

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 May 61	2. LOCATION Astoria, 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 0515-0525 GMT 231015Z-231025Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright, star-like objects. 1 objt was stationary and appeared to have a man circumventing upper part. After a few minutes a much smaller objt seemed to "shoot" out side of bigger objt. It was headed NE. Came out very fast then slowed down. Large objt "shrunk" and seemed to disintegrate.			11. COMMENTS Witness reports that objt was observed for 30 min fm a highly populated area, yet she was apparently only person who saw it. Witness also states that she has "stigmatisms" in both eyes, which could account for impressions of witness. Due to absence of corroborating witnesses, this sighting is evaluated as insufficient data.

Astoria, 3, New York
May 25, 1961

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Washington 25, D.C.

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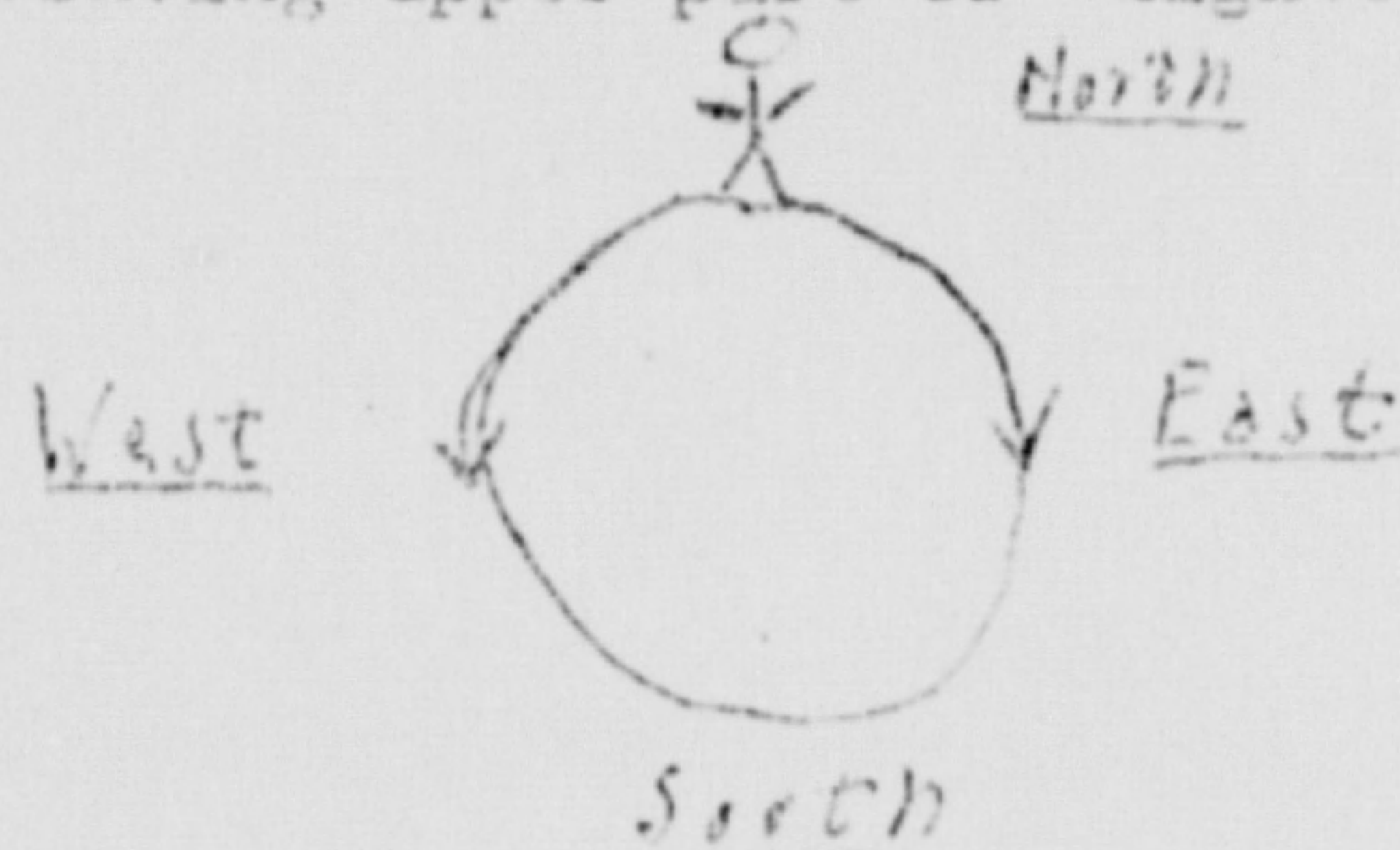
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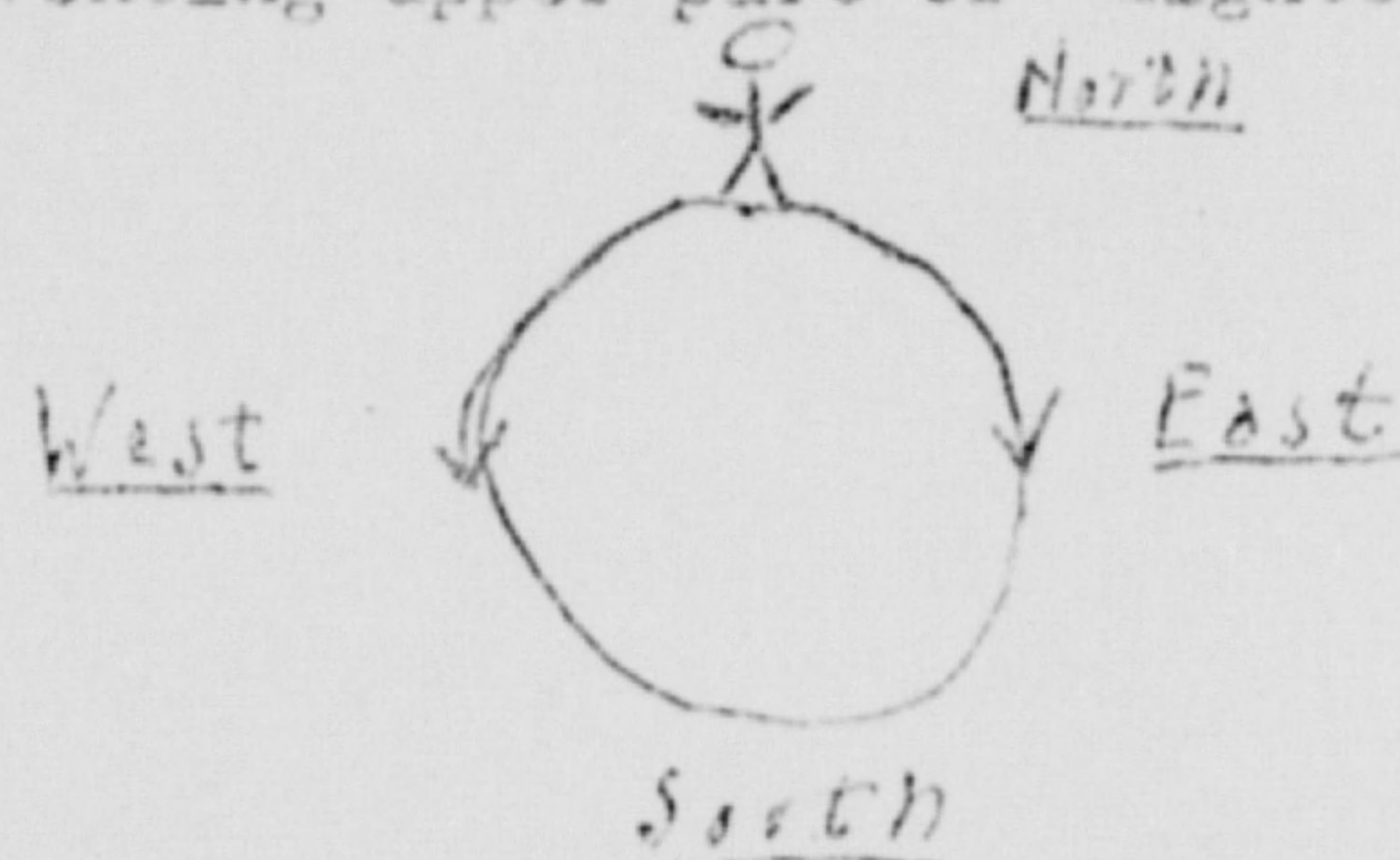
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During disintegration a black, smoky film encompassed the lighted "globe". This film formed opinion, in observer's mind, that what firstly appeared to be a human circumventing "globe", could have been a chemical helium either mechanically timed for release of flying "disc", or reaction of outside coating of lighted "globe" contacting atmospherical elements.

Not being mechanically, or scientifically trained, hope this detailed report will prove of interest and benefit.

Yours very truly,



(Miss)

Age: 46 Years Old

TO: ATIC
FROM: [unclear]
ATTN: [unclear]

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?

May 23 MAY 1961
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

15:00
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] Ascoria, Louisiana New York
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: Observed from window-third floor apartment bldg.

5. How long was object in sight?

30 Min.
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, 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

Early dawn - no sun - clear visibility

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, 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. The object appeared:

(Circle One):

a. As a light

b. Shiny

c. Dark

d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars?

No

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. Flash or flicker? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ Don't Know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | ☒ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ Don't Know |

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

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear:

(Circle One):

a. ☒ Solid

b. Transparent

c. Vapor

d. 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 | <u>NAKED EYE</u> | |

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

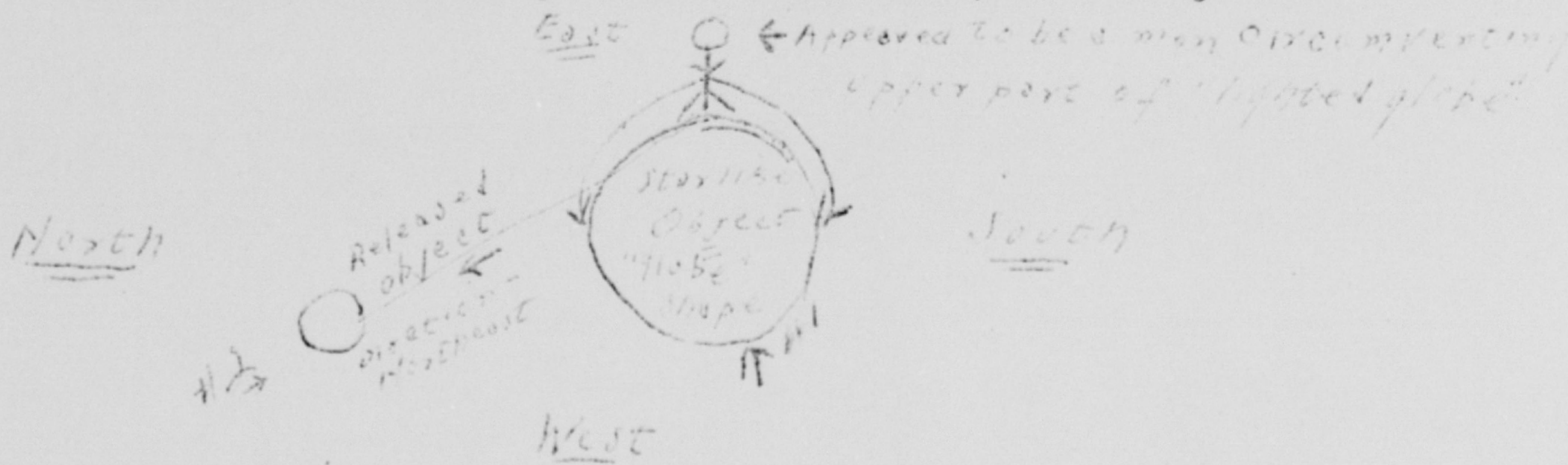
a. Sound

None

b. Color

Bright-Starlike

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?

Two

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

See illustration above!

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. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar?

From viewing point - size of large star

22. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?



23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? - *Yes! Released object appeared during sighting. Fast release from starlike object, gradual slowing down while earth bound.*

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, 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.

*Object #1 - "Globe" shape - star bright
Released
Object #2 - "Round disc"*

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building - window viewing
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane (type)
- 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. 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?

Had to - planning out over morning sky - relaxing at window.

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 |
| | | | i. Overhead |

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 |
| | | | i. Overhead |

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

31.1 When it first appeared:

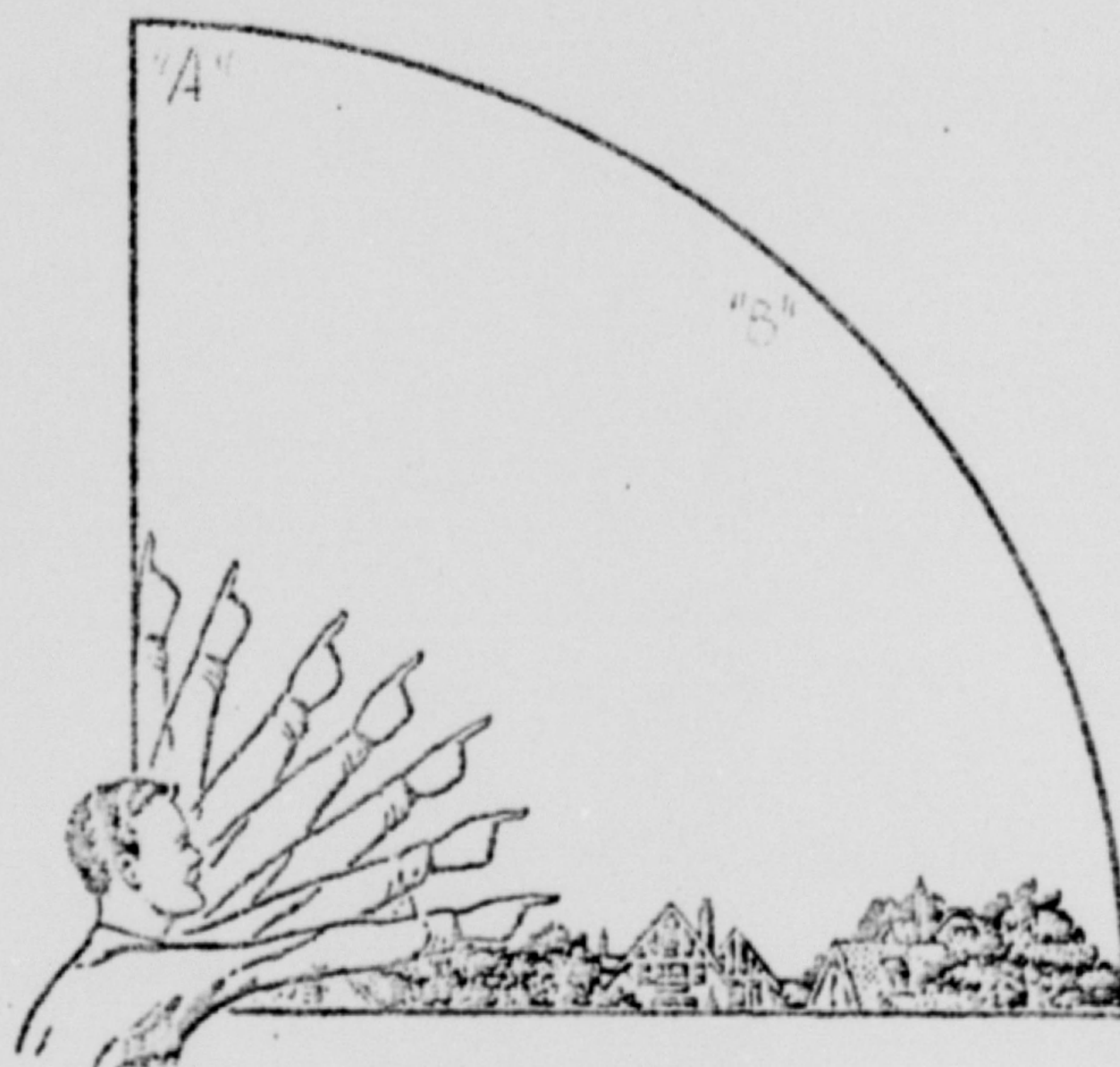
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

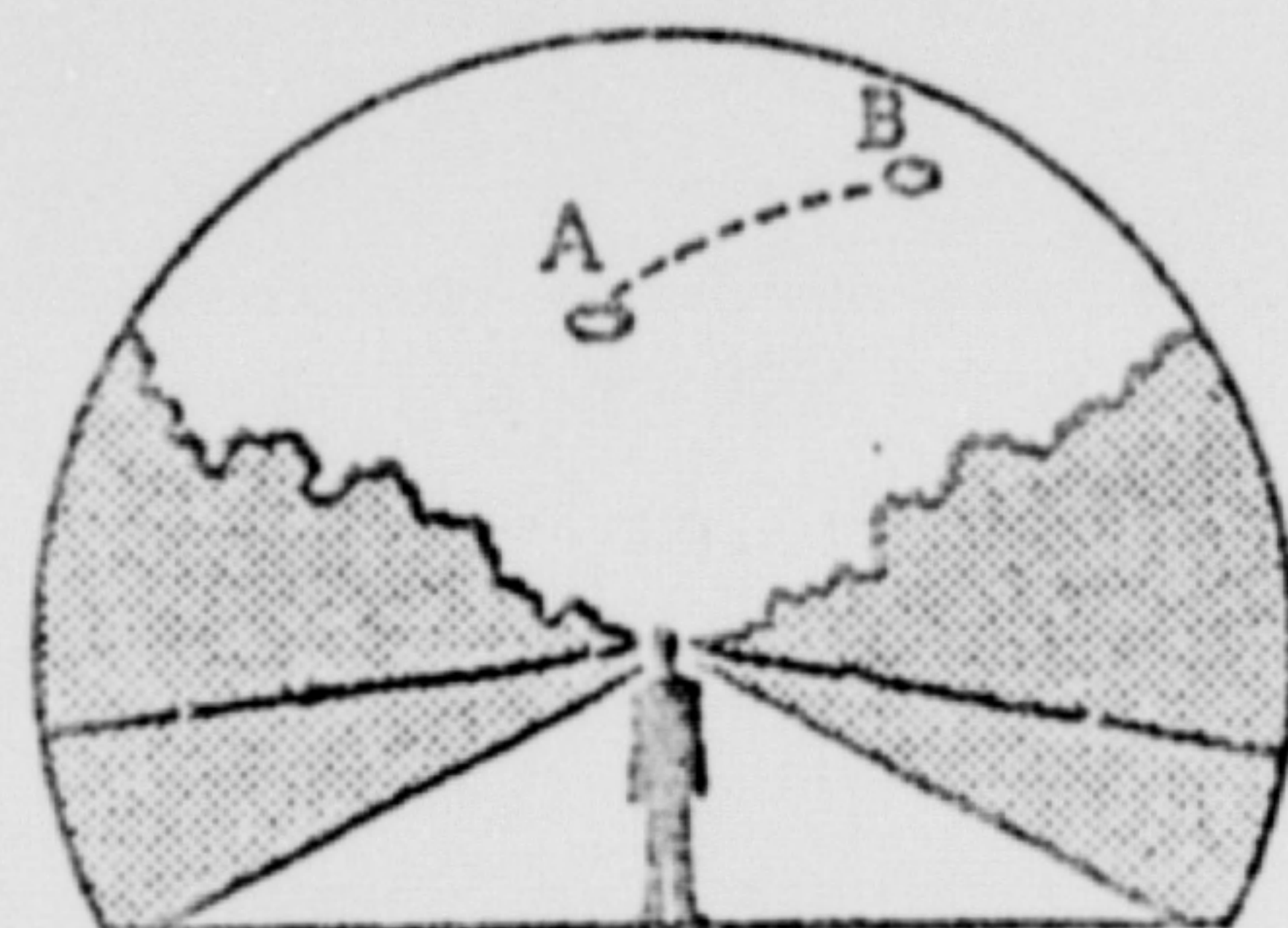
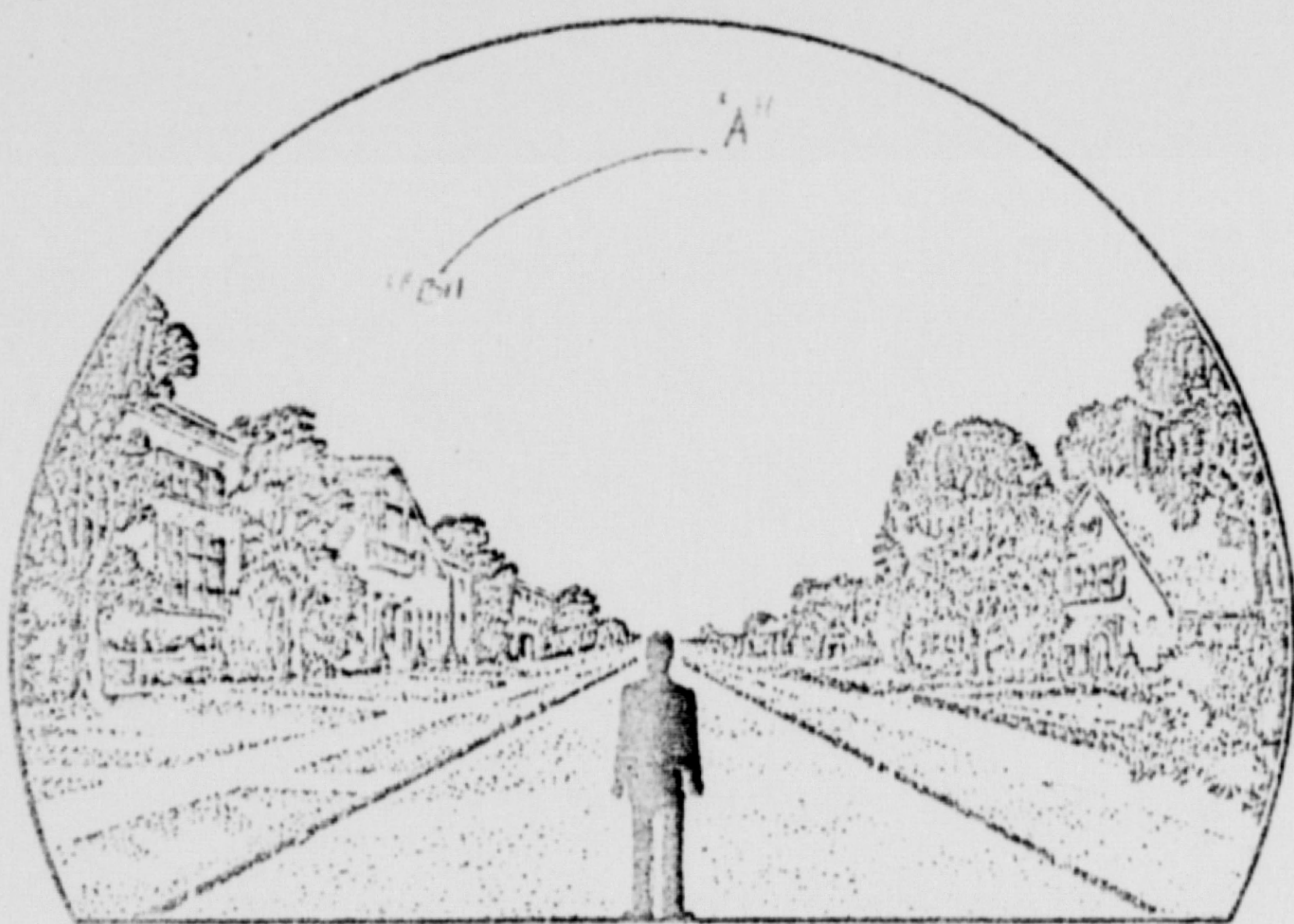
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

Not familiar

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?

CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

35. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

23

Day

May

Month

1961

Year

*Aircraft Division thru the
Public Information Bureau
New York City*

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? *The exact definition of the released object cannot be given because it appeared to be a "disc", round in shape, brown in color. Whether a mechanically, or scientifically trained mind would venture to report the release could be caused by a chemical reaction either mechanically timed for release of flying "disc" or reaction of outside oxygen of lighted "globes" containing atmospheric elements.*

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? _____

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? _____

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

~~_____~~
Last Name

(Miss)

~~_____~~
First Name

~~_____~~
Middle Name

ADDRESS

~~_____~~
Street

Astoria
City

3
Zone

Oregon
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

~~_____~~

Age

46

Sex

Female

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any education, which might be pertinent.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

5
Day

June
Month

1961
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

(Name redacted) (After the person)
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

(Signature redacted)

DATE

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