

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 May 52		2. LOCATION ATLANTIC OCEAN 31° 20' N - 70° 00' W		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical <i>Meteor</i> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0227 EDT GMT 08/0727Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Airline crew			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION few seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 3		9. COURSE ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White body/orange-blue tail. One spherical Two sphere 1 tail. Straight and level.				11. COMMENTS Airline (Connie) crew met three objects "flying" in trail. No air or Naval surface activity in area. No subs. Appeared to be level with a/c and 10x size of landing light. Appeared to be near a/c. <i>Obvious Meteor</i>	

1. ITEM NO.	2. SECURITY CLASSIFICATION [REDACTED]	3. DATE TRANSMITTED 27 May 1952
4. FROM: (NAME & SYMBOL) Lt E. J. Ruppelt, ATIA-30		5. TO: (NAME & SYMBOL) Capt Fournet, AFOSI-333

Reference Pan American Flight 203 sighting on 8 May 1952 off East coast of U.S. Lt Rothstein talked to crew of aircraft. Pilot and co-pilot were only crew members to see objects. Co-pilot got the best view of the objects. They were on reciprocal heading to aircraft level and very close. There were three objects flying in line. They appeared to be about 10 times the size of an aircraft landing light only much whiter and much brighter. The first object was circular, and the last two objects were circular with orange-blue tails. Sighting happened at 0227 EDT at 31° 20'N 70° 00'W. No known missiles of aircraft were in the area. Request that you contact the Navy to determine whether or not they had any activity in the area and whether or not the Navy had any unidentified submarine reports within reasonable area of sighting. Col Sterling in D/I Study Group knows who in Navy can give you info on submarine sightings. We are checking further on the report.

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CSAF ITEM 1 [REDACTED]

TT 134
29 May 52
ATEAA

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TO ATIAA-2C RUPPELT

FROM AFOIN-2B3 FOURNET

REF AMC ITEM 4 TT 131 DTD 27 MAY 52

ACTION

NAVY REPORTS NEGATIVE GM ACTIVITY IN
AREA AT ANY TIME AND NEGATIVE U/I SUBMARINE
SIGHTINGS ANYWHERE AROUND ON 7, 8 AND 9 MAY.
ONLY POSSIBILITY REMAINING IS THAT A/C LAUNCHED
MISSILES ALTHO THIS APPEARS IMPROBABLE IF PAA
CREW SAW NO OTHER A/C IN AREA. IMPOSSIBLE

TO CHECK ON A/C ACTIVITY HERE. PLS ADVISE IF
WE CAN DO ANYTHING FURTHER FOR YOU.

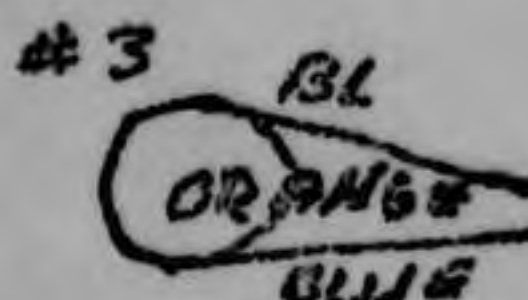
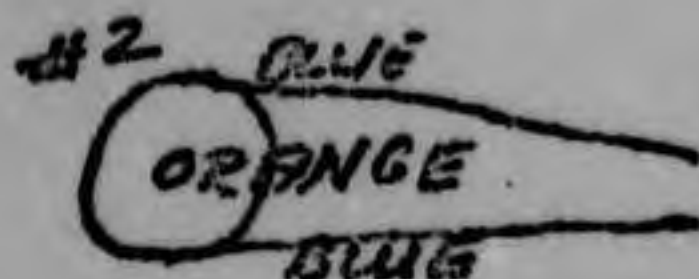
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1. Date object was observed 8 MAY 1952 8 May 1952
2. Time object was first seen ~~0227~~ EDST
3. Place from which you observed the object AIRCRAFT - 31°20'N 70°W
4. How was object observed (naked eye, binoculars, etc.) NAKED EYE
5. What were you doing when the object was first observed? FLYING - CO-PILOT FOR PAA
6. What attracted your attention to the object? LARGE WHITE LIGHT-LIKE A LANDING LIGHT SUDDENLY TURNED ON -
7. Path of object.
- a. Direction from which object appeared (degrees or direction) SOUTH
- b. Direction in which object disappeared (degrees or direction) NORTH
- c. Elevation object appeared (degrees above horizon) WAS ON SAME PLANE AS A/C
- d. Elevation object disappeared (degrees above horizon) _____
- e. Shape of flight path of object (straight and level, arched, etc.) STRAIGHT AND LEVEL
- f. How did object disappear (grow dimmer, go out suddenly, etc.) WENT OUT OF LINE OF SIGHT
8. Length of time the object was observed FEW SECONDS
9. Description of object.
- a. How many objects were seen? 0 THREE (3)
- b. Apparent size of object? [1ST OBJ] - WHITE LIGHT ABOUT TENTH SIZE OF LANDING LIGHT
2ND & 3RD OBJECTS SLIGHTLY SMALLER

- c. Apparent speed of object? ROUGHLY TWICE SET A/C -
- d. Apparent altitude of object? 15000' - 1/8 TO 1/4 MILE OFF LEFT WING
- e. Shape of object? 1ST ROUND; 2ND & 3RD ROUND AND TAPERED
- f. Color of object? 1ST WHITE & VERY BRIGHT 2ND & 3RD PUFFS OF ORANGE
TAPERING WITH SYMMETRICAL BLUE EDGES
- g. Did object perform any maneuvers, if so describe NONE - STRAIGHT AND LEVEL FLIGHT
- h. Did object make any sound, if so describe NO
- i. Were any tails or trails seen? YES
- j. Draw sketch.



10. What type of day was it (hazy, clear, etc.)? Describe. VERY CLEAR -
FULL MOON WITH CLOUD BASE AT 10,000
11. Clouds.
- a. Were any clouds in sky at time of observation? AT 10,000'
If so, how much of sky was covered (overcast, scattered, etc.)
ABOVE 10,000 VERY CLEAR
- b. Did object pass above, below, or near any clouds? 5000' ABOVE
- c. Did object reflect light on the clouds? COULDN'T OBSERVE ANY
12. What is your occupation? CO-PILOT PAN AMERICAN AIRLINE
13. Any details that cannot be fully explained by the above questions.
NO SIMILARITY TO METEOR OR ANY OTHER FAMILIAR
OBJECT OR PHENOMENON. ^{FALL} FIRST OBJECT WHITER AND
BRIGHTER THAN LANDING LIGHT.

Name

Address

Date

WESTBURY, LI, NY

HOME TELEPHONE

PAY A.A. TELEPHONE



STATION	FREQ.	IDENT.	POWER	GCT HOURS OPER.
HARTFORD	1080	WTIC	50000	1030 0600
NEW YORK	880	WCBS	50000	1045 0605
	1010	WINS	50000	CONTINUOUS
	660	WNBC	50000	1030 0600
	1130	WNEW	10000	CONTINUOUS
	770	WJZ	50000	1045 0600
	710	WOR	50000	CONTINUOUS
PHILADELPHIA	1050	KWY	50000	1100 0600
	1210	WCAU	50000	1100 0500
BALTIMORE	1090	WBAL	50000	1045 0600
	600	WCAO	50000	1100 0630
WASHINGTON	1500	WTOP	50000	1030 0605
RICHMOND	1140	WRVA	50000	1100 0600
NORFOLK	790	WTAR	5000	1100 0600
CHARLESTON	1390	WCSC	5000	1100 0505
MOREHEAD	740	WMBL	1000	0600 LS
SAVANNAH	1290	WTOG	5000	1100 0500
MIAMI	710	WGBS	50000	1130 0600
MAYAGUEZ	990	WPRA	10000	
PONCE	1370	WPAB	5000	
SAN JUAN	680	WAPA	10000	
SAN JUAN		WIAC	5000	

ALTIMETER SETTINGS

USE STATION PRESSURE IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT
TUNA TO BDA ATC BNDRY 29.92"
BDA ATC BNDRY TO SJU ATC BNDRY 29.92"
TUNA TO SJU BNDRY DIRECT 29.92"

OF CORRECTIONS FOR CHART

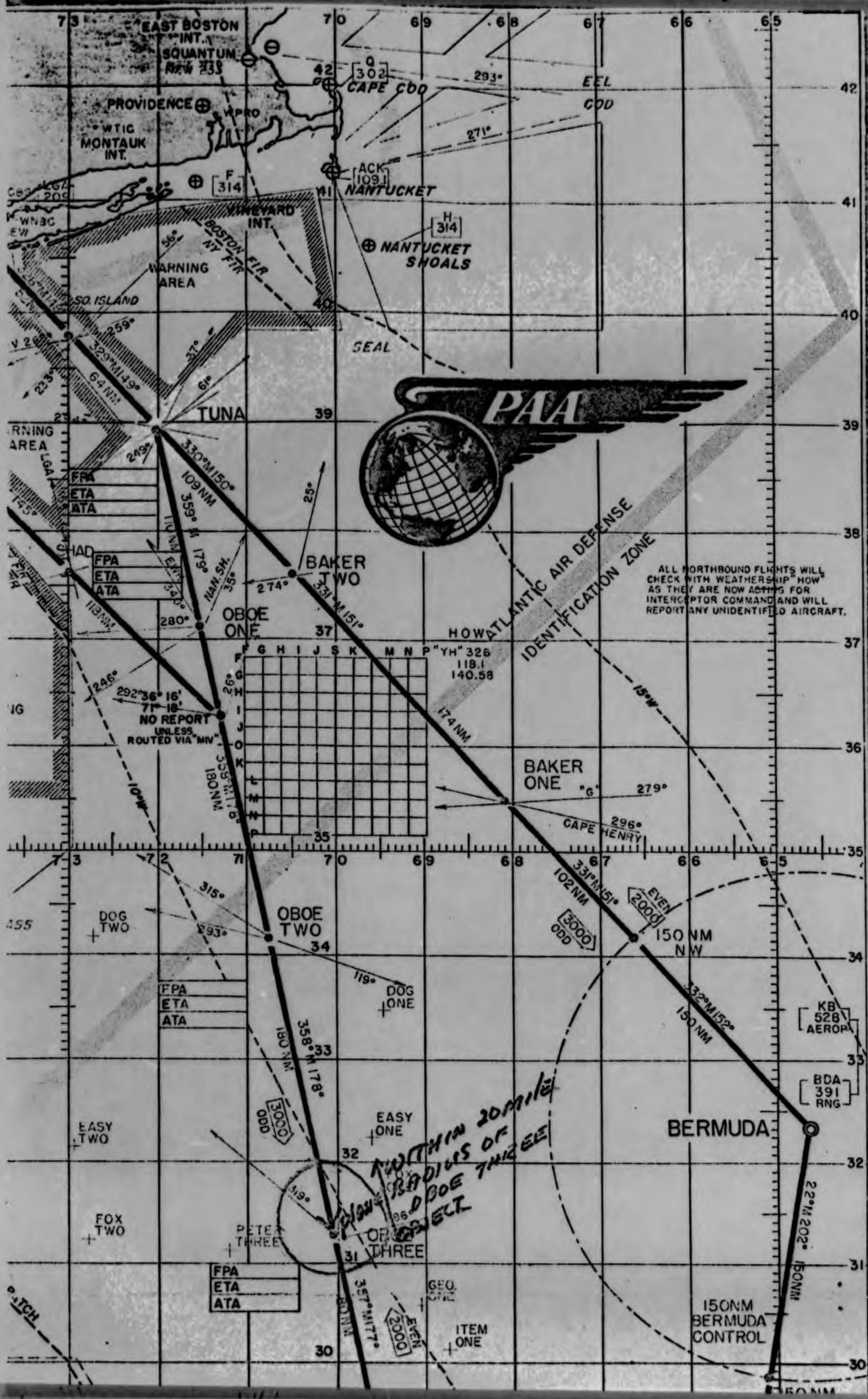
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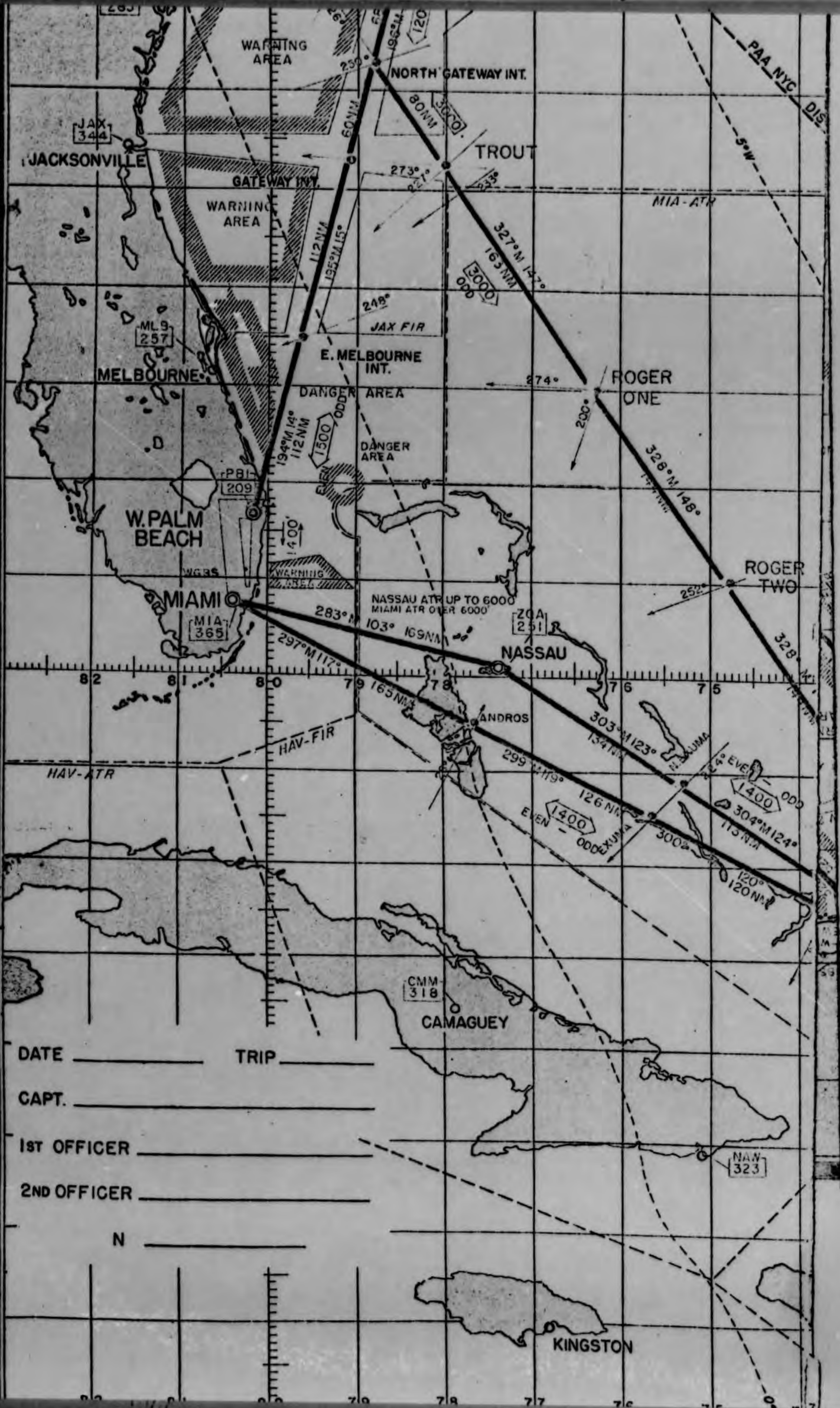
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2000' FLOOR THROUGH ALL CORRIDORS FOR PAA USE.

← 259° MAGNETIC BEARING







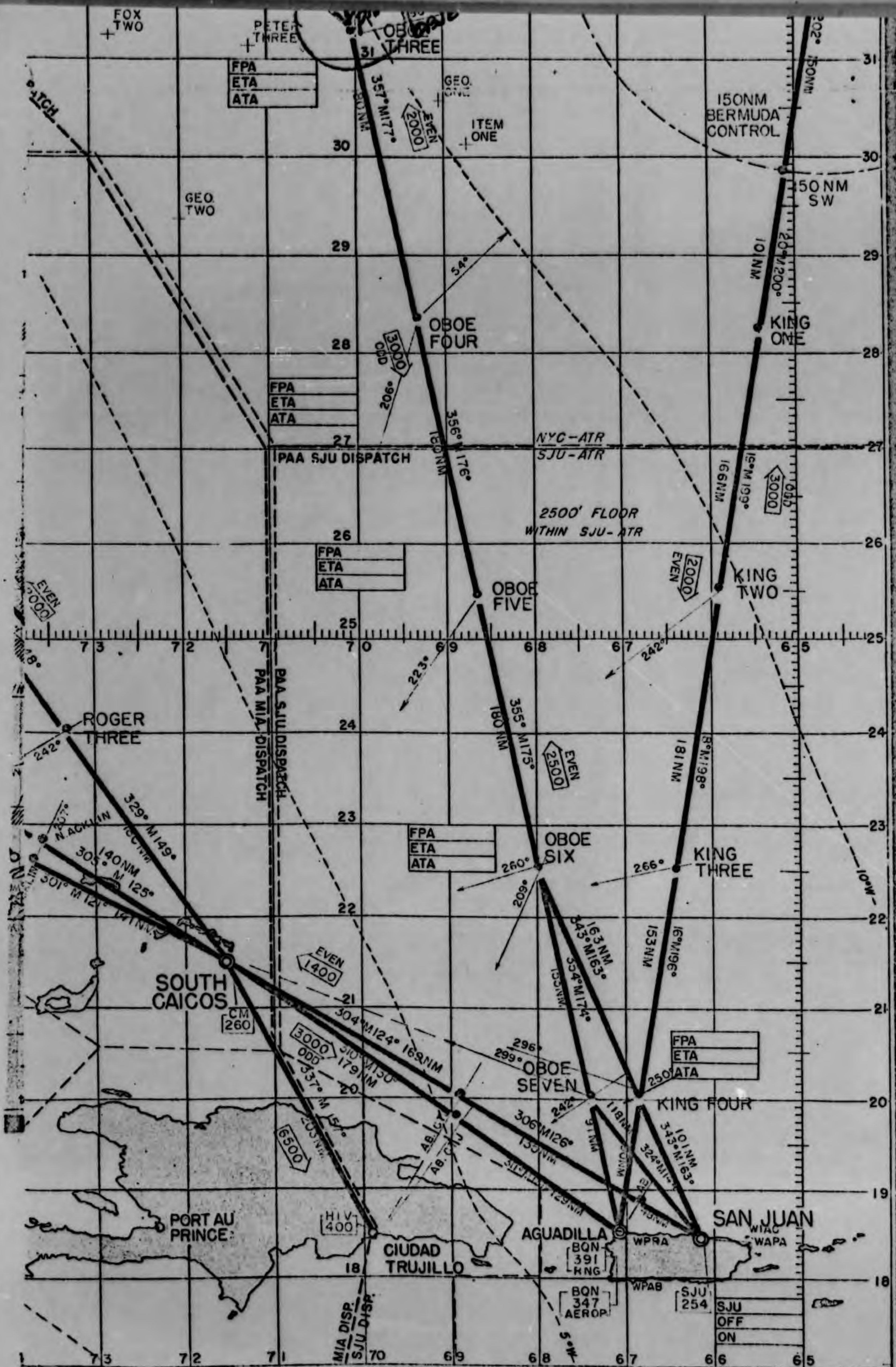
DATE _____ TRIP _____

CAPT. _____

1ST OFFICER _____

2ND OFFICER _____

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APPENDIX III

Atlantic Ocean - 8 May 1952I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On 8 May, approximately 600 miles off the east coast of the United States, between Jacksonville, Florida, and Savannah, Georgia, the pilot and co-pilot of Pan American Airline Flight 203, enroute to San Juan from New York, sighted three unidentified aerial objects. The objects were on a reciprocal heading of approximately 355° to 360° at the same altitude as the airliner.

The first object resembled a landing light but was much whiter and about ten times as large. It was followed by two slightly smaller orange objects with tapering tails which were fringed with blue. These three round objects were equally spaced and between 1/8 and 1/4 mile off the left wing.

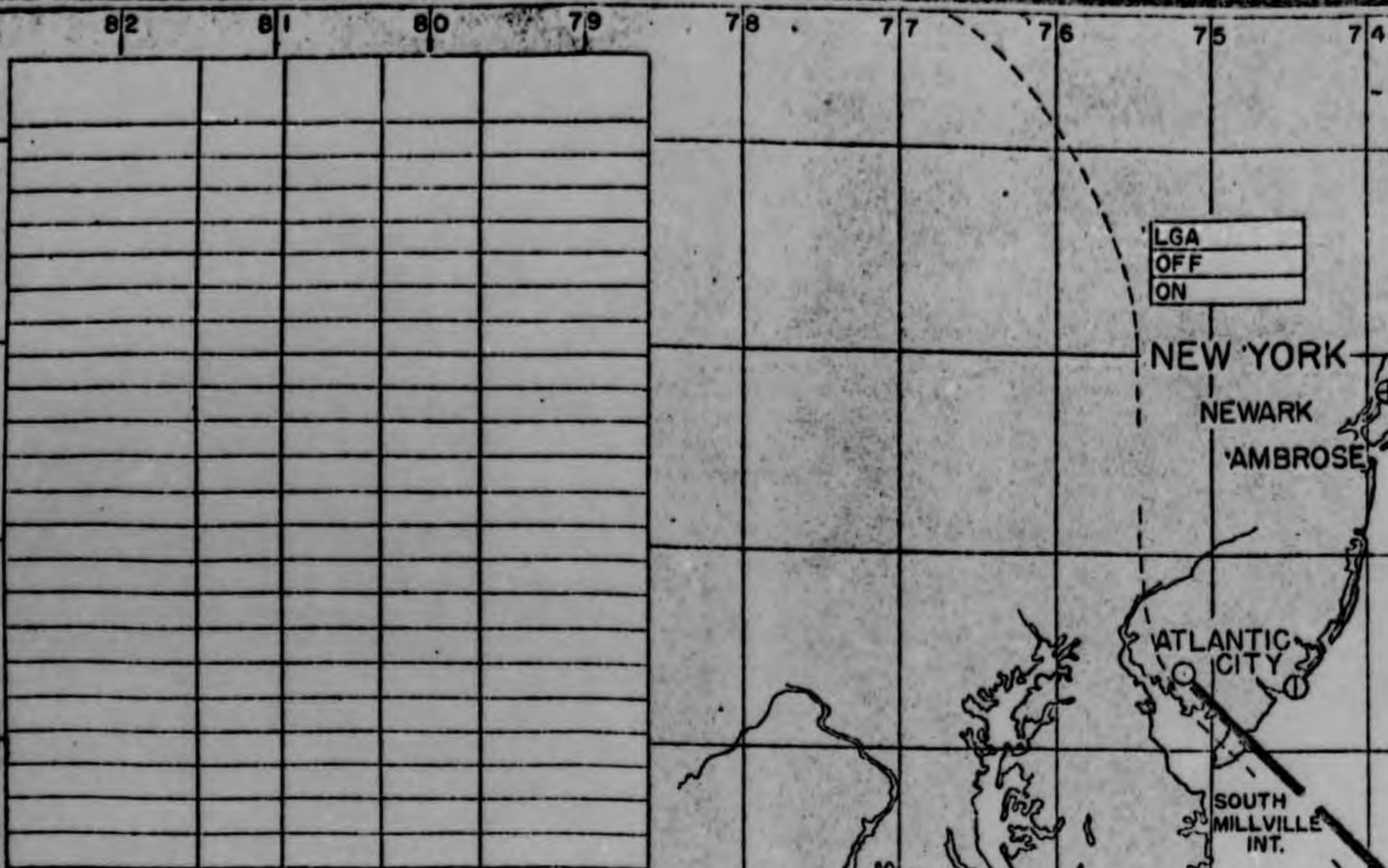
II. STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION

The sources were interrogated and stated that the objects were completely foreign to them. There was no known missile, naval or air activity in the area at that time.

III. CONCLUSIONS

No conclusions.

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LGA
OFF
ON

NEW YORK

NEWARK

AMBROSE

ATLANTIC CITY

SOUTH MILLVILLE INT.

CAPE HENRY

DE CORRECTIONS FOR CHART

DLO	LAT. 18	LAT. 30	LAT. 40
5	1	1	2
10	2	3	3
15	2	4	5

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DIAMOND SHOALS

WILMINGTON

BALD HEAD

FRYING PAN

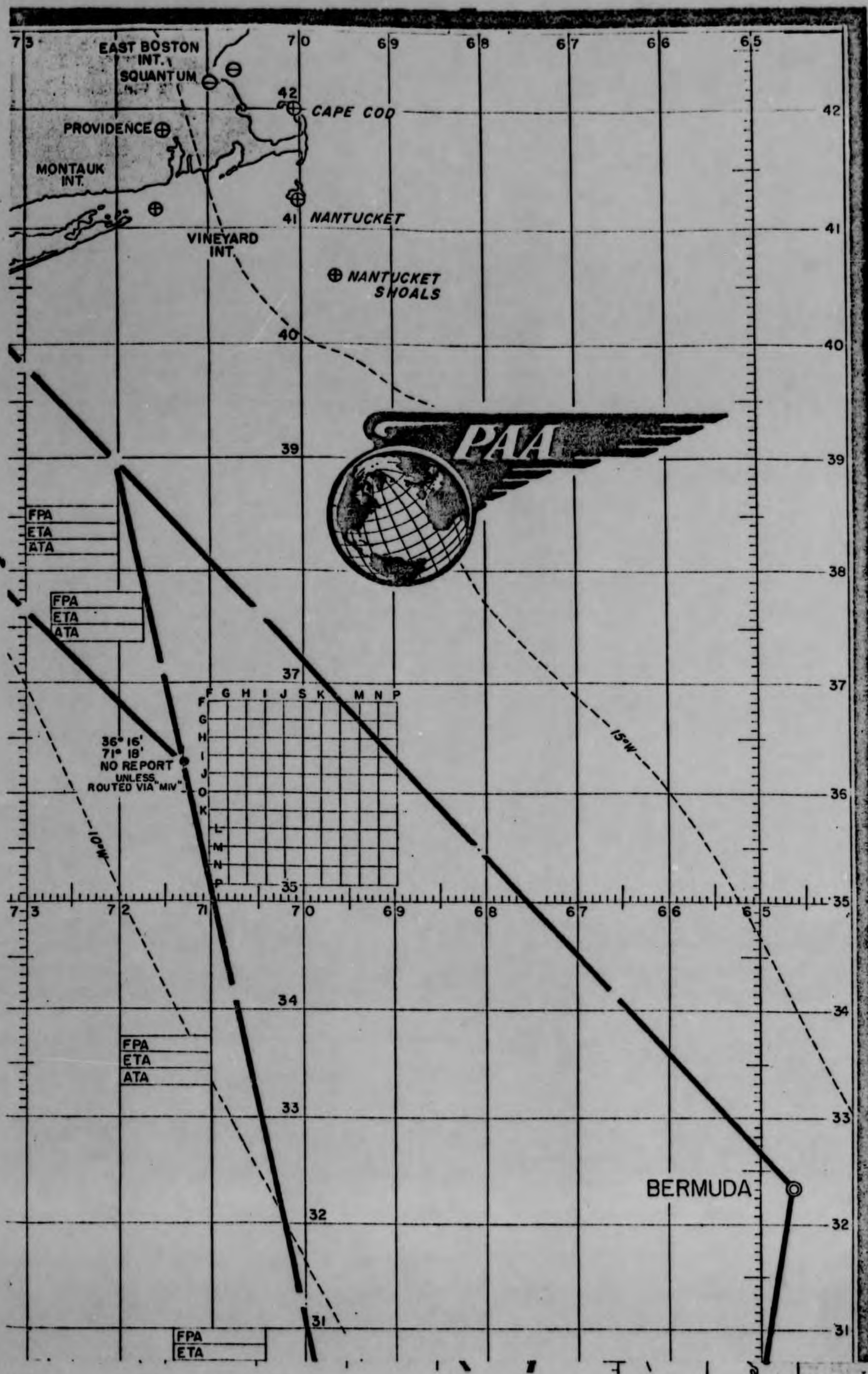
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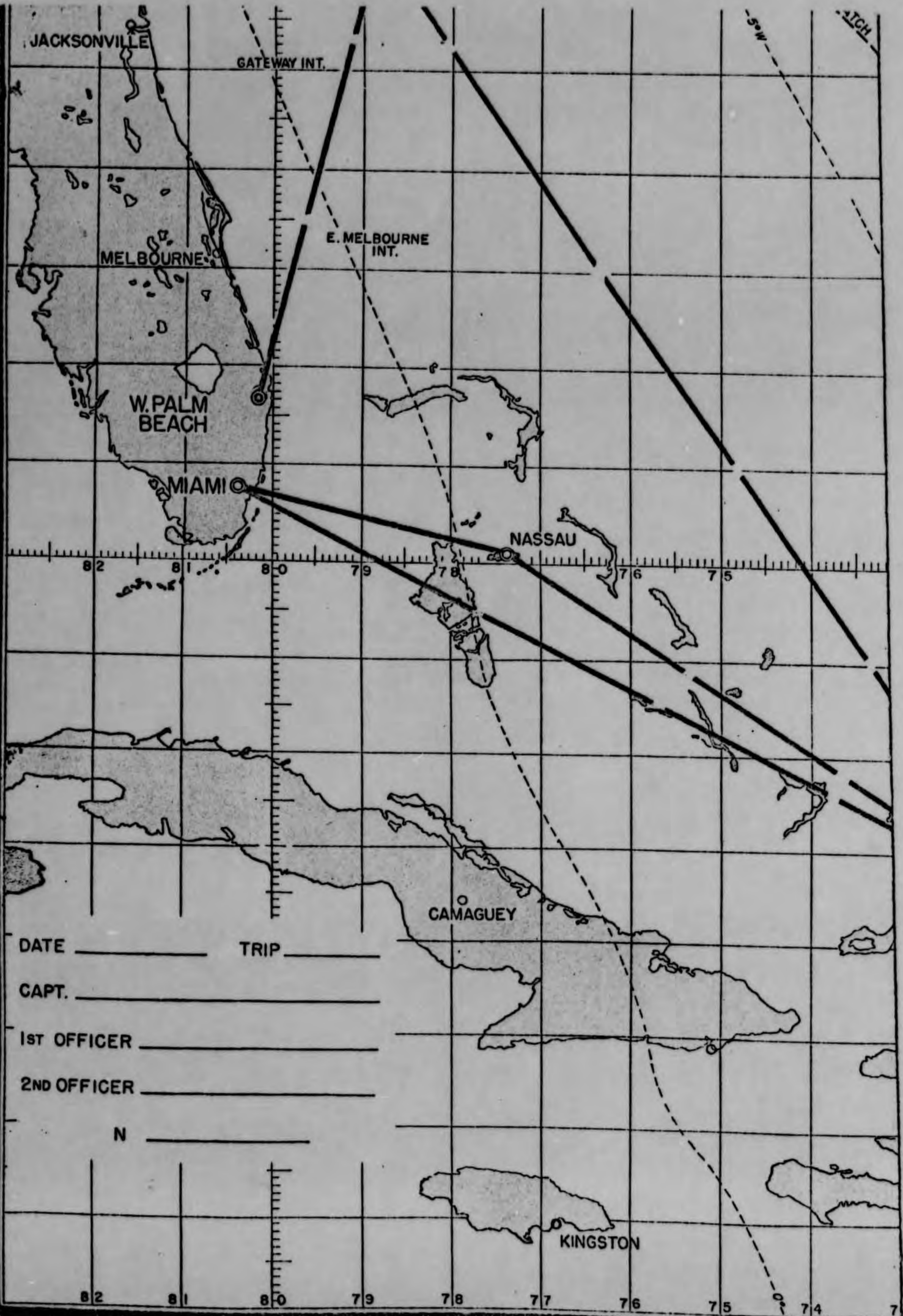
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SAVANNAH

NORTH GATEWAY INT.

PAA NYC DISP.





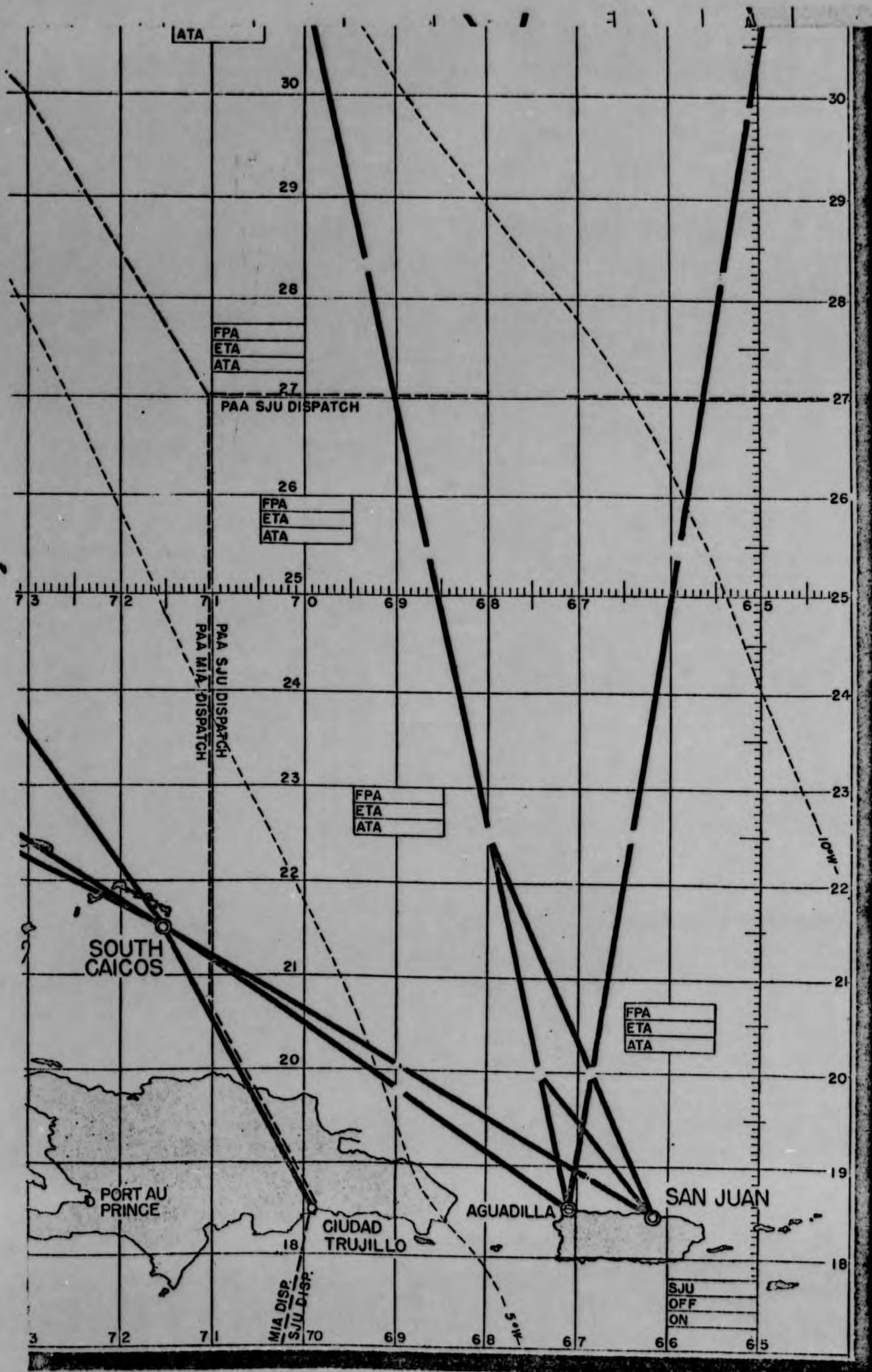
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CAPT. _____

1ST OFFICER _____

2ND OFFICER _____

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8 May 1952 31.20N 70.00W (Atlantic)

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YDE161

TYC131

JEPHQ B138

K EMERGENCY JEDEN JEDWP 222

DE JEPHQ 18A

O 081526Z ZFF

FM HQ USAF WASHDC

TO JEDEN/CGADC ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

JEDWP/CHIEF ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

FROM AFOIN-1A 40575. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FR FLT SVC OLMSTED AFB

PA DATED 8 MAY 1952 DTG 0750Z 52 IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

"CIRVIS 080001 CENTRAL INFO FM PAA 203 AT 0534Z QUOTE JUST BEFORE
OSCAR 3 SIGHTED WHAT APPEARED TO BE ROCKET 1/4 MILE OFF LEFT WING
ESTIMATED SPEED 6 OR 700 MPH AT 15000 FEET PROCEEDING IN NORTHERLY
DIRECTION. OBSERVED ORANGE AND GREEN FLAMES UNQUOTE. THIS MSG
RELAYED FM OCEAN CONTROL THRU MAXWELL FLT SVC."

08/1535Z MAY JEPHQ

1952 MAY 8 15 45

ACTION

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TT 121
13 May 52

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TO ATIAA-2C RUPPELT
FROM AFOIN -2B3 FOURNET
REF ALLEGED SIGHTING OF ROKKET BY PAA
FLIGHZ 203 ON 8 MAY 52 WHILE EN ROUTE

ATIAA

NEW YORK TO SAN JUAN. HAVE YOU TAKEN ACTION?

IF SO, WHAT EVALUATIOF CAN YOU MAKE?

ACTION

REQUEST REPLY SOONESZ.

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RR JEDEN JEDWP 222

DE JEPHQ 124C

ACTION

CRYPTO PRE

UTION APPLIES.

ROUTINE

FM CSAF WASHDC
TO CG AIR DEFECOM ENT AFB COLO
INFO CG AMC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO
ATTN: ATIC

[REDACTED] FROM AFOIN CITE FIVE NINE TWO EIGHT FOUR
PD CRYPTOPRECAUTION APPLIES PD PARA FOLLOWING MSG FROM SEVEN
OSI DISTRICT PAREN IG PAREN USAF MACDILL AFB FLA IS QUOTED FOR
ACTION PD PARA QUOTE REF OUR MESSAGE FIVE ZERO SIX ONE DTD EIGHT
MAY FIVE TWO PD PARA CAPTAIN [REDACTED] WAS PILOT OF PAA
RPT PAA FLIGHT NR TWO ZERO THREE WHO SIGHTED ROCKET PD CAPTAIN
GALLAGHER CAN BE REACHED AT SCHEDULINT SECTION CMA PAN AMERICAN AIR-
WAYS CMA NEW YORK CMA N Y PD PARA NO FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED BY
THIS DISTRICT PD UNQUOTE

PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED. SEE CRYPTO-CENTER
BEFORE DECLASSIFYING

13AT1AA

4 - Central file

TJ2-105671

AIR 35
OO JEDWP

EMERGENCY
OO JEDEN JEDWP WWW
DE JEPHQ 160C

FM JEPHQ /
TO CG ADC ENT AFB COLORADO
JEDWP CG ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO
AFGR 60

[REDACTED] PAREN CRYPTO USAF PASSES FROM SEVENTH
ISO DIST IG USAF MACDILL AFB FLA PD TRUE DTG ZERO EIGHT ONE SEVEN
THREE ZERO ZEBRA PD OTHER MEANS ACTION TO CHIEF OF STAFF HQ USAF
WASH DC ATTN DIR OFF OF SPEC INVES PD CITE OSI FIVE ZERO SIX ONE
PAREN FOLLOWING RECEIVED TELEPHOCICALLY FROM ONI RPT ONI CMA MIAMI
FLORIDA THIS DATE PD QUOTE ZERO EIGHT ZERO FIVE THREE FOUR ZEBRA
MAY CMA JUST BEFORE ZERO THREE SIGHTED ROCKET ONE SLASH FOUR MILE
OFF LEFT WING CMA ESTIMATED SPEED CMA SIX ZERO ZERO TO SEVEN ZERO
ZERO MILES PER HOUR AT ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO FEET PROCEEDING IN NORTHERLY
DIRECTION PD OBSERVED ORANGE AND GREEN FLAMES UNDERNEATH PD PAA
RPT PAA FLIGHT NR TWO ZERO THREE PROCEEDING FRO NEW YORK TO SAN JUAN
PD ARRIVED AT SAN JUAN ZERO FIVE ONE ZERO ROGER PD UNQUOTE CHECK
WITH PATRICK AFB REVEALED NO MISSILE TEST THIS DATE PD

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DUNN, COMMANDING, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE
CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIOTO: CAPT CLAYTON C GALLAGHER
DATAKIT LONG ISLAND NEW YORKTELETYPE

INFO:

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-5-63

LT J. K. Rothstein of the Air Technical Intelligence Center will arrive LaGuardia
Field Wednesday, 1225 WEST.DONALD L. BOWER, COLONEL, USAF
CHIEF, TECHNICAL ANALYSIS DIVISION

DATE-TIME GROUP

131830Z May 52

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FOR:

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INFORMATION

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ORIGINAL MESSAGE

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MULTIPLE ADDRESS

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YES

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NO

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT J. K. ROTHSTEIN/73

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

ROBERT E. KENNEDY, Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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ATIAA-20

TELEPHONE

54-61

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 Reference TT-121, 13 May 52, CSAF Item #2. Are attempting to locate pilot of Pan American Flight 203. He is supposed to be in New York on 19 May 1952 and Rothstein will contact him. No evaluation until we get more info. Reference TT-116 dated 6 May 1952, Item 7. Received report same day as your telecon. Sorry for delay in answer, have to be away.

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