

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 Nov 59		2. LOCATION Portland, Maine		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 11/1630Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE North	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Perfectly rnd obj moving fm 75° elev in the South crossing zenith to 45° elev in North. White, not glowing, speed constant, although rpt also indicates that at some time or other it was standing still. Observed in bright daylight about noon. Flight path straight. Initial impression was that it was a weather balloon, except that speed was excessive (obj moving at meteor speeds). Solid obj not reflection.				11. COMMENTS Several contradictory statements in the Rpt. Case listed as insufficient data.	

November 16, 1959

Portland, Maine

Department of the Air Force
Washington, D. C.

Sir,

I wish to report having seen an unidentified flying object on November 11, 1959 about 2:00 p.m. The following is an account of what I saw.

About 2:00 p.m. as I was looking toward the southern sky I saw a round white object coming across the sky in a south-north direction. At first I thought it was a weather balloon but soon discounted this as it got closer. It was flying high and at a tremendous rate of speed; faster than any jet could possibly fly. It had a round ball shape and was white in color. It was not glowing. It disappeared in the northern sky. The sky at the time of observation was a clear blue without cloud formations. It was not an optical illusion. The only object that I could use to describe it would be a satellite coming on a path very close to earth.

The above is a factual report as I described it. I am sending this information to you for whatever value it may be to you.

Sincerely,

19 November 1959

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 16 November 1959 regarding the sighting of an unidentified flying object on 11 November.

Your letter contains insufficient information for a valid conclusion. Therefore, I am inclosing an Air Force Questionnaire for you to complete and forward direct to the AEROSPACE Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for their analysis and evaluation.

Sincerely,

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Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Street
Portland, Maine

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OFFICE OF INFORMATION
NOV 20 1959
Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

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?

11 January 1957
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

11 30 Approx.
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?

[Redacted] Portland Maine
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks:

Outdoors

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

____ Hours ____ Minutes 5 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

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: _____

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

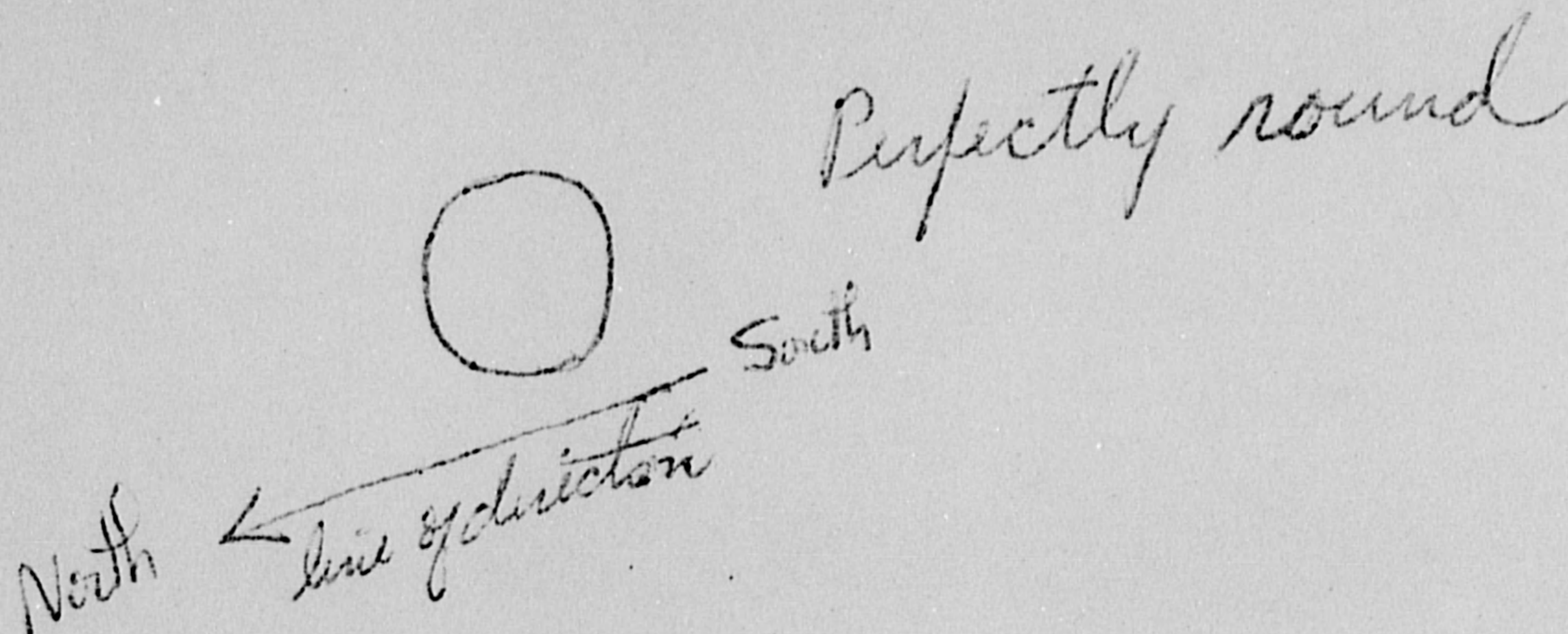
h. Other _____

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

a. Sound No sound

b. Color White, not a glowing white

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 Edges same intensity as the rest of the object

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.

B A

Followed a straight path across the sky.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.

20 feet. *Difficult because of the distance factor.*

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?

Disappeared quickly after it had gone by a considerable distance.

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.

A weather balloon would resemble it except that it was too large and travelling too fast to be a weather balloon.

Material could be a white metal and it must have been large because of the height of its path.

It was perfectly round in shape. A grapefruit might resemble it if it were white in color.

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 on a ladder against the house. I just happened to look in that particular direction and saw it coming. I was high on the ladder so that my view of the object was not obscured by the house.

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 | <u>e. South</u> | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

- | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <u>a. North</u> | 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).

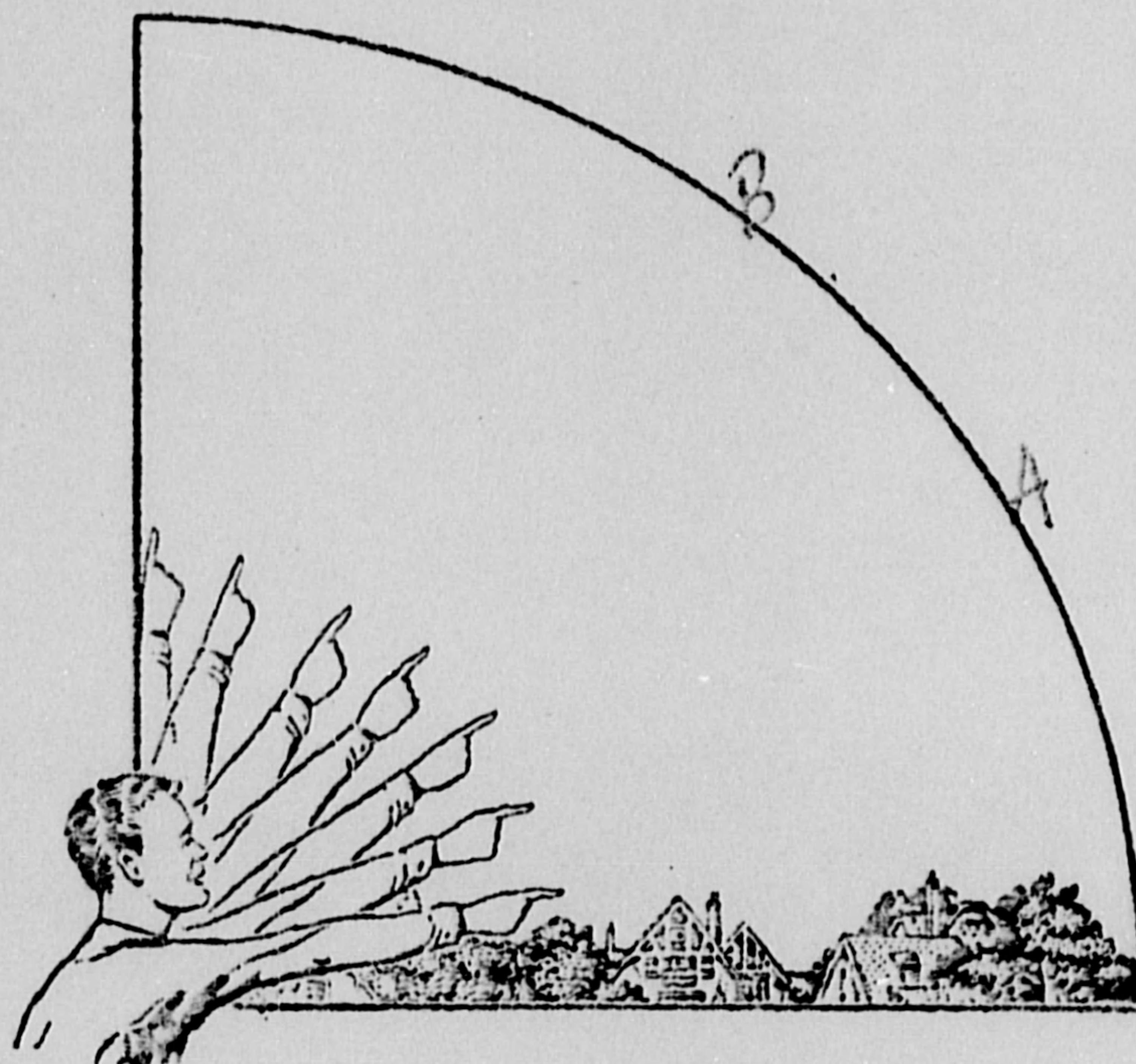
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

31.2 When it disappeared:

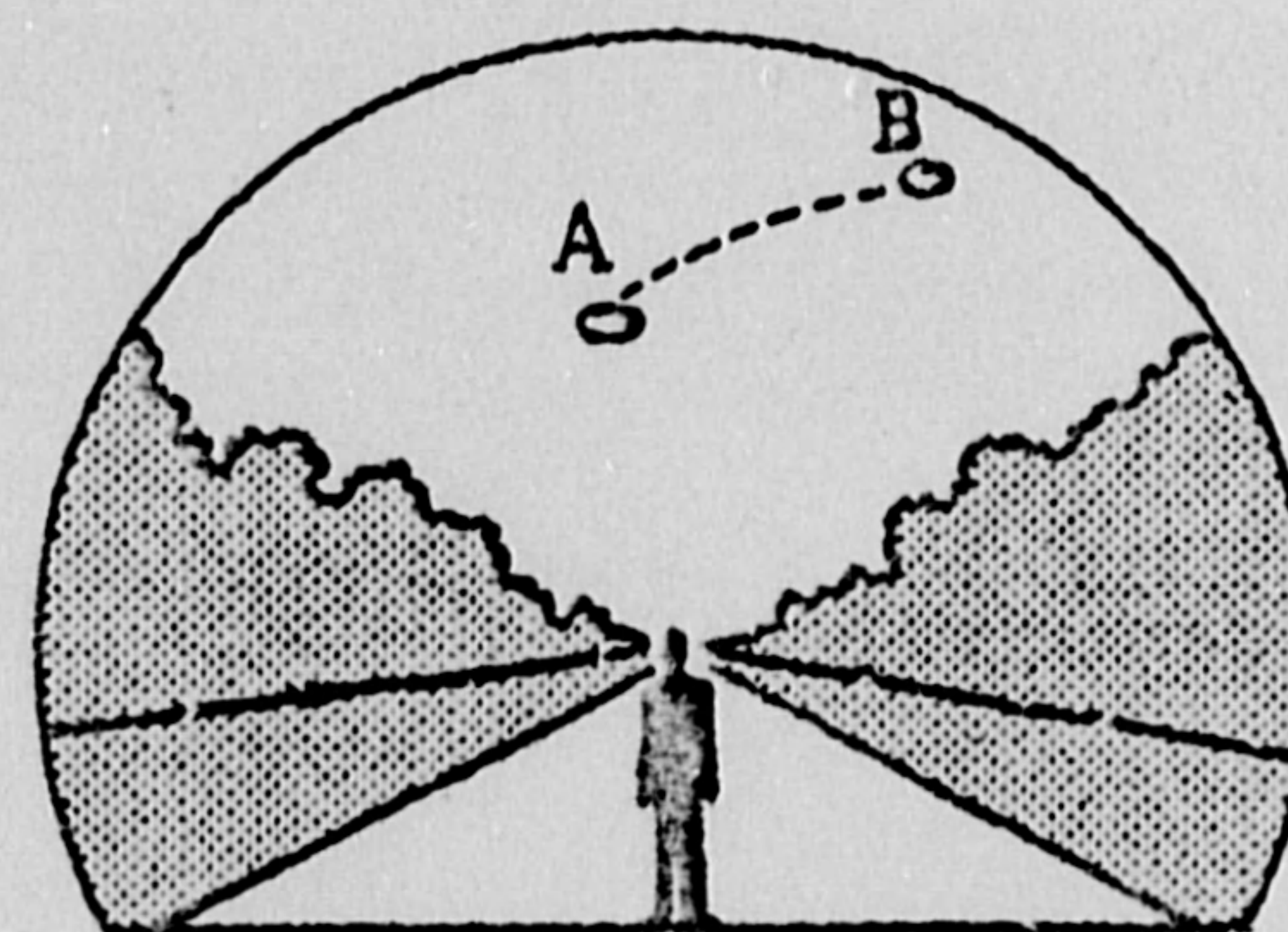
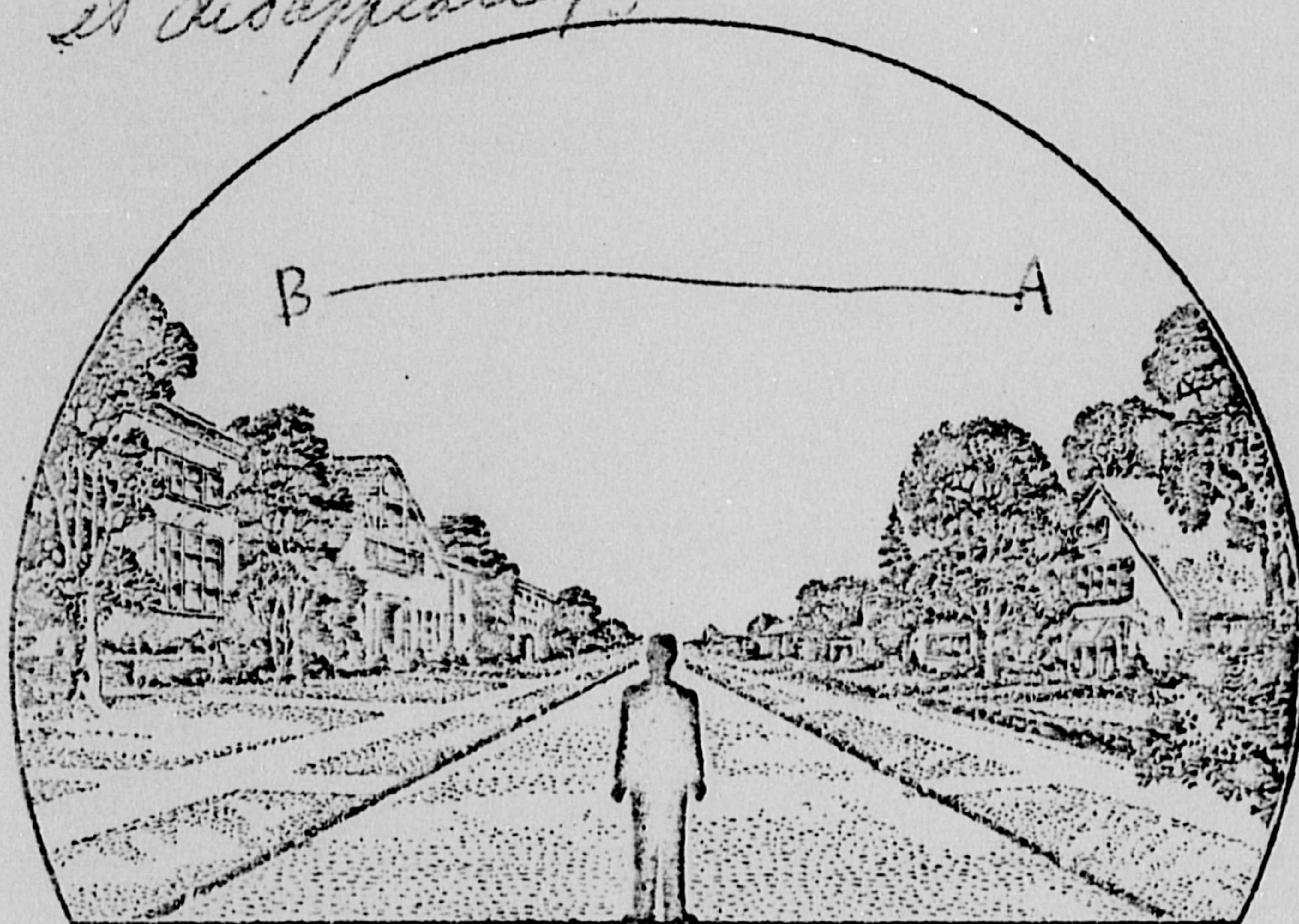
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon 75° degrees.

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.

It seemed low when I first saw it and higher when it disappeared.



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?

17 November 1959
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:

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?

*I don't know what might have caused it.
It was definitely something round and solid travelling
at a tremendous rate of speed. I had thought it might
be a satellite but it seemed too large and not as
high as I thought a satellite might travel.*

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No

Faster than any known jet.

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

_____ Street

_____ City

_____ Zone

_____ State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Elementary School Principal

Age

41

Sex

Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

9 yrs.

e. e. Technical school

b. High school

4 yrs. 1 yr. Post Grad.

(Type)

c. College

4 yrs B.S. degree.

f. Other special training

d. Post graduate

*1 yr. Master's Degree.
30 hrs. beyond the Master's Degree.*

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

24

Day

November

Month

1959

Year

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

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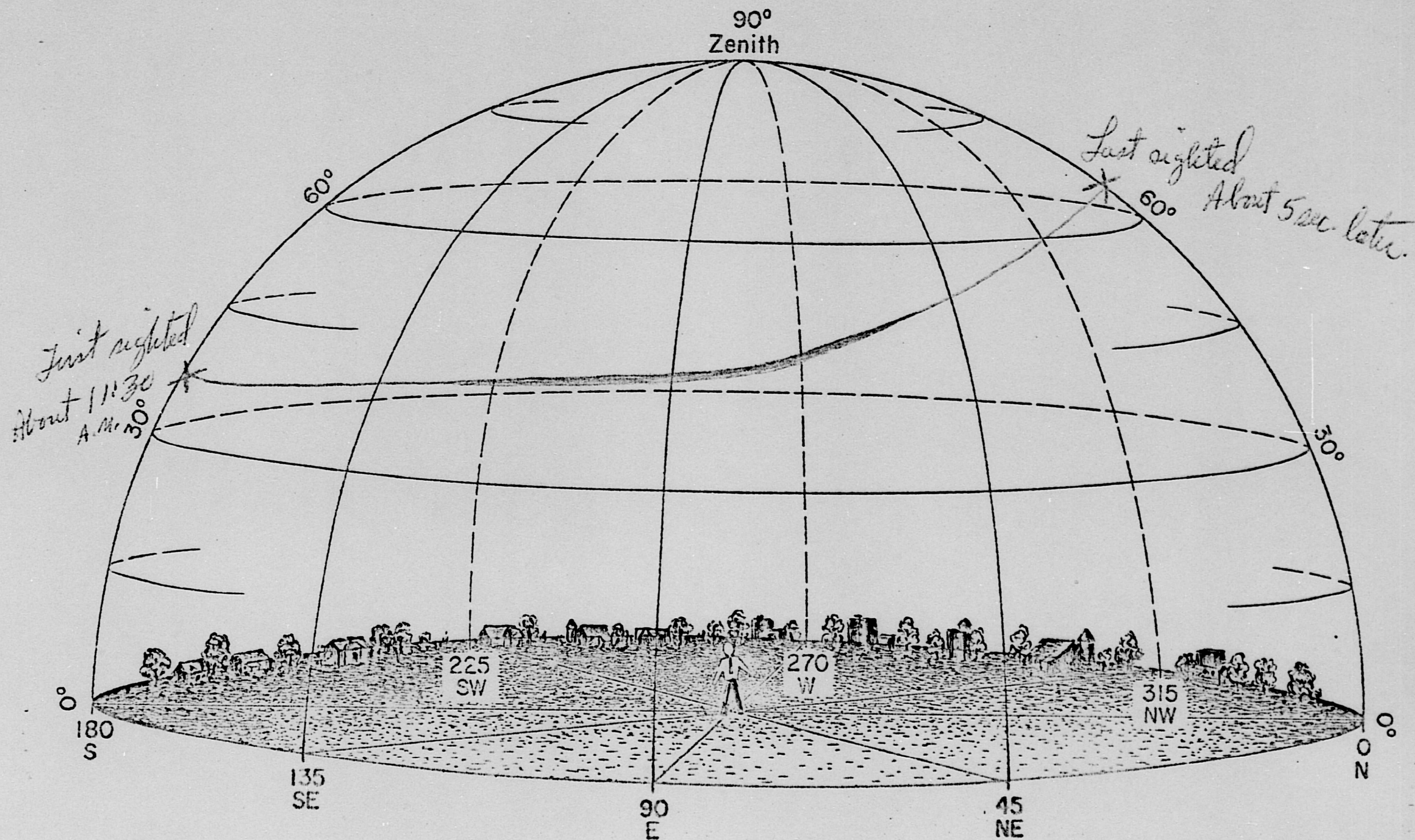
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November 24, 1954

I happened to be looking at the sky in a southern direction when I saw a round white object appear. At first it seemed to be without motion. As it approached the speed seemed to increase. When it was directly in front of me it was going at a terrific rate of speed. It was definitely round and white in color. It continued on its path toward the northern sky and disappeared all at once in the distance. At first I thought it might be a weather balloon but discounted this because of its size and the rate of speed it was travelling. The sky was

Clear without any cloud formations when this was observed. I have seen many weather balloons and many types of aircraft but this was definitely something that I had never seen before in the sky and yet it was something real.



UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location PORTLAND, MAINE

Date 11 NOV 59 Hour (Z) 1630

WX CLEAR, COOL, DRY -

Description PERFECTLY ROUND OBJECT -

COLOR WHITE - NOT GLOWING - CONSISTANT

APPEARANCE - APPROXIMATELY THE

SIZE OF A GRAPEFRUIT AT ARMS LENGTH.

Direction of Motion S - N

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) -

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) -

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) -

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) -

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. -

Other -

Evaluation of Source Reliability PROBABLY GOOD.

Analysis and Conclusions: THIS CASE IS CLASSIFIED

"INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE." ONE WITNESS -

THE OBJECT WAS IN SIGHT ONLY 5 SECONDS

AND DURING THAT TIME WENT FROM THE

SOUTHERN TO THE NORTHERN HORIZON - THIS

WOULD PUT IT IN AND ABOVE METEOR

SPEEDS -