

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 August 1956		2. LOCATION South Salem, New York		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 145 EDT (PM) GMT 26/0045Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object, bullet shaped, size of half dollar, color like polished brass. Object had long tail of smoke and sparks. Object moved with about the same speed as an airliner. No sound and flew straight and level till out of sight, but tail of smoke still visible after object disappeared.				11. COMMENTS Probable A/C.	

Multi

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6 September 1956

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New York

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your letter of August 28, 1956, concerning your sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object.

We are most certainly still interested in these sightings. Inclosed is a USAF Technical Information Sheet for you to complete regarding the phenomenon you have observed.

Any aerial objects, so long as it remains unidentified, represents a potential threat to the security of the United States; therefore, it becomes of great concern to the Air Defense Command which is charged with aerial protection of the United States. It has, for some time now, been the joint responsibility of the Air Defense Command and the Air Technical Intelligence Center to investigate Unidentified Flying Objects and to determine whether or not they represent developments outside our own scientific knowledge.

It is requested that you forward the completed form directly to:

Air Technical Intelligence Center
Attention: AFOIN-4E4
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Your interest is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY R. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Intelligence

Incl:

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?

25 August 1956
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

7 45
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?

South Salem N.Y.
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country
Additional remarks: I was sitting on breezeway looking
out towards the gardens.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

50
Hours Minutes Seconds
5

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? Sun had set beyond hill. It would have been

(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 *Too early yet for these.*
 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? <i>combination smoke</i> | ☒ Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? <i>spark-like exhaust</i> | 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:

Out of sight for a few seconds behind a tree.

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:

thin cloud formation

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?

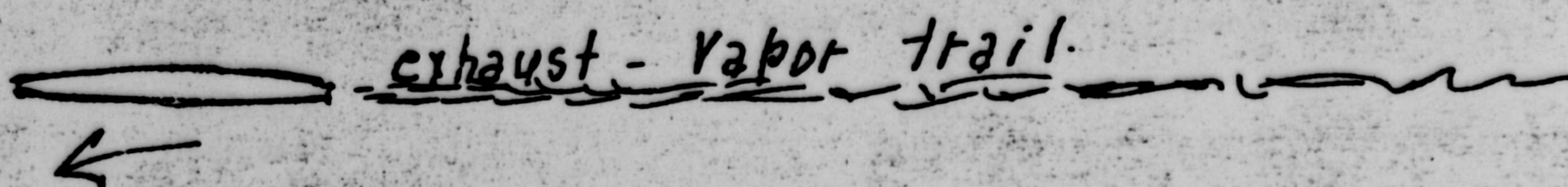
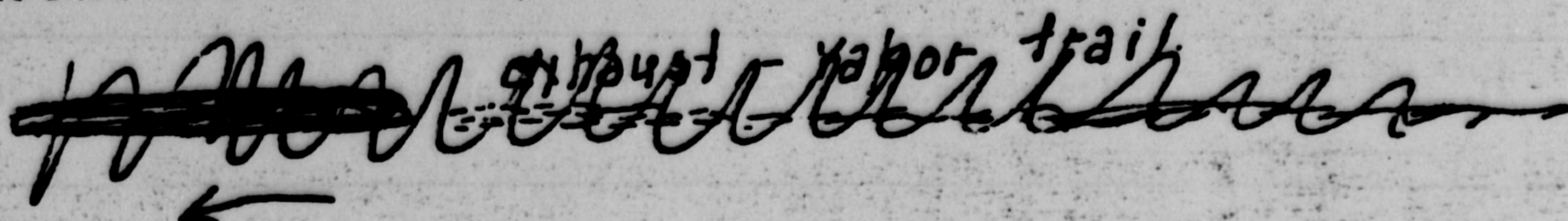
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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----|---------------|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | ☒ Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other | | |

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

a. Sound Absolutely no sound.

b. Color Like a bar of molten substance glowing steadily.

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.



The vapor trail stretched clear across the sky and was real bright for the first $\frac{1}{3}$ way.

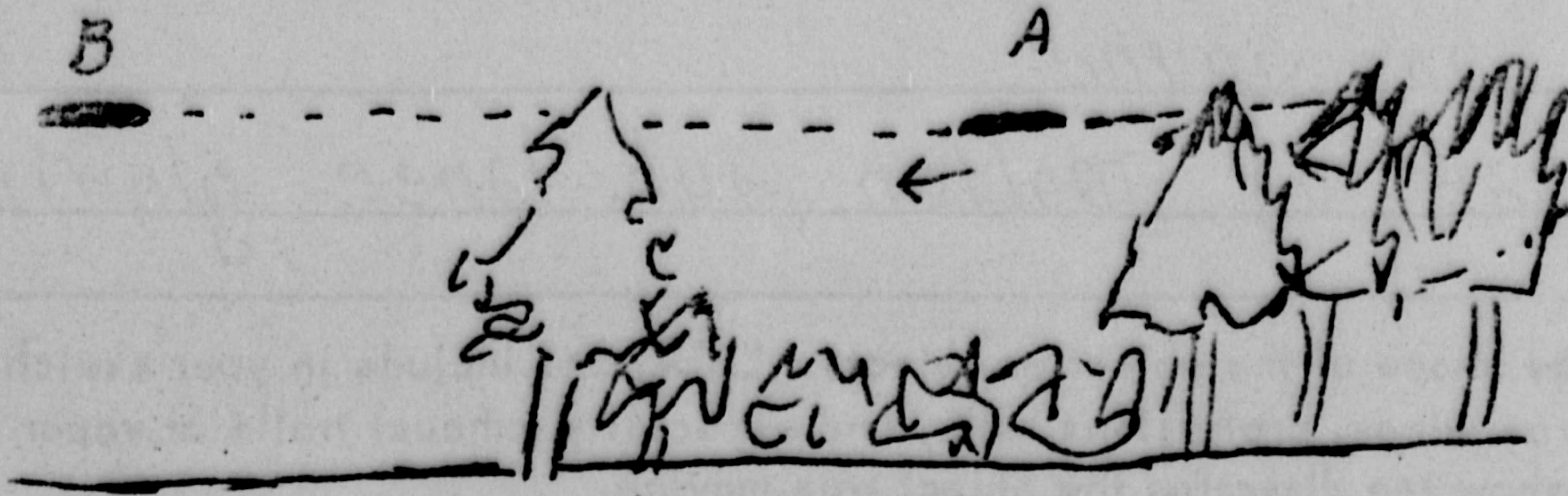
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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 |
| b. Pea | 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.)

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| ☒ a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Simply kept a straight
course across the sky until it was
no longer visible.

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.

The best I can do is to say that it would be of a real bright, highly polished brass, somewhat in the shape of a bullet but tapered at both ends. As for the size I'd have no idea. it did not appear to be as large as the average airliner. more perhaps like a Jet - or DC-4

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 sitting in our back yard looking out over garden towards the SK. Suddenly from behind the trees appeared this bright object with a long trail of sparks & smoke. At first I thought someone was shooting fireworks because of this trail.

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).

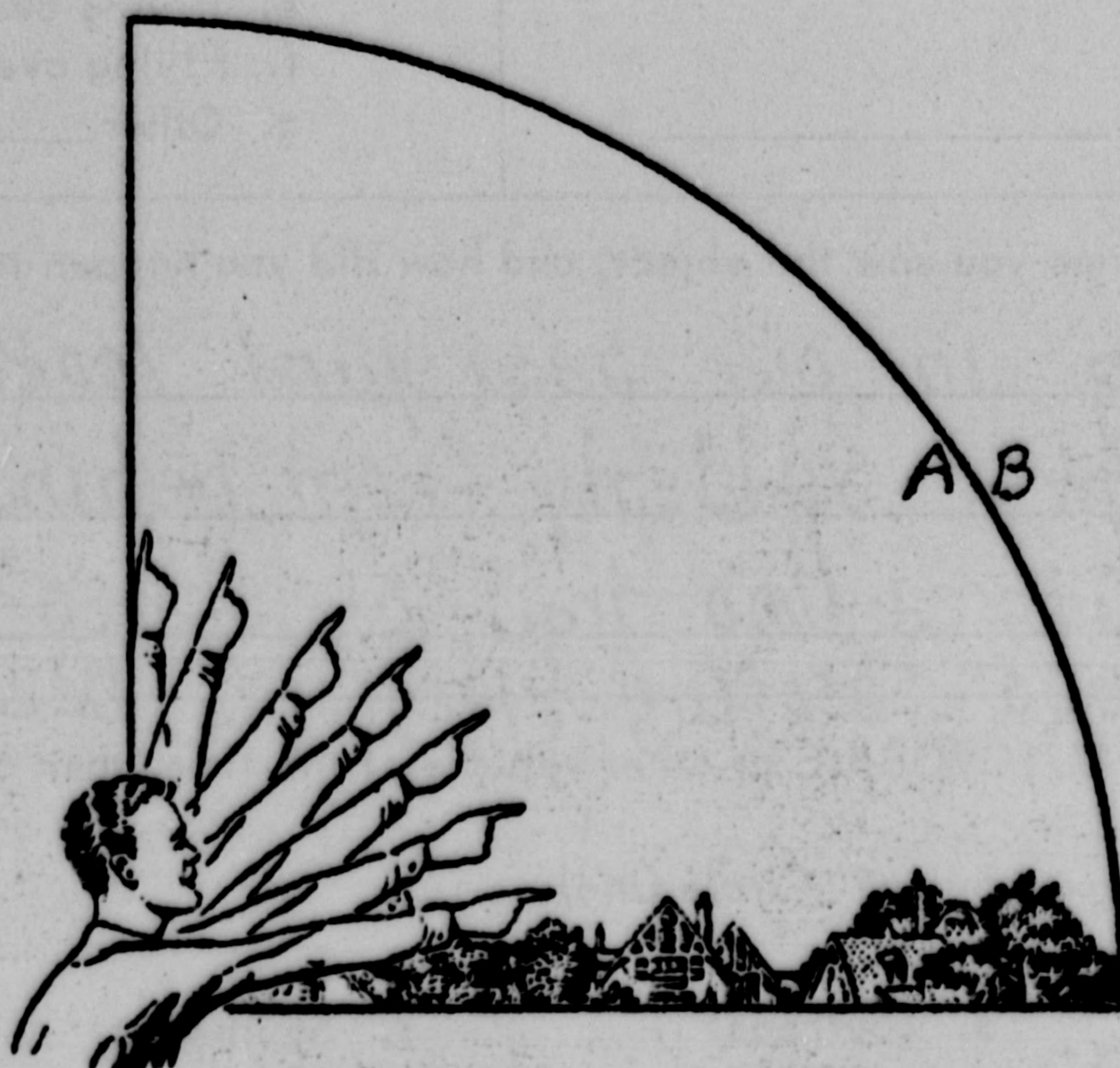
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 135° degrees.
- b. From horizon 45° degrees.

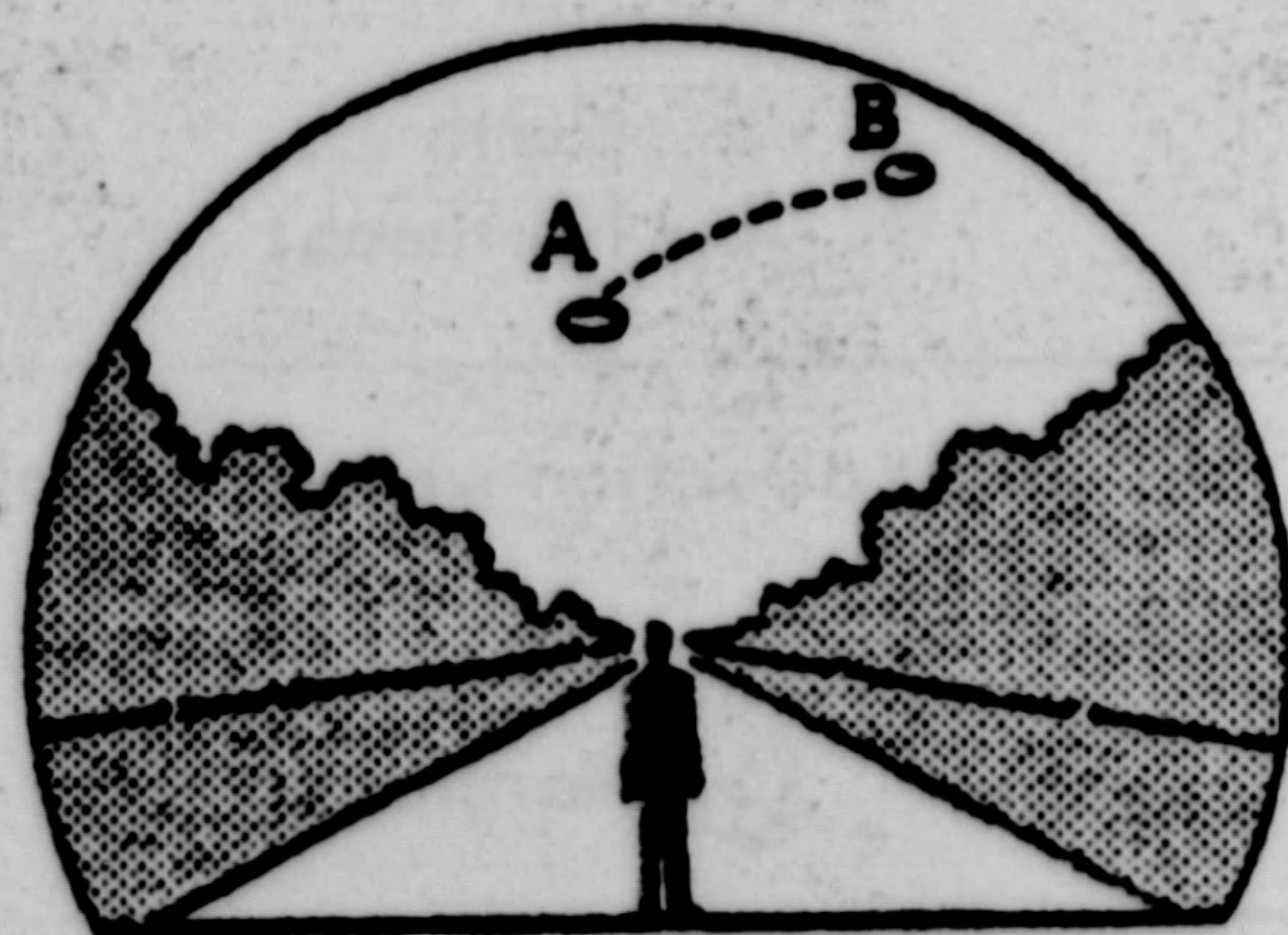
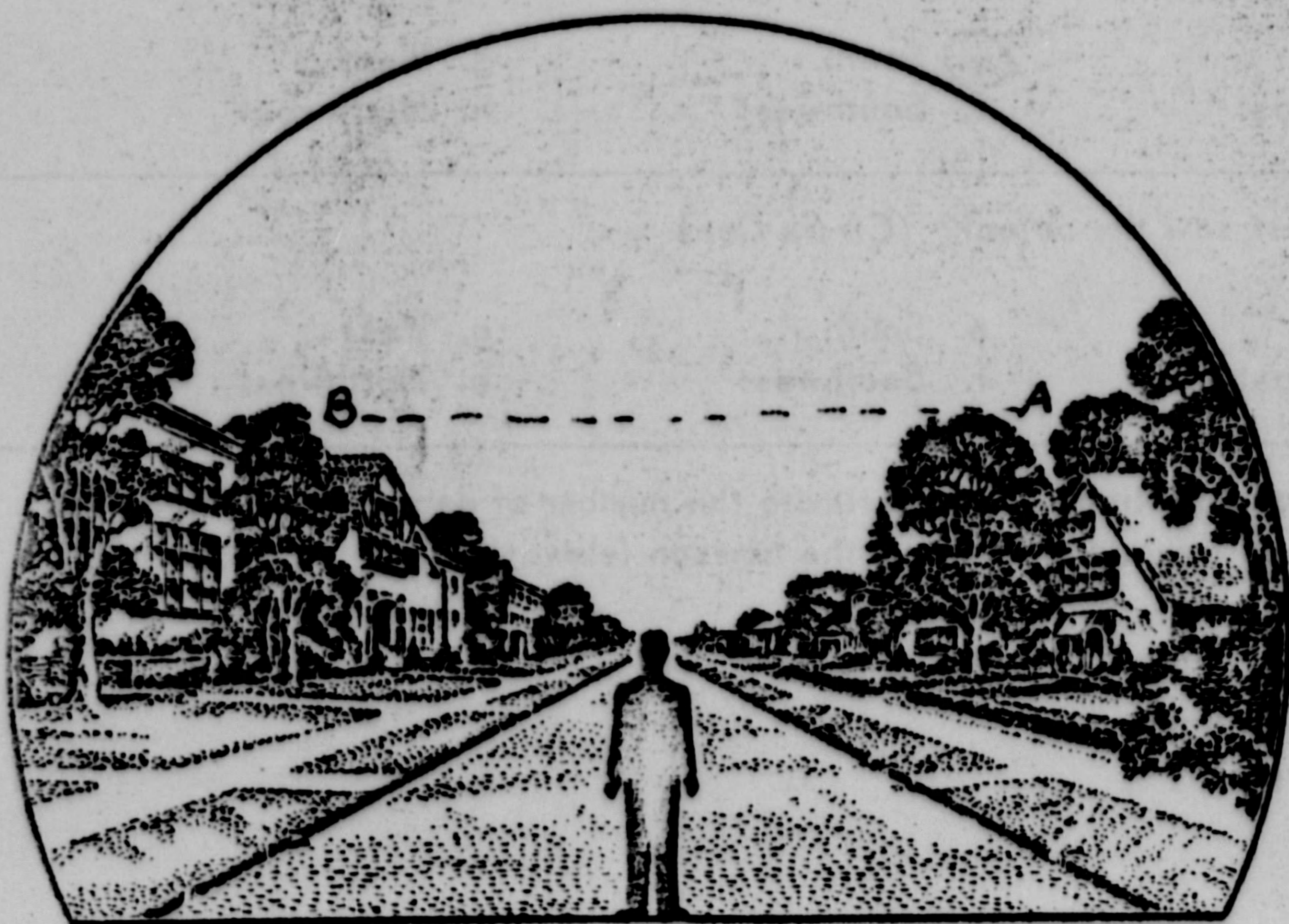
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 45° degrees.
- b. From horizon 45° 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 - *very sparse.*
- 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?

28 August 1956
Day Month Year

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:

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My husband. [REDACTED] N.Y.

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?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?
I have no idea. I do know it was no ordinary aircraft as I live in an area where commercial planes, jets, and Army planes pass ~~daily~~ regularly, day and night, and none has ever appeared like this. Furthermore, all of those have an accompanying noise, no matter how distant - but this was completely silent. They also have riding lights which blink on and off. This whole thing glowed steadily from end to end.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? I would say it was going at
 (Circle One) Yes No the cruising speed of a commercial
 IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? Airliner 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 _____
 Street City Zone State N.Y.

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? Housewife

Age 60 Sex F

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____

e. e. Technical school _____

b. High school _____

(Type) _____

c. College X _____

f. Other special training _____

d. Post graduate _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

8 Sept. 1956
 Day Month Year

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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 Mrs. [REDACTED]

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE: _____

DATE Sept. 8 - 56Saturday 25th

It was in early evening on a clear warm day in August. I was sitting on our breezeway in back of our house, looking out towards the garden and horizon. Suddenly, from behind some tree in front of me and to my right, appeared ^{in the sky} a bright, bullet-shaped object trailing a long tail of what seemed to be sparks and smoke. I thought at first someone was sitting off far away because of the long bright tail but as the object, which was like a bright bar of ~~the~~ neon, continued in a straight course across the sky I realized it was not fire smoke. The thing had no protrusions, like wings, and glowed from end to end with a steady light. did not flash on and off or increase.

The object was long and narrow. Rather like a
cigar wider in center 10

or decrease in brightness. There were a few scattered
clouds and the object passed in front of them.
There was no breeze stirring and every thing was
still as I could have heard any sound but the light
thing made no noise of any kind. It was real
would be worth it say, it bright and so silent,
across the sky. When I first saw the object I called my
husband and he watched it for a while then went on
with some garden work he was doing. I continued to
follow the thing and even got up and walked
but across the lawn as I could watch it as far
as possible. Only once was it out of my sight when
it passed behind a tall oak in our lawn. Then it
reappeared and I watched until it faded into the
distance. As I often watch the commercial planes
which pass over here daily I would estimate that it
took about the same time for the to pass out of
sight as it takes for the air lines. Even after I
could no longer see the object the big bright trail
could stretched across the sky. As the appeared
around 7:30 P.M. E.D.S. the sun had set but as yet
no stars or moon had appeared. It was like bright
twilight. The thing travelled ~~from~~ ⁱⁿ a ~~South~~ ^{South} to a N.E. direction.
Again. Comparing to commercial planes I judge this object to have been