

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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August 8, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

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At 1:40 A.M. on August 6, 1939, a [redacted] and a [redacted] both of [redacted] Washington, D. C., telephone [redacted] called at the Bureau.

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[redacted] stated that he desired to impart some information which possibly had to do with spy activities. He explained that he regarded it as somewhat fantastic, but in view of his constant alertness and minute observation of different things he felt that he should communicate his information to this Bureau.

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Memo Mr. Tamm

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "R. A. Guerin", is written over the typed name.

R. A. Guerin

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

62-5878
RNP:AOBS

July 2, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Destruction of the VON HINDENBURG.

Dear Sir:

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ON 10-20-81
9-11-81

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was so advised and no action is being taken by the New York office in this case.

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[REDACTED]

Very truly yours

B. E. Sackett

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge.

Kansas City, Missouri
June 8, 1943

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Director, FBI

Reference is made to recent instructions emanating from the Bureau requesting employees to furnish the Bureau with interesting cases or incidents which might be appropriate for publicity purposes if the Bureau deemed advisable.

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Special Agent EUGENE GALEN COOMBS of this office desires to call the Bureau's attention to an incident which is reported in the case entitled [redacted] Milwaukee origin.

[redacted] information received by letter from a woman in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The information furnished [redacted] by this woman was to the effect that the German Zeppelin HINDENBURG would be destroyed in its crossing of the Atlantic Ocean from Germany to the United States. This letter, it will be noted, was dated prior to the Lakehurst disaster, when the giant Zeppelin HINDENBURG was destroyed as it was attempting to land at its airport at Lakehurst.

The correspondence in [redacted] possession indicated that he had called on a woman who furnished the information and whose name is contained in the Milwaukee Field Division file of this case, and that she admitted to [redacted] that she was a Spiritualist and that she and another Spiritualist had had a vision at one of their Spiritualist meetings. She stated that the vision which they had experienced indicated to them very clearly that the HINDENBURG Zeppelin would be destroyed on its next crossing of the Atlantic and she felt it her duty to warn the German authorities immediately.

When [redacted] reported that the woman and man who had the vision were Spiritualists, [redacted] gave no further consideration to the matter and felt the report was unreliable.

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The correspondence in [redacted] possession reflects that immediately following the Lakehurst disaster, [redacted] was instructed by telegraph or telephone to immediately recontact the informants for any additional information concerning the disaster that they might be able to furnish. The file further reflects that at the time [redacted] recontacted the woman informant in this matter, as he had been instructed to do, it was so soon after the destruction of the Zeppelin HINDENBURG that the informants had not learned of the disaster through either radio broadcasts or the newspapers.

[redacted] in contacting the informants made the mistake of immediately advising them that the Zeppelin HINDENBURG had been destroyed. The woman who originally furnished the information relative to her vision, and the man spiritualist who had the vision with her, both became immediately hilariously exuberant over the fact that their visions had come true. The correspondence in [redacted] possession reflects that they were both so pleased that they worked themselves up to such an emotional state they lost consciousness (passed out), and [redacted] attempted for approximately two hours to bring them back to consciousness in order that he might interview them further relative to this disaster. [redacted] was unable to arouse them, and finally left the woman informant's residence without obtaining the desired additional information.

It will be recalled that the destruction of the Zeppelin HINDENBURG at Lakehurst, New Jersey, was one of the greatest news stories which occurred in the United States prior to the outbreak of the present war. It is believed that this instance might furnish information upon which a very interesting newspaper feature story might be based.

It is respectfully suggested that the Bureau consider the advisability of furnishing this information to one of the Milwaukee newspapers in order that they might base a feature story on this if they so desire.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge

ECC:mf

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : E. P. COFFEY

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FROM : H. B. LONG

DATE: 7-14-45

SUBJECT: Airship Hingenberg
Government Reservation Matter
Bureau File # 62-48190

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The file maintained in the Laboratory in this case has been disposed of and there is attached an envelope containing the material which was in the Laboratory File and which is not duplicated in the Investigative File. It is desired that the Records Section file this as an enclosure behind the file.

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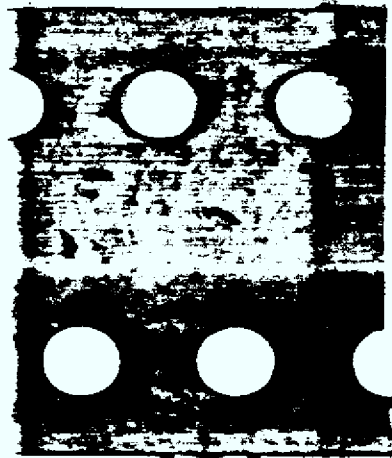
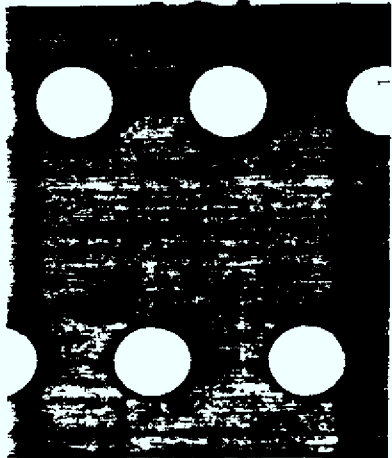
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THE HINDENBURG WAS DESTROYED BY A CLOCK
WORK TIME FIRE BOMB. THIS WAS ALL PLANNED
WEEKS BEFORE. THE PURPOSE TO OBTAIN
HELIUM. IT WAS NOT INTENTIONED TO
DESTROY PASSENGERS BY IT BUT BECAUSE
OF 2 HOURS DELAY TO MAKE MOORING
PLAN WAS UPSET. HAD MOORING BEEN
ON RIGHT TIME ALL BUT 307 40 CREW
ALSO ALL PASSENGERS AWAY AND MAYBE
NO LIVES LOST AT ALL. LEHMAN PLACED
BOMB AT 4:30-5 (CLOCK PM) TIME TO GO
ABOUT 7 P.M. NO OTHER ON SHIP KNEW OF
BOMB OR THE PLAN. ECKNER DID. HE HAD
GOT BERLIN O.K. SOME OF THE FLAMES
SHOWED COLOR CHEMICAL USED. PERHAPS
METAL NEAR STERN NOW WILL SHOW
DIFFERENT HEAT FLAME MARKS WHERE
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WORTH LOOKING FOR. ECKNER SAID
WOULD HAVE HELIUM SURE, SAID THIS
LAST FEB. DONT LET HIM.

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Laboratory Report

Case: Re: **Alfred Rosenberg** Number: **62-48190**
Government Registration Matter

Specimens: **62-48190 Q96 1 photograph and 1 negative.**
Alfred Rosenberg

*Returned neg. and photo 6/9/37
R.B.E.*

Examination requested by: **E. G. Nichols, Head of Dept. 7, Customs Department**

Date received: **4/2/37 AT 11 a.m.**

Examination requested: **Photographic**

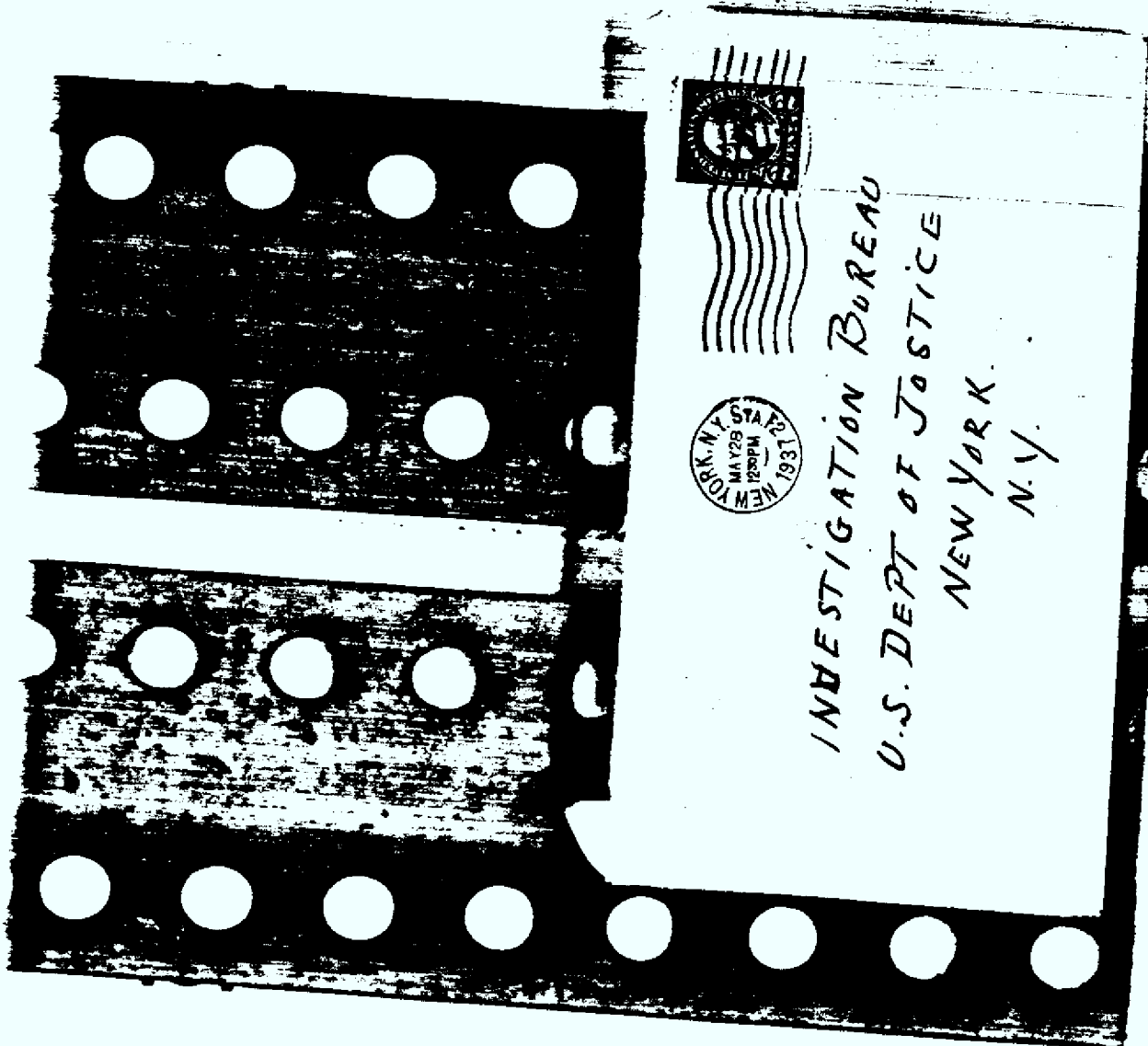
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Examination by: **Clark**

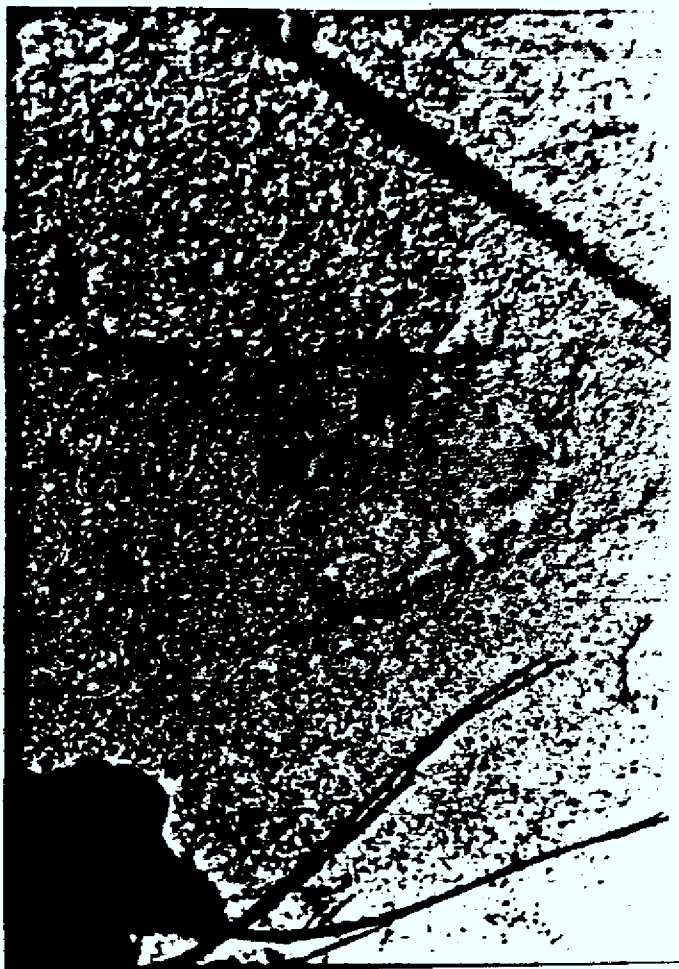
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Grove and gate referred to in previous photo-
graphs. Is actual photograph of one of the
fingerprints marked in white and shown in photo-
graph 72.

Photograph taken 5-9-57 by S. A. C. Wetmore,
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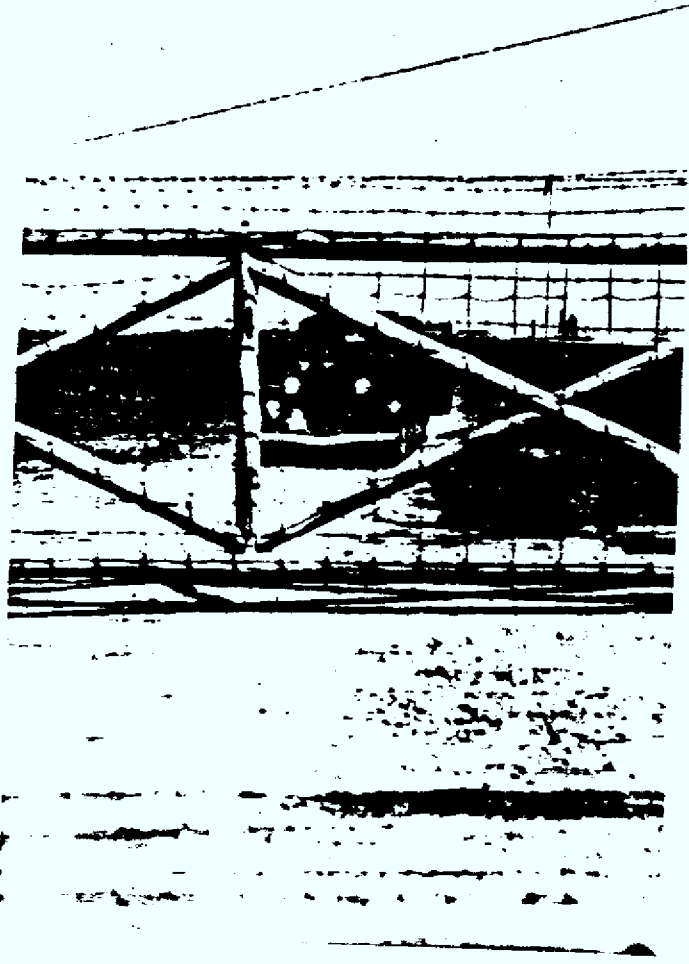
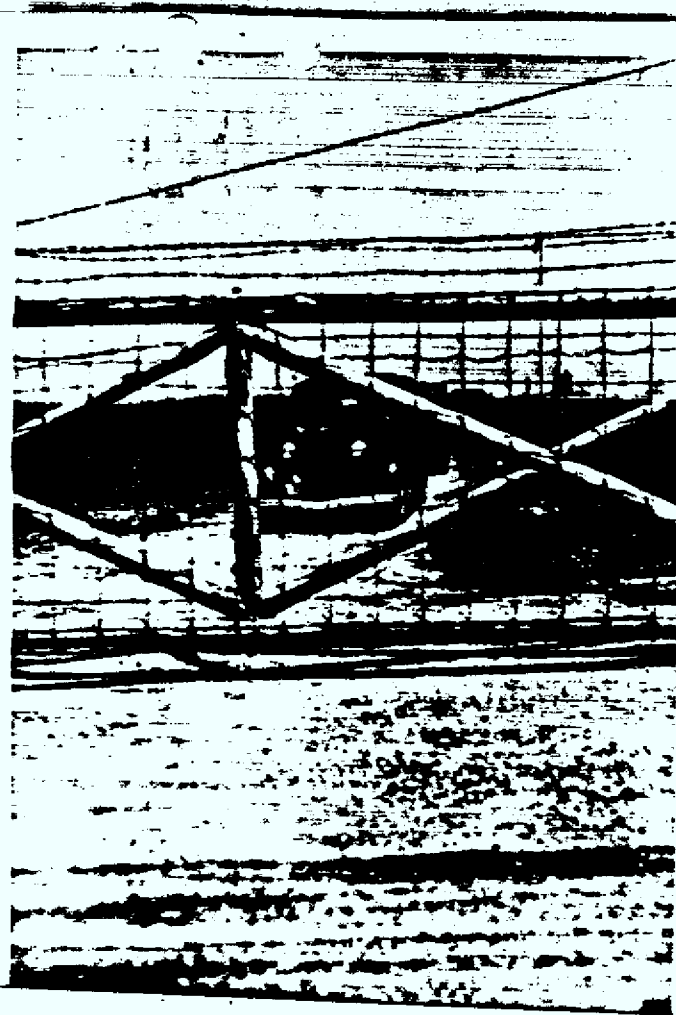
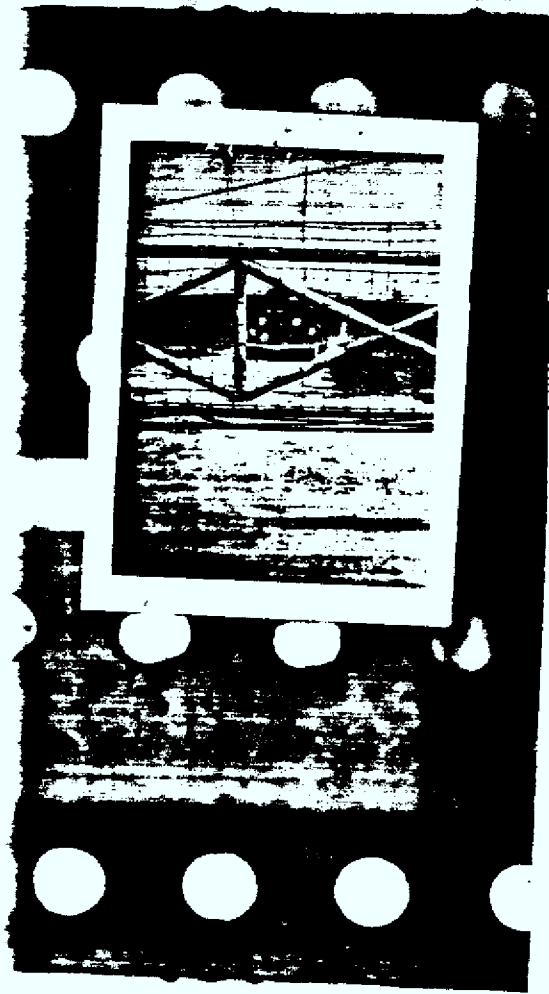
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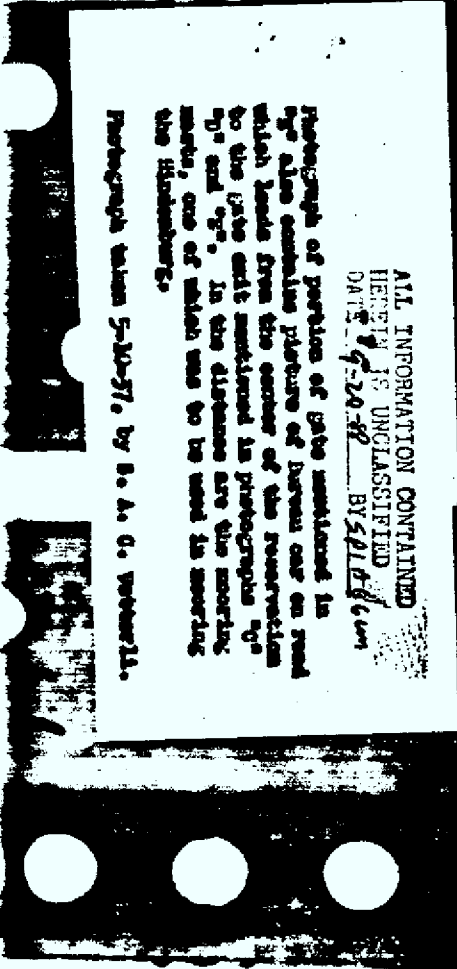
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A different picture of the same footprints
referred to in photographs "A" and "B".
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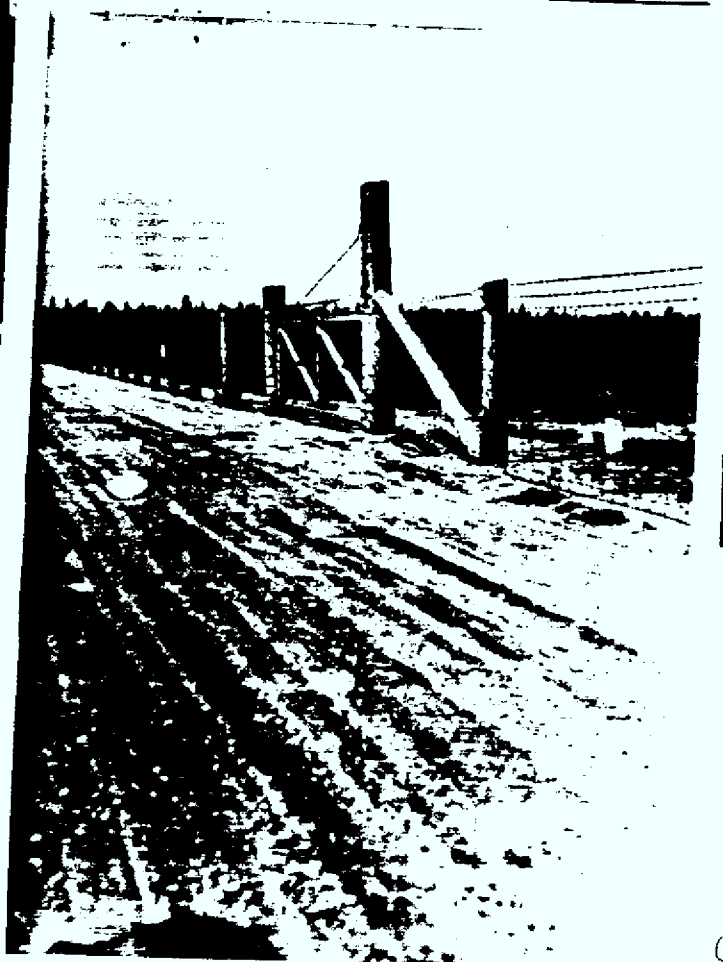
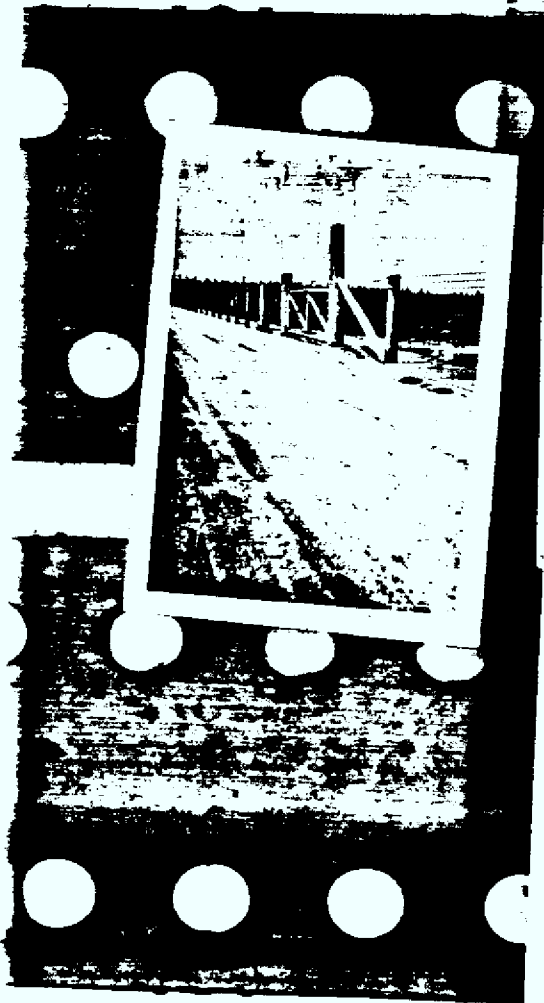
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Portion of road and fence bordering reservation at Labahurst, New Jersey. Also more definite picture of gate which permits entry to the reservation as referred to in photograph "0".

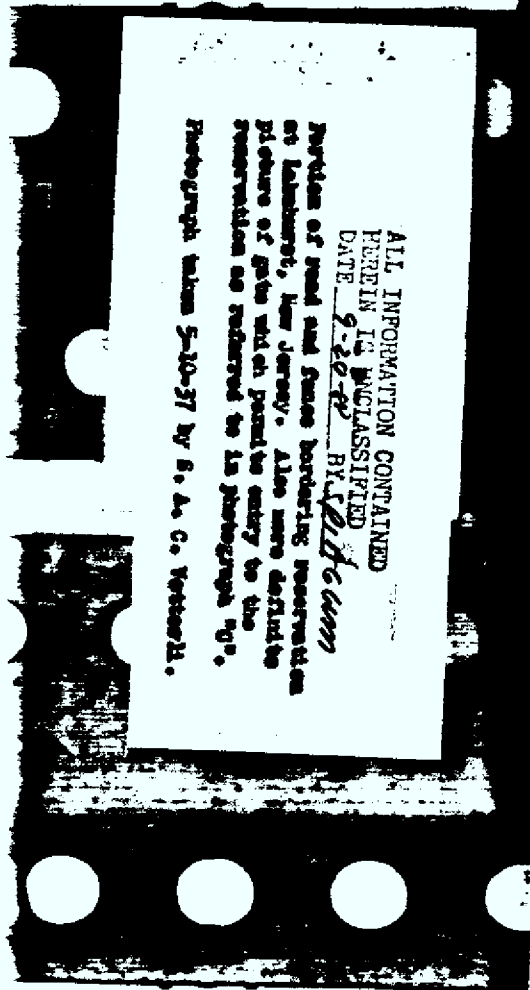
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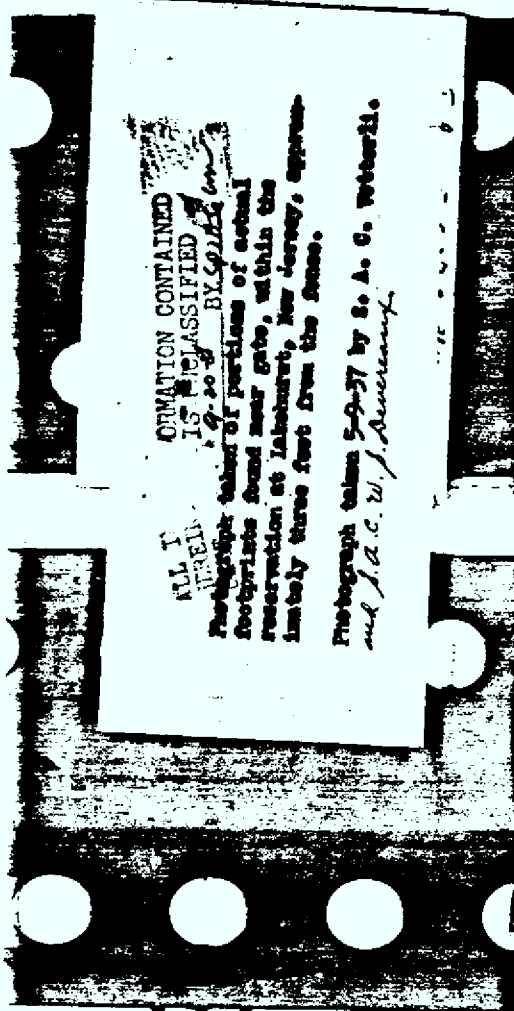
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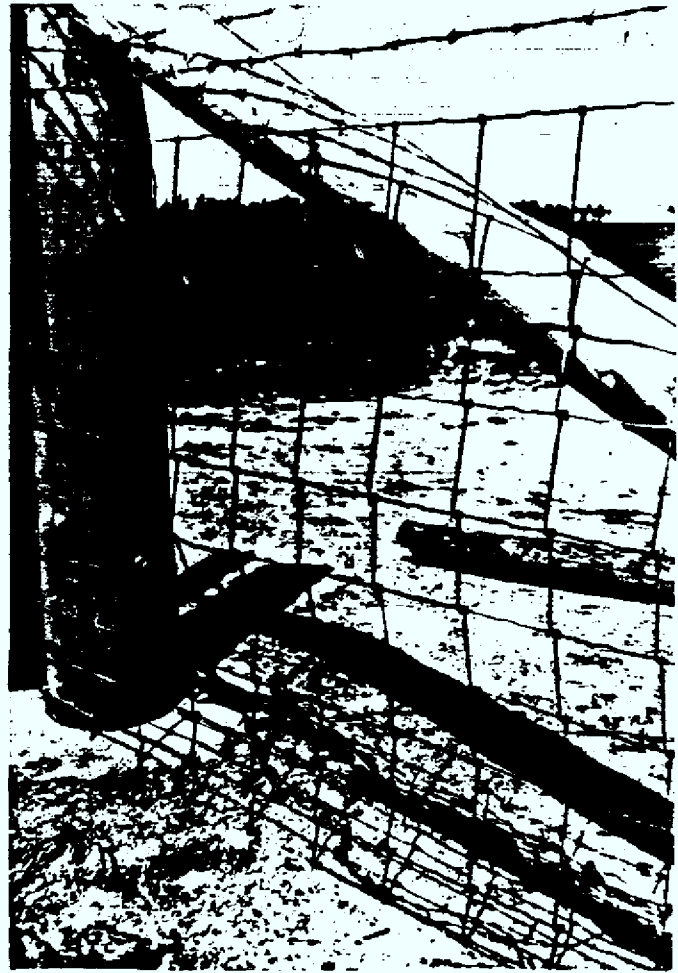
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Portion of fence over which unknown persons climbed, at point shown, on night of Hindenburg disaster, to permit their entry to the reservation at Lakhurst, New Jersey. The two white spots were placed to show location of footprints after climbing fence.

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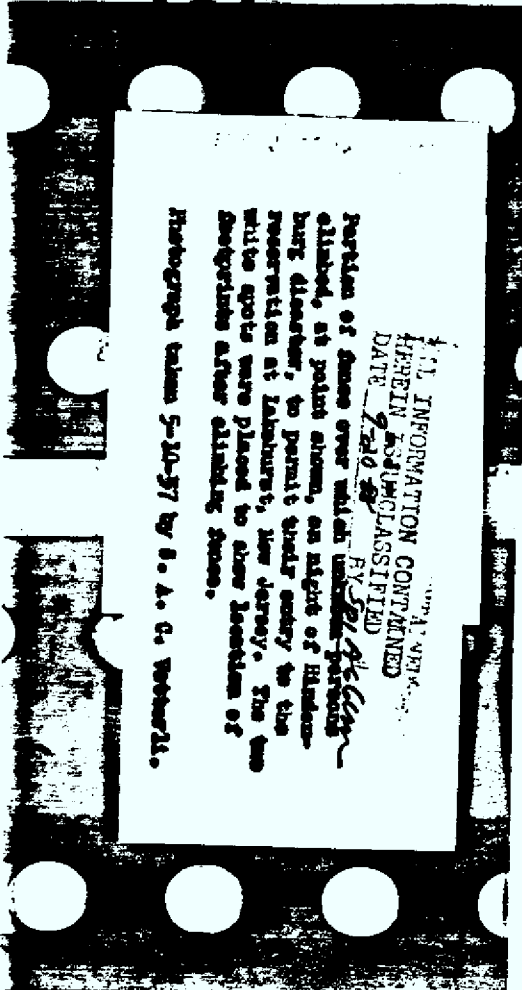
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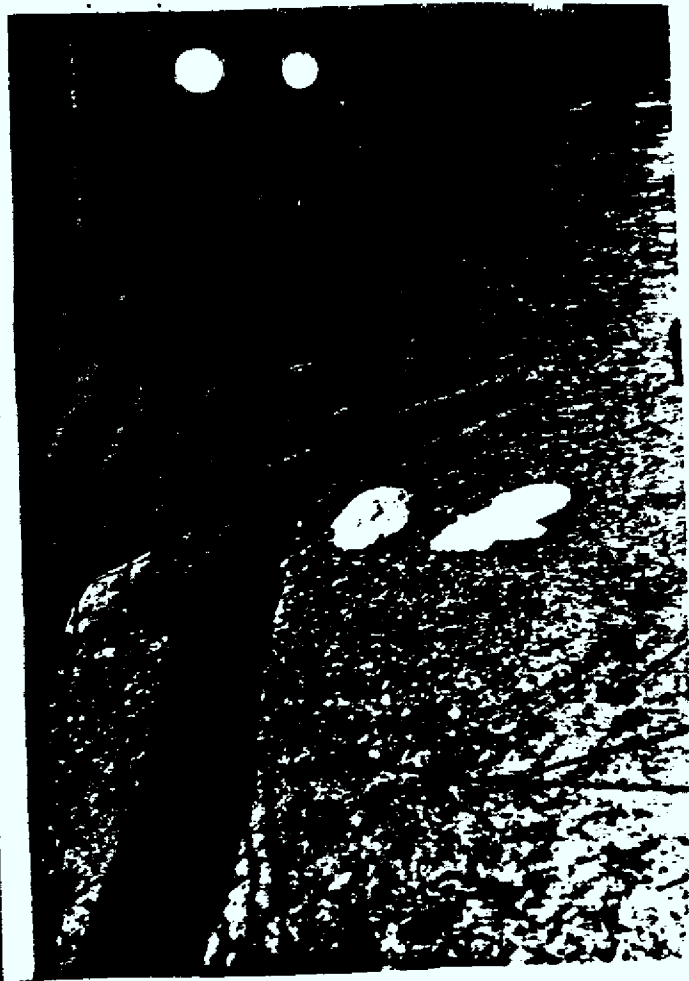
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Photograph taken inside the reservation at Labahurt, New Jersey, reflecting portion of fence and location of footprints near fence which latter are reflected by the two white spots. Same footprints are shown in photograph "j".

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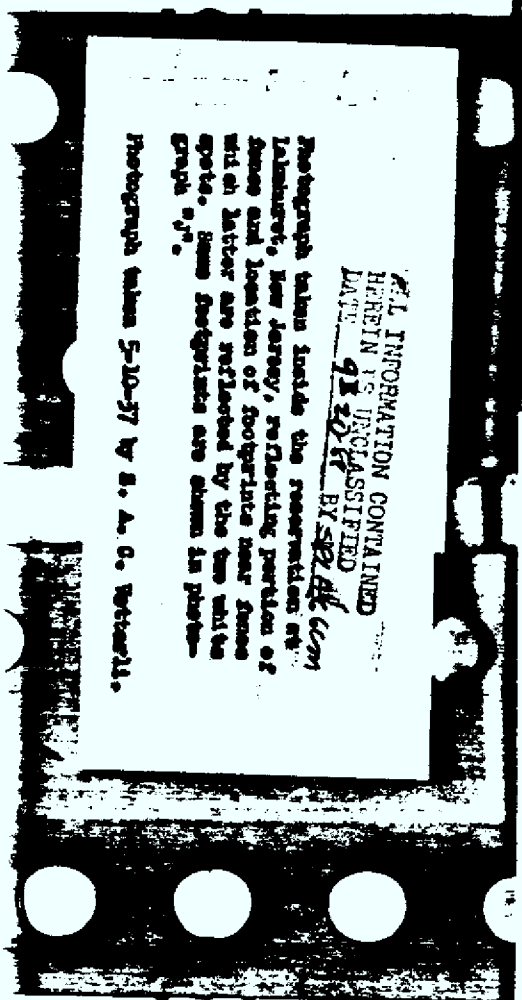
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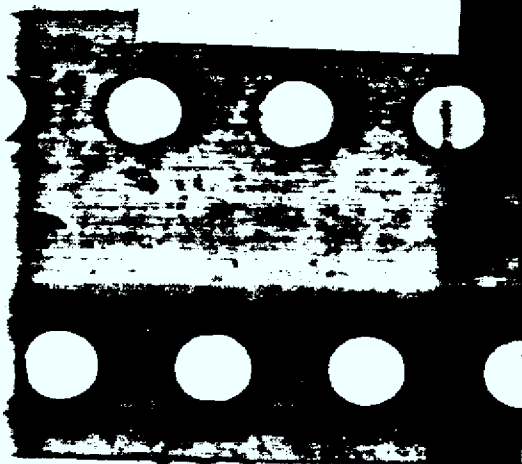
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Photograph of one of the actual footprints shown in photograph "Q". Indicates person was apparently wearing either rubbers or over-shoes or sneakers.

Photograph taken 5-9-37 by S. A. C. Vetterli, and J. A. C. W. J. Aument.

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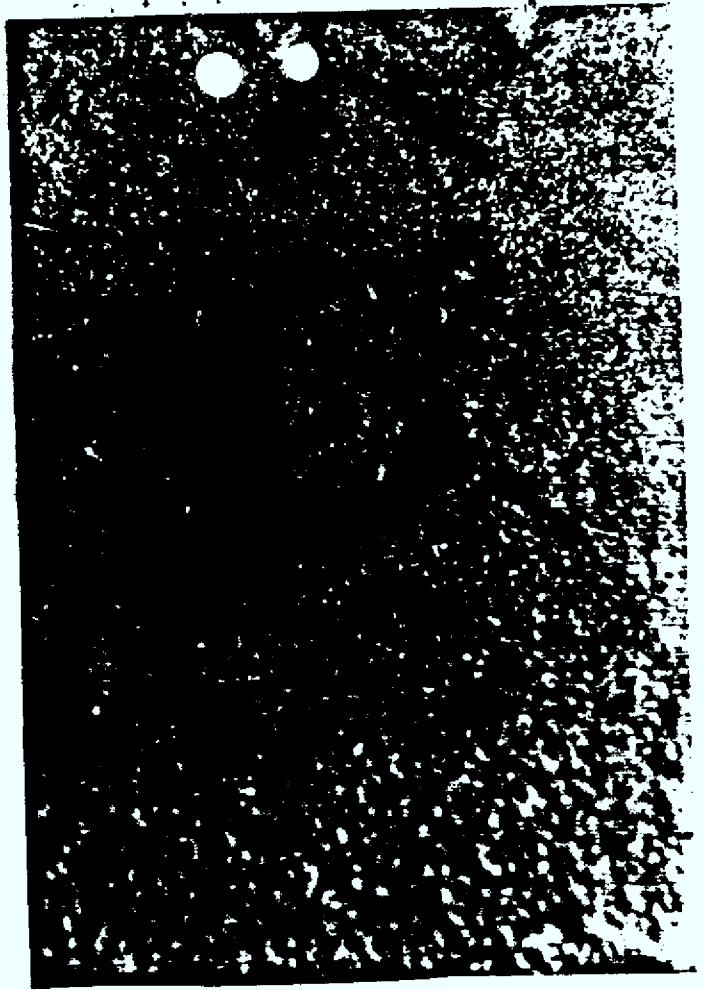
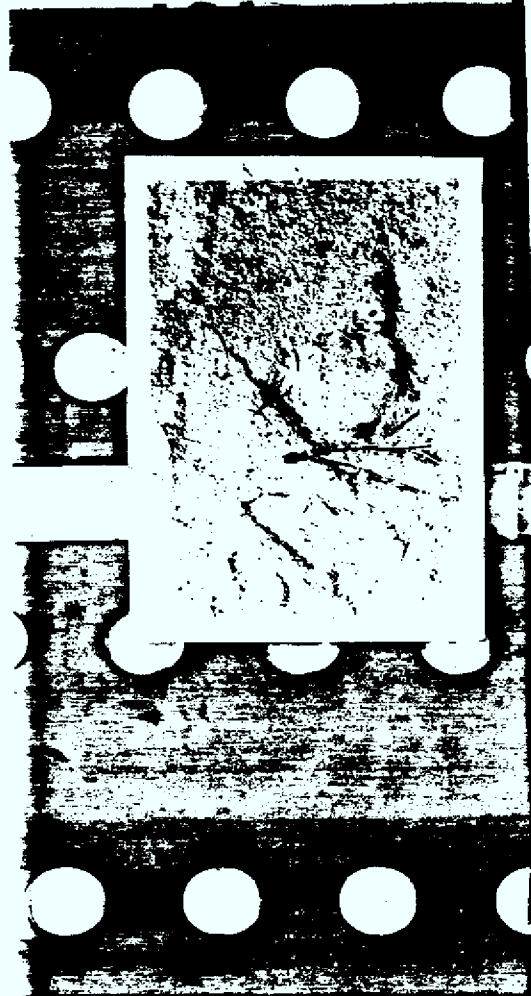
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Photograph of one of the actual footprints shown in photograph "0". Indicates person was apparently wearing either rubbers or over-shoes or awlles.

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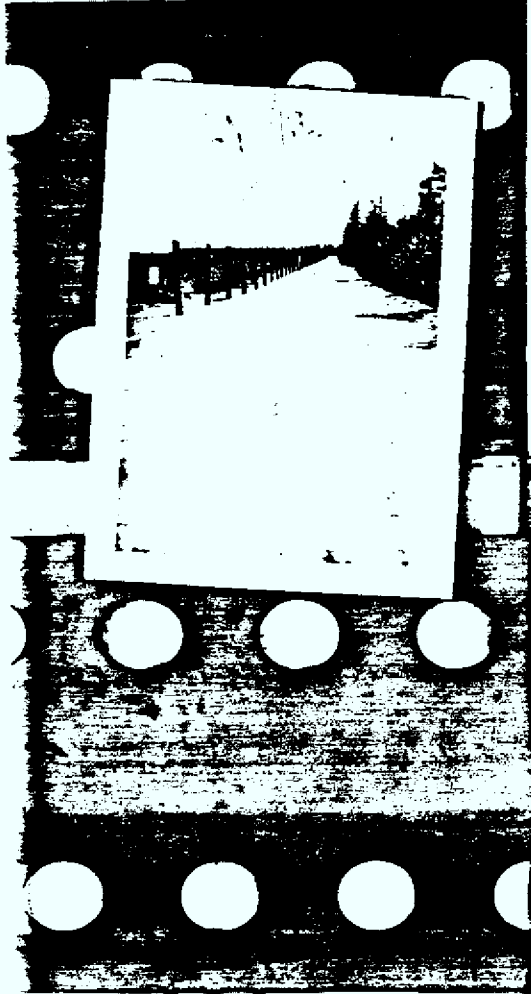
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Continuation of road and fence bordering reservation at Lakewood, New Jersey. Reservation is on the left. Barbed wire road shown in "A", only in opposite direction.

Photograph taken 5-10-37 by S. A. O. Westwell.

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B. Continuation of road and fence bordering reservation at Lakewood, New Jersey. Reservation is on the left. Barbed wire road shown in "A", only in opposite direction. Photograph taken 5-10-37 by S. A. O. Westwell.

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Photograph of road and fence bordering reservation at Lakhurst, New Jersey. Reservation is on the right.

Photograph taken 5-10-57 by S. A. C. Vetterli.

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A. Photograph of road and fence bordering reservation at Lakhurst, New Jersey. Reservation is on the right.
Photograph taken 5-10-57 by S.A.C. Vetterli.

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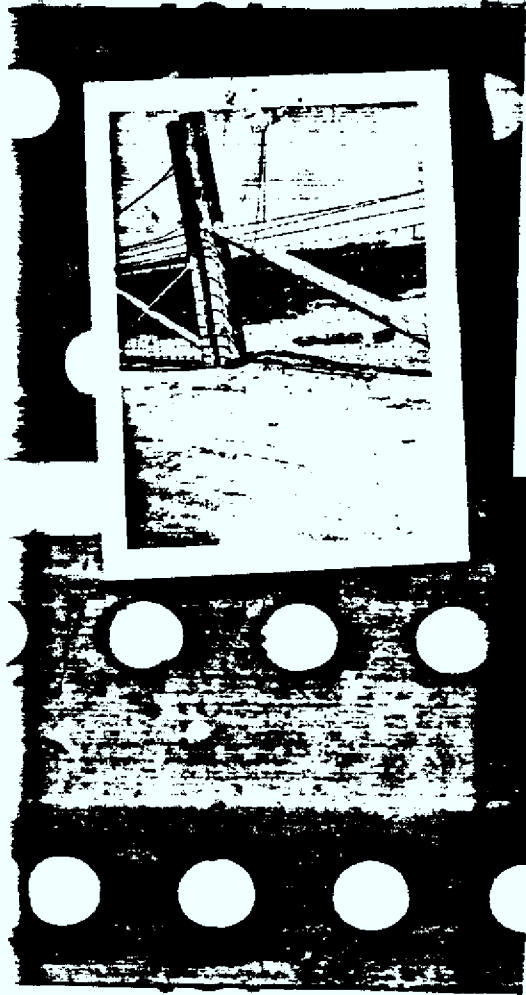
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Photograph taken 5-10-57 by S. A. C. Vetterli.

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Photograph of portion of gate mentioned in photographs "G", "D" and "E", also part of fence over which unknown persons climbed at this point on night of Hundersburg disaster.

Photograph taken 5-10-37 by S. A. O. Vetterli.

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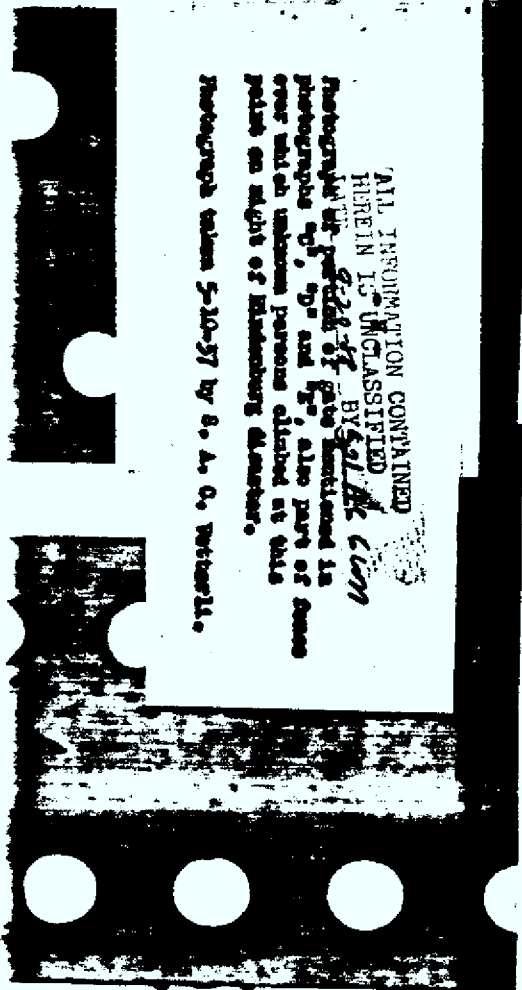
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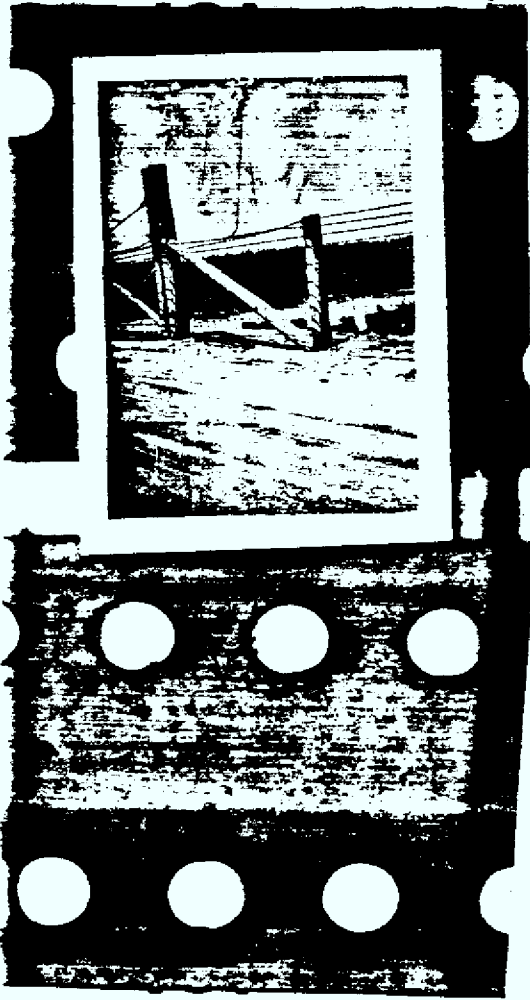
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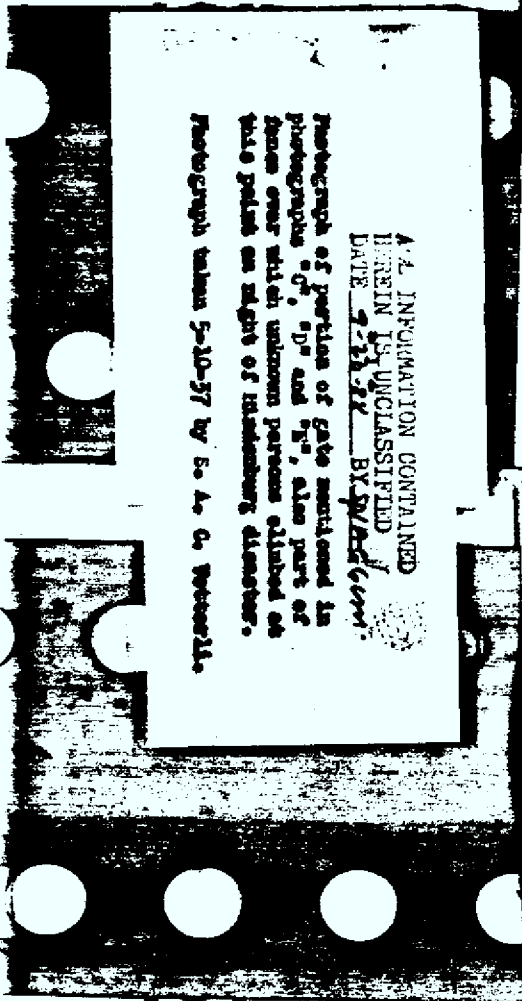


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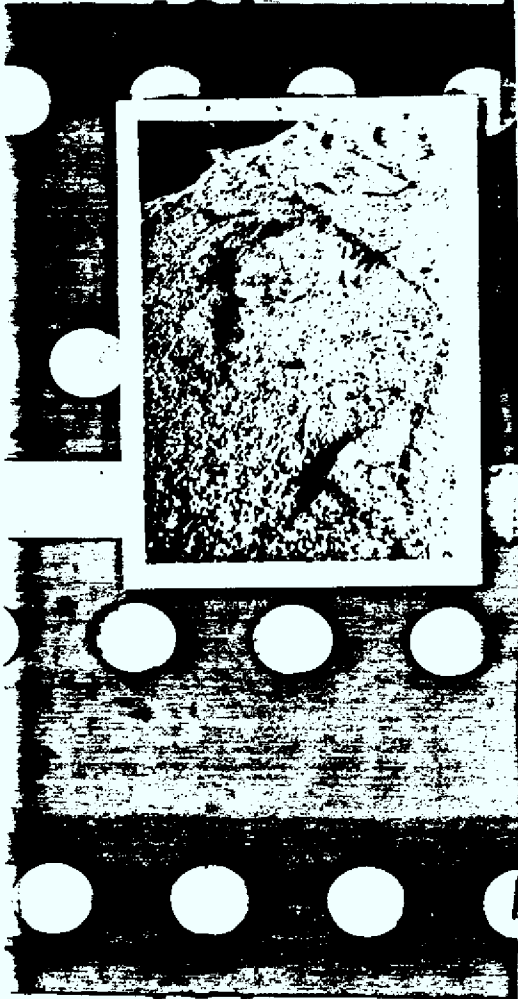
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Photograph taken 5-10-37 by S. A. G. Vetterli.



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Photograph of actual footprints approximately
fourteen feet inside perimeter of laboratory,
New Jersey.

Photograph taken by S. A. G. Wetmore 5-9-57.
and J. A. C. W. J. Amusement.

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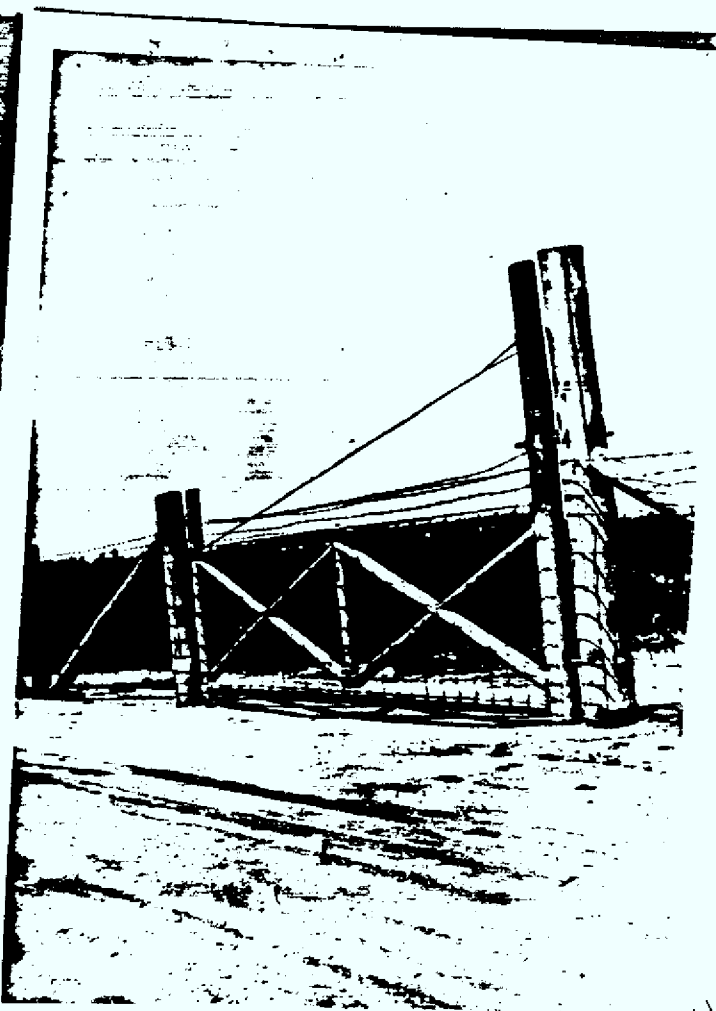
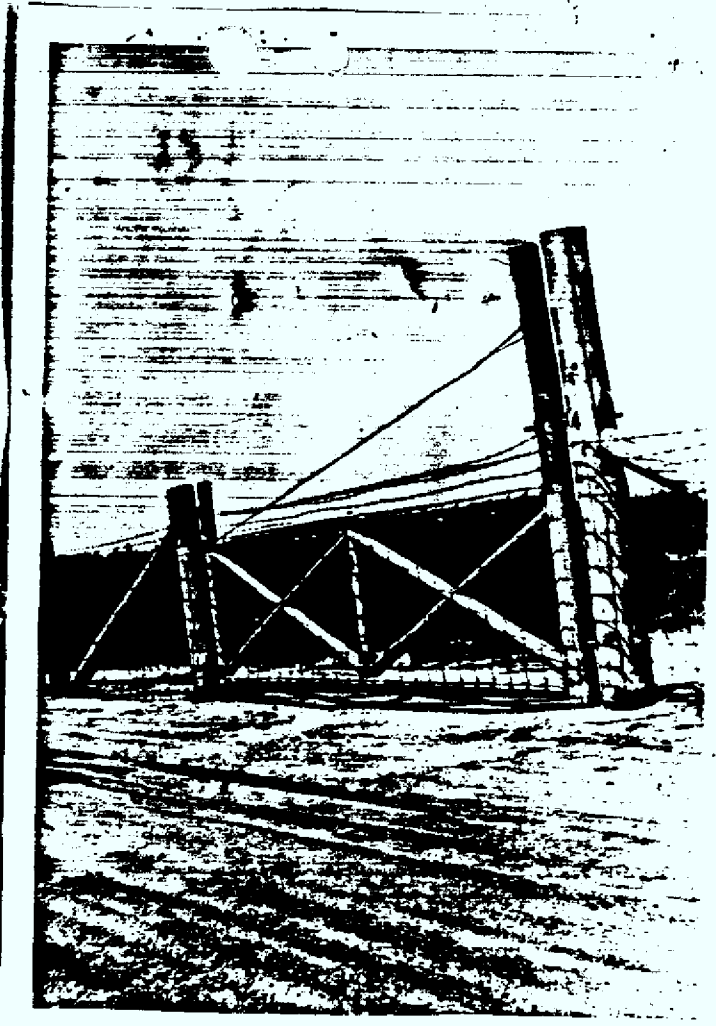
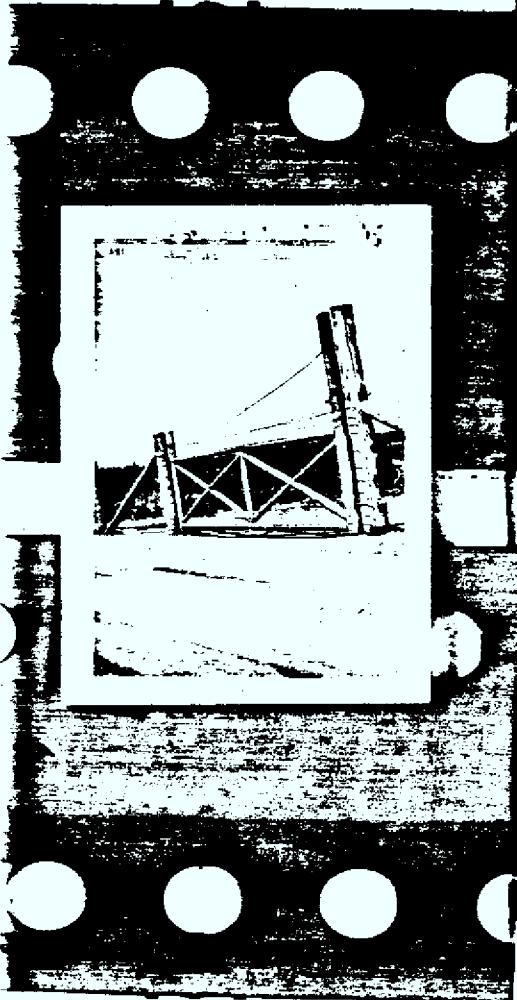
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Close up view of gate referred to in photographs 70^a and 70^b.

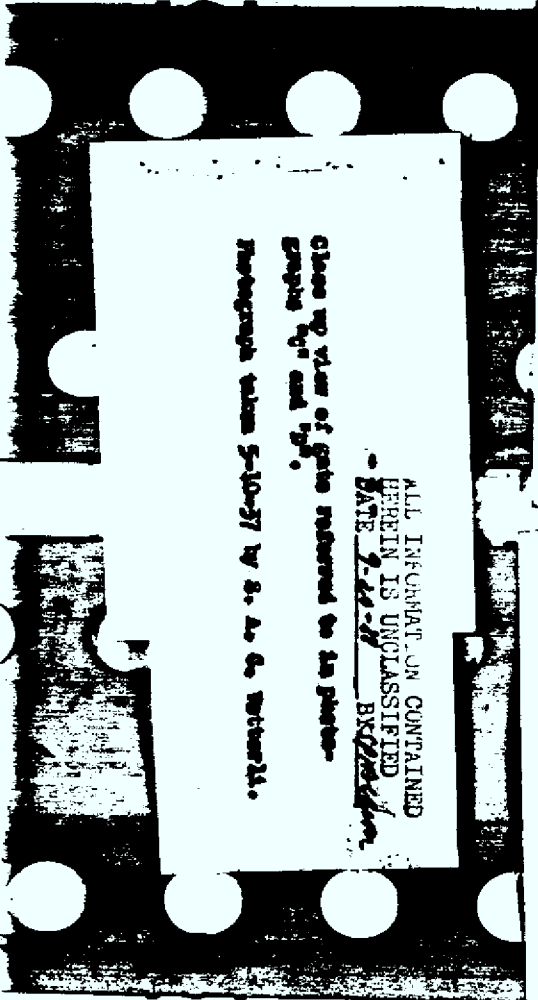
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Close up view of gate referred to in photographs 70^a and 70^b.

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Close up view of gate referred to in photographs 70^a and 70^b.

Photograph taken 5-10-37 by S. A. C. Wetterli.

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Additional photograph of fence and road bordering reservation at Lakehurst, New Jersey as reflected in photographs "A" and "B". Also reflects gate in center of picture which permits entry to the reservation.

Photograph taken 5-10-37 by S. A. C. Vetterli.

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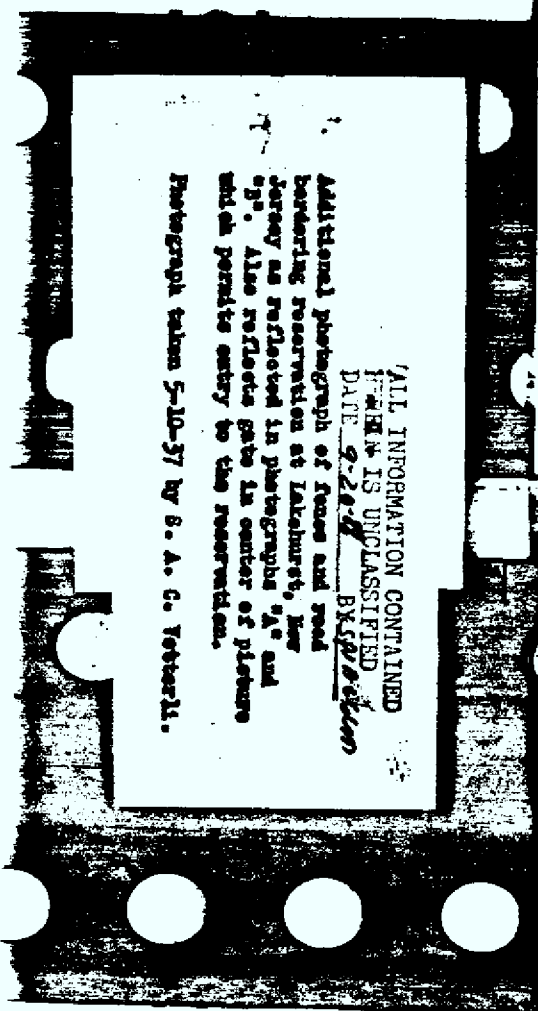
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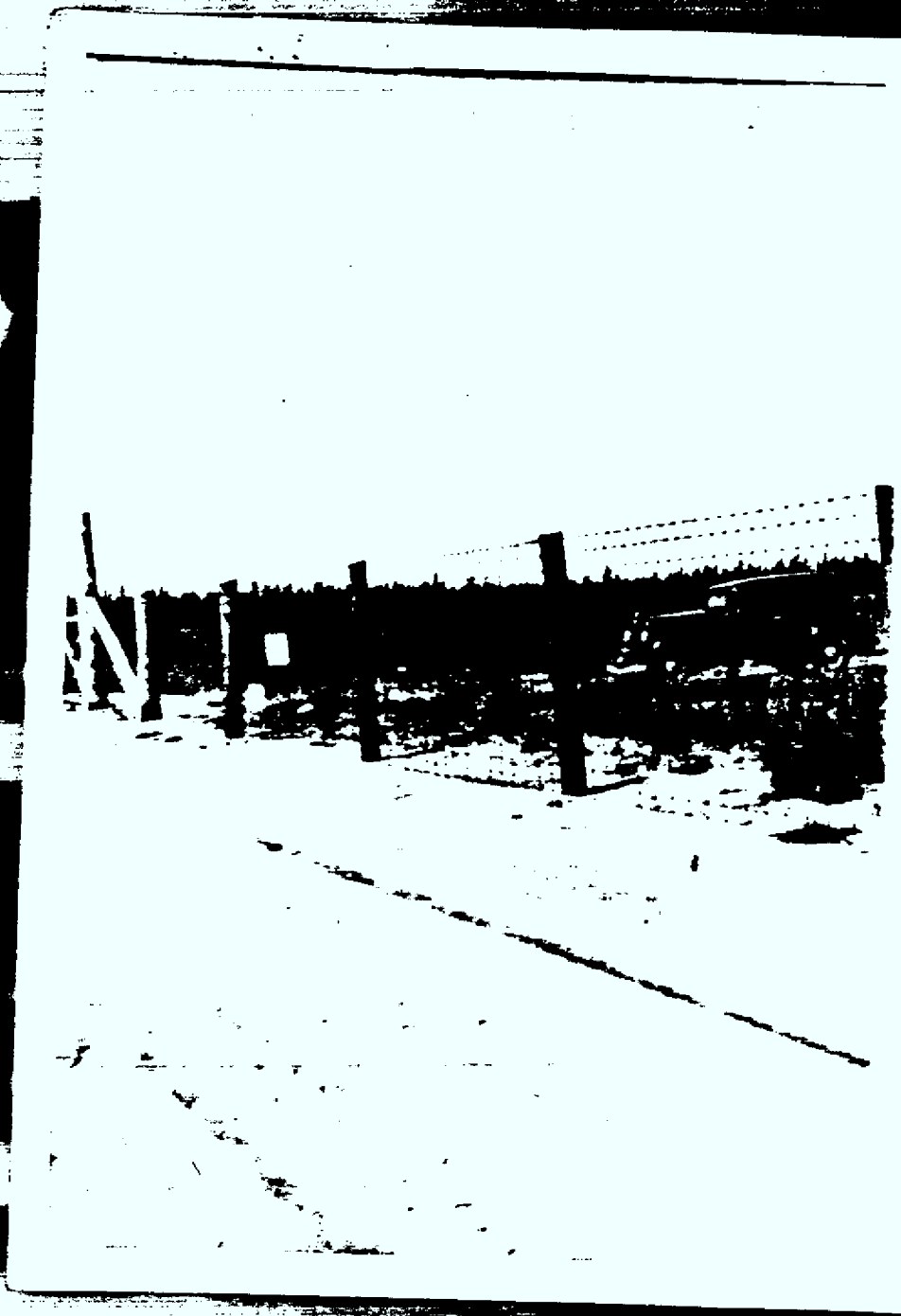
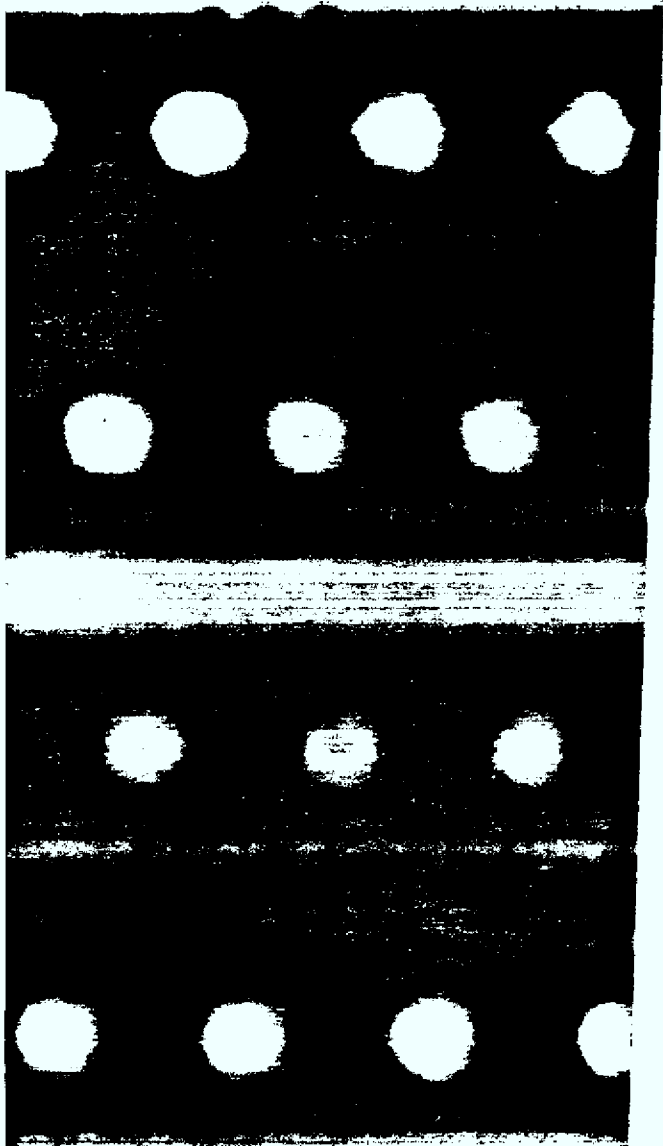
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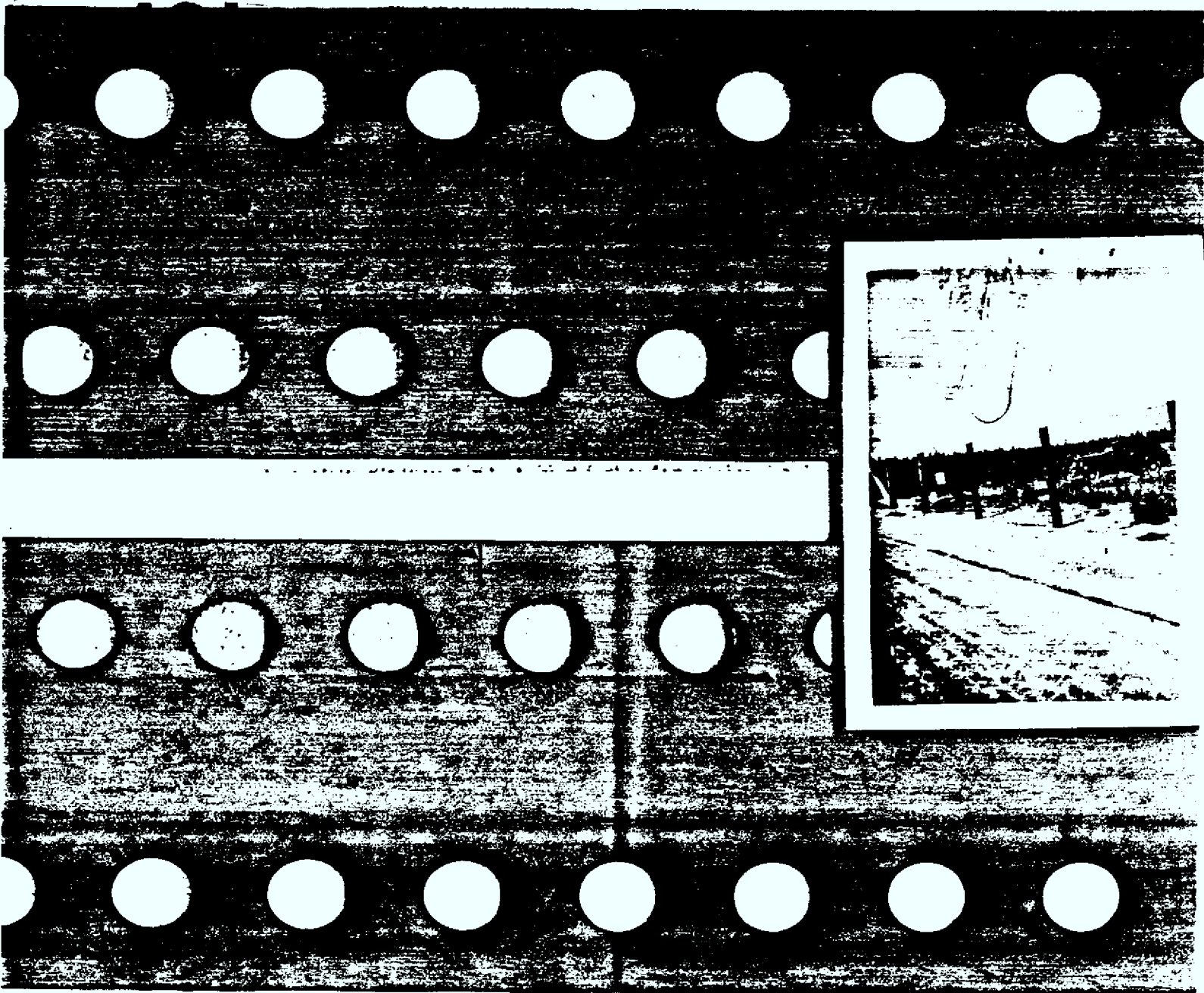
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Bureau car on reservation road which leads
to gate exit referred to in photographs "C",
"D" and "E".

Photograph taken 5-10-57 by S. A. C. Wetterli.

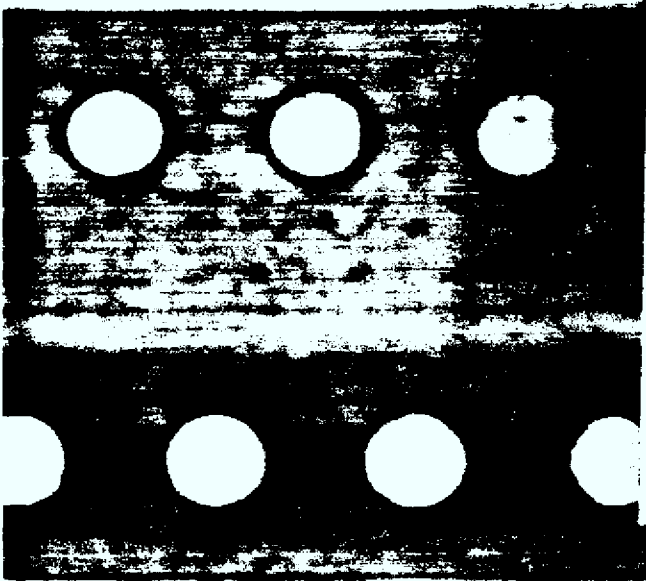
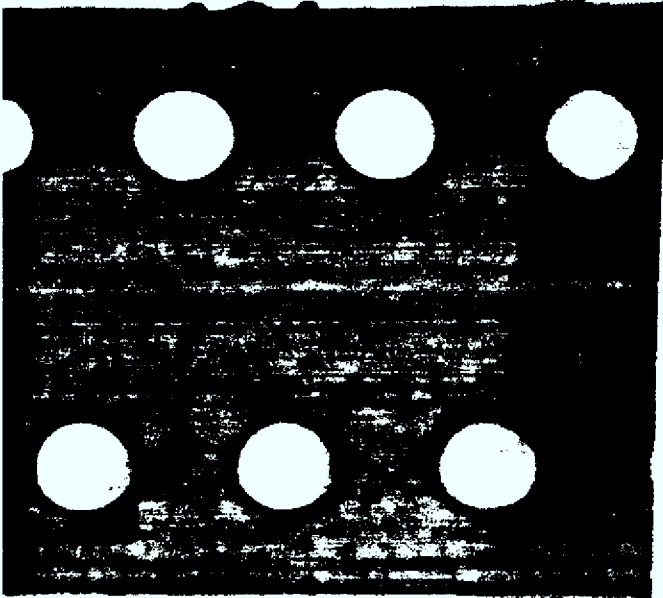
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Bureau car on reservation road which leads
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Photograph taken 5-10-37 by S. A. C. Vetterli.

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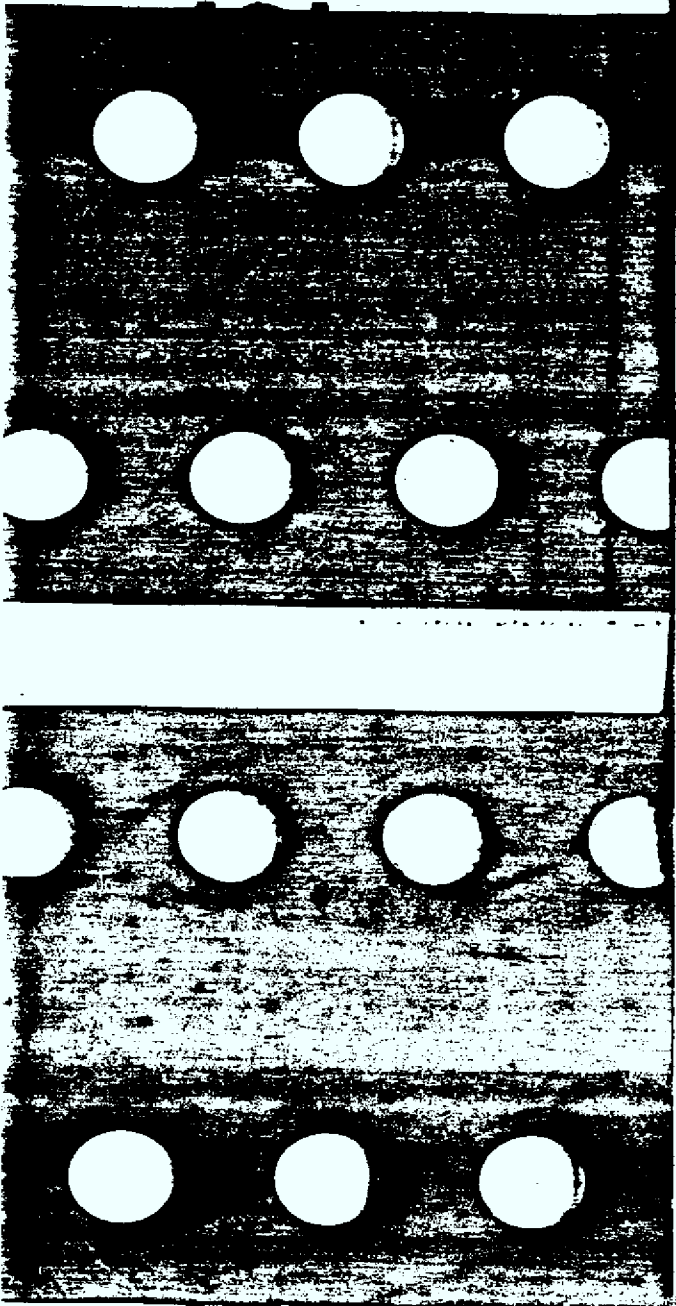


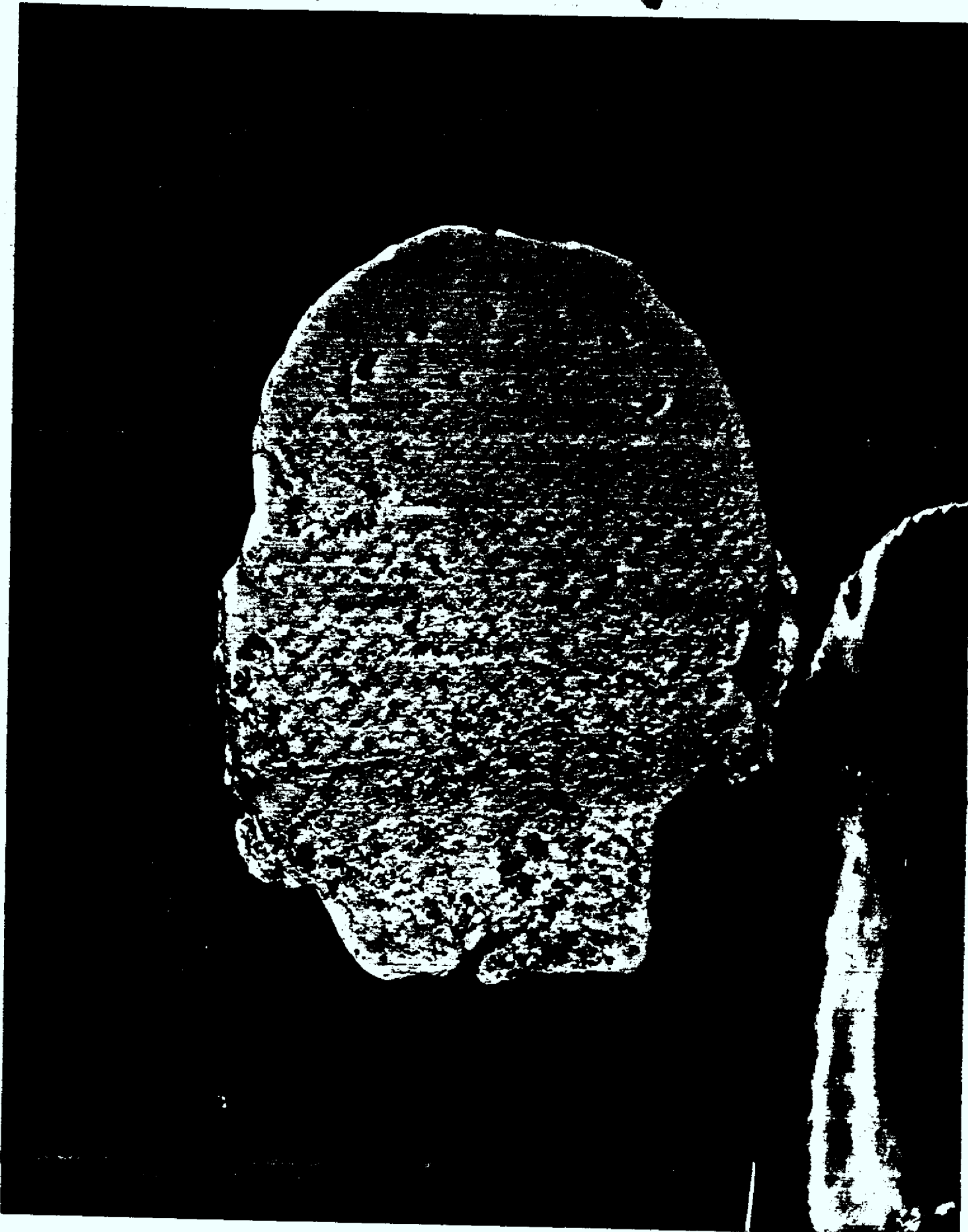
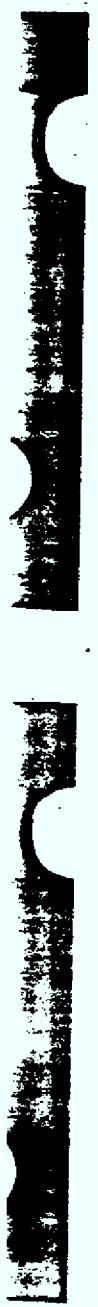
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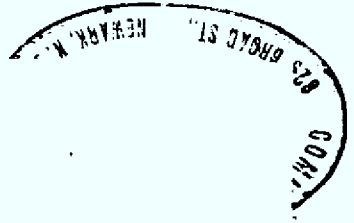
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This is a life size photograph of a plaster paris cast made of a heelprint on the reservation at Lakehurst, New Jersey. The heelprint was found about eleven hundred feet from the gate shown in photographs "D", "E" and "F" and on the road which leads from the gate referred to above to the center of the reservation.

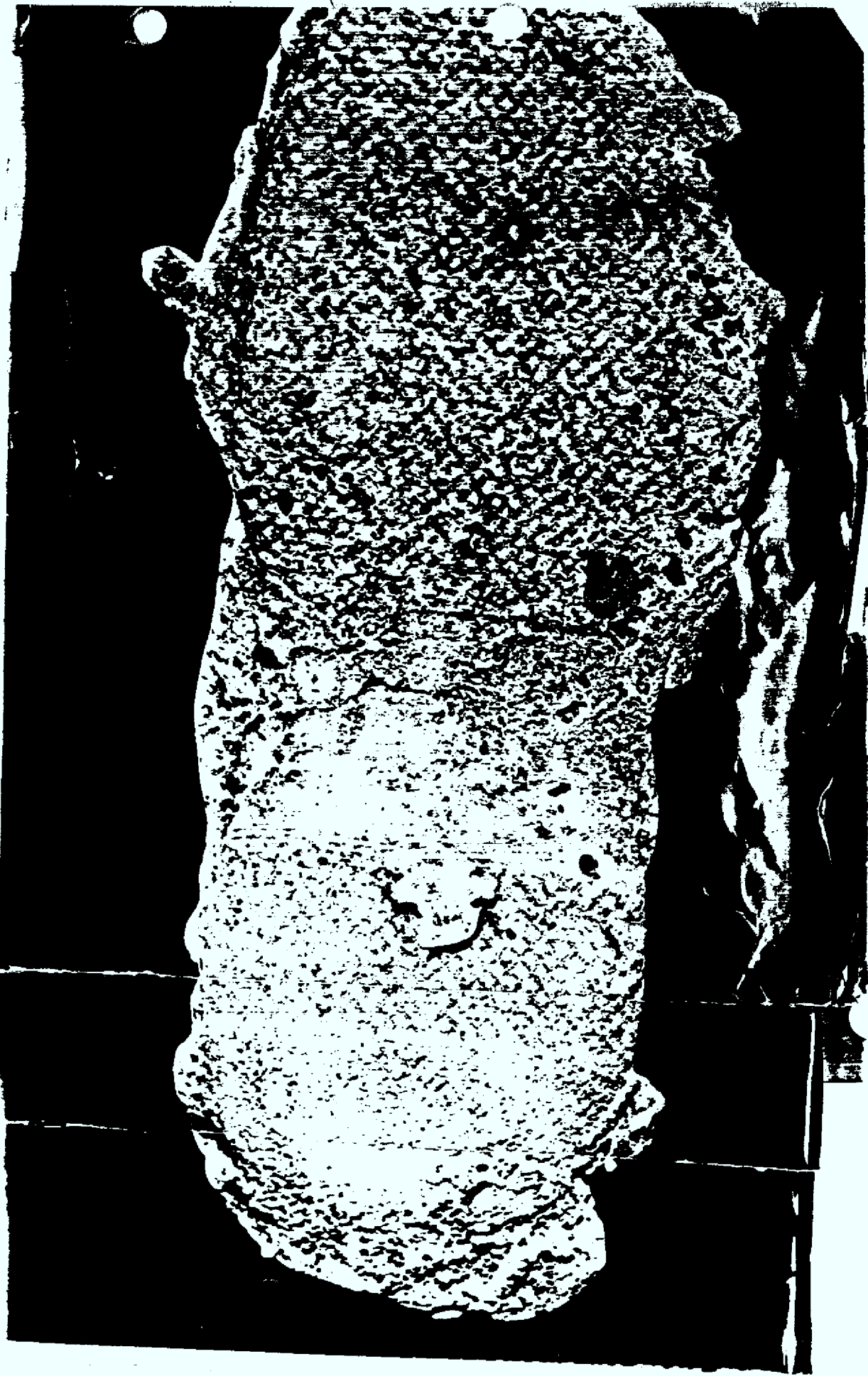
The cast was made on May 10, 1937 at Lakehurst, New Jersey by Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli assisted by Special Agent (A) W. D. Fay.

The cast is being retained at the Newark Division Office.

The cast indicates the person was wearing either rubbers or arotics.

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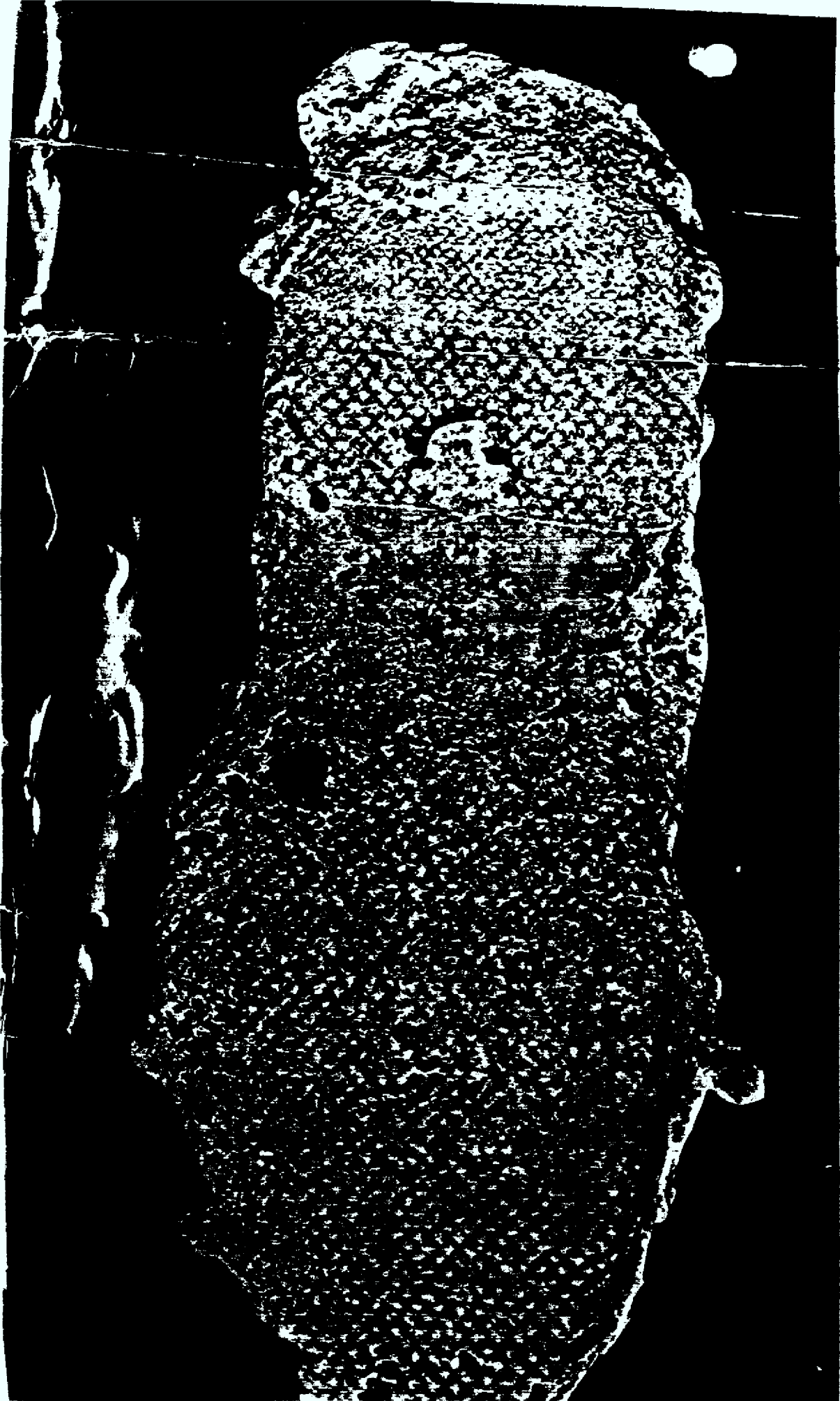
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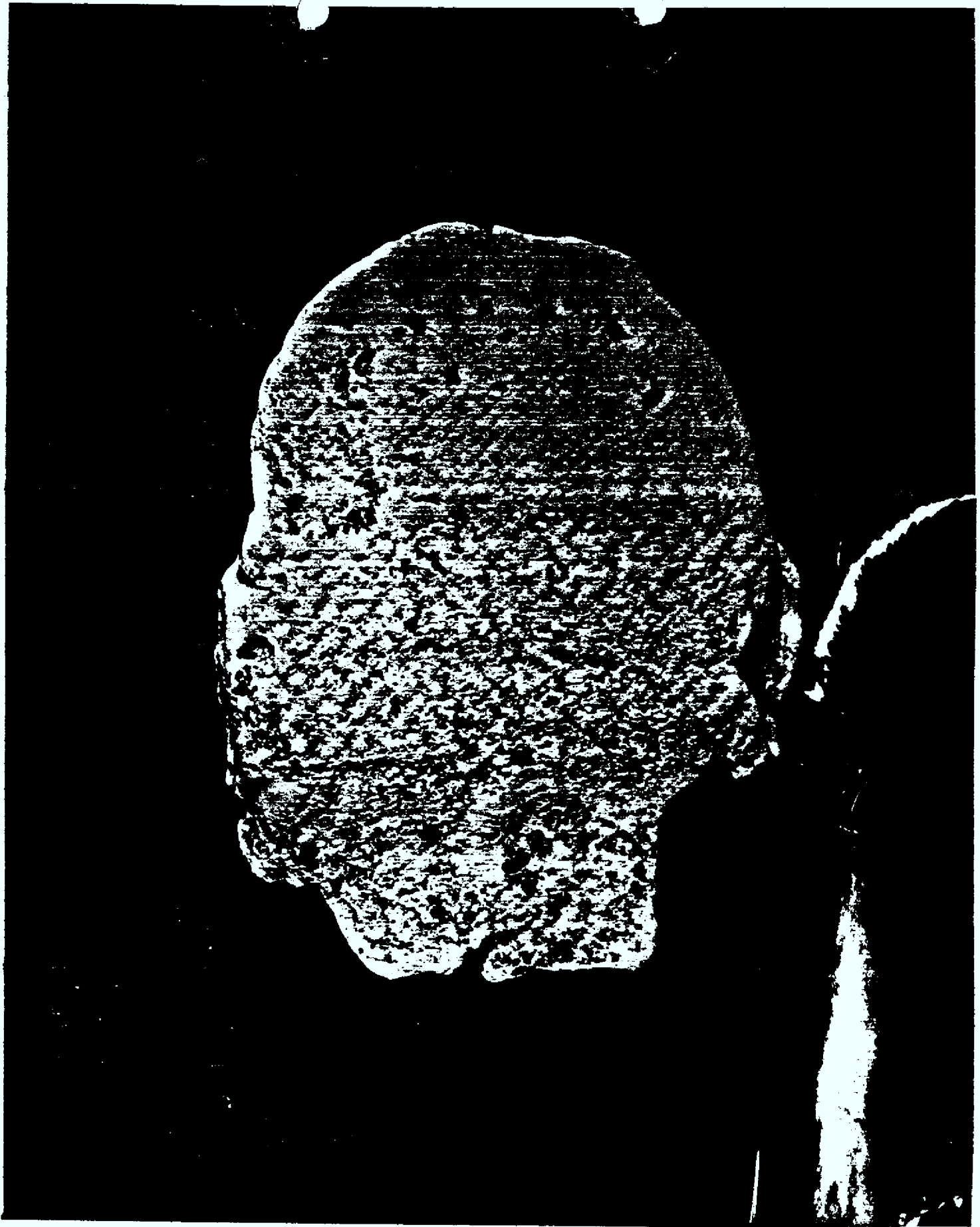
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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: July 28, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ~~A. A. HOEHLING~~
INQUIRY REGARDING
HINDENBURG DISASTER

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Mr. Hoehling, a local free-lance writer who has been furnished considerable information by the Bureau in the past, called my office to determine if we could give him any help in connection with a proposed book regarding the Hindenburg disaster in 1937.

The Bureau did establish liaison with the Navy and Commerce Departments who were investigating the crash and did furnish limited technical assistance; however, no actual FBI investigation was made. Our files show that Commerce and Navy do have voluminous background data regarding this crash, and Mr. Hoehling was so advised.

The above is for informational purposes only.

1 - Mr. Jones

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-11-61

FROM : *[Handwritten signature]*

Hindenberg

SUBJECT: WFO DESTROYED THE HINDENBURG? - Book
BY A. A. HOEHLING

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BACKGROUND:

We have received from Little, Brown and Company Publishers, a set of bound galley proofs of captioned book. The book is on the subject of the disaster which befell the dirigible "Hindenburg" at Lakehurst, New Jersey, in 1937.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles disclose that on 7-28-60, the author of the book, A. A. Hoehling, called the Bureau and spoke to Mr. Leinbaugh. Hoehling requested any help the Bureau could give in connection with his book. Mr. Hoehling was advised that the Bureau did not investigate the Hindenburg disaster but did establish liaison with the Navy and Commerce Departments who did investigate the crash. (62-48190)

EXAMINATION OF GALLEYS:

The bound galleys of Mr. Hoehling's book disclose a number of references to the FBI, none of which are derogatory.

The book is a fictionalized, blow-by-blow account of the last flight of the Zeppelin Hindenburg. It put forth the theory that the giant dirigible was sabotaged by exploding a photographic flashbulb inside a hydrogen gas cell. This conclusion, however, is pure speculation. The book contains nothing to prove any such occurrence.

OBSERVATION:

Since this work puts forth a speculative, unproven theory concerning the Hindenburg disaster and since we furnished relatively little assistance to the author, it would be most unwise for the Bureau to comment in any way concerning this book.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached innocuous letter, acknowledging receipt of the bound galleys, be sent to Little, Brown and Company.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

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December 11, 1961

** Ward*
Mr. Philip C. Ward
Publicity Department
Little, Brown and Company
34 Beacon Street
Boston 6, Massachusetts

Cybernetics
Who Destroyed the Hindenburg

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Dear Mr. Ward:

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A set of advanced bound galley's of the book,

** Who Destroyed the Hindenburg?* by Mr. A. A. Hoehling,
has been received and I do want to thank you for making it
available to me.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)

NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo dated 12-11-61 captioned
"Who Destroyed the Hindenburg?" by A. A. Hoehling."

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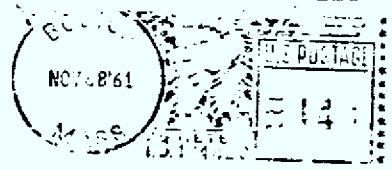
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 13, 1962

Attached book, "Who Destroyed the
Hindenburg?" by A. A. Hoehling
was sent to the Director by
Little, Brown & Company,
Publishers, 34 Beacon Street,
Boston 6, Massachusetts.

References to the FBI on pages
128, 139, 176, 217.

- ~~Mr. Tolson~~
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- ~~Mr. Conrad~~
- Mr. DeLoach
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Mr. A. A. Hoehling
6120 33rd Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

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FBI RECEIVING ROOM

Dear Mr. Hoehling:

I have received the copy of your book
entitled "Who Destroyed the Hindenburg?" It was
certainly thoughtful of you to make it available to me,
and I am looking forward to reading it.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Book deliv'd
Revised 3-15-62

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NOTE: [Redacted] Crime Records Division cooperated with him
concerning research material relative to the Bureau's
investigation of this air disaster. The book contains four
references to the FBI on pages 128, 139, 176 and 217, all of
which are favorable. Address per Washington City directory.

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Wien, am May 8th, 1962.
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Tel. 63 86 31
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Mr. John E. Hoover,
The Director,
United States Department of Justice,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Dear Director Hoover!

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the crash of the German aerostat "Hindenburg" a number of Austrian Newspapers recently reported that the investigations on this disaster have not been concluded up to the present day. A publication "Who destroyed the Hindenburg" by the American journalist A.A. Hoehling found special mention in which the author allegedly asserts that the aerostat has been destroyed by an infernal machine.

As you, Dear Director Hoover, and your Bureau have certainly had to deal with this case in some direction I should feel obliged if you had the kindness as to inform us about it as far as deems advisable for publication. In this connection, may I again point out that I am by no means interested in any political backgrounds this case may involve, but - according to the endeavors of our review - solely in the work of your Bureau and the judgement of US criminologists.

Highly esteeming your personality and the police work performed by your Bureau I hardly need to add that any other reports, articles or photos are always welcome.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

yours most respectfully

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May 17, 1962

AIRMAIL

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Mr. A. Kretschy
Editor in Chief
*Öffentliche Sicherheit
L. Bismarckstr. 5
Vienna, Austria

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DATE 10-20-81 BY SP1RSK/ajc

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Dear Mr. Kretschy:

I have received your letter of May 8, 1962, and appreciate your interest in writing me.

While I would like to be of assistance in response to your inquiry, the FBI did not investigate the Hindenburg disaster, but we did maintain liaison with the Navy and Commerce Departments who did investigate the crash. Since this Bureau has no information for distribution on that subject, you may desire to write to these Departments here in Washington, D. C. I am sorry I cannot be of help on this occasion.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have had prior cordial correspondence with Kretschy and we have previously furnished reports to this publication. Regarding the publication, Legat, Bonn advised on 2-4-58 that this publication is an illustration monthly review published by the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior, General Directorate of Public Safety, with a view to create an atmosphere of good understanding between the police authorities and the people of Austria. The book concerning the Hindenburg disaster by A. A. Haebling was a fictionalized, blow-by-blow account of the last flight of the Zeppelin Hindenburg. The book sets forth the theory that the giant dirigible was

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sabotaged by exploding a photographic flashbulb inside one of the dirigible's gas cell. The conclusion was pure speculation. Hoehling, with whom we have been friendly in the past, was also advised, when he asked for information concerning the Hindenburg disaster on 5-6-37, that we did not investigate this disaster, but we did establish liaison with the Navy and Commerce Departments who did investigate it. (62-48190) ⁶

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