

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Sep 52	2. LOCATION FRESNO, CALIF	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Contrails ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME OF REPORT Local 08/1900 PDT GMT 09/0200	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilians (multiple)	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1-20 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE N
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Pale, shining, elliptical object, on horizontal course, moving slowly, producing trail or trails. Reported by several observers.		11. COMMENTS 1. Preparing officer states that one observer is a "saucer fan". The second observer, a weather observer, passes the phenomena off as sunlight against ordinary contrails.

UNITED STATES

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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FLYOSRPT

California - Fresno area

Hq, 93d Bomb Wing, Castle AFB, California

30 Sep 1952

8 Sep 52 to 17 Sep 52

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Capt. R. G. Bos, Intelligence Officer

Civilian(s)

None

During the evening hours on 8 September 1952 a number of people reported the observance of an unidentified airborne object in the general Fresno area. This headquarters conducted an investigation, with findings as described in Part II.

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1. Description of Object: One (1) or two (2) relatively short condensation, or exhaust trails, extending generally upward from an unidentified object. The object itself was not reported as having been sighted. Relatively slow speed reported - too slow for jet-type aircraft - and no sound was heard. Shape varied, with some people reporting it as being elliptical, later shortening to nearly circular; others reported it to appear similar to a comet tail, while still others reported trails (two) to be "hot dog" shaped, short, compact, and not at all similar to the usual jet or vapor trail. Trail was reported to be approximately 15 times as long as it was wide. Color was variously reported as:

- a. "Pale, but shining, yellow at first, but becoming reddish later."
- b. "The appearance of a brilliantly lighted half moon."
- c. "Mercuruous, or molten, like the sun when you look at it at noontime."
- d. "Not so mercuruous; sort of light brown."

Object (or trail), was in sight for approximately 20 minutes, first reported as slowly descending, and then changing to a horizontal course. One person reported the two (2) trails to be fairly equal in shape and size, and apparently emanating from a common source. A second observer reported two (2) trails observed during descent, and one (1) trail while in a horizontal position, with the horizontal trail being approximately 20 times as long as the descending trails. Still a third person reported only one trail, which appeared to the observer to be a normal con trail modified in appearance by the fact that the sun was at a lower position on the horizon than the trail, with sun rays thus reflecting from below the object, or trail. No particular maneuver could be described by observers, other than a slow, generally descending course. Speeds of both descending and horizontal flight appeared to be about the same. Actual size, in feet, could not be estimated because of unknown distances involved. One observer estimated trail to be at least 15 miles distant.

2. Time: The most detailed account of this observation covered the period of 1905 to 1925, Pacific daylight savings time, 8 September 1952. Other times were reported as 1900 (for 4 minutes), 1920, and 2130, all on 8 September.

3. Manner of Observation: All observations were by visual means, with no optic or electronic equipment being utilized. It had been erroneously reported that meteorologists of the Fresno Weather Bureau had tracked object with their instruments, however, inquiry revealed this not to be the case. One meteorologist from the weather station did observe trail, but only visually, and from his residence during off-duty hours.

4. Location: Reports were received from scattered points in the general vicinity of Fresno, primarily Dinuba, Hanford, Fresno proper, and Kingsburg.

a. Dinuba: Observation took place from street on eastern edge of town (approximately 36 32N 111 24W). Trails (two) were observed to west by southwest, at approximately 45 degree line of sight angle, and at an estimated distance of 15 miles.

b. Fresno: Observation took place from yard of private residence located on northern outskirts of Fresno (approximately 36 47N 119 47W). One trail was observed from west to northwest, at approximate 25 degree to 30 degree line of sight angle. Object, or trail, was estimated to be at approximately 30,000 to 35,000 feet.

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5. Reliability of Information:

a. Mr. [REDACTED], California: This man had not previously reported unidentified aerial objects, however, his interest in this particular subject is so intense, that the investigating officer would classify him as a fanatic. [REDACTED] stated that he had even written to the President of the United States regarding the national policy and outlook on "flying saucers". He very definitely feels the probability of "visitors from an outer world". A cripple, confined to a wheelchair, and unemployed, he devotes a large portion of his time to study of this topic.

b. Mr. [REDACTED] Fresno Weather Bureau, Fresno: A former USAF Weather Officer now employed as a meteorologist. Appeared quite stable and intelligent, and discounted his own observation as nothing more than a normal con trail. He felt that the late hour, position of the sun, distance, etc., all combined to make observation appear unexplainable.

6. Weather: Clear sky--winds light and variable, of less than 5 MPH velocity (as reported by Castle AF Base Weather Office).

7. Related Activities or Conditions: None determined.

8. Physical Evidence: None.

9. Interception or Identification Action: None determined.

10. Local Air Traffic: Aeronautical facilities in the Fresno area were checked to determine possibility of any aircraft known to be airborne in the area at this particular time, but negative results were obtained. No local records were available to indicate what other aircraft may have been flying the Fresno area at this time.

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Asst Wing Intelligence Officer

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Dinuba

9 Sept 1962, 8 AM

Sir, was there an identified or known aerial object over the area south of Fresno and west of Dinuba between 7:05 and 7:25 P.M., Monday, Sept. 3th?

At about 7:05 PM Sept 3th I saw westward (a little south of west), an object which seemed to be slowly descending from "upstairs" perpendicularly to the ground. Actually I could not see or hear the object, but could see the relatively "short" exhaust or vapor tail or trail. There were, in this descent, at least 2 of these short streamings extending upward from the descending object.

Incidentally the object appeared to be about at least 50 degrees above the horizon. After descending for a time, the object turned northward (from here, it looked as though it headed toward Fresno). After it started northward still 40 - 50 degrees above the horizon, the exhaust or vapor (?) tail, still clinging to the object, lengthened greatly in comparison to the tail during descent. The object continued to seem to travel relatively slow, for it remained in sight here for at least 20 minutes.

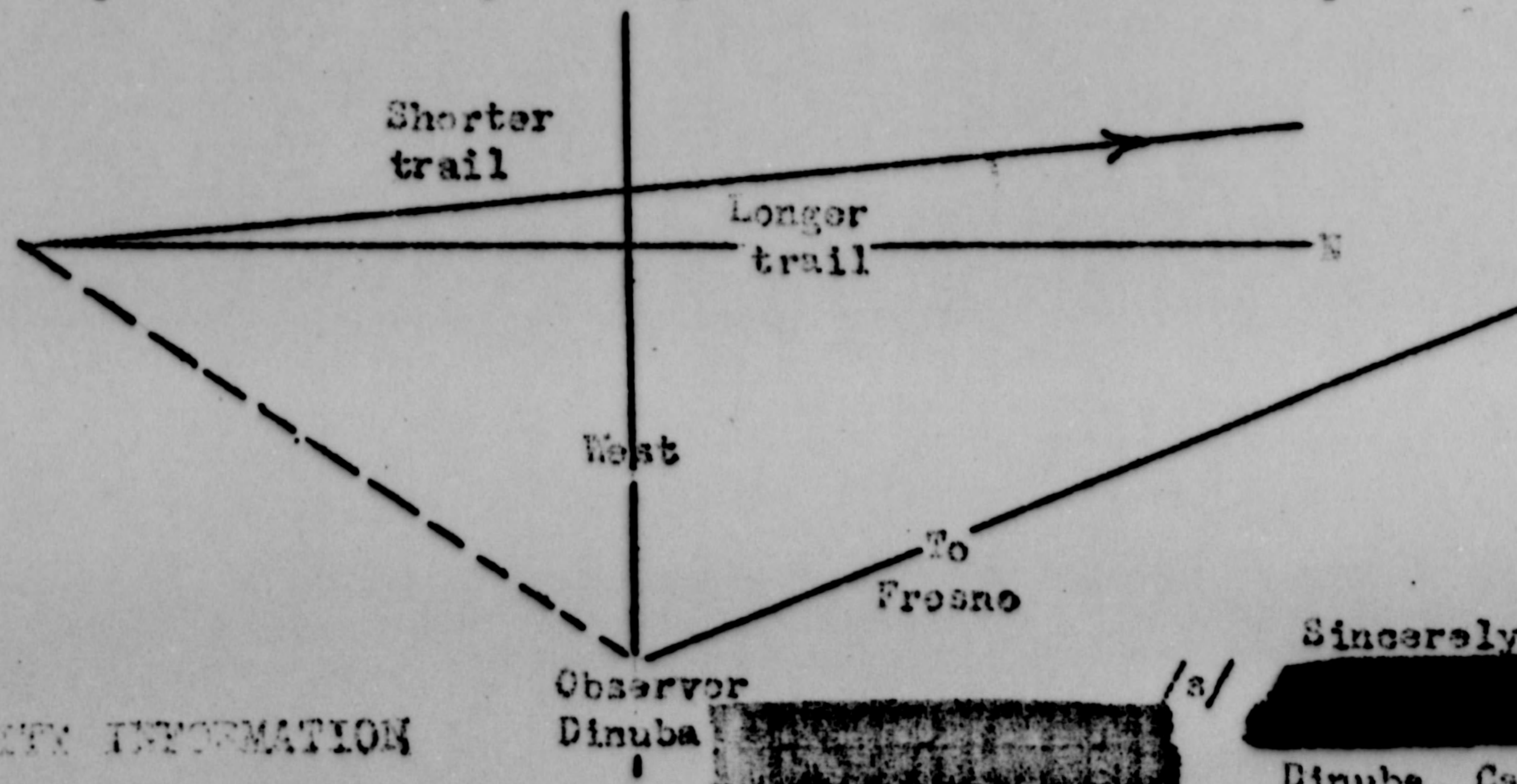
The tail or trail seemed to remain a constant length as the object went north.

I live in the east part of Dinuba. The object was not seen by me, due to trees, etc obstructions, after 7:15 PM, but my brother-in-law who lives on the northern outskirts of Dinuba had a clearer view and he saw it until about 7:25 PM when the exhaust or vapor tail or trail seem to disappear and the object seemed to become a ball before it disappeared from his view completely.

My nephew, about 9 yrs old, also observed that the object seemed to go "too slow for a jet" and the trail wasn't like they usually are.

Too no sound was heard(here).

I thought that newscasts (from Fresno's KJW or KFRN) this morning might report and identify the object. But there were no reports to my knowledge.



SECURITY INFORMATION

Observer
Dinuba

Sincerely

Dinuba, Calif

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News Article Appearing in Fresno Bee 9 September 1952

JET 'TRAILER' IS BLAMED FOR 'BALL OF FIRE'

Great balls of fire!

That is what many San Joaquin Valley residents swear they saw in the northwest sky last evening.

In Hanford many people reported it to Police Lieutenant Jack Holcomb; a California Highway Patrolman was halted on the Golden State Highway near Kingsburg by motorists who pointed it out, and many people in Fresno and other nearby areas watched it.

To some it appeared elliptical, later shortening to nearly circular, but other reports said it looked like the tail of a comet.

Meteorologists of the Fresno Weather Bureau to whom it appeared to be almost west, said it apparently was a vapor trail laid down by a jet plane at about 35,000 feet altitude and illuminated by the rays of the setting sun.

The vapor had a pale, but shining, yellow color at first but became reddish later, and according to some reports drifted northwestward about 9:30 PM.

The vapor trail had the appearance of a brilliantly lighted half moon for Doris Webb of 230 Clarke Street. Webb said he was standing near Tulare and Divisadero Streets when he viewed the sight. He said it appeared to be moving northward and eventually disappeared.

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
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18 September 1952

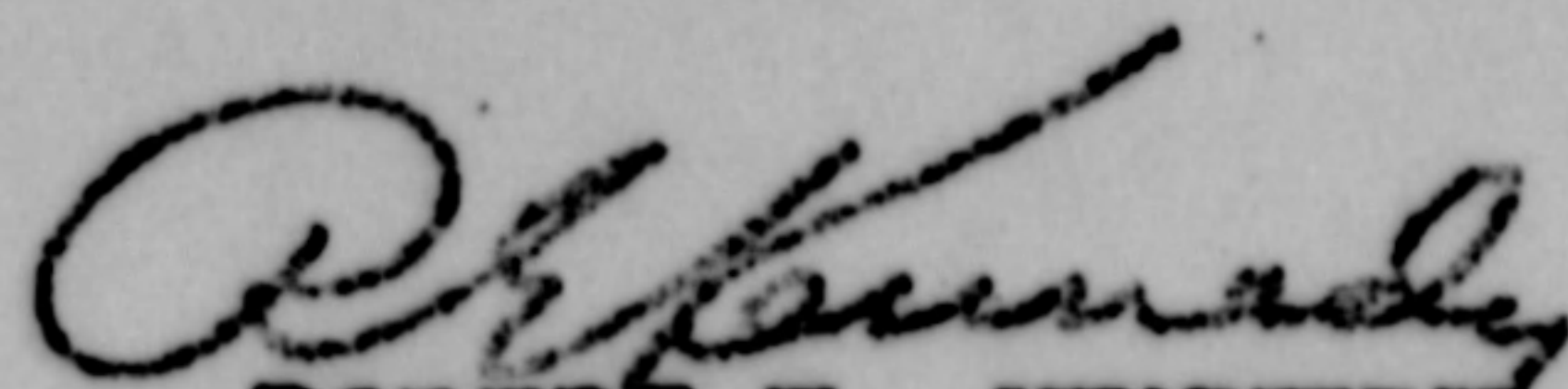
Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Shamokin, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. [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
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE - 4763.00

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 6-8 September 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 8:50 9:15 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:

- 1st time a. Certain c. Not very sure
2nd time b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

[REDACTED] Shamokin Penna. Northid
City or Town State Country

Additional Remarks: I saw the object two nights.
1st Sept 6 - 2nd Sept 6.

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 _____

4. How did you happen to notice the object?

It was brought to
my attention by my grandmother. Both
times.

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

Tuesday Sept. 9 1952
Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object?

outside
talking to my grandmother.

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.

Listened to the radio for about 15 min
then went over next door to talk to my
grandmother.

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 |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ 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 |
| <u>c. East</u> | 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).

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>a. Certain</u> | 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 | <u>g. Through open space</u> |
| 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)

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

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

5 min. 1st time
15 seconds 2nd time

_____	_____	_____
Hours	Minutes	Seconds

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

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

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

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

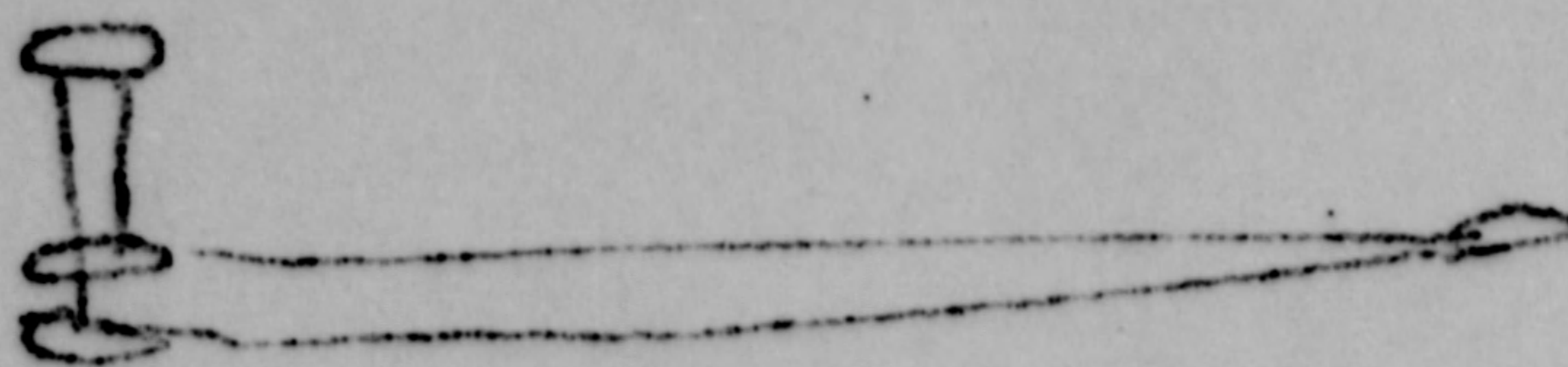
15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? orange

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

16.1 Sound none

16.2 Color orange

17. 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 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.

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 cigar

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? _____ feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 1/2 miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? _____ miles per hour.

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

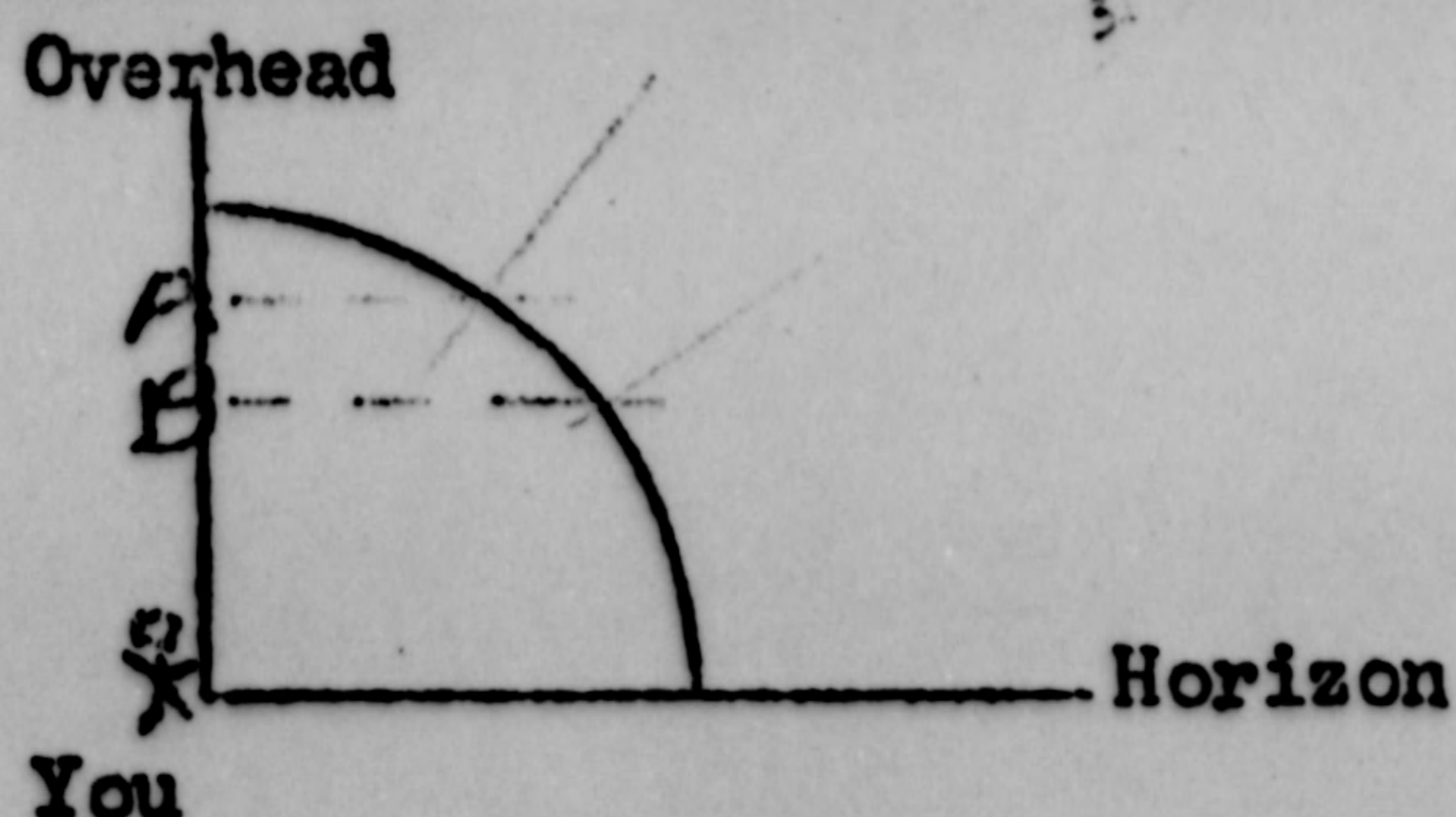
21. How did the object disappear from view?

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

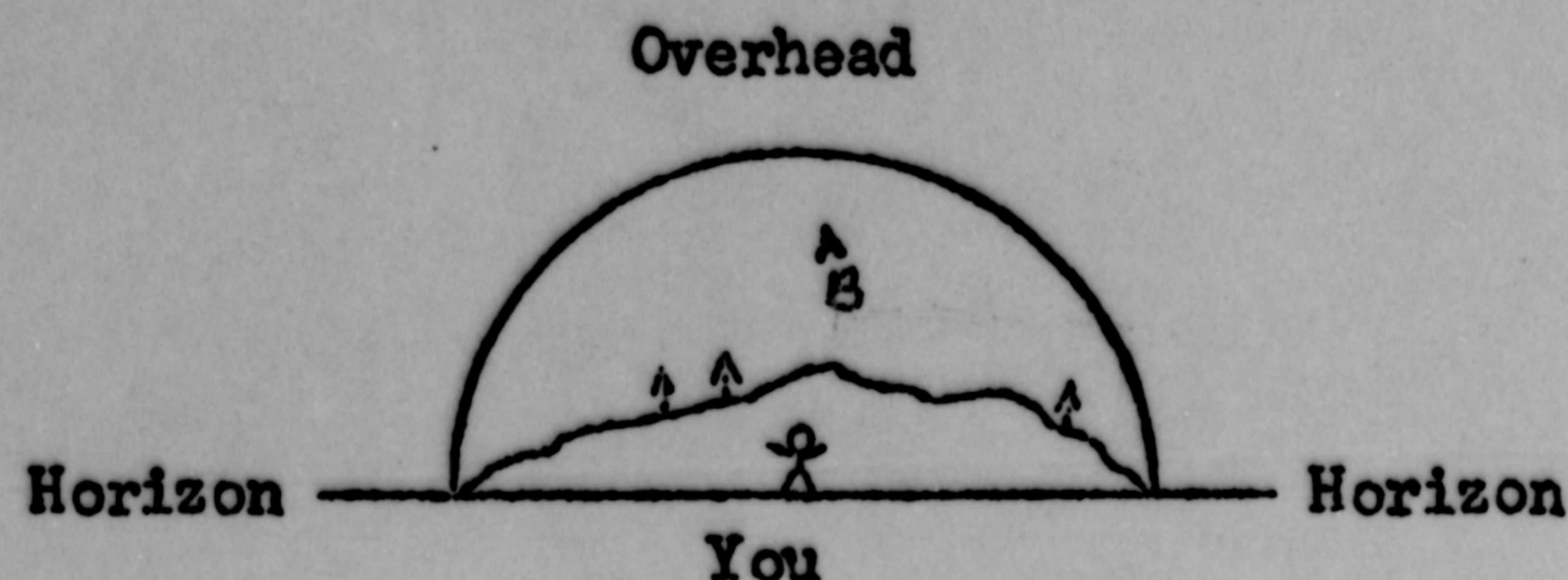
- c. Other _____
- d. Don't remember

SECTION D

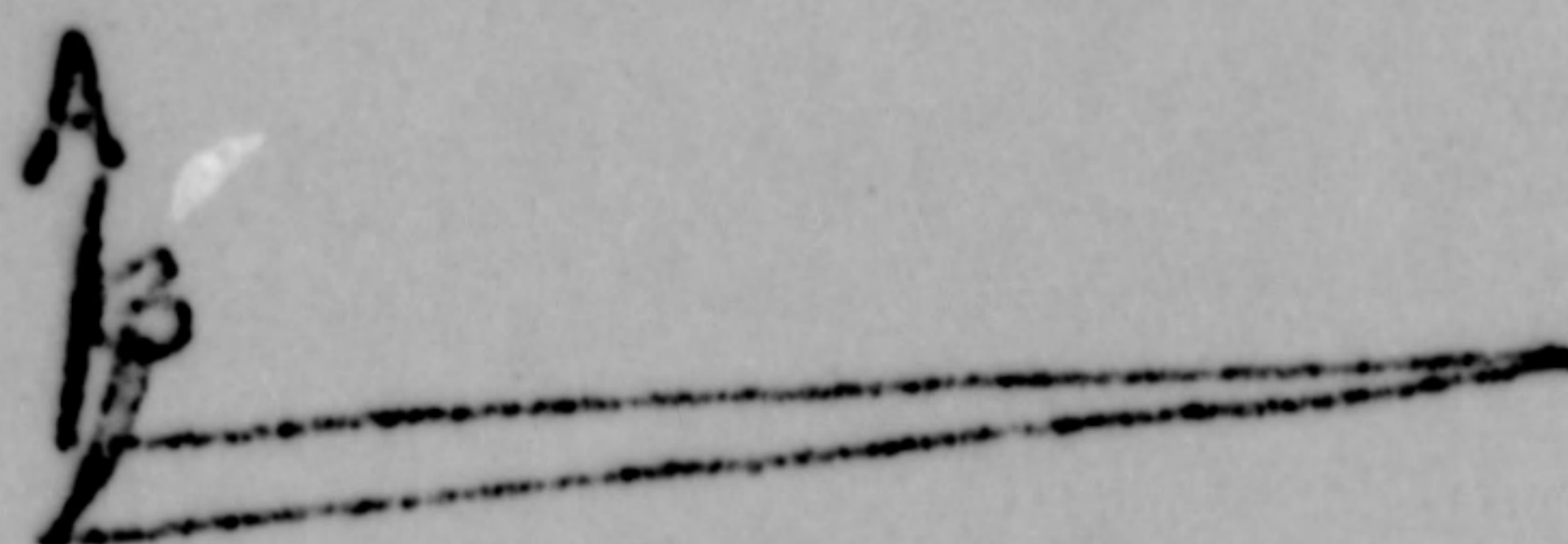
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



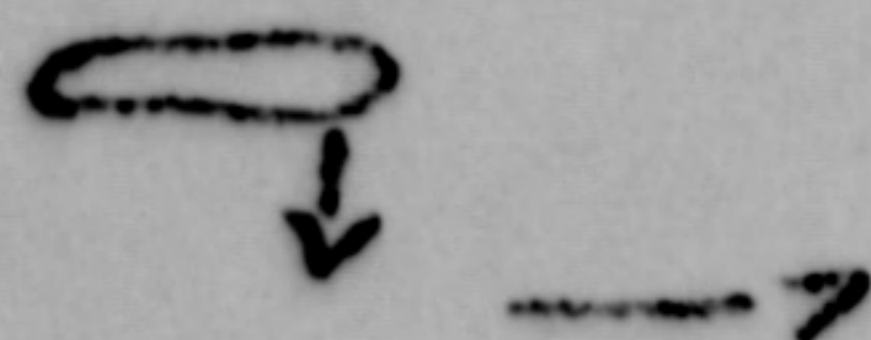
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



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.



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? July 1. In a dark, dark, dark

object at around 11:00 A.M. The sky was
normally clear, disappeared in a few seconds very high

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

It was a solid object. He thought it might
be some form of guided missile.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [REDACTED] Hamaki Pac.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? Housewife

Age 24

Sex female

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] He is Bahian +
can't speak, read, or write English
Hamaki Pa.

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

We are very familiar with airplanes as an air route runs right over the houses. Am also familiar with jets. Do not believe this was a jet as there was no sound & no trail beside it moved slowly at first then increased its speed & slowed again. We live in a part of town where we have little traffic & would not be distracted by sounds from cars etc. It went straight up before disappearing. It seemed to descend & come closer before moving southeastward. Returned to the east rose directly upward & disappeared. What we saw July 1st during the daytime was a silver disc shaped object. What we saw Sept. 6-8 at night seemed cigar shaped & orange. The objects esp. the one seen during the day were solid & not from the heat as just as certain of the ones seen at night.

