

PROJECT 1073 RECORD

1. DATE 25/02/52	2. LOCATION Commerce City, Colorado
3. TYPE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible (BALLOON)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer stated that the object appeared in a solid state. Object brightness was compared to that of the brightest star and seemed to be brighter. Edges of the object appeared sharply outlined. The object had no distinct sound of its own. Color: Metallic- reflecting sunlight.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hour	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE NW - SE	
8. PHOTOS X Yes X No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE Yes -- No	

FORM

10-31 0009 (TDE)

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STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
INCOMING MESSAGE

AFIN: 6725 (24 May 67) R/dl

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ACTION: RDC-4 INFO: SAFOS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-2, DIA-1, SMB-1 (13) ADV CY DIA

SMB A239PTTU ZYX RUWTFNA 0226 1430509-UUUU--RUED HQA.

ZNR UUUUU ZEL

P 230400Z MAY 67

FM LOWRY

TO RUWTFJA/ATC

RUWMFVA/ADC

RUWMFVA/9AEROSPDEFD IV ENT AFB COLO

RUEDFIF/FTD WPAFB OHIO

RUEDHQA/CSAF

RUEDHQA/SECRETARY OF AIR FORCE

ZEN/UNIV OF COLO BOULDER COLO

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UNCLAS XPCP 00179 MAY 67.

FOR ATC (ATCCP), FTD (TDETR), CSAF (AFRDC), OSAF (SAF-01), UNIV OF

COLO (DR CONDON). UFO REPORT RECEIVED AT LOWRY AFB 23 MAY 67.

FOLLOWING FORMAT IS PRESCRIBED BY PARA 11, AFT 80-17:

A. DESCRIPTION:

- (1) ROUND, RESEMBLING A TUNA CAN WITH FLAT TOP AND BOTTOM.
- (2) DIME HELD AT ARMS LENGTH.
- (3) SILVER.
- (4) ONE.

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(5) NONE.

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(6) APPEARED TO HAVE A HAZE ON FRONT SIDE.

(7) NONE.

(8) NONE.

(9) APPEARED TO HAVE TWO PINK COLORED LIGHTS SHORTLY BEFORE DISAPPEARS
OBSERVER STATED LIGHTS COULD BE REFLECTION FROM THE SUN.

B. COURSE:

(1) WATCHING JET VAPOR TRAILS WHEN OBJECT CAME INTO VIEW.

(2) 75 DEGREE SS.

(3) 90 DEGREES.

(4) APPEARED TO JUMP AROUND ERRATICALLY.

(5) GRADUALLY STRAIGHT UP.

(6) 40 MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL.

(2) 8-30 POWER BINOCULARS.

(3) N/A.

D. TIME/DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 23/0200Z MAY 67.

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(2) DAY AND DUSK.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: [REDACTED], COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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F. INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS:

(1) [REDACTED], 24, [REDACTED], COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, 1B

J [REDACTED], 43, [REDACTED], COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, 1B

(2) N/A

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(1) 6,000 SCATTERED, 10,000 SCATTERED, HIGH SCATTERED. TEMPERATURE 5

(2) WIND 120 DEGREES AT 9 KNOTS.

(3) UNLIMITED.

5 (4) 50 MILES.

(5) NONE.

(6) NONE.

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. ONE LIGHT AIRCRAFT IN COMMERCE CITY AREA. SEVERAL AIRCRAFT IN LAND
AT STAPLETON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, DENVER, COLORADO, DURING PERIOD OF

BT

NNNN NOTE: PARTIAL CORRECTION OF AFIN 2778 (23 MAY 67). COMPLETE CORRECTED COPY
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HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

TDET/UFO

25 May 1967

SUBJECT:

UFO Observation, 23 May 1967

TO:

[REDACTED]
Commerce City, Colorado 80022

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

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FTD Form 164 w/envelope

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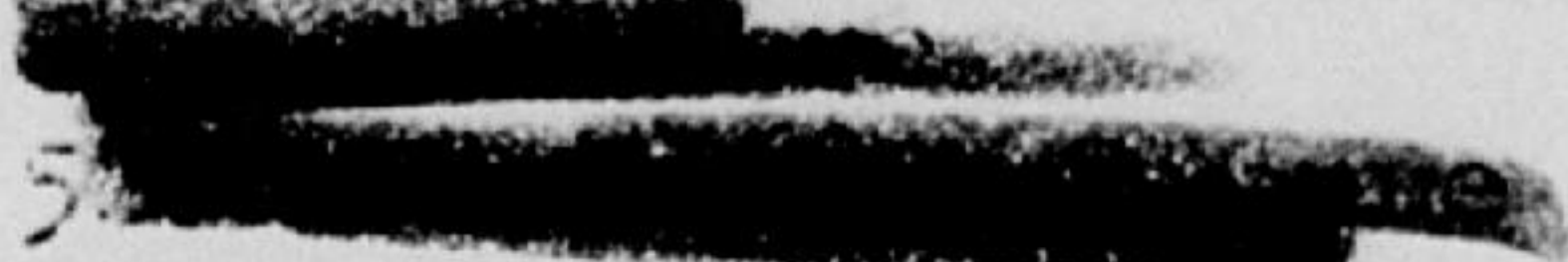
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Prob. balloon

gry

22 May 67

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Commerce City, Colorado

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?

22 MAY 1967
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

7 45
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

Commerce City
City or Town

Colorado
State or County

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

1
Hours

Minutes

Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? LOOKED AT CLOCK

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:

looked like headlights on a jeep - close together

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?

Yes, GRADUALLY rose higher + eventually
disappeared from view

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

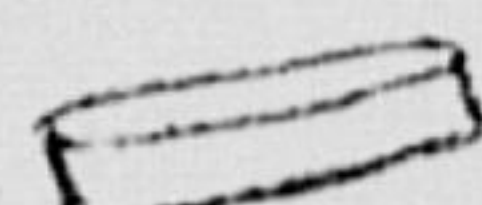
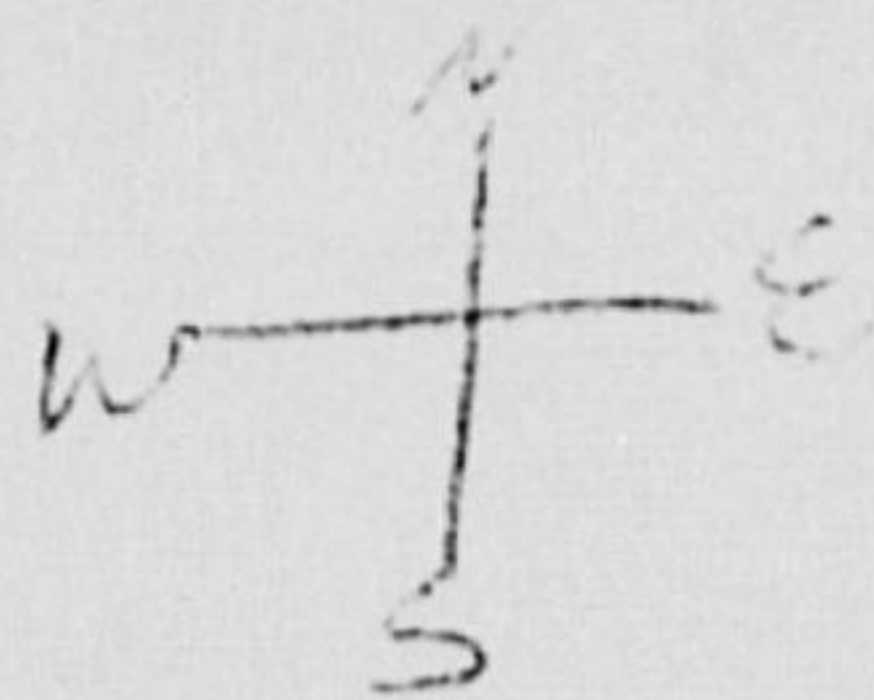
Metallic - Reflecting Sunlight

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?

Whole thing

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.



TOWARDS Evening
Developed DARK
SHADOW ON EAST
Side,

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? _____ 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.

Appeared as a TUNA CAN OR SMALL FLAT CAN
BUT IF tuna can were that high it
would not be visible

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

Yes, GRADUALLY Rose higher + eventually
disappeared from view

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?

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in front of: _____

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

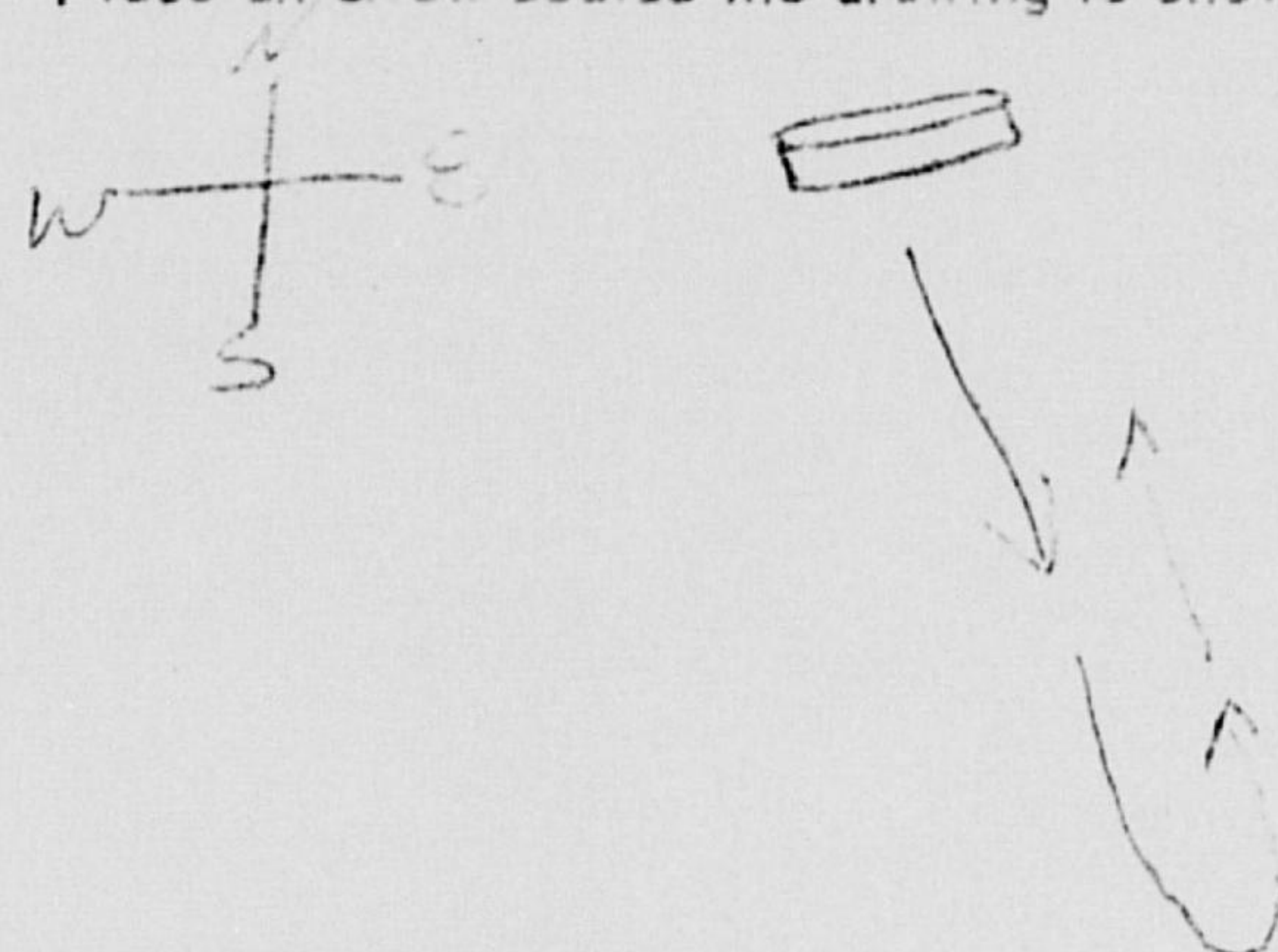
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b. Color Metallic - Reflecting Sunlight

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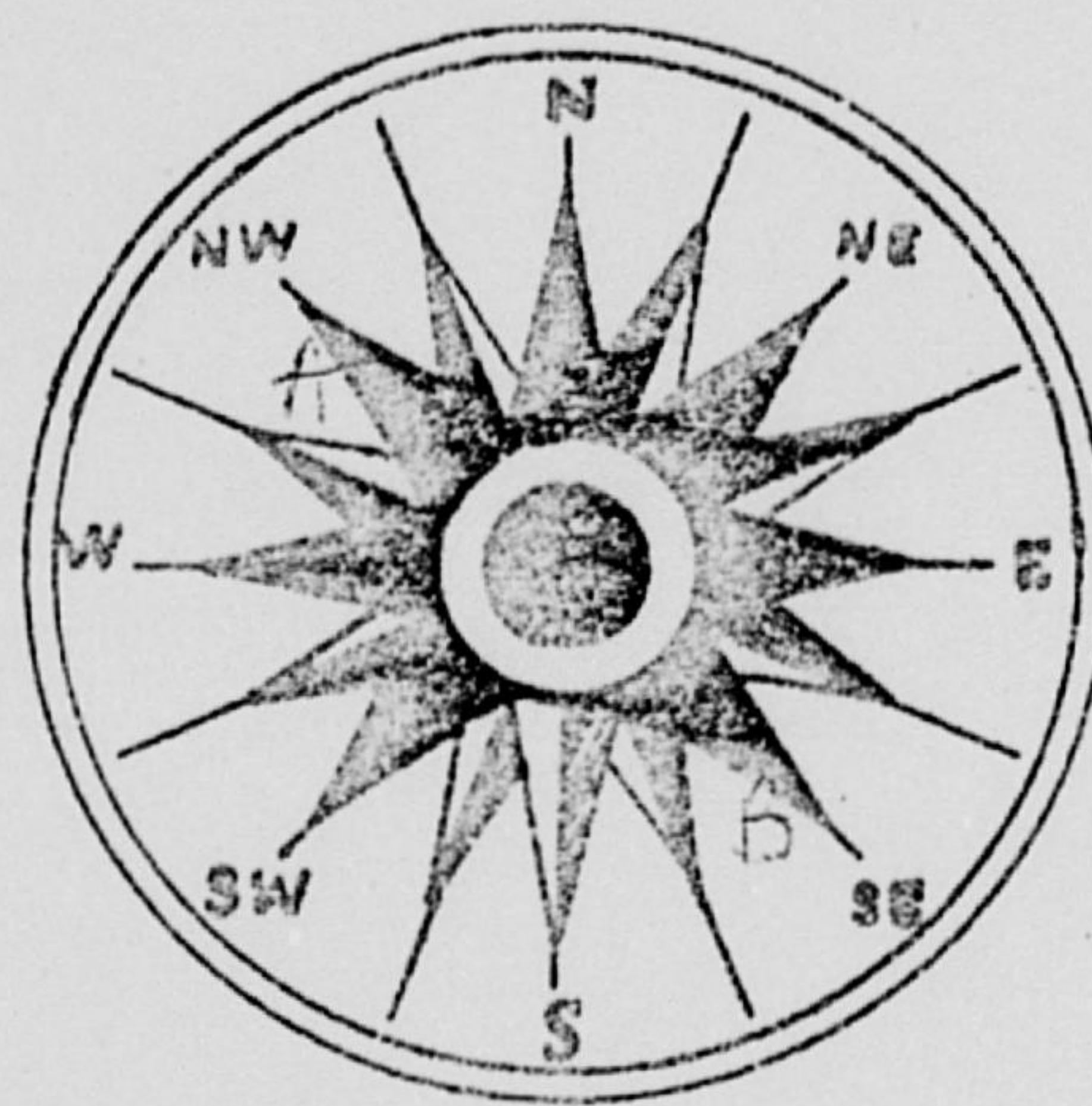
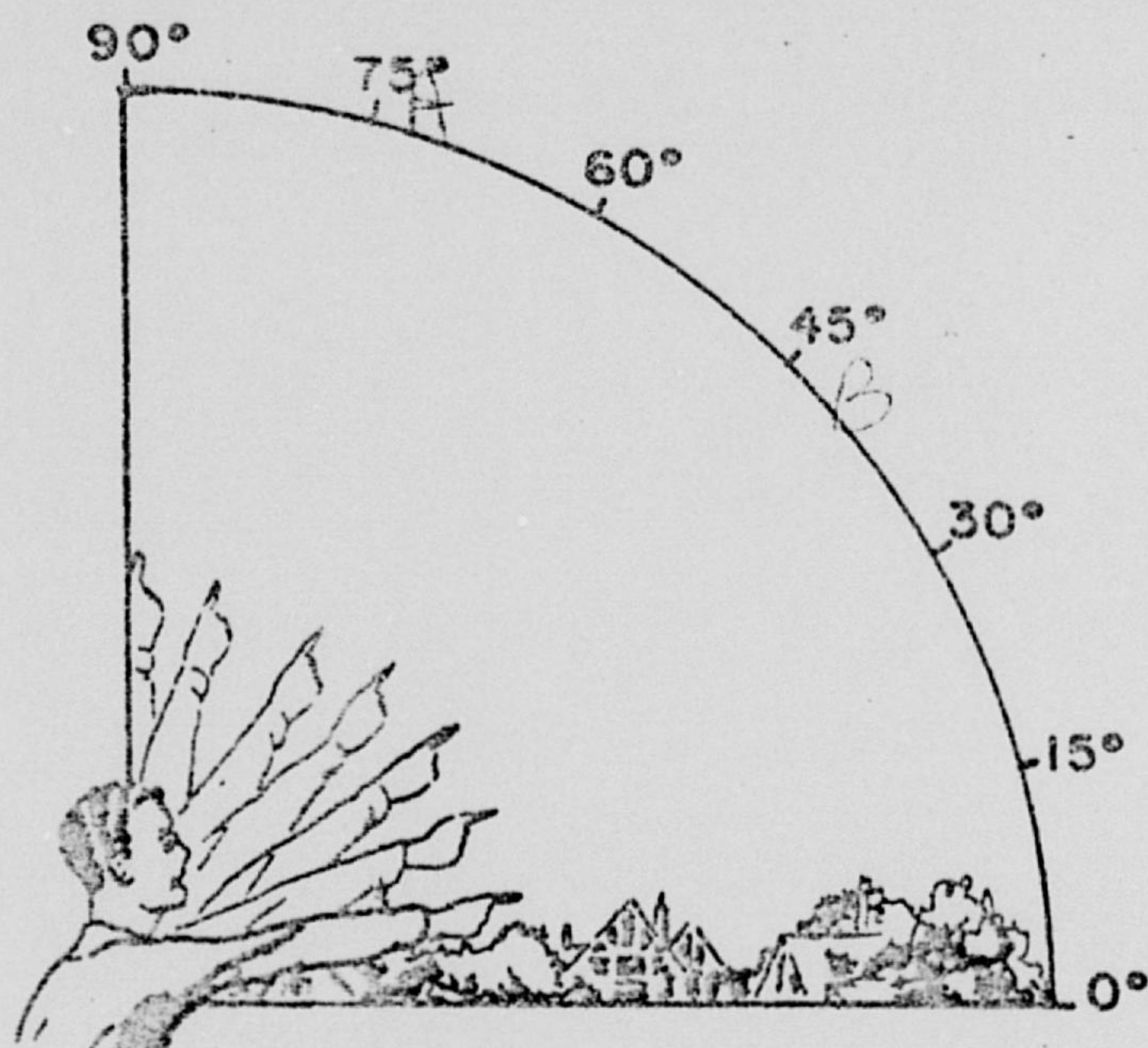
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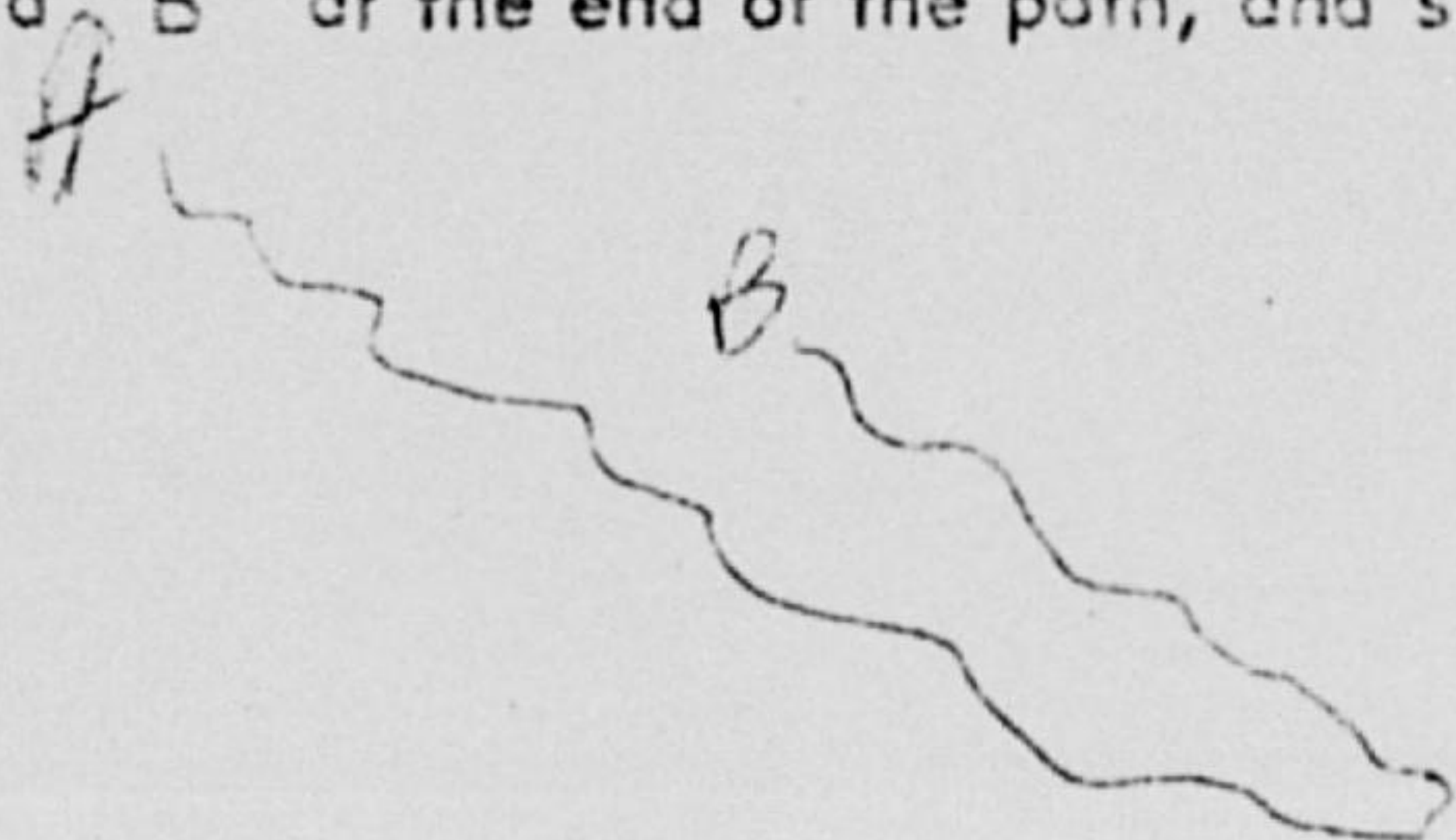


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Side,

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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.

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:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Commerce City, Colo

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Commerce City, Colo

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] Commerce City 80022 Colo.

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE 23 SEX Fe

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?

22 May 67

Day

Month

Year

Lowry AFB - Air Control

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

3 June 67
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.

Did NOT feel this might be a
U.F.O. until Lowry AFB, Stapleton,
+ Buckley Naval Base all stated
they could not see it on their
RADAR, + was told there was no
known weather balloons in the
Area. 10 o'clock pm. weather on Ch 7
Denver stated a large weather
balloon in Area.

I feel what I saw MUST
have been the bottom view of
this weather balloon, + hope you
find it to be just that

Contradicting - "whirled strange
up -" Diagram shows
Pos. balloon coming down.

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22 May 1964
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

7: 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?

Mojo
Nearest Postal Address

Commerce City
City or Town

Adams County
Colorado
State or County

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

1 15
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

Checked

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 Evening
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 West

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 *at first*
 b. A few *then 2 bright*
 c. Many *stars as it grew*
 d. Don't remember *dark*

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
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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 *until that as 2 lights*
 b. Transparent *dark*
 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 *much*
 b. Dimmer
 c. About the same
 d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

car lights turned on bright

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 _____

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(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?

<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't know
<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't know
Yes	<u>No</u>	Don't know
Yes	<u>No</u>	Don't know
<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't know
Yes	<u>No</u>	Don't know
<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't know
Yes	<u>No</u>	Don't know

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

stood still for about 15 minutes then whirled up & disappeared 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

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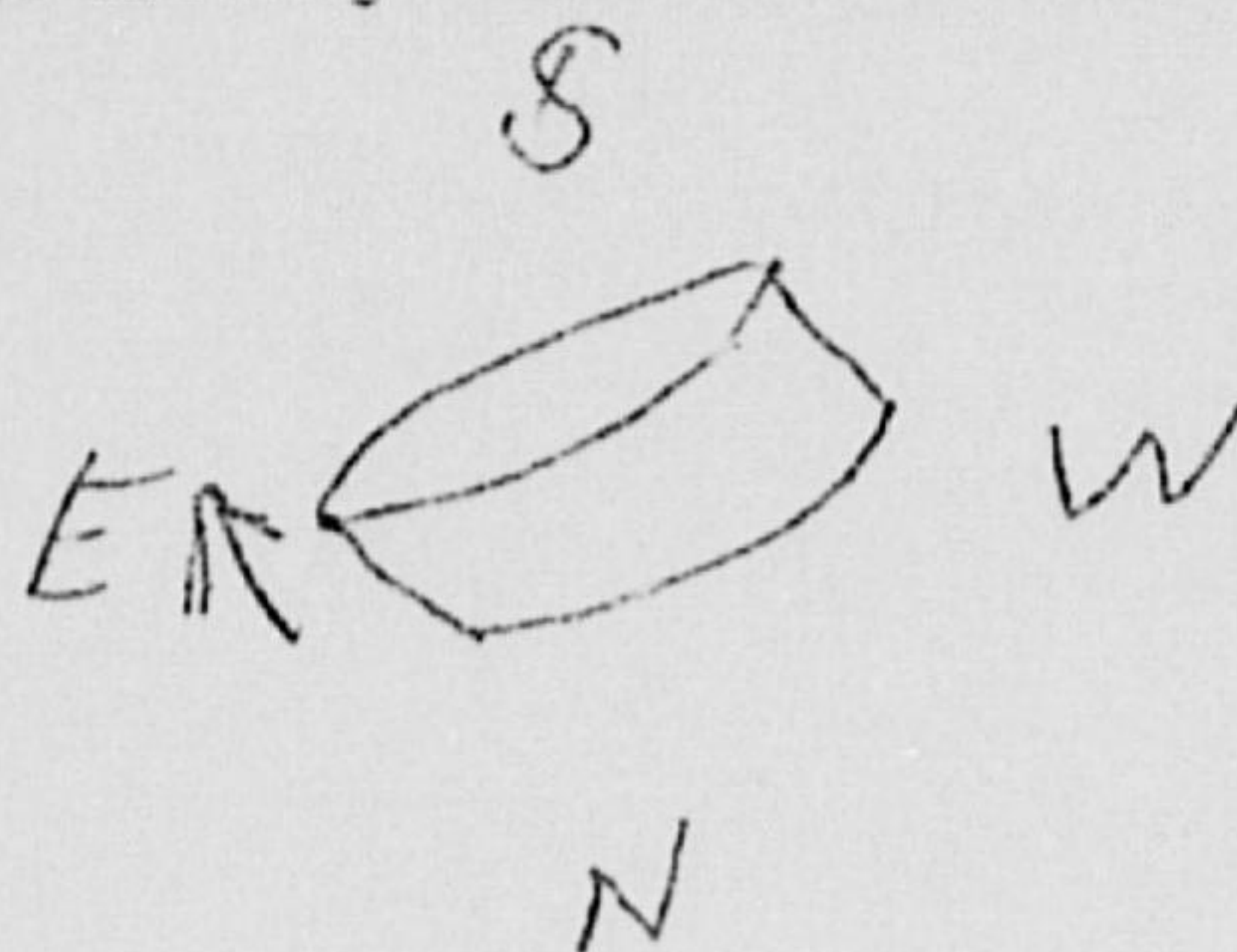
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b. Color *Very bright white, shiny then, orange after dark*

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Match Stick covered entire object
Head

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a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

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h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

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(Circle One)

Yes

No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

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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

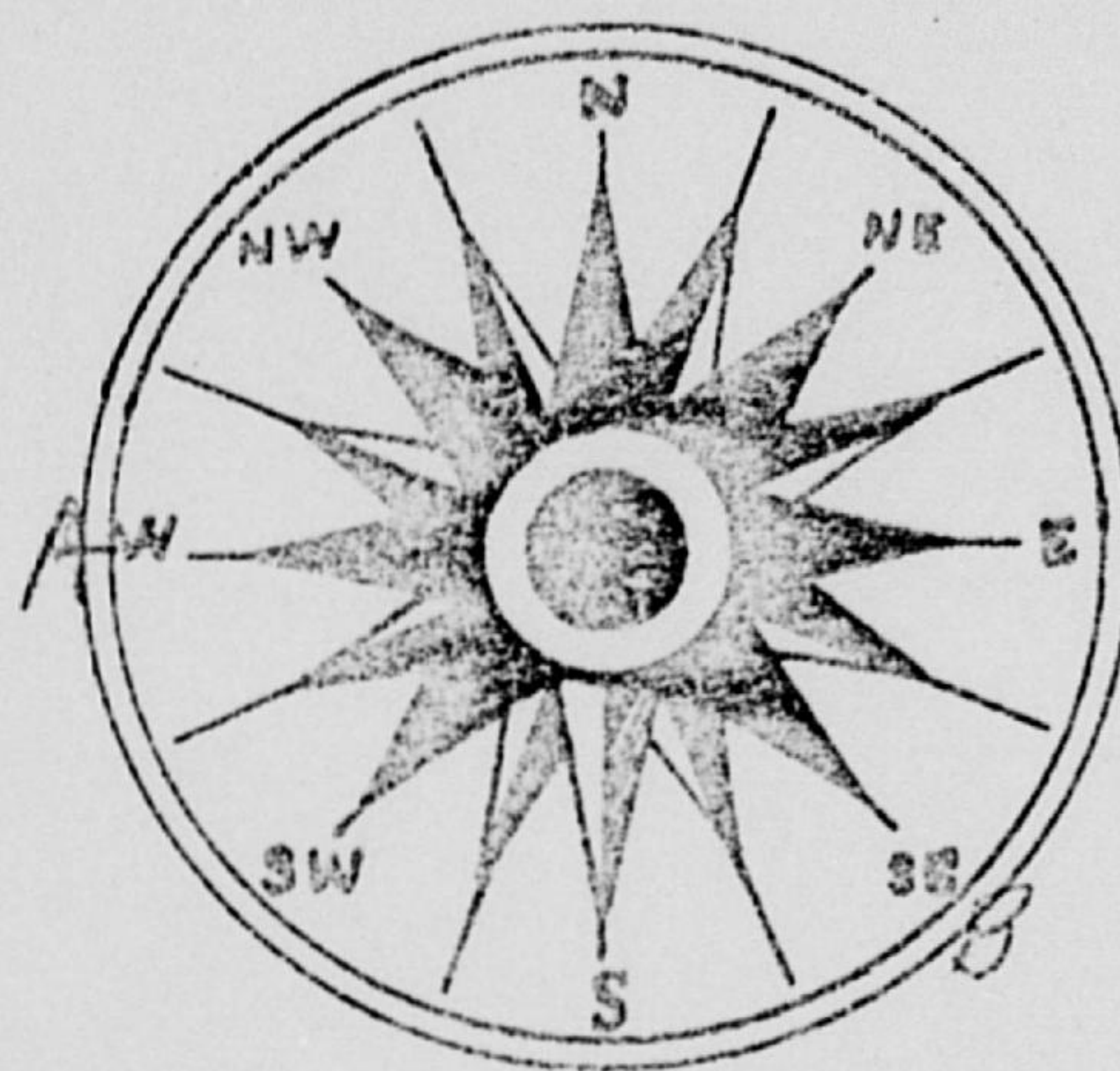
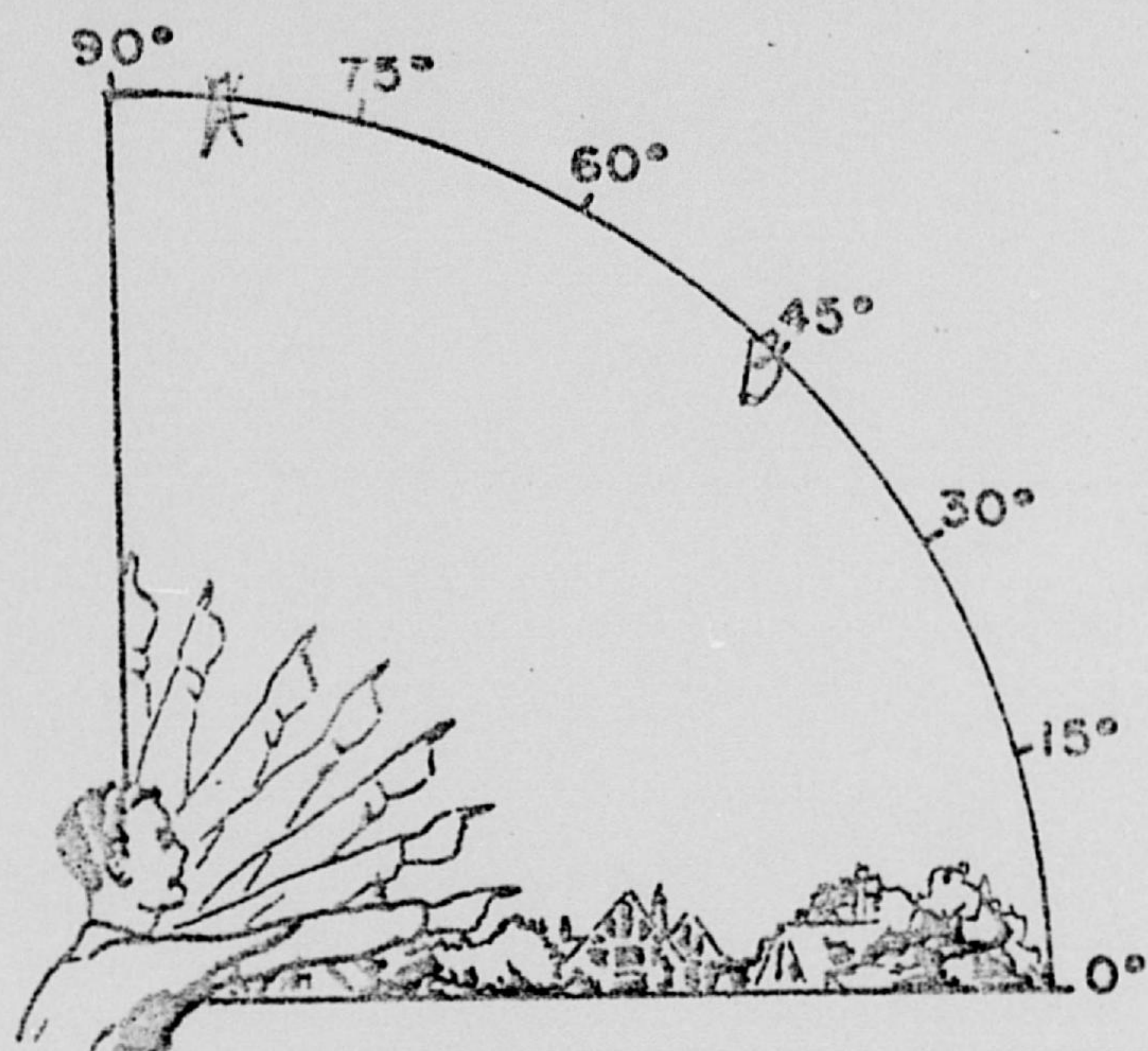
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a. Tuna Can

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☒ Yes

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[Redacted Name], *[Redacted Address]* *Commerce City*
[Redacted Name], *[Redacted Address]* " " "

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?

May 22 *May* *1967*
 Day Month Year

Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

JUNE
Day1st
Month1967
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.

I've looked at the object through binoculars until dusk. It was very shiny & bright, at dusk it turned to a very fiery orange color. It appeared to have 2 lights as a landing plane would have at night.