

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>Oct 1961                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | 2. LOCATION<br>Danbury, Conn.                                                                                                                                                                         |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local 1900<br>GMT 2400                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Probably ball lightning</u> |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | 6. SOURCE<br>Civilian                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>10 min.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>1                                                                                                                                                                             |  | 9. COURSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>Object described as round, pinkish-orange in color, glowing; observed by a boy and his father near Danbury, Conn. Object estimated to be 5-8' in diameter and was observed at a distance of approx 20'. Object was in sight approx 10 min. then simply disappeared. Younger witness had experienced seeing same phenomenon on another occassion. |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br>Phenomenon responsible for this sighting was probably "ball lightning". According to a paper on ball lightning by [REDACTED] Swedish scientist, dated 12 Sept 51, this phenomenon can exist in the sizes described by the Conn. witnesses and may appear reddish in color. Disapation of lightning may come due to a change of temperature. If the change is sudden and extreme an explosion may occur. If cooling occurs on one side or the other a mechanical                                     |  |



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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your recent letter addressed to the Air Force Chief of Staff concerning unidentified flying objects has been referred to this office for reply.

Your letter in which you described the objects seen by you, your friend and your father has been thoroughly studied. However, additional information will be required in order for us to attempt an analysis. I have enclosed two questionnaires for you and your father to complete and forward in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope. In answering the questions, please refer only to your last sighting, the one you and your father witnessed.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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UFO Project Information Officer  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information

Director  
Aerospace Studies  
ATTN: Air Force Research  
Maxwell

RETURN TO:

K243.6012-1  
1-15 OCT 1961

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Sunday, November 26, 1961

General Curtis Le May  
Chief of Staff  
U.S. Air Force  
Pentagon  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

My name is [redacted] I am 17 years old, and I live at [redacted] in [redacted] I am writing to you because I wish you could help me out or give me a logical explanation for probably the strangest possible phenomenon.

One November day last year just before a large snow-storm that hit our area, I was walking outside my home with a friend of mine at about 6 p.m. (Miss [redacted] of [redacted]). As we both got out in the middle of the road in front of my house, my friend looked up and said "oh isn't that beautiful". As I looked up I saw a large object of about 10 feet in diameter having an orange-red color. This was a perfectly round object. This object was dimly glowing and didn't appear to be a solid. It had no definite border. By that I mean it had no definite ending of where you would say this still is the object and here is its end. The edges were blurred, although the entire object was almost entirely round. As we looked at it, it was approximately 50 feet high, straight above us. As we stood there we got extremely shocked because it started coming down on us at a slow speed. As it came down it swelled to almost 15 feet in diameter. The closest it ever came to us was about 5 feet above our heads. At that point we weren't interested in it anymore and we both ran hysterically to my house door step. I rang the door bell frantically but my parents were at the other end of the house so they didn't get to the door right away. Meanwhile this object came down almost level to the ground and just stood there about 30 feet from us. I made a frantic attempt to get away by running around the other end of the house to our kitchen entrance where my parents were having dinner. As I was about to enter the kitchen door, I heard my friend scream terribly. (She still remained at the front door, not wanting to take the chance of running into the open.) By the time that I got to the front door to let her in I saw her turn white from scaredness. She told me that she went out to see what this thing that scared us was. As she went out from the door step she said she saw it go way up into the sky until it became about the size of the moon or a little smaller. Then she said it changed color to a yellow-white and started down at her at extreme velocity. As it came down again it swelled up to being about 15 feet in diameter.

As we both were very scared we told my parents the story, and they both laughed at us and told us that we were dreaming. That was the end of the first sighting.



About 2 months ago (I don't remember the exact date) almost a year after the first sighting, my father (Mr. [redacted], and myself ( [redacted], son) were going to visit a gentleman in Norwalk, Conn. On a business matter. We were right off exit 37 on the Merritt Parkway. We were on a small dirt road right off of the Parkway parallel to U.S. 7, which goes to Danbury, Conn. It was about 7 p.m. (1 hour after dark). We got lost on the dirt road and couldn't find the proper turn off. A car passed by and we asked for directions. The man told us just to back up a few hundred yards and there would be the turn off. My father told me to get out of the car and guide him for a U turn. As I got out and looked in back of the car, for a moment I got terribly scared because the same object which my friend and I saw about a year ago was about 20 feet behind the car, 25 feet above the ground and about 10 feet in diameter. It had that same orange-red color. At that point I didn't need a second look. I just ran back into our car so fast that my father thought that I was completely out of my mind. This time my father got out of the car and looked at it. We were both standing there petrified at first but then as we kept on looking at it our fears were somewhat eased because it just stood there in mid-air and didn't do a thing. We both were standing there for at least 10 minutes studying the situation. My father not ~~was~~ ~~as~~ scared as I was started to approach it. He got within about 10 feet of it and then just stood there for a few seconds and then came back to our car. At first he wasn't sure what to say, but then he said "It is probably a phenomenon that happens once in a while which is unexplainable. He returned into the car and told me to back up the car for that few hundred yards and make the proper turn of the road. This would mean that I would have to back up right under this thing. First I hesitated but then I pulled myself together and said "Well what's the difference anyway". As I passed under it and then passed behind it, it was a very tense moment for us. As we looked up after we had passed it, there was no trace of the object left. This was the last we saw of it.

#### Description of Object Seen

- 1) No noise from object.
- 2) No fumes or any objects came from it.
- 3) In the first sighting it had the capability to change colors.
- 4) Varied from about 3 to 15 feet in diameter in the first sighting.
- 5) It definitely was dimly glowing.
- 6) It had no definite border or edges to it.
- 7) It was almost perfectly round.
- 8) It didn't appear to be a solid, but rather a form of gas.
- 9) At the first sighting it had the capability to move in any direction at fast speeds.

Dear Sir, it is our hope that you look into this and possibly give us a logical explanation for these sightings. The thought of seeing it has kept my friend and me up many nights, and it has kept my father in a complete fog about what it could be.



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The entire purpose of my letter to you, Sir, is to tell you that I ( ) have seen this thing twice in my life, once with a friend and the other time with my father. I would have never if I alone would have seen these sightings, because you wouldn't think much of my letter. I write to you only because I have ample evidence of my father and friend to prove that these sightings were really what I say they

I was thinking that maybe you have heard of such particular sightings and could lessen our fears by telling us that you have.

We would all be greatly honored to hear of any explanation that you might have or theories on this subject.

Very truly yours,

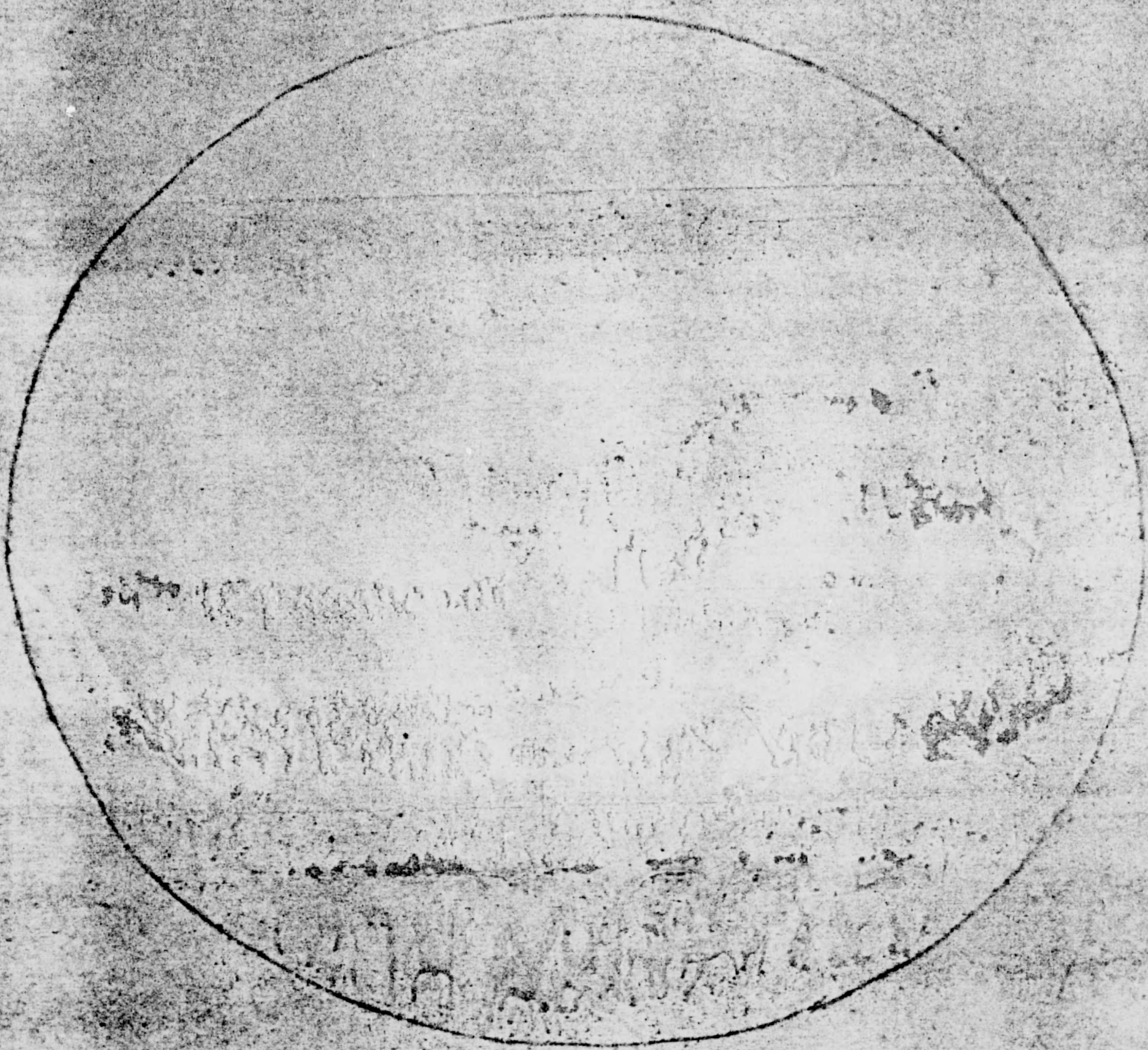
Mr. [REDACTED] (son)

STURN ADDRESS

[REDACTED]



PLEASE LOOK AT THIS DIAGRAM FROM A DISTANCE  
THIS IS AN APPROXIMATELY DIAGRAM OF THE OBJECT SEEN AT BOTH TIMES



22-51



[REDACTED]

February 23, 1962

Dear Major Coleman, Jr.

I am sorry on the delay of answering your question sheet on this matter. Due to a prolonged tour of my father this could not have been completed before this time. Mr. [REDACTED] and myself have answered these question sheets as carefully as possible. We have both decided on some minor changes which you will find on these sheets.

We are still very interested in this matter and would be very greatfull on hearing of any opinions you might have on this subject.

During the elapsed period of time I have somehow missplaced your enclosed envelope. Would it be possible for your office to forward it?

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]



# 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.

Don't  
Remember  
exactly

1. When did you see the object?

?  
Day

OCT  
Month

1961  
Year

2. Time of day:

7  
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?

Nearest Postal Address

NORWALK  
City or Town

CONN  
State or Country

Additional remarks:

RIGHT OFF OF EXIT 37 ON MERRIT PKWY

5. How long was object in sight?

Hours

10

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

FORM

FTD JUL 61 164

This form supersedes ATIC 164, Feb 60, which is obsolete.



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

*orange*  
*pink - and dimly glowing.*

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? *No, it wasn't bright but rather glowing.*

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |                                                 |            |           |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | <u>Yes</u> | No        | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes        | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | Yes        | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | Yes        | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | Yes        | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes        | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flash or flicker?                            | Yes        | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | Yes        | <u>No</u> | 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 | <u>No</u> | e. Binoculars | Yes       | <u>No</u> |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes | <u>No</u> | f. Telescope  | Yes       | <u>No</u> |
| c. Windshield   | Yes | <u>No</u> | g. Theodolite | Yes       | <u>No</u> |
| d. Window glass | Yes | <u>No</u> | h. Other      | <u>NO</u> |           |



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

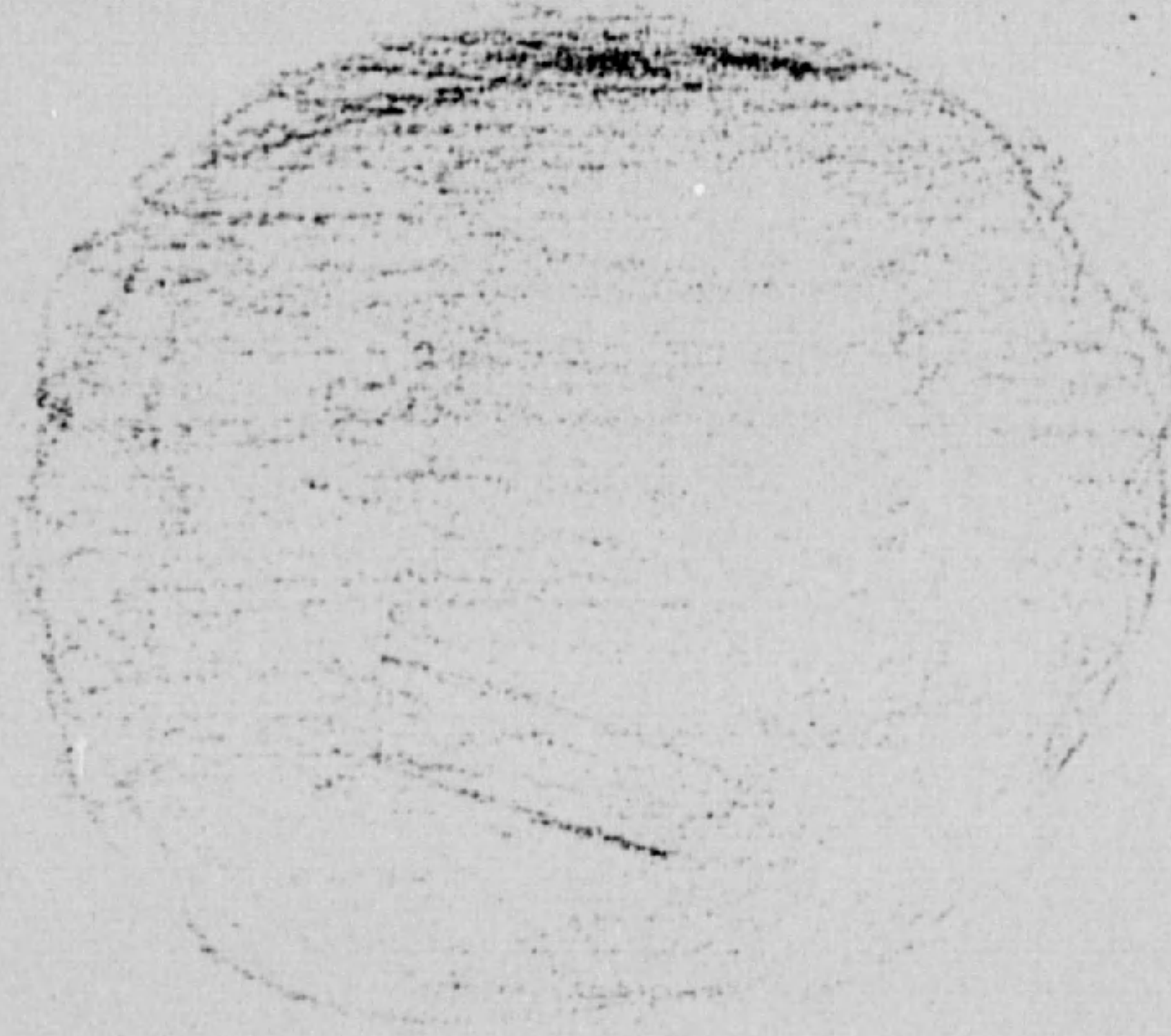
a. Sound

No sound at any time

b. Color

pinkish red.

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.



there were no definite edges to it. In other words at its edge there was no definite border because the entire thing was somewhat blurred, including edges.

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?

ONLY ONE

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.

NO MOTION AT ALL

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

ABOUT 8 ~~TO~~ FEET in diameter: compared to a ball.

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?

I have no idea.

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? at the time, we were in our car, after returning from outside of the car watching it. We backed up behind it for our turn off of the road. as we backed under it, then behind it, we never saw it again.

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.

This thing, cannot be compared with anything that I know because it appeared so strange. It was ~~small~~ glowing, almost perfectly round object and had a orange-red or pink-red color. It was moderately bright and about 6-10 feet in diameter it appeared to be a mysterious form of some gas.



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?

*We were on an old dirt road looking for a turn off. In order to make our turn we would have to make a U turn and return down the road. The road being narrow, my father told me to get out of the car and guide him. As I got out of the car and turned facing the back of it, there was the large object about 20 feet behind the car.*

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. <u>Southeast</u> | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |
|              |                     |              | i. Overhead  |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One) NO IDEA

- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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:

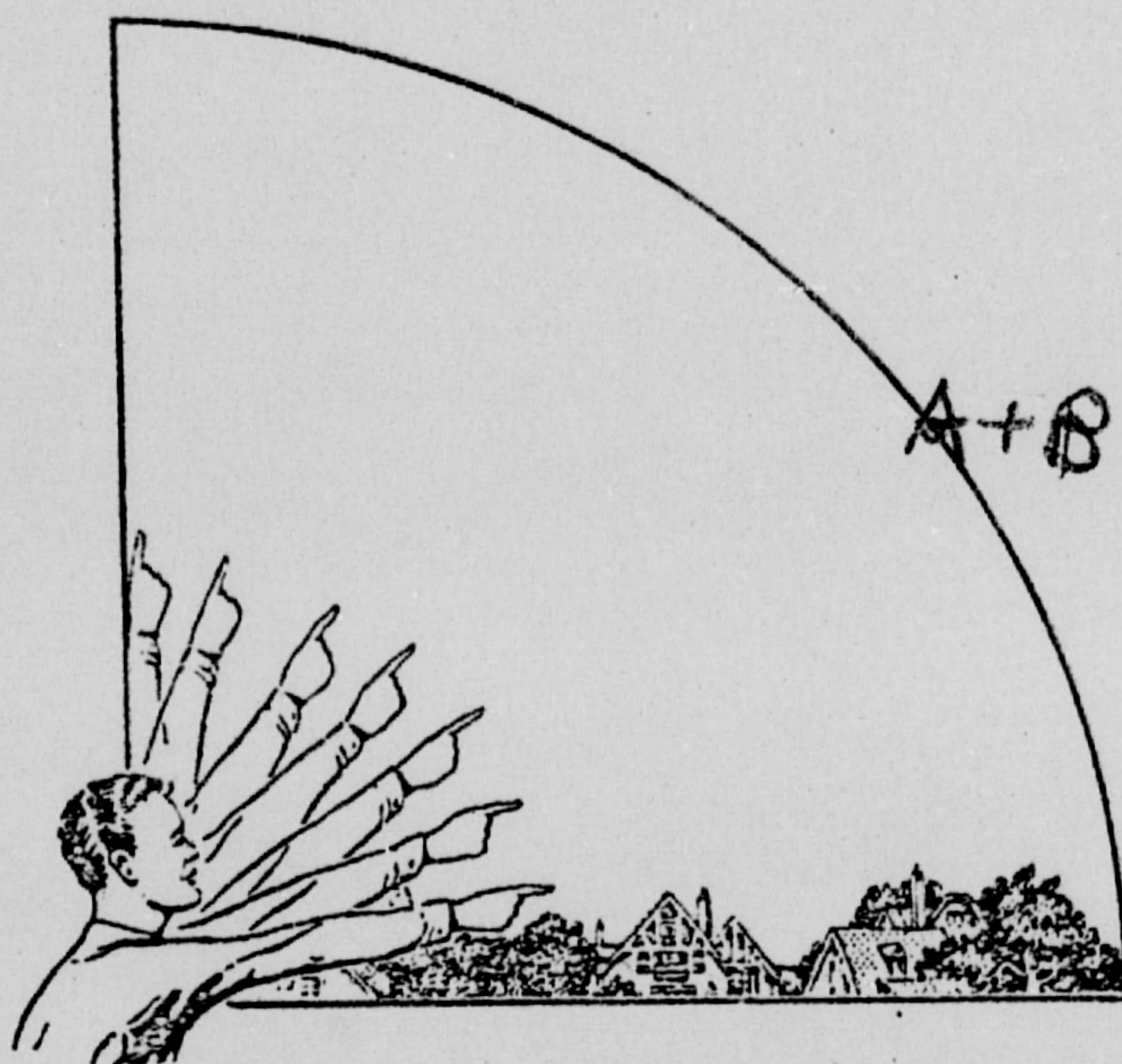
- a. From true North \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.
- b. From horizon \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

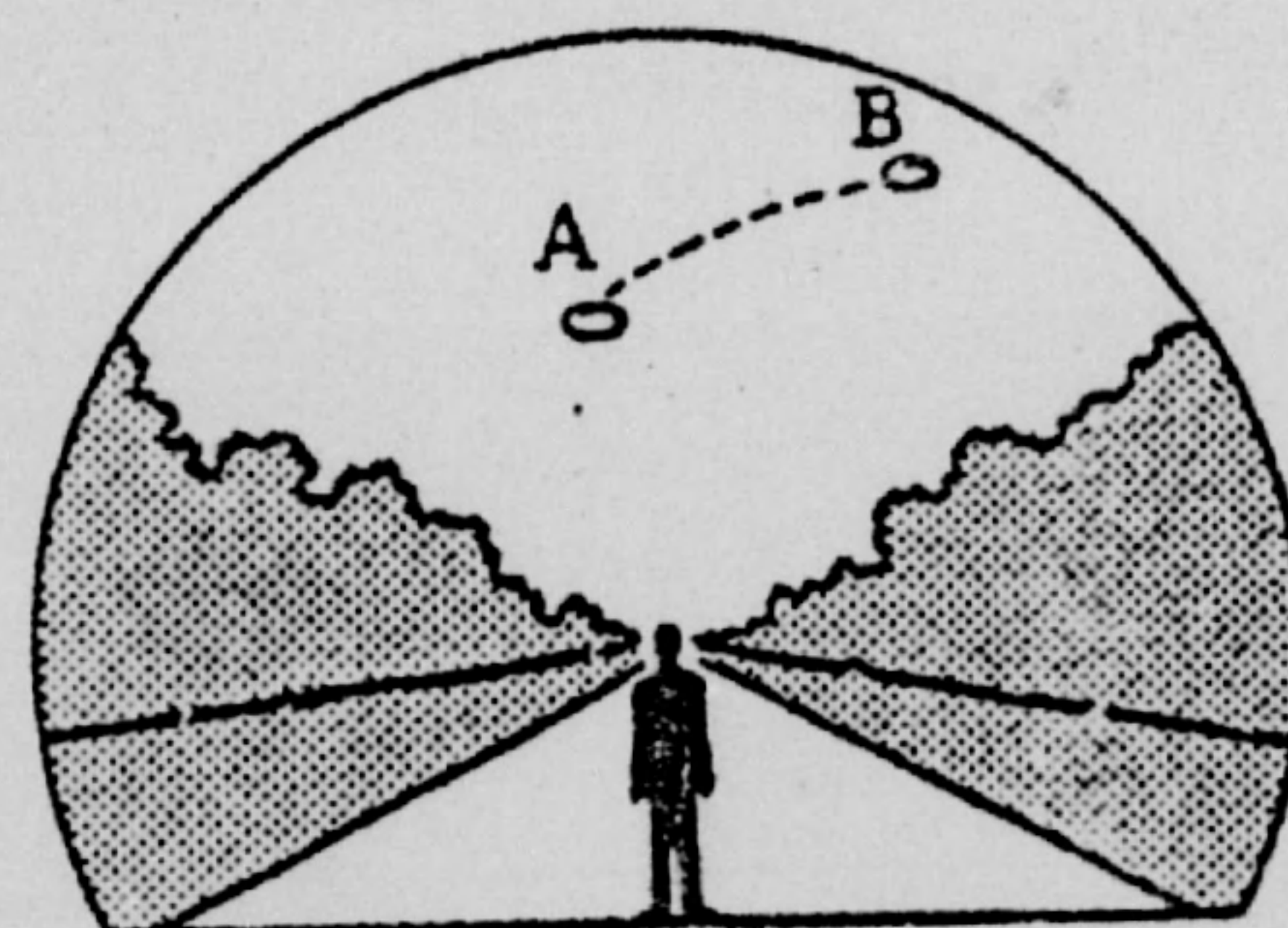
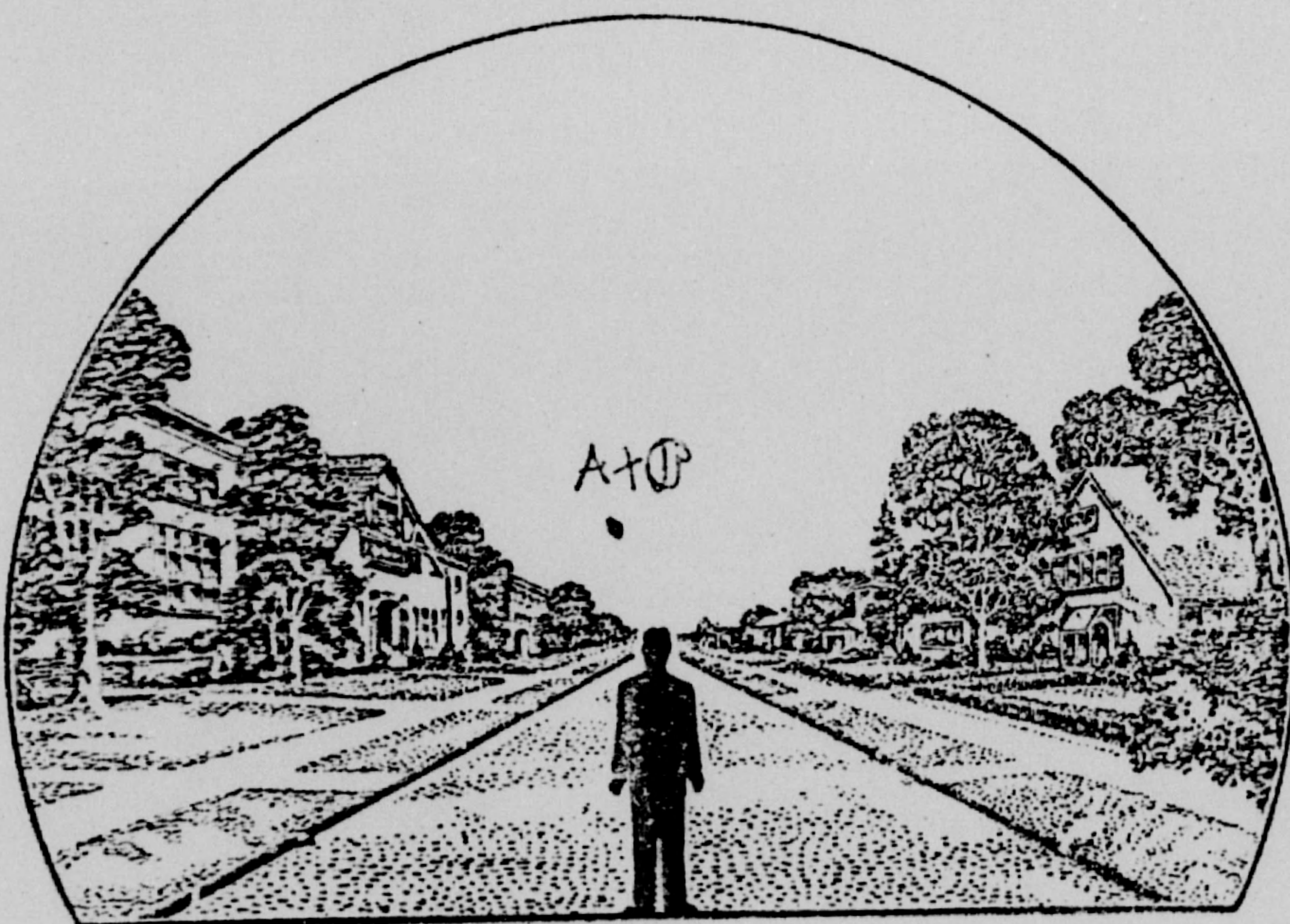
- a. From true North \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.
- b. From horizon \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.



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?

\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_ Year

TO ~~NO ONE~~ NO ONE  
except YOU

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:

BOTH: ~~MR. [REDACTED] (me) (son)~~  
~~MR. [REDACTED] (FATHER)~~

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?

the other sighting was about 1 year before the last one  
with a friend of mine in front of my home  
in Riverdale, New York. It was about 6 p.m.  
Further details are in my first letter.

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

I dare not  
make any such conclusions because I don't  
know. It could possibly be a weather condition,  
or a scientific marvel.



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?

0 m.p.h. (not moving)

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?

20 feet

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[REDACTED]  
Last Name

[REDACTED]  
First Name

[REDACTED]  
Middle Name

ADDRESS

[REDACTED]  
Street

[REDACTED]  
City

[REDACTED]  
Zone

[REDACTED]  
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Age

17

Sex

M

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

I am a junior in High School

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

27  
Day

JAN.  
Month

62  
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

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Oct 9, 1961

It was about 7pm in October. I was going with my father to visit a friend in Norwalk, Conn. We were on an old dirt road and we missed our turn off to the proper one. As we got the instructions to make a U turn and go back down the road where our proper turn off would be, I (son) got out of our car to aid in the U turn. As I turned towards the back of the ~~stop~~ car, there it was. Orange red, about ~~7~~ <sup>5-8</sup> in diameter, round and just standing about 15 feet above



the ground, and dimly glowing. My father not being scared as I was got out of the car, and went a little closer for a better look. He returned without any explanation and we both returned into the car. He told me to back up the car and make the turn. This would mean that I would have to back right under it. Well, we did it, and as we looked up as we passed under it, there were no remains of the object.

The reason why I wish a possible explanation is because this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time I <sup>(son)</sup> have seen this thing, and it has aroused my interest in it. I have ample evidence of a friend and my father, that what I write to you is really what I say it is.