HEADQUARTERS 9600 TSU-CE
ENGR-RANGE CLEARANCE TEAM DETACHMENT 8
SOUTHERN PINES, NORTH CAROLINA

10 April 1953

SUBJECT: Report of Inspection of Pinecastle Air Force Gunnery and Bombing Range

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Washington 25, D. C.

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1. Per instructions contained in Travel Order 8-7 Savannah District Engineer, 8 April 1953, and South Atlantic Division Engineer Letter, Subject: Magnolia Ranch, Inc., vs U. S. Government, 20 March 1953, the undersigned with three enlisted men, Sgt. Frank Colburn, Pvt. T. Terry, and Pvt. F. Hills, arrived at Pinecastle, Florida, Air Force Base, via Jacksonville District Engineer Office at 0800, 7 April 1953, for the purpose of inspecting lands contained in the old Pinecastle Gunnery and Bombing Range. On arrival, we met with Mr. R. A. McKinley, South Atlantic Division Engineers, Mr. J. B. Campbell, Jacksonville District Engineers, and Mr. George Terry, owner of Magnolia Ranch.

2. The party moved out to the range area and in a guided tour of the range, conducted by Mr. Terry, we were shown impact areas and various pieces of ordnance material which had been located by personnel of the ranch. On this tour the following items were located, recorded and photographed - (See attached map and photographs):

2 Airplane Smoke Tanks - Area (1A)
1 5" Practice Aircraft Rocket - Area (1B) (Shot with explosive)
} - Out of Restricted Area

1 M-47 Chemical Bomb Case (Practice) Area (D)
1 M-41 Frag Bomb (Exploded) Area (C)
8 M-38 Practice Bomb Cases & Fins Area (A) & (B)
} - In Restricted Area

3. The next day the party covered the range trails from West to East and South to North in jeep and 3/4 ton truck in search of other targets or impact areas. None were found outside the restricted area except for an 8 to 10 acre area (See map inside Dotted Line) bordering on the South edge of the Restricted Area

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where about thirty (30) craters of about 250-lb bomb size were located. This area should have been included in the original restricted area. It may have been, but there is no legal description of the area to show this.

4. On Thursday, the undersigned with Capt. J. R. King, U.S.A.F., flew over the entire range area in search of targets or impact areas and photographing all known and suspected impact areas. (Six (6) areas in the East side of the range were said by Mr. Terry to contain bombs).

5. Five areas in the Restricted Area and the eight areas indicated by Mr. Terry (see Map), a total of 124 acres, were given careful visual search, with the following results:

1. Area (A) - 71 acres searched
   This area was well cleared of all HE or dangerous material. There remains considerable military scrap in the area.

   Scrap and practice material located:

(a)	M-58 Practice Bomb	72 Cases and Fins
(b)	M-47 Chemical or water filled	5 Body cases
(c)	M-47 Fuzes	2
(d)	M-41 Frag	2 Body
(e)	Rocket 2.36"	5 Tails
(f)	Mortar 60mm	2 Tails
(g)	Mortar 81mm	1 Tail

2. Area (B) - 9 acres searched

(a)	M-58 Practice	5 Fins and Case
(b)	M-47 Chemical	1 Case
(c)	M-41 Frag	1 Body

3. Area (C) - 31 acres searched

(a)	M-41 Frag	5 Fins

4. Area (D) - 5 acres searched

(a)	M-58	5 Fin Cases
(b)	M-47	2 Cases

5. Area (E) - 6 acres searched

(a)	M-58	4 Fins
(b)	M-41	1 Fin
(c)	M-47	1 Case

6. Area (F) - 5 acres searched

   (a) Nothing

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7. Area (G) - 18 acres searched

(a) M-58 — 3 Tail Fins

8. Area (H) - 18 acres searched

(a) M-58 — 1 Nose Piece
1 Fin Piece

9. Area (I) - 8 acres searched

(a) Nothing

10. Area (J) - 12 acres searched

(a) Nothing

11. Area (K) - 4 acres searched (House)

(a) M-58 — 1 Case

NOTE: No points of impact could be found for any of the scrap material found in areas F thru K. Also areas showed no target or sign of use from the air.

12. Area (1A) - 2 acres searched

(a) 2 Smoke Tanks - 2 Craters

13. Area(1B) - 4 acres searched

(a) 1 Crater and 1 5" Practice Rocket

6. There is a considerable amount of military scrap remaining in the Restricted Area. The 1-M-41 Frag Bomb recovered in the Restricted Area was the only dangerous or explosive missile recovered. (The 5" Rocket proved, on demolition, to be practice). It is apparent that the original clearance job was thorough and well done in accordance with their operating regulations.

7. The Detachment departed Pinecastle, Florida for Southern Pines, North Carolina, via Jacksonville District Engineers Office at 0900, 10 April 1955.

D. R. Lynch

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CAPT, CE
Commanding

1. Airplane broke in & located in area (1a)

2. Second airplane smoke Tank located also in area (I[illegible])

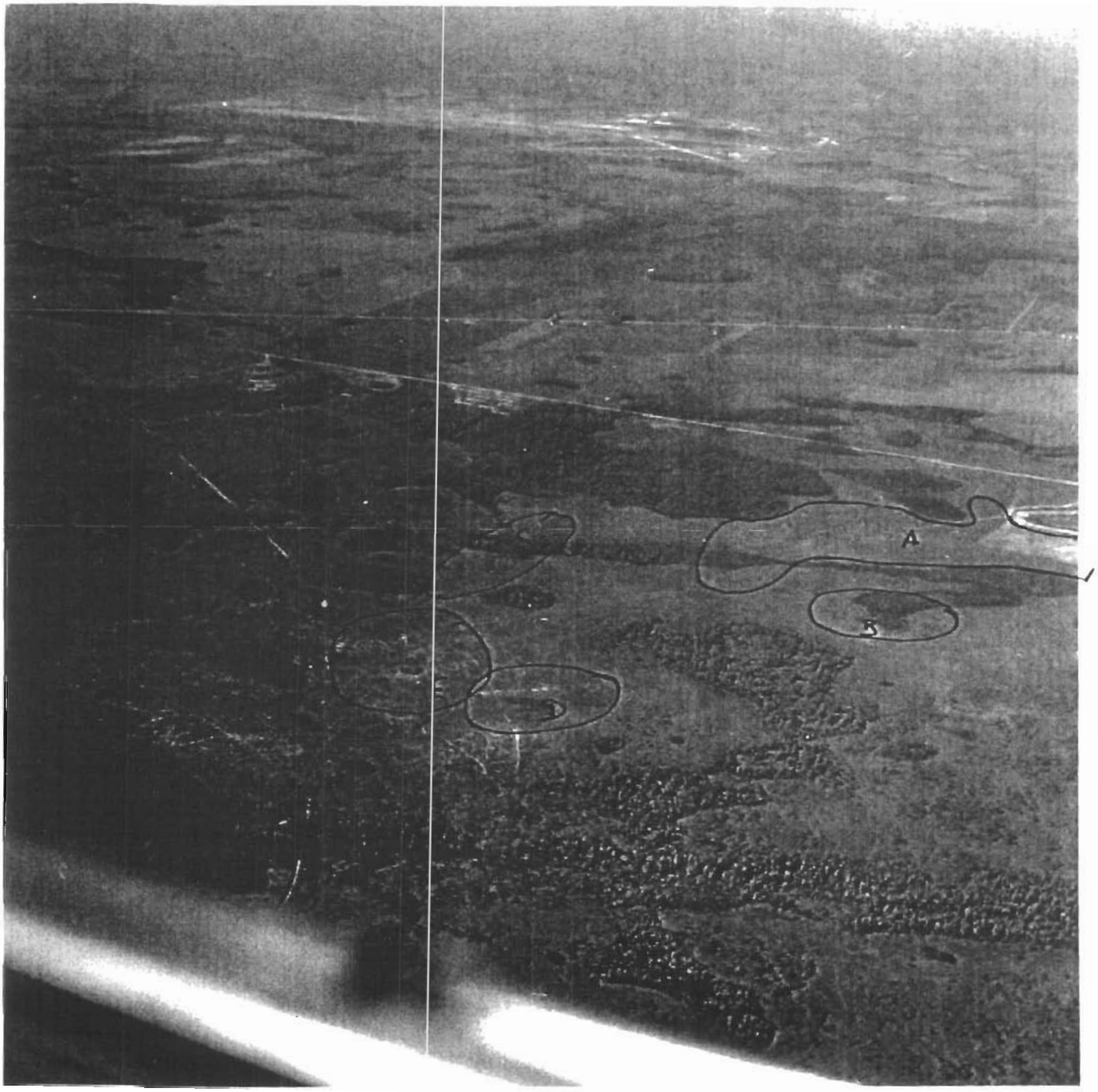
3. Five inch Aircraft Rocket (Practice)located in area (1b)

4. Second picture of Rocket after excavation.

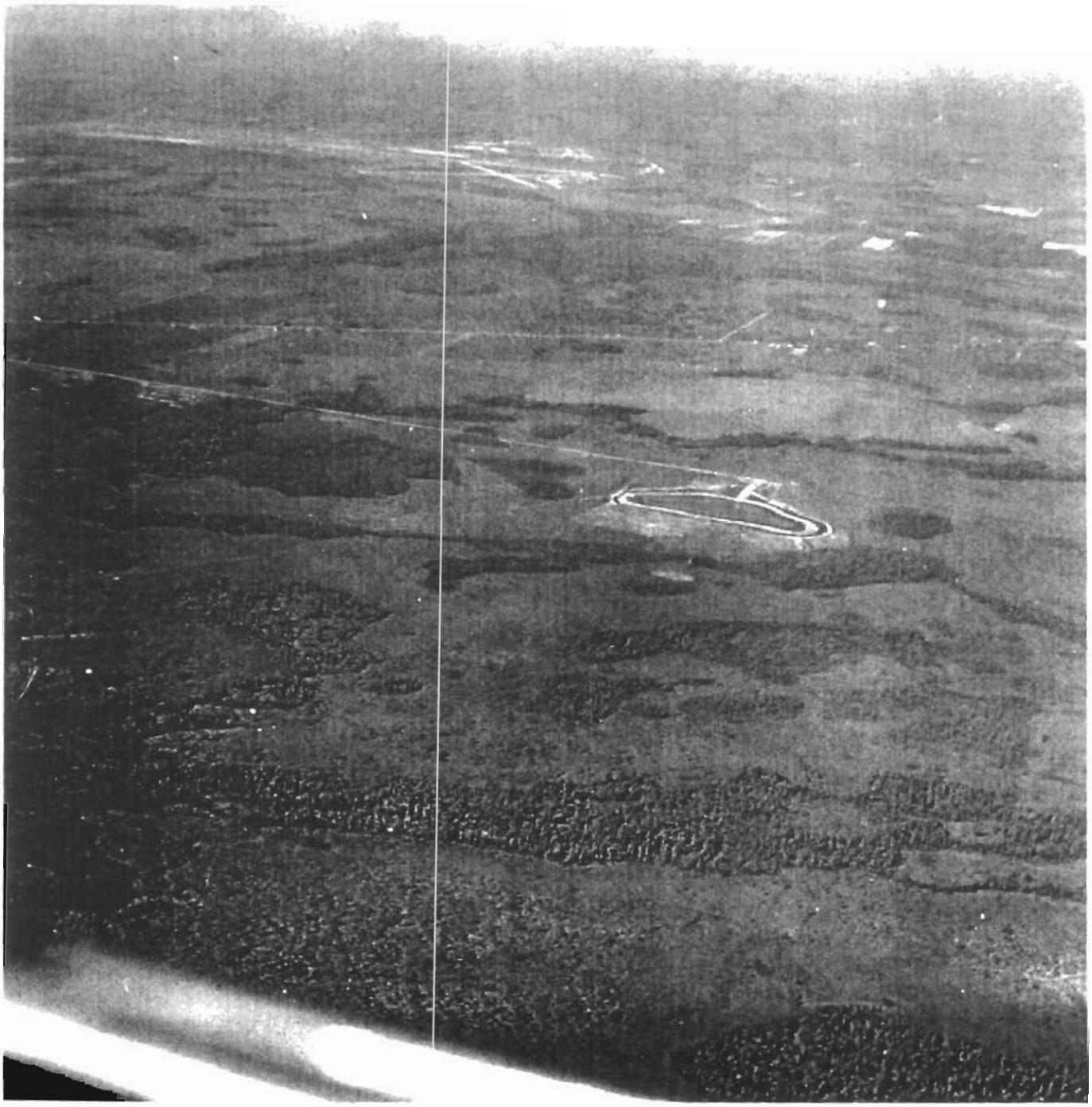
5. Body of Fragmentation Bomb W/O tail fins located in area C.

6. Case of M-47 Chemical Bomb (Practice) located in area D.

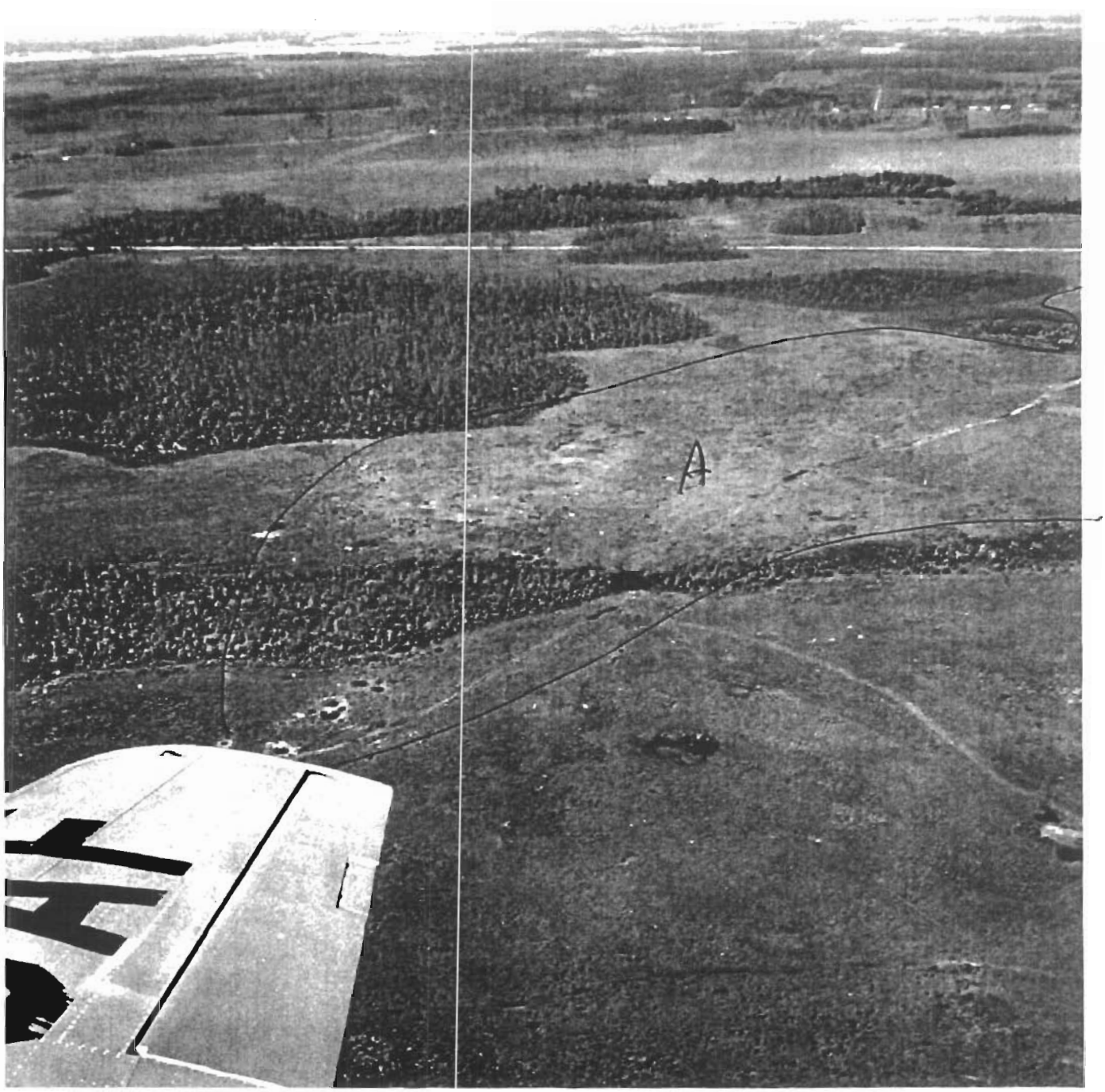
7. Body and Fin Assembly of M-38 Practice Bomb located in area A.



B. [illegible]th [illegible]est corner of [illegible]ge looking [illegible] [illegible]; A, [illegible], C, D, [illegible].

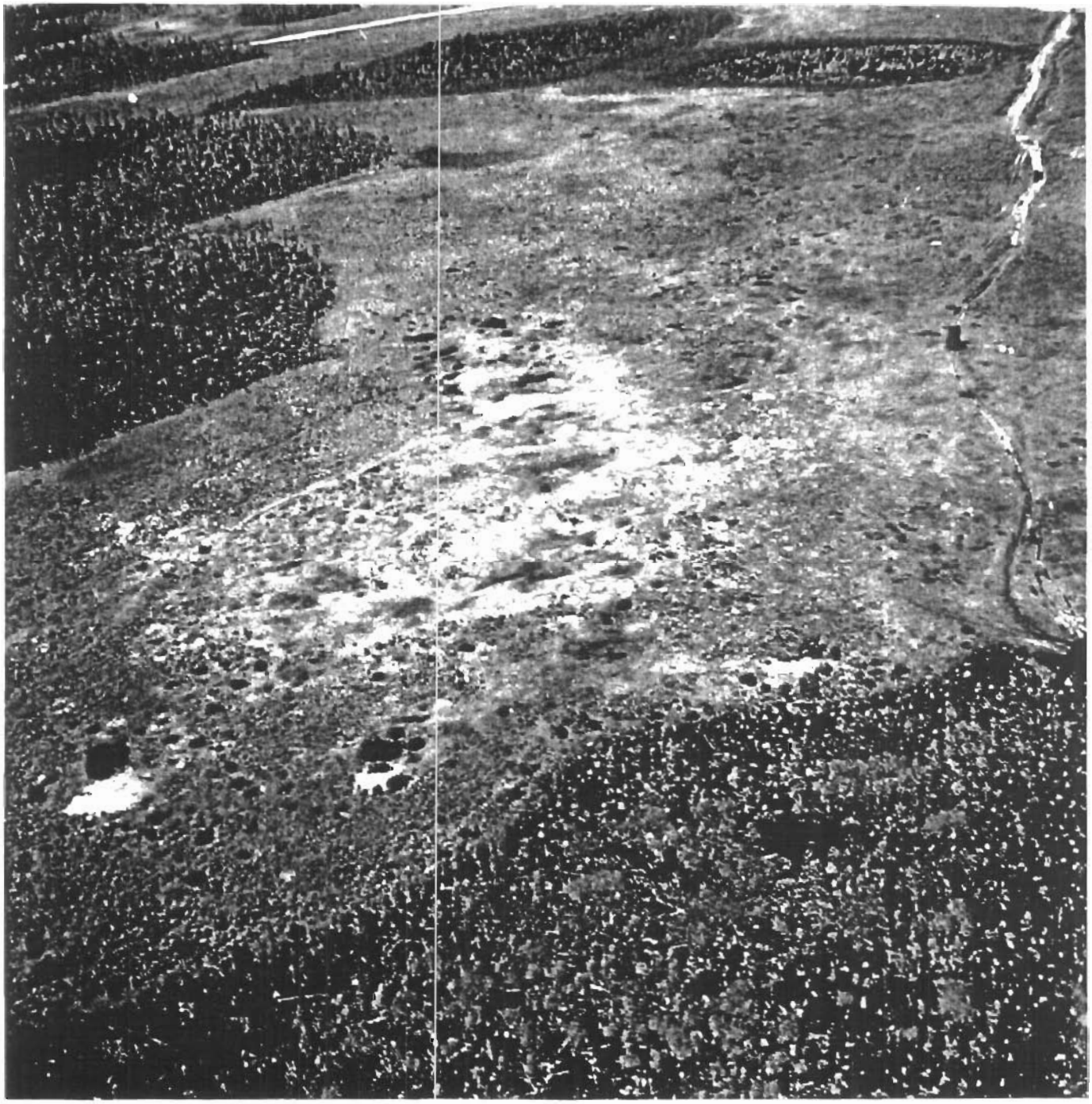


8 a. Same as #8 Further North.

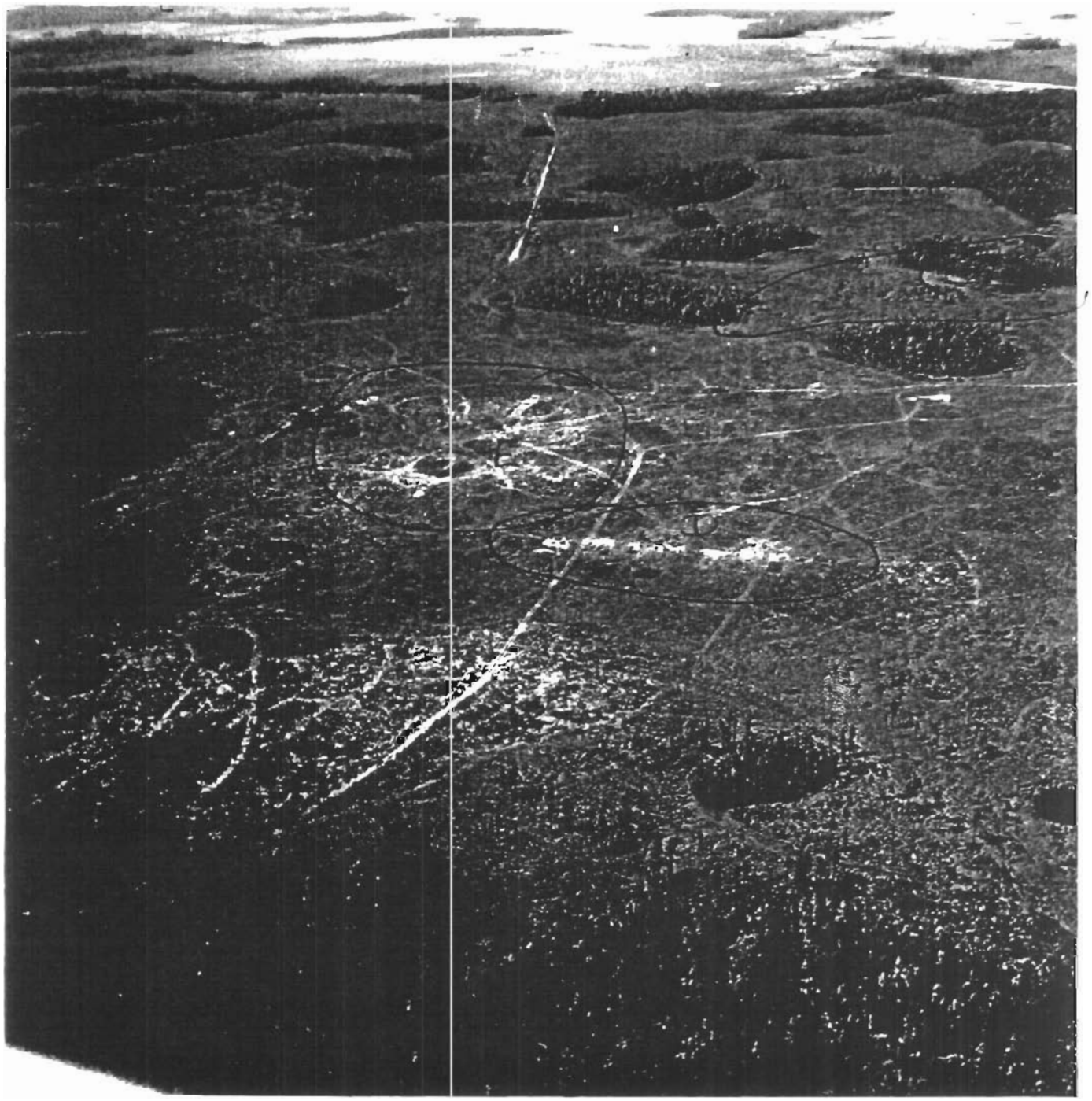


9. Area [illegible] looking east.

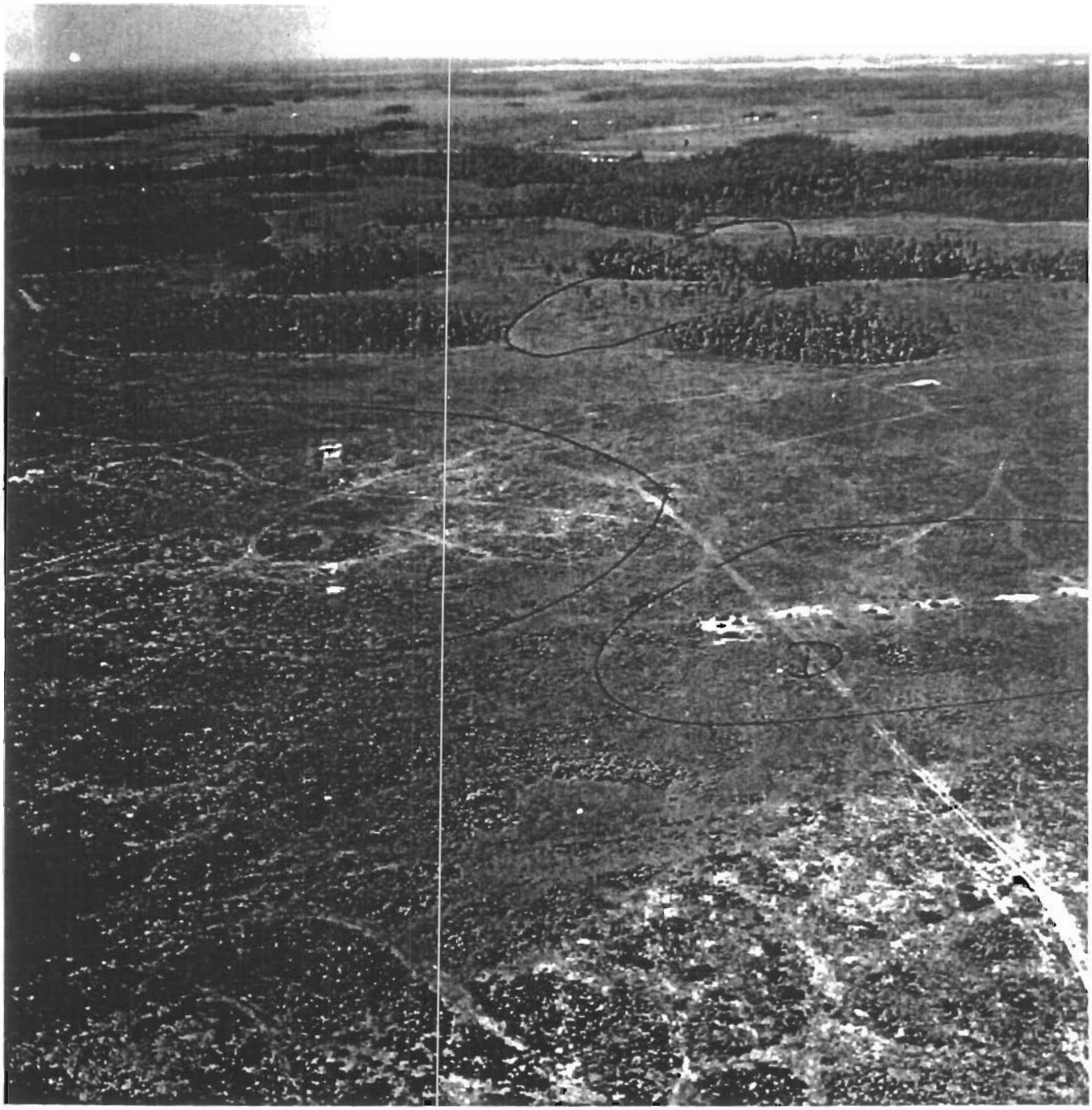
9. - Area à low level.



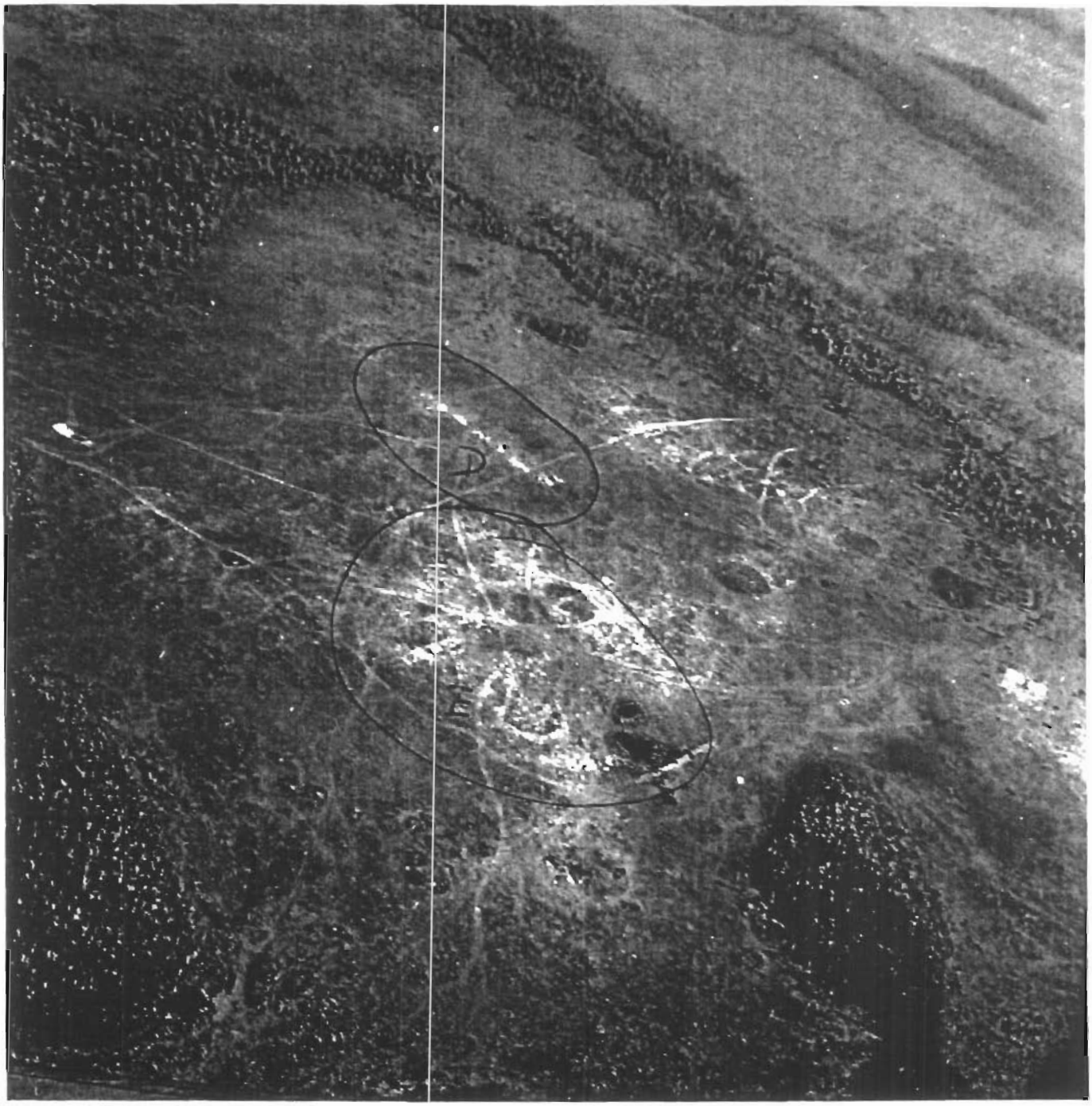
9 B. Area 4 low level [illegible] ect.



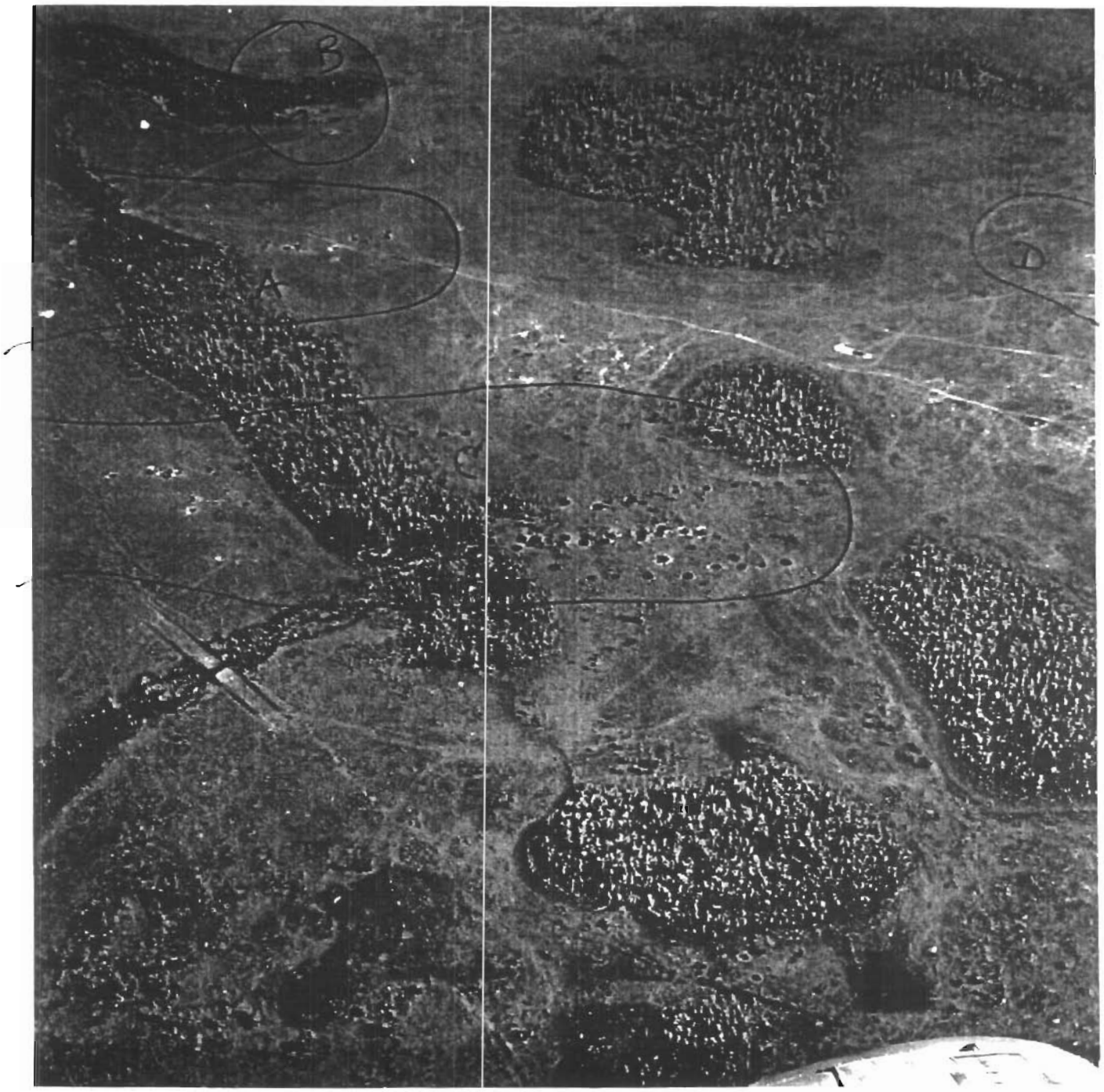
10. Area B, S, C, Looking South [illegible]



10 A. Areas D & [illegible] from low level.

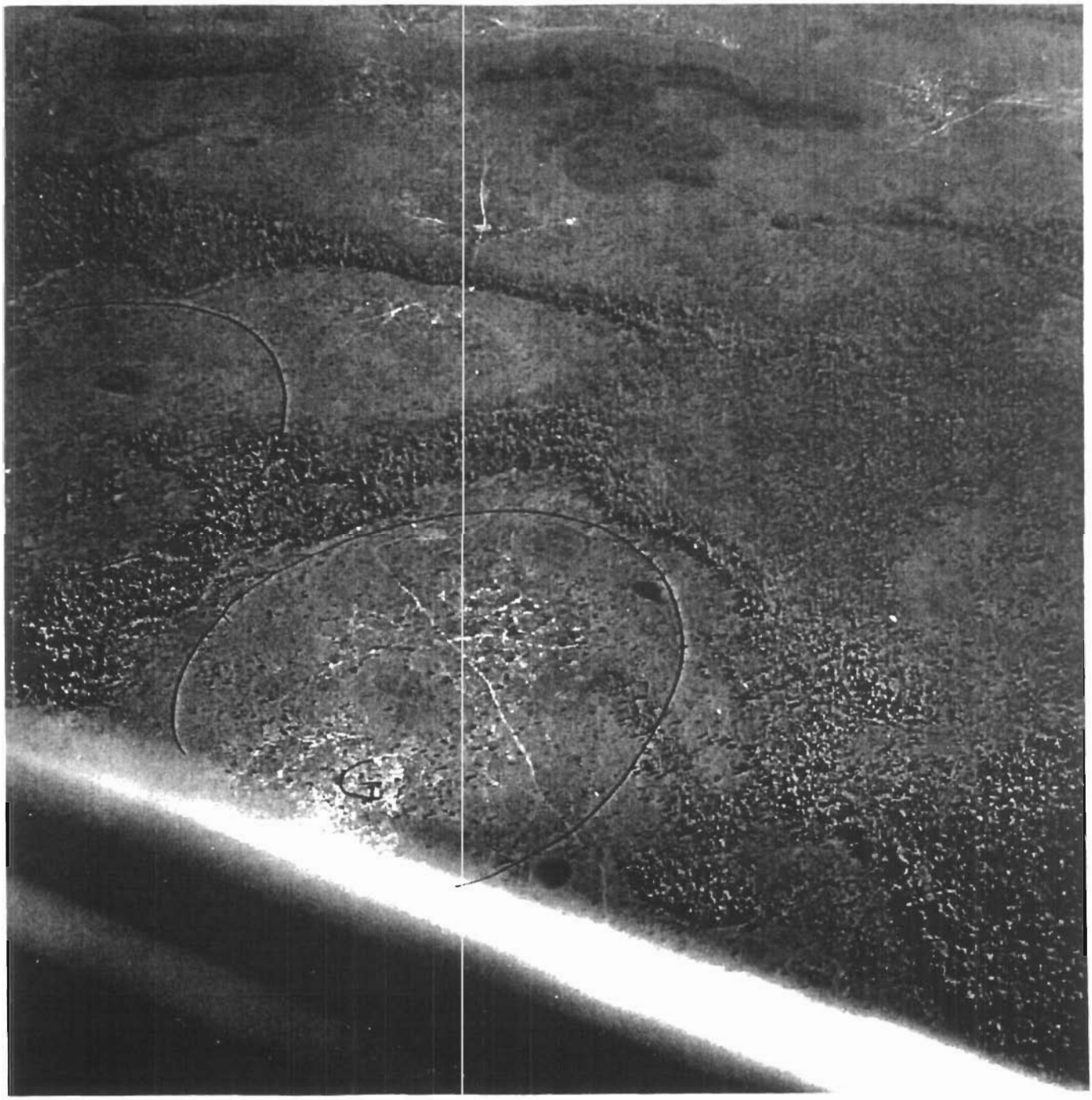


10 D. Areas D and E, area E in foreground.

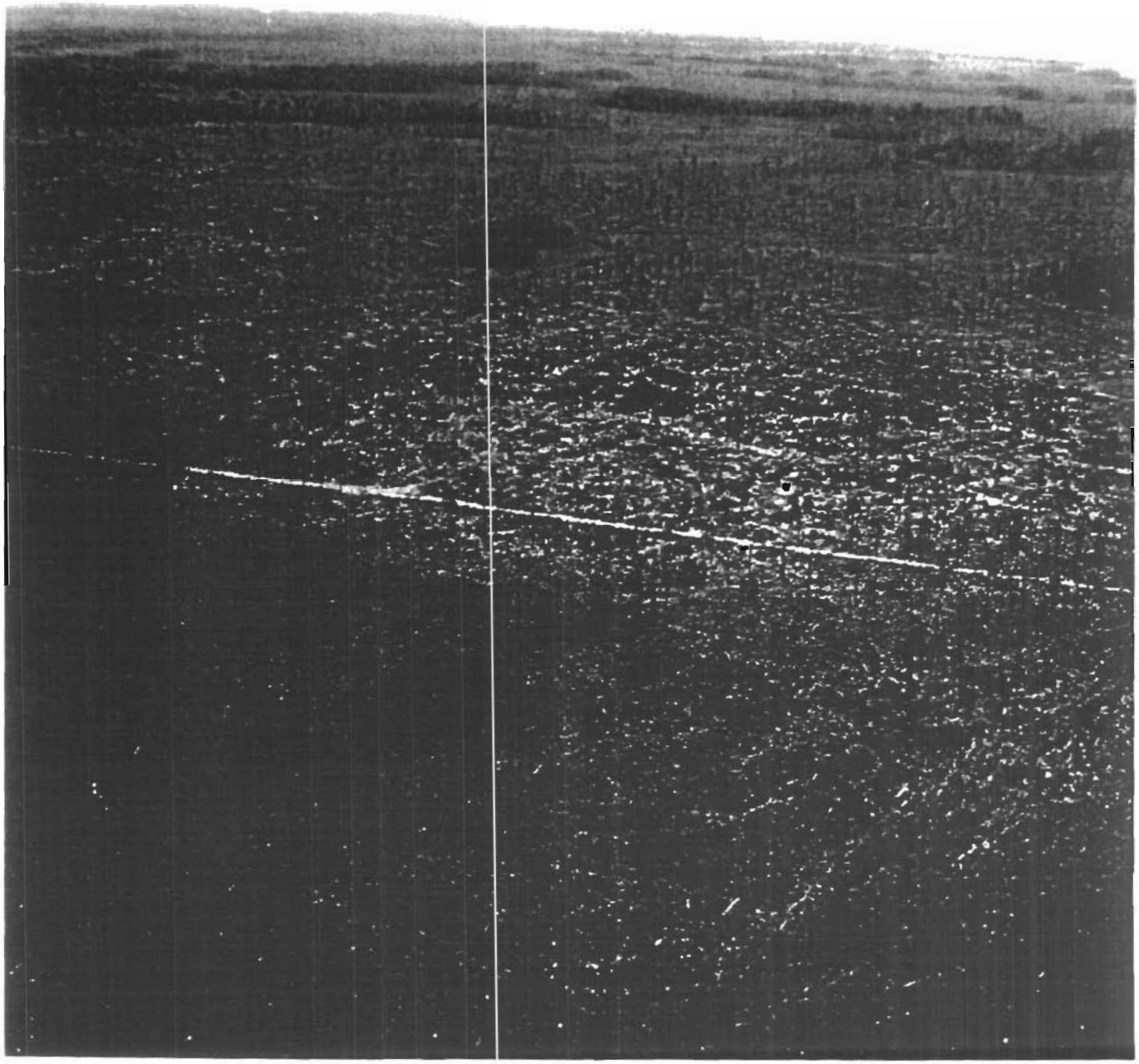


11. Areas C Center and B upper left, part of [illegible] between looking North.

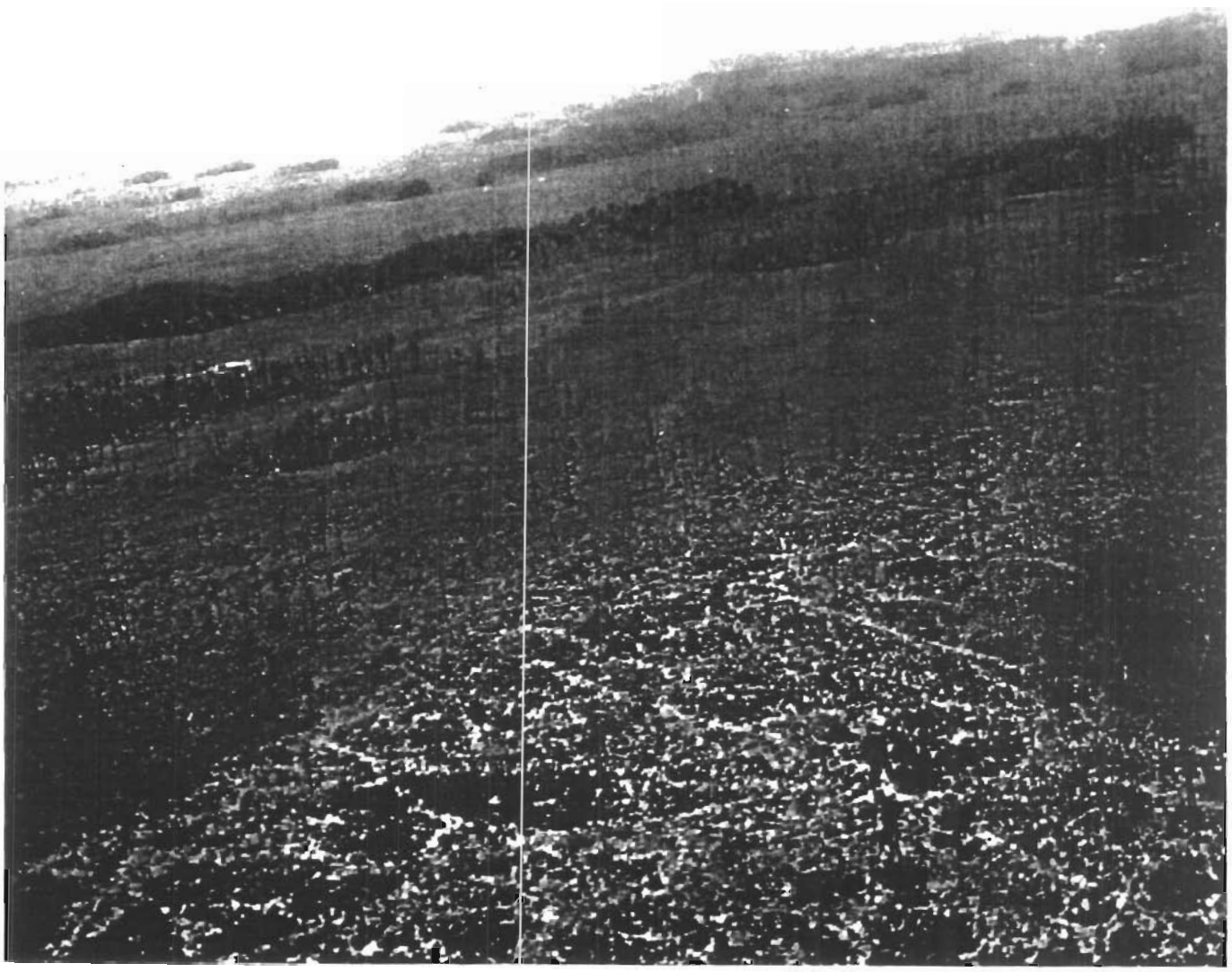
11 a. Area C low level.



12. Areas G Center fore ground & upper Right.



13. Area J.



14. Area F.