

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 July 53 19/0210Z	2. LOCATION Key West, Florida
3. SOURCE <u>Military</u>	10. CONCLUSION 1. BALLOON 2. Astronomical (STAR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	First object believed to be a balloon. Second object believed to be a star (observers opinion).
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 40 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One object observed 20 deg above horizon. Climbed to zenith on a zig-zag course where the second object became visible.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE W and rising	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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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?

18 July 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

9 10
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?

US Naval Station
Nearest Postal Address

Kay West
City or Town

Florida
State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

40
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

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

- a. Sound None audible, however, US 1535 in a noisy place
- b. Color Steady white light

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.

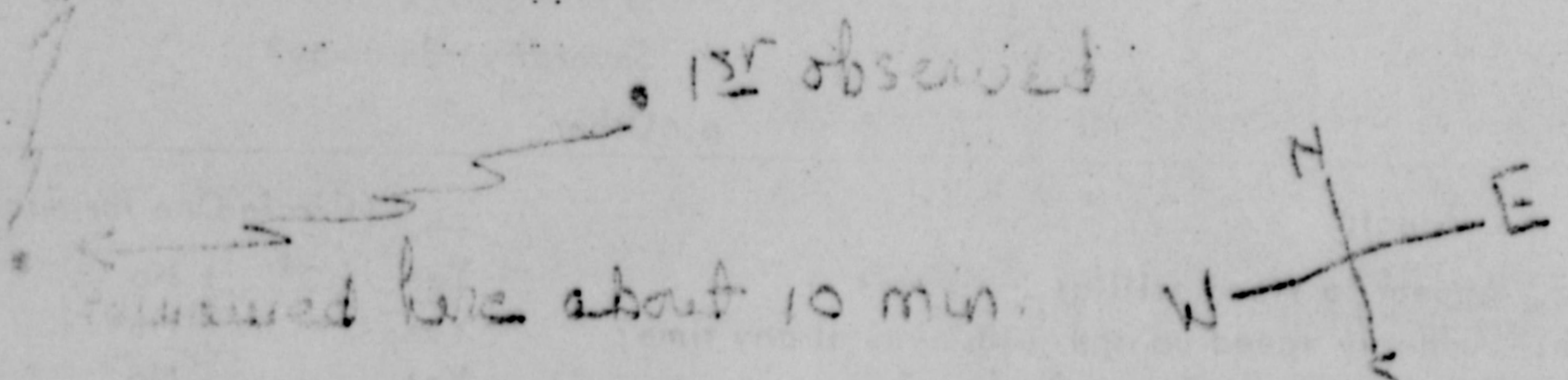
object was
 • moved steadily
 light

zigzagged to here, remained here
 about 10 min. then slowly dimmed
 in size & brilliancy until no longer
 visible.

15th observed

remained here about 10 min.

Appeared about
 200 above horizon,
 disappeared at
 the zenith or
 nearly so.



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

15th object in final position
 (see above)

2nd object
 not noticed until
 15th reached final position.
 It was dimmer than 15th.
 It did not appear to move,
 but vanished a few minutes
 before 15th object. Behaved to be a star.

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

Very few at the zenith

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, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

as solid as a light source can.

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 _____

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 on a U.S. Naval Station

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

We were seated at a table. It was called to our
attention by Lt. William Brown, USN

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. 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).

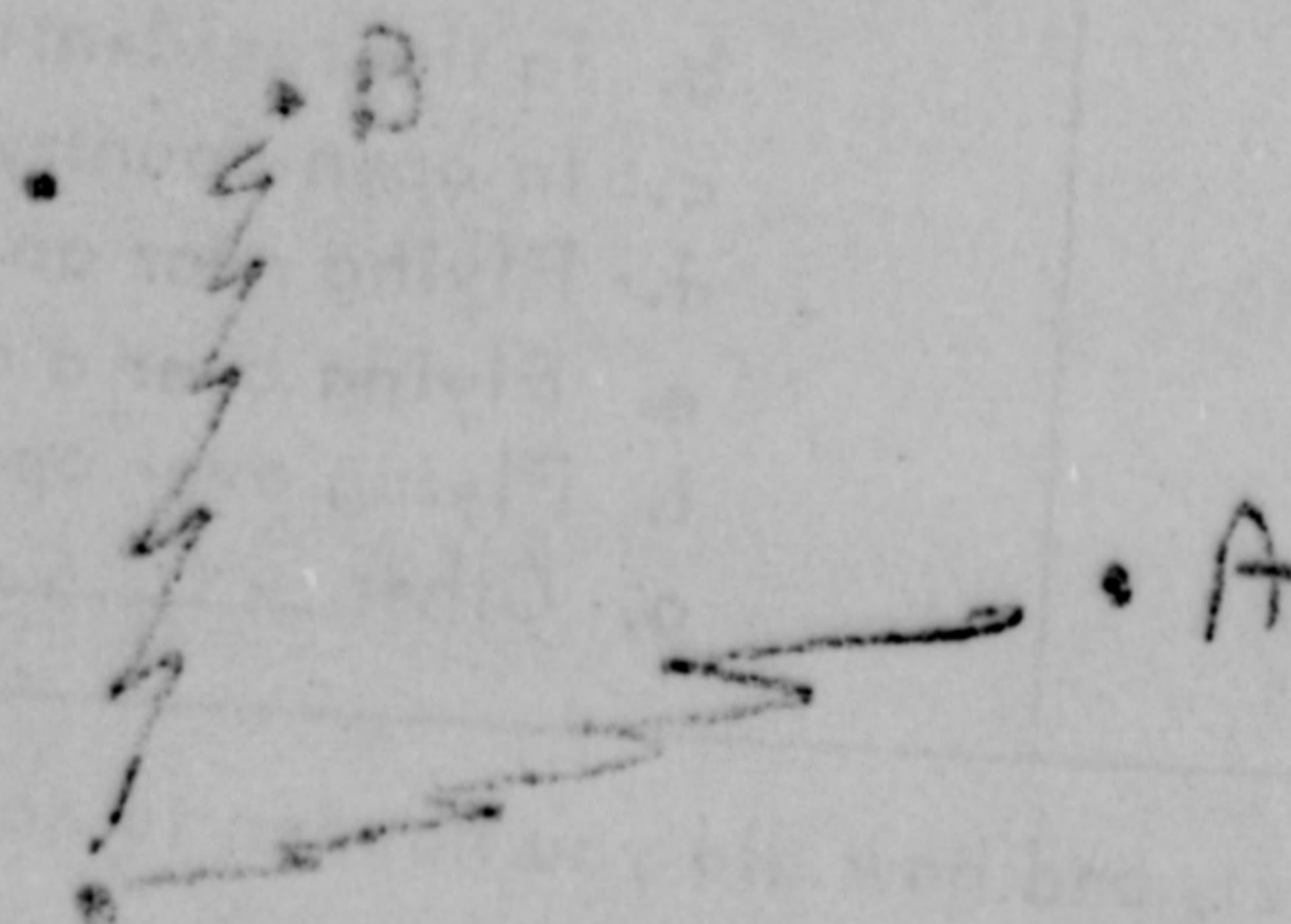
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 30 degrees.
- b. From horizon 20 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 5 degrees.
- b. From horizon 35 degrees.

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.



Movements erratic
AND Angular. (sudden
changes of course at
high speed with no
turning circle or
path.)

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

Not possible - range unknown

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?

Diminished in size and
brilliance until ~~it~~ disappeared altogether

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 plain, circular light source of unknown size
and at an unknown range.
Cloud coverage - 0, except that most stars
near zenith were obscured

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?

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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:

LT ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ USN USS Clamagore ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, CP FPO N.Y.N.Y.
 MR. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Key West, Fla
 LT. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ USN USS Madrygal ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, CP FPO N.Y.N.Y.
 MR. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Key West, Fla.

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

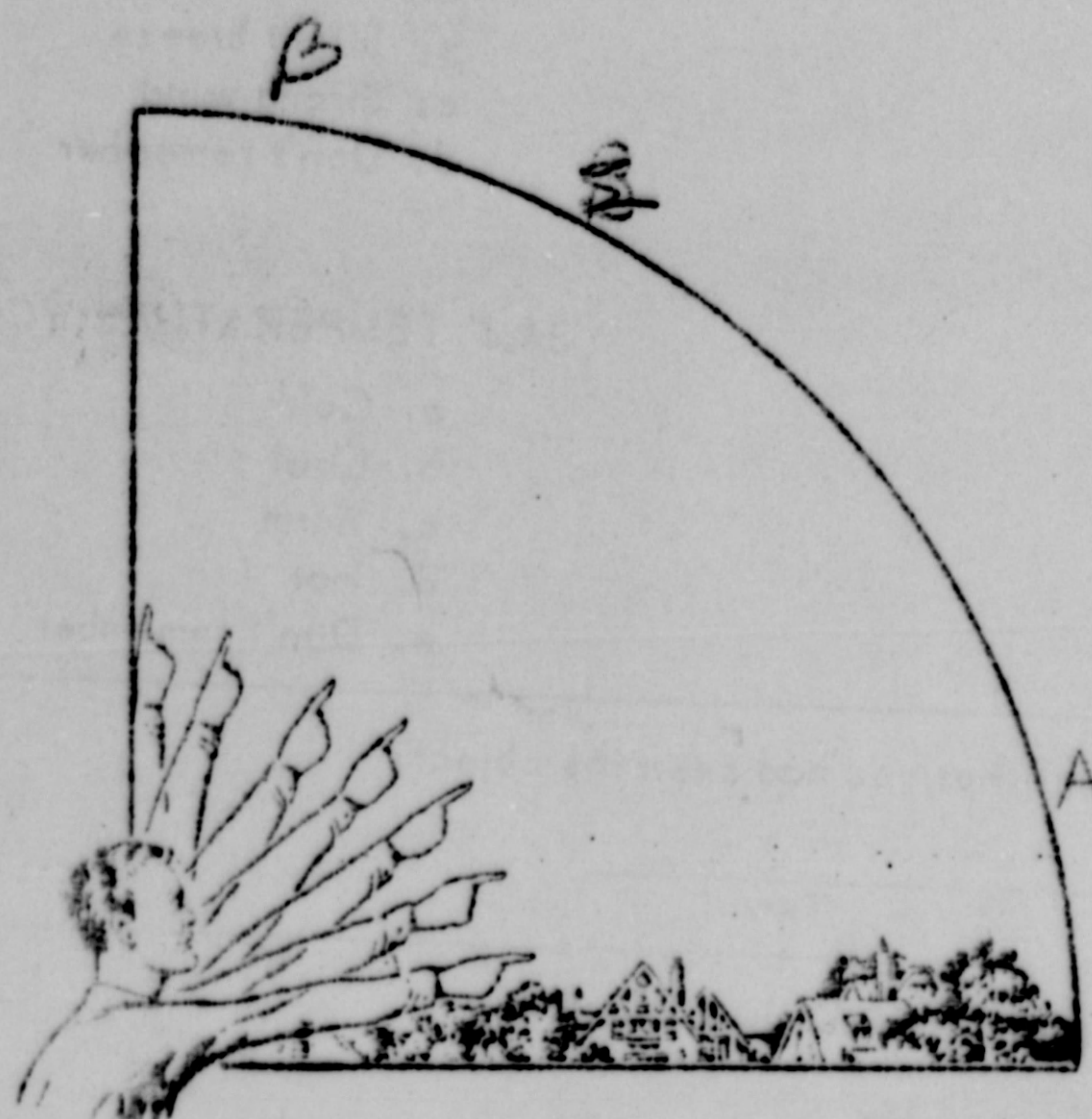
(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

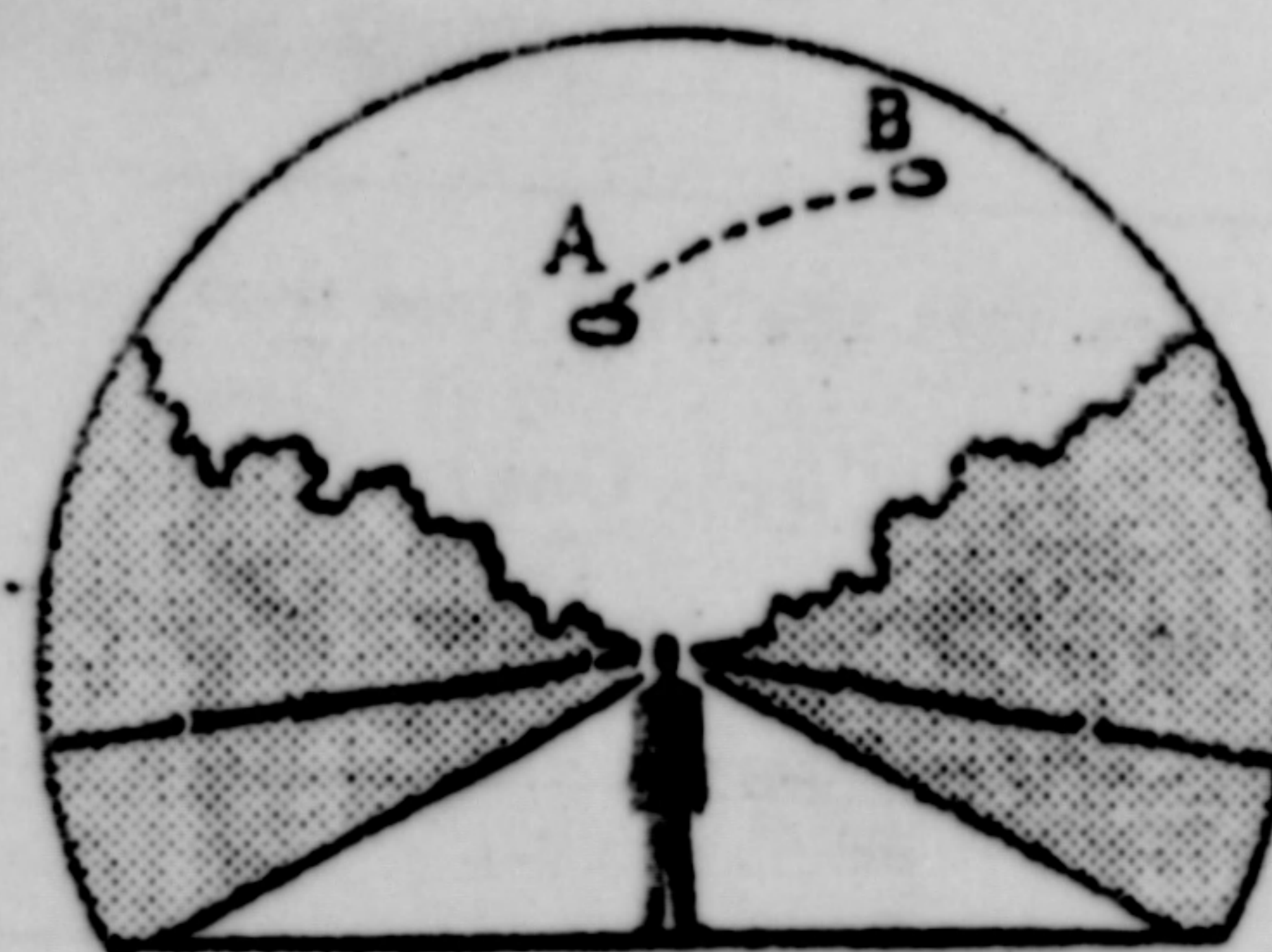
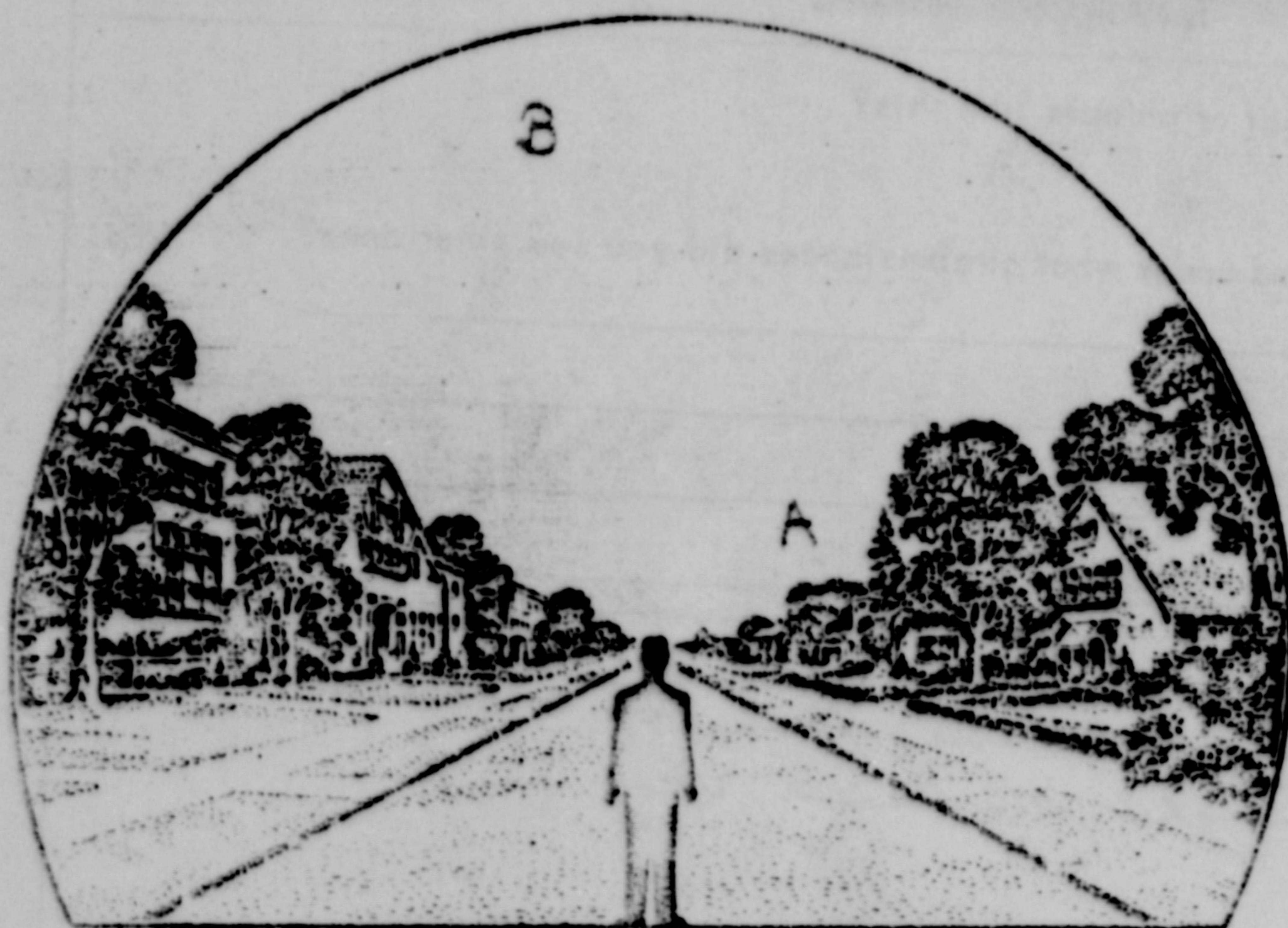
38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

No opinion. Movements too erratic, time too irregular
 for conventional aircraft. Height evidently very high

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.



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

(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No height unknown

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

Kay West City

_____ Zone

Fla. State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Lieutenant USN, onboard USS Albatross, SS 480

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 U. of North Carolina

f. Other special training U. S. Navy Submarine School

d. ~~Penn State~~ U. S. Naval Academy

d. U. S. Naval Submarine Officers School

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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Day

August

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

(PRINT NAME)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

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