

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>14 Sep 52</u>		LOCATION <u>Bellefonte, Pennsylvania</u>		2. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>0320</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Blind star</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>over hour</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Blue, dull yellow and red lights.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Seen on 2 consecutive nights.</u>	

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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
United States		
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT		
(UNCLASSIFIED) Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)		
AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)	
Middletown Air Materiel Area	Intelligence Office	
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
17 September 1952	16 September 1952	
PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE	
John L. Spiegel, 2d Lt, USAF	Civilian Observer	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		
Air Force Letter No. 200-5, 29 Apr 52		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)		

In reference to FLYOBRPT teletype reporting the observation of an unidentified flying object by Mr. [REDACTED] Pa., investigation has established that both objects can be explained.

From the information furnished by the observer, it appears that the object seen on 12 September was, in reality, a blimp and the object seen on the succeeding night was either an extremely bright star or a planet. These explanations are, of course, not 100% conclusive; however, at this time they appear to suffice.

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~~REDACTED~~ FLYOBRPT. ATTN AT1AA-2. MBEFF-9-11 RE AFL

200-5 ON 14 SEP AT 0220Z MR ~~REDACTED~~

PENN PHONE ~~REDACTED~~ SIGHTED A BLUE AND DULL YELLOW OBJECT

WITH SIX RED LIGHTS ON IT TO THE EAST OF THE TOWN AND (MOVING UP AND DOWN.) THERE WAS NO SOUND. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE SPOTTED THE SAME

OBJECT THE NIGHT BEFORE AND THAT ON THAT OCCASION THERE WAS A SOUND.

AT THE TIME OF THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WHICH WAS 140320Z. THE OBJECT WAS STILL IN SIGHT AND SEEMED TO BE FALLING SLOWLY. THE WEATHER AT

THE TIME WAS CLEAR AND UNRESTRICTED VISABILITY. SURFACE WINDS

190/5 2200 FT 320/6 4000 FT 350/11K 6000 FT 330/13KTS. BELLEFONTE IS

LOCATED AT 40/50N AND 77/45W.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
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AREA REPORTED ON Middletown Air Materiel Area		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa.	
DATE OF REPORT 16 September 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 14 September 1952	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) John L. Spierel, 2d Lt, USAF		SOURCE Civilian Observers	
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Officers [redacted] and [redacted] civilian [redacted] at this Base, reported seeing an unidentified flying object while on duty at 0735Z on 14 September 1952.

Officer [redacted] first noticed a sound similar to a "distant motorboat" and called York to verify it. While both men were attempting to locate a boat on the Susquehanna River they noticed a round bright light in the sky southwest of their position at an elevation of approximately 22 degrees. The light was stationary when first observed and was a "brilliant light blue" color. It began to move horizontally, "hesitated", moved again horizontally in a southeastern direction and then accelerated and appeared to drop toward the river. The object disappeared behind a tree and the observers could not determine whether the object disappeared into the river or behind the hills beyond the river. Both men said that it did not resemble a meteor in either behavior or appearance.

The observers stated that as soon as the object began moving the sound stopped. They also reported that while the object was moving it appeared to be brighter than when first sighted in a stationary position. No trail or exhaust was noted.

The length of the observation was timed at three minutes.

Both observers maintained that the sound came from the direction of the light. Officer Burnett reported that he had heard the same sound briefly at 0430Z, but that he did not notice anything unusual at that time.

Weather at the time was clear with two to three miles visibility. Winds were: surface 290/5k, 2000' 320/6k, 4000' 350/11k, 6000' 330/13k.

It is possible that the guards were observing a light aircraft, but the absence of navigation lights would seem to discount this. Further-more, if the light were the landing light of an aircraft, a beam should have been visible under the conditions of low visibility at the time, but the observers said they saw only a bright light. This office can offer no definite explanation of the sighting.

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/ [REDACTED] FLYOBRPT-ATTN-AT1AA-2 MBEBF-9-12 RE AFL 200-5

ON 14 SEPT AT 0335Z MR [REDACTED] AND MR [REDACTED] OF

THE OLMSTED [REDACTED] SIGHTED AN OBJECT RESEMBLING A LARGE WATERMELON

WITH A BRILLIANT BLUE GLOW. THEY STATED THAT IT WAS DEFINITELY NOT

A METEOR OR SHOOTING STAR. THEY WERE ATTRACTED BY A SOUND SIMILAR

TO A MOTOR BOAT IT SEEMED TO HANG AND THEN DROP AND ALL AT ONCE IT

TOOK OFF IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. IT WAS IN SIGHT FOR ABOUT THREE

MINUTES. THE ABOVE MEN WERE ON DUTY AT THE WEST GATE OF OLMSTED AFB

AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING WHICH IS LAT 40/12N LONG 76/45W. THE

WEATHER AT THE TIME WAS CLEAR AND 2 TO 3 MILES VISIBILITY. WINDS

WERE SURFACE 290/5K 2000 FT 320/6K 4000 FT 350/11K 6000 FT 330/13K.

[REDACTED] ELIZABETHTOWN PA PRO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HARRISBURG PA [REDACTED]

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 14 SEPTEMBER 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 0335 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:

OLMSTEAD AIR FORCE BASE MIDDLETOWN PENNA. U.S.A.
Postal Address City or Town State Country

Additional Remarks: WAS ON [REDACTED] AT THE WEST
GATE AT OAFB FROM 0300 TO 0700 HRS.

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 ON BASE - WEST END

4. How did you happen to notice the object? WAS TRYING TO PLACE
HUMMING SOUND WHEN I NOTICED BRIGHT
GLOW IN THE DISTANCE

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

14 SEPTEMBER 1952
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? CHECKING WITH
[REDACTED] FOR THE UNUSUAL SOUND.

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.

WAS [REDACTED] OF WEST GATE AT
OLMSTEAD AND WAS CHECKING CIVILIANS AND
A. BAKER LEAVING AND ENTERING BASE BY CAR.

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

c. East

g. West

d. Southeast

h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| a. North | e. <u>South</u> |
| 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).

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|-------------------|------------------|
| a. <u>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 | g. <u>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. <u>Clear sky</u> |
| b. Hazy |
| c. Scattered clouds |
| d. Thick or heavy clouds |
| e. Don't remember |

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- | |
|-----------------------------|
| a. <u>Dry</u> |
| 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. <u>Slight breeze</u> |
| c. Strong wind |
| d. Don't remember |

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- | |
|-------------------|
| a. Cold |
| b. Cool |
| c. <u>Warm</u> |
| d. Hot |
| e. Don't remember |

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

Hours

3-4 min.
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?	<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? BRILLIANT BLUE

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

16.1 Sound OF A MOTORBOAT IN THE DISTANCE

16.2 Color BRILLIANT BLUE

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.

TRAVELED ACROSS SKY AND DROPPED BEHIND TREES ON DISTANT MOUNTAIN.

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 | f. Automobile |
| b. Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball | h. Large airplane |
| d. Bicycle wheel | i. Dirigible |
| e. Office desk | j. Other <u>WATERMELON (OVAL)</u> |

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

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. <u>Certain</u> | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

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

- 20.1 How high above the earth was it? TO MY VISION APP. 300 feet. YARDS
- 20.2 How far was it from you? — feet or 3/4 miles.
- 20.3 How fast was it going? — miles per hour. VERY FAST
- 20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

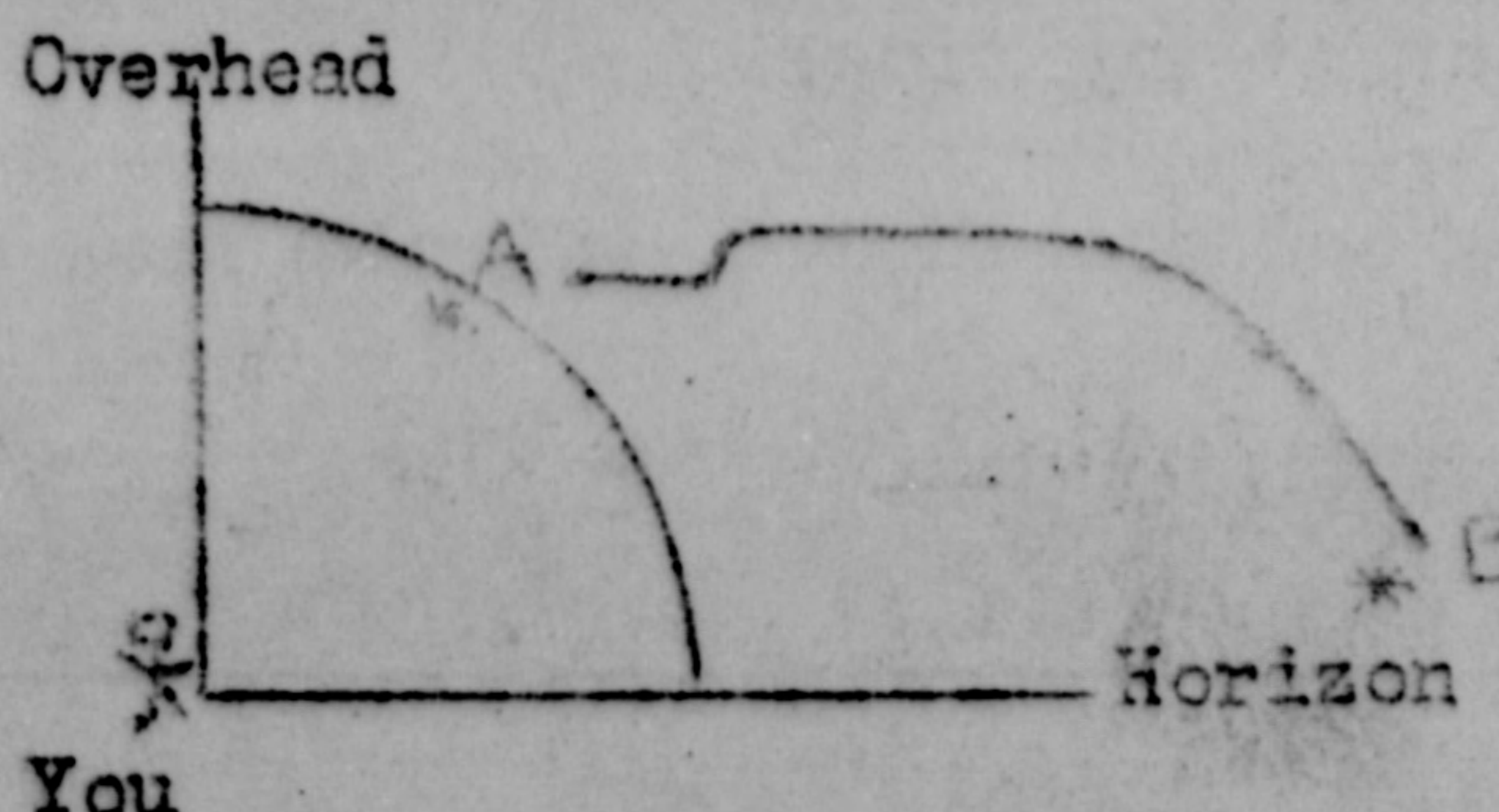
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| a. <u>Certain</u> | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

21. How did the object disappear from view?

- (Circle One): a. Suddenly c. Other —
- b. Gradually 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.



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?

11? HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE OBJECT WAS BUT WOULD BE MORE THAN WILLING TO SAY IT DEFINITELY WAS NOT A FALLING STAR AND THE HUMMING CEASED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS PHENOMENA PASSED.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [REDACTED] PHILADELPHIA PA 19104 PENNSYLVANIA

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? REDACTED

Age 35

Sex *MALE*

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

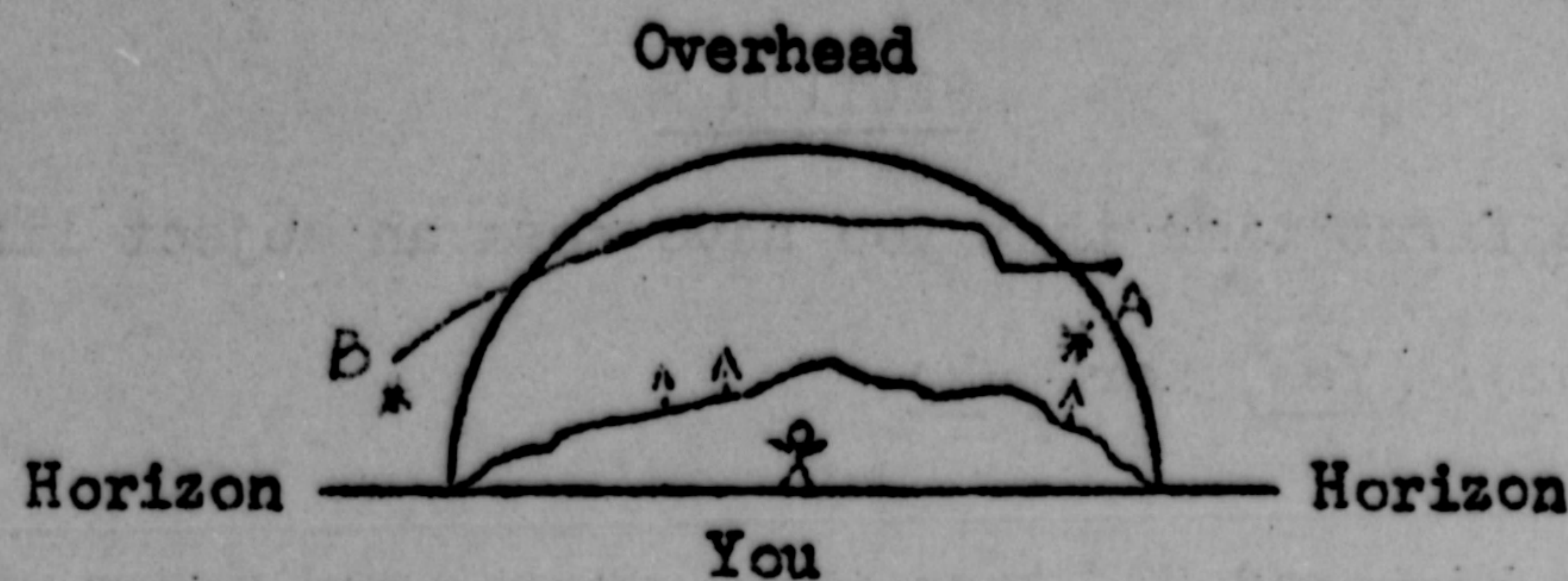
29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

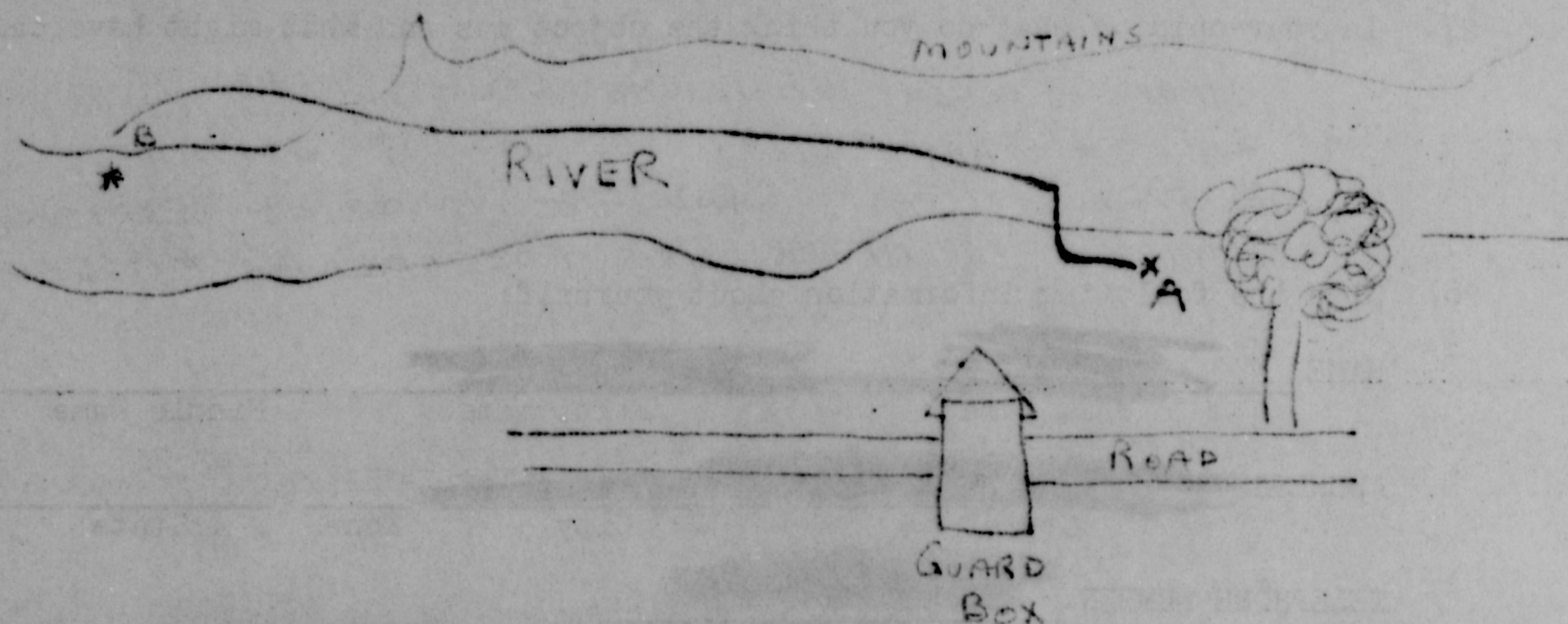
29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

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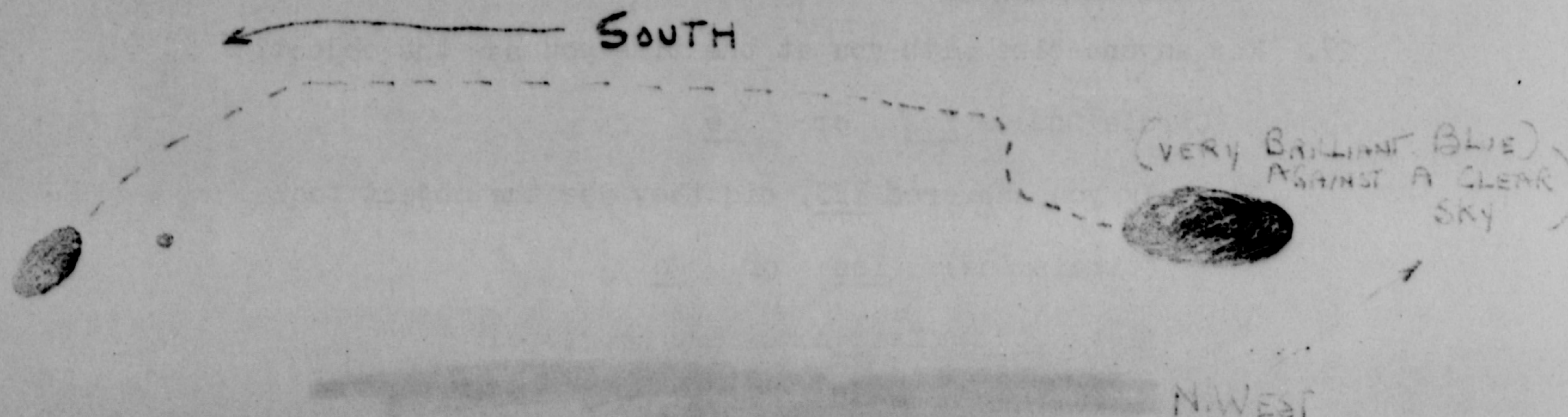
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



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.



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

OBJECT DID NOT CHANGE IN SHAPE
OR COLOR AND TRAVELED IN A STRAIGHT
LINE ACROSS THE SKY AFTER HESITATING
AT ITS POINT OF ORIGIN AND COULD
SEE IT VERY CLEAR UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED
BEHIND THE TREES IN THE MOUNTAINS. IT
DID NOT BLACKEN OUT IN THE SKY AS
FALLING STARS DO. THE HUMMING NOISE
WAS PRESENT THE WHOLE TIME IT WAS
IN OUR RANGE OF VISION.