

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 July 1954		2. LOCATION <i>see also:</i> Bermuda Film 7-3745-335		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <i>SHIPS</i> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 0142Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☒ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes PHOTOS ☐ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 19 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 7		9. COURSE STA	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 7 stationary objects observed on a/c radar scope aboard B-36 a/c. Photos taken show sharp return of 7 objects clustered together. <i>See Also: Film 7-3745-335</i> <i>See separate accession</i> <i>(FILM IN SPECIMEN FILE)</i>				11. COMMENTS Objects definitely identified as being U.S. Navy ships. Confirmed by Navy.	

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

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3. BUREAU OR SERVICE

REPORT COVERS

☐ a. TOTAL ORGANIZATION ☐ b. OTHER (Specify)

ADDRESS OF REPORTING OFFICE (Number, street, city, State and code)

OVER-ALL PROGRAM STATUS

OBJECTIVES

CHECK ONE

COMPLETE

INCOMPLETE

PLANS FOR PRESERVING RIGHTS AND INTERESTS RECORDS

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APPROPRIATE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS RECORDS OF DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY PRESERVED

STATUS OF RECORDS OF MAJOR
PARTICIPATING UNITS

COMPLETE NO.

INCOMPLETE NO.

8. PERCENT OF OVER-ALL PROGRAM COM-
PLETED AND MAINTAINED CURRENT

PERCENT

MAJOR LOCATION(S) OF RECORDS DEPOSITORIES

(YES OR NO)

UNITS OF
ORIGIN

ADDRESSES

SPACE
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COMPLETE

PROGRAM REVIEWED

☐ a. ANNUALLY

☐ b. SEMIANNUALLY

☐ c. OTHER (Specify)

9. GIVE REASON(S) FOR UNCOMPLETED PROGRAM ACTIONS FOR EACH ITEM
INCOMPLETE.

12. LIST DEFINITIVE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN THIS FISCAL
YEAR AND INTERIM STOP-GAP MEASURES FOR EACH ITEM INCOMPLETE.

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July 3, 1954

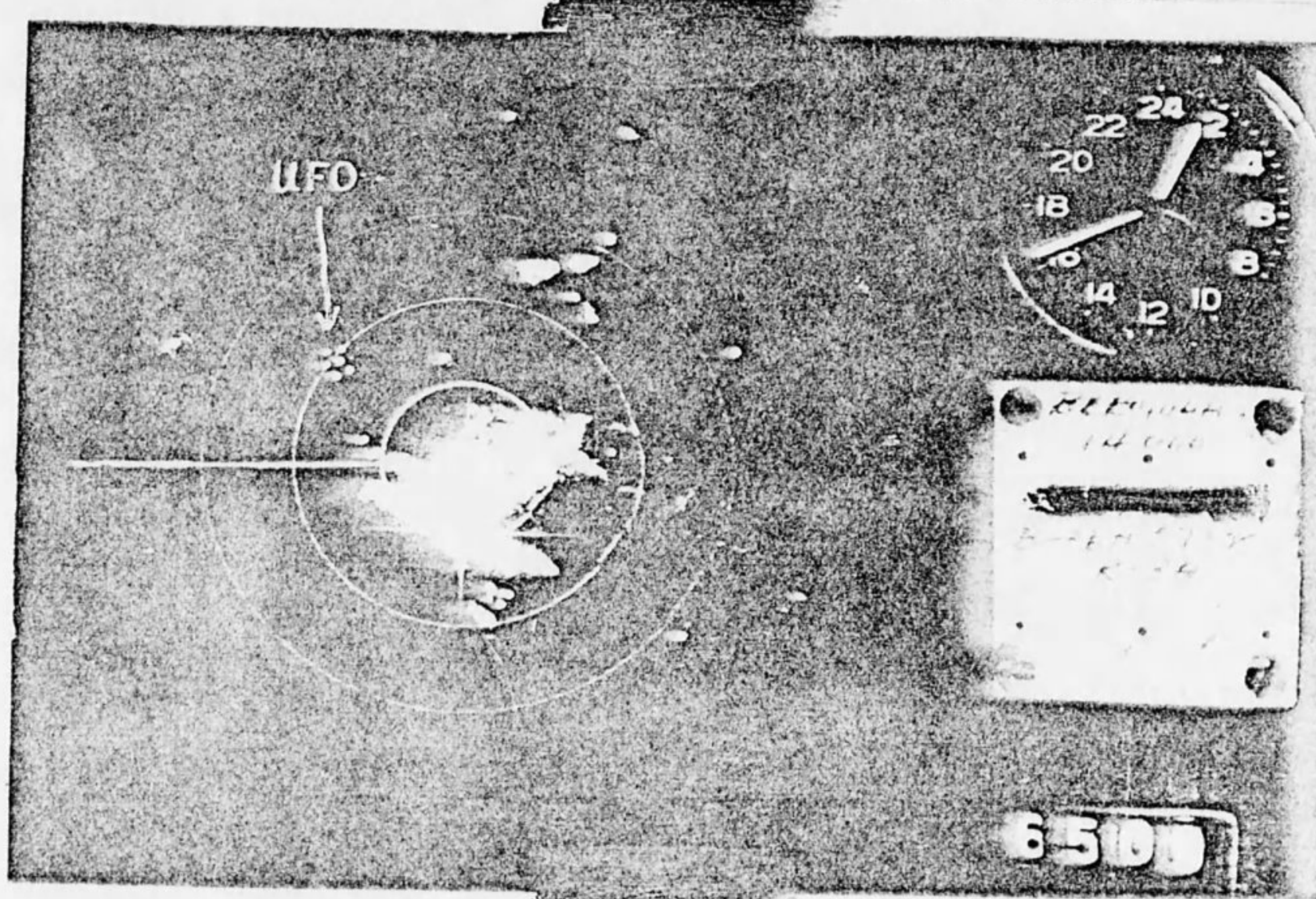
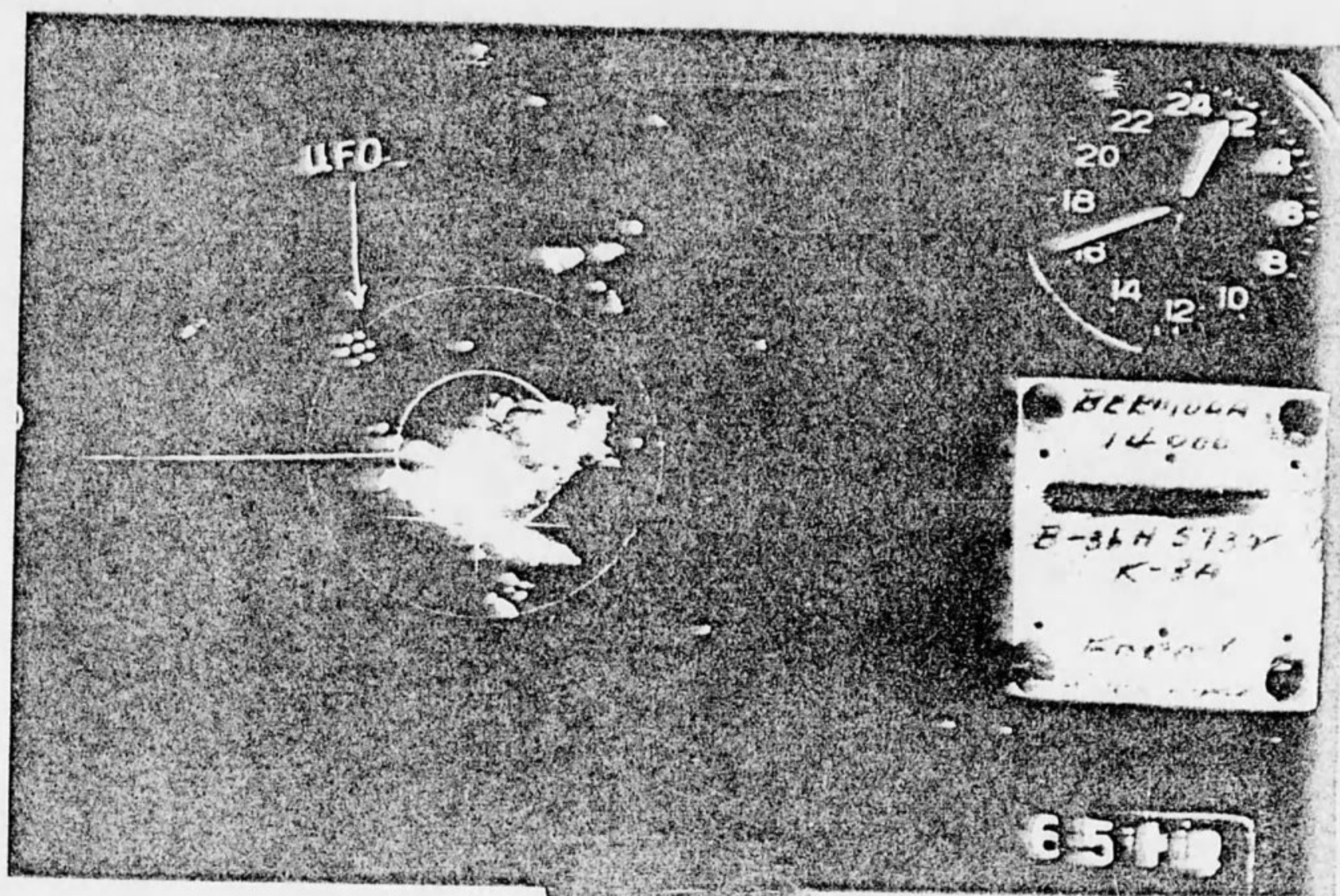
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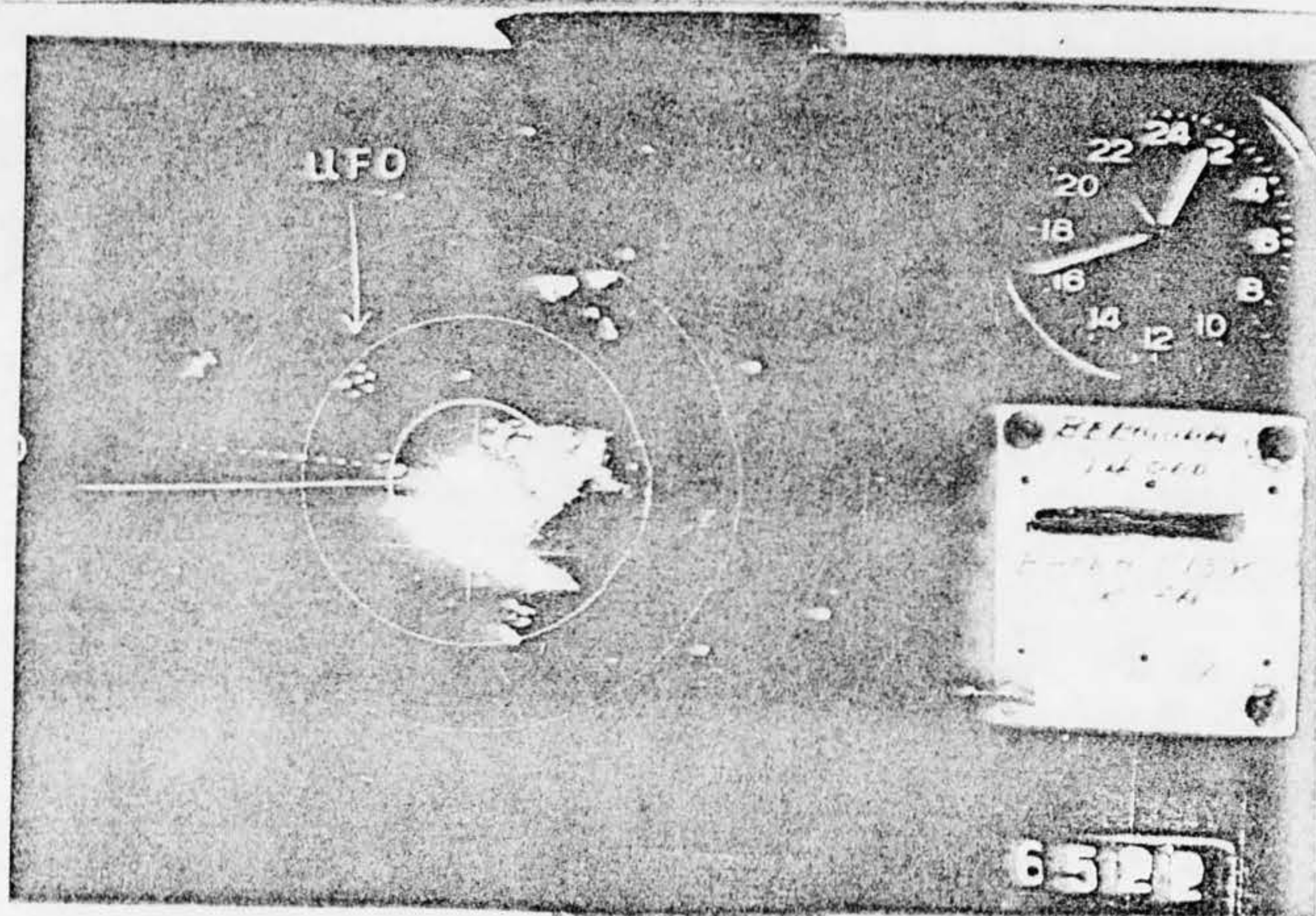
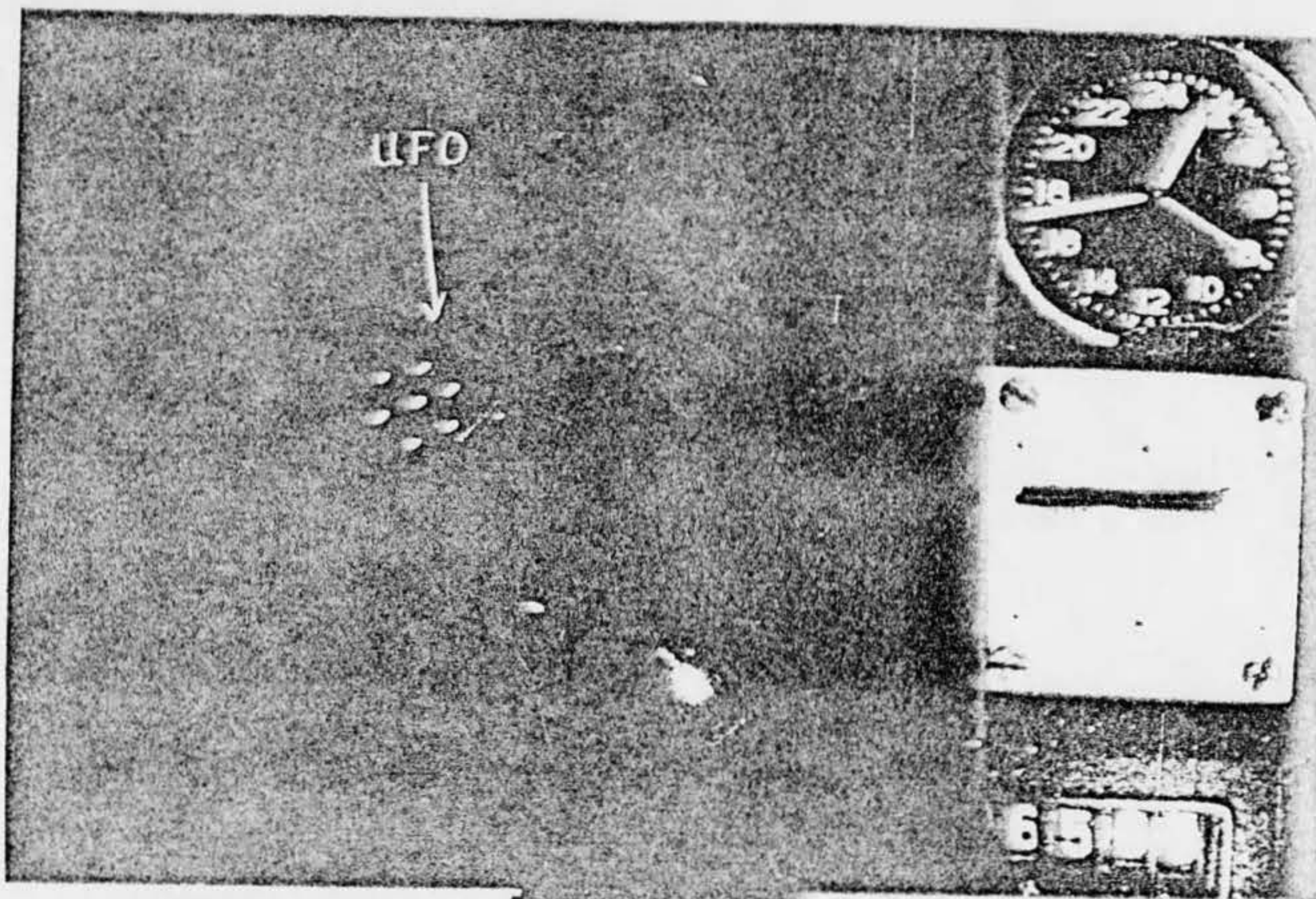
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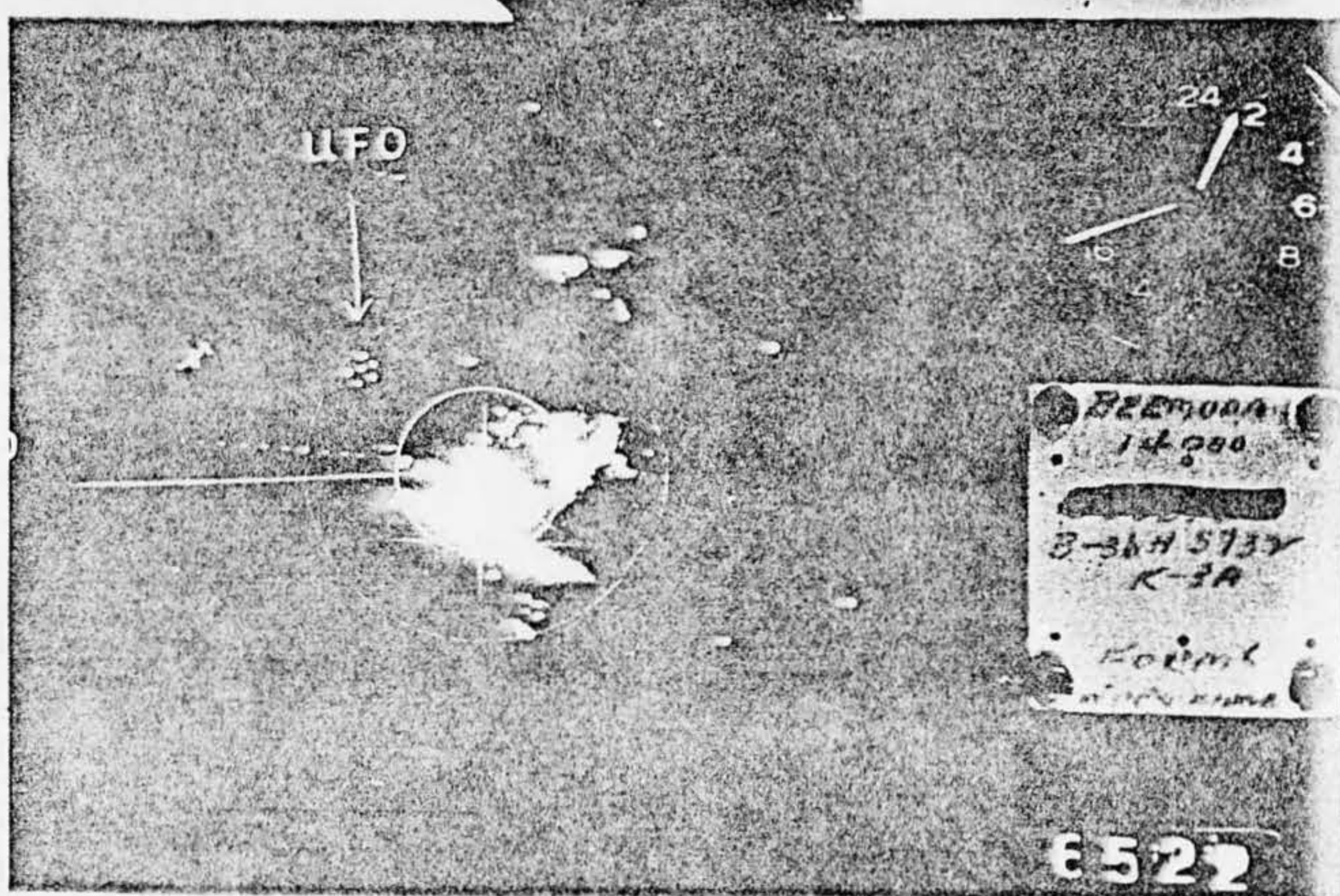
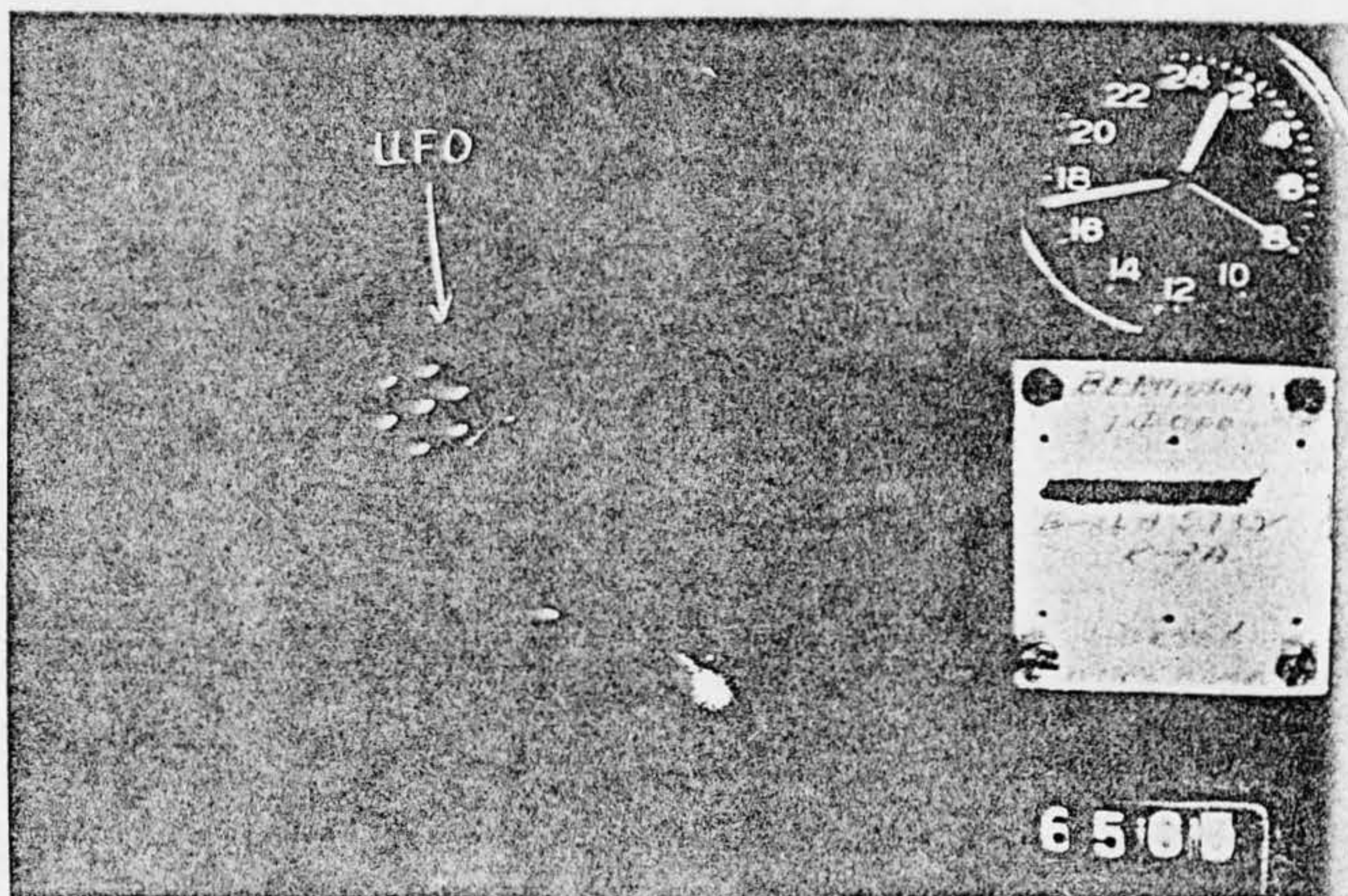
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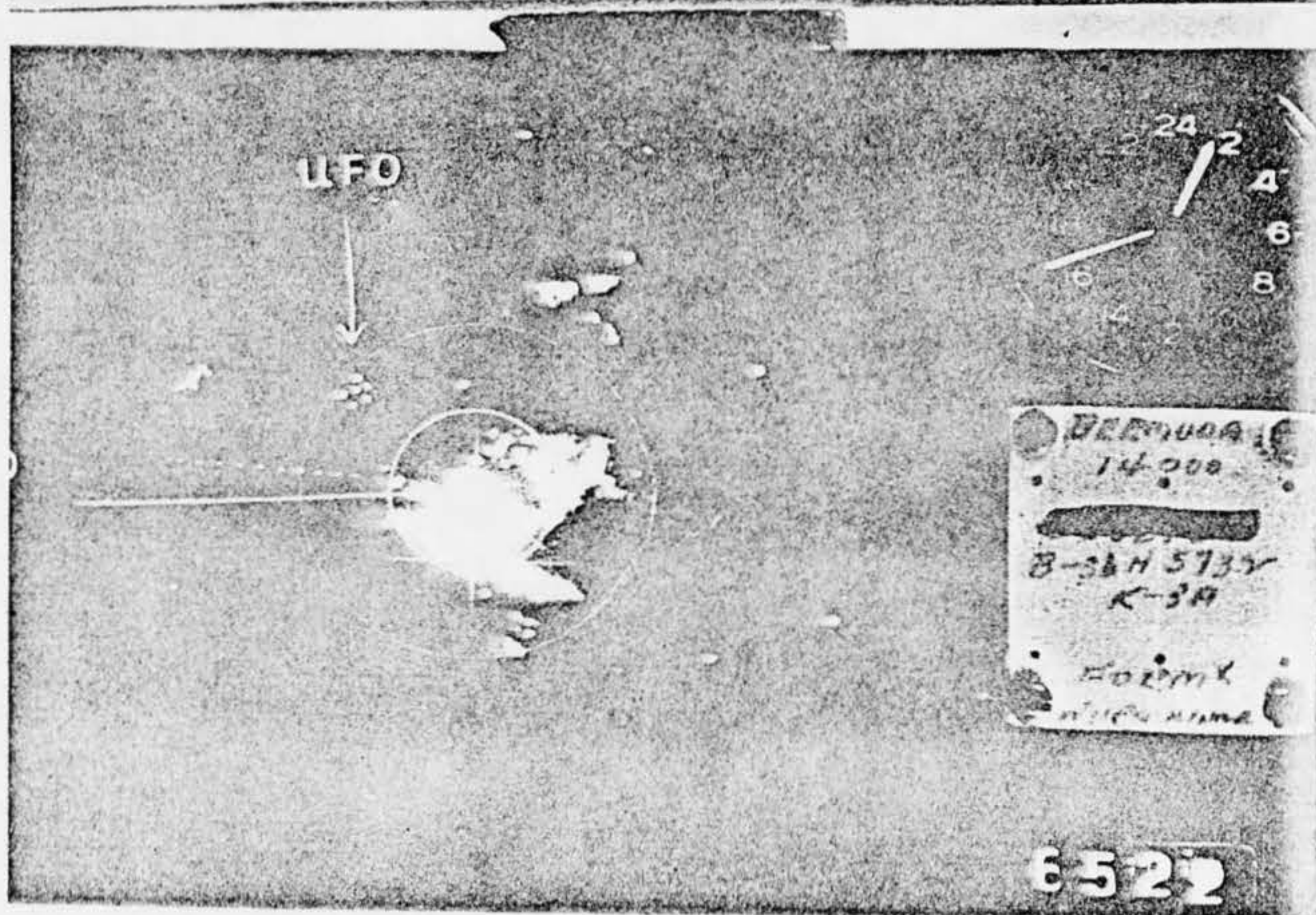
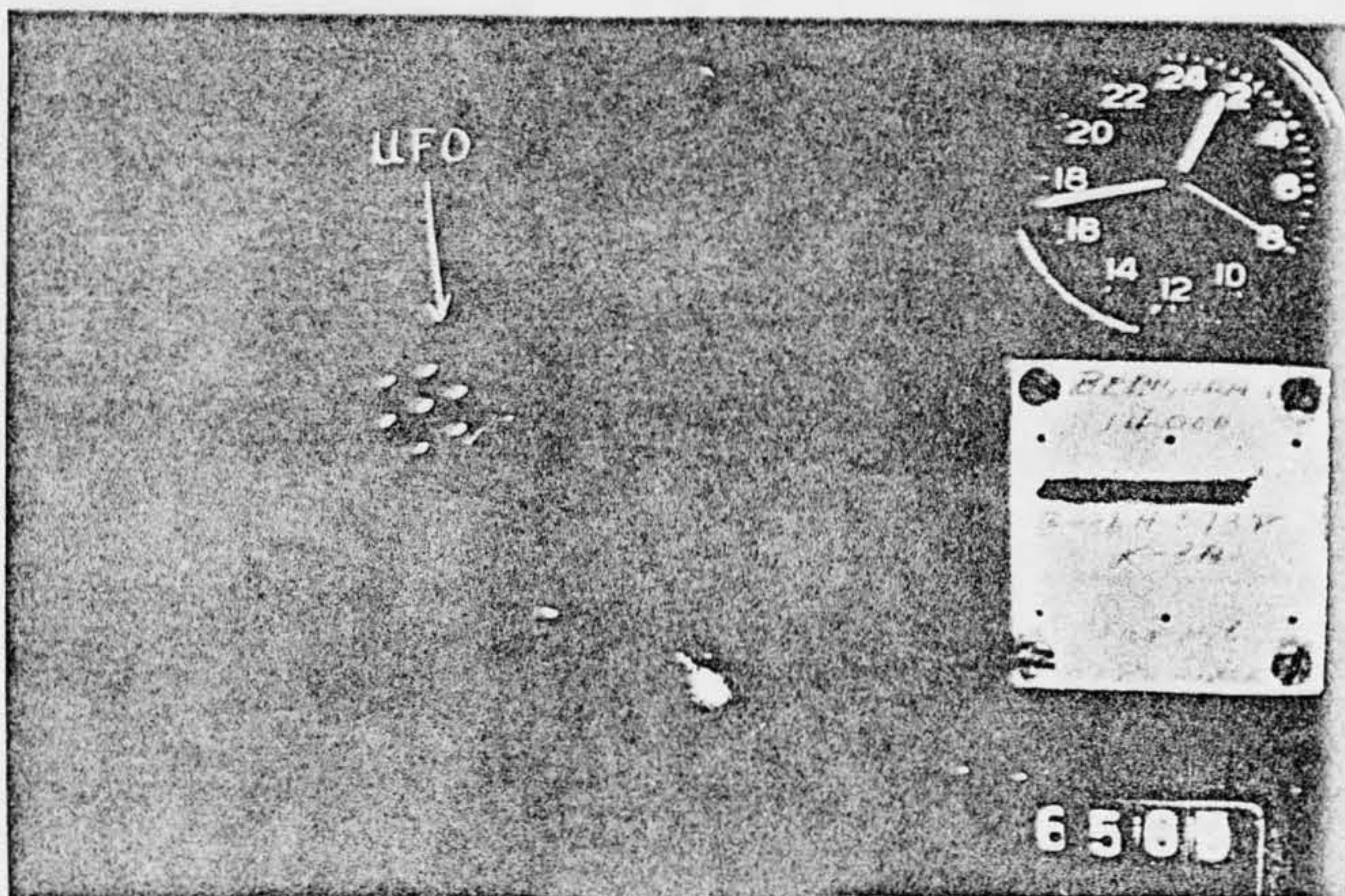
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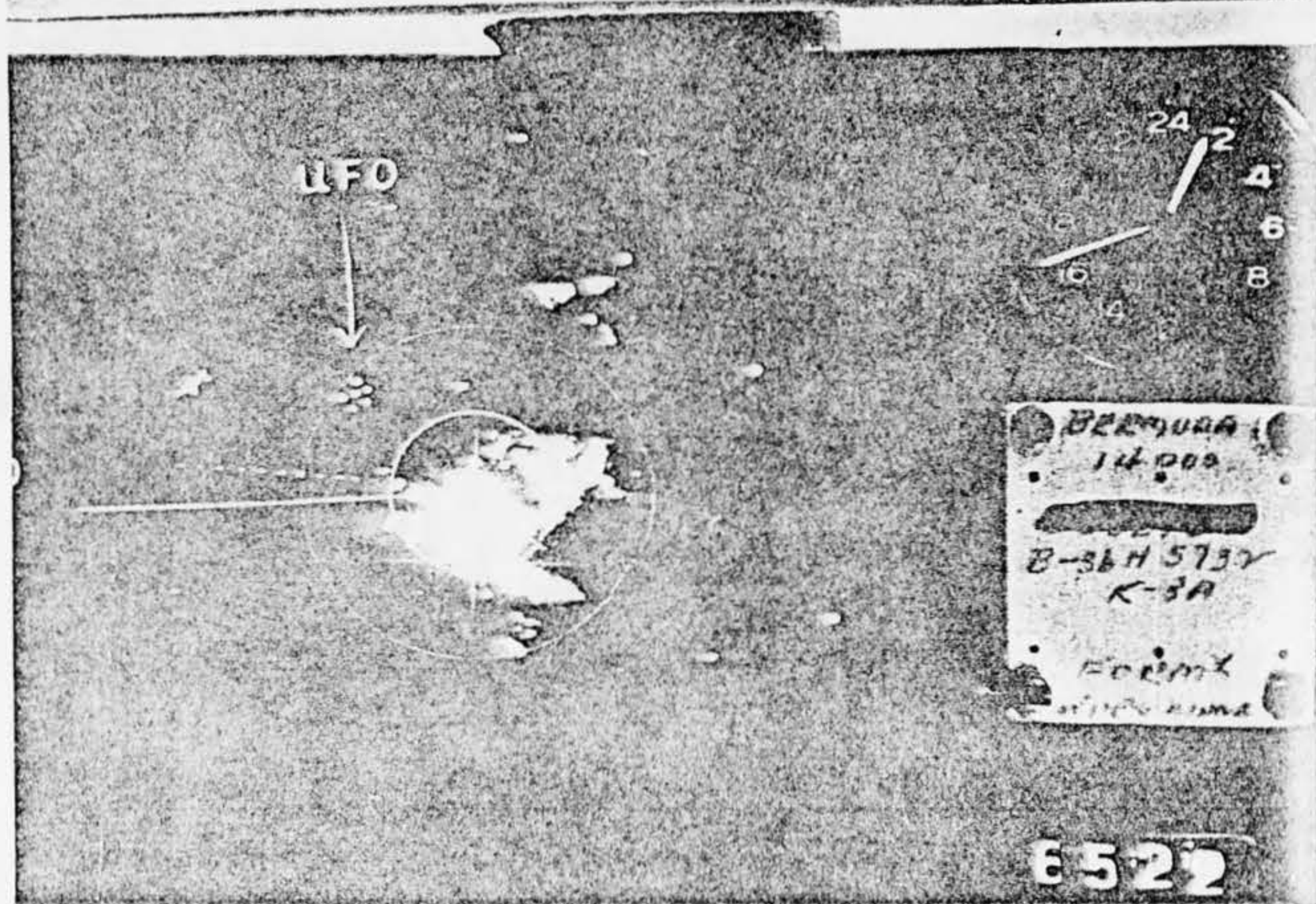
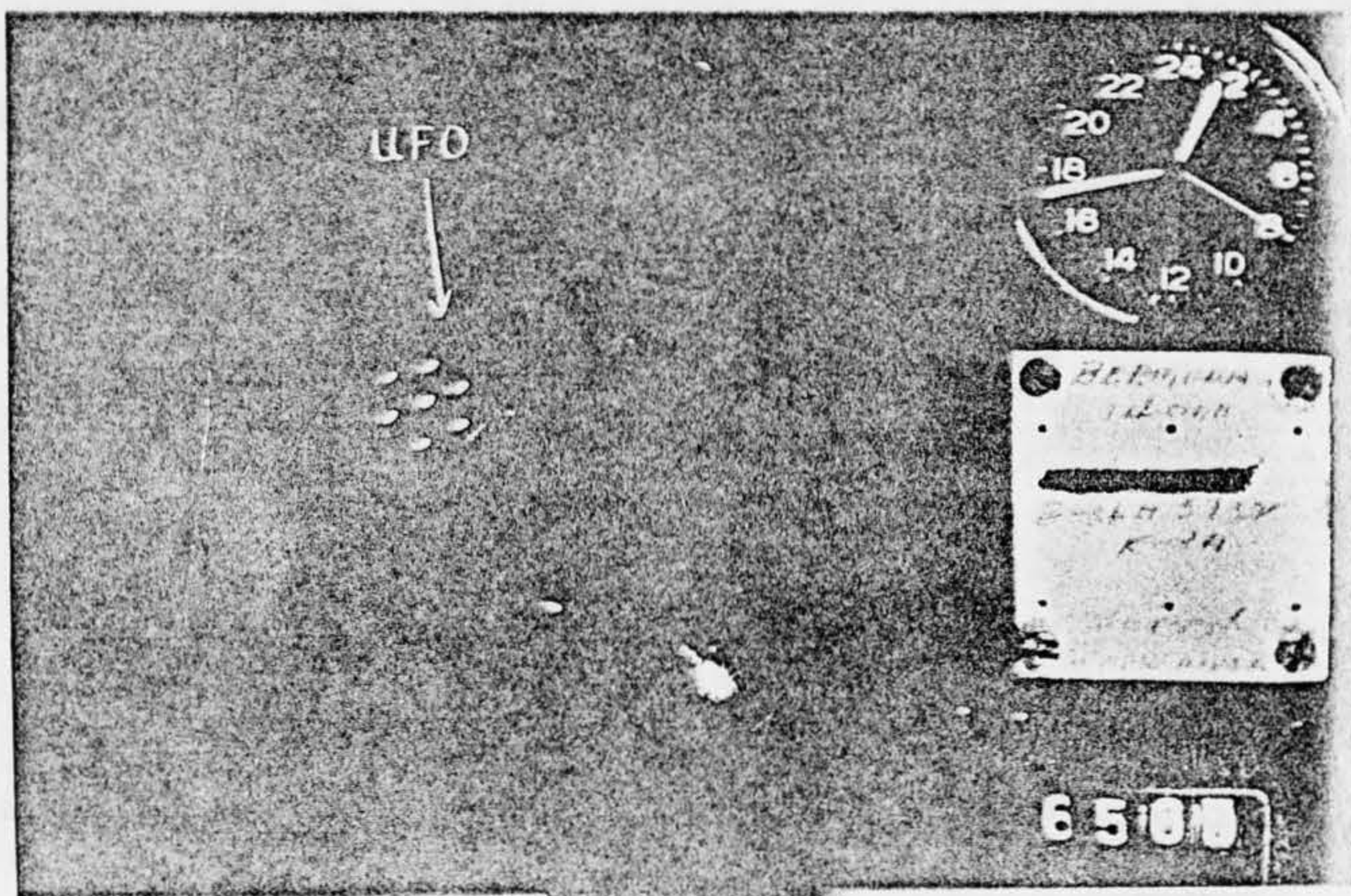
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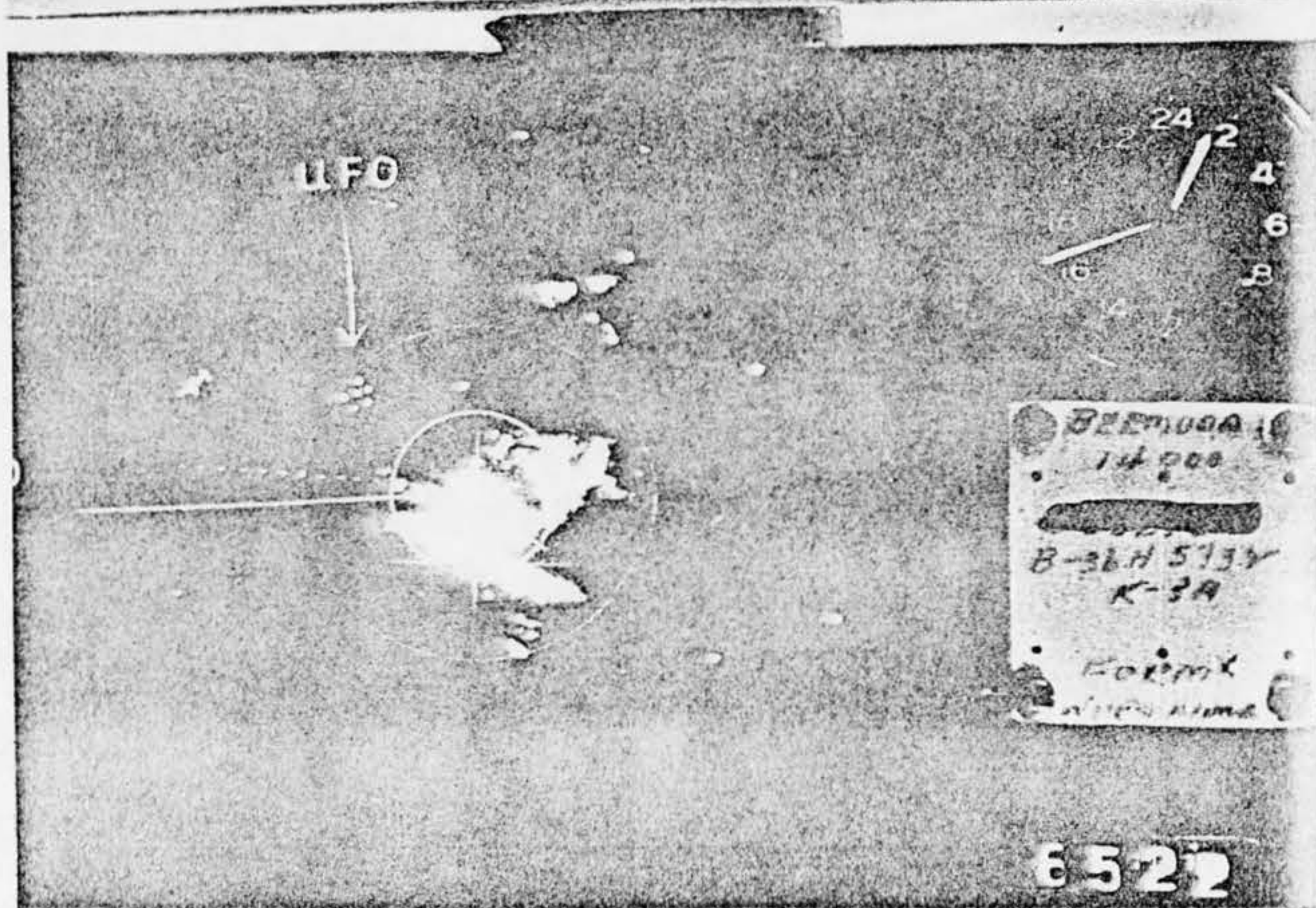
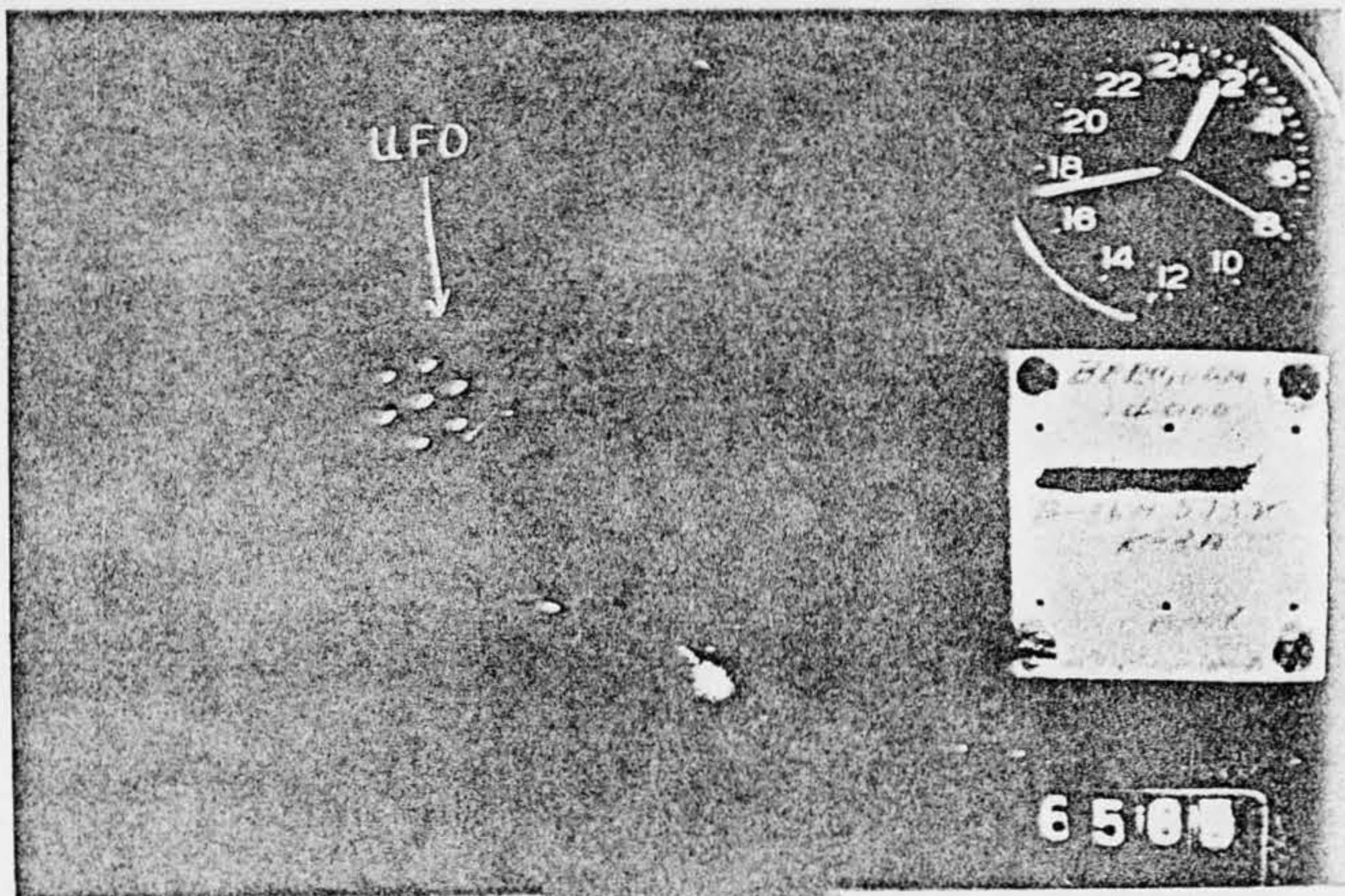


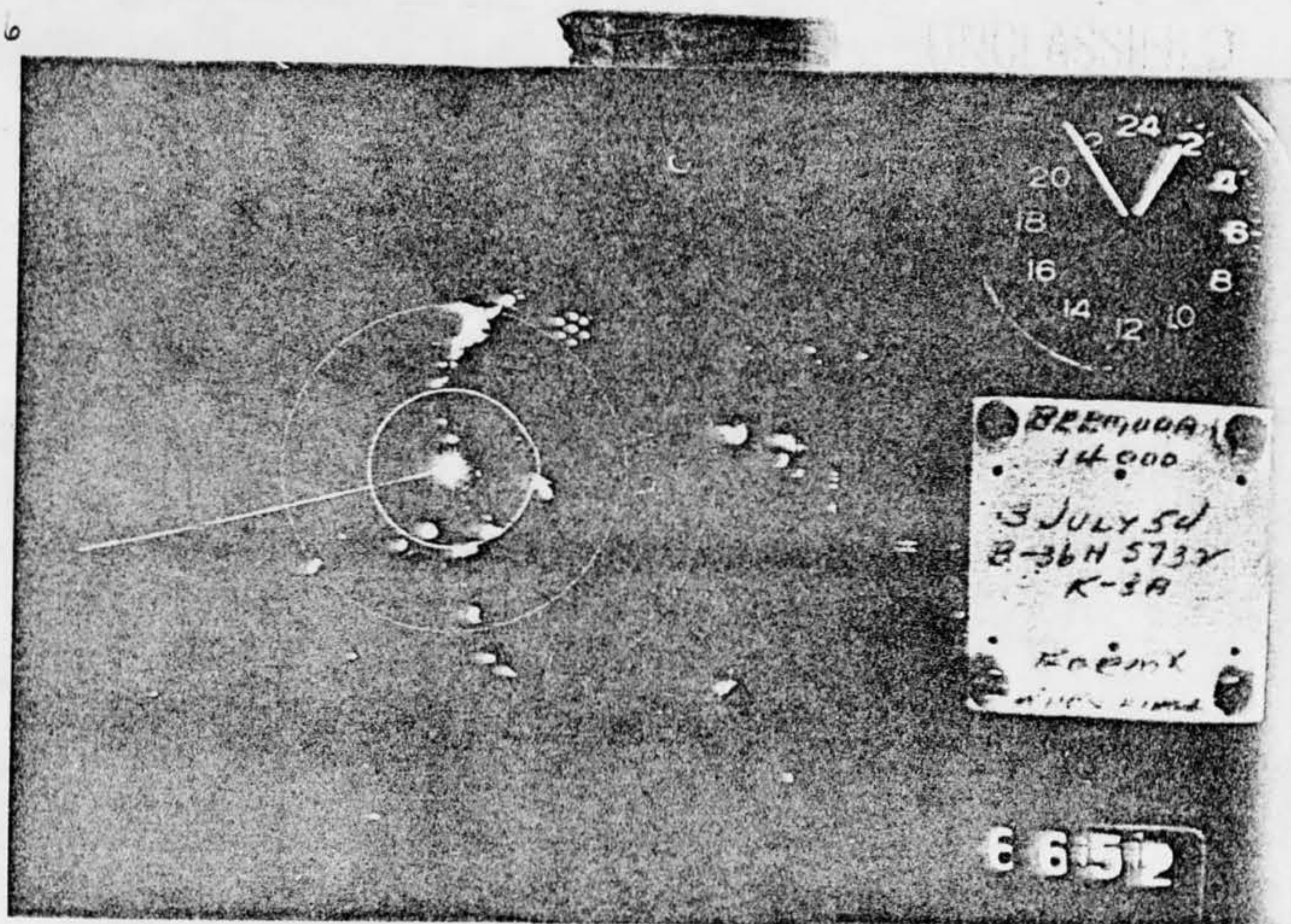




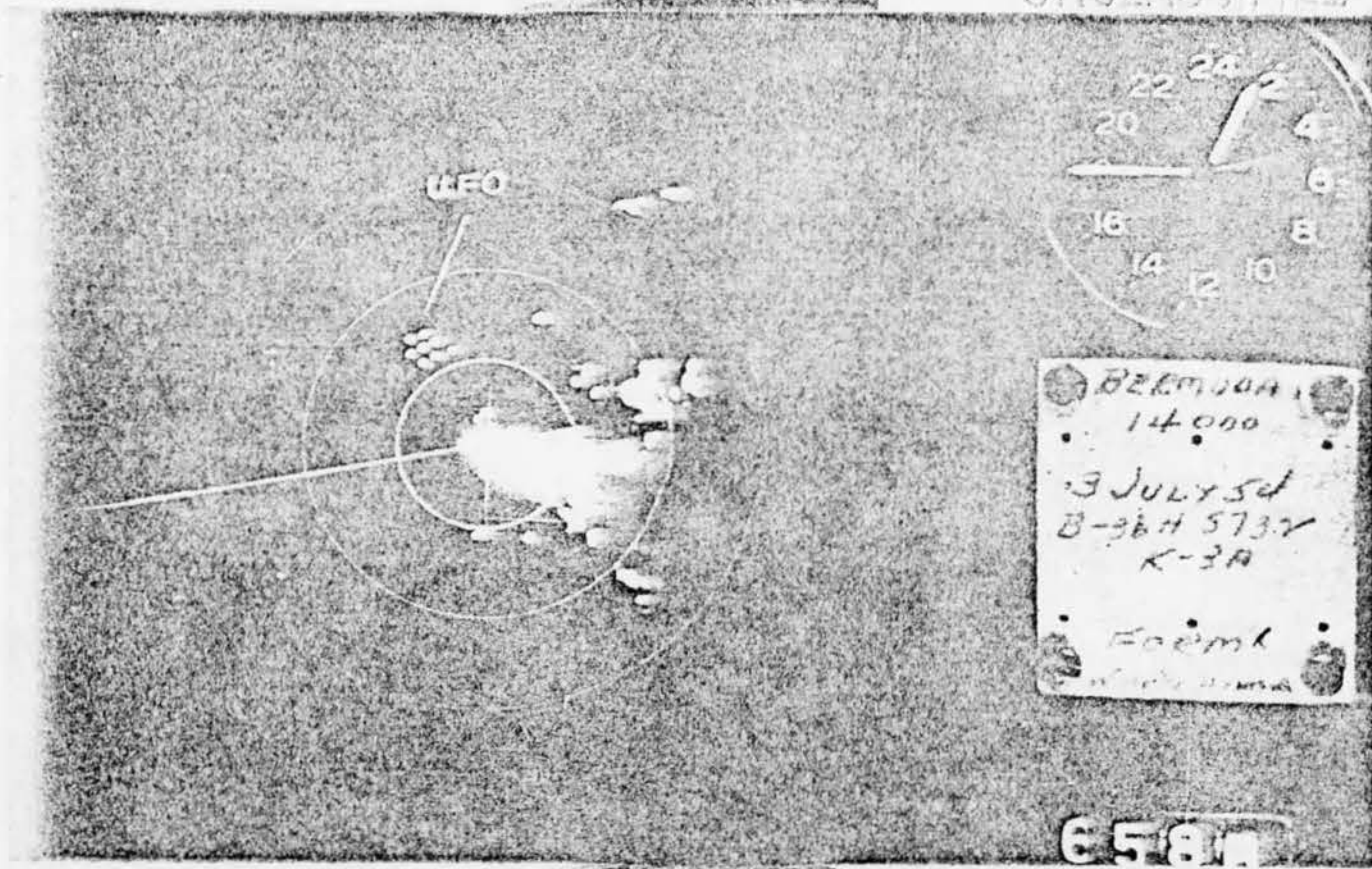






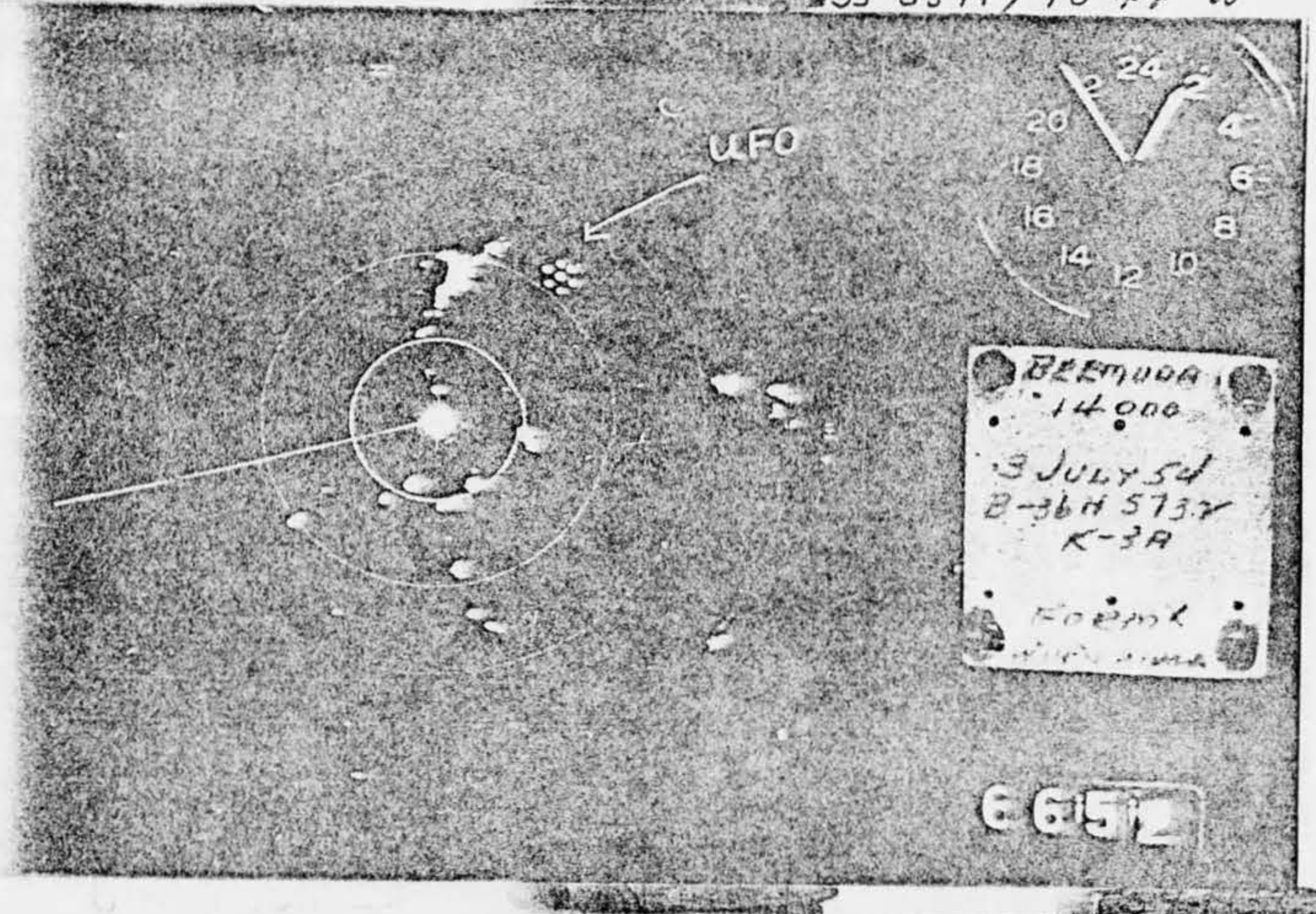


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UFO SIGHTING
BERMUDA INCIDENT
3 July 1954

On the night of July 3, 1954, a E-36 radar observer, monitoring thunderstorm activity at 15,000 feet over the Atlantic, near Bermuda, observed some very peculiar radar returns on his scope.

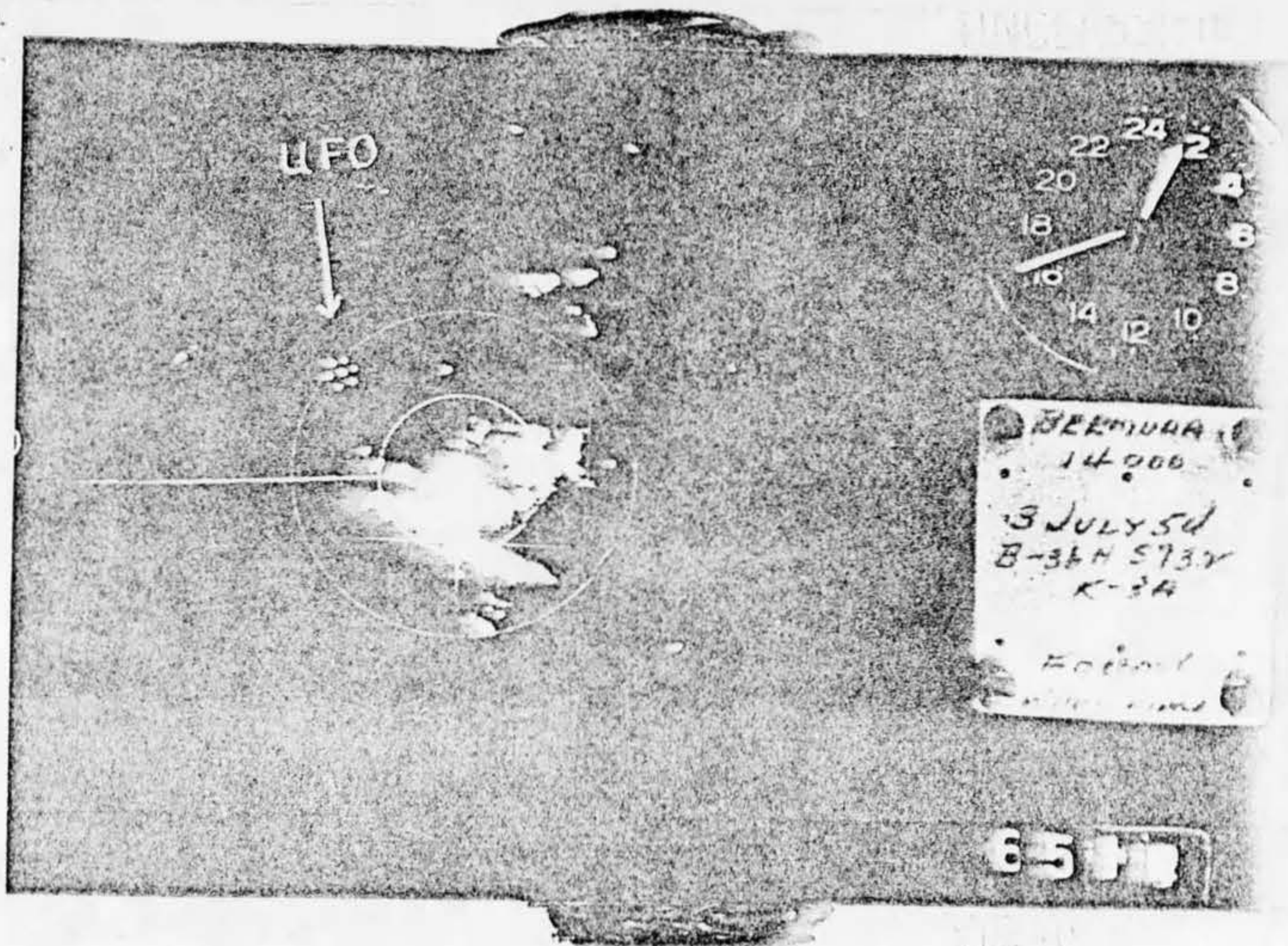
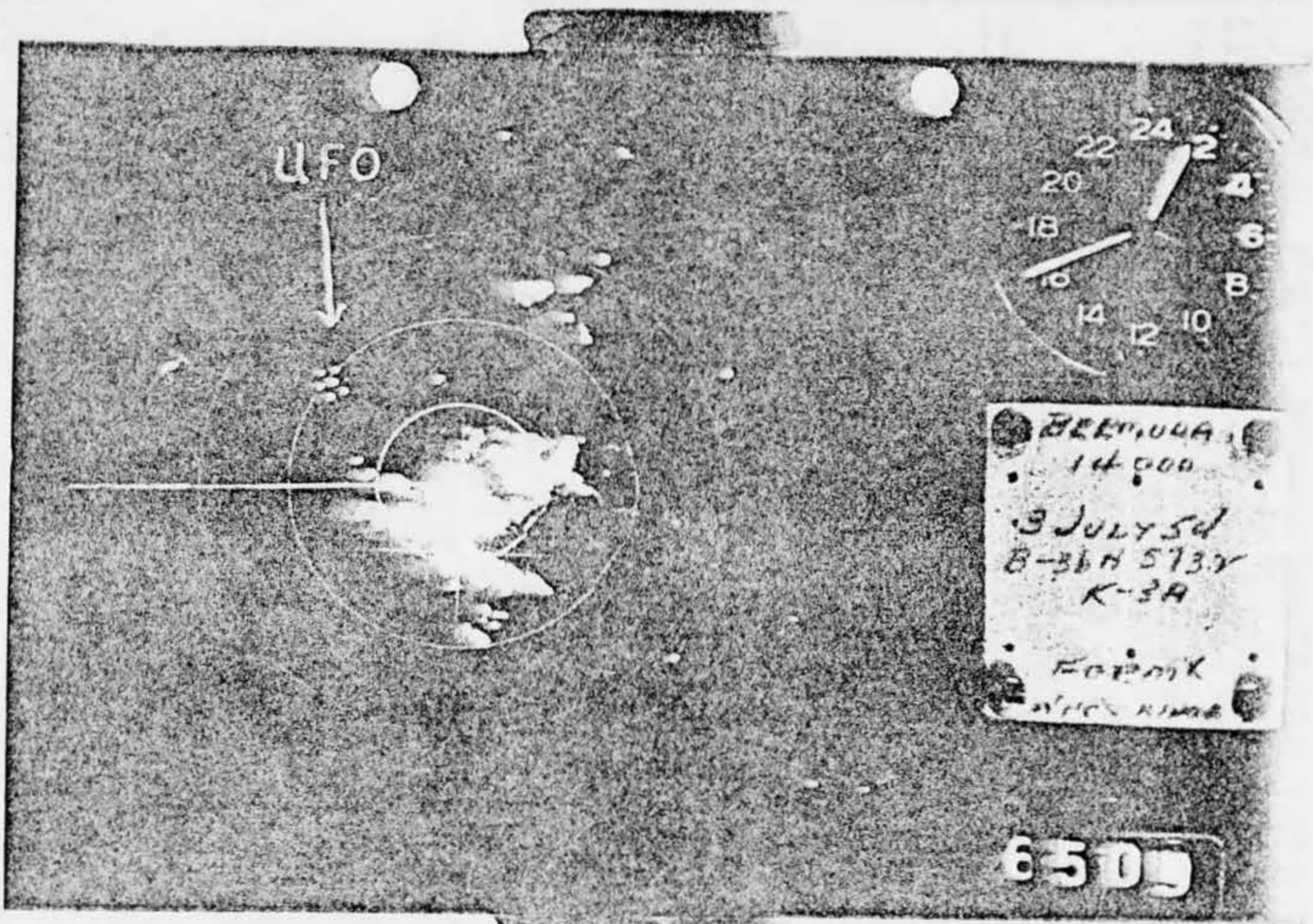
There on his screen was a clear and well-defined formation of one circular object surrounded by 6 smaller circular objects. They appeared near the surface of the ocean. A number of adjustments were made to check if an equipment malfunction existed or if the objects were spurious. The radar observer then called the navigator, then the aircraft commander, to observe the objects.

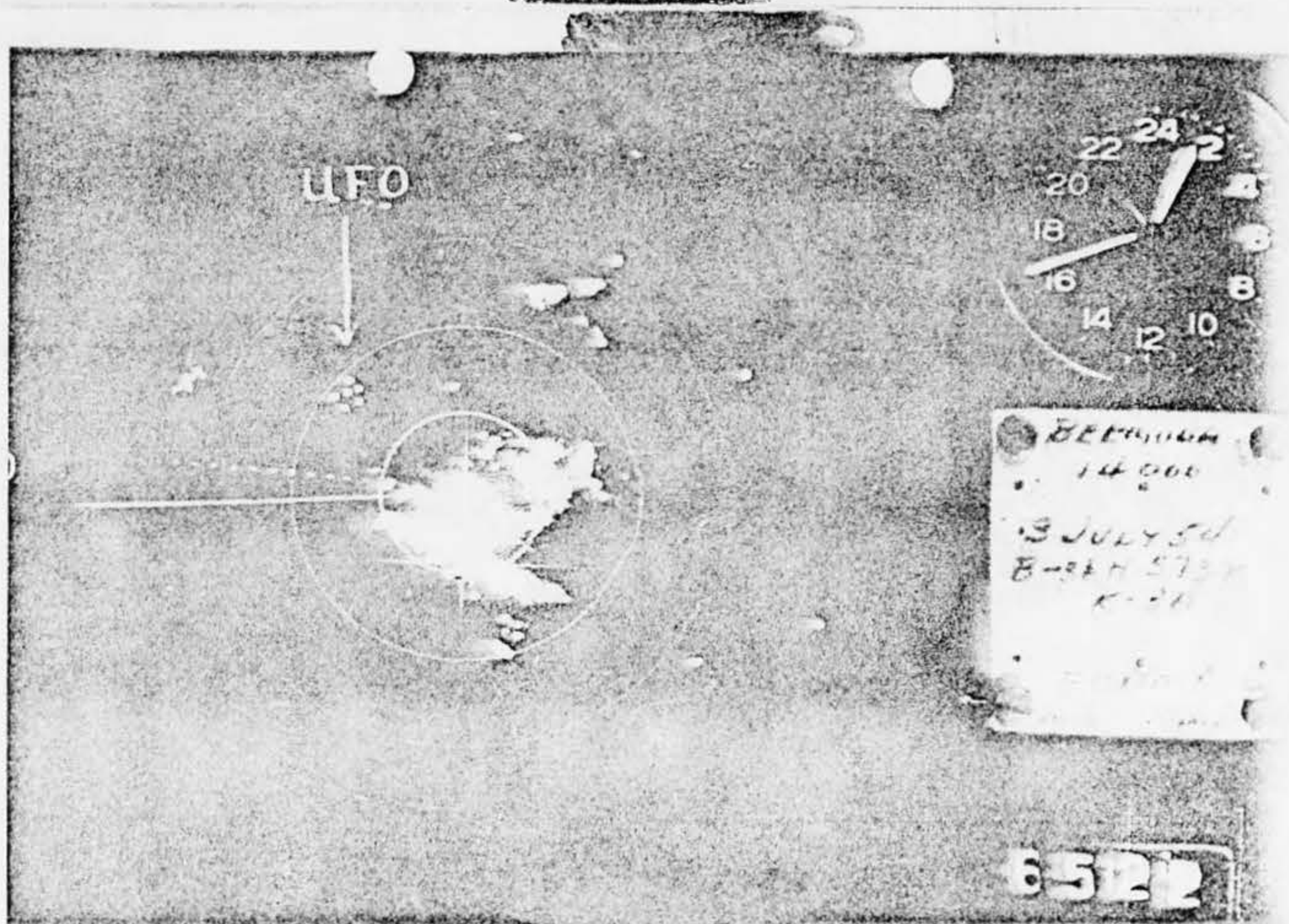
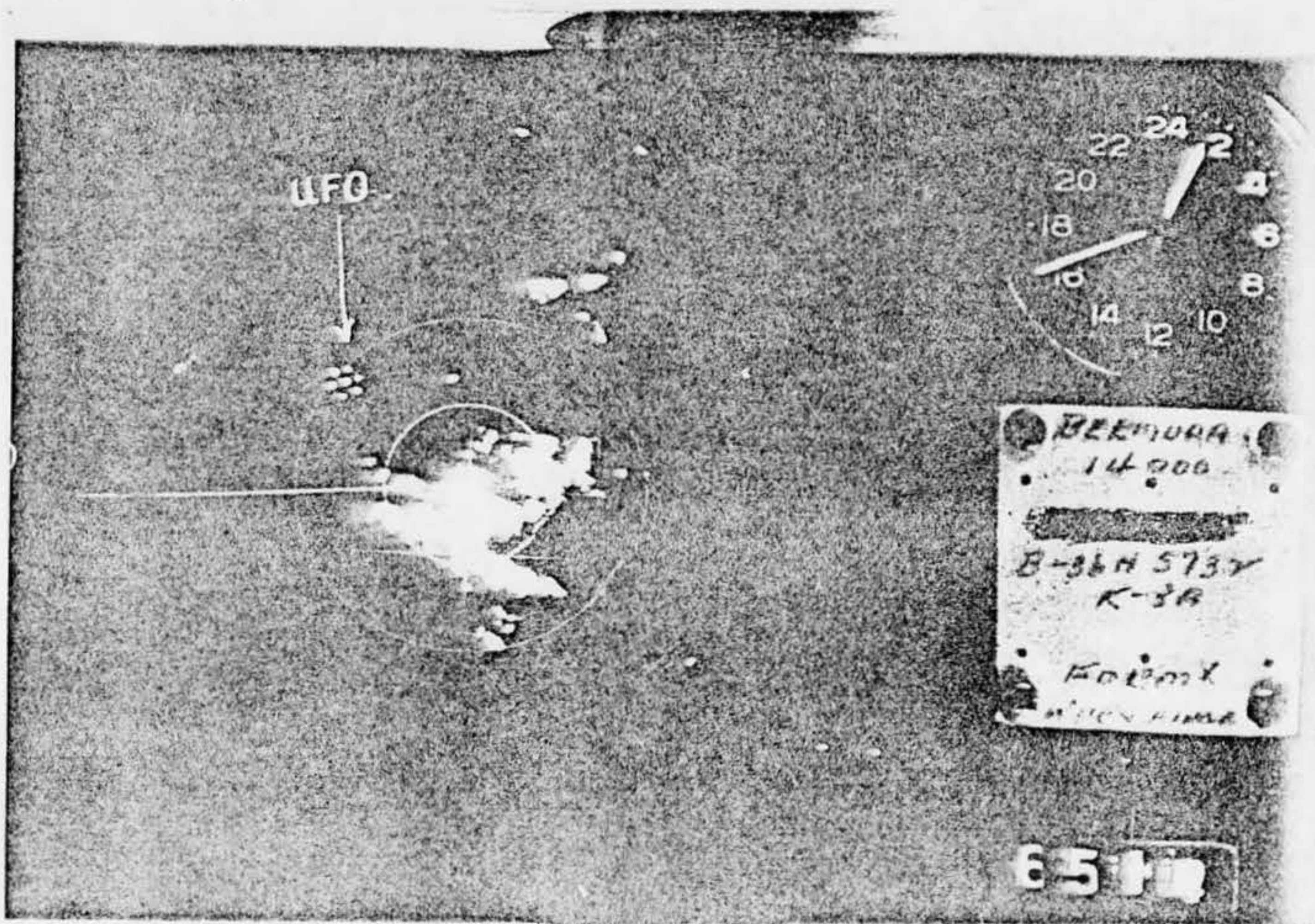
At this point the radar scope camera was turned on the set and a number of frames taken before the objects went out of range. Meanwhile, a check indicated no air or naval activity in the area.

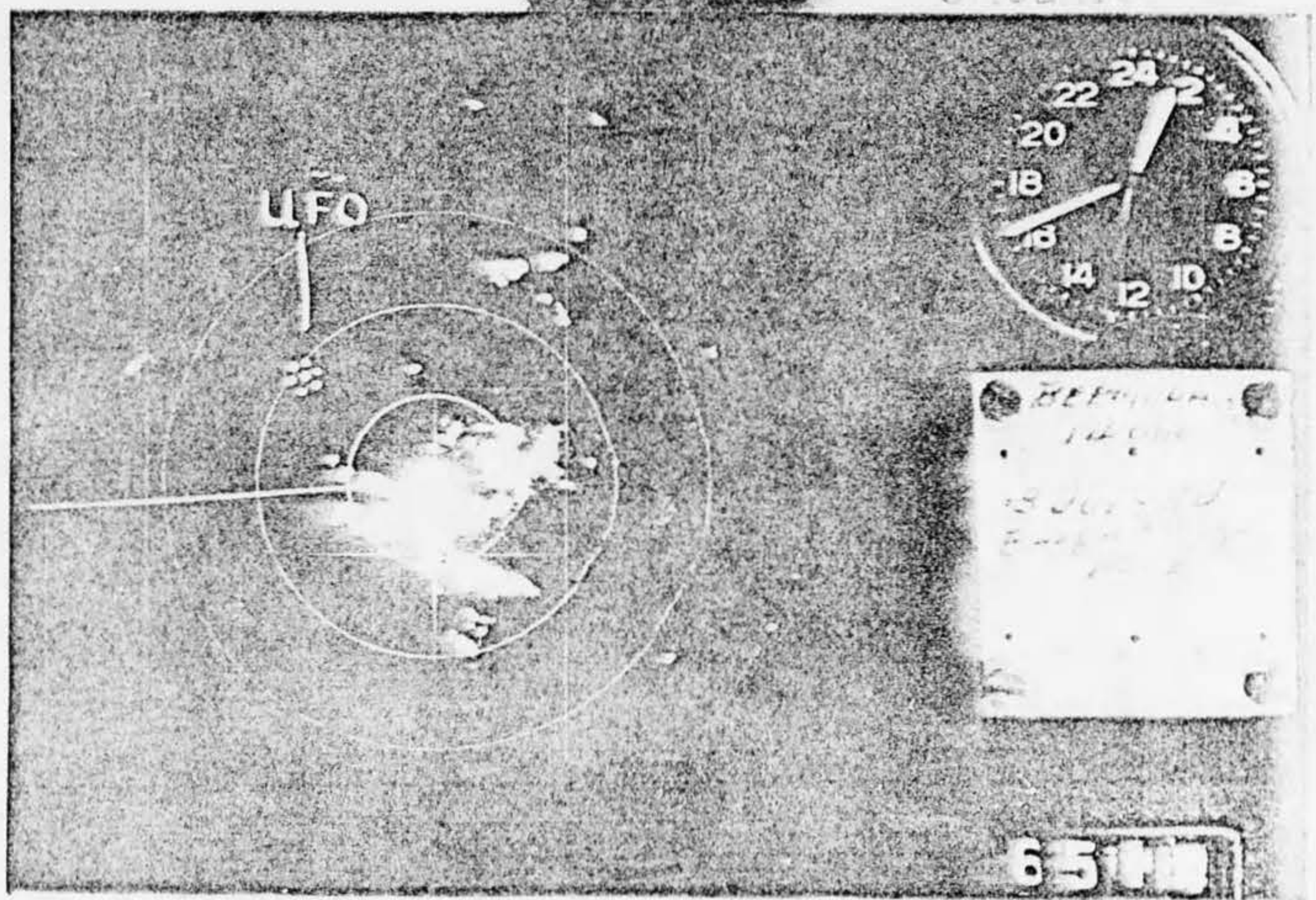
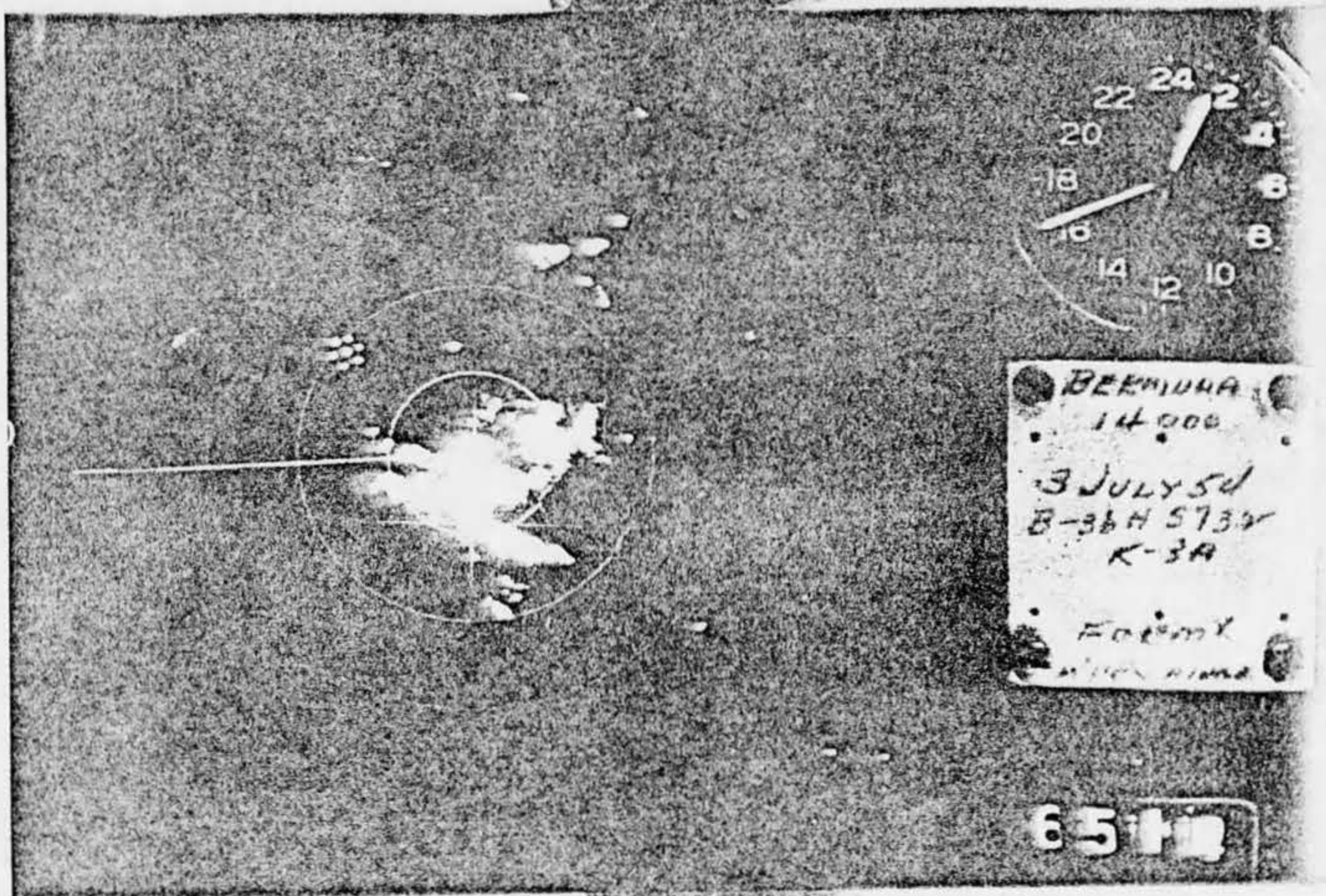
The radar operator who had 10 years in service, 3500 flying hours and 1500 hours as a radar observer, stated that he was familiar with ship and aircraft returns, and that this was the most peculiar return he had encountered in his ten years of service, concluding with "I've seen ships before on the scope - in fact, I was tracking one before these 'things' showed up - it wasn't radar interference, and not a cloud return -".

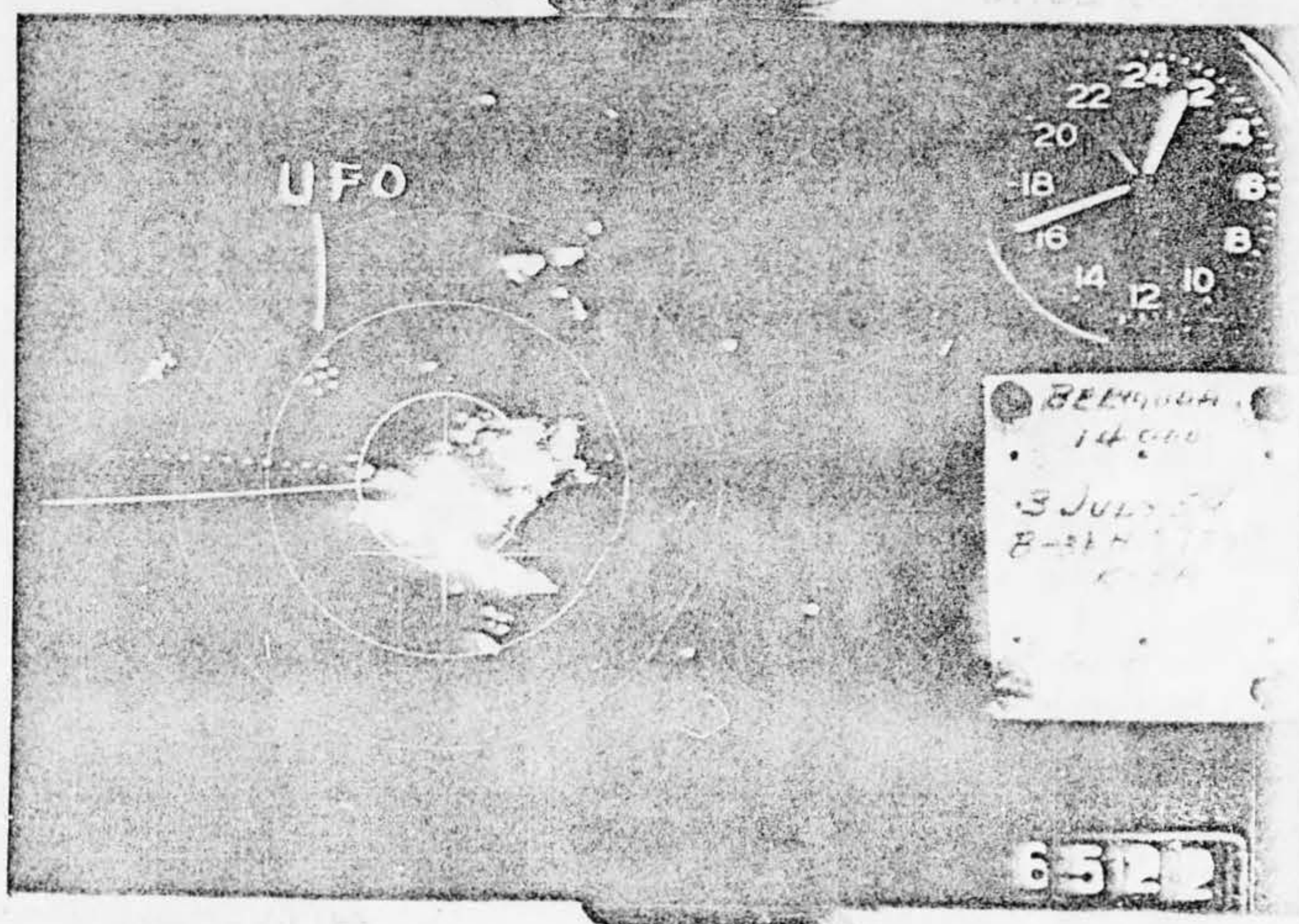
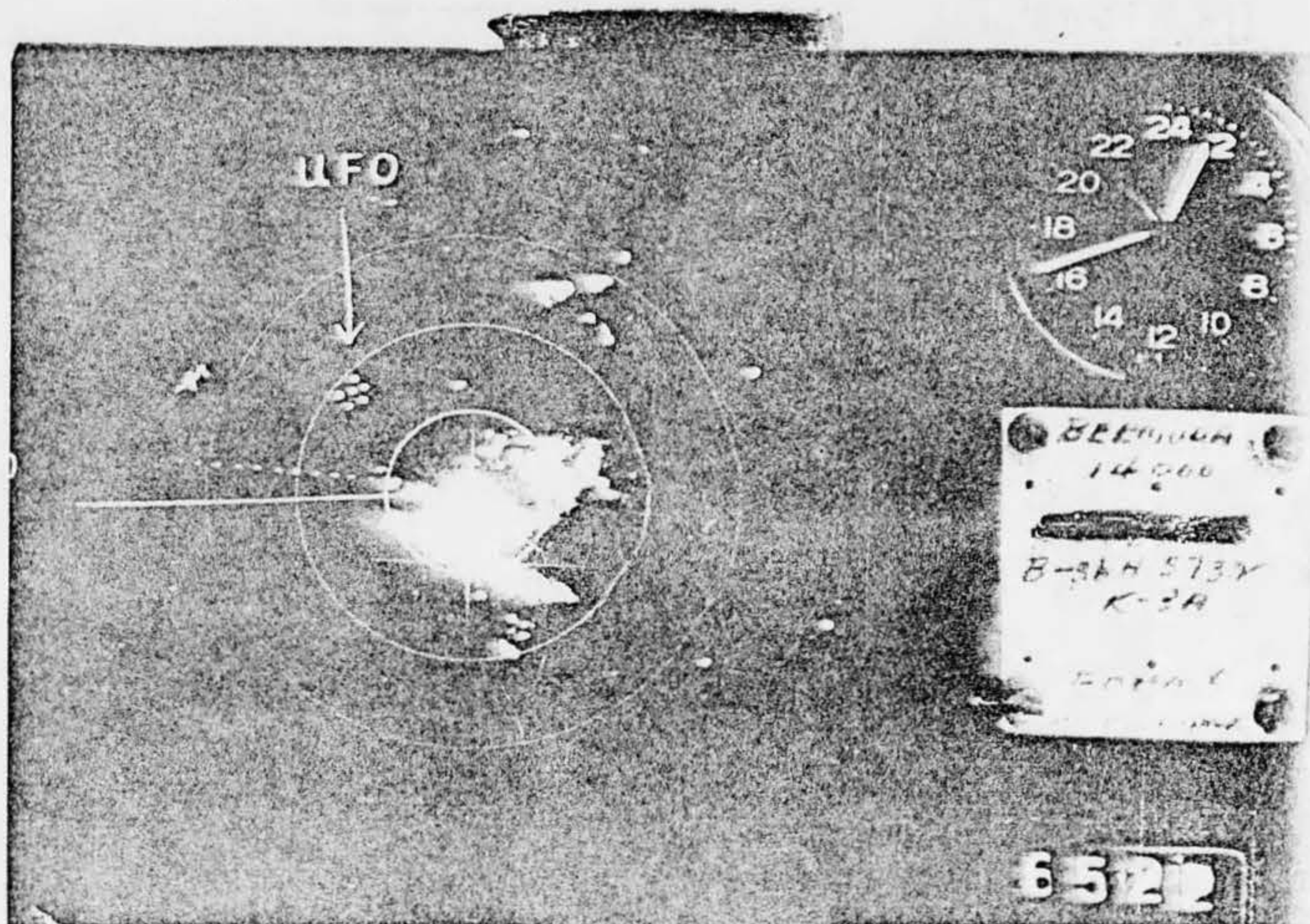
The prints were examined, and other internal checks and investigations made. The blips on the photos were valid objects, as compared to the numerous radar photos of spurious returns, which suddenly appear and disappear.

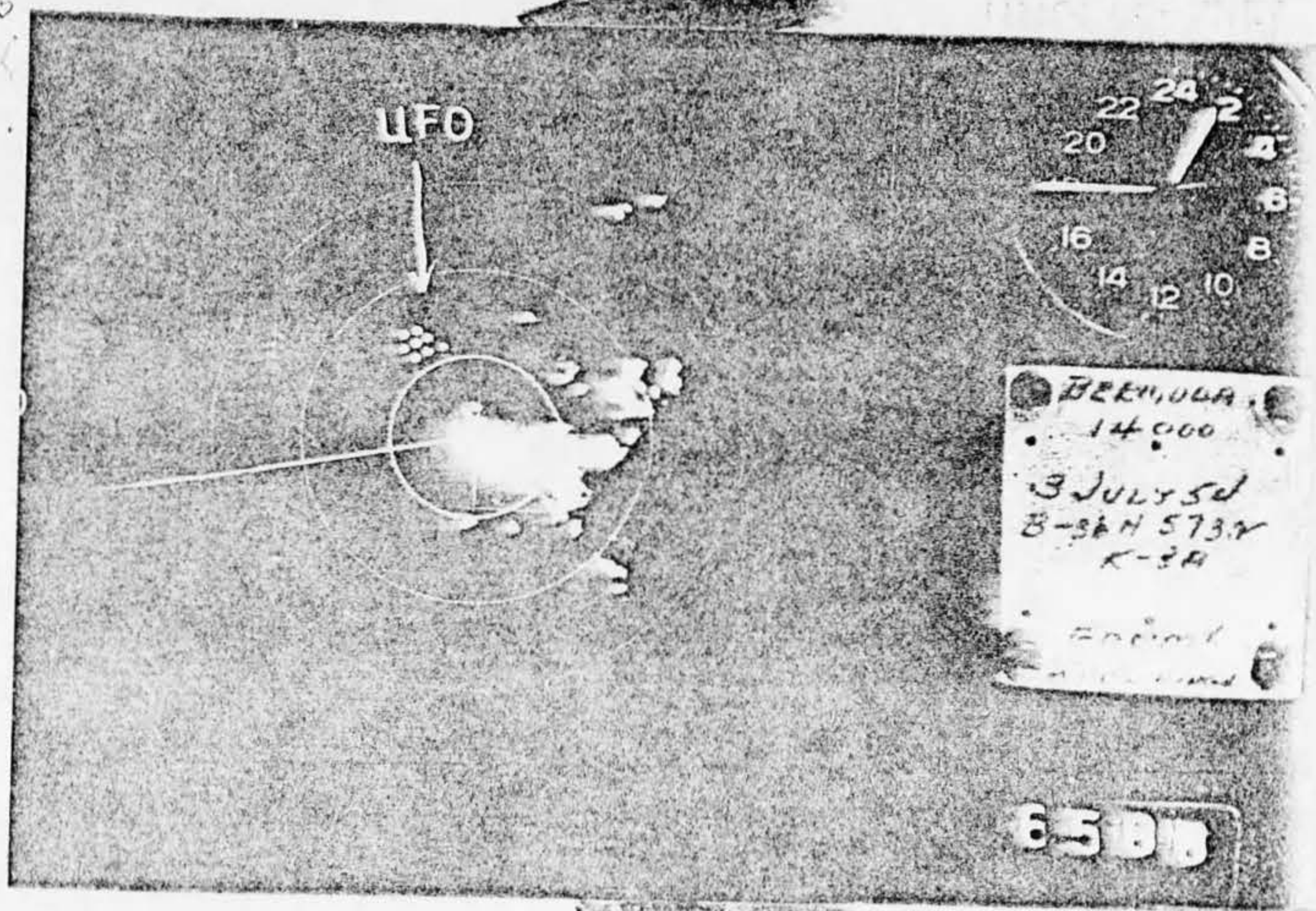
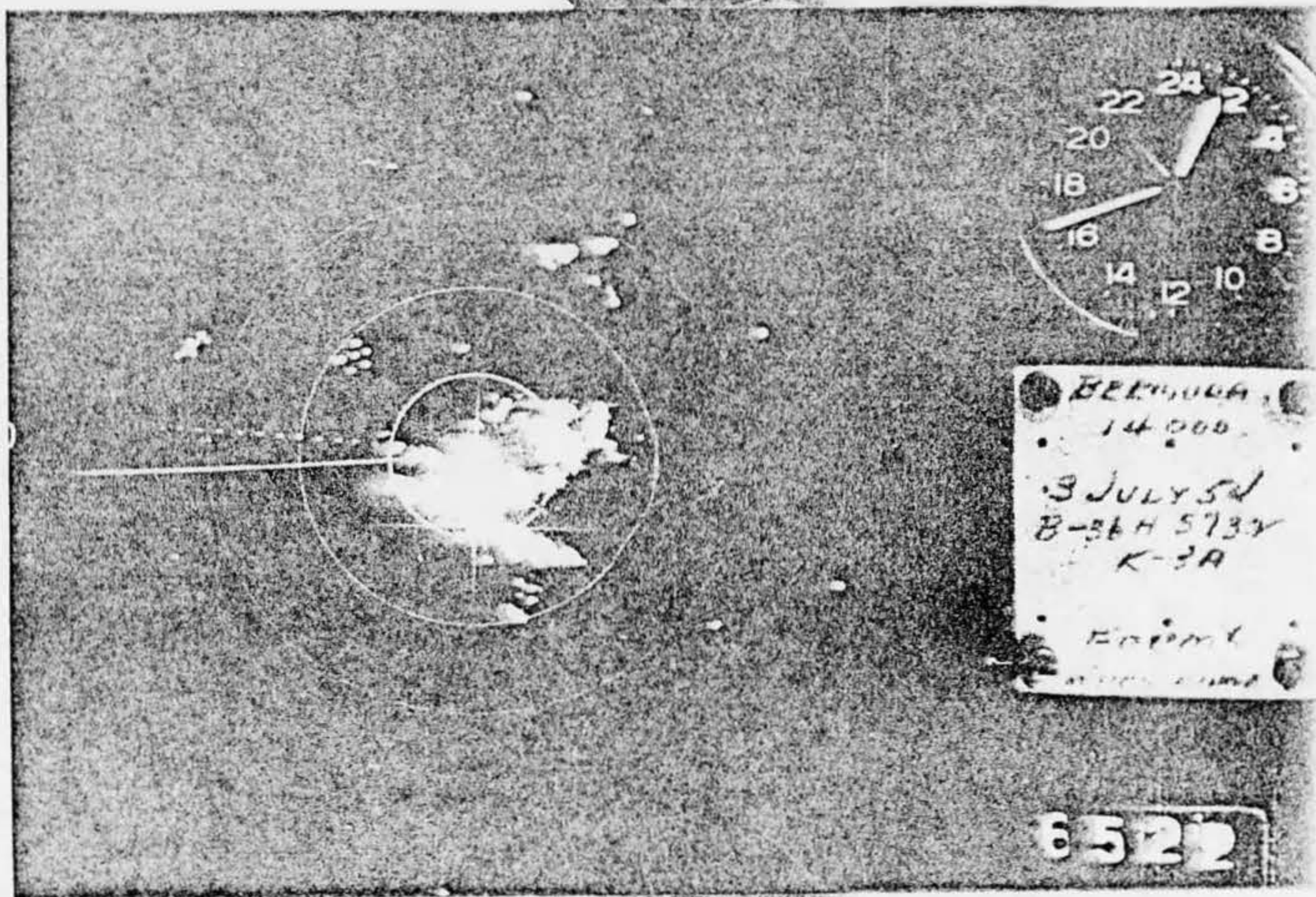
A detailed check with the Navy revealed that the objects seen were definitely a Navy vessel in company with six destroyers and one submarine, enroute from the Mediterranean area to a U.S. Base.

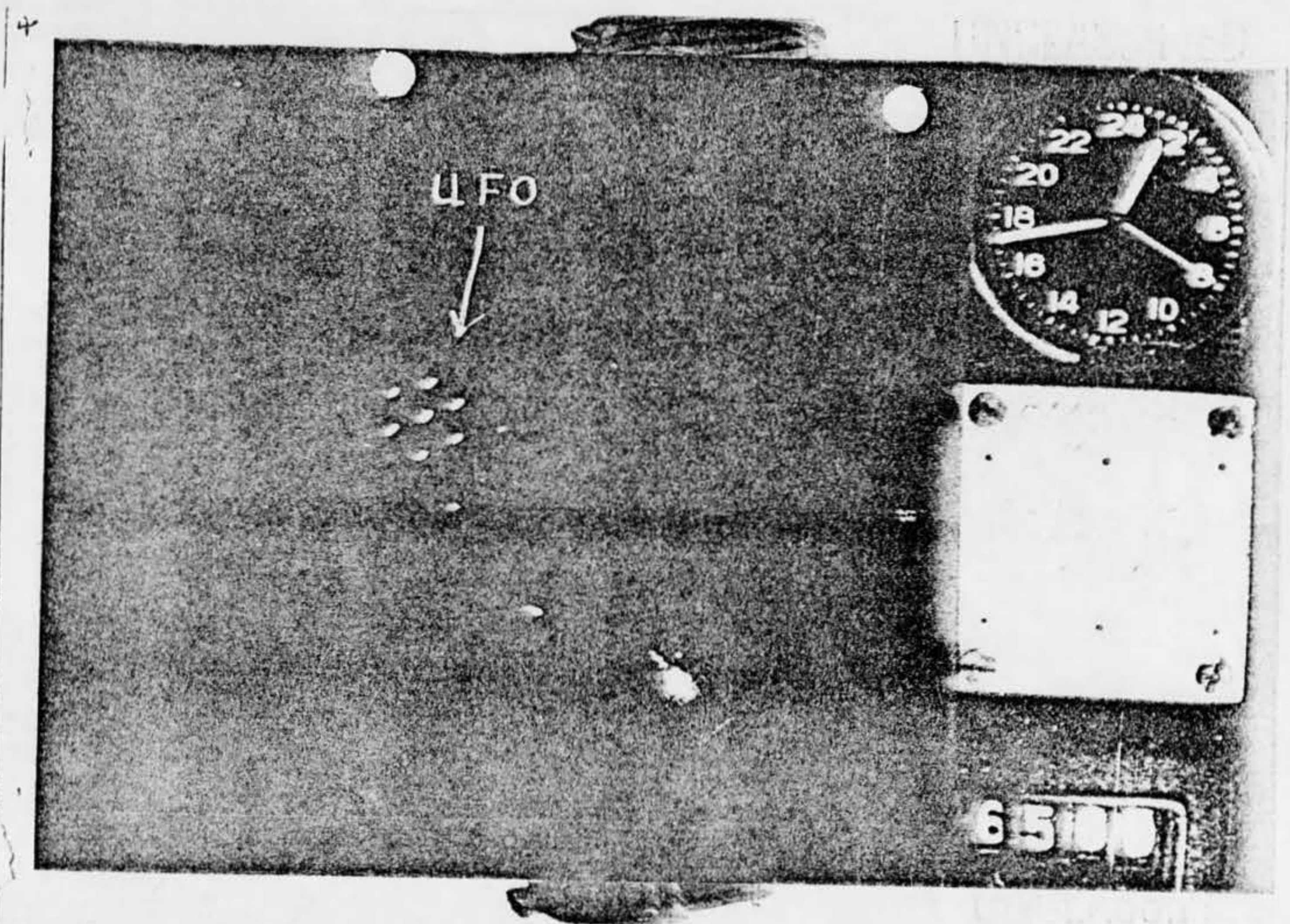


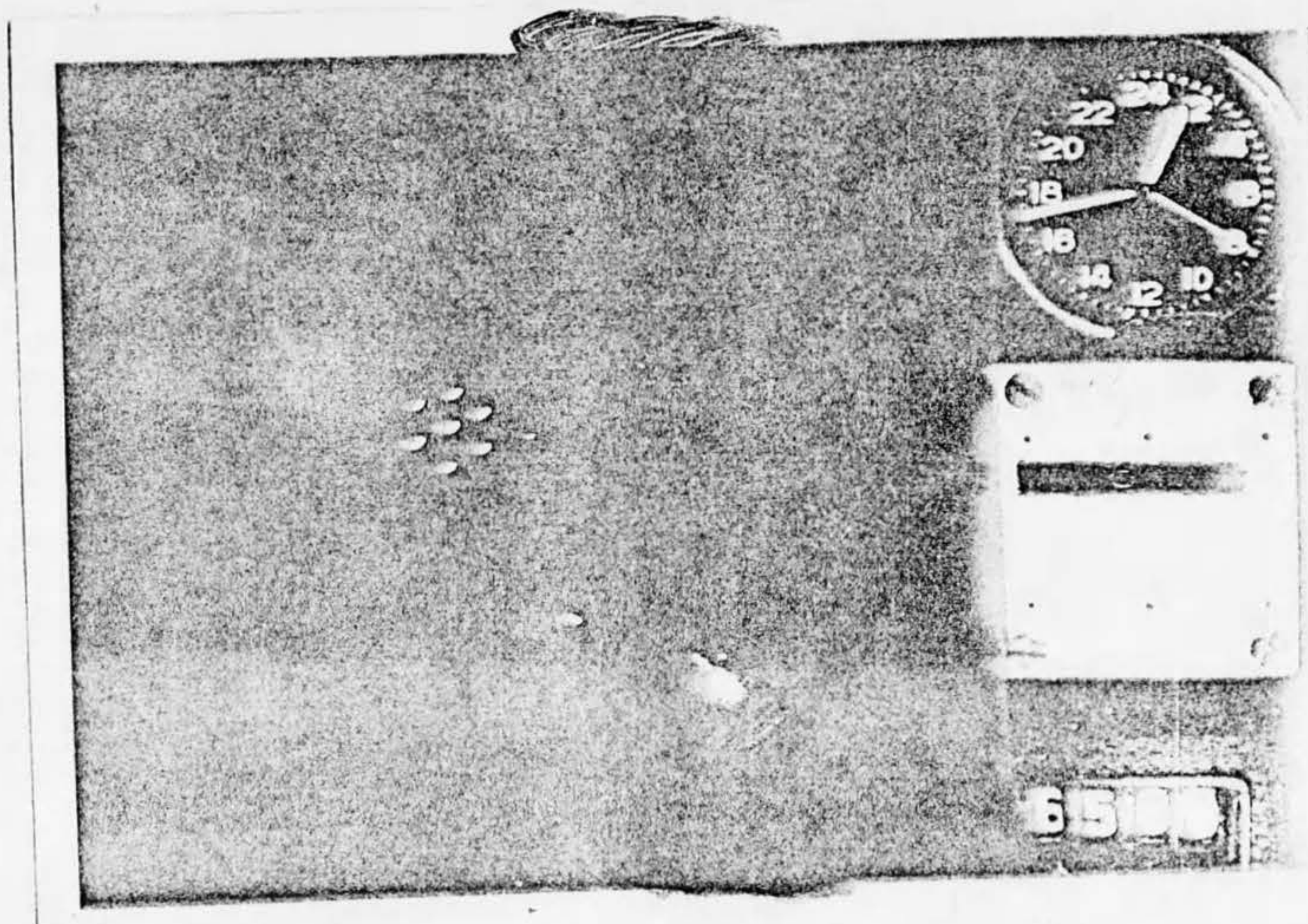
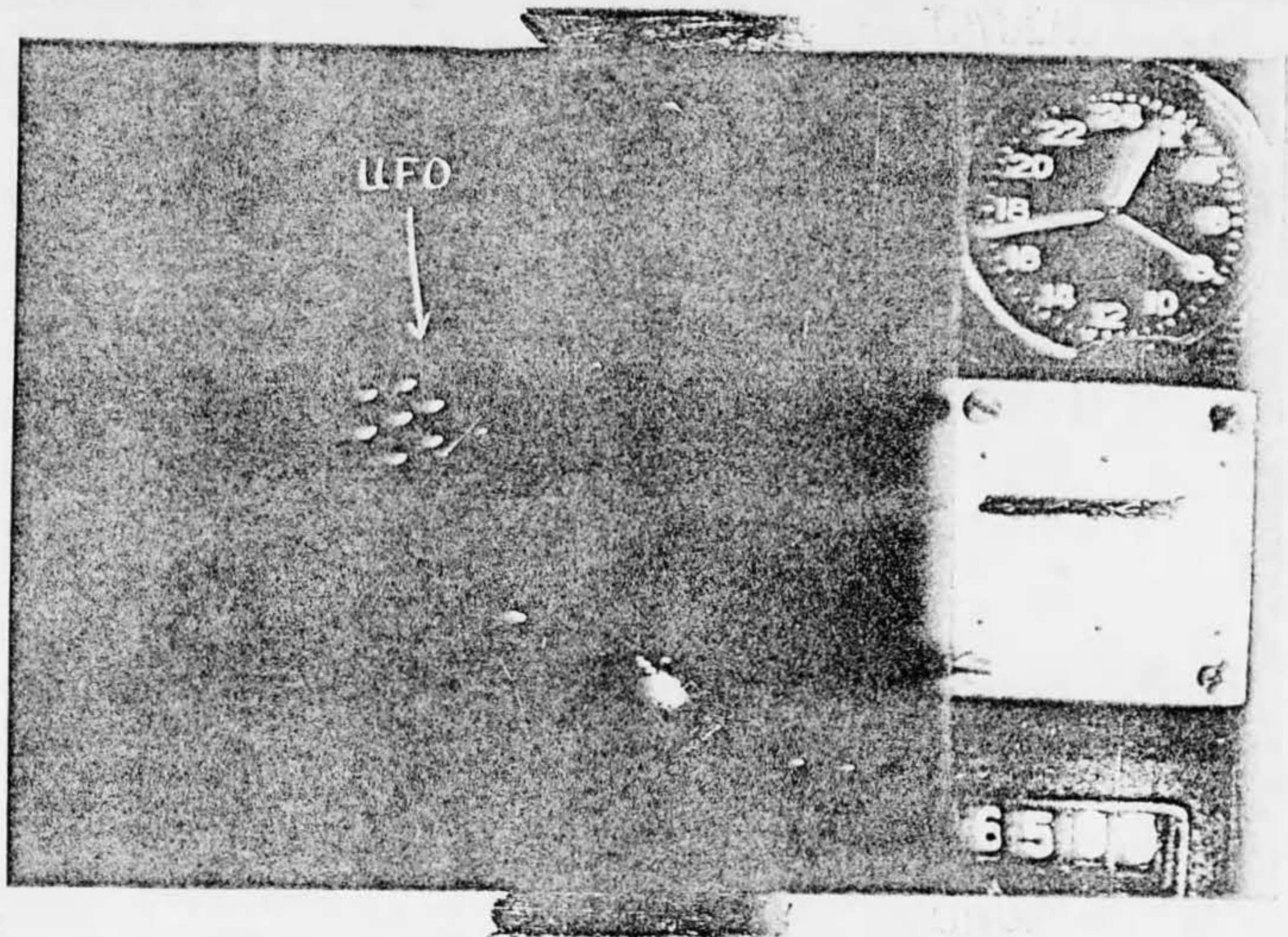




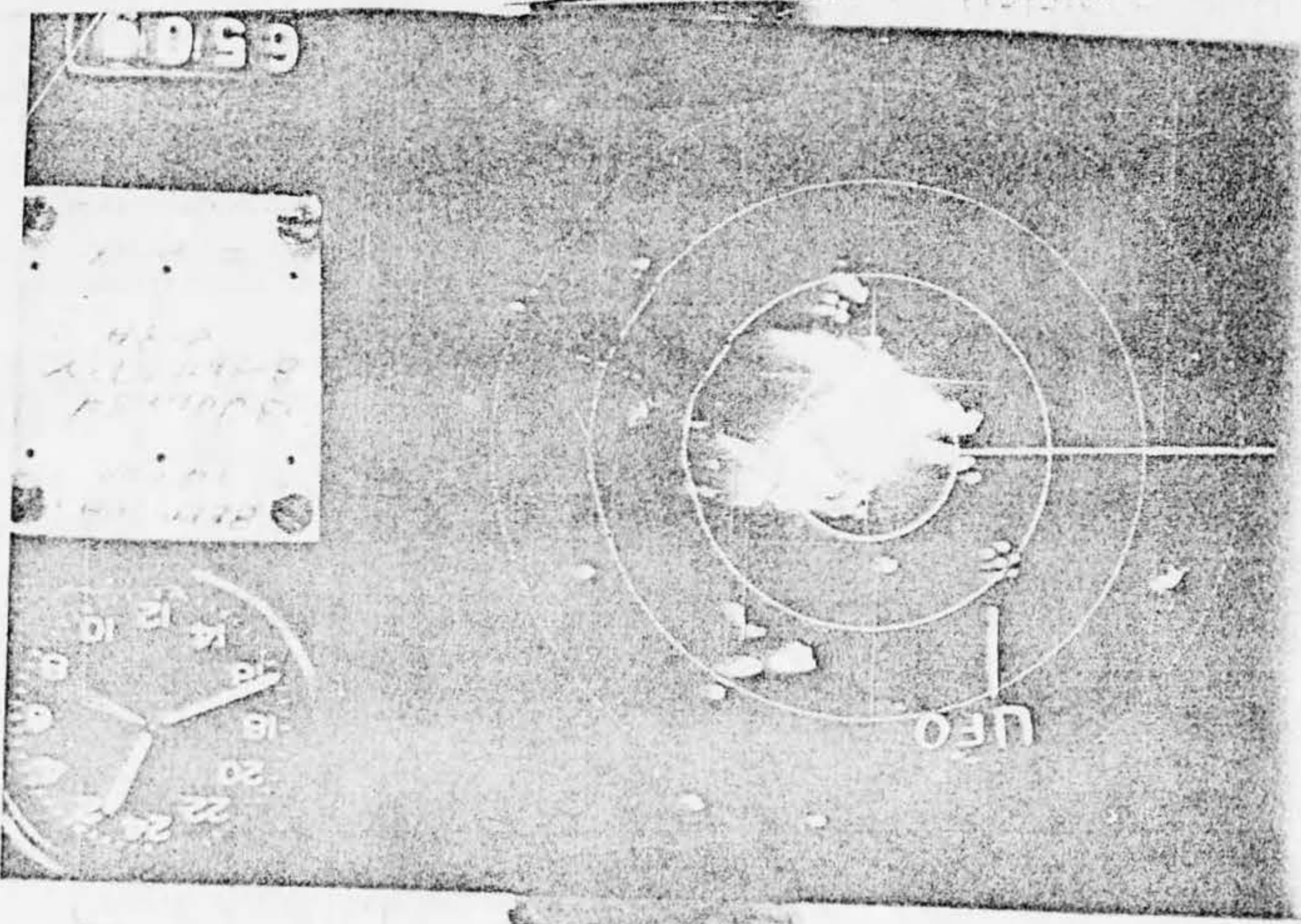
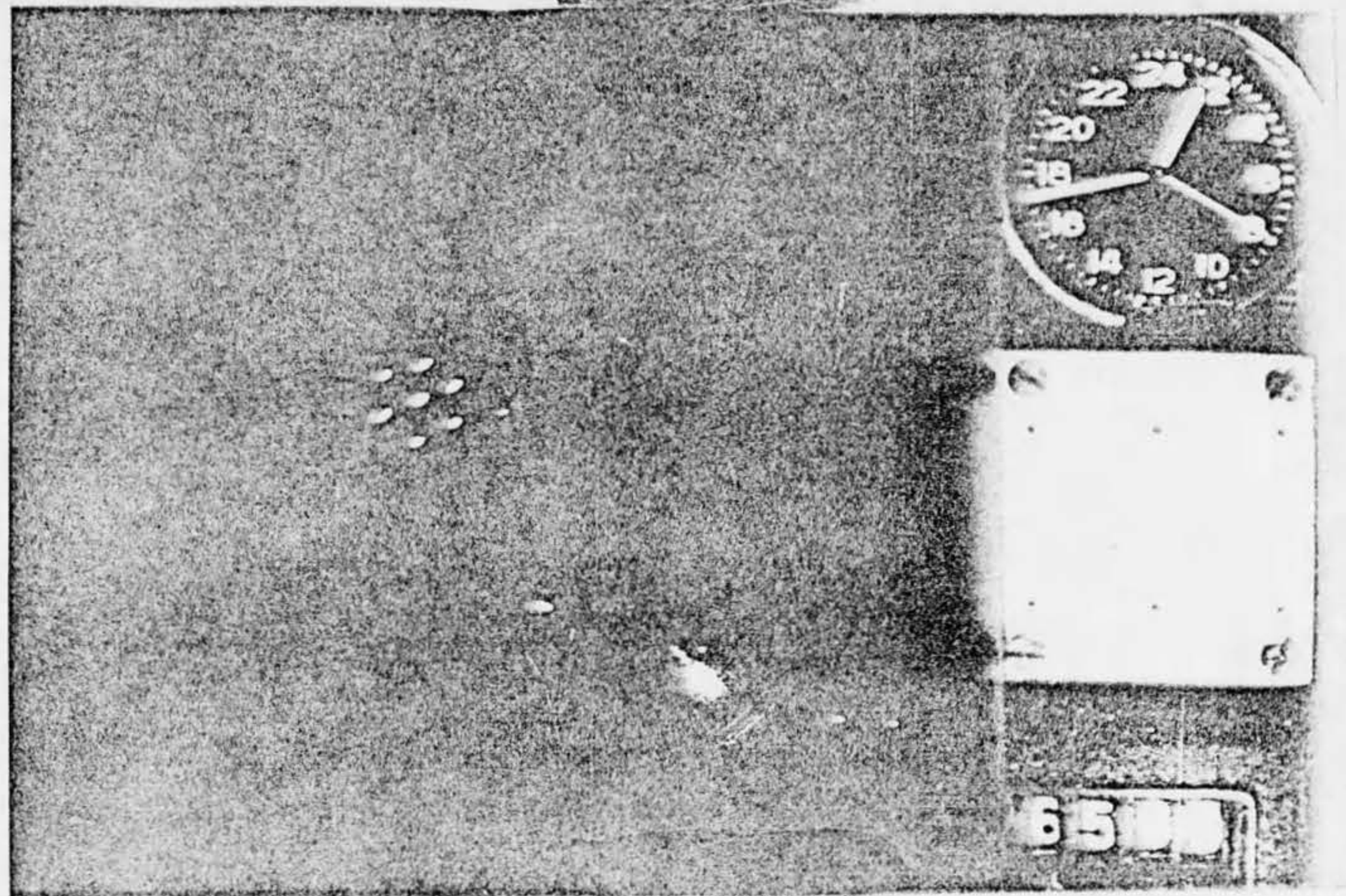


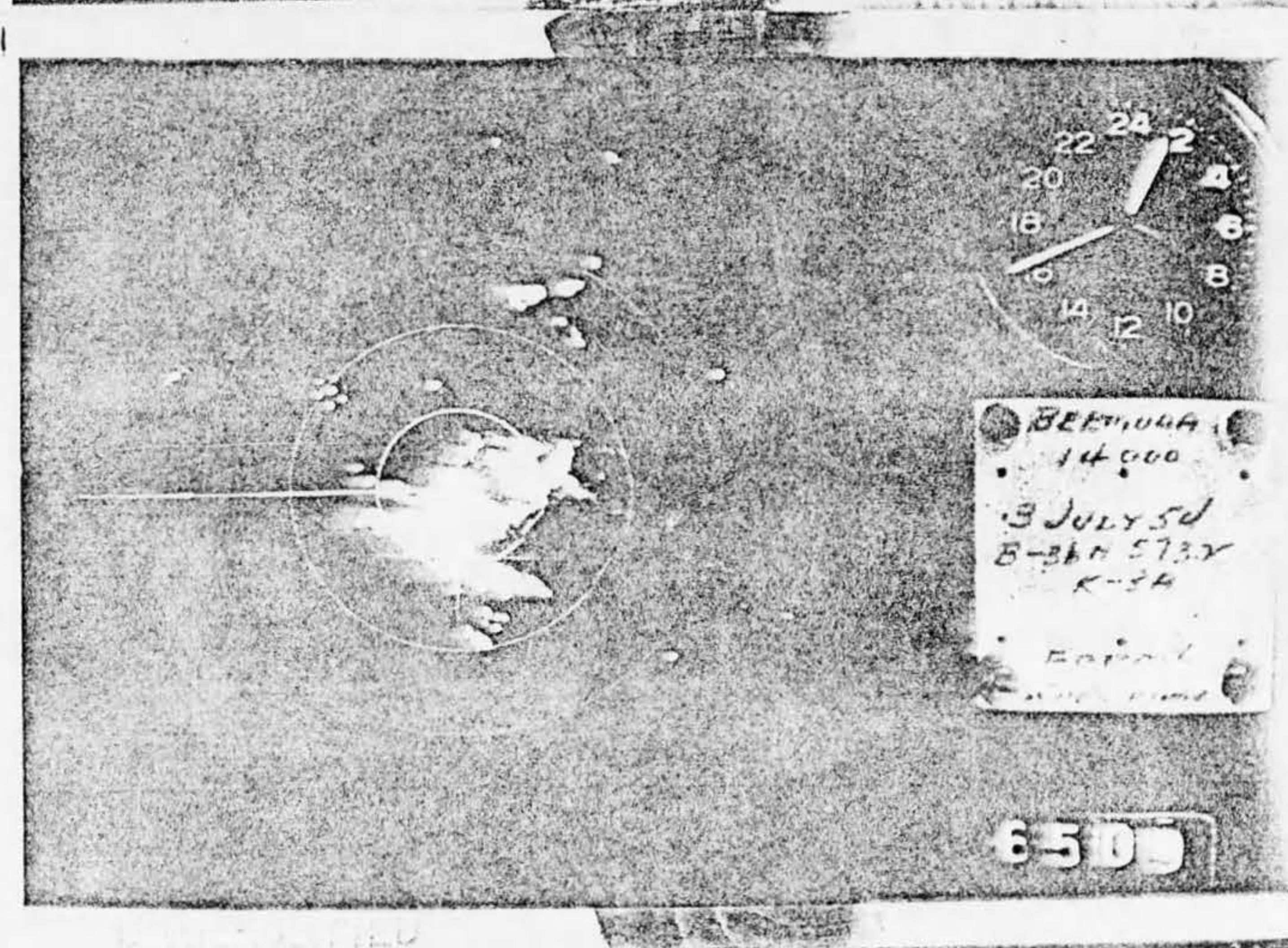
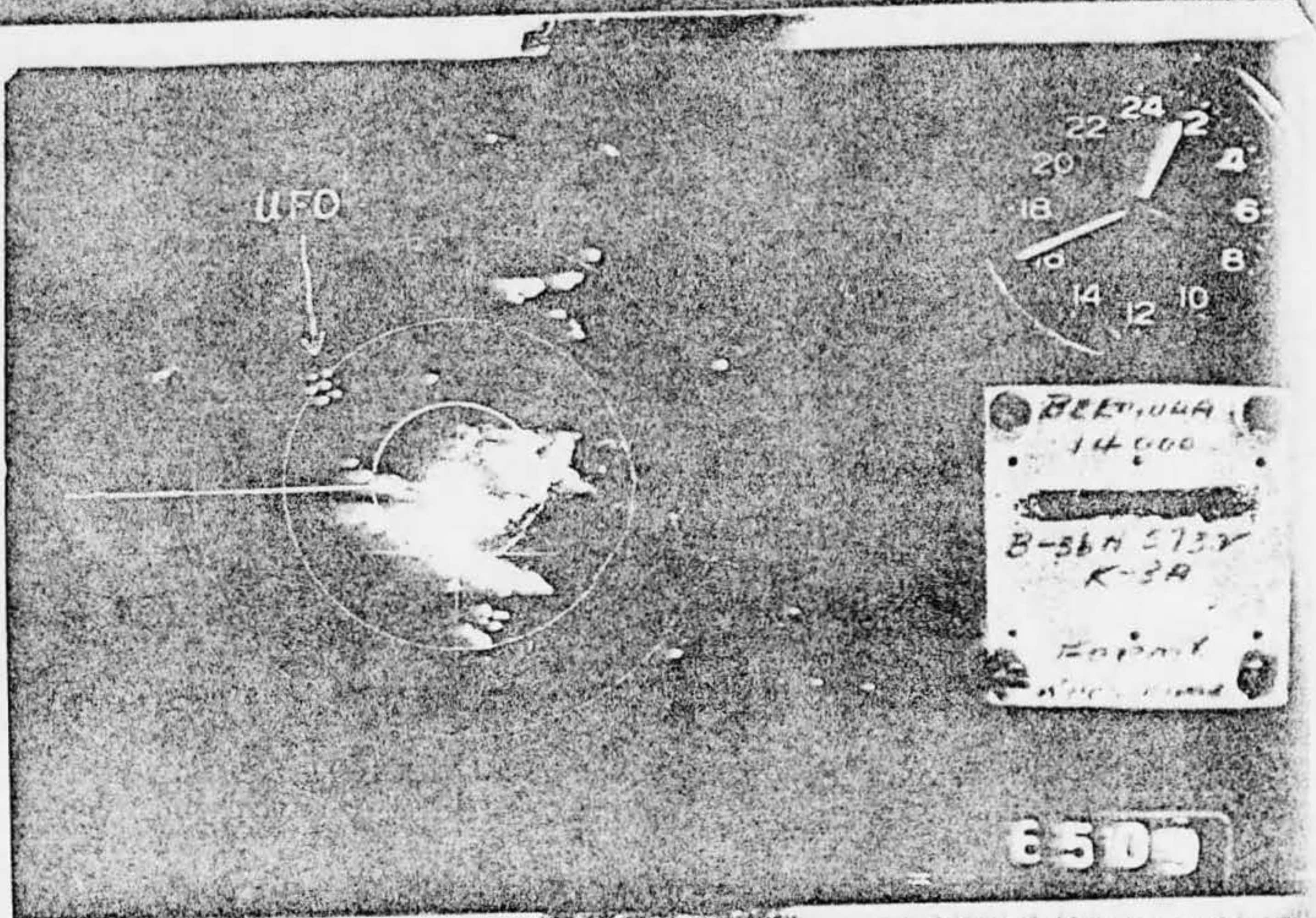


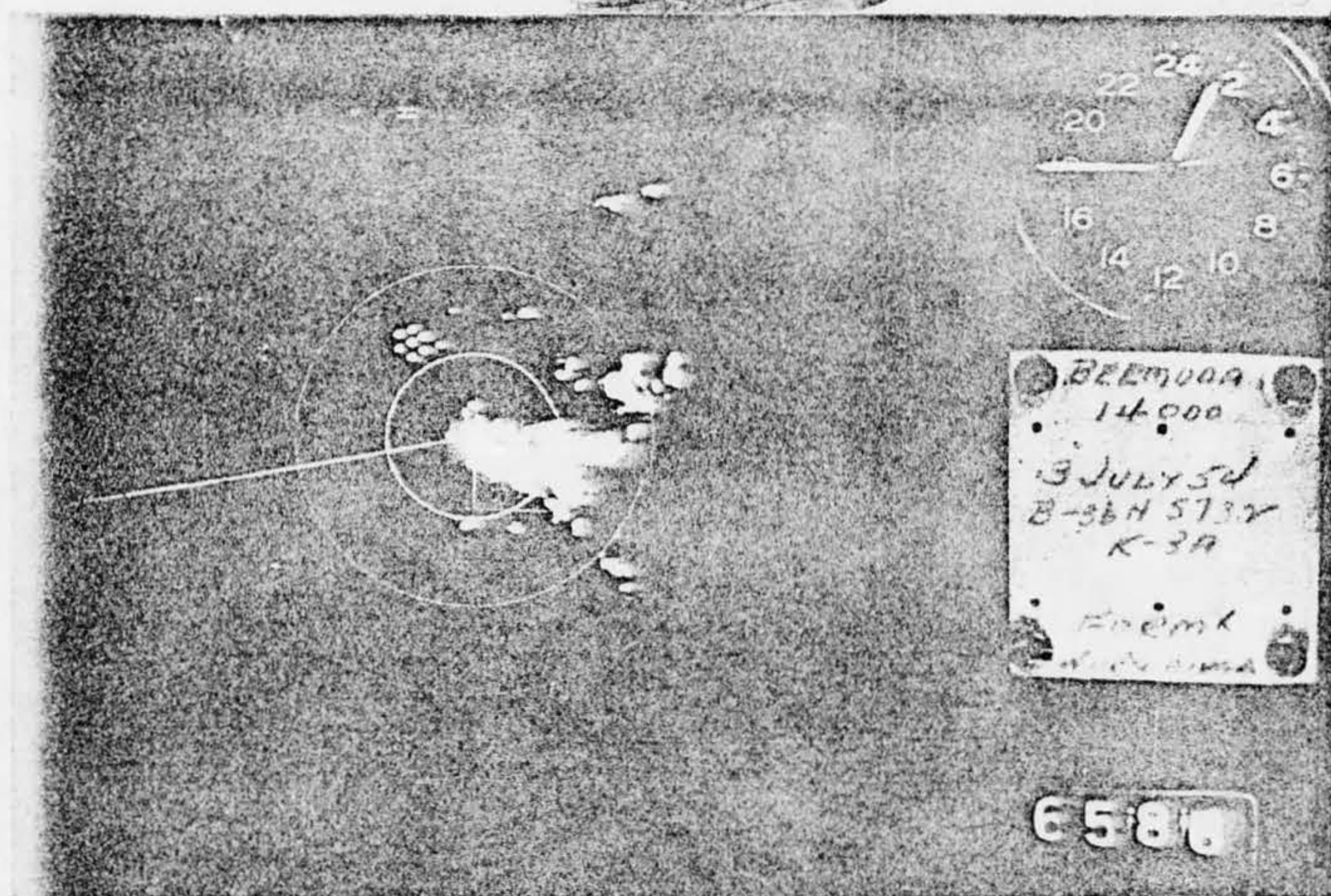
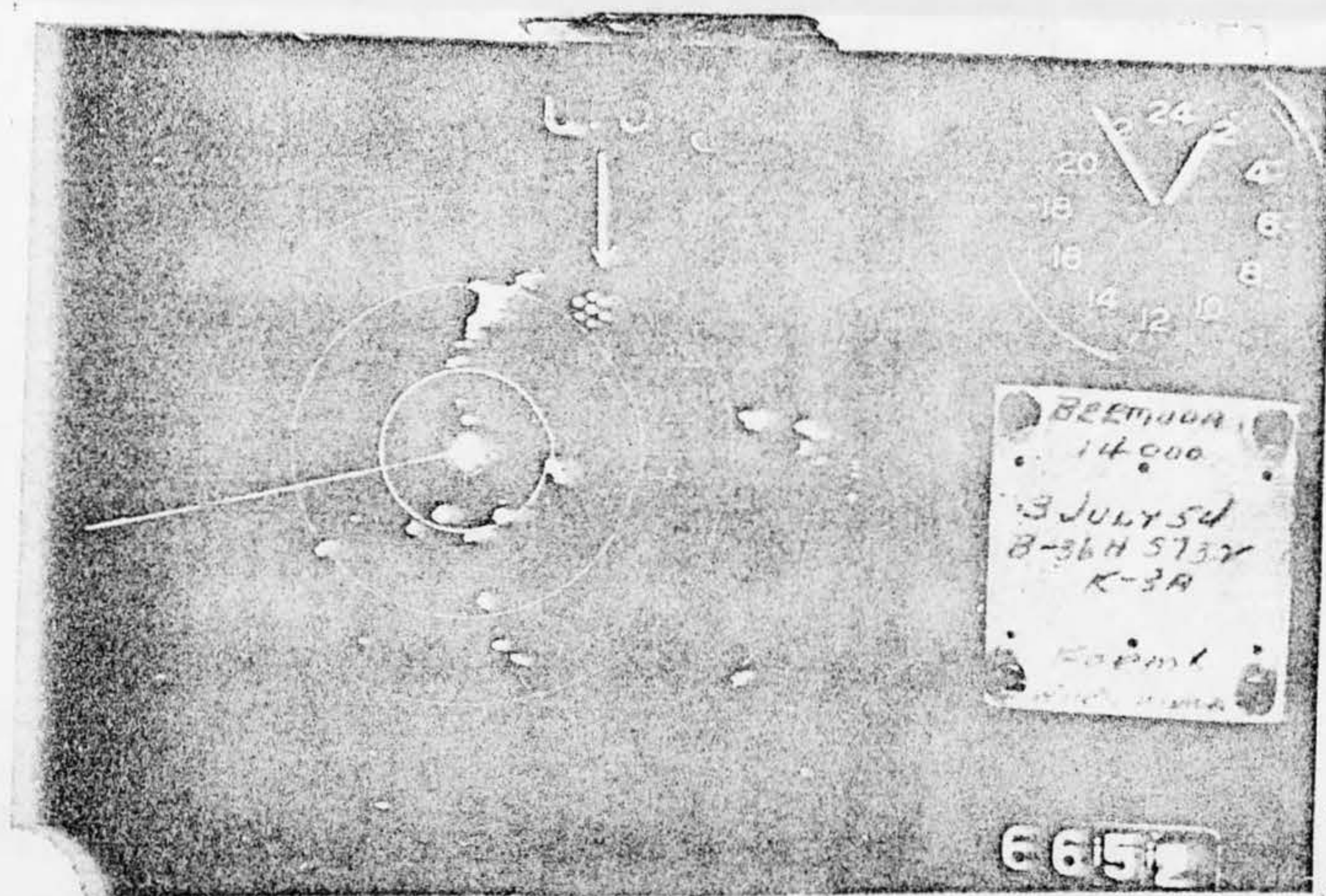




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~~An aircraft~~ flying over the Atlantic Ocean near Bermuda reported receiving a peculiar radar return on the night of [REDACTED]. The return consisted of a clear and well defined circular formation containing 7 and at times 8 objects.

Photographs were taken of the scope and were included with the report. The operator reported that no naval activity was observed and that this was the most peculiar return he had encountered in his 10 years of experience.

An inquiry to the Navy produced the definite identification of these reported objects as having been an aircraft carrier accompanied by six destroyers and one submarine enroute from Naples to Norfolk.

This case contains 22
5"x7" photos and 6 10"x8"
photos and 2 8"x10" negatives.

AND

25mm Film in separate folder

Ltr, Hqs 19th AD, Subj: Tracer Action

27 OCT 1954

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ATIAE-5/Sgt *And* Drepperd/rc/69216AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
OhioTO: Commander, 19th Air Division, Carswell Air Force Base, Fort
Worth, Texas

1. Reference paragraph 1 above, receipt of film and prints acknowledged and are on file in the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

2. An evaluation of the incident recorded on the film was furnished to the Commander, Carswell Air Force Base by ATIC Message 40604 dated 17 August 1954.

FOR THE COMMANDER

R. C. SCHUM
CWO, USAF
Asst. Adj.

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Capt. C. A. Hardin

ATIAE *W. G. Smith* DATE 26 Oct
1st Lt. Col. H. C. Johnston

ATIAE *R. W. McDuffee* DATE 26 Oct.
for Col. R. W. McDuffee

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