

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9 May 67	2. LOCATION East Memphis, Tennessee	3
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible AIRCRAFT (w/advertiging lights)	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	There was a carnival in town that was advertiging with an aircraft.	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was oval shaped and approximately the length of 6 cars. It changed clors from orange to red to yellowish-white. There was a thin green band close to the top. An extremely bright light emanating from the bottom and lower side. Manner of disappearance not mentioned.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual		
7. COURSE Varied		
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No		

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9 MAY 67
EAST MEMPHIS,
TENN.

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ACTION: RDC-4 INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (12)

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FM 97 BW BLYTHVILLE AFB ARK

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RUWTEMA/29 AIRDIV RICHARDS GEBaur AFB MO

RUEDFIF/FTD WPAFB OHIO

RUEDHQA/CSAF WASH DC

RUEDHQA/OSAF WASH DC

INFO RUCVAAA/2AF BARKSDALE AFB LA

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COLO, 29 AIRDIV RICHARDS-GEBaur AFB MO, FTD WPAFB OHIO FOR TDETR,
CSAF WASH DC, ATTN: AFNIN, OSAF WASH DC, ATTN: SAFOI. INFO 2AF
BARKSDALE AFB LA. SUBJ: UFO REPORT. REFERENCE PARA 11, AFR 80-17
PARA 11A (ALPHA): (1) OVAL. (2) HUGE. APPROXIMATELY THE LENGTH
OF SIX AUTOS. (3) CHANGEABLE. ORANGE TO RED TO YELLOW TO
YELLOWISH WHITE. (4) ONE. (5) N/A (6) THIN GREEN BAND CLOSE TO
TOP. (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) EXTREMELY BRIGHT LIGHT EMANATING
FROM BOTTOM OR LOWER SIDE. PARA 11B (BRAVO): (1) TELEPHONE CALL

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FROM FRIEND WHO OBSERVED OBJECT. (2) ESTIMATED RANGE OF SEVEN
MILES AT ALTITUDE SEVERAL HUNDRED FEET. (3) DECEDED AND LEVELED
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OFF. (4) VARIOUS, INCLUDING CIRCLING, HOVERING AND CIRCLING. (5)
FADED FROM VIEW. (6) OBJECT OBSERVED THREE TIMES FOR PERIODS OF
10 MINUTES, 6 MINUTES, AND 4 MINUTES RESPECTIVELY. PARA 11C
(CHARLIE) : (1) GROUND VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) N/A PARA 1D
(DELTA) : (1) 100310Z MAY 1967. (2) NIGHT. PARA 11E (ECHO) : (1) FIRST
OBSERVATION AT OBSERVERS HOME AT [REDACTED], EAST MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE, SECOND OBSERVATION AT A SHOPPING CENTER AT THE CORNER OF
PARK AVENUE AND MT MORIAH ROAD, EAST MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, THIRD
OBSERVATION SAME AS FIRST. PARA 11F (FOXTROT) : (1) MRS. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], 32, [REDACTED], MEMPHIS TENNESSEE [REDACTED],
INSURANCE CLERK AT GENERAL ELECTRIC LAMP PLANT, RIVERSIDE DRIVE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, RELIABLE BUT SHAKEN BY EXPERIENCE. ALSO MISS
[REDACTED], 28, [REDACTED] ON HIGHWAY 70, MEMPHIS
TENNESSEE, MEDICAL RECORDS CLERK FOR METHODIST HOSPITAL, UNION
AVENUE, MEMPHIS TENNESSEE, RELIABLE BUT MILDLY DISTURBED BY EX-
PERIENCE. (2) N/A PARA 11G (GOLF) : (1) CLEAR SKY, LITTLE OR NO
WIND, STARS OUT. (2) U.S. WEATHER STATION AT MEMPHIS TENNESSEE

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REPORTS 170/7 AT SURFACE; 310/10 AT 5000; 320/6000; 340/25 AT
40,000; 320/70 AT 16,000; 310/60 AT 20/000; 320/60 AT 25/000;
NOT AVAILABLE ABOVE 25,000. USAF WEATHER STATION, BLYTHEVILLE
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AFB ARKANSAS, CONTINUES WITH 320/75 AT 30,000; 320/75 AT 50,000;
AND NOT AVAILABLE AT 80,000. (3) NONE. (4) 15 MILES PLUS. (5)
HIGH THIN SCATTERED AT 30-35,000. (6) NONE WITHIN 500 MILES (7)
SURFACE TEMPERATURE 63 DEGREES. VERY SHALLOW INVERSION TO 1500
FEET. ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURE SPREAD. TEMPERATURE DEVIATION
PLUS SIX DEGREES. (USAF WX STATION, BAFB). PARA 11H(HOTEL): NONE.
PARA 11I(INDIA): NONE KNOWN. PARA 11J(JULIET): AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC
CONTROL CENTER, MEMPHIS TENNESSEE, UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION
ON AIR TRAFFIC OR BALLOON RELEASES WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THIS
SIGHTING. NO REPORT OF THIS SIGHTING RECEIVED BY MEMPHIS CENTER OR
ASSOCIATED AGENCIES. PARA 11K(KILO): CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
(DCOI), 9TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC) BLYTHEVILLE AFB, ARKANSAS
72315; OFFICE 501-763-3931, EXTENSION 329/328; HOME 501-532-8480.
INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS SIMILAR TO THAT FORWARDED ON AN-
OTHER OBJECT SIGHTED ON 2 MARCH 1967 IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA.
THE PREVIOUS SIGHTING OCCURED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME IN THE

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EVENING, DURING SIMILAR WEATHER CONDITIONS. FURTHER THIS IS THE SECOND REPORT OF SIGHTING IN THE SAME AREA OF AN OBJECT OF PECULIAR SHAPE, BEHAVIOR AND DIMENSIONS WHICH TENDED TO FRIGHTEN, CONFUSE, OR BEWILDER OBSERVERS. BOTH OBSERVERS WERE ADAMANT IN STATING THE
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OBJECT WAS NOT AN AIRCRAFT OR A HELICOPTER. THE OLDER OF THE TWO STATED THAT SHE WAS BLINDED BY THE LIGHT TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR. THESE STATEMENTS PLUS THE FACT THAT OBSERVERS SEEMED COMPLETELY RELIABLE INDICATE OBSERVERS MAY HAVE SIGHTED A PHENOMENON OF SOME SORT. MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE IS NOT KNOWN TO BE AN AREA OF ATMOSPHERIC PHENOMENA; THEREFORE, THIS POSSIBILITY IS RULED OUT. THE MEMPHIS COTTON CARNIVAL CURRENTLY IS IN PROGRESS WHETHER SOME DEVICE SUCH AS A BLIMP ASSOCIATED WITH THAT OCCASION COULD HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING IS UNKNOWN. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY INFORMATION ON AIR TRAFFIC OF OTHER CONFIRMING REPORTS FROM THE MEMPHIS ARTCC, NO LOGICAL CONCLUSION AS TO THE CAUSE OF THIS SIGHTING CAN BE DRAWN. PARA 11 (LIMA): NONE.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

May 67



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

25 May 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, May 1967

TO: ~~Mr. [REDACTED]~~
~~[REDACTED]~~
Memphis, Tennessee 38117

Reference your unidentified observation. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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FTD Form 164 w/envelope

TDET/UFO Official File Copy

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?

9 May 1967
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 10:15 10

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 City or Town State or County

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

Hours Minutes Seconds

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

5.1 How was time in sight determined? CHECKED WATCH

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:

at close range, brighter than Sun Lamp at close range

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 *No edges visible - looked round.*
Appeared smooth and tapered.
chirally. Dual pipes on right side
and were rounded and high like
cockpit covers on plane would be

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 |
| Yes | ☒ No | Don't know |
| ☒ 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?

Three sightings of object were observed. First time object was bright orange and then appeared to change to very light orange, grow dim and suddenly go upward at an angle and disappeared in seconds. It did this so quickly that one minute it was there and within 30 seconds it was gone. Second sighting object was orange, grow dimmer and went straight down in a few seconds, disappearing as we watched. Third sighting was over my back yard at height of about 200 yards. It nearly blinded me but as I watched it it moved as if in slow motion at kind of zigzag from top to bottom behind trees and disappeared. My own eyes were from yard again at the window I had nearly straight up.

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: The only time it moved behind anything was the trees which partially blocked it from view. There were no clouds at all and no adverse weather conditions. There was absolutely nothing in the sky to block it from view.

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 - When it was within 200 yards there was no sound at all or at any other time.

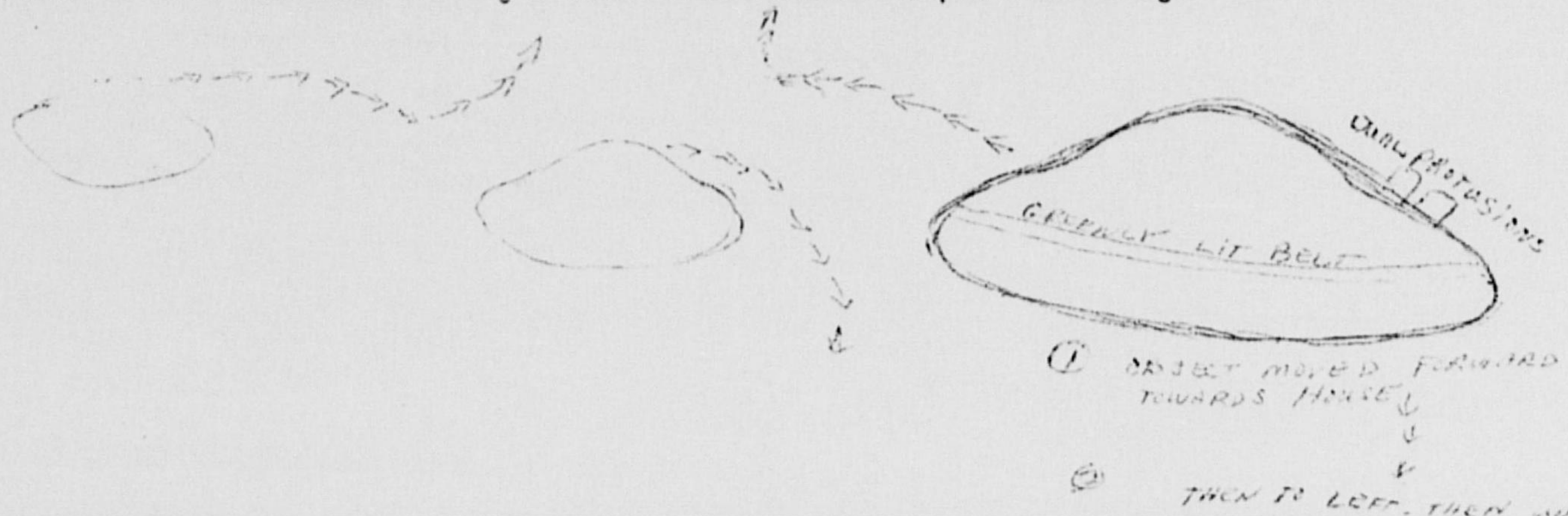
b. Color First sighting it alternated between white, first orange, white, then a transition from the light red orange, then light orange; second sighting orange; third ball of white with bright green circular belt and two red dual quips on top right end.

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?

Small area upper portion on first and second sighting. On the third it's difficult to estimate because of tremendous brilliance and size of object.

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? THIRD SIGHTING 2nd YARDS

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

(Circle One):

☒ (a) Inside a building 3RD SIGHTING

☐ (b) In a car 1st SIGHTING

☐ (c) Outdoors 2ND

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? 2nd & 3rd

c. In open countryside?

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other HOUSE PARKING LOT, BRIGHTON SHIPPING CENTER, ALL BUSINESS CLOSED - NO OTHERS

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

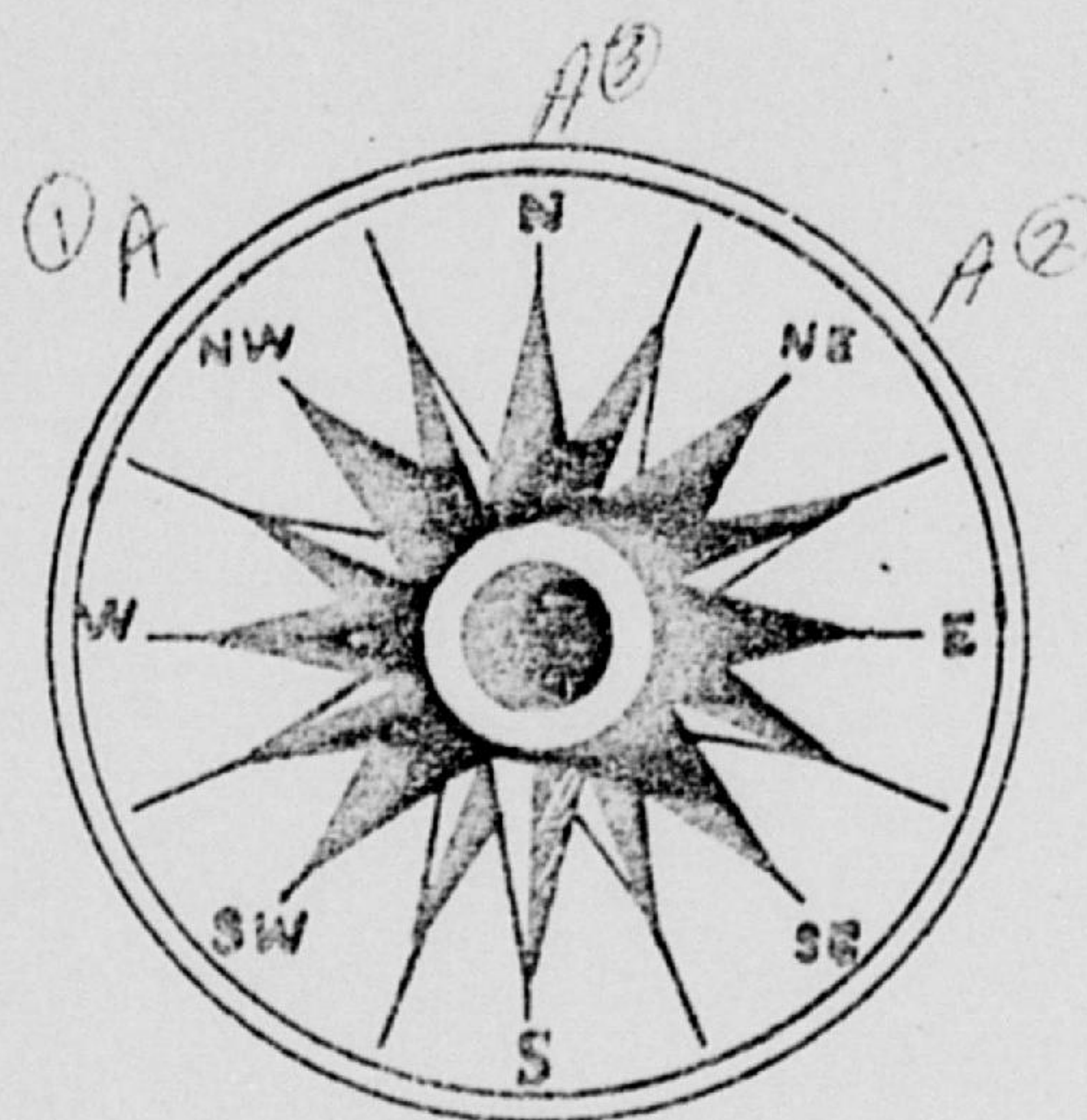
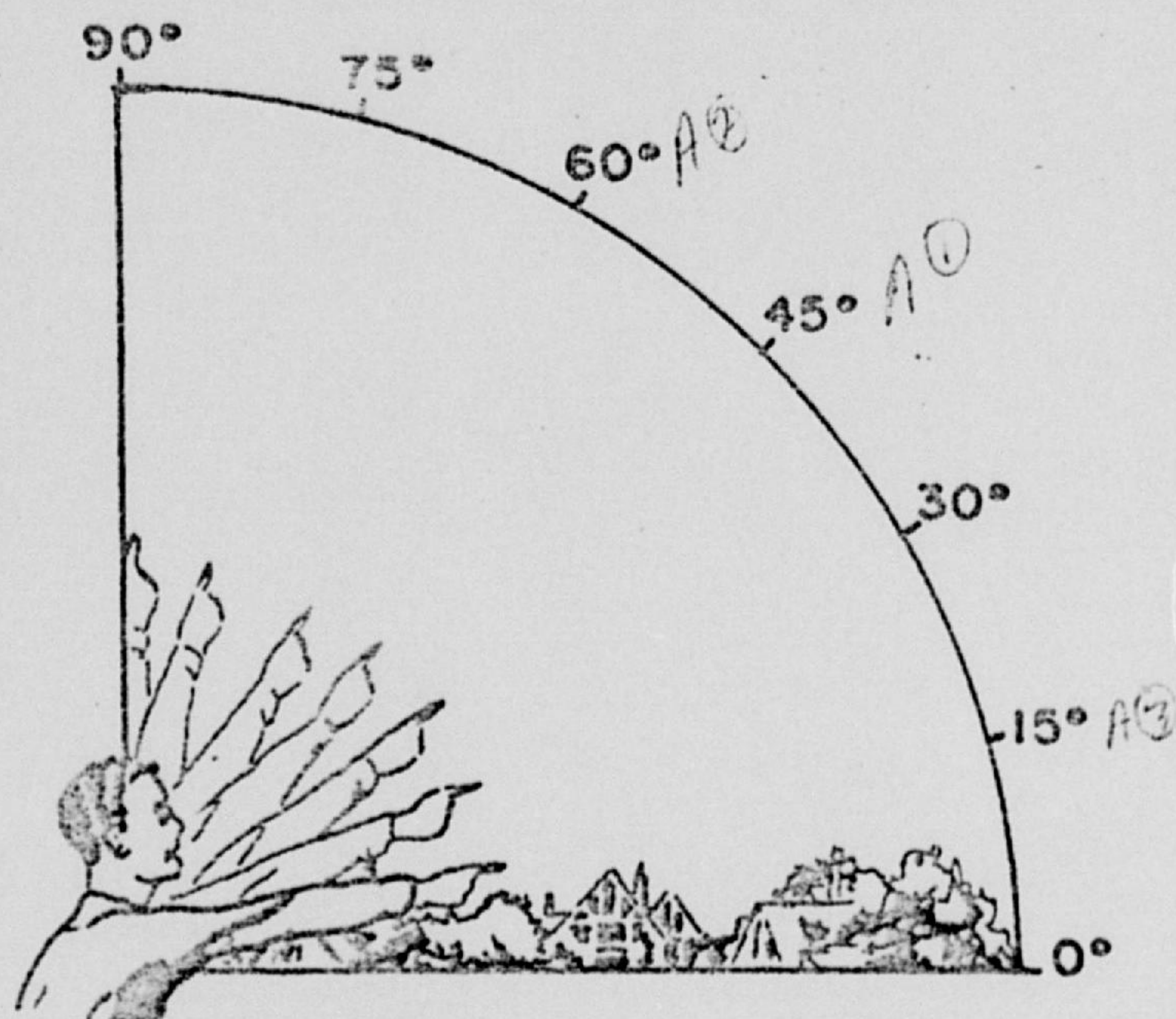
☒ No

h. Other _____

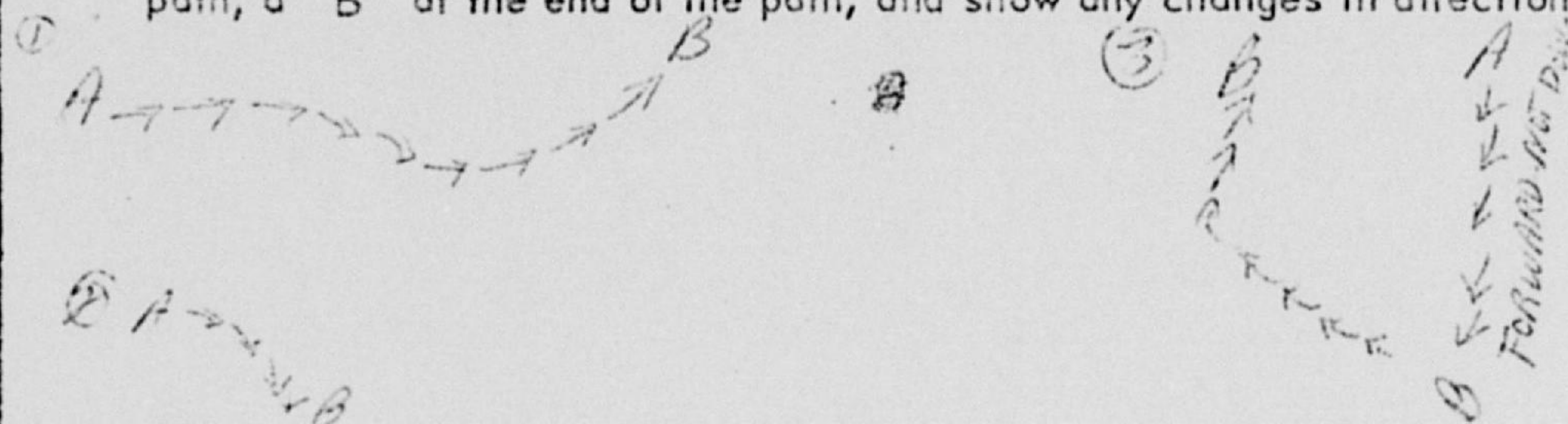
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

None actually, but if you placed two oval shaped bowls even together the other with openings together you'd have a similar appearance.

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? Same as there was just 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.

No, I have never observed anything similar before.

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]
MEMPHIS, TENN. 38128*

*[REDACTED]
MEMPHIS, TENN.*

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[REDACTED]
Last Name

[REDACTED]
First Name

[REDACTED]
Middle Name

ADDRESS

[REDACTED]
Street

MEMPHIS
City

38117
Zone

TENNESSEE
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

AGE *32*

SEX

FEMALE

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

I was employed by Methodist Hospital for approximately nine years, Business Office. I secured a better position with General Electric Corp., Memphis Lamp Plant and organized an Insurance Department there. You have to have absolutely perfect vision, be mentally competent, stable, dependable and reliable in order to be an insured employee at GE. I met all requirements and had an excellent recommendation from the Assistant Administrator at Methodist. My position is an extremely responsible one and I have been there over one year. I have never had any "special experience" if you refer to an unusual occurrence of some type. I have been divorced over three years and even during this period worked and was considered stable. I give you this summary as indication that I am mentally sound.

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

9
Day

5
Month

67
Year

Memphis Air Control who referred me to Air Control at Millington Naval Air Station, who in turn referred me to you if I wished to officially report a UFO.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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.

Memphis Metropolitan Air Control tried to explain the object reported as a Commercial Aircraft but verified other calls received there and was dubious. Aircraft (Commercial) are in area of Airport and are easily distinguished as such in they pass this area by sound, sight, and etc. Miss Bettelstein had left my home and had been approached by this UFO a few blocks from my home, twice before I agreed to drive towards shopping center area where she had seen this. Therefore we were alert that there was an object of interest concerned because we assumed whatever object seen was no longer in area, and felt in all probability if it was, it could easily be identified and explained. She sighted it and we watched it from car with all windows down, parked with perfect view as no cars around to obstruct view. There were no obstructions. It was in the northwest and it changed from one color to another as we all observed. Even my 4 year old daughter observed color changes and commented because they thought it was pretty. It maneuvered and disappeared. We came home and this took approximately 4 minutes. When we got out of car it again in the opposite direction appeared and we watched as it went down and disappeared. I came inside and home was busy to airport control or decided to go into back yard and see if I could spot it again it was so amazing and unusual. My son and Betty were in front of house watching to see if it reappeared. I opened the back door to look at back as I stepped out I was confronted with this. It was hovering without any noise and there was no wind or rustle at all, about 200 yards away from the front door and I was shocked and couldn't believe that this object about the size of my home, three bedrooms, was actually there. It was oval shaped and was completely lit up and appeared solid white shape for two things I observed. There appeared to be a green light around it. By that I mean it wasn't painted but appeared to be slightly iridescent, circled them middle which I believe was inner lighting because it was not solid. The right end, top of object, had two red dual protrusions which looked like pipes about 4 feet high, or canopies. I was unaware I began to scream but my son and friend said I had and they immediately ran to the kitchen door where I was standing, petrified. It had moved several yards closer as I watched and stopped. Still they reached me. They had heard nothing and had seen nothing until they reached the door and ran out into the yard. At this point a light was projected from the bottom of an angle towards us and from the middle. It came straight towards us and made a wide open. It had to be directed at us. It came straight towards us and it was brilliant. The object because it covered only the area of my yard and it was brilliant. The object had also become so brightly lit you could see the outline and the light but no features. This light was more brilliant than any I have seen from any light source. I could not see the people in the yard or any features of the object. I could not see the people in the yard or any features of the object. We stood there approximately four minutes because I had just looked at the clock before I opened the door. It began to move to the left at an angle and then went up immediately. This object appeared to have a smooth surface and I could not possibly comment on what it appeared to be constructed of. This UFO had to be capable of speed yet unheard of if this was one craft because of the positions in the sky of different directions around. I could not determine if an other features were visible. My eyes burned for several hours the next day and I had severe headaches. I was extremely upset for weeks because I was unable to figure out a plausible answer. As you know I contacted Glynnethlin Jones on the night of the sighting because I felt the Air Force should be aware of this unusual object. I have not mentioned this and will not because I want absolutely no notoriety, publicity, or publicity. I will always maintain this is an accurate summary that I did see under conditions because it is true without question. I would appreciate at some future date being able to talk personally with someone if and when it is possible to even partially get my insight into this.

9 May 67

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poss. Aircraft with electrical advertising sign
(There was a carnival town that
was advertising see p. 7 of 164)

TDET/UFO (Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/3 Aug 67)

AUG 3 1967

UFO Observation, 9 May 1967

Watch Supervisor
FAA Control Tower
Memphis Municipal Airport
Memphis, Tennessee 38101

1. Our office is in receipt of several reports of unidentified flying objects over the Memphis area, particularly on 9 May 1967, at approximately 2215 hours.
2. Request information on activity of any aircraft engaged in aerial advertising in the Memphis, Tennessee area. Reports consist of blinking lights that descended, ascended, circled, and hovered over Memphis. Possibly your May records, if not destroyed, would indicate if such an aircraft was airborne over Memphis on the night of 9 May 1967. If the owner's name and address are known by your office, this information would be most helpful in our evaluation.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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