PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Aug 61	2. LOCATION Kentland, Indiana	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 2320 GMT 040630Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1-2min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE ENE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objt with wide fan of light behind. Speed and sound of a/c with system of lights.

11. COMMENTS Probable a/c. Speed, size, altitude and flight characteristics conform to known flight pattersn. Sound when passing overhead indicates a/c. (conventional) as does lighting effects through telescope. Possible explanation of bright light is a/c running with landing light/lights on. This may not explain trailing position of light as a/c approaches, but there is the possibility that light may have appeared to trail while actually it was facing downward.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ENT AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: ADOIN

17 AUG 1961

SUBJECT: UFO Report

TO: ASD (TD-F2)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. The enclosed letter-report on an unidentified flying object (Attachment 1) was received from Mr. [redacted] of Kentland, Indiana, and is forwarded for any action deemed necessary. This headquarters has no information available on which to base a comment on the sighting.

2. Please note the observer's interest in an explanation of his sighting. It is recommended that your organization apprise him of your findings on an unclassified basis.

3. Headquarters ADC has expressed appreciation to Mr. Yegerlehner for his interest and assistance in the UFO program.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Sidney L. Miller

SIDNEY L. MILLER
Lt Colonel, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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UFO Ltr, 4 Aug 61

[redacted]
Kentland, Indiana
August 4, 1961

U.S. Air Defense Command Headquarters
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Sir:

I am writing to report the sighting of a UFO by myself and a friend of mine, [redacted] The following report is as accurate as our short observation of the object will permit.

On the evening of August 3, 1961 we were sitting in the back yard, in Kentland, Indiana, with a small telescope. We had been watching Jupiter and Saturn. We were leaning back in our chairs looking for meteors and awaiting the 12:07 passage of Echo I satellite. The object in question caught our attention about 45 degrees above the horizon. It was moving in an East-North-east direction and appeared to be moving at about the speed of a plane. We both immediately though that it was a comet; it had a bright nucleus and a wide fan of light behind it, as a comet. I immediately tried to get it in focus with the telescope (40X), and I succeeded just before it reached the zenith. It was then that I realized that it was not a comet. It appeared to have a system of lights on it and then sound from it was heard. I lost it with the telescope and my companion continued to watch it. He says that it became very bright as it passed overhead. When it had passed the zenith, perhaps the strangest thing of all occurred; the direction of the tail or fan changed. It had been in the opposite direction of the object's movement; now it was directly in front of the object, as the headlights of a car. When the object had disappeared, I checked my watch: 11:34 PM CDT.

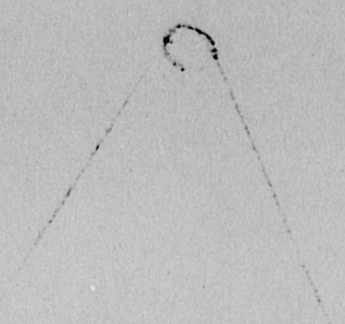
I have spent many hours observing the stars and planets with my telescope, and since Kentland is on an airlane out of Chicago, I have observed many airplanes at night; I know what they look like. It is because this object was so much out of the ordinary that I feel compelled to report it.

I would be very interested in and would appreciate very much any information you might find concerning this object.

Sincerely, [redacted]

Kentland, Indiana

This is a small sketch of the object sighted.



It looked very much like a comet with an unusually wide tail.

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TD-E/Major Friend/vw/69216
UFO Sighting

5 SEP 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Kentland, Indiana

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter reporting the sighting of a UFO has been forwarded to the Foreign Technology Division. It does not contain sufficient information for a valid conclusion; therefore, request you and your friend complete the attached forms and return them in the attached self-addressed envelopes as soon as possible.

Sincerely

EDWARD H. WYNN 5 Sep 61
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

2 Atchs
1. ATIC Form 164, 2 cys.
2. Self-addressed envelopes, 2 ea.

COORDINATION: TD-E Robert J. Friend Maj DATE 1 Sept 61
Major Robert J. Friend

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?

3 (Day) August (Month) 1961 (Year)

2. Time of day: 11:34 PM (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] (Nearest Postal Address) Kentland (City or Town) Indiana (State or Country)

Additional remarks: _____

5. How long was object in sight? _____ Hours 1 or 2 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

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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?

Yes

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?

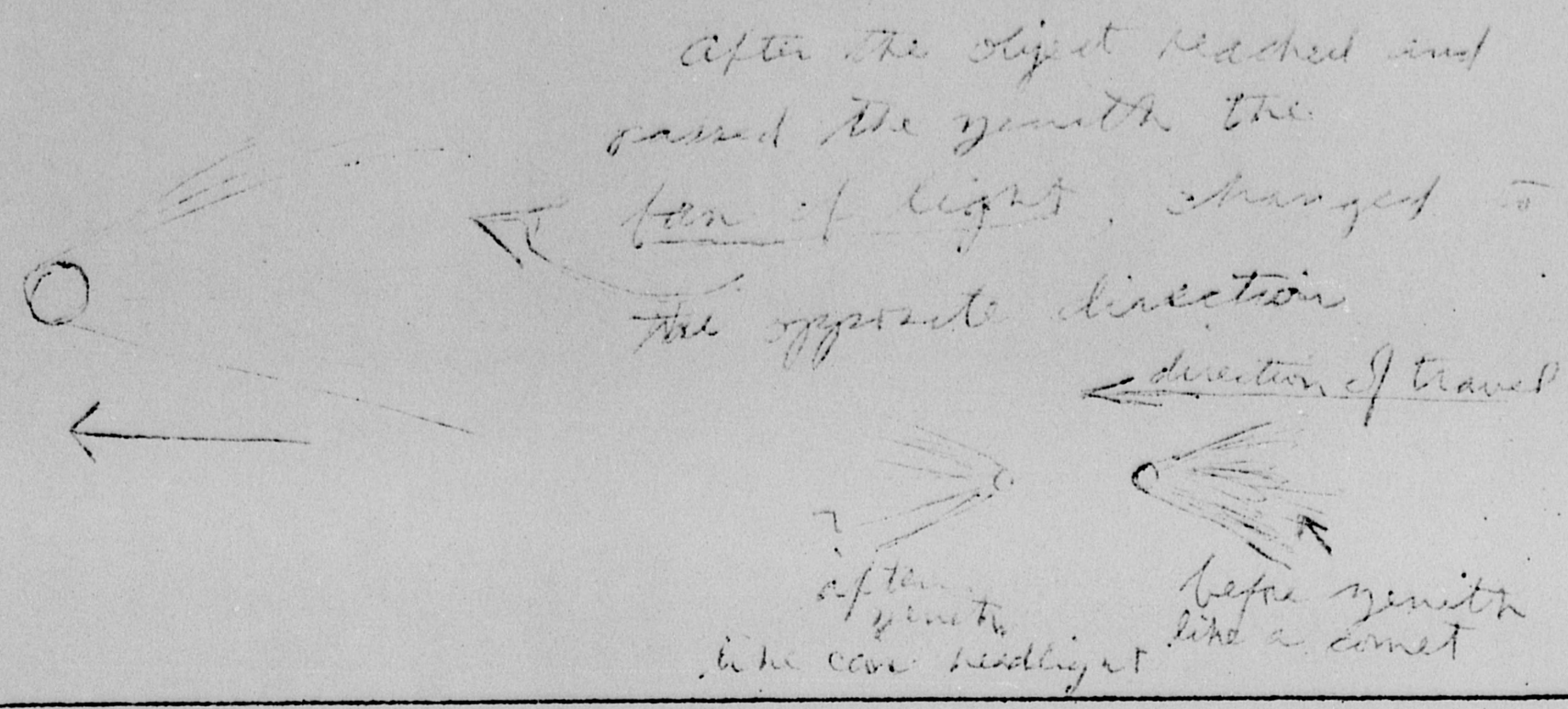
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

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

a. Sound Like an airplane; but object was overhead before sound was heard

b. Color Through the telescope I noticed two red lights

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.



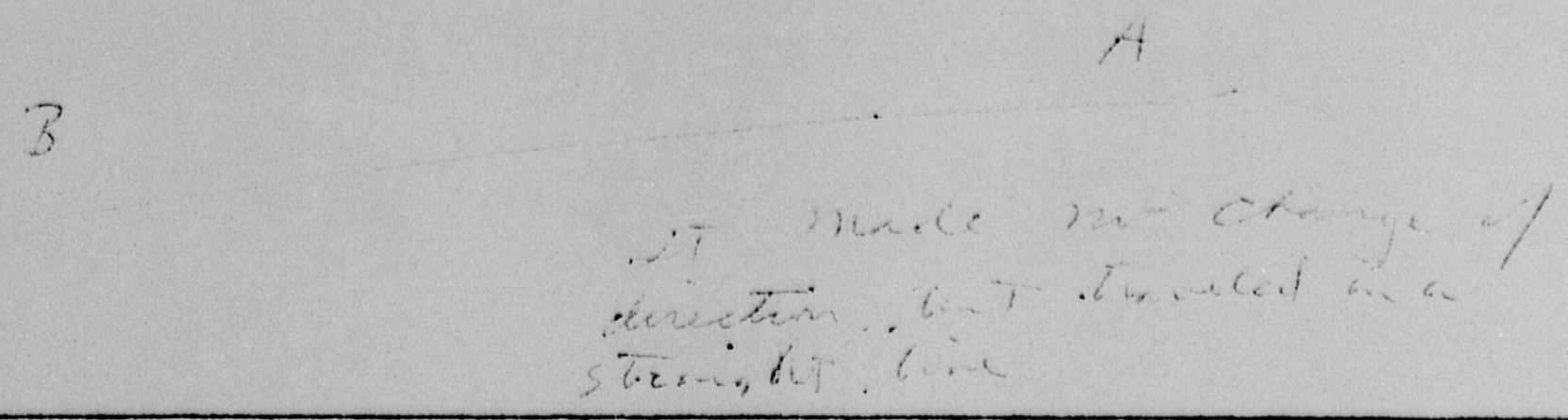
18. The edges of the object were:

(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? _____

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.



It made no change of direction, but traveled in a straight line

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

I have not been able to form a valid conclusion

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?

Probably $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$.

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

No

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.

I suppose that an automobile headlight placed at sufficient altitude would resemble this object. However I can think of no object that would resemble the form of light belonging to the object

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 (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?

Cleaning stars with a small telescope and watching for shooting stars. Leaning back in my chair it caught my attention as I was scanning the sky.

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
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
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
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest
i. Overhead

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

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
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).

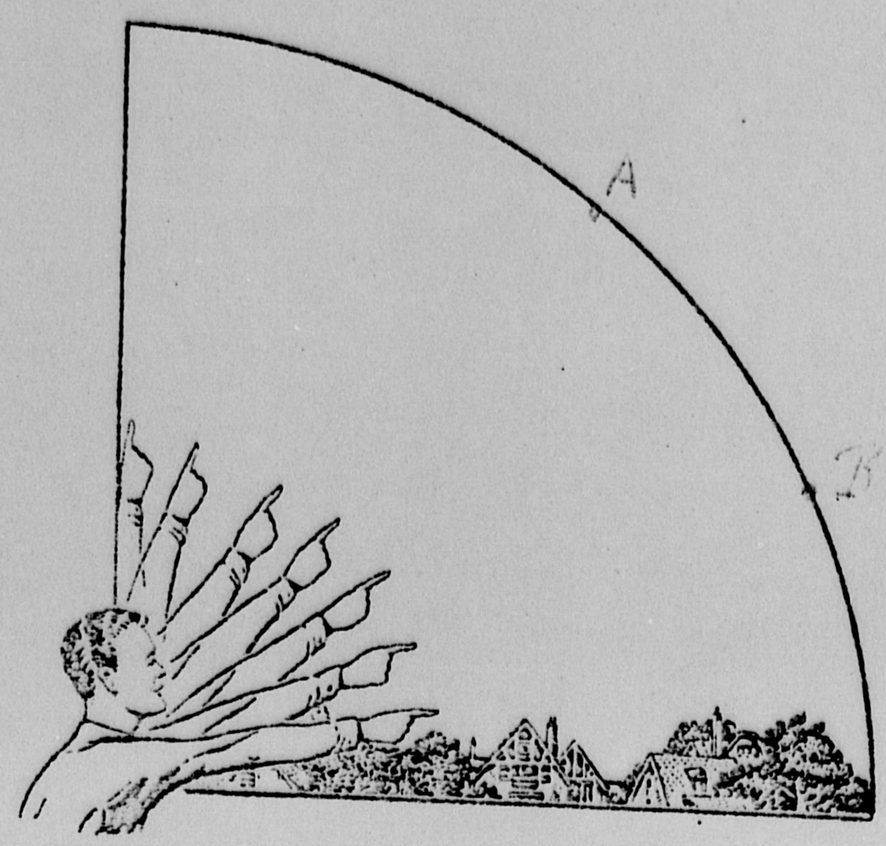
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North 225 degrees.
b. From horizon 75° degrees.

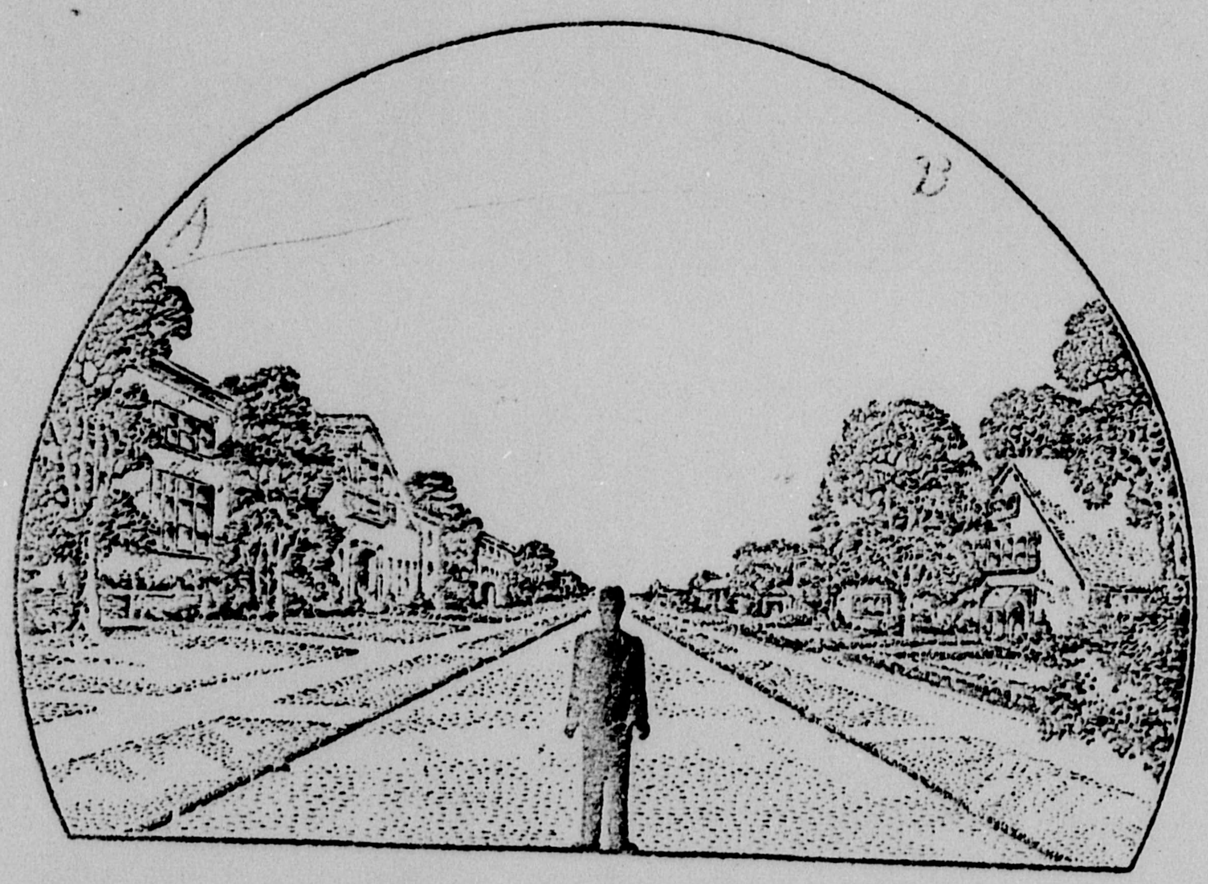
31.2 When it disappeared:

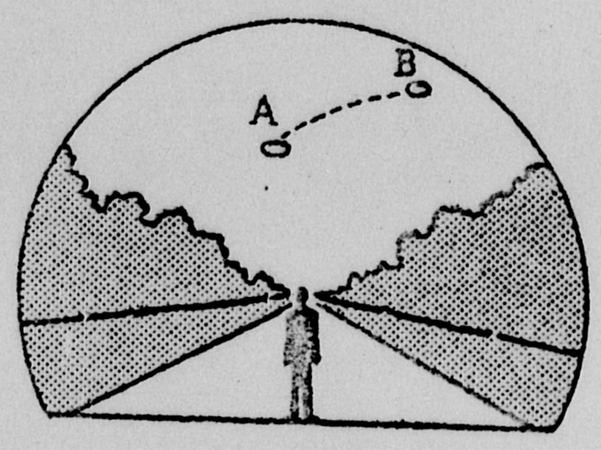
a. From true North 75° degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

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?

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? U. S. Air Force Headquarters, Colorado Springs, Co.

4	August	1951
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:

[redacted]

Kentland, Indiana

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 object was an aircraft of some sort

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 [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) KENTLAND (City) _____ (Zone) INDIANA (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

Age 19 Sex MALE

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

I have had a semester of Astronomy at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: Oct 13th (Day) October (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 [redacted]
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE September 10, 1961

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

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