

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 Oct. 66 2000Z	2. LOCATION Salisbury, North Carolina multiple
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Aircraft
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two	5 RF-4C aircraft were airborne 4-10 NM south of area at the time of the observation
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION two minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	Observers watched two white colored objects that were trailing a B-52 aircraft. One of the objects stopped in the air turned sideways and parked. The second object came in at an angle to the path of the first object at a speed that made the B-52 look like like an ox cart going up hill. This second object turned up on edge and appeared to take off with a burst of speed. Then the observers saw something that looked like a mass of metal coming down from the aircraft.
7. COURSE Varied	The description is consistent with that of aircraft on a training mission.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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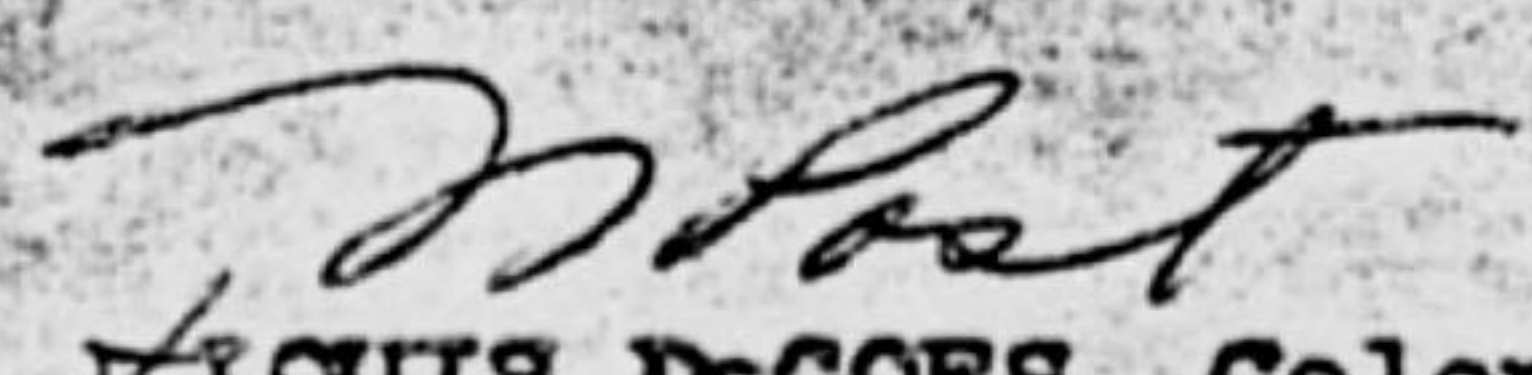
UFO Observation, 12 October 1966

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837th Air Division

Our office is in receipt of a reported unidentified flying object observation over the Salisbury, North Carolina area. A check of our Flip Low Altitude High Speed Training Route Chart indicates that your wing is engaged in training flights over the area in question. Request information on participation by the 837th Air Division on Shaw 18 and Shaw 15, low altitude, high speed routes on the afternoon of 12 October 1966.

FOR THE COMMANDER



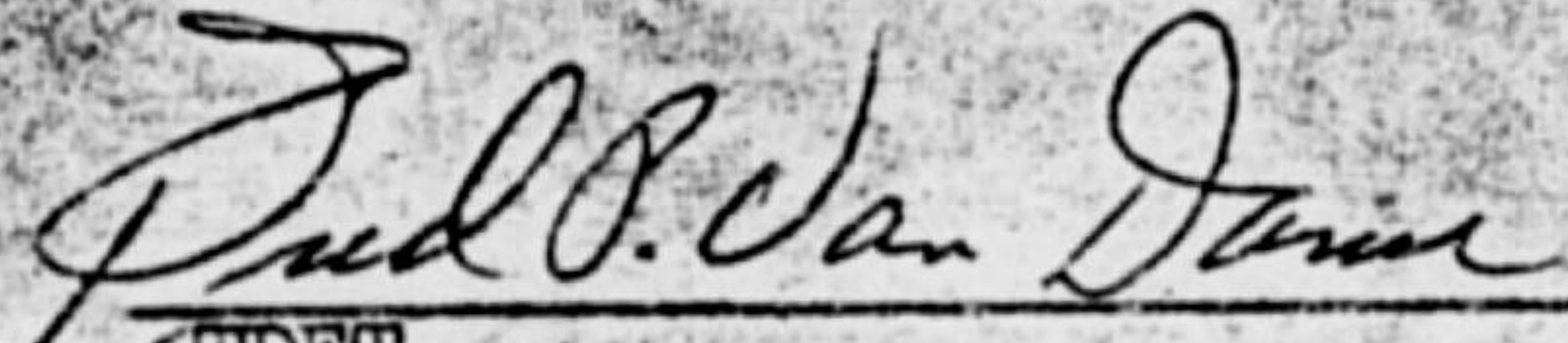
LOUIS DeGOES, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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COORDINATION

TDET/UFO MAJ H QUINTANILLA, JR

DATED 15 DEC 66



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DATED 16 DEC 66

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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:

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 <i>one</i> | No | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | ☒ Yes <i>one</i> | No | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | ☒ Yes <i>one</i> | 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 |

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?

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Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 3:00
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] Salisbury N.C.
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

2.
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 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

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 on top of a building

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 driven golf ball or base ball.

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

yes. It turned on edge, and then a long streamer fell away from where the object was last seen which at first was smooth looking like a roll of toilet paper thrown from a plane and then it billowed outward with ragged edges. Object B, below

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:

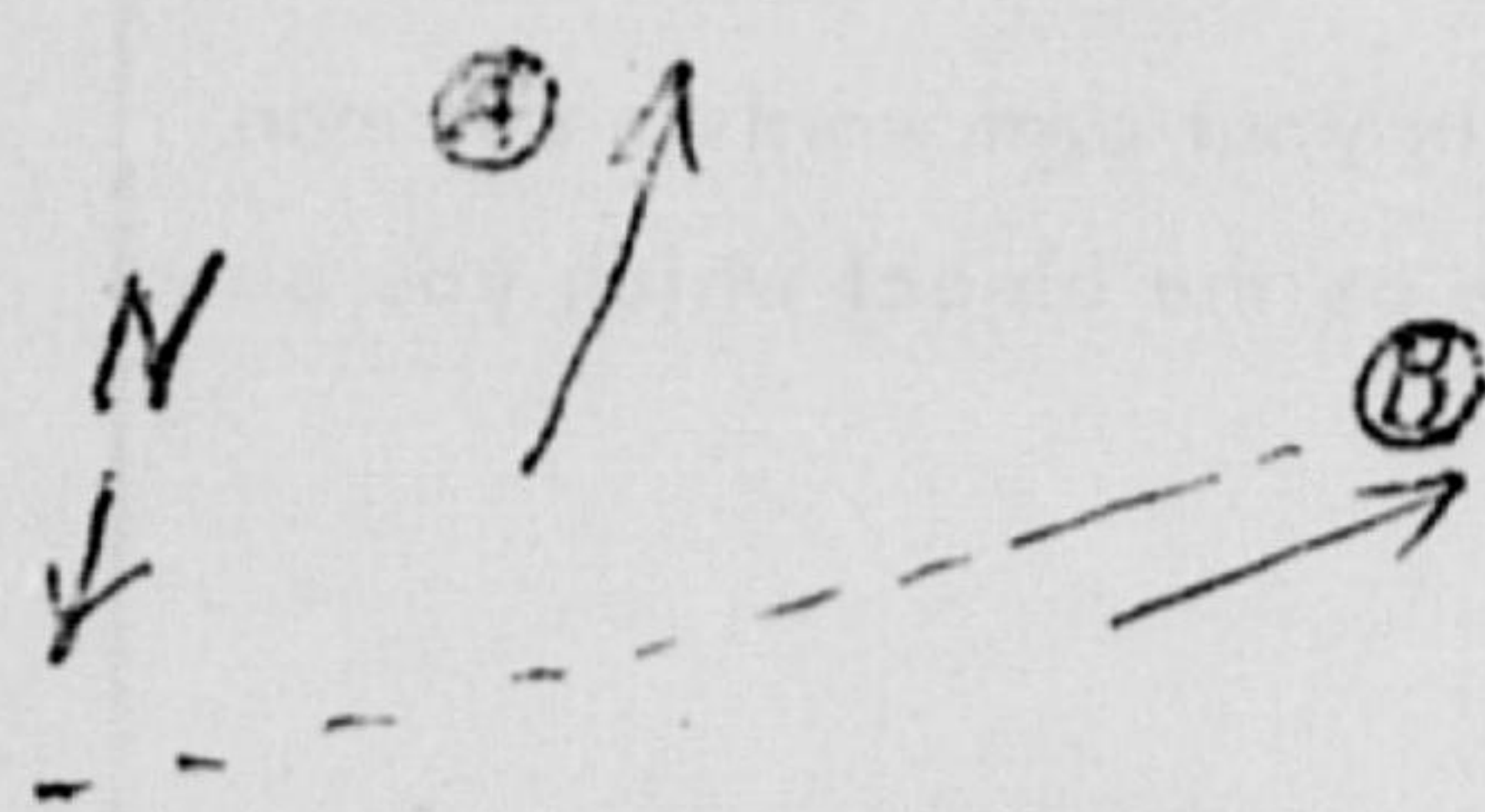
a. Sound None

b. Color Brilliant white

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? Practically all if not all of it

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.



Object A had stopped dead still when object B made its appearance. Object A was seen to turn on edge and then disappear. Object B changed from its round shape to something approximating this → and then the explosive effect thus → falling rapidly apparently

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

I have. In May 1953 I saw two a few miles out of Salisbury, N.C. At an unknown date, sometime later I saw another one which had the appearance of a silver ball.

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] 40, Salisbury, N.C.
[Redacted] Salisbury, N.C.
[Redacted] Salisbury, N.C.
[Redacted] Salisbury, N.C.*

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[Redacted]
Last Name

[Redacted]
First Name

[Redacted]
Middle Name

ADDRESS

[Redacted]
Street

Spencer
City

[Redacted]
Zone

N.C.
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

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Male

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?

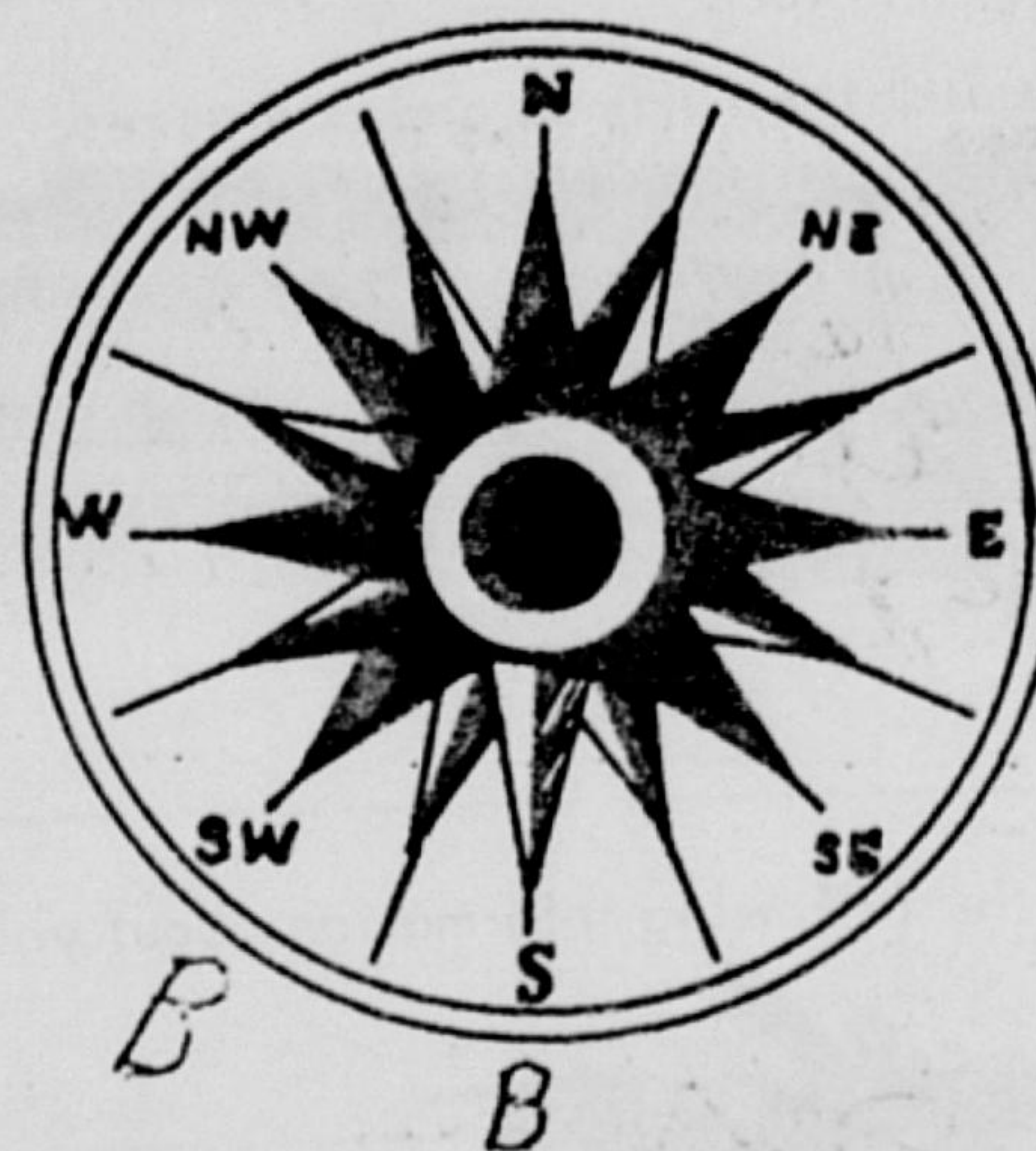
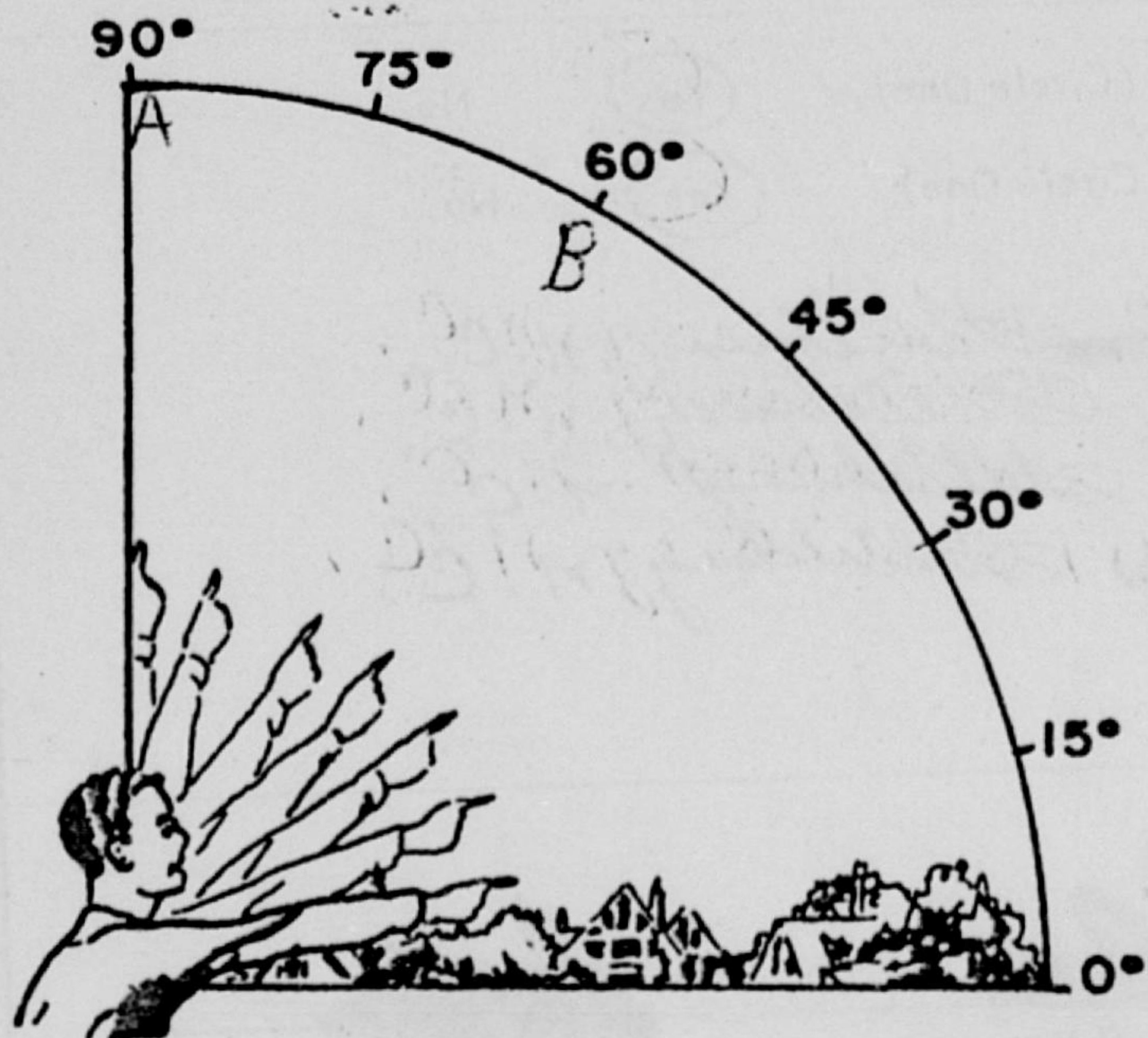
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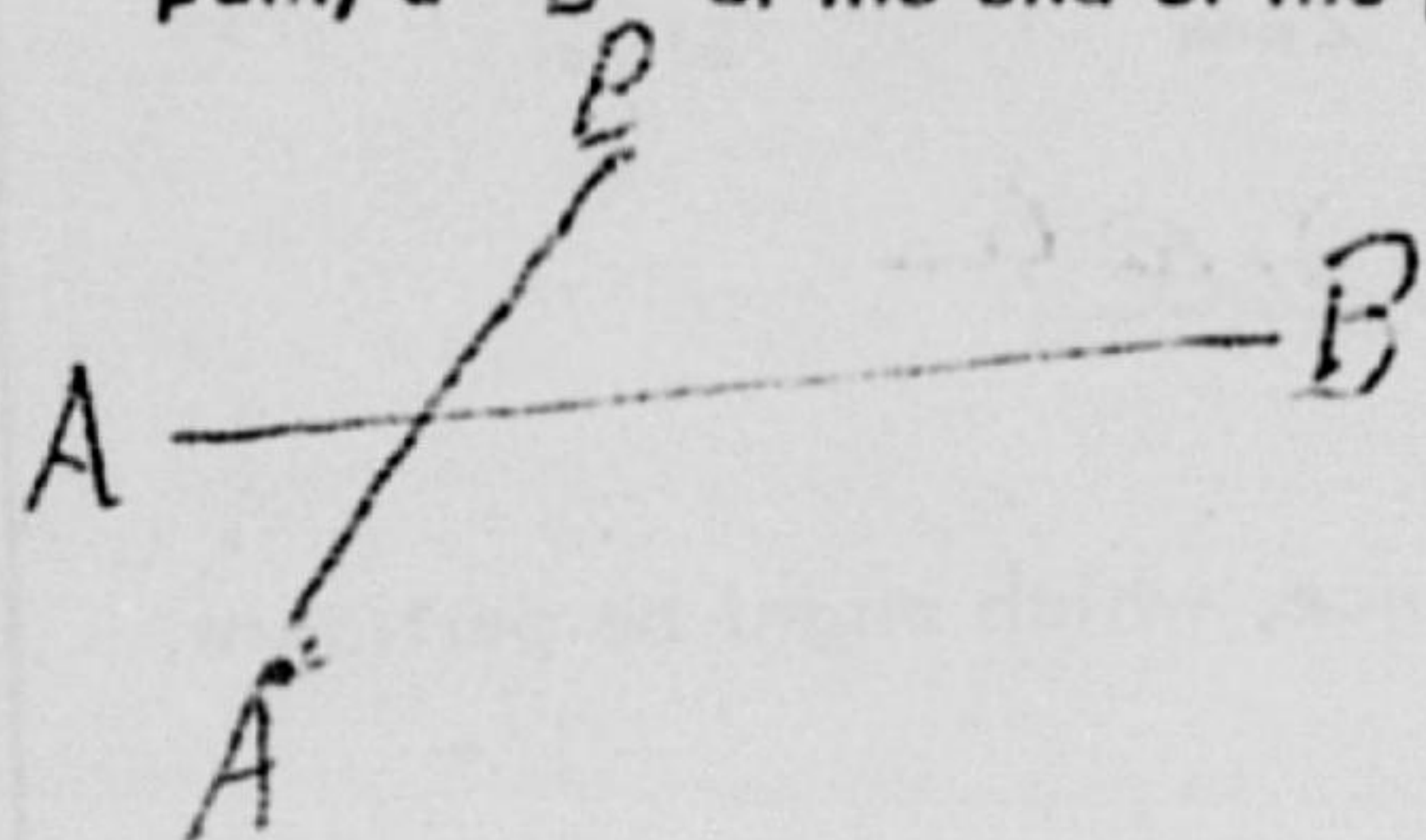
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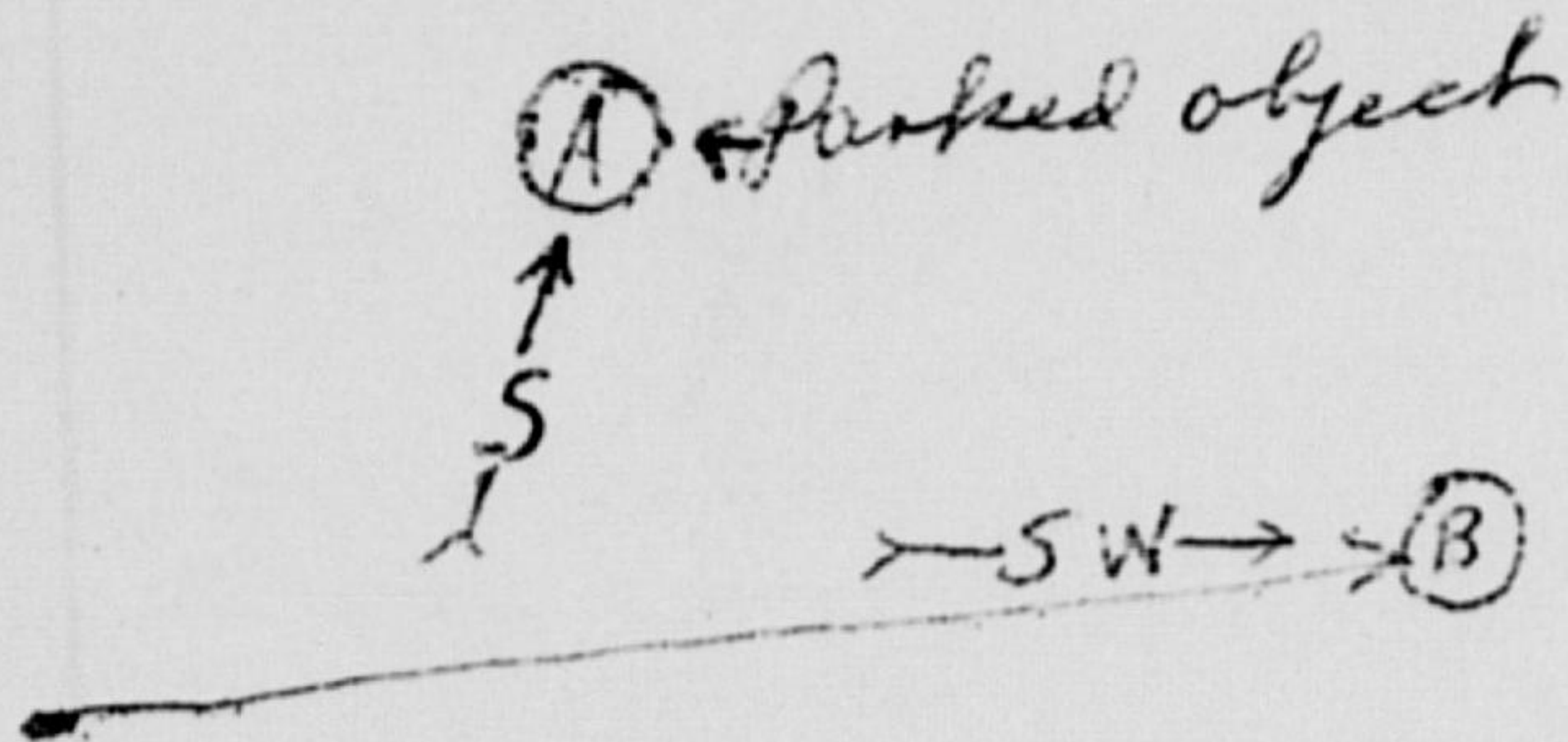
27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw 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? 2
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:

23

Oct.

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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.

With reference to question 13B you will notice that one of the objects sped up and rushed away, presumably straight up, from where it was last observed. This may not be in keeping with the context of the question. Referring to question 13G, I have answered (no) since it seemed to me to turn on an edge, as a plane would in a steep bank, and the upper part was dark in color by comparison to what we had seen of the underside, which was brilliant white. Had this been a night sighting I think the answer to 13G would probably have been yes.

Spencer, N.C.
Thu. Oct 13, 1966

Gentlemen,

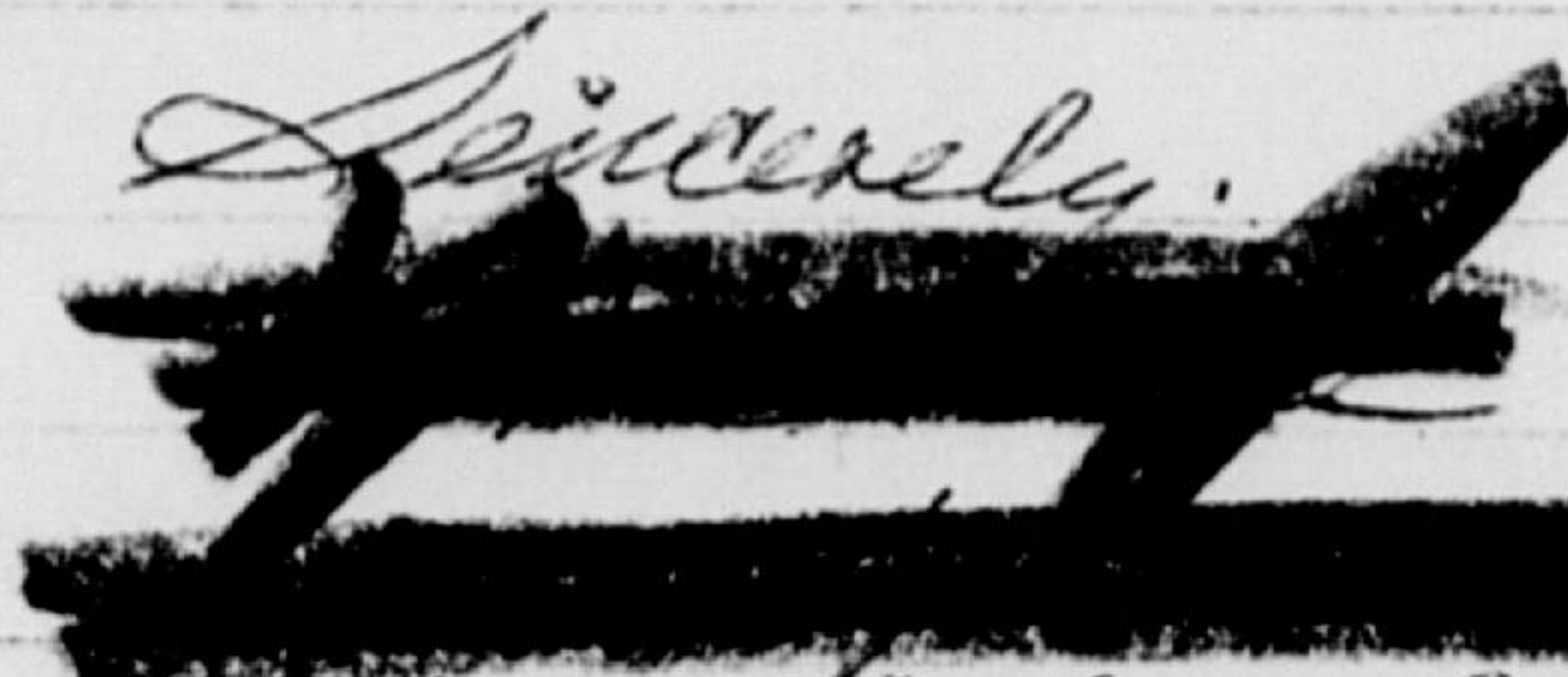
You may be interested to know that I, with four others, observed two unidentified objects trailing a B-52 on the afternoon of Wed. Oct. 12.

One of these objects stopped in the air was seen to flutter and seemed to turn edgewise like the edge of a coin. It was pure white against a blue sky.

The second one came in at an angle to the path the first one was travelling, after the first had parked, at a speed that made the B-52 look like an oil cart going up hill. It continued for a space, seemed to slow down, if it did not stop entirely, turned up on edge apparently, as had the first, and appeared to take off with a burst of speed and then we saw something as if it were a mass of metal hurtling down toward the earth.

Among the group was the general Superintendent, job superintendent and three workmen ~~myself~~ all of whom are in the employ of A.L. Jarrell & Sons of Salisbury, N.C., Building Contractors:

Sincerely,



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Spencer, N.C. 28139

**A UFO? *Oct. 15*
Yes Sir, *1966*
Says Ronald**

Have the UFO's invaded Rowan County?

Ronald Peeler, 13-year-old eighth grader at Faith School, is convinced.

He went out for what was to be a pleasure ride on his horse, Trigger, but his pleasure turned to horror when something "came down through the trees" and chased him.

But whatever it was, Trigger was faster.

Ronald called The Post Saturday night to report his discovery, but was still too excited to talk. His father, Dwight Peeler of Faith Road, said his son was scared to go outside once he reached home.

Young Ronald said he was riding Trigger along St. Paul's Church Road shortly before 6:30 p.m. when he saw the object and heard its humming noise. He said it went from the sky into some trees, and when Trigger became excited the object looked as if it was chasing him.

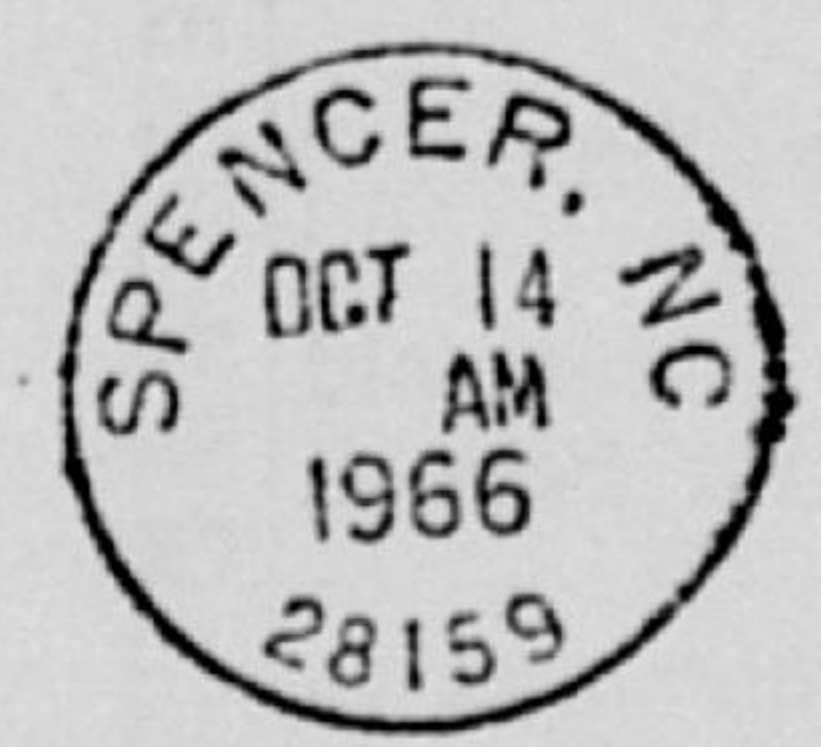
The last he saw of it, however, was when he threw Trigger in fast speed and rounded a curve in the road.

Ronald said the object was as large as a two story house, was a big yellow circle with a smaller red circle and red dots inside.

There were no other reports of the incident.

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Wright Patterson A. F. B.
Dayton Ohio

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 363D TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING (TAC)
SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29152



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DCOCP

22 DEC 1966

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 12 Oct 66

TO: Hq Foreign Technology Division (AFSC)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. Referency your letter, dated 16 Dec 66, subject as above.
2. The 4415 Cmbt Cr Tng Sq, had five RF-4C aircraft airborne 4-10 NM South of Salisbury, North Carolina between the hours of 1400-1600 EST, 12 Oct 66.

FOR THE COMMANDER

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wallace G. Wends Jr.", is written over the typed name.

WALLACE G. WENDS JR, Colonel, USAF
Deputy Commander, Operations

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1. Ltr, Hq Fgn Tech Div (TDET/UFO)
16 Dec 66, Subj same as above
2. UFO Rpt, 12 Oct 66

12 Oct 66

FTD (TDETR) *hl*

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

18 October 1966

[REDACTED]
Spencer, North Carolina 28159

Dear Mr. *[REDACTED]*

Reference your unidentified observation of 12 October 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,

[Signature]
SECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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