

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16-17, or 18 March 66	2. LOCATION Fairlawn Village, Ohio (1 witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 8 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted a light, brighter than a star, in the south moving downward very rapidly and leaving a trail of sparks. Disappeared behind a building in 5-8 seconds. Witness knew the object was a meteor but relayed the info to WPAFB in case it might help identify the objects.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Downward	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

RECEIVED BY PHONE

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?

8-10 days ago
16 to 18 MAR 66
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

9 15
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

FAIRLAWN VILLAGE

City or Town

OHIO
State or County

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

Hours

Minutes

5-10 sec.
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 X

No _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

a. Bright

b. Cloudy

SUN NOT UP

~~NIGHT~~

a. ~~Bright~~

b. ~~Cloudy~~

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

NO
(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:

SEEM LIKE A METEOR

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 HAD A BRIGHT
TAIL

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?

SEEM TO HAVE HIT GROUND

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: _____

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

NO

b. Color

BRIGHT WITH TRAIL

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?

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.

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

(Circle One)

Yes

No

VERY FAST

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? 3-4 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

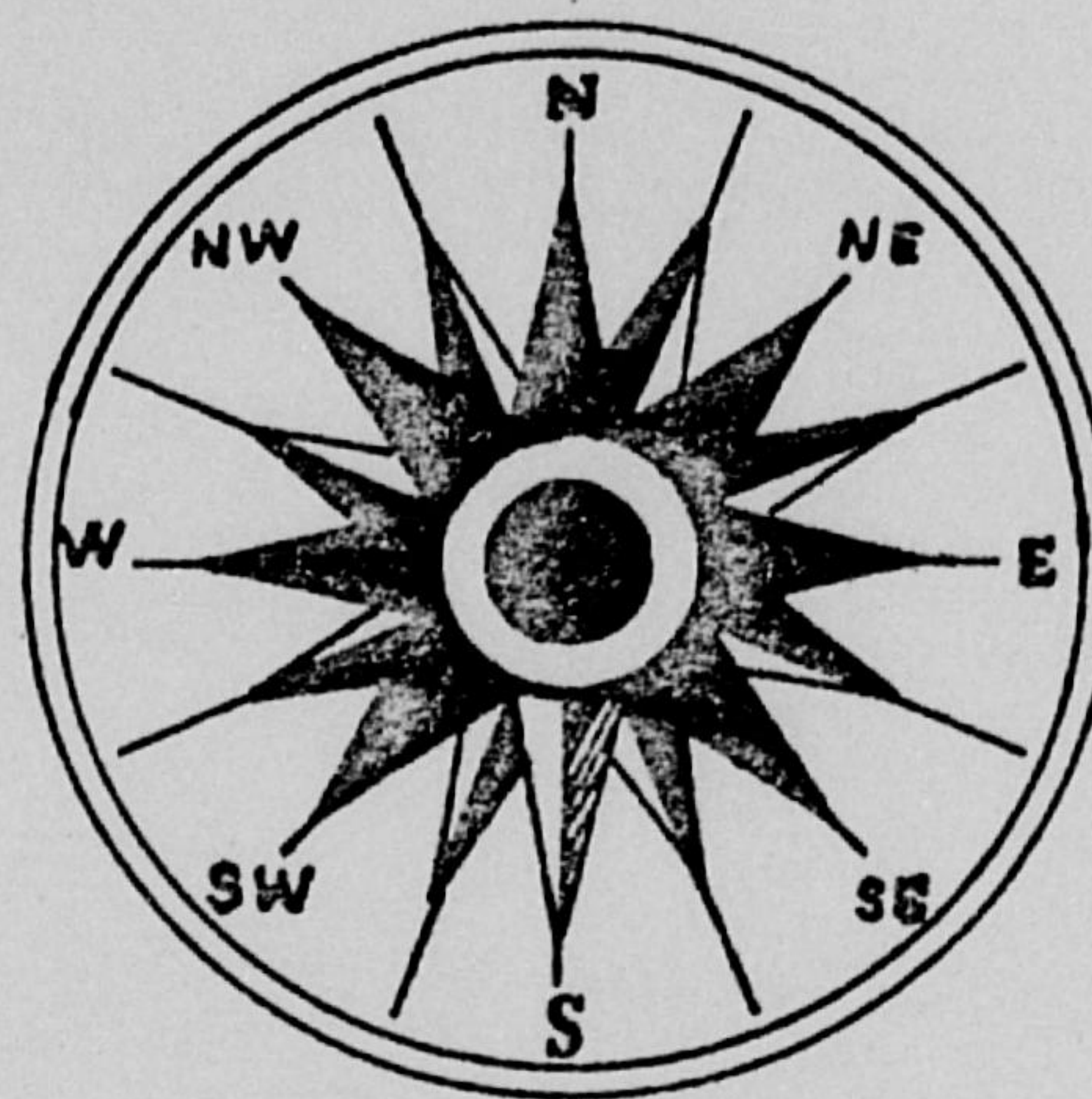
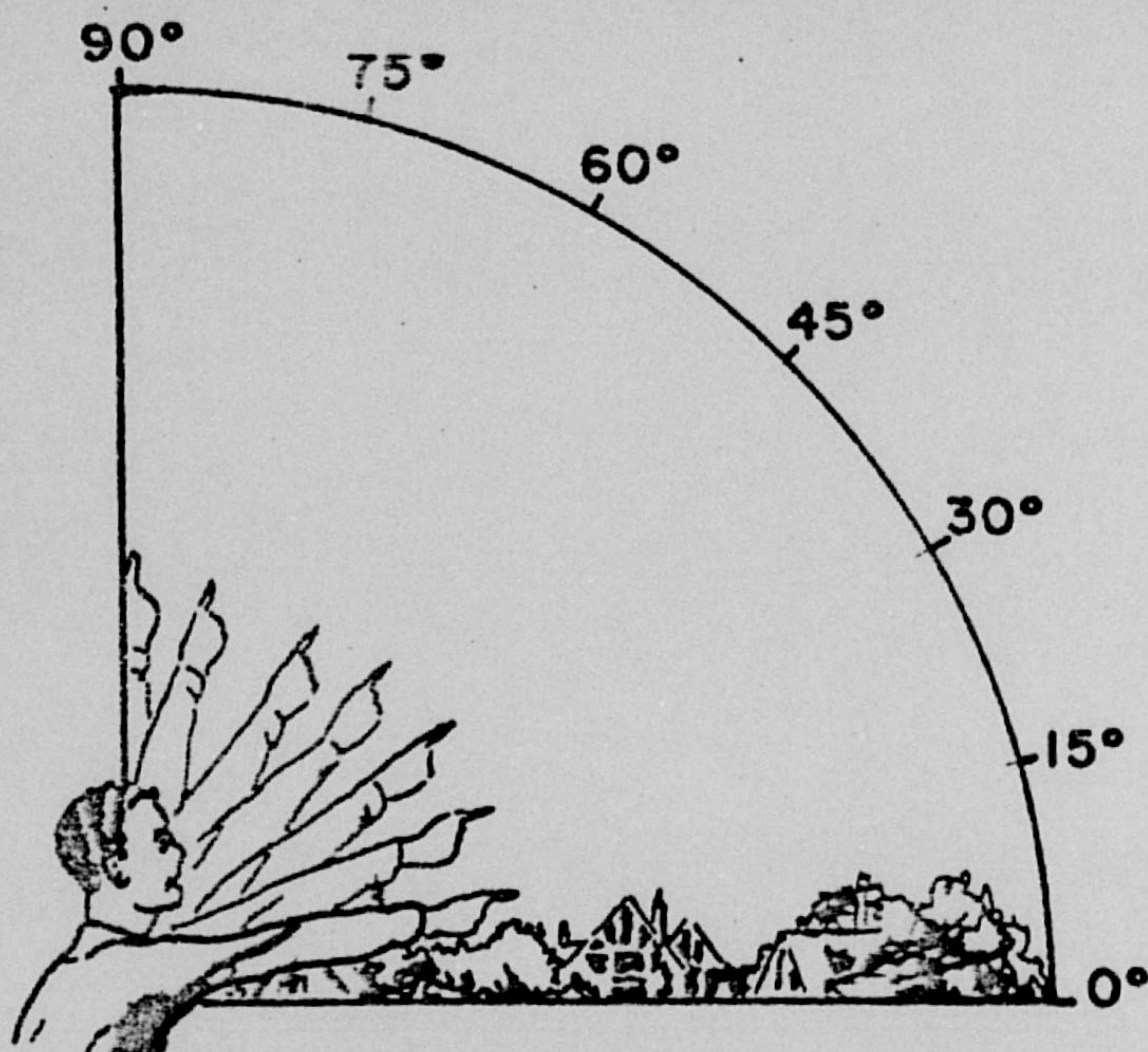
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h. Other _____

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.

NEEDLE WITH SPARKING TRAIL

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.

METEOR SHOOTING STARS

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:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

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

OFFICER FAIRLAWN VILL, POLICE DEPT.

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

26 MARCH

Day

Month

Year

FTD

D.O.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

26

Day

APR

Month

66

Year

PHONE

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 CAME DOWN RAPIDLY
IT APPEARED LIKE A METEOR ABOUT
THE SIZE OF A WASH TUB WITH A
TAIL ABOUT 100 FT. LONG.

THE TAIL APPEARED TO BE FLAKING
OR SPARKING OFF. OBJECT WENT
LOW (IMPACT NOT OBSERVED) DID NOT RETURN

THE OFFICER WAS WEST OF AKRON
ON RT-176 APPROACHING INTERSECTION
OF R-18. THE OBJECT APPEARED
SOUTH OF HIS POSITION

16018 Mar
Ohio

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
6 April 1966

[REDACTED]
Akron, Ohio 44313

Dear [REDACTED]

Reference your recent unidentified observation of
16 - 18 March 1966. Your observation is characteristic
of a meteor sighting. However, the information we have
received is not sufficient for a positive identification.
We would appreciate your completing the attached FTD
Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. If you
would like to fill out the attached form from Dr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], of the American Meteor Society, we will forward
a copy to him for his files.

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

Sincerely,

Neil H. Quintanilla

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

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1. When did you see the object?

16 to 18 3 66
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SAME DAY OF MICHIGAN SIGHTINGS

2. Time of day:

4 09
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]

Nearest Postal Address

FAIRLAWN VILLAGE

City or Town

OHIO

State or County

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

Hours Minutes Seconds 5 to 8

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 IT DISAPPEARED BEHIND A BLDG

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

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

WENT DOWN BEHIND A ONE STORY BLDG.

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: THIS OBJECT CAME DOWN AT A SLIGHT ANGLE AND DISAPPEARED BEHIND A BLDG.

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 NO SOUND HAD THE CAR WINDOWS CLOSED

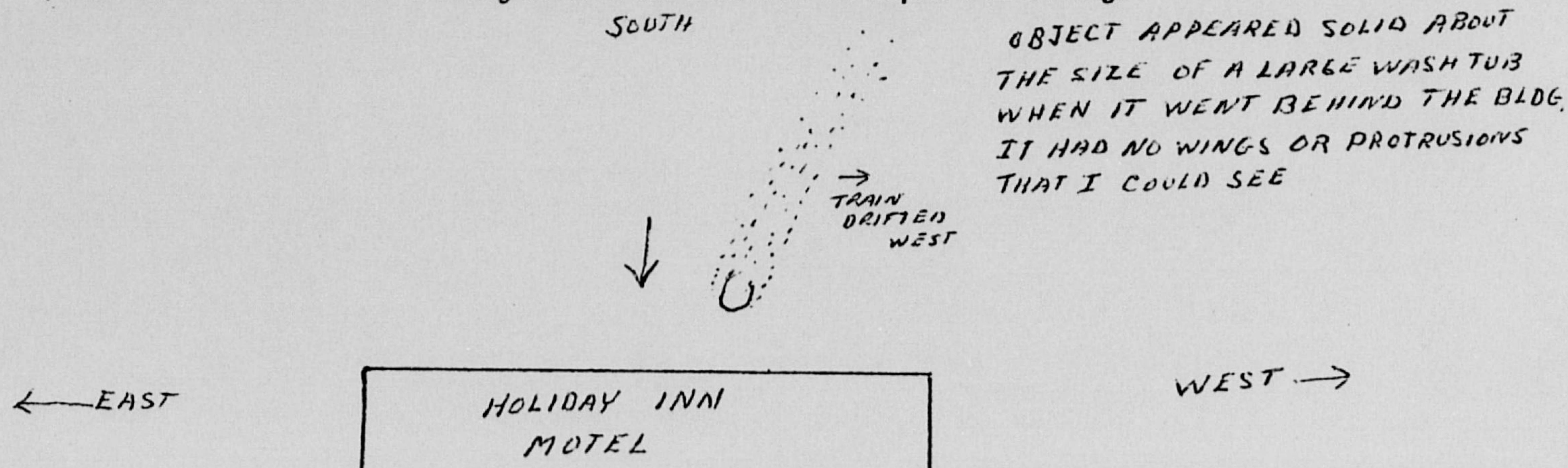
b. Color WHITE

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(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

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(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 5 to 20 MILES

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One):

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☒ b. In a car

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(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

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Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

☒ c. Windshield

☒ Yes

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Yes

No

d. Window glass

Yes

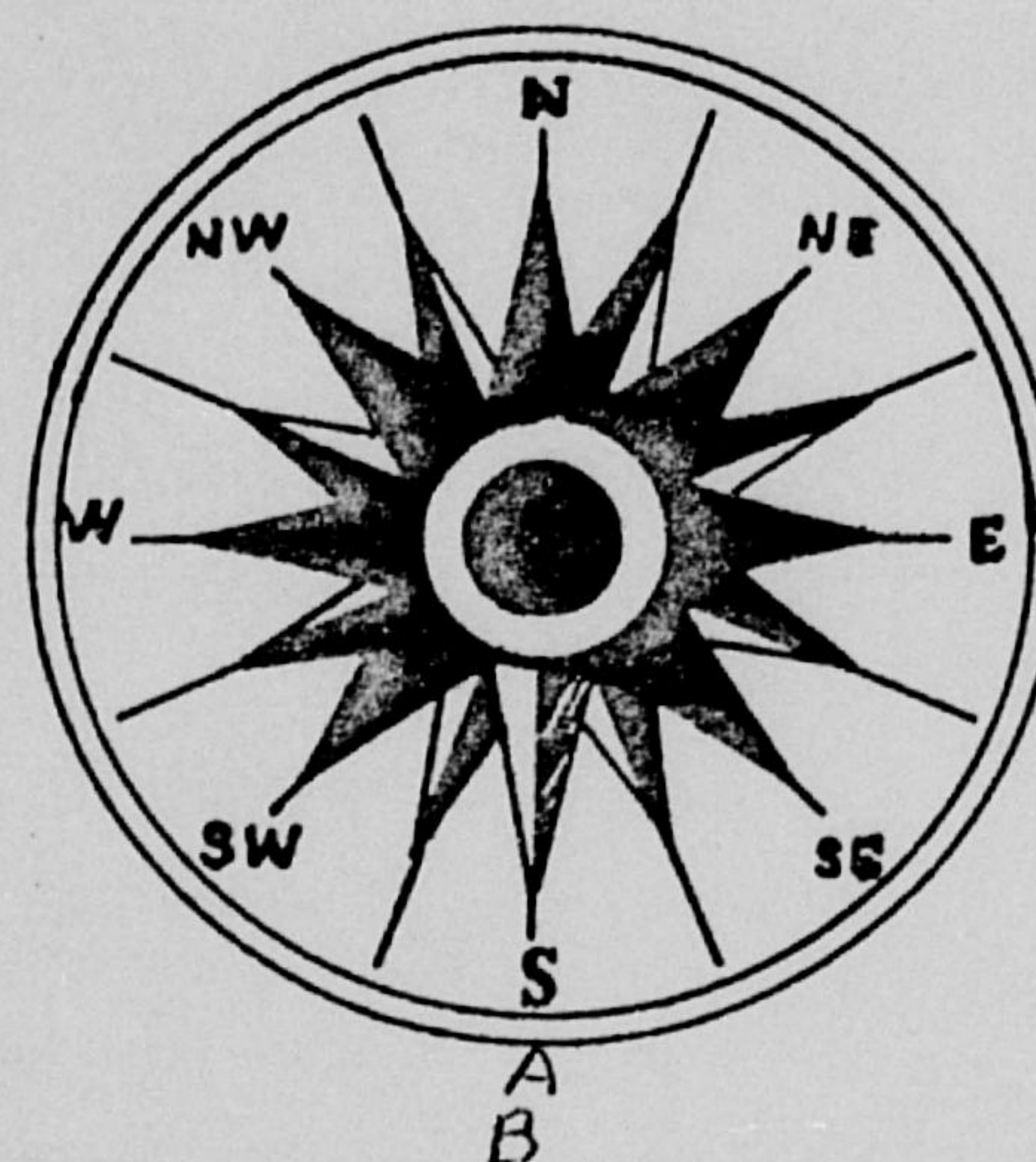
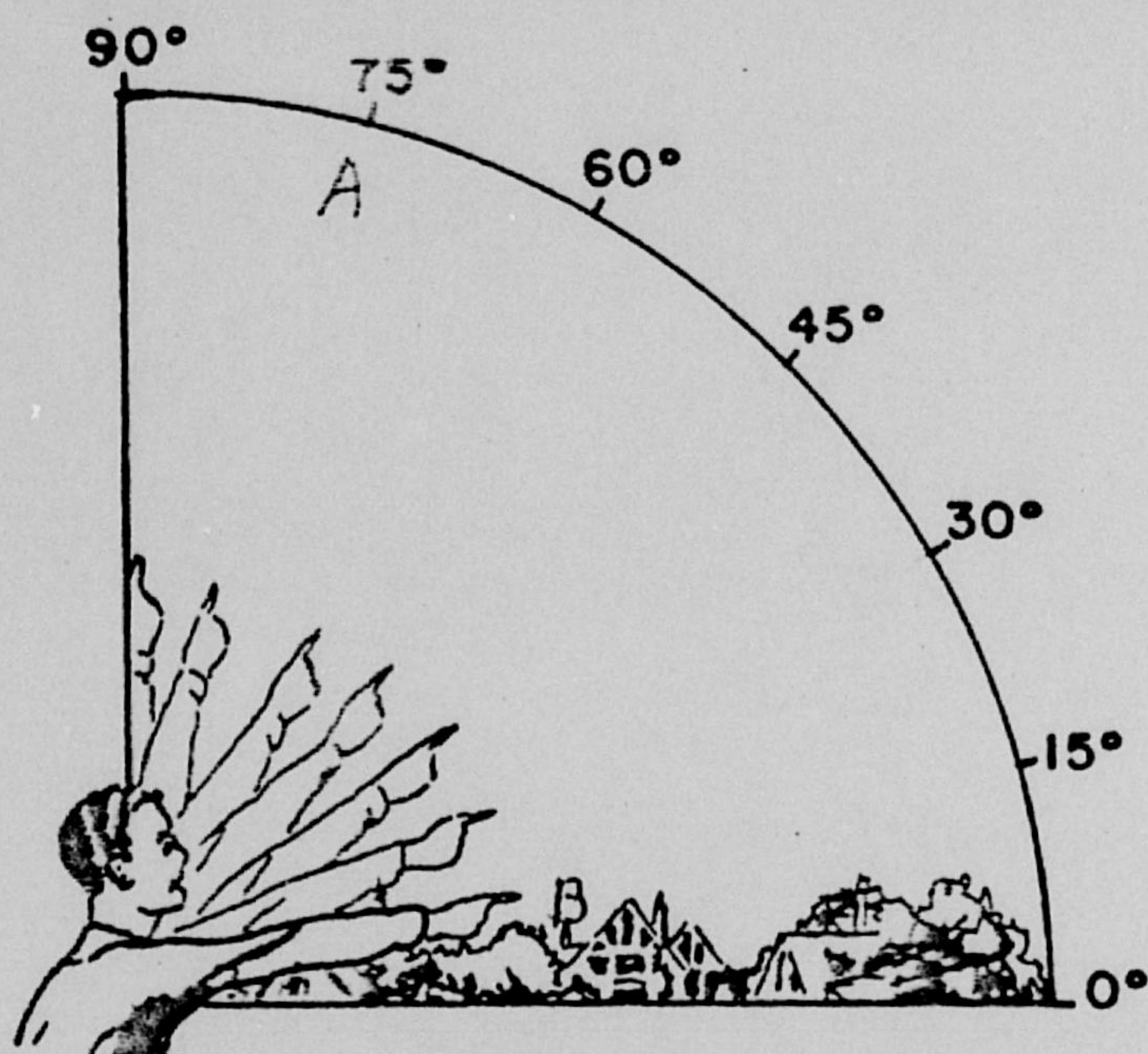
No

h. Other _____

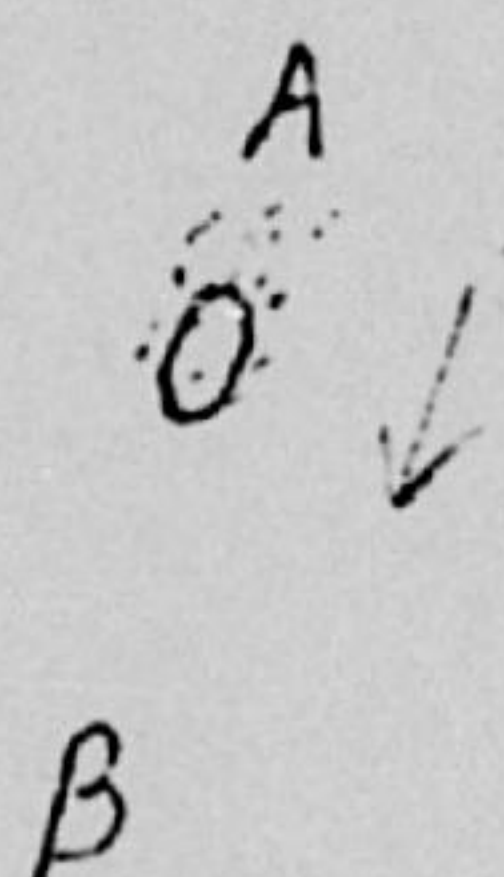
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LOOKED LIKE THE METAL THAT WOULD FALL AWAY FROM A WELDER'S CUTTING TORCH

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29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? ONE
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.

I HAVE SEEN OBJECTS FALL FROM THE SKY BUT NEVER THIS CLOSE THAT I COULD SEE THE SPARKS

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:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] AKRON 44313 OHIO
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE 41 SEX M

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

I AM A FAIRLAWN VILLAGE OHIO POLICE OFFICER AND WAS A BALL TURRET GUNNER ON A B-17 WITH THE 8TH AIR FORCE IN WORLD WAR II

I OBSERVED THIS OBJECT VERY CLOSE AND GAVE YOU THE FACT TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

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

16 18 3 66
Day Month Year

I REPORTED THIS THE SAME DAY TO MY
FELLOW OFFICERS THEN 9 OR 10 DAYS LATER
AFTER IT CAME OUT IN THE PAPER ABOUT
THE PEOPLE IN MICHIGAN SEEING SE THIS
I CALLED WRIGHT FIELD

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

11 4 66
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.

AFTER READING IN THE PAPER WHAT PEOPLE IN MICHIGAN AND NORTHERN OHIO SAW I THOUGHT THIS INFORMATION MIGHT HELP YOU IDENTIFY THIS OBJECT. I MYSELF THINK THIS WAS A METEOR AND BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF IT SO CLOSE TO THE GROUND I THINK IT STRUCK THE GROUND.

- (1) Give your name and address. [REDACTED]
- (2) Where were you when you saw the meteor? (If the town is small please give county as well.)
NEAR INTERSECTION OF RT 18 & 176 FAIRLAWN VILLAGE OHIO (SUMMIT CO)
- (3) Give the date, hour and minute when the meteor appeared; also kind of time used.
16 & 18 OF MARCH 4:09 AM EST. 9 TO 10 DAYS PASSED BEFORE I REPORTED IT TO WRIGHT FIELD.
- (4) In what direction did it appear (or in what direction was it first seen)? This is not asking in what direction it was going! SOUTH
- (5) In what direction did it disappear (or in what direction was it last seen)? For questions 4 and 5, simply N, E, S, or W is not accurate enough, unless these were the exact directions. If compass is used, state it; also if magnetic correction has been applied to compass reading.
JUST ABOUT DEAD SOUTH FROM WHERE I WAS AT.
- (6) At what height did it appear? (Use degrees in answering.) 75°
- (7) At what height did it disappear? (Use degrees in answering.) 10° BEHIND BLDG
- (8) Did it pass directly overhead (i.e., through the zenith)? NO
- (9) If not, to which side of the zenith did it go, and how far from it? (Use degrees in answering.)
THIS ANSWER I COULD NOT BE SURE OF POSSIBLY 20° RIGHT
- (10) Did it appear to reach the horizon? What sort of a horizon have you?
YES FLAT
- (11) What angle did the path of the meteor make with the horizon and in which direction was it then going? 75° DOWN
- (12) If you are familiar with constellations describe the path of the meteor through the sky with reference to stars.
- (13) Did the meteor appear to explode? NO
- (14) What was the duration of its flight in seconds? 5 to 8
- (15) Describe the train if one was left. If it lasted long enough to show drift, most carefully tell in what direction train drifted. Give sketch, if possible, showing this with regard to horizon.
- (16) What was the duration of the train in seconds? 3 SECONDS
- (17) Did you hear any sound? NO How long after seeing the meteor was it before you heard this sound?
CAR WINDOWS CLOSED
- Did you hear an actual explosion? How long after seeing the explosion was it before you heard it?
NO
- (18) Of what color was the meteor? WHITE
- (19) What was the size of the meteor? (Compare it with the Moon or with a planet or star.)
1/2 SIZE OF FULL MOON
- (20) Was more than one body seen before the explosion (if any)? NO
- (21) What was condition of sky at time? CLEAR
- (22) Give names and addresses of others who saw the meteor. NONE
- (23) Please mail this reply to

Charles P. Oliver
AMERICAN METEOR SOCIETY
551 N. Wynnwood Ave
Narberth, Pennsylvania 19072

