

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 July 53 2345Z	2. LOCATION Tipp City, Ohio
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Wire sent to Ent on upper air activity, answer negative. Balloons launched 1600 not unusual for burst to occur after 1900, sighting consistent with balloon obs
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 4 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One bright silver object emitting irregular rays was observed to hover over Tipp City, then rise vertically, disappear into the distance to the South at a terrific speed.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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"Flying Disk" Story Studied

ATI Officers Ponder Tipp Man's Report

Still unsolved—and still a subject of study—by Air Technical Intelligence center officers at Wright-Patterson Air Force base is the report of a "flying saucer" seen by a Tipp City man July 3.

The man, Wilbur H. Focht, a Wright-Patterson employe, has returned a questionnaire sent him and has been interviewed personally on the incident, according to the ATIC.

"All we know thus far," said a spokesman, "is that the object might have been a weather balloon."

Though a check revealed that no balloon was up from this area

at the time, he said, the object could have been an upper air research balloon from another section of the country.

Focht told the officials he saw the object when he stepped outside his Tipp City home about 6:45 p.m. It was stationary at an altitude higher than a plane which was flying overhead at the time.

After the plane was gone, Focht said, the object moved upward, turned south and, moving rapidly, vanished behind a cloud bank.

03/1845
Tipp City, Ohio

Wade - see + interrogate

MR. ~~REDACTED~~

Building 288

Post 215 E 111. 73244

AT: 1:30 PM

TAKE QUEST.

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CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☐ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

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INFO:

FROM: AFODI-ATIAE-7-12-5 FOR 3rd Wes Gp, Hq (MATS)

The ATIC requests the following information for its Project Blue Book: 1) Was there a Moby Dick balloon in the Dayton, Ohio area on 3 Jun 53 at 23:52? 2) Are there any projects releasing skyhook type balloons other than "Moby Dick" and "Winzen"? 3) How can Project Blue Book obtain more exact information regarding the "Winzen" project balloon flights? Can a system be set up with Winzen similar to the one now in use on the "Moby Dick" flights?

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

COORDINATION:

ATIAE-5 _____ DATE _____
Lt OlssonATIAE _____ DATE _____
Lt Col JohnstonATIA _____ DATE _____
Col McDuffee

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

Lt R. H. Olsson/RHC/jos

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

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OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT C. BROWN, Major, USAF

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TO CONDR ATIA WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

306 FCST CEN 520. URMSG AFOIN-ATIAE-7-12-E. PROJECT BLUE BOOK.

1. NO MOBY DICK IN AREA AT TIME INDICATED. 2. WINZEN RESEARCH LABS UNDER CONTRACT WITH OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH. OTHER CONTRACTORS IN SAME AREA ARE AERONAUTICAL RESEARCH LAB, GENERAL MILLS CORP AND THE UNIV OF MINN. THE ONLY OTHER AGENCY KNOWN TO BE ENGAGED IN THIS TYPE ACTIVITY IS AEROMED LAB, HOLLoman AFB, N. MEX. 3. INFO ON ONR CONTRACTORS INCLUDING WINZEN MAY/E OBTAINED FR LT. MALCOLM D. ROSS, USN, ONR FLD REPRESENTATIVE, NAVY BLN PROJECTS, PHYSICS DEPT, UNIV OF MINN, MINNEAPOLIS 14, MINN. 4. AT A USAF CONF ON FREE BLN FLTS ON 7 OCT 52, THE ONR INDICATED THAT THEY DID NOT DESIRE TO SEND DUPREPTS ON BLN LAUNCHING, POSITION REPTS, AND TERM REPTS. THUS, THIS OFFICE AS THE OFFICIAL USAF COLLECTION CEN FOR FREE BLN FLTS WOULD BE THE ONLY ADDRESSEE. INFO DESIRED BY OTHER AGENCIES OF USAF SUCH AS ATIA COULD BE OBTAINED FR THIS OFFICE. WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO YOUR ARRANGING FOR DUP REPTS IF ACCEPTABLE TO THE ONR.

13/2156Z JUL JEDEN

1) July 6
2) C-119 - Vandenberg
3) Bellfontaine

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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

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1. When did you see the object?

3 July 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

6 45
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?

[Redacted] Tipton City Calif.
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

— 4 —
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight d. Just a trace of daylight
b. Dull daylight e. No trace of daylight
c. Bright twilight 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 d. To your left
b. In back of you e. Overhead
c. To your right 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?: No

(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? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | <u>No</u> | 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: Broken, high clouds

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

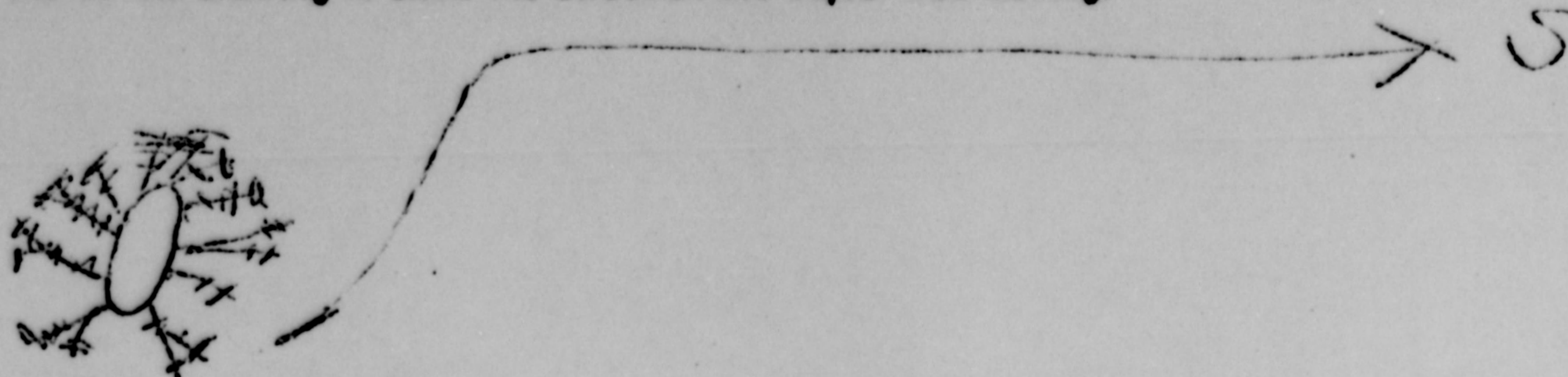
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16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound NONE

b. Color Brilliant silver

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.



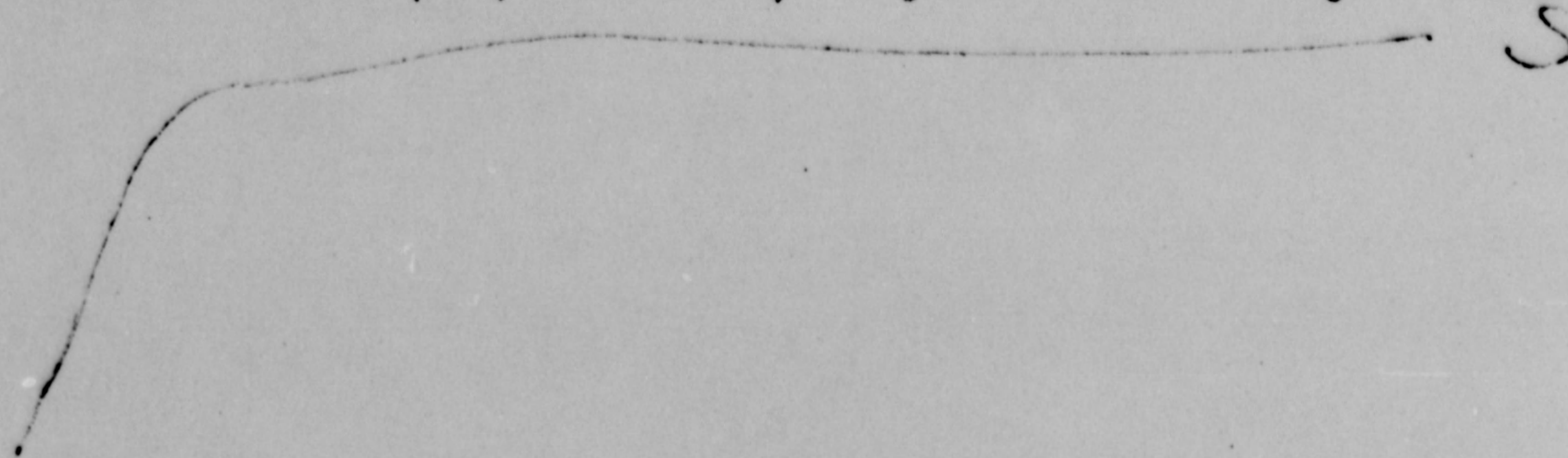
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.

20-40 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?

In distance

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.

Do not know



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?

Outside of back door. Personal plane was
flying overhead

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. 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. <u>South</u> | 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. <u>South</u> | 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).

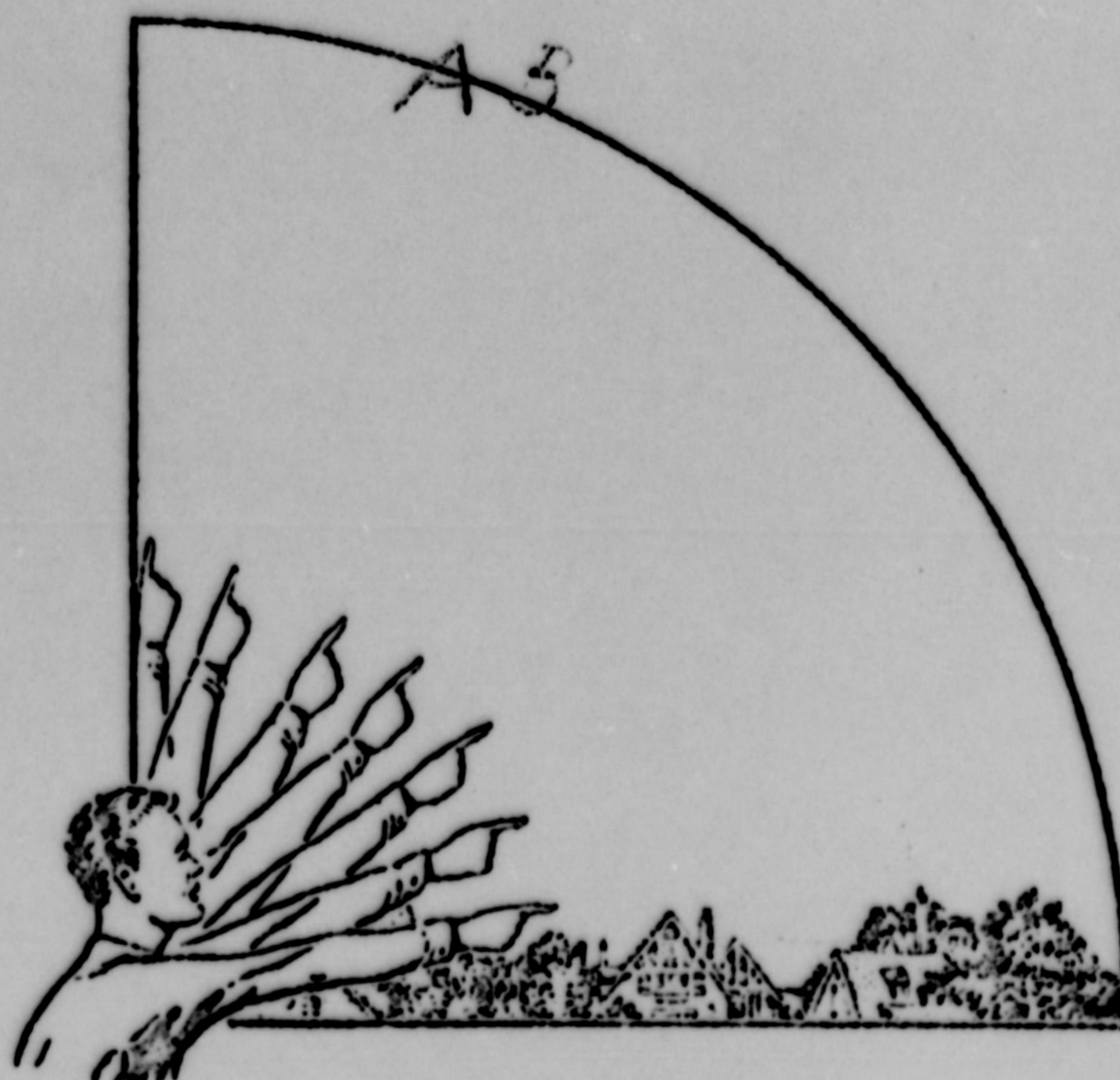
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 200° degrees.
- b. From horizon 75° degrees.

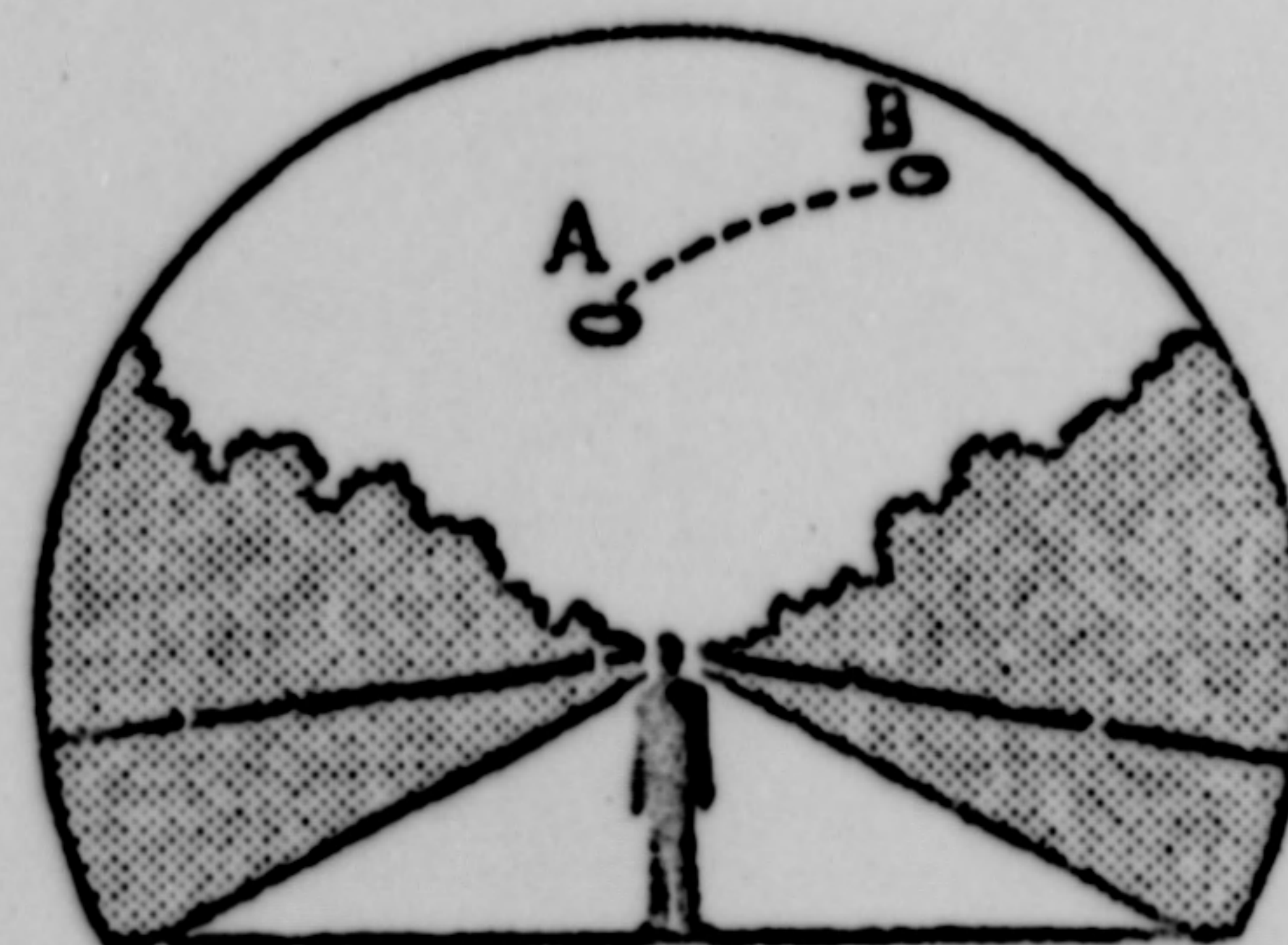
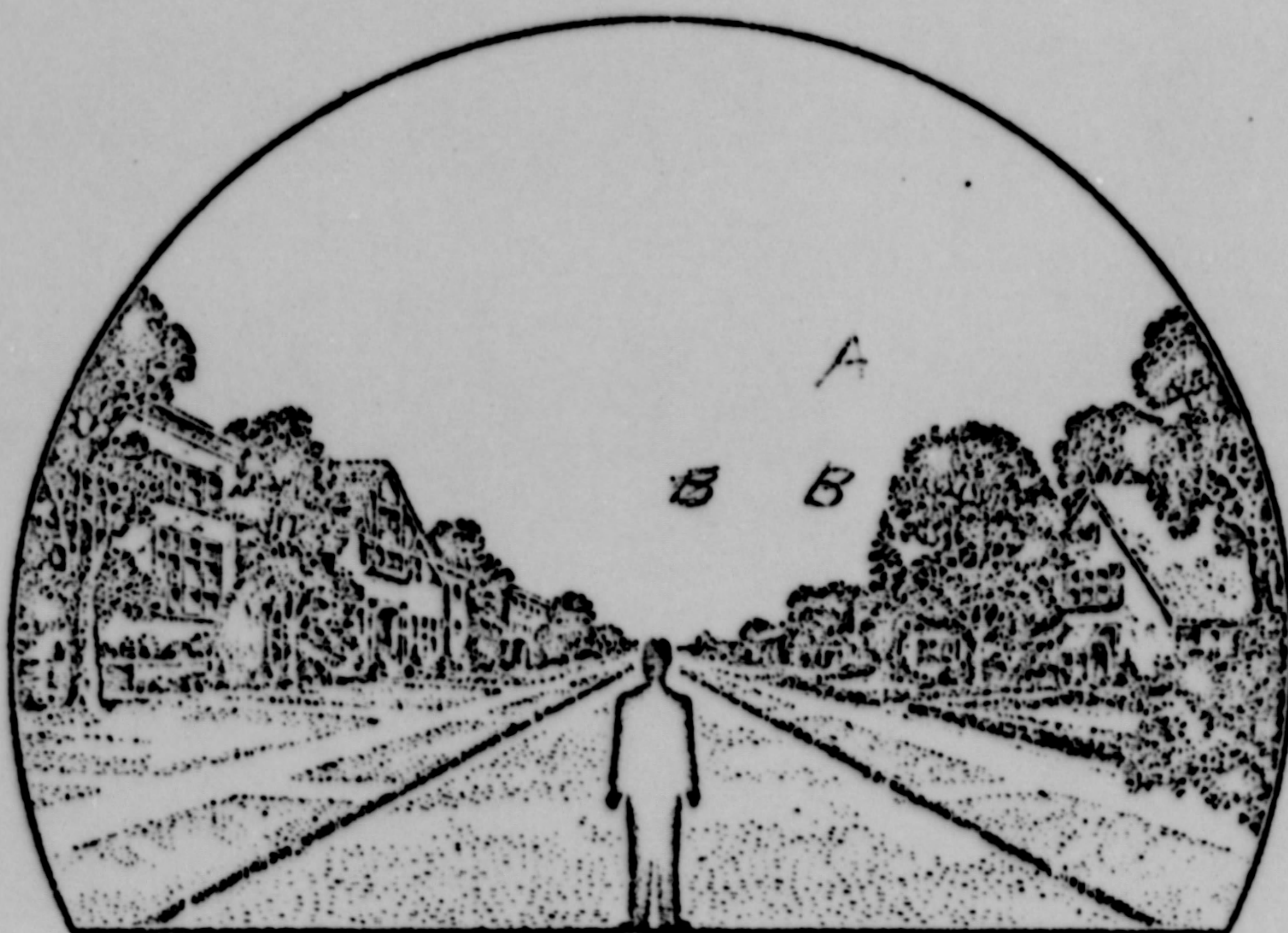
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 200° degrees.
- b. From horizon 0 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.



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?

8 July 1953
Day Month Year

*Have no idea as to
sighting - to Dayton papers...*

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:

*Mrs. [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] Tipp City 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?

None

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

Much faster than jet aircraft

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

appeared about half way between 1000 ft and cloud level

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

_____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

_____ Last Name

_____ First Name

_____ Middle Name

ADDRESS

_____ Street

Tipp City
City

_____ Zone

OHIO
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Indust. Spec.

Age

55

Sex

M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

X

e. e. Technical school

X

b. High school

X

(Type)

Business Adm.

c. College

X

f. Other special training

d. Post graduate

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

8
Day

July
Month

1953
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 [REDACTED]

(Please Print)

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SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE 8 July 1953

Upon stepping outside of enclosed porch at about 6:45 PM attention was directed upward by a passing personnel plane. The object was of such brilliance that it was immediately noted above and ahead of the plane which was flying NW. The three others named above were called and also observed the object. At that time it was stationary. After the plane passed the object moved rapidly upward at high speed, turned to the south at a sharp angle and continuing to move very rapidly finally disappeared either because of distance or in the clouds. Clouds were lower in the south than over Tipton City.

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1) Called Dayton Munic. Apt - "no poss. way to tell if a small plane was flying over Tipp. City at that time." "No report of unidentified obj."

2) FO 6431

3 MAY 1949

OKLAHOMA CITY AIR MATERIEL AREA
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

OCIS/WTH/jp

IN REPLY REFER TO:

7 July 1953

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Reporting

TO: Director of Intelligence
Hq USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Disregard message, this Hq OCEO-2T-7-2-2 for ATIA-20,
FLYOBREP.

2. Object definitely identified as weather balloon.

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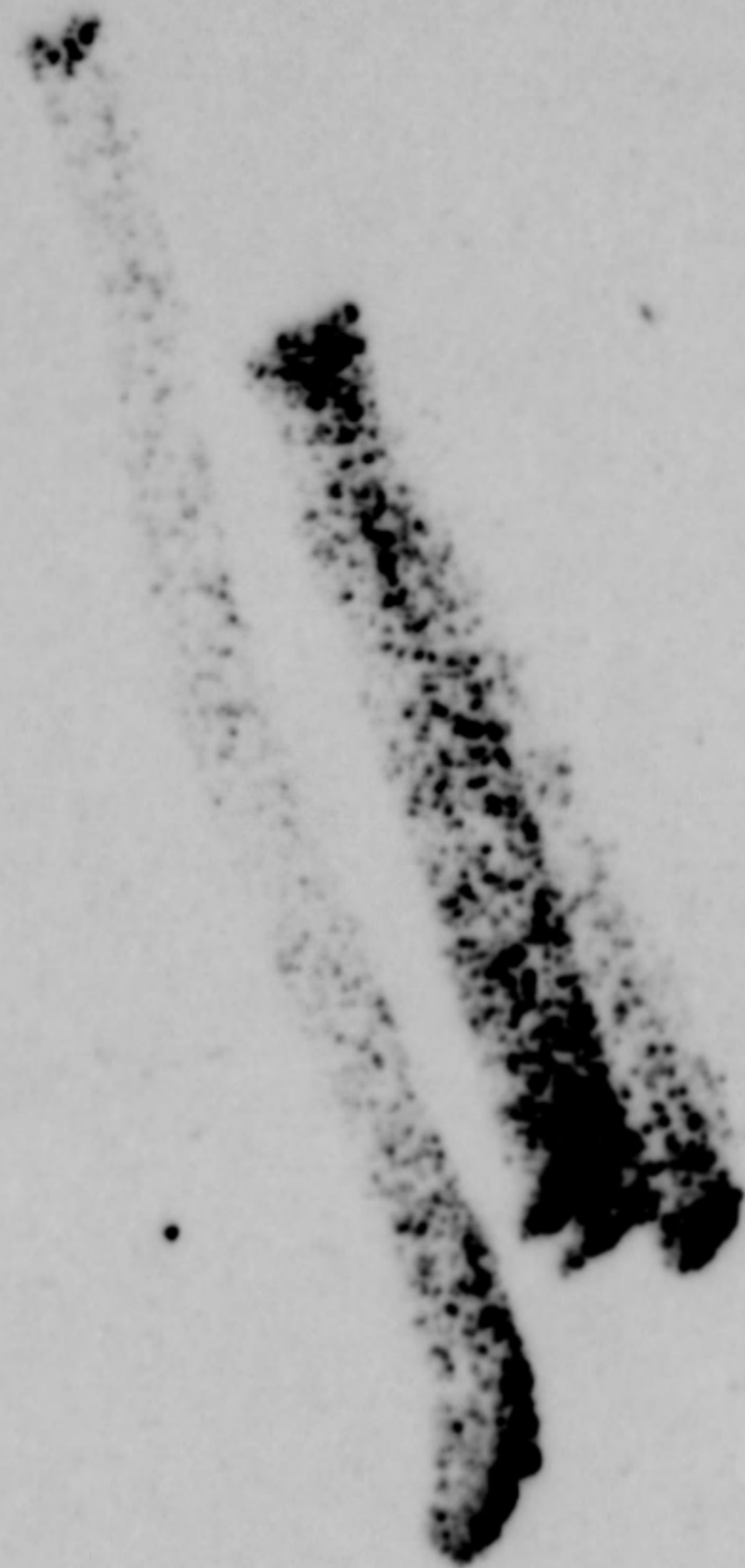
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Commander, 1st AFB,
Colorado Springs, Colo.
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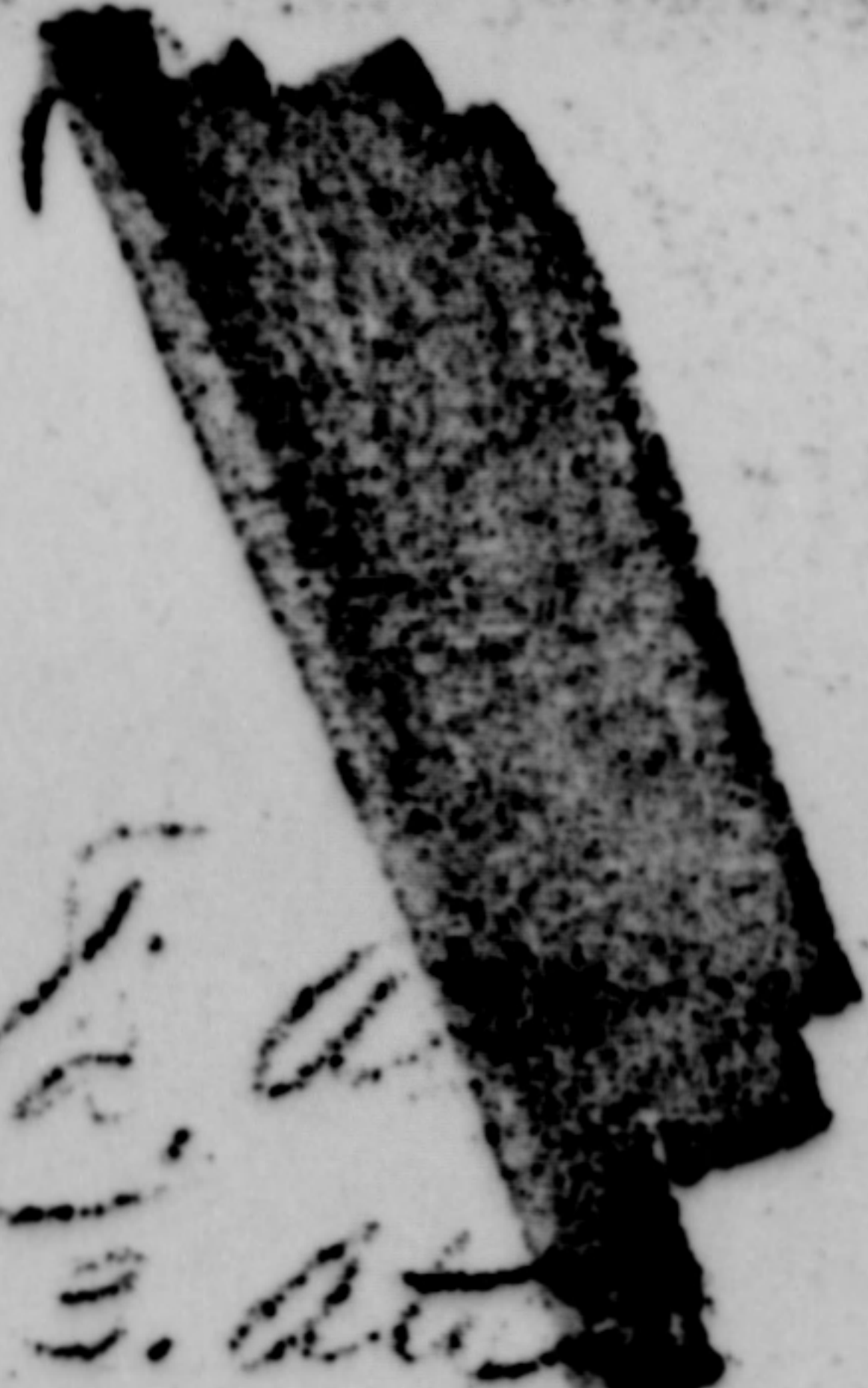
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TO JEDHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH DC

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JEDEN/COMDR ENT AFB COLO

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~~REDACTED~~ GEO-2T-7-2E. FOR ATIAA-2C. FLYOBRPT.

1. REPORTED BY ~~REDACTED~~ OKLAHOMA CITY AT 1825C.
ABOUT THE SIZE OF A GOLF BALL. SILVER. VERY HIGH. MOVING VERY
SLOW WESTWARD. REPORTED AGAIN AT 1835C. MOVED FAR TO THE EAST.
NOW MOVING SOUTHWEST. VERIFIED BY TINKER TOWER AND AO CAPT WILLIAM
E HAGERTY. APPEARS TO BE A WEATHER BALLOON.
2. 1825C TO 1845C
3. VISUAL
4. OKLAHOMA CITY. STRAIGHT ABOVE.
5. DEFINITE.

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6. CLEAR. WINDS ALOFT CALM.
7. NONE.
8. PICTURES TAKEN BY TINKER TOWER.
- 9 SENIOR CONTROLLER 33RD AD ADVISED AT 1827C
10. UNKNOWN

SIGNED FLIGHT OPERATIONS

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FROM: (Originator)

SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

COMDR ATIC

TO: COMDR TINKER AFB OKLA

JW FNK

INFO:

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAE-7-8-E

DATE-TIME GROUP

071315Z JUL 53

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FOR:

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CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

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OCEO-2T-7-2E

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Rearmsg OCEO-2T-7-2E. Request you forward 1) source's full address so that questionnaire can be sent and 2) winds aloft up to and including 60,000 ft. ATIC concurs with you that this sighting may have been a weather balloon.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

COORDINATION:

ATIAE-5 R. Olsson DATE 7 July 53
LT OLSSONATIAE W. Jensen DATE 7 July
LT COL JOHNSTONATIAE William R. Key DATE 7 July 53
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Lt R.M. Olsson/jos

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TELEPHONE 65365

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OFFICIAL TITLE ROBERT C. BROWN, Major, USAF
Adjutant

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TO COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO **UNCLASSIFIED**

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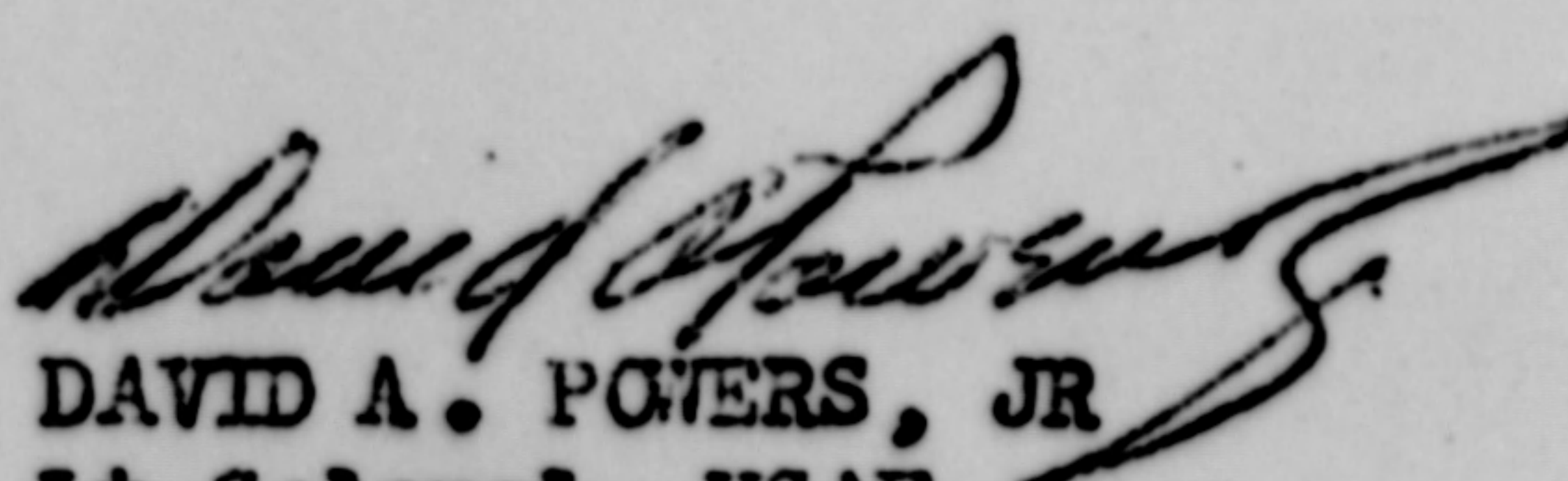
1. Attention invited to inclosed copy of letter to Director of Intelligence, Hq USAF, dated 7 July 1953.

2. Inclosed also are exposed film and "U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet." Although the object has been identified as weather balloon the data is being forwarded for the possibility of suggestions or recommendations concerning use of camera. It should be noted that film used are twenty (20) exposures in lieu of thirty-six (36) forwarded by your office. The photographer was unable to obtain the film you had sent, therefore he purchased these and did not notice the number of exposures until camera had jammed. The exposed film was removed by a qualified technician in base Photo Lab dark room. The technician reports that sprocket holes are ripped out and possibility of double exposures exists.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

3 Incl

1. Letter dated
7 Jul 53
2. Film
3. USAF Tech Info Sheet
Form A and B


DAVID A. POWERS, JR.

Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Security Indoctrination Office
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1. When did you see the object?

4 July 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

1800 35
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?

Tinker Control Tower, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, OKLA.
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

0 45 00
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?: No
 IT Looked Like A White Pinpoint Against The Blue Sky

(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? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | <u>No</u> | 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?

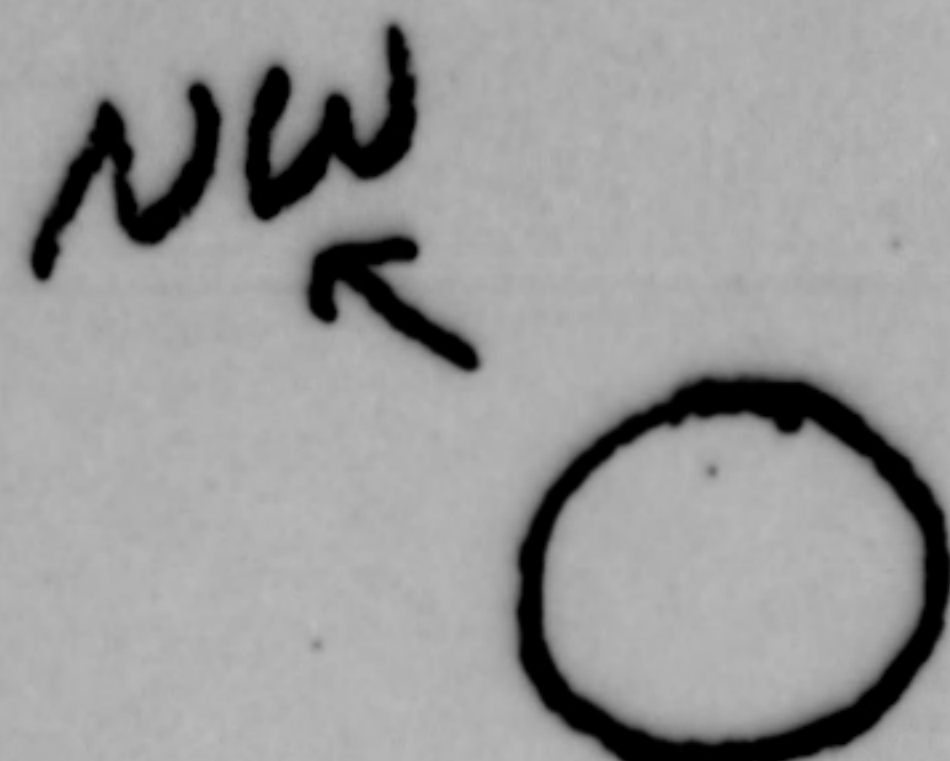
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|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | <u>Yes</u> | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | <u>Yes</u> | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | <u>Yes</u> | 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 white, shiny

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.



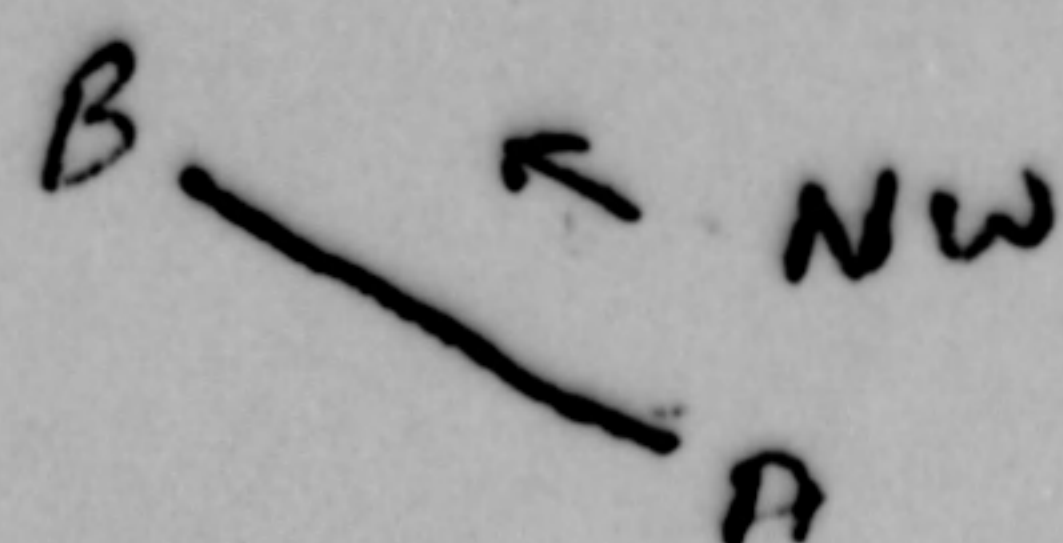
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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
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.
_____ 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? Disappeared all of a sudden

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.

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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 Catwalk of a Control Tower

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 AT AN Air Force Base

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

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+ Base Ops

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. 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)

Directly Overhead

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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)

Directly Overhead

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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).

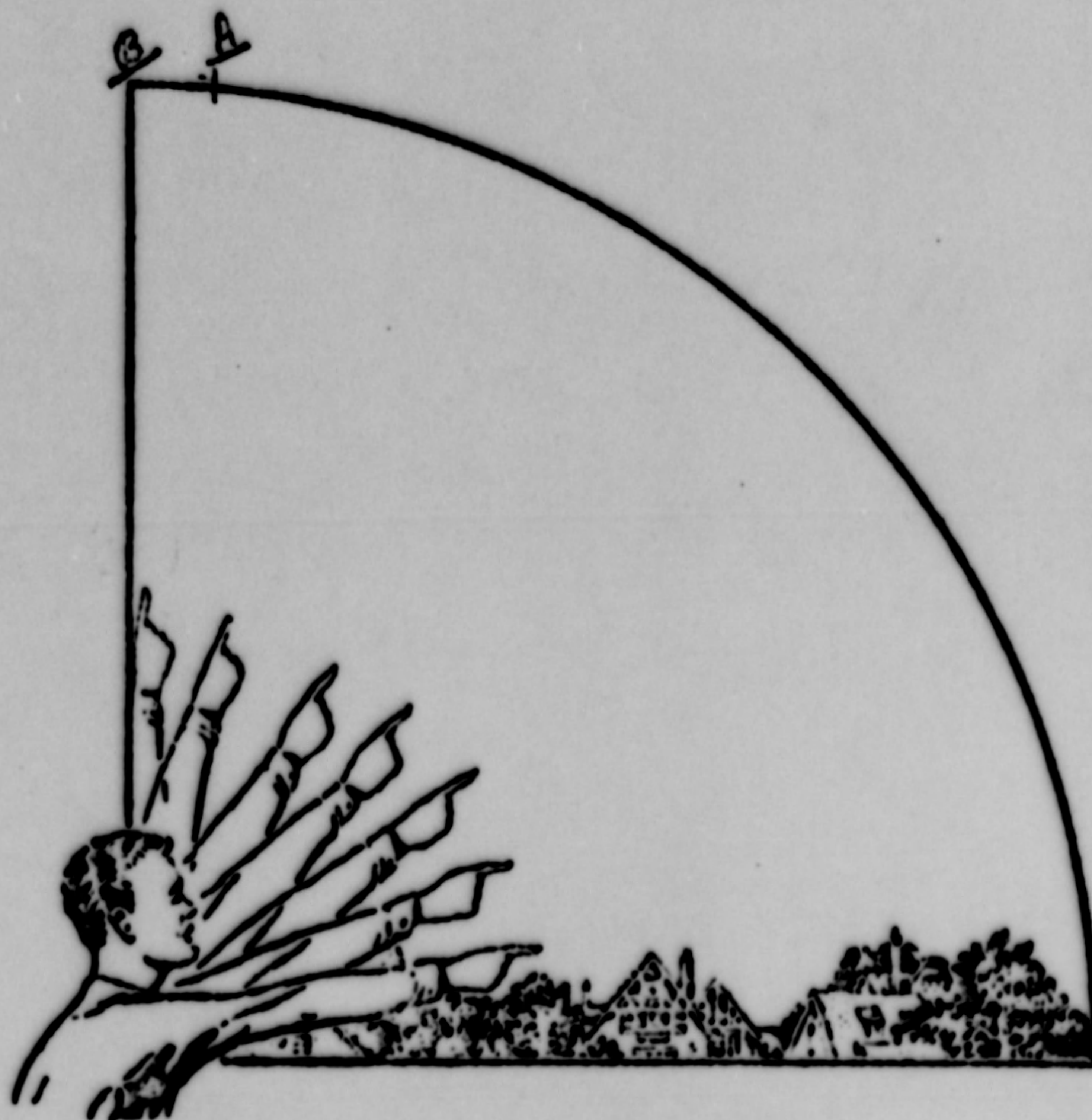
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon 85° degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

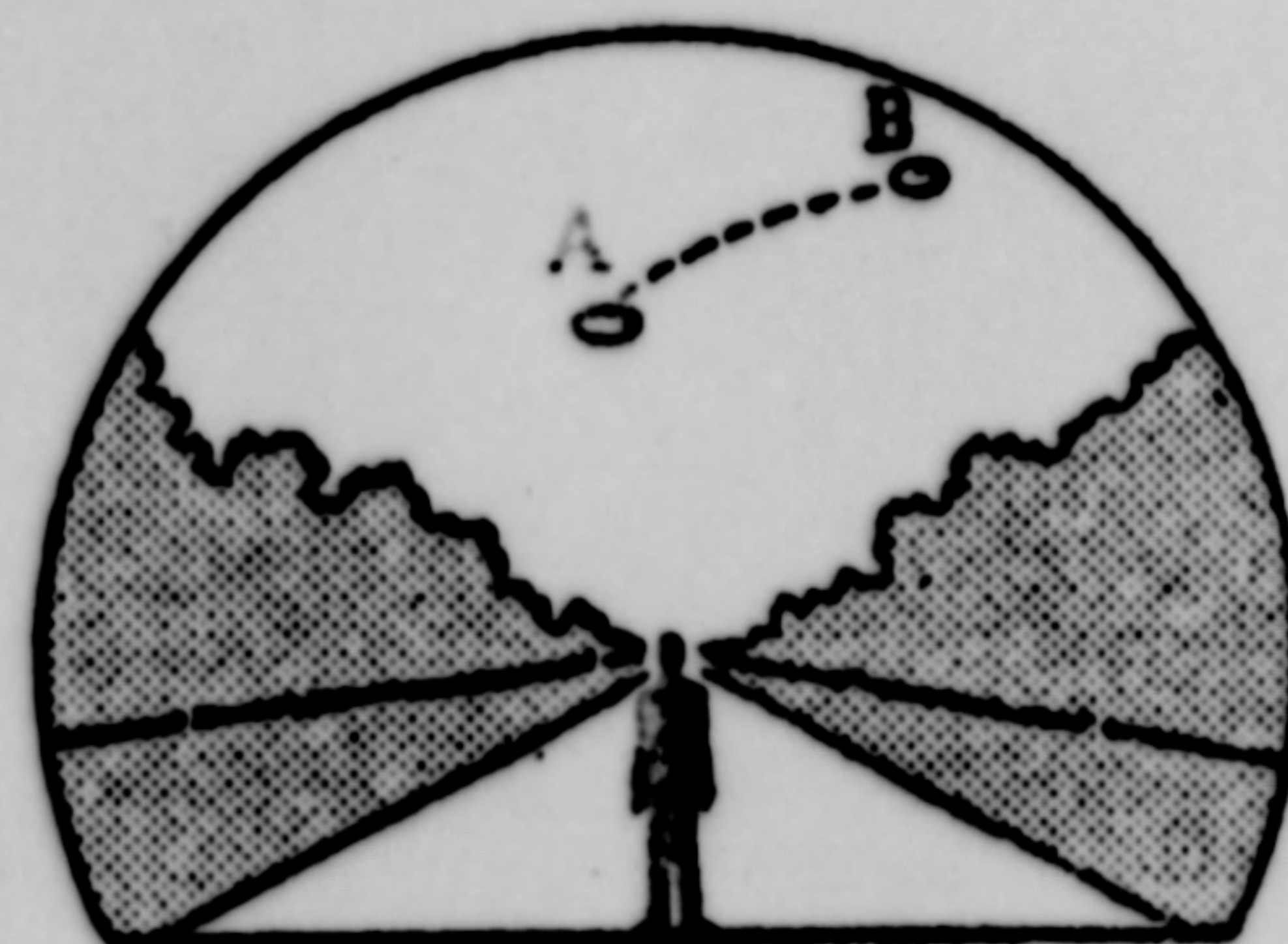
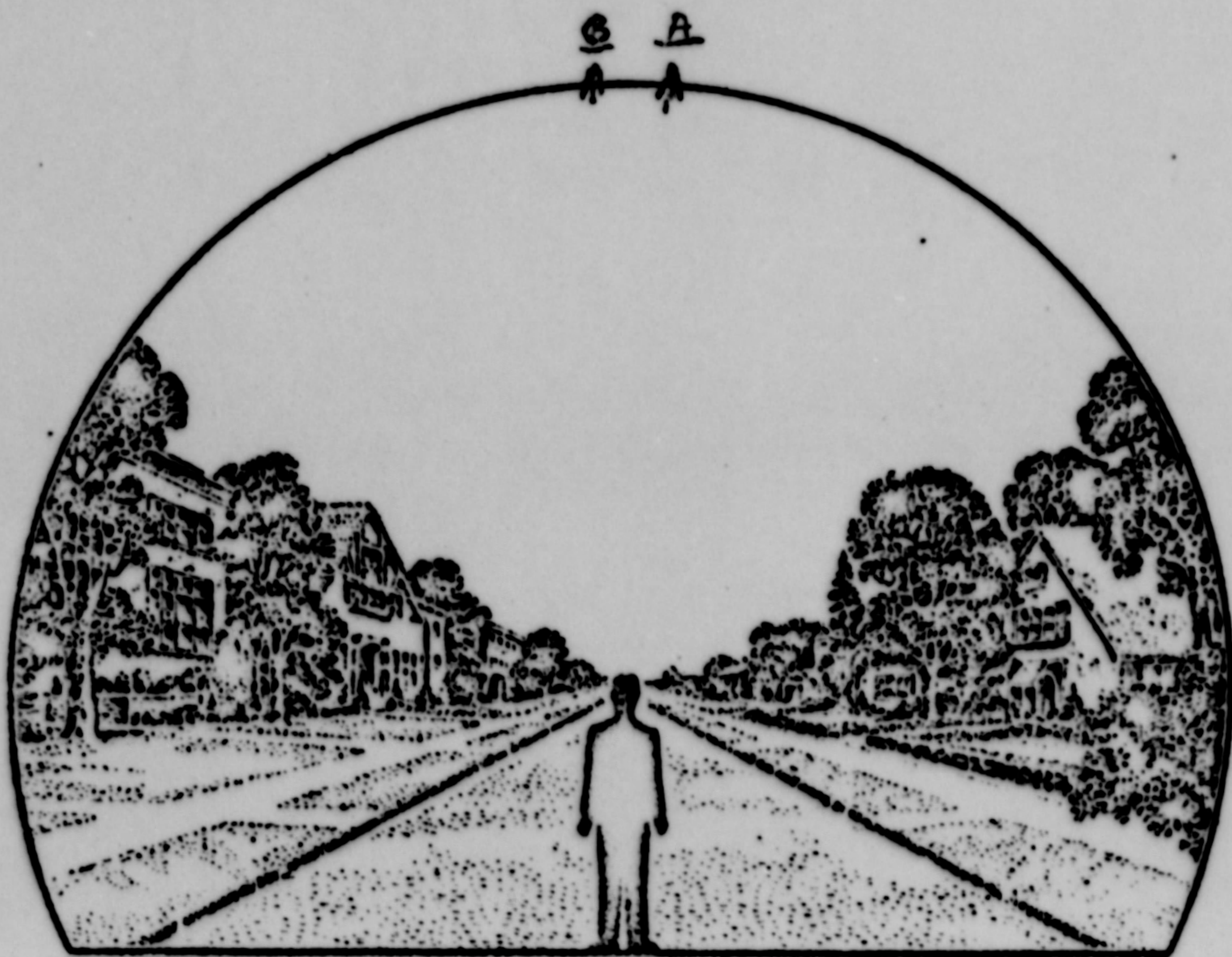
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon 90° degrees.

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 Almost Directly Overhead Moved in Northwesterly Direction



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 10 KTs
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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Day Month 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:

Please list their names and addresses:

A/2C [REDACTED] U.S. Tinker AFB Det 1904-3 AACS Sgdn
A/3C [REDACTED] " " " " " "
A/2C [REDACTED] D.E. Tinker AFB 3rd AACS Sgdn
A/1C [REDACTED] S.E. Tinker AFB Det 1904-3 AACS Sgdn.

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?

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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 _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street City Zone State
Oklahoma City Tinker A.F.B. OKLA.

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? Control Tower Operator

Age 20 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- | | |
|--------------------------|--|
| a. Grade school _____ | e. e. Technical school <u>Control Tower School</u> |
| b. High school _____ | (Type) <u>Air Force</u> |
| c. College <u>1 year</u> | f. Other special training _____ |
| d. Post graduate _____ | _____ |

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

4 July 1953
Day Month 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 [REDACTED]
 (Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE 4 July 1953

The unidentified object appeared over the field and was sighted by the crash station. The tower was notified and saw the object at 1835C with the naked eye and binoculars. It appeared to be ^{whitish} white, and round. It only moved a short distance in the 45 minutes, that being in a North westerly direction. At 1920C the object vanished all of a sudden.