

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 July 53 12/0735Z	2. LOCATION Adrain, Michigan
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON Description of object similar to pillow balloons.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Several	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One large and several small object which resembled crude shapeless balloons appeared to sway back and forth. Objects drifted slowly disappearing into NW.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

Walter

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- ONE LARGE OBJECT
SEVERAL SMALLER OBJECTS

2. Time of day:

3	35
Hour	Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

- (Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

- (Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

d. Pacific
e. Other Eastern Standard

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|------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Nearest Postal Address | City or Town | State or Country |
| | Adrian | Michigan |

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. 5 20
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

- Blue Sky - white clouds
Halo around Sun

- (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): *SMALL OBJECTS* a. Yes *LARGE OBJECT* b. No c. Don't remember
REFLECTED LIGHT

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	<u>No</u>	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?	<u>Yes</u>	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: The Small Objects Moved Around and in the vicinity of the Larger Object

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	<u>No</u>	<u>e. Binoculars</u> 3X	<u>Yes</u>	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	<u>No</u>	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	<u>No</u>	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	<u>No</u>	h. Other _____		

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

a. Sound None

b. Color Large Object -- Varicolored -- Brownish
Small Objects -- Silver -- Mirror-like

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.



The large object should be described as shapeless. Perhaps like an octahedron shaped Balloon partially collapsed.

This object moved slowly upward (almost imperceptible) but constantly swinging back & forth as if suspended as a pendulum -- or like a falling leaf. Complete cycle about one per second.

Object moved upward and North-westerly from the East. Very slight South-west breeze blowing at the time

18. The edges of the object were:

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

e. Other Small Objects moving
too rapidly to distinguish
shape or outline. Appeared
like small discs.

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? About 20 Small objects.
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



While the large object was moving upward as described Para. 17 there were several smaller objects visible darting in the vicinity and around the larger one. There were only two noted when the larger object was first observed at lowest altitude -- the number increasing as the larger object became smaller. The smaller objects were visible for about 5 minutes after the larger one faded out of sight.

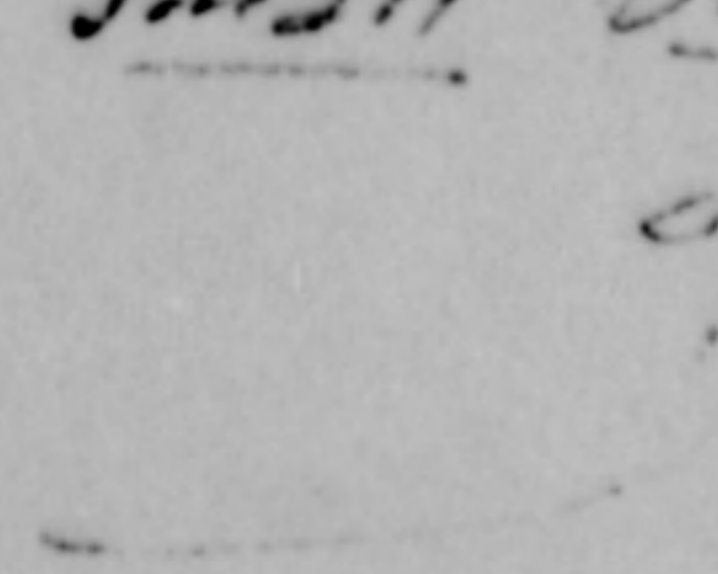
The smaller objects seemed to go in a counter-clockwise direction, and were only visible when reflecting sunlight.

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.

Large Object.



Small Objects.



North West

B

North

(b)

A

35° EAST

60°

50°

Horizon

Observer

A - First Sighted Large Object (2 smaller objects)

(b) Large Object faded out of sight (15 minutes)

B - Smaller Objects faded out of sight (20 minutes)

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

*3
6 ft*

feet. Larger object

Smaller objects

} At estimated 800 ft altitude

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 <i>Smaller Object</i> | g. Silver dollar |
| ☒ b. Pea <i>Larger Object</i> | h. Baseball |
| c. Dime | i. Grapefruit |
| d. Nickel | j. Basketball |
| e. Quarter | k. Other _____ |
| f. Half dollar | |

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? _____

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.

Larger Object: A crude shapeless balloon or octahedron box-like covered with Sunday Paper comic section very wrinkled. Smaller Objects: Highly Polished metallic discs about 1/8 size of Larger Object.

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? *I was Reading*

*on terrace - Looked through Field Glasses to View a Constellation
Transport Plane approaching from the East. The object appeared
between my position and the plane. I then lowered my Field Glasses
and found the object was clearly visible to the naked eye.
(More on Form 2)*

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)

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

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

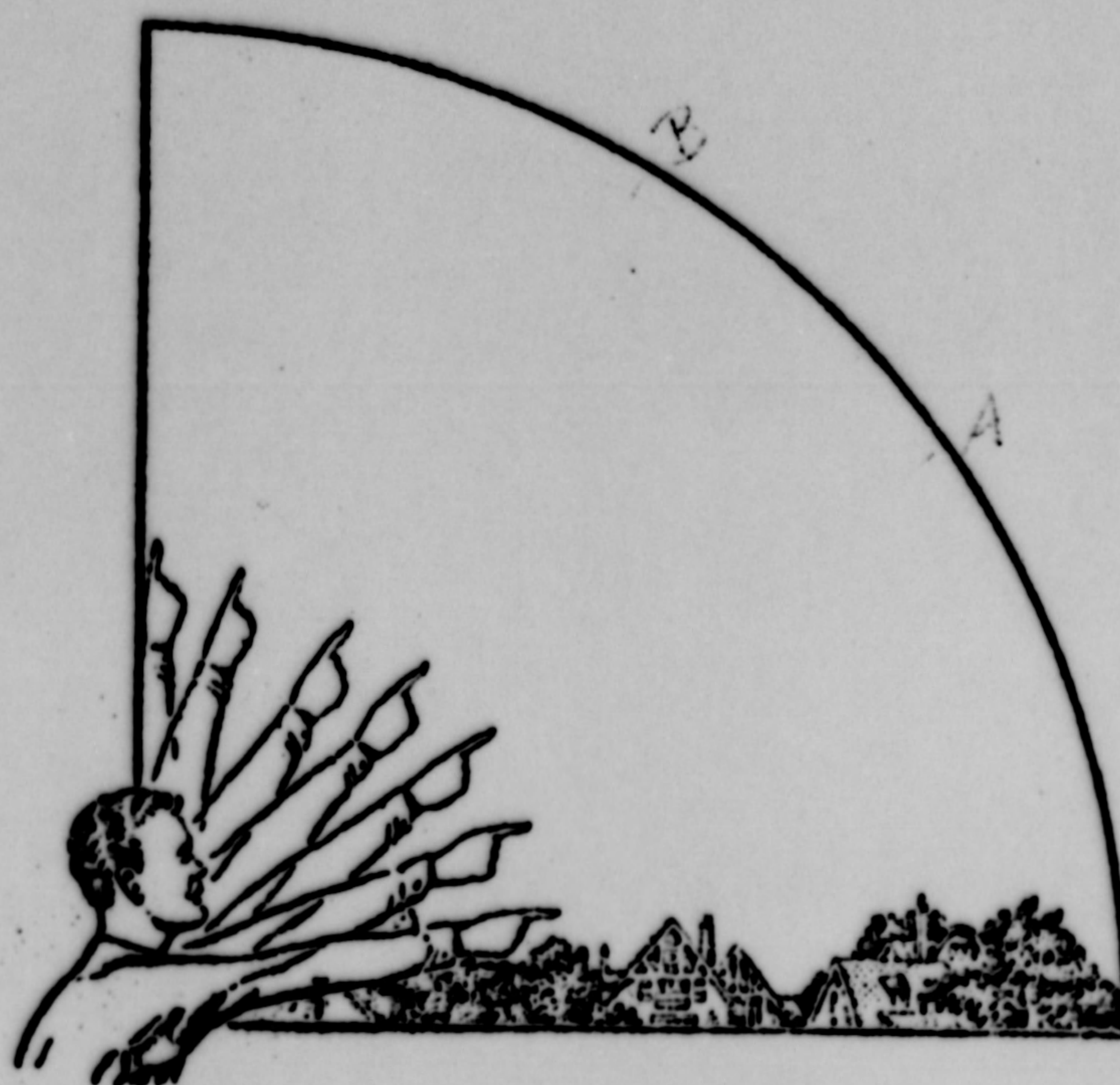
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 85 degrees.
- b. From horizon 35 degrees.

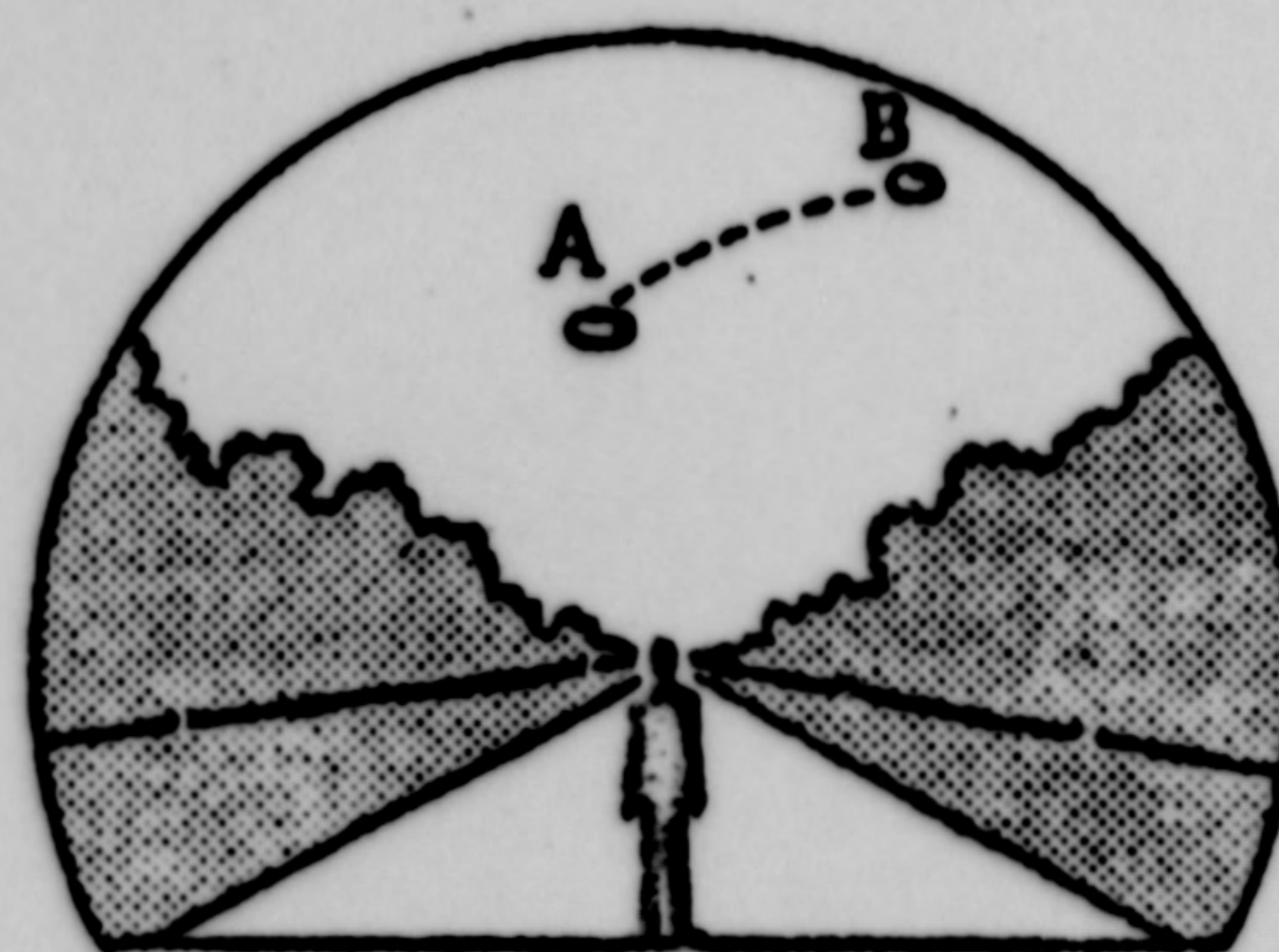
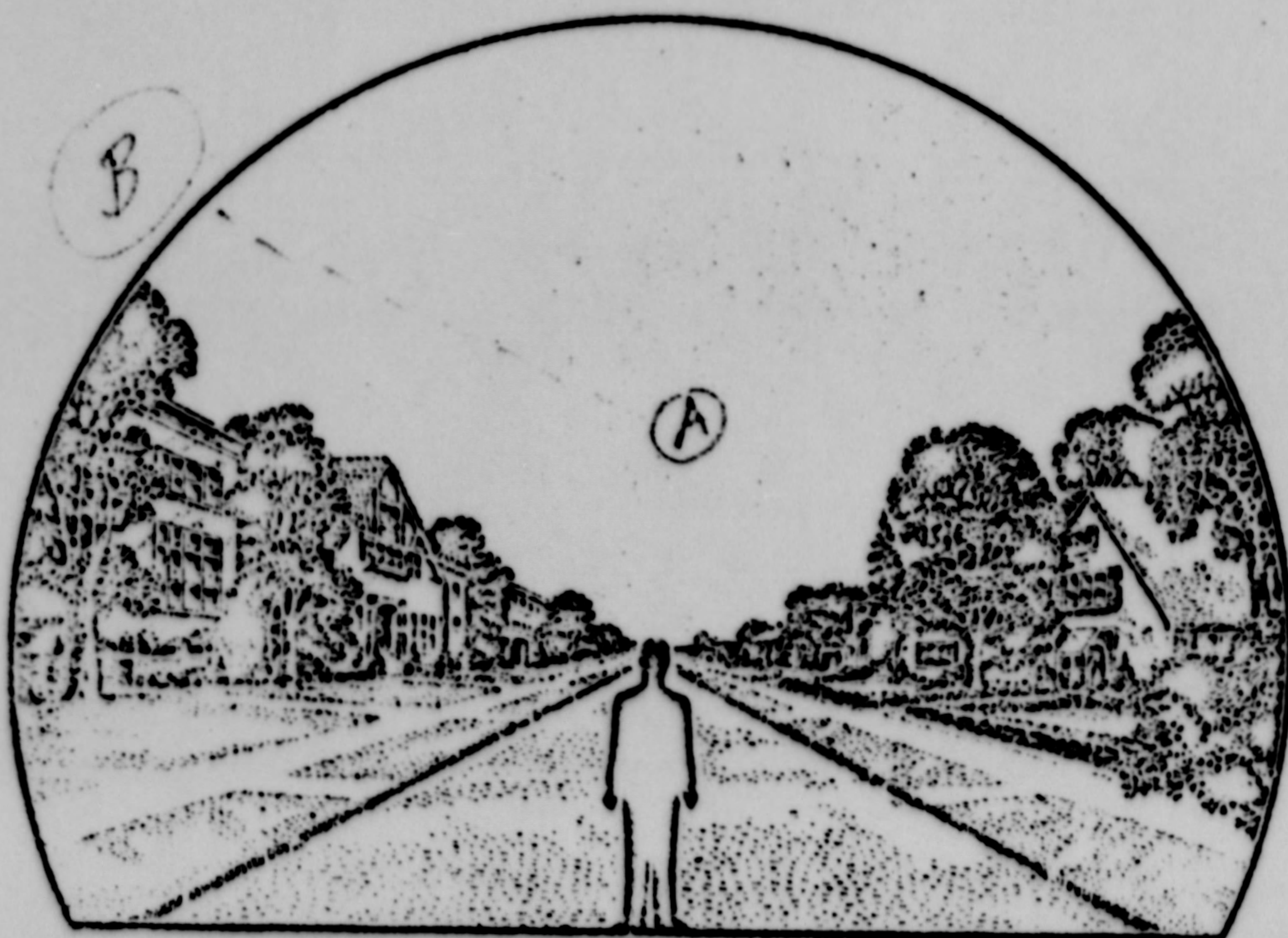
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 40 degrees.
- b. From horizon 60 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 85°
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

12 July 1953
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:

Mrs. [redacted] (wife) [redacted] Michigan
[redacted] (son) [redacted]

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 have no theory or opinion of what the objects might be. The larger object appeared too clearly defined (three-dimensional) to be caused by an inversion or Mirage. The smaller objects brilliantly reflected sunlight and seemed to follow a true arc (counter-clockwise) around the larger one. Could not have been Radar fail.*

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

First Sighting - 2000 ft Away - 800 ft High.
Disappeared - 5000 " " " " 2000 " " " "

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

(Qualified in Summary - -)

41. Please 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? Sales

Age 43 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____

e. e. Technical school _____

b. High school X

(Type) _____

c. College _____

f. Other special training Factory Training
Production - Engineering

d. Post graduate _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

13 July 1953
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

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

July 12, 1953

The Objects were first observed when I looked through Field Glasses to view a Transport Plane (Constellation) that was obviously En-Route from Willow Run to Chicago. This was at 3:35 PM at Adrian Michigan. The Object appeared between my position and the Plane. I Put down the glasses and watched the Object which I thought was a box-Kite. I then noted two smaller Silvery objects which I assumed were Kite "Messengers" like we used to send up on the Kite-string. The shape and action of the objects soon changed my assumption -- The larger one was swaying back and forth as if suspended on a string like a pendulum, while the smaller ones were darting around the larger one. They all drifted slowly up and to my left (Toward North-west). I called to my Wife to come out and bring another pair of glasses. It took a few minutes to find them -- meanwhile the objects had risen considerably and almost to the North. Now there were several small bright objects -- Five, seven - twelve, and flashes -- with the naked eyes and the larger object was getting smaller and smaller (10 minutes after first sighting). My Wife had ample time to get a fair view of the larger object, and saw several of the smaller ones clearly.

By 15 minutes the larger object had disappeared (Approximately North of my position and up). The smaller objects were still flashing -- still moving slowly to the Northwest, diminishing in brilliance and finally faded out of sight about 5 minutes after the larger object.

When I say "moving slowly" -- try to visualize a group of 6" discs moving very fast around an imaginary axis about 20 ft diameter and each on different axes -- but as a GROUP moving slowly up and to the Northwest -- and that the discs themselves only visible when caught in the sunlight.

It is possible that the Airlines Pilot may have seen the objects -- left his Right wing and down, as I would estimate his altitude at about 4000 ft. If he did see them at a higher altitude, my estimates of size and distance of the objects are false.

The Sky was quite clear and blue -- many white clouds and I noticed the objects were more clearly visible when silhouetted against the clouds than against the blue.

There was a Halo around the Sun.

Fringe Area Television (70 Miles from Detroit) was exceptionally good as noted a couple hours after the sighting.