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AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

Return to Capt Seitz

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SUBJECT: (Uncl) Unidentified Flying Object Recovered at Sylacauga, Alabama

TO: Commander
4602d AISS (ADC)
ATTN: Major Cybulski
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. Reference report AF Form 112, F2-C-UFOB-1, dated 2 December 1954, from Dobbins Air Force Base, Georgia. Inclosed for your retention are two duplicate sets of prints of the Sylacauga, Alabama unidentified flying object. The object was photographed on 6 December 1954 at the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

2. The object was received at the Air Technical Intelligence Center 1000 hours on 6 December 1954 and was forwarded to AFOIN-X at 1200 hours 8 December 1954, where it has been loaned to the Smithsonian Institute for additional study.

3. The following is the preliminary analysis of the object by ATIC; the final evaluation is pending the results of the Smithsonian Institute's examination:

a. Meteors and meteorites may be divided roughly into three classes. One class is almost completely metallic (iron, nickel, etc). Another is largely stony; and another, members of which are frequently called aerolites, is composed of dense stony matter with many grains of nickel-iron alloys. This meteorite (from Alabama) appears to be an aerolite, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

b. Explosions of very large meteors are quite frequent. Most meteors are no larger than the head of a pin, and these burn up miles above the earth. On account of the heat generated, the larger meteors moving with high speeds must therefore explode. The Alabama meteorite was much larger than the smaller part recovered, for it was seen to explode. Some other fragments distributed over a very large area remain to be recovered, and much of it must have fallen as ashes.

c. The average limits of altitudes of meteor paths are known. They seldom appear at greater heights than 90 miles, for at greater heights there is insufficient air to cause one to burn; and generally they burn up before getting as low as 40 miles. Only those large

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enough to penetrate all the earth's atmosphere actually hit the earth; and these are called "meteorites." Velocity of a meteor plays an important part on whether or not it hits the earth. At the time a meteor hits the earth's atmosphere--100 miles high, say--its velocity will range between 8 miles per second and 44 miles per second. Since the earth's motion around the sun gives it a velocity of 18 miles per second and the average velocity of a meteor is 26 miles per second, one therefore finds velocities between 26-18 and 26+18 miles per second.

d. The speed of the Alabama meteorite can be estimated only if one knows the exact direction from which it came and the time of the day it fell. The evidence seems to indicate, however, that the Alabama meteorite was a member of the Andromid shower, occurring between November 24 and December 7. These come from the north, but the exact direction depends on the time of day they are seen. Ordinarily their speeds are about 15 miles per second, but this figure may be either higher or lower. If it is a member of this shower, it is from the debris of Biela's comet which disappeared after 1852. Fragments from this comet have fallen, however, for centuries--one of the earliest perhaps being a stone weighing 260 pounds which fell in Alsace, November 16, 1492, between 11 and 12 A.M.

4. Arrangements have been made for the meteorite to be returned directly to its owner from the Smithsonian Institute.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT(S)
A. SHAPE UNKNOWN
B. SEE ATTACHED REPORT SUBMITTED BY CAPT . HAYNES N HUNTER.
C. APPEARES AS BRIGHT OBJECT TRAILING SMOKE.
D. ONE
E. UNKNOWN
F. BRIGHT OBJECT TRAILING SMOKE-OBJECT EXPLODED.
G. TRAILING SMOKE
H. EXPLOSION REPORTED BY CITIZENS OF SYLACAUGA, ALA
I. WIDE SPREAD REPORTS RECEIVED AT SAME TIME FROM CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI TO SOUTHERN GEORGIA OF SIMULAR OBJECTS AN EXPLOSIONS. DESCRIBED AS A ROCKET, A MISSILE, A METEOR, OR A BORNING JET

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AIRCRAFT.
2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S)
A. BRIGHT NESS OF OBJECT IN SKY.
B. VERY HIGH AND COMING DOWN. ESTIMATES FROM AIRCRAFT PLACE ALTITUDE OF EXPLOSION FROM 45,000 TO 50000FT.
C. EXPLODED
D. VERTICAL DESCENT
E. EXPLOSION-DISENTRAGTED-PIECES OBSERVED FALLI G TO GROUND
F.
3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:
A. GROUND/VISUAL AND AIR/VISUAL
B. NONE KNOWN
C. AFJET 52275 B47 34000FT. 90 DEGREES HUNTER AFB GA.
AFJET 24691 F-86 40000FT 90 DEGREES ALEXANDRIA AFB LA.
4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:
A. REPORTS RECEIVED INDICATE EXPLOSION TO HAVE OCCURRED 1850Z 30 NOVEMBER 1954
B. DAY
5. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVER(S):
MAXWELL AFB, ALA. SYLACAUGA, ALA.

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ATLANTA ARTC, GA NEAR MOODY ABFB, GA.
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT, ALA.
PHENIX CITY, ALA
MINONA, MISSISSIPPI
6. INDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS:
A. CIVILIAN
MRS. [redacted], SYLACAUGA, ALA-OAK GROVE COMMUNITY.
[redacted], SYLACAUGA, ALA
[redacted], BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
CAPT, HAYNES N. HUNTER-MAXWELL FLT SRV CNTR, MAXWELL AFB ALA
T/SGT JACK L. POTTER-MAXWELL TOWER, MAXWELL AFB, ALA.
CAPT J. I. ONEAL-PILOT B47 52275, 373RD BOMB SQDN, HUNTER AFB, GA.
L/LT J.A. GREGG-PILOT F86 24691-613TH FTR. BMR. SQDN, ALEXANDRIA AFB LA.
7. WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:
A. MAXWELL AFB 1230C-OBSERVATION: 25000 SCAT. 15 MILES.
B. SURFACE 060 DEGREES/ 10 KNOTS
5000FEET 360 DEGREES/ 10 KNOTS
10,000FEET 300 DEGREES/25 KNOTS
16,000 FEET 270 DEGREES/ 65 KNOTS

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20,000 FEET 270 DEGREES/ 50 KNOTS
30,000 FEET 270 DEGREES/ 70 KNOTS
50,000 FEET 240 DEGREES/ 100 KNOTS
80,000 FEET 270 DEGREES/ 60 KNOTS
C. CEILING-NONE
D. VISIBILITY-15 MILES.
E. CLOUD-COVER-HIGH SCAT CIRRUS
F. THUNDERSTORMS-NONE
8. NONE KNOWN
9. NONE KNOWN-OBJECT EXPLOEDE.
MAXWELL AIR RESCUE SQUADRON SENT SEVERAL AIRCRAFT TO SITES OF REPORTED EXPLOSIONS-NO WRECKAGE OR DEBRIS LOCATED BY AIR SEARCH -GROUND PARTIES DISPATCHED FROM LAWSON AFB TO PHENIX CITY AREA NEG. RESULTS.
10. NUMEROUS AIRCRAFT IN VARIOUS AREAS OF REPORTED SIGHTINGS.
11. OPERATIONS OFFICE, MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER, MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA
12. IMMEDIATELY AFTER EXPLOSION, AN OBJECT [redacted] OF [redacted], AT SYLACAUGA, ALA. OBJECT HIT [redacted] AND

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WAS RECOVERED BY MAXWELL AIR RESCUE TEAM. OBJECT PRESENTLY EN ENROUTE TO MAXWELL AFB AND WILL PROBABLY REMAIN IN CUSTODY OF MAXWELL OSI OFFICE.

13. STATEMENT BY CAPT. HAYNES N. HUNTER.

PAR 13:

CAPT HUNTER SAW AT 1251CST ON TRUE N HEADING 40 DEGREES ELEVATION DOWN TO 20 OR 30 DEGREES ELEVATION WHAT APPEARED TO BE A METEOR WITH LONG WHITE FIREY TAIL AND A LITTLE WHITE SMOKE ABOUTAS LONG AS A 12" RULER HELD AT ARMS LENGTH W "

WITH A WHITE FIREY, EXTREMELY BRIGHT AND NEARLY BLINDING LIKE WHITE PHOSPHEROUS BODY ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE END OF A FINGER POINT AT YOU FROM ARMS LENGTH. NO NOISE WAS HEARD THROUGH-OUT ITS VISIBLE 30 TO 45 DEGREE DIVING COURSE TO SOUNDLESS EXPLOSION POINT. AT EXPLOSION OR DISINTERGATION POINT IT STOPPED INSTANTLY, SEEMED TO VANISH INSTANTLY EITHER BY DISINTERGATING OR BY LEAVING EARTHS ATMOSPHERE. NO PIECES COULD BE SEEN DUE TO NICKED EYE OBSERVATION. AT VANISHING POINT TH OBJECT APPEARED TO STILL ~~BE~~ QUITE HIGH, SAY 40 TO 60 THOUSAND FEET. I IMAGINE SPEED WAS IN EXCESS OF 2 TO 6 THOUSAND MILES PER HOUR SINCE IT COVERED A20 DEGREE ARC OF THE SKY IN ABOUT 2 SECOND OR LESS. I WAS COINCIDENTLY LOOKING IN A N DIRECTION AT TIME OF EVENT. TH WHITE SMOKE TAIL (PART OF IT) LINGERED IN THE SKY FOR ABOUT 5TO 10 MINUTES AFTER VANISHING POINT, AND FINALLY DISAPATED INTO OR ABOVE OR BELOW A VERY THIN LAYER OF CIRVS (HORSE TAILS' IN THE PATH OF THE OBJECT.

CAPT. HAYNES N, HUNTER MAXWELL FLT SERVICE CENTER MAXWELL AFB, ALA.

30 NOV 1545

SIGNED GOLINSKY-END

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1 DEC 1400 MAJ DEBRULER CALLED ADC PIO TO RELAY COL PRATT'S REQUEST — ADC PIO CALLED MAXWELL AFB PIO AND POINTED OUT THAT THE MATTER COULD BE BEST HANDLED BY THAT BASE DUE TO THE CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SYLACAUGA. COL PRATT TURNED THE UFOB OVER TO FLIGHT-2-C INVESTIGATORS.

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30 NOV — 1645 - CIRVIS REPORT FM COC
MAJ CHARLES

30 NOV — 1700 - FORMAL UFOB REPORT

30 NOV - 1745 - FLT-2-C ASSIGNED DUTY OF CONDUCTING FIELD INVESTIGATION
POINTS TO CONTACT:
ATLANTA ARTC
LAWSON AFB
PHOENIX CITY, ALA
MAXWELL AFB - 8TH DIST OSI IN POSSESSION OF UFOB.
UFOB (ROCK) WAS PICKED UP EARLIER BY ARS, MAXWELL AFB.

1 DEC 0830 CAPT HARDIN, ATIC, CALLED MAJ CYBULSKI TO INQUIRE IF WE HAD DISPATCHED AN INVESTIGATING UNIT AND IF SO, ATIC WANTED US TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MATERIAL EVIDENCE WOULD BE SHIPPED TO ATIC WHERE IT WILL BE ANALYZED AND RETURNED TO THE ORIGINAL SOURCE.

1 DEC 0930 MAJ CYBULSKI CALLED COL ASHLEY 8 DIST OSI TO INFORM HIM OF ATIC DESIRE. COL ASHLEY WAS ONLY TOO WILLING TO GET RID OF THE THING.

1 DEC 1345 COL PRATT, MAXWELL AFB BASE COMMANDER CALLED AND ASKED IF SOMEONE IN ADC WOULD CALL THE MAYOR OF SYLACAUGA AND EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT THE OBJECT WOULD BE RETURNED BY ATIC AFTER AN ANALYSIS.

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BEPW/SEC DEF WASHINGTON 25 D.C.
ZEN/CMDR MAXEWELL AFB MONTGOMERY ALA
/CIRVIS/ 3Ø MOVEMBER 1954 AT TIMES FROM 85ØZ TO 2Ø15Z NUMEROUS
REPORTS RECIEVED REPORTING BRIGHT OBJECT TGAILING SMOKE AND LARGE
EXPLOSION. OBJECT SEPARATELY DESCRIBED AS A ROCKET, A MISSILE, A METEOR
AND A JET AIR CRAFT ON FIRE. OBJECT WAS OBSERVED TO EXPLODE AND
PIECES FALL TO GROUND LOCATIONS OF PERSONS MAKING INITIAL REPORT
ATLANTA ARTC CENTER, GA; BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL AIRPOR TOWER, ALA;
MAXWELL AFB TOWER, ALA;
1/LT JA GREGG AO 2231446, 613 FIGHTER BOMBER SQUADRON ALEXANDRIA AFB
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ALABAMA AREA REPORTED THRUMONTGOMERY CAA RADIO; MR [redacted] PHENIX CITY ALA REPORTED AT 1850Z THU LAWSON AFB GA. WHO SUPPLIED FIRST DETAILED REPORT. EXTENSIVE AERIAL AND GROUND SEARCH DISCLOSE NO WRECKAGE OR DEBRIS. AT 2100Z REPORT RECIEVED FROM [redacted] AT SYLACAUGA ALA. REPORTED THAT FOLLOWING A
TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION. A WOMAN [redacted] ADDRESS [redacted] SYLACAUGA ALA. WAS [redacted] AN OBJECT WHICH CAME [redacted] HER HOUSE. OBJECT WAS DESCRIBED AS 6 TO 8 INCHES IN DIAMETER WEIGHT 7 TO 9 POUMDS RESEMBLES BUT IS NOT A ROCK DARK AND SMOKY IN COLOR APPEARED CARBONIZED WAS NOT HOT. ATTEMPT BEING MADE BY MAXWELL AFB AIR RESCUE SQUADRON TO RECOVER OBJECT FOR EVACUATION.
OTHER EYE WITNESSES WERE
CAPT HAYNES N HUNTER, MAXWELL FLT SRV CTR MAXWELL AFB ALA
T/SGT JACK L POTTER AF16799928 MAXWELL
AFB TOWER ALA
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# U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

30 (Day) NOV (Month) 1954 (Year)

2. Time of day: 12 (Hour) 55 (Minutes)

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
(b) Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
(b.) Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

CONTROL TOWER (Nearest Postal Address) MAXWELL AFB (City or Town) ALA (State or Country)

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. — (Hours) — (Minutes) 5 (Seconds)

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain
(b) Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): (a) Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
(b) In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight — pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

*(Circle One)*: (a.) Yes b. No c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

*(Circle One)* a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
b. Several blocks away?
(c.) A block away?
d. Several yards away?
e. Other _____

11. Did the object: *(Circle One for each question)*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | (No) | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | (No) | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | (No) | Don't Know |
| d. Give off ~~smoke~~? VAPOR | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | (No) | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | (No) | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | (No) | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

*(Circle One)*: Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

_____.

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

*(Circle One)*: Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, than tell what it moved in front of: _____

_____.

14. Did the object appear: *(Circle One)*: a. Solid? b. Transparent? (c.) Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| (c.) Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

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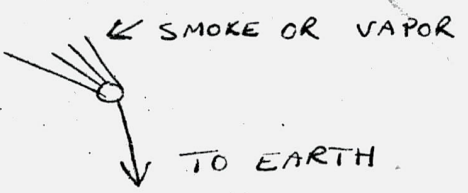
16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound _____

b. Color BRIGHT RED

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.




18. The edges of the object were:

*(Circle One):* a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
(c) Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember
e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____.
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

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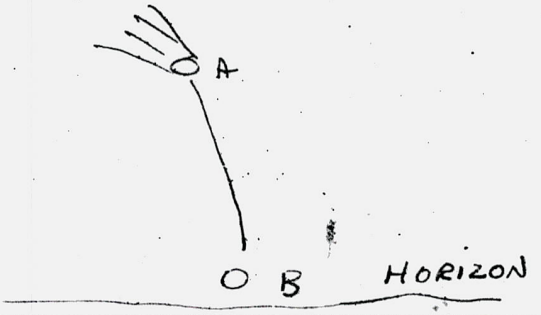
20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.




21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
_____feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects *held in the hand* and at about arm's length?

*(Circle One)*:

a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
(c.) Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar
g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other _____

22.1 *(Circle One* of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
(c.) Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? AS A METEORITE

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

IN BRIGHTNESS AND COLOR: EARLY MORNING SUN

IN MOVEMENT: AS A FALLING METEOR

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25. Where were you located when you saw the object? *(Circle One):*

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other CONTROL TOWER

26. Were you *(Circle One)*

a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

OBSERVING AIR TRAFFIC FROM CONTROL TOWER.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

*(Circle One)* Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? *(Circle One)*

(a) North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? *(Circle One)*

(a) North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North 0 degrees.
b. From horizon 30 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

a. From true North 0 degrees.
b. From horizon 10 degrees.

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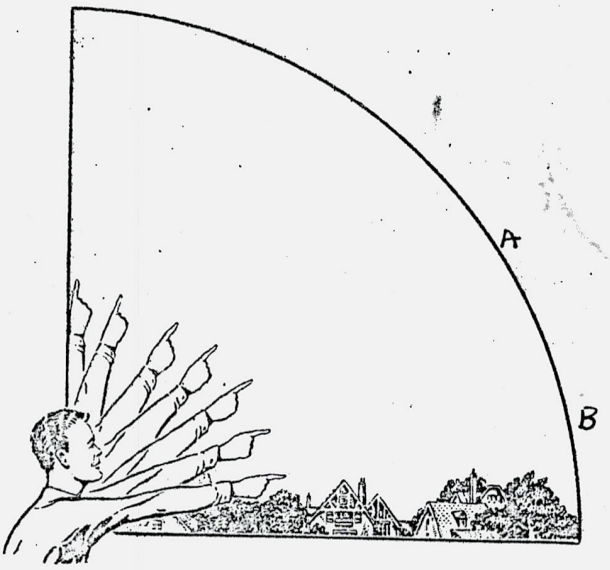
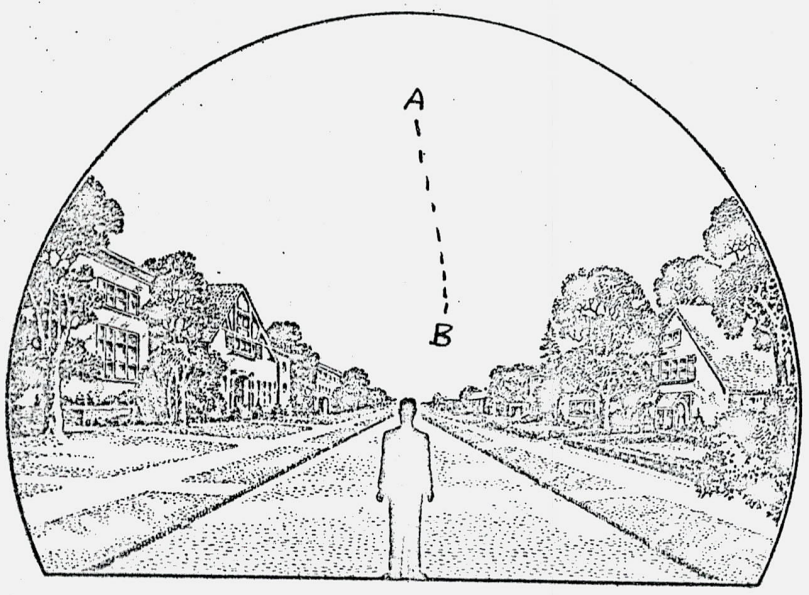
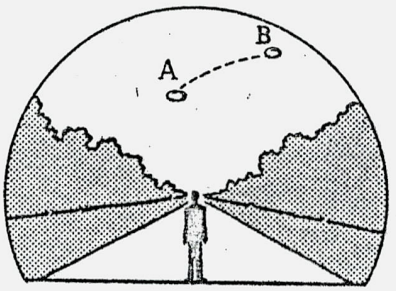
32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.




33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



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34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS *(Circle One)*

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
(c) Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND *(Circle One)*

a. No wind
(b) Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER *(Circle One)*

(a) Dry
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE *(Circle One)*

a. Cold
b. Cool
(c) Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

30 (Day) NOV (Month) 1954 (Year) 1255C HOURS

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

*(Circle One)* (Yes) No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

*(Circle One)* (Yes) No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

T SGT NETTIE B. HOPKINS
2047TH AACS SQ.
MAXWELL AFB, ALA.

A 2C C. R. HOLMES
2047TH AACS SQ.
MAXWELL AFB, ALA.

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

*(Circle One)* Yes (No)

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

FALLING STAR.

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

FALLING METEOR.

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39. Do you think you can estimate the *speed* of the object?

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____ m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME POTTER (Last Name) JACK (First Name) L. (Middle Name)

ADDRESS 814 CLOVER HILL DR. (Street) MONTGOMERY (City) _____ (Zone) ALA. (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER 35906

What is your present job? CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR

Age 24 Sex M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school ✓
b. High school ✓
c. College _____
d. Post graduate _____
e. e. Technical school _____
(Type) CONTROL TOWER
f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 1 (Day) DEC. (Month) 1954 (Year)

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In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME _____
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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| Commander, 4602D AISS | | | |
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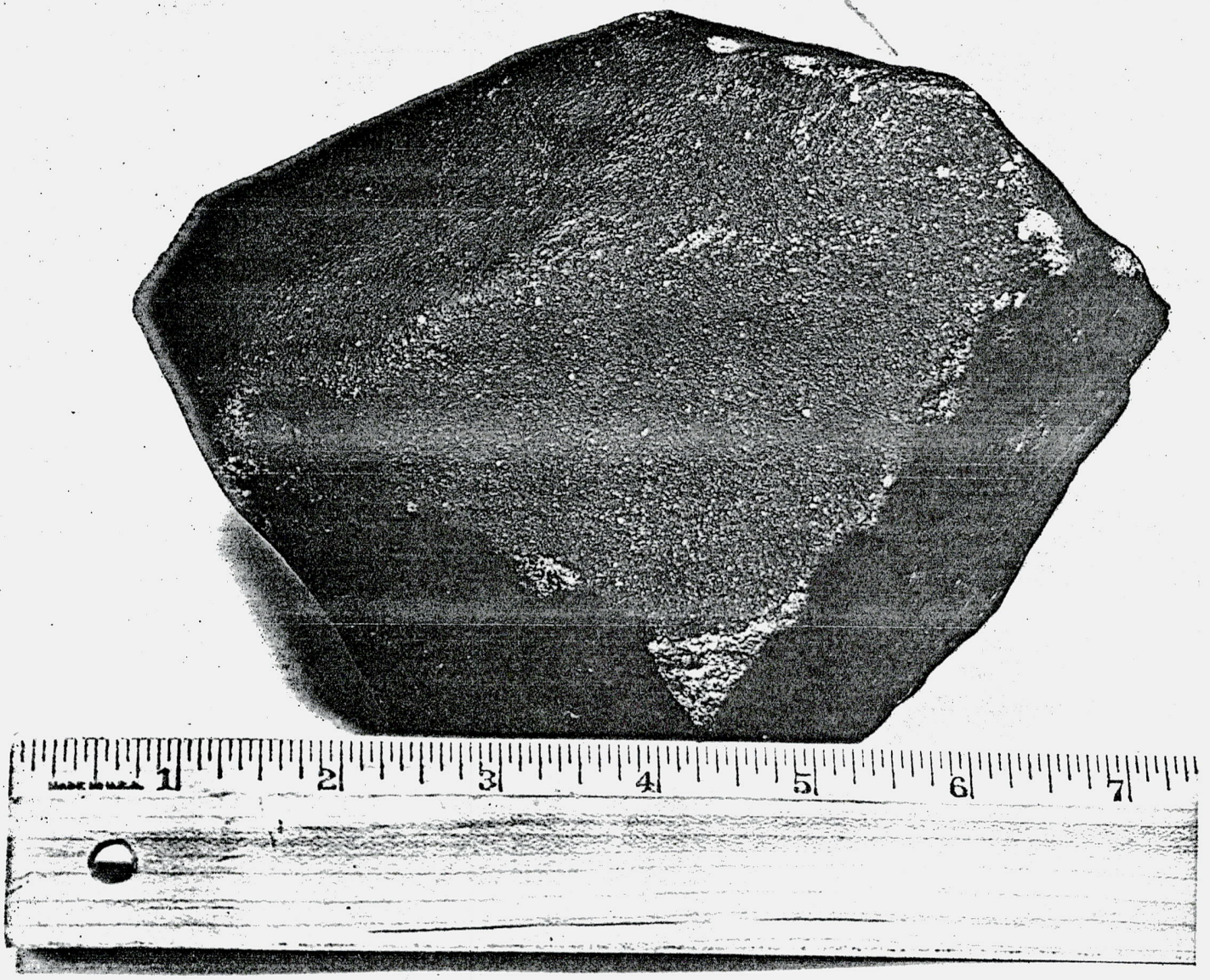

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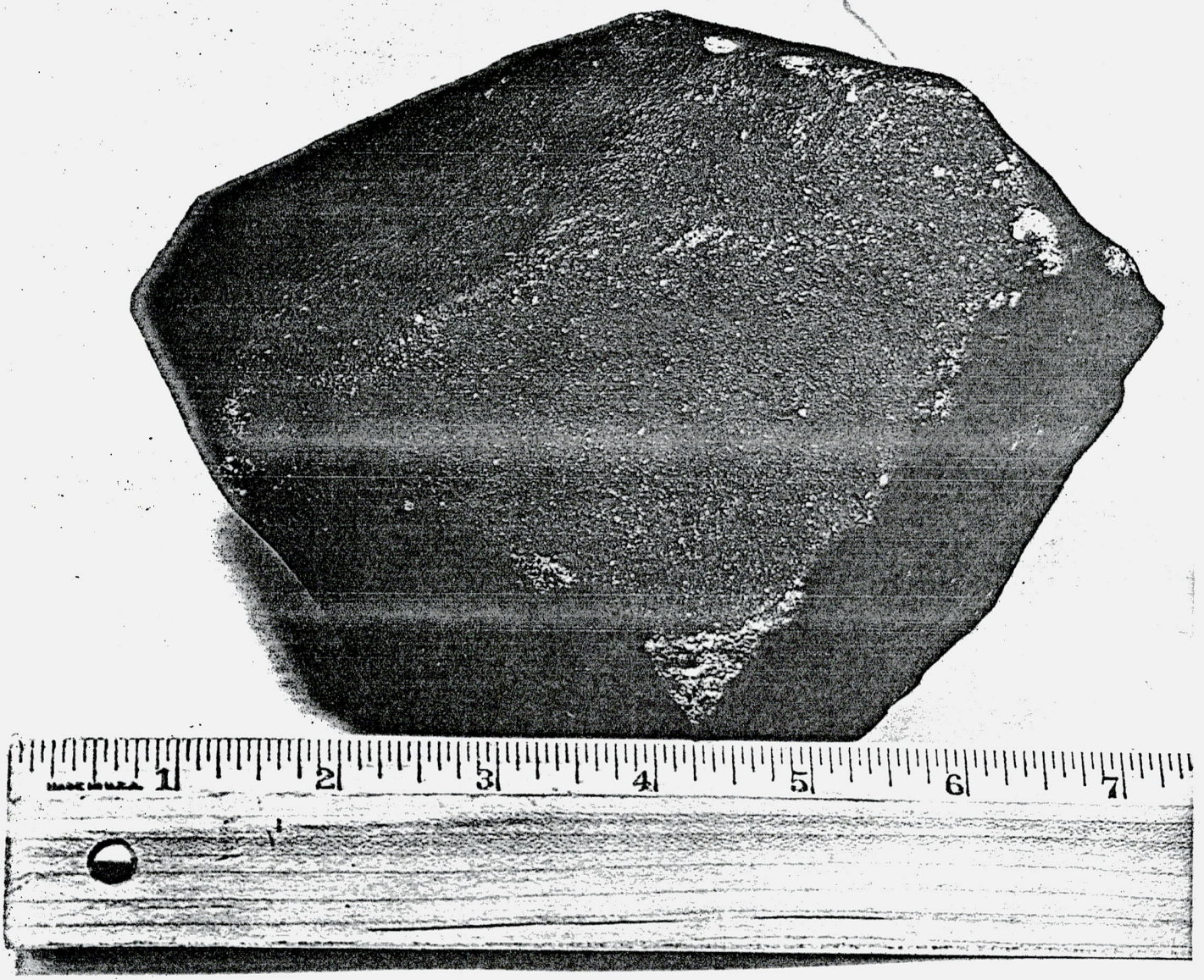

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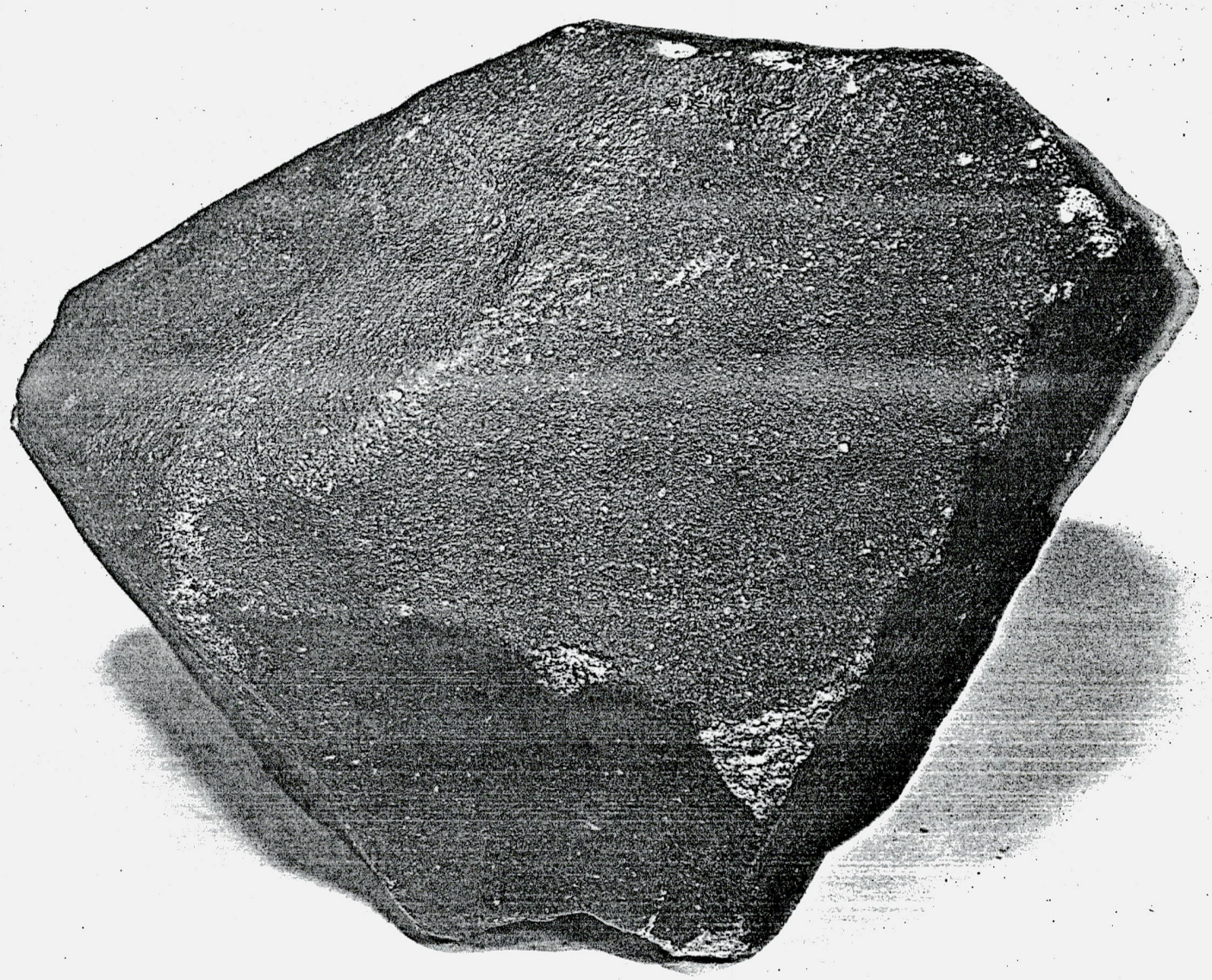

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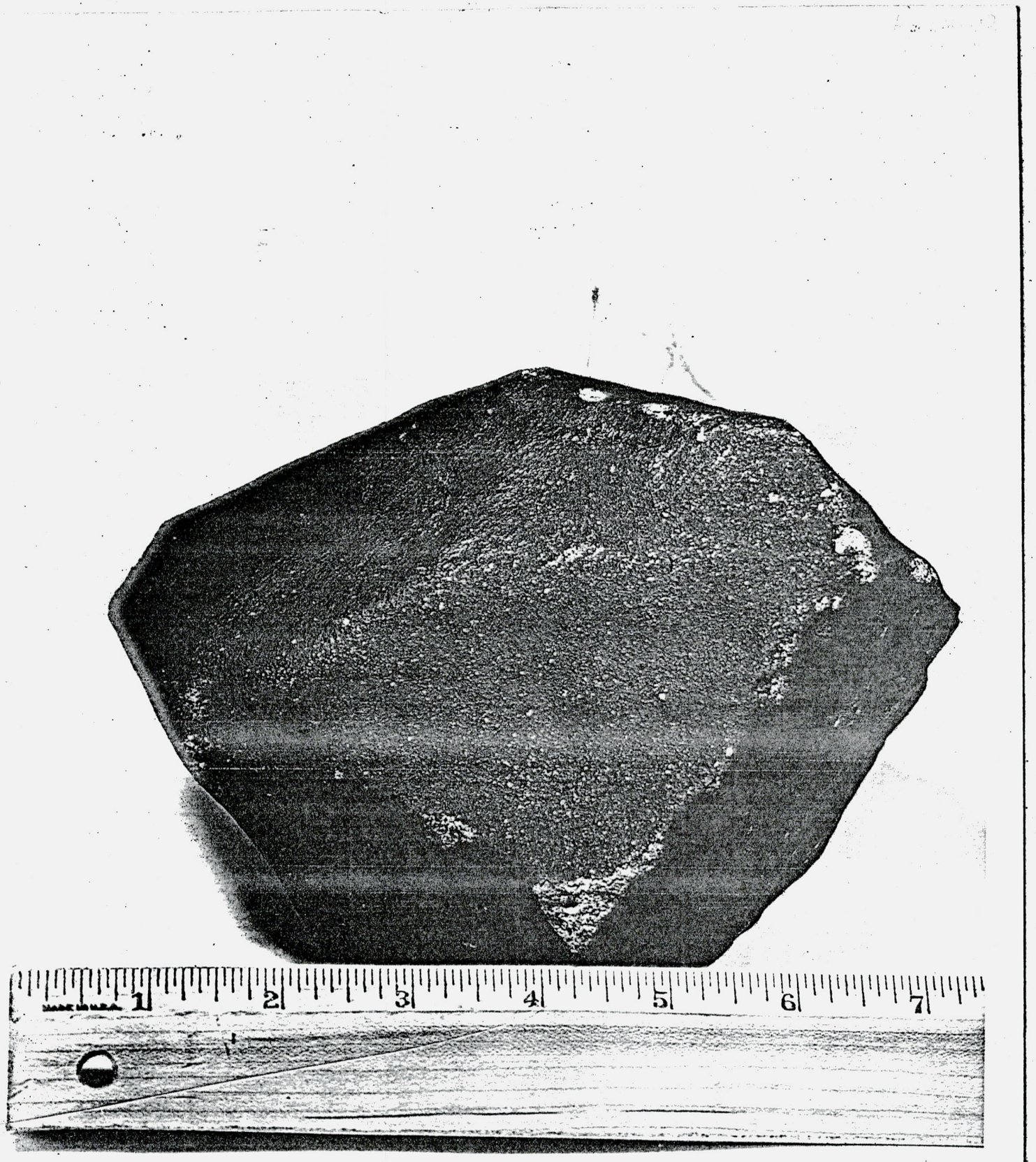

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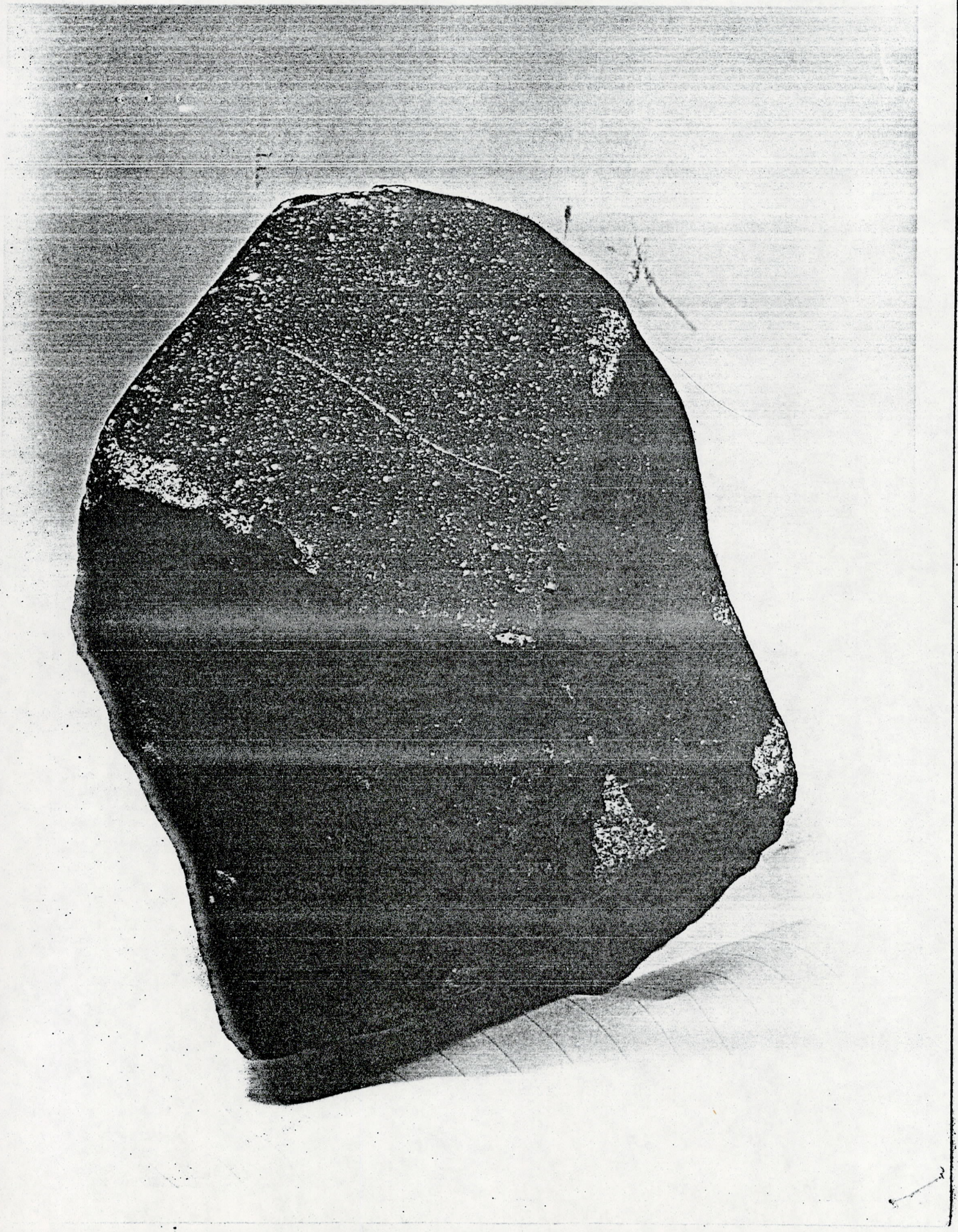

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1. When did you see the object?

30 (Day) Nov (Month) 1954 (Year)

2. Time of day: 1:50 (Hour) _____ (Minutes)

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): (a. Eastern) b. Central c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

3900 Block of Hamilton Rd. (Nearest Postal Address) Columbus (City or Town) Ga. Musg. (State or Country)

Additional remarks: at a Pure Oil Station

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ (Hours) _____ (Minutes) 5 (Seconds)

5.1 *Circle one* of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain
(b) Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): (a) Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): (a) In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight — pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

*(Circle One)*: (a) Yes b. No c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

*(Circle One)* a. ~~X~~ 6 miles or more away (a distant car)?
b. Several blocks away?
c. A block away?
d. Several yards away?
e. Other _____

11. Did the object:

*(Circle One for each question)*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | (No) | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | (No) | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | (No) | Don't Know |
| d. Give off ~~smoke?~~ Vapor | (Yes) | No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | (Yes) | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | (Yes) | [illegible] | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | (No) | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

*(Circle One)*: Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

*(Circle One)*: Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, than tell what it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: *(Circle One)*: (a) Solid? b. Transparent? c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| (d.) Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

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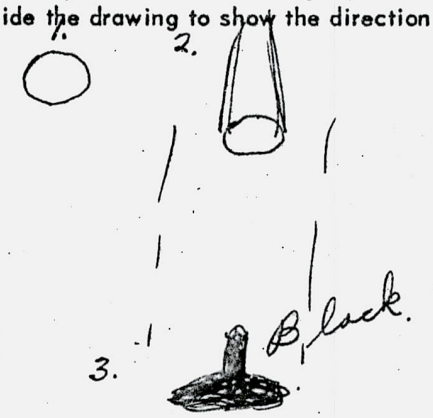
16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound No sound

b. Color Red Flame

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.




18. The edges of the object were:

*(Circle One):* a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

e. Other Round like ball of fire.

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? One.
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

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20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.




21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
10 DIA feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects *held in the hand* and at about arm's length?

*(Circle One)*:

a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
(f) Half dollar
g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other _____

22.1 *(Circle One* of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

a. Certain
(b) Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Flew

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

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25. Where were you located when you saw the object? *(Circle One):*

(a.) Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other _____

26. Were you *(Circle One)*

(a.) In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Setting in chair at Pure oil Ser. Sta. looking out of open plat glass window.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

*(Circle One)* Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
(h.) Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
(h.) Northwest

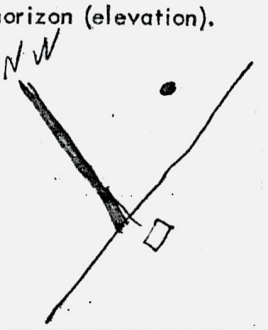
31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North W 285 degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

a. From true North W 285 degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.



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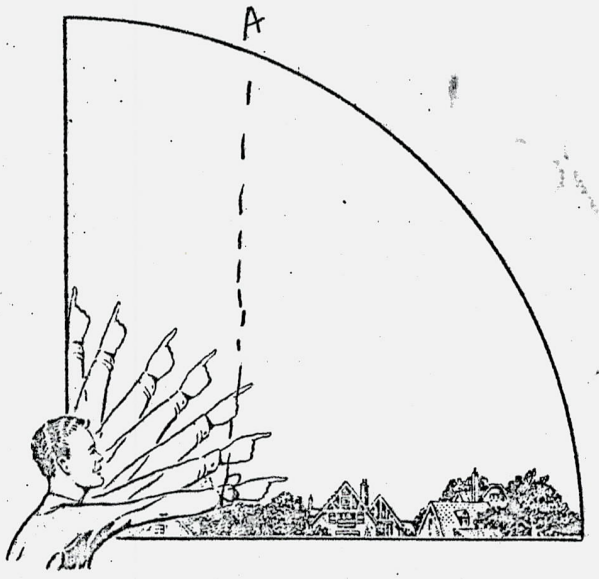
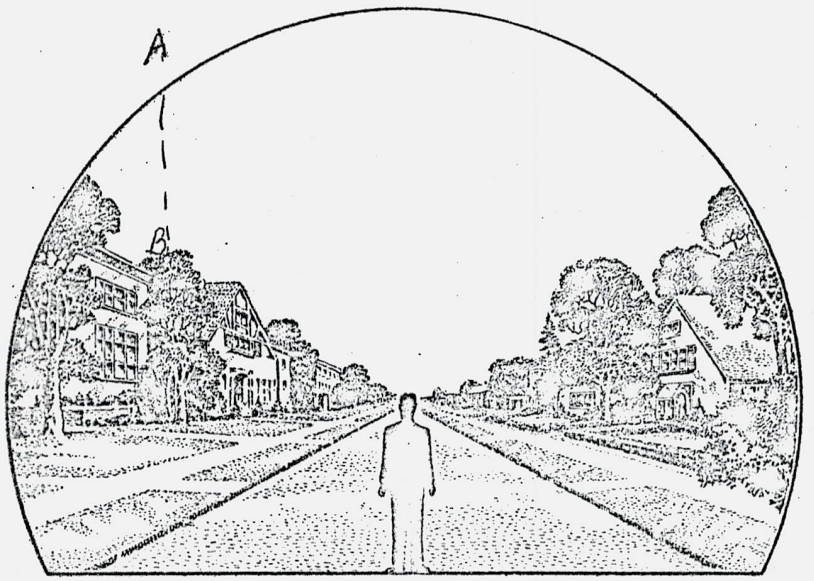
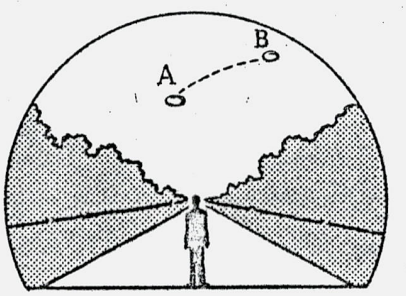
32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.




33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



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34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS *(Circle One)*

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
(c) Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND *(Circle One)*

a. No wind
(b) Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER *(Circle One)*

(a) Dry
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE *(Circle One)*

a. Cold
b. Cool
(c) Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

30 (Day) Nov. (Month) 1954 (Year)

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

*(Circle One)* (Yes) No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

*(Circle One)* Yes (No)

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[redacted]
Columbus, Ga.

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

*(Circle One)* Yes (No)

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

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38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

Plane

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39. Do you think you can estimate the *speed* of the object?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 600 m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 6 or 7 miles ~~feet.~~

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] Phenix city [redacted] Ala.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? Clerk ([redacted])

Age 35 Sex M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____
(b.) High school _____
(c.) College three one half years
d. Post graduate _____
e. e. Technical school _____
(Type) _____
f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 1 Day Dec. Month 1954 Year

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## (SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [redacted] (Please Print)

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE 1 Dec. 1954

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

On 30 Nov 1954 about 1:50 PM I was sitting in a chair at the [redacted] in Columbus, Ga. I notice through the window of the [redacted] a obj. that seem to be a plane on fire. at first it look like Jet Plane in a nose dive and it burst into flames. And hit the ground in a matter of 5 sec. I then Step to the Telephone and called the Operation Office at Lawson Field, Ft Benning, Ga. and report this matter.

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| AREA REPORT CONCERNS: U S A | |
| AGENCY OF ORIGIN: Flight 2nd, 4602nd AISS, 35th Air Div (D) Dobbins AFB | DATE OF REPORT: 2 Dec 54 |
| SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Interviews as listed below | DATE OF INFORMATION: 30 Nov 1 Dec 54 |
| PREPARING OFFICER: RICHARD C VAUGHN | EVALUATION: F 6 |

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

AFR 200-2

SUBJECT

UFOB report

SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112a.)

1. NARRATIVE OF EVENTS RELATING TO UFOB SIGHTING AT SYLACAUGA ALABAMA.

2. INVESTIGATORS :

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M/SGT CARL G. TENNILLE AF 6973086

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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS RELATING TO UFOB SEEN AT SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA(GEOREF: GJDD 4510)

1. Received telephone call from Hq 4602d AISS, Colorado Springs, Colorado at 1/0100Z. Major Cybulski informed Sgt Lanz to proceed to the foll places and contact the foll persons and/or agencies relative to investigation of report:

a. Atlanta Municipal Airport, Air Route Traffic Control Center (GEOREF: GJFD 3646).

b. Lawson Air Force Base, Fort Benning, Georgia (GEOREF: GJFC 0520).

c. Phenix City, Alabama, Mr. [redacted] (GEOREF: GJEC 5928).

d. Maxwell Air Force Base, Flight Service, 43 ARS, Major Kelso (GEOREF: GJDC 3928).

e. Sylacauga, Alabama, Mrs. [redacted] (GEOREF: GJDD 4510).

2. At 1/0120Z another call was received from Hq 4602d; Major De Bruler and Major Cybulski informed Sgt Lanz that a TT msg rept had been received at 35th Air Div (Def), DAFB, Marietta, Georgia (GEOREF: GJFD 2954) relative to UFOB re: TT msg M 30/2243Z from Comdr Flight Service, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

3. A check was made with 35th Division D/T and a copy of above cited msg was picked up prior to departure for investigation by M/Sgt's Lanz and Tennille at 1/0210Z. Team utilized mil vehicle.

4. At 1/0330Z team arrived at Atlanta Municipal Airport, Air Route Traffic Control Center, and the following information was obtained from H. W. Duke, Senior Controller ARTCC, Atlanta, Georgia (Note: Extracted verbatim from ARTCC log):

a. At 30/1854Z Montgomery(MGM) and Maxwell(MXF) Tower reported explosion at high altitude and ball of fire trailing smoke falling north of Montgomery, Alabama(MGM).

b. At 30/1855Z Atlanta, Georgia(ATL) Tower reported bright flash west of airport. Dobbins AFB(MGE) Tower reported this to ATL also. AF 2275 B-47 witnessed the same thing and advised object above 34,000 feet. Mr. [redacted] at [redacted] Tuscaloosa, Alabama reported to TCL the same thing.

c. At 30/1900Z Maxwell(MXF) Flight Service advised they were sending out a SA-16 from Rescue Squadron to investigate.

d. At 30/1905 Dobbins AFB has no B-47's out. All IFR in (MGM) area accounted for.

e. At 30/1909Z Tuscaloosa, Alabama (TCL) advised Mr. [redacted] of [redacted] University observed bright orange flame and pieces falling east of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Birmingham, Alabama (BHM) advised it appeared to be bearing 135 degrees from (BHM). Montgomery(MGM) advised due north of Montgomery. AF 2275 (B-47) advised altitude looked to be 60,000 feet. Flight Service advised 30/1910Z.

f. At 30/1928Z Alabama State Patrol sending unit to Smith's station (6 miles NE of Phenix City on U.S. 280) to investigate falling object reported hitting ground.

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g. At 30/2030Z Birmingham, Alabama(BHM) Tower advised Weather Bureau had received a report that a meteorite had fallen at Sylacauga, Alabama.

h. Maxwell Flight Service(MXFFS) advised 30/2032Z.

i. At 30/2108Z Alabama State Patrol advised Birmingham(BHM) Tower a woman was [redacted] by a falling object near Sylacauga, Alabama. Woman in [redacted]

j. At 30/2115Z Eastern Airline Aircraft Trip # 181 advised Birmingham (BHM) Tower of the following: sighted a helicopter in a field 140 degrees bearing from Birmingham, Alabama and 210 degrees bearing from Anniston, Alabama(ANB). Appeared to be a fire in the field and helicopter appeared to be investigating.

5. Team departed Atlanta Municipal Airport at 1/0430Z for Lawson Air Force Base, Fort Benning, Georgia and arrived 1/0900Z.

6. At 1/1300Z Mr. J. V. Warren (Civilian), Chief Dispatcher at Lawson AFB and SFC Harold S. Murray of the Dispatchers Office LAFB were interviewed. They related the following information:

a. At 30/1850Z telephone call was received from Mr. [redacted], Phenix City, Alabama, reporting the sighting of a falling object. Since [redacted] inferred that this was obviously an aircraft crash, emergency procedures were instituted by Lawson Operations Officer. Refer to incl # 1, UFOB rept (Completed ATIC form 164).

b. At 30/1915Z two helicopters were dispatched to alleged crash site with Capt Charles D. Lang in charge. Simultaneously, a ground rescue party departed to search the area. Both parties were recalled at 30/2130Z. Results of search were negative.

c. At 30/1945Z telephone call was received from [redacted] Alabama reporting falling object.

d. At 30/1950Z Capt D. W. Read, 464 Trp Carr Wg, Pope AFB, Fort Bragg, North Carolina phoned Dispatcher (Warren) that a moving object was observed from downtown Columbus, Georgia (GEOREF: GJFC 0329), bearing 270 to 280 degrees. The object with a long brilliant trail of fire exploded at approximately 40 degrees azimuth from surface.

7. An unsuccessful attempt was made to locate Capt Read. An ATIC form 164 (USAF Technical Information Sheet) was left with Mr. Warren for completion and forwarding to Flight 2-C, 4602d AISS, DAFB, Marietta, Georgia by Capt Read. Team departed for Maxwell AFB, Alabama at 1/1500Z.

8. At 1/1900Z Intell Team arrived Operations Office, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

a. The names and locations of the following personnel were obtained:

Col K. L. Atchley
District Commander
8th District OSI (16)
Maxwell AFB

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Capt Marsten
Operations Officer
48th Air Rescue Squadron
Maxwell AFB

T/Sgt Jack L. Potter
Control Tower Operator
48th Air Rescue Squadron
Maxwell AFB

b. T/Sgt Potter met Sgt Lanz at operations for completion of ATIC Form # 164(Ref incl # 2).

c. Sgt Tennille contacted Capt Marsden, 48th Air Rescue Squadron, and was informed that five helicopters were dispatched to different locations given at time of flash and/or explosion. One of the helicopters piloted by Capt Rogers landed at Sylacauga, Alabama. He acquired the object and returned with same to Maxwell AFB. (Itinerary of flights being forwarded to Flt 2-C via air mail). 48th Air Rescue Squadron transferred object to Col Atchley of OSI.

d. Sgt Tennille phoned Col Atchley from 48th ARS and was informed that Hq 4602d AISS had contacted Col Atchley regarding object. It was decided that Flt 2-C, 4602d AISS would assume custody of object. Sgt's Lanz and Tennille proceeded to the District OSI Office and were met there by Col Atchley who informed them that according to AFR 200-2 dtd 12 Aug 54, he would relinquish the object to Flt 2-C's investigating team.

e. Because of unfavorable publicity incurred by the acquisition of the object, Col Atchley suggested that the matter should be coordinated with the Base Comdr, Col James E. Pratt, 3300 Air Base Group, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Col Atchley and Sgt's Lanz and Tennille proceeded to Col Pratt's office where he was briefed on the situation; He suggested a call to Comdr 4602d AISS, outlining action for pacifying the local people involved in Sylacauga, Alabama - specifically the Mayor, Ed J. Howard; and Mrs [redacted] the individual [redacted]. Since AFR 200-2 outlines the disposition of UFOB matter found, Col Pratt suggested we pick up object and proceed to Dobbins AFB, Marietta, Georgia.

f. Col Atchley suggested that the object be examined by Dr. Frederick K. Morris of the Directory of Research Studies Institute, Arctic, Desert and Tropic Information Center at Maxwell AFB. Dr. Morris stated that he was equipped for complete analysis of object, if so requested. He believed that its composition was "either a stone meteorite or an earthly peridotite." Furthermore, he suggested that the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D. C.(GEOREF: GJNJ 5856) would be interested in its study.

9. At 1/2330Z team departed MAFB and arrived at Flight Headquarters at 2/0500Z.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

Because of events related in par 8e, it was decided by the team not to visit Mrs. [redacted] immediately but to return to DAFB, Marietta, Georgia for quick transfer of object to ATIC. If, however, it is deemed necessary, Mrs. [redacted]

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can be interviewed by Flight 2-C.

Regarding object and source of origin, the following opinions were reached. From opinions given by sources considered reliable, it is believed that an object of similar size, weight and shape, travelling at the high speed normally attributed to a meteorite, would have smashed through the floor and buried itself deep into the earth. Instead, it merely penetrated the roof and ceiling, and dropped on floor according to Mrs. story to newspapers (Ref incl # 3). Object was forwarded to ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio for further analysis.

Irving S. K. Chin, 2nd Lt. USAF
FOR RICHARD C VAUGHN
1st Lt., USAF
Officer in Charge

4 Incls:
1. ATIC Form 164 (Jones)
2. ATIC Form 164 (Potter)
3. Newspaper Clippings
4. 9 photographs of object

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

This UFOB report was forwarded to ATIC for analysis and evaluation. It is believed that the preparing officer's comments were the result of statements made by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, director of the Institute of Meteorics, University of New Mexico. Dr. LaPaz said the tests performed to date were far from conclusive and that the incidents surrounding the characteristics of this meteorite during its penetration did not conform to known data on previous studies of recognized meteorites.

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