

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 May 64		2. LOCATION Ansted, West Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2030 EDST GMT 26/0030Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION xxx ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 - 2 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE falling	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Witness observed obj from brief glance while driving. Falling obj 2 - 3 ft in diameter. Ball of fire. Tail of fire 40 ft long. Bright like welders arc. High heat indicated to observer. Extremely bright. No sound. Brighter than sun. Vertical fall. Thought to be 3 - 4 miles away.				11. COMMENTS Meteor Sighting.	

2.5.1749
Ansted, W Va

September 2, 1964

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is in reference to an Unidentified Flying Object report you forwarded to the Air Force.

Evaluation of the information you submitted indicates that the object you observed was a meteor. The duration of 1-2 seconds, the description of the object with a flaming tail and a vertical fall through 25° of arc are consistent with this analysis. A meteor which falls vertically is a rare phenomena, and we have not ruled out the possibility of a fireball observation, which is defined as a luminous type of meteor. Contrasting meteor observations with those of satellite decays, it can be noted that the duration of a decay is much longer (up to 4 minutes); the colors tend to be reds and yellows; speeds are much slower, and disintegration or breaking up is quite common.

Thank you for reporting this observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Ansted, West Virginia

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT:

UFO Sighting, 25 May 64, Ansted, W Va

27 Jul 64

TO:

Hq USAF SAFOI PB [REDACTED]
Wash D C 2030

1. This office has received an unidentified flying object report from [REDACTED] Ansted, West Virginia. This letter is forwarded to your office in order that you may make a reply.
2. Evaluation of the information submitted by [REDACTED] indicates that the object observed was a meteor. The duration of 1 - 2 seconds, the description of the object with a flaming tail and a vertical fall through 25° arc are consistent with this analysis. In his initial letter the duration had not been included and there was a possibility that magnesium flares used in night photo missions may have been the cause. Since the duration indicates that the object was not free falling this could not have been the case. The reported vertical fall of this meteor is rare, however, this does not rule out a fireball observation. Contrasting meteor observations with those of satellite decays, it should be noted that the duration of a decay is much longer (up to 4 minutes) the colors tend to be reds and yellows, speeds are much slower and disintegration or breaking up is quite common.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. Jonckheere
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Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems



YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!

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May 25, 1964
Arsted, N. Va.

To whom it May Concern,
Dear Sir:

At approximately 8:30 PM on the evening of May 25, 1964, to the North-East of the City of Arsted, I saw a falling object. It was a ball of fire and looked to be 2 to 3 feet in diameter with a tail of approximately 40 ft. long.

This object was burning of a very high heat because it was as bright as a welding arc, or of a magnesium flare.

Shortly before, a jet had flown over traveling South west. I did not see it but there was a trail in the sky.

This falling object could have been a rocket, a satellite, or a meteorite. In all my years of life I have never seen a light so bright, and I have seen

a lot of bright light Such as the
Electric Arc Furnaces at Alloy, and
magnesium flares used by air plants.

I do not know if this will be
looked into but I hope it will be.

Thank you for your trouble.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ansted, W. Va.

[REDACTED]
Ansted, W. Va.



Unidentified Foreign Objects Office

U.S. Air Force Headquarters

Washington, D.C.

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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. 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? *This information is in the letter I sent. I do not recall the day.*
 Day _____ Month June Year 64

2. Time of day: 8 / 30
 Hour Minutes
 (Circle One): A.M. or P.M.
Between May 19 - June - 3.

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 _____ City or Town ANsted State or County West Virginia, Fayette Co.

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____
 Hours Minutes Seconds 1 or 2 Seconds

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? JUST A GLANCE AWAY FROM ROAD (I WAS DRIVING)

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes _____ No ✓

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
 a. Bright
 b. Cloudy

NIGHT
 a. Bright
 b. Cloudy

→ evening - 8:30 PM

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

→ oblique

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *This object was in a vertical fall, very high speed as to a shooting star, was driving and glanced away from the road, saw object, glanced back at road then back to the object which was gone.*

15. 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: MAY have dropped behind, or ON TOP, or in front of A MOUNTAIN

16. 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: _____

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound I heard No sound.

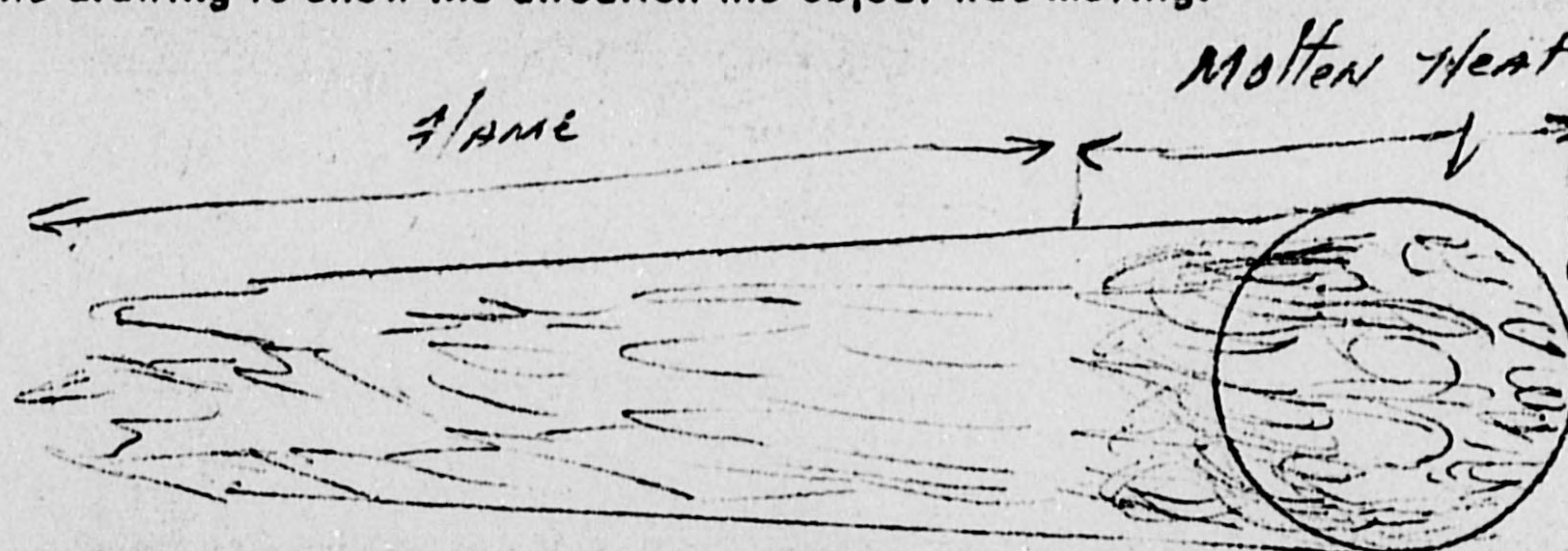
b. Color As bright or brighter than the SUN.

18. 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?

by looking at a tree or a mountain top approximately 2 miles away over this match 75 to 80% of the object would be covered.

19. 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.



Tail may have been longer.

to Ground.

20. 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? 20,000

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Not sure

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 3 to 4 miles

22. 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 _____

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?

☒ b. In the residential section of a city? same

c. In open countryside?

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

☒ b. Northeast

c. East

d. Southeast

e. South

f. Southwest

g. West

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? 15 miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)

☐ Yes

☒ No

25. 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

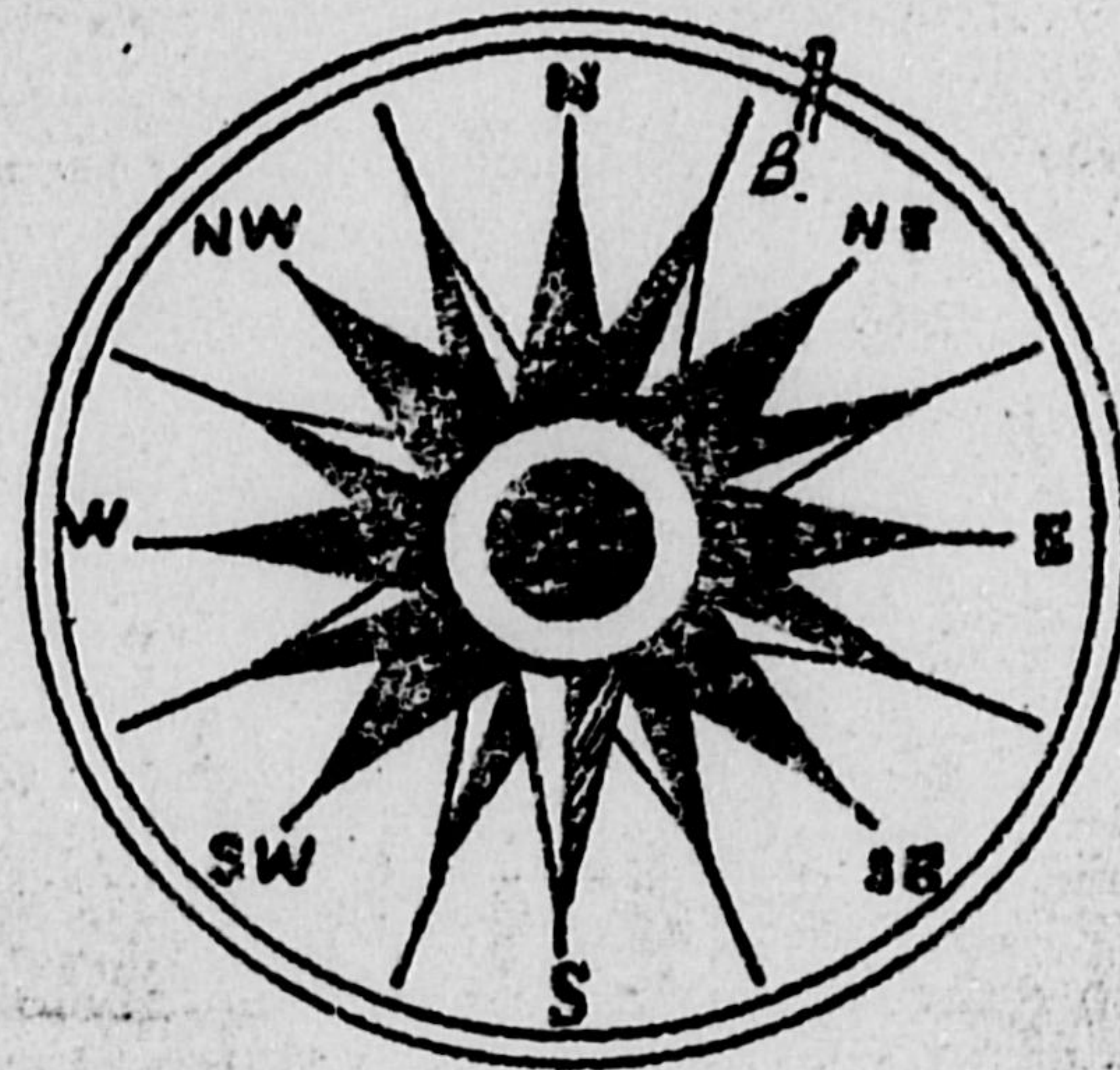
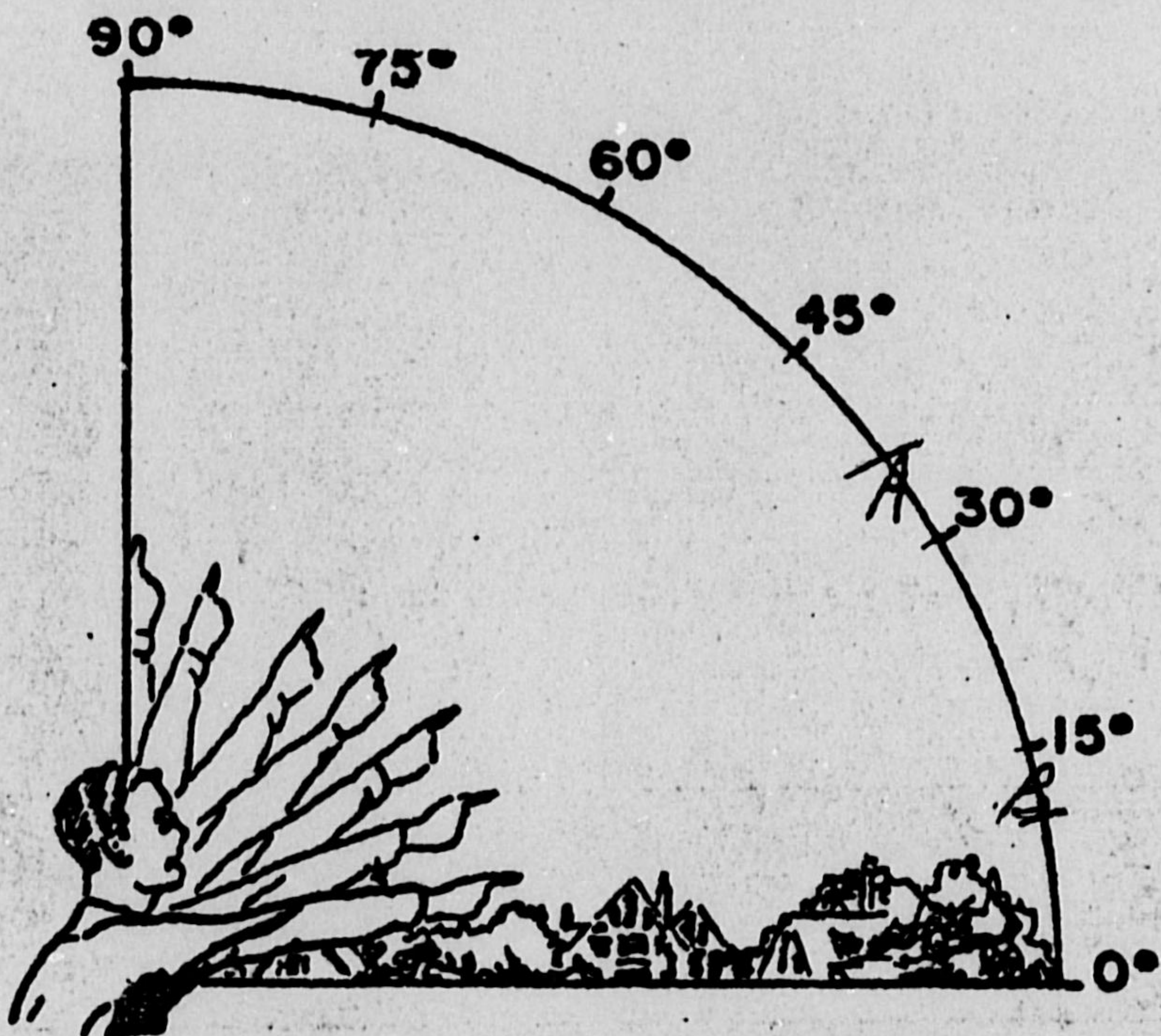
☐ No

h. Other _____

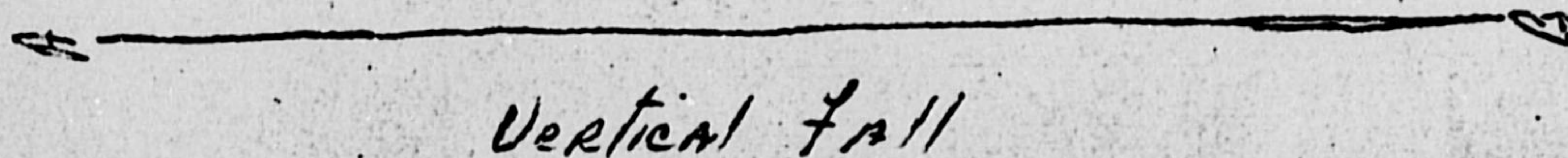
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw

Shooting STAR but Tremendous in size

27. 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. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.



28. 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.



29. 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.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

my son - [REDACTED] - 9 years old

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

WAS in Navy Air Force in world war II
work at Alloy-(U.S.N.A.C.O) AROUND Elect. Furnaces where
I see lots of bright and very intense heat.
WAS TRAINED in spotter plane identification while in
Service

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Day

Month

Year

Do not recall the day. you
have my letter.

By letter to U.F.O. office, Army Air Force, D.C.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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Day

June

Month

64

Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

I can not recall the date because so much has happened since I sent the letter to R.F.C. Office. I gave a big part of the details in this letter. The reason I reported this was because a jet trail was in the sky. I also thought that it might be a Russian Booster since it was so large.