

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 August 1957		2. LOCATION Several Indiana towns, Alexandria, Kokomo, etc.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☒ Was Aircraft Refuel Opr. ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 07/0605 - 0625Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military & Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 - 2		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object described as red, blue, green & white lights. Speed reports varying from stand still to high speed.				11. COMMENTS This sighting made by numerous people over a large area. It was determined to be a KB-50 with new type lights on a round robin flight from Langley AFB.	

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OBJECTS THROW INTO DITHER

'Saucers' Reported in Many Places

By BILL ROBERTS

One or more unidentified flying objects, flashing red, blue, green and white lights, hovered over north central Indiana early today and sent residents scurrying to their telephones.

City police, Marion County sheriff's office and state police switchboards were swamped with calls as the objects were reported seen from Indianapolis northward as far as Portland.

A mysterious object was reported spotted at various central Indiana cities and towns between midnight and 3 a.m.

In Marion County, the sheriff's office handled more than 1,000 telephone inquiries. Several deputies also reported seeing the object.

Neither Bunker Hill Air Base near Peru nor Bakalar Air Base near Columbus could shed any light on the mystery.

12 CITIES, TOWNS REPORT

Some reports said the object was moving northeastward. Later, others said it was moving westward.

Along with Indianapolis, reports were received from Anderson, Decatur, Greenfield, Kokomo, Elwood, Tipton, Muncie, Yorktown, Ft. Wayne, Danville, Greenwood, Hartford City and even from Ohio state police.

Speculation included everything from a flying saucer to a B29 tanker.

But most of the calls were similar. The object held an altitude of 5,000 feet and appeared to be stationary at times. There were flashing lights. Some observers said the object changed colors, others claimed it sparkled and was giving off a possible meteor shower.

Suggestions that it was the balloon used in an ascension at the Marion County Fair last night were ruled out since the balloon came down right after the balloonist parachuted about 7:30 o'clock.

State police received first reports at 12:45 a.m. when the marshal of Yorktown observed an "odd-looking light" hovering over the vicinity of Warner Gear Works in Muncie. He said he thought it was a spotlight.

SEEN SEVERAL PLACES AT ONCE

Other calls at that time placed it in the vicinity of Carmel and near Alexandria.

At 12:54 a.m. a report from Anderson said the object was about the size of a star, turning red, white and blue. Then Muncie reported 4 minutes later, saying it was in the northeast, flickering pale blue and pink.

Next call came from Hartford City. The report said it was green on top and blue on the bottom and appeared to be in two segments.

At 1:04 a.m. Trooper Jack Appleby advised the object was near Albany and was changing colors. A few minutes later he reported "it was dancing up and down and giving off bright lights."

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST



'Conduct OK'

WASHINGTON—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles defends the conduct of Cuban Ambassador Earl T. Smith and Ambassador-designate Maxwell Gluck at a news conference here. The two have been the subject of controversy. Dulles also called the U.S. disarmament proposal a significant move for peace.—AP Wirephoto.

Church Council O.K.s Religious Liberty Inquiry

By Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Protestant and Orthodox church officials have decided to undertake a broad inquiry into problems of religious liberty. It envisages direct talks with Roman Catholic leaders.

In a turbulent session of the World Council of Churches, delegates last night threshed through a mass of proposed resolutions—several aimed at the Roman Catholic Church—and tossed them all out.

Instead of issuing pronouncements, the council's policy-making central committee decided to put its diplomats to work.

"Other means can be much more efficient than general

condition of Mrs. Eisenhower who underwent a 2-hour operation yesterday "continues to be fine."

White House Press Secretary James Hagerty quoted Howard Snyder, the president's physician, as saying:

"Mrs. Eisenhower's condition continues to be fine. She slept with few interruptions throughout the night."

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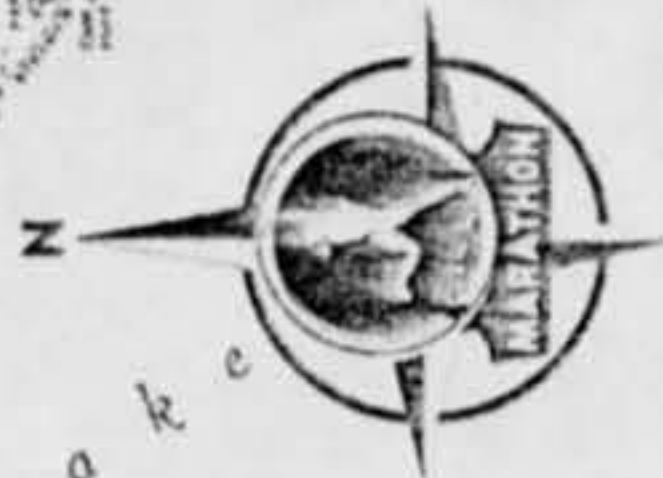
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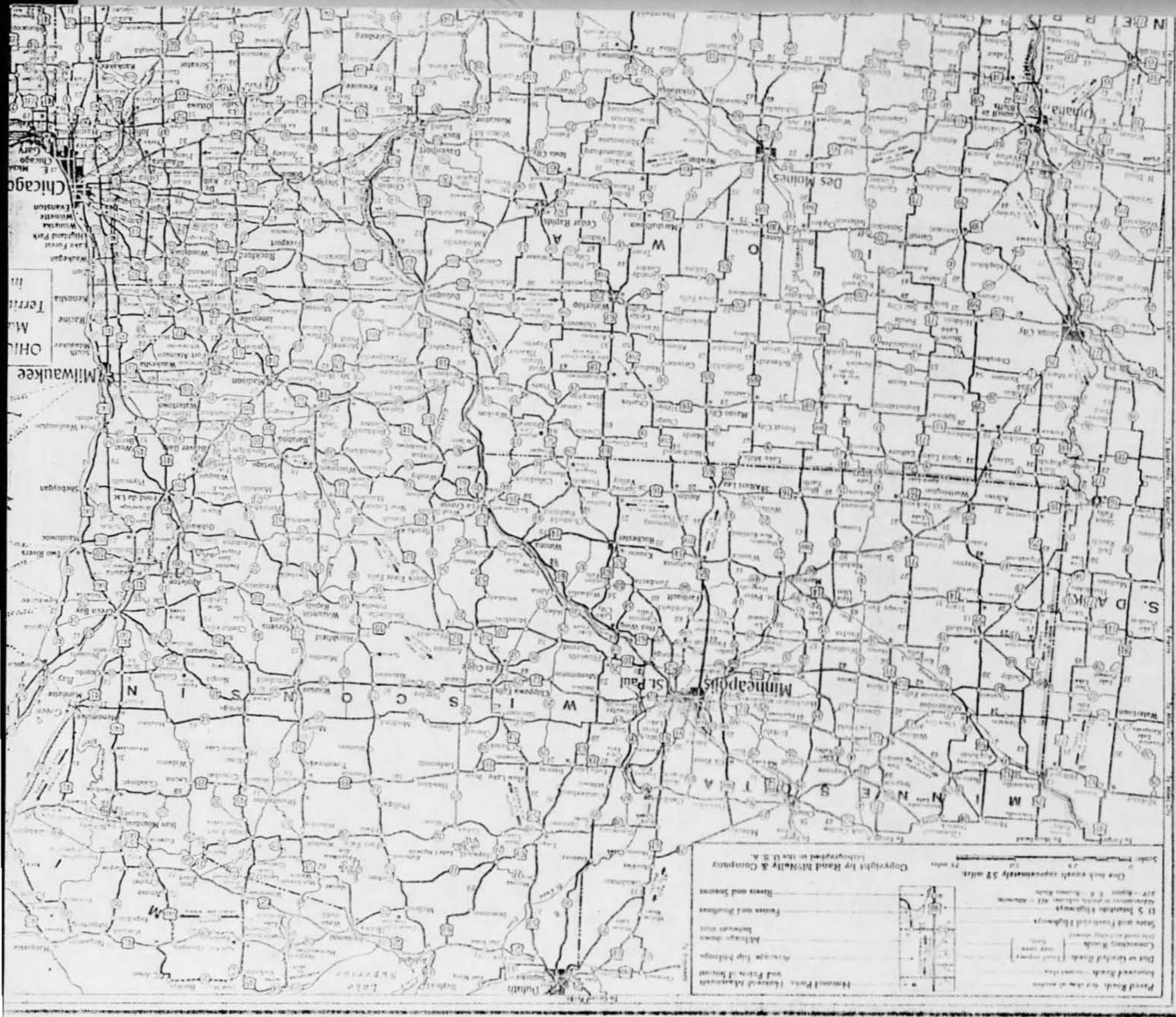
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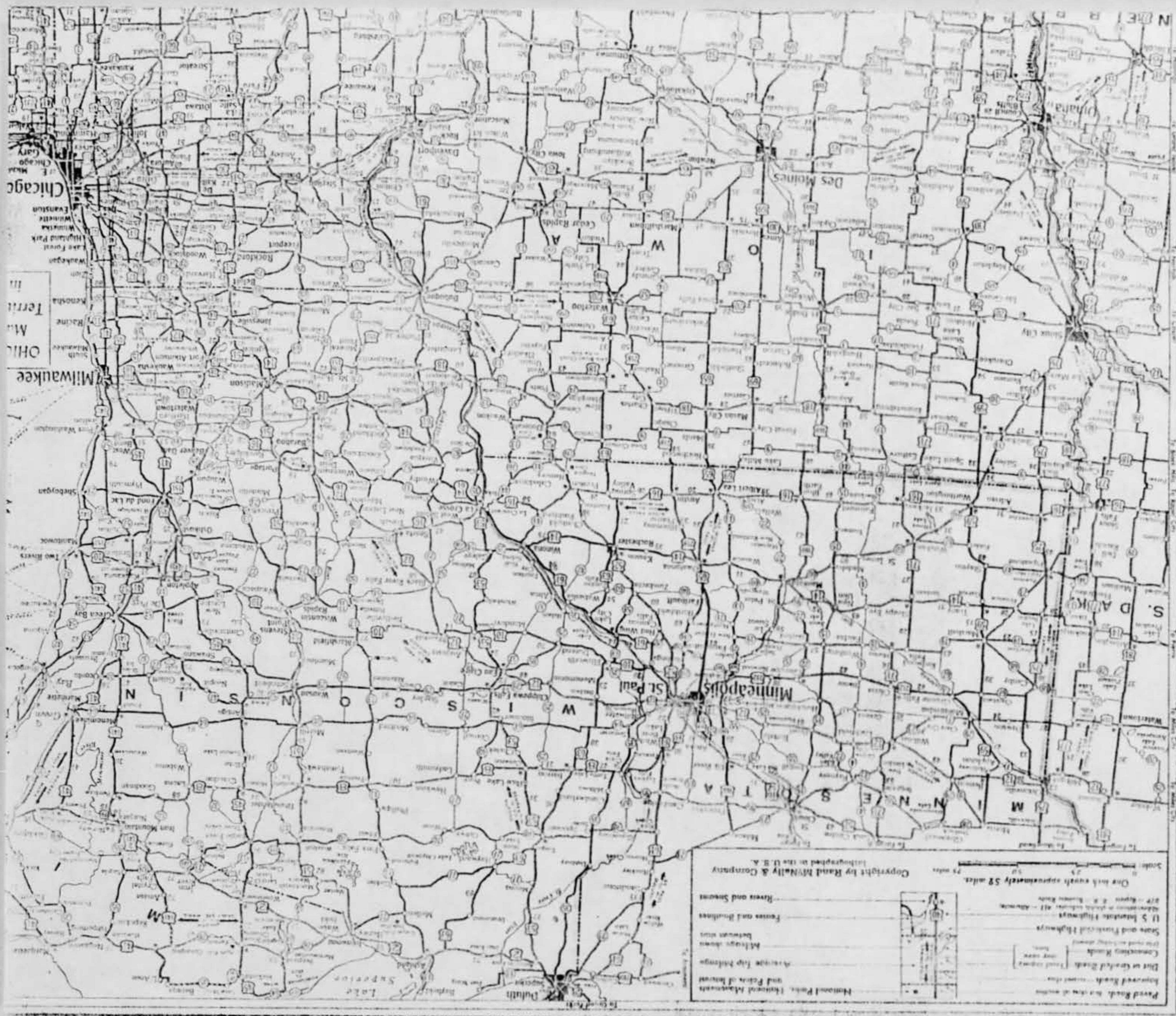
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1. A. SHAPE: NEGATIVE
- B. SIZE: NEGATIVE
- C. OBJECT CHANGED COLOR CONSTANTLY: RED, BLUE, GREEN, WHITE, ETC. DEFINED AS A SPARKLING BRILLIANT COLOR.
- D. ONE
- E. N/A
- F. NEGATIVE
- G. NEGATIVE
- H. NONE

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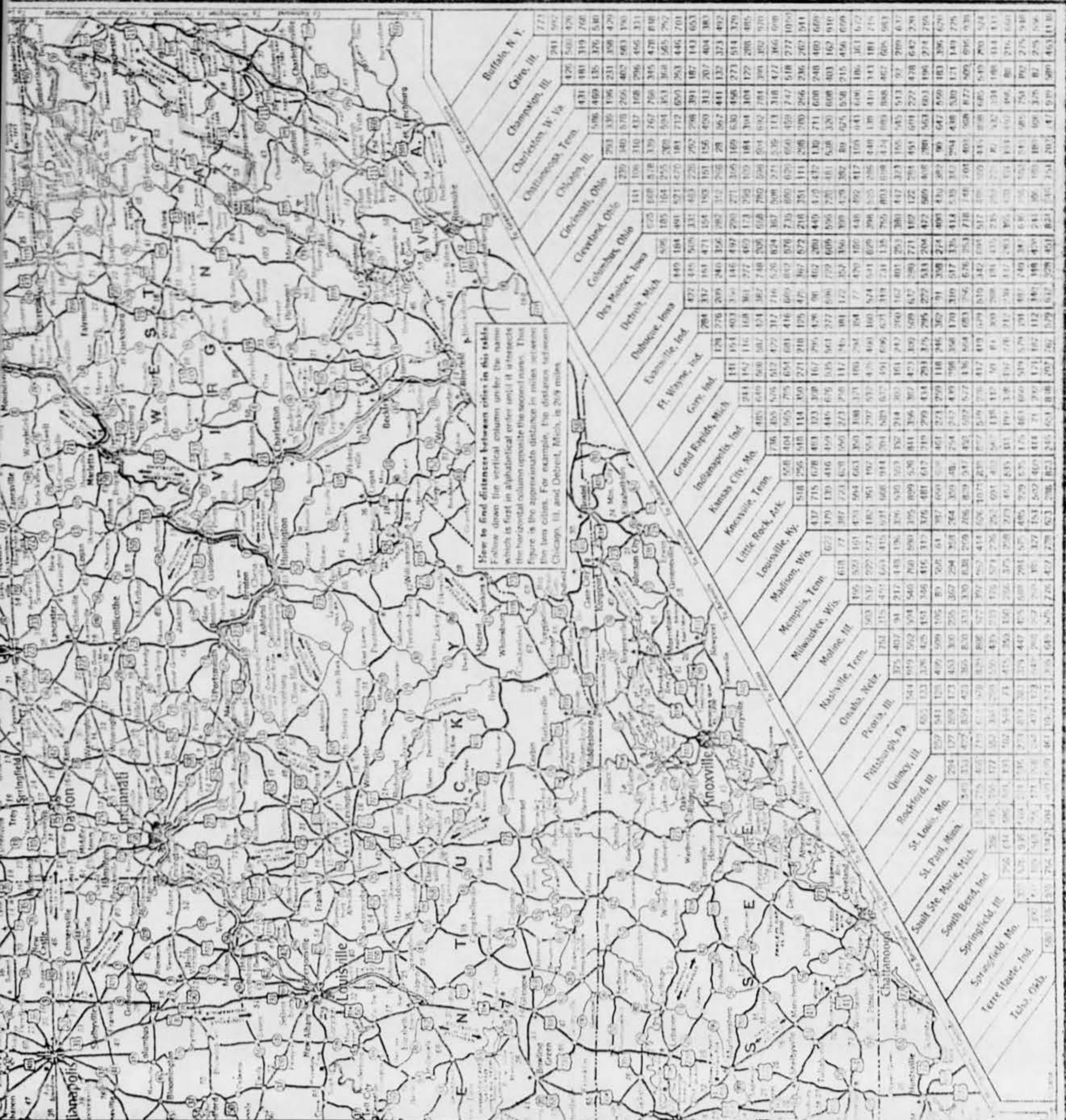
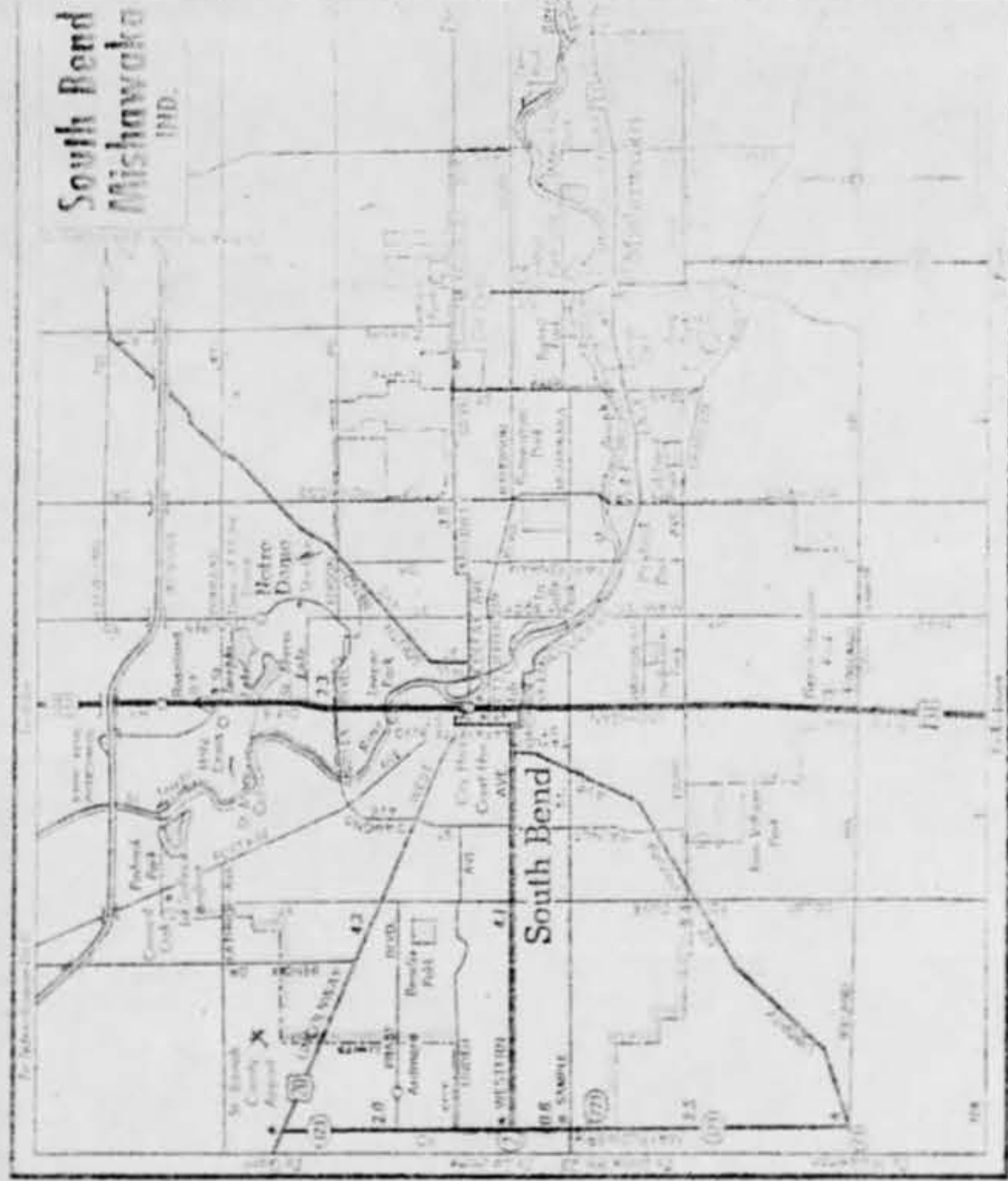
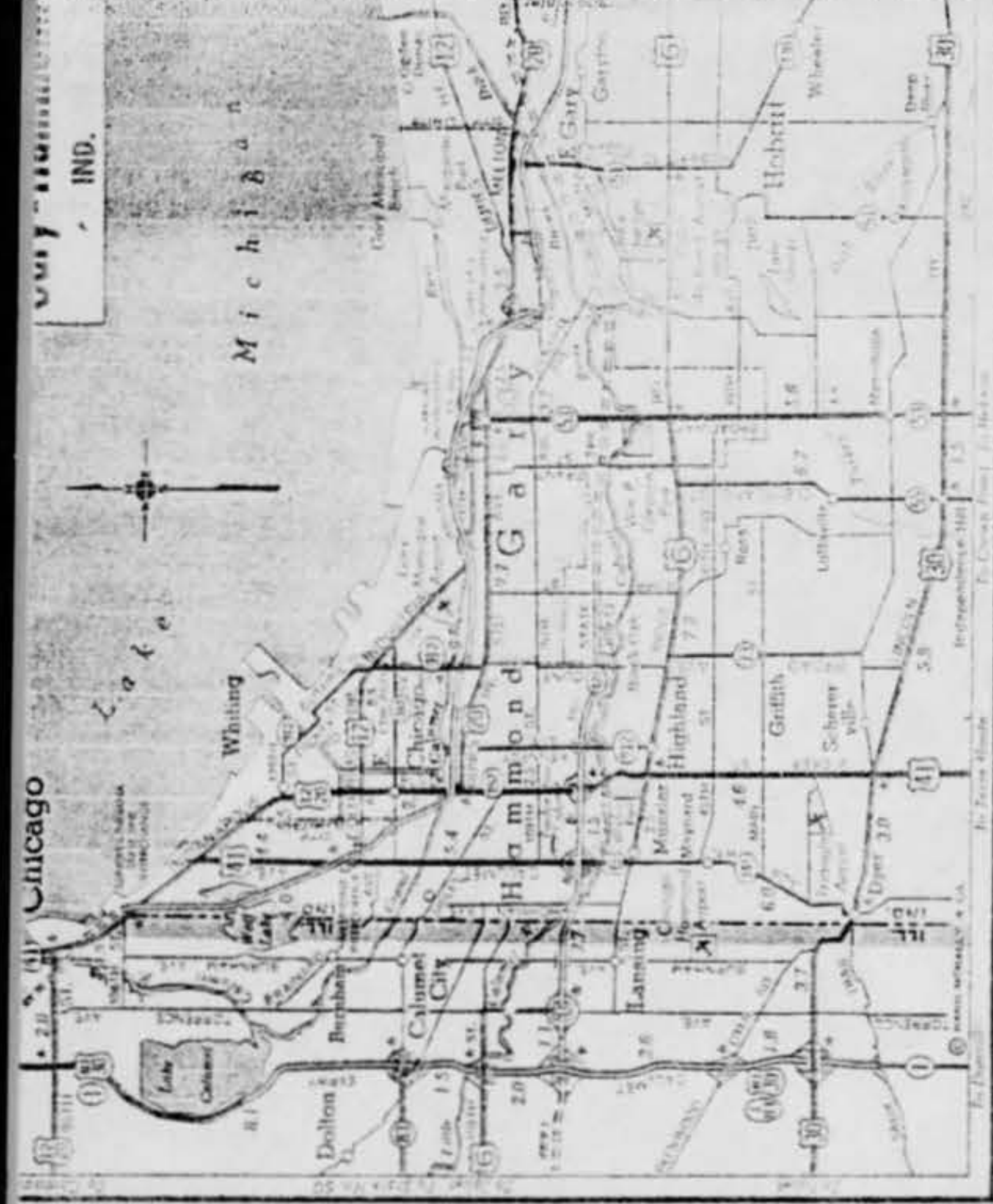
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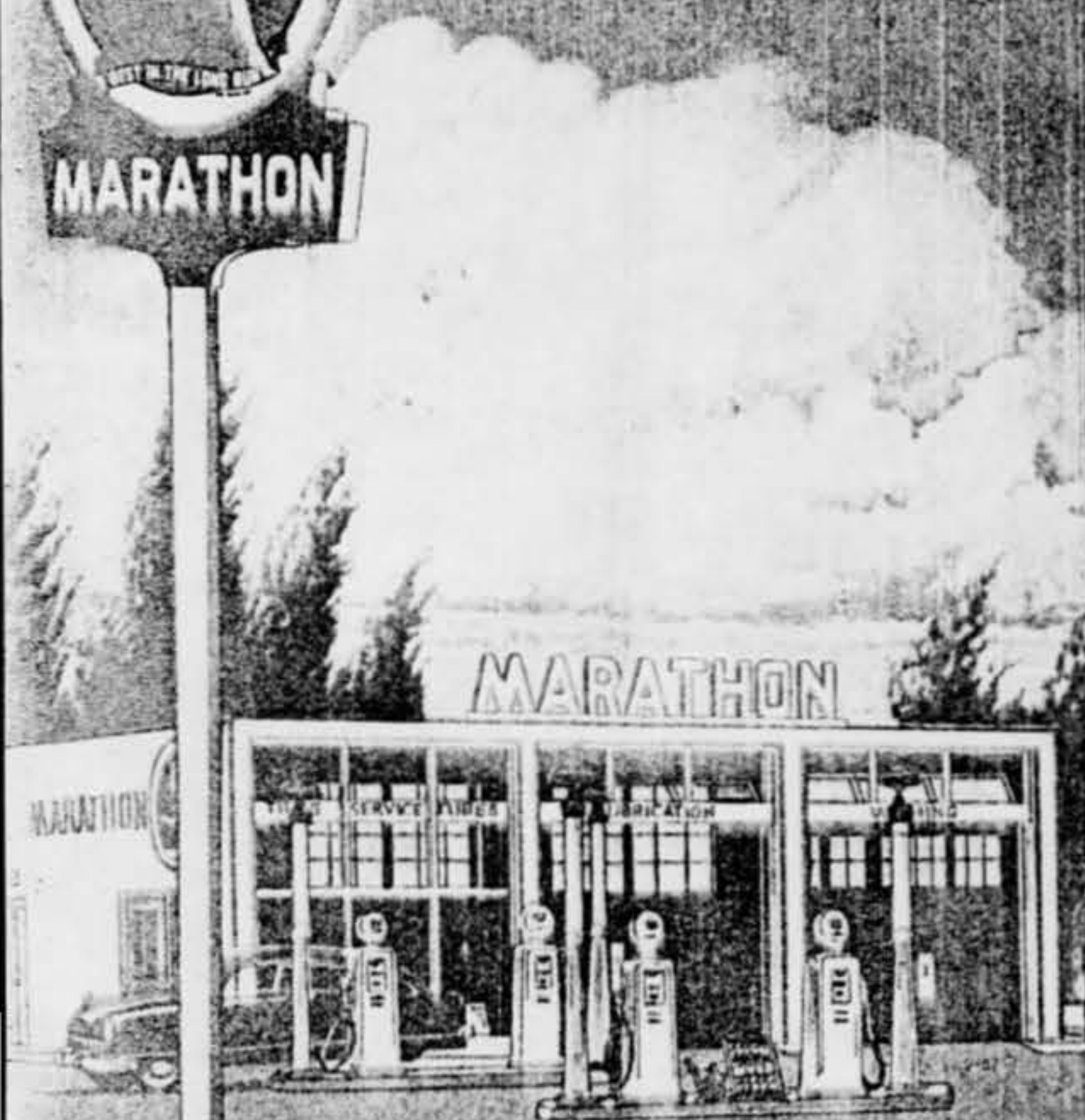


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of the first city until it intersects the horizontal
line of the second city. The distance between
the two cities is shown in the small square
at the intersection. For example, the distance between
Chicago, Ill. and Detroit, Mich. is 269 miles.

Buffalo, N. Y.	271	592
Chicago, Ill.	476	540
Chicago, W. Va.	431	181
Chattanooga, Tenn.	506	469
Chicago, Ohio	293	339
Cincinnati, Ohio	111	106
Cleveland, Ohio	625	668
Columbus, Ohio	506	185
Des Moines, Iowa	449	184
Detroit, Mich.	432	446
Evansville, Ind.	284	312
Fl. Wayne, Ind.	128	154
Gary, Ind.	141	154
Grand Rapids, Mich.	244	142
Indianapolis, Ind.	485	649
Kansas City, Mo.	736	485
Knoxville, Tenn.	518	256
Little Rock, Ark.	417	379
Louisville, Ky.	621	379
Madison, Wis.	618	379
Memphis, Tenn.	395	593
Milwaukee, Wis.	503	517
Moline, Ill.	284	407
Nashville, Tenn.	375	407
Omaha, Neb.	544	133
Pennsylvania	557	543
Quincy, Ill.	294	127
Rockford, Ill.	240	127
St. Louis, Mo.	240	127
St. Paul, Minn.	240	127
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South Bend, Ind.	240	127
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I. SPEED REPORTED VARYING FROM STANDING STILL TO TRAVELL-
ING AT A HIGH SPEED.

2. A. NEGATIVE

B. NEGATIVE

C. NEGATIVE

D. REPORTED TO BE MOVING FROM ALEXANDRIA, INDIANA IN THE
DIRECTION OF KOKOMO, INDIANA

E. NEGATIVE

F. NEGATIVE

3. A. FPS-10 RADAR REPORTED NEGATIVE CONTACT.

B. NEGATIVE

C. N/A

4. A. 070 605Z/070 625Z

B. NIGHT

← KB-50 (jet refueling tanker)
landed 10 minutes later at
Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana →

5. ALEXANDRIA, KOKOMO, DECATUR, AND FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

6. A. LOCAL CIVIL POLICE AUTHORITIES

B. [REDACTED], A/IC 323D AIR POLICE SQUADRON,
BUNKER HILL AFB, INDIANA. BASE PATROL. RELIABILITY GOOD.

7. A. NEGATIVE

B. SURFACE WINDS CALM; 6,000' 080 DEGREES 10K; 10,000'

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15; 16,000' 32 DEGREES 25K; 30,000' 330 DEGREES 40K 40,000' 350 DEGREES
40K 50,000' N/A

C. HIGH THIN SCATTERED ABOVE 30,000'

D. VISIBILITY 15 MILES PLUS

E. LESS THAN 1/10 CLOUD COVER.

F. NEGATIVE

8. NEGATIVE

9. NEGATIVE

10. KB-50 49381 ON A ROUND ROBIN FLIGHT FROM LANGLEY AFB, VA.

LANDED AT BUNKER HILL AFB, INDIANA AT 070635Z

11. OPERATIONS OFFICER. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE UFOB
COULD HAVE BEEN REFUELING LIGHT PANELS OF KB-50 49381 BEING
OPERATED AT MEDIUM ALTITUDES. SUBJECT AIRCRAFT DEPARTED

BHAFB AT 070647Z.

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See attached illustrations
of jet refueling

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT

Report of UFO

TO

AFCIN 4X2a

FROM

Staff Duty Officer

DATE

7 Aug 57

COMMENT NO. 1

1. The following information was furnished to the ATIC SDO by the WPAFB Capt. of Police [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Home Phone [REDACTED]

a. At 0117, Patrolman [REDACTED] Post 57 of the Ohio State Police, reported that a UFO was sighted over Portland, Ind. At 0047 at an altitude of 5000' travelling ENE. The object was rotating and changing direction. It went off in [REDACTED] and fell.

b. At 0121 [REDACTED] reported that several Indiana State Police Stations were discussing the object by radio.

c. Members of the Ground Observer Corps in Columbus and Piqua reported unidentified targets on their radar scopes.

d. Vandalia Police received notification from Sidney, Ohio police that a UFO was observed near Sidney.

2. ATIC Form No. 164 was not filled out because of lack of information.

DD FORM 1 FEB 50 96

REPLACES NME FORM 96, 1 OCT 49, WHICH MAY BE USED.

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DISPOSITION FORM

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SUBJECT

Report of UFO (cont.)

TO

FROM

DATE

COMMENT NO. 1

AFCIN 4x22

SDD

7 Aug 57

3. The Vandavia weather station was telephoned
at 0200 and at 0600. No answer.

4. Patterson Operations reported no traffic
in these areas at the time of sighting.



Capt. 11507

SDD

R. P. D. 1
Shelburn, Indiana
August 21, 1957

UFO
United States Air Force,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

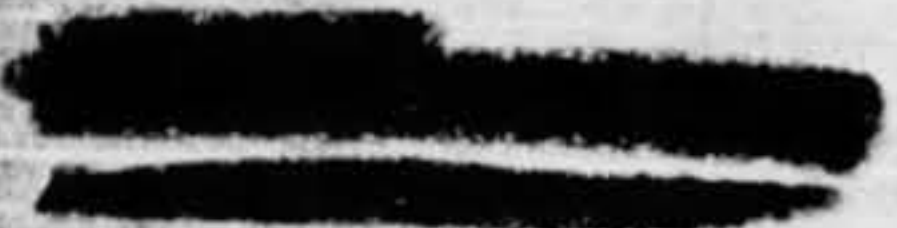
So many observers of UFO's in north central Indiana the night of Aug. 7 certainly adds a significant chapter to the history of this mysterious subject.

There is liable to be some hysteria on such occasions, and I wonder whether some of those people took Capella for a "strange stationary object, flashing red, white, blue and green." I am certain that I have seen just these colors in rising Capella.

You will recall that unknown objects danced over Washington D.C. in the month of July, 1952 and that the year was remarkable for numerous sightings. Well, on the evening of July 31, 1957, about midnight, a strange object passed through the sky, going at tremendous speed toward the horizon, with a thin or another object was observed the same evening and discussed in the newspapers. The shape of this object was not determined here with any precision. My impression was that of a white cylinder with a flashing, fire-red forward end.

Now, reports of experiments with blunt-nosed missiles in which a large percentage of friction-caused heat is thrown off by the shock wave, have caused me to associate our visitor with this principle.

Respectfully,



DRAFT REPLY

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Shelburn, Indiana

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter of 21 August 1957.

Your observations concerning the star capella undoubtedly are correct.

For your information we are inclosing a press release and a copy of the summary of our Project Bluebook Special Report Nr 14. As noted in the summary, there is a total lack of evidence that any of the reported objects are interplanetary or that they in any way constitute a threat to the security of the United States.

Sincerely,

- 2 Incl:
1. DOD Press Rel
2. UFO Summary

6 The Indianapolis Times Wednesday, Aug. 7, 1957

Boosters Sight Flying 'Object'

An unidentified flying object, in four gorgeous colors and a shower of white light, was reported cavorting across Central Indiana skies early today.

It disappeared in the dawn after having been sighted over Decatur, Alexandria, Carmel, Yorktown, Anderson, Muncie, Hartford City, Pendleton, Albany, Portland, Greenwood, Indianapolis, Tipton, Kokomo and Ft. Wayne.

IN THE PERIOD between 12:45 a. m. and 2 a. m., it was reported traveling up, down and sideways in the general

The "unidentified object" reported over Muncie early today was identified as a B-29 "flying tanker," state police reported. Whether this was the same "object" sighted at other points was not known.

direction of Detroit, lighting the sky with combinations of red, white and green; pale blue and pink; red, white and blue, and a two-toned green over blue.

It was said alternately to flash, flicker, pale, sparkle and waver. It also was said to radiate, and possibly to spin.

Nobody, including state police and the Air Force, could say what it was.

Everybody said it was noiseless.

It was reported to state police 17 times in an hour and a half. Two troopers in the Pendleton region—Jack Appleby and Jack E. Bauvois—said they saw it.

Marion County Sheriff's Deputy Marshall Moore said he observed it at 1 a. m. high over the intersection of German Church Rd. and 10th St.

HE SAID it glowed red, white and blue and was "going up and down."

"It might have been revolving, too," he said.

"It could have been a star, but it appeared to be closer to earth than any star I ever saw," he said. "It definitely was not a plane."

Deputy Moore said he watched it from 1 a. m. until daylight. Then he couldn't see it any more, he said.

At one point, state police said they thought it was an aircraft in an aerial refueling operation. They said they learned a refueling plane had been operating out of Bunker Hill Air Force Base at Peru.

But reports on the mysterious object continued to come in after the plane was said to have landed.

A BUNKER HILL spokesman said the object didn't belong to Bunker Hill.

He said the base received a number of telephone calls about the object but couldn't find it on radar and couldn't spot it in the sky.

"We didn't scramble any aircraft," he said.

He said the object's course was plotted on the basis of reports received from outlying communities and "it appeared to be heading for Detroit."