

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 29 March 66 29/0950Z	2. LOCATION Findlay, Ohio (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION 1. Astro (VENUS) → <i>probably J24.</i> 2. Photo: (NO IMAGE) <i>- poor data.</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 Hour, 40 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was described as a very bright light, twice as bright as a street lamp. Light was so bright that it was hard to make out any shape other than circular. Witness stated that it rose vertically and then moved at a rate of speed that was fantastic. However he also stated that he observed the object for almost two hours. Object was sighted in the east. Apparent motion of object could have been due to the motion of the automobile in which he was traveling. Photos taken produced no image.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	VENUS was at an azimuth of 120 deg and an elevation of 10-15 deg with a mag of -4.1 at the time of the sighting. Considering the information available the alleged sighting was possibility the observation of VENUS.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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SUBJECT: UFO (US)

ANALYST: MAJOR QUINTANILLA

PI: BENSON

DATE: 19 APR 66

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29 March 1966, received telephone call from Jack Grohne
620 Londerry, Findley, Ohio and spoke with Airman Elmer.
Mr Grohne took photos of an object he observed this morning
at 450 am. Observed object in the eastern portion of
town, about 1 mile from him. He waited till it got in
distance where he could get a phone. It came out completely
black (film) no light whatsoever. Object was hovering and
went back and forth and oscillating until 620 am it was
100 feet off the ground. Object seemed to go straight up.
Asked if we could have the film and analyze it. Informed
him that we would return it upon completion of analysis
and we would also send him a form to fill out.

24 March
24/0950Z

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?

TUESDAY (3rd) MARCH 1966
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 4 50
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

Findlay
City or Town

OHIO
State or County

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

1 40 _____
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? I LOOKED AT MY WATCH

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes X No _____

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:

BETTER THAN TWICE AS BRIGHT AS STREET LIGHT.

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 THE LIGHT WAS SO BRIGHT THAT IT WAS HARD TO MAKE OUT ANY FORM OTHER THAN CIRCULAR

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 ROSE VERTICALLY AND THEN MOVED AT A RATE OF SPEED WHICH WAS FANTASTIC

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:

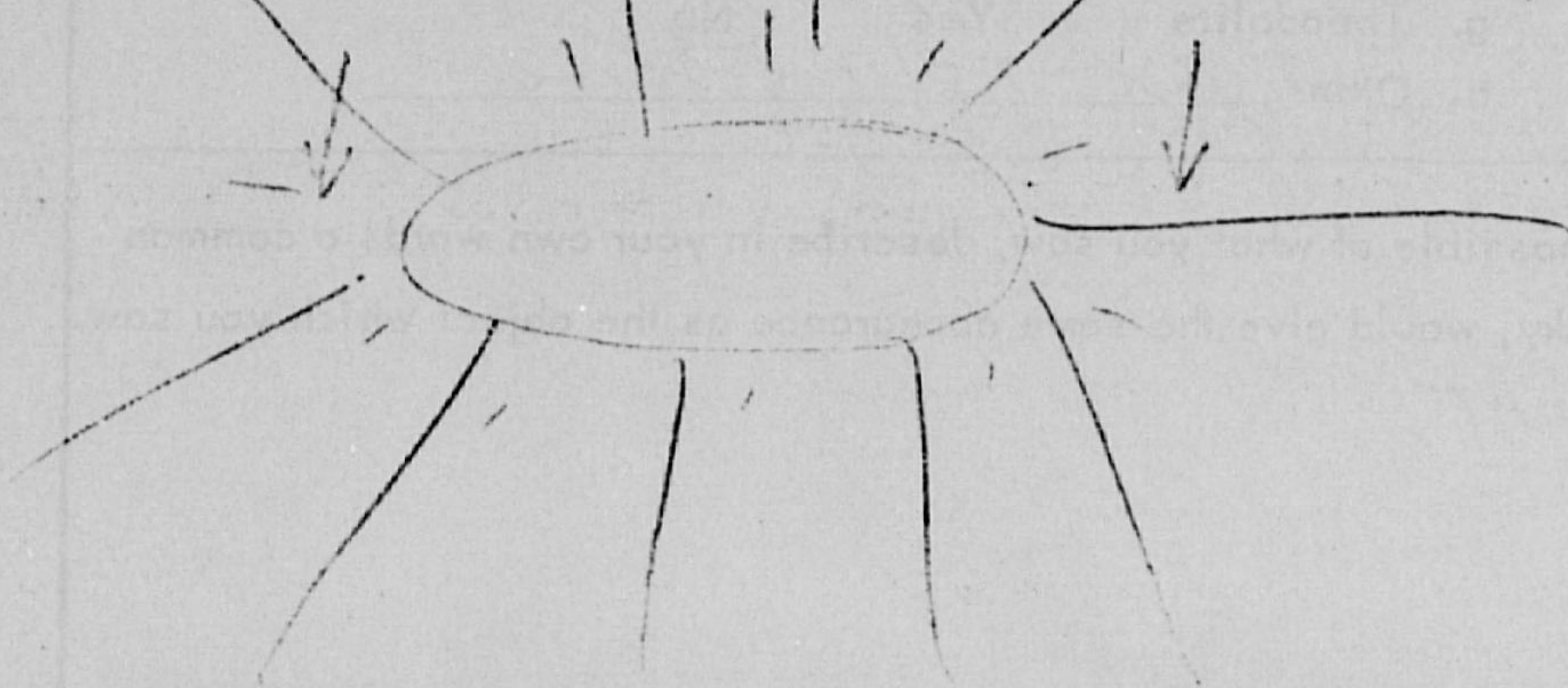
a. Sound NONE

b. Color Bright Light

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?

I ESTIMATED THE SIZE AS BEING 40-50 FEET IN DIAMETER.

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

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? 300 - 350 yds.

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
b. Sun glasses Yes ☒ No
c. Windshield Yes ☒ No
d. Window glass ☒ Yes ☒ No

- e. Binoculars Yes ☒ No
f. Telescope ☒ Yes ☒ No
g. Theodolite Yes ☒ No
h. Other 6X TELESCOPIC RIFLE SCOPE

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 VERY LARGE, BRIGHT LIGHT.

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:

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.

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

Tuesday 19-MARCH 1966

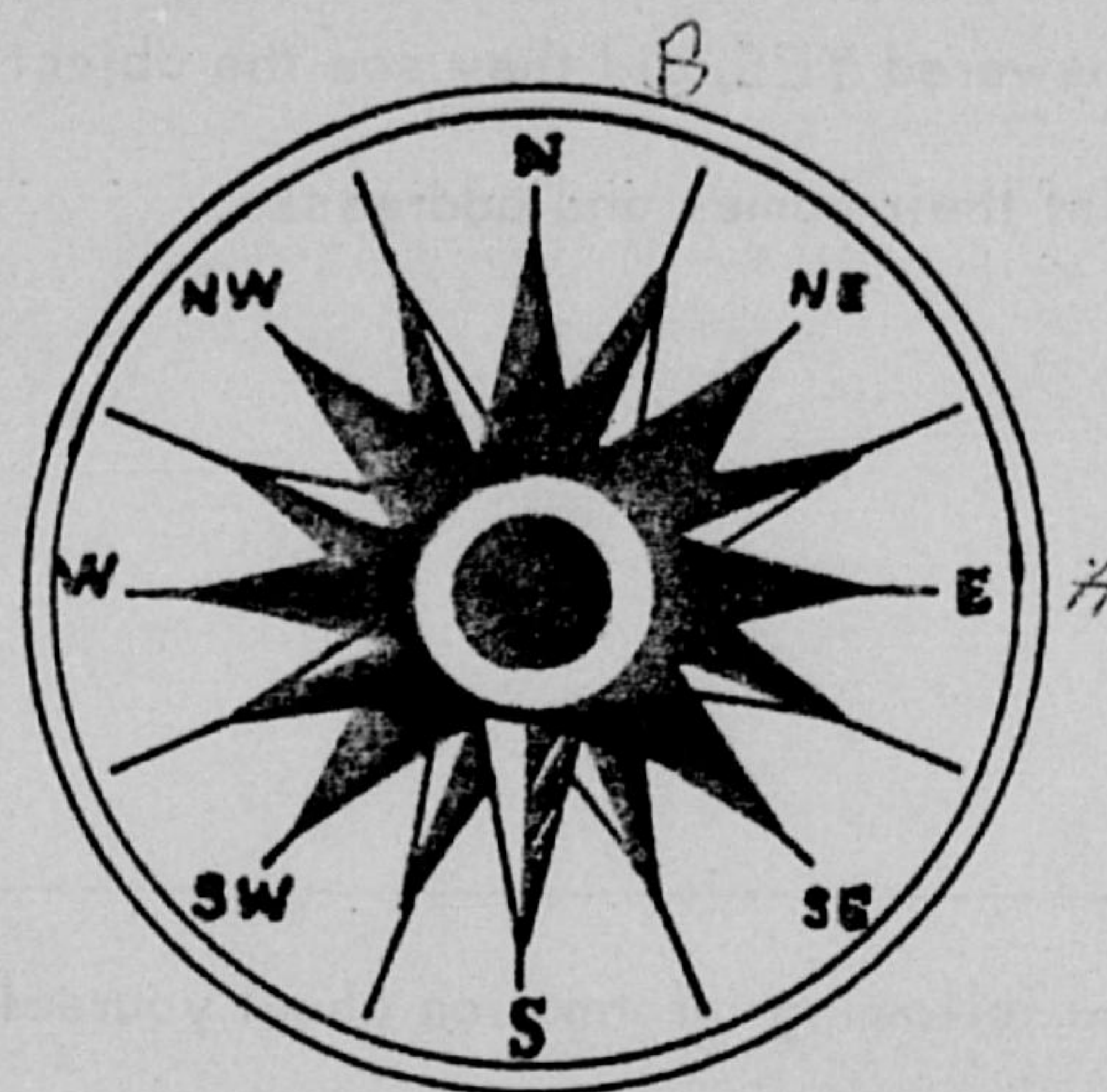
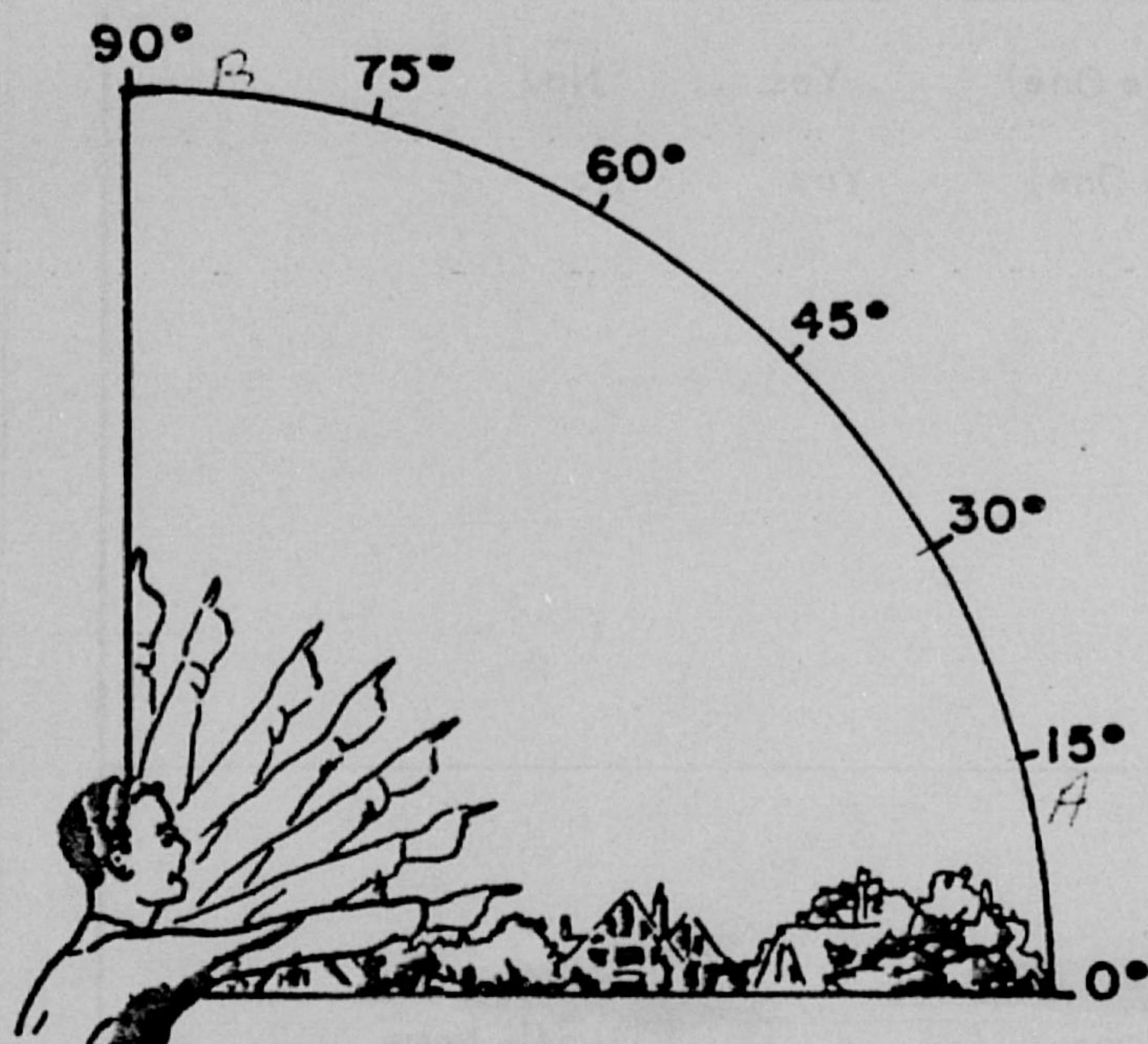
Day

Month

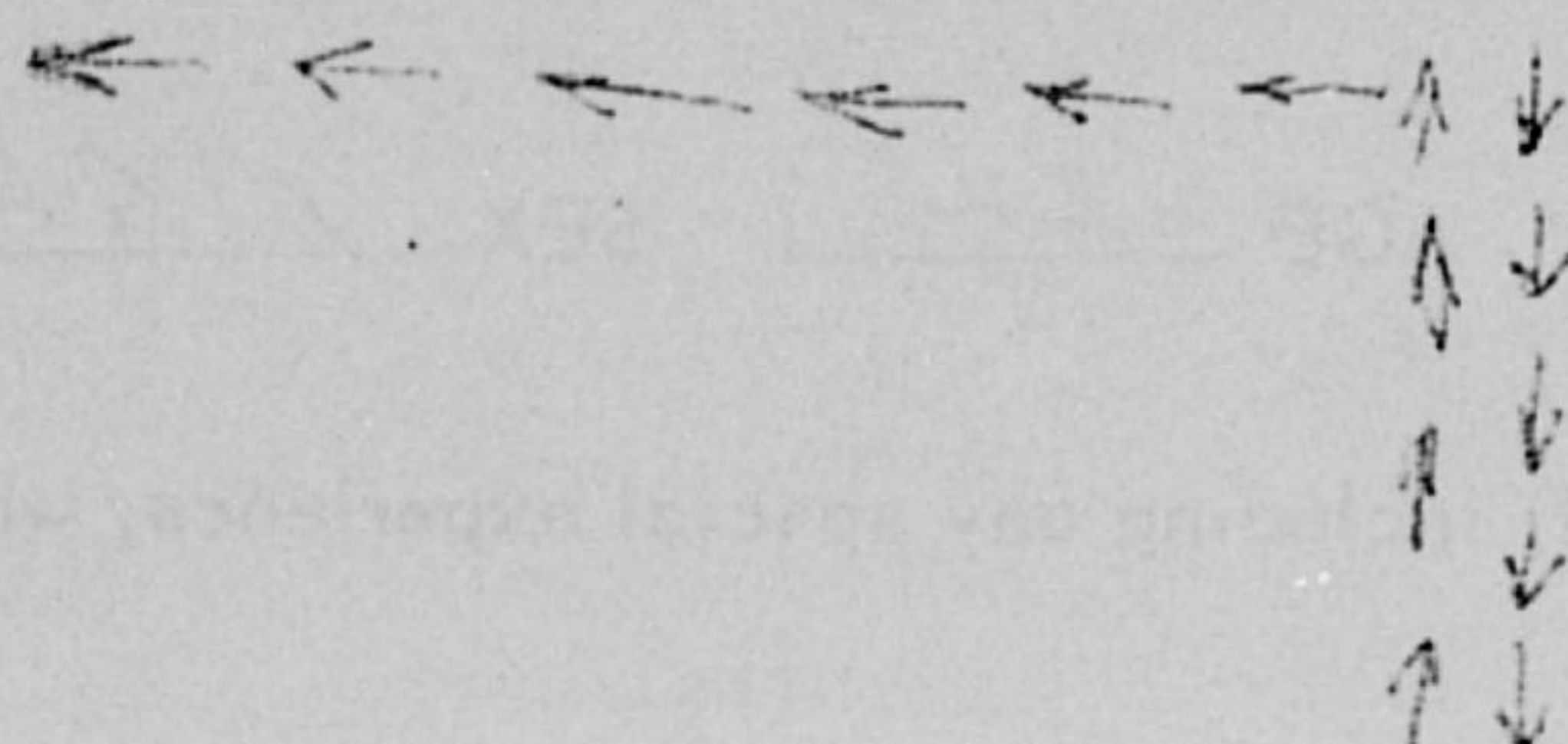
Year

To you!

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? ONE
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Friday - April 1966
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.

TDEW/UFO

APR 26 1966

UFO Sighting, 29 March 1966, Findlay, Ohio

Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs. Hunt)

Reference the attached UFO report from ~~John Doe~~, Jr. Also attached is the original negative which he submitted to us for evaluation. Request you return his negative and notify him that his sighting has been evaluated as Astronomical (Venus). Request a copy of the photo analysis also be forwarded to him.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

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1. FTD Form 164, 29 Mar 66
2. 35 mm film strip
3. Photo Analysis

COORDINATION:

ORIGINATOR:

H. Quintanilla Jr DATED *22 Apr 66*
TDEW/UFO MAJ H. QUINTANILLA, JR

N.H. Perham DATED *25 Apr 66*
TDEW

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29 MARCH 66

SAF-OICC/Cassel/ua/79079/12Jan67

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I sincerely regret the delay in evaluating your unidentified flying object sighting. Due to the amount of mail, sightings, etc., pertaining to this subject, we have created quite a backlog.

Project Blue Book at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base has evaluated your sighting as ASTRONOMICAL (Venus). I have inclosed your negative and also a copy of the photo analysis.

Thank you for reporting your sighting to the Air Force; I am sorry that circumstances precluded our answering you more promptly.

Sincerely,

GEORGE P. FREEMAN, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Atchm

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Findlay, Ohio 45840

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Stayback

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
29 March 1966

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Findley, Ohio

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

Reference your telephone conversation with Airman Elmer, this office, regarding your recent unidentified observation of 29 March 1966. We would appreciate your completing the attached FTD Form 164 in order that an evaluation may be made. In your conversation you indicated that the original negative would be available for analysis. We would appreciate borrowing the negatives and they will be returned upon completion of analysis.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

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