

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 5 August 53 5/1600Z		2. LOCATION San Antonio, Texas	
3. SOURCE Civilians		10. CONCLUSION BALLOON	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 6 Minutes		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Elliptical shaped silver colored object observed hovering over San Antonio, Texas. Object appeared to be in the West. COMMENTS: Balloon launched at 0900 CST and was 23,600 meters high at 1000 CST. Twelve known a/c were aloft at the time of the sighting, although their locations were unknown. Winds aloft at 75,000 ft. Possible balloon.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE West			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PM 5 Aug ☒ Yes ☒ No		San Antonio Balloon or aircraft o-8	

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TO: COMDR SAAMA KELLY AFB TEXAS

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FROM: AFOIN-ATIAE-8-2-E

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101845Z AUG 53

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REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

SAIP-8-6-E

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Reurnag SAIP-8-6-E on an unidentified aerial object sighted at 1000 CST 5 Aug 53 by 4 civilians in the vicinity of San Antonio, Texas. We are of the opinion that the object was the weather balloon launched at 0900 CST reflecting the rays of the sun. Request that you give us the winds aloft at 76,000 feet. If object was not balloon, this Center requests a preliminary evaluation of sources.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

COORDINATION:

ATIAE-5 M. J. Futch DATE 10 Aug 53

A/IC Futch

ATIAE Lt. Col. Johnston DATE 10 Aug 53

Lt. Col. Johnston

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/ [REDACTED] SAIP 8-6-E FOR ATIAA-2C FOR INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FLYOB RPT ONE ELLIPTICAL-SHAPED OBJECT WAS OBSERVED HOVERING OVER SAN

ANTONIO TEXAS AT 1200 HRS CST 5 AUG 53. OBJECT OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY

5 OR 6 MINUTES. OBJECT OBSERVED SEEMED TO BE OF SILVER COLOR, AND SIZES

VARIED WITH OBSERVERS FROM SIZE OF A NR WASHTUB TO SIZE OF A QUARTER

/25 CTS/. OBSERVATION MADE BY MR [REDACTED] AND SON [REDACTED] BOTH OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO TEXAS AND [REDACTED] ADDRESS UNKNOWN,

WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF MR [REDACTED]. OBSERVERS WERE EMPLOYED BY MRS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF [REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO TEXAS WHO ALSO OBSERVED THE OBJECT.

DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM OBSERVERS ESTIMATED TO BE DUE WEST. NO

SOUND WAS HEARD AND NO AERODYNAMIC

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FEATURES NOTED. FAIR WEATHER PREVAILED AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING AND

VISIBILITY WAS UNLIMITED. WIND AT 10,000 FEET WAS 190 DEGREES AND 9

KNOTS PER HR WIND AT 5,000 FEET WAS 170 DEGREES AND 8 KNOTS. A FEW

SCATTERED CLOUDS WERE REPORTED. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 12 REPORTED

AIRCRAFT IN THE AIR AT TIME OF OBSERVENCE. NO WEATHER BALOONS HAD BEEN

SENT UP FOR OVER AN HOUR BEFORE AND BALOON THAT WAS SENT ALOFT AT 0900

HRS. WAS REPORTED TO BE 23,500 METERS HIGH AT 1200 HRS.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYDEPT		
AREA REPORTED ON SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS		FROM (Agency) Commander, SAMIA
DATE OF REPORT 12 Aug 53	DATE OF INFORMATION 5 Aug 53	EVALUATION Unvaluated
PREPARED BY (Officer) Lt. Col. Robert W. Fox		SOURCE Eye Witness
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AF Ltr 200-5 Dated 29 Apr 52		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

One elliptical-shaped object which appeared to be about the size of a No. 2 tub, was observed at approximately 1000 hours CST, 5 Aug 1953 hovering motionlessly in the sky over San Antonio, Texas

INCL.

1. Statement-~~REDACTED~~
2. Statement-~~REDACTED~~
3. Statement-~~REDACTED~~

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~~REDACTED~~ SAIP-8-12-E REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE

AFOIN-ATIAE-8-2-E PROJECT BLUE BOOK DATED 112259Z AUG. WINDS ALOFT AT

75,000 FEET FROM 100 DEGREES AT 30 KNOTS. RELIABILITY OF OBSERVERS

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STATEMENT

I certify that on 5 Aug 53, at 1000 hours, Mr. [REDACTED], his son and Mr. [REDACTED] were in my employ erecting a gin pole and that I witnessed the same unidentifiable object hovering in the sky. From the distance it looked like about the size of a quarter to me.

I verify the statement made by Mr. [REDACTED] in that the object left no vapor trails or exhaust smoke and made no sound.

I certify that this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

M. H. [REDACTED]
Mrs. [REDACTED]

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) Commander, SAAMA	REPORT NO.	PAGE 1	OF 1	PAGES
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In compliance with AF ltr 200-5, dated 29 Apr 52, the following information is submitted:

1. Object was elliptical-shaped and appeared to be about the size of a #2 tub. Only one object was observed. No exhaust smoke or vapor trails were noted nor was there any sound of motors. Object appeared to be motionless throughout observance.
2. Object was observed at approximately 1000 hrs., CST, 5 Aug 53 for about 5 or 6 minutes.
3. Observation was done with naked eye.
4. Observers were on acreage owned by Harris L. Frazier, working on water system when object appeared in sky due west of observer.
5. Object observed by Mr. [REDACTED] San Antonio Texas; Mr. [REDACTED] an employee of Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED], San Antonio owner of property where [REDACTED] was working. Reliability of observers unknown.
6. Fair weather prevailed at the time of sighting. Visibility was unlimited. Wind at ten thousand feet 190 degrees by 9 knots.
7. No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, is known to have existed at the time of observance which might account for sighting.
8. No physical evidence of sighting.
9. Observer contacted 4417 AFB immediately after sighting.
10. Location of any specific air traffic in the general area at time of sighting unknown, although there were at least 12 known air craft aloft at the time of sighting.

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S T A T E M E N T

On 5 Aug 53 while working at ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ home on ~~XXXXXX~~, off ~~XXXX~~
~~XXXXXX~~, San Antonio Texas, I saw an unidentifiable object in the sky at about 1000
to 1015 hours. It appeared to be about the size of the bottom of a # 2 tin and shined
like silver. We saw no vapor trails or exhaust smoke, and didn't hear any sound of
motors. It just hung in the sky for about 5 or 6 minutes with a blue sky background.

We were looking due west, with sun in back of us when it suddenly disappeared.

I was standing about 20 feet from a Gin pole that I was erecting and was looking
to see if it was straight. At an angle from my eyes, looking over a piece of rope
a foot from the top of a 35 ft. Gin pole, I spotted this object. I called my son and
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and the ~~XXXXXX~~, at whose home we working, they all ~~saw~~ saw it.

It was approximately 6-8 miles away and there were no planes observed in the air.
I I certify that this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Z ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

STATEMENT

On Aug 5, 1953, I was working with Mr. [REDACTED], at the Home of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] off [REDACTED], San Antonio Texas. At about 1000 hrs Mr. [REDACTED] called my attention to an object in the air, which was unidentifiable to us. I verify that Mr. [REDACTED] gave an accurate description of the object, in that it left no vapor trail or exhaust smoke and that there were no sound of motors.

I would say that the object was about the size of a 10 lb. lard can lid and that it moved back and forth covering an area of about two feet.

I certify that this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

70 [REDACTED]

OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 5th August 1982

Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 1000
Hr. Min. A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain

2. Pacific
e. Other

(Circle One) a. Daylight Saving
Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

Postal address [REDACTED] City or Town [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Country S.A. Tex

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building. d. In an airplane
 b. In a car e. At sea
 c. Outdoors f. Other

3.1 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 .

CONT.

4. How did you happen to notice the object? While cutting a

trim Pole over a water Well at the house
of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 7/7

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

5 July 1953
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? # Cutting

mail or trim Pole over Water Well

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

Preparing to repair Water Well Pump
by erecting Pole and when I looked up at the 35 ft.
Pole to get it to direct over the Well I cut [REDACTED]

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One)

Yes or No

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One): a. North e. South
 b. Northeast f. Southwest
 c. East g. West
 d. Southeast h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

CONT.

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 5 min
 Hours Minutes Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

- a. Certain e. Not very sure
 b. Fairly sure d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.2	Change speed?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.3	Change size	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.4	Change color	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.6	Give off smoke?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.7	Change brightness?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.9	Remain motionless?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes NO Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? _____

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

16.1 Sound none I could hear

16.2 Color Bright blue

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? only one
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

CONTD.

8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|--|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | ☒ g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|--|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | ☒ g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| ☒ a. Certain | e. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or ☒ No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sun glasses |
| c. Through binoculars | ☒ g. Through open space |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other _____ |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered Clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- ☒ b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- ☒ d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

CONTD.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following object's is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One)

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| a. Post | f. Automobile |
| b. Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball | h. Large airplane |
| <u>d. Bicycle wheel</u> | i. Dirigible |
| e. Office desk | j. Other _____ |

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| <u>b. Fairly certain</u> | d. Uncertain |

20. Try to tell the following things about the object: Don't know

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 4000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? 1000 feet or 1 miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? 100 miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

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

21. How did the object disappear from view?

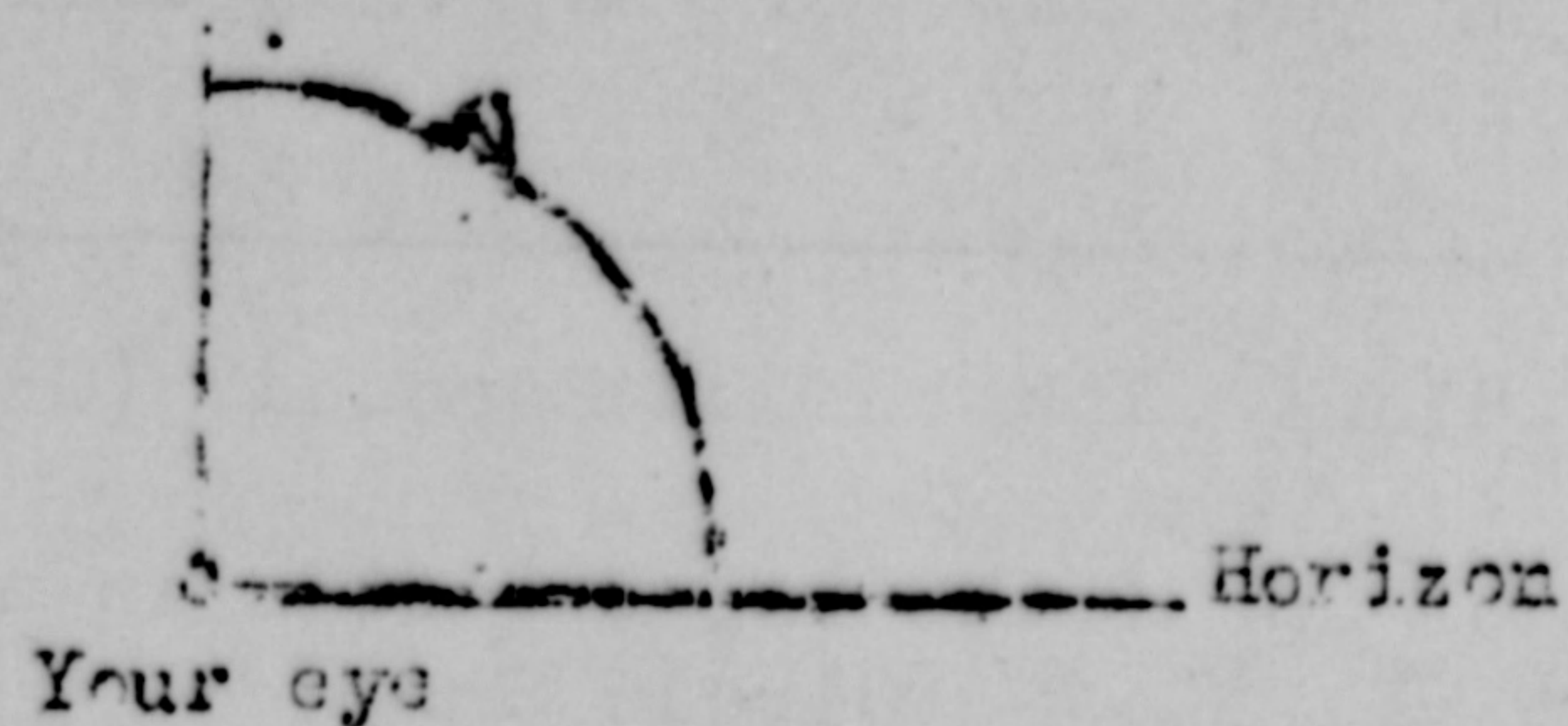
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| (Circle One): a. <u>Suddenly</u> | c. Other _____ |
| b. Gradually | d. Don't remember |

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SECTION D

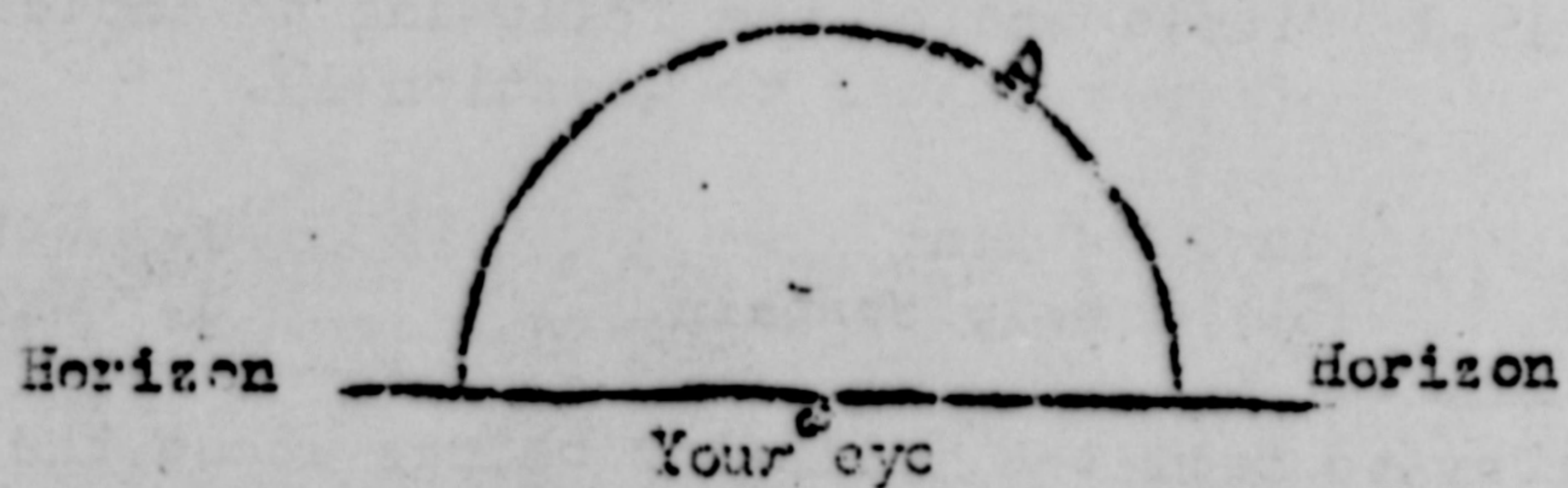
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.

Overhead



23. In the following 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.

Overhead



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.

Cont.

25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

Looked like a ^{Round} flat object standing on edge

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?
(Circle One) Yes No

- 26.1 If you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

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

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]
First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [Redacted] [Redacted] Texas
City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [Redacted]

What is your present job? Cater Hall Services Self-employed

Age 57 years

Sex Male

Last School Attended _____

Year of last attendance at this school _____

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

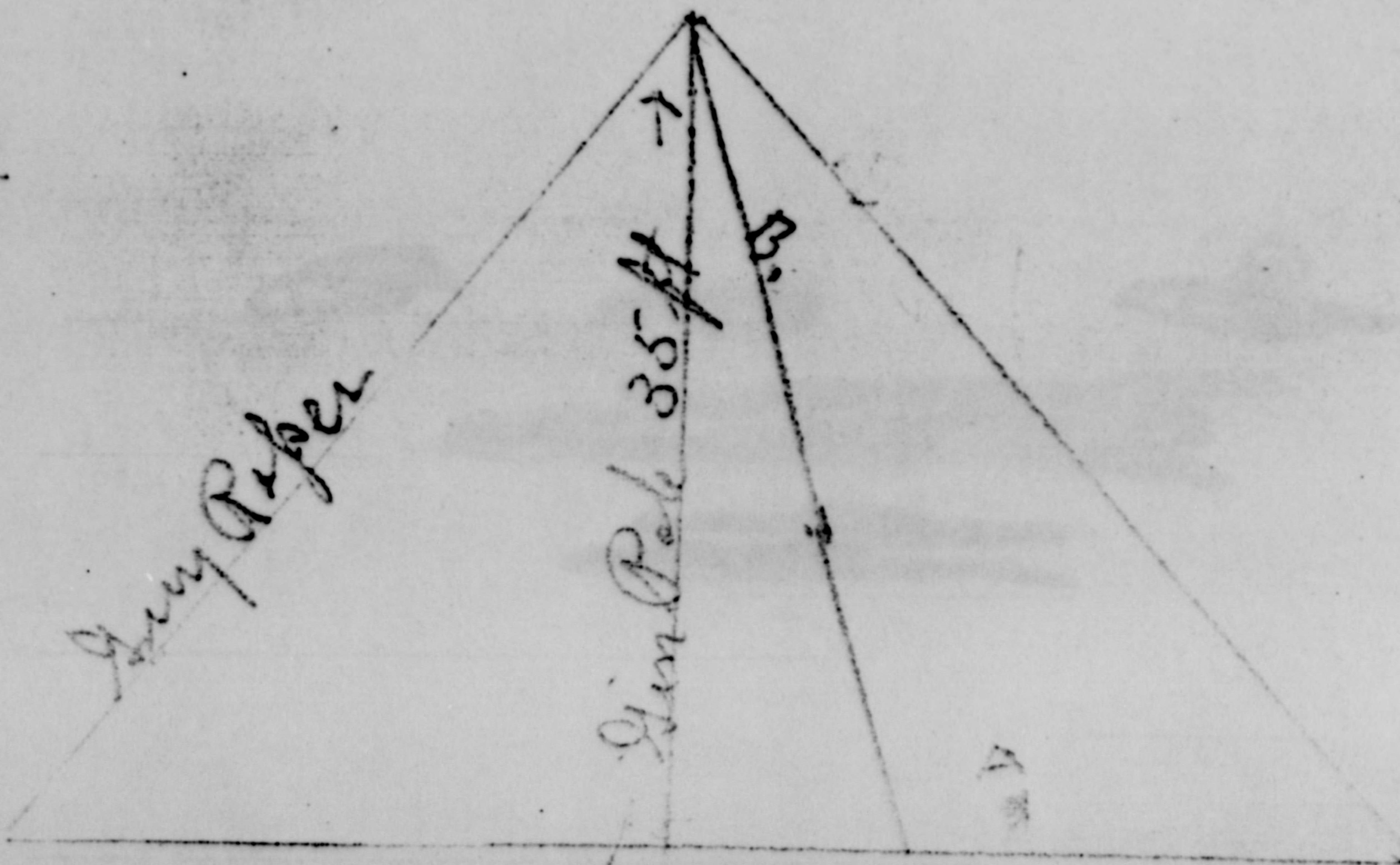
29.2 Please list their name and address: on reverse side

I was standing at A 20 ft from Gun Pole
and B (Bunker in gun Range) about 5 ft from B Pole
and Object was about 6 or 8 m. away
Object stayed on a direct line from A to B, for
about 5 or 6 minutes and all of a sudden it
disappeared

30. Please add any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional pages of the same size block if necessary.

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Object



Mr

San Antonio,

Phone

and

Mrs

Mr