

Mr & Mrs

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Jan 62		2. LOCATION St. Paul, Minnesota		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical Bolide ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1640 GMT 30/2240Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION aprox 1/2 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE descending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING The witnesses observed an object in the NW sky descending at a very high speed at an angle of aprox 45°, glowing a dull red and leaving a trail. Exploded and disappeared. Duration was aprox 1/2 sec. This event was witnessed and reported by many individuals having either air-borne or ground vantage points.				11. COMMENTS This object possesses all characteristics of the classic bolide. Further, there is no evidence available which indicates that this object was anything else or was a threat to our national security.	

Sunday, February 4, 1967

Dear Sirs,

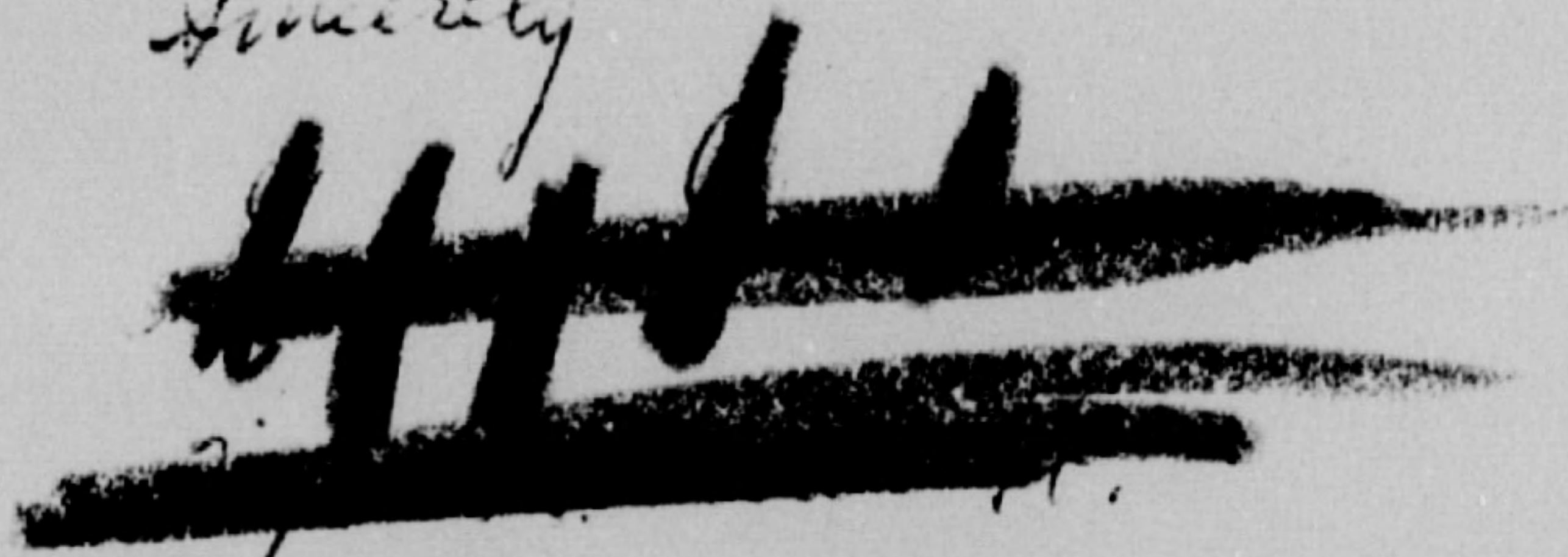
After reading three newspaper accounts and hearing of two television news broadcasts concerning the "U.F.C." seen over the St. Paul - Minneapolis area on January 30, I am sending you the report I wrote at the suggestion of my advisor, Dr. P. S. Friar, cosmic ray physics, University of Minnesota, on the morning after the incident.

I would like to make two corrections and an addendum to this report as it stands;

- 1) My wife informs me she said to "look at the 'shooting star'" - not the meteorite.
- 2) The vapor trail may not have been vapor - it could have been smoke - but it had the white appearance of the contrail from a high altitude jet.
- 3) No audible report was heard from the event by my wife or I.

The angles and doses mentioned are approximations but as a candidate for the masters degree in cosmic ray physics at the University of Minnesota I have had opportunities to participate in balloon launchings and feel I have a "feeling" for these quantities.

Sincerely



St. Paul 8, Minnesota

THE U.S.A.F.

W. H. G. D.C.

January 31, 1962

At 11:40 pm CST. on January 30, 1962, my wife [redacted], and I were walking near University Avenue and Lexington in St. Paul. [redacted] told me to "look at the meteorite". About 45° elevation, in the

Northwest sky I saw a glowing object moving with a high velocity with a projection angle of about 45° to the vertical.

The object immediately appeared to burst into flame. [redacted] said she saw it glowing for ~two seconds before the "explosion".

There was a light trail subtending about 1 degree in the sky. The object trail was larger compared to the [redacted] and diffuse but was visible for many minutes.

There was no visible debris from the event.

We called the local newspaper (St. Paul Pioneer Press) and were informed that they were then at the scene of the incident and that they were reporting from a broadcast. The newspaper informed us that KETR radio had called the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce which has received calls from all over the area. The St. Paul Chamber of Commerce has a list of all aircraft flying in the St. Paul vicinity.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 8, 1962

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your very informative letter. I called Wright-Patterson AFB and found they have not as yet received any official reports on your particular sighting...so I am returning your report along with our standard form, with the request that you and your wife fill it out and send it to

Hqs Foreign Technology Division (TD-E)
Air Force Systems Command
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: Major Robert Friend

There are presently two possibilities in my mind, a jet after burner or a bolide...but until we get as full as possible a report, they can only be conjecture.

I am also inclosing an extra form in case you can contact someone else who also saw the same thing you saw.

Thank you very much. When we get an answer, I'll be happy to let you know the results.

Sincerely,

3 Incls.

1. Report fm Mr. [REDACTED]
2. Forms (2 sets)
3. Fact Sheet

C. R. HART
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
St. Paul 8, Minnesota

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?

Tuesday January 30, 1962
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 4 40 (CST)
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 Address]
Nearest Address

St. Paul
City or Town

Minnesota
State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. How long was object in sight?

Hours

Minutes

about 1/2
Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined? by guessing

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

it was in back inasmuch as it was not in my range of visibility as I faced the "UFO", however it was to my left just out of my range of 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?

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | 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? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | <u>Yes</u> | No | 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

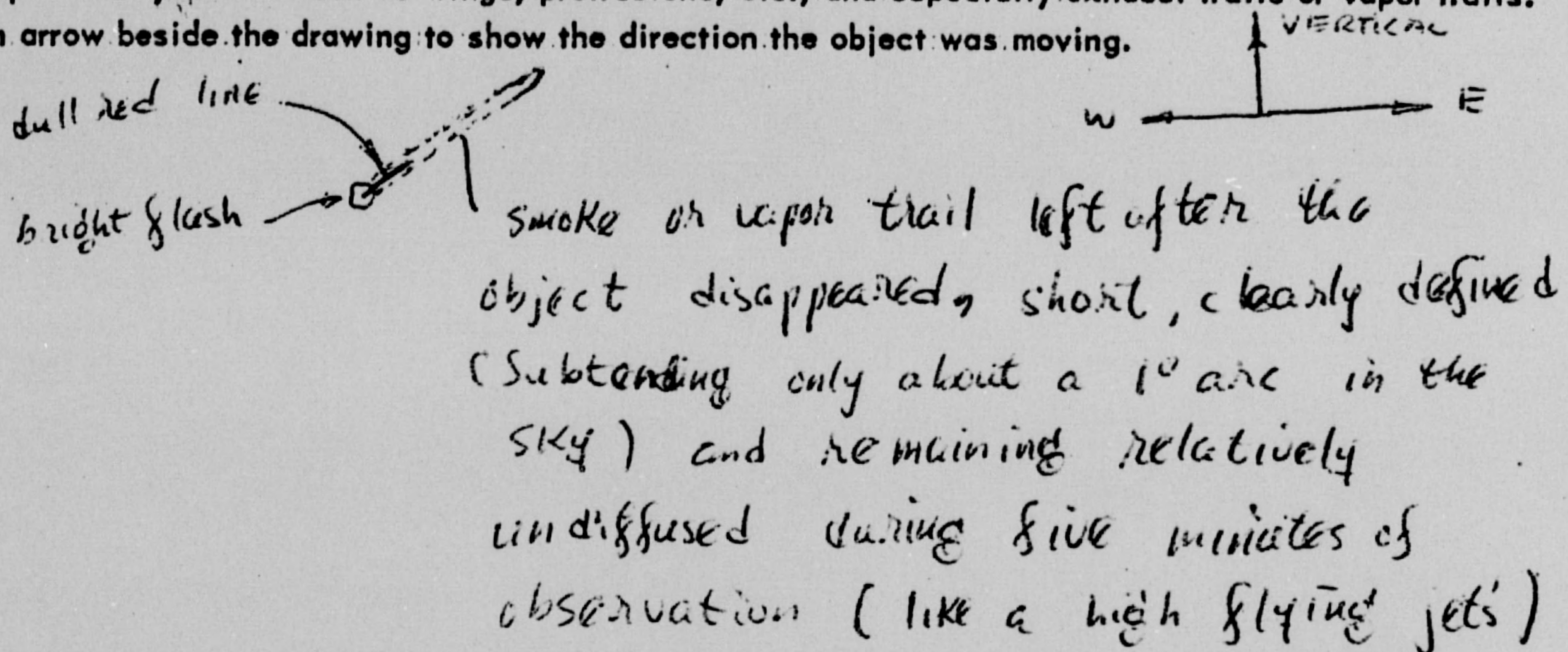
15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----------|----------------|-----|-----------|
| 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 _____ | | |

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

- a. Sound None whatsoever
- b. Color Changed from a dull red streak (as a meteor might appear during the day) to a bright flash.

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:

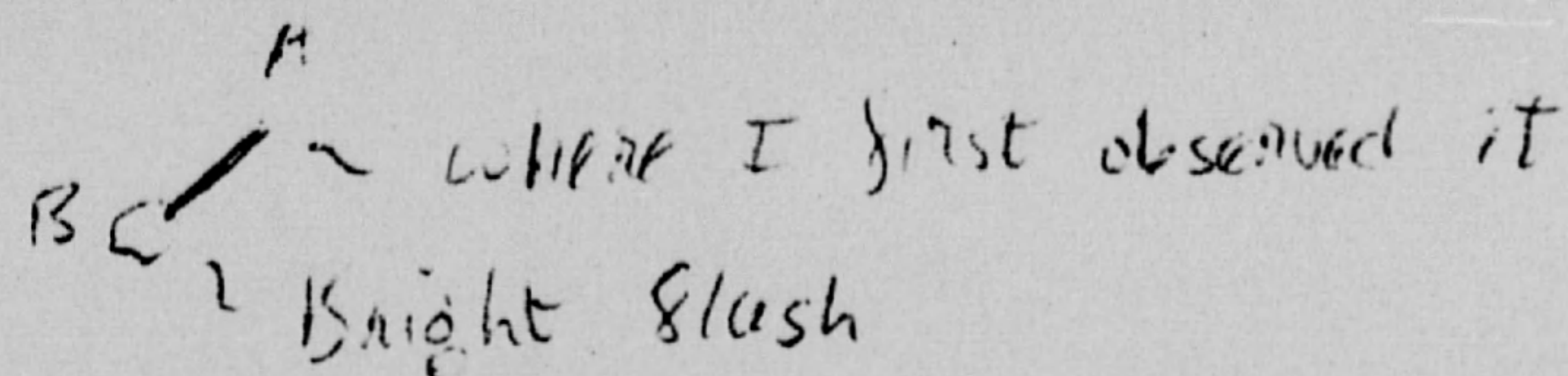
- (Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

e. Other The object itself was too far away to be distinguishable - the bright flash was sharply outlined.

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.



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

The smoke or vapor trail was about 2 Solar diameters

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?

The bright flash would have been just about completely covered by the match head.

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? Appeared to burst in to flame and disappeared

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.

A bolide (I have never seen one - but the description sounds similar), or a large meteorite whose shock wave could possibly have reflected the rays of the setting sun.

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?

Walking across a large vacant lot (Coming from an
S.R.H. Green Stamp Store) when my wife told me to
"look at the shooting star"

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

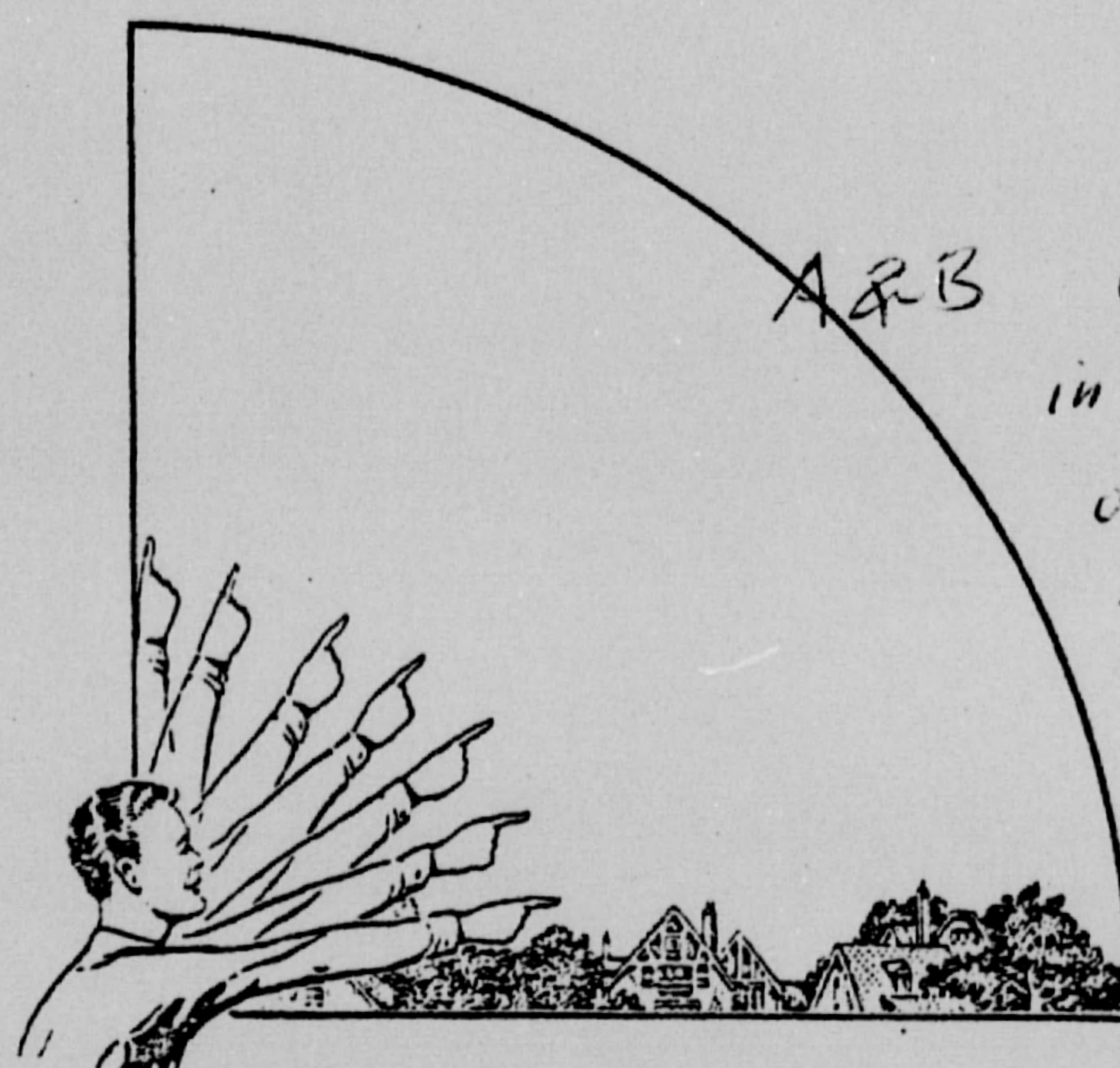
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 330° degrees.
- b. From horizon 45° degrees.

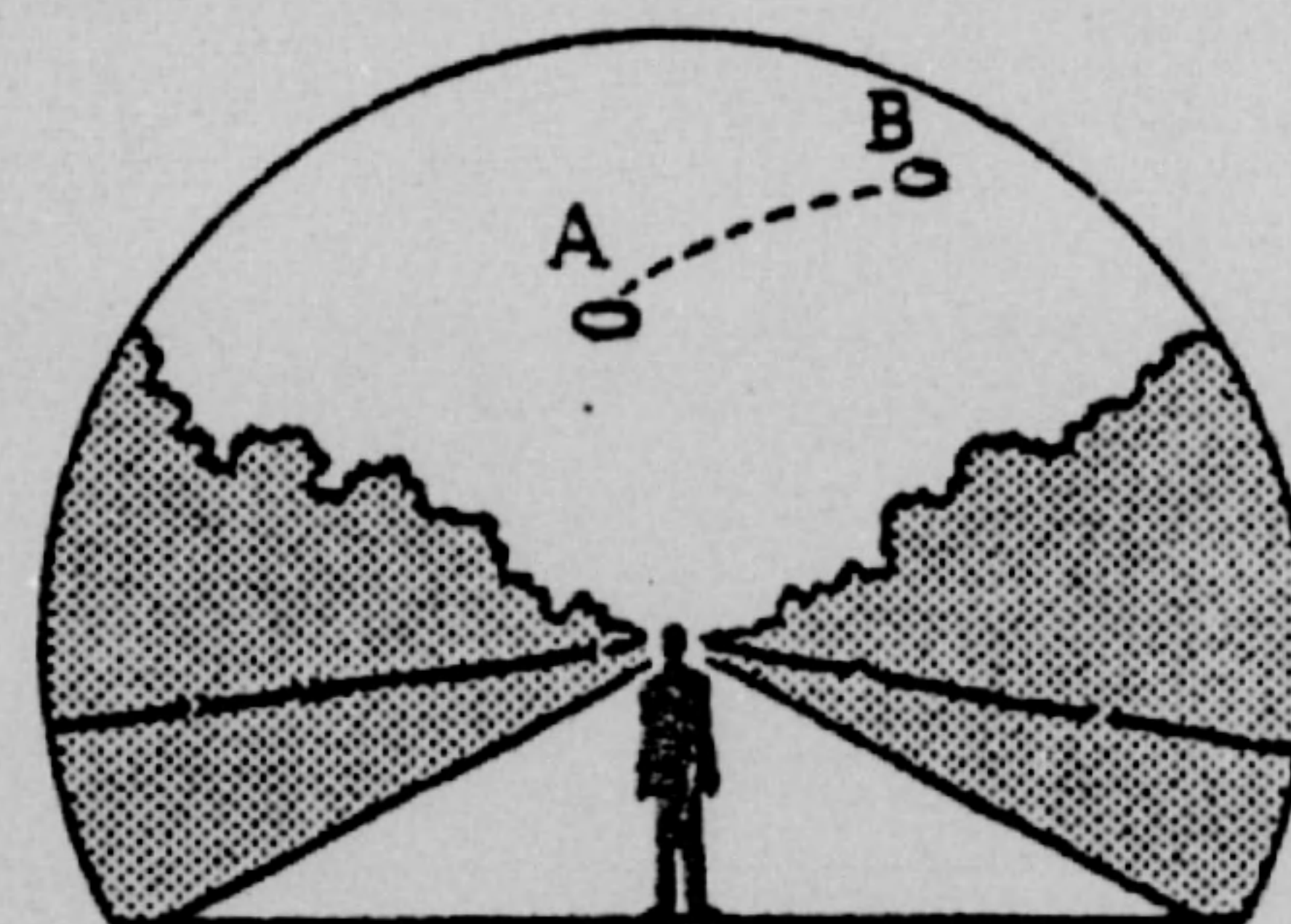
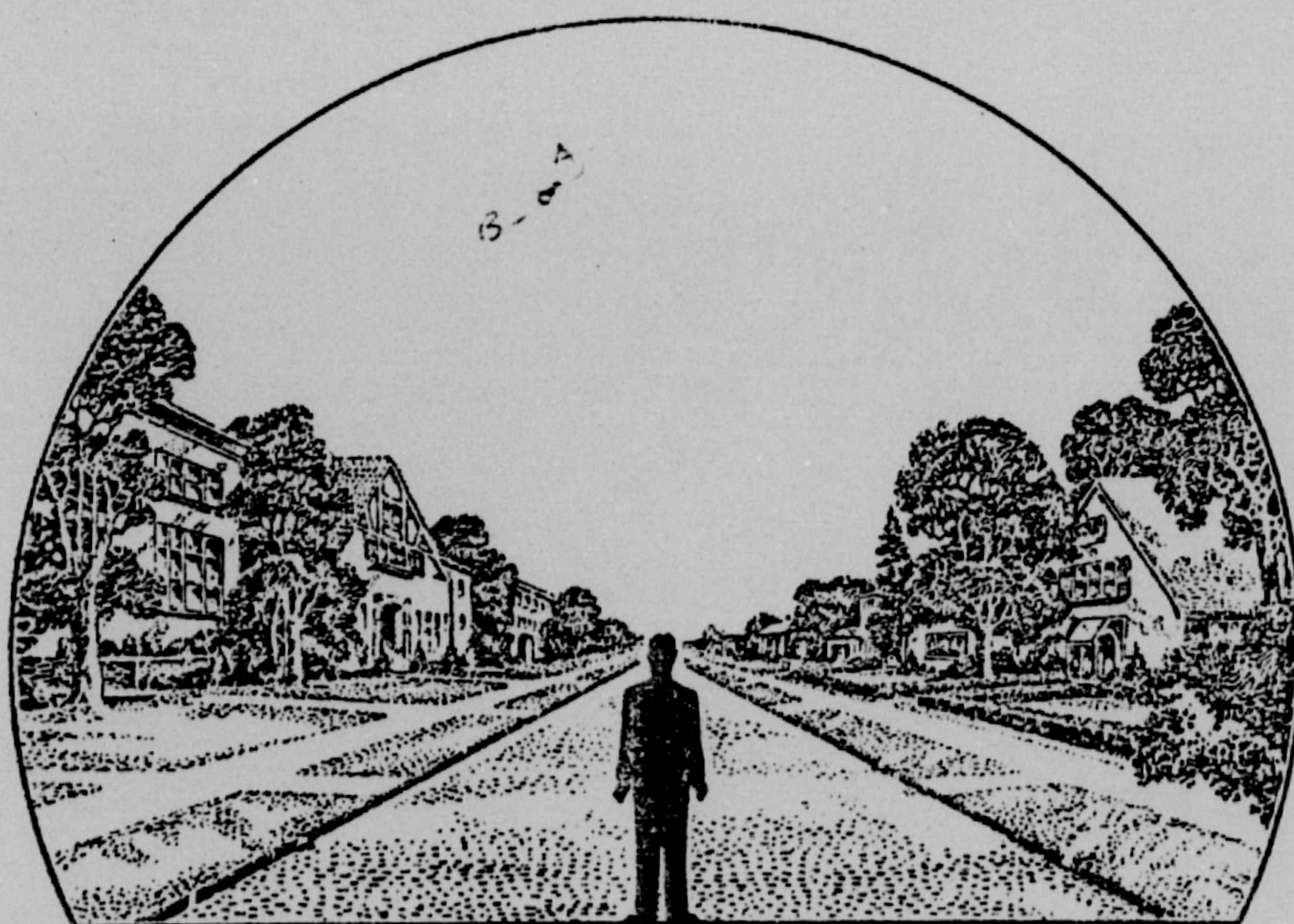
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 330° degrees.
- b. From horizon 45° 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?

Tuesday January 30 1962
Day Month Year

St. Paul Pioneer Press
and Dispatch

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] (My wife)
St. Paul 5, Minnesota

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

Unless it was a meteor

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?

My belief is that it was either a bolide, or a large meteor which created a shock wave upon entry into the atmosphere and ~~the~~ which shock wave reflected the light of the setting sun, making the object appear to explode.

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

I believe the object was at or near the "top" of the atmosphere, about 100,000 to 150,000 ft. and the angle of elevation was about 45°

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Age

23

Sex

M

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

I am working for a Master's degree in Physics (Specifically, in Cosmic Rays) at the University of Minnesota, and have had opportunities to launch and observe Cosmic Ray high altitude balloons.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Sunday

February 11

1962

Day

Month

Year

I am sending with this report the report I wrote for my own reference on the morning following the incident, as it contains my first (and fresh) opinions of the details concerning this event. I would like to discount in particular some local news reports of observer's statements that the object was only 300 feet above the ground. My reasons for this are the complete absence of sound and, more importantly, that the smoke or vapor trail remained relatively undiffused for more than 5 minutes, which would not happen at 300 ft.

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

I first mailed the description following to AFIO center USAF Washington 25, DC. and received the very cordial letter from Major Hart of which letter I am sending you the carbon copy, which explains how I received ~~your~~ your name. Please find stapled to the page following the carbon copy of Major Hart's letter and my settings of January 31, concerning the incident.

Thank you,