

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 Oct 52		2. LOCATION Zuni, New Mexico		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 14/2150 MST GMT 15/0450		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian man			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 40 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING High government executive was flying in B-25 a/c with two AF officers from Pentagon, sighted illuminated object which performed maneuvers from hover to high speed and executed erratic changes in course. Object had two blinking red lights above the upper section, and the lower portion of the object had a strong spotlight effect. Object gave the impression of "turning", or spinning of the main body.				11. COMMENTS Source is highly credible, chief of Senate and White House liaison also a pilot.	

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

30 October 1952

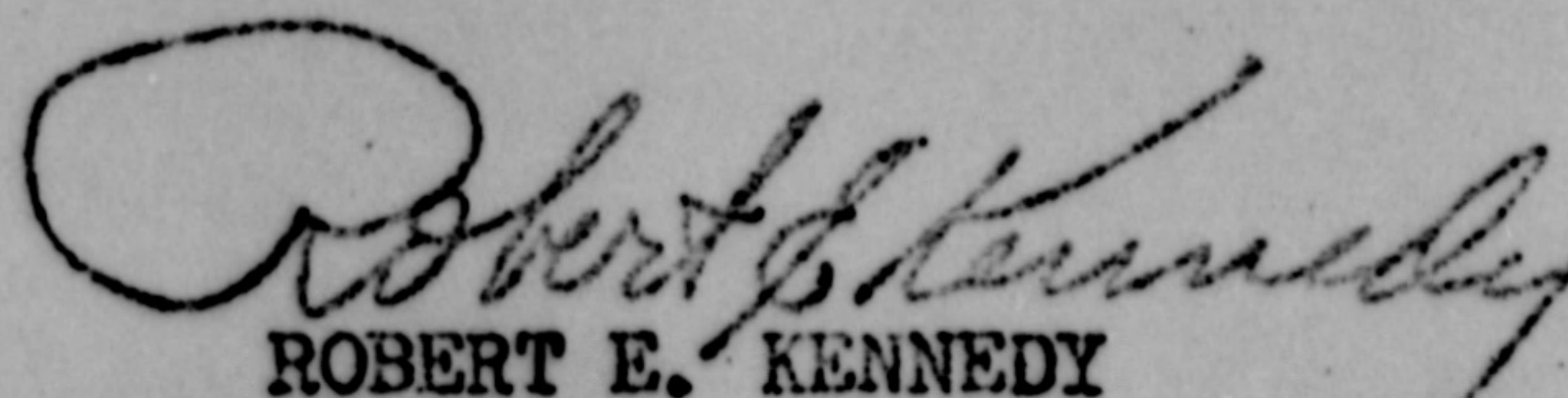
Col A. L. Cox
Office of the Secretary of the Air Force
Room 5D-914, Pentagon Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telephone conversation of 28 Oct 52 with Lt Rothstein, the questionnaires which were mentioned are inclosed. It will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaires and return them in the inclosed envelope.

Your desire to be of service and cooperation are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

2 Incls
a/s

7-3719-20

Washington

10 November

Dear [REDACTED]

The inclosed report of an unidentified object has been presented to me with an unusual degree of fervor by the author. He states that up until the time he saw the damned thing he was an unalloyed sceptic, but that now he is a thorough-going convert.

His qualifications for unbiased observation are considerably higher than most people's. He further makes the point that he had co-observers with qualifications and prior attitudes similar to his.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?					☐ Yes		☒ No	
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:					_____ Minutes			
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:								
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting		
				Yes	No			
a.								
b.								
c.								
d.								
(attach overlay)								

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate
23. FINAL EVALUATION: ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS:	

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE 14 OCT 57	2. LOCATION ZUNI, NEW MEXICO	3. TIME Local: 14/2150 MST Zebra: 15/0450 Z
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		
☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		
☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		
☒ Yes ☐ No ☒ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☒ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		
☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Normal ☒ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:		
☒ Blinking ☐ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:		
☐ 1-15 Seconds ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☒ Over 10 Minutes 40 minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)		
Albert L. Cox, Jr., Col. USAF - Liaison Officer, Pentagon, Wash. D.C.		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?		
☐ Yes ☒ No		
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?		
☐ Yes ☒ No		
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?		
☐ Yes ☒ No		
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☒ Night 2150 ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?		
☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft		
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?		
☐ Yes ☒ No		
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?		
☒ Yes ☐ No		
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?		
☒ Yes ☐ No		

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SH :

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <i>15 Oct 52</i>		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <i>2100 Z</i>		3. STATION OBSERVING <i>Winkelman, Arizona</i>	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000	<i>15</i>	<i>360°</i>	55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000	<i>10</i>	<i>360°</i>	65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.		<i>CHVU</i> MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS:					

14 Oct. '53 Sighting made by Col. ~~XXXX~~:

As far as astronomical possibilities go to explain this sighting, even the fact that Capella and Pollux, two bright stars, were ~~about~~ in front the flight path, the distinct movement of the object from side to side seems to cross off the possible explanation.

Balloons were launched from Albuquerque, N.M., and Winslow Arizona at 0300 Z, 1 hr. and 50 minutes prior to Col's sighting and by that time both balloons would have burst. There is the possibility that an upper air research balloon might have been in the area and this will have to be checked.

The AIC seems to present the most plausible answer at the present time and a check is being made on airline and Air Force flights existent in the area flying the range between Duran and Winslow Arizona.

~~XXXX~~ 21 Oct.

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?

14 OCT. 1952
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 21 50
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?

_____ ZUNI N. Mex.
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country
Additional remarks: AIRBORNE AT 10,000 FEET
HEADING 260°

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

0 40 _____
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 BRIGHTER & LARGER

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | ☒ Yes | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | ☒ Yes | No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | ☒ Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | ☒ Yes | No | ☒ Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | ☒ Yes | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | ☒ Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | ☒ Yes | No | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No ☒ Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No ☒ Don't Know.

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

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One): a. ☒ Solid? b. Transparent? c. Don't Know.

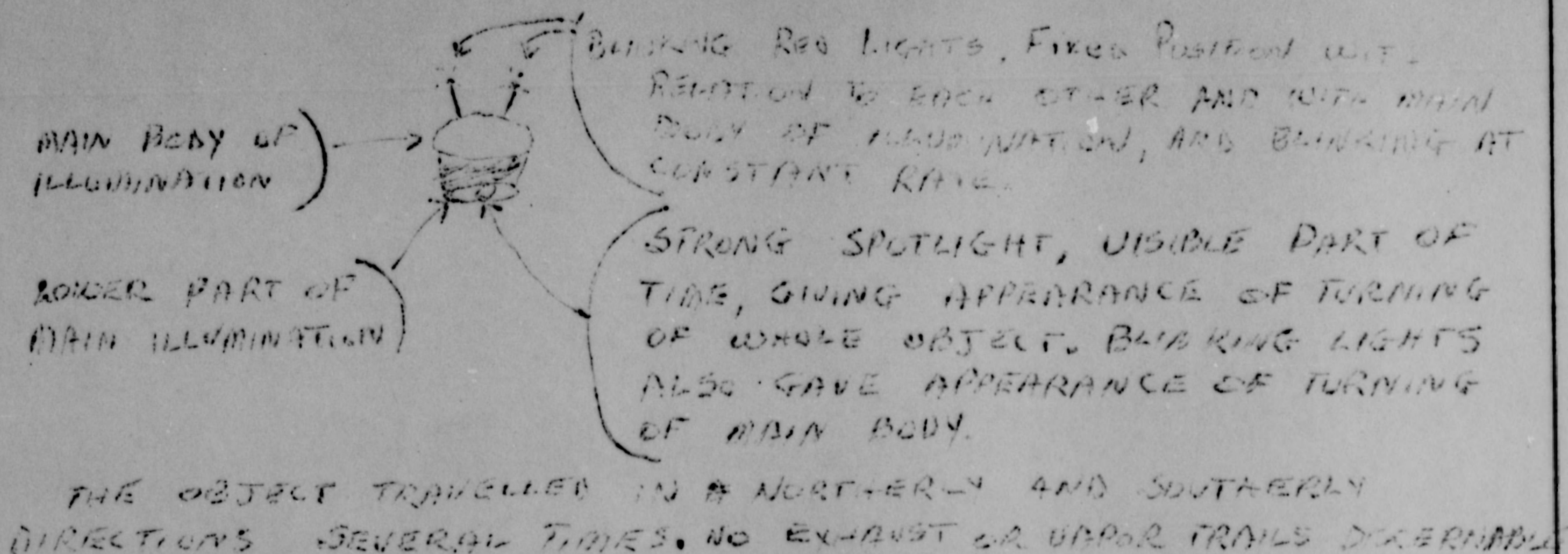
15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 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 NORMAL ELECTRIC LIGHT COLOR AND RED BLINKING LIGHT

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.



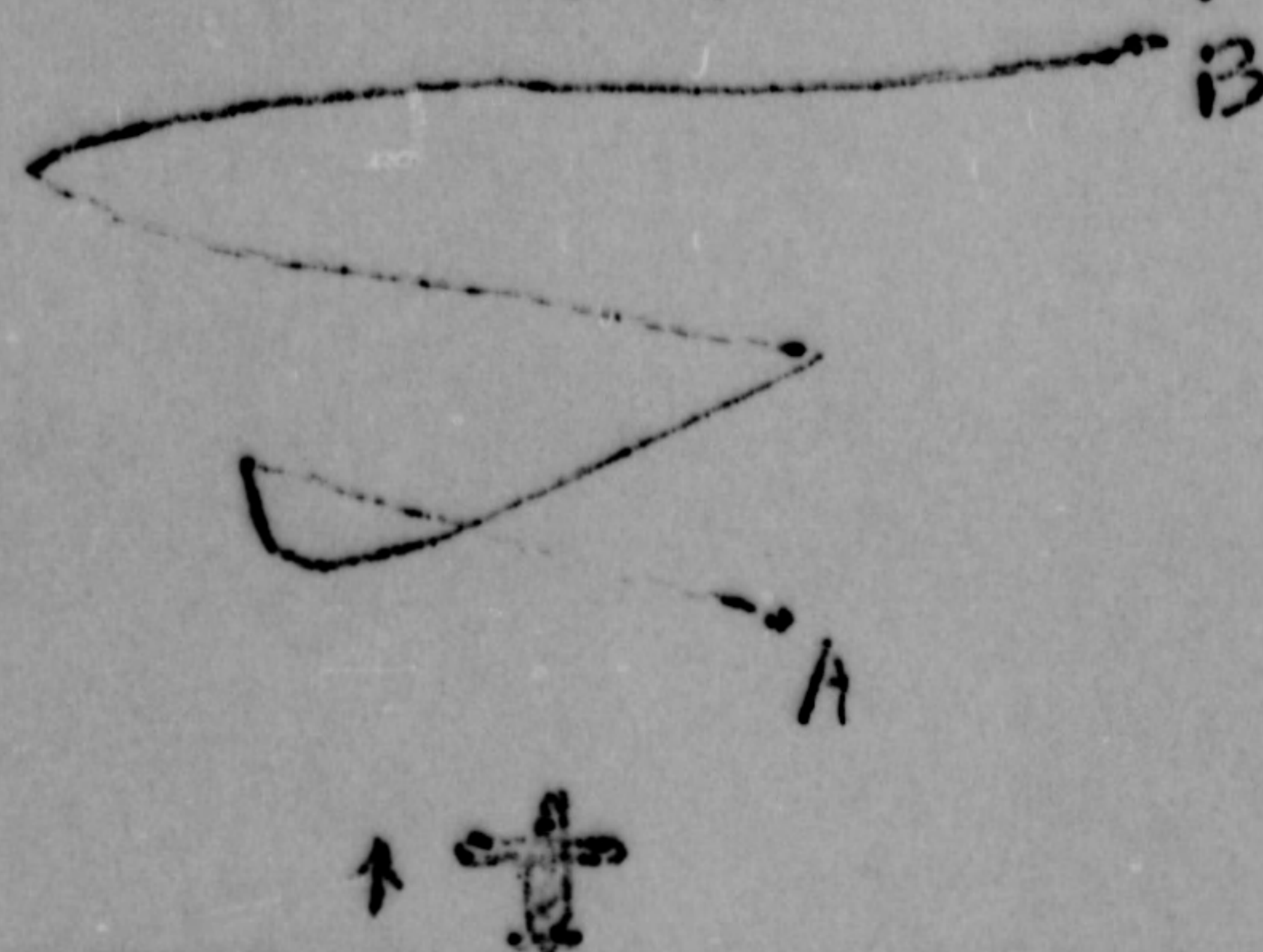
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
500 feet. (STRICTLY A GUESS)

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 _____

- 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? FADED FROM VIEW, IN DISTANCE ON HORIZON, FOLLOWING CHANGE OF COURSE FROM 260° TO 200°.

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.

MADE OF METALLIC MATERIAL DUE TO HIGH SPEEDS OBSERVED.
 SIZE AND SHAPE OF LARGE DIRIGIBLE. (GUESS)

AN ILLUMINATED DIRIGIBLE WOULD BE COMPARABLE IN
 APPEARANCE. HOWEVER, HIGH SPEEDS OBSERVED COULD
 NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY CONCEPTION I HAVE OF
 A DIRIGIBLE.

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?

FLYING IN CO-PILOT SEAT OF B-25 ON AIRWAY BETWEEN
ZUNI AND WINDSOR, ARIZ. AT 10,000', HEADING 260°. ALT.
AND HEADING REMAINED CONSTANT. OBJECT WAS BEHIND (OR WEST)
OF AIRCRAFT AND DIFFERENT FROM STARS.

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? 190 NAUTICAL miles per hour. (TRUE AIR SPEED)

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. <u>Northwest</u> |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

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

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:

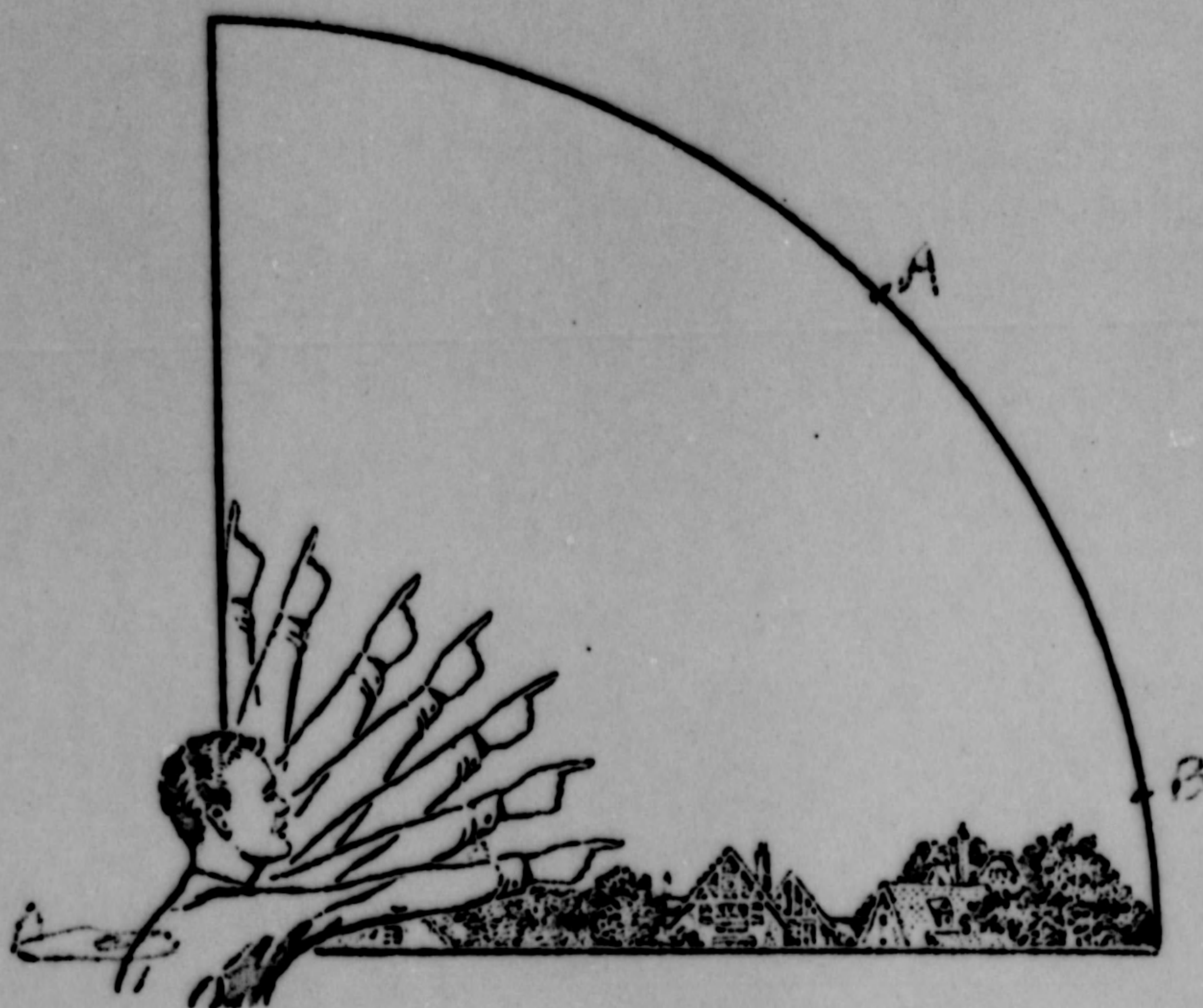
- a. From true North 310 degrees.
- b. From horizon 50 degrees. FROM HORIZONTAL PLANE OF AIRCRAFT.

31.2 When it disappeared:

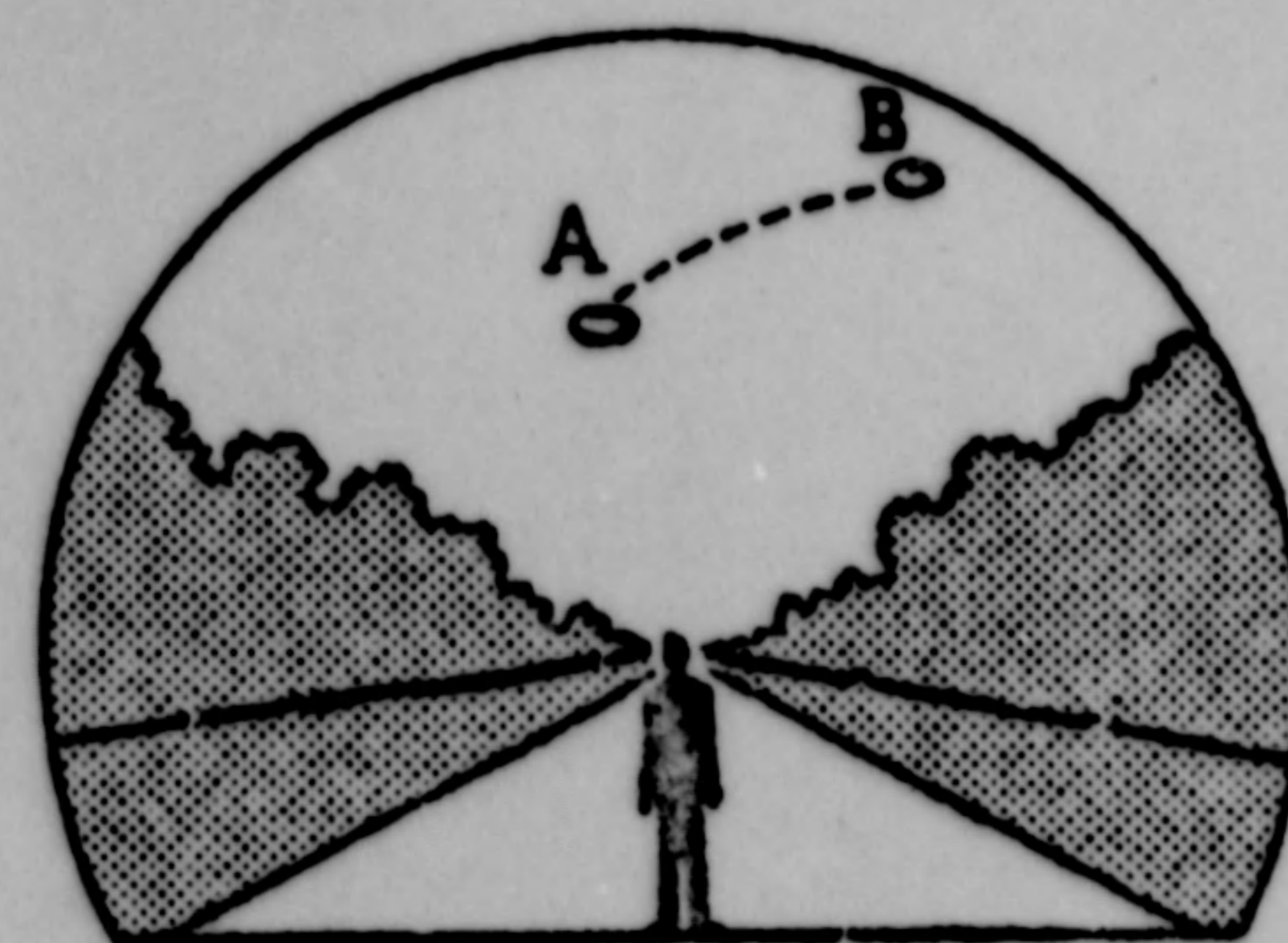
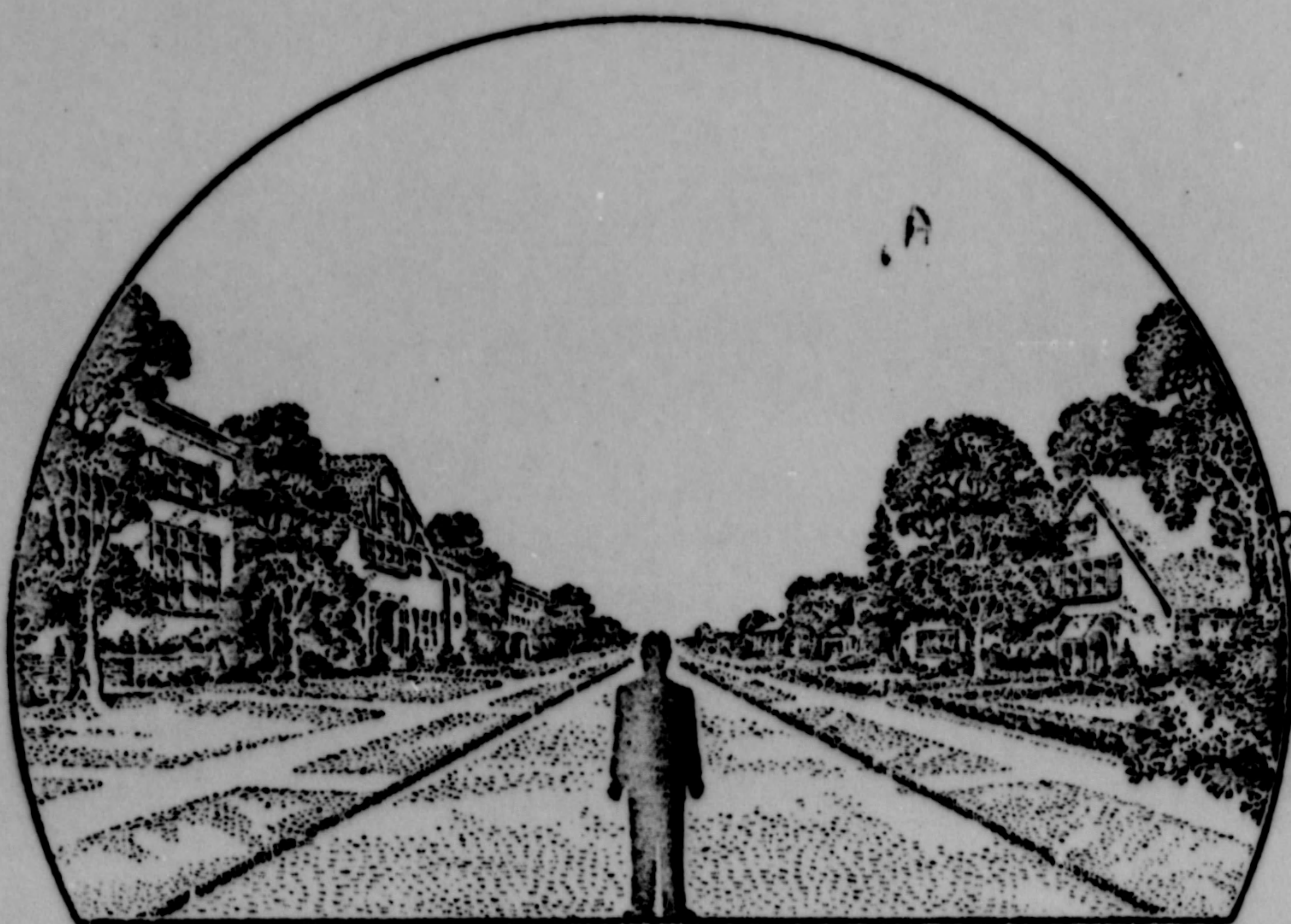
- a. From true North 330 degrees.
- b. From horizon 20 degrees.

Object was losing alt.

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:

OSD, PENTAGON
PILOT, CIV. CONTRACT AIRLIFT
FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO TOKYO.
BASED IN SAN FRANCISCO
(PASSENGER)

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 THINK IT WAS

A CONTROLLED MACHINE WITH ABILITY TO HOVER AND TO TRAVEL
AT VERY HIGH SPEEDS. IT APPEARED TO BE THE RESULT, OR
PRODUCT, OF ADVANCED AERONAUTICAL KNOWLEDGE IN EXCESS OF
ANY DEVELOPMENTS KNOWN TO ME.

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? IN EXCESS OF 1000 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? 50 to 400 MILES feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [REDACTED] WASHINGTON 8 D.C.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? CHIEF, SENATE AND WHITE HOUSE LIAISON, AFSLL

Age 38 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school ✓

b. High school ✓

c. College ✓

d. Post graduate _____

e. e. Technical school _____

(Type) _____

f. Other special training PILOT

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

5 NOV. 1952
Day Month Year

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

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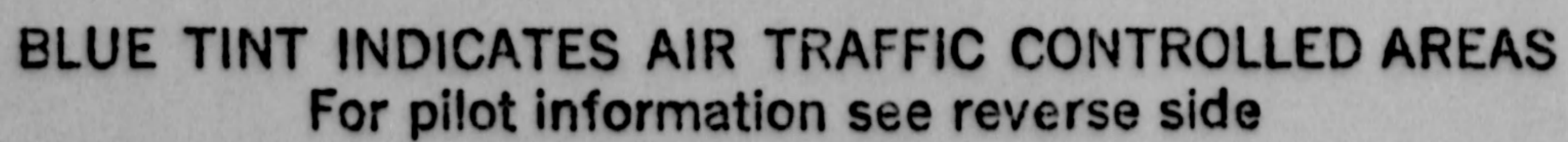
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OBSERVATION MADE FROM CO-PILOT SEAT OF B-25. OBJECT REMAINED WEST OF OUR AIRCRAFT AT ALL TIMES. THREE TYPES OF MANEUVERS OBSERVED: ALT. CHANGE, HOVER, AND HORIZONTAL SPEED. ALT. RANGED FROM ESTIMATED 30,000 FT. TO ESTIMATED 60,000 FT. OBJECT APPEARED TO HOVER MOST OF TIME. HORIZONTAL SPEED ESTIMATED AS HIGH AS 2000 MPH. TWO BLINKING LIGHTS (RED) DIRECTLY ABOVE MAIN SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION REMAINED IN FIXED RELATIVE POSITIONS IN HORIZONTAL PLANE. BRIGHT LIGHT RESEMBLING SPOT OR BEACON APPEARED OCCASIONALLY, GIVING IMPRESSION OF TURNING OF MAIN BODY AROUND VERTICAL AXIS. DISTANCE OF OBJECT FROM OUR AIRCRAFT RANGED FROM ESTIMATED 50 MILES TO ESTIMATED 500 MILES. OBJECT FIRST OBSERVED AT ESTIMATED 30,000 FT, BEARING ESTIMATED 30° R. FROM OUR HEADING AND APPEARED TO BE HOVERING. AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES IT STARTED MOVING ON A SW COURSE, STOPPING AT A HIGHER ALT. AND AT A GREATER DISTANCE BEARING ABOUT 30° L. FROM OUR HEADING. AFTER ABOUT 5 MINUTES IT APPEARED TO BEGIN MOVING ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH OUR AIRCRAFT, BUT QUICKLY TURNED AWAY ON A NW COURSE. IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT THE STRONG BEACON OR SPOT TYPE LIGHT WAS

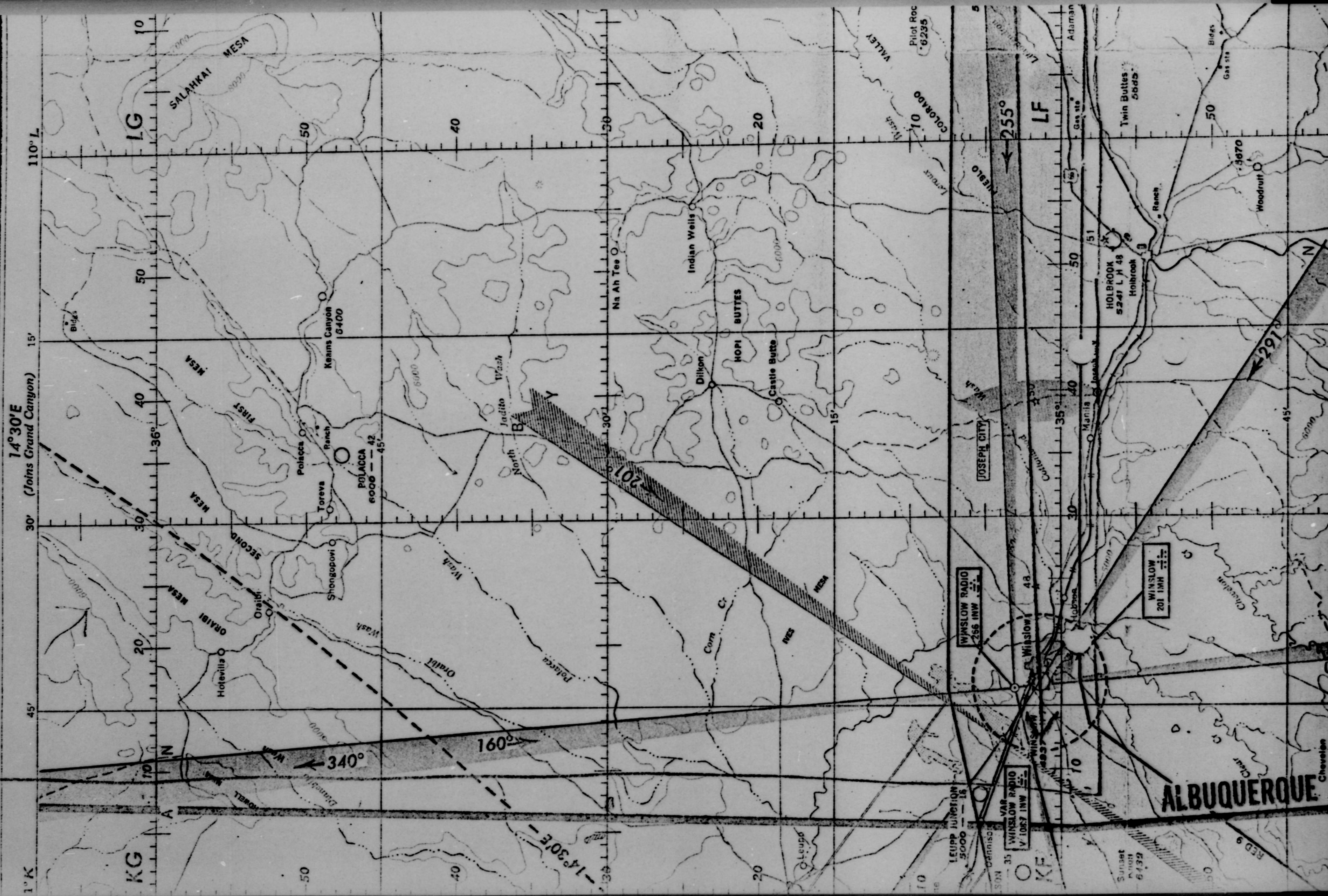
MOST CLEARLY NOTICED. ALL OF THE ABOVE MANEUVERS WERE REPEATED BEFORE THE OBJECT WAS FINALLY LOST FROM VIEW ON THE HORIZON MANY HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY (ESTIMATED).

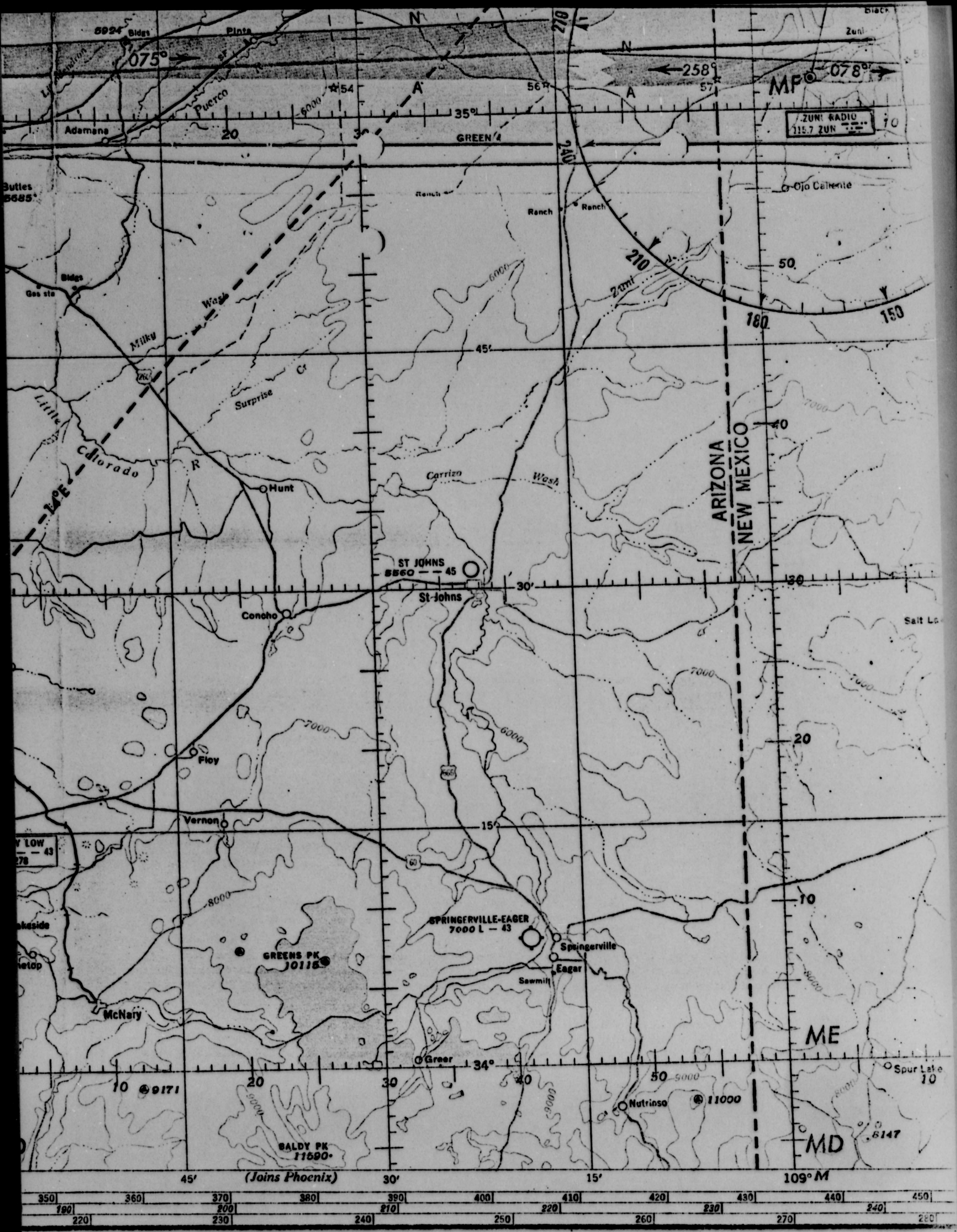
THERE IS NO DOUBT WHATEVER IN MY MIND ABOUT THE ACCURACY OF MANY OF MY OBSERVATIONS. HOWEVER, DISTANCES, SIZE, AND SPEEDS ARE STRICTLY GUESSES WITHOUT ADEQUATE REFERENCES TO ASSURE THEIR ACCURACY.

THIS OBSERVATION WARRANTS THE MOST CAREFUL ATTENTION OF THE AIR FORCE, AND UNLIMITED EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE NATURE AND IDENTITY OF THE OBJECT OBSERVED. I AM NOT ABLE TO DISMISS IT AS A NATURAL PHENOMENON. I HAD ALWAYS BEEN SKEPTICAL AND ~~UNINTERESTED~~ UNCONCERNED ABOUT SUCH REPORTS PREVIOUSLY. CERTAIN OF MY OBSERVATIONS WERE POSITIVE AND VERIFIED BY TWO OTHER AIR FORCE PILOTS.

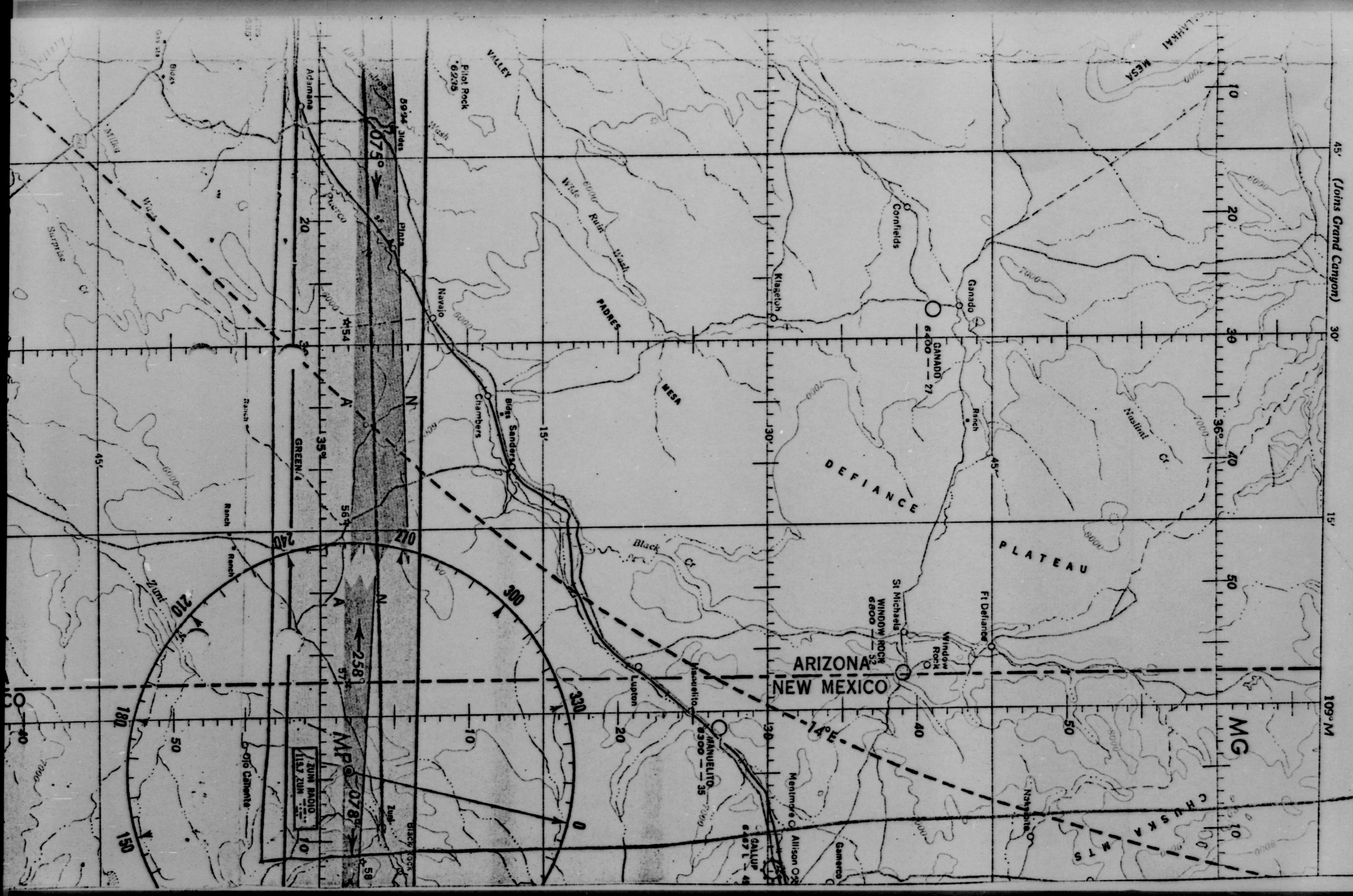


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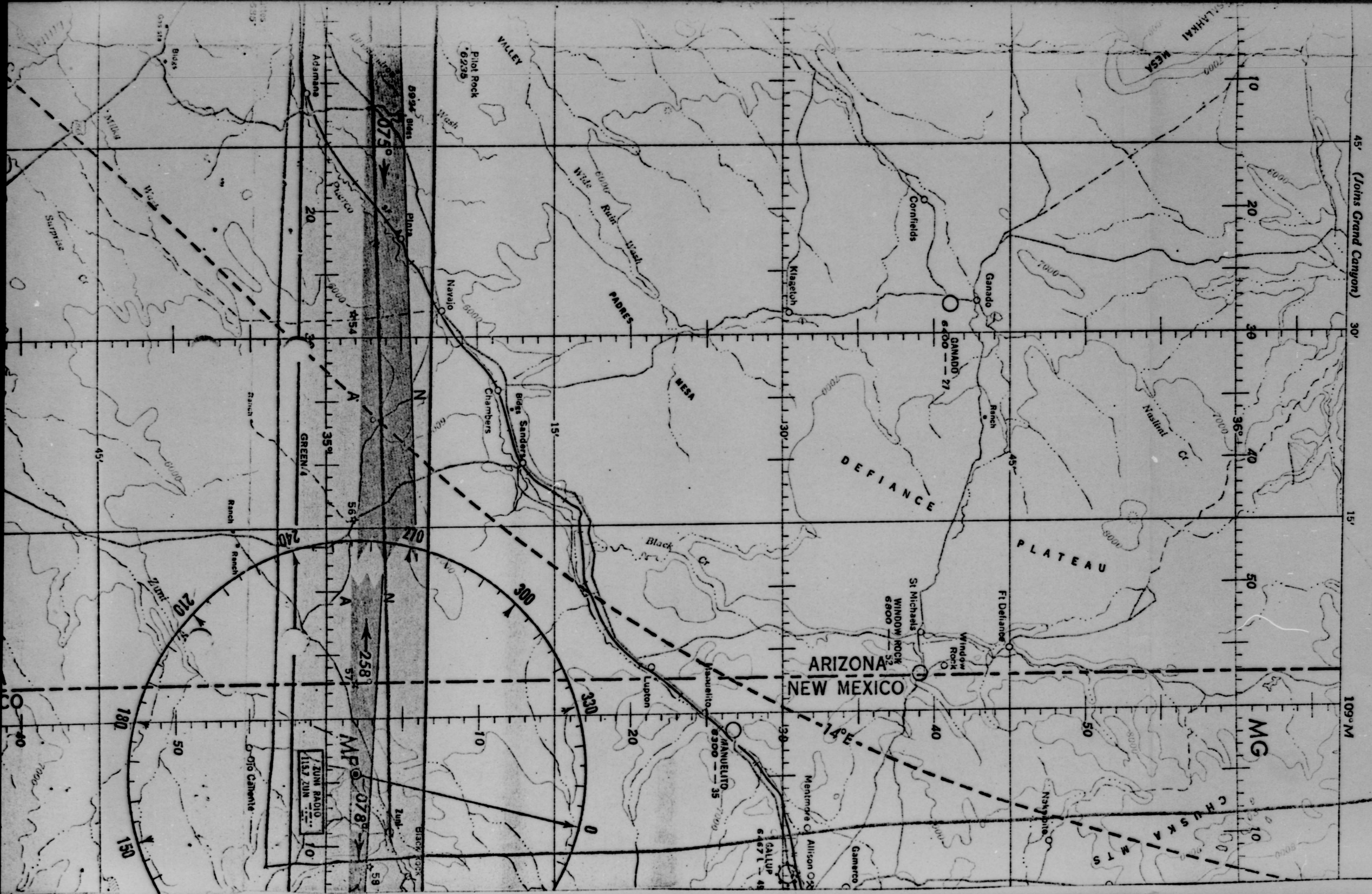




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SUBJECT: FLYCRAFT
SPECTAR INOUTRY

TO : Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to Air Force Letter No. 200-5, Department of the Air Force, dated 29 April 1952.

2. The following is forwarded for your information and dissemination:

On 15 October 1952, at approximately 1900 hours, Mr. [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York, telephonically reported to this office that he had been on the roof top of his apartment building watching searchlights which had been moving from south to north across the sky. He suddenly noticed two strange objects to the east and to the west which appeared to be stationary. The objects were a bright blue color and gradually changed to a pinkish orange color and then back again to bright blue. There was no twinkling effect given off by the light so that Mr. [REDACTED] felt certain they could not have been stars. He was watching the objects through his field glasses which have approximately an eight mile range. The object to the east was low in the sky and the one to the west was quite high in the sky. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that apparently someone was trying to put the spotlight on the objects one by one with the high searchlights which were crossing the sky. Mr. [REDACTED] emphasized that the objects gave off a bright light. He estimated that they burned for approximately eighteen minutes. Because of this, he felt they could not possibly have been a flare as flares ordinarily do not burn that long and also they did not fall from the sky in any way. The objects suddenly became extinguished and at that point Mr. [REDACTED] came down to his apartment to call our office.

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Mr. ~~_____~~ related that he is located at the corner of Nostrand and Rogers Avenue, his address is ~~_____~~ ~~_____~~ Brooklyn, New York. Mr. ~~_____~~ further stated that five weeks ago he had spotted similar phenomena in the sky and had written a letter to Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, concerning that observation.

FRANK P. DUNNINGTON
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TO : Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to AF Letter 200-5, Headquarters, Department of the Air Force, dated 29 April 1952.
2. The following is forwarded for your information and dissemination:

Mr. [REDACTED] of Colliers Magazine, who resides at [REDACTED], New York City, New York, telephonically reported to this office that he had observed a large bright light at approximately 1820 hours on 14 October 1952, while he was on the roof of the six (6) story apartment house in which he resides. [REDACTED] stated that he was no judge of distance or height but the flame appeared at a great distance and height south along the East River. The apartment house is on the corner of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The flame appeared to be cylinder in shape and gave off a steady orange and red light with an occasional flicker of blue flame. [REDACTED] added that the flame or light did not appear to be one which was discharged from a blower, for example a blow torch. This light moved very slowly in a direction generally from east to west for approximately one (1) minute and then disappeared while moving in a general direction of south-south-east (SSE) at a great speed which took place in approximately one-half (1/2) minute. No light beam was observed to be coming from the ground. The area over the river was generally cloudy with smoke haze. No further description could be given concerning the appearance of the flame. [REDACTED] stated that he decided to report his observation after reading an article that appeared in the New York Times, newspaper, 15 October 1952 issue, page 34, titled 'BIG FLAME REPORTED SEEN OVER IDLEWILD.' This article is stated verbatim as follows:

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The control tower men, who are employees of the Civil Aeronautics Authority, said they had made a report to their superiors and that a 'release' may be issued today by the C.A.A. office at the airport. They declined to describe what they had seen.

A spokesman for C.A.A. said later that a controller in the tower reported he had seen an object moving at a very high speed across the field, at approximately 1,000 feet, and that the object seemed to have dissipated off the periphery of the airport. In accordance with procedure, he notified Mitchel Field military authorities."

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