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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b><br>30 August through 7 September 53                                       | <b>2. LOCATION</b><br>Lewisdale, Maryland         |
| <b>3. SOURCE</b><br>Civilian                                                                          | <b>10. CONCLUSION</b><br>AIRCRAFT                 |
| <b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b><br>One each Time                                                          |                                                   |
| <b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b><br>30 - 30 Minutes                                                    | <b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b><br>SEE CASE |
| <b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b><br>Ground-Visual                                                        |                                                   |
| <b>7. COURSE</b><br>Manuevered                                                                        |                                                   |
| <b>8. PHOTOS</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |                                                   |
| <b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                                   |

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7 September 1953, Lewisdale, Maryland

On the nights of 30 Aug, 1 Sep, 2 Sep, 3 Sep, 4 Sep, 7 Sep, a Mrs. [redacted] reported seeing a round white light appearing slightly larger than a star, something like an airplane's landing light, although no beam was seen. When she observed the obj, it was moving from the NE to the SW and then beared slightly to the left and disappeared over the city of Washington, D.C. The light would alternately go fast and slow, at times appeared to hover. The elapsed time from when the light was first observed in the NE until it disappeared to the S was from 20-30 minutes. There were 2 more witnesses to the sighting. Mrs. [redacted] mother of Mrs. [redacted], same address, estimate of reliability unknown. Mrs. [redacted] sister of Mrs. [redacted], same address, estimate of reliability unknown. Mrs. [redacted], age 49, [redacted] Lewisdale, Maryland, has been calling operations at Bolling for the last year and it may be concluded without confirmation from people in the community that Mrs. [redacted] may be over-estimating a very routine thing. Preparing Officer states that the reliability of Mrs. [redacted] can be somewhat doubted as to what she actually sees. The Preparing Officer states that he does not doubt that Mrs. [redacted] sees something but after quite extensive investigation has concluded that the light seen is nothing other than landing lights on a commercial aircraft. It has been learned that commercial a/c do fly nearby coming over nearby Riverdale on their way to Washington International Airport and do turn on their landing lights in this vicinity.

over ---



When there is traffic at the airport, they go into a Riverdale pattern which might account for the unknown obj to go fast or slow and even appear to hover.

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30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

No

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

① My Wife

② [REDACTED]  
Newark, N.J.

32. Please give the following information:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Street

City

Zone

State

AGE

SEX

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Day

Month

Year

No one



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34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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Day

Feb.

Month

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35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.



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20. 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? unbelievable

21. 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? 10 miles

22. 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 (type)
- e. At sea
- f. Other

Back Porch looking out of window

23. 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. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes No

25. 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      |     |    |

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, 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.

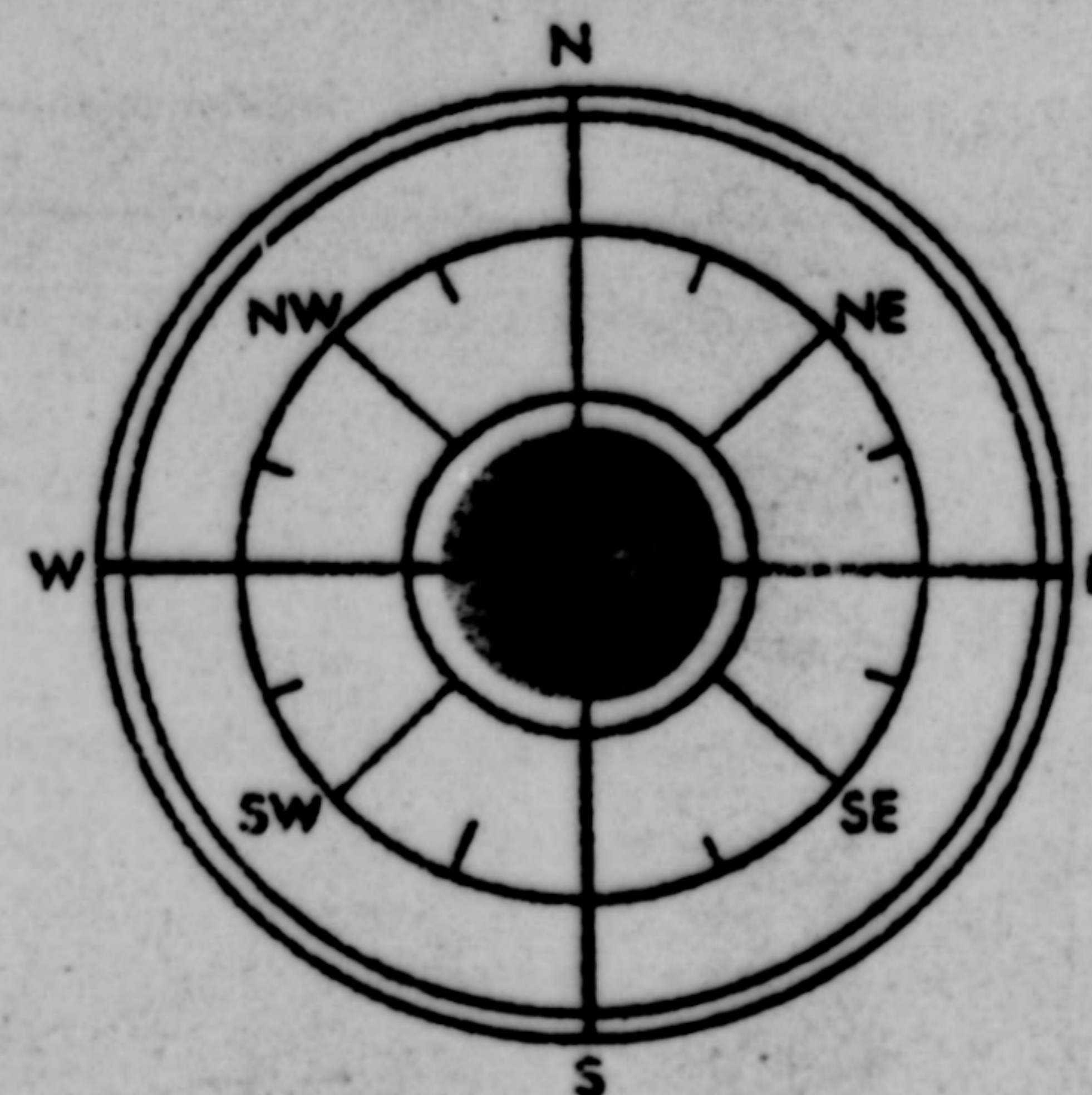
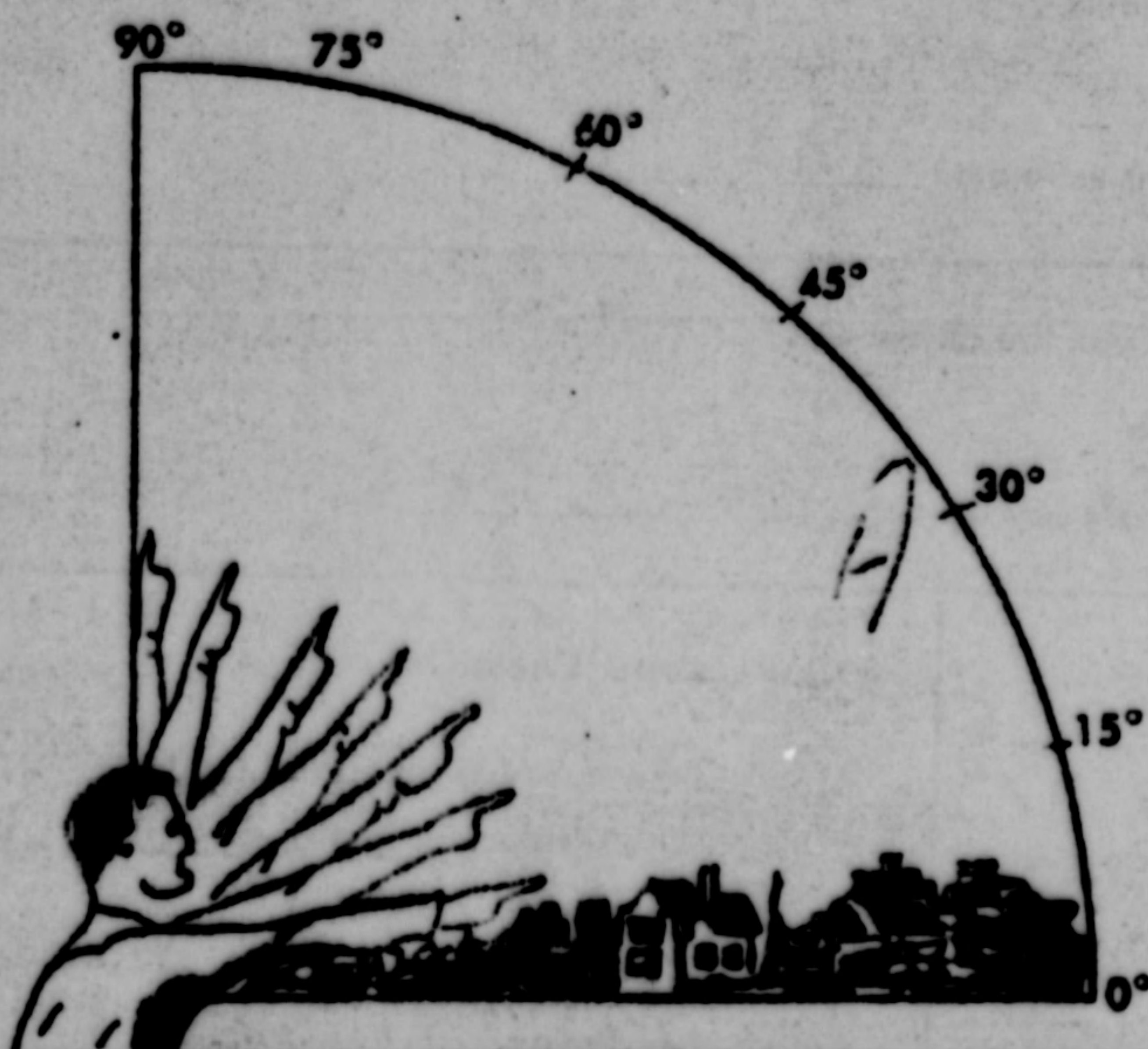
a big plate (garbage can lid)



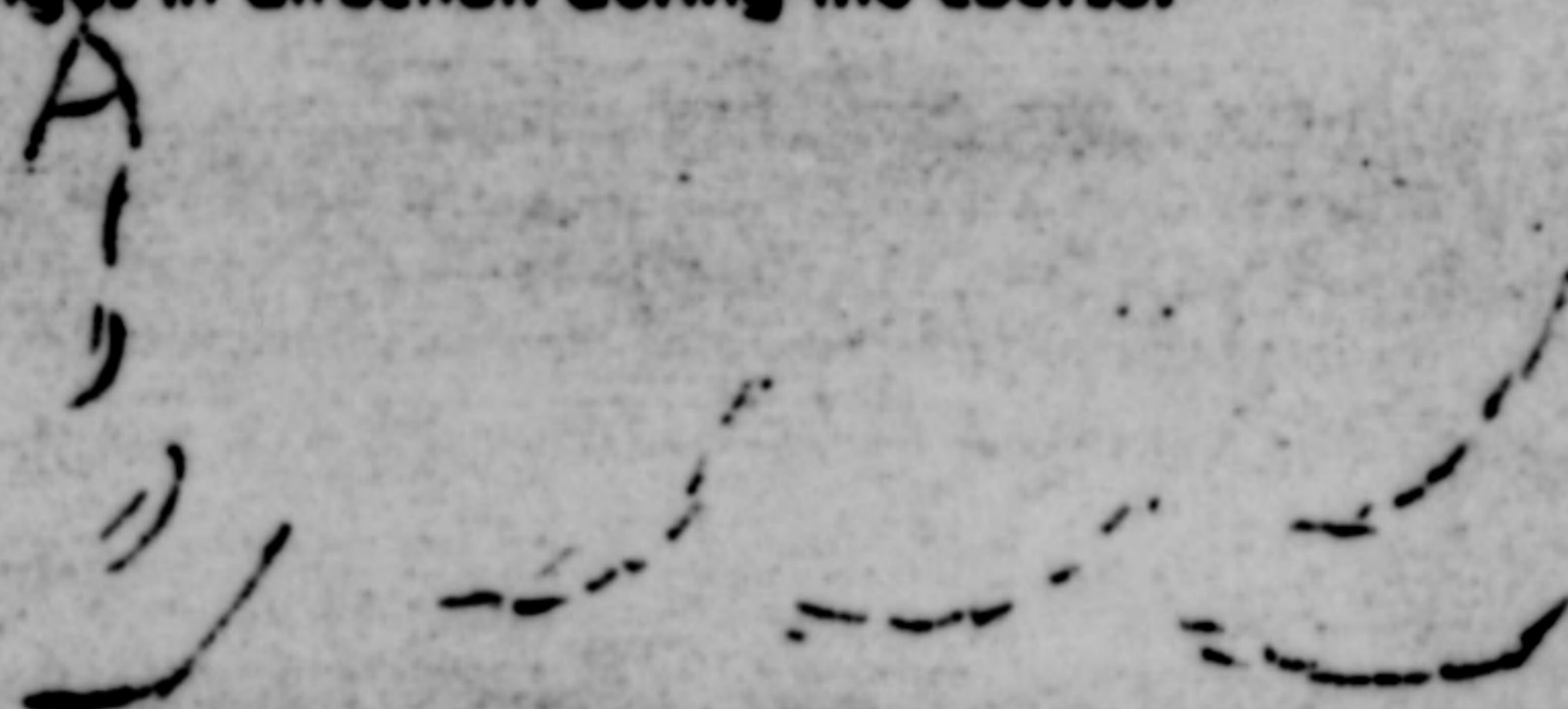
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27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass when you last saw the object.



28. 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.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 3  
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.





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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

Turned vertically and flew away

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't know.

If you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't know.

If you answered YES, then tell what

in front of: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound

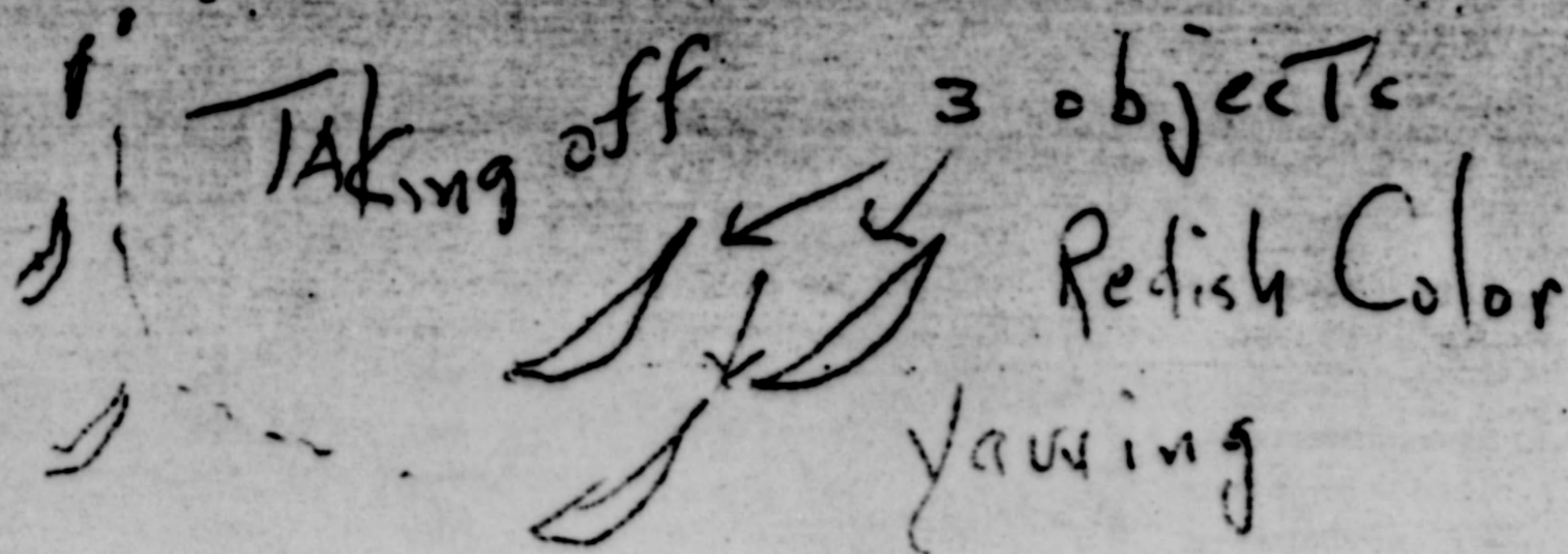
None

b. Color

Redish except when speaking (yellow)

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

19. 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.





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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, 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. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

Redish light - Not Yellow

12. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |                                                        |     |    |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|------------|
| a. <u>Appear to stand still at any time?</u>           | Yes | No | Don't know |
| b. <u>Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?</u> | Yes | No | Don't know |
| c. <u>Break up into parts or explode?</u>              | Yes | No | Don't know |
| d. <u>Give off smoke?</u>                              | Yes | No | Don't know |
| e. <u>Change brightness?</u>                           | Yes | No | Don't know |
| f. <u>Change shape?</u>                                | Yes | No | Don't know |
| g. <u>Flash or flicker?</u>                            | Yes | No | Don't know |
| h. <u>Disappear and reappear?</u>                      | Yes | No | Don't know |

when moving



## FO form continued

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"a flying saucers." We went back down to the camp site and changed clothes for a study meeting & the children could hardly settle down the rest of the day. I tried to explain what we saw to the other adults & they couldn't seem to understand such a thing or even imagine it - the hovering & disappearing part. Of course, all of us that saw it couldn't either [understand.]

I remember looking down & seeing the light so bright in a patch that covered about three of us. I noticed how bright it was on my legs.

The children thought they saw figures waving at us through the middle area of the craft. I think it was pure imagination. The hardest part to see, was the middle area. We argued whether it was windows, or metal or glass or a seam, etc.

There isn't anymore to this report.



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## U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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. 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?

29 August 1953  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 1:00

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?

Main

Nearest Postal Address

Newark

City or Town

N.J.

State or County

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

Hours

15  
Minutes

Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

Timed

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes X

No \_\_\_\_\_

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

f. Don't remember

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This form supersedes FTD 164, Jul 61, which is obsolete.



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34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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Day

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1967

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35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

It might be good to mention that I remember this all very clearly & even remember the conversation the young people & I were on before one of them said "Hey, Miss [redacted], look out there!" I turned around & we were all very impressed.

There was a small crater-like lake behind us & we were sitting on the edge in swimming suits & talking about Hawaiian dancing & Hawaiian people. No one went in the water because it was too scummy or dirty or some such.

The sun reflected on the craft at one point & the light almost blinded us for a while. It almost seemed focused over a 6x4' area.

The children argued it was a flying saucer & I never saw a picture of one & tried to convince them it was a government aircraft & it couldn't be a flying saucer because it doesn't look like one saucer, but two saucers & no one has ever said they saw



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30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

NEVER EVER  
SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE, LATER & SINCE I'VE  
SEEN PICTURES THAT ARE SIMILAR.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

SORRY, I WAS A COUNSELOR  
IN A CHURCH CAMP. THE CHILDREN WERE 7<sup>th</sup>  
GRADERS FROM LOS ANGELES [HOLLYWOOD  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.] I DON'T HAVE THEIR NAMES  
OR ADDRESSES.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

34

SEX

Female

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

I WORK FOR A.I.D. of the STATE DEPARTMENT  
IN DATA PROCESSING. I WAS A DANCER IN  
BROADWAY SHOWS + A MOVIE FOR 7 YEARS,  
A SECRETARY + ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR  
8 YEARS + NOW I'M GOING INTO COMPUTER  
PROGRAMMING.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Day

Month

Year

NO OFFICIAL  
REPORT

[I THOUGHT

IT WAS A GOVERNMENT  
CRAFT + DID NOT BELIEVE

IN OUTERSPACE. OTHER COUNTRIES

BEING SO ADVANCED TO HAVE  
SUCH AN AIRSHIP.] IT NEVER  
OCCURRED TO ME TO BE ALARMED.

4 YEARS LATER AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR, I ASKED AN  
GUY WHO WAS NEXT TO A GUIDED MISSILE, WHY THE GOVERNMENT  
WAS DISPLAYING THE FANCY AIRCRAFT I SAW IN CALIFORNIA THAT  
I HAD ACTED LIKE SO & HE SAID, "LOOK, WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE  
THAT!" THEN, I WAS CONFUSED.

ALSO FRIGHTENED.

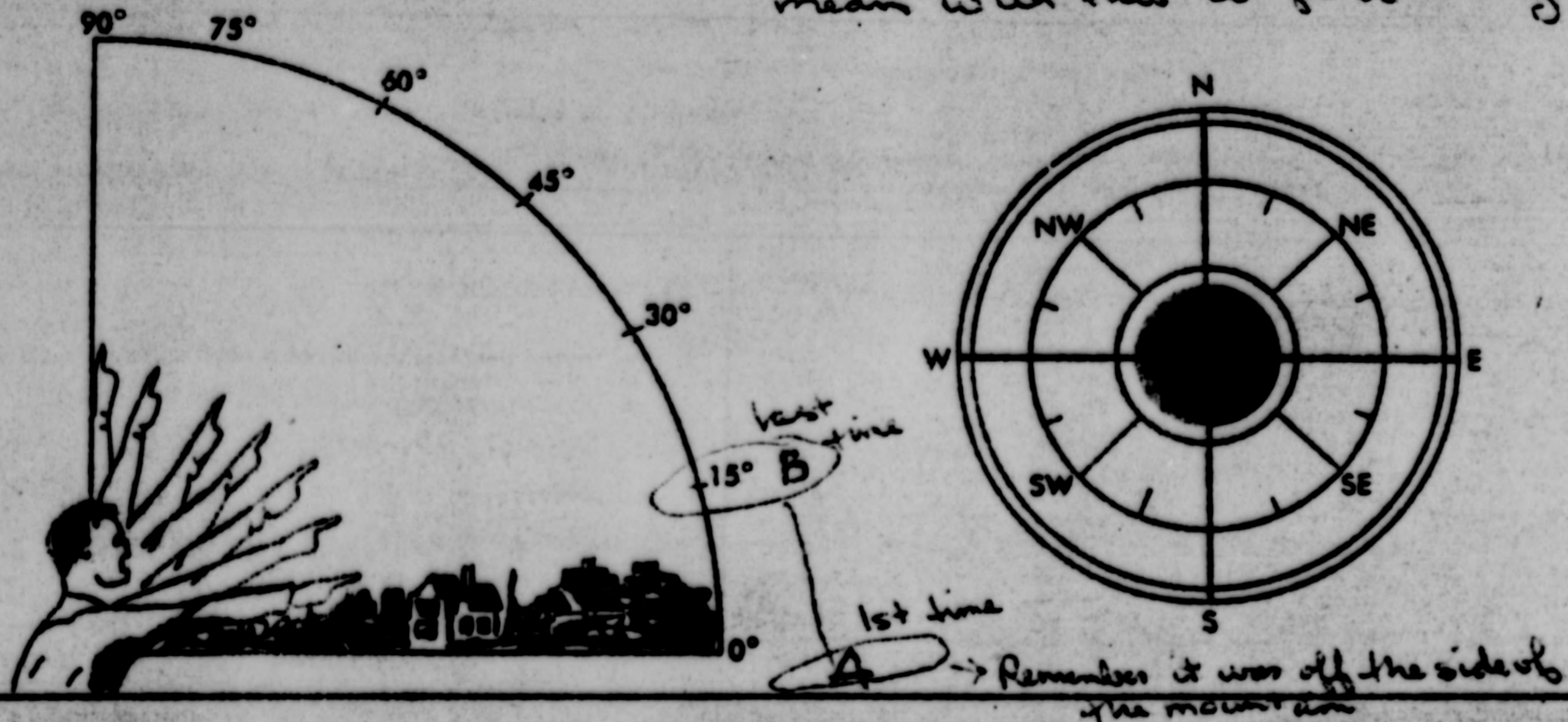


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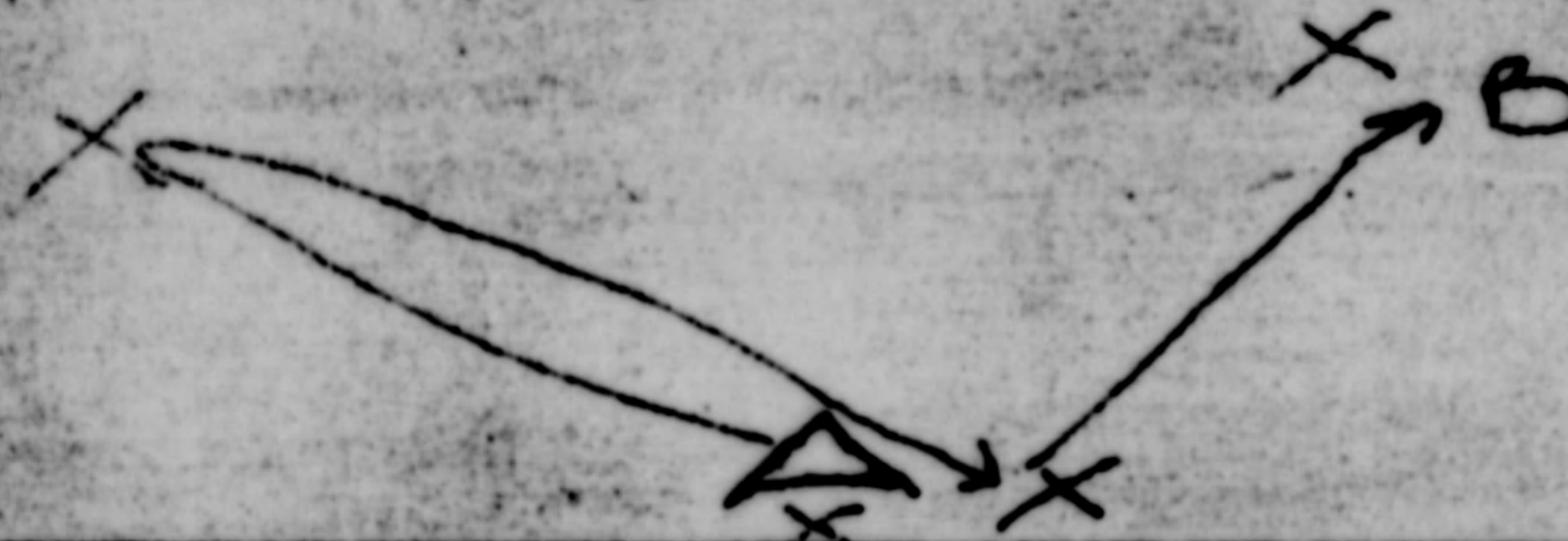
*I don't understand what you mean with this compass thing.*



28. 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.

*A HOVERING MOTION, STANDING IN ONE PLACE BUT REAL MOVEMENT I NEVER SAW.*

*IT WAS TOO FAST.*



29. 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.

*[JUST ONE.]*



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20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?  
(Circle One) Yes ☒ No ☐ I didn't see it's speed. I only saw it hovering in one place at a time. It was so fast, we didn't see it move, we just assumed it had moved when we saw it in a new place.

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was? Scientifically, no. In "feeling" space, yes. (Circle One) Yes ☒ No ☐ [which is a guess] because we imagined figures behind the middle section. IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 1 1/2 to 2 city blocks into the air.

22. 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 (type) \_\_\_\_\_  
e. At sea  
f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

23. 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. Near an airfield?  
e. Flying over a city?  
f. Flying over open country?  
☒ g. Other on a mountain

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)  
a. North      c. East      e. South      g. West  
b. Northeast      d. Southeast      f. Southwest      h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?  
(Circle One) Yes ☐ No ☐

25. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, 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.  
2 shallow modern [silver] salad bowls trimmed on the edge & glued together like a clam shell — hovering like a humming bird — appearing & disappearing — with no noise.



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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? **YES. IT HOVERED ABOUT 3 MINUTES + IMMEDIATELY IT WAS COMPLETELY GONE FOR 5 OR 10 SECONDS. THEN WE NOTICED IT WAS IN A DIAGONAL POSITION FROM WHERE IT HAD BEEN. THIS HAPPENED 4 TIMES.**



15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

**No**

Don't know.

If you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind:

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

**No**

Don't know.

If you answered YES, then tell what

in front of:

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound

**NONE**

b. Color

**Silver color with a darker band around the middle**

**NOT CERTAIN, but maybe the band around the middle was a dark olive green glass**

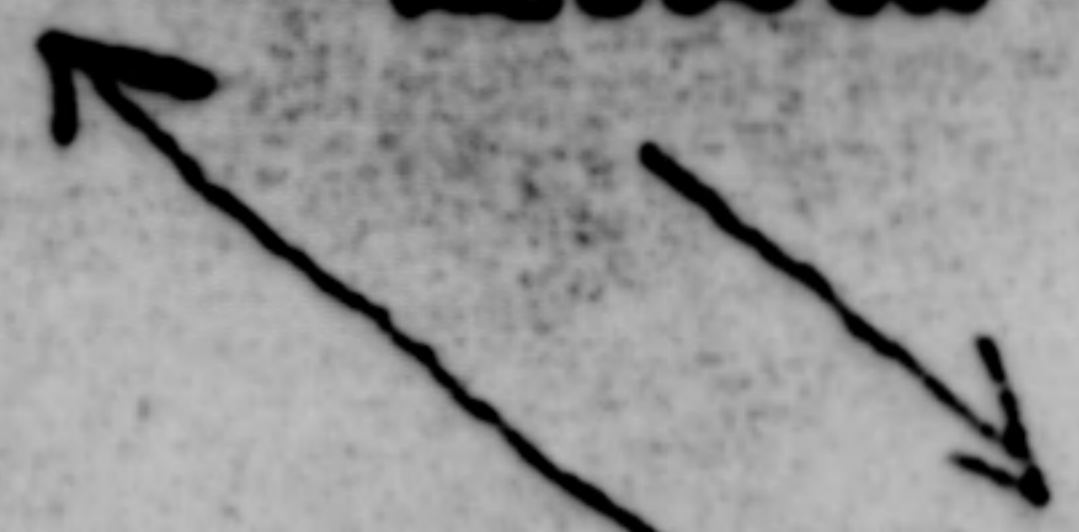
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**I can't do this. I couldn't even be honest in trying. I'm good at far & close measures, but not skinny & wideness, because I never cared.**

19. 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. **I never saw it move, just sitting in a new place.**

**2nd appearance here above us**



**1st time**

**a little below us**

**3rd appearance**

**[stayed longest]**



**4th + last appearance**

**(I have no idea which direction it went from here, when it disappeared, it really disappeared.)**

**IT WAS BEAUTIFUL.**



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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, 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. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

It was not a light, it looked like metal or silver looks in Sunshine.

12. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

13. 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. Flash or flicker?                            | Yes | No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | Yes | No | Don't know |

*with a hovering feeling*

Yes



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Sightings for the month of August 1953 continued

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u>   | <u>EVALUATION</u>                 |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ✓ 3         | Dayton, Ohio      | <del>Unsolved</del> IN 1177 12-57 |
| ✓ 1         | Key West, Florida | <del>Possibly Balloon</del> A/C   |

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## SIGHTINGS FOR AUGUST 1953

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u>              | <u>EVALUATION</u>                                  |
|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| ✓ 28        | Turner AF Base, Georgia      | <del>Possibly Balloon</del>                        |
| ✓ 28        | Jamestown, North Dakota      | <del>Insufficient Data</del> (METEOR)              |
| ✓ 28        | San Rafael, California       | <del>Probably Astronomical</del> INSUFFICIENT DATA |
| ✓ 27        | Falls Church, Virginia       | <del>Insufficient Data</del> (METEOR)              |
| ✓ 27        | Greenville, Mississippi      | <del>Insufficient Data</del> UNIDENTIFIED          |
| ✓ 26        | Bermuda                      | Insufficient Data                                  |
| ✓ 23        | Port Moresby, New Guinea     | <del>Insufficient Data</del> A/C                   |
| ✓ 22        | San Antonio, Texas           | Possibly Aircraft (C-47)                           |
| ✓ 20        | California Area              | Insufficient Data                                  |
| ✓ 17        | Creola, Alabama              | Probably Astronomical - Meteor                     |
| ✓ 17        | South Central France         | <del>Possibly Balloon</del>                        |
| ✓ 17        | Wethersfield, England        | <del>Probably Balloon</del> JAN CASE               |
| ✓ 17        | Peoria, Illinois             | <del>Possibly Astronomical</del> (METEOR)          |
| ✓ 16        | Ramore, Ontario, Canada      | <del>Unsolved</del> ASTRO (MOON)                   |
| ✓ 15        | Madison, Wisconsin           | <del>Possibly Balloon</del> CAPTAIN                |
| ✓ 12        | Ventura, California          | Probably Aircraft (METEOR)                         |
| ✓ 12        | Leesburg, Virginia           | <del>Probably Aircraft</del> INSUFFICIENT DATA     |
| ✓ 11        | Barksdale AF Base, Louisiana | Probably Astronomical - Meteor                     |
| ✓ 10        | Wilmington, North Carolina   | Other - Unreliable Source                          |
| ✓ 9         | Moscow, Idaho                | Other - Probably light reflections on clouds       |
| ✓ 7         | Martha's Vineyard, Mass.     | Possibly Astronomical VENUS, JUPITER, SATURN       |
| ✓ 5         | San Antonio, Texas           | Possibly Balloon                                   |
| ✓ 5         | Rapid City, South Dakota     | Unsolved                                           |
| ✓ 4         | Onida, South Dakota          | Insufficient Data                                  |
| ✓ 4         | West Point, Nebraska         | Possibly Aircraft                                  |

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AUGUST 1953 SIGHTINGS  
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Folder #2

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u>                           |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1 ✓           | 12          | Ventura, California                       |
| 2 ✓           | 12          | Leeburg, Virginia ✓                       |
| 3 ✓           | 11          | Barksdale, Louisiana ✓                    |
| 4 ✓           | 10          | Wilmington, North Carolina ✓              |
| 5 ✓           | 9           | Moscow, Idaho ✓                           |
| 6 ✓           | 7           | Martha's Vineyard Isld, Mass. ✓           |
| 7 ✓           | 5           | San Antonio, Texas ✓                      |
| 8 ✓           | 4           | Onida, South Dakota                       |
| 9 ✓           | 4           | Omaha, Nebraska ✓<br>West Point, Nebraska |
| 10 ✓          | 3           | Amarillo, Texas ✓                         |
| 11 ✓          | 3           | Dayton, Ohio ✓                            |
| 12 ✓          | 1           | Key West, Florida ✓                       |
| 13            |             |                                           |



AUGUST 1953 SIGHTINGS  
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Folder #1

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u>      | <u>LOCATION</u>                                    |
|---------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1 ✓           | 28               | San Rafael, California ✓                           |
| 2 ✓           | 28               | Turner AFB, Albany, Georgia ✓                      |
| 3 ✓           | 28               | Jamestown, N. Dakota ✓                             |
| 4 ✓           | 27               | Greenville AFB, Mississippi ✓                      |
| 5 ✓           | 27               | <del>ALEXANDRIA,</del><br>Falls Church, Virginia ✓ |
| 6 ✓           | 26               | Bermuda ✓                                          |
| 7 ✓           | 23               | Port Moresby, New Guinea ✓                         |
| 8 ✓           | 22               | San Antonio, Texas ✓                               |
| 9 ✓           | 20               | California Area                                    |
| 10 ✓          | 31 July - 17 Aug | Creola, Alabama                                    |
| 11 ✓          | 17               | Satsuma, Alabama                                   |
| 12 ✓          | 17               | South - Central France                             |
| 13 ✓          | 17               | Wethersfield Station, England                      |
| 14 ✓          | 17               | Peoria, Illinois ✓                                 |
| 15 ✓          | 16               | Ramore, Ontario, Canada ✓                          |
| 16 ✓          | 15               | <del>JANESVILLE</del><br>Madison, Wisconsin ✓      |

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Sightings for the month of August 1953 continued

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u>   | <u>EVALUATION</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 3           | Dayton, Ohio      | Unsolved          |
| 1           | Key West, Florida | Possibly Balloon  |

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## SIGHTINGS FOR AUGUST 1953

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u>              | <u>EVALUATION</u>                               |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 28          | Turner AF Base, Georgia      | Possibly Balloon                                |
| 28          | Jamestown, North Dakota      | Insufficient Data                               |
| 28          | San Rafael, California       | Probably Astronomical                           |
| 27          | Falls Church, Virginia       | Insufficient Data                               |
| 27          | Greenville, Mississippi      | Insufficient Data                               |
| 26          | Bermuda                      | Insufficient Data                               |
| 23          | Port Moresby, New Guinea     | Insufficient Data                               |
| 22          | San Antonio, Texas           | Possibly Aircraft                               |
| 20          | California Area              | Insufficient Data                               |
| 17          | Creola, Alabama              | Probably Astronomical - Meteor                  |
| 17          | South Central France         | Possibly Balloon                                |
| 17          | Wethersfield, England        | Probably Balloon                                |
| 17          | Peoria, Illinois             | Possibly Astronomical                           |
| 16          | Ramore, Ontario, Canada      | Unsolved                                        |
| 15          | Madison, Wisconsin           | Possibly Balloon                                |
| 12          | Ventura, California          | Probably Aircraft                               |
| 12          | Leesburg, Virginia           | Probably Aircraft                               |
| 11          | Barksdale AF Base, Louisiana | Probably Astronomical - Meteor                  |
| 10          | Wilmington, North Carolina   | Other - Unreliable Source                       |
| 9           | Moscow, Idaho                | Other - Probably light reflections<br>on clouds |
| 7           | Martha's Vineyard, Mass.     | Possibly Astronomical                           |
| 5           | San Antonio, Texas           | Possibly Balloon                                |
| 5           | Rapid City, South Dakota     | Unsolved                                        |
| 4           | Onida, South Dakota          | Insufficient Data                               |
| 4           | West Point, Nebraska         | Possibly Aircraft                               |

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# SEPTEMBER 1953 SIGHTINGS

| <u>CASE</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u>                       | <u>OBSERVER</u>           | <u>EVALUATION</u>                                 |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Info        | Sep         | Baltimore, Maryland (Keyhole)         | [REDACTED]                |                                                   |
| Info        | Sep         | New Milford, Ohio (Mosier)            | Physical Specimen         |                                                   |
| 1           | Sep-Apr 54  | Goat Rock, Georgia                    | [REDACTED]                | Astro (Star/Planet)                               |
| 2           | 2           | Sidi Slimane, French Morocco          | Military Air              | UNIDENTIFIED                                      |
| 3           | 3           | Portland, Oregon (CASE MISSING)       | Not Stated (PHOTO)        | UNIDENTIFIED                                      |
| 4           | 3           | Jones Beach, New York                 | [REDACTED]                | Other (Reflections on Cloud<br>From Light Source) |
| 5           | 3           | Modesto, California                   | GOC (PHOTO)               | A/C                                               |
| 6           | 4           | Pepperell AFB, Newfoundland           | Military                  | Astro (Meteor)                                    |
| 7           | 4           | Arizona-Texas-New Mexico              | Multiple                  | Astro (Meteor)                                    |
| 8           | 7           | Omaha, Nebraska                       | [REDACTED]                | A/C                                               |
| 9           | 12          | Ft Meade, Maryland                    | Military                  | Insufficient Data                                 |
| Info        | 13          | Grants Pass, Oregon (CSI)             | [REDACTED]                |                                                   |
| 10          | 13          | Switzerland                           | [REDACTED]                | Astro (Meteor)                                    |
| Info        | 14          | Atlantic Ocean (NO Bulletin)          | Meteor w/ several streaks |                                                   |
| 11          | 15          | Rapid City, South Dakota              | [REDACTED]                | 1. Balloon<br>2. Astro (Star)<br>Balloon          |
| 12          | 18          | Atherton, California                  | [REDACTED]                |                                                   |
| Info        | 19          | North Atlantic (NO Bulletin)          | Northern Lights Display   |                                                   |
| 13          | 22          | Lawton, Oklahoma                      | [REDACTED]                | Insufficient Data                                 |
| 14          | 22          | Hayward, California                   | [REDACTED]                | UNIDENTIFIED                                      |
| 15          | 23          | Caithersburg, Maryland                | [REDACTED]                | A/C                                               |
| 16          | 24          | Brooklyn, New York                    | [REDACTED]                | Balloon                                           |
| 17          | 26          | Springfield, Ohio                     | [REDACTED]                | Other (Cloud)                                     |
| Info        | 26          | American Meteor Society Meteor Report |                           |                                                   |
| 18          | 28          | Harrisville, Michigan                 | [REDACTED]                | A/C                                               |
| 19          | 28          | Palmdale, California                  | Air Visual & Air RADAR    | UNIDENTIFIED                                      |
| 20          | 28          | Lake Charles, Louisiana               | [REDACTED]                | Astro (Capella)                                   |
| 21          | 30          | Silver Springs, Maryland              | [REDACTED]                | Astro (Meteor)                                    |



Sept 1953  
Baltimore, Maryland

NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)  
SOURCE (KEYHOE) (WITNESS: Dr Barrett)

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1-30 Sep 1953

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Director  
Aerospace Studies Inst  
ATTN: Archives Branch  
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----|
| SEPT                                                                         | 1953       | BALTIMORE, MARYLAND                              | (KEYHOE-1960 P 206) I WITNESS | 00 |
| DR.                                                                          | [REDACTED] | JR., A BALTIMORE ASTRONOMER, OBSERVED FOUR LARGE |                               | 01 |
| LIGHTS AS HE WAS WATCHING A TRANSIT OF THE STAR FOMALHAUT.                   |            |                                                  |                               | 02 |
| *AT FIRST, I SAW THEM WITH THE NAKED EYE,* HE REPORTED. *THEN I IMMEDIATELY  |            |                                                  |                               | 03 |
| OBSERVED THEM THROUGH SEVEN-POWER BINOCULARS. THE LIGHTS MOVED SLOWLY. I SAW |            |                                                  |                               | 04 |
| THAT THEY CAME FROM THE NOSES OF TWO ENORMOUS OBJECTS WHICH MORE THAN FILLED |            |                                                  |                               | 05 |
| THE BINOCULARS. I OBSERVED A CABIN IN THE NOSE AND PORTS ON THE SIDES OF THE |            |                                                  |                               | 06 |
| HULLS IN EACH CRAFT.*                                                        |            |                                                  |                               | 07 |
| THE HUGE OBJECTS, DR. [REDACTED] STATED, WERE EITHER CIGAR-SHAPED OR         |            |                                                  |                               | 08 |
| CYLINDRICAL.                                                                 |            |                                                  |                               | 09 |



NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)

Source: Mrs. [REDACTED]

Sept 1953  
New Milford, Ohio

Dec. 6, 1954

Dear Sir:

I had read of a meteorite in Alabama so I have decided to write you about my rocks: They fell in our back yard last September 1953. The earth was scorching around them and a white powder covered the rocks which I thought indicated great heat. There is a terrible smell about them and they seem to eat through cloth or paper. Rather these things deteriorate. I have them in a can.

I have given many pieces away in an attempt to find out what they are and never succeeded. However, I decided they were meteorites and have kept them. I am a standing joke to everyone over them but I still keep them and show them to anyone interested.

I would dearly love to know if they really are meteorites and I think you would know.

Thanking you kindly,

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
New Milford, Ohio

We are located on [REDACTED] 19 miles out of Akron, Ohio. My husband is employed as a linotype operator at the Akron Beacon Journal in Akron.

[REDACTED]

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U. S. National Museum  
ATTN: Mr. [REDACTED]  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

In accordance with telephone conversation on 28 December 1954 between Mr. George Switzer of your office and T/Sgt Albert Drepperd of this Center, the inclosed letter from Mrs. [REDACTED], New Milford, Ohio, is forwarded for your disposition.

Sincerely,

1 Incl  
Ltr fm Mrs. Moser  
dtd 6 Dec. 54

R. C. SCHUM  
CWO, USAF  
Asst. Adj.

COORDINATION:

ATIAE5 C. A. Hardin DATE 12/29/54  
Capt. C. A. Hardin

ATIAE H. C. Johnston DATE 29 Dec 54  
Lt. Col. H. C. Johnston

ATIA W. L. O'Hern DATE 29 Dec  
Col. W. L. O'Hern

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Mrs. [REDACTED]  
New Milford, Ohio

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Your letter of 6 December 1954 has been received and read with interest by the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

From the description of the objects and their characteristics, no positive identification could be accomplished by this Center. However, we have forwarded your letter to the U. S. National Museum (Smithsonian Institute), Washington 25, D. C. The U. S. National Museum is staffed with the appropriate scientific personnel and is equipped with the facilities to perform an analysis of your objects.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

R. C. SCHUM  
CWO, USAF  
Asst. Adj.

COORDINATION:

ATIAE5 C. A. Hardin DATE 12/29/54  
Capt. C. A. Hardin  
ATIAE H. C. Johnston DATE 3 Jan  
Lt. Col. H. C. Johnston  
ATIA W. L. O'Hern DATE 3 Jan  
for COL. W. L. O'Hern

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