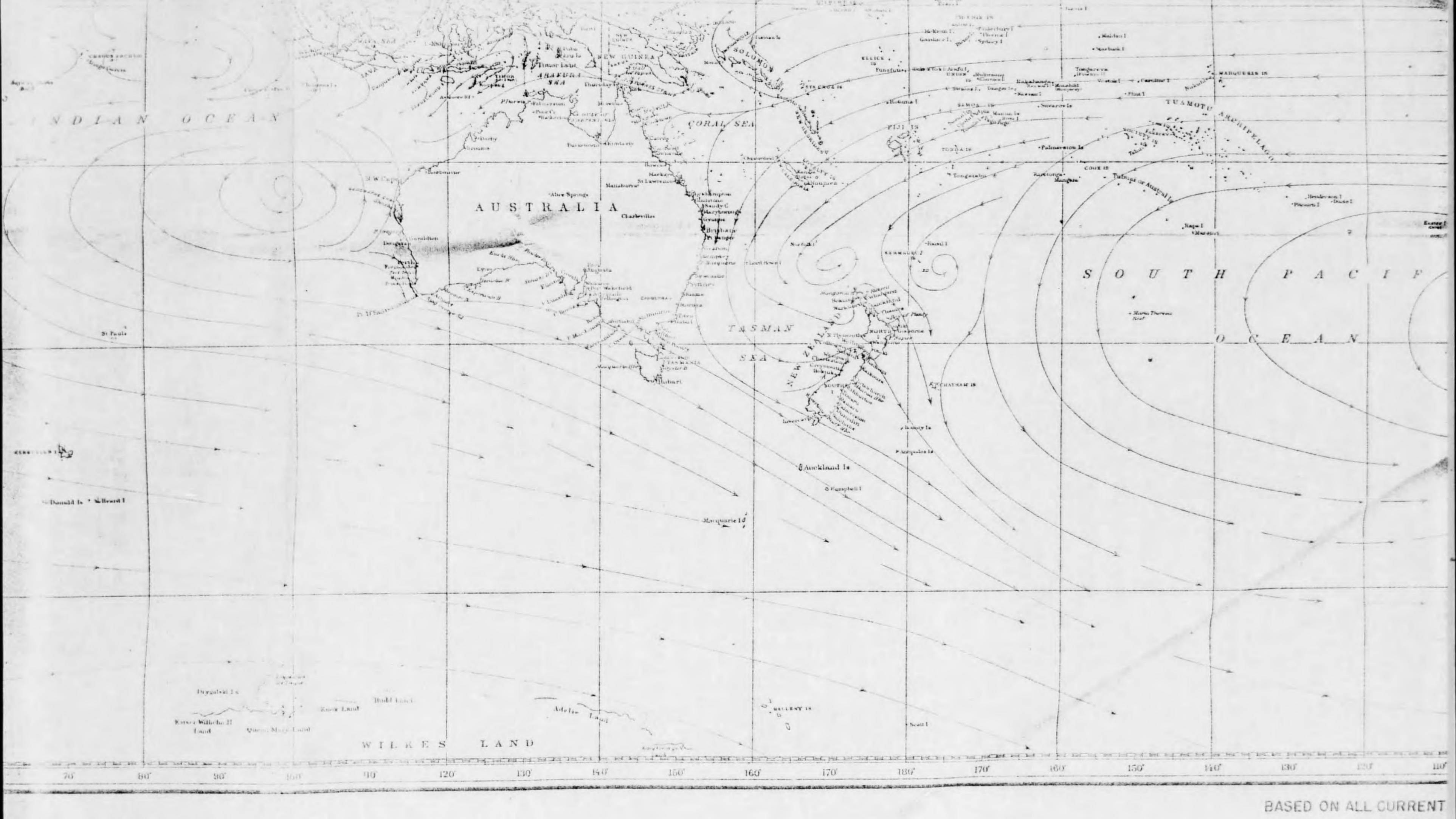
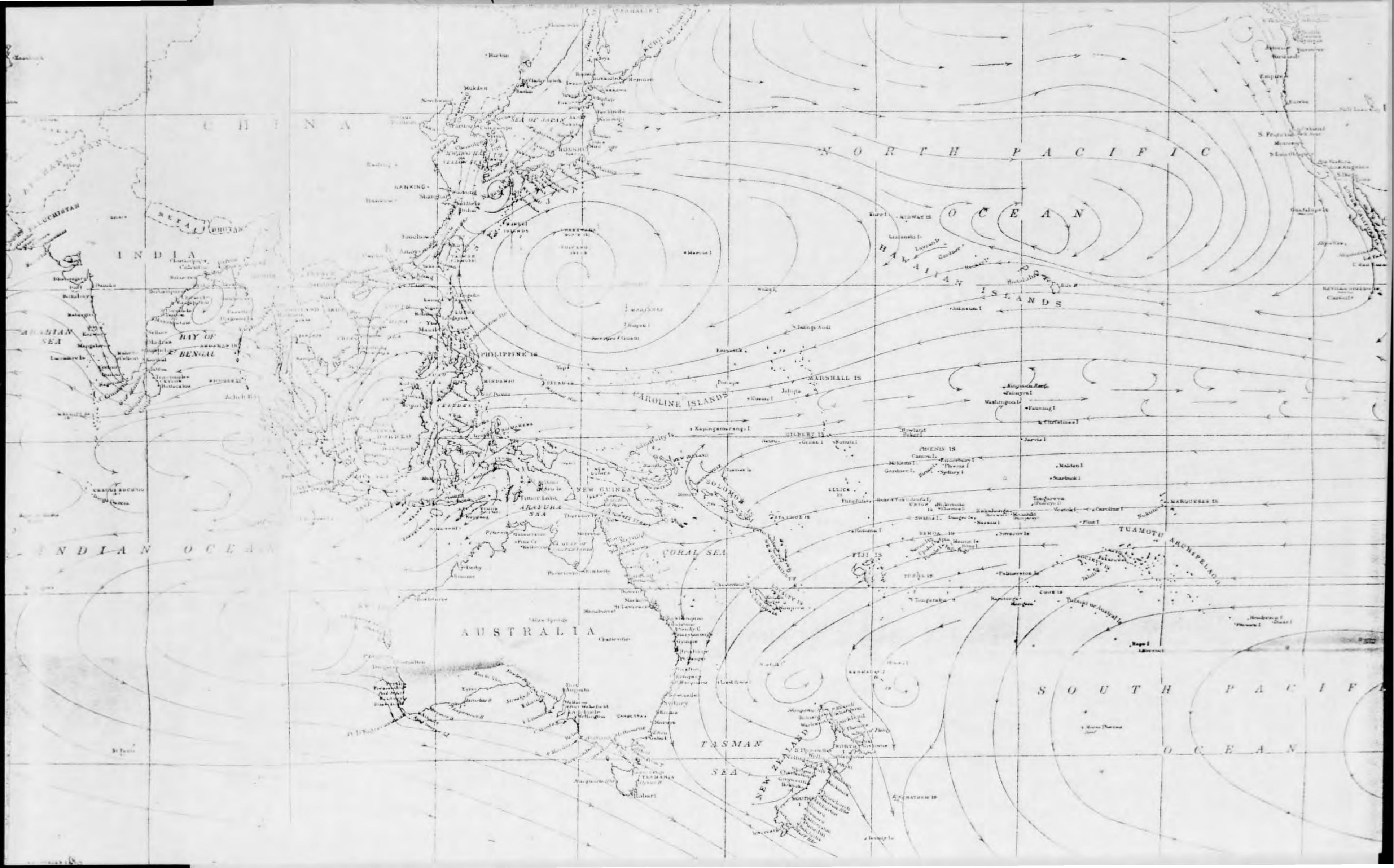
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ALBROOK AIR FORCE BASE, C.Z.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Objects Vicinity of San Andres Islanda, Caribbean Sea

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL.

Commanding General TO2 Air Materiel Command Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Dayton, Ohio ATTIN: WCI

- In accordance with Restricted letter, Hq USAF, subject, "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs'", 26 February 1948, the following report is submitted.
- 2. At 2030 hours on 8 February 1949, Captain West of the S. S. Antigua, a United Bruit vessel, berthed at Cristobel Fier area, Canal Zone, was interviewed regarding three aerial objects sighted by officers of his ship on voyage to Canal Zone from New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 3. Captain stated that the first object, which appeared to be a disc, was signted at 1630 on 6 February 1949 at 12 degrees 30. minutes north latitude, 81 degrees 10 minutes west latitude, in the close vicinity of the San Andres Islands. The S. S. Antigua's course was 152 degrees at 16 knots. When sighted, the object was at an altitude of 60 degrees from the horizon as determined by the ship's sextant in the direction of 129 degrees. As it passed directly over the ship, several officers described it as a round, silver-colored sphere. Although had difficulty in determining its height, he estimated the diameter as 12 to 14 inches. As it passed overhead, bearing 310 degrees, it changed in color from silver to yellow to red and went out of sight in the dusk at an altitude of 22 degrees. The wind at the time was estimated at force four, approximately 29.
- 4. At 1700 hours on the same date two more objects were sighted. one off the port bow at an altitude between 50 and 60 degrees, and the other off the starboard bow bearing 201 degrees at an altitude of 47 degrees. Both disappeared abeam in the dusk. Hone showed any luminosity or motivating power.
- 5. The circumstances described suggest a strong possibility that these objects are some type of weather balloons. However, it is improbable that any weather balloons released from the Canal Tone could flori to this position due to the preveiling wind currents of this area. The

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changing colors of the object can probably be attributed to the reflection of the setting sun.

6. On 7 February 1948 two Russian 300-ton sloops (Omar and Blask) arrived at Colon, Republic of Fanama, from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, enroute to Vladivostok via Honolulu, Hawaii. The backtrack computation of wind and course and point of sighting lend a possibility that the objects were in free flight after release from these two ships which followed a direct course from St. Thomas to Colon. These two vessels are presently awaiting repairs at Colon, and two others of the same type are presently in St. Thomas undergoing repairs. Any further developments will be promptly reported.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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1. Date of Observation Date of Interview 6 Feb 19 2. Exact time (local) 1630 to 1700 120 30' N 81010'W Flace of Observation Vicinity of San Andres Islands, Caribbean Sea Fosition of observer-At sea f/S. S. Antigua 5. What attracted attention to object & . -Number of objects 7. Apparent size 12 to 14 inches in diameter S. Color of object silver changing to yellow to red Ghape Sphere lst: ,60° f/horizon; 2d: Between 50 and 60°; 3d: 47° 11. Direction from easerver Distance from observer 2010 13. Direction of flight of object(s) 3st: 310°; 2d: N/S 3d: 3102 14. Time in sight Sceed le. sound and dor 17. Trail 18. Luminosity 19. Projections aneuvers .anner of disappearance Disappeared in the dusk Iffect on clouds Additional information concerning object Thought to be some type of balloom Weather conditions

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Merchant Marine Captain

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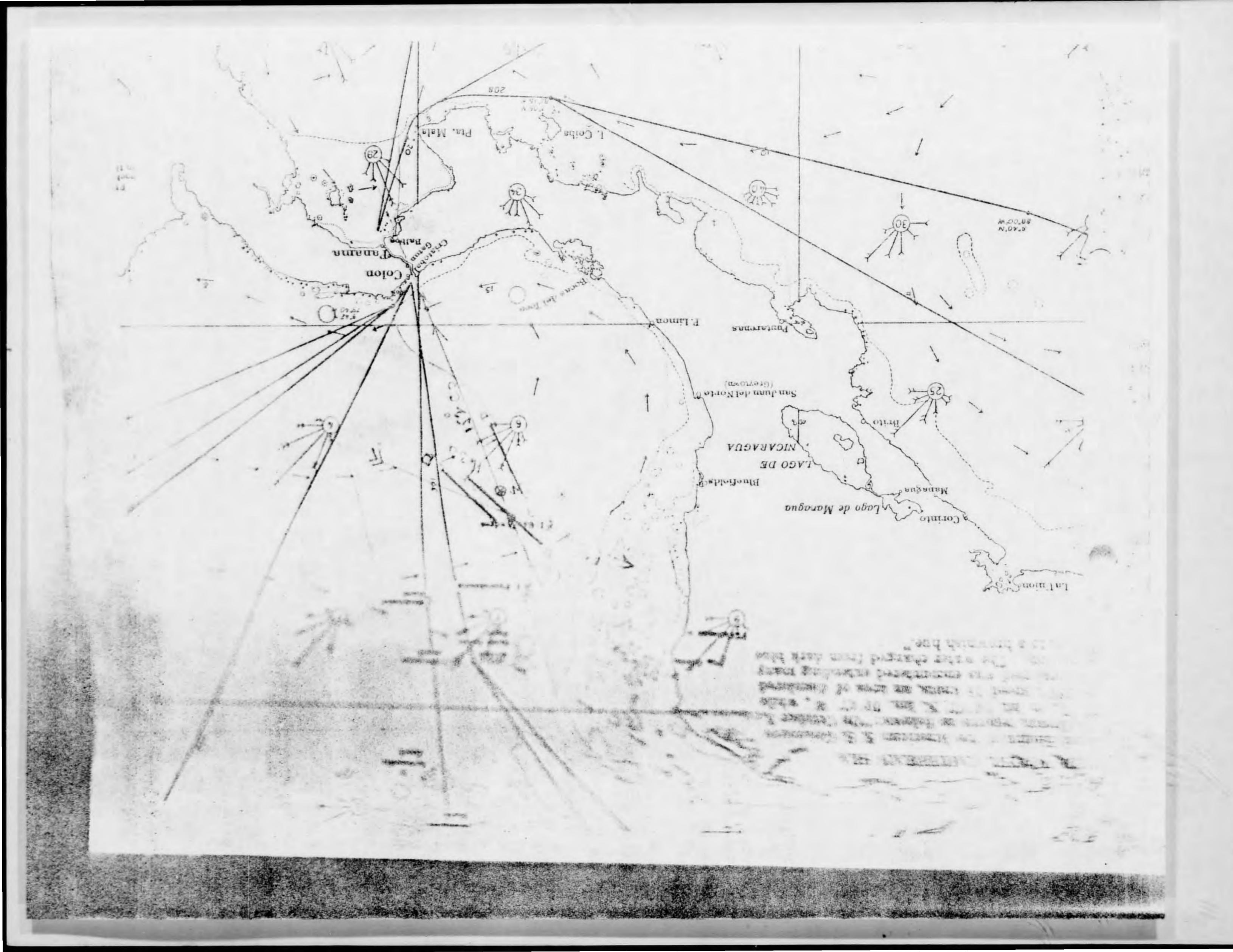
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