

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 January 1956		2. LOCATION Long Beach, Long Island, NY		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 18/2155Z (N)		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SSW to NNE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object oblong spiral, smoke trail, color white. Appeared to be falling and moving NNE. Looked like 1st phase of 1/4 moon. Disappeared with setting of sun.				11. COMMENTS Newspaper report said it appeared like weather balloon.	

18/2/55
ACTION

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FM HQ 26TH ADIV ROSLYN NY

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SP COLORADO

RJEPWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR INTELL HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC

INFO RJEPNB/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NY

RJEPJR/COMDR 482ND AISS FLIGHT 3H MCGUIRE AFB NJ

BT

/UNCLASS/ ATTN: STEWART CIC: IN COMPLIANCE WITH CONAD REG. 200-2, THE
FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

I.

A. CBLONG SPIRAL

B. NEG

C. WHITE

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. SMOKE TRAIL

G. NEG

1 } 4E4
2 }
3 }

4-4X2a

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... 34. DEG. AT 35 KNOTS

... 32. DEG. AT 35 KNOTS

... 31. DEG. AT 45 KNOTS

C. CLEAR

D. 15 MILES

E. CLEAR

F. NEG

VIII. COAST GUARD STATION AT SHORT BEACH SIGHTED A TWIN ENGINE
A/C FROM THE NE, ALUMINUM COLOR HEADING OFF SHORE.

IX. NEG

X. SEE ITEM XIII

XI. 2/LT. RICHARD K. NEUFANG, INTEL. OFFICER. HQ. 26TH ADIV

A. I CALLED IDLEWILD TOWER AND THOUGH THEY HAD SIGHTED NOTHING,
THEY HAD RECEIVED CALLS FROM FLOY-BENNET NAVAL AS AND NEWSDAY

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NEWSPAPER, GARDEN CITY, LONG ISLAND, FOR INFO PERTAINING TO
SIMILAR SIGHTINGS MADE AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME AND IN THE
SAME GENERAL VICINITY.

I CALLED NEWSDAY NEWSPAPER AND THE EDITOR, [REDACTED] REPORTED
SIGHTING SIMILAR TO THE OBJECT DESCRIBED HOWEVER HE STATED THAT
IT WAS MOTIONLESS AND LOOKED SOMETHING LIKE A WEATHER BALLOON.

THIS HQS. EVALUATION IS F-3.

XII. NEG.

BT

15/ 15Z JAN RJEPNY

II. APPEARED AS IF FALLING DOWNWARD AND MOVING TOWARD NNE

A. LOOKED LIKE FIRST PHASE OF QUARTER MOON

B. 22 DEGREES - 34 DEGREES TO SSW

C. 13 DEGREES TO SSW

D. SSW TO NNE AND FALLING

E. SUN WENT DOWN AND BECAME TO DARK

F. 23 MINUTES

III.

A. GROUND-VISUAL

B. BINOCULARS (7X50)

C. N/A

IV.

A. 182155Z

B. DUSK

V. LONG BEACH, L.I., N.Y.

VI.

A. [REDACTED] 42, [REDACTED] STREET, ATLANTIC BEACH, NY, OPERATES SUMMER
RESORT

B. NLG

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VII.

A. CLEAR, VISIBILITY EXCELLENT

1. 320 DEG AT 10 KNOTS

2. 320 DEG AT 15 KNOTS

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SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON ATLANTIC BEACH, LONG ISLAND, NY, USA	FROM (Agency) Detachment 3, 4602d AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 2 January 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 18 January 1956	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) CONRAD H. SEIBEL, 1/LT, USAF	SOURCE MORTY BROUS	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TT 26th AD, 18/2245Z JAN 56		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112--Part II.)		

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Street, Atlantic Beach, Long Island, New York

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: Upon notification from Hq 4602d AISS to conduct a follow-up investigation on the above sighting, a copy of the preliminary report was obtained from the 26th AD. The first indication was that several individuals had observed the same UFOB, however, follow-up investigative efforts revealed that only Mr. [REDACTED] and an unidentified woman had observed the object in question.

III. INVESTIGATOR: 1/Lt. Conrad H. Seibel AO 931256

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] St., Atlantic Beach, Long Island, New York

Age: 42

Occupation: Summer Resort Operator

Education: High School

Qualifications: None

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a mature, level-headed, well to do businessman and displayed concern over the sighting which he had felt was his duty to report, but was worried about receiving any publicity over the matter. At no time did SOURCE indicate that he had seen a saucer or other interplanetary vehicle, but conversely expressed his confusion over the strange series of events that had taken place before his eyes. At no time did the SOURCE tend to embellish any of the details involved nor were there any contradictions in his statements.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was driving home at 18/2140Z JAN 56 on Beech St., in a westerly direction. About four miles from home he noticed what he at first believed to be a crescent-shaped sliver of the moon and continued on his way. Looking up moments later he again saw the object, however it had changed its position from vertical to horizontal. Once more this was ignored since he felt that some upper layer of clouds had passed in front of the moon giving it these varied forms. When in a few seconds it reappeared in an entirely different position he became concerned and stopped the car. After watching it slowly drift downward from one position to another for a couple of moments, he got into his car again and hurried home. He rushed to the upstairs bedroom of his house, located on the beach overlooking New York Harbor, and with the aid of binoculars, observed the object for several minutes longer. SOURCE was certain that he had seen the object for about 25 minutes and that it was about 20 miles away at a heading of about 275 degrees. It was about 30 degrees above the horizon at first and then drifted slowly, downward to about 20 degrees until darkness prevented further observation. The edges were said to have given the impression of being well defined, but that the distance involved prevented the detection of any details. It gave SOURCE the impression of the silver lining of a cloud but that it did not shimmer. It was white and brighter than the background sky and since it was a clear day with excellent visibility, it remained sight at all times till darkness. SOURCE wore glasses and made his observation with 10x50 binoculars through the bedroom window. SOURCE added that all movement was gradual, that it appeared to be a solid object, remained constant in shape, and left no trail. He did not notice any celestial bodies at the time of the sighting. SOURCE stated that it appeared to be about three to five times as large as a commercial transport aircraft at the same distance and was about the size of a pea held at arms length.

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SOURCE's drawing of UFOB

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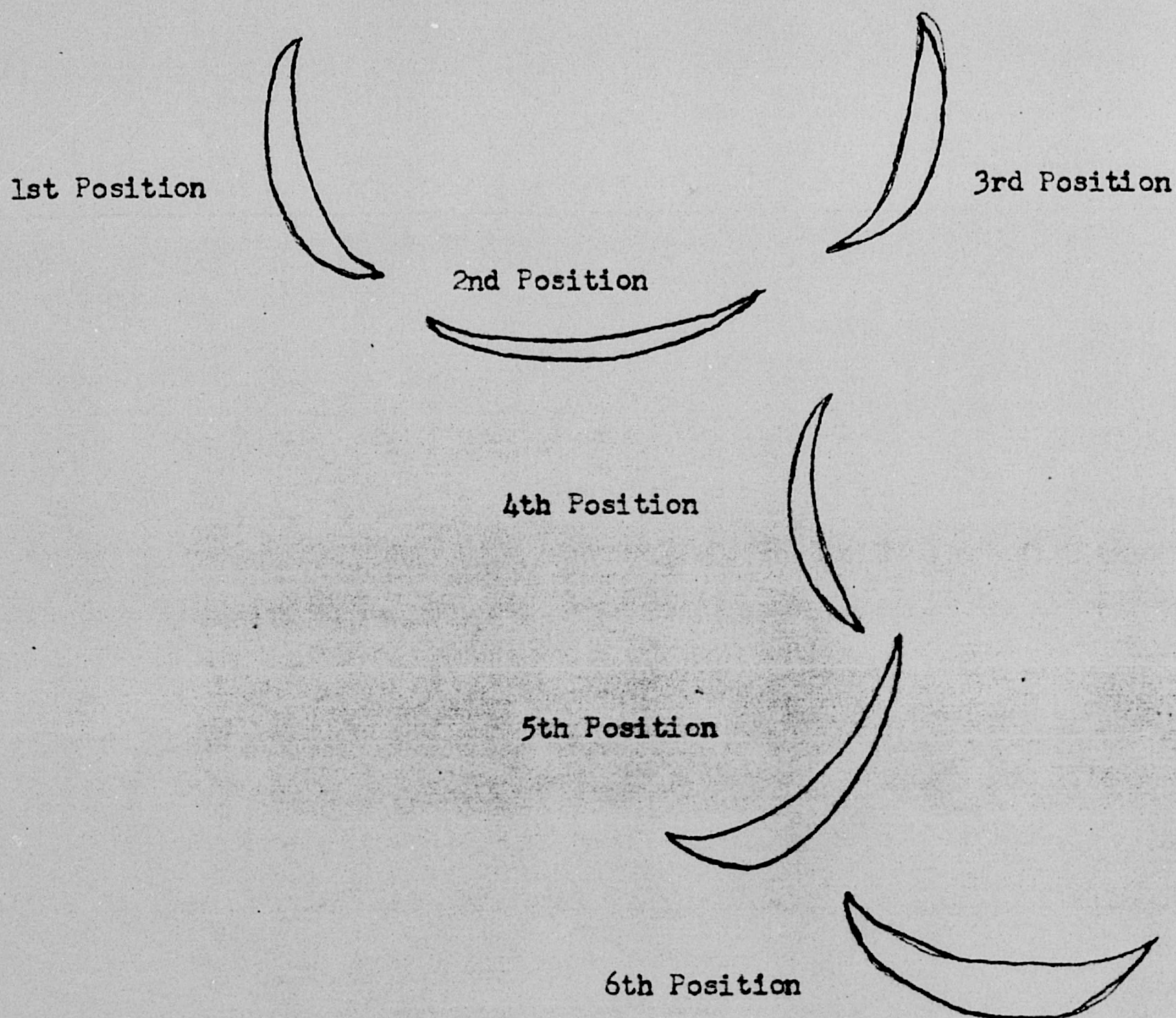
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Inclosure 1 to Part One:

SOURCE's Sketch of Object in Various Positions (Unretouched):



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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check was made with the Filter Center at White Plains, New York which has several GOC posts in the same area in which SOURCE lives. Negative results.

2. A check was made with the Base Operations section of Mitchel AFB, New York, and the records of the AO reviewed. Negative results.

3. A check with the Stewart AFB Weather Office revealed that on the afternoon of 18 Jan 56, the sky condition was clear and the winds were as follows:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Velocity</u>
Surface	360°	15 to 20 knots
1,000 to 8,000 feet	360°	30 knots
10,000 feet	340°	35 knots
15,000 feet	330°	50 knots
20,000 feet	330°	65 knots
30,000 feet	300°	75 knots

Considering the wind factors above, the only stations in the area surrounding the location of the sighting which are responsible for the release of RAOB's are at Albany, New York, Buffalo, New York and Mitchel AFB, New York. These balloons are released daily at 0900Z and 2100Z.

4. Contact with the Coast Guard Station located at Short Beach, Long Island, New York, and the Floyd Bennett Airport, Long Island, New York, revealed that no one remembered any report of a sighting.

5. A check with Newsday, the Garden City Long Island newspaper, revealed that a woman had called and reported an object in about the same position and at about the same time, however no name or address was given. She stated that it appeared to be motionless and that it hovered something like a balloon.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, the sighting might have been caused by a weather balloon released at Buffalo, New York at 0900Z since the reported velocities were insufficient to transport the object the required distance in the 40 minutes elapsed from the time of the sighting at 2140Z and the time of the evening release at 2100Z.
2. The north and north-westerly winds tend to rule out the probability of a balloon originating at Mitchell AFB, which lies about 25 miles northeast of the location of the sighting.

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. The following additional information was revealed by the Investigating Officer upon request of this headquarters:
 - a. Pibald balloons are released at 0300Z, 0900Z, 1500Z, and 2100Z daily from both civil and military agencies in the New York City area. LaGuardia and Idlewild Airports release this type balloon at the above times.
 - b. These balloons are three feet in diameter with balloon color dependent upon sky conditions at the time of release. On a clear day, as was 18 Jan 56 in the New York City area, white pibald balloons were released.
2. It is the opinion of this headquarters that this sighting was caused by a pibald type balloon released at LaGuardia Airport (GeoRef GJBL4204) at 18/2100Z January 1956. The following items are given in support of the above hypothesis:
 - a. LaGuardia Airport is located fifteen (15) miles north-northwest of the SOURCE'S home. Winds at the time of the sighting were from the north and northwest, thereby carrying the balloon released at LaGuardia Airport at 18/2100Z Jan 56 to a position west of the observer.
 - b. At 2140Z, the time of the sighting and forty (40) minutes after the release of the pibald from LaGuardia, it has been computed that the subject balloon would have been approximately eight (8) miles west of the observer and at an altitude of 22,000 feet.
 - c. From the above figures we can obtain the angle of elevation of the balloon as seen from the SOURCE'S location as follows:

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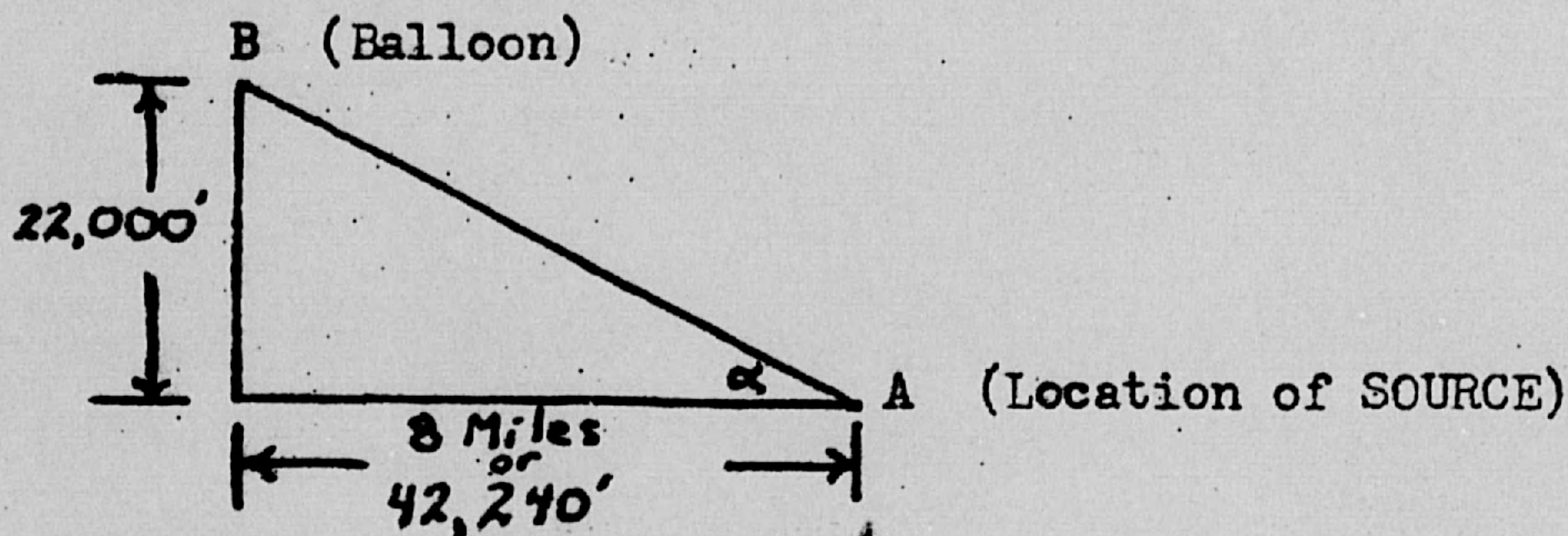
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$$\tan \alpha = \frac{22,000}{42,240} = .5208$$

$$\alpha = 27^{\circ} 31'$$

The SOURCE estimated the object to be at an angle of elevation of 30° .

d. At the time of the sighting the sun was located low in the west, with the object being between the observer and the sun, creating the effects as seen in the SOURCE'S sketch of the object on page 3 of this report.

Jmw.