

48TH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

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12 September 1956

SUBJECT: UFOB Report

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

The inclosed UFOB Report is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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FM COMDR 4602D AISS ENT AFB COLORADO

TO COMDR 48TH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQDN LANGLEY AFB VIRGINIA

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REFERENCE MY MESSAGE AISOC 0882 DATED 28/2300Z SEP 56

INFORMATION REQUESTED IN CITED MESSAGE HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT
THIS ORGANIZATION PD REQUEST NAME OF POST OFFICE THAT SERVES BIG BETHEL CMM
VIRGINIA BE FORWARDED TO THIS ORGANIZATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PD

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FM COMDR 4602B AISS ENT AFB COLO
TO 48TH FTR INCPTR SQD, LANGLEY AFB, VIRGINIA

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/UNCLAS/ AISOC 0882 PD ATTN: INTELLIGENCE PD
REFERENCE UFOB REPORT SUBMITTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION DATED
12 SEP 56 PD ALL ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT SOURCE LISTED IN FORM
112 HAVE FAILED PD REQUEST YOU SEND THIS ORGANIZATION THE
POST OFFICE WHICH SERVES BIG BETHEL CMM VIRGINIA AND THE
SOURCES MR AND MRS [REDACTED] PD END

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AF FORM 112—PART I

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UEOB		
AREA REPORTED ON Big Bethel near Langley AFB, Va.	FROM (Agency) 48TH Fighter Interceptor Squadron	
DATE OF REPORT 12 September 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 10 September 1956	EVALUATION F-4
PREPARED BY (Officer) 1st Lt., Elton V. Monismith	SOURCE Civilian Observers	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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 112—Part II.)

1. An Unidentified Flying object was sighted Sunday, 9 September 1956, between 2035 and 2055 (EST) near Big Bethel. Big Bethel is approximately three (3) miles north west of the Langley Air Force Base west-gate. Three civilians sighted the object and compared it to the moon in shape and size. According to their statement, the object's speed and flight path ruled out its possibility of being the moon. Although some clouds were in the sky, visibility was good. There was some change in color and shape and movements, but it was gradual. The opinion of all observers was that the object was occupied, but that a clear discription could not be made because the interior of the object was fuzzy.

2. Weather reports coincide with observer's description with the exception of the moon which was waning and which set twenty (20) minutes after the object was seen moving out of sight in a downward flight path. The evaluation F-4 was given because there was no way to accurately determine the reliability of the observers other than the fact that each confirms the other's statements. In addition evidence from weather reports indicates that the object was most likely the moon.

Elton V. Monismith
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1st Lt., USAF
Intelligence Officer

*Concern
Prob actual moon
& exaggerated description*

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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1. On Sunday night, 9 September 1956, at 2035 (EST) as Mr. [REDACTED] was taking his sister-in-law Mrs. [REDACTED] to her home at [REDACTED] Hampton, Va, an object appeared from a southerly direction. At first glance the object appeared to be the moon but after more careful observation its speed seemed too fast for that. The movements of the object were followed till 2055 at which time it disappeared.
2. When first seen the object was bright red or gold in color and looked somewhat like a headlight. Shortly after, the object seemed to flatten out and the righted itself again. From time to time, the object would gradually grow smaller to what seemed to be the size of a softball, or grow larger to a diameter of 14-15 inches. As it diminished, its color would darken to deep red. The nearest distance at which it was observed was two(2) miles.
3. The dominant shape was compared to the moon or crescent shaped. Its mass seemed fuzzy and the strangest impression was that the object was occupied. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that it appeared to be a bird or ducklike but that in the position of the head or cockpit there seemed to be an occupant wearing some sort of headgear. Mrs. [REDACTED], who first saw the object at 2045 (EST), thought she saw the features of a man in the object even to the point of seeing his feet.
4. The first sign of action seen by Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] was a light that shot straight up and out and disappeared. Mrs. [REDACTED] who observed the object from her home at [REDACTED], apparently saw the same thing but from the side. Her impression was that vapor shot out from one end toward the other as if to form a circle but faded out at the peak of the curve. Lights could be seen surrounding the object intermittently. They seemed to radiate out approximately one foot from the edges. The lights were of two (2) shapes: oblong and triangular; the triangular shape being the most prominent. There was no sound at anytime.
5. The path of flight was of gradual descension from the height of a few hundred feet to the treetop level of a swampy wooded area $\frac{1}{2}$ to one mile distant, at which point it disappeared headed in the general direction of Yorktown, Virginia at 2055 (EST).
6. Additional comments by the observers were that special note was taken that no other aircraft were in the vicinity during the time that the object was seen. There were a few clouds in the sky but they were not near the object and no other objects interfered with the visibility which was good even though it was dark at the time.
7. Weather reports at that time indicated scattered clouds at 3000ft, and 6000 ft, unlimited ceiling, and fifteen (15) miles visibility. No thunderstorms in the area, but there were stern north winds. The moon was waning and set at 2115 (EST)

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8. The observers were: Mr. [REDACTED], Electrician; Mrs. [REDACTED], registered nurse; Mrs. [REDACTED], housewife.

9. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that her husband was not one given to hallucinations, but must "See to believe," and he is positive that what he saw was not the moon.

10. During World War II, Mrs. [REDACTED] was in the Signal Corps at Langley AFB doing code work. She also worked with the OSI.

11. The observers made a report to Base Operations 10 September and it was recieved by the 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron late that day. The information in the initial report was scanty making it necessary to make a more detailed investigation. This accounts for the extended reporting time.

Comments of investigating Officer:

The general area in which the object was sighted would fall within R-29 on the WAC charts of this area. The observers felt very sure that what saw was not the moon. Their impressions were given as specifically as possible but nevertheless only by approximation. The size of the object very easily could have been much larger than 14 or 15 inches in diameter. Weather reports that the moon was in the same general area and that it set at 2115 (EST) could well account for the descending motion and also the color and increasing size since the moon does seem to increase in size and change in color as it nears the horizon.

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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?

9 9 56
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 8 35
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

City or Town

State or Country

Additional remarks:

Hampton Va
Driving west 2 blocks from
above address

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

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 *cloudy*
- 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?: *yes*

(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? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | <u>No</u> | 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?

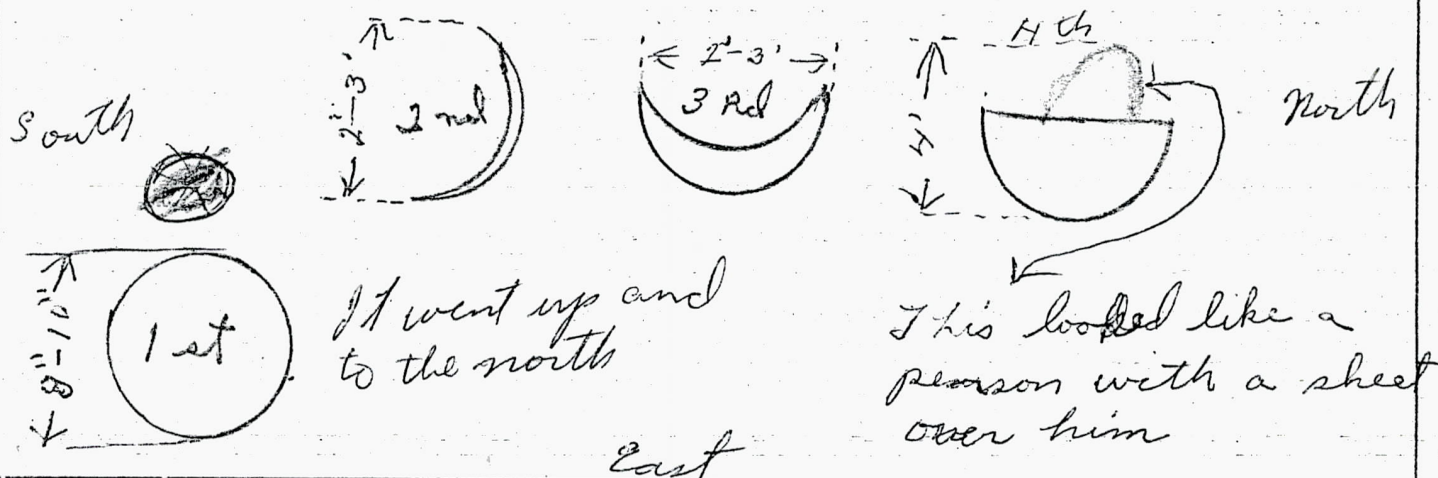
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| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | <u>Yes</u> | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

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

a. Sound _____

b. Color size & color of bright head light on car

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.

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.

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21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
8' - 4' 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 at first & increased in size
- 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? disappeared like
was turning off a light in the house

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.

At first I would like a auto head light. 2nd a large saucer all white from 2 to 3 ft. in diameter. 3rd a ~~soup~~ bowl 2 to 3 ft in diameter ^{soup}
4th a bowl 3 ft in diameter + 2 ft deep with a form like a person set in it and a sheet to drape over him

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?

*Taking my sister in law home
It was such a bright light and
seem to be moving towards us.*

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. <u>West</u> |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? 10 - 15 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. <u>Southwest</u> | 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. <u>Southwest</u> | 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).

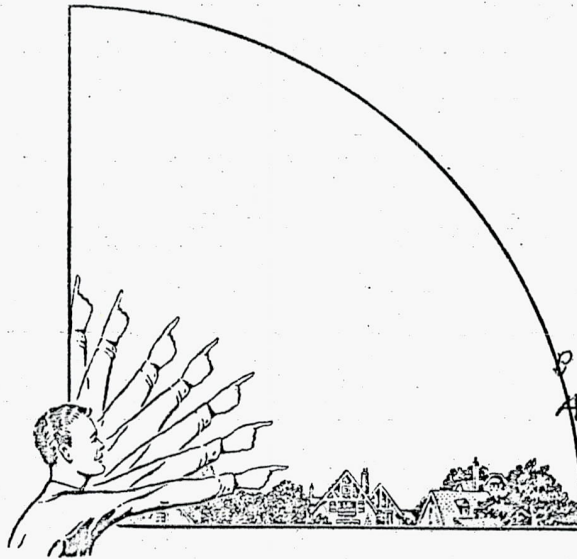
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

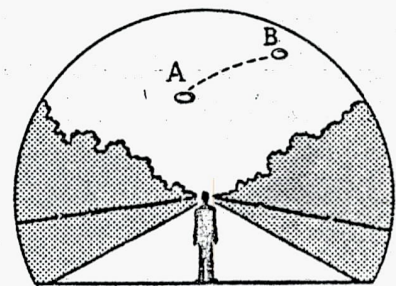
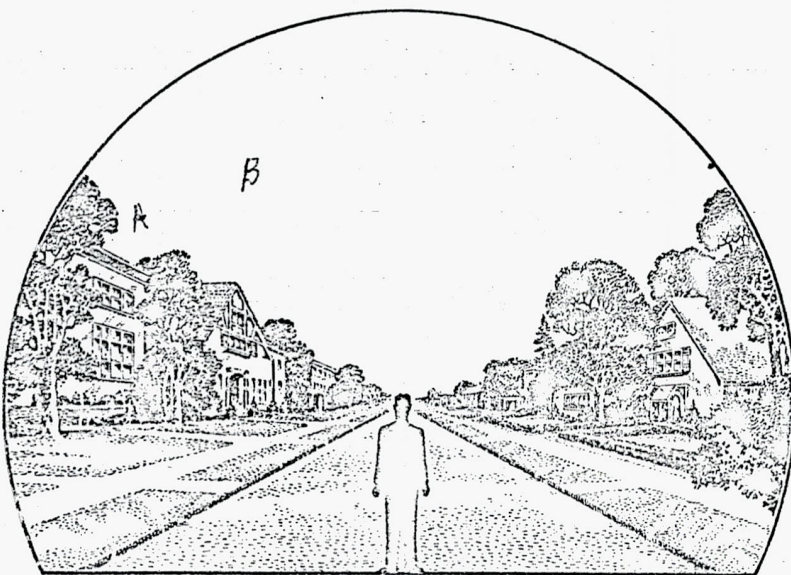
31.2 When it disappeared:

- 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.



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?

Did not report
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:


Hampton Va.

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 do not know

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

(Circle One)

Yes

No

*at first it seemed
to be coming towards
us very fast & then slowed
up*

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?

300 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[REDACTED] Name

[REDACTED] First Name

[REDACTED] Middle Name

ADDRESS

[REDACTED] Street

Hampton City

Zone

VA State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

What is your present job?

ELECTRICIAN

Age

50

Sex

MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

/

e. e. Technical school

(Type)

b. High school

f. Other special training

c. College

d. Post graduate

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

yes

11 Day

11 Month

56 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)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

DATE 11/19/56

On September 9th 1956 about 8.30 - 8.40
I was driving my sister ~~into~~ in-law home
going west on Brogden Lane when we saw
a light over to our left coming at us looking
like a bright lite on a car. This was
~~it~~ coming from the South West headed north east
it seemed that the sky was lighted up all around it.
Then it went west changing in the 2 other
forms. It lasted about 5 minutes

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1. When did you see the object?

9 Sept 1956
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 8 35
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]
Postal Address

Hampton
City or Town

Va
State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ 25 _____
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 _____

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
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| 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, 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?

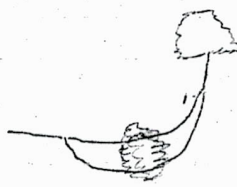
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|-----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | ☒ No | e. Binoculars | Yes | ☒ No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | ☒ No | f. Telescope | Yes | ☒ No |
| c. 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 of moon taking on various shapes

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.



Moving slowly
westward & downward
& returning to the
shape of the moon.

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.

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 17

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

1 1/2 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 _____

shaped like moon

- 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?

Apparently disappeared in the trees

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.

Don't know

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?

*my husband came in & asked me what I was doing
for it, although he said it was not the same
thing he saw while taking my sister home 2 blocks away*

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).

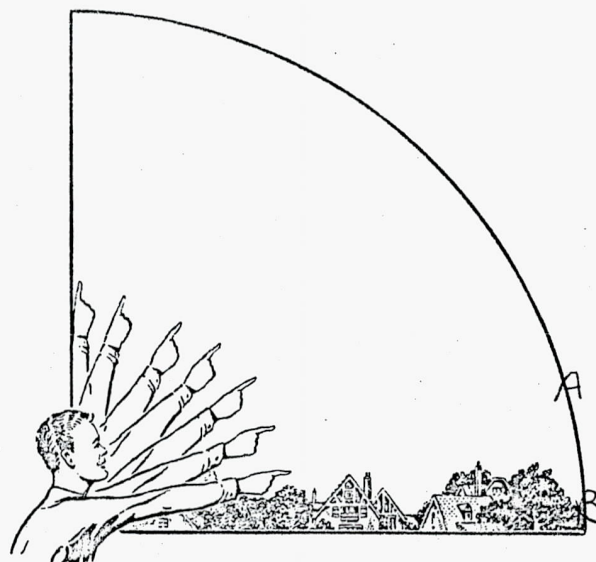
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

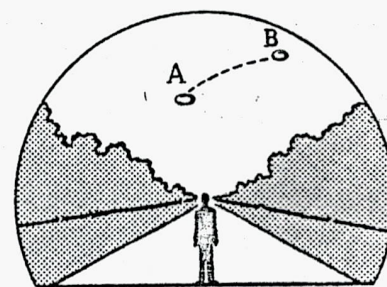
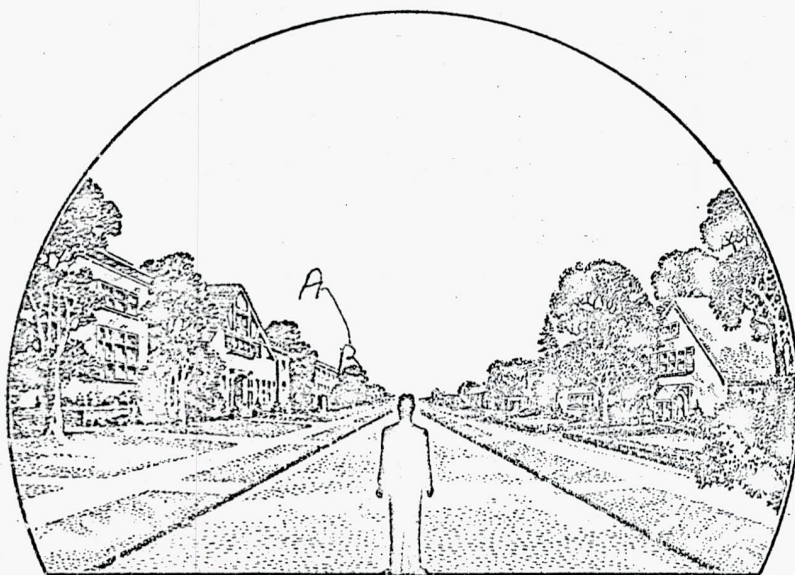
31.2 When it disappeared:

- 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.



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:

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 unless it was the moon. If it was the moon it was most peculiar & gave me the feeling that the end of the world was near.*

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

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Hampton
City

Zone

Fla
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job? Homemaker

Age

44

Sex

F

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a.

Grade school _____

e. e. Technical school _____

b.

High school _____

(Type) _____

c. College _____

f. Other special training _____

d. Post graduate _____

Registered Nurse

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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NAME

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CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Nov. 21, 1956

On the night of Sept. 9, 1956 my husband came in & called my attention to something peculiar in the sky. At first it looked like the moon only slightly larger and fuzzy in the middle. It was moving very slowly & then it changed shape, taking on the appearance of having a parachute gradually form at the right point of it & an exhaust at the left. The third shape was the perfect picture of a person with a hood over his head, then it returned to the shape of a moon & slowly vanished out of sight. This might have been the moon but if it was it was most peculiar.

*Prob astrol moon
with description
greater exaggerated*

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?

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2. Time of day:

8 35
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]
Nearest Postal Address

HAMPTON
City or Town

VA
State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

_____ 25 _____
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?: *yes only larger!*

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

☒ d. Several yards away? *when the white light appeared.*

e. Other *several away when orange red color appeared again*

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: *trees - partially clouds at times as it was a little cloudy - where it appeared near the last*

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: *trees*

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?

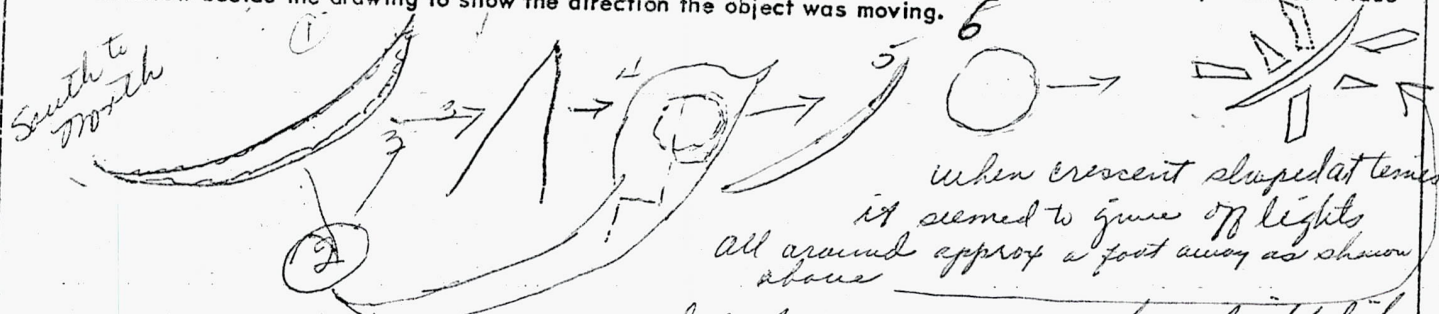
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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | ☒ No | e. Binoculars | Yes | ☒ No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | ☒ No | 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 No sound

b. Color Orange - red - sometimes bright red - sometimes white at one time gave off bright light & seemed to go up in a faint

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.



First noticed orange red color of moon & then light like a headlight, moving swiftly, eventually going up in a faint. Later took the 4th shape shown & it looked almost like the outline of someone sitting with a head over the head. The round shape was about the size of a soft ball - orange red & sometimes bright red in color.

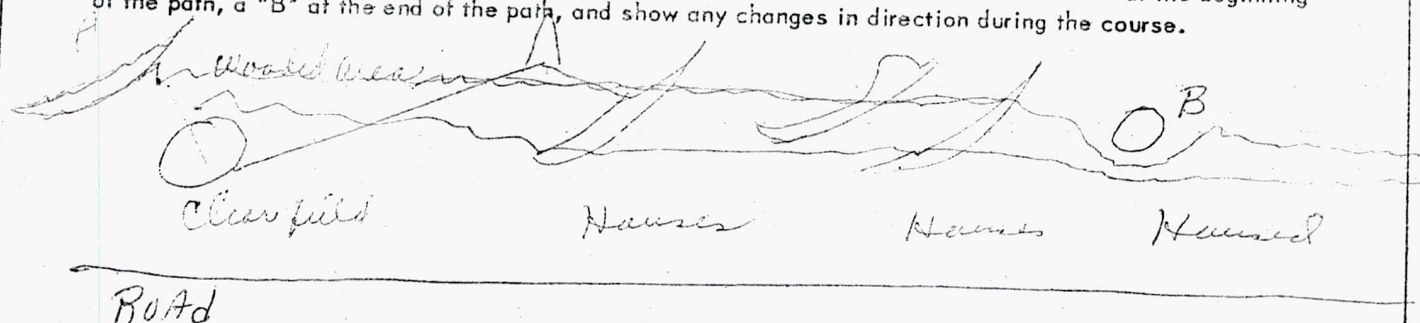
18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred at times when white e. Other likes the moon
 b. Like a bright star
 c. Sharply outlined
 d. Don't remember

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

First noticed the strange orange red color of moon. Then all at once there appeared a brilliant light like a car headlight only brighter & larger, moving at a fast rate of speed toward the road. Suddenly reversed itself going behind trees & light seemed to go straight up in a faint. The next I saw was the crescent shape orange red which changed shape as shown above & moved fast but somewhat slower than the white light. See # 17 for shapes and direction.

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. *Unknown*

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 *of softball when swung & orange or orange red.*

i. Grapefruit

j. Basketball

k. Other *when crescent shape - orange*

not sure about size when it came on, but approx 16 in from tip to tip

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

☒ a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Uncertain

this

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? *Took the final shape of a ball, about the size of a soft ball & seemed to disappear behind the trees*

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.

I have no knowledge of construction material so would have no ideas on that or about maneuverability. It is hard to determine size because I don't know how far away a light of the sort I saw would reflect. Could be round but made in such a manner that only at certain angles would it reflect its true shape, depending in which direction the light from it reflected. I'm afraid I'm no help here.

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

- a. Inside a building
 (b.) In a car *on my way home, almost in front of my house. When the car was parked I observed it from outside*
 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 *This is a dead end street wooded on both sides behind the houses.*

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it? *on my way home I first noticed the strange orange red color of the moon. When all at once all that could be seen was a bright light moving swiftly & then it reversed itself & went up in a faintly curved to disappear & then the crescent shape-orange moon again where the bright light had been.*

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? *15 to 20* miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes — No

as we were almost to my house we pushed the car in our drive & stood in the yard & observed it until it disappeared.

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)

- it seemed to be headed out according to sky diagram disappeared in the South West*
 (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).

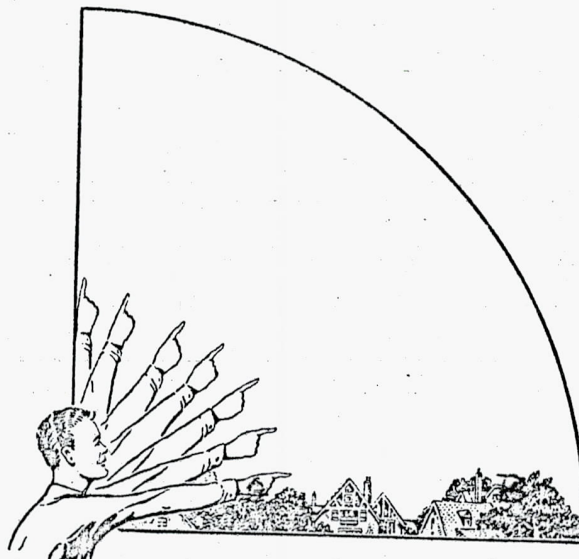
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

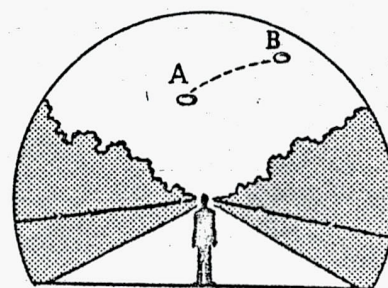
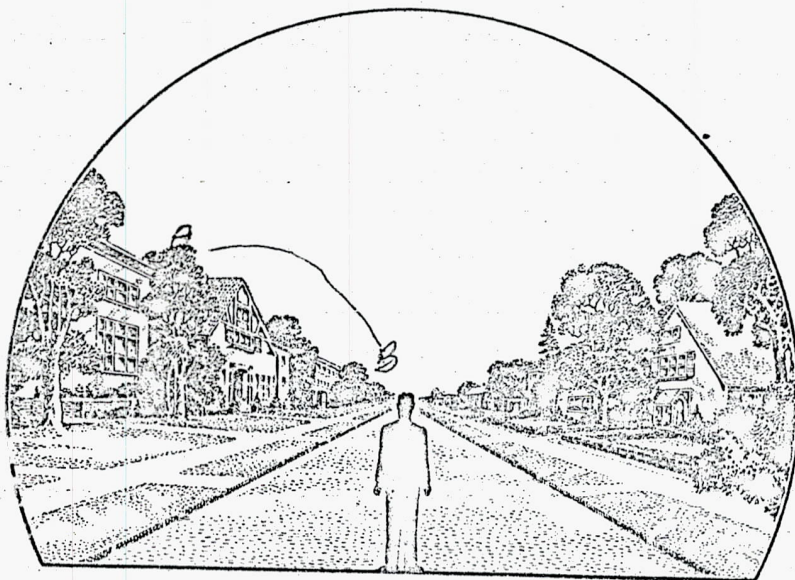
31.2 When it disappeared:

- 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.



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?

10

Day

Sept

Month

56

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:

 HAMPTON, Va
- Hampton, Va

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. I have tried to be logical, but how can the moon move so fast, change color & shape & give off the white light. If it was the moon we saw it moved faster than any moon I have ever observed.

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.

It looked to be approx 2 miles away when I saw it but not knowing how far the light waves reflect it's hard to determine

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
First Name _____ Middle Name _____

ADDRESS _____
Street _____ City HAMPTON Zone _____ State VA

TELEPHONE NUMBER NONE

What is your present job? HOUSE WIFE

Age 40 Sex FEMALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school _____ e. e. Technical school _____
b. High school _____ (Type) _____
c. College Richmond BUSINESS COLLEGE f. Other special training _____
d. Post graduate _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

29th Sept. 1956
Day Month Year

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NAME

(Please Print)

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CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

29 September 1956

Object on my first observation was noted in the south at 8:35 PM, standard time and appeared as the moon in a crescent shape, reflecting through the trees, but somewhat larger than the moon (about 16 inches from tip to tip (if held in the hand) and of a strange orange red color. Suddenly as I told my two boys to look at the funny moon and I turned around (we were in a car) there appeared a brilliant white light, like a blinding headlights of a car only larger, coming from the trees. This light suddenly reversed itself going back toward the wooded area, bobbing along the tree tops, when suddenly it went up into a point, several yards away from its original starting point, and completely disappeared. By this time we had parked the car in the time and were observing the object from my yard. In approximately the same place the white light disappeared the crescent shape orange red moon again appeared. It was still a few minutes & then moved slowly, but with much more swiftness than the moon. In a matter of five minutes we had traced several

times from when we were originally
 standing in order to see the object. It changed
 its shape several times from the crescent shape
 to a ball the size of a baseball or soft ball. Its
 color always being red when in the shape of a
 ball. At one point when crescent shape there
 appeared a dome like shape toward one end
 of it (as shown in my drawing) and there was
 an outline (side view) of what seemed to be
 a person sitting in a chair and it looked as
 if there were hair over the head, hanging
 loosely at the back of the neck. The object
 was not moving at this point, but a minute
 or so later took on a crescent shape & moved
 slowly, still behind & just above the tree tops.
 At times the leaves on the trees could be seen
 clearly moving in the breeze. At one time the
 crescent shaped object gave off lights all around as
 shown in drawing. Its final shape being
 that of a red ball which seemed to move down
 in between the trees and then disappeared going
 toward the trees. I watched a few minutes longer
 and when nothing happened, came into the
 house and looked at the clock. It was 9:14
 standard time.

The weather that night was cool with a
 slight breeze. The sky was clear except for few
 clouds in one spot and the object moved toward
 the clouded area. There were stars and when
 we first observed it, but it seemed to me I later
 remembered that the stars having disappeared

at this point is fuzzy with me. I did discuss the possibility of it being the Moon, and there was no moon to see anywhere else. But there were reflections toward the East from behind clouds which we thought might come from the moon.

This observation of this object was not reported by me at ^{the} time of sightings as I had no phone & my brother-in-law who brought me home had left. My neighbor wouldn't call and wouldn't let his boy call, so I had to wait until the following morning at which time I notified Langley Air Force Base authorities.

This is a dead end street, houses on both sides and wooded area behind all houses.

I do hope this information will prove of some value and I have tried to answer the questions as accurately

as possible.

If what I observed was the Moon, then I can't understand how it would change shape & color & move so swiftly. However, I wish to state the Moon was approximately the same position the following night but somewhat higher.

If I can be of further assistance I shall be glad to cooperate in any way I can.



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.

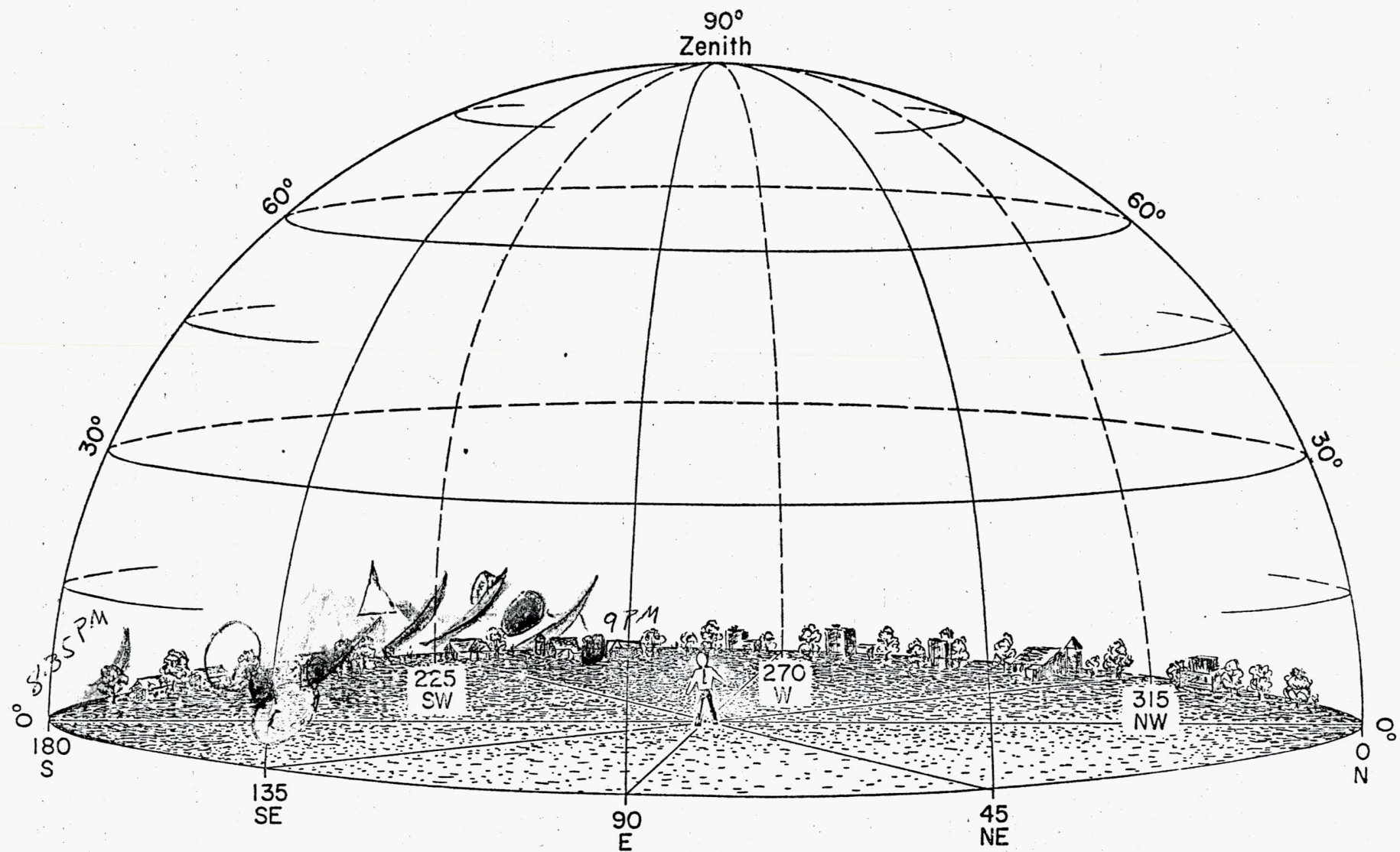
b. Pictorial Description of the Sighting: By referring to the example sheet, notice how simply the above sighting can be portrayed and described, without words, on the example diagram attached here. Note the starting point at bearing 135 degrees (southeast) and elevation 45 degrees (half-way up from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

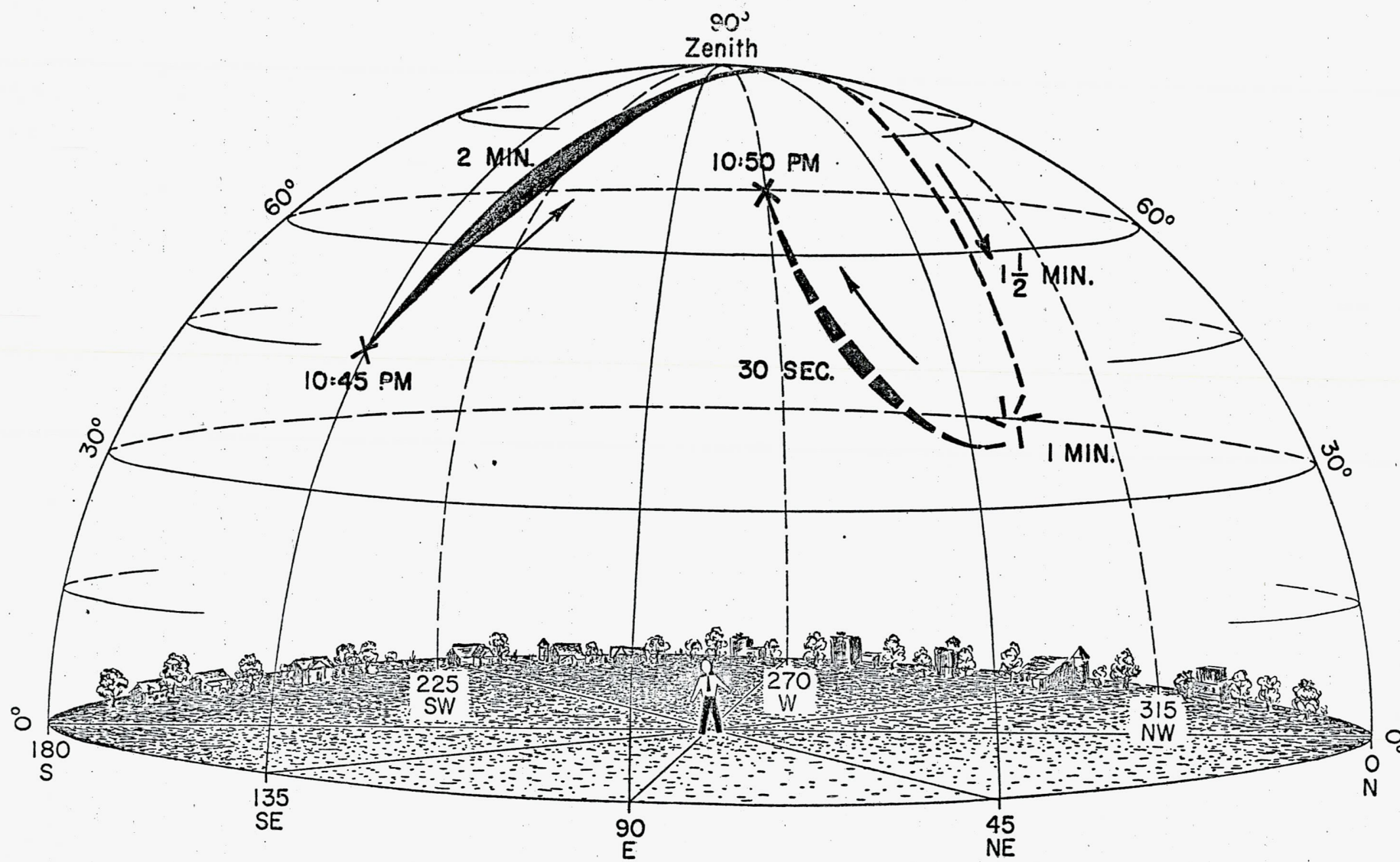
4. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

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)

2 November 1956

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

This organization is responsible for analysis and preliminary investigation of unidentified flying object sightings within the boundaries of the United States. We appreciate your cooperation in reporting your sighting of 9 September 1956; however, additional information is needed for analysis of this sighting.

The two inclosed ATIC Forms 164 (U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet) are forwarded for your convenience in supplying this squadron with the needed information. We would appreciate each of you filling out one form.

We realize that the sighting was made sometime ago. However, any information that you will be able to give us will be appreciated. Again our thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

2 Incls:

1. ATIC Form 164
(2 Copies)
2. Rtn Envelope

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