

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 October 1952		2. LOCATION Toledo, Ohio		CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1830 EST GMT 2330Z DAY		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 ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 6		9. COURSE S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Six yellow orange objects were observed flying due south. No sound. Objects seemed to be trailing fire and flew from horizon to horizon when first observed, objects appeared to be standing still, then started moving. Observed by three persons.				11. COMMENTS 2 civilians, 1 military. All of whom were riding in a car. When they observed the objects. they stopped the car, got out and one observer took a series of five color slides.	

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ATIAE5/Capt C.A. Hardin
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29 JUL 1955

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Mr. [REDACTED]
Main Street
Gadsdenhutton, Ohio

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

The Air Technical Intelligence Center would like to extend its sincere appreciation for the cooperation and assistance you have given to our program.

On 19 July 1955, an evaluation of your son's sighting was completed and the following conclusions were attained: From the apparent flight path, formations and maneuvers, it is believed that the six objects closely resembled short vapor or condensation trails from high flying aircraft. Usually, such vapor trails are of longer duration, and leave a trail across the sky with which you are probably familiar. However, vapor trail will often dissipate in a relatively short period of time after formation. The length of this type of trail is dependent upon the altitude of aircraft plus the prevailing atmospheric conditions at that altitude.

The orange-yellow color of the objects can be attributed to refraction, or the bending of the sun's rays through the trails.

We are returning your son's color slides as an inclosure to this correspondence; however, if at all possible, we would appreciate obtaining one of the slides for inclusion in our reference and briefing files. (Preferably the one in the metal container.) This case could serve as an excellent example and aid in identifying reports of a similar nature.

We again thank you for your fine cooperation and interest.

Sincerely,

1 R.W. [REDACTED], T/SGT, AE-5, 7/26/55
2 P.O. [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED]
[Signature]

Incl
Slides

MARY L. STORM
1st Lt. USAF
Assistant Adjutant

AF-WP-O-1 MAR 54 3M

PERM	TEMP	RETENTION PERIOD
DESTROY		
RETIRE		
FILE AUTHORITY		

[REDACTED]
Main Street [REDACTED]

GNADENHUTTEN, OHIO

August 31, 1955

Mary L Storm
1st Lt. USAF
Air Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Dear Lieutenant Storm,

In reply to your letter of July 29th 1955 wherein you gave us a brief outline of the evaluation of the slides that we had sent you.

My son was just home recently and we again discussed this matter and he insists that the objects appeared to stand still at times, which still leaves some doubt in my mind as to whether the objects were the conventional type air craft.

Enclosed you will find the one slide that you requested for your files.

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]

BKP/m

SLIDE IS IN
IN ENVELOPE
AT END OF THIS
CASE FILE

CASE SUMMARY

July 1955

On 23 October 52, six yellow-orange objects were observed flying due South by 3 observers (two civilians and one airman). The observers were riding in an automobile, heading West on US Route #20, and were approximately 10 miles West of Toledo, Ohio when they sighted the objects. They stopped the car, got out and looked more closely at the objects, which appeared to be standing still. The objects then started to move, flying due South (directly over the heads of the observers) from horizon to horizon. Time of observation was 1830 hours EST or 2330 Zebra time. According to the reporting observer, who took a series of five color slides of the objects, there was no sound, the edges of the objects appeared "fuzzy," and when moving they seemed to be trailing fire. When first observed and after they appeared to be moving, the objects were in one large "V" formation, but later changed into two "V" formations of three objects each. TOTAL TIME OF THE OBSERVATION WAS ESTIMATED AT 15 MINUTES. (Note: The observer who took the pictures was departing on his honeymoon with his bride and a service buddy. The service man, an airman, was returning to his base after a leave. In lieu of his honeymoon trip, the observer had taken a camera with him which was loaded with a roll of 35MM Ansco color film.)

PRELIMINARY EVALUATION BY ATIAE-5

On 19 July 1955, all 5 slides were reviewed by Col Johnston, Capt Hardin, Maj Andrews, W/O West, Capt Gilroy and Sgt Drepperd. It was agreed that the objects in question closely resembled condensed or short vapor trails from high flying jet aircraft which occurs infrequently under certain atmospheric conditions.

CASE HISTORY

23 October 1952 - Toledo, Ohio - July 1955

I. PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Delay in receipt of report - On 8 July 1955, Capt Jon T. Matsuo, OIC Flt 3-B, 4620d AISS, visited ATIAE-5 and presented the undersigned airman with a letter and one 35 mm color slide. The letter, dated 2 December 1954 was from Mr. [REDACTED], owner of [REDACTED] in Gnadenhutzen, Ohio and addressed to T/Sgt Harold Jenkins, Flt 3-B, 4620d AISS. Sgt Jenkins had been introduced to Mr. [REDACTED] in Columbus, Ohio and Mr. [REDACTED] had informed the Sgt that his son had taken some pictures of UFO's while on his honeymoon in October 1952. An agreement was reached whereby Mr. [REDACTED] would forward one of his son's slides to Sgt. Jenkins for official examination. This was accomplished by the above mentioned letter.

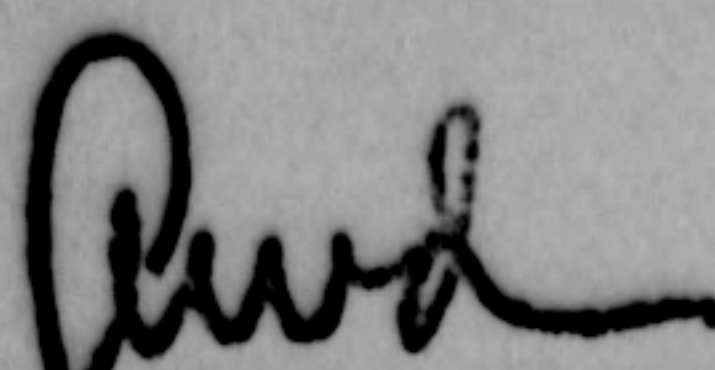
Sgt. Jenkins, after receiving the letter, failed to act upon it. A few months later, Sgt Jenkins was assigned o/s and his files were turned over to his replacement who gave the letter to Capt. Matsuo.

B. Follow-up Action Initiated by ATIAE-5

Upon receipt of the letter and the slide, the undersigned airman called Mr. [REDACTED] on 11 July 55 and requested him to forward the additional slides mentioned in his letter of 2 December 1954. He informed the reporting airman that his son, who had since enlisted in the AF, was presently home on leave until 14 July 55, and that we could obtain any additional details of the incident from him.

On 11 July 1955, the reporting airman sent, via Special Delivery, a USAF Technical Information Sheet (for completion by source), along with a

request for the additional color slides. The questionnaire and four color slides were received by ATIAE-5 on 18 July 1955.


A.W. DREPPERD
T/Sgt, USAF

[REDACTED]

Main Street [REDACTED]

GNADENHUTTEN, OHIO

July 14, 1955

Dear Sgt. Drepperd,

Enclosed you will find questionnaire and four pictures requested in your letter of July 11th. also a section of map showing location pictures were taken.

If my son can be of further help to you in this matter please contact him at Sampson AFB where he will be stationed after today.

Sincerely yours [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Director of Civil Defense
Tuscarawas County

BKP m

[REDACTED]
Main Street

GNADENHUTTEN, OHIO

December 2, 1954

T Sgt. Harold Jenkins
c/o Officer In Charge
Flight No. 3-B, 4602D AISS
Wright Patterson AFB
Ohio

Dear Sargent Jenkins,

Enclosed you will find one of the projection slides, which we talked about in Columbus, of objects my son saw in the sky on a trip he made to Monroe Michigan.

This is one of a series that he took the latter part of October, 1952 about six o'clock in the evening some where between Monroe Michigan and Toledo Ohio.

If you would care for more information I suggest that you send a questionnaire to my son who is stationed at Eilson AFB in Alaska, his address is;

[REDACTED]
Seattle, Washington

I would appreciate getting this slide back when you are finished with it and will be glad to have duplicates made of the others and send to you if you care for them.

Altogether he took a series of eight pictures beginning at the time he first sighted the objects until he had used up all his film.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

BKP/m

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?

23 October 1952
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

4 30
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?

Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country
Additional remarks: 10 mile west Toledo Ohio
on U.S. #20

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

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 - when first sighted
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

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, than 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
b. Sun glasses
c. Windshield
d. Window glass

Yes

☒ No

Yes

☒ No

☒ Yes

☐ No

Yes

☒ No

- e. Binoculars
f. Telescope
g. Theodolite
h. Other _____

Yes

☒ No

Yes

☒ No

Yes

☒ No

got out of car and took pictures

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

a. Sound None

b. Color yellow-orange

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.

objects not in motion 
 " in motion 
 Seemed to be trailing fire

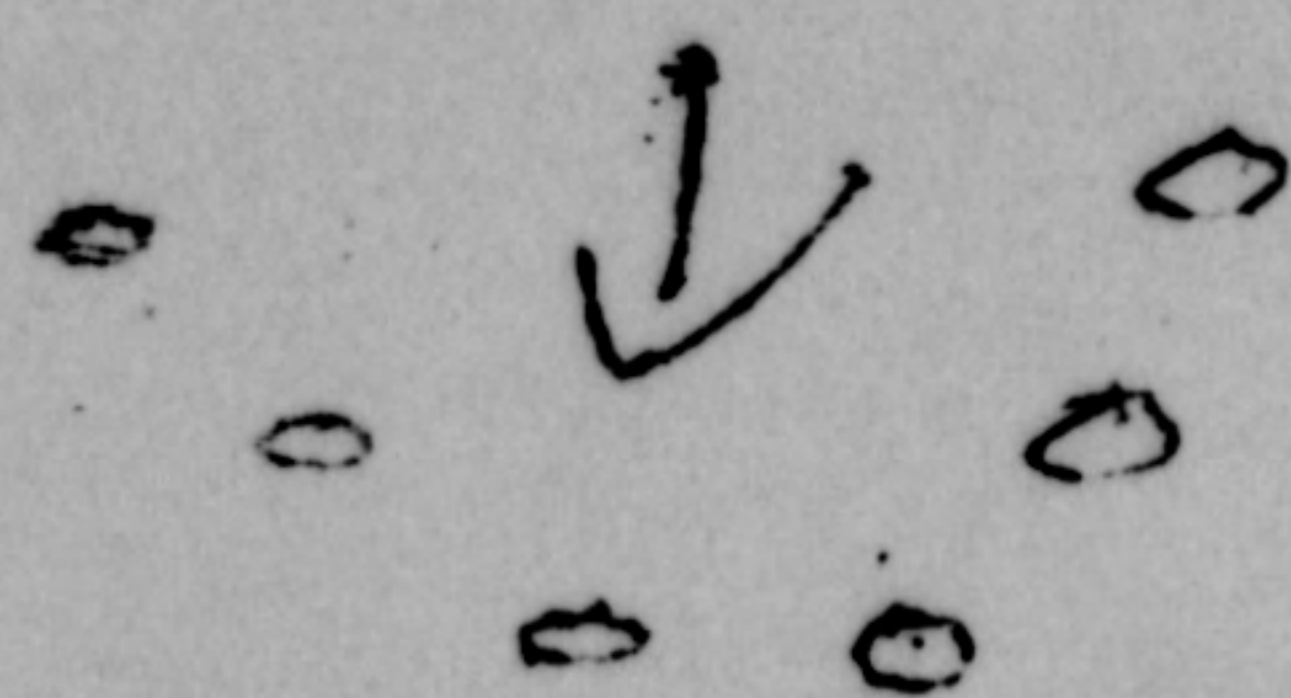
18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One): ☒ a. Fuzzy or blurred
☐ b. Like a bright star
☐ c. Sharply outlined
☐ d. Don't remember

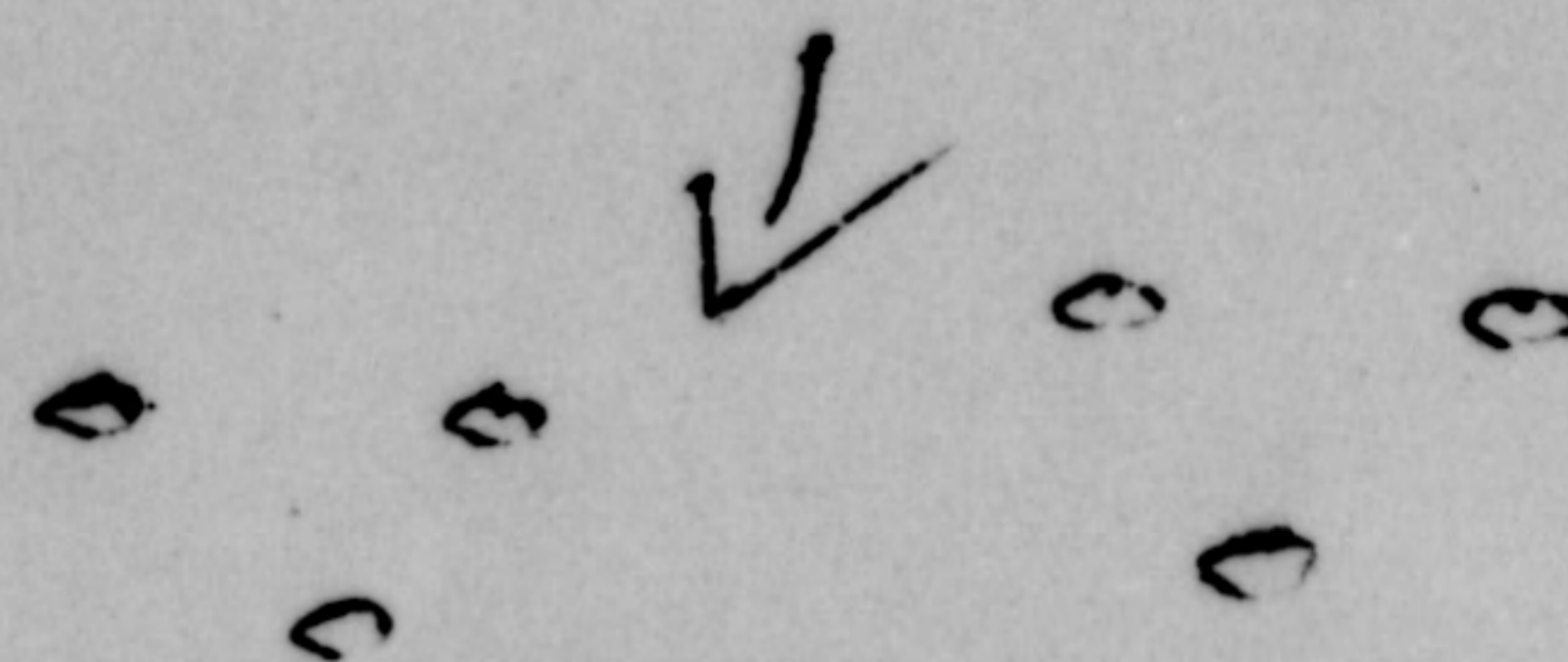
e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Six

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

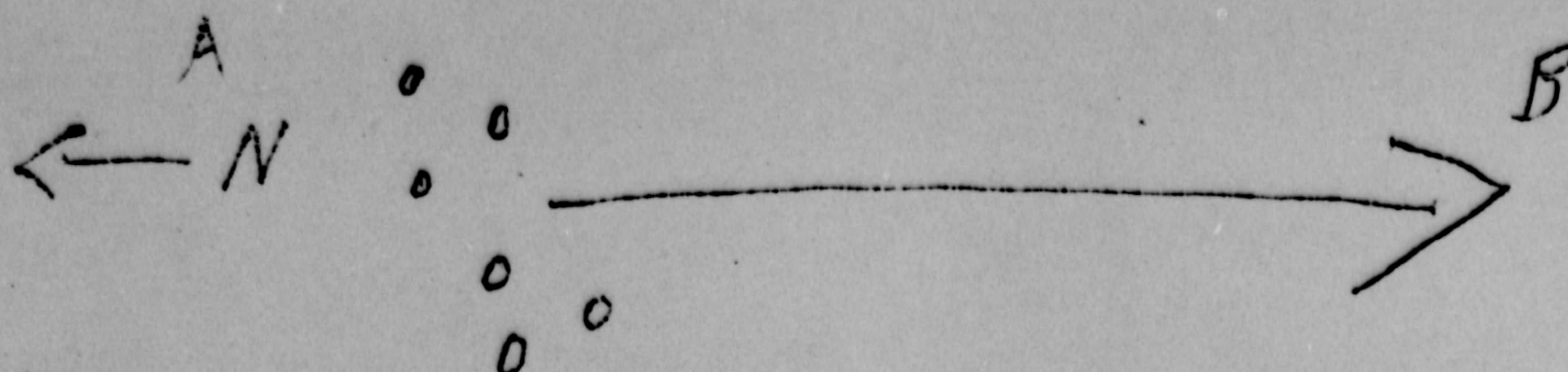


First sighted
 moving south



Second position
 moving south

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.
_____ feet.

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?

Traveled from horizon
to horizon

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.

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?

Driving west on U.S. 20

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
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- ☒ g. West
- h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? about 40 miles per hour.

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
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

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

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- ☒ e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

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).

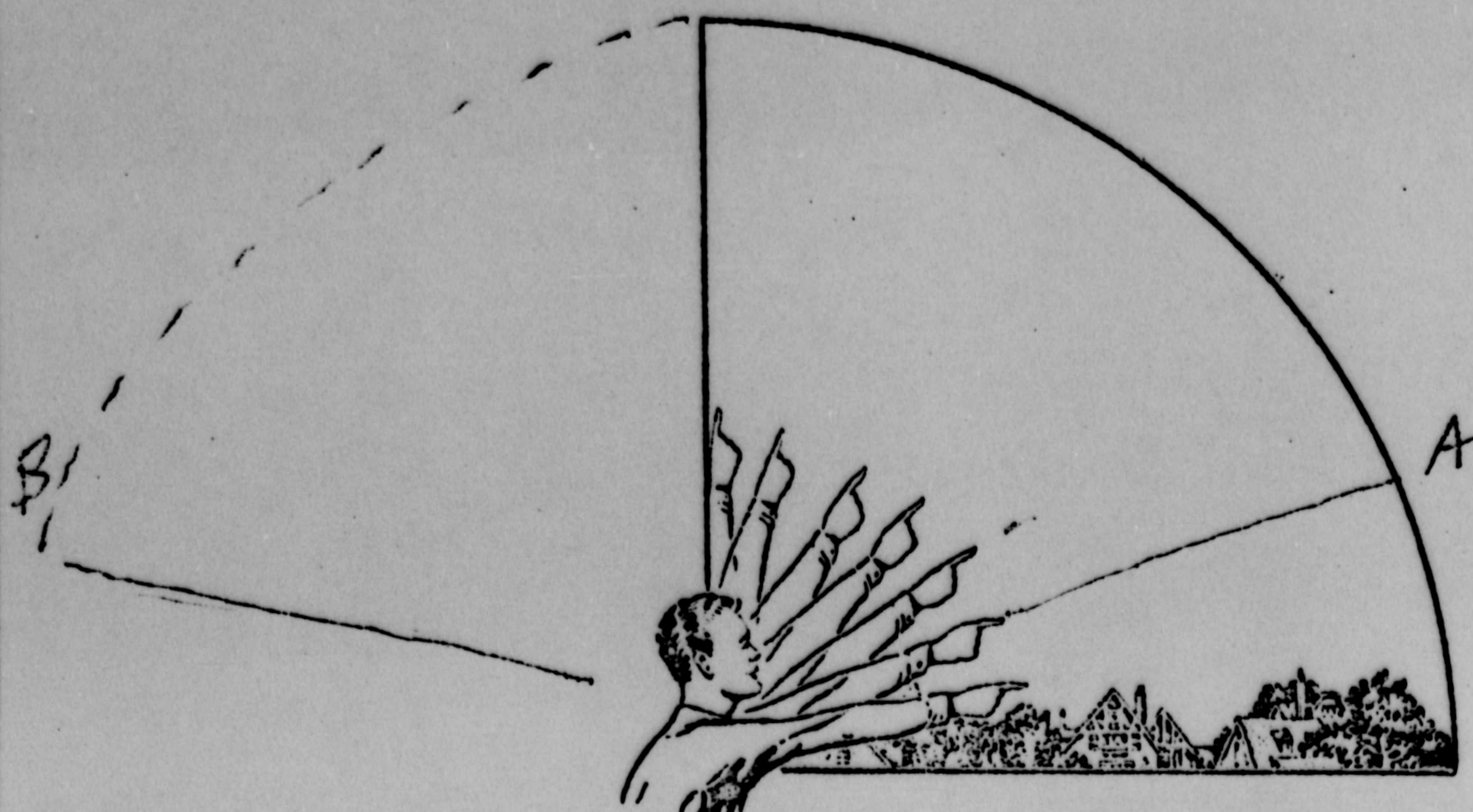
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

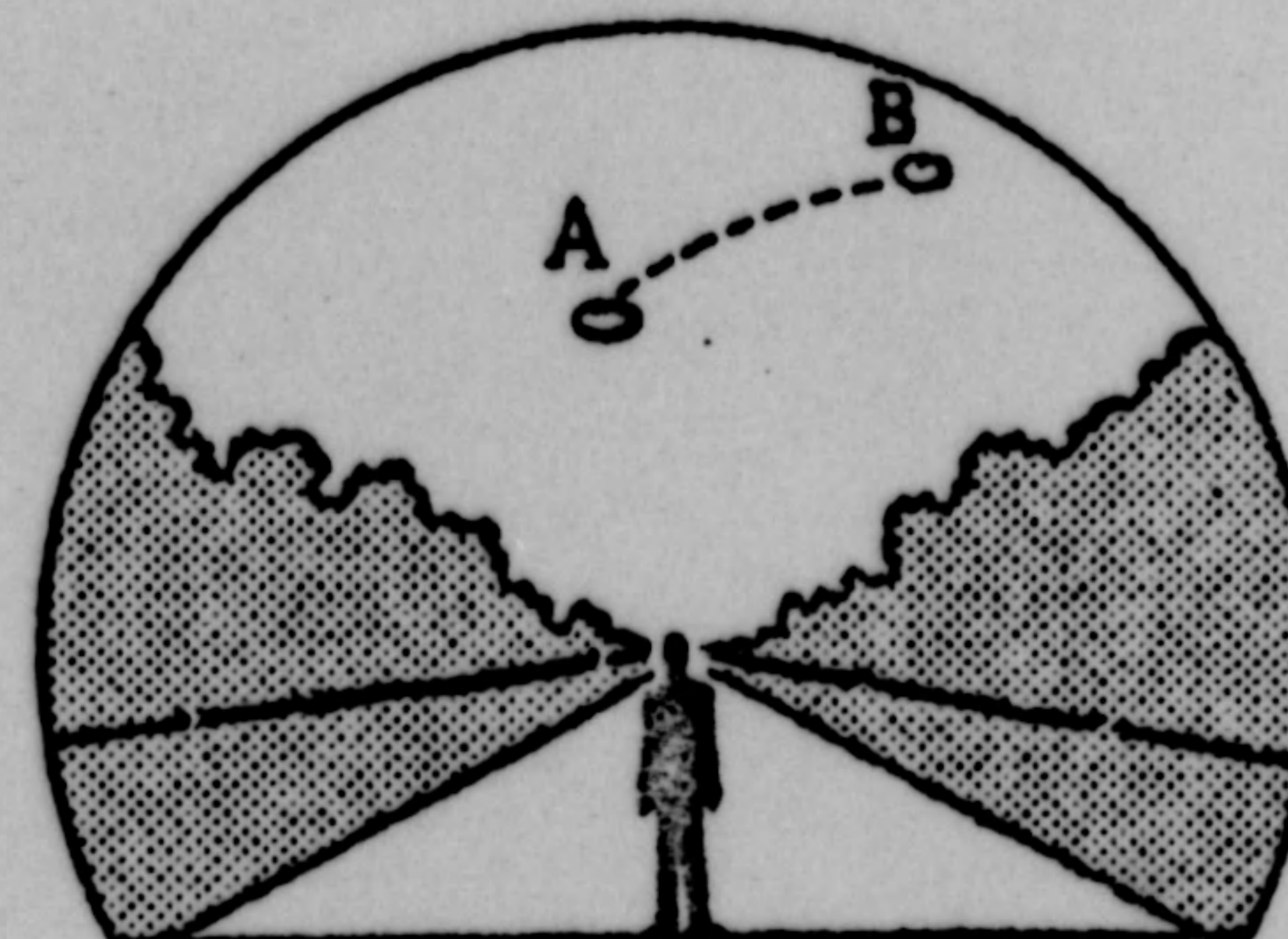
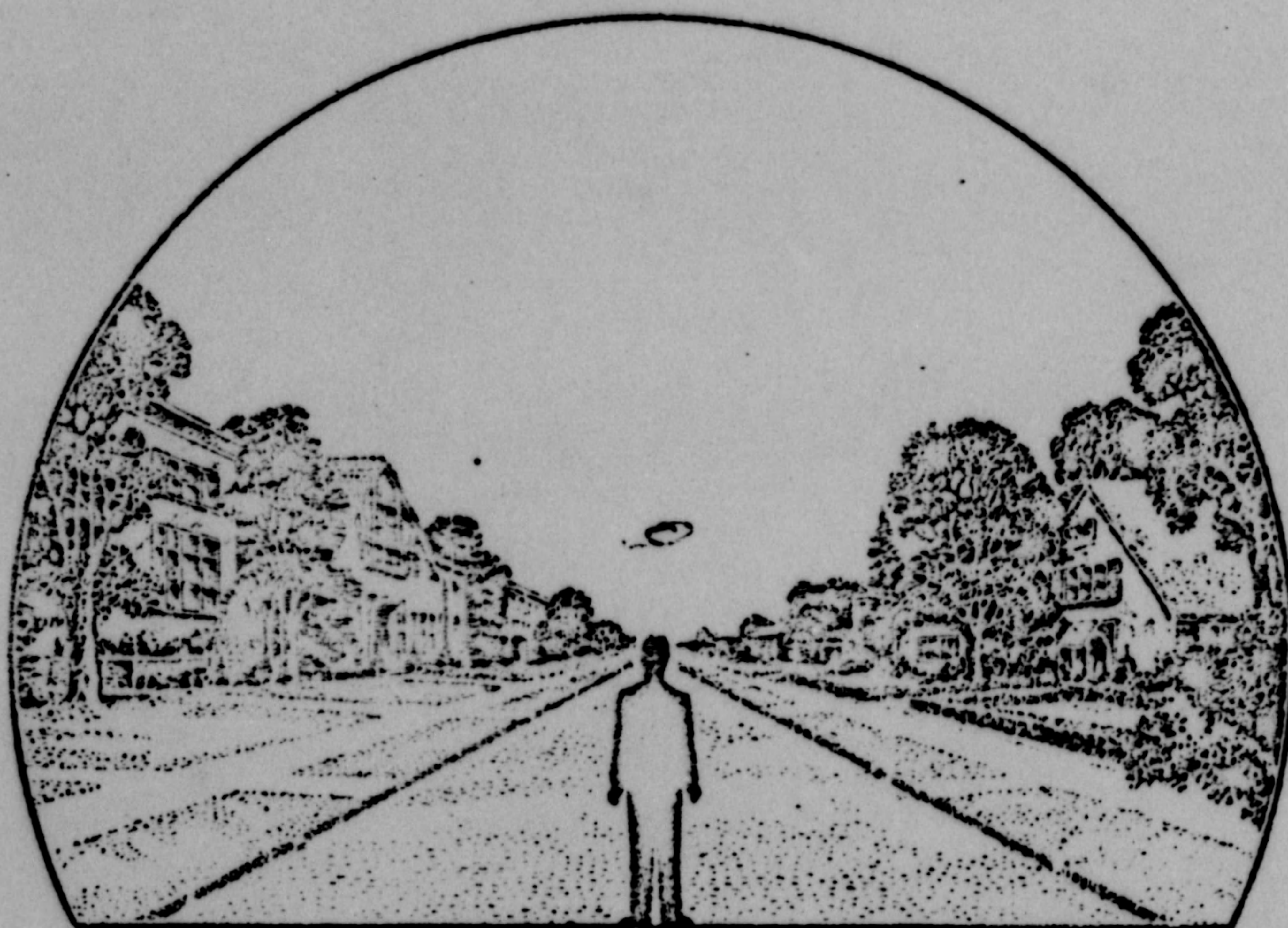
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

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.



Object passed directly over head - from
horizon to horizon

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?

____ Day ____ Month ____ Year

Not reported

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:

*A-1C [redacted]
 Element of a 7B
 Alaska*

*Miss [redacted]
 [redacted]
 Urichville Ohio*

*Mr. [redacted]
 [redacted]
 Urichville Ohio*

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?

Do not know

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?

_____ 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?

_____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Middle Name

ADDRESS

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Age 21

Sex

M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a.

Grade school

e. e. Technical school

(Type)

b.

High school

f. Other special training

c.

College

d.

Post graduate

Boiler Water Treatment - High Pressure
Boiler operator & Turbo Generator

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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

A/ [REDACTED]
(PLEASE PRINT)

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SIGNATURE

A/ [REDACTED]

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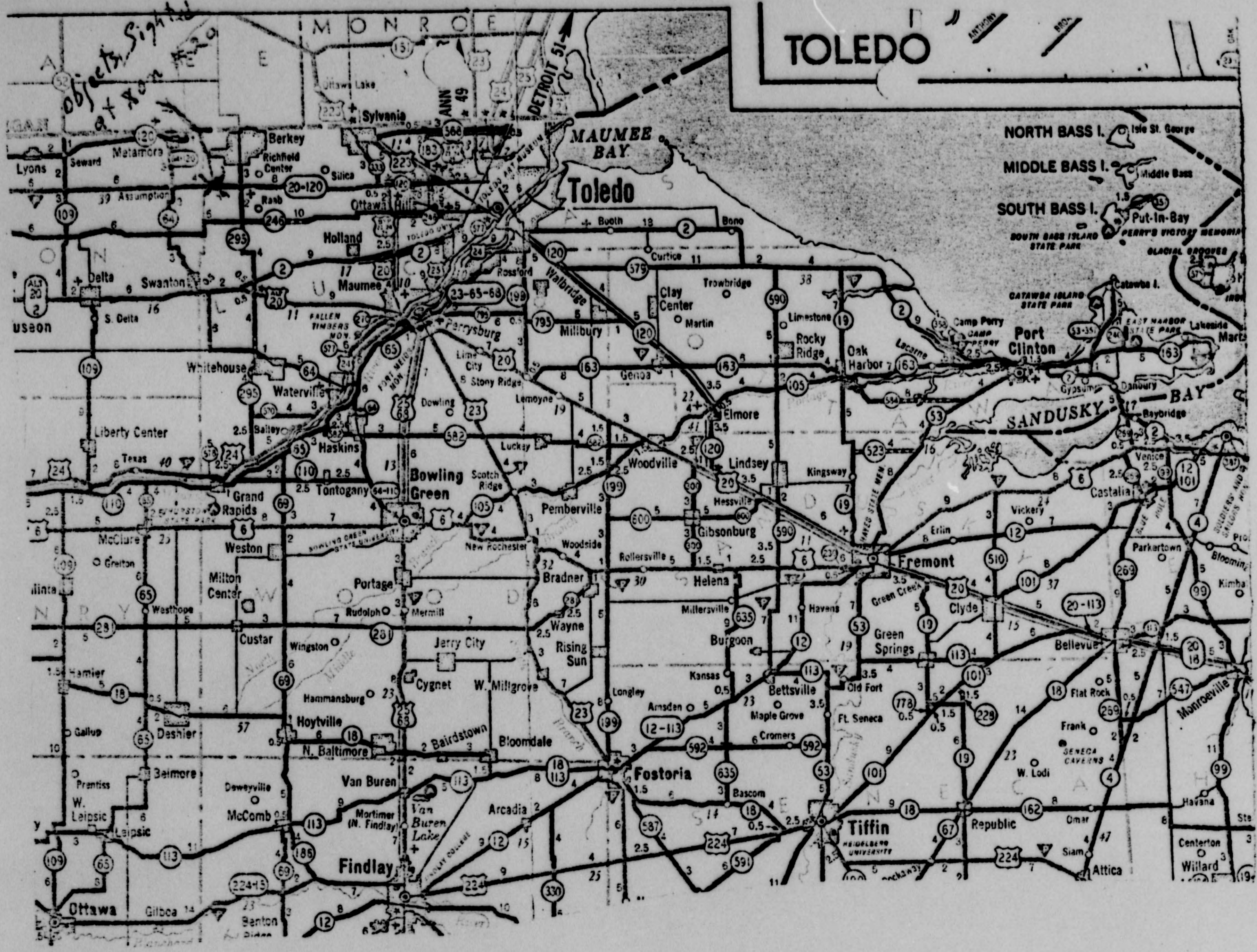
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13 July 55

When objects were first sighted they appeared to be standing still. We got out of the car and watched them - they started moving and seemed to have fire trailing.

Airman [REDACTED] who was with me is a jet mechanic in the AF. stated that they were not like any air craft he had ever seen.

We stood in the road and watched about 15 minutes. they were visible all the time - they crossed overhead and disappeared in the southern horizon - there was no sound.



TOLEDO

NORTH BASS I. Isle St. George
MIDDLE BASS I. Middle Bass
SOUTH BASS I. Put-In-Bay
SOUTH BASS ISLAND STATE PARK
PERRY'S VICTORY MEMORIAL
GLACIAL OVERLOOK
CATAWBA ISLAND STATE PARK
Catawba I.
East Harbor
Lakeside
Mantua
Port Clinton
Camp Perry
JACKSONVILLE
Gypsum
Danbury
Baybridge
Castalia
Vickery
Bellevue
Flat Rock
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Havana
Ste
Center
Willard
Attica

SANDUSKY BAY

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Fostoria

Tiffin

Findlay

Bowling Green

Grand Rapids

Whitehouse

Swanton

Delta

Richfield Center

Lyons

Toledo

MAUMEE BAY

MONROE

DETROIT ST.

ANN ARBOR

SYLVANIA

OTTAWA LAKE

US 24

US 10

US 20

| GLASS SLIDE OF
UFO SIGHTING AT
Toledo, Ohio

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