

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 22 May 54 23/0315 Z	2. LOCATION La Porte, Indiana
3. SOURCE civilian	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED Possible Jet with afterburner or a/c with landing light on, however, no airport to north of witness location and area over which sighting took place would have low level flight restrictions. UNIDENTIFIED.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Varied in brightness as from Saturn to Venus. The object grew larger. Yellow light. No sound. Went out suddenly. Climbing from NW to N. Speed pretty fast for a/c, estimated at 600 mph. Initial letter indicate speed 2,000mph.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	
7. COURSE NW to N	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

Phone [REDACTED]

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5-30-54

SUNDAY 5-22-54 9:14 PM ANOTHER ENGINEER
AND SELF SAW UFO AS WE WERE
OBSERVING VENUS & JUPITER CONJUNCTION.

MINIMUM EST. SPEED 2000 MPH

[REDACTED]

[Faint circular stamp]

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?

SUN. 23 MAY 1954
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

9 15
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?

Nearest Postal AddressLA PORTA
City or TownIND.
State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours_____
Minutes45
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

AT BEGINNING LIKE SATURN

AT END LIKE VENUS

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? GOT LARGER | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear:

(Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

LIKE PLANET

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 | AIR | |

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

- a. Sound NONE, TURNED OFF CAR ENGINE = NO SOUND
- b. Color YELLOW LIGHT

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

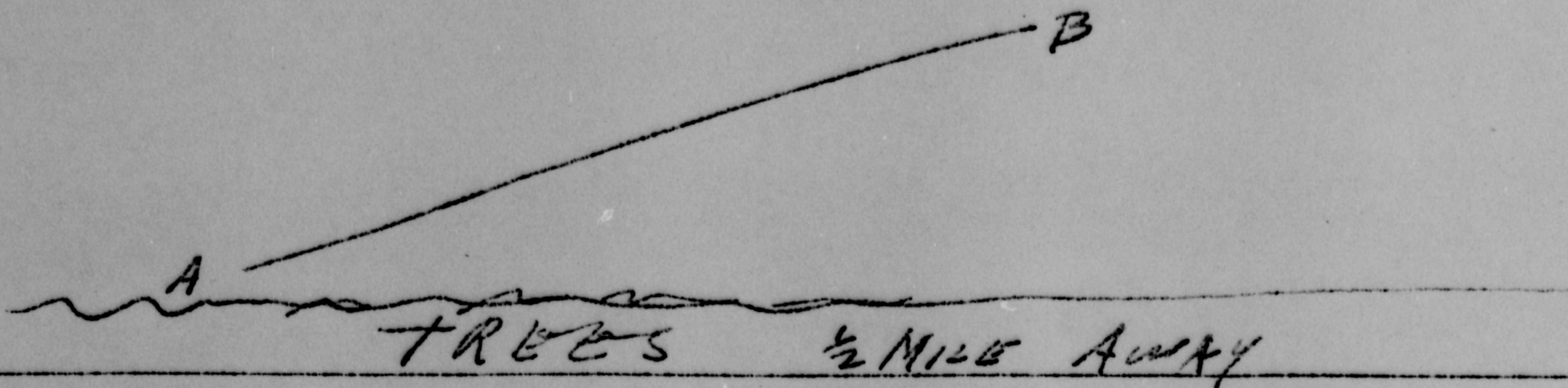
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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 | g. Silver dollar |
| <u>b. Pea</u> | h. Baseball |
| c. Dime | i. Grapefruit |
| d. Nickel | j. Basketball |
| e. Quarter | k. Other _____ |
| f. Half dollar | |

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

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

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view?

SUDDENLY
LIGHT WENT OUT

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.

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?

OBSERVING CONJUNCTION OF VENUS & JUPITER

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

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

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

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

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

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

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

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

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

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

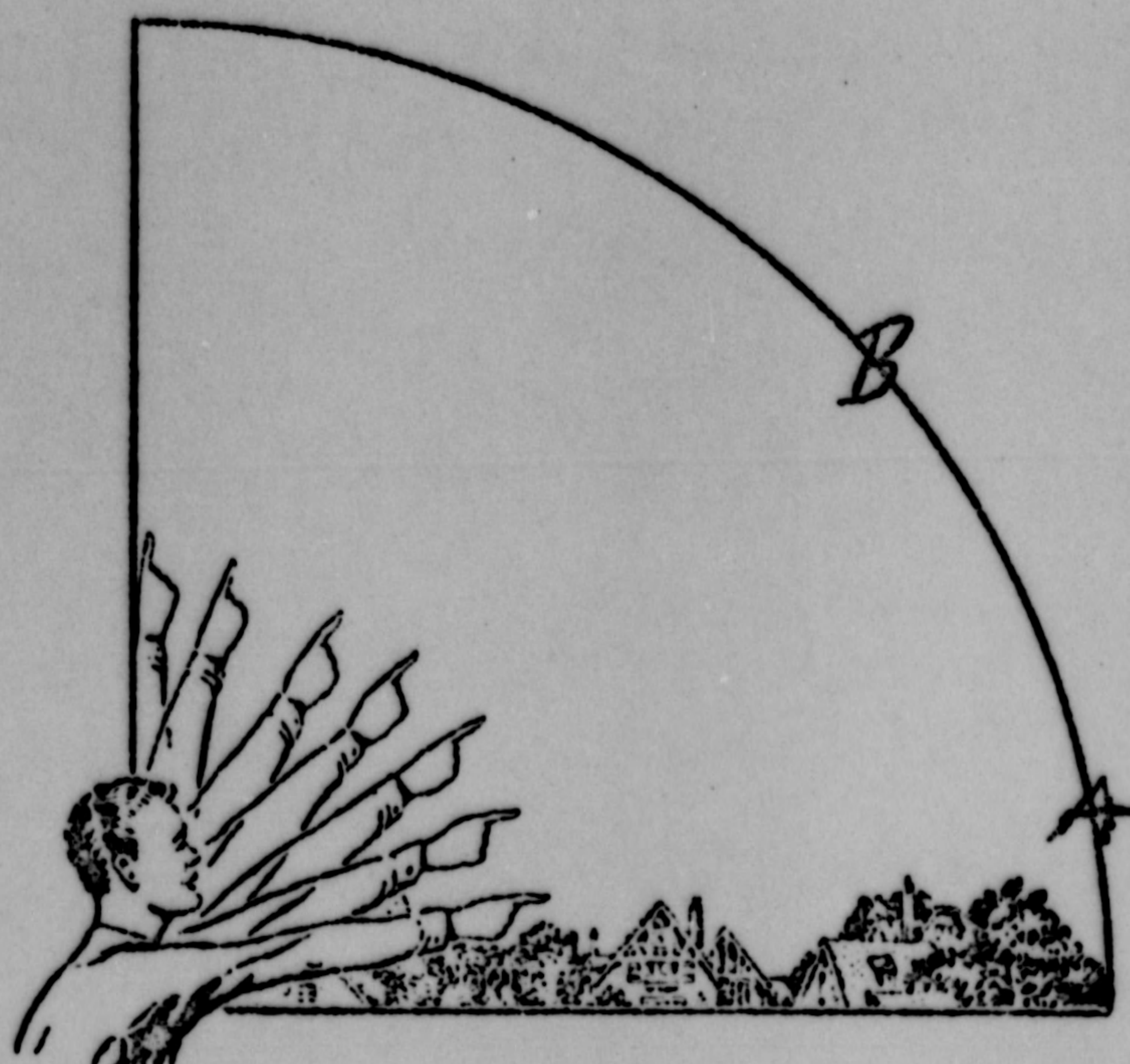
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 55 degrees.
- b. From horizon 10 degrees.

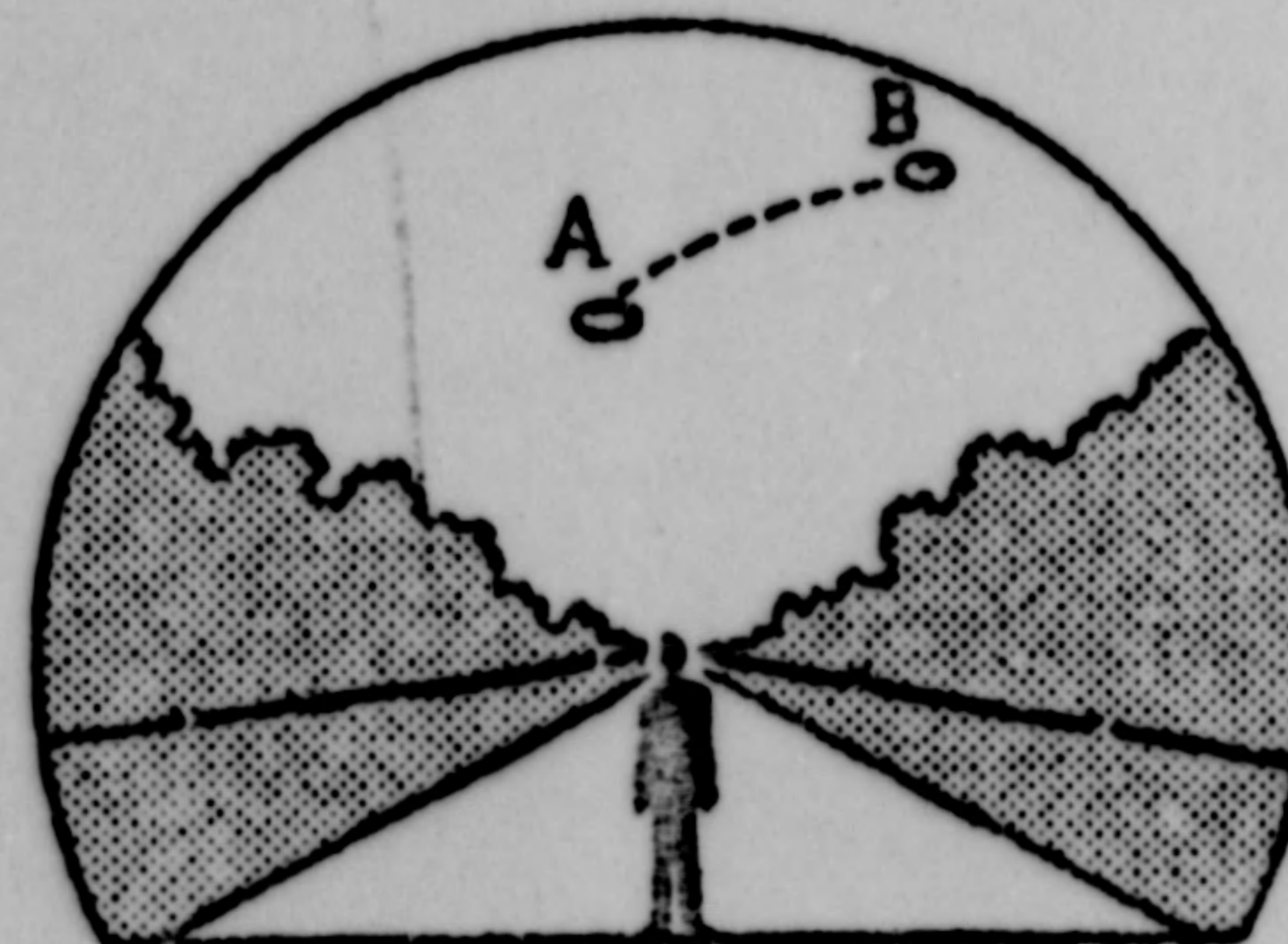
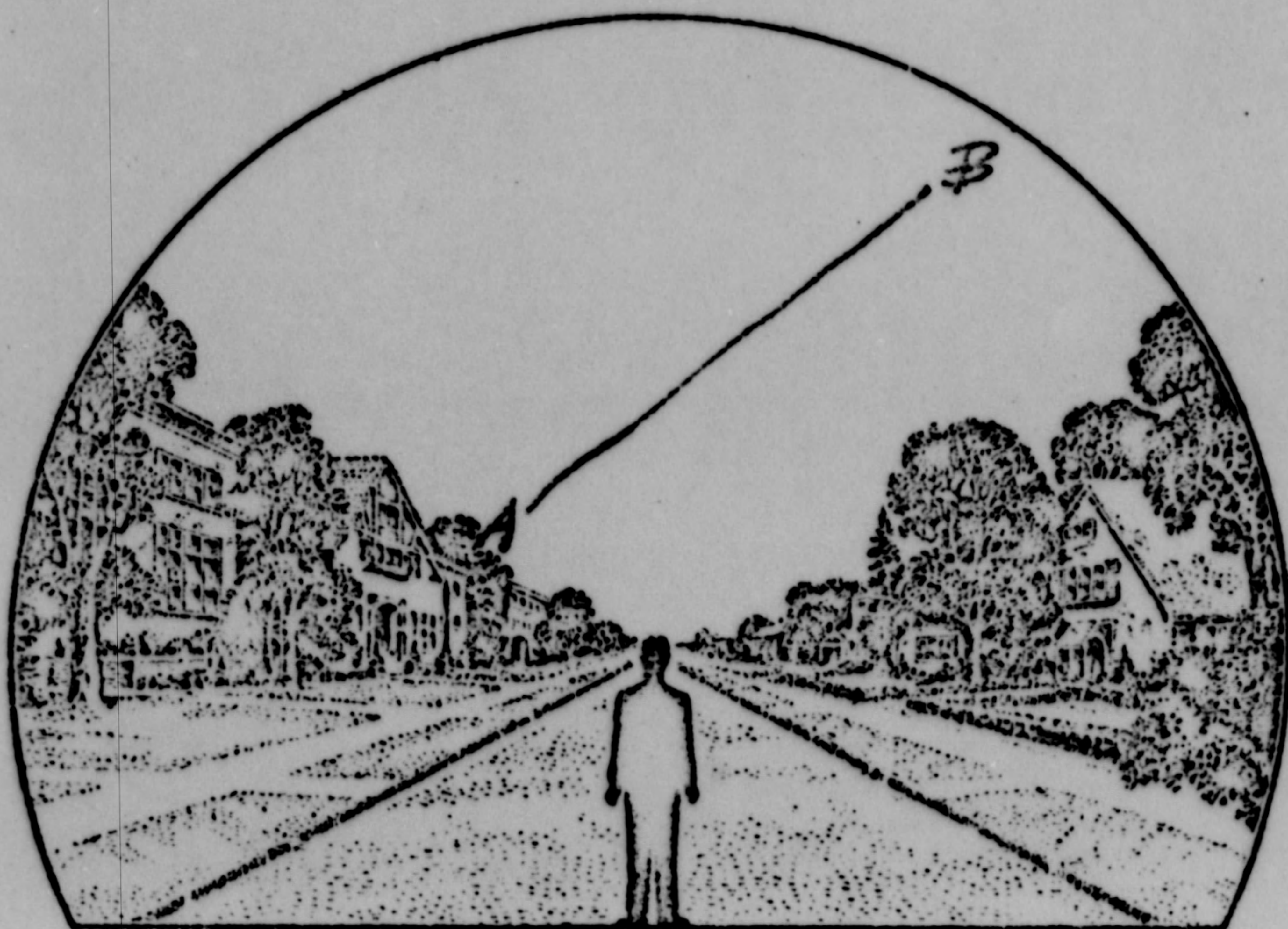
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 0 degrees.
- b. From horizon 40 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 8 mi.
 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 74°
 d. Hot
 e. Don't remember

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

Day Month Year

PROBABLY ABOUT 5-30-54

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:

GRAD.
 ENGINEER,
 PURDUE U22
 OHIO STATE 1926

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?

I'm ANOTHER ONE, SIMILAR, LESS
 BRILLIANT, FOR LONGER TIME, 13 DAYS LATER

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

NO RUNNING LITES = NO AIRPLANE
 LITE TOO BRITE & WRONG ANGLE FOR LANDING LITES
 PRETTY FAST FOR PLANE
 CAUSE = UNKNOWN

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? 600 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.

*SPEED ESTIMATE BASED ON
NEAREST DIST. & SLOWEST
SPEED*

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? ENGINEER

Age 41 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school _____ e. e. Technical school _____
b. High school _____ (Type) _____
c. College B.S.M.E. PURDUE f. Other special training _____
d. Post graduate _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

25 6 1954
Day Month Year

*SAME DAY RECEIVED
3 WEEKS AFTER REQUESTED*

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(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

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE

CODE:

DATE

6-25-54

Mr. [REDACTED] NOTED OBJECT WHERE SUN HAD GONE DOWN, AND ASKED WHAT IT WAS. I SAID FROM POSITION ON ECLIPTIC IT WAS PLANET, MAYBE SATURN (SATURN WAS MORNING STAR THEN). THEN I THOUGHT IT MOVED AND LOOKED AT REFLECTION IN POND TO CHECK, SAW IT MOVING THRU SHADOWS. WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE AIRPLANE ON FIRE BOUND FOR SOUTH BEACH BUT WONDERED WHY NO RUNNING LIGHTS. I TURNED OFF ENGINE AS IT CAME NEARER, HEARD NO SOUND. JUST AFTER THIS, THE LIGHT WENT OUT! IT BECAME AS BRILLIANT AS VENUS, WHICH WAS QUITE WHITE, BEFORE FLASHOUT.

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LA PORTE
IND
In reply refer to
AFOLN-ATIAE-5

22 JUN 1954
CAH/r1/73147

Mr. [REDACTED]
La Porte, Indiana

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Your recent report concerning unidentified flying objects has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned, will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

The United States Air Force greatly appreciates your interest in reporting this matter.

Sincerely,

1 Incl
Questionnaire

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

COORDINATION:

ATIAE5 C. A. Hardin DATE 18 June 1954

Capt. C. A. Hardin

ATIAE H. C. Johnston DATE 21 June 54

Lt. Col. H. C. Johnston

ATIA W. L. O'Hern DATE 22 June 54

Col. W. L. O'Hern

Above Questionnaire
completed + returned to

ATIAE-5 30 June 54.

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23 May 1963
Dayton, Ohio

MAY 24, 1954

**'SUN DOG',
NAME GIVEN
SKY DISPLAY**

That splash of color you saw in the skies around noon Monday wasn't a rainless rainbow or a technicolor flying saucer.

It was just a "sun dog," a fairly common occurrence according to Weatherman Ray Gillam. It is caused by the sun shining on the ice crystals that form thin clouds. Lasts only until the clouds drift away. Looks pretty doggy while it does last, though.

A number of Daytonians agreed it did; called The Daily News for the explanation.

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WINNER

7 AM. in MAY is early morning.
Sun rises in EAST. Volcanoes in EAST of
New Plymouth N.Z.

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The Christchurch Star-Sun, Tuesday, May 25, 1954

The Christchurch Star-Sun

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1954

Pilots Report Strange Objects

Three pilots of a New Plymouth aerial top-dressing firm saw a number of strange objects flying over eastern Taranaki about daybreak yesterday. The objects were oval and were seen flying at great speed before disappearing in the clear morning sky. The men were Messrs F. Ferrier, D. L. Falwasser, and M. Hodder, all of New Plymouth. The men were reluctant to talk, but this is how one described the incident: "We were flying to an airstrip at the back of Tahora about 7 a.m. when we first saw some strange objects in the east in the direction of Taumarunui. We first noticed three. They appeared to be hovering about 7000ft above us, but, as we were flying at 135 miles an hour, it would be difficult to estimate accurately whether or not they were moving." They were oval and looked like giant discs. They seemed to be a reddish orange with a red flame coming from them. "We flew on in the same direction for another three minutes and we saw a number of others. They seemed to be flying in a single line formation. Suddenly they all climbed steeply at great speed and disappeared." All the men are experienced pilots in first-class physical condition and have been aerial top-dressing for four years.—P.A.