

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Oct 52		2. LOCATION KILLEEN TEX		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 17/2215 CST GMT 18/0415 Z		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	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE 2 Civilian men		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 10		9. COURSE S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Approx ten objects flew over city in a "duck-like" formation. Objects appeared to reflect light, disappeared by suddenly "going out". Observers are clergymen.		11. COMMENTS			

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WITH PAR 7D AFL 230-5 CMA WILL BE UNABLE TO OBTAIN SIGNED NARRATIVE

STATEMENTS FM OBSERVERS PRIOR TO 21 OR 22 OCT 52 CMA DUE TO THEIR OUT

OF TOWN ENGAGEMENTS PD UPON THEIR RETURN CMA RPT WILL BE FORWARDED

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. 1	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Report of unidentified flying objects		
AREA REPORTED ON Killeen, Texas	FROM (Agency) USAF Gray AF Base, Killeen, Texas	
DATE OF REPORT 22 October 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 17 October 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) Captain CLARENCE A. MAGER	SOURCE Interview with Observers	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) Initially reported by this Headquarters TT Mag. OPNS 1001		
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.)		
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) Gray Air Force Base Killeen, Texas	REPORT NO. 1	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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IR-165-52

Report of Unidentified Flying Objects

Killeen, Texas

Killeen, Texas
1001st Air Base Sq., Gray Air Force Base,

22 October 1952

17 October 1952

CLIANCK A. MAGEE, Capt. D/Opns & Trng.

Mr. ~~REDACTED~~
Mr. ~~REDACTED~~

Initially reported by this Hq. TT Msg. OPN3 1001

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1. Statement, Mr. ~~REDACTED~~ (7 copies)
2. Statement, Mr. ~~REDACTED~~ (7 copies)
3. Weather Rpt. (7 copies)

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4001st Air Base Squadron
Gray AF Base, Killeen, Texas

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

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THOMAS J. ROGERS

Lt Colonel, USAF

Commanding

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IR-165-52

October 21, 1952

On the evening of Friday, October 17, 1952 at approximately 10:15 P.M. the Reverend Mr. ~~REDACTED~~ and I were standing in the back yard of the Methodist Parsonage at ~~REDACTED~~ in the city of Killeen, Texas. As I glanced up into the sky I caught sight of a strange group of approximately ten round, not well defined, spots or blobs of light in a single and equidistant sequence moving across the sky at an angle of approximately 60 to 70 degrees with the earth. Light seemed to reflect from rather than emanate from the objects which were moving from north to south at a very rapid rate of speed, being in sight for only about five seconds in an arc of slightly more than 100 degrees. The formation of a single straight line was maintained for the entire interim; however, as the objects moved toward the south, the formation seemed to veer toward the south-east in what would give the impression of rough air, the size of the formation as well as the separate objects which constituted it seemed to diminish, giving the effect of distance. The impression of velocity was re-emphasized by the rather sudden fading of the entire phenomenon. My first impression as evidenced by my remark to Mr. Greenwaldt was that of a group of ducks in flight; however, movement was much too rapid. The absence of any sound, and the apparent lack of light of sufficient strength from the city to reflect from the objects at such a height quickly discounted this thesis. The duck thesis, however, is valuable in determining the relativity as to distance, sequence, formation, size, and proximity of the phenomenon.

A few estimations, though only relative, and in complete ignorance of air speed, height, etc. are perhaps in order. The speed of the phenomenon would

~~REDACTED~~

(Tiera Amarillo N Mex
17 Oct 52

**TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE**

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 17 Oct 52 (18 / 0600Z)
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 23 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 did you see the object?

near Tiera Amarillo New Mexico
Postal Address City or Town State Country

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? Just looked up at
stars
5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?
17 Oct 52
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Going down to check on guards at gate

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.

On D.D

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

Yes or No calling

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? calling 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 facing 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 facing 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 two questions. (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 sun glasses |
| 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)

- CAV*
- 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? _____

Hours

Minutes

Seconds

03 1/2 04 seconds

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

a. Certainb. Fairly sure

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent? *like a glass*

trans.

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? _____

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

16.1 Sound None

16.2 Color _____

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 | f. Automobile |
| b. Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball | h. Large airplane |
| d. Bicycle wheel | i. Dirigible |
| e. Office desk | j. Other _____ |

At arm's length

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

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain | 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? _____ feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or _____ 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 | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

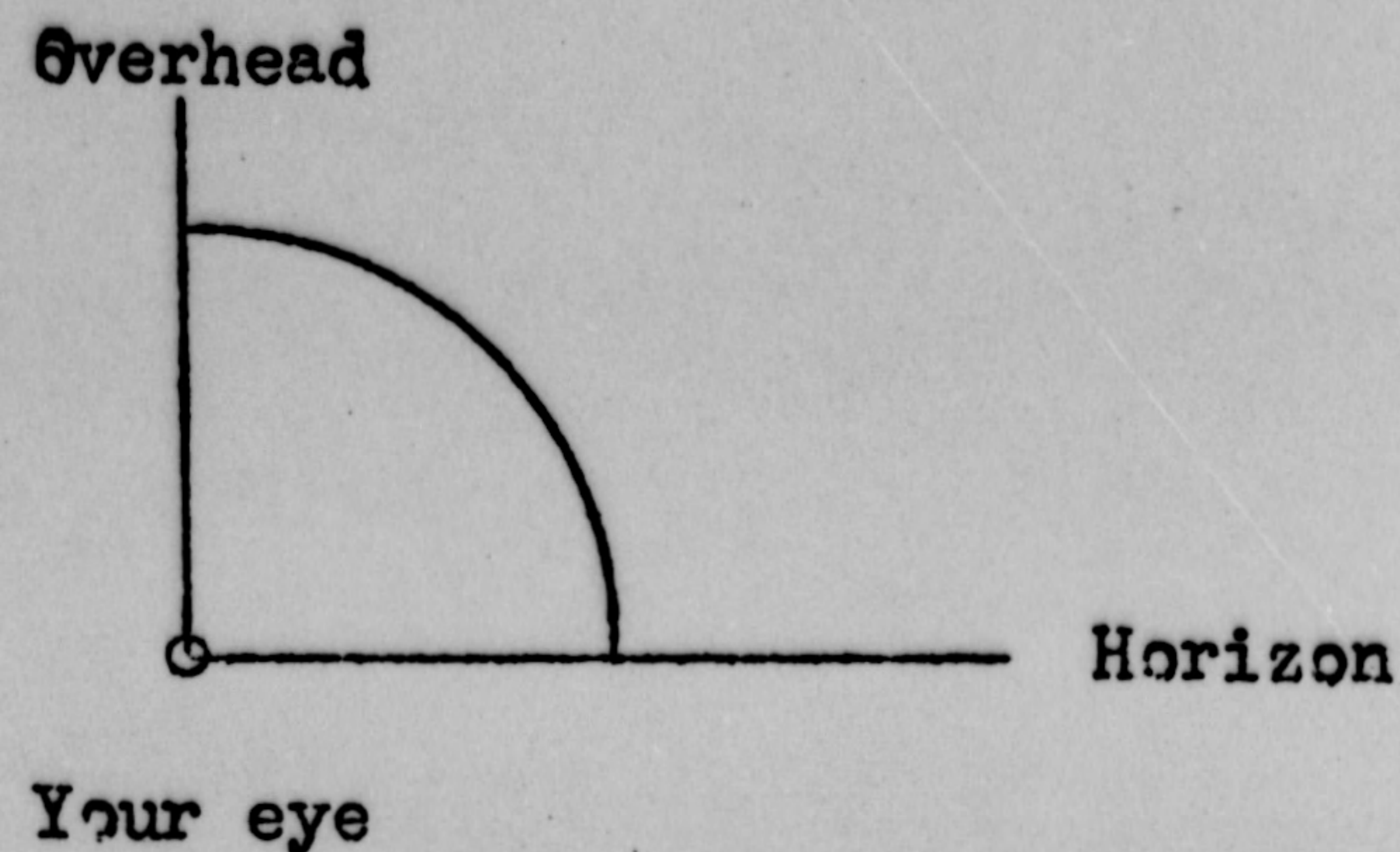
21. How did the object disappear from view?

(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually

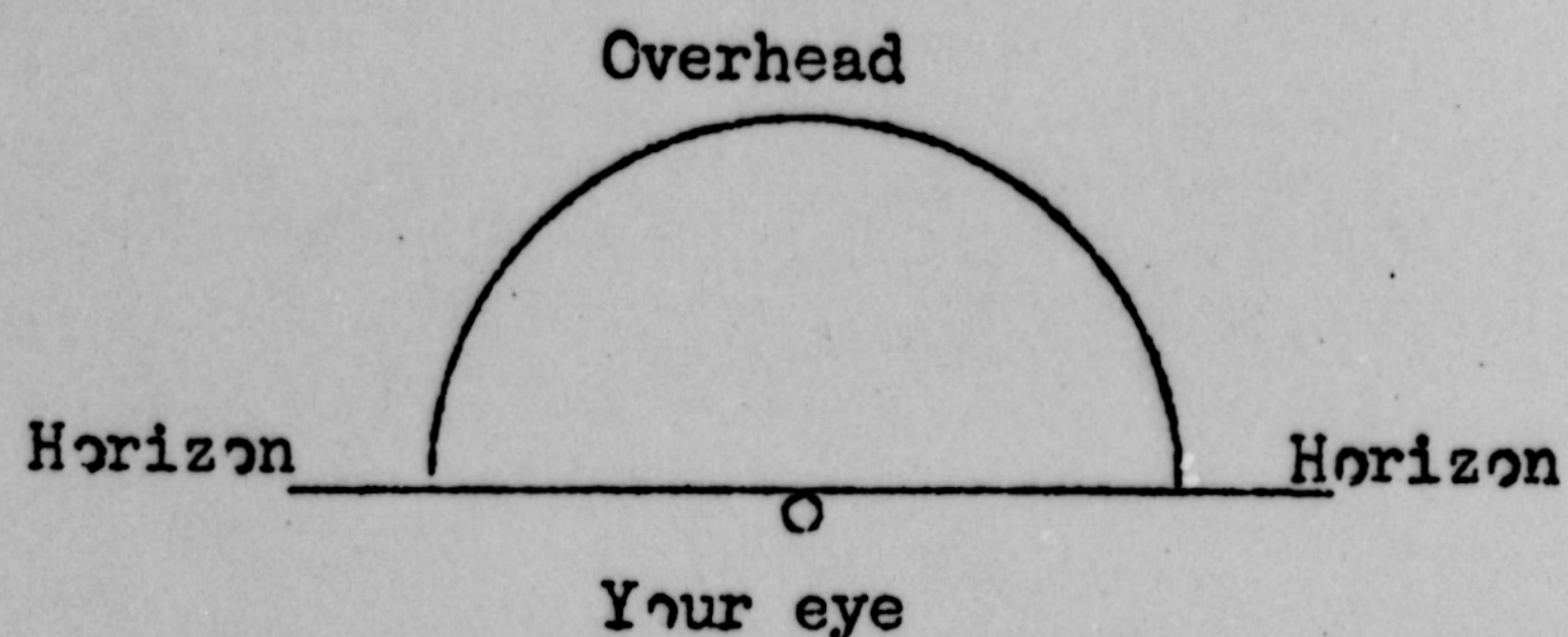
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

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 when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.

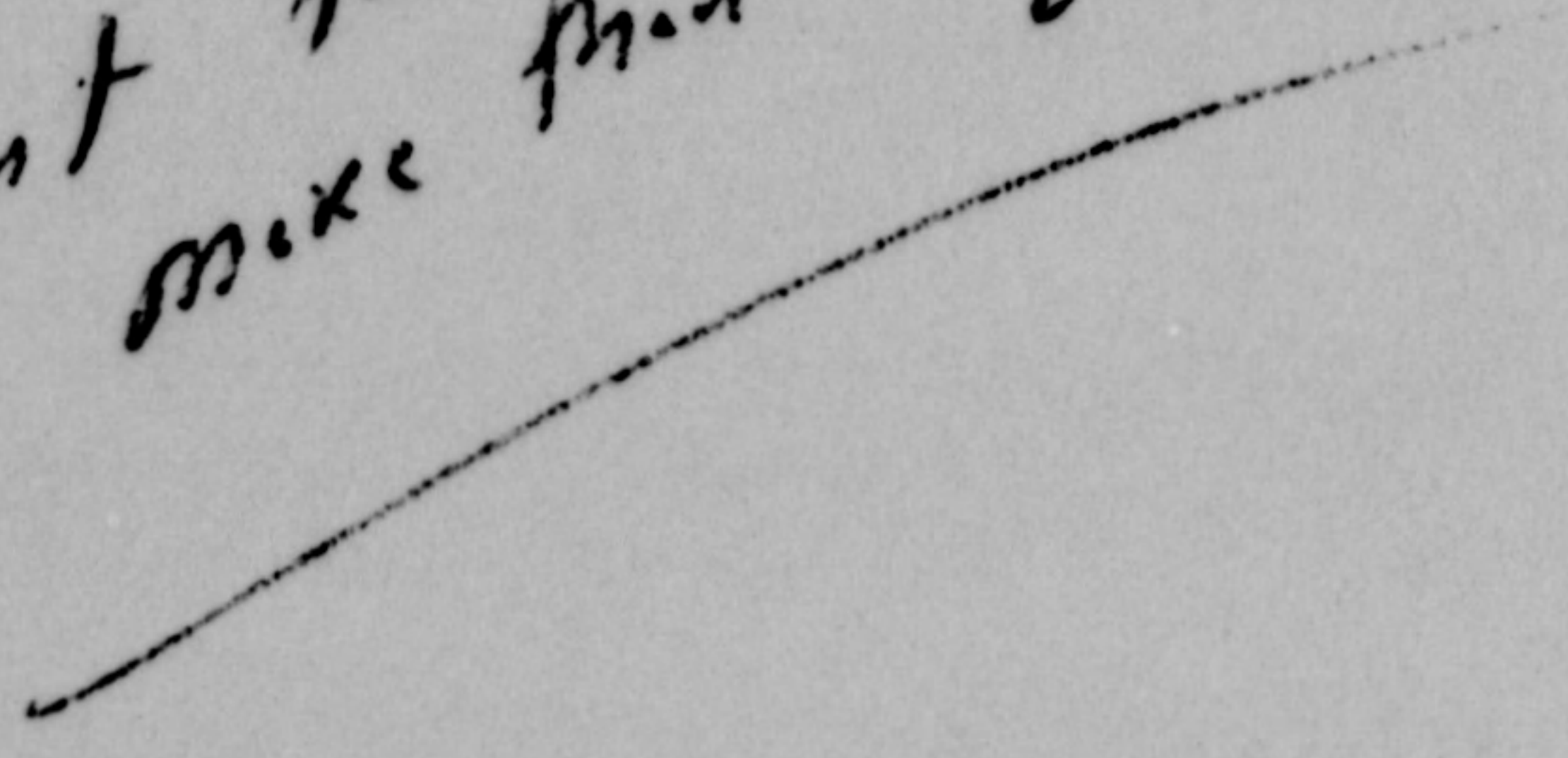


23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



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.

*best theory
make from normal angle
of vision*



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 No

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

Never seen any thing like it.

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

Was missile, (first thought)

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
 Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
 Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? _____

Age _____

Sex _____

Last School Attended _____

Year of last attendance at this school _____

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:

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

Box 9586
Hq 1125th FAG (ATIC)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
2 February 1953

Dr. Lincoln LaPaz
Institute of Meteorites
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

During our discussion on 8 January 1953, you asked me to check two sightings for you, one on 17 October 1952 in the Albuquerque area and one on 20 November 1952 in the Hutchinson, Kansas, area. I'm sorry it has taken so long to answer but I've been traveling quite a bit.

The sighting on 17 October 1952 that at first appeared to be the visual observation of an object that was simultaneously tracked by radar did not turn out to be that. On checking we found that there was no correlation between time, or direction of the reported object, and the radar pickup. It appears that the radar return was due to interference and the object visually observed was a regular meteor.

The Navy has no permanent record of any radar tracks from Hutchinson, Kansas, on 20 November 1952, at least none that I could find. It is still possible that something was tracked but as I told you, unless it was considered to be unknown no record would be kept. Our files show no reports that could have been this meteor. I checked plus or minus four days thinking that possibly the dates reported were incorrect but could find nothing.

Yours very truly,

EDWARD J. RUPPELT
Capt, USAF