

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 Apr. 66 26/0200Z	2. LOCATION Baltimore, Maryland one witness
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other(Birds) <i>Very prob. ✓</i> <i>8/4</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 200 plus	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Varied	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	Observer watched ten different groups of objects flying in a "V" shape formation from east to west. There were approximately 200 objects in all; each group was at a different altitude.
7. COURSE westward	The description is consistent with that of a bird sighting. Contact with the control tower at Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, but they had no visual sightings of the same or similar objects.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

Baltimore, Md

25 Apr 66

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FTD (TDETR)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
11 July 1966

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Baltimore, Maryland 21234

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Reference your unidentified observation of 25 April 1966.
The information in your letter was not sufficient for
evaluation. Request you complete 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,

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

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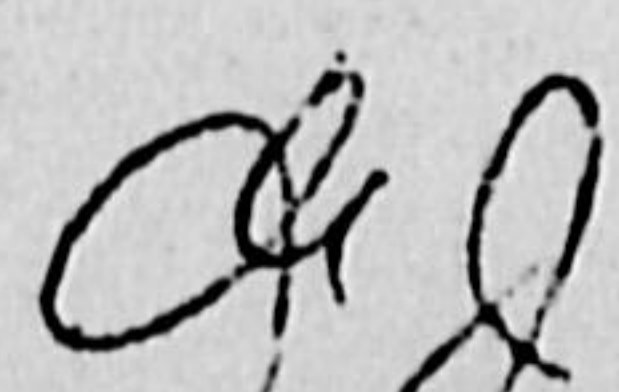
UFO Sighting, 25 April 1966, Baltimore, Maryland

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Friendship Airport

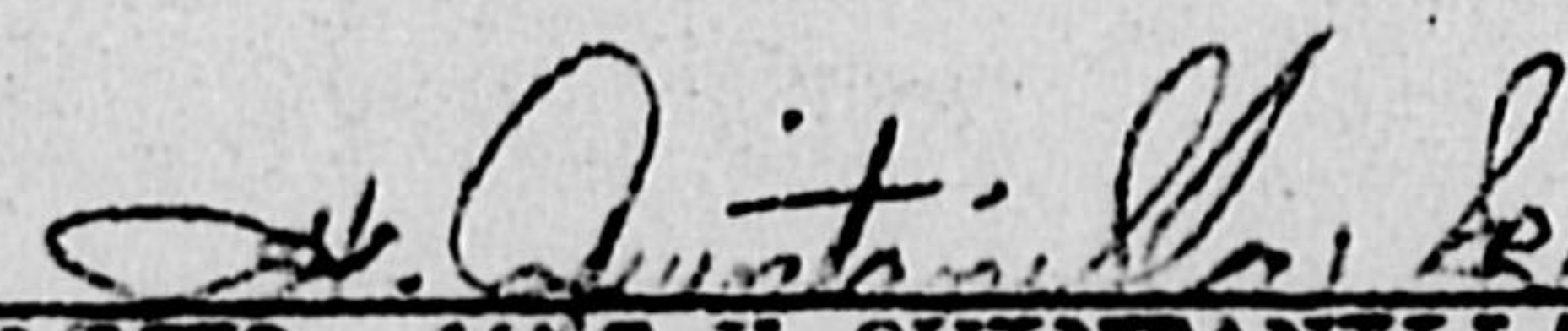
Baltimore, Maryland 21240

1. This office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object report regarding a sighting in the Baltimore area on 25 April 1966. Between 2100 and 2230 EDT an observer watched ten different groups of objects flying in a "V" shape formation from East to West. There were approximately 150 - 200 objects in all; each group was at a different altitude.
2. From the available information we feel that birds are responsible for the sightings. Information is needed from the radar section as to whether they had anything on radar that would resemble birds. If there was anything unusual on radar for that night we would appreciate knowing about it. If there was nothing unusual on radar for that night we would like a statement to that effect.


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

COORDINATION

ORIGINATOR:


TDEW/UFO MAJ H QUINTANILLA, JR

DATED 15 JUN 66

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DATED 16 June 68

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April 26, 1966

Dear Sir:

I am writing to report an observation of unidentified flying objects that my mother and I made on the evening of Monday, April 25. This sighting is not the same as the widely reported meteor sighting of the same night. The objects that we saw appeared later in the evening.

Attached is a detailed report of my observations which took place between 9:00 and 10:30 on that evening. I have had a great deal of difficulty in finding out if anyone else in the Baltimore area saw these objects besides my mother and I. The sky was so brilliantly clear at the time of the sightings that it is hard to imagine that no one else saw them. I had an equal amount of difficulty in reporting my observations by phone to the proper authorities. As a matter of fact, I was not able to find out until today who the proper authorities are. I am sure this is due to the fact that you were literally swamped with phone calls from the persons

(Send 164)

who spotted the flaming object later identified as a meteor.

The observations I made were very clear and I assure you that my report contains no undue exaggerations, as you will realize when you read it.

I admit to being slightly skeptical at times but I am afraid that what I saw last night can not be passed off as swamp gas or stray particles of a meteor. When fully taken into consideration the shape, speed, number, direction, path and flight formation of the objects shows an indication of intelligent control and a definite pattern.

I sincerely hope that this report will be of some interest to you. I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me a note acknowledging the fact that you received and read my observation, and containing some of your own comments in regard to it. I would also like to know if any similar sightings were reported in this area. I am sure you will understand my curiosity and my desire for any information that you have on the objects I observed.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [REDACTED]

(address)

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Baltimore, Maryland
21234

April 26, 1966

On Monday, April 25 I was
visiting my mother at her home
in the vicinity of Memorial Stadium
in Baltimore. At about 9:00 that
morning we went outdoors for a
walk. While walking I remarked
on the extreme clearness of the
sky. At which time I looked up and
saw eight circular objects moving
from east to west. I
cannot judge as to their altitude
each appeared to be about
the size of a quarter. They were not
extremely bright and there were
no lights on them as far as I could
tell. The very slight glow emitting
from them was most likely caused
by the reflection of the sun's rays.
They appeared to be made of a
metallic substance and their
color was like bronze. They flew
in roughly a V-formation, but a
wide V, somewhat like a boomerang.
The flight of the formation as a
whole remained smooth and it
moved very swiftly in a straight
line. Each individual object traveled
in a slightly erratic movement,
though not a jerking one, completely
independent of the others. In spite

...they maintained the general
...throughout the
...brightly and I observed
...it faded to almost a
...formation at times. As the
...moved toward the western
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...They did not make
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...of course, shocked by what
...by the time I was able
...my mother's attention to
...objects were nearly gone and
...only a shadowy movement
...I kept a close watch on
...thinking that they might
...In about three minutes
...a second group of objects
...toward the north but
...from east to west. These
...was at a higher altitude
...and seemed
...more slowly. These glowed
...brightly than the first
...lighter than
...in the same
...time there were
...objects. In about five
...minutes we sighted another

formation of about twenty at approximately the same altitude as the second. Directly behind the group came four more objects that were paired off. Although they seemed to be at the same altitude as those in sighting two and three, they were travelling much more swiftly as if to catch up with the formation just ahead of them.

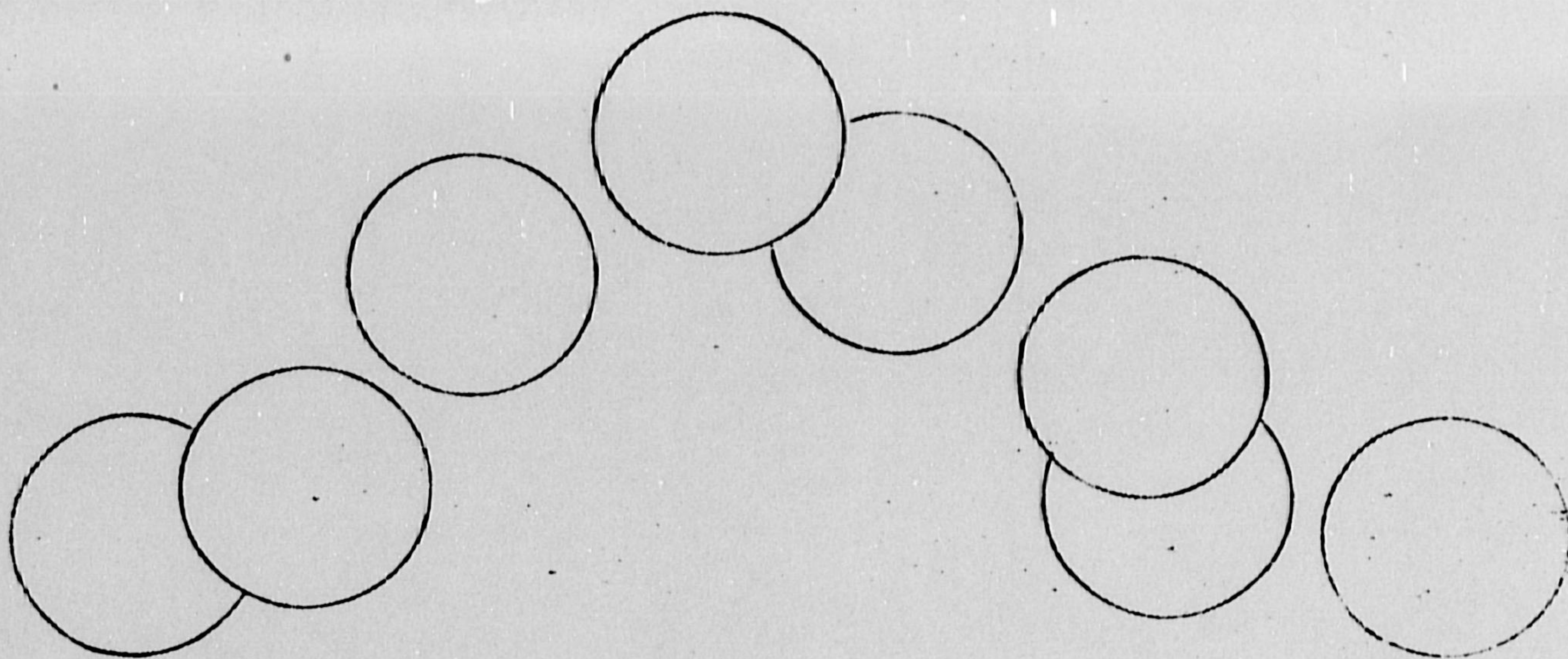
We watched the sky very closely between 9:00 and 10:30 and we saw ten groups in all, amounting to between 150 and 200 of the circular objects. Six of the groups were made up of about twenty objects each and as the night went on they seemed to fly at a progressively higher altitude. There was another group of four travelling in pairs that appeared as the eighth sighting in the same manner as those in sighting four. The seventh group was the clearest probably because it was directly overhead. The tenth group was the largest containing about forty or fifty and was at the highest altitude. All ten groups that we saw travelled directly from east to west although there was some variation in their paths from north to south. Each individual group

appeared to maintain the same altitude from the time they were spotted until they disappeared from our line of vision.

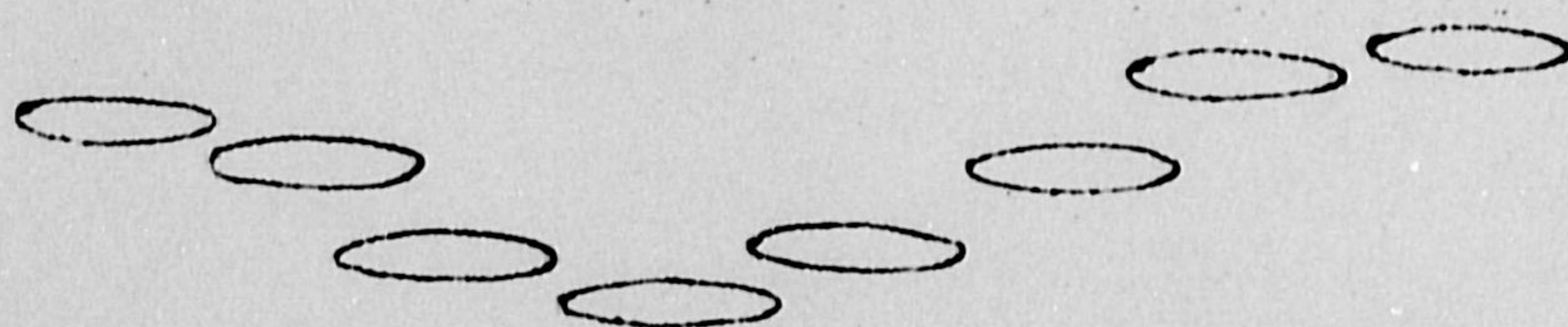
It seems that there was a reason behind their pattern of flying at progressively higher altitudes as the night went on. It appears to indicate that they were purposely avoiding the direct rays of the sun to prevent their being easily seen. It did not appear that the purpose of their flight was to observe the earth's surface because they were travelling very swiftly and all in the same direction, as though they had some common destination. Assuming that they were inhabited at all seems rather far fetched. However, to anyone who saw them I am sure this possibility is not too unbelievable.

Mrs. [REDACTED]

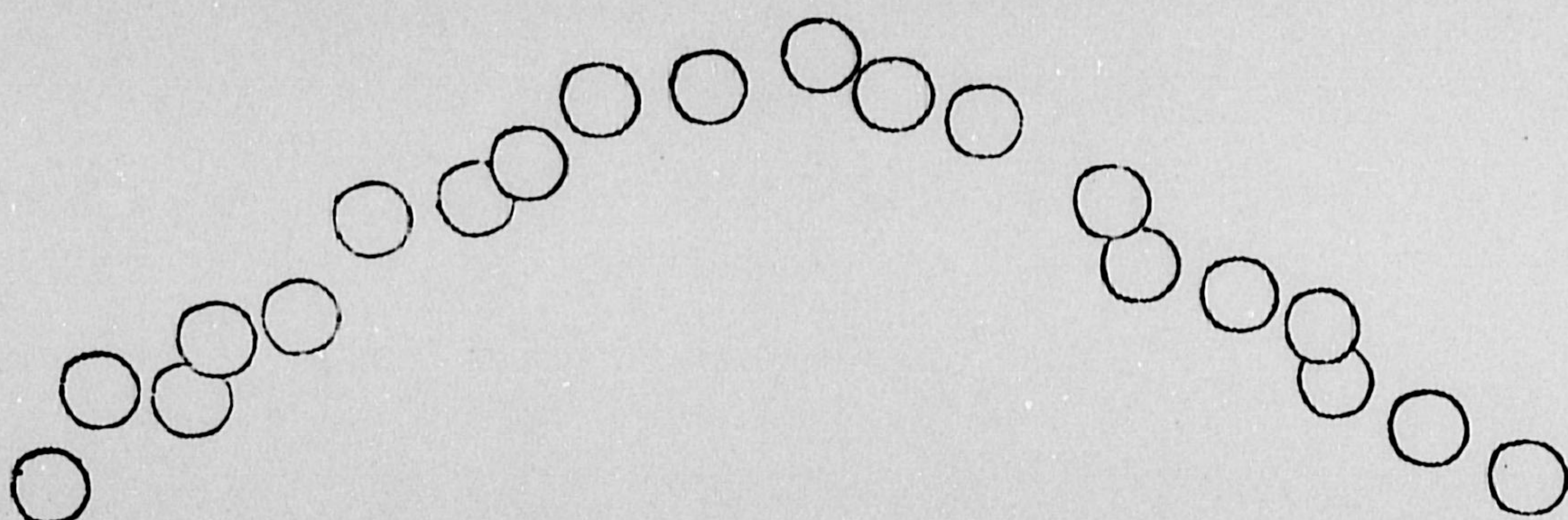
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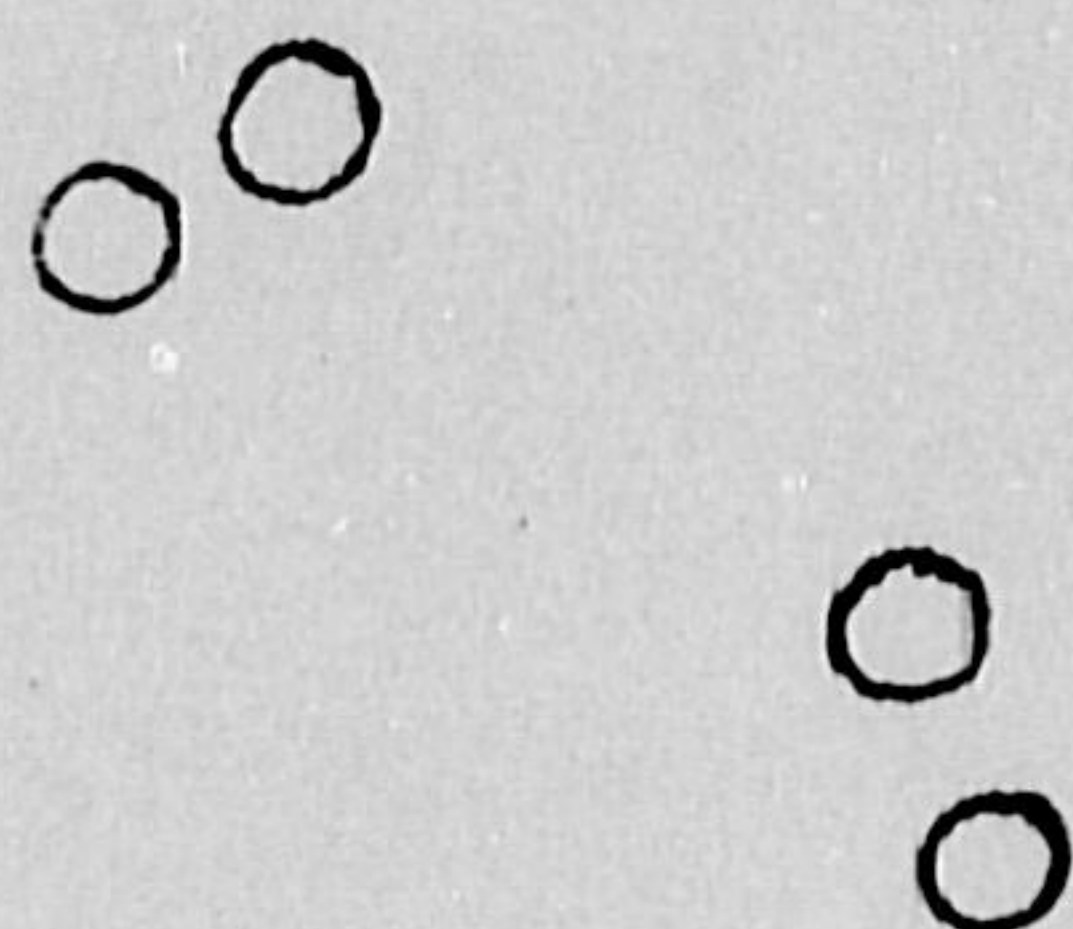
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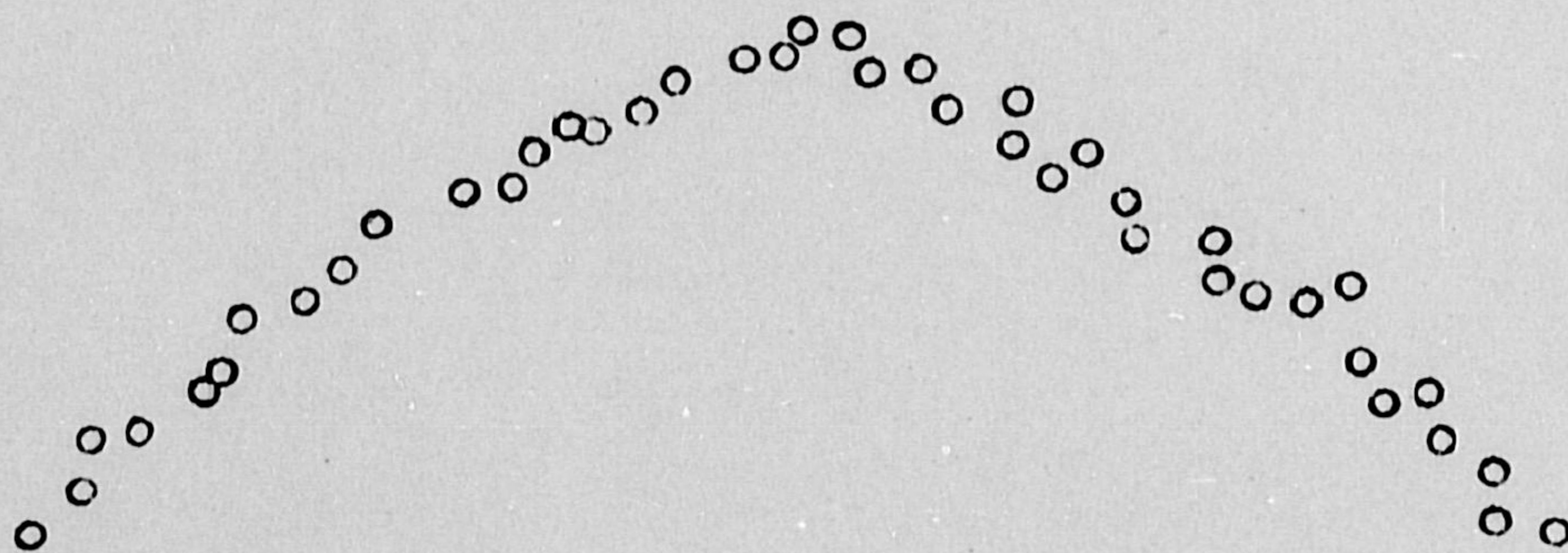
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I have drawn the diagrams as closely as I possibly could to the size that they appeared. The number of objects in the larger groups is merely a close estimate.

1. First sighting when it was directly overhead

2. First sighting as it moved toward the western horizon.

3. General appearance of formation in sightings 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8, all of which appeared to contain about twenty objects. The size of this diagram is closest in appearance to the size of the objects in sighting 7 which, as I mentioned in the report, was the clearest of all since it was directly overhead.*

4. General appearance of the two sets of paired off objects which went over as groups 7 and 8.

5. Last sighting when it was directly overhead. As I mentioned before it was the largest group of all and at the highest altitude.

* Even though the objects in the first sighting were at a lower altitude, they were not as clear as those in sighting seven. This was due to their greater speed, their lack of brightness and the fact that I was so shocked by their sudden appearance.



FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY
EASTERN REGION
AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER
FRIENDSHIP INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21240

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

June 20, 1966

Colonel Eric T. de Jonckheere
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems
Department of the Air Force
Headquarters Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio 45433

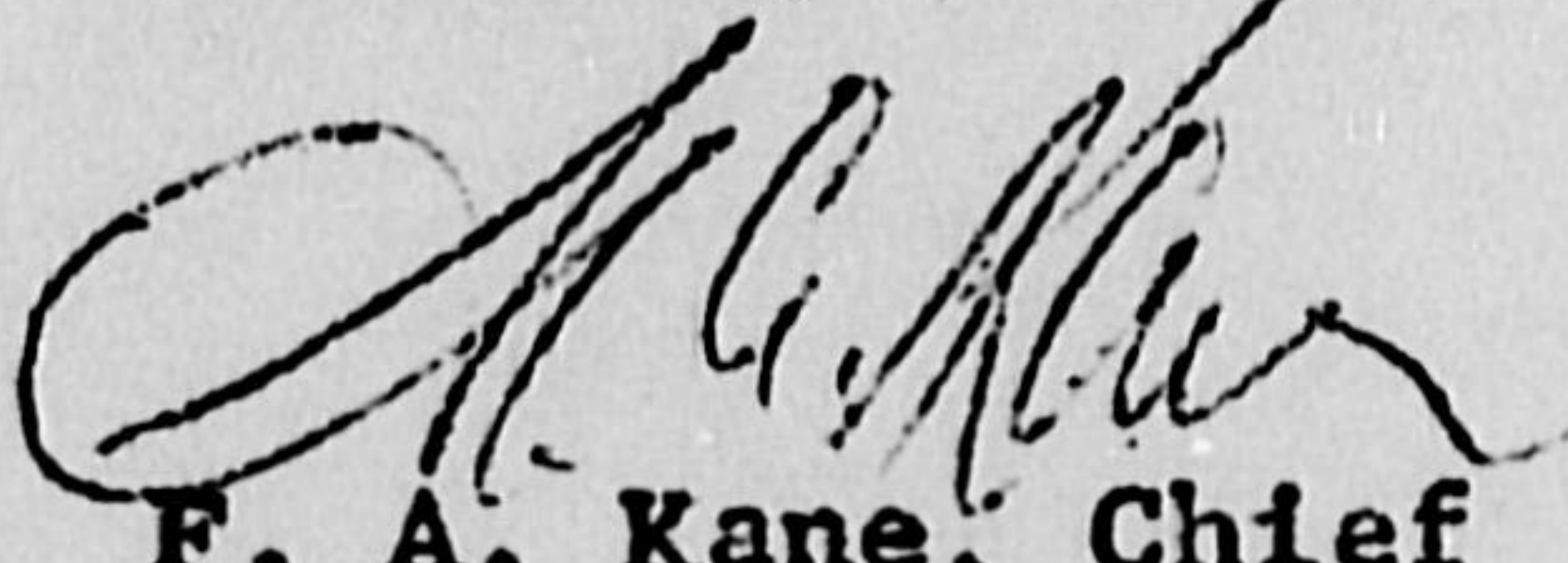
Dear Colonel de Jonckheere:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 17, 1966, subject:
UFO Sighting, 25 April 1966, Baltimore, Maryland.

At 0015 GMT, April 25, 1966, a Controller on duty in the Tower reported "a bright greenish-white fire ball with orange tail observed north of the airport descending". This was also reported by pilots of several aircraft in the vicinity. Subsequent newspaper stories indicated that it was identified as a comet. For verification we suggest you check with the United States Weather Bureau.

No other unusual objects were reported.

Sincerely yours,


F. A. Kane, Chief
Baltimore Tower

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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?

25 April 1966
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 9:00 (APPROX. TIME OF FIRST SIGHTING)

Hour Minutes
10:30 (APPROX. TIME OF LAST SIGHTING)
(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] Baltimore Maryland 21218
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? _____

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

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

(It appeared as a solid object glowing within itself or reflecting light on its surface which)

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

- ☒ a. Brighter *(except for the full moon)*
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

They were like smaller versions of the full moon on a very bright night

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?

No. The objects simply moved out of sight over the houses and trees to the west.

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 *There was no sound that I could hear*

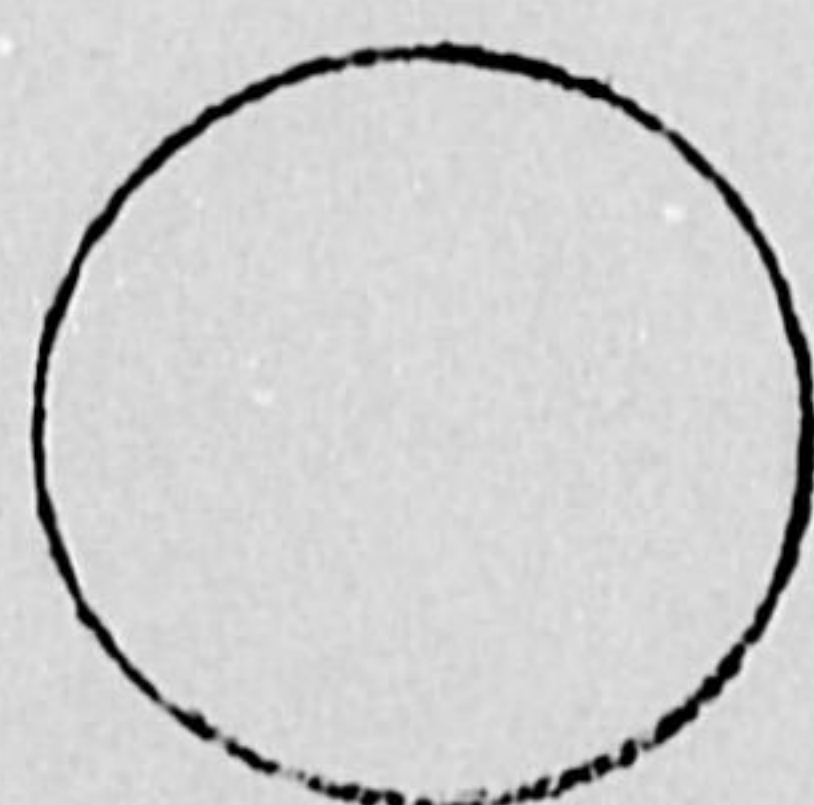
b. Color *The first 8 objects, which were largest (or closest), were orange colored. The rest of them glowed with a white light.*

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?

So many objects were sighted at seemingly different altitudes that it is hard to answer this question. The first eight objects would only be about 1/20 covered by the match head. The others ranged from 1/5 covered to just about the same size as the 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

Except that they travelled much more swiftly than any plane I have ever seen.

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

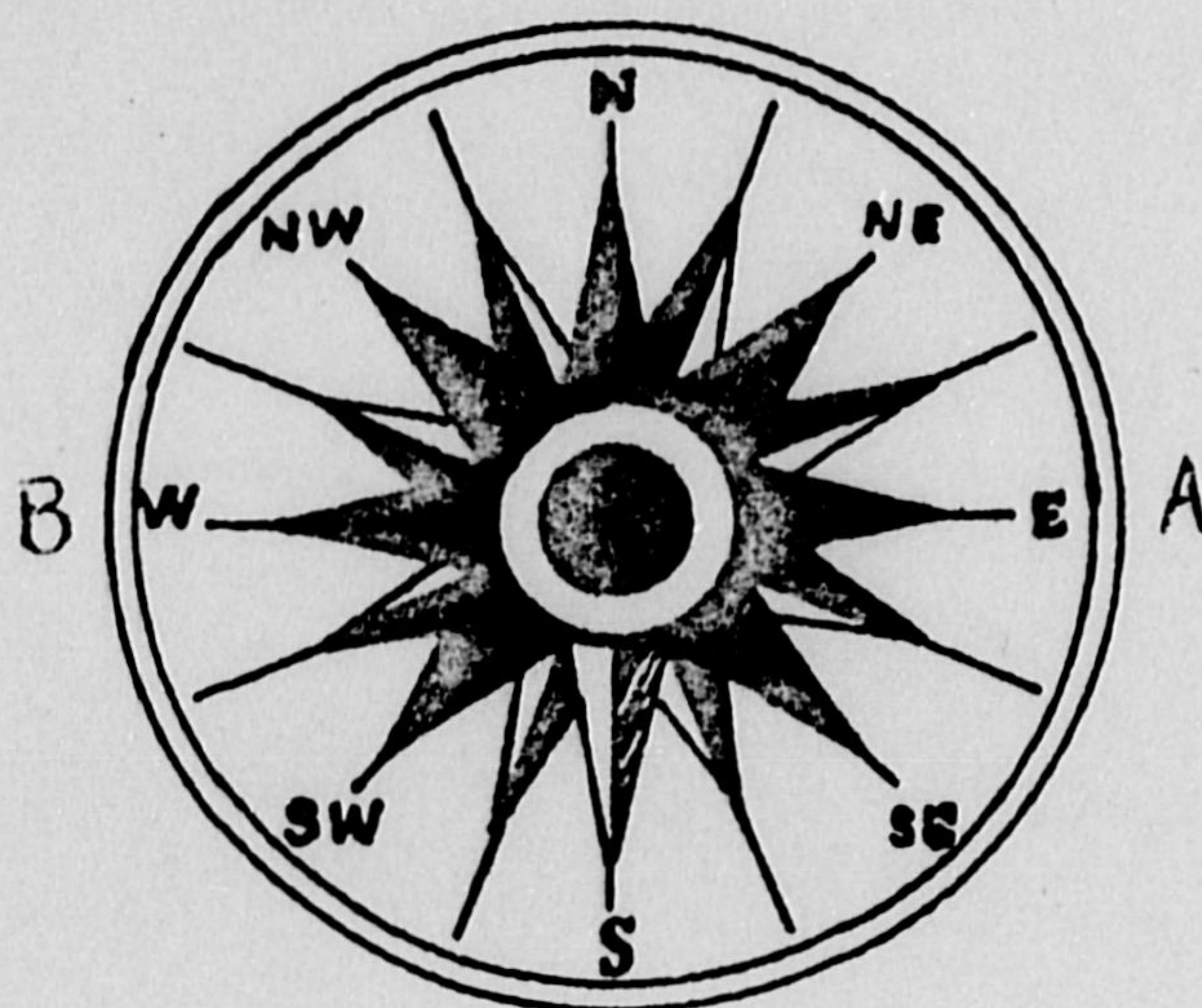
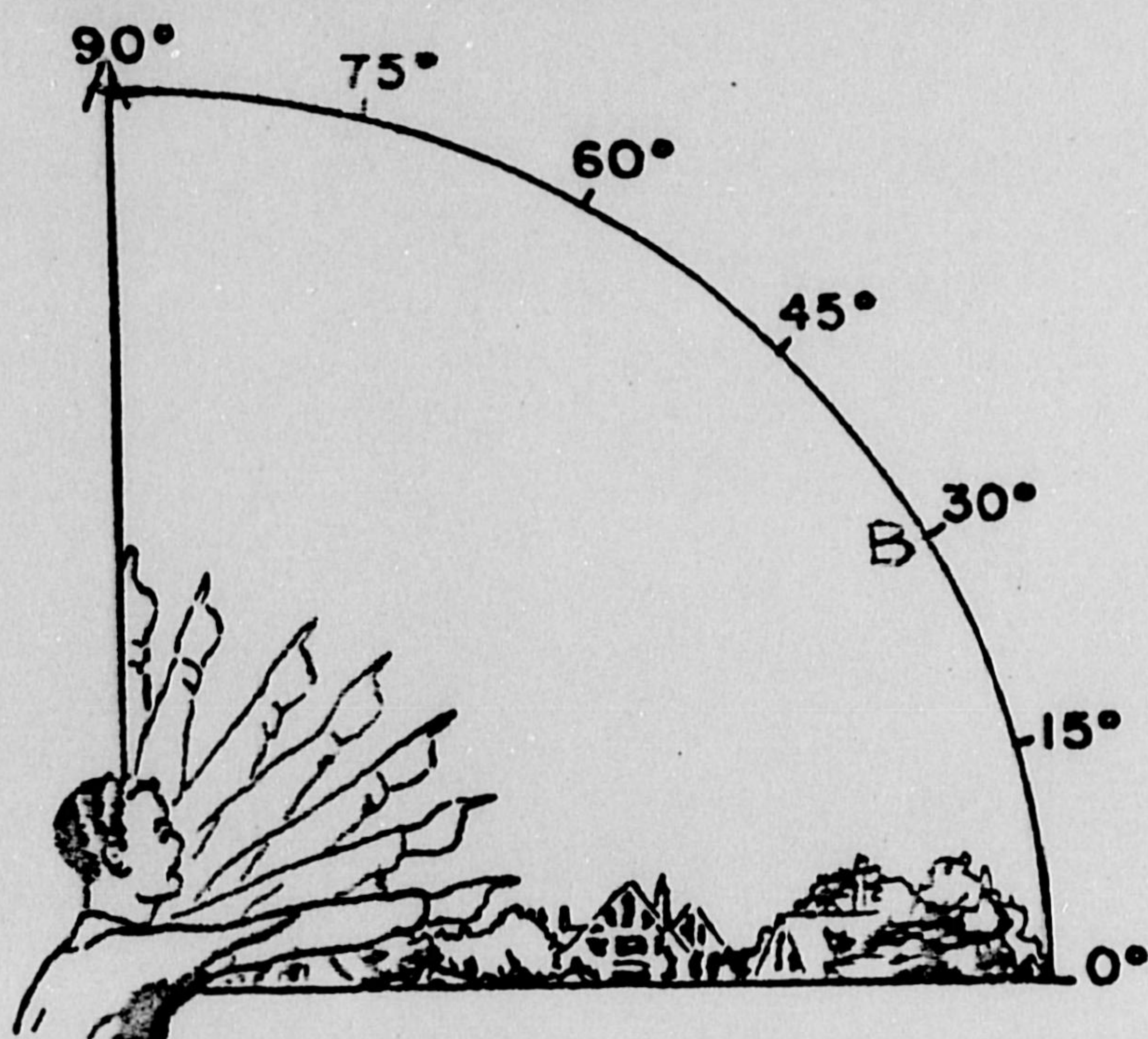
☒ No

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.

Due to the fact that their shape changed from circular to elliptical as they moved nearer the horizon, I would say, in spite of the familiarity, that the objects were shaped like two saucers, one inverted over the other.

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.

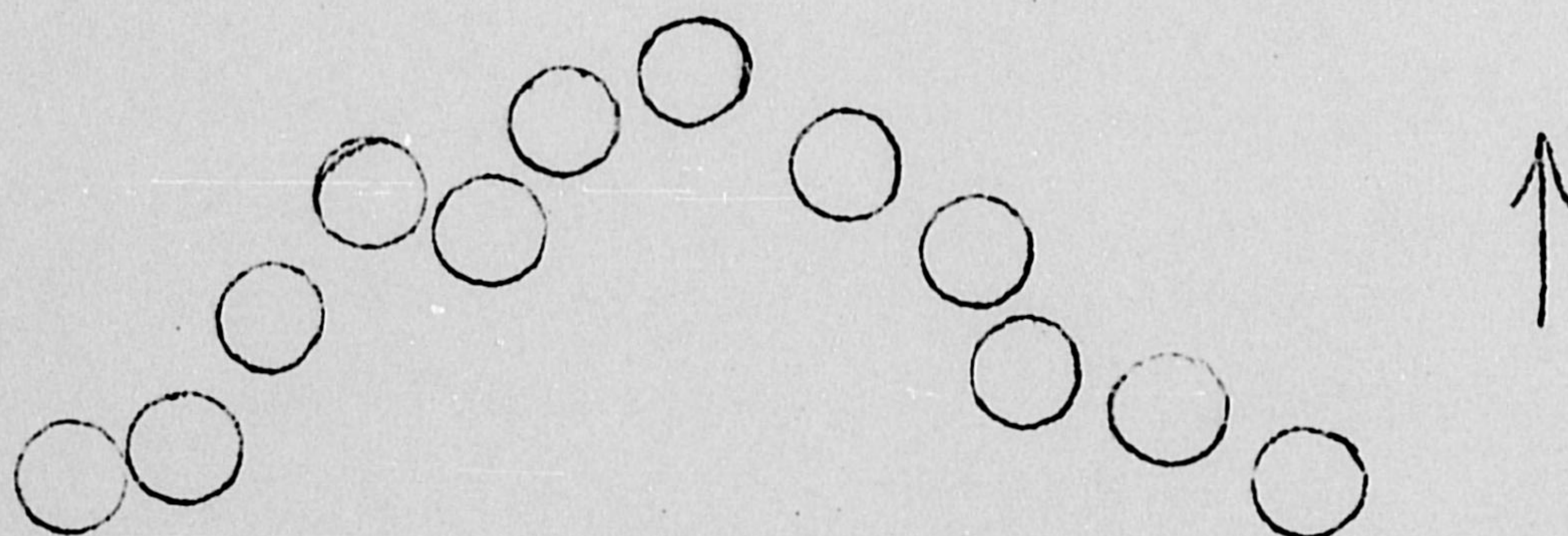


28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

A ————— B

This was not true of each individual object but of each group of objects in V formation, as a whole. Each individual object in the formation would slightly in different directions showing that they were not attached. However they never actually broke formation.

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? about 200
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.

No

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:

*Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Baltimore, Maryland 21218*

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

(MRS.) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
NAME Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS (NEW ADDRESS) [REDACTED] AVE BALTIMORE [REDACTED] MD
City Zone State

(OLD ADDRESS) [REDACTED] RD BALTIMORE, MD. 21234
AT TIME OF FIRST REPORT

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE 20 SEX F

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? *I sent the report to the Air Force and to NOLAP on the same day.*
Day Month Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

July 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.

The questions that you asked were very difficult to answer. As I said in my original report, there were a great number of objects sighted in groups ranging from 8 to about 40 or 50 objects. These groups flew directly from East to West and appeared at unevenly spaced intervals ^{of time}. They also flew in roughly a V or boomerang shaped formation. During the roughly one and one-half hours of sightings, the objects appeared to fly at progressively higher altitudes*. There were ten groups in all.

The answers that you request in this form are actually referring to one object or several objects at one sighting. I hope that the answers I have given are not confusing and that they are adequate to complete the information that you need.

* As the altitude of the object groups progressively seemed to become higher, the size of the objects seemed, of course, to diminish. At the same time the groups seemed to travel more slowly. This is the reason I was not able to answer question # 5. The first group of objects were in sight no longer than about three seconds, but as the night went on, the sightings became longer until, at the final sighting they were in view for about 30 seconds.