

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 March 53 24/0432Z	2. LOCATION Bay City, Michigan
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (MUTBOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Sky was hazy causing the object to appear to be fuzzy around the edge. Movement of object is very similar to the of a meteor.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Oval shaped, greenish object traveled an arc of 20 deg in a period of 4 seconds appearing to change brightness.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
 FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

1 Witness

[REDACTED]

23/11/32 County
1/3/47 Mich

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March 25, 1953.

Commanding Officer
Wright Field
Dayton, Ohio

Re: "Flying Saucers" ? ?

Dear Sir:

I wish to report an unusual celestial phenomenon quite different from single meteors, meteor showers, and lighted aircraft which I have witnessed. The attached data was recorded forthwith except room measurements verified the next day.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

IWB:b

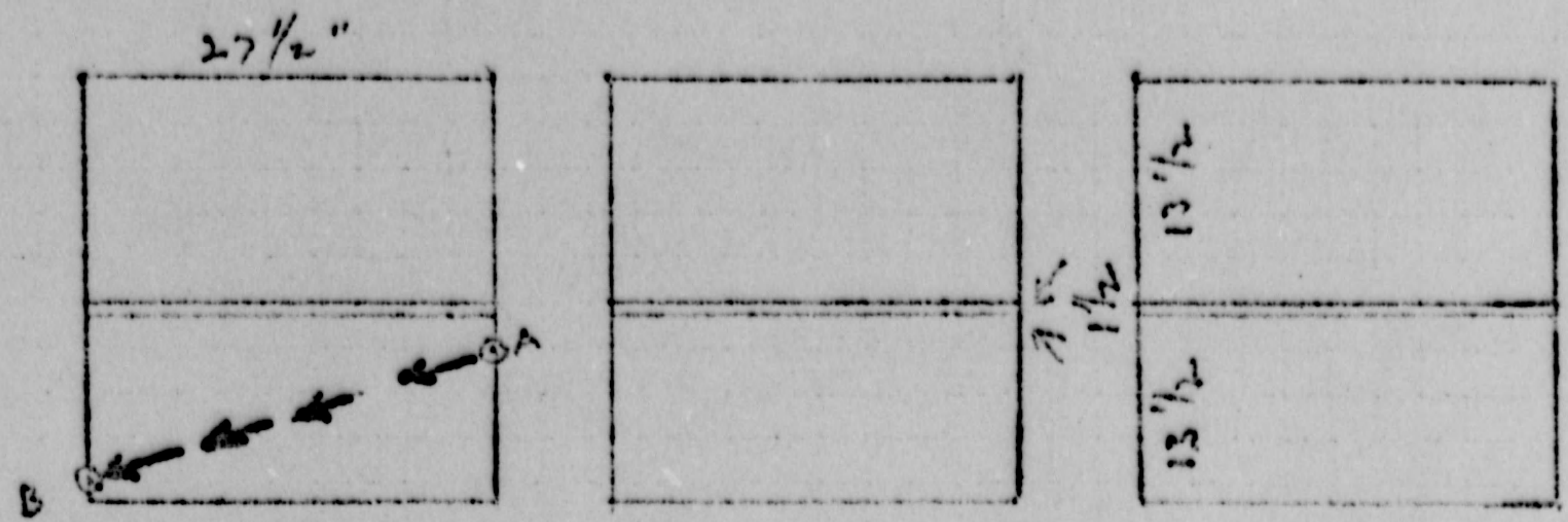
Questionnaire sent.

1. DATE: March 23, 1953.
2. LOCATION WHERE OBSERVED: North Fractional 1/3 of Southwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 6, Town 14 North, Range 5 East, Bay County, Michigan.
(greater detail on request)
3. TIME: 11:33:05 p.m. EST (verified within 15 seconds with Bell Telephone).
4. DURATION: Approximately 4 seconds (verified immediately after observation by counting "one-thousand-one, one-thousand-two" etc. at speed trained for use in photographic dark room)
5. DIRECTION OF VIEW: Approximately due west from point of observation (checked with pocket compass).
6. COLOR, SIZE and SHAPE: Color: greenish tinge like fluorescent paint on clock dial in dark. Size: much larger than Venus; much smaller than moon. Length about twice its height; vertical dimension about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch (Comparison: about one-half the width of dividing partition in window from angle of view, measured 3 inches across). Shape: a horizontal ellipse tilted downward in direction of travel. Its outline was soft or hazy as though seen through a fog. The sky had a thin overcast, and the moon was visible in another portion of the sky, bright, with hazy or soft outline, and white in color.
7. MOVEMENT: wobbly.
8. TRAJECTORY: Appeared to be crossing the field of vision, rather than approaching or receding. A drop of $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches across a width of $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches at an average distance of approximately 95 inches from the eye. (See diagram of room)
9. COMMENTS:
 - (a) Not seen in the adjoining window areas, although remaining windows were visible from viewpoint E.
 - (b) I am not familiar with jet aircraft at night, but speed appeared too slow for a jet plane.
 - (c) No sound heard. Windows closed.
10. OBSERVER: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Bay City, Michigan

Sub

3047523 13 50

72"



80 1/2"

Northwest side of room

"A" to floor = 61"

"B" to floor = 51 1/4"

floor

Northwest wall

floor of room

66"

Eye point "E"
was 26" above
floor.

18" Eye

North east wall

Distance E-A = 92" approximately

" E-B = 105" "

" A-B = 29 1/4" "

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 March 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

11 32
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?

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Nearest Postal Address

Bay City
City or Town

Mich
State or Country

Additional remarks: My home

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

____ Hours ____ Minutes 4 ± 1/2 second
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 — slightly moonlight
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?

Not applicable.

(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

} Moon high and out of sight. Obscured by wall of house.

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 None seen |
| 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.
 it moved behind: _____

IF you answered YES, then tell what

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

(Circle One): Yes No ☒ Don't Know.
 it moved in front of: _____

IF you answered YES, than tell what

Sky was hazy. No cloud outlines noticed.

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 heard. Window was closed.
- b. Color Greenish tinge like fluorescent paint on clock dial in dark.

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:

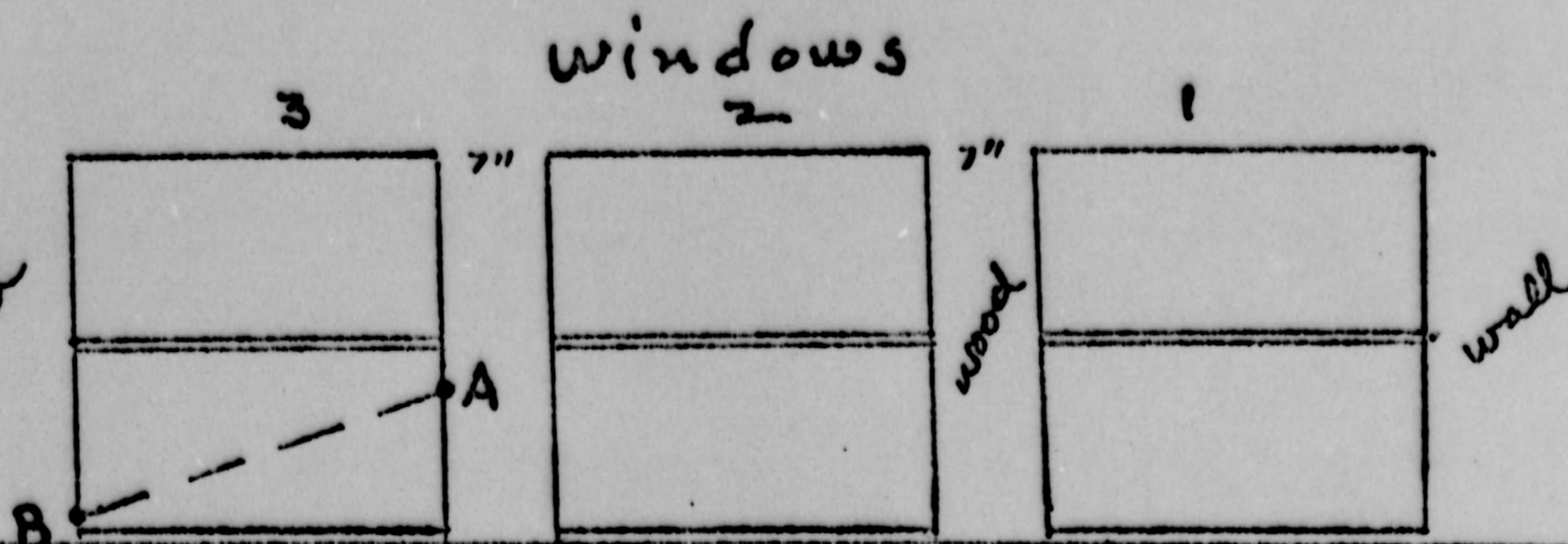
- (Circle One): ☒ a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

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

Not seen in windows 1 and 2 although #2 was definitely in the field of view.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
_____ feet. *Not possible*

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):

vertical dimension
about 1/2" less than dime
horizontal dimension
about twice the vertical

- 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

(see note on other side)

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? *Went behind wall of house.*

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.

A flaming elliptical wad of cotton, shaped like a football but the size of a baseball.

22. This may be exaggerated but is based on notes made within 2 minutes after the observation: "Size about 1" to 2" across = much larger than Venus, but about $\frac{1}{2}$ size of dividing partition in window²¹
The partition was visible against a lighter sky.

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?

Lying in bed vacantly gazing out the window.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

Not applicable.

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

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

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ 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 | c. East | e. South | ☒ g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

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

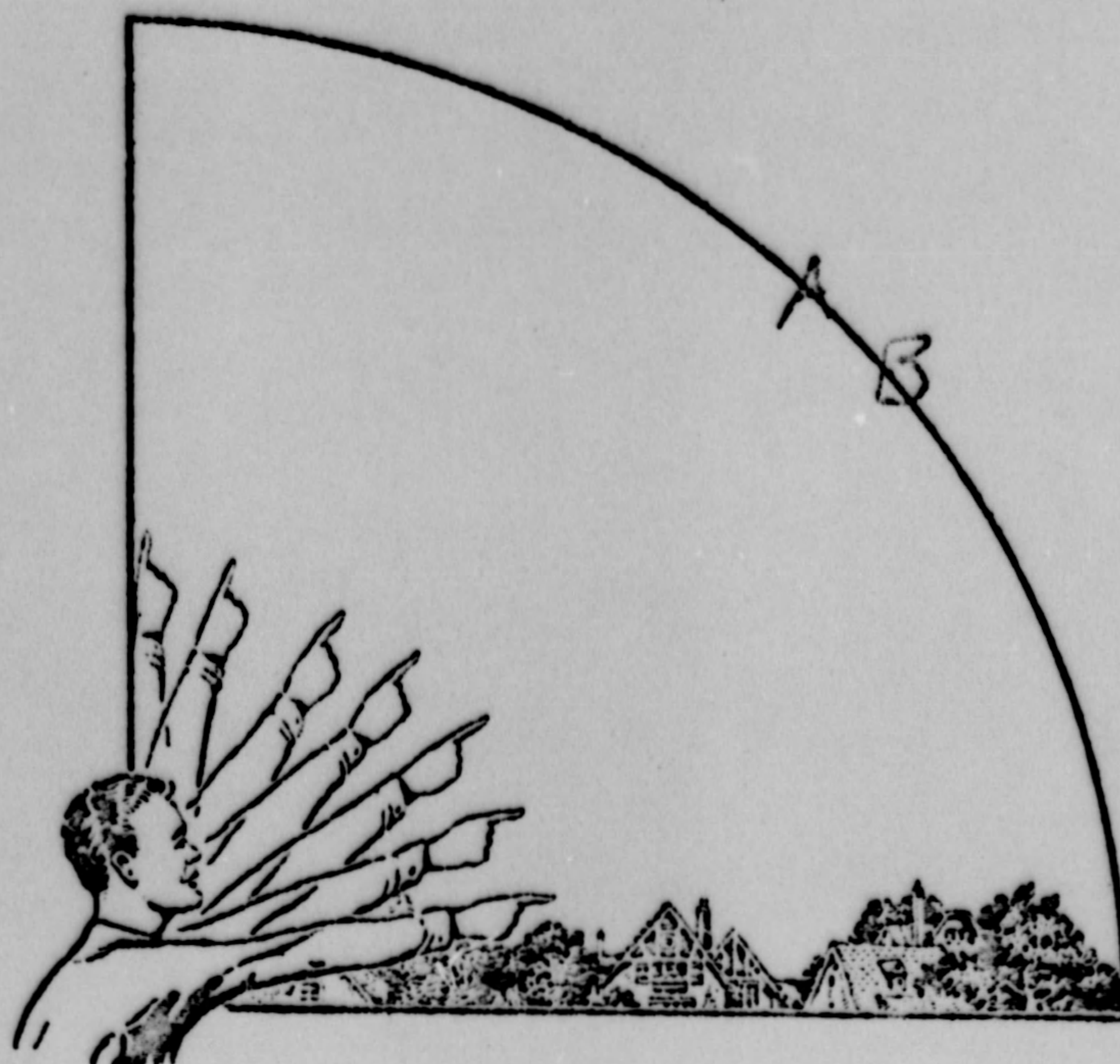
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 285 degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

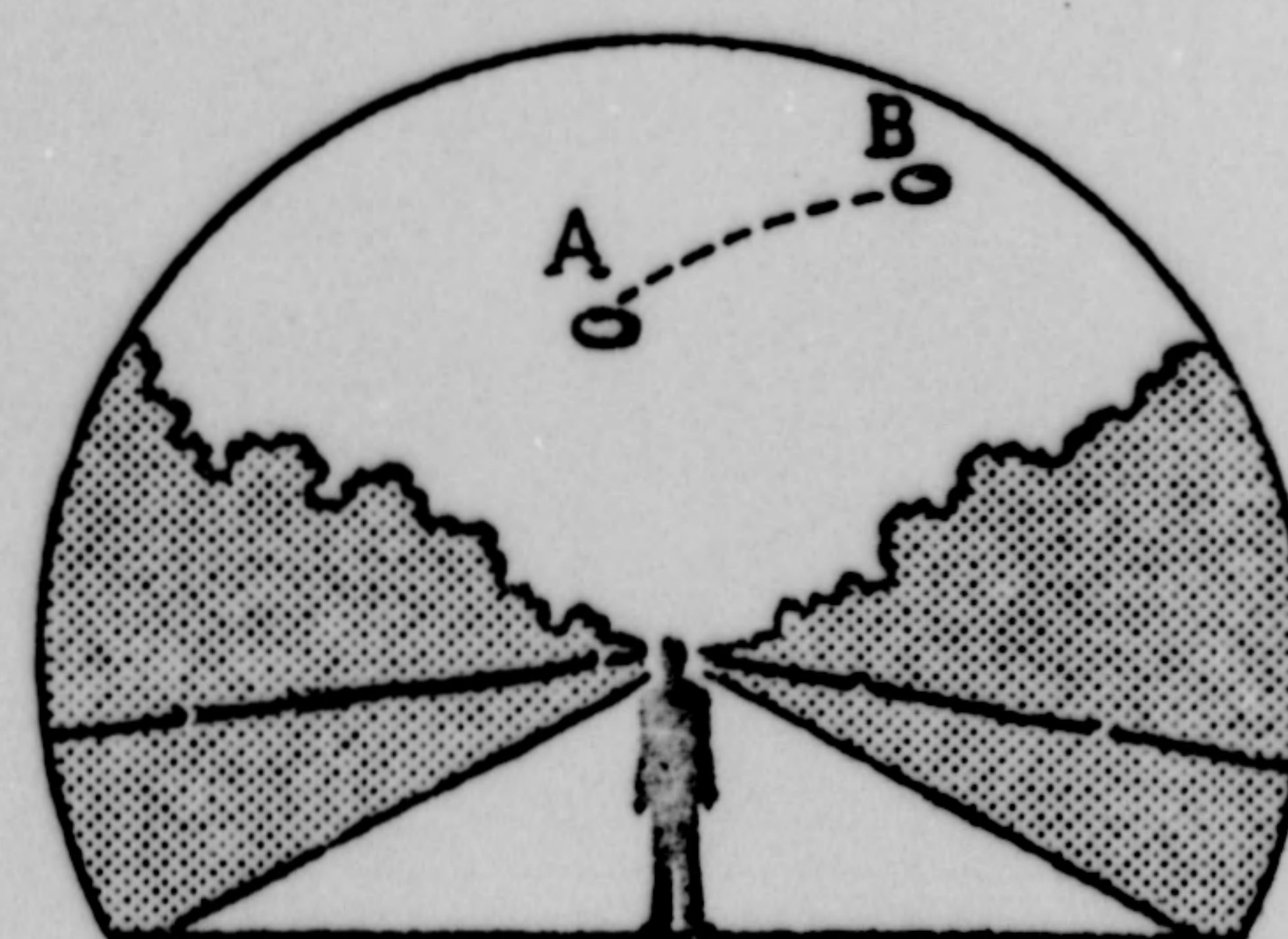
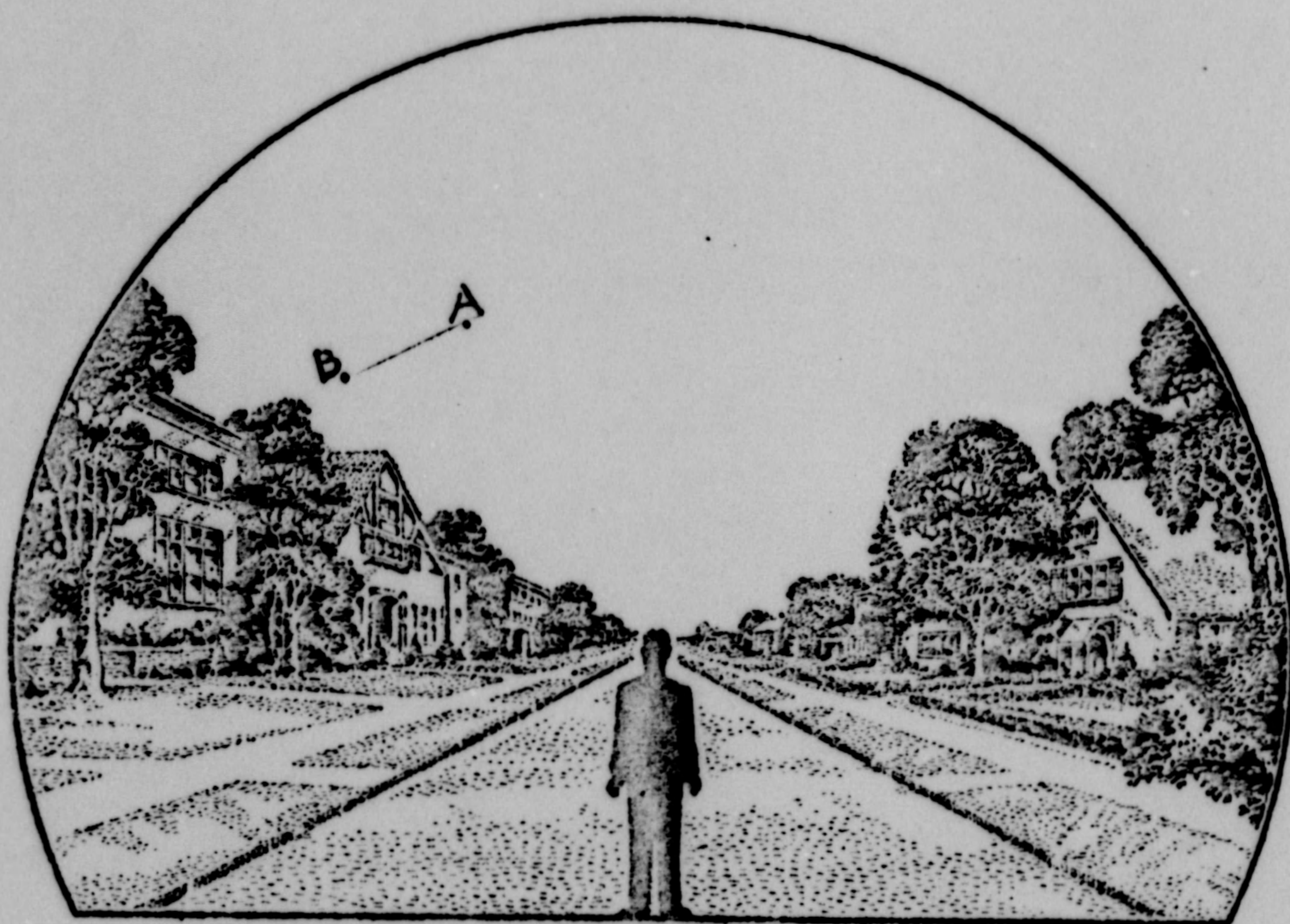
- a. From true North 265 degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

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.



See Form B
for actual
measurements.

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?

25

Day

March

Month

1953

Year

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

wife -

asleep.

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?

A rocket or jet engine?

Incendiary?

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 _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job?

Age

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Sex

M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____

e. e. Technical school _____

b. High school _____

(Type) _____

c. College 3 1/2 yrs General Academic

f. Other special training The Infantry School

d. Post graduate 3 yrs Law

May 7, 1945

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42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

4

Day

April

Month

1953

Year

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(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

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

April 4, 1953

At 11:32 P.M. March 23, 1953 while lying in bed looking out the window, I noticed a flaming object pass slowly across the lower half of the left one of a group of three windows. Its speed and appearance were so unusual that I immediately felt it should be checked and at once checked the duration of the observation by counting "One thousand one, one thousand two, one thousand three, one thousand four" at speed trained for photographic dark room. I then immediately arose, went to the telephone and checked the time, it being 11:32:30^{EST}. I immediately made notes on a scrap of paper concerning its trajectory, color, apparent size, sound, shape, and appearance of sky. I then returned to the bedroom and by looking out the same window from a point close to the glass, observed the moon just barely within a field of view. I then made notes concerning its color, outline, brightness, etc. and noted my position in the room at the time of the original observation. Measurements of the room were made the following morning.

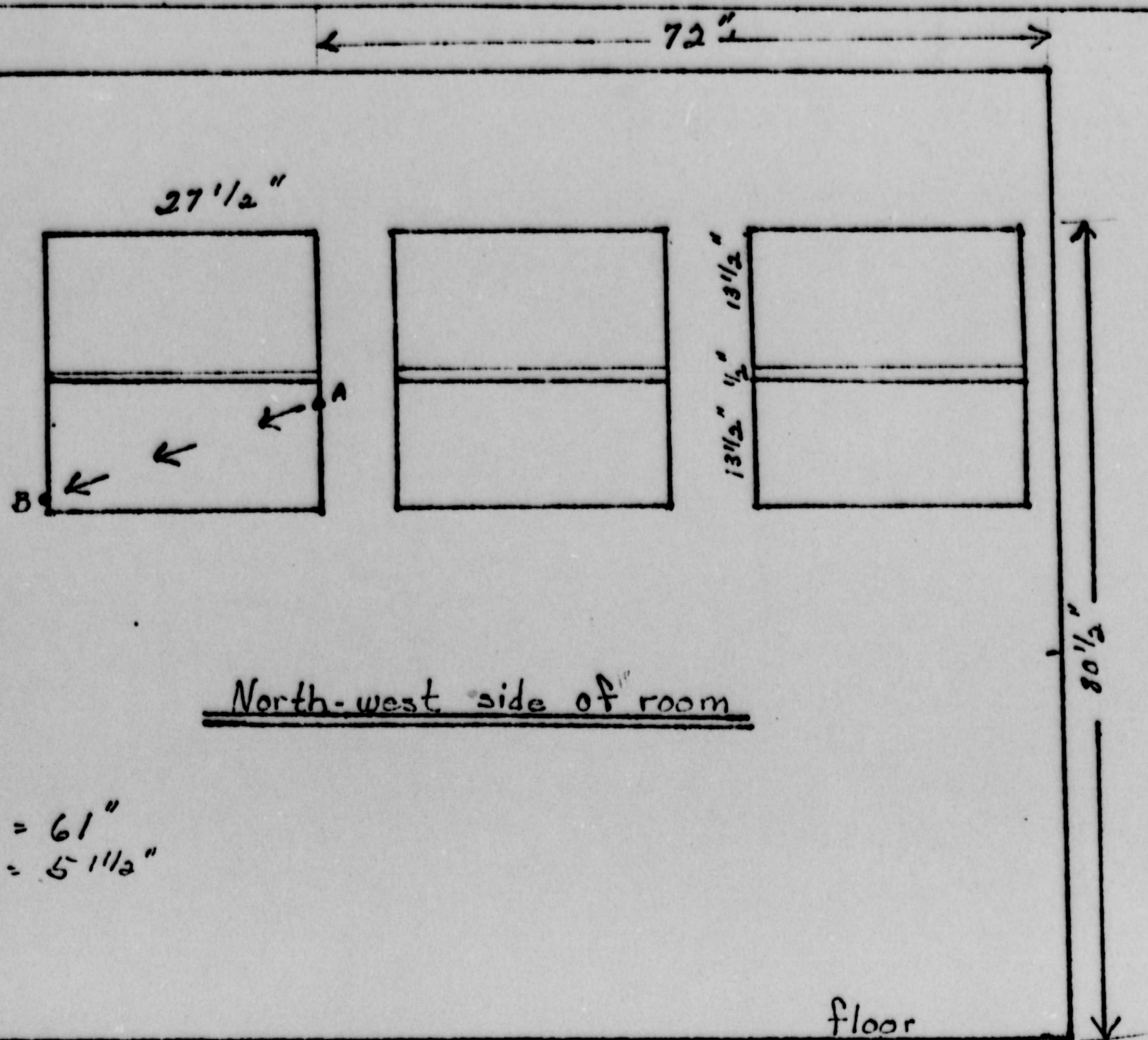
The home is located in the North Fractional 1/2 of the Southwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 6, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Bay County, Michigan. The direction from the observation point through the window is almost due west.

The following was observed: The object was not seen in the two windows to the right although the center window was clearly within the field of vision. The object moved from right to left on a dropping trajectory. It appeared much larger than Venus and smaller than the moon, was elliptical in shape slanting in the direction of motion and having a length about twice its height. It was slightly greenish in color like fluorescent paint on a clock dial in the dark. It had a soft or hazy outline as though seen through a fog and seemed to wobble as it moved. No sound was noted. There were conflicting sounds but the windows were closed. The sky had a thin overcast which gave the moon an outline similar to the object seen.

Diagram of floor plan and wall of room are attached with measurements.

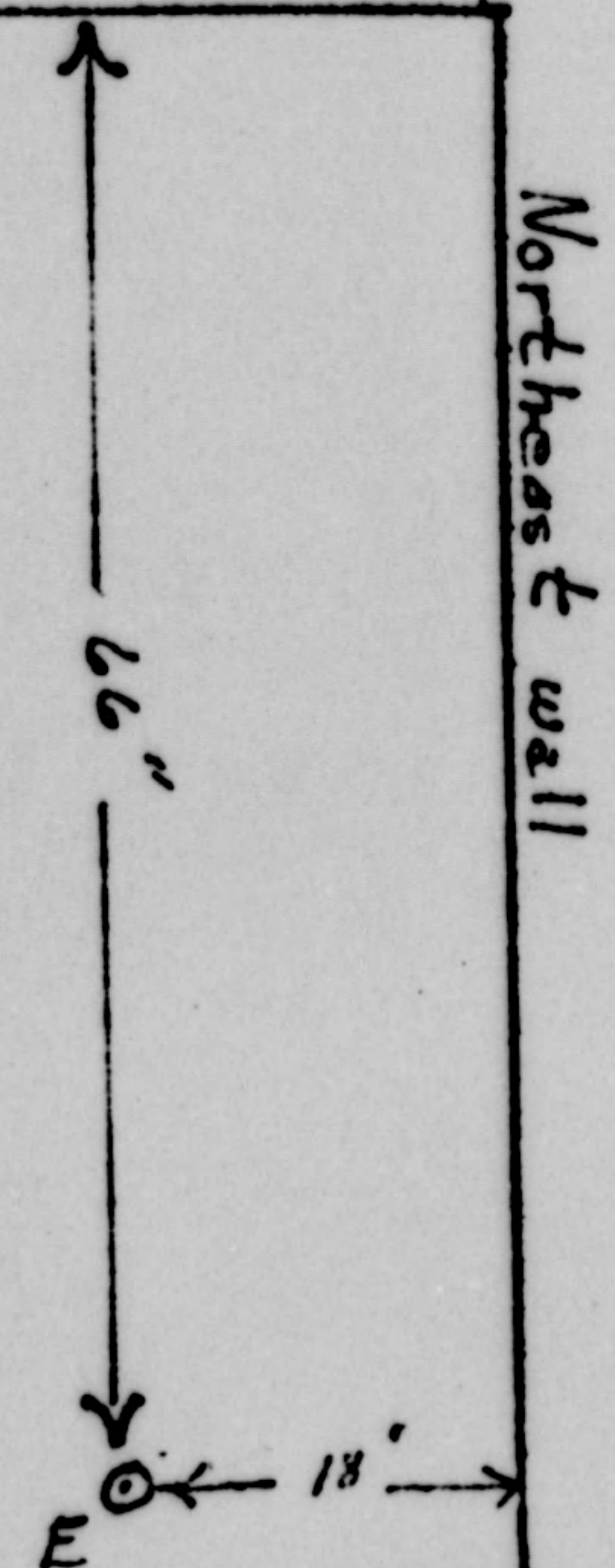
The vertical dimension according to notes made at once, was about 1/2 the width of the dividing partition in the window, which from the angle of view measured 3 inches across.

Scale 1" = 2'
1/8" = 3"



North-west Wall

Floor of room



Eye-point E
was 26" above floor

Distance E-A = 92" approximately
Distance E-B = 105" "
Distance A-B = 29 1/4" "