

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 August 53 29/0400Z	2. LOCATION Jamestown, North Dakota
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Descriptions and drawings by observer on Technical Information sheet fit that of a meteor.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 12 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS At first the object looked like a large star, then the head of a pin, then like a ball of fire with a fiery tail. Object disappeared behind a tree.
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.

~~James Earl Ray~~
Jamestown, D.C.

August 29, 1953

Charles Wilson
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Witness

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am a cafe cook here in
Jamestown.

Will write just a few words
to tell about the "flying
saucer" I saw last night.

It was 10.00 P. M. (approximately)
when I went outside to go for
a short walk. I walked south-
ward on 4th Avenue, and when
I had walked about 1 block there
came a single light out of the
^{east} southeast. It moved horizontally
and at right angles to the
direction I was walking. I
thought it was an airplane.
Then almost immediately I
saw that there was something
unusual about it - that it
was moving too fast to be
an airplane and too slow

(meteor or falling star or.)
^ whatever they are

to be a comet. The question that came to my mind was whether I was seeing a flying saucer such as I had heard and read a little bit about. Then as the light came moving across the sky more directly in front of me it appeared as a fire-colored glowing saucer with a straight glowing tail, going at a high rate of speed. When it had gotten a little ways to my right - a large tree obscured the saucer from my sight.

I do not know if anybody else here in the city saw the light or not.

That is all I can think of saying about it.

Yours truly

~~_____~~

Questionnaire sent 15 September 1953

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

Form A

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?

28 August 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 10th

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?

Jamestown N.D.
Nearest Postal Address

Jamestown
City or Town

North Dakota
State or Country

Additional remarks: I think I had almost crossed the street at 1st and 4th Ave. East. I was walking southward on west side of street.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

Minutes

12
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?:

(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: The object moved behind a tree that stands by the sidewalk

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?

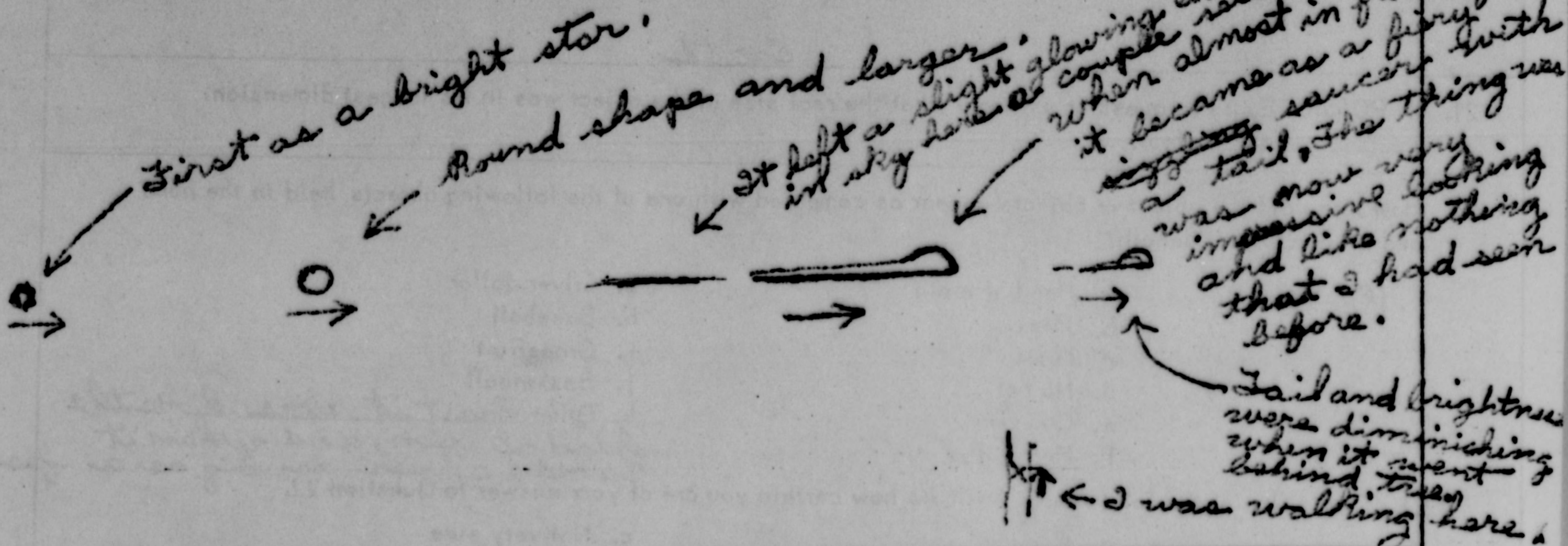
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|-----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | ☒ No | e. Binoculars | Yes | ☒ No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | ☒ No | f. Telescope | Yes | ☒ No |
| c. 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

b. Color At first as yellow light. Then as a bright burning coal.

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.



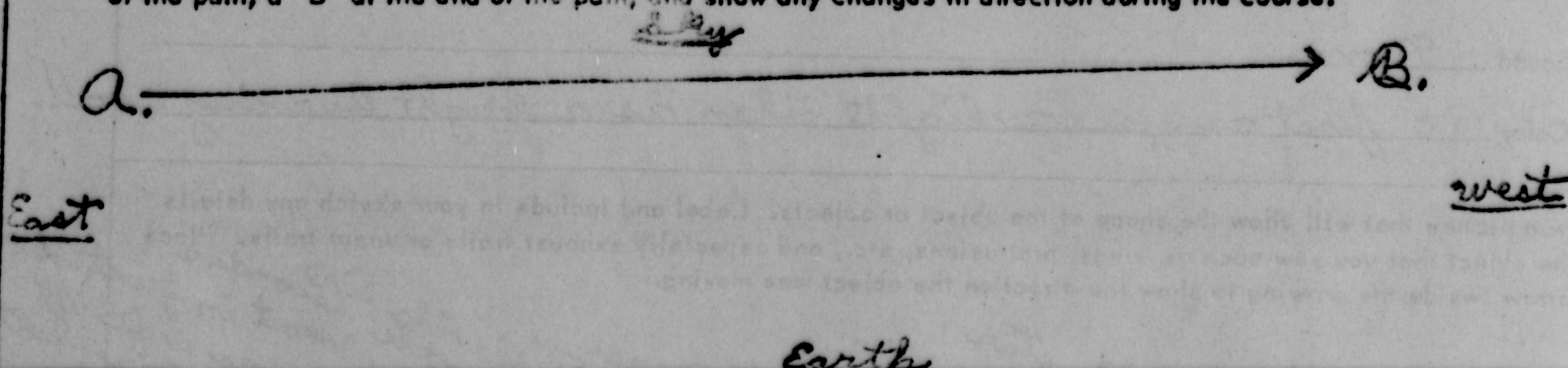
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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? _____
 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.

60 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. Pao
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball

k. Other First it was like the head of pin, and when it came closer as big as a pea.

- 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?

While the object was still shining brightly and moving swiftly it moved behind a tall tree.

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.

At first the object had the appearance of a large star, then as a little round ball of light, and then as a fiery saucer with fiery tail. When it disappeared behind a tree it had begun to lose its brilliance again because it was going away from me then.

If I was to construct an object like I saw I would have to put all mechanical things if any inside of a transparent fuselage, and light it all up inside. I put some kind of luminous paint on the outside of it.

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 out for a walk. I guess I just happened
to look in the the direction where I saw the light
coming.

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 |
- South southwest

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).

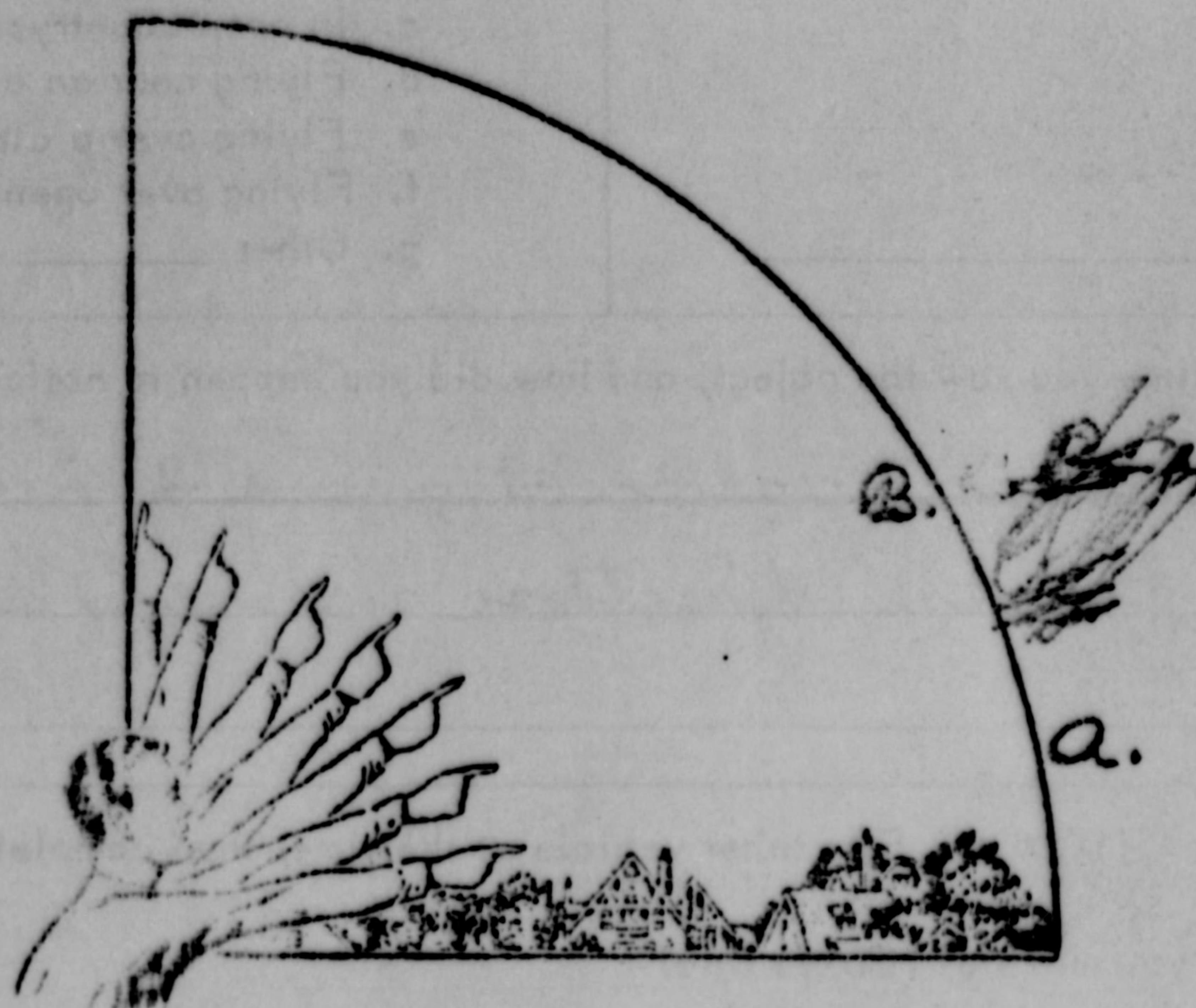
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

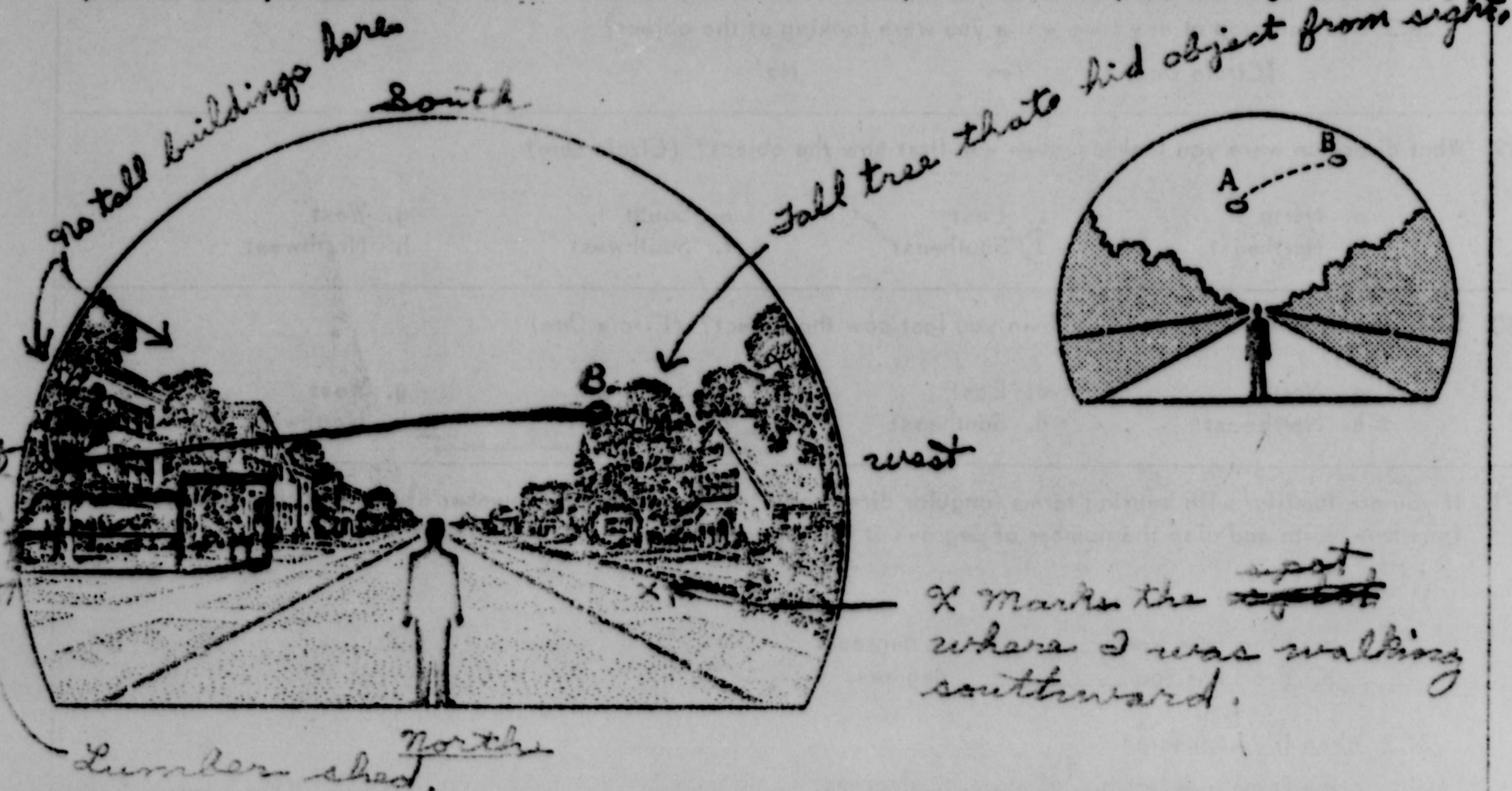
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North _____ 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.



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?

29 8th 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:

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?

In my opinion I think that the object was an air apparatus made perhaps by a private experimenter or by a foreign government, perhaps Russia, and that it was radio controlled.

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?

5,000 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?

63,360 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

John

Last Name

[Redacted]

First Name

[Redacted]

Middle Name

[Redacted]

ADDRESS

[Redacted]

Street

Jamestown

City

Zone

Nor. Dak.

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[Redacted]

What is your present job?

[Redacted], at Jamestown, Cafe

Age

37

Sex

Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

☒

e. e. Technical school

(Type)

b. High school

c. College

d. Post graduate

f. Other special training

Detective

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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

[REDACTED]
 (Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

[REDACTED]

DATE

Sept. 17, 1953

I looked toward the southeast and saw a moving light. I think that I saw it perhaps almost as soon as it could have been seen by a naked eye. I could easily see that it was moving. I looked around it to see if it had additional lights around it but saw none. It became larger drifting along very swiftly, and I had a feeling that I would maybe see something unusual. I was then greatly surprised to see the rather long straight tail come on the light almost instantaneously, and the whole thing looked sizzling red hot. It seemed to leave a slight glowing streak after it for a ways, and I thought it looked like it might be 3 to 5 miles from the earth now when it was going in front of me. It then diminished some in

brilliance when it got a little to my
right side and was obscured by a tree.

29 AUG 1953
SOUTH COAST OF PORTUGAL

HYDROGRAPHIC BULLETIN

**ABNORMAL REFRACTION
SOUTH COAST OF PORTUGAL**

Second Officer [REDACTED] of the American SS. *Extavia*, Capt. [REDACTED], Master, reports as follows: On the afternoon of August 29, 1953, at 1800 G. M. T., at anchor off Portimao, Portugal, in lat. $37^{\circ}06'$ N., lon. $8^{\circ}31.6'$ W., a period of abnormal refraction was observed. The ship appeared to be almost completely landlocked with a high building observed bearing 161° although the nearest land in that direction was Morocco, over 200 miles away. Other smaller buildings were observed and also sandy beaches. A vessel offshore bound for Cape Vincente was observed about 3 times its normal height. Later the vessel's height decreased slowly until it was normal.

Clear sky, heavy surface haze, barometer 29.95 inches, air temperature 81° F., sea temperature 72° F.

No Case Info
only

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1. When did you see the object?

? Aug 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 2-3:00? ?
Hours 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?

ON TOP OF A MOUNTAIN AREA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CAMP FOREST 12.18 SAN BERNARDINO MTS. CALIFORNIA
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

15
Hours Minutes Seconds

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

Because of how much talking we did while we watched.

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes No X

The 7th graders & I had a
long conversation - at
least 15 minutes while we looked.

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, 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 & in back
f. Don't remember to your right