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COARSEGOLD, CALIFORNIA
(And surrounding area)

UFO REPORTS

COARSE GOLD

28/July/67

Part One

JULY 28, 1967

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COARSEGOLD, CA

WITNESS: RANDY HIGGINS Relief fire watch lookout on duty at time. Night
LOCATION: PACHECO PEAK, CALIFORNIA (California Forestry Service Fire Watch Tower.)

Date: July 28, 1967 9:55 P M (Approx.)

WEATHER: Very clear -- no wind. Moon rose at 10:51 P M (Approx.)

Description of UFO --- Brilliant white light. Randy guessed at 75 to 100 feet in length, and later said 150 ft.

Other witnesses who saw the UFO at other locations along the flight path were:

Gwen Wallis -- Don Wallis -- Harley D. Scott -- Mrs. Linda Scott.
(no relation.)

Witnesses in San Jose saw the UFO as it traveled north. Names will be obtained. Also other witnesses who said they heard the UFO but did not see it. We are attempting to locate these witnesses.

Before Randy saw the UFO it was seen by the witnesses listed above. When Don Wallis saw that it was heading in the direction of Pacheco Peak, he radioed the Fire Watch Tower to tell whoever was on duty to be on the lookout for it. Randy laughingly "pook-pooked" the idea of UFOs. But a few minutes later when he called back on the radio he was not laughing. As he described its approach to Don Wallis (before the tape started) he became more tense and more apprehensive. The tape recorder tells the story from here on.

We were interested to learn that just after midnight of July 28 (same night as Randy's sighting) a UFO was reported off Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif. by two very reliable men. One is John Crone who teaches science in the Junior High School in Gardena, Calif. and was a complete skeptic until this sighting. We will soon have a complete report on this sighting.

- check on this.

NOTES

C. B. radio ---	Ten - four	means	Yes (or O K)
	Ten - nine	"	repeat
	Ten - seven	"	off the air
	Ten - twenty	"	location

In regard to the sightings mentioned by Don Wallis near the end of the tape on side 2: I telephone Vandenberg Air Force Base and received this information: There was no firing on August 18. In fact, the closest firing to that date was Aug. 16 at 10:00 A.M.

A "package" was put in orbit which was fired at 9:41 P M August 22. First separation

Coarsegold "notes" cont'd.

occurred at 9:45 P M. I was told emphatically that anything seen at 10:20 P M or later could not possibly have anything to do with the firing from Vandenberg.

There was a sighting of something unidentified at 10:20 P M on Aug. 22 by Don Wallis, Mr. & Mrs. Hinkley, Mr. & Mrs. Parrett (Hinkley's friends from L.A.) and their three children. Also on that same night the four hour long sighting in Los Banos (clip enclosed) and the following night the Coulterville sighting. (clip enclosed). Air Force Lt. Col. Warren McIntire, who was quoted in the newspaper (clip enclosed) as saying, "Nothing unusual, " is the same Lt. Col. McIntire who visited Don Wallis and showed Don a drawing of the Los Banos UFO - a copy of which is enclosed! But -- as the article says, "Ho, hum" (Los Banos Enterprise Aug. 31)

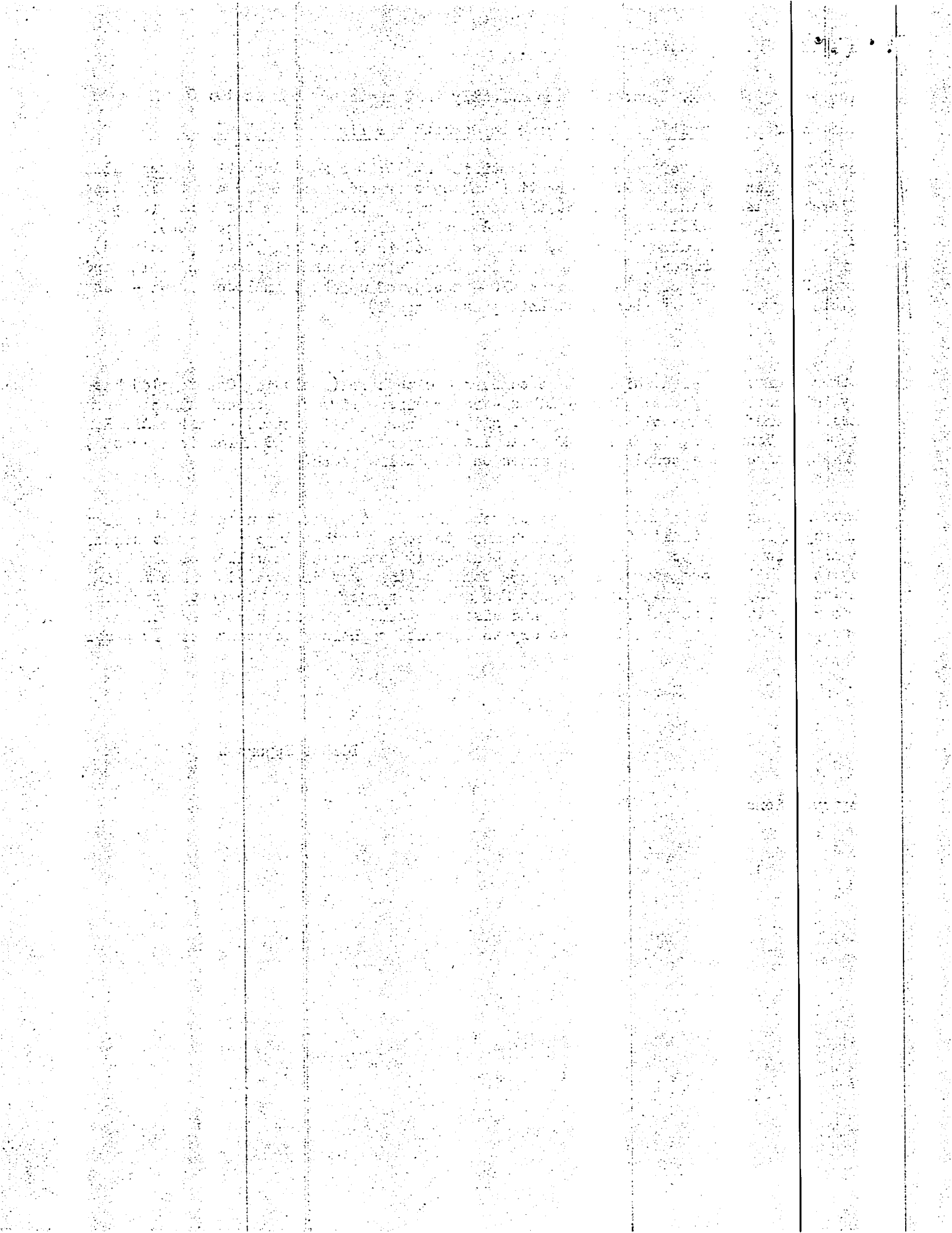
Another item : The area which we are concerned with here (including Coarsegold) has many interesting aspects: Dams - lakes - reservoirs - rivers - concentration of power lines (Sorenda) - many old mines (gold, silver, iron, quartz, etc.) - Castle Air Force Base - and Vandenberg A. F. B. & Missile Test Center (approx. 150 miles from Fresno). In fact, there are a couple of old mines on the Wallis ranch!

I have run out of time and will have to send this first draft. It needs doing over and rearranging. Next time! There is much more to come. Another tape or two and since the situation seems to be continuing at Coarsegold (and area) it will probably keep us busy for awhile. Some sightings are B52 bombers (this was discovered by Don Wallis and Jim Wadsworth). But this only accounts for a small percentage of the actual sightings. We do recognize those quite readily and discount them. You will spot a few on the tapes. These people are very honest and do try to describe sightings as accurately as possible.

More soon,

Idabel Epperson

Any questions ??



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403 North Ardmore Avenue
Los Angeles, California
September 25, 1967

Mr. Gordon I. R. Lore, Jr.
NICAP
1556 Connecticut Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Gordon:

I mailed the preliminary report Thursday - it should arrive there today. I want to add a couple of important points:

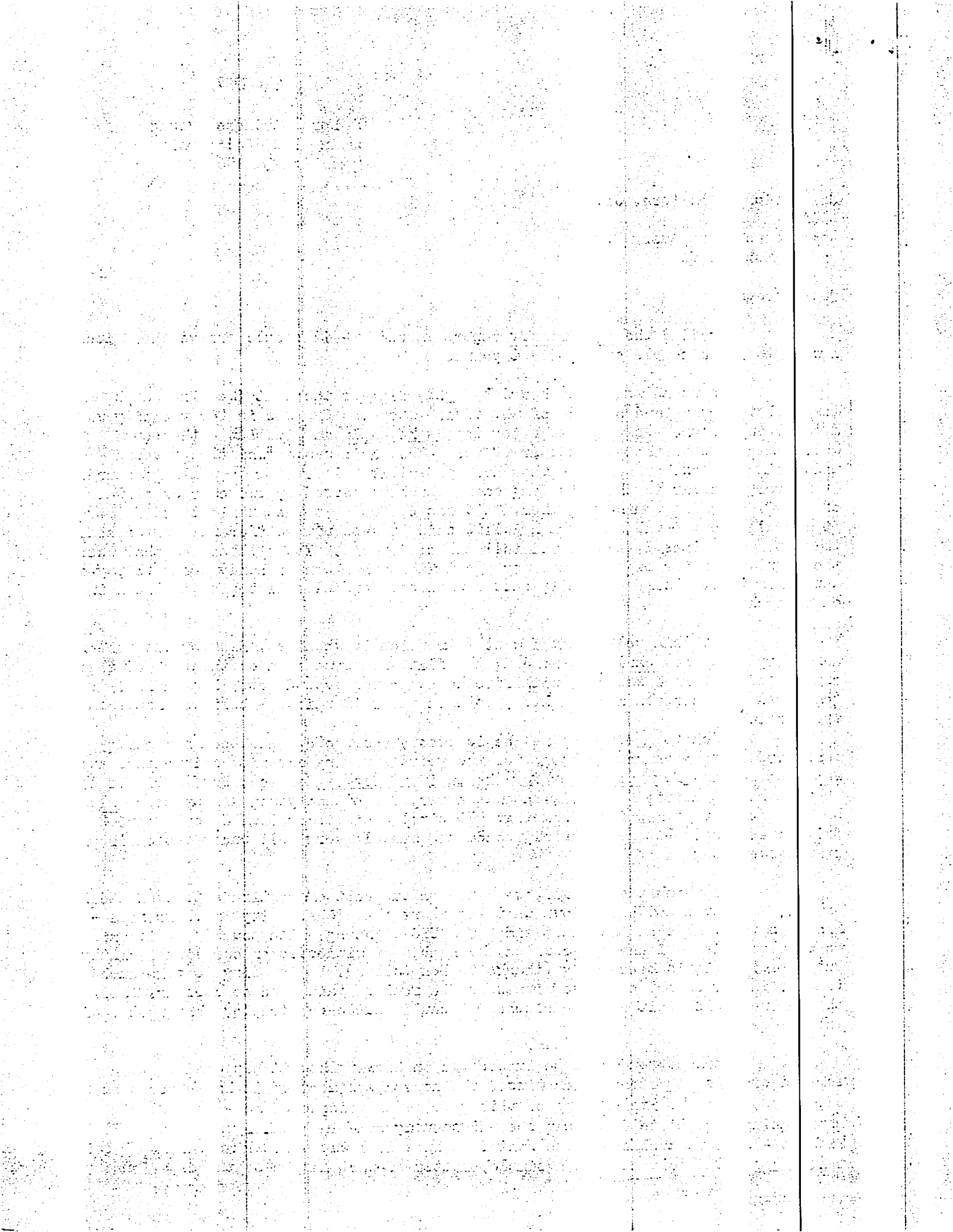
The sound which was heard by Randy Higgins there at the fire watch tower (both inside and outside of the tower) when the UFO was in the vicinity was a "whirring" sound - similar to a toy top as he explained it. But - the sound which came through the transmitter of the C. E. radio was a "whistling" sound - undulating and rather soft, we thought. Don Wallis called it a "squealing" sound. It is very similar to the whistling sound which is caused by two carrier signals of the C. E. radio coming together. This was confusing to me at first and I thought it was all one and the same. Don Wallis said it was quite different. After hearing the tape many times I, too, could tell the difference. You will notice that when the regular carrier signal comes through that neither Don or Randy seems to pay any attention to it. This apparently occurs when some one else is trying to break in on that channel.

Something else that I want to mention is when Mrs. Hinkley was telling her story about her "children" finding the flattened down area on the back of their ranch (ten feet in diameter), with five holes in the ground, etc. Mrs. Hinkley's "children" are her son and daughter, both in their twenties. I believe that both are married.

Back to Randy Higgins: he is twenty years old - has been attending some kind of "government" college for two years studying aircraft maintenance and was just working for the summer for the Calif. Forestry Service. Don Wallis tells me that he got married recently. He was a very frightened young man up there alone on the top of that mountain when that UFO circled his tower (and I would have been frightened also!) but he certainly conducted himself very well under those circumstances we thought.

I think that we all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Gwen and Don Wallis. We could not have known anything about the UFO activity in their area - or had this tape, made at the exact time of a UFO sighting, with sound! It is unique we believe. Also - I haven't counted the number of witnesses on our list recently but I believe it is over sixty (thanks to Don Wallis). It is going to take much time to interview all of these witnesses. We feel certain, and so does Mr. Wallis, that if we could visit all the ranches we could double (or triple) that number of witnesses.

Perhaps you would be interested in knowing how it happened that we learned of this big story which missed the newspapers (most of it has never been in the press). On the 9th of June of this year, Gwen telephoned me - and after introducing herself told me that she had seen my name in Frank Edwards book, Flying Saucers - Serious Business. She wanted to know if I was a NICAP member and I said that I was. She told me - in a simple, matter-of-fact manner - of the experience



that she and her husband, Don, and many other ranchers in their area had last Oct. and Nov. 1966, seeing unidentified flying objects. I was impressed with her and with her story. They had an apartment here in Los Angeles and we discovered that it was only about a mile or so from our house. She told me where their ranch was located, and said they were going back up to the ranch that week-end. Which they did. While up there Don had a bad fall and injured his knee, so they could not come back for awhile. So we wrote to one another and phoned. In 1966 the sightings began slowly in July and reached a peak in Oct. & Nov. and then dwindled off slowly through Dec. & Jan. It seems that the same pattern is going on again. If so, Oct. & Nov. will be busy months.

They invited Marilyn and me up to the ranch to be their guests - we accepted and we went up Aug. 4 and back on Aug. 6. We flew up to Fresno and they picked us up and drove us up to the ranch. It was daylight and they showed us many points of interest - such as the "crossroads" ^{Four Dec. 1965} - which the people around there have named it as such because so many UFOs have been seen at that point! Marilyn has marked it on her map, as you can see. We had a very interesting visit and met quite a number of the other witnesses to UFOs. All seemed to be very solid, sensible people. I encouraged Don to make the interviews (on the tape) as he did a good job, and for the most part Marilyn and I just listened and occasionally made suggestion or asked questions. It was a very rewarding experience. We like Gwen and Don Wallis very much and have become good friends. We have been in constant communication either by taped letters or telephone.

I'm sure that Leo Katchen has told you all about his visit to us - his call to the Condon Committee - their arrival - and their visit to Goarsgold.

Now, about the B 52 bombers and refueling operations. Gwen and Don both told us when we were up there that there had been many lights which they did not know what they were and many times suspected that they were aircraft. But, Don took pictures anyway, just in case the light turned out to be something important. And it ~~is~~ is true that they were fooled on some of them. But on the calendar that Gwen Wallis had marked each time they saw anything curious, she had put a question if they were not sure or had a question in their minds. Unfortunately, when Jim Wadsworth asked for the pictures Don gave them (generously) all of the bad ones as well as the good ones. Percentage-wise this looked bad when the Condon Comm. made a count and came up with "95%" were not UFOs! And they, seemingly, have applied this count to the entire area and all witnesses. This is most inaccurate.

Don and Gwen are very glad to learn the truth about the B 52s and they are honest and sincere about the whole thing. They want to report factually. And they do not resent being corrected. They want the truth as we all do. Marilyn and I realized when we were up there that aircraft could very well account for some of the night sightings. If a light at night does not perform in some manner completely outside of the capabilities of our modern aircraft, it has to be discounted.

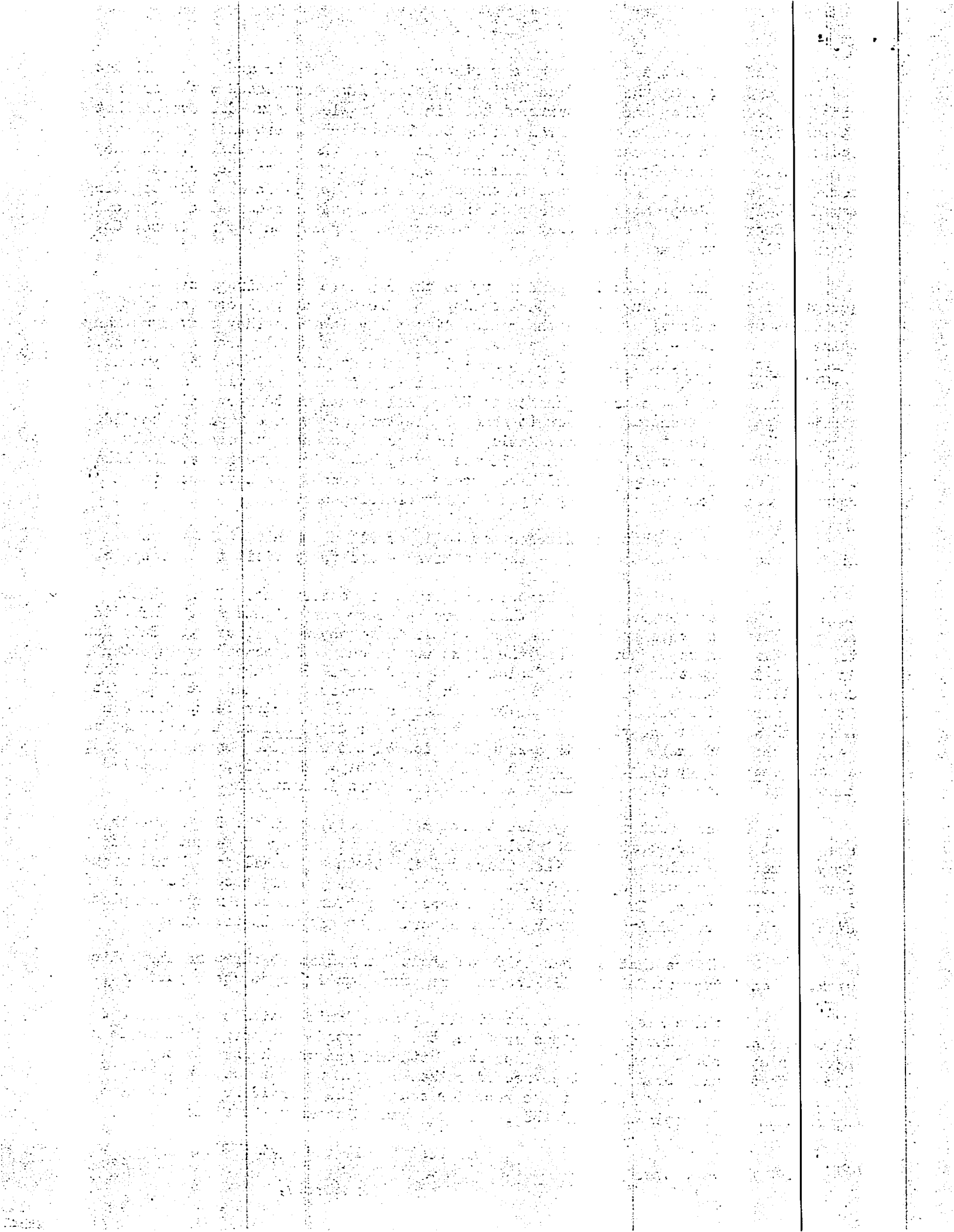
I believe that Leo has told you about Don Wallis' background and police work. At one time was Chief of Police in some town, but I forget where just now.

If there are any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask. We do have some of the other transcripts written, but not typed. Am sorry that we do not have Harley Scott's finished. Am impressed with him and what he has to say. But due to that faulty brand new tape recorder that we took up there with us, his interview that we made on our tape recorder sounds like "Donald Duck." We have since then had a replacement of the recorder - and this one works fine!

Our best to all there at NIOAP.

cc: Major Donald Keyhoe

Sincerely,



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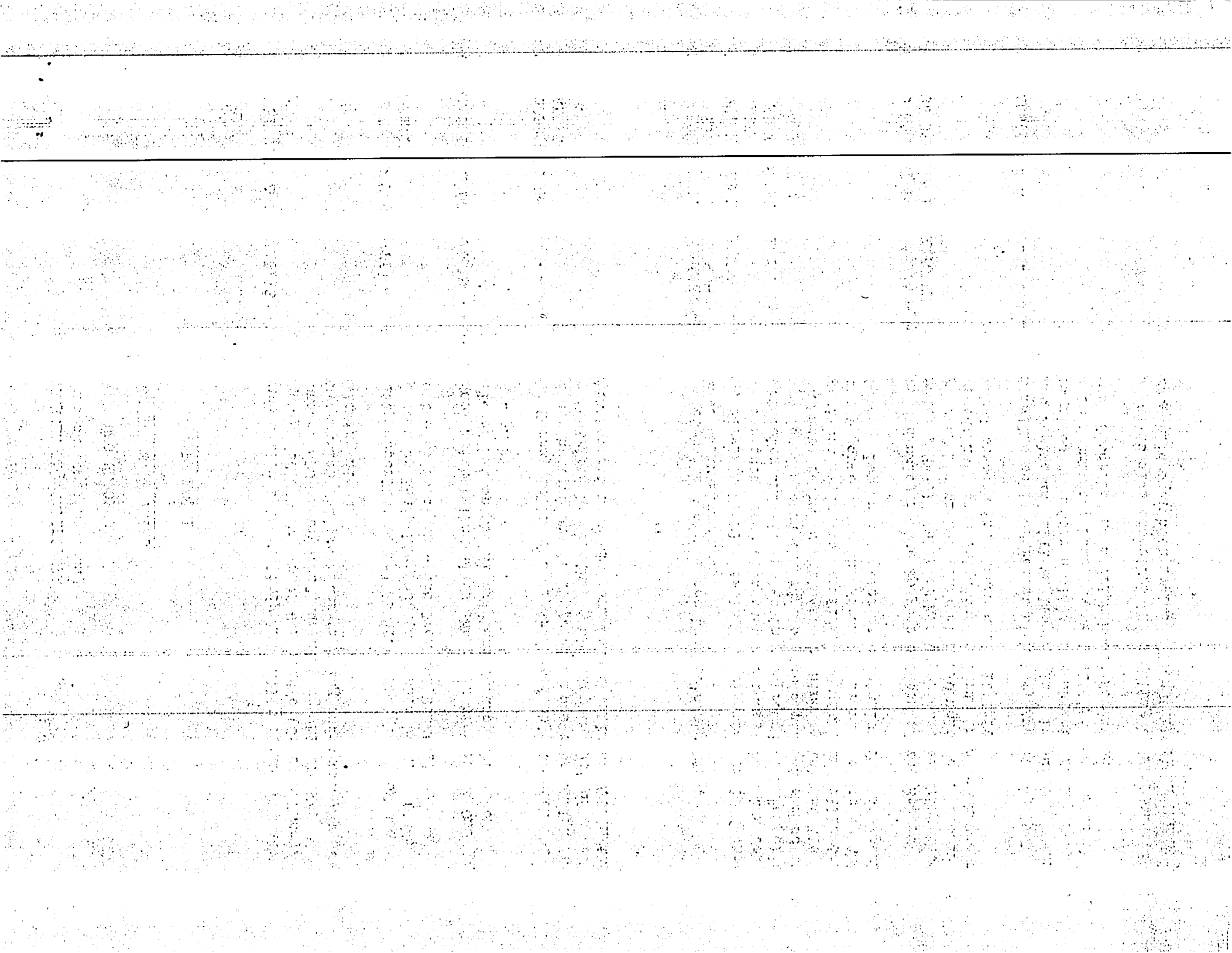
TAPE NO. 1

SIDE 1.

- RANDY HIGGINS & DON WALLIS ---- Conversation between Randy and Wallis during actual sighting of UFO by Randy. C.B. radio (Citizen Band). Sound of UFO on tape: soft undulating whistle. More conversation follows after sighting and again the following night.
- HARLEY D. SCOTT (SCOTTY) - - - Scotty describes to Wallis his own sighting of the UFO seen by Randy Higgins. (Also seen by Mrs. Linda Scott - no relation - and Gwen and Don Wallis).
- MANUEL SMITH & DON WALLIS - - - Manuel Smith tells Wallis about his sightings. One followed him on the highway and focused a beam of light on him.
- MRS. DOROTHY MURRAY & - - - - Mrs. Murray tells of a cigar shaped object which she and her husband saw in 1957. Also more recent sightings. She described her brother's sighting in 1964 of a UFO which hovered near his car. Some details of UFO in this.
DON WALLIS

SIDE 2.

- MRS. DOROTHY MURRAY cont'd. - - Completes the story of her brother's sighting.
MR. & MRS. BERT BRIGHT - - - - Relate their sightings.
- MR. & MRS. ROBERT HINKLEY & - - - Mrs. Virginia Hinkley tells of a sighting in 1966 which
DON WALLIS left a pressed down area on their ranch about ten feet
(Mrs. Hinkley interviewed by in diameter and five holes in the ground with "angel's
Idabel Epperson) hair" found around the edge of the circle. She also talks
about more recent sightings. Mr. Hinkley told of his
experience trying to "trail" a UFO with Don Wallis down
a steep gorge where the Fresno river runs close by their
ranches. Don Wallis gives more details of this experience.
- HAROLD HINKLEY interviewed - - - Harold Hinkley is the 25 year old son of the Robert
by PAUL CERNY & LEE KATCHER Hinkleys. Harold tells of his experience blinking the
lights of his pickup truck at a UFO which came closer and
hovered: he became frightened and ran into the house and
watched through the window until it left.
- DON WALLIS - - - - - Don Wallis tells of recent sighting, August 14, 1967, by
James Taglio and Bill Taglio (adults) in Gustine, Calif.
(few miles from Coarsegold). Six objects flying fast and
low in formation. Four in straight line and two to the side.
It was described as a "fish hook" formation.
- Mr. Wallis also describes the sighting by five adults and
three children (which included Gwen Wallis) on the night



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SIDE 2. cont'd.

DON WALLIS - - - - - of August 22, 1967. The sighting was made from the Hinkley ranch, and occurred about forty minutes before the spectacular sighting over Los Banos which lasted four hours. (And seen by 8 or nine witnesses). This also occurred the same night that Vandenberg Air Force Base fired a "package" at 9:41 P M, first separation occurred at 9:45. The sighting seen from the Hinkley ranch occurred at 10:20 P M.

Mr. Wallis also told of a sighting seen by himself and Mrs. Wallis at approximately 10:20 P M on the night of August 18, 1967. (There was no firing from Vandenberg on this date).

NOTE

The first voice that you hear will be that of Don Wallis. The first few words on the transcript by Randy were accidentally erased on the tape - after the transcript was made.

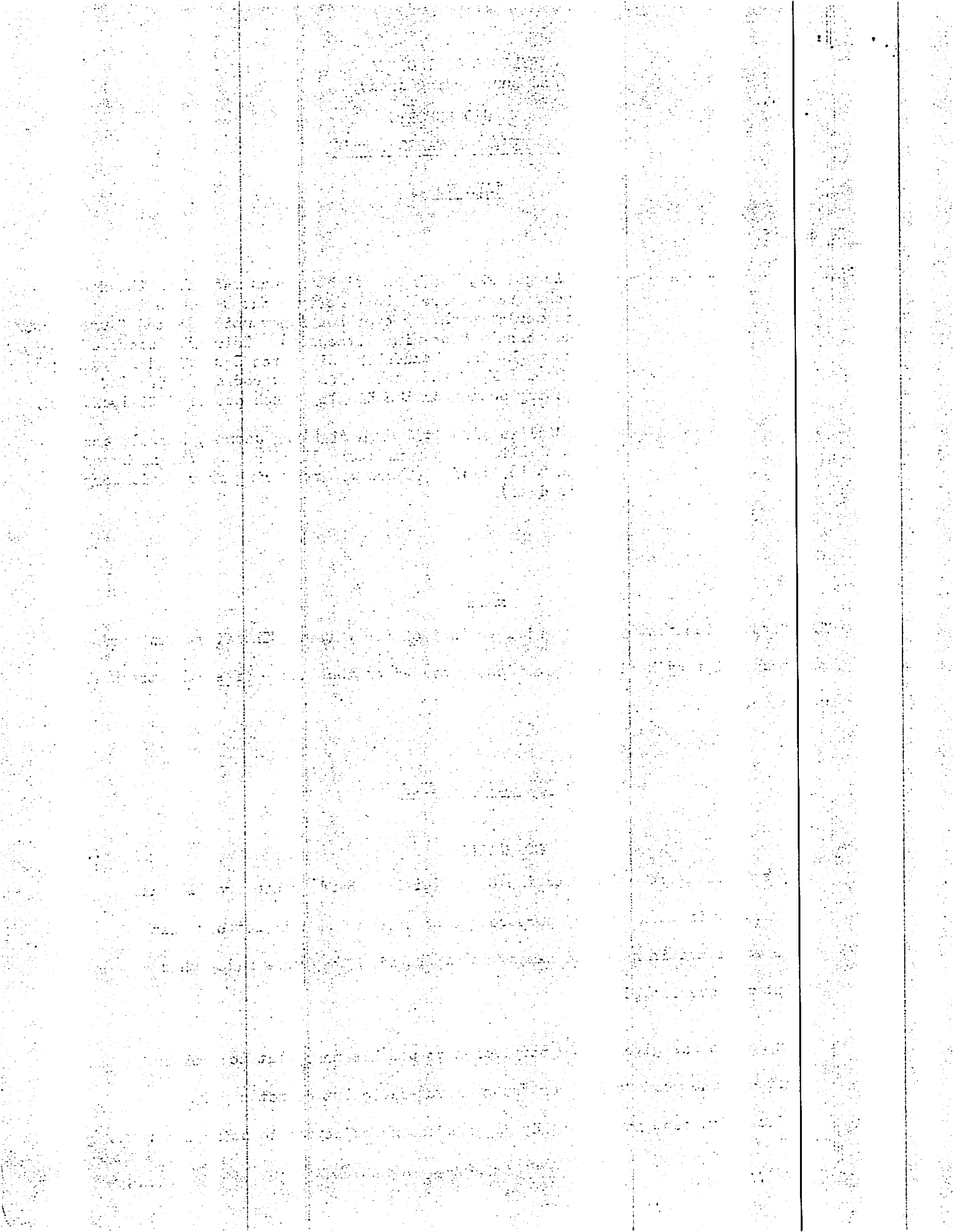
IMPORTANT NOTICE

By

DON WALLIS

These tapes as recorded from the C. B. (Citizen Band) radio are illegal. Therefore, if used for any purpose please delete the call letters that are mentioned in here and names, as at the time they were made, this point was overlooked.

Don Wallis has given NICAP permission to use his name, but to please just use the word "radio" or "short wave" radio but do not say C. B. radio. I'm certain that Randy Higgins has no objection to using his name.



TRANSCRIPT OF TAPED CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN RANDY HIGGINS AND DON WALLIS OVER C. B. RADIO (CITIZEN BAND) DURING ACTUAL SIGHTING OF U F O BY RANDY HIGGINS AT THE FIREWATCH STATION AT PACHECO PEAK, CALIFORNIA, ON NIGHT OF JULY 28, 1967.

Randy: It's kinda bothering me now -- (garbled) Well, well -- (garbled) --- (garbled) --- I don't want 'em to come down and get me! (Garbled) -- racket out here. (Garbled) ---. OK. Ten four. (means yes -- I.E.)

Wallis: That's the squeal that's coming from the UFO?

Randy: Ten four (yes - I.E.). I don't know what it is, but it's making one heck of a racket.

Wallis: Has it got the station blacked out entirely?

Randy: Negative.

Wallis: Just interfering with the radio?

Randy: Ten four.

Wallis: How far away is it now?

Randy: I'd say close to a mile and a half to two miles.

Wallis: Can you make out any size?

Randy: I'd say, maybe, 75 to 100 feet across. From what I could see, it's still pretty far away.

Wallis: Is it glowing or what?

Randy: It's just like a bright, white light.

Wallis: It's 75 or 100 feet across but you can't make out any distinguishing features?

Randy: Negative.

Wallis: It's sure squealing in your mike.

Randy: If I go outside the building here, I could still -- I could still hear the noise.

Wallis: It's just a high pitched whine -- right?

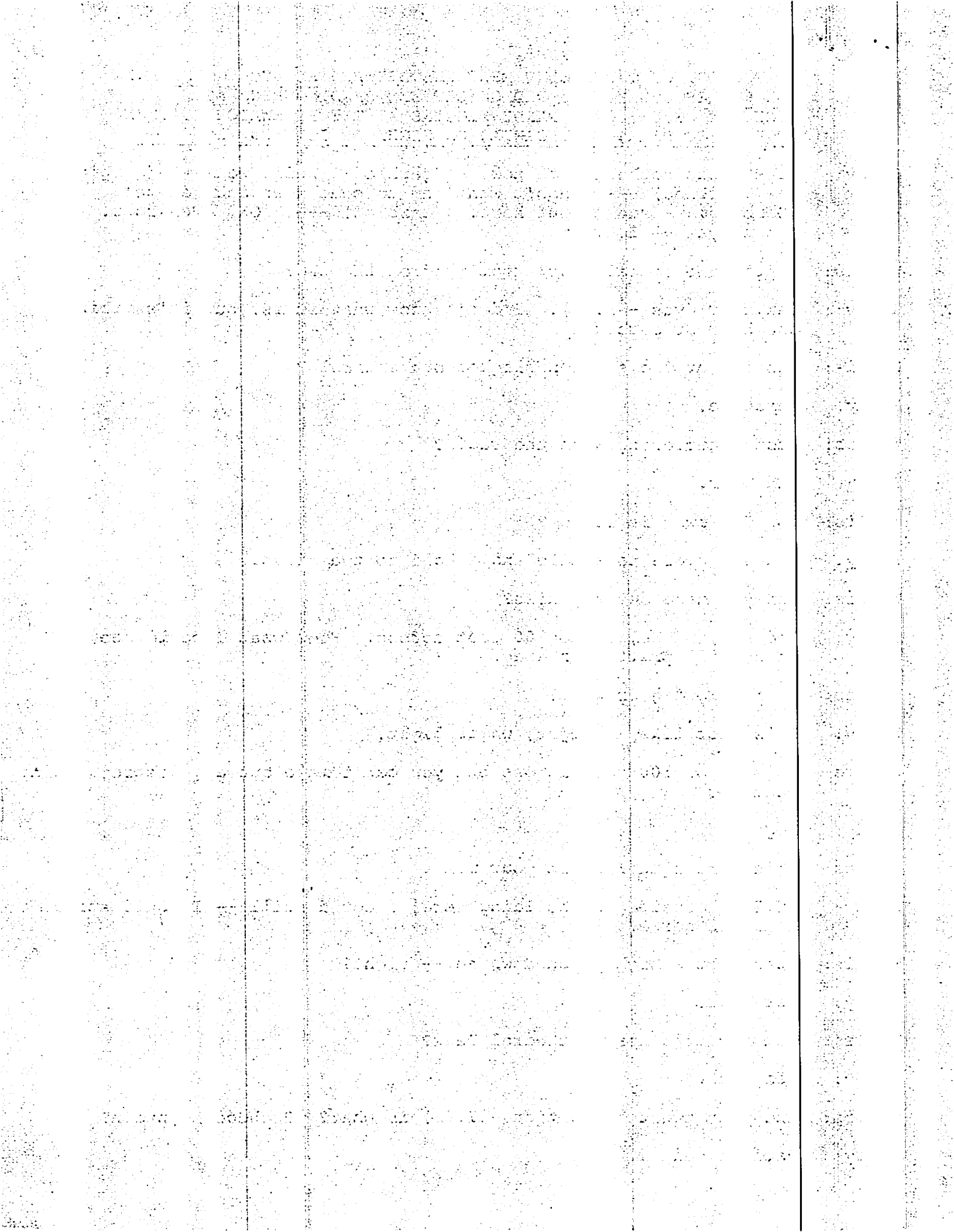
Randy: Ten four.

Wallis: You say it's near Cathedral Peak?

Randy: Ten four.

Wallis: And your twenty (location - I.E.) is what? Pacheco Mountain?

Randy: Pacheco Peak.



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Wallis: Well I'll be darned -- that's the same thing we saw pass over us then.

Randy: -- (Garbled.) Are there any more like this?

Wallis: Well, no -- it doesn't get close enough -- they're down below us in the valley -- but it flared up -- that's when I broke in and talked to you guys. (on C. B. radio - I.E.)

Randy: Ah -- I want to tell you -- this is bothering me something fierce.

Wallis: OK. I'm going to stand by on this channel -- if we see any more, I'll give you a call -- if I don't catch you, I'll give you a call on channel eleven.

Randy: Ten four.

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Randy: -- (Garbled) -- , I couldn't see (?) nothin'.
say

Wallis: What do your superiors say about that?

Randy: Nothin' -- they just laughed.

Wallis: We see 'em up here all the time, and can't get anybody to believe us. So, I'm glad you saw it.

Randy: For all of my -- (garbled) -- that thing -- when that thing came over this way -- I saw it headin' north -- I think it shook me up pretty bad.

Wallis: Well, did it travel pretty fast when it left?

Randy: Well - uh - ten four. I'd say I've got about - uh - say twenty-five miles visibility -- I think it wasn't more than twenty-five seconds and it was out of sight.

Wallis: How long did it stay there?

Randy: Ten nine? (Repeat? - I.E.)

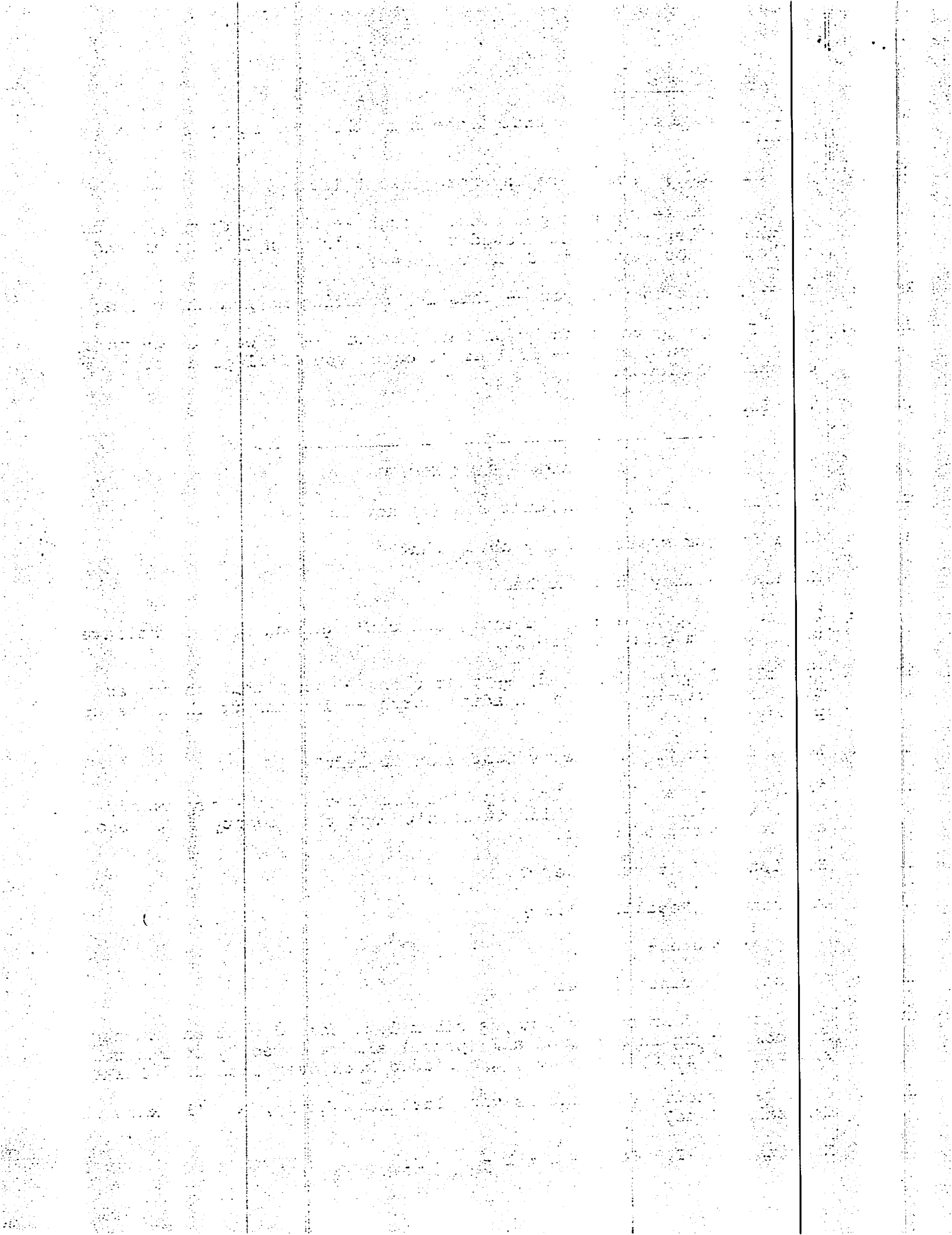
- Pause -

Wallis: Oh, oh, we erased our tape.

Randy: Well, about four or five, maybe six miles, headed west and turned and come right back around all (pause) almost directly over here, and really lit up the place, and headed back over Cathedral Peak.

Wallis: I'll be darned. Uh, what is your last name Randy, so I'll know who I'm talkin' to?

Randy: Higgins, H - I - double G - I - N - S.



Transcript, p. 3

Wallis: Good, this is Don Wallis over here in Coarsegold. OK, I'll stand by here and if we see another one, I'll give you a call either on here or on eleven.

Randy: OK, Don -- (Call letters).

Randy: -- come -- (garbled word) -- over just now.

Wallis: You say that high pitched noise is back?

Randy: Ten four.

Wallis: That jet'll look around and then he'll take off. But that's all you'll hear about it.

Randy: Well, he's headed north.

Wallis: Yeah, are you going to leave your set on, or do you have juice up there?

Randy: I'm running it off my car battery right now. I'm going to ten seven (off the air - I.E.) until tomorrow night about seven o'clock.

Wallis: OK, well, we'll be on the air tomorrow so - uh - we'll leave ours on eleven o'clock tomorrow -- I mean - uh - channel eleven, and listen for you.

Randy: OK. -- here's that noise again. I can't -- I can't get it off the radio now. It keeps comin' on and comin' on and goin' off. I don't know what's goin' on.

Wallis: One of those things are hangin' there someplace near you. And that's a magnetic field that - uh - I think it activates the - the mike - or does something to the mike. But it's a magnetic field and that's what's the squeal you're getting.

Randy: Yeah, ten four. I'll go ahead and sign off for tonight then and I'll get ahold of you tomorrow night.

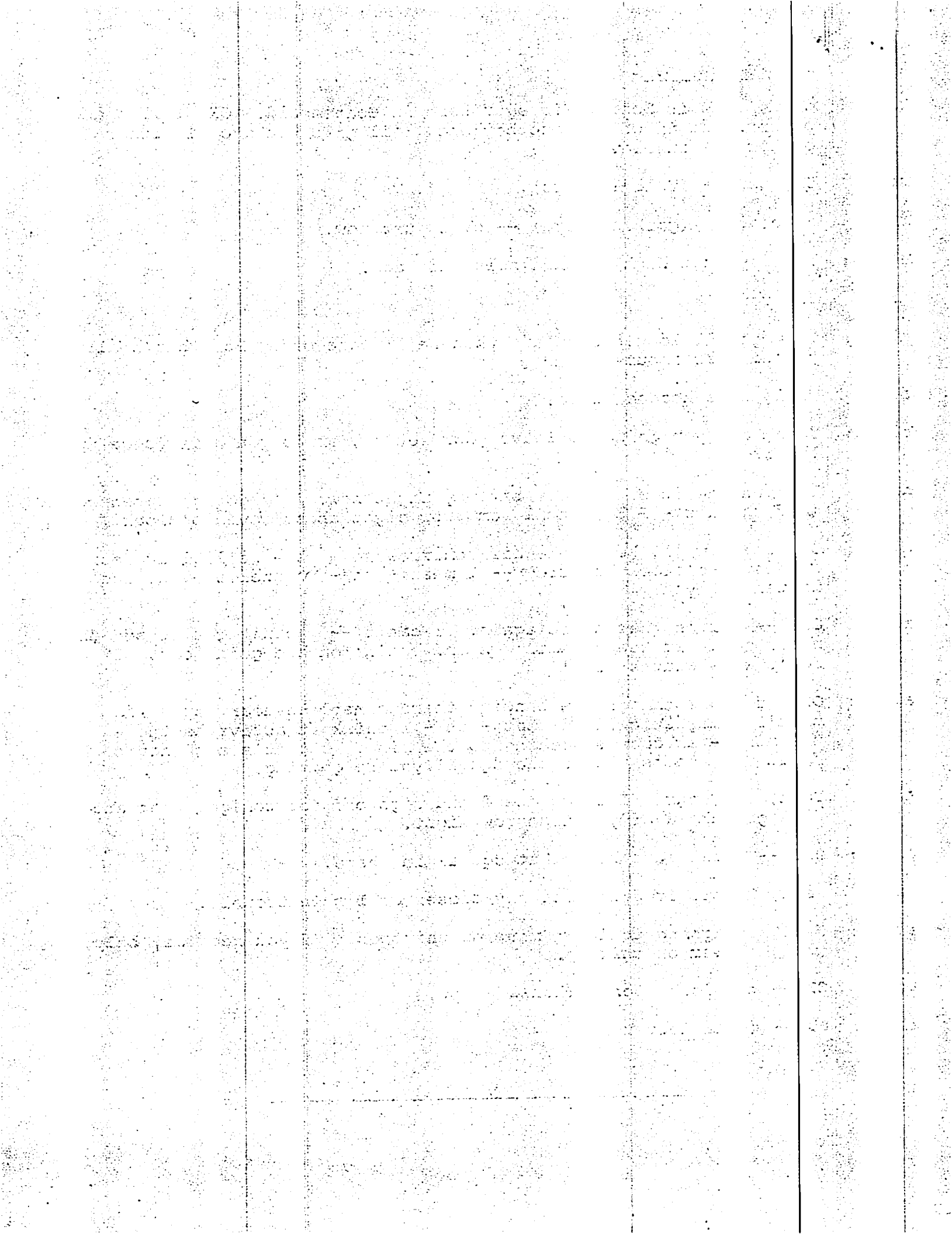
Wallis: OK. -- I can sure hear that squeal in there.

Randy: Well, I hope it don't get any closer or I'm in trouble.

Wallis: Well, I'm going to leave mine on thirteen. If you need any help, well, holler on thirteen.

Randy: OK -- ten four, Don. Thanks a lot.

Wallis: OK -- (Call letters).



CONVERSATIONS FOLLOWING NIGHT - JULY 29, 1967

- Randy: -- (Garbled) -- last night - and uh - it was sighted in San Jose but they couldn't get anything on radar.
- Wallis: Well, that plane went around us a couple of times after you'd called them.
- Randy: I don't see anything tonight, but - uh ----- I got a hot line right into Gilroy and they've got one from there to the air base.
- Wallis: How big was that thing -- how close was it?
- Randy: Became within about four miles.
- Wallis: How large was it?
- Randy: Well, from what I could tell - uh - (garbled) - without the glow around it, I'd say it was a good one hundred-fifty feet across.
- Wallis: Boy, that's - uh -- that's without the glow, or was it glowing?
- Randy: Without the glow -- I used the filter on the binoculars and - uh the dark lenses - it kinda cut down the glow.
- Wallis: Could you see any shape to it or windows or anything?
- Randy: Negative.
- Wallis: Did it have a little glow around it or could you make out any particular shape?
- Randy: No, I couldn't make out any shape -- it was way too black. But when it came over the tower -- it came over about two miles -- it lit up the whole side of the tower and the ground around the top of the peak.
- Wallis: Yeah, because when you were talkin' to me, your mike was squealin' somethin' fierce.
- Randy: Yeah, I know, I couldn't even -- I couldn't even get out too much after that.
- Wallis: Did you find anything wrong with the wiring in the set at all after that?
- Randy: Negative.
- Wallis: Well, you sound pretty good there tonight.
- Randy: Yeah, I was wondering, though, why channel nine -- I can "trans" it alright and sometimes I can receive it -- other times it won't click back.

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Wallis: Well, magnetic influence there -- probably you better check it for -- you might have to demagnetize parts of it.

Randy: Yes, ten four, that could be.

Wallis: That thing affect the lights in your lookout at all?

(Static - no answer.)

Wallis: You said something about it blacking your tower out; did it affect the lights?

Randy: Well, I have no electricity up here. All I have is the -- my radio's run off my car battery. Other than that, I have no electricity at all.

Wallis: Oh, I thought maybe you had - uh --- you said something about it blacking everything out -- I didn't know if you meant electricity, or what.

Randy: Well, just my radio -- high pitched squeal and everything went -- went dead for a few seconds and I came back.

Wallis: Could you hear any sound from that thing?

Randy: Just kind of a big whirring noise, that was all.

Wallis: Boy - it must have been a pretty big one. That uh - you saw that about - oh - five or ten minutes after I called you.

Randy: Well, this one that sailed 'round here -- it sounded like one of those little toy tops, you know - and you spin 'em and they make that whirring noise. That's all I could hear.

Wallis: I'll be darned. Well, if one of them comes back - I hang out on eleven - will you give me a call? Or if we see one, we'll call you, so you can be on the lookout for them.

Randy: X, OK, ten four, I'll stand by 'til eleven o'clock.

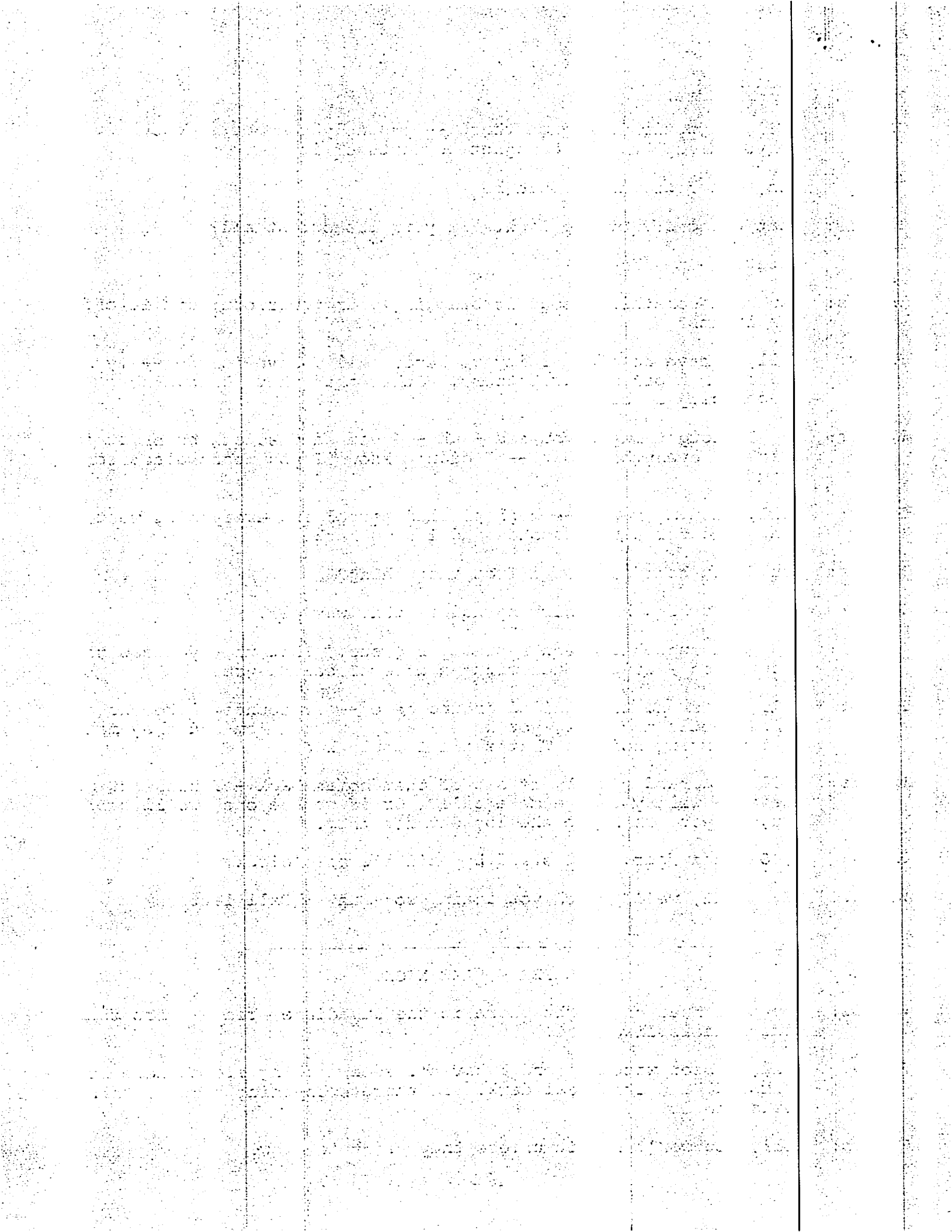
Wallis: OK. Well, we'll catch you again, so - uh - (Call letters)

LATER - SAME NIGHT

Wallis: You must have one right there in the immediate area -- when that mike squeals like that.

Randy: Well, I been watchin' and I haven't seen a thing around here for (garbled) and it's real dark. If there's anything here, I think I could see it.

Wallis: Well, you won't see it unless they start to glow.



Randy: Yeah, ten four.

Wallis: Hold that mike open once and let me listen to it.

(whistling noise)

Randy: There's that whirring noise -- (interference, static)

(Carrier signal breaks in here and another operator gives call letters. Randy and Don Wallis ignore this.)

Wallis: You got that - uh - you hear -- you hear the whirring noise now?

Randy: Negative.

(There is a break in the taped interview at this point, and picks up again as follows:)

Randy: It hovered a while; headed north; after it headed north, it went back west; went south; came back and right towards the tower and headed north. (Static interference) -- saw one not so long ago.

Wallis: That's the same night?

Randy: Negative, it's a little -- a little bit earlier.

Wallis: Oh, well, they're pretty prevalent now around here, and there'll be gettin' more and more of 'em.

Randy: I sure wouldn't know what that was, 'cause whatever it is, it must have magnified something right here -- it sounded like that very night at about the same time -- it's a high pitched squeal.

Wallis: Well yeah, they - uh - that's a mag -- they're magnetic of some type. It affects your microphone.

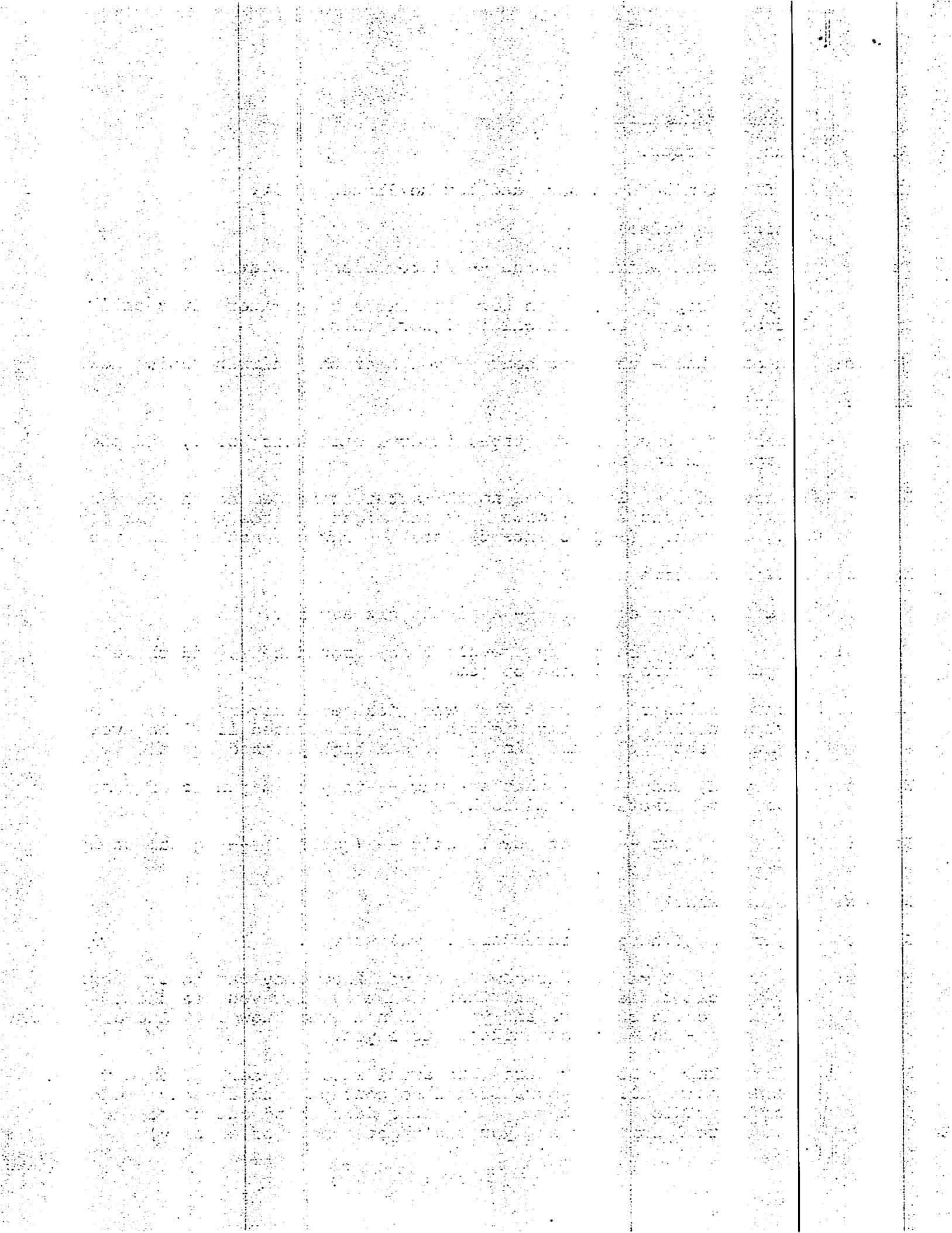
Randy: Yeah, ten four -- right now I don't -- (garbled) -- squeal on my mike.

Wallis: You did what?

Randy: Right now, I have no interference whatsoever.

Wallis: No, it's just real clear now. But you know they can hover there and you can't see 'em - and then when they glow you see them. But they could be there and you wouldn't even know it. And a magnetic influence - uh - on your mike'll tell you.

Randy: I don't know - Boy, it sure gets awful weird up here after a while. You see you're all by yourself and no contact with anybody - except for this radio. And here you see the darn thing out there and you want to tell somebody and you can't get a hold of anybody!



Wallis: Well, just use a holler, if you see one.

Randy: Well, if I see another one and it gets as close as that last one, I'm headin' downstairs!

Wallis: Ha, ha, yeah, I don't blame ya'. We went through the door here one night ourselves.

Randy: I'll tell ya' somethin', the other night after I saw it, I couldn't even go to sleep.

Wallis: Well - we had one sittin' out - uh - it was sittin' over Fresno - it was a big red fireball. And I jumped up and - uh - ran outside and took a picture of it. And before I could crank the camera it come shootin' right towards the house and when it got about a - oh - a quarter of a mile away, it shot straight up in the air and left all these big streamers of phosphorescent -- phosphorescent behind it and went over and set down on the Pike ranch. And that lady was up - and she saw it sittin' in the pasture - and she said it was big as a dirigible - and she called the sheriff's office - 'course that wouldn't do any good either - but she didn't know what it was. But it was the same one because - we had been reportin' those things - and they called me - and there was about a five minute lapse from the time I saw it -- it went over the house -- 'til it lit over their place.

Randy: Did you ever find any tracks that it left?

Wallis: No, we found some of that like angel hair though, over on the next hill -- all over the hill. Just real wispy stuff.

Randy: I've been lookin' around here and I haven't seen anything. 'Course I can't leave the tower for very long at a time. So I thought when I got over to where I saw it - (garbled) - to the - (garbled) - it would take me a couple hours anyway.

Wallis: Yeah, we may have a gentleman call you one day on this. And - uh - you can give him a report on it -- from NICKP.

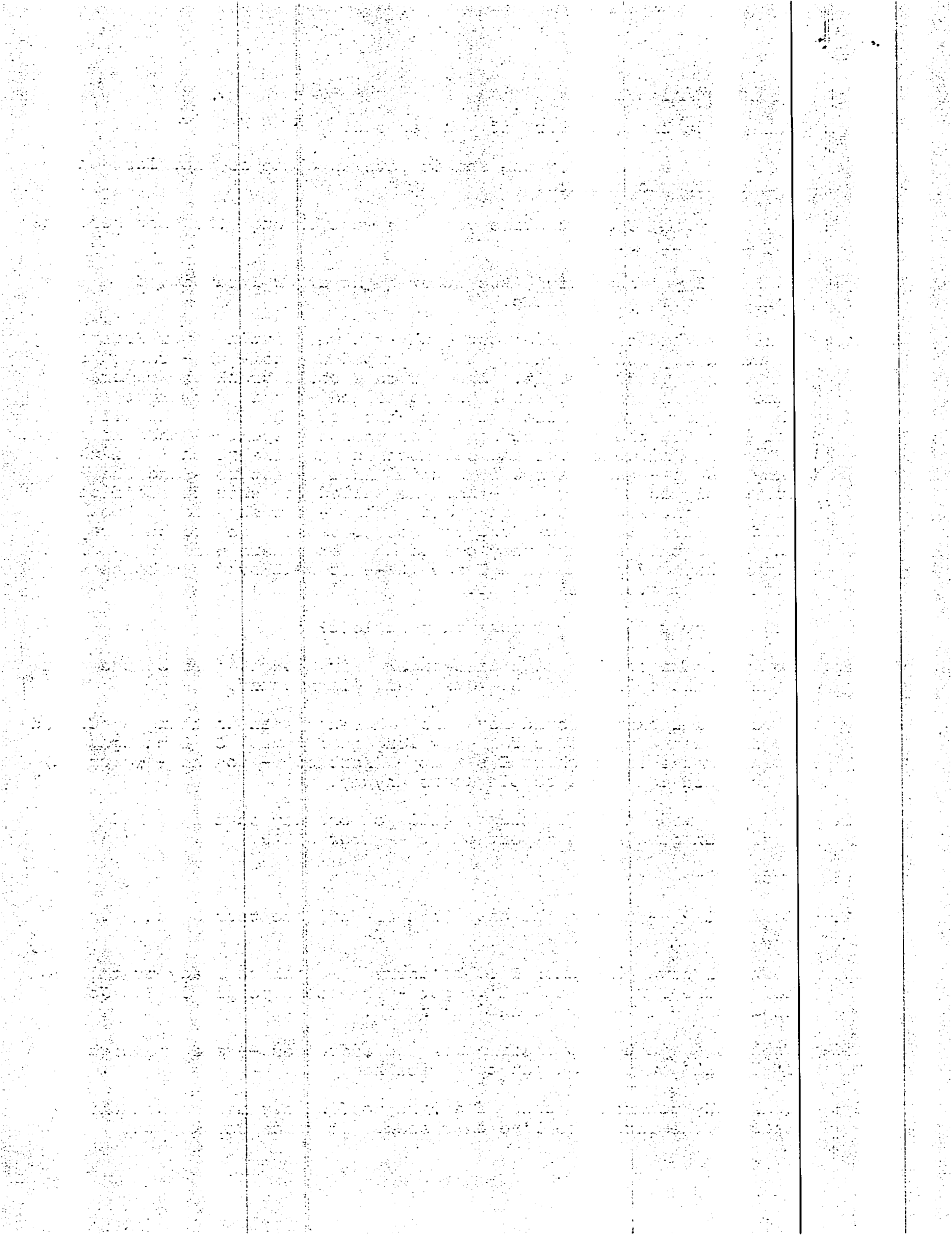
Randy: From what?

Wallis: From NICKP -- that's the ones that investigate these - uh - this thing.

Randy: Yeah, whenever he comes I'll be darned -- I'll be ready to talk to him 'cause I have - uh - I've got - uh - some people in San Jose here that - uh - saw it headin' north.

Wallis: Well good, just keep their names and addresses -- and one night I'll call you and you can talk with him.

Randy: Yeah, OK, can four, 'cause I'd like to find out more about this -- this is the first one I've ever seen. It kinda shocked me.



Randy: I want to know where - uh - what it is and where it's from.
(cont.)

Wallis: Well, we would too -- so would everyone else. We definitely know they're there though.

Randy: Yeah, ten four, everybody I talk to keeps tellin' me I'm crazy -- but I don't think so.

Wallis: Yeah, (slight laugh) I know it - that's the impression I get when I talk to people. What did your boss say about it?

Randy: He told me, I was drinkin' too much.

Wallis: But he did "scram" the planes for you? Didn't he scramble them?

Randy: (Interference - carrier signal) - --- 'Gilroy.

Wallis: Ten nine?

Randy: That was the Gilroy Police Department.

Wallis: Oh, they scrambled the planes?

Randy: Ten four.

Wallis: Yeah, because they flew over us in a big circle twice. ✓

Randy: Yeah, they had - uh - (garbled - carrier signal interference) -- crankin' on.
I flashed a light at him and he blinked his landing lights ---
(carrier signal interference and other voice trying to get channel.)

Wallis: He blinked his landing lights at you?

Randy: Ten four.

Wallis: Yeah, well they flew over us out here when they were lookin' at it too.

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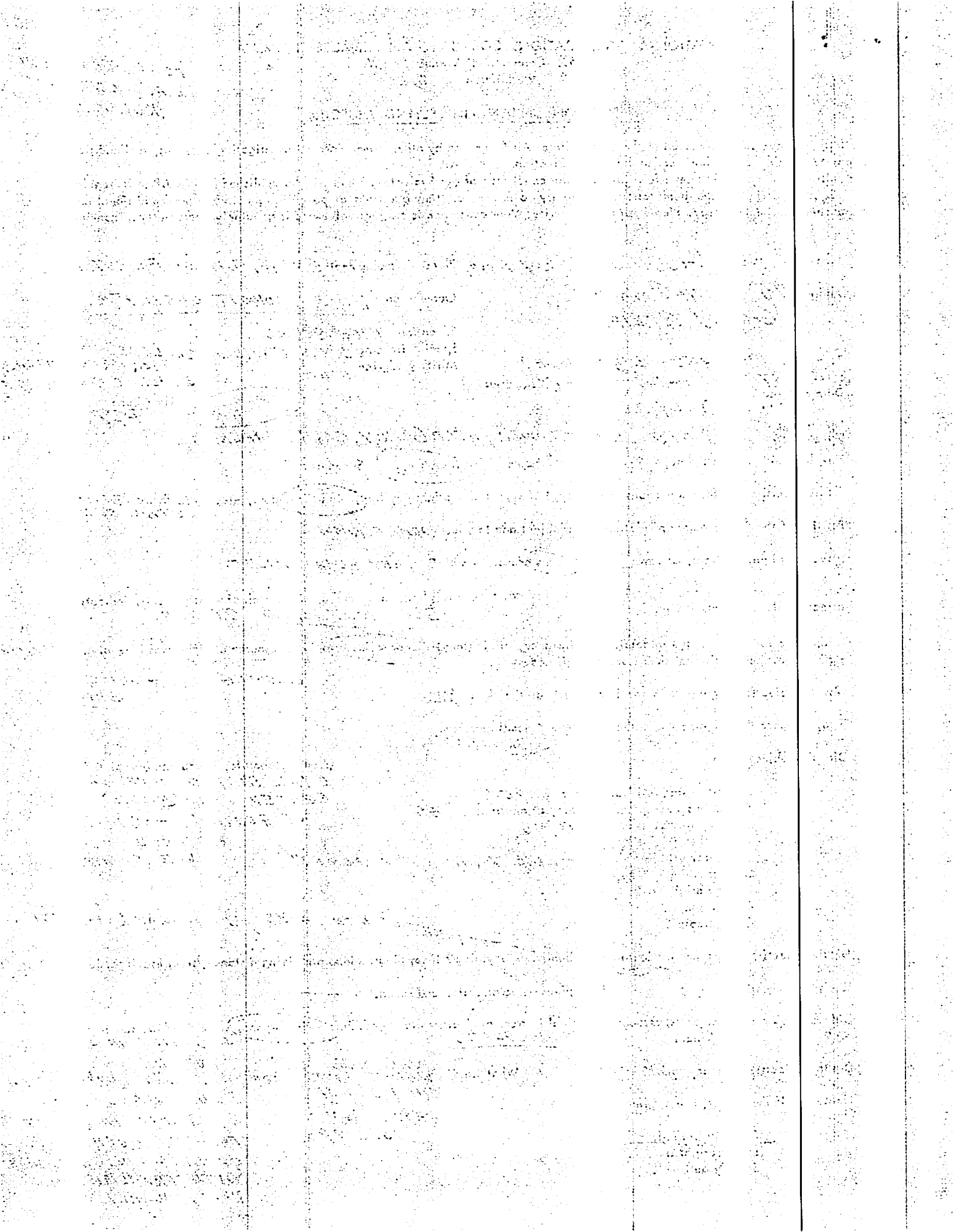
FORESTRY RADIO
CALL LETTERS
KDL-824

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

1. Name RANDY HIGGINS (20YRS OLD) Place of Employment CALIF. DIV. OF FORESTRY
Address 75 SOUTH CARMEL ST. Occupation FIRE LOOKOUT OBSERVER.
GILROY, CALIF.
Education HIGH SCHOOL
Special Training 2YRS GAVILAN COLLEGE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE
Military Service NONE — STUDENT PILOT.
2. Telephone 408-842-4457 (HOME)
PRIMECOSTI TOWER-408-842-4221 (WORK)
Date of Observation JULY 28 - 67 Time AM PM 9:30 Time Zone P.S.T.
3. Locality of Observation PRIMECOSTI PASS FIRE LOOKOUT TOWER, NEAR GILROY, CALIF. HWY 152
4. How long did you see the object? Hours _____ Minutes 6 Seconds _____
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. CLEAR BRIGHT STAR SKY.
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. DON'T KNOW.
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? VERY CLEAR NIGHT.
8. Were there more than one object? NO If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any. SEE ATTACHED SKETCH.
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. NO
GLOWING BLUE - WHITE BRIGHT.
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? YES
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. BRIGHT
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
a. Appear to stand still at any time? YES
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? YES
c. Break up into parts or explode? NO
d. Give off smoke? NO
e. Leave any visible trail? LIKE TRAIL OF A COMET!
f. Drop anything? NO
g. Change brightness? NO
h. Change shape? NO
i. Change color? NO
FRONT OF MTH PEAKS, 3 MI AWAY (HOVERED)
APPEARED POROUS LIKE A SPONGE.
OVAL SHAPED WITH DARKER CENTER BAND (MIDDLE) BRIGHT TOP PORTION. — SURFACE
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.
14. Was there any wind? NO If so, please give direction and speed. _____
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What? DINOCULARS & OUTSIDE IN OPEN.
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? YES What kind? VARIABLE WHINE LIKE CHILDS "TOP" How loud? NOT REAL LOUD, FG
ABOUT 800 - 1000 C.P.S.
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
a. Fuzzy or blurred. ✓
b. Like a bright star.
c. Sharply outlined.
SOUND CAME THRU C.B. RADIO IN USE AT THE TIME MUCH LOUDER CAUSING INTERFERENCE WITH TRANSMISSION PARTICULARLY ON



OBJECT APPROACHING
TOWER AT HORIZONTAL LC
(SAME ELEVATION AS TOWER)
CIRCLED TOWER (STRAIGHT ON)
AT SAME ELEVATION.

16. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? SLIGHTLY

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

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| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel | g. Orange |
| b. Pea | e. Half dollar | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime | f. Silver dollar | i. Larger |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length. 1" to 1 1/2"

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? IT CAME THRU THE "SADDLE" OF CATHEDRAL PEAK TO THE SOUTHEAST OF THE LOOKOUT TOWER. SAME LC 272

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? WAS ON FIRELOOKOUT DUTY IN THE TOWER & IN CONTACT BY CB RADIO WITH MR. WALLIS OF COARSE GOLD, CALIF.

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? DISAPPEARED OVER HORIZEN IN DIRECTION OF MT. HAMILTON (LICK OBSERV.)

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. SLOW JET

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. JET FIGHTER CAME OVER SAME PATH YES

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). 1/2 MI CLOSEST 1/2 HR LATER.

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch: 2770 FT. PEAK

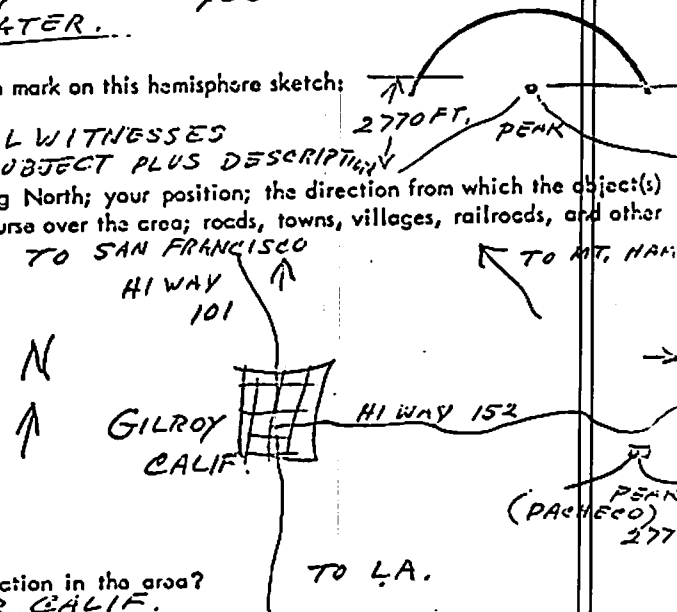
28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. NO VISUAL WITNESSES

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

GEORGE — ?
P.O. BOX 242
MARIPOSA, CALIF.

MARIE SHAW
STAR ROUTE
MARIPOSA, CALIF.

DON WALLIS
P.O. BOX — ?
COARSE GOLD, CALIF.



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? HOLLISTER, CALIF.

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. NO

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.

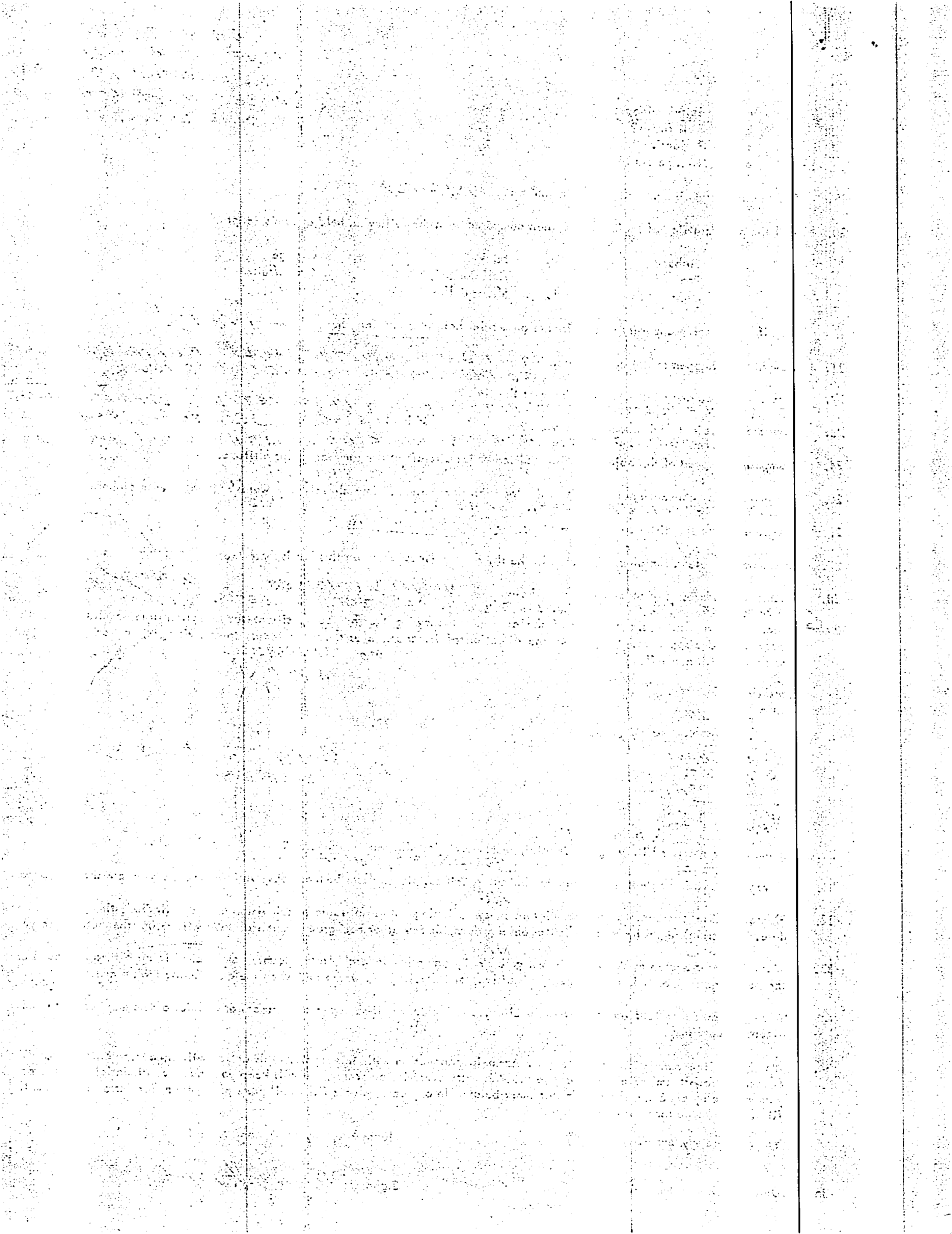
33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? NO By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place. GILROY MR. ED PARR

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. NO

34. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. Please keep my name confidential. ()

35. Date of filling out this report: Nov 12 - 1967 Signature: Randy Higgins



Dick —

SEP 5 1967

Aug 28-67

This sighting has some rather unusual aspects and some similar ones to the Michigan UFO (Porous surface)

Colorado might be interested especially in the sound which Don Wallis of Coarsgold, Calif has a tape recording of it (from his CBRadio)

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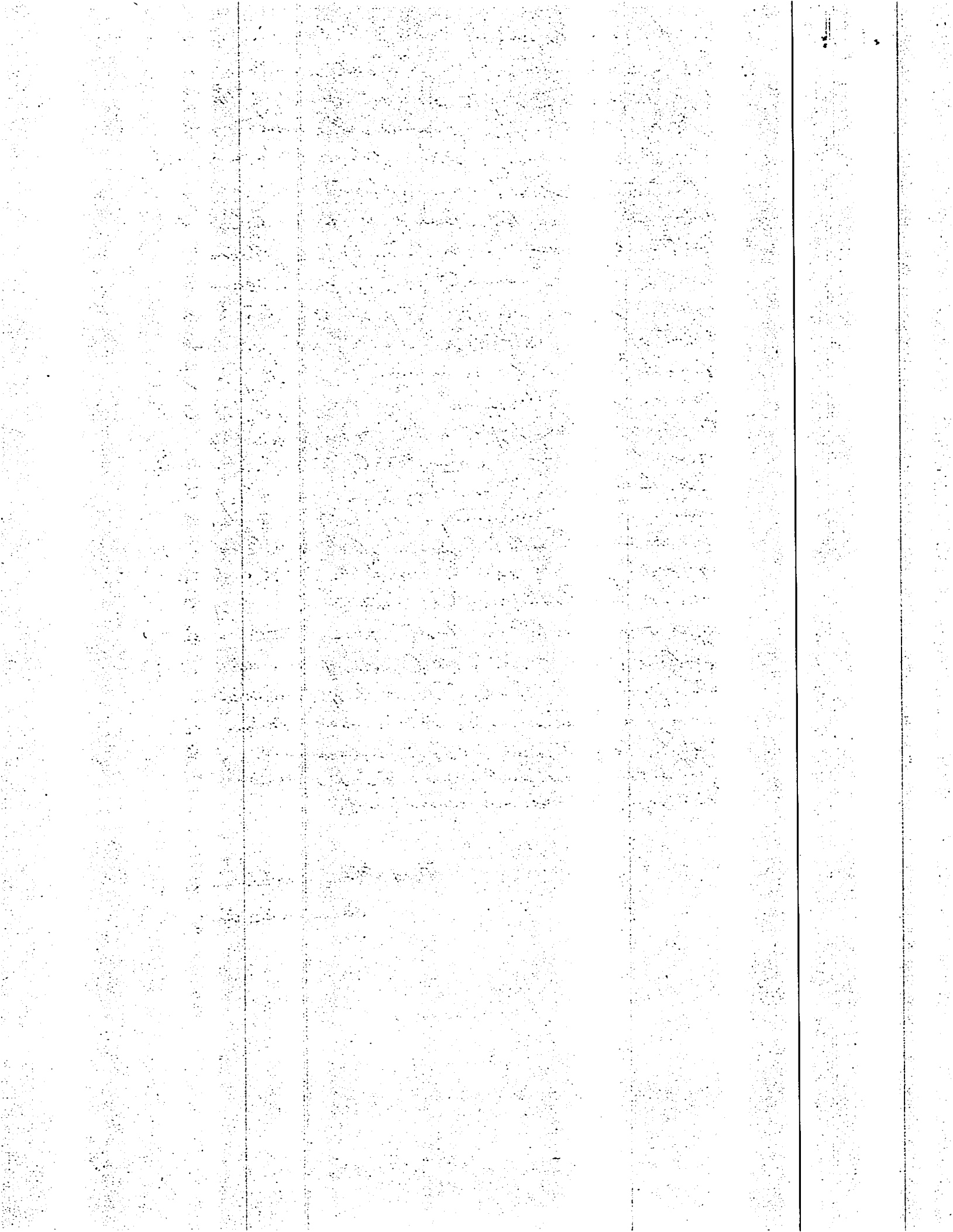
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Randy was chatting on CB Radio at 9:30 p.m. looking east out tower lookout window. A blue-white light caught his eye to the right about 45°. He saw a blue-white oval shaped light coming thru the cutback ^{pass} saddle toward him, same elevation as the fire tower. It approached him on a horizontal level about half way (3 mi distant) stopped and hovered for a minute or two, then came closer, turned slightly to pass the tower in front of his view to the east, stopped and hovered again for a minute lighting up the ground several hundred feet below it with its blue-white light. It then proceeded around his tower completely at about a mile and a half distant making the variable pitch whine noise and interfering with the radio. It was oval shaped with fat round edges, appeared porous on the surface with a darker band around the middle. It had a bright light on top (white). As it passed the east window again, it picked up speed, about slow jet speed and headed toward Mt. Hamilton leaving a trail similar to a comet behind it. Total observation was about six minutes. The night was clear and many stars were out at 9:30 p.m. No moon was noticed.

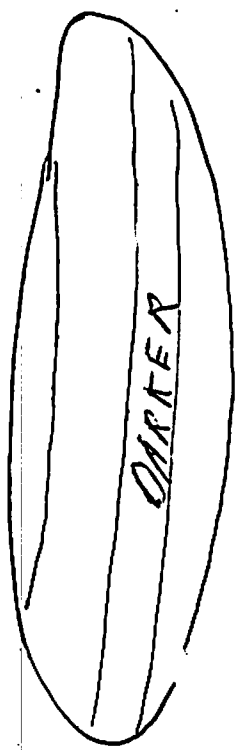
Bay Area Subcommittee
Sunnyvale, Calif



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WITNESSES TO UFO SIGHTINGS IN THE COARSEGOLD, CALIFORNIA AREA

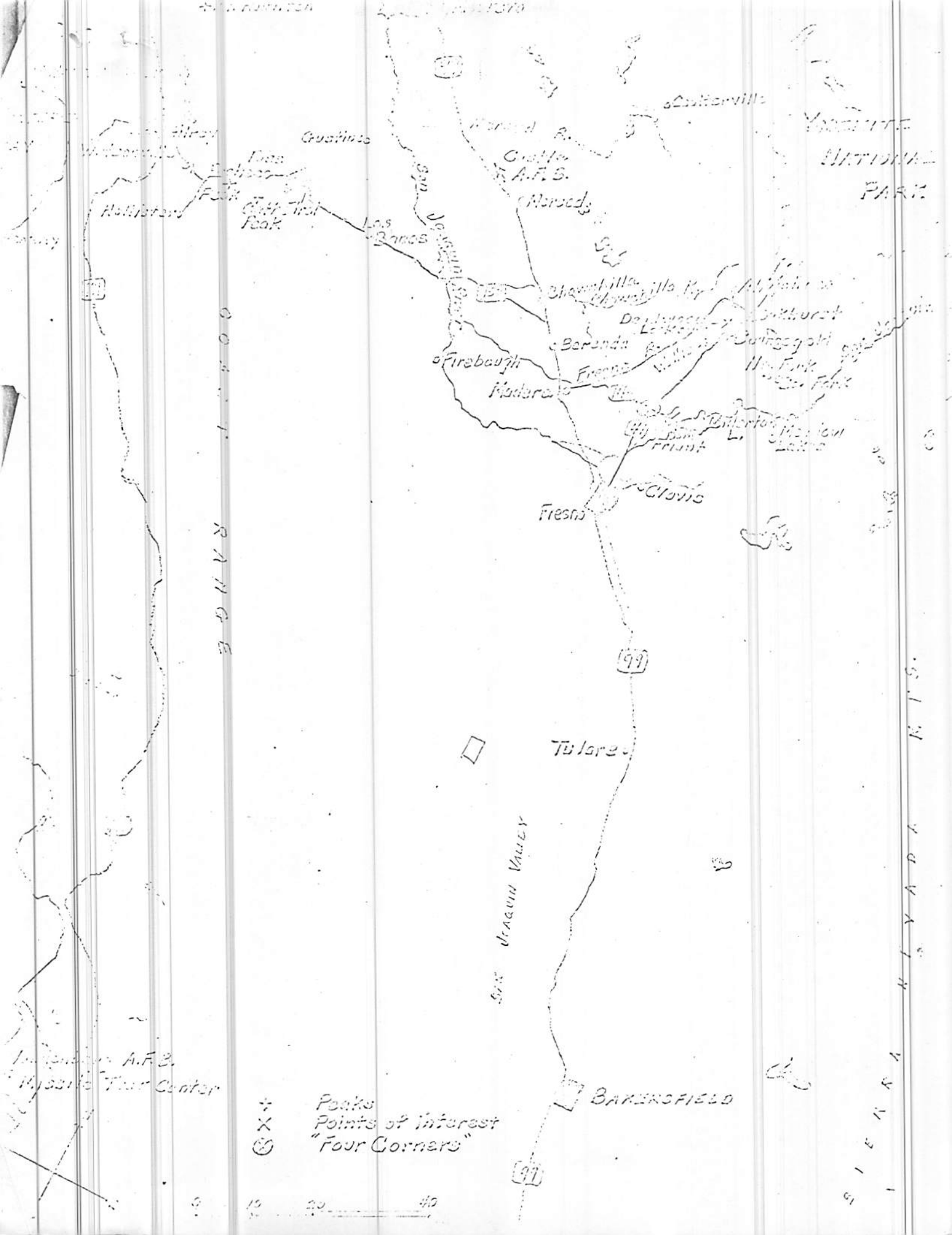
Mr. & Mrs. Donald L. Wallis	P. O. Box 317, Coarsegold, California 93614
Mrs. Judith Gribbins (Wallis' daughter)	Fresno, California
Mr. Randy Higgins	75 So. Carmel St., Gilroy, California
Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Hinkley (Virginia)	Box 306, Coarsegold, California
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Hinkley (25 year old son of the Robt. Hinkleys)	1710 Monterey, Modesto, California
Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Scott (Scotty'and Ethel)	Star Route, Meadow Lakes, California (200 foot from K. F. R. E. tower)
Mr. C. E. ("Bud") Miller	P.O. Box 34, Oakhurst, California
Mrs. Dorothy (Russell) Murray & husband, & Dr. (adult)	320 Fairview Ave., Madera, California
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Masonhall (wife "Jo")	Sierra Route, Oakhurst, California 93644
Mr. & Mrs. Bright (Bert)	Coarsegold, California
Mr. Manuel Smith	Madera, California
Mrs. Muriel Toby Wilson & husband Mr. Wesley Wilson	41090 Roseport, Madera, County, Calif. (4 miles from Coarsegold.)
Mr. & Mrs. Al Roberts (Marie)	Millerton General Store, Star Route, Box 16, Clovis, California
Mr. & Mrs. John Farrugia	Box 27, Ahwahnee, California
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Savage	Coarsegold, California
Mrs. Pennington (Betty)	Coarsegold, California
Mrs. Cuma Riggs	South Fork, California or 140 No. Park Ave., Madera, Calif.
Mrs. Lattace	Coarsegold, California
Mr. & Mrs. Charles V. George	Pike Ranch, Coarsegold, California
Mr. Don Clark	Ahwahnee, California (owns the Coarsegold market)
Messrs. James & Bill Taglio	355 West Ave., Gustine, California
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Knight & two children, (Debbie, 11 and Eric, 6.)	Coulterville, California

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Mr. John Thompson (age 19)	Coulterville, California
Mr. Bill Riker (age 17)	Coulterville, California
Mr. Vincent Hillyer & Mother	Ortigalita Road, Merced, California
Mr. Bill Jorgenson, Manager of Merced Chamber of Commerce	Merced, California
Mr. Angelo Aspesi, Jr., Deputy Sheriff	Merced, California
Mr. Bill Burkett, Reserve Deputy Officer	Merced, California
Mr. Robert Downing, Police officer (holds pilot's license)	Merced, California
Mr. Allen Olson, Police officer	Merced, California
Mr. "Bucky" Walters, Police officer (took UFO pictures mentioned by the Wallises.)	Coarsegold, California, Oakhurst
Mrs. Linda Scott	Clovis, California
Mrs. Carolyn McCarley (friend of Judith Gribbins)	Fresno, California
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Parrett (Darlene) and three children (friends visiting the Hinkley's)	3910 Tivoli Ave., Los Angeles, California 90066
Mr. Jess West, Resident Deputy Sheriff of Ahwahnee (Madera County Sheriff's Department)	Ahwahnee, California
Mr & Mrs. (names as yet unknown, to be added)	Deadwood Forestry Lookout, California

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