of competition with Western European nations under the Marshall Plan.

Mr. William C. Clegg, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, has been summoned with other foreign policy officials to appear before the committee in London. The committee is expected to report on the Administration's foreign spending program in the light of the British rejection of American proposals to limit a major measure of competition with Western European nations under the Marshall Plan.

America, Britain Swelter In Heat; Thirty Die

NEW YORK, July 2 (Reuter).—The weather was generally hot in the United States and Britain today, with temperatures reaching 90 degrees in some places. In New York, the temperature was 85 degrees, and in London, it was 80 degrees. In some parts of the United States, the temperature was as high as 95 degrees. In some parts of Britain, the temperature was as high as 85 degrees.

Combined Western Fleets Start Joint Exercises

By ARTHUR HAWKINS
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U.S. GREEK "PETE" CARRIED OUT COURTSHIP BY PROXY Marriage In Bermuda Makes Happy Ending To Strange Tale

A remarkable tale of old Greek tradition, love making by proxy and marriage in Bermuda to a girl he had never met before was told to The Sunday Royal Gazette on Saturday morning by handsome Pan Katsopoli, of Brookville, Penn. U.S.A.

Mr. Katsopoli, a 25-year-old Greek, was in Bermuda on a vacation. He was standing on the beach at Hamilton, looking out at sea, when he saw the object. It was a round, formless disc, about 15 feet in diameter, and it was moving very fast. It was seen for 15 minutes before it disappeared.

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COUNTRY NAFS-USA	REPORT NO. 12-7-73	LEAVE BLANK 67-15546-1
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Sighting of Unidentified Object in Bermuda		
AREA REPORTED ON Bermuda	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Division, NAFS	EVALUATION S-3
DATE OF REPORT 11 July 1949	DATE OF INFORMATION 20 June 1949	SOURCE Sgt., Bermuda Base Command, Kindley AFB, St. George, Bermuda
PREPARED BY (Officer) Clarence V. Schmitz, Captain, USAF		
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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

1. On 20 June 1949 at 1805 local daylight time (estimated accurate within five minutes) Mr. [redacted] Bermuda architect, while at his home in Paget, Bermuda, sighted an unidentified object in the sky (see attached map, inclosure #2). The object, spherical in shape and brilliantly silver in color, was approximately 45°-50° off the horizon due north of point of observation when first sighted and traveled due south. The original size was about that of a medium size star and as it proceeded south its size increased slightly. At approximately 1810 it was seen to decrease in velocity and when at a position about 80° off the horizon in a line due south, it disappeared straight upward in a matter of seconds. Due to the shape of the object no accurate estimate of the altitude or speed could be determined. Considering its position in relation to cumulus clouds, however, it was determined that it was at least 10,000 to 15,000 feet above the surface of the ocean. A rough estimate of its altitude is placed at 30,000 feet or higher. The observations, as recorded by JONES, are transmitted as inclosure #1.
2. Other persons seeing the object included Mrs. [redacted], Miss [redacted] [redacted] Street, Jackson Heights, New York and Miss [redacted] [redacted] Street, Philadelphia. These individuals all concurred in the observations of Mr. [redacted] to the best of their knowledge.
3. The 8/9 Weather Squadron Detachment released a weather balloon at 1800, 20 June 1949 the course of which was plotted on the attached map (inclosure #2) by the weather officer, Captain [redacted], from computations based upon weather records. According to the latter, observation of the balloon from Paget would have been impossible. Captain [redacted] statement is transmitted as inclosure #3. A copy of a report of the winds aloft over Bermuda for 20 June 1949 as prepared by the 8/9 Weather Squadron Detachment is transmitted as inclosure #4.
4. Transmitted as inclosure #5 is an article concerning the incident which appeared in the July 3 issue of the Hamilton, Bermuda "Sunday Royal Gazette". It is noted that the account given therein concerning the path of the weather balloon differs from that plotted on inclosure #2 by Captain [redacted].

Clarence V. Schmitz
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Captain, USAF

APPROVED:

J. S. Harris
JAMES F. HARRIS
Lt. Col., USAF
Chief, Intelligence Division

5 INCL.

1. Observations of Mr. [redacted] (copy)
2. Map (copy)
3. Statement of Captain [redacted] (copy)
4. Statement of winds aloft (copy)
5. Article from Hamilton, Bermuda, "Sunday Royal Gazette"

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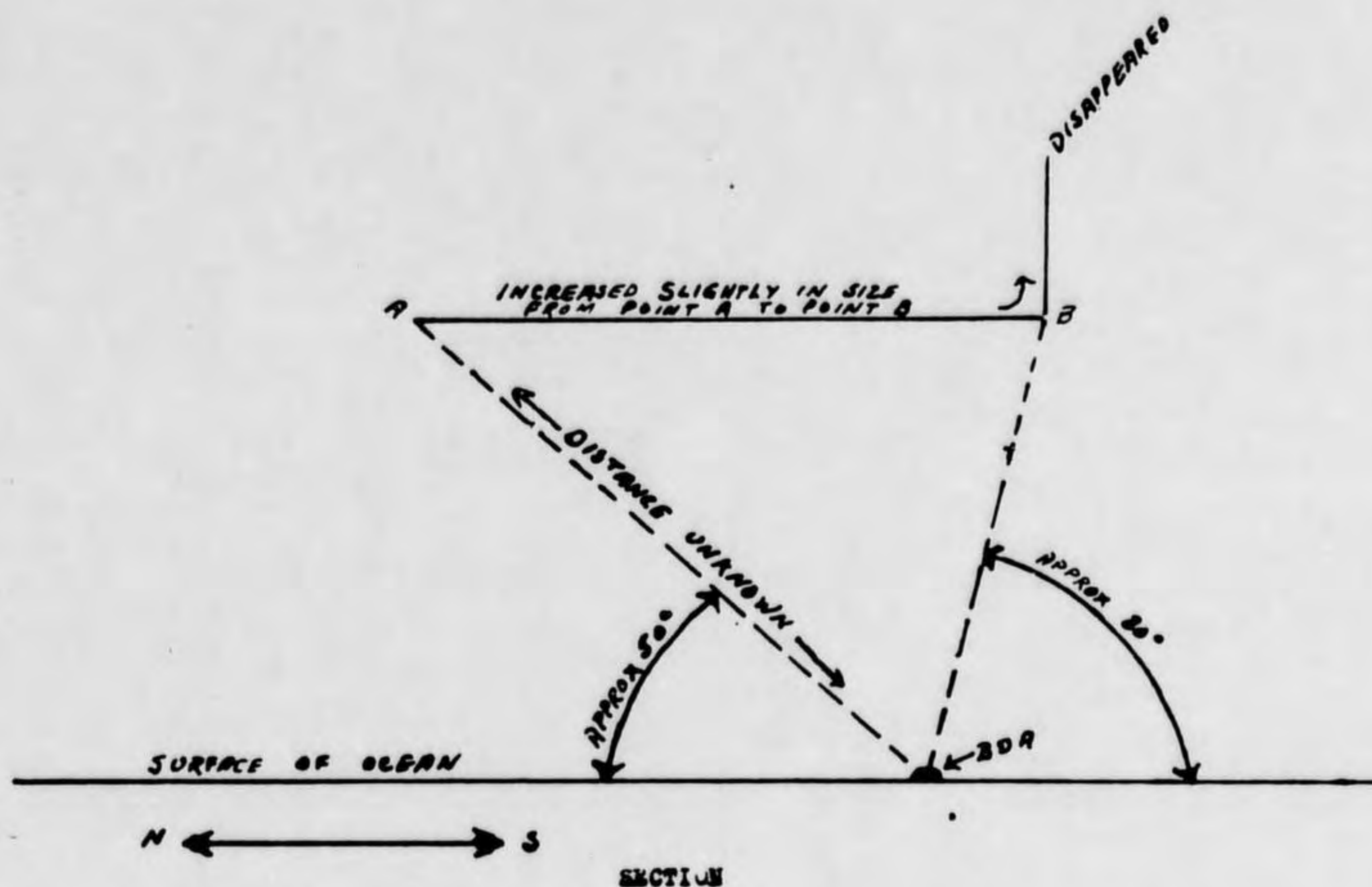
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Spherical object (o) brilliantly silver was sighted at approximately 6:05 pm local daylight time. It was approx. $45-50^\circ$ off the horizon due north of the point of observation and, as observed, was travelling due south. The original size was about that of a medium size star and as the object proceeded south it increased slightly in size. At approx. 6:10 pm the object was seen to decrease in velocity at about 80° off the horizon in a line due south and in a matter of seconds it disappeared straight upward.



/s/ John Paul Jones

NOTE: Due to the shape of the object no accurate estimate of the altitude or speed could be determined. It was determined in relation to existing cumulus clouds that the object was at least 10,000 to 15,000 ft. above the surface of the ocean. (Rough estimated altitude 30,000 or higher).

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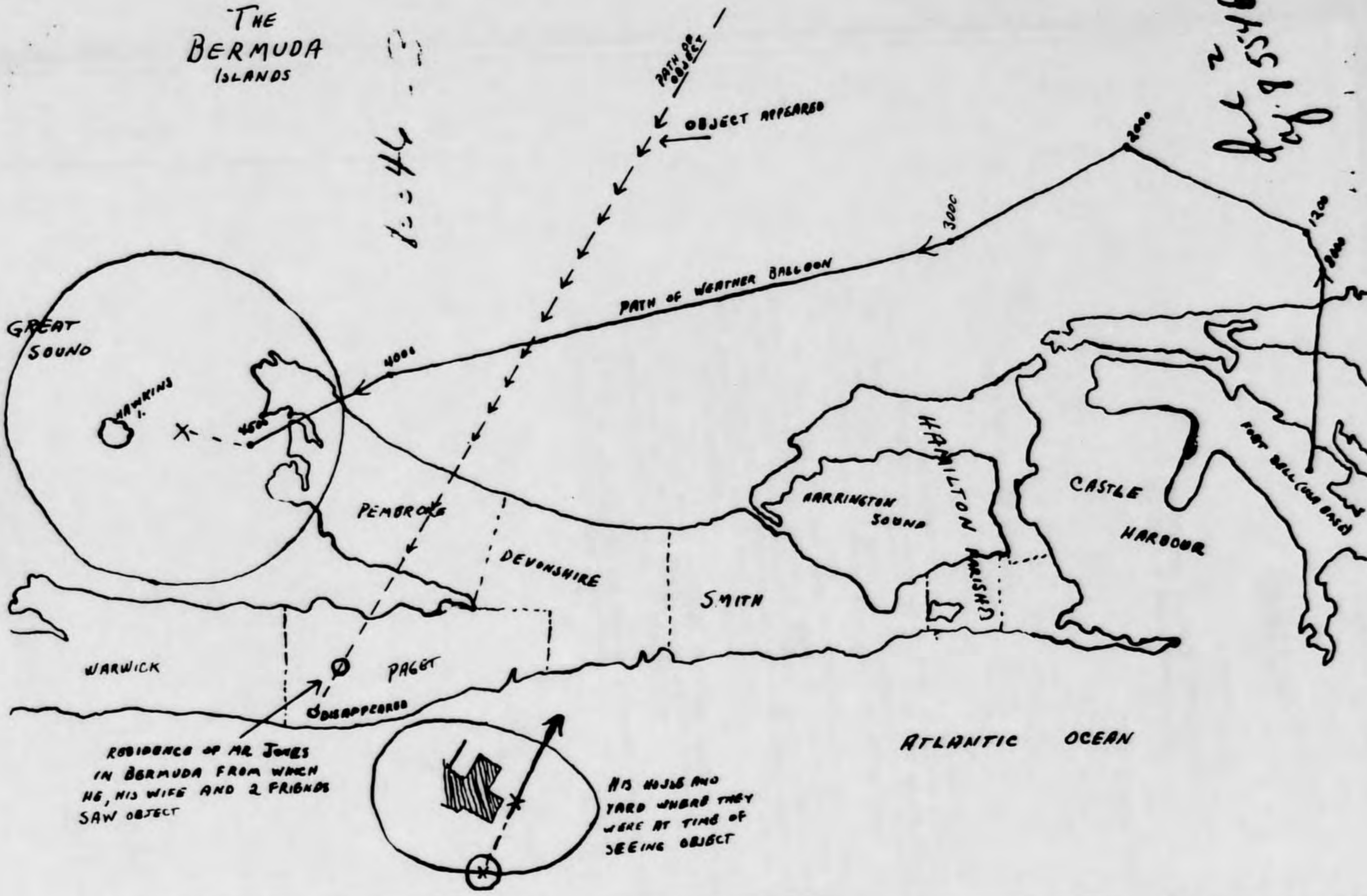
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S/9 WEATHER SQUADRON DETACHMENT
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27 June 1949

MEMO :

TO : Intelligence Officer EBC

1. Using first degree approximations, I have computed the probable traverse of the radiosonde release of 202100Z June 1949 and, without benefit of protractor, indicated same on the attached chart. The black figures along the traverse are an approximation of the altitude of the instrument at that particular point.

2. The black "X" just east of Hawkins Island in the Great Sound is my estimate of the place where the instrument should have struck the water after the balloon burst. Since the errors involved in the problem are compensating, the point of impact could hardly be farther from the point indicated (X) than the mile and one half circle surrounding it.

3. It will be noted therefor, that the instrument fell at a point between one and four miles from, and on a bearing between west and northwest from the point of alleged observation.

4. With reference to the balloon released from EOB, observation from Paget would have been impossible.

/s/ R. A. Lambie
Capt. USAF
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S/9 WEATHER SQUADRON DETACHMENT
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27 June 1949

SUBJECT: WINDS ALOFT FOR 20 JUNE 1949 AT 2100 GREENWICH TIME

TO : Intelligence Officer Bermuda Base Command

The following is a true extract copy (in plain language) of the 2100 Z winds aloft run for 20 June 1949. Run was started at 2100Z ascension rate approximately one thousand and forty feet per minute. Wind directions are the directions from which the wind is blowing.

Surface wind	150 degrees at 09 knots
1,000 Feet	140 " 09 "
2,000 "	160 " 10 "
3,000 "	160 " 11 "
4,000 "	160 " 10 "
5,000 "	160 " 09 "
6,000 "	160 " 10 "
7,000 "	160 " 13 "
8,000 "	160 " 10 "
9,000 "	130 " 07 "
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30,000 "	040 " 26 "
35,000 "	050 " 30 "
40,000 "	040 " 46 "
45,000 "	020 " 37 "

/s/ William B. Hicks
Major USAF
Acting Sta. Wn. Officer

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