

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Oct 61		2. LOCATION Philadelphia, Pennsylvania		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical <i>METEOR</i> ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1850 GMT 182350Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objt moving slowly for 5 min with red-yellowish tail. Vanished in seconds. Looked like comet very close. At dusk.				11. COMMENTS Objt has all characteristics of meteor of fireball class except that it was viewed moving slowly for 5 min and then vanished in seconds. Witness enclosed drawing and description of fireball. This, along with statement that objt vanished in seconds indicates fireball observation.	

War Department
Washington, D.C.

October 19th, 1961

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Dear Sir:

I wish to report an unusual object in the sky over Overbrook, Philad, Penna. Time 6:50, place, between City Line and Wynnefield on Bryn Mawr Avenue, Philad Penna. OCT 18, 1961

What My Helper and I seen in the sky, it was like a Comet, fiery tail at the head of the tail was a red object, the object was NOT traveling up in the sky but as a plane would travel, the speed was slow. It was a Big object like I seen in 1912 the Hailey Comet, yet this object was soo close to the ground, something like we have never seen before. At 7 P.M it faded into the sky, and that was all we seen of it.

I thought you would like to have this report and also to check with any object that the United States Government may have had in mind at that time if they have sent up any Missilie at that time, or not. No report have I heard from the Press on this matter, but what ever it was it was BIG and I have never seen anything like it but the Hailey comet in 1912.

Again final report. Object Ball of fire with a long yellow tail, noisless, again noisless, speed like the Hailey Comet slow, flying across sky, that is the report, but a Most Beautiful sight.

Most Faithfully Yours

Washington, D.C.

Questionnaires forwarded to
above (2) for completion and mailing
direct to office of A.P. - FTD -

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Copy of original letter to Dr. [REDACTED]
Major Colman I will fill in my form and send same to address on envelope
thank you for your letter and forms.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
October 30th, 1961 [REDACTED]

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

I have just received a letter from Major Wm T. Colman, Jr Department of the Air Force, Office of the Secretary UFO Project Information O. in regards to an object my Helper and I seen [REDACTED] and myself seen on 18th of October 1961 at 6:50 P.M at [REDACTED] Avenue in the 2200 block, and from this you told My Wife that you also seen this object at the Presidential Apt's that same evening.

Since all this is Most Important to the United States Government would you Please fill out the form here-in and return same to me so that I can forward your report and mine to Major Colman. I wish I had a camera and field glasses that eve. From now on I am going to carry a camera and field glasses with me to make sure what ever I see will be proof of the finds.

What [REDACTED] and I seen that evening, and [REDACTED] seen it first, as we looked at the object it seems to us that in front was a Gondola or what I would call the piolet room, from what I also seen and [REDACTED] seen was like a window in this Piolet room as I seen a light there, and a long tail, and what a tail, and silent, as we watched this in movement it was traveling very slow for about five minutes and then it gained speed and was out of sight fast.

As from above in any plane if you lit a match at dusk it would be seen from above, and no doubt if this was a Russia made skyrocket of some sort, the front of this object was red. Unless we take more time and look towards the Heavens we may be caught some day unprepared. At first I thought it was a comet like the one I seen in 1912 the Hailey Comet, but as I see it now it could be Russian made project.

Thanking you Dr. [REDACTED] for the filled out form here in, and how many more of your party seen this. Thank you for reading this letter, and for the Service you rendered Mrs. [REDACTED] dental work, I am Very Pleased with it all.

P.S. I am enclosing a letter as to where you can send your report, this letter or envelope I received two of them, so send your form to the address on this envelope, and if any letter, send same to this address.

Most Faithfully Yours
[REDACTED]
[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.

1. When did you see the object?

18 24 OCT 1961
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 6 50 P.M.
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?

Philadelphia Pa
Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

Penna
State or Country

Additional remarks: at Goodrich place 2260 Bryn Mawr Ave
Philad Pa

5. How long was object in sight?

Hours

8 minutes
Minutes

Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

looking at watch

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

out of sight

d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

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 Dusk*
- 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:

move slowly

(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.

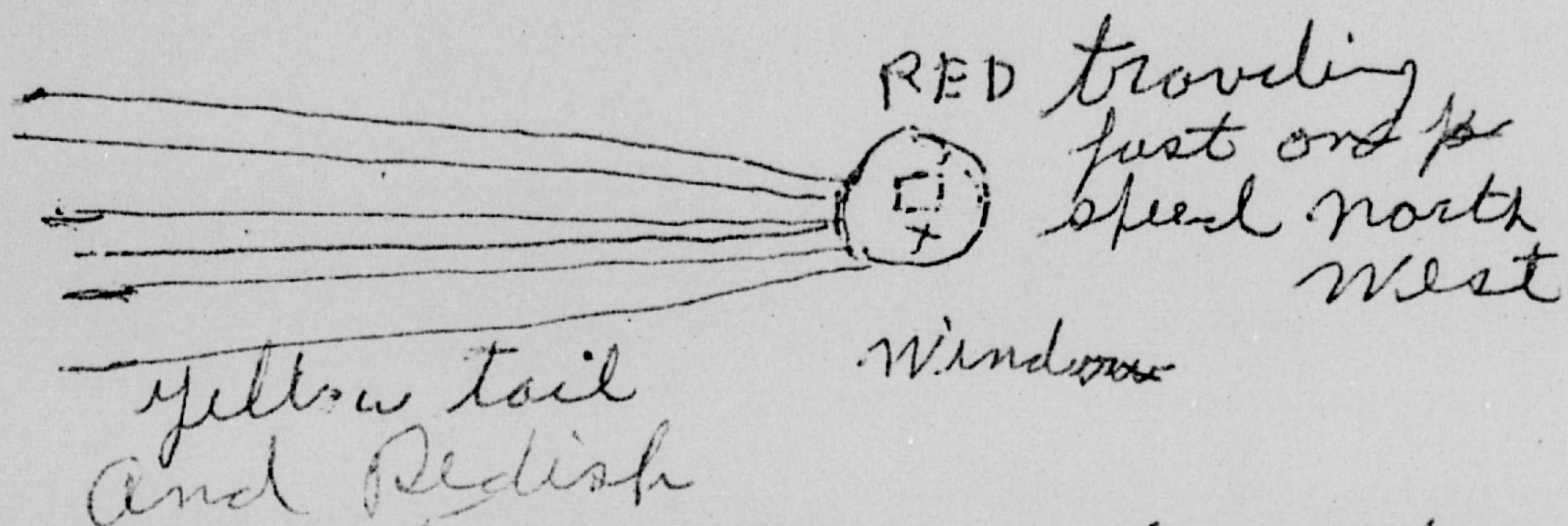
a. Sound

Silent

b. Color

Yellow tail. Red-Pilot Room.

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.



Moving slow for 8 minutes, then lost speed
Vanished in seconds

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

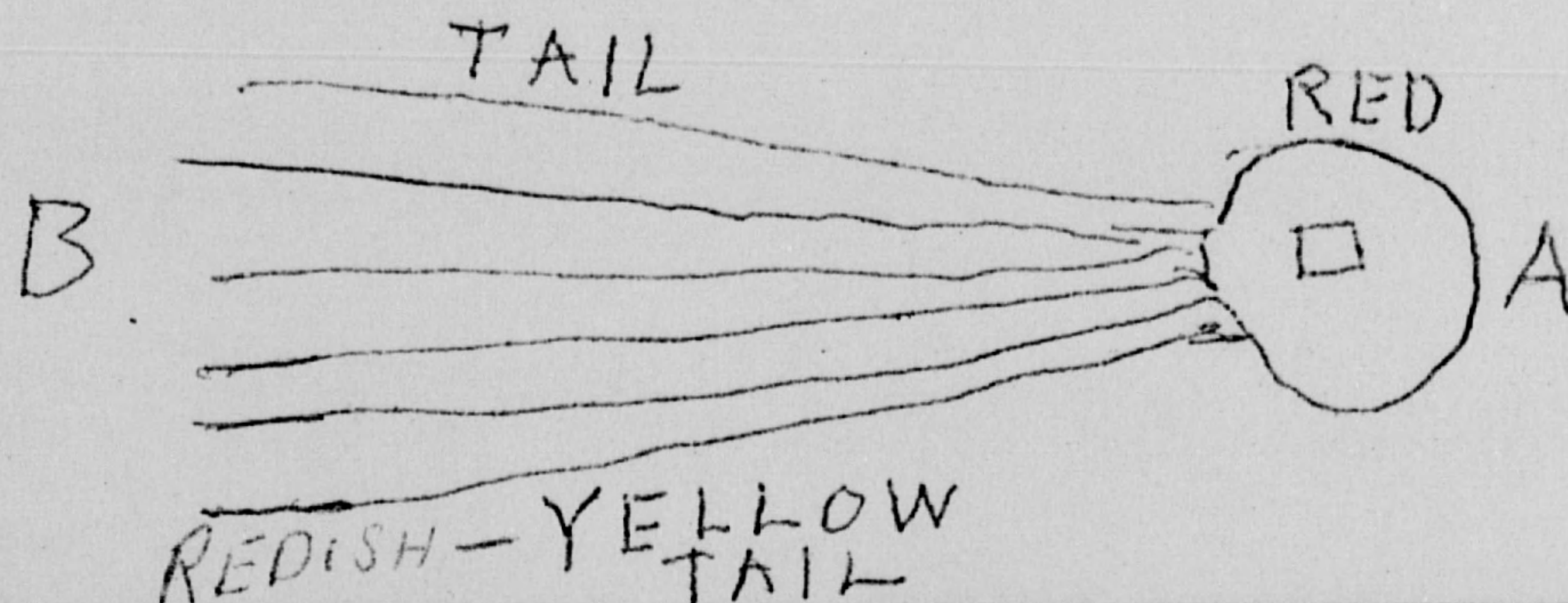
e. Other

Like a Comet

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Just 1.

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.



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

like 15 or 15 large planes in a row

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? *Object in sight about 5 minutes and vanished fast*

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.

Looked like a Comet Very close to the ground, Very large

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 out side on ground

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?

Relaxing, leaves outside. My helper
_____ saw the object first and drew
my attention to it.

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. <u>Southwest</u> | 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).

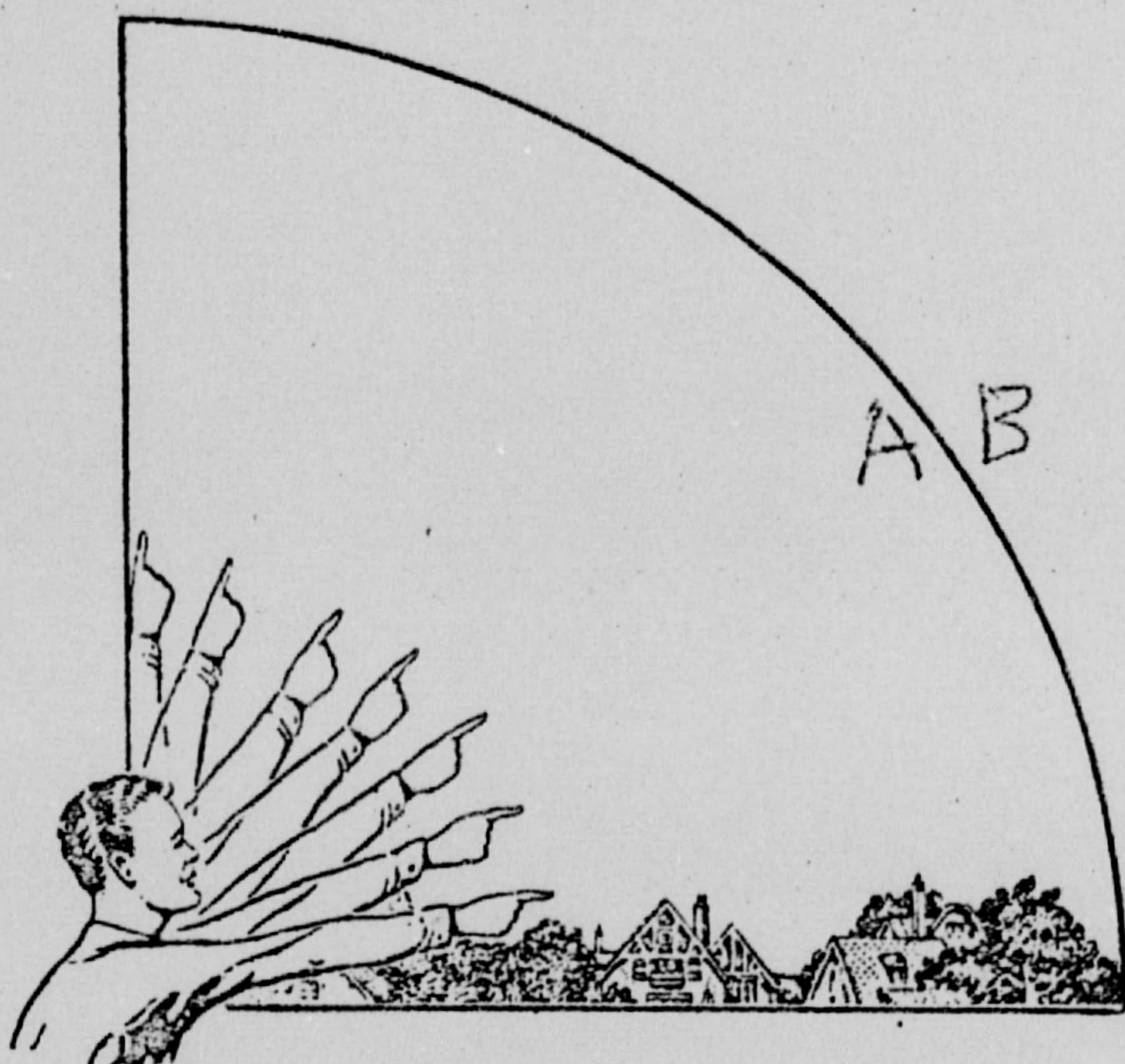
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

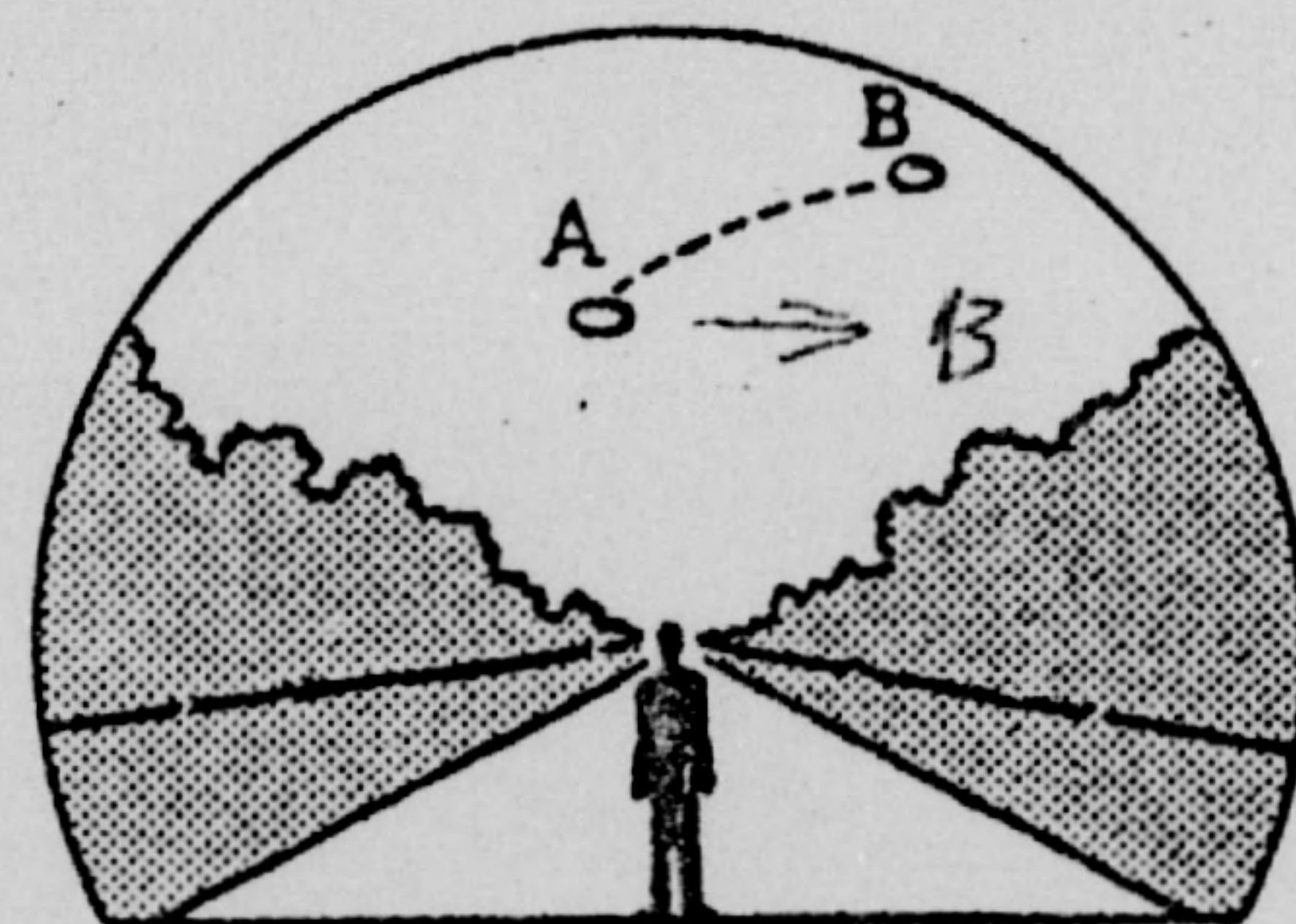
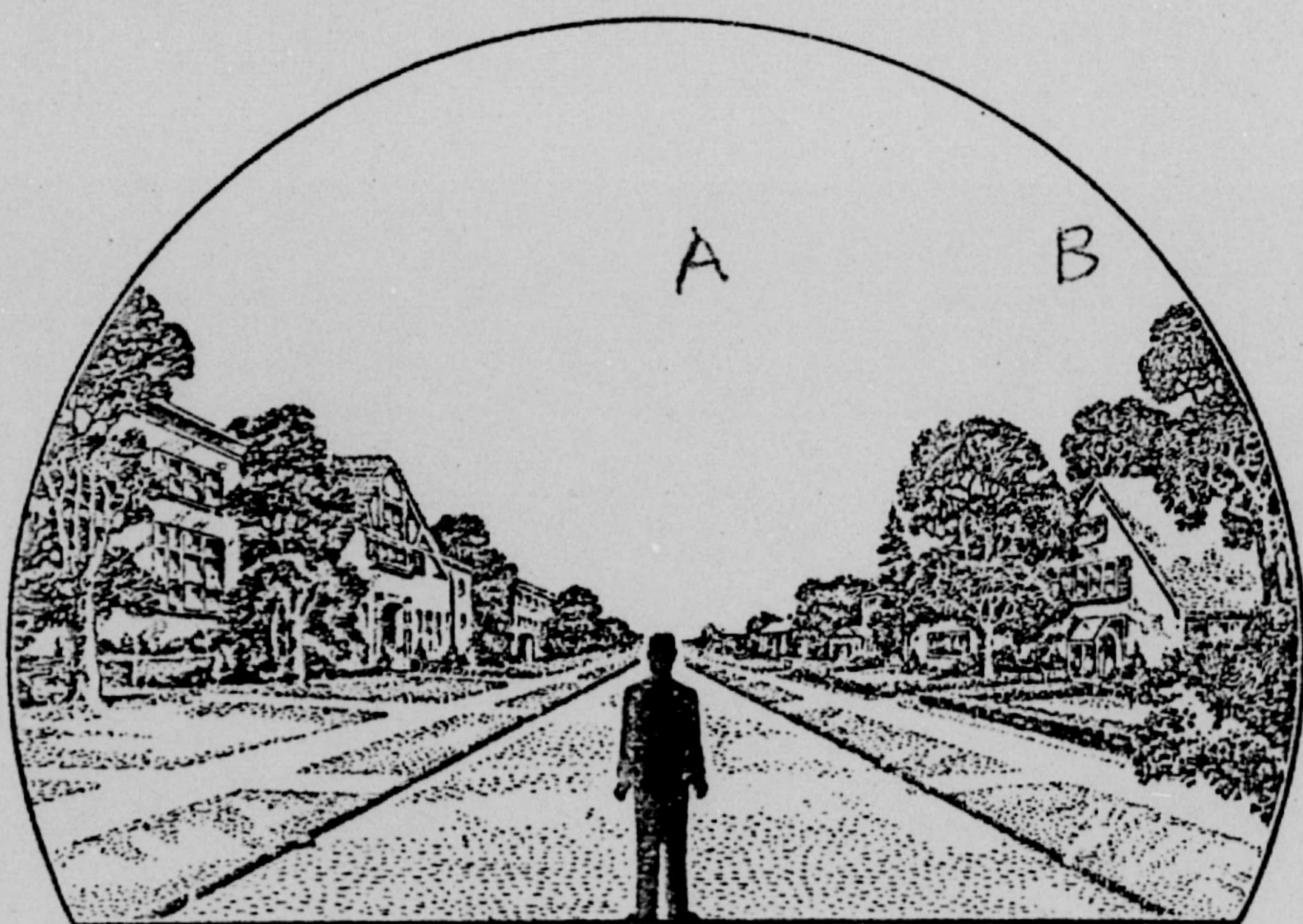
31.2 When it disappeared: OCT 18, 1961 - 6:50 P.M.

- 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?

18th OCT 1961
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? YES

(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? YES

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

Some years ago I seen a flying saucer
reported it to the War Dept

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

Possible a Russian made object like a
Comet. Silent as it traveled in the sky

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 miles an hour

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? 3 miles above

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] PENNA
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

Age 60 Sex MALE

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

I am a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] went to school up to
8th grade had to go to work then.
father died.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

18TH
Day

OCT
Month

1961
Year