

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 November 1962		2. LOCATION Metairie, Louisiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 01/2315Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE Easterly	
				☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shiny white object turning to pinkish and then red observed in evening. Obj in front appeared as a red light. Thought to be start of sky writing.				11. COMMENTS Contrail with a/c. Color due to sun's reflection.	

November 2, 1962,

Dear Mr. President,

I don't know if I am doing the right thing in writing this letter to you as it will be screened and probably thrown out before you see it. I did, however, feel it was my duty to inform you of what was seen.

As my husband and I were driving home yesterday evening about 5:15 along Veteran's Highway we noticed what appeared to be a small piece of sky writing about a mile or two distant. I noticed it first and after waiting a reasonable time for more of the writing to appear I called it to the attention of my husband who was driving the car. As it turned out, it wasn't sky writing at all but some kind of aircraft.

As we approached David Drive, we noticed that the silvery white streak started turning a pink and then into a light red and as it started to move a reddish light, of what appeared to be a light, was at the "front" of the craft. It moved rapidly and finally was lost to sight because of the great height it attained.

A couple of other cars stopped and looked at it also, even asking others including us if we knew what it was, but we don't know who these people were.

We called several places when we arrived here such as the airport, the newspaper, the F.B.I. and the Special Investigation Department of the Air Force, but we got no information nor did they seem at all interested in finding out just what the "thing" could be. The newspaper wanted to get names so they could print something, but other than that, we got no action whatsoever.

Now I know you get lots of reports of people seeing "flying saucers" but this was no "saucer" and was no mirage. We both saw it and saw the same thing! It was definitely some sort of powered aircraft which could stay suspended in the air or take off at a fast pace at will.

My husband judged it to be about two or three thousand feet up when it was still but it climbed rapidly once it started moving.

Now I've reported the thing to you and it is up to Washington to do as it sees fit. I feel better about getting it off my mind.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Metairie, Louisiana

As it looked when flying
when still.

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SAFOI-3b/MajHart/mcc/75630

November 20, 1962

Dear Mrs. Kern:

The Office of the President has asked the Air Force to reply to your letter of 8 November.

Interest as demonstrated by your report is appreciated. In order to adequately evaluate your sighting we do need more detailed information. Would you please complete the inclosed forms as fully as possible?

An addressed, prepaid envelope is inclosed for your use upon completion of the form.

Sincerely,

Incl.

C. R. CARLSON
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Chief
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Metairie, Louisiana

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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?

1st November 1962
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 5 15 *approximately*
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] Isidore Louisiana
Nearest City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. How long was object in sight?

Hours 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 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 front
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

20 Nov 62

FOR COL FRIEND

We have asked for a 164 to be completed on
the attached.

CRH

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

Lt Col Robert Friend
Foreign Technology Div. (TD-E)
AFSC
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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 | ☐ 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? <i>slightly</i> | ☒ 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 <i>thru windshield & outside of car</i> | | |

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

a. Sound no sound could be heard.

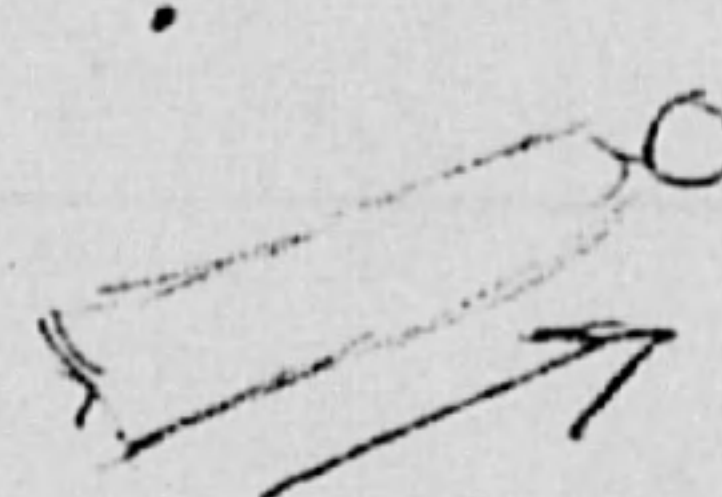
b. Color shiny white at first - then turning pinkish and red with what seemed to be a red light at the nose.

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.



as seen from a distance and until we were almost beneath it - it was perfectly still as far as we could tell.

then it got pinkish, turned to a light red and started to move in a northeasterly direction and ascend rapidly until out of sight.



← what appeared to be a red light at the nose. The rest of the object resembled the tail of a comet somewhat.

18. The edges of the object were:

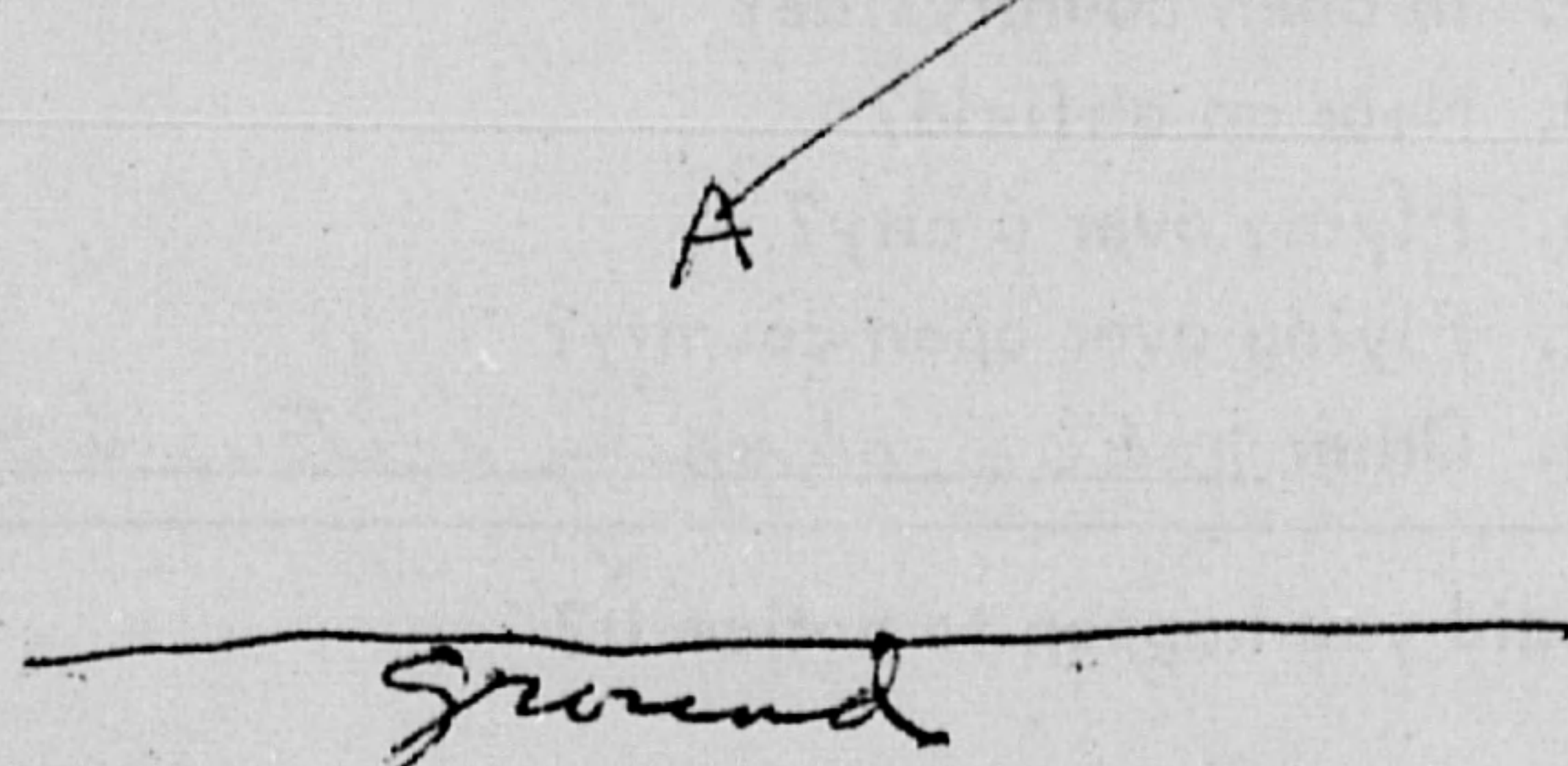
- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other sharply outlined at first but as it started to move it lost some of the sharpness at the tail.

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.



Continued ascending until it could no longer be seen with the naked eye.

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

About twice the size of the fuselage of a Delta 4 engine jet.

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?

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

Yes - it climbed rapidly disappearing into the sky.

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.

When we first saw it, it appeared to be the start of some sky writing. After I watched for the plane to write more for a few minutes I called it to the attention of my husband who was driving the car. We both watched until we were almost under it and that is when it "took off".

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 and also outside of car

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 near a shopping center in the suburb

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Riding home along Veteran's Mem. Hwy. It appeared to be chattering
at first and I kept watching for the "glow" to continue to
write.

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? approx. 30 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 | ☒ 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).

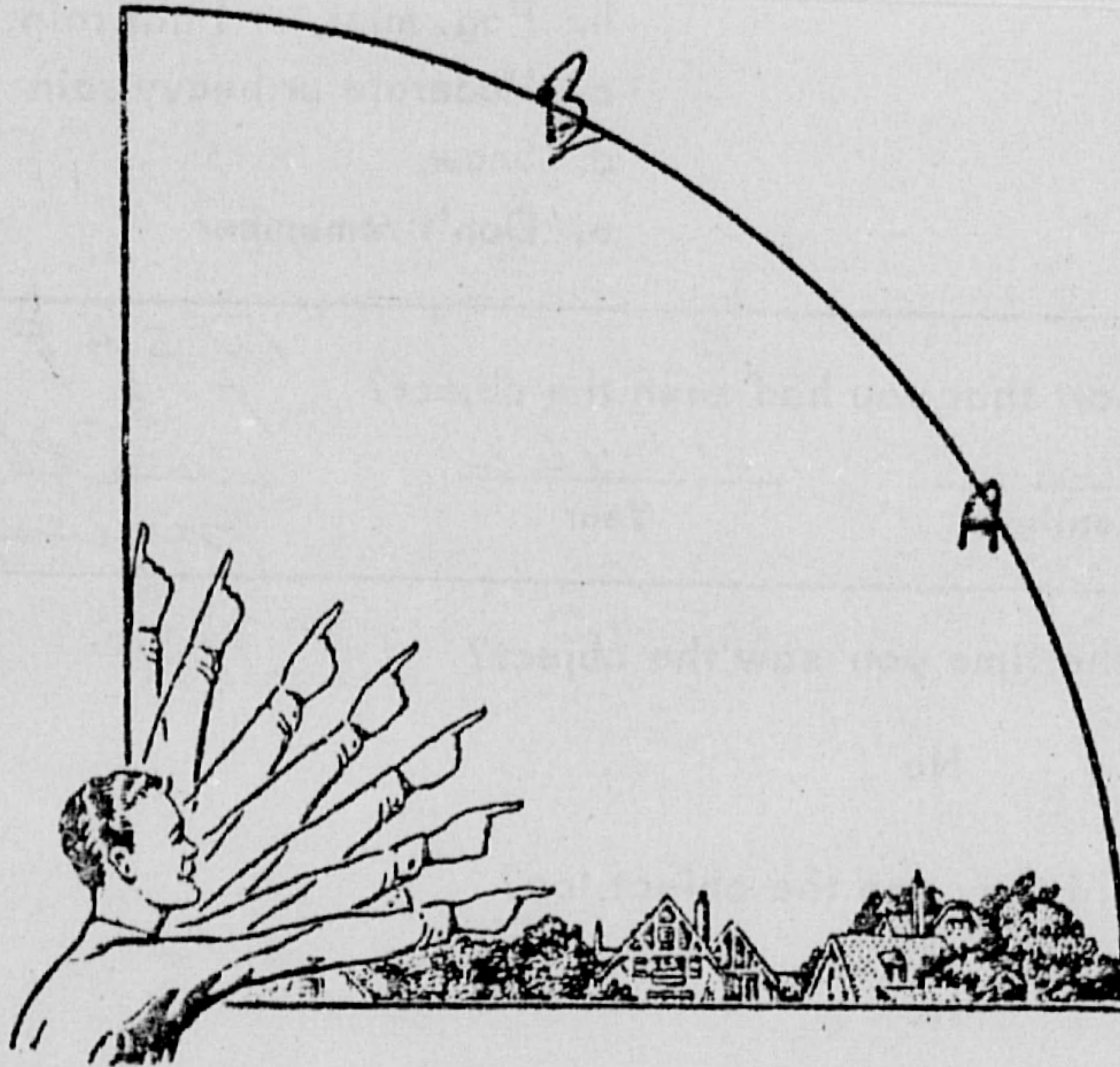
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 280 degrees.
- b. From horizon 55 degrees.

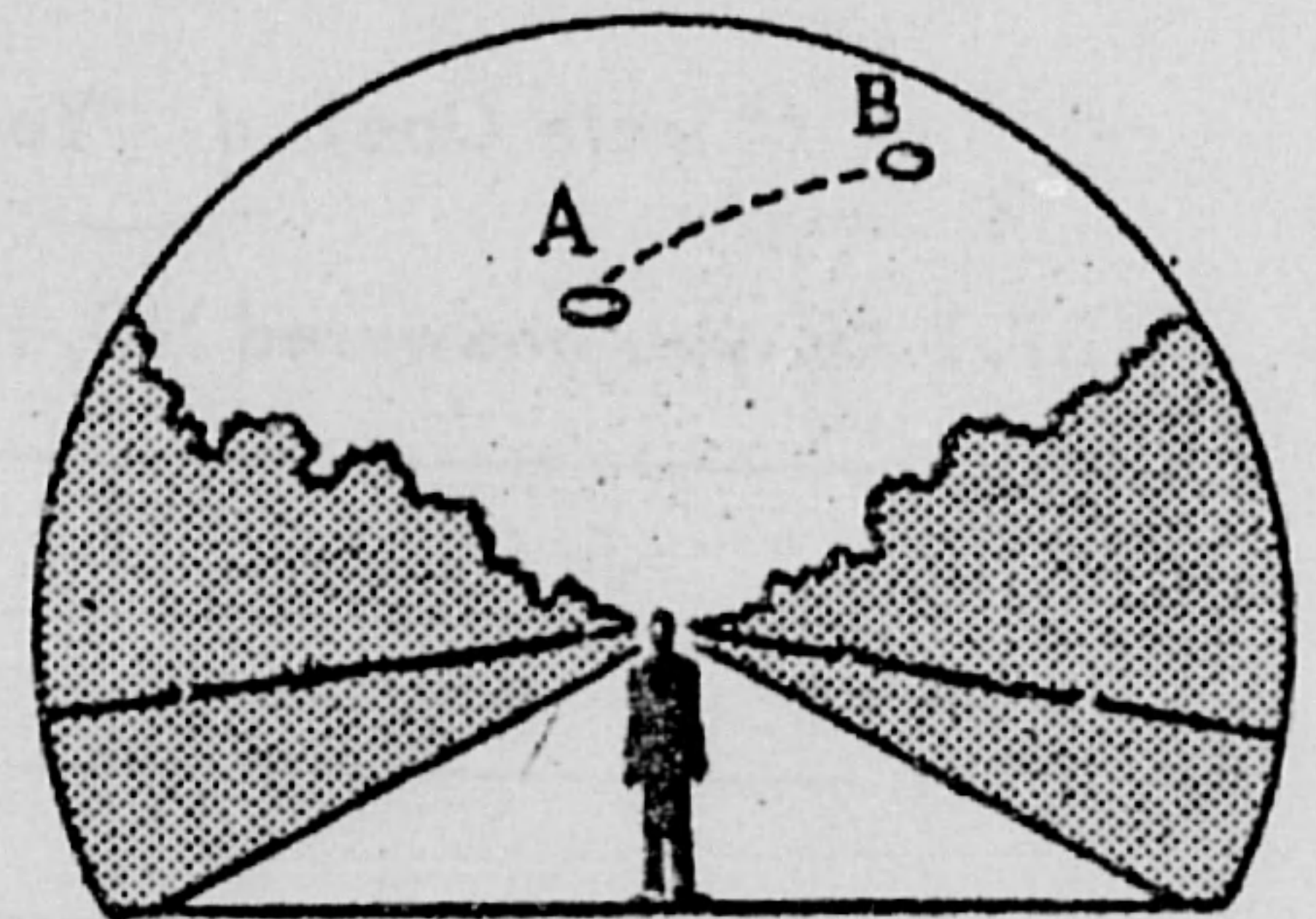
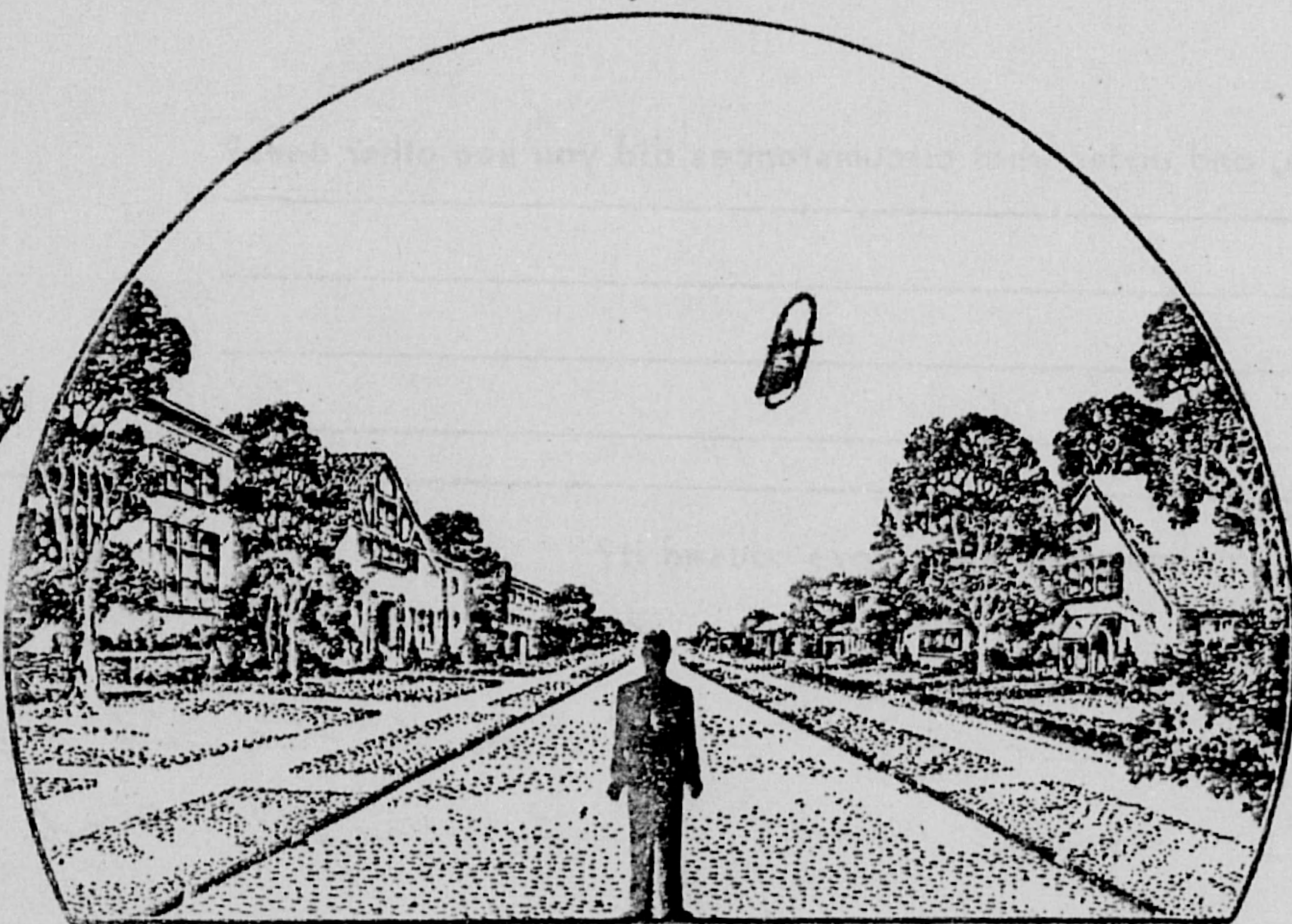
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 45 degrees.
- b. From horizon 30 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?

1
Day

Nov
Month

1962
Year

WSAF
FBI
Weather Bureau
newspaper

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:

~~_____~~ - Husband - ~~_____~~ - ~~_____~~
~~_____~~ son - only 2 1/2 yrs. - did not see.

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?

I don't know what it was but I do know it wasn't a plane. As far as what caused it - - I don't think it was "caused" it was some sort of aircraft not familiar to us in the WSA. It was weird!!!

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

MRS [REDACTED]
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

[REDACTED]

DATE

12/7/62

The object appeared to be a small section of sky writing at first. It was not moving. Later it turned a light red, a red light appeared at the front end and it started to move in a northeasterly direction, ascending rapidly until it was lost from sight by height and distance. Others stopped their cars and watched it go off but I don't know who they were.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

It was still when first sighted. Moved fast

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? _____

2000 ft

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Age *41*

Sex *Female*

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

This form was filled out by my husband and myself since he was in the US Air Force for 4 1/2 yrs during WW 2 and could better determine height, etc.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

7
Day

Dec
Month

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Year