

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 Jan 53 31/1030Z	2. LOCATION Bataan, Philippines
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 3 or 4	30° arc and 3 sec probable Meteor observation
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-3 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS 3 or 4 very bright, fast moving, disc-like objects, 18" diameter, transparent white light reflected from a shiny metal surface, were observed for 2 or 3 seconds. Objects appeared in a horizontal position moving around in a circle after 2 seconds, banked & assumed a vertical position before disappearing to the NW in a flash.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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COUNTRY Republic of the Phillipine	REPORT NO 53-53	(LEAVE BLANK)
SUBJECT Multiple FLYOBRT		
AREA REPORTED ON Bataan Province, Phillipine	FROM (Agency) ATIL Office, FEAF	31/2030 Bataan Province Philippines
DATE OF REPORT 1 May 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 31 January 1953	EVALUATION B-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) CHARLES J. MALVEN, Captain, USAF (ATILO)	SOURCE OSI	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, 29 Apr 52		

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. This report concerns the sighting of an unidentified flying object or objects off Bataan Province, Republic of the Phillipines. The objects were disc-like, very bright, and appeared to be transparent with light suggestive of reflections from a shiny metal surface. These objects were moving in a circle before banking and disappearing at a high rate of speed in a northwesterly direction. Observation was visual for 2 or 3 seconds by two observers from a rowboat between 2030 and 2100 hours, 31 January 1953. Weather at the time of sighting was clear with no wind, calm sea and a full moon. One source, a Lt. Colonel, estimated the altitude at 30,000 to 35,000 feet. No explanation was hazarded by either source. However, one source stated the objects were distinct from anything he had ever seen in the sky.

2. This information was received at Headquarters FEAF through OSI and further investigation disclosed no other information concerning this sighting. This information is being forwarded to ATIC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to insure receipt.

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1. Statement of J. [redacted]
2. Statement of [redacted]
3. Map of Manila Bay Area
4. Sketch of Observation

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1. Description of Object: Three or four very bright fast moving, disc-like objects were sighted. One source, a Filipino, estimated their size at 18 inches in diameter. These objects appeared to be transparent with light reflected from a shiny metal surface. Objects appeared in a horizontal position moving around in a circle and after about two seconds seemed to bank and assume a vertical position before disappearing to the northwest in a flash. No sound, trail, or wake was noted.

2. Time of Sighting: Between 2030 and 2100 hours, 31 January 1953 for a duration of 2 or 3 seconds.

3. Manner of Observation: Visual from a rowboat by two observers.

4. Location of Observer: Rowboat anchored off Bihagon Cove between Hornos and Tulain Points at the north entrance of Manila Bay, Philippines. Objects estimated at a very high altitude, 30,000 to 35,000 feet, northwest of the observers' position.

5. Identified Information: One source was a Lt. Colonel, Chief, Customs Secret Service and Harbor Police, Manila, Phillipine Islands, who evinced a reluctance at publicity. Source rejected the possibility of Jack-O-Lanterns or falling stars with which he seemed familiar. The other source, a thirty-nine year old Filipino, is a native of Cebu province. Both sources volunteered signed and sworn statements to OSI, USAF.

6. Weather at Time of Sighting: Clear, no wind, calm sea and full moon.

7. Other Activity Which Might Explain Sighting: None

8. Physical Evidence: None

9. Interception or Identification Action Taken: None

10. Air Traffic: None reported.

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. The lack of reference points makes the estimates of size and altitude unreliable. No information is available on any weather conditions which might account for the sighting other than the fact that there was a full moon.

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Captain, USAF
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STATEMENT OF LT. COLONEL [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and Harbor Police, Manila, Philippine Islands.

On the evening of 31 January 1953, I was fishing off BIHAGON COVE, between HORNOS and TULAIN POINTS, Bataan Province. [REDACTED], who has been living with my family for the past fifteen (15) years, was with me. Our little row boat was anchored off-shore while we fished.

At about 2030 to 2100 hours, I looked up and noticed four (4) very bright, fast-moving, disc-like objects high up in the western sky. The disc-like objects appeared to be in a horizontal position and moving around in a circle. The objects appeared to be transparent with light which seemed to be reflected from a shining metal surface. After about two seconds, the discs appeared to turn or bank and assumed a semi-vertical position and disappeared in a north westerly direction in a flash - as fast as a falling star.

The night was clear with a full moon - there was no wind and the sea was calm. I did not hear any sound, but the objects were very, very high. I would say that they were about thirty thousand (30,000) to thirty-five thousand (35,000) feet high.

I have never seen anything like it in all my life. I have seen Jack-O-Lanterns and numerous falling stars but these luminous, disc-like objects were distinct from anything I have seen in the sky.

I have not divulged this information to any unauthorized individuals and have admonished [REDACTED] from telling anyone about it. We may be called lunatics and I wish to avoid publicity at this time. However, I decided to voluntarily give this information to the United States Air Force authorities upon the request of [REDACTED].

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of one page and have initialed all corrections. I have been given the opportunity to make any modifications, additions or corrections that I desire. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ [REDACTED], Lt. Colonel, [REDACTED], Customs Secret Service and Harbor Police

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of February 1953.

/s/ Paul A. Marinak,
PAUL A. MARINAK, S/A, OSI

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] Filipino, Native of Cebu, Cebu Province,
[REDACTED], CEBU CITY,
Philippine Islands.

On the evening of 31 January 1953, Lt. Colonel [REDACTED], Chief of Secret Service, Bureau of Customs, Manila, Philippines, and I were fishing from a small boat off BIHAGAN COVE, between HORNOS and TULAIN POINTS, BATAAN Province.

Between 2030 and 2100 hours I had a strike and in pulling in my line I happened to look up at the sky where I saw three or four (3 or 4) very bright, luminous, round objects which seemed to travel around in a circle. The objects were visible for about two (2) or three (3) seconds. The objects appeared to be about eighteen (18) inches in diameter and seemed to be transparent. They suddenly turned or banked and zoomed away in a northwesterly direction. The objects travelled faster than a shooting star, but did not leave any trail or wake. In my opinion they were traveling at a much higher altitude than the Japanese planes which bombed CEBU at the outbreak of the last war.

I was frightened and called them to the attention of Colonel [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he had also seen the unusual objects and advised that he had never seen anything like them before in his life.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of one page and have initialed all preceding corrections. I have been given the opportunity to make any modifications, additions or corrections that I desire. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ [REDACTED]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of February 1953.

/s/ Paul A. Marinas
PAUL A. MARINAS, S/A OSI

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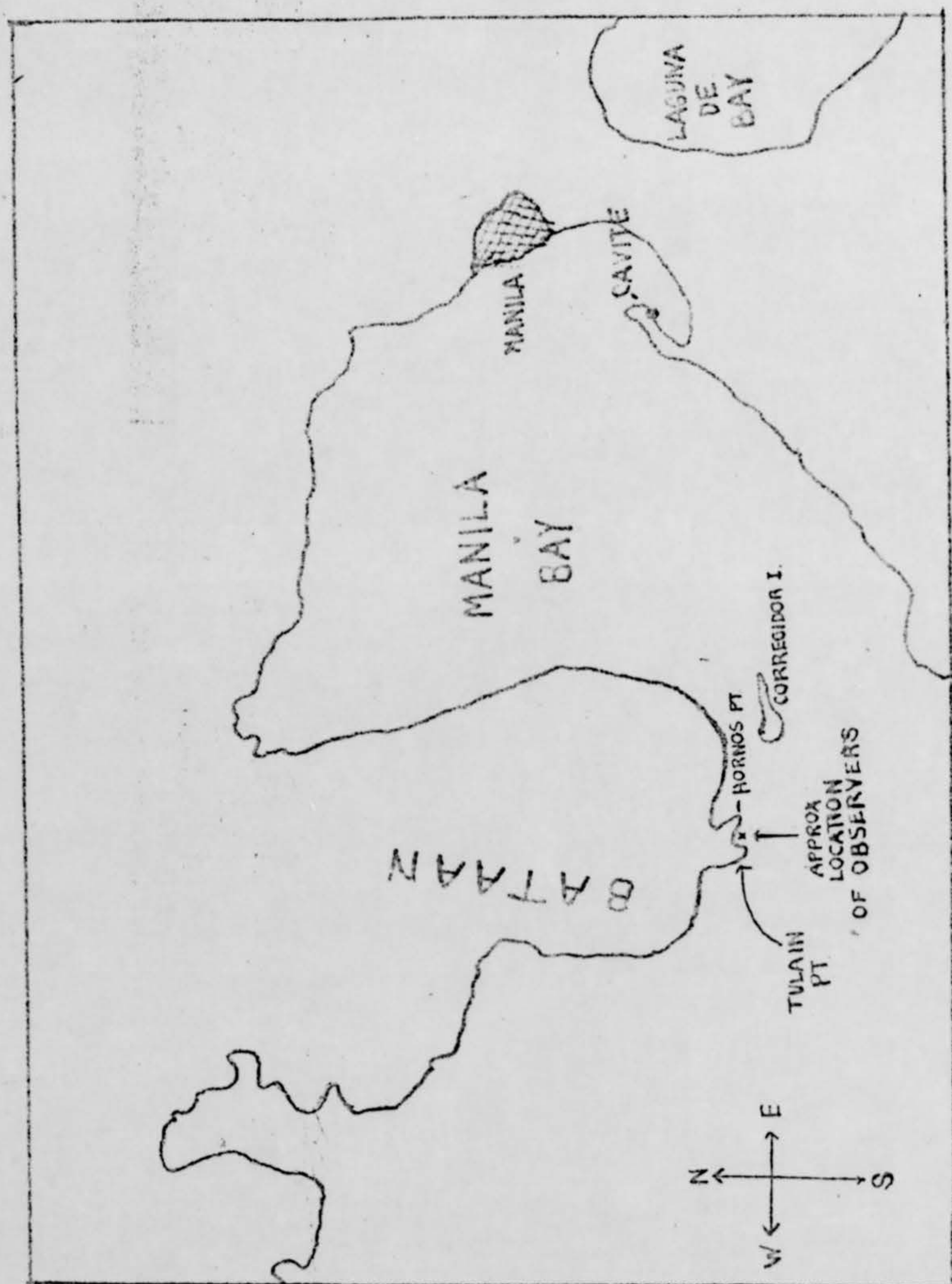
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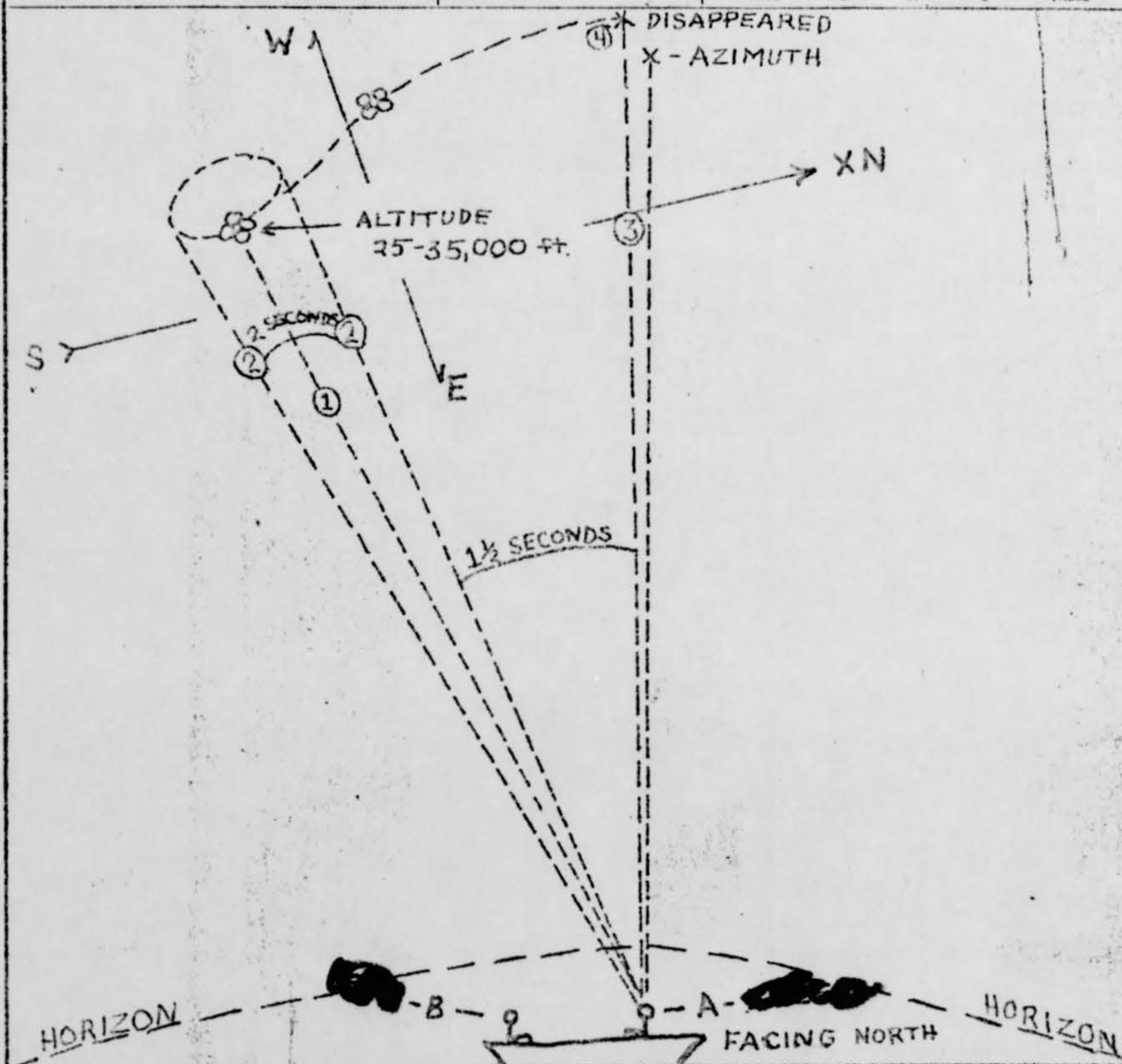
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- A. Col. [redacted] observer
B. [redacted], observer
1. Initial line of sighting by observers who were in fishing boat.
 2. Objects described elliptical pattern requiring approximately two (2) seconds to perform maneuver, after which they seemed to bank into a semi-vertical position and disappeared in a northwesterly direction at point indicated by (4).
 3. Indicates azimuth from observer numbered (A), and the line of sight at which objects disappeared, the time span between completion of elliptical maneuver and disappearance of objects being approximately one and one half (1 1/2) seconds.

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