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Judy Jones
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RJEDKF/COMDR CADF GRANDVIEW MO
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/ U N C L A S S I F I E / OPNS474 THE FOL IS A UFOB REPT

- A.
1. ROUND
2. SILVERDOLIER & BASEBALL
3. RED
4. 1
5. N/A
6. MOVEING SIDE TO SIDE
7. NONE
8. NONE

4602D AISS UFOB REPT 336
DATE-TIME GROUP 07/0427Z Sep 56
ODEBOLT, Iowa

Pos

PAGE TWO RJEDKF 1GM

9. NONE
- B.
1. LIGHT
2. 150
3. TO THE GROUND
4. WEST THEN TO NORTH
5. 0431
6. 10 MIN.
- C. VISUAL
1. GROUND VISUAL
2. NONE
3. NONE
- D. 0427Z
1. 07/0427Z
2. NIGHT
- E. 1. KN 4715
- F.
1. MR [REDACTED] ODEBOLT, IOWA
2. NONE
- G.

PAGE THREE RJEDKF 1GM

7. NONE
8. NONE

ODEBOLT, IOWA

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2. NONE

G.

PAGE THREE RJEDKF 1GM

1. CLEAR

2. 350/30 6 2

300/40 4

290/50 10

280/60 41

3. UNLIMITED

4. CLEAR

5. NONE

6. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. NONE

BT

07/0715Z SEP RJEDKF

RGR YOUR NO. 004

Winds

5,000	20	10 knots
10,000	320	32 "
18,000	310	38 "
23,000	290	41 "
30,000	310	53 "
35,000	300	58 "
40,000	300	67 "
50,000	290	44 "
60,000	300	15 "
70,000	120	2 "

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DE RJEDKF 1GM

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FM COMDR 789TH ACWRON OMAHA NEBR

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BT

/U N C L A S S I F I E D/ OPNS 475 THE FOL IS A UFOB

1.

A. ROUND

B. BASEBALL

C. RED

DDE

E. NONE

F. MOVING SIDETO SIDE

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

2.

A. LIGHT

B. 150

C. TO THE GROUND

D. WEST THEN TO NORTH

E. NFADE

F. TEN MINUTES

3.

A. GROUND VISUAL

B. NONE

C. NONE

4.

A. 0427Z

B. NIGHT

5. KN 4715

BT

10/1700Z SEP RJEDKF

6.

A. MR. [REDACTED] ODEBOLT, IOWA

B. N/A

7.

A. CLEAR

B. 350/30-2 300/40-4 290/50-10

C. UNLIMITED

D. CLEAR

E. NONE

F. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

11. NONE

A. NONE

Pos BLN.

164 Sent
28 Sep 56

1 November 1956

Mr. [REDACTED]
Odebolt
Iowa

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 28 October 1956 returning the completed ATIC Form No. 164.

We are very sorry we cannot send your GOC station a copy of the ATIC Form. Current Air Force policy limits the use of these forms for investigative purposes only.

Also, we have found that we are very often able to obtain an analysis from the information contained in the initial report received at this office.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in the solution of this sighting.

Sincerely,

CHARLES W. GODSEY
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

Oct. 28, 1956.
Odebolt, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the form that your Office requested me to fill out. I hope it is filled out the way you want. Being all this hapened a Month or so ago, I just couldn't remember some of the weather conditions that you requested. I would like to suggest that your Office send our GOC Post a extra Information sheet such as I am sending to you now, so that whenever an object is again obsurved by any of our members we will have a form on hand so that all of the information that you want can be filled in correctly, then when you send out the forms to the members they can revive their memory with the information that they had wrote down such as weather conditions, dates, and etc.

If you think sending us a extra form would be a good thing, why you can mail us one, either to :

Mr. [REDACTED] (or)
GOC [REDACTED]
Odebolt, Iowa

Mr. [REDACTED]
GOC [REDACTED]
Odebolt, Iowa.

Thank You,
[REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED]
Odebolt, Iowa.

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?

6 Sept. 1956
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 11 : 15
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?

[REDACTED] Odebolt, Iowa. Iowa, USA
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: I watched it from the deck of our GOC Tower, and
also from the ground, with my field glasses.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ Hours 30 Minutes _____ 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 (because that was all the longer I was out side.)

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

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 Looked like a star.

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? | 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, then 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
- b. Sun glasses
- c. Windshield
- d. Window glass

☒ Yes

No

Yes

☒ No

Yes

☒ No

Yes

☒ No

e. Binoculars

☒ Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

☒ No

g. Theodolite

Yes

☒ No

h. Other _____

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

- a. Sound No sound of any kind.
- b. Color It seemed to flicker Red, Green, and White.

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.

To me it appeared to be a star, and I don't know how one would draw a diagram of a star at night, although this star seemed to flicker red, green, and white as you looked at it. During the half an hour that I watched it, it did not seem to move in any direction. I have viewed a star in the west many times that seemed to flicker the different colors, and to me ~~this~~ this was that same star. There is also one in the North east which flickers the same as the one in the west, and both stars are in their same places every night.

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? Just one.
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

I did not notice any direction movement during the 30 minutes that I observed it.

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.

None.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
 _____ feet. The size of a star at night.

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? _____
 I watched this object for 30 Min. and it didnot seem to
 move at all.

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.

Any star in the sky at night would look like the object if it flickered red, green, and white.

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 On our 30 ft. GOC 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?

Other members of our GOC who were on duty at the tower called me up on the telephone, and I went over with my field glasses and observed the object.

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

(no)

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

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

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

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | ☒ g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | 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).

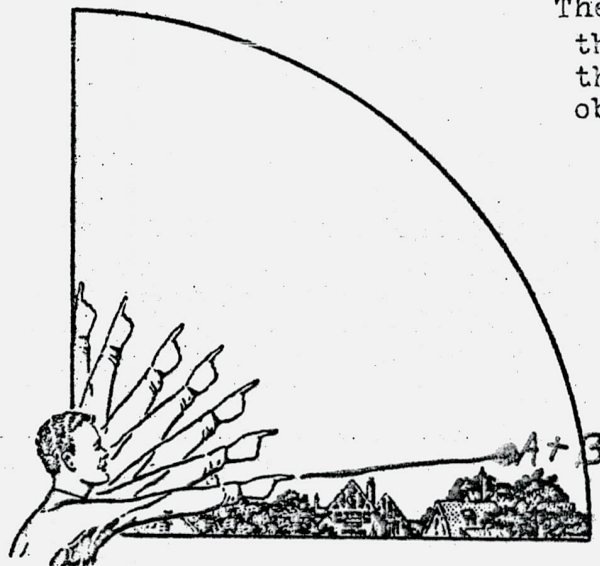
31.1 When it first appeared: Stayed in the same position for 30 min.

- a. From true North _____ degrees. I don't know how many degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

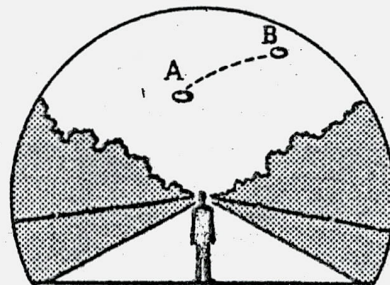
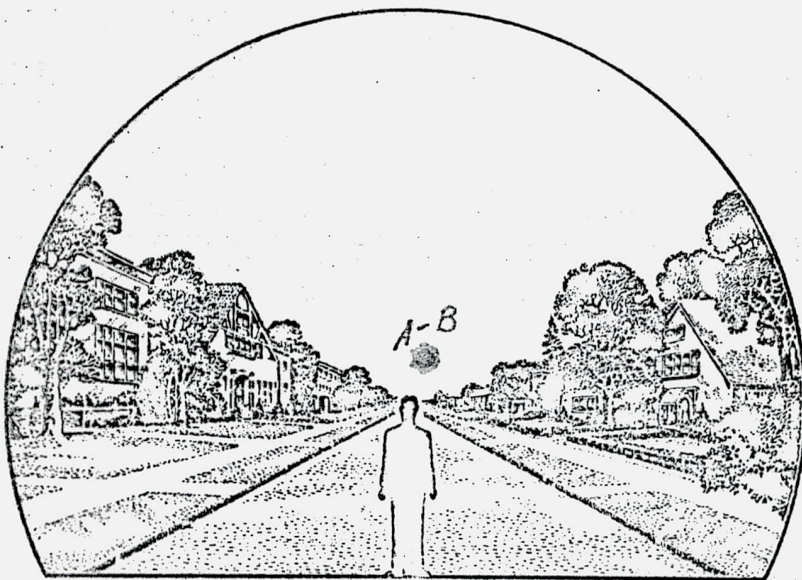
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

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.



The object stayed at the same location for the 30 min. that I observed 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.



The object stayed at the same location for the 30 min. that I observed it.

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?

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The observers on duty at the time had reported the object to the Omaha Filter Center before I arrived.

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:

Mr. [REDACTED]
Odebolt, Iowa.

Mr. [REDACTED]
Odebolt, Iowa

Mr. [REDACTED]
Odebolt, Iowa.

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?

Practally every evening I can observe two stars that seem to flicker Red, and Green. One in the West, and One in the Northeast.

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

My opinion is that the object envolved in this case was the star which is located to the West of our GOC Tower which to me seems to flicker Red, and Green while I look at it.

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

_____ Last Name

_____ First Name

_____ Middle Name

ADDRESS

_____ Street

ODEBOLT

_____ City

3

_____ Zone

IOWA

_____ State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

ODEBOLT - 485.

What is your present job?

I manage a

Shop here in Odebolt, Iowa.

Age

33

Sex

Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school X

e. e. Technical school _____

b. High school X

(Type) _____

c. College _____

f. Other special training _____

d. Post graduate _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

28
Day

Oct.
Month

1956.
Year

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET **(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)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]
DATE OCT. 28, 1956.

CODE:

Odebo lt, Iowa.

On the evening of Sept. 6, 1956 at 11:00, my telephone rang, and it was Mr. [REDACTED] who was one of the GOC Members on duty at the GOC Tower that evening. He ask me to get my Field glasses and come over to the Tower, that they had discovered a light in the sky that flickered red, and green, and they wanted to observe it with my glasses. When I arrived at the Tower they pointed out to me the light that they had been watching. I looked at it, and it just seemed to be a star. one that I have watched other evenings with my glasses. It seems to be a very unusual star, because it gives a person watching it the impression that it is changeing colors as you watch it, it seems to flicker white, then red, and then green, and keeps it up all the time. There is also one other star like it, and it is in the Northeast from our Tower. (Our Tower stands 30 ft. in the air.) I told Mr. [REDACTED] that I thought their light to be just a star, but they said that they had been watching it for some time and that it had moved towards the west since they first saw it, Mr. [REDACTED] had already called it into the Omaha Filter Center as a unknown Object, then the Filter Center called back saying that the Radar Station was unable to pick up anything on their scope in that aera. I stayed at the Tower for about 30 min., and then went home, and during that 30 min. I did not notice the light ~~to~~ move in any direction at all. The other members told me the next day, that the object traveled across the sky before they called me, but during the time I watched it, I did not see it move, but I can not say that it wasn't moveing before I got there, only that It didn't move while I was there for those 30 min.

UFO OBSERVERS INSTRUCTION SHEET (Sky Diagram)

1. GENERAL:

a. The diagram represents all of the sky normally visible to the observer, who is pictured standing under the center of the "dome" of the sky. It is designed to show a three-dimensional view of the area centered around the observer at the time of the UFO sighting.

b. The position of any object in the sky can be described by giving its elevation, or angle upward from the horizon, and its bearing or angle along the horizon, eastward from north.

(1) Illustrations:

- (a) Elevation is 0 degrees for an object on the horizon, and 90 degrees for the point directly over the observer (zenith). Thus, an object half-way up from the horizon to the zenith has an elevation of 45 degrees.
- (b) Bearing (or "azimuth") is the angle along the horizon, starting from north and moving clockwise eastward. Thus, an object directly toward the east, no matter what its elevation is above the horizon, has a bearing of 90 degrees, an object in the south has a bearing of 180 degrees; toward the west, 270 degrees and so on. North is, of course, zero.

EXAMPLE: An object is seen in the northeast and one-third way up from horizon to overhead. Thus, the object has a bearing of 45 degrees, and elevation of 30 degrees. Similarly, an object having a bearing of 180 degrees and an elevation of 60 degrees would be seen directly south and two-thirds of the way up from the horizon.

2. PLOTTING THE COURSE OF AN OBJECT ON THE SKY DIAGRAM:

a. The path of an object across the sky can be shown completely on this diagram simply by connecting with a curved or straight line the various positions the object successively occupies (see example sheet). To aid visualization, the path on the western side of the sky is represented by broken lines; the eastern side in solid lines. Direction of the object is indicated by arrows. The duration of the sighting can be shown by indicating the time at the position, where the object was first and last observed. Where possible, the time at various intermediate positions occupied by the object should also be shown.

b. The diagram can be made a more effective investigative and analytical tool by making the lines (showing the path of the object) thicker or thinner to indicate any varying brightness of the object observed. This is especially valuable when the object appeared only as a moving light at night. Thus, if a light becomes brighter and then gradually fades, it can be represented by a line becoming increasingly thicker and then gradually thinning out to nothing.

c. Use of colored pencils is especially recommended if the object changes color or hue during the sighting.

3. EXAMPLE OF DIAGRAM USE:

a. Verbal Description of Example Sighting: Object was first sighted in the southeast, about half-way up from the horizon to overhead, at 10:45 PM local time. Its shape or outline was hazy, but appeared round and about the size of a pea (at arm's length) from where observed. It was dim at first but brightened considerably as it got higher in the sky. Its color at this point was bluish white. After about two minutes it crossed to the western part of the sky a little to the north of overhead (zenith) and continued its flight toward the west. At this point its color appeared yellowish white. The light went dim when it got two-thirds of the way to the horizon. It then stopped and hovered for about one minute and then climbed rapidly, going toward the southwest and getting brighter. In less than thirty seconds, it had climbed to an elevation of approximately 60 degrees, and then the light went out abruptly.

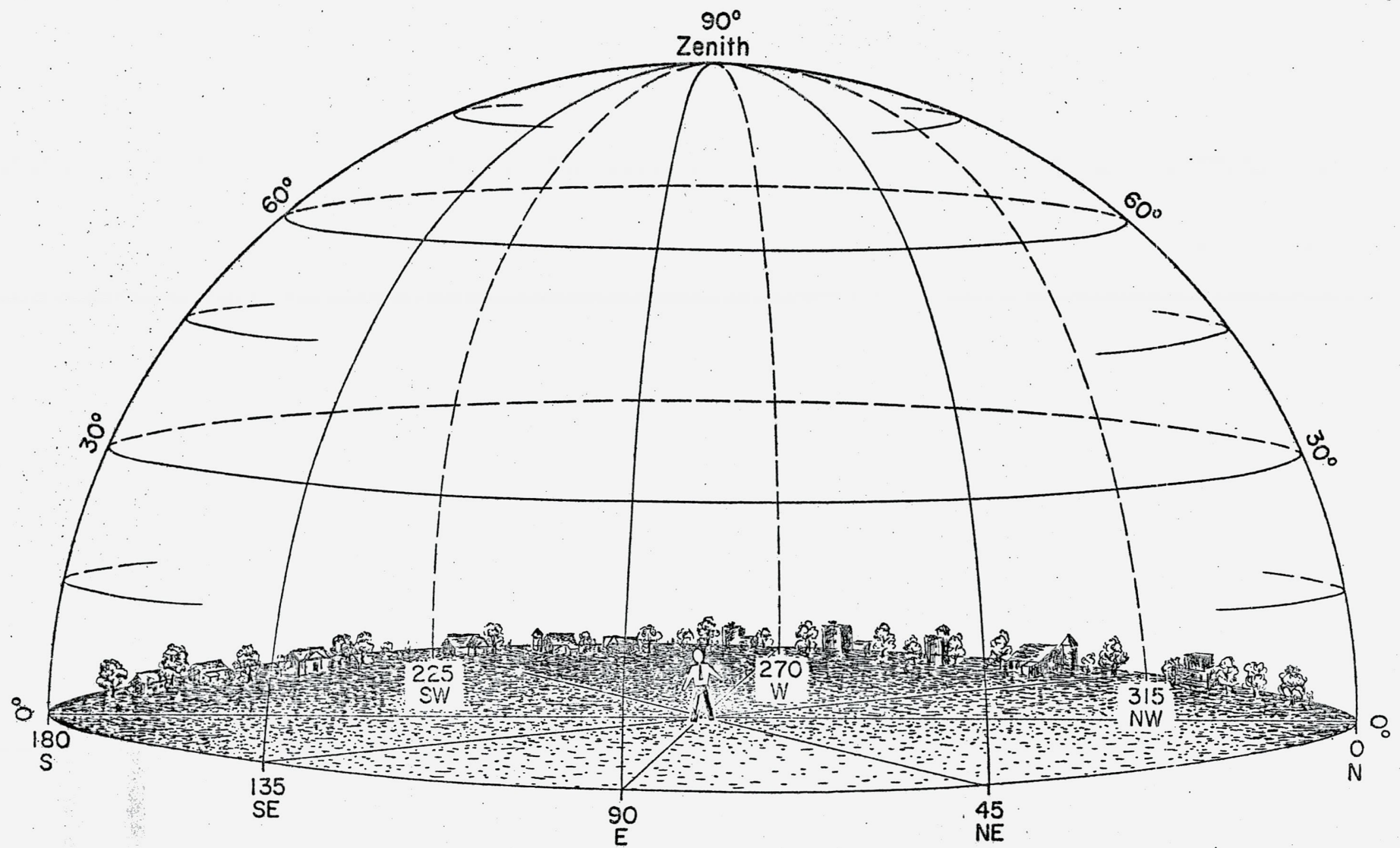
b. Pictorial Description of the Sighting: By referring to the example sheet, notice how simply the above sighting can be portrayed and described, without words, on the example diagram attached here. Note the starting point at bearing 135 degrees (southeast) and elevation 45 degrees (half-way up from the horizon) at 10:45 PM (military time, 2245), and the arrow marking direction of flight. Note also the varying thickness of the line to denote changes in brightness, and the use of the dotted line to indicate its path in the western part of the sky. The "time indications" along the path - 2 minutes to get to the meridian (the north-south overhead line), the hovering for 1 minute, and the ascent in 30 seconds to its complete disappearance, are all shown with a few lines. Thus, the entire sighting can be represented easily on one diagram.

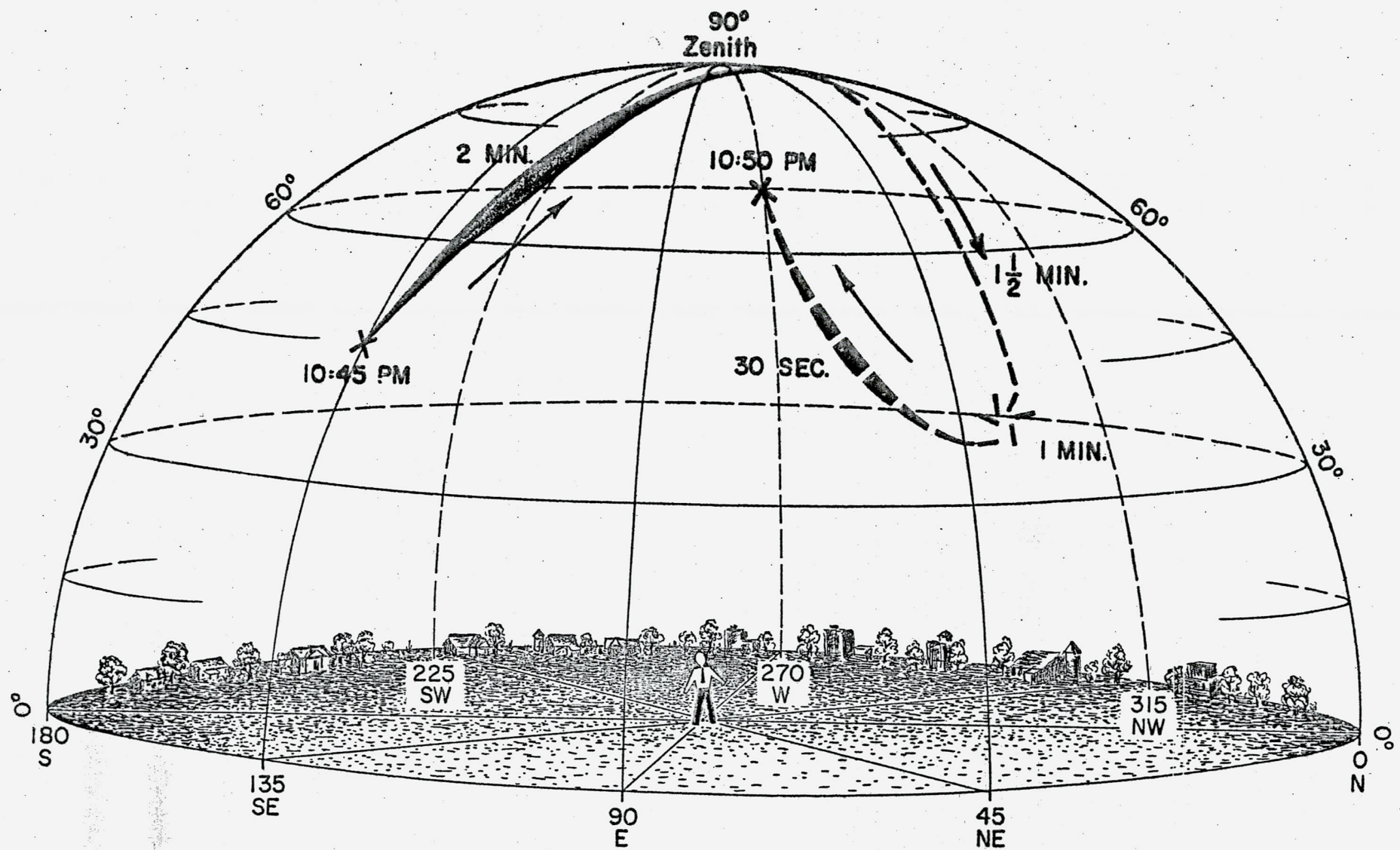
4. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

a. Relatively complex trajectories can easily be shown on a diagram of this type. A number of objects sighted can also be indicated, as can any changing formation. The apparent size and shape of the object should be drawn in, preferably by the observer. In the case of an object changing shape or color, this likewise can be drawn in. As previously pointed out, the use of colored pencils to indicate change of color is very desirable.

b. The landscaping in the sky diagram is placed there to help visualization. If any prominent landmarks such as known mountains, buildings, water towers, or specific installations, trees, etc., are part of the sighting area, they should be incorporated into the drawing. These landmarks may later prove to be invaluable as location, plotting or reference points.

c. If you are familiar with the constellations or other heavenly bodies, indicate if possible, the relationship (and movements) of the object with respect to these bodies. This can be sketched on either page 6, item 33 or pages 9-10 of "Summary Data" sheet. Typical examples that can be easily illustrated: "...The object seemed to pass very slowly between the two bottom stars on the handle of the Big Dipper, which was in a vertical position, with the handle pointing down," or "...Object was about the size of a tennis ball -- and remained slightly below and about 15 degrees to the left of the moon."





(EXAMPLE SHEET)

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1. When did you see the object?

THURS SEPT. 6 1926
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 10 30
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?

Nearest Postal Address

Odebolt IOWA
City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____
Hours 45 Minutes 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

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? | 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, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

☒ a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

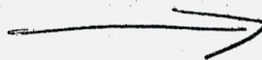
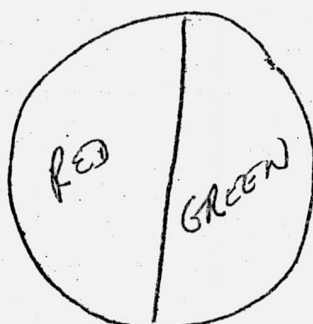
15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|--------------------------------------|----|
| 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 _____ | | |

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

- a. Sound NO SOUND
- b. Color SEEMED To be alternating red & green colors

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.



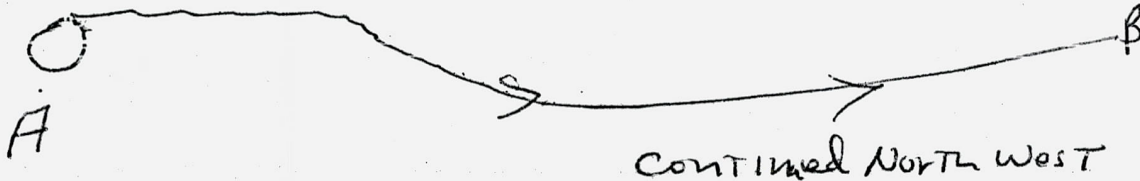
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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? Just ONE
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

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. Impossible to estimate —

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? Continued west until
no longer visible on the horizon. —

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.

It looked quite round and fairly good sized. It would be somewhat like a large balloon suspended in the air with alternating lights flashing.

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 on outside of Obs. 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?

on duty at The GOC Tower and noticed
an unusually bright object in the sky
which seemed to be flashing lights and moving slowly.

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 | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | 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 | c. East | e. South | ☒ g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | ☒ g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | 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).

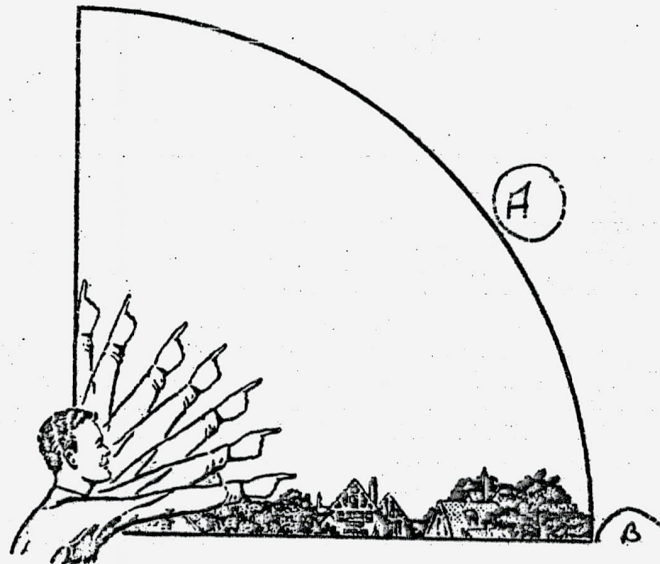
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 80 degrees.
- b. From horizon 45 degrees.

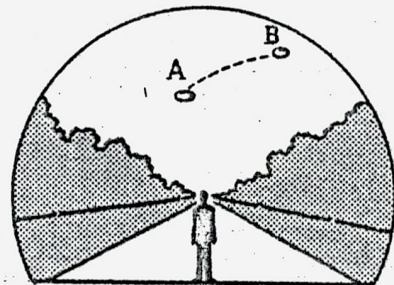
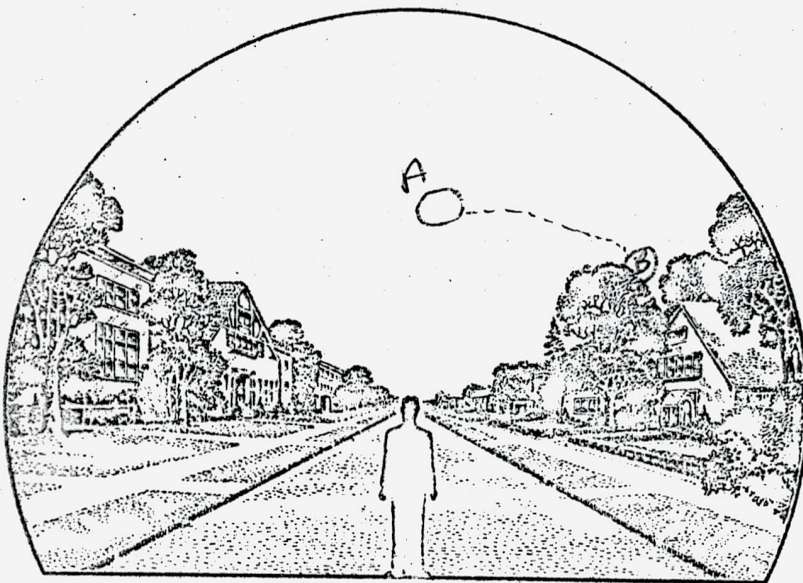
31.2 When it disappeared:

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

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.



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?

THURS. Sept. 6 1956
Day Month Year

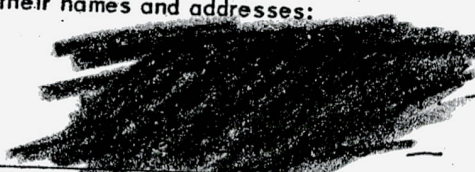
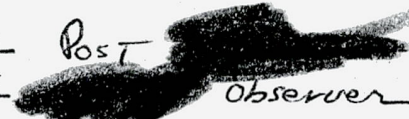
36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(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:

 — Post  Observer
— NITE WATCHMAN

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?

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

Having never seen anything like it, I couldn't say what it was — The brightness of it was the most baffling part of it.

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? 1000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

Odebolt
City

Zone

IOWA
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

DEPARTMENT STORE MANAGER

Age

30

Sex

MALE

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) _____

f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Oct. 14/18
Day

October 18
Month

1956
Year

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(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

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Oct. 18, 1956

at sometime between 10:30 and 10:45 on the evening of Sept. 6, 1956, [REDACTED] the local G.O.C. [REDACTED] and myself were standing our usual 2 hour watch when we spotted an unidentified object in the west. When I first saw it, it looked like some bright object hanging suspended above the trees in the west. Upon watching it more closely it appeared to be moving north-west and seemed to be flashing red and green lights.

We called it in to the Omaha Filter Center and remained in contact with them until it was no longer visible on the horizon. [REDACTED] the Chief observer, and [REDACTED] the local site watchman observed it also and we drove a couple of miles west to see if we could determine any more about it. It seemed at that time to be moving quite rapidly west and somewhat to the north and soon disappeared completely. The brightness of the lights and the colors made it appear very vivid in the sky when we first spotted it until it was out of sight. —

UFO OBSERVERS INSTRUCTION SHEET (Sky Diagram)

1. GENERAL:

a. The diagram represents all of the sky normally visible to the observer, who is pictured standing under the center of the "dome" of the sky. It is designed to show a three-dimensional view of the area centered around the observer at the time of the UFO sighting.

b. The position of any object in the sky can be described by giving its elevation, or angle upward from the horizon, and its bearing or angle along the horizon, eastward from north.

(1) Illustrations:

(a) Elevation is 0 degrees for an object on the horizon, and 90 degrees for the point directly over the observer (zenith). Thus, an object half-way up from the horizon to the zenith has an elevation of 45 degrees.

(b) Bearing (or "azimuth") is the angle along the horizon, starting from north and moving clockwise eastward. Thus, an object directly toward the east, no matter what its elevation is above the horizon, has a bearing of 90 degrees, an object in the south has a bearing of 180 degrees; toward the west, 270 degrees and so on. North is, of course, zero.

EXAMPLE: An object is seen in the northeast and one-third way up from horizon to overhead. Thus, the object has a bearing of 45 degrees, and elevation of 30 degrees. Similarly, an object having a bearing of 180 degrees and an elevation of 60 degrees would be seen directly south and two-thirds of the way up from the horizon.

2. PLOTTING THE COURSE OF AN OBJECT ON THE SKY DIAGRAM:

a. The path of an object across the sky can be shown completely on this diagram simply by connecting with a curved or straight line the various positions the object successively occupies (see example sheet). To aid visualization, the path on the western side of the sky is represented by broken lines; the eastern side in solid lines. Direction of the object is indicated by arrows. The duration of the sighting can be shown by indicating the time at the position, where the object was first and last observed. Where possible, the time at various intermediate positions occupied by the object should also be shown.

b. The diagram can be made a more effective investigative and analytical tool by making the lines (showing the path of the object) thicker or thinner to indicate any varying brightness of the object observed. This is especially valuable when the object appeared only as a moving light at night. Thus, if a light becomes brighter and then gradually fades, it can be represented by a line becoming increasingly thicker and then gradually thinning out to nothing.

c. Use of colored pencils is especially recommended if the object changes color or hue during the sighting.

3. EXAMPLE OF DIAGRAM USE:

a. Verbal Description of Example Sighting: Object was first sighted in the southeast, about half-way up from the horizon to overhead, at 10:45 PM local time. Its shape or outline was hazy, but appeared round and about the size of a pea (at arm's length) from where observed. It was dim at first but brightened considerably as it got higher in the sky. Its color at this point was bluish white. After about two minutes it crossed to the western part of the sky a little to the north of overhead (zenith) and continued its flight toward the west. At this point its color appeared yellowish white. The light went dim when it got two-thirds of the way to the horizon. It then stopped and hovered for about one minute and then climbed rapidly, going toward the southwest and getting brighter. In less than thirty seconds, it had climbed to an elevation of approximately 60 degrees, and then the light went out abruptly.

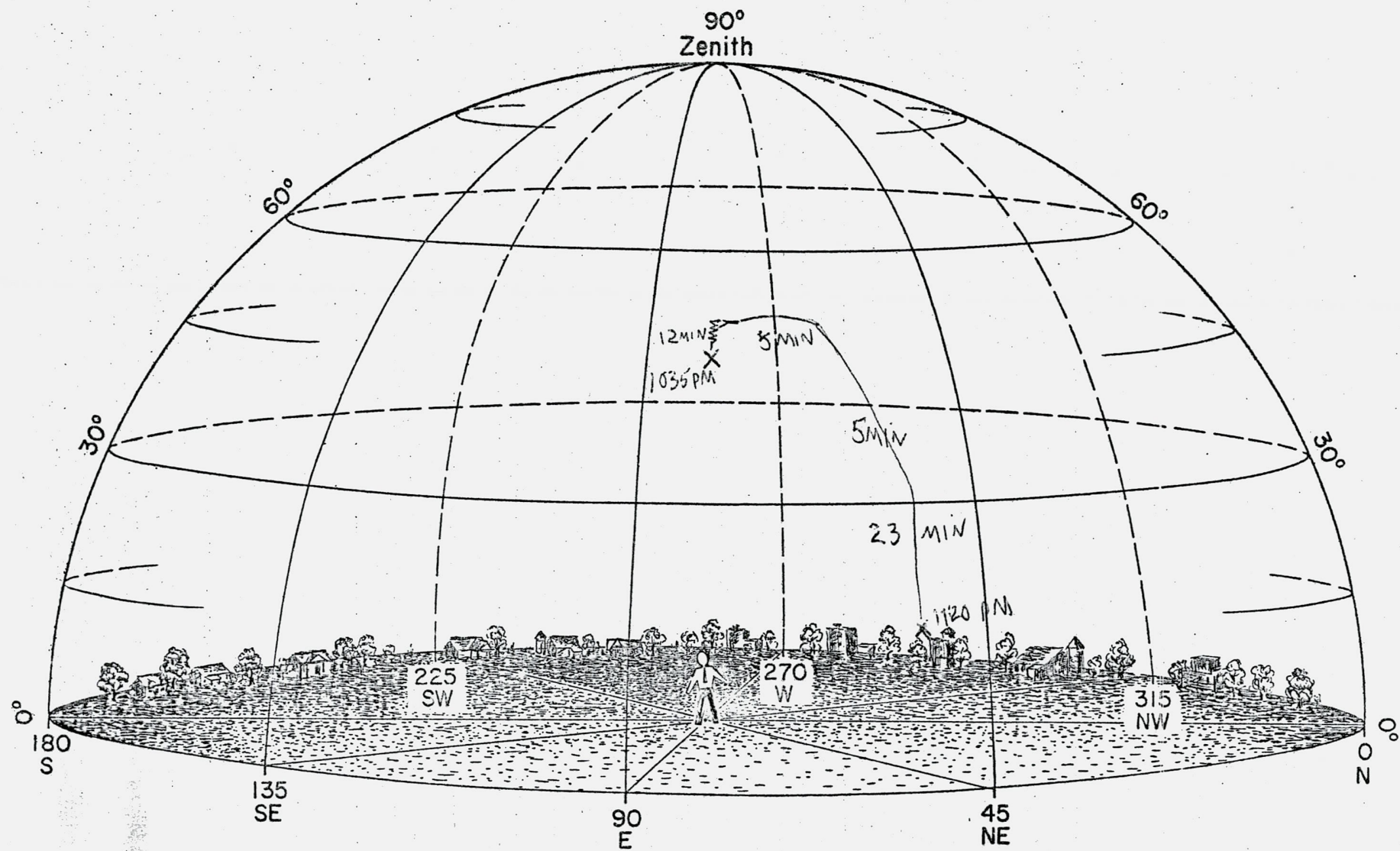
b. Pictorial Description of the Sighting: By referring to the example sheet, notice how simply the above sighting can be portrayed and described, without words, on the example diagram attached here. Note the starting point at bearing 135 degrees (southeast) and elevation 45 degrees (half-way up from the horizon) at 10:45 PM (military time, 2245), and the arrow marking direction of flight. Note also the varying thickness of the line to denote changes in brightness, and the use of the dotted line to indicate its path in the western part of the sky. The "time indications" along the path - 2 minutes to get to the meridian (the north-south overhead line), the hovering for 1 minute, and the ascent in 30 seconds to its complete disappearance, are all shown with a few lines. Thus, the entire sighting can be represented easily on one diagram.

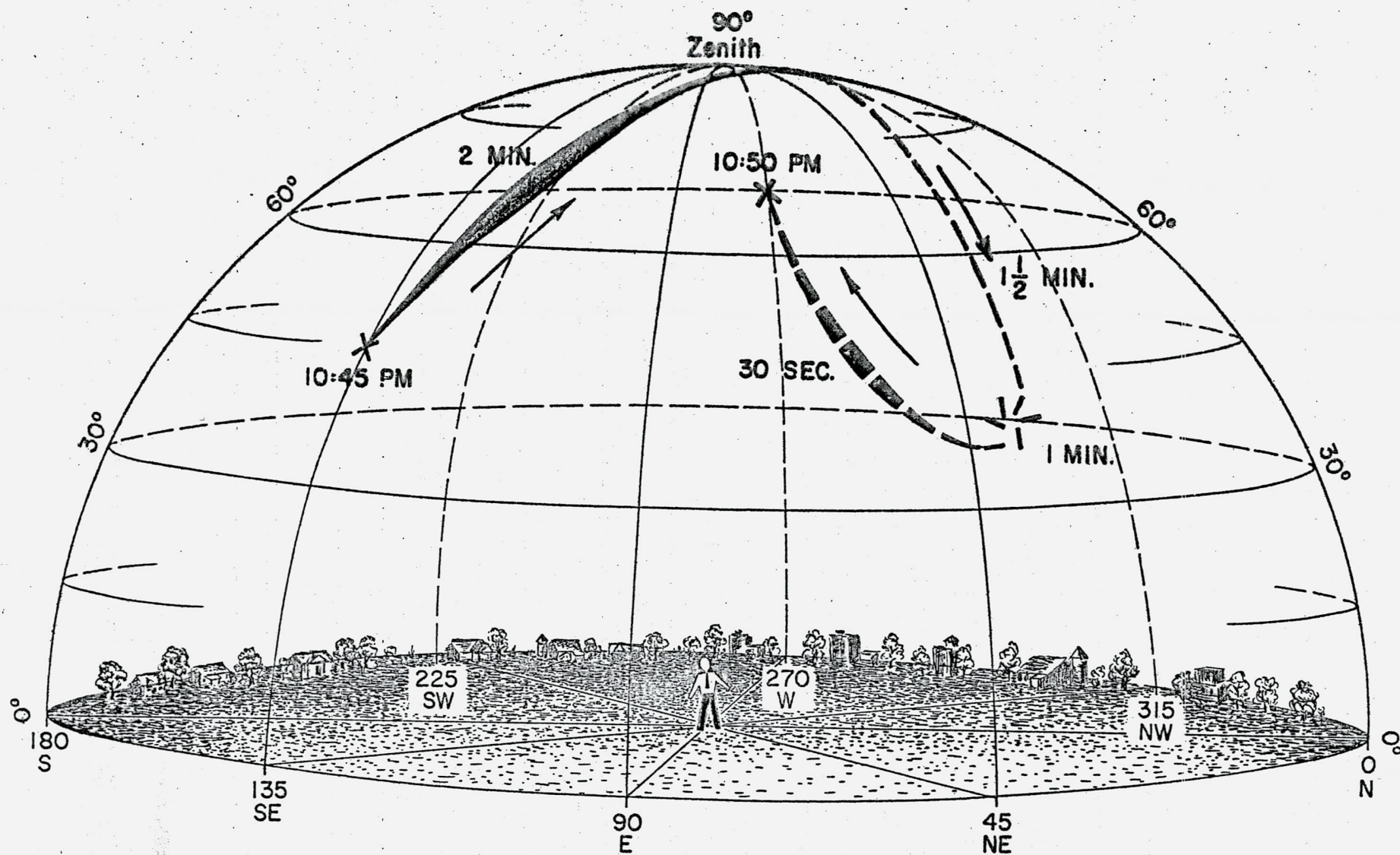
4. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

a. Relatively complex trajectories can easily be shown on a diagram of this type. A number of objects sighted can also be indicated, as can any changing formation. The apparent size and shape of the object should be drawn in, preferably by the observer. In the case of an object changing shape or color, this likewise can be drawn in. As previously pointed out, the use of colored pencils to indicate change of color is very desirable.

b. The landscaping in the sky diagram is placed there to help visualization. If any prominent landmarks such as known mountains, buildings, water towers, or specific installations, trees, etc., are part of the sighting area, they should be incorporated into the drawing. These landmarks may later prove to be invaluable as location, plotting or reference points.

c. If you are familiar with the constellations or other heavenly bodies, indicate if possible, the relationship (and movements) of the object with respect to these bodies. This can be sketched on either page 6, item 33 or pages 9-10 of "Summary Data" sheet. Typical examples that can be easily illustrated: "...The object seemed to pass very slowly between the two bottom stars on the handle of the Big Dipper, which was in a vertical position, with the handle pointing down," or "...Object was about the size of a tennis ball -- and remained slightly below and about 15 degrees to the left of the moon."





(EXAMPLE SHEET)

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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?

6 SEPTEMBER 1956
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

10 30
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?

ODEBOLT

Nearest Postal Address

ODEBOLT

City or Town

IOWA

State or Country

Additional remarks: ON WATCH IN G.O.C. OBSERVATION TOWER

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

30 MIN
Hours Minutes 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

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 AS BRIGHT AS MARS

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? | 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, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

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

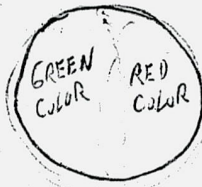
15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | |
|-----------------|---|----------------|--|
| a. Eyeglasses | ☒ Yes <u>AND</u> ☒ 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 _____ | |

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

- a. Sound NONE
- b. Color GREEN AND 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.



THE TWO HALVES LIT OR GLOWED ALTERNATLY
VERY RAPIDLY. — THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE
IN APPEARANCE OF ANY ONE SIDE

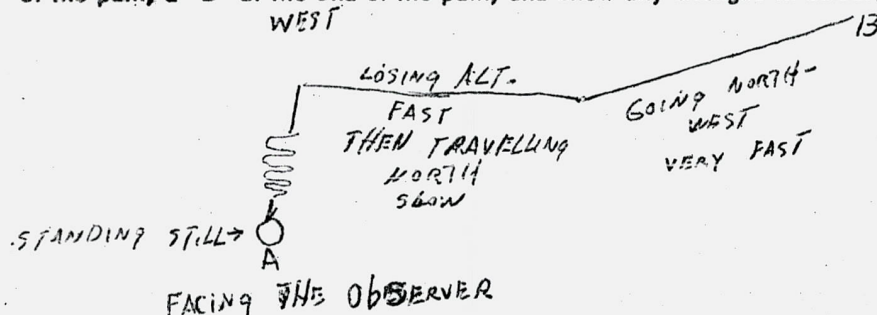
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☐ b. Like a bright star
☐ c. Sharply outlined
☐ d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

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 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

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.
30 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? OVER THE HORIZON

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.

IT WOULD BE SPHERE SHAPED WITH A 30' DIAMETER OTHER THAN THAT I CANNOT SAY

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 CAT WALK OF GOC POST
30' ABOVE GROUND

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?

STANDING WATCH AT GOC TOWER JUST LOOKED
UP AND SAW IT.

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).

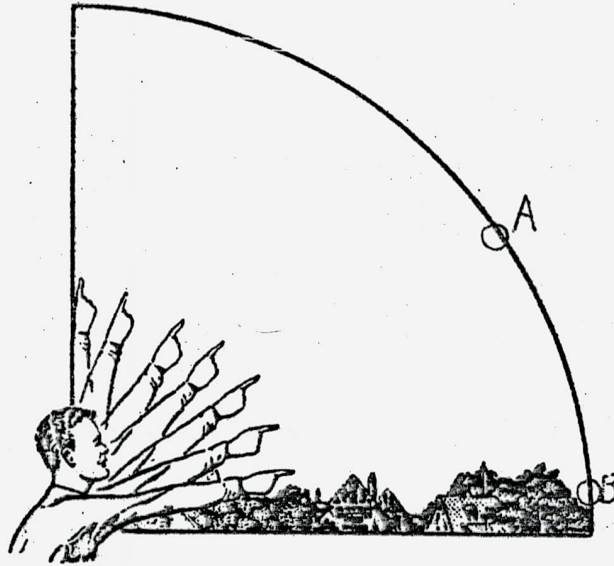
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 70° degrees. 270°
- b. From horizon 30° degrees.

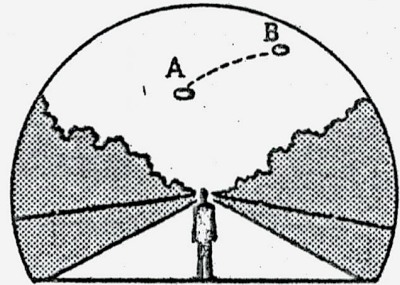
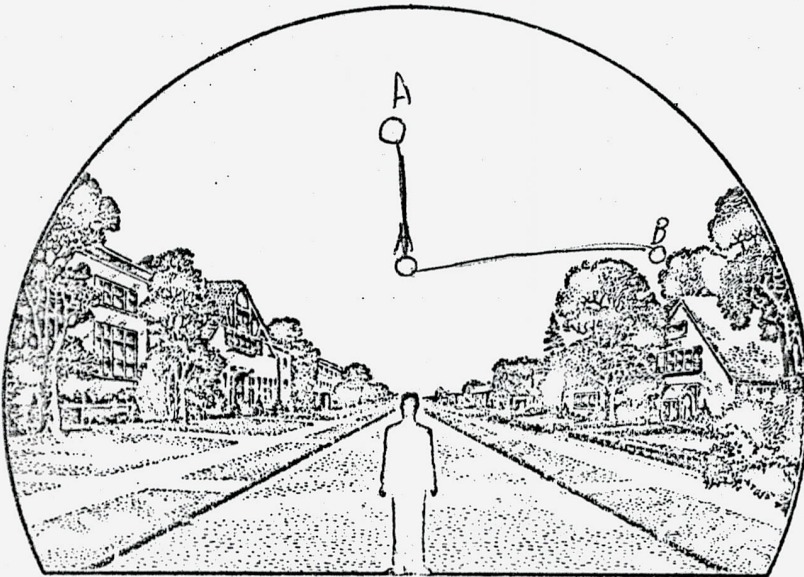
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 70° degrees. 290°
- b. From horizon 0° degrees.

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.



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?

6 SEPTEMBER 1956
Day Month 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:

	ODEBOLT IOWA	GROUND OBSERVER
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	ODEBOLT IOWA	NIGHT MARSHAL

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?

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

I DON'T KNOW

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? 15,000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

NONE
Street

ODEBOLT
City

Zone

IOWA
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job? ELECTRICIAN

Age 32 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school ✓

b. High school ✓

c. College 1 YR

d. Post graduate _____

e. e. Technical school ✓

(Type) NAVY ELECTRICAL

f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

4
Day

OCTOBER
Month

1956
Year

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

(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)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE OCT. 4, 1956

THE OBJECT FIRST APPEARED DUE WEST OF THE TOWER AT AN ANGLE OF 30° FROM THE HORIZON. IT APPEARED TO BE MOTIONLESS WITH A RED WINKING LIGHT ON THE PORT SIDE AND A GREEN WINKING LIGHT ON THE STARBOARD SIDE. WE THOUGHT IT TO BE AN AIRCRAFT COMING HEADON TO US. WE COULD NOT HEAR ANY ENGINE NOISE AFTER BEING UNDER OBSERVATION FOR 3 OR 4 MIN. IT SEEMED TO SWING FROM SIDE TO SIDE AT THIS TIME [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ARRIVED WITH A TELESCOPE AND WE OBSERVED THE OBJECT THROUGH IT. IT THEN STARTED TO MOVE AWAY FROM US TO THE WEST AND LOST ALTITUDE FAST, LEVELING OFF AT 15° FROM HORIZON AND HEADED NORTH VERY FAST FOR AT LEAST 15° OR 20° FROM FIRST SIGHTING. LOST TO VIEW FROM THE TOWER THE FOUR OF US THERE TOOK TURNS DRIVING 2 MILES WEST OF TOWN TO OBSERVE IT. AFTER GOING NORTH FOR THE DISTANCE STATED ABOVE IT TURNED AND WENT WEST AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT OVER THE HORIZON. THIS COMPLETE OPERATION LASTED 30 TO 35 MIN DURING WHICH TIME THE OMAHA FILTER CENTER WAS INFORMED OF ALL CHANGES IN POSITION AS THEY OCCURED.

UFO OBSERVERS INSTRUCTION SHEET (Sky Diagram)

1. GENERAL:

a. The diagram represents all of the sky normally visible to the observer, who is pictured standing under the center of the "dome" of the sky. It is designed to show a three-dimensional view of the area centered around the observer at the time of the UFO sighting.

b. The position of any object in the sky can be described by giving its elevation, or angle upward from the horizon, and its bearing or angle along the horizon, eastward from north.

(1) Illustrations:

(a) Elevation is 0 degrees for an object on the horizon, and 90 degrees for the point directly over the observer (zenith). Thus, an object half-way up from the horizon to the zenith has an elevation of 45 degrees.

(b) Bearing (or "azimuth") is the angle along the horizon, starting from north and moving clockwise eastward. Thus, an object directly toward the east, no matter what its elevation is above the horizon, has a bearing of 90 degrees, an object in the south has a bearing of 180 degrees; toward the west, 270 degrees and so on. North is, of course, zero.

EXAMPLE: An object is seen in the northeast and one-third way up from horizon to overhead. Thus, the object has a bearing of 45 degrees, and elevation of 30 degrees. Similarly, an object having a bearing of 180 degrees and an elevation of 60 degrees would be seen directly south and two-thirds of the way up from the horizon.

2. PLOTTING THE COURSE OF AN OBJECT ON THE SKY DIAGRAM:

a. The path of an object across the sky can be shown completely on this diagram simply by connecting with a curved or straight line the various positions the object successively occupies (see example sheet). To aid visualization, the path on the western side of the sky is represented by broken lines; the eastern side in solid lines. Direction of the object is indicated by arrows. The duration of the sighting can be shown by indicating the time at the position, where the object was first and last observed. Where possible, the time at various intermediate positions occupied by the object should also be shown.

b. The diagram can be made a more effective investigative and analytical tool by making the lines (showing the path of the object) thicker or thinner to indicate any varying brightness of the object observed. This is especially valuable when the object appeared only as a moving light at night. Thus, if a light becomes brighter and then gradually fades, it can be represented by a line becoming increasingly thicker and then gradually thinning out to nothing.

c. Use of colored pencils is especially recommended if the object changes color or hue during the sighting.

3. EXAMPLE OF DIAGRAM USE:

a. Verbal Description of Example Sighting: Object was first sighted in the southeast, about half-way up from the horizon to overhead, at 10:45 PM local time. Its shape or outline was hazy, but appeared round and about the size of a pea (at arm's length) from where observed. It was dim at first but brightened considerably as it got higher in the sky. Its color at this point was bluish white. After about two minutes it crossed to the western part of the sky a little to the north of overhead (zenith) and continued its flight toward the west. At this point its color appeared yellowish white. The light went dim when it got two-thirds of the way to the horizon. It then stopped and hovered for about one minute and then climbed rapidly, going toward the southwest and getting brighter. In less than thirty seconds, it had climbed to an elevation of approximately 60 degrees, and then the light went out abruptly.

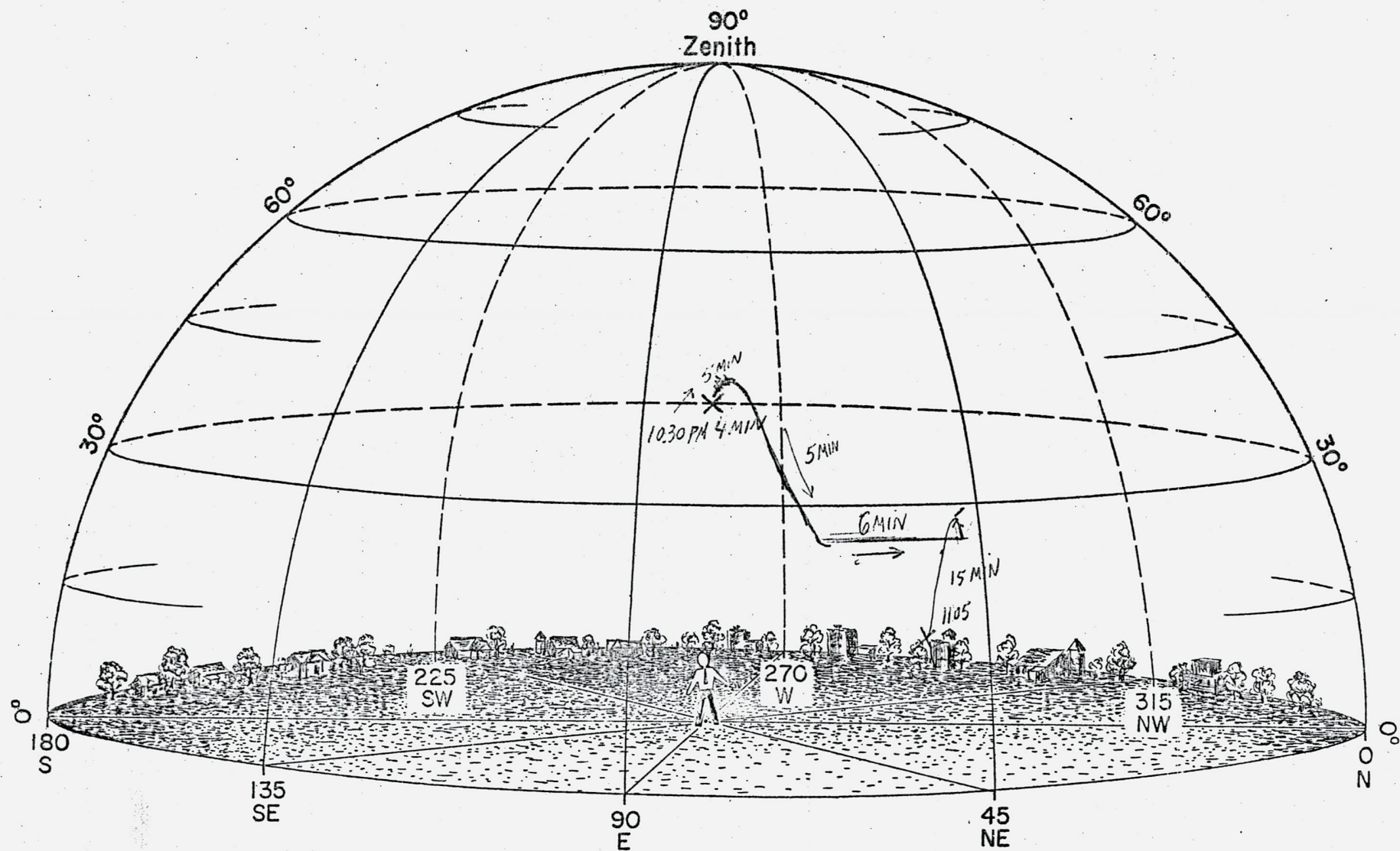
b. Pictorial Description of the Sighting: By referring to the example sheet, notice how simply the above sighting can be portrayed and described, without words, on the example diagram attached here. Note the starting point at bearing 135 degrees (southeast) and elevation 45 degrees (half-way up from the horizon) at 10:45 PM (military time, 2245), and the arrow marking direction of flight. Note also the varying thickness of the line to denote changes in brightness, and the use of the dotted line to indicate its path in the western part of the sky. The "time indications" along the path - 2 minutes to get to the meridian (the north-south overhead line), the hovering for 1 minute, and the ascent in 30 seconds to its complete disappearance, are all shown with a few lines. Thus, the entire sighting can be represented easily on one diagram.

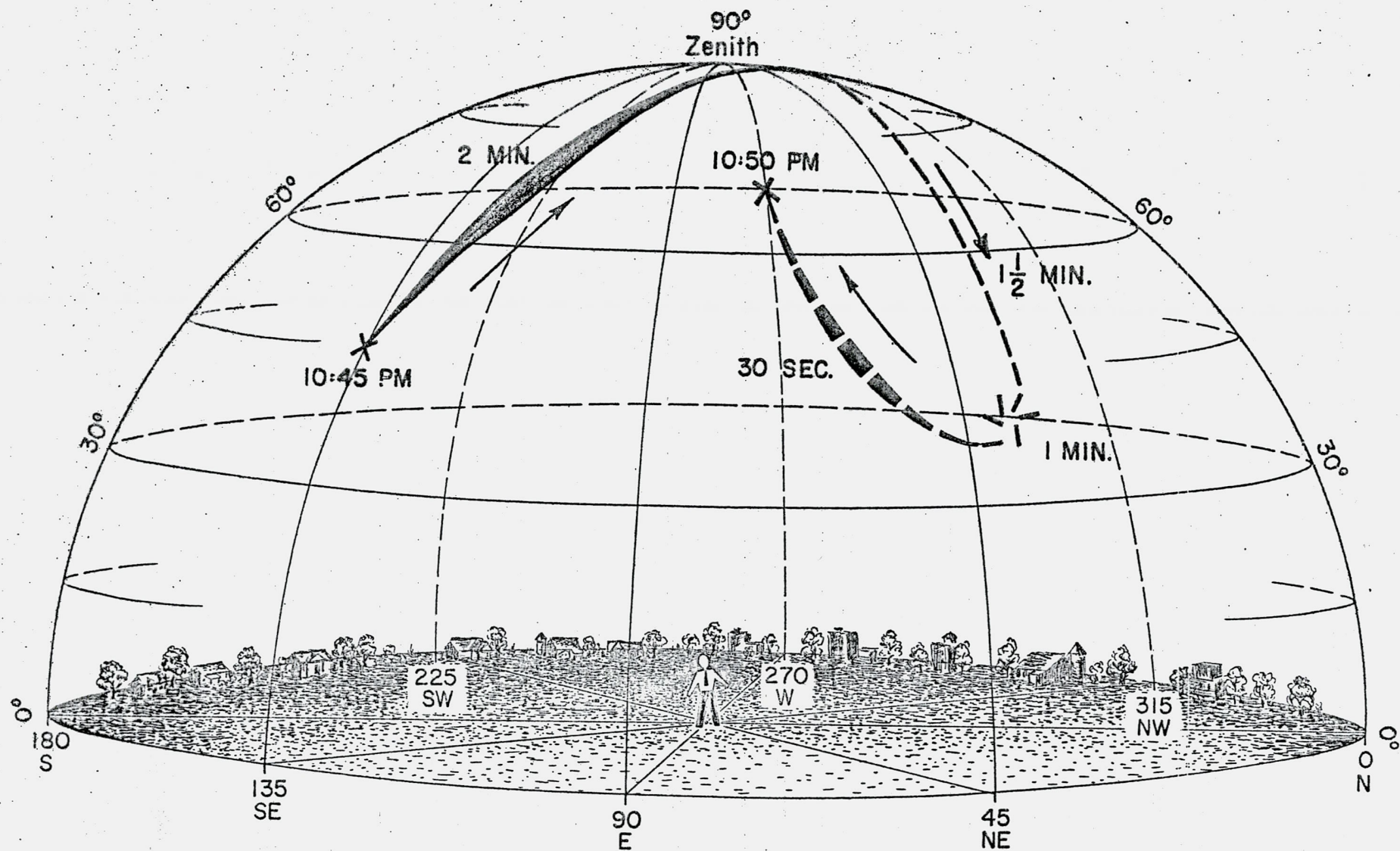
4. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

a. Relatively complex trajectories can easily be shown on a diagram of this type. A number of objects sighted can also be indicated, as can any changing formation. The apparent size and shape of the object should be drawn in, preferably by the observer. In the case of an object changing shape or color, this likewise can be drawn in. As previously pointed out, the use of colored pencils to indicate change of color is very desirable.

b. The landscaping in the sky diagram is placed there to help visualization. If any prominent landmarks such as known mountains, buildings, water towers, or specific installations, trees, etc., are part of the sighting area, they should be incorporated into the drawing. These landmarks may later prove to be invaluable as location, plotting or reference points.

c. If you are familiar with the constellations or other heavenly bodies, indicate if possible, the relationship (and movements) of the object with respect to these bodies. This can be sketched on either page 6, item 33 or pages 9-10 of "Summary Data" sheet. Typical examples that can be easily illustrated: "...The object seemed to pass very slowly between the two bottom stars on the handle of the Big Dipper, which was in a vertical position, with the handle pointing down," or "...Object was about the size of a tennis ball -- and remained slightly below and about 15 degrees to the left of the moon."





(EXAMPLE SHEET)

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AISOC ~~***~~ PD REFERENCE YOUR TT MSG OPNS 474 DATED 07 SEP 56 PD
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2 REQUEST YOU PROVIDE COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS
 OF WITNESS OF UFOB PD THIS ORGANIZATION UNABLE TO INITIATE PRELIMINARY
 INVESTIGATION ON BASIS OF NAME AND ADDRESS GIVEN IN ORIGINAL REPORT PD

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Adjutant

24 October 1956

Mr. [REDACTED]
Odebolt,
Iowa

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of October 12, 1956. It has been of great assistance to us in determining a preliminary evaluation for the Odebolt UFOB sighting.

If it would still be convenient to you, we would greatly appreciate your completing the AFIC Form 164 and forwarding it to us. Completion of the form will allow us to officially substantiate your conclusion.

Again, our thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

CHARLES W. GODSEY
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

October 21, 1956
Odebolt, Iowa.

Commander Sir:

I received your envelope the other day, which contained the forms for me to fill out and send to you asking about the Object that was reported as being in the sky by our GOC Members here in Odebolt, a few weeks back. To the Members this Object seemed to be flickering a seemingly Red, and Green light, but was making no sound of any kind. I have looked over the Forms that you sent to me, and it seems that your Department is very concerned about a honest answer from me, so I will ~~at~~ tell you how it was that I was brought in the discussion, then you can decide if you still want me to fill out the report or not, and if you still want my report please let me know, and I will fill out the Forms, and send them to you.

It was about 11:15 on a Thursday night, last September (the Date I can not recall right at the time) when my telephone rang, and when I answered it, it was Mr. calling from the GOC Tower, which is down the Street from my home. Mr. asked me to come over to the tower and bring my field-glasses along because they were watching a object in the sky. I went right over, and they pointed out the Object to me, and I observed it with my glasses, and to me it appeared to be just a star. ~~im~~ Now this is why I believed it to be a star: Many nights I have scanned the sky with my glasses, and there are ~~xxx~~ two stars in the sky every night that seem to ~~keep changing~~

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keep changeing colors from red, to green in a flickering fashion, anyway that is the way they apear to me. One of the stars is to the west of the tower, and the other is to the northeast of the tower, and they both move to the west with the rest of the saars as it gets later in the evening, until the west star goes out of sight, but both stars to me do have a red, and green flickering effect as you look at them. I believe that it was this west star that the GOC members were watching, thinking that it was some Object in the sky, but I think it is a star.

This is my viewpoint on the Object that was reported by the other members. I would like to hear from you as soon as possible about this matter, and if you still want me to fill out the Report that your Office sent me, I shall sent it right to you.

Thank You

Mr. [REDACTED]
Odebolt, Iowa.

PS: I am a [REDACTED] and my age is 33 yrs.