

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Aug 52	2. LOCATION LANCASTER, CALIF.	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 02/0114 PST GMT 02/0614 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilians	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two brilliant red lights were observed by many sources in area of Lancaster and Leona. Objects hovered for five minutes, then sped away.		11. COMMENTS

AFM FORM 130 (REV 24 SEP 52)

1 Aug 52

TITLE: USSR: Rumors of Flying Saucers

It is reported from Boon that a German expert, a witness, will give information in the next issue of Der Fliieger about a flying saucer which is stated to have landed in Spitzbergen and been examined by a Norwegian rocket-weapon expert.

A few hours after the landing experts arrived and were certain it was not manned and consisted, in the main, of a disc of steel of unknown (alloy) composition. The diameter was 48.44m. An outer ring was fitted with 46 jet motors which cause the disc to rotate round a sphere in the center of which there are instruments for measuring and remote control steering. These are stated to have Russian markings. The expert found an undamaged observer and sender instrument with a plutonium core in the wreck which on all wave-lengths sent out on a frequency of 934 Hertz, unknown in any country.

The announcement has caused a great sensation in professional circles in West Germany. No confirmation has been obtainable, but it is rumored that the witness is well informed since German experts, have also been consulted.

The chief of the Norwegian Defense Staff and Swedish experts have no knowledge of and are skeptical about the information.

A telegram stated that an aircraft flew over a North Norwegian district on 6 Aug 52 and release 4, apparently round, objects which continued on a northerly course at about 5,000 m. height. No Norwegian aircraft were up at the time.

(b) Witness stated that his information is based on authentic data, states that at 4 a.m. on 1 Aug 52 a flying object was observed over the southern Black Forest, at Herrenalb, in clear weather. It appeared as a shining body of light traveling from East to West at high speed. The noise it made was like that of a turbine: it left a trail of light.

Witness is convinced that the apparatus is of German origin and has been appropriated by the Russians.

(c) A flying object, round like a ball at the forward edge, was seen at Rovaniemi, in Finland, on the evening of 10 Aug 52. Its color was a clear green and it left behind a red glow which soon disappeared.

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1. The flight object of 28.88 meters diameter, conical to the outside, was unpiloted.
2. The silvery disc of circular shape, built from a metal of not yet known composition, carries 46 equally spaced automatic circular nozzles at the periphery, which turn the disc, when in operation, with reference to the central plexi glass sphere, which houses instrumentation for measurement and remote control.
3. The dials and instruments have Russian figures and symbols.
4. The range of the disc seems to be better than 30,000 kilometers, the flight altitude 160 kilometers.
5. The aircraft, resembling the telltale flying saucer, possesses enough space for a warhead with high explosive, eventually for an A-Bomb.

The Norwegian specialists believe that the disc was launched in U.S.S.R. By a transmitter or perhaps receiver breakdown it impacted on Spitzbergen and destroyed itself partly by the crash landing. The strange remotely controlled, unpiloted jet aircraft will be transported via ship to Narvik for further investigation.

The German V weapon designer, Riedel, explained when receiving a description of the disc: "That is a typical V7, on the mass production of which I have worked myself."

(END OF TRANSLATION)

REMARKS BY RIEDEL

As usual, this report contains a nice collection of nonsense. I have, nevertheless, translated as verbally as possible. The "unknown" 934 Hertz, the statement about range and ceiling altitude, etc., have to be consumed with a pound of salt. The last paragraph quoting my name and the V7 is pure invention or a direct misrepresentation of the "famous" scientist from Tel Aviv Dr. Mieth. He has stated in German papers that Germany, specifically Pennemuende, was developing a V7, which resembled the flying saucer of today.

Walther Riedel

August 2, 1952.

Walther Riedel

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USA-MATS

IR-491-52

Unidentified Flying Objects Sighted Over Lancaster, California, and Leona Valley, Calif.
State of California, USA
Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark
Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

4 August 1952

1 August 1952

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Gerald E. Tyler, Major, USAF

Civilian observers of Sunland, California

Teletype FLXOERPT submitted by March Flight Service Center 012325PST August

Two unidentified flying objects described as "saucers", one remaining stationary over Lancaster, California, and one over Leona, California, stationary at times then moving slowly along the horizon and accelerating out of sight to the South, were observed at 2223PST on 1 August 1952. This sighting was accompanied by a report from sheriff station personnel in Palmdale, California, who observed a brilliant red light 25 miles south of Lancaster during the period 2206PST and 2220PST.

GERALD E. TYLER
Major, USAF
Acting Intelligence Officer

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Flight Service, MATS
3800 Newark Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. A sheriff's patrol at 2223PST on 1 August 1952 observed two flying saucers, one remaining stationary over Lancaster, California, and one over Leona Valley, California, hovering, stationary at times, and moving slowly along the horizon, then accelerating out of sight to the south. The Leona Valley object appeared 15° above the horizon then dropped to 5° and then disappeared rapidly below the horizon. Sheriff station personnel in Palmdale, California, observed a brilliant red light 25 miles south of Lancaster between 2206PST and 2220PST. One of the witnesses in the Palmdale sighting spent six years in the Navy as a pilot and stated that the sighting could have been an aircraft; however, he could see no normal identification lights.

2. Weather in the area at the time of sighting was clear, visibility 15 miles, winds aloft at 10,000 feet from 180° at 13 knots, 20,000 feet from 200° at 17 knots, 30,000 feet from 210° at 18 knots.

3. Witnesses: Mr. William D. Mallette, Sheriff's Office, Palmdale, California
Mr. T. M. Morrisity, Sheriff's Office, Palmdale, California.

4. Air traffic in the area at the time of sighting was one Navion westbound over Palmdale at 2231PST and one C-46 eastbound over Palmdale at 2236PST.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. Sheriff Mallette's six years experience as a Navy pilot should adequately qualify him for making accurate aerial observations. Witnesses were not interrogated. No interception action was taken by the 27th Air Defense Command Division and no object sightings were reported from radar sites.

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HQ MATS

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

FROM: (Originator)

SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

CO AFFTC EDWARDS AFB CALIF

TO:

Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: Project Blue Book
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

INFO:

FTD-5 -8-M In compliance with the request of Major Herman on 2 August 1952, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sub-station was contacted on that date and the two (2) sheriff's deputies who reported sighting the "flying saucers" on 1 August 1952 were interviewed. The interviewing officer was Captain Paul E. Shoemaker of the Air Force Flight Test Center. The written report made by the two (2) deputies is inclosed with this message as well as the report of the interviewing officer. It has not been possible to correlate this report with any operation from Edwards Air Force Base. The only operation of the Air Force Flight Test Center during the approximate time period was a flight of one (1) F-94C in the general area of the sighting. However, this aircraft landed at Edwards Air Force Base at 1115 Pacific Daylight Saving Time whereas the initial sighting was reported at 1118 Pacific Daylight Saving Time. It is believed that the inclosed reports are self explanatory.

DATE-TIME GROUP

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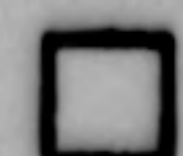
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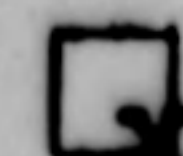
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AIR MAIL



BOOK MESSAGE



ORIGINAL MESSAGE



MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

RICHARD E. HORNER

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

MARION J. AKERS, Colonel, USAF

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TELEPHONE

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OFFICIAL TITLE

Deputy for Operations

Subject; Report of interview with observers of strange flying objects,
"Flying Saucers", in Lancaster, Calif. area.

Interviewer: Capt. Paul E. Shoemaker, EAFB

Date: 2 Aug 52

Verbal questioning substantiated the details set forth in the attached Sheriff's Office report prepared by deputies W.D. Mallette and T.M. Morrissey.

The following additional facts were obtained:

\ The sky was very clear; no clouds were visible in any direction and the moonlight was very bright.

The objects appeared to be white-yellow lights, elliptical in shape with hazy outlines.

Size of the objects was about that of a baseball.

No noise from the objects was discernable.

The objects appeared side by side about 20 degrees above the mountain horizon in the south. They then moved west in formation at the same time descending to about five degrees above the horizon. One of the objects remained in this position while the other returned at the same elevation to the original position and then became dimmer and disappeared from view. The one remaining in the west descended slowly with a pendulous motion for about 14 minutes until it disappeared below the horizon.

The horizontal movement of the objects was described as, "drifting."

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JEPHQ/CG MATS WASH DC ATTN INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

JEPRS/COMMANDER FLIGHT SERVICE WASH DC

ATTN: ATIAA-2C PD FLYOBRPT AT ^{0123 PST} 010623Z LANCASTER CALIF SHERIFF

OFFICE ADVISED PATROL CAR AND STOPPED TRAFFIC ON ROAD OBSERV-

ED 2 SAUCERS ONE REMAINING STATIONARY OVER LANCASTER CALIF AND

ONE OVER LEONA VALLEY HOVERING STATIONARY AT TIMES CMA MOVING

SLOWING ALONG THE HORIZON THEN ACCELZRATING OUT OF SIGHT TO

SOUTH STATION PERSONNEL PMD IN SAC OBSERVED BRILLIANT RED

LIGHT WHEN PMD ADPT OUR MTNS REMAINING IN ONE SPOT FOR OVER FIVE

1952 AUG 2 07:37

0114 PST 0120 PST
MIN 220614Z TO 020620Z SHERIFF ADVD WERE BRILLIANT LIGHTS PMD
D150 PST
020650Z PALM DALE WEATHER CLEAR 15 MILES PLUS 132 / 78 / 46
NE 12 / 003 / 008 99 NO INTERCEPTION ACTION TAKEN BY 27TH AIR
DEFENSE COMMAND NOTHING ON RADAR SCHOPE
020753Z AUG JWPRH

PMD - Palm Dale

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY — COMPLAINT REPORT

8-1-52

FILE NO. Z - 150-360

C. Suspicious Circumstances (Flying Saucers)

Action Taken Active Case

V- _____ Address. _____

Age _____ Race _____ Telephone No. _____

1. Obs. Address.

Telephone No.

1 Mile W. of 90th St. W.
On Leona Valley Rd.

District or Town Loona Valley.

T- 11:38PM to 11:43PM Date

5.

Witnesses:

Avenue [redacted] Bouquet Canyon.

Re. 11:18PM Obs:

While on patrol at location, two bright objects were observed in the southern skies, at the same altitude. The objects appeared to be stationary and then suddenly they appeared to descend toward the western horizon, for approximately five seconds, then stop and appeared to remain in that position for a few seconds. At this time one of the objects appeared to move in an easterly direction and travelled at a moderate rate of speed and parallel to the horizon, for approximately 10 seconds. At this time it appeared to turn in a southerly direction and disappeared from view.

The other object remained stationary for approximately 10 minutes and started to descend toward the horizon in downward pendulum like motion and disappeared from view.

The above object was witnessed by Mr. & Mrs. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, at location of Undersigned.

At 11:40PM, date, ~~January 22, 1952~~, State Fish & Game Warden, called desk and reported seeing the above objects from his home. His description of objects and their motions coincides with above statements of Undersigned.

At approximately 11:45PM, date, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ called station and reported seeing a strange object in the sky, over the Lake Hughes Area. C.A.A., Palmdale, was notified of the above and they in turn notified the U.S.A.F., George Air Base.

W.D. Walette & T.M. Morrissey, Deps.,
By W.D.M. Car 132 - PM,
Approved: I. L. Mc Caleb, Sgt.,
Lancaster - CBH.

Assigned TO: Lancaster DB
Copies To:

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

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Prob A/C
4666-00
AUG 27 1952
1 Aug

~~Mr. [REDACTED]~~
~~[REDACTED]~~
Hollywood, Florida

Dear Mr. ~~[REDACTED]~~

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Kennedy

ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

2 Incls
a/s

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

- 4666.00

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date:

*I do not remember now, but my previous letter
to you has the date.*

1.2 Time of Day: 09 00 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain

- d. Pacific
e. Other _____

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

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

- ☒ a. Certain
☐ b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where were you when you saw the object: *Driving in car toward east.*
[Redacted] Driving Range, Hampton, Virginia U.S.A.
Postal Address City or Town State Country

Additional Remarks: _____

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

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

3.1 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 *suburban - some residential
some business*

4. How did you happen to notice the object? It would have been impossible not to notice while driving as it came into clear view of windshield also 3 other occupants saw it at same time
5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?
next day.
- Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Driving
- 6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object?
Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

In movie

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

- 7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| <u>c. East</u> | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

- 7.2 How fast were you moving? 40 miles per hour.

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| <u>c. East</u> | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sunglasses |
| c. Through binoculars | g. Through open space |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other _____ |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

- a. Dry
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

Thunder shower was just beginning to brew but object disappeared before it started

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

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

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

Hours Minutes Seconds 10 to 15

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

- a. Certain
b. Fairly sure

- c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent *neither appears to resemble*

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 14.1 Change direction? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.2 Change speed? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.3 Change size? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.4 Change color? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.5 Break up into parts or explode? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.6 Give off smoke? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.7 Change brightness? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.8 Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.9 Remain motionless? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

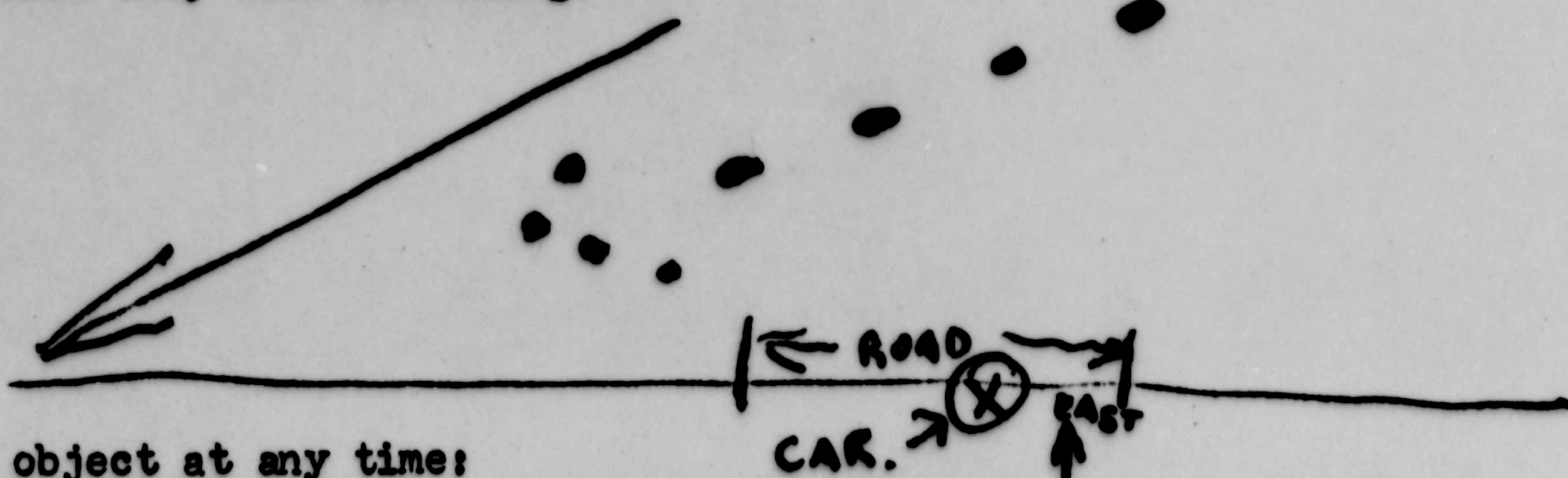
15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? Reddish orange

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

16.1 Sound none

16.2 Color Reddish orange

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 1 cluster of 4 behind
Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.



18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

Horizon within 1/2 mile sight or there were trees and buildings and it appeared to crash

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- a. Pea
- b. Baseball
- c. Basketball
- d. Bicycle wheel
- e. Office desk

- f. Automobile
- g. Small airplane
- h. Large airplane
- i. Dirigible
- j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- a. Certain
- ~~b. Fairly certain~~

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 500 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? 3000 feet or _____ miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? very fast miles per hour. *I am not capable of estimating this.*

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

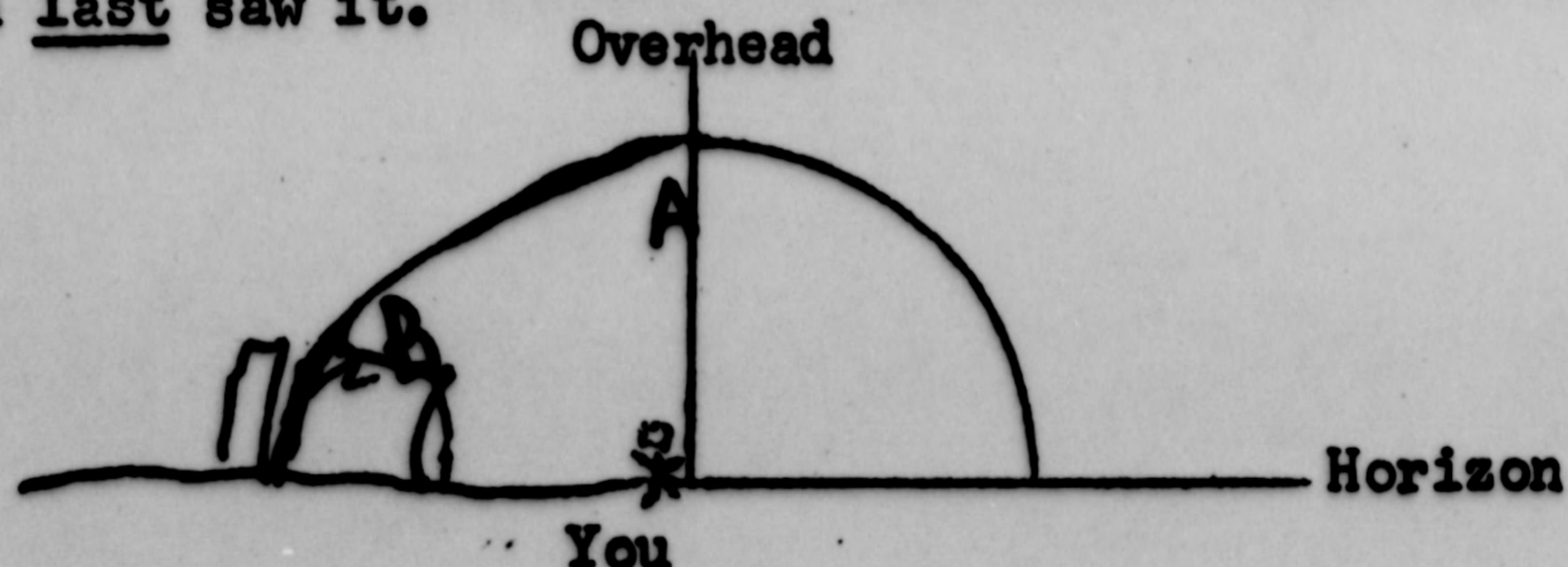
21. How did the object disappear from view?

- (Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually

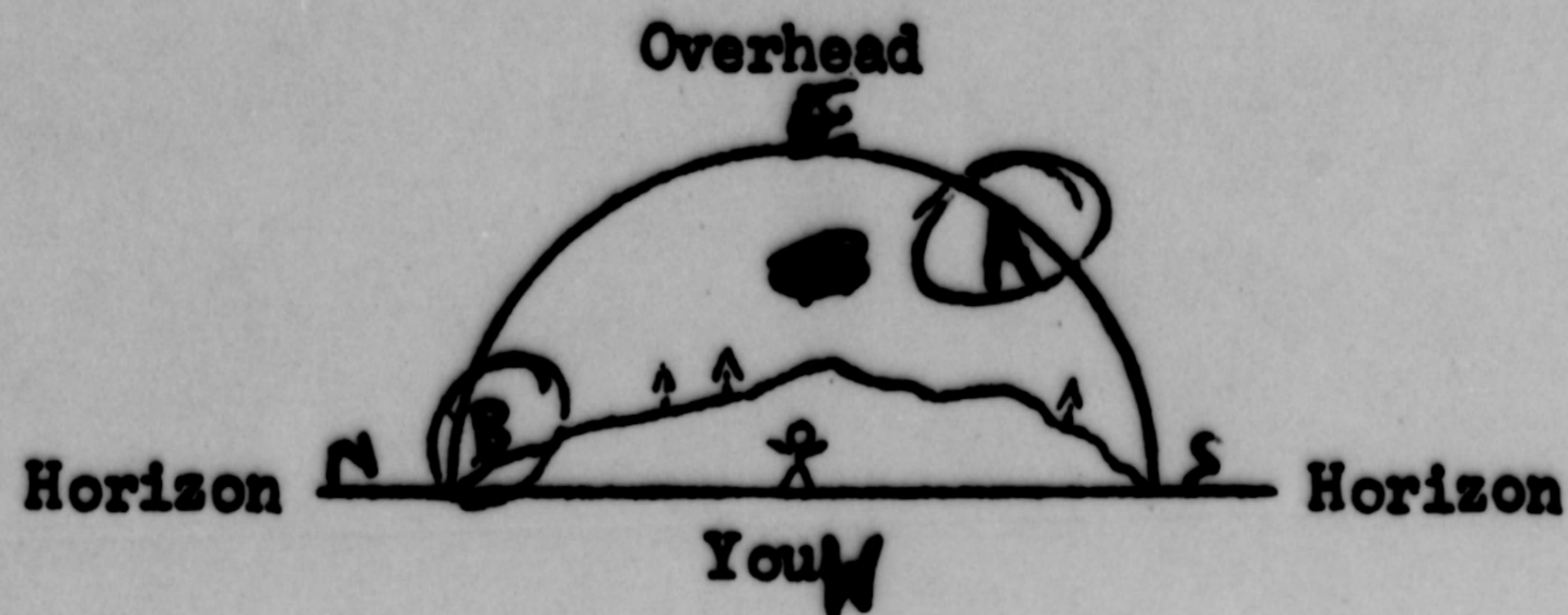
- c. Other _____
- d. Don't remember

SECTION D

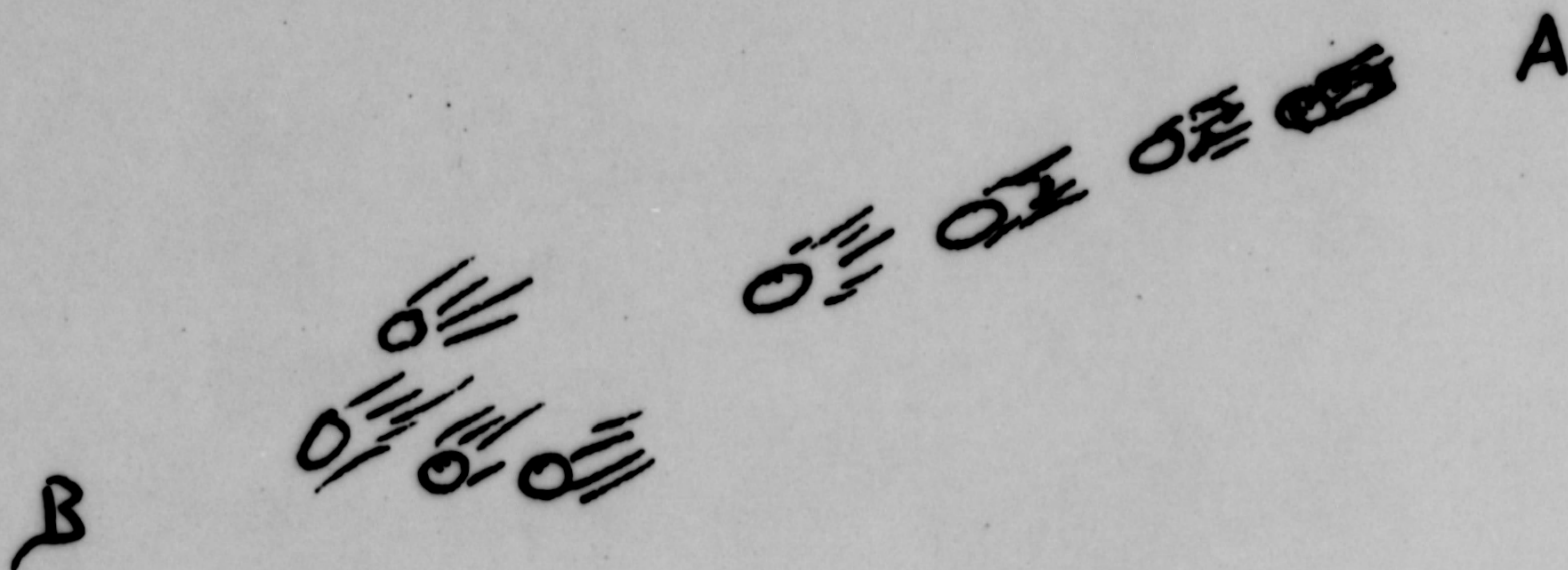
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



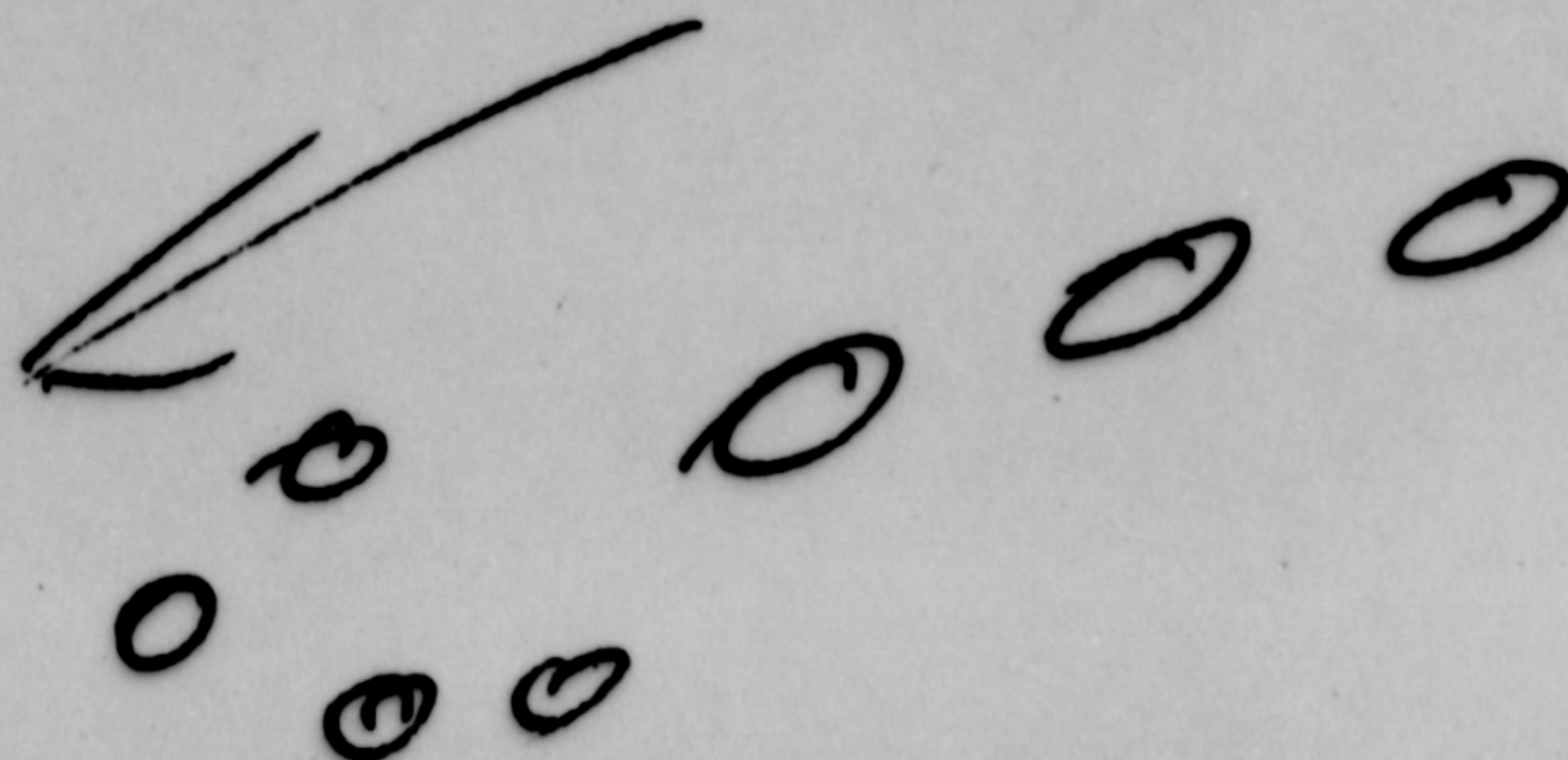
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



I have not intended to draw discs or saucers or
I have seen no flying saucers but just
objects that looked like huge tracer bullets
moving through the air. I could not describe its form

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

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

(?) absolutely nothing I have seen before and I was born and raised near Langley Field, Va. and have seen many flying planes

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FLA.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? Salesman

Age 32

Sex M

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[REDACTED] (WIFE)
[REDACTED]
(AGE 7) DAUGHTER
MRS. [REDACTED] - MOTHER
[REDACTED] - HILTON
MILAGE VA

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

*I can add nothing to my
letter that you already have
on file .*