

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 October 53 7/2100Z		2. LOCATION Scott AFB, Illinois	
3. SOURCE Military		10. CONCLUSION BALLOON	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		Weather balloon released from Scott AFB, at approximate time of sighting, however winds aloft do not coincide with movement of object.	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual		Circular shaped white object resembling a bright star moved at unestimated speed on a North course then appeared to travel NW and disappeared. Angular velocity was estimated to be 5 degrees.	
7. COURSE NNW			
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
9. PHYSIC <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
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1. DESCRIPTION

A. CIRCULAR, B. PINHEAD, C. MILKY WHITE, D. ONE, E. NA, F. EDGES
OF OBJECT SIMILAR TO A BRIGHT STAR, G. NO TRAIL, H. NA, I. NEGATIVE.

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

A. TWO PILOTS ON RUNWAY CONTROL FIRST WATCHED VAPOR TRAILS
FR A B-47 FLYING PAST SCOTT AFB ILL IN A WEST EAST DIRECTION,
B. 135 DEGREES - 70 DEGREES, C. 330 DEGREES - 65 DEGREES, D.
NORTH AND THEN NORTH WEST, E. FADED, F. 5 MINUTES.

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3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. GROUND-VISUAL, B. SUNGLASSES, C. NA.

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 2100 ZEBRA 7 OCTOBER 53, B. DAY.

5. SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS

6. IDENTIFYING INFO ON OBSERVERS

A. HERMAN H WILLIAMS CAPT 85TH FTR INTCP SQ FLT COMDR USUALLY
RELIABLE, B. FRANK R WIGHT 2D LT 85TH FTR INTCP SQ PILOT
FAIRLY RELIABLE.

7. WEATHER

A. SCATTERED CLOUDS, SLIGHT BREEZE, DRY WEATHER, COOL TEMP
B. OROUND EAST AT 5 KNOTS, 6 ANGELS 300 DEGREES 4 KNOTS, 10 ANGELS
260 DEGREES 5 KNOTS, 16 ANGELS 290 DEGREES 12 KNOTS, 20
ANGELS 290 DEGREES 18 KNOTS, 24 ANGELS 290 DEGREES 32 KNOTS,
40 ANGELS 270 DEGREES 41 KNOTS, C. 30 ANGELS BROKEN, D. 10 MILES,
E. 7/10, F. NEGATIVE.

8. WEATHER BALLOON RELEASED APPROX TIME OF SIGHTING

9. NEGATIVE

10. TIME DID NOT PERMIT NOTIFICATION FOR AN INTERCEPT

11. JET BOMBER FLYING IN AN EAST-WEST DIRECTION OVER SCOTT AFB

12. CARL D ALLEN 2D LT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER 85TH FTR INTCP SQ.

A POSS EXISTS THAT SIGHTING MAY HAVE BEEN THE WEATHER BALLOON
RELEASED AT SCOTT AFB AT APPROX TIME OF SIGHTING X IT IS PILOTS
FIRM BELIEF THAT THE OBJECT SIGHTED WAS NOT A WEATHER BALLOON X

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85th Fighter Interceptor Squadron
Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

OPS/INT 319.1

8 October 1953

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects Report

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Inclosed is USAF Technical Information Sheet, Forms A and B, in reference to our message DA-ZZ01, 7 October 1953.

2. If inclosure is withdrawn or not attached, the classification of this letter is cancelled in accordance with paragraph 26g, AFR 205-1.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
USAF Tech Info Sheet

James E. Carberry Jr.
JAMES E. CARBERRY JR
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

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Form A

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?

2007 067 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

1500 14
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?

SCOTT AFB.
Nearest Postal Address

BELLEUILLE
City or Town

ILL.
State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

5
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

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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. Small white spot.

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: High cirrus cloud.

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☐ 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

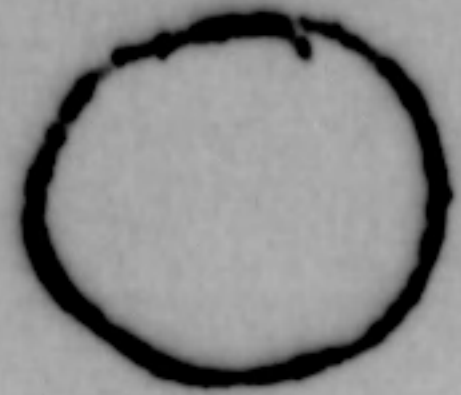
h. Other _____

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

a. Sound None.

b. Color _____

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

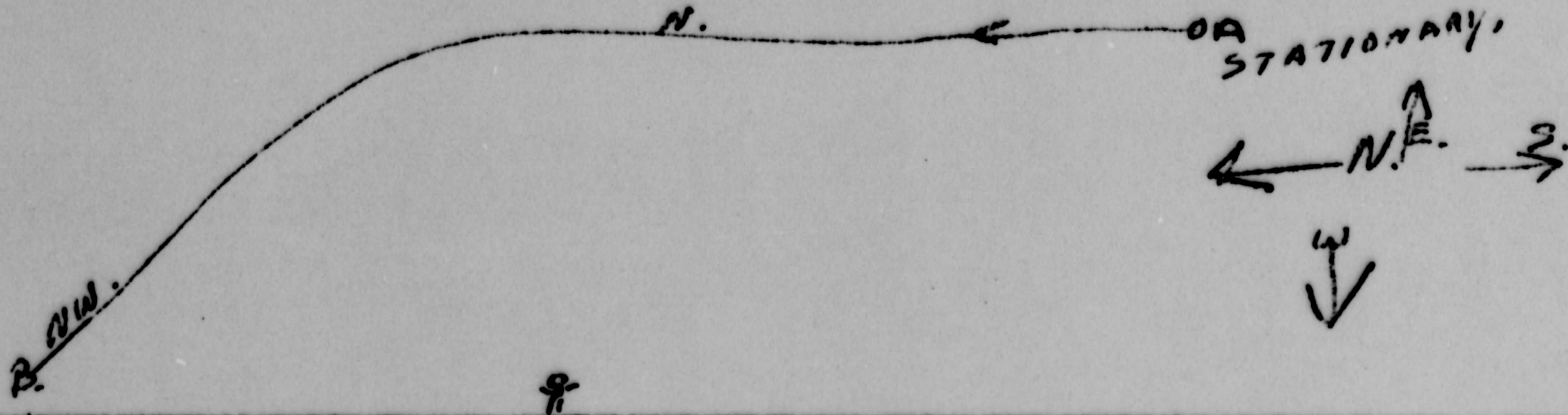
d. Don't remember

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.
_____ 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. 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? faded. as if going straight away.

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.

When first sighted the object appeared to be a weather balloon. But on closer observation the object appeared to be at a very high altitude with the same appearance as a weather balloon

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 AN AIRFIELD.

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

It was runway control officer when object was sighted. It remained stationary for 3-4 min then left heading north turning to North West. Bar tracks were being watched that were made by a B-47 going West to East.

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 | <u>d. Southeast</u> | 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 |
| <u>b. Northeast</u> | 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 165 degrees.
- b. From horizon 20 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

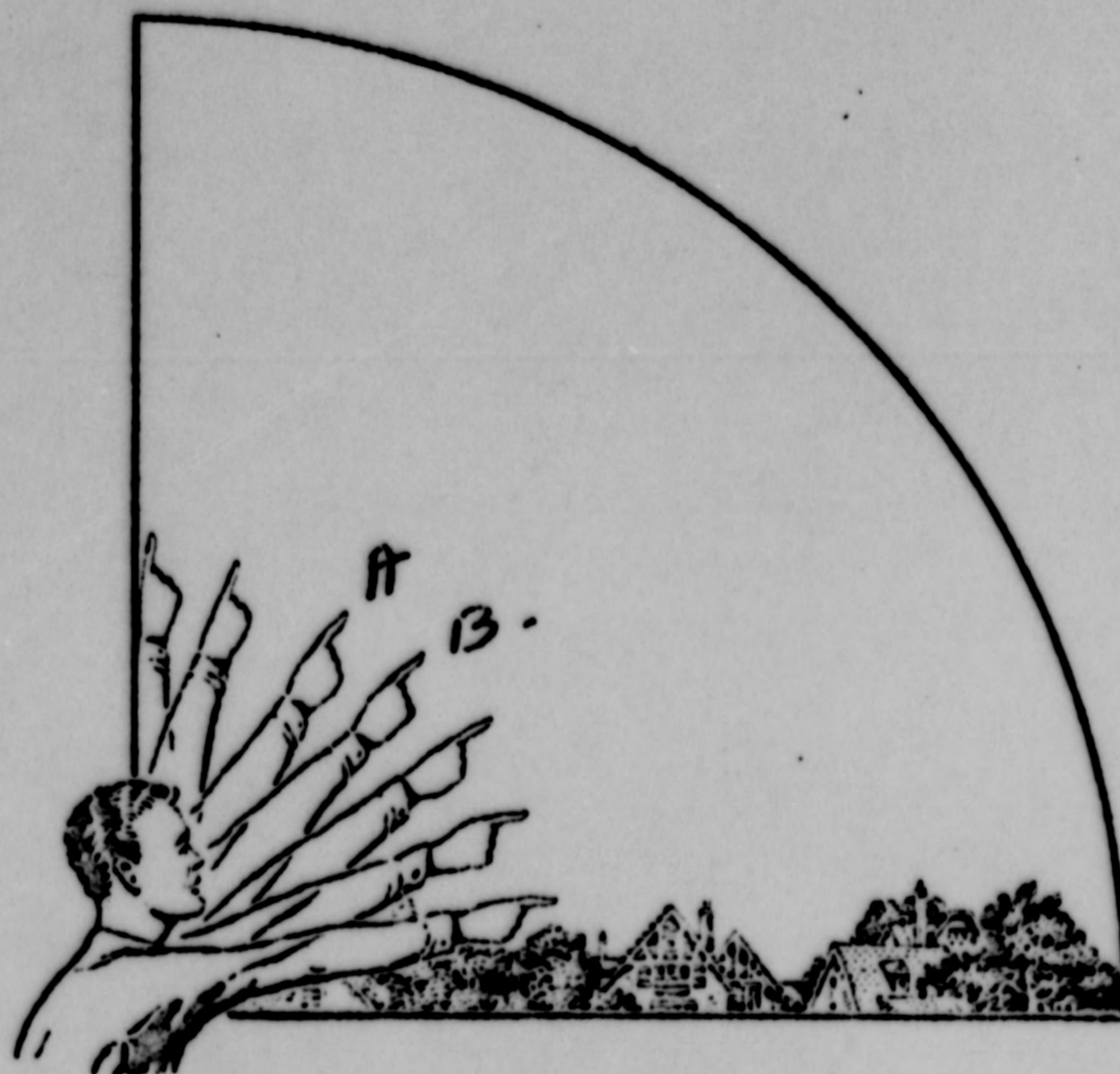
- a. From true North 330° degrees.
- b. From horizon 65 degrees.

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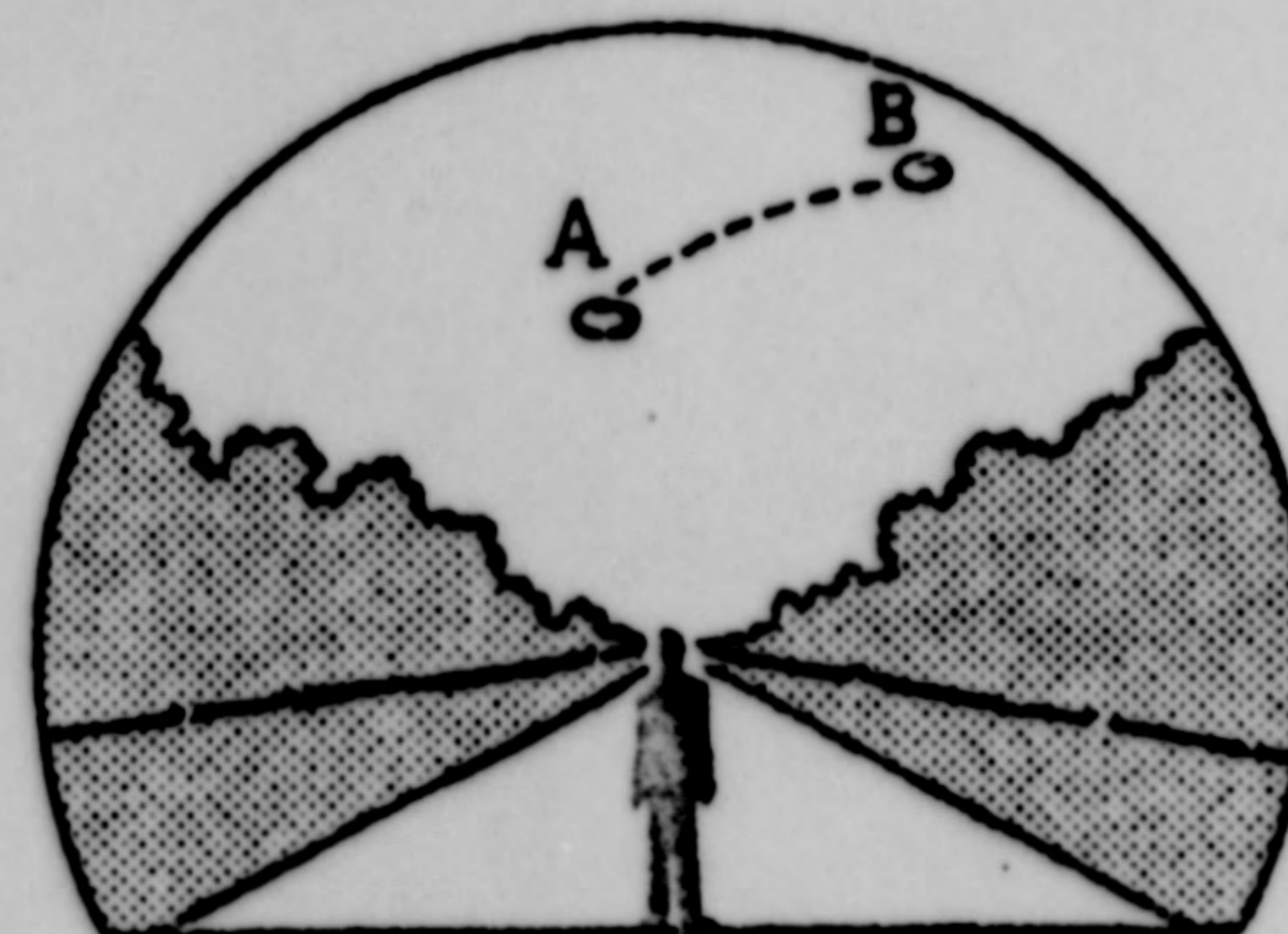
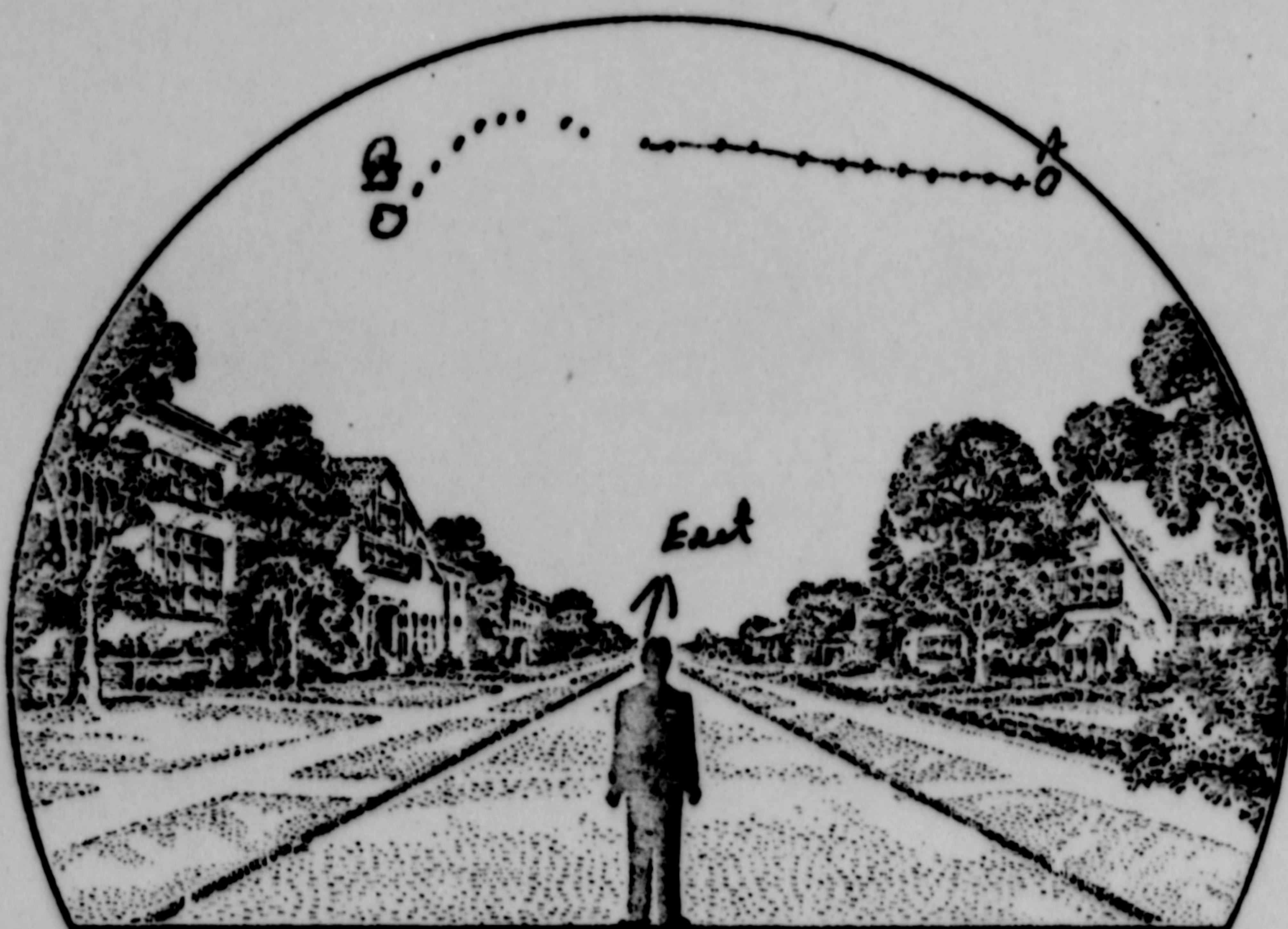
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32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object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



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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

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Month

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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:

85 TH FIGHTER - INTERCEPTOR SQ
SCOTT AFB, ILL.

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?

DON'T KNOW.

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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

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

85TH FTR INTCP Sq.

Street

SCOTT AFB

City

Zone

1LL State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? FLIGHT COMMANDER, 85TH FTR INTCP Sq.

Age

34

Sex

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Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____

b. High school _____

c. College ✓

d. Post graduate _____

e. e. Technical school _____

(Type) _____

f. Other special training PILOT TNG,
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42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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Form B

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

7 Oct 53.

Object was first sighted SSE of Scott AFB at approx a 70° angle from the ground. It stood still for approx 3-4 min then rapidly moved in a NNW direction & disappeared from sight in approx 1 min. The object was milky white much as a weather balloon or bright star. When the object first started to move it appeared to pass beneath a vapor trail left by a passing B-47 (B-47) at an altitude estimated at 45,000'.

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