PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 September 1962	2. LOCATION Fairfield, Iowa	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 GMT 20/0045Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-4 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SW climbing

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Object appearing as a light brighter and bigger than the stars, solid, yellowish, oblong, appeared in the East and moved to the South where it suddenly climbed at tremendous speed. Faded in distance, upward, looked like plane at first then object suddenly turned and became all light. No sound.

11. COMMENTS

Probably a/c. Jet with after-burner turned on and climbing would give identical impression.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

19 Sep 62

Letter from FTD 164 w/instructions

8-5 (Rev. 2-17-59)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Date September 26, 1962

The attached is referred to your office for such action as may be necessary.

The writer has/~~been~~ not notified of this reference.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Remarks:

Federal Bureau of Investigation

September 21, 1962

To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Sir:

Please forward this to the proper authority.

You may take me for a nut. But consider this for what it's worth.

I think I have seen a "flying saucer" or some other unidentified flying object. I know it wasn't a satellite because it changed course and it wasn't a place because of its speed and 90 degree change in course.

Here is the way I saw it. I live on a farm about 2½ miles Northeast of town (Fairfield, Iowa). I was walking through the field at 6:45 P.M. (September 19th). It was just dark enough that I could see where I was walking. I looked up to the East and saw this bright light moving from East-South-East to Southwest fairly fast like a fast jet plane. I stopped to watch and listen, but couldn't hear any noise. I thought it was close enough to hear. I looked at my watch and it was 6:45 P.M. I stood and watched and when it got due South of me it turned 90 degrees and went straight up on away from me at a great rate of speed until it got so dim I couldn't see it anymore (it was 6:49 P.M.). The weather was clear not a cloud in the sky. There were a few stars out.

I feel sincere about this and as a citizen it is my duty to report it.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Fairfield, Iowa

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?

19 (Day) 9 (Month) 62 (Year)

2. Time of day: 6 (Hour) 45 (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) Fairfield (City or Town) Iowa (State or Country)

Additional remarks: _____

5. How long was object in sight? _____ Hours 3-4 Minutes _____ Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

Watch

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY	NIGHT
a. Bright	a. Bright
b. Cloudy	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

FTD FORM 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

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

BRIGHTER & BIGGER

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?

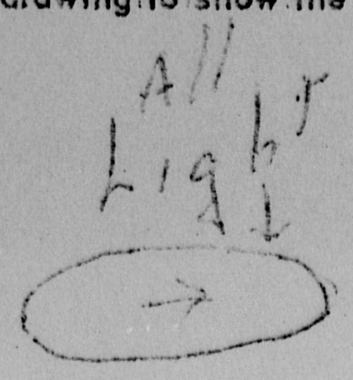
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

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

a. Sound NONE

b. Color Yellow-ish

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.



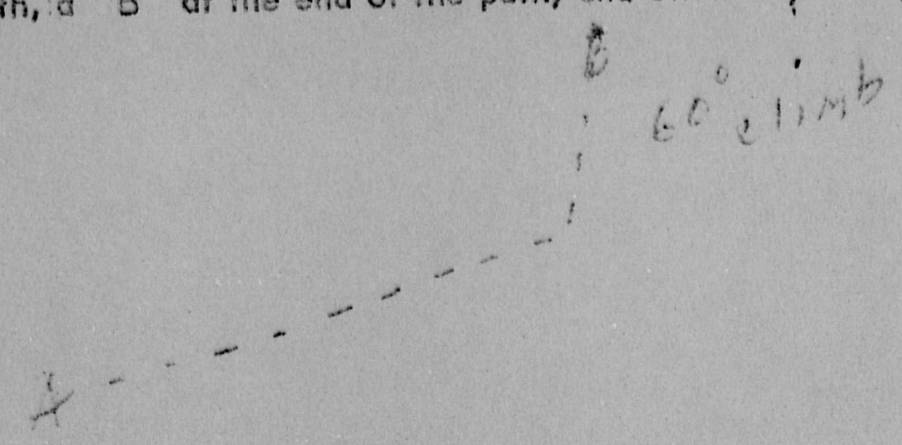
18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star oblong
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.

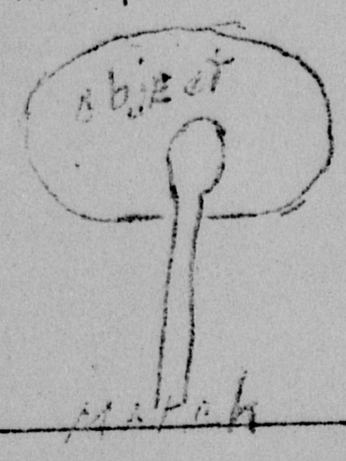
20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



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

WATER TANK ¼ MILE

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?

WENT OUT OF RANGE - UPWARD

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 PASSENGER PLANE ALL LITE UP VERY BRIGHT INSIDE SO THAT IT LOOKS LIKE ONE BRIGHT LITE. AFTER THE TURN THE SOLID LIGHT WAS STILL THERE.

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?

I was walking across the Fields and saw this Light. It looked close enough that I should have heard it if it was a PLANE, So I stopped and watched.

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? 600 or slower miles per hour. AFTER 9 P.M 1500 MPH. or faster

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 ESE
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).

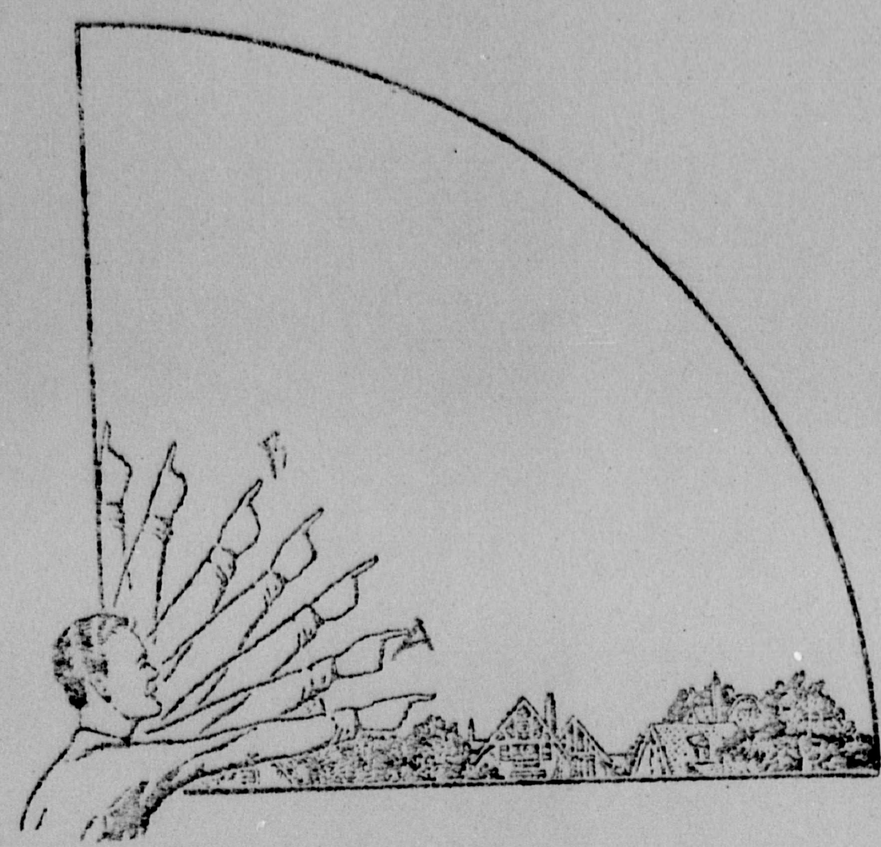
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North 100 - 105 degrees.
b. From horizon 1000 - 1500 degrees. ? 45°

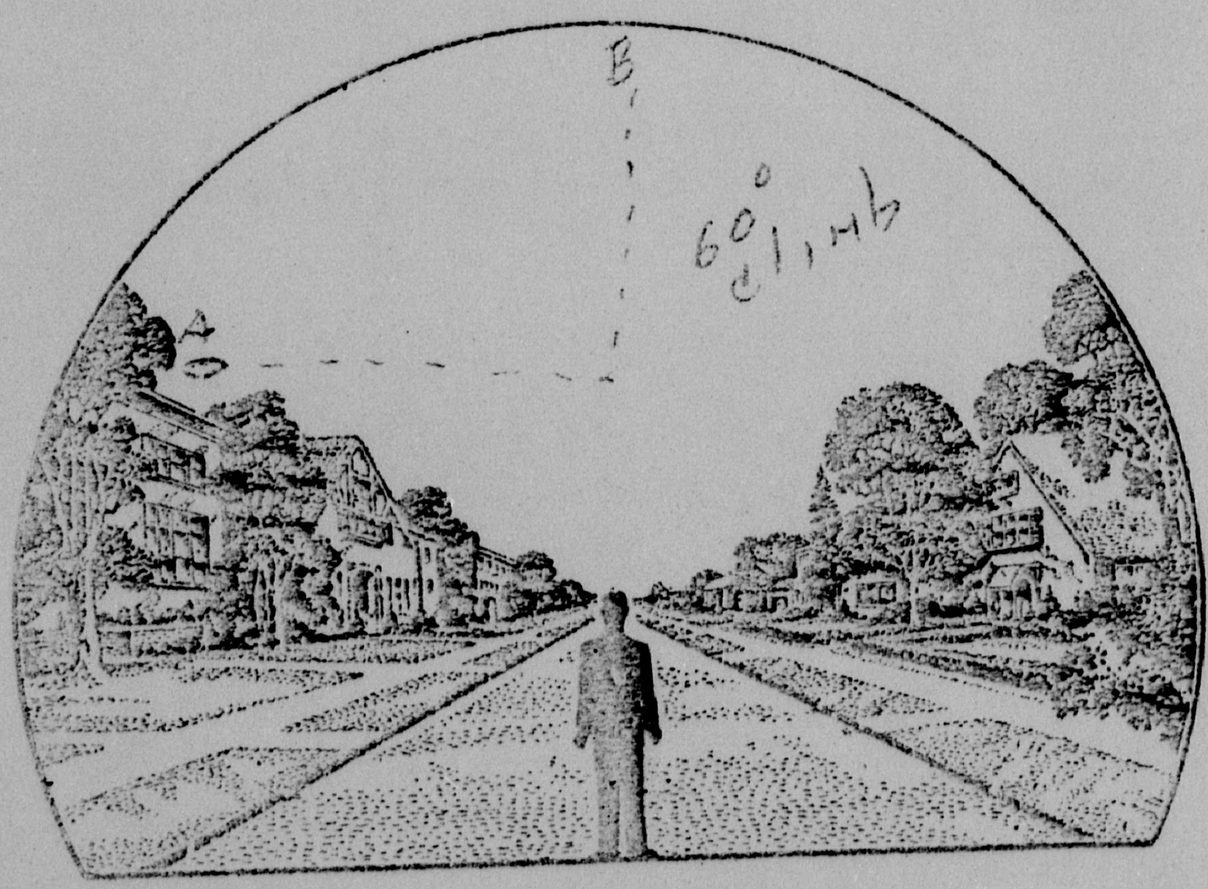
31.2 When it disappeared:

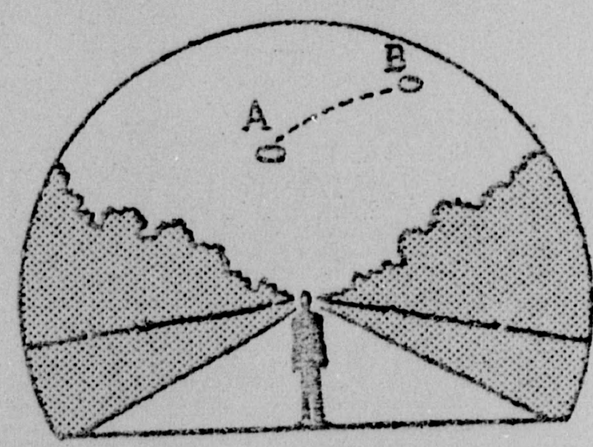
a. From true North 185-190 degrees.
b. From horizon ~~[illegible]~~ degrees. 60°

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?

21 (Day) 9 (Month) 62 (Year) Federal Bureau of Investigation

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?

Flying Saucer

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? AT FIRST 400-500 AFTER TURN 1500

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? 1 MILE ?

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] Street Fairfield City _____ Zone IOWA State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

Age 31 Sex M

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

High School Education
Self employed as Spray Painter
Was Hon. Rel. in U.S. Coast Guard
Diploma from Welding School
Passed entry exam for Tool & Die Designer School

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 6 Day 10 Month 62 Year

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(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 Oct 6, 1962

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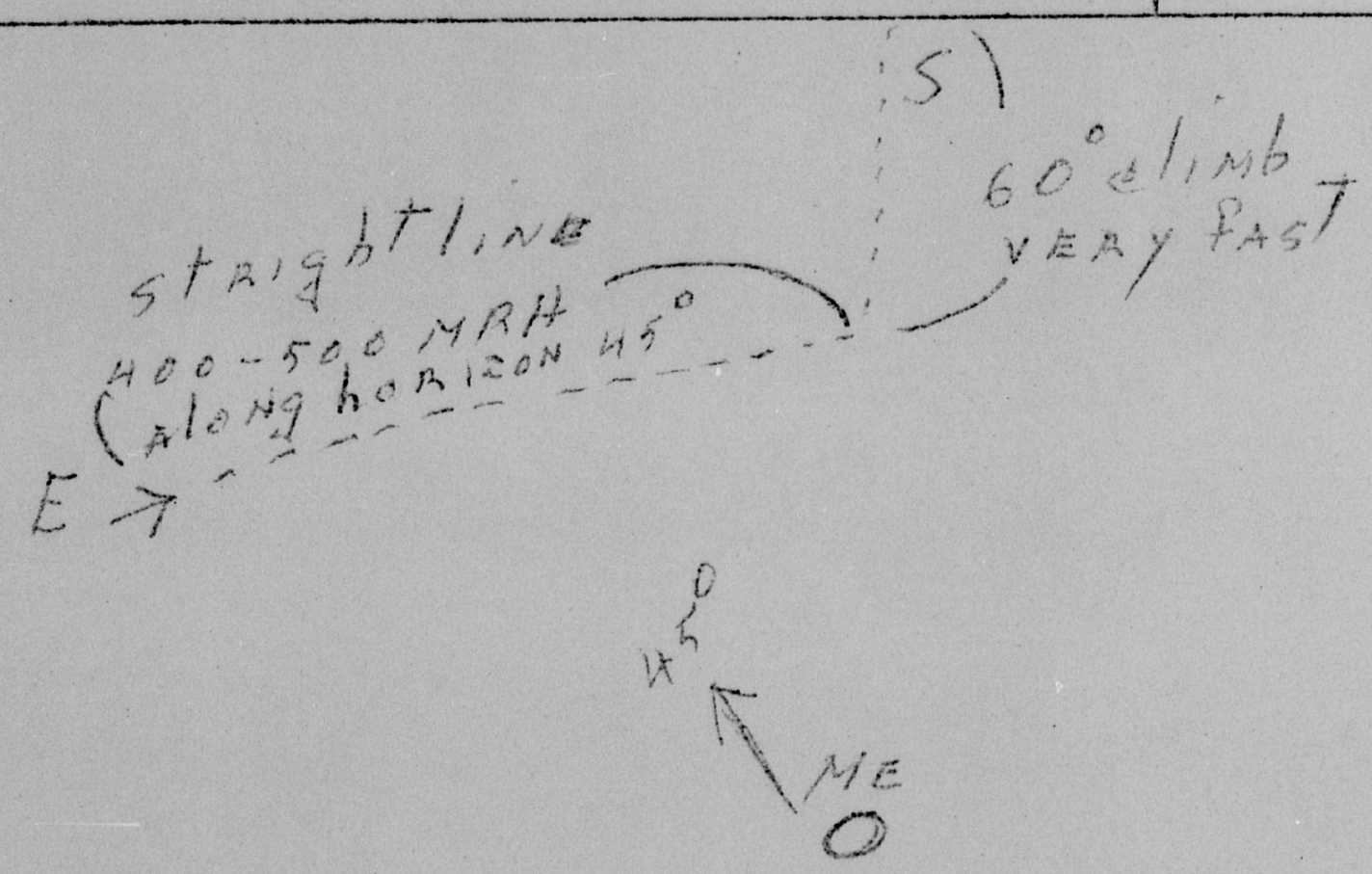

I saw this 3-4 min. There was about 10-15 dim stars in the sky. I though it was a plane at first. But no sound and after the 90° turn it was far to [redacted] fast

It was a solid light all the time I watched. Even after the turn, It kept climbing at 60° and became dimmer and dimmer until it became diminished from distances.