

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 August 65 25/0310Z	2. LOCATION Roswell, New Mexico
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other (BIRDS) ✓ Dim light passing through 30 degrees of arc in 3 Seconds.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS /	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Very weak light dimmer than the bright stars. Pale white. Passed behind trees. Flight to South. Passed through 30 deg of arc. Even flight. Level (Horizontal). Could be a dim meteor or some object such as a bird at close range. More likely something close to the observer in the absence of brightness and no tail. More likely a bird. Bright night. Small, pale white, shaped like a hornets nest. Eight year old described as looking like a parachute.
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

Mrs. Hunt/man/SAFOICC/72842/13 Oct 65

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

OCT 13 1965

Reference is made to your report of an aerial object which you observed on the night of 24 August 1965.

The dimness of the object, horizontal flight of approximately 30 degrees of an arc in three seconds, and the shape compared to a parachute or hornet's nest are characteristic of an observation of a bird at night.

Although reports of this nature are rare, we do receive an average of four a year.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

[REDACTED]
Roswell, New Mexico

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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information, [REDACTED]

OCT 5 1965

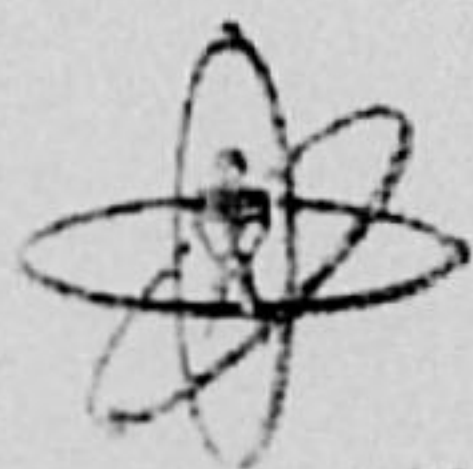
TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs. Hunt)
Wash D C 20330

Reference the attached letter from [REDACTED] requesting information on his unidentified observation. Form 164 completed by Mr [REDACTED] has given the added information necessary for us to evaluate his sighting of 24 Aug 65. The dimness of the object, horizontal flight of approximately 30 degrees of an arc in three seconds, and the shape compared to a parachute or hornet's nest lead to an evaluation of the sighting as an observation of a bird. The characteristics of a bird observation at night are similar to those you have given. While reports of this nature are rare, the Air Force does receive three or four a year. The suddenness of the sighting, and the fact that the bird must be far enough away from the observer so that it may be identified as such and yet near enough that light will reflect from its wings and body, make the circumstances sufficiently unusual that misidentification can occur.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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FTD Form 164



YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!

21 Aug
24/03107
- ROSWELL, N.M.
20 AUG

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ACTION: NIN-7 INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-8, SAF-OS-3, DIA-1 (21)

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TO RUWGALE/ADC

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RUCDSQ/AFSC FTD WPAFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/CSAF

RUEAHQ/OSAF WASH DC

INFO RUCSC/SAC

RUWBKN/15AF MCH AFB CALIF

RUWHBD/12STRATAEROSPDIV DAVIS MONTHAN AFB ARIZ

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FOR AFNIN, SAFOI. IMMEDIATE DELIVERY. UFO. A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.

(1) OVAL, ROUND. (2) SIZE SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN BASKETBALL. (3)

DULL WHITE COLOR. (1) ONE OBJECT ONLY. (5) N/A. (6) NONE. (7)

NONE. (8) NONE. (9) NONE. B. (1) FLEETING SHADOW, HIGH SPEED.

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(2) FIRST OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 45 DEGREES ABOVE ESTIMATED HORIZON,
APPROACHING FROM APPROXIMATELY 300 DEGREES. (3) DISAPPEARED BEHIND
TREES ON HEADING OF APPROXIMATELY 120 DEGREES, (4) STRAIGHT FLIGHT.
(5) INSTANTLY BEHIND TREES. (6) IN SIGHT APPROXIMATELY THREE
SECONDS. C. (1) GROUND TO AIR. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. D. (1)

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20:10 HRS. 24 AUG 65. (2) DARK. E. [REDACTED] ROSWELL,
NEW MEXICO, APPROXIMATELY 4 NM NORTH OF WALKER AFB. F JAMES F.
HANSEL, TSGT, AF34725922, 2010 COMMUNICATIONS SQ., WALKER AFB NMEX,
DUTY, AIRCRAFT CONTROLLER. RELIABILITY, GOOD. G. WEATHER: (1)
CLEAR BRIGHT NIGHT. (2) SURFACE WINDS LOCAL AREA, 1956 HRS. MST:
EZE/90KNOTS. (2) WINDS A
180/10; 10,000 - 200/10;
16,000 - 270/15; 20,000 - 290/15; 30,000 - 280/10; 50,000 - 250/15;
80,000 NOT AVAILABLE. (3) CEILING - UNLIMITED. (4) VISIBILITY -
15NM AND UNRESTRICTED (5) HIGH SCATTERED. (6) NO THUNDERSTORMS.
(7) VERT. TEMP. GRADIENT 4,000 TO 38,000 FT. 2.1 DEGREE C PER 1000 FT.
H. NONE. I. NONE. J. NAVY F-9 ARRIVED WAFB 20:15 MST, INBOUND
FROM CASTLE AFB. SEVERAL B-52 AND KC-135 A/C IN LOCAL TRAFFIC
PATTERN ALTITUDE NEAR TIME OF SIGHTING. K. INTELLIGENCE STAFF

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OFFICER, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, 6 SAW INTELLIGENCE DIVISION,
WALKER AFB NEW MEX. PHENOMENA DESCRIBED HAS NOT BEEN CO-RELATED
WITH KNOWN OBJECTS IN AREA. OBSERVER STATED HE IS FAMILIAR WITH
ALL A/C DEPARTURE AND INBOUND ROUTES. UFO WAS NOT ON ANY KNOWN
DEPARTURE OR INBOUND ROUTES. WAS UNABLE TO ESTIMATE HEIGHT OR SIZE
BECAUSE HORIZON WAS INVISIBLE. NO OTHER REPORTED WITNESSES. L.
NONE.

BT NOTE: Message appears garbled, will be serviced upon request.
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24 AUG

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
14 September 1965

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Roswell, New Mexico

Dear [REDACTED],

Reference your recent unidentified observation of 24 August 1965. The information which we received from Walker AFB, New Mexico was not sufficient for evaluation. Request you fill out the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,


HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr
Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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?

24 AUG. 1965
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 8 10
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?

Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

Hours Minutes 3 Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Estimated

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes _____ No X

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

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. 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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

As bright as a light bulb or a small star

12. 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 _____

13. 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 |

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

It disappeared behind a cloud.

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:

A cloud in the background.

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:

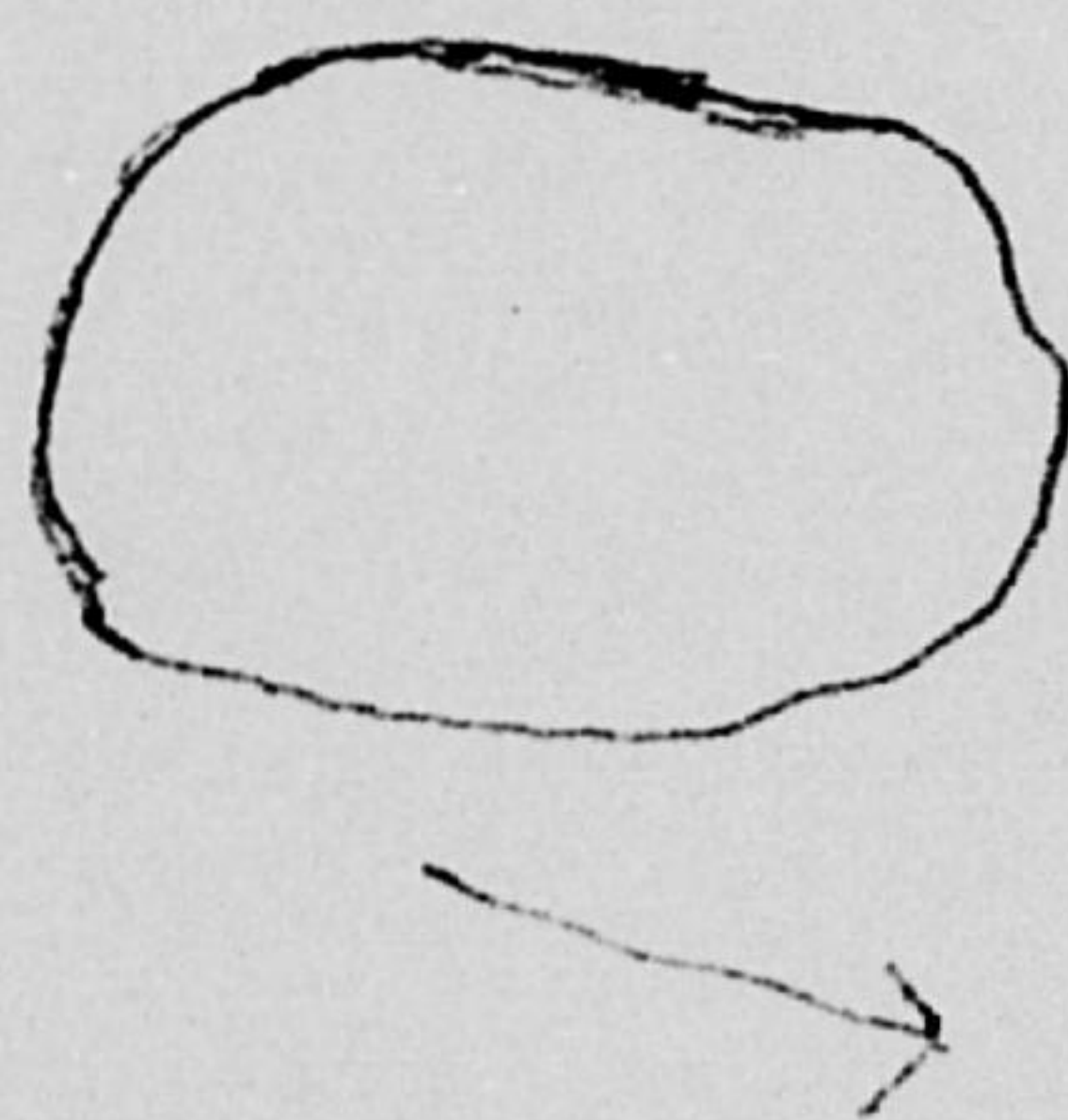
a. Sound

b. Color

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?

It was about the size of a match head.

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.



↑ North

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? _____

21. 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? _____

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?
- 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 | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

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

(Circle One) Yes No

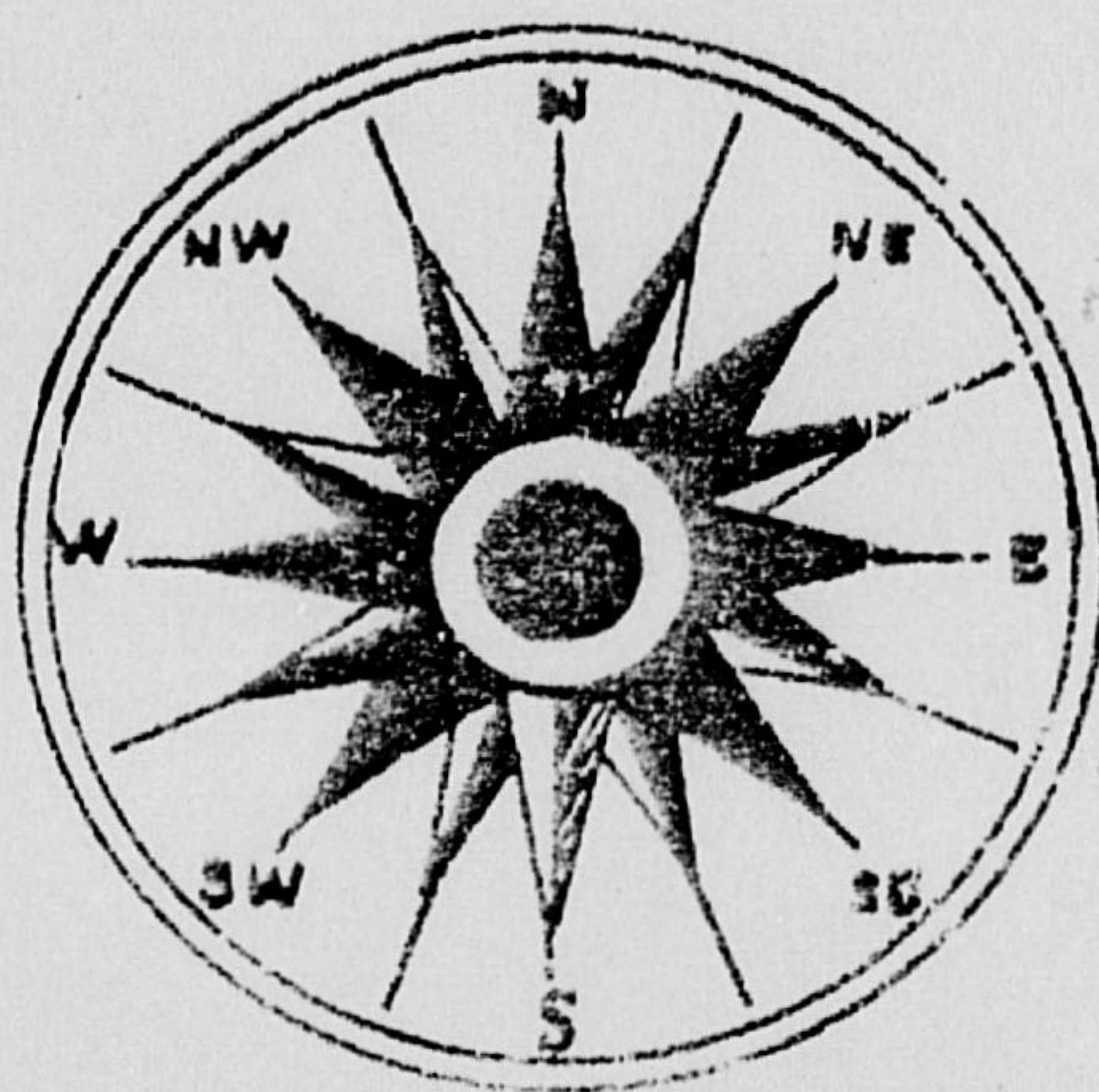
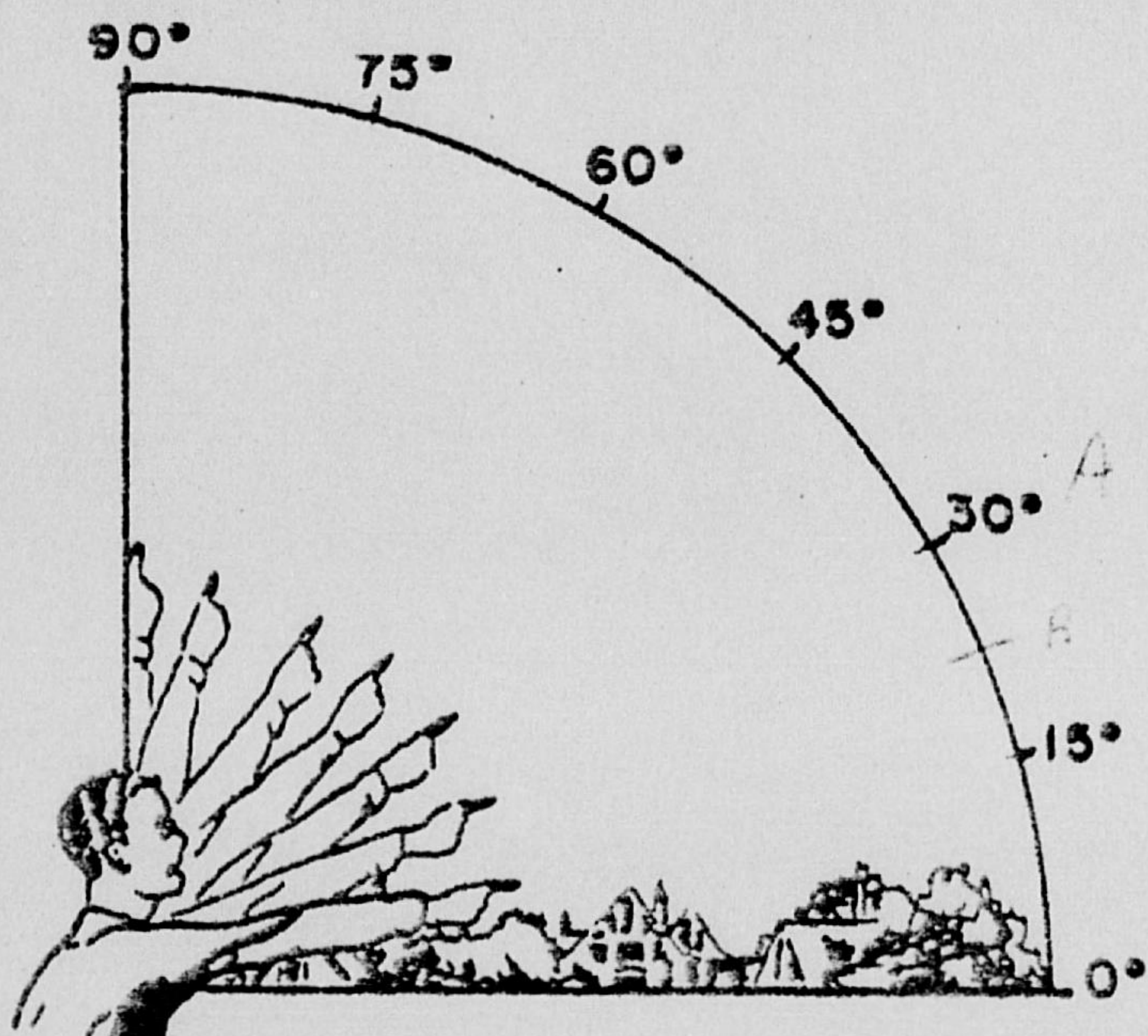
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

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

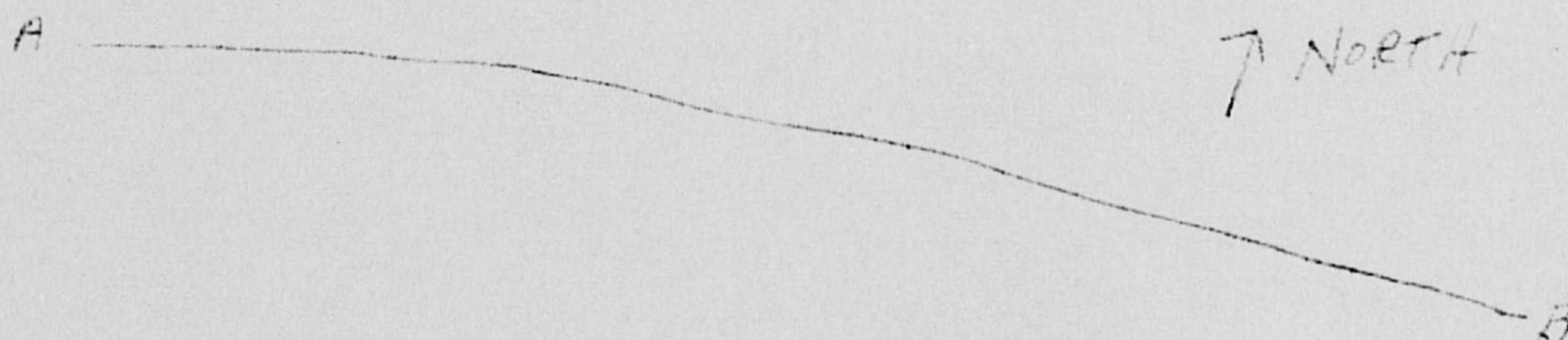
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

A bright light from the sky. My 152 year old
grandfather said it was a comet.

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:

[REDACTED]
1614 E. MONROE ST

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name
ADDRESS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Street City Zone State
TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED] SEX [REDACTED]

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

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

24 146 1955
Day Month Year

COMMUNIST PARTY
501 S. 4th
WICHITA, KANSAS

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

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.

THE OBJECT WAS SO DARK & MOVED SO FAST THAT I
WENT INTO PANIC & PASSED IT OFF AS AN OPTICAL ILLUSION;
BUT MR. LAUBATER POINTED IN THE DIRECTION IT APPEARED &
ASK ME WHERE IT WAS.