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UNCLAS FROM O 240/56. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2 PAR 7d, THE FOLLOWING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT IS SUBMITTED.																							
1 a. CIGAR-SHAPED b. PEA c. VARYING RED, BLUISH, GREEN, GOLDEN COLORS d. ONE e. N/A f. NEGATIVE g. DISTINCT EXHAUST OBSERVED FROM APPROXIMATELY 3,000 YARDS. EXHAUST APPEARED APPROXIMATELY HALF THE LENGTH OF THE OBJECT. h. NEGATIVE i. NEGATIVE 2 a. OBJECT ORIGINALLY OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES NORTHEAST OF																							
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FERNLEY, NEVADA, AS A BRIGHT OBJECT IN THE SKY. OBSERVERS FIRST THOUGHT THIS OBJECT TO BE A RADIO TOWER AND THEN PERHAPS A PLANE DUE ITS POSITION AND CHANGING LIGHTS.

2 b. 25 DEGREES TO 30 DEGREES ELEVATION AND ~~20~~ 225 DEGREES AZIMUTH 225

c. 25 DEGREES TO 30 DEGREES ELEVATION - 320 DEGREES AZIMUTH 320

d. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE HOVERING ~~DURING~~ THE MAJORITY OF THE TIME IT WAS UNDER OBSERVATION. UPON DISAPPEARANCE IT TRAVELLED IN LEVEL FLIGHT AT APPROXIMATELY 5,000 TO 7,000 FEET. NO UNUSUAL MANEUVERS NOTED.

e. OBJECT DISAPPEARED AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED IN APPROXIMATELY 7 TO 10 SECONDS.

f. 40 TO 45 MINUTES

3 a. GROUND-VISUAL

b. BINOCULARS - 7 X 50 POWER

c. N/A

4 a. 160250Z OCT 56 15/1850 PST NIGHT 119 20W
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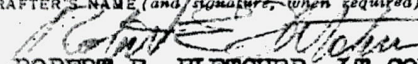
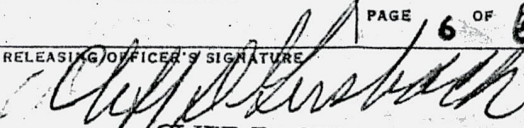
APPROXIMATELY 3,000 YARDS DIRECTLY OFF THE HIGHWAY AND APPEARED TO BE HOVERING OVER A SMALL HILL. BY ESTIMATING THE HEIGHT OF THE HILL, LT [REDACTED] DETERMINED THE ALTITUDE OF THE OBJECT TO BE 5,000 TO 7,000 FEET, HOWEVER, HE READILY ADMITTED HIS ESTIMATE WAS ONLY A GOOD GUESS. SHORTLY AFTER GETTING OUT OF HIS CAR TO BETTER OBSERVE THE OBJECT, IT COMMENCED TRAVELING IN A NORTHEAST DIRECTION AWAY FROM LT AND MRS. [REDACTED] JUST AFTER IT STARTED TO MOVE LT [REDACTED] WAS ABLE TO FOCUS HIS BINOCULARS ON THE OBJECT AND GET A MUCH CLEARER SIGHTING. IT WAS THROUGH THIS STUDY THAT HE DETERMINED THE OBJECT TO BE CIGAR-SHAPED AND SAID HE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE OPENINGS OR APERTURES ON THE FUSELAGE BUT DUE TO THE RAPID SPEED OF MOVEMENT, HE COULD NOT GET AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF SUCH OPENINGS. ACCORDING TO LT [REDACTED], THE OBJECT BEGAN ITS FLIGHT FROM A HOVERING POSITION, AT 250 TO 300 MILES PER HOUR AND ACCELERATED RAPIDLY TO A TREMENDOUS SPEED WHICH HE COULD NOT ESTIMATE. FROM THE START OF MOVEMENT UNTIL THE OBJECT WAS OUT OF SIGHT APPROXIMATELY 7 TO 10 SECONDS ELAPSED. OBJECT TRAVELED ON A LEVEL COURSE ON A CONSTANT HEADING UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT. LT SMITH

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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?

15 OCTOBER 1956
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

1930
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 ?

UNCERTAIN AS TO LOCATION OF THIS AREA IN RELATION TO TIME ZONE

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country
Additional remarks: APPROX. 30 MILES N.E. OF FERNLEY, NEVADA

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

0 30
Hours Minutes Seconds

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

a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain 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? N/A

(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 LESS THAN A MILE

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?

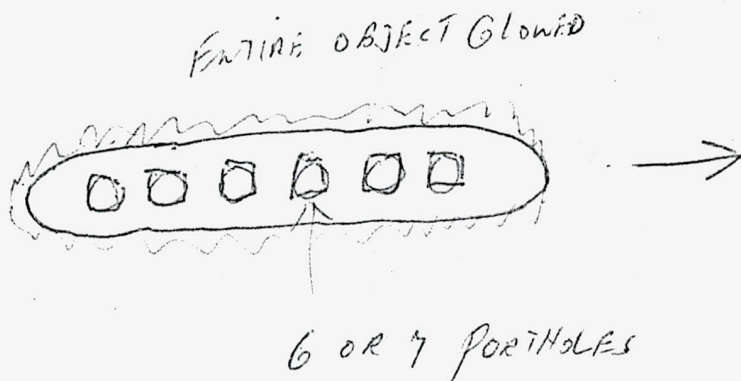
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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | ☒ No | e. Binoculars | ☒ Yes | No |
| 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 NONE

b. Color CHANGED COLORS (RED, GREEN, BLUISH, ORANGE, 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.



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? ONLY 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.

SEE PARA. ON SUMMARY DATA

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
50-60 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. Peg
 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? MOVED VERY FAST UNTIL
OUT OF SIGHT

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.

THE OBJECT LOOKED SIMILAR TO AN AIRPLANE FUSELAGE
 AS VIEWED FROM THE SIDE. I WOULD PROBABLY CONSTRUCT
 IT ^{OF} ~~WITH~~ LIKE MATERIAL, IT WOULD BE 50 OR 60 FT IN
 LENGTH.

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?

SEE WORD PICTURE IN SUMMARY DATA PORTION
OF REPORT

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? 60 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 *Almost North*
- 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).

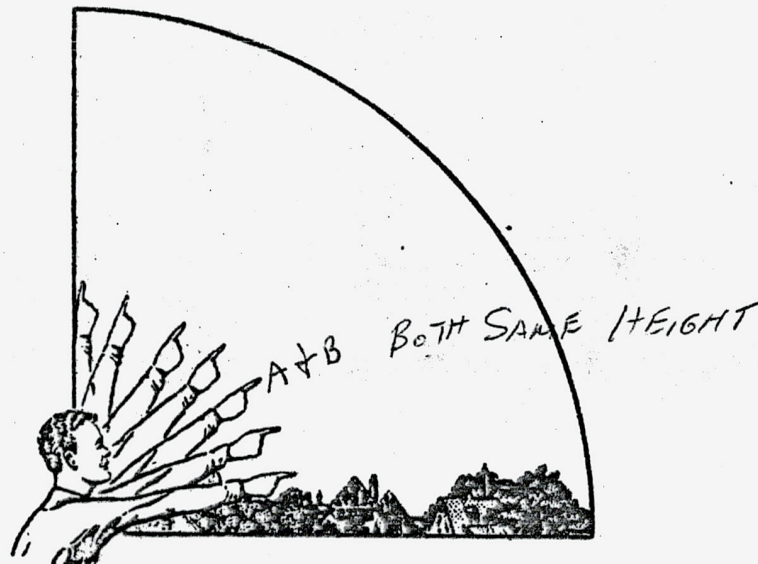
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 225 degrees.
- b. From horizon 35 degrees. *Approx*

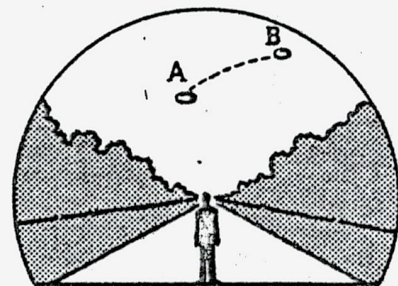
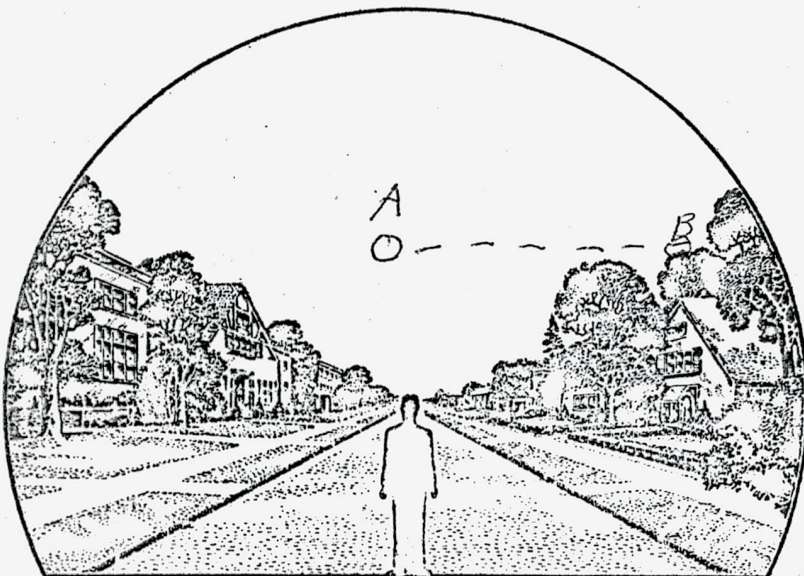
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 0 degrees.
- b. From horizon 35 degrees. *Approx*

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?

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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:

My wife: MRS [REDACTED]
WAHIAWA, OAHU, T.H.

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 HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THIS COULD BE BUT I
DO KNOW IT WAS UNLIKE ANYTHING I HAVE EVER
OBSERVED BEFORE.

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? APPROX. 5000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street City Zone State

MIL. ADDRESS LT. COL. D. 14TH INF. APO 25 C/D P.M. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? 81 M.M. MORTAR PLAT. LDR., U.S. ARMY

Age 29 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. Grade school <u>8 YRS.</u> | e. e. Technical school _____ |
| b. High school <u>4 YRS.</u> | (Type) _____ |
| c. College <u>1 3/4 YRS.</u> | f. Other special training _____ |
| d. Post graduate _____ | _____ |

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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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.

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(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

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ON 15 OCTOBER 1956 MY WIFE AND I WITH OUR 3 CHILDREN WERE ENROUTE TO THE WEST COAST FROM IOWA FOR DEPARTURE TO HAWAII.

WE HAD TENTATIVELY PLANNED TO STOP IN FERNLEY, NEVADA FOR THE NIGHT AND CONTINUING OUR TRIP IN THE MORNING. AT 1930 HOURS ON THE NIGHT OF THE 15TH MY WIFE ASKED ME HOW MUCH FARTHER TO FERNLEY AND I SAID "I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS TO FAR FOR THERE WAS A RADIO STATION STRAIGHT AHEAD DOWN THE ROAD" FOR I SAW A RED LIGHT THAT LOOKED LIKE THE BEACON ON TOP A RADIO TOWER. SHE SAID IT WAS NOT A RADIO TOWER FOR THE

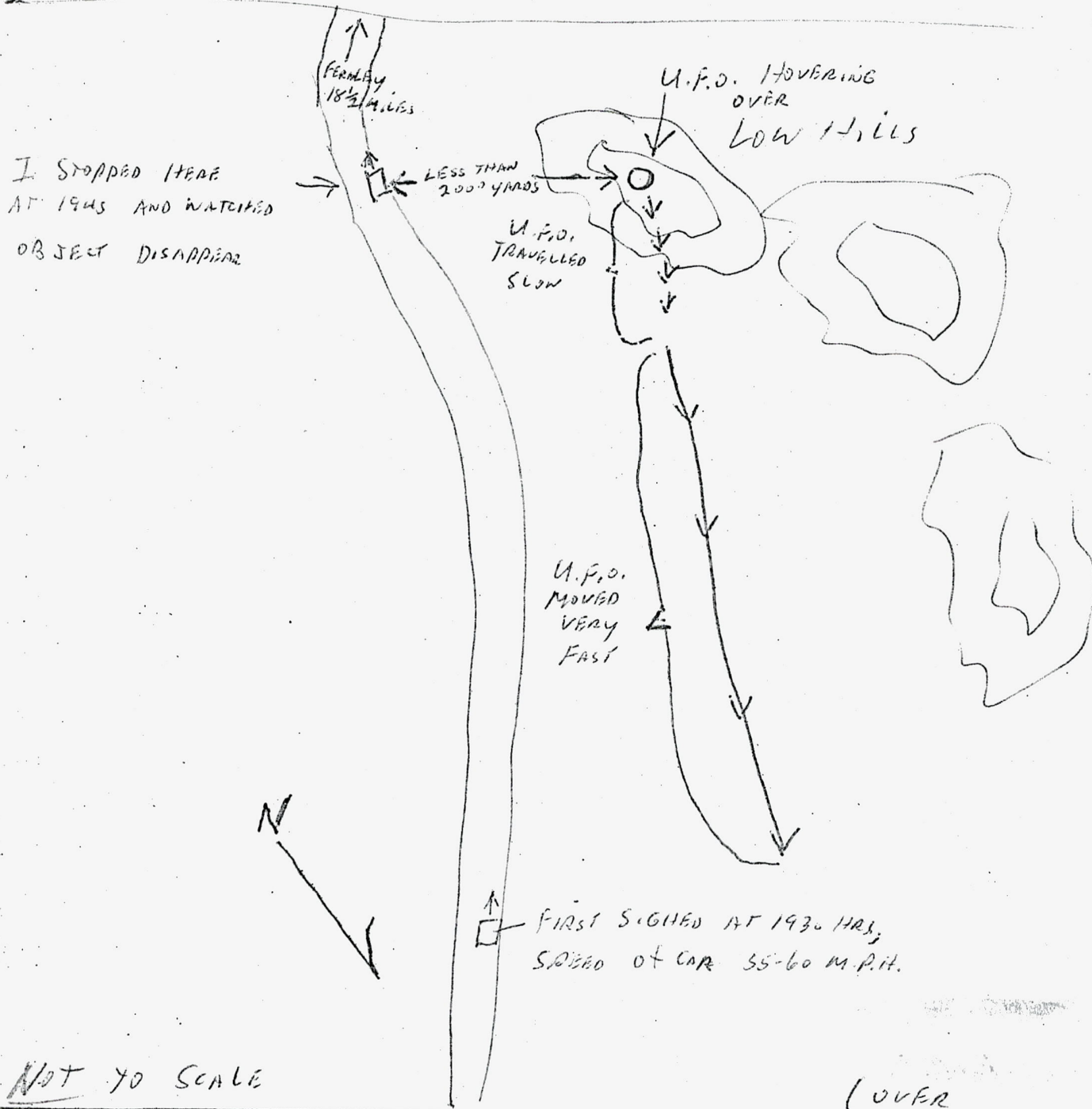
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LIGHT. THAT WAS IN THE DIRECTION I POINTED OUT WAS GREEN. I SAID "WELL, IT MUST HAVE BEEN A AIRPLANE." SHE THEN LOOKED AGAIN AND MENTIONED THAT THE LIGHT DIDN'T SEEM TO BE MOVING. I THEN CONTINUED TO WATCH THIS LIGHT UNTIL WE WERE QUITE CLOSE TO IT AND I NOTICED A ^{ROAD} SIGN THAT LISTED FERNLEY, NEVADA AS BEING 19 MILES DISTANT. THE OBJECT HAD CHANGED COLORS SEVERAL TIMES AS WE WERE DRIVING AND WAS STILL HOVERING OVER SOME LOW HILLS SO I DECIDED TO STOP AND LOOK AT IT. I PULLED MY CAR OFF THE ROAD AND TOOK APPROXIMATELY 25-30 SECONDS TO REACH IN THE BACKSEAT TO GET A PAIR OF 7X50 BINOCULARS THAT I HAD PACKED IN A SUITCASE. JUST AS I WAS GETTING OUT OF THE CAR MY WIFE SAID THE OBJECT WAS STARTING TO MOVE SO I TOOK A LOOK THROUGH THE GLASSES AND THE OBJECT WAS MOVING VERY SLOWLY AND MOVED THAT WAY FOR A SHORT DISTANCE AND THEN CHANGED FROM AN ORANGE COLOR TO A VERY BRIGHT WHITE COLOR AND MOVED FASTER THAN I HAVE EVER SEEN ANY AIRPLANE MOVE UNTIL IT WAS OUT OF SIGHT (A MATTER OF SOME 15 SECONDS). WE THEN PROCEEDED THE REMAINING 15 1/2 MILES TO FERNLEY, NEVADA. JUST PRIOR TO GETTING INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS MY WIFE LOOKED OUT THE REAR WINDOW AND SAID SHE THOUGHT "THE THING" WAS BACK IN THE SKY. I STOPPED THE CAR AND AGAIN LOOKED THROUGH MY BINOCULARS AND INDEED THE OBJECT WAS

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ONCE AGAIN IN THE SAME APPROXIMATE LOCATION
 AS WHEN I FIRST OBSERVED IT, I THEN CALLED THE
 INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AT TIERNO A.F.B.
 THIS SKETCH MAY HELP SOME IN MAKING MY
 PICTURE A LITTLE CLEARER.



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ONE THING I FAILED TO MENTION WHILE WRITING THE REPORT ON THE PREVIOUS PAGES IS THAT WHEN I FIRST STOPPED AND LOOKED AT THE U.F.O. AT 1945 HRS. WAS THAT AFTER IT DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT I WAITED FOR APPROX. 5 MINUTES TO LISTEN FOR ANY SOUND AND THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO SOUND EMITTED BY THIS OBJECT.

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.

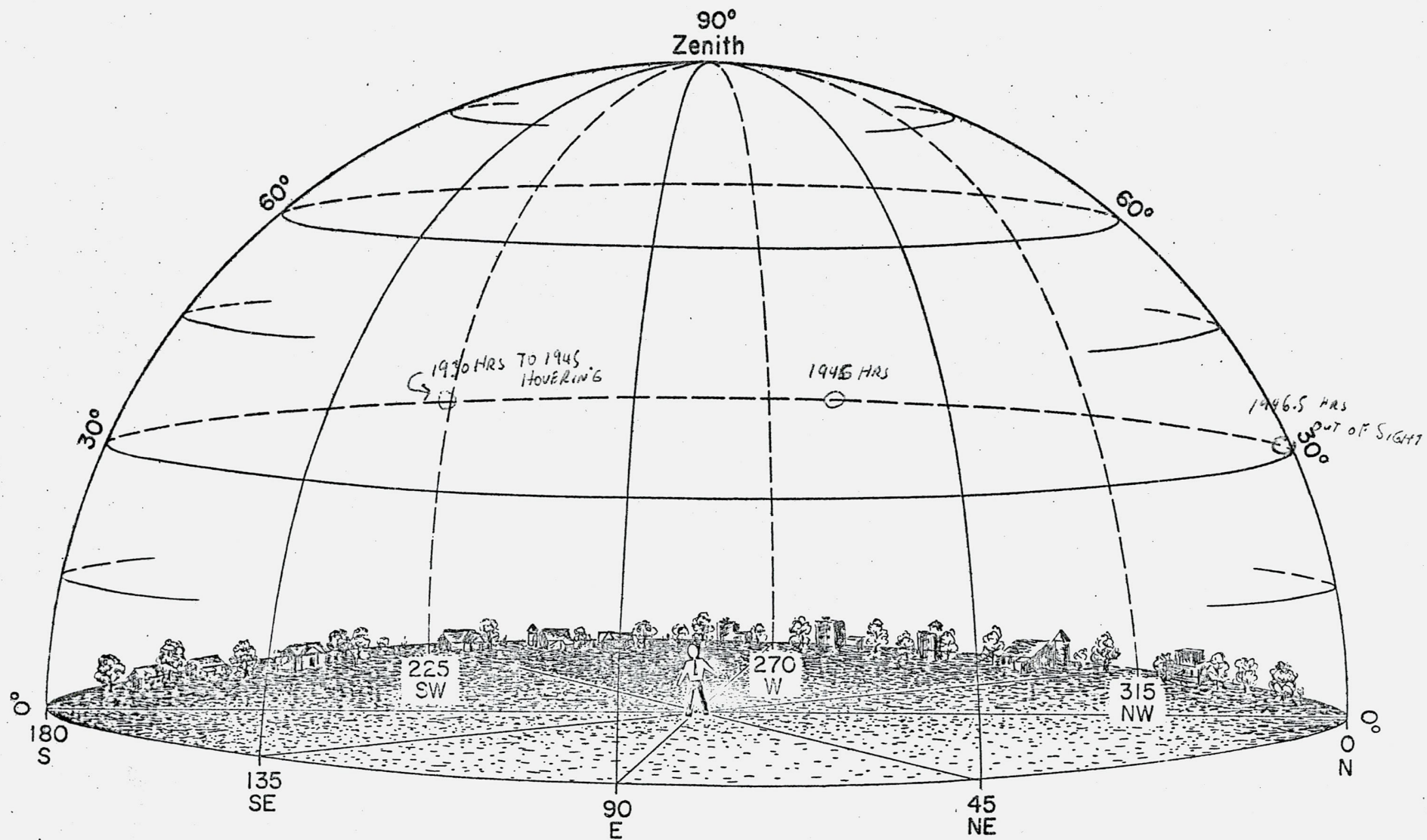
b. Pictorial Description of the Sighting: By referring to the example sheet, notice how simply the above sighting can be portrayed and described, without words, on the example diagram attached here. Note the starting point at bearing 135 degrees (southeast) and elevation 45 degrees (half-way up from 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.

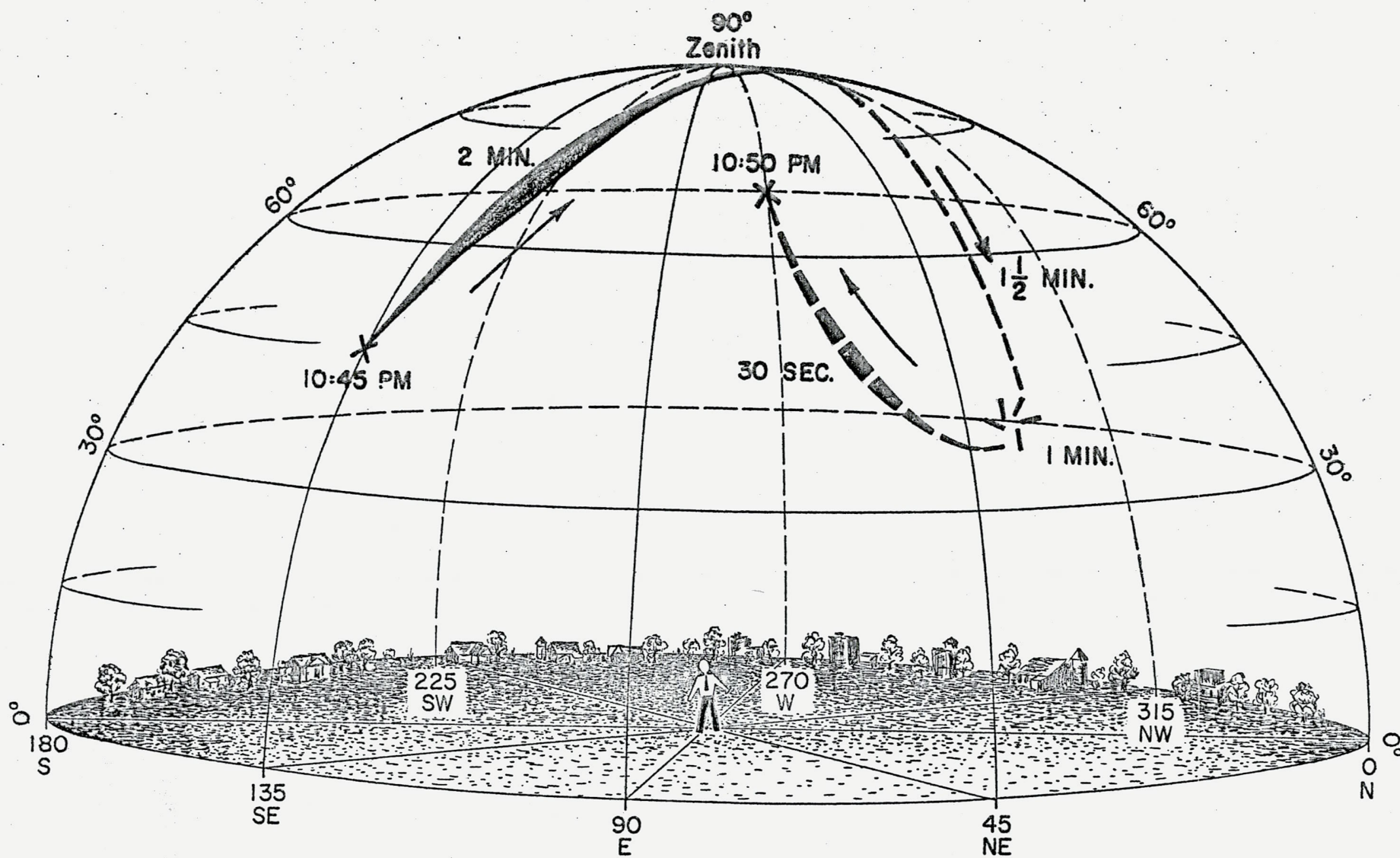
4. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

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)