

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 January, 1960		2. LOCATION Bloomfield, Connecticut		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 0900 GMT 2400Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 60 Seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE NW to West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Yellow-orange object which appeared as a light in the sky, size the of a pin. Had a low rumbling sound. Sulman.				11. COMMENTS It appears that the witness saw a jet type a/c with the steady tail light. These lights can be seen from approximately 60 deg to both sides of dead astern. The rumble could have been the sound of this same a/c.	

15 January 1960

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 5 January 1960 regarding the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of Bloomfield, Connecticut on 4 January.

Your letter contains insufficient information for a valid conclusion. Therefore, request you complete the attached Air Force Questionnaire in regard to this sighting and forward the completed paper to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for analysis and evaluation.

Sincerely,

Inclsure

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Bloomfield, Connecticut

✓ Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

[REDACTED]
Bloomfield, Conn.
January 5, 1960

Unidentified Flying Objects Group
U. S. Air Force
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

At almost exactly 7:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on January 4, 1960, I saw an apparently unexplainable light in the northwest. I had stepped out of the back door of my home and happened to look skyward, noting that the night was cool and clear. Almost immediately I saw a light in the northwest, at an elevation of approximately 25 to 30 degrees. It was moving slowly but perceptibly toward the west at a speed such that it took about 30 to 40 seconds to move into a position almost due west of where I was standing, and it remained at about the same angular elevation during its motion.

The light was yellow-orange in color, and it was this characteristic, rather than its motion, that first attracted my attention. The light was slightly brighter than a first magnitude star and although its small size was close to the limit of resolution of my vision, the light appeared to have an area considerably larger than the apparent size of a star, perhaps being approximately circular in shape. I squinted to increase the sharpness of the image, and the light still appeared to be circular in shape.

After watching the light for about 15 seconds, I summoned my sister to see it, and I walked to the side of the house --- away from the glare of a porch light --- to continue watching it. My sister arrived, watched for about 15 seconds, then went indoors because of the cold. Very soon afterward the light, by now about due west of me, began to slow up. Then it just about stopped, and over a period of 5 seconds its intensity dropped to a level such that the light was barely visible. Ten seconds later it disappeared from view entirely. I kept looking for it for several more minutes, but did not see it reappear. Within a few seconds of the time it disappeared, I heard a rather loud rumbling sound lasting about 5 seconds, very much like thunder, coming from the general direction where I had last seen the light. However, the low frequency of the rumble prevented me from accurately judging the direction from which it came. At no other time was there an audible sound connected with this moving light. I recall listening carefully for any sounds while I was watching the light. My ears were not covered by a hat and ambient noise level in this rural neighborhood was extremely low. There was very little wind to blow the sound in another direction.

I do not discount the possibility that the rumble I heard was a large truck on a main street a thousand feet from my home. However I doubt that it was thunder as there were no clouds in the sky, weather conditions were stable, and no thunder was heard for many hours before and after the time I saw the light. The sun had set about 4:30 PM and no glow was visible on the western horizon at 7:00 PM, when the light was seen. The temperature was about 15 to 25 degrees Fahrenheit. At no time did I see any other lights accompanying this single light, such as aircraft running lights.

Yours truly, [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED]
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE Feb 4, 1960

The following is a copy of my letter of January 5, 1960, which was answered by Major Lawrence J. Tacker:

At almost exactly 7:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on January 4, 1960, I saw an apparently unexplainable light in the northwest. I had stepped out of the back door of my home and happened to look skyward, noting that the night was cool and clear. Almost immediately I saw a light in the northwest, at an elevation of approximately 25 to 30 degrees. It was moving slowly but perceptibly toward the west at a speed such that it took about 30 to 40 seconds to move into a position almost due west of where I was standing, and it remained at about the same angular elevation during its motion.

The light was yellow-orange in color, and it was this characteristic, rather than its motion, that first attracted my attention. The light was slightly brighter than a first magnitude star and although its small size was close to the limit of resolution of my vision, the light appeared to have an area considerably larger than the apparent area of a star, perhaps being approximately circular in shape. I squinted to increase the sharpness of the image, and the light still appeared to be circular in shape.

After watching the light for about 15 seconds, I summoned my sister to see it, and I walked to the side of the house --- away from the glare of a porch light --- to continue watching it. My sister arrived, watched for about 15 seconds, then went indoors because of the cold. Very soon afterward the light, by now about due west of me, began to slow up. Then it just about stopped, and over a period of 5 seconds its intensity dropped to a level such that the light was barely visible. Ten seconds later it disappeared from view entirely. I kept looking for it for several more minutes, but did not see it reappear. Within a few seconds of the time it disappeared, I heard a rather loud rumbling sound lasting about 5 seconds, very much

like thunder, coming from the general direction where I had last seen the light. However, the low frequency of the rumble prevented me from accurately judging the direction from which it came. At no other time was there an audible sound connected with this moving light. I recall listening carefully for any sounds while I was watching the light. My ears were not covered by a hat and ambient noise level in this rural neighborhood was extremely low. There was very little wind to blow the sound in another direction.

I do not discount the possibility that the rumble I heard was a large truck on a main street a thousand feet from my home. However, I doubt that it was thunder as there were no clouds in the sky, weather conditions were stable, and no thunder was heard for many hours before and after the time I saw the light. The sun had set about 4:30 PM and no glow was visible on the western horizon at 7:00 PM, when the light was seen. The temperature was about 15 to 25 degrees Fahrenheit. At no time did I see any other lights accompanying this single light, such as aircraft running lights.

There is some further information which I would like to add. One thing that I consider very unusual about this UFO sighting is that I happened to be in a position to see this UFO as a result of an interesting coincidence.

About an hour before the UFO was seen, I decided to go into downtown Hartford, several miles away, to take some books out of the library. I picked up my library card from the place where it has been kept for years, and placed it in my shirt pocket, the place where I always put documents or notes that I am using and want to take somewhere. However, after selecting the books I wanted at the library, I went to check them out and suddenly realized that I had forgotten to bring the library card. The strange thing was, I had brought the library card. I asked the checkout girl at the library several times to let me take the books out without my card, but she insisted that this was against the rules. For some reason it never occurred to me to look in the pocket where I carry all my loose papers: calling cards, notes, a pen, letters to mail, etc. It was just as if for a period of 30 minutes (the length of time between my attempt to check out the books and the time I arrived home afterward) two concepts had been removed from my mind: first, that I had purposefully picked up the library card before leaving the house, and second, that it was in the only pocket where I would logically have put it.

So, I drove home from the library, all the while mad at myself for having forgotten the card. I got home, walked toward the place where I usually keep the card in the house, and just before getting there suddenly remembered that the library card was in my pocket. I checked and of course it was. I then turned, went out the door on the way back down to the library to get the books, and 5 seconds after stepping out the back door saw this UFO.

This lapse of memory concerning my library card was the sole thing that enabled me to see the UFO. For if I had remembered that I had it with me, I would have checked out my books in a shorter time than I spent arguing with the girl, and would have come home a minute or two earlier, and would not have stepped out the door again.

I'd appreciate it if you'd let me know what the final evaluation is of this UFO sighting.

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?

4 Jan. 1960
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

7 :00
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] Bloomfield Connecticut
(Nearest Postal Address) City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: I was standing in the yard of my home.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

Minutes

60
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 A low rumble as it disappeared. Otherwise, none.

b. Color Yellow - Orange

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 object, which appeared as a light in the sky at night, was too small or distant to be seen

as anything except an extremely distant object.

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

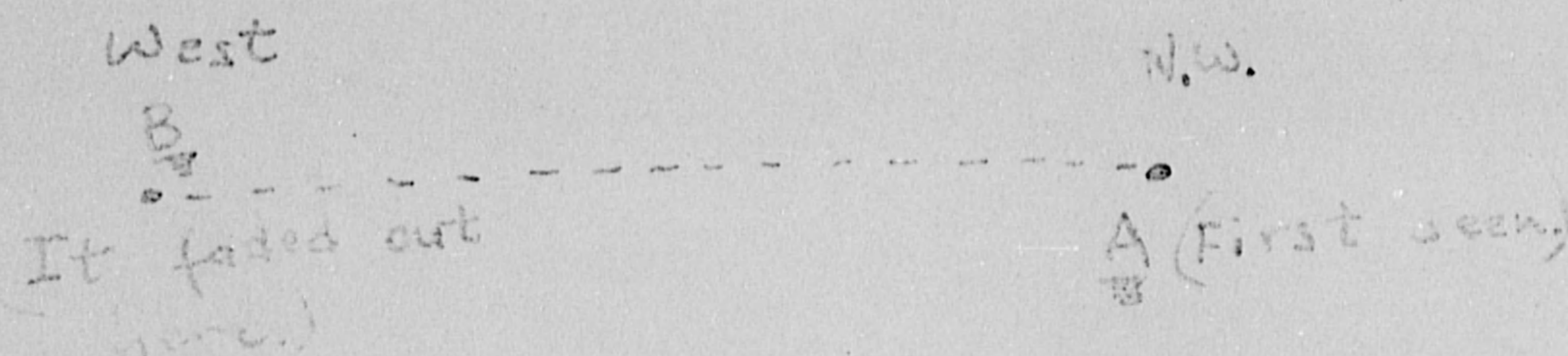
e. Other _____

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.

There was only one.

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. *Not possible.*

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

c. Not very sure

b. Fairly certain

d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? *Its motion stopped. Then it quickly faded until it was just barely visible. It remained in this dim condition for a few seconds then disappeared entirely.*

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.

It would be a circular disc a few feet in diameter at an altitude of 1000 feet, and illuminated by a 150 watt tungsten lamp operating at 1000 volts, so that the light would be yellow-orange 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 had just stepped out of the house to go to the
library, and I happened to look up and saw something
moving light.

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 | <u>h. Northwest</u> |

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

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | <u>g. West</u> |
| 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).

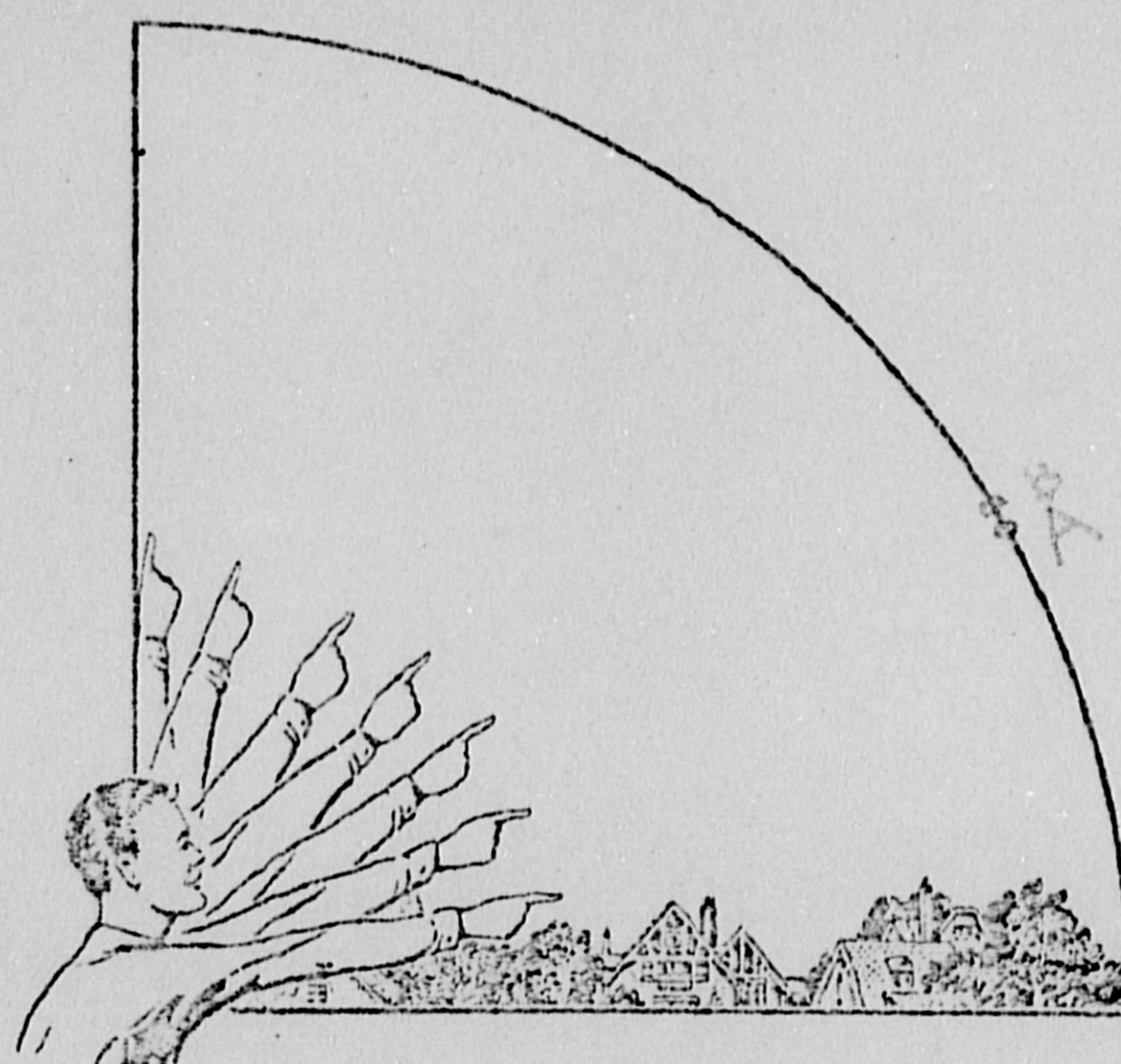
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 315 degrees.
- b. From horizon 20 degrees.

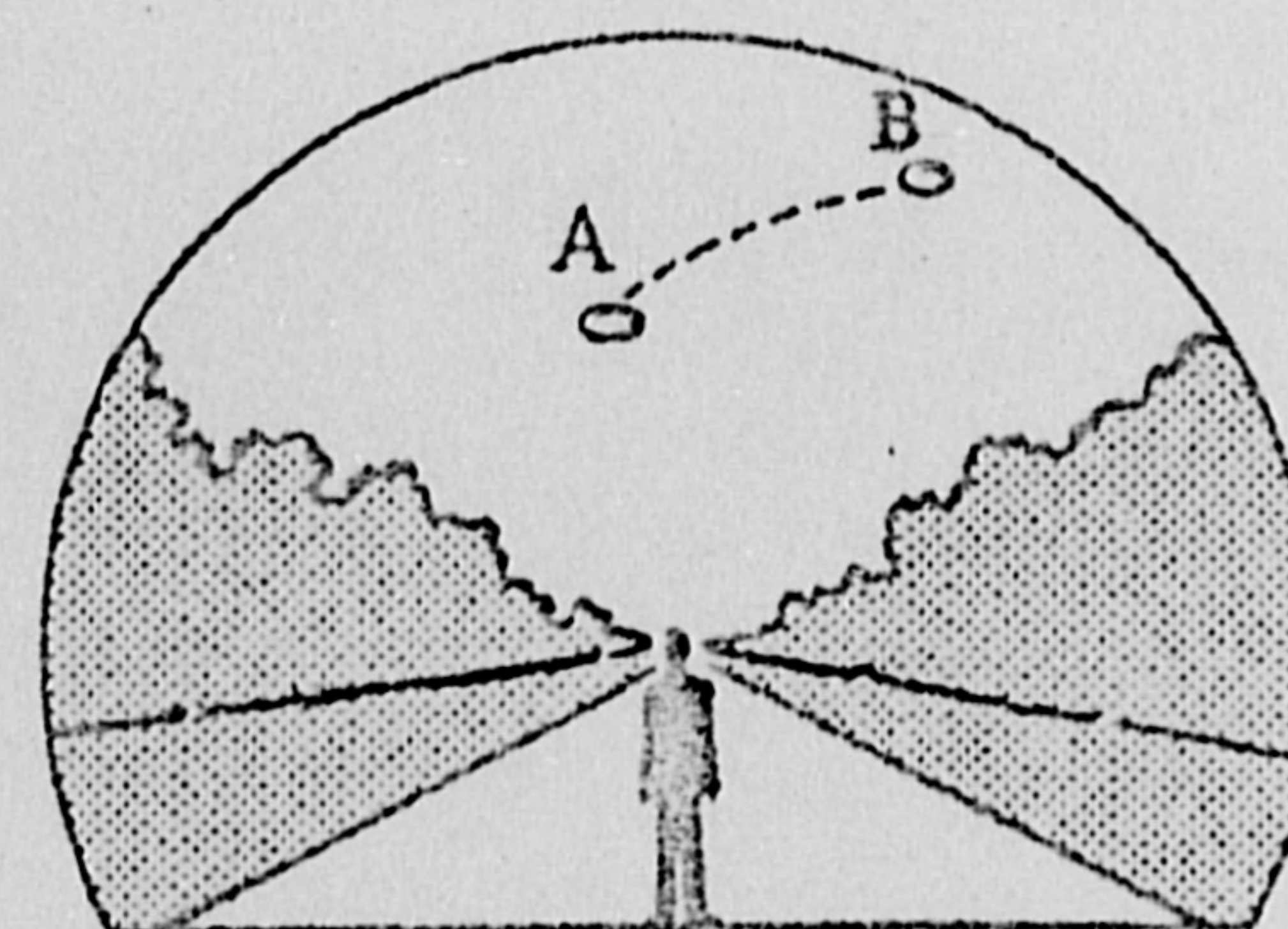
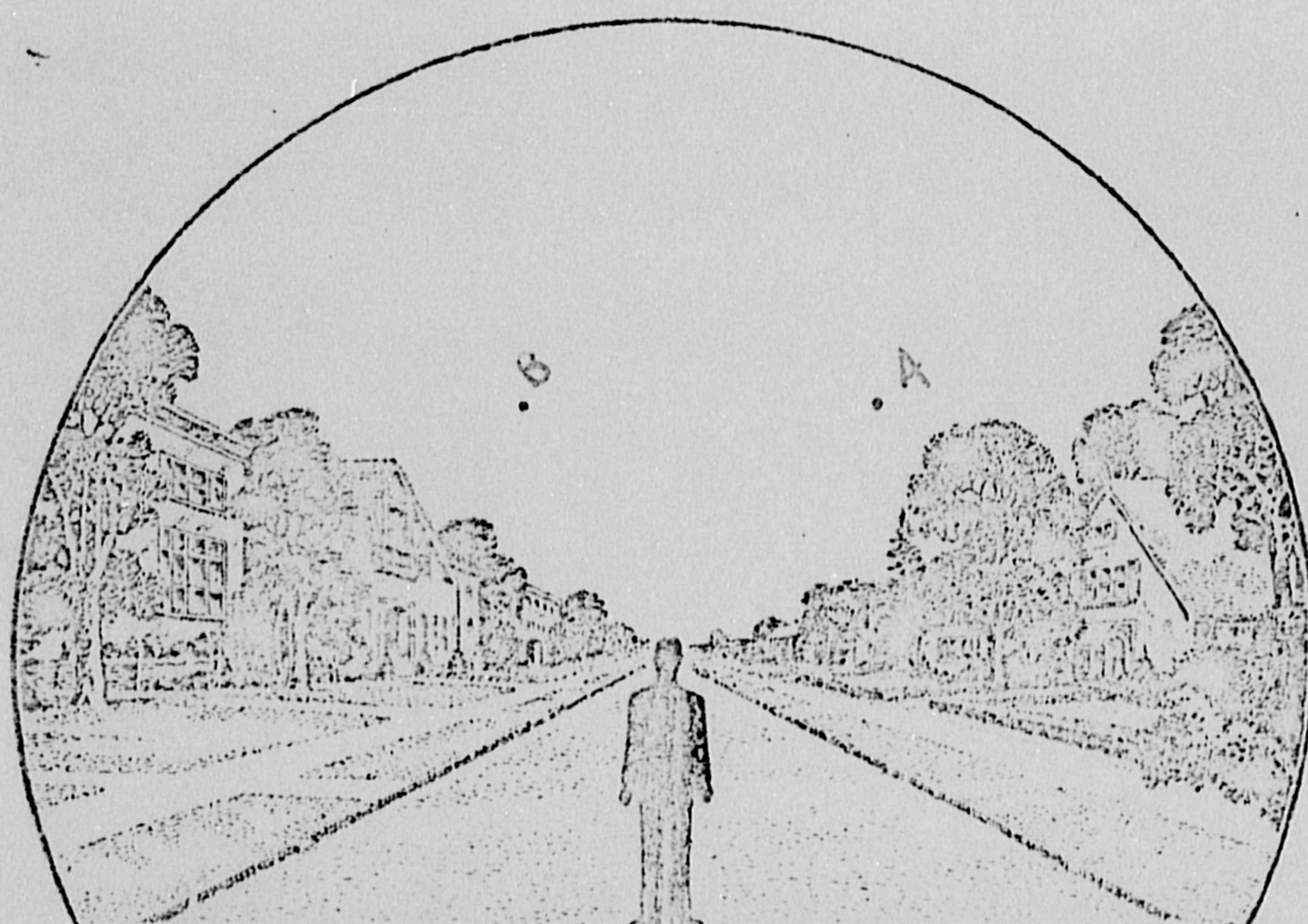
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 310 degrees.
- b. From horizon 3 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
- 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?

5 Jan. 1960
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:

~~_____~~
~~_____~~
Bloomfield, Conn.

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 can think of no explanation except that it might
have been a low altitude fast aircraft or a
very illuminated target or something similar.

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 _____
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? Technical Author; Hamilton Standard Division
United Aircraft Corp.

Age 21 Sex Male

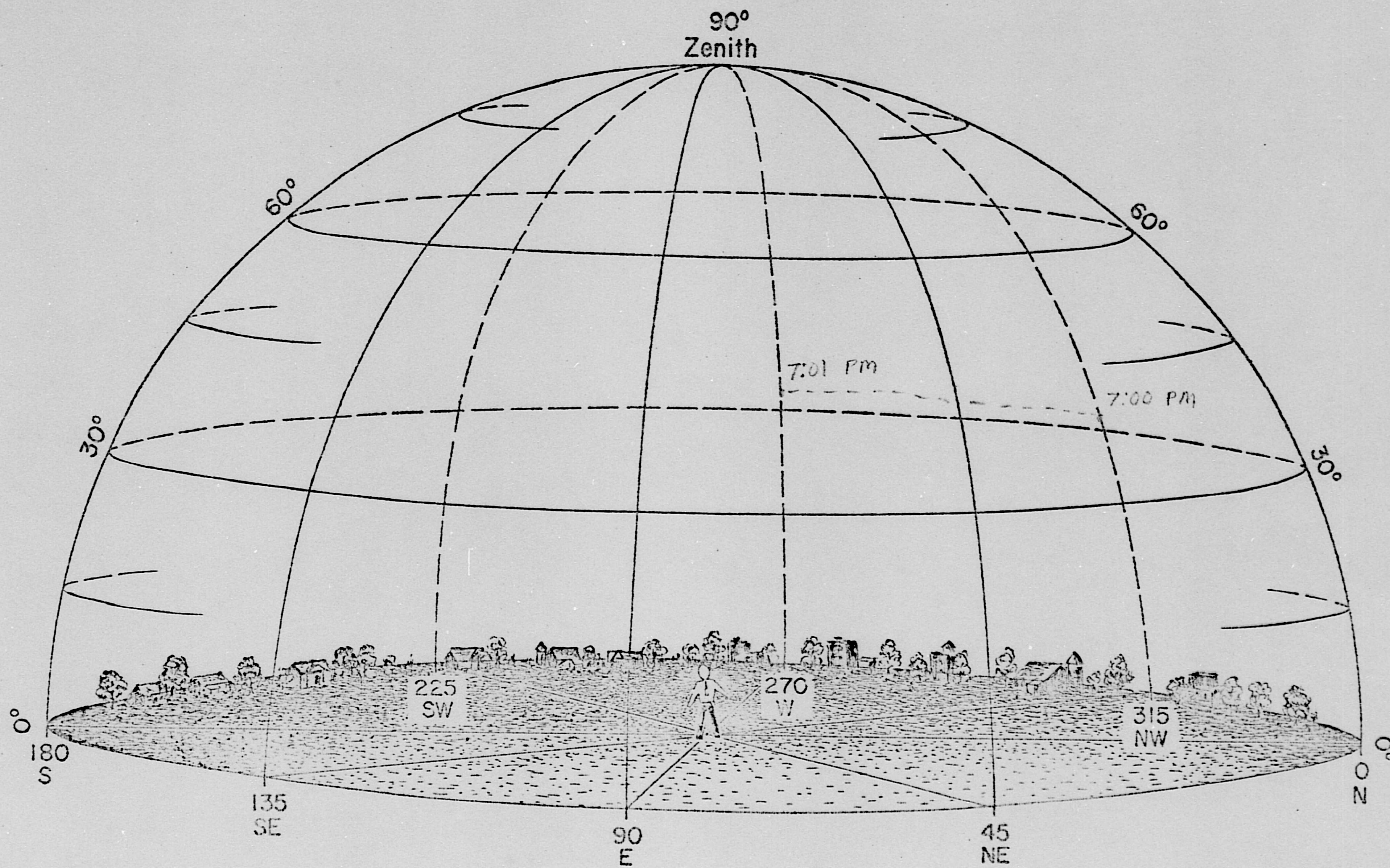
Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school _____ e. e. Technical school _____
b. High school _____ (Type) _____
c. College 3 yrs; Elec Engineering f. Other special training _____
d. Post graduate _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

4 Feb. 1960
Day Month Year

All the information in this questionnaire is from notes I took soon after sighting this UFO, and from a letter I wrote on Jan. 5, 1960 to the Air Force.



UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location BLOOMFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Date 4 JAN 60 Hour (Z) 2400 0900 LOCAL

WX CLEAR SKY - DRY AND COOL

Description SIDE THE HEAD OF A PIN AT ARMS

LENGTH, YELLOW-ORANGE IN COLOR - LOW

RUMBUNG NOISE AS IT DISAPPEARED - FLUBBY

EDGES - ONE OBJECT. - BRIGHT AS CAR LIGHTS AT 1 MILE.
IN SIGHT 60 SECONDS -

Direction of Motion NORTH-WEST TO WEST.

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) CHECKED 24 FEB 60.

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) OBJECT IN SIGHT

TOO LONG FOR METEOR - MOTION TOO FAST FOR PLANET OR STAR.

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A.

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) ---

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. POSSIBLY AIRCRAFT.

Other ---

Evaluation of Source Reliability UNKNOWN -

Analysis and Conclusions: IT APPEARS THAT THIS WITNESS
SAW AN AIRCRAFT (JET TYPE) WITH THE
STEADY TAIL LIGHT. - THESE AIRCRAFT
LIGHTS CAN BE SEEN FROM APPROXIMATELY
60° BOTH SIDES OF DEAD AHEAD. THE
RUMBLE COULD HAVE BEEN THE SOUND OF
THIS SAME AIRCRAFT -

Freund