

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 22 Apr 67 23/0430Z	2. LOCATION Westmont, Illinois 2
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON (Hot Air)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	Observers watch a reddish orange fuzzy object travel toward the east. Object slowly faded from view. No sound was noted at any time during the sighting. Object was compared to a dim fire traveling through the sky. A check of surface winds revealed they were from approximately 220-225 degrees. The description is consistent with that of a hot air balloon.
7. COURSE Eastward	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM

FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

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?

Saturday 22 April 1967
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 10 30
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] Westmont Illinois
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

0 10 0
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? By watch (estimated)

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY NIGHT
a. Bright a. Bright
b. Cloudy 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 d. To your left
b. In back of you e. Overhead
c. To your right 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:

Comparable to a dim fire.

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

c. Other _____

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time?
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
- c. Break up into parts or explode?
- d. Give off smoke?
- e. Change brightness?
- f. Change shape?
- g. Flash or flicker?
- h. Disappear and reappear?

☒ Yes	No	Don't know
☒ Yes	No	Don't know
Yes	☒ No	Don't know
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Yes	☒ No	Don't know
Yes	No	☒ Don't know
Yes	No	☒ Don't know
☒ Yes	No	Don't know

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *Yes, it slowly faded. It looked as though it sped up while gaining altitude.*

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: *We could see it in front of the stars and the moon.*

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound *Did not hear any sound*

b. Color *It was redish-orange.*

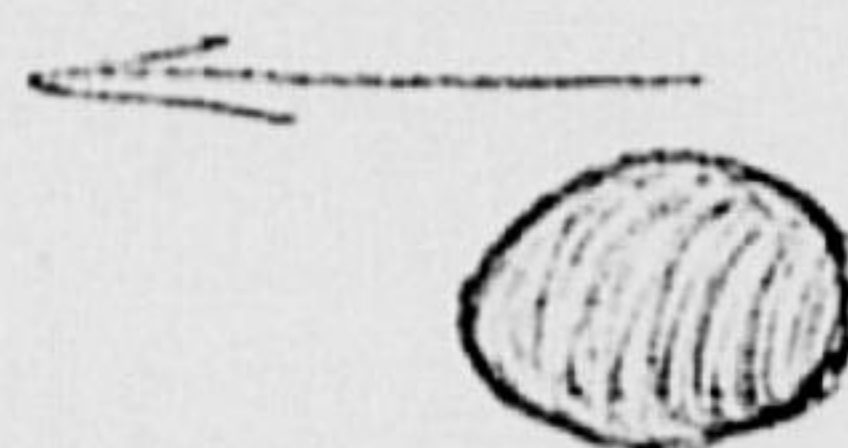
18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

About 3/4's of the object would be covered.

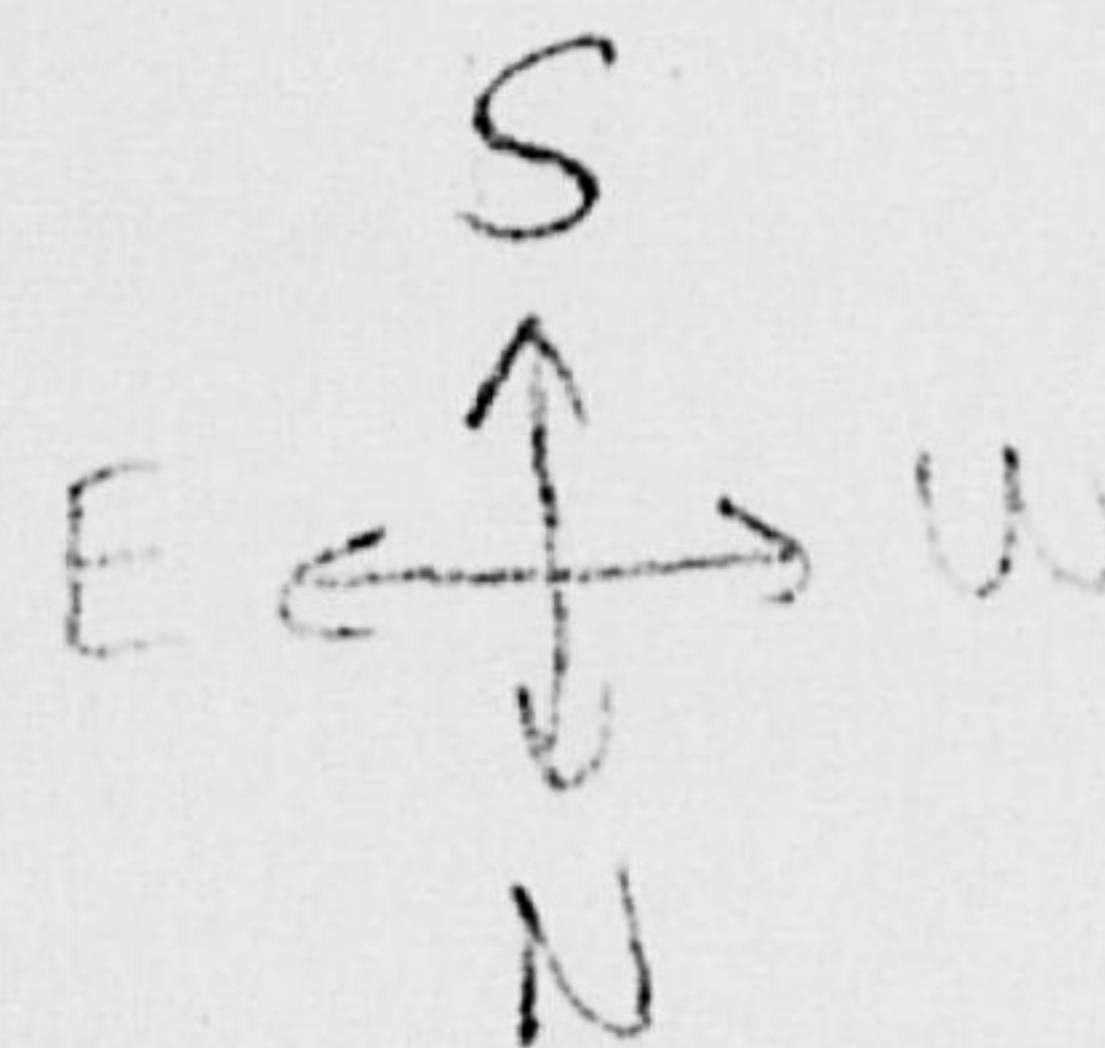
19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails.

Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

EAST



*Looked
fuzzy
to
the
eye*



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? 30 to 40 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

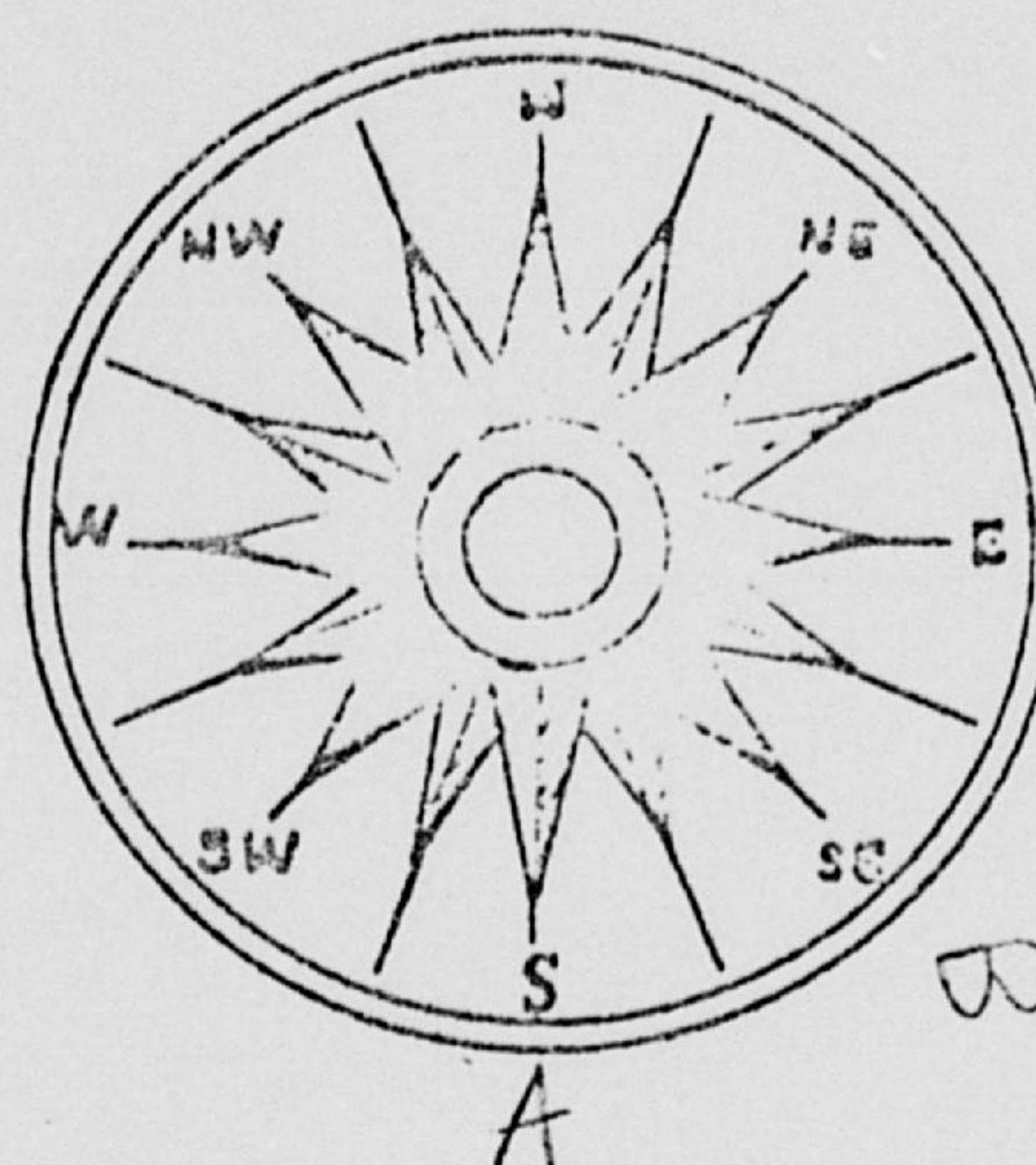
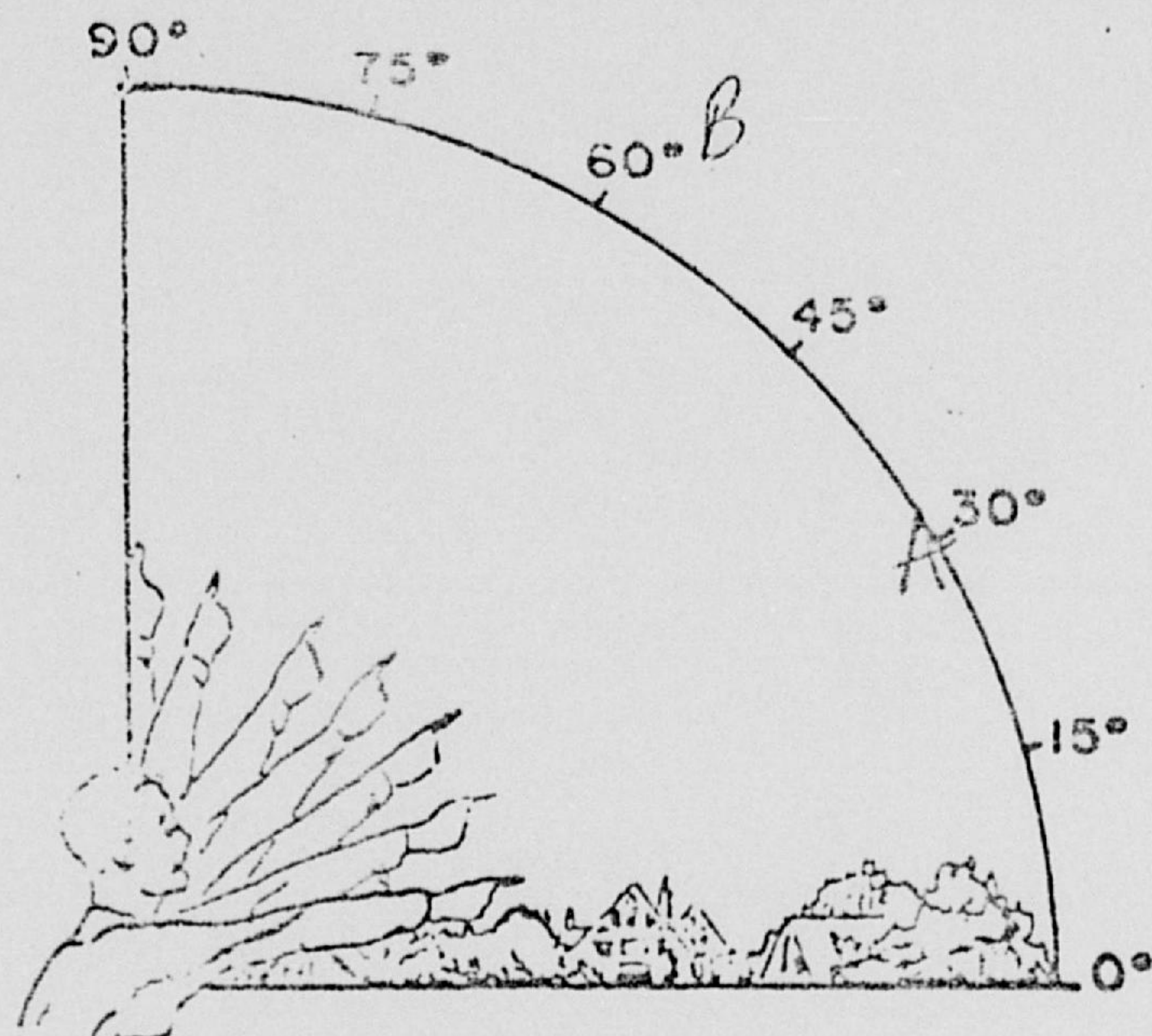
No

h. Other _____

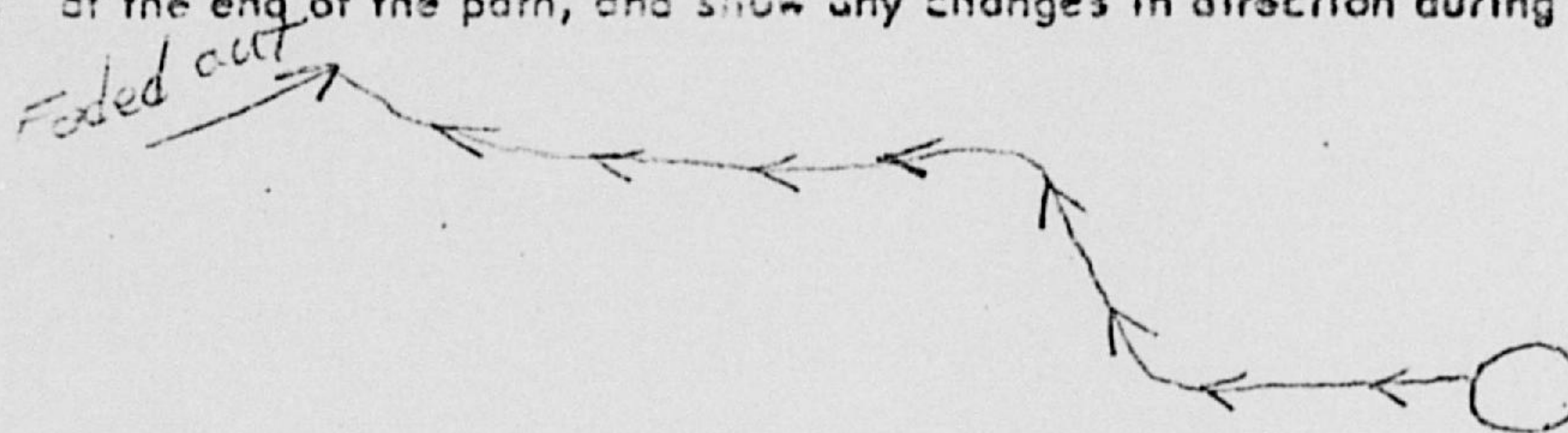
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

A redish-orange ball of yarn.

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]
[REDACTED]
Westmont, Ill.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name
ADDRESS [REDACTED] Hinsdale Illinois
Street City Zone State
TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE 17 SEX 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?

22nd April 1967 [REDACTED]
Day Month Year
Hinsdale, Ill.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

25TH

Day

April

Month

1967

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.

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Illinois possibly April 7
Attack with Case

JUN 5 1967

Dear [REDACTED]

This replies to your recent correspondence concerning your unidentified observation.

Although a positive identification has not been made, investigation revealed that you probably observed a hot air balloon. The description you submitted is consistent with such an evaluation. Since the first of the year, hot air balloons have accounted for twenty-seven sightings reported to the Air Force.

At the time of your sighting, the wind was from approximately 220 degrees, which would have caused the object to drift toward the northeast. Hot air balloons have been constructed from plastic dry cleaning bags with a platform of straws or such to support the heat source. Quite often, candles have been used as the heat source. This would account for the dim fiery look.

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

Sincerely,

BARNETT B. YOUNG
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Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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