

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 Jan 68	2. LOCATION Calhoun Co., Michigan
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION <i>OTHER:</i> Probable: SATELLITE DECAY
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS • Observer sighted an object that looked similar to the planet mars. The object then became very bright white and as it continued, a cherry red tail could be seen which kept lengthening until the object disappeared.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE see case	Comments: The observer thought that he had witnessed a satellite decay. Ops-As-204 payload, catalog #3106 decayed at 1200Z equal to 12 hours on 24 Jan 1968.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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24 JAN 68

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AF5C)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

TDPT/UFO

SUBJECT:

UFO Observation , 24 January 1968

TO:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

Reference your recent unidentified flying object sighting which you reported to the Air Force. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific investigation. Request you complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the self-addressed envelope. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Production

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AF Form 117

*Ops - 145-204 payload catalog # 3104 cleared
at 1200 $\pm$ 12 hrs on 24 Jan.*

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL
NUMBER 21-2238

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN PREPARED SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE THE U.S. AIR FORCE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENON THAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED. PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE WILL BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF YOUR STATEMENTS OR CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. RETURN TO AIR FORCE BASE INVESTIGATOR FOR FORWARDING TO FTD (TDETR), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433, 1AW AFR 80-17. (IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE NEEDED FOR NARRATIVE OR SKETCHES ATTACH SECURELY TO THIS FORM OR ANNOTATE WITH YOUR NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

1. WHEN DID YOU SEE THE PHENOMENON?

DAY 24 th. MONTH January YEAR 1968

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 0700 MINUTES 42 ☒ A.M. ☐ P.M.

3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 0700 MINUTES 50 ☒ A.M. ☐ P.M.

4. TIME ZONE

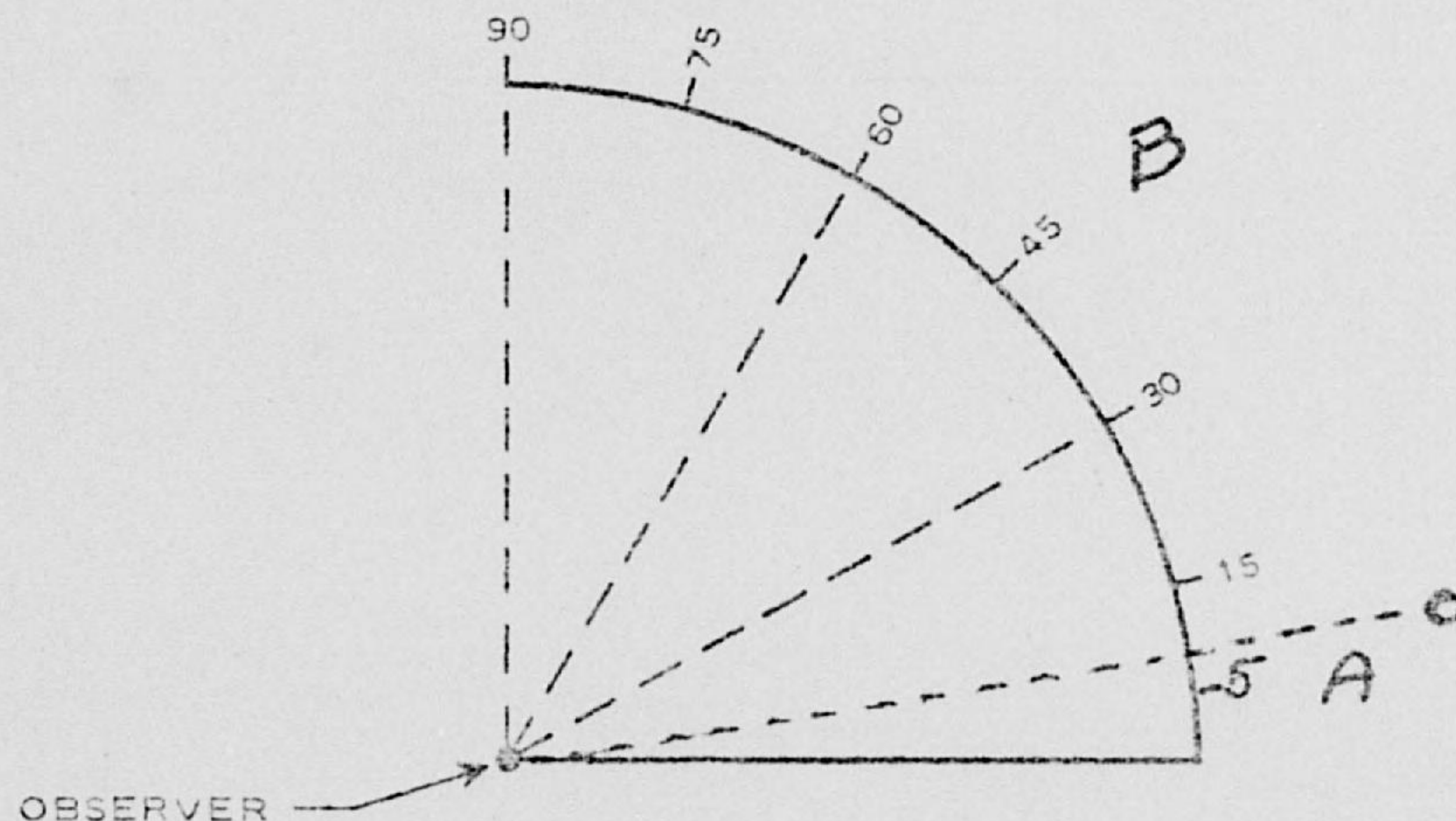
☐ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS☒ STANDARD☒ EASTERN☐ CENTRAL☐ MOUNTAIN☐ PACIFIC☐ OTHER

5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARK.

the phenomenon was observed by both myself and my wife while at living table through our N.W. window of our home at 23950 Church Rd located on the S.E. corner of Church Road and Baseline Rd in Penfield town ship, County of Calhoun, state of Michigan. 8 miles N by NNE of Little Creek, 4 miles S.W. of Bellevue, 1/2 mile north of M78. at north Calhoun county line.

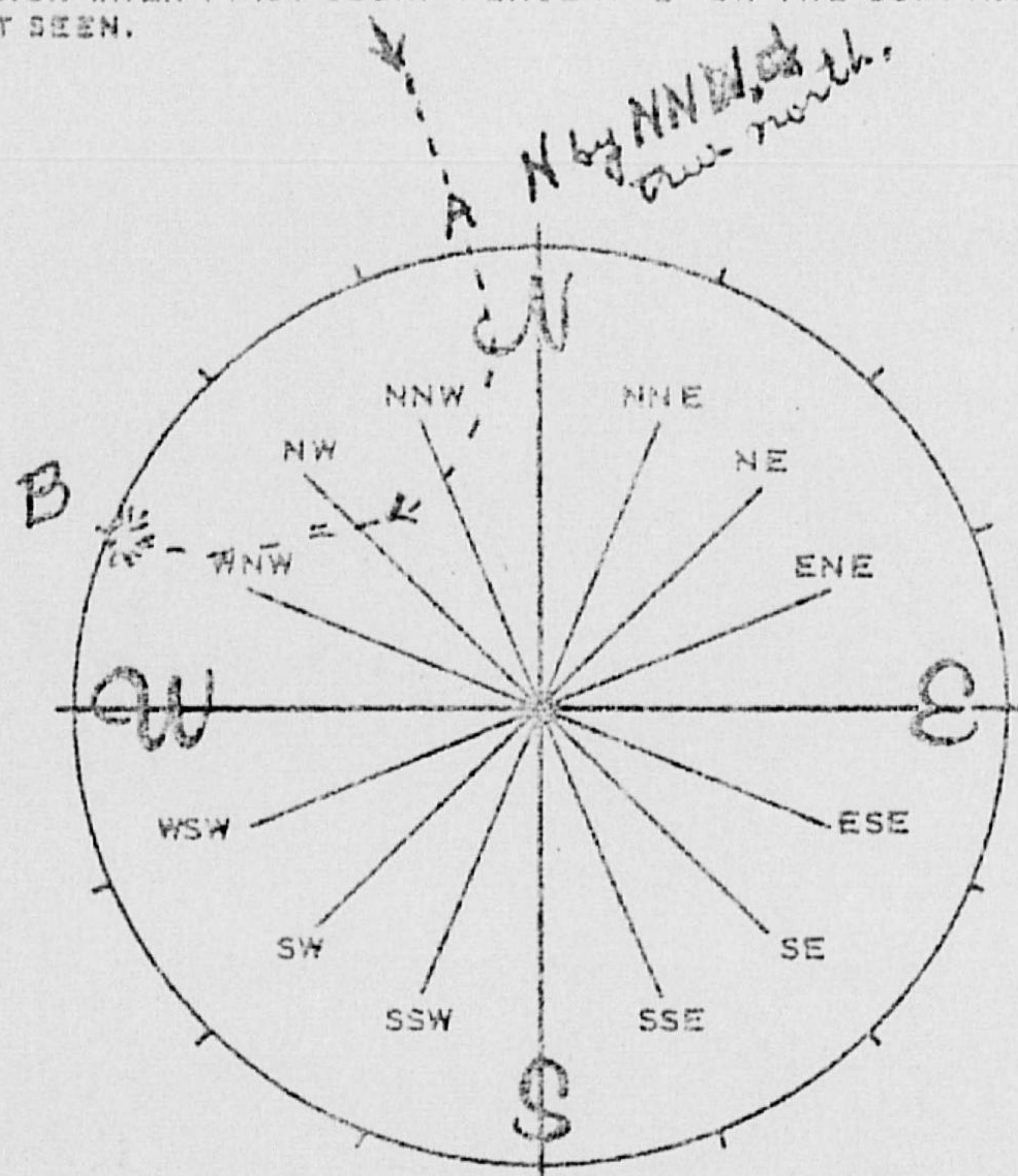
6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.

5° to 7° from Horizon at first sighting. 0742 hrs. position N by NNW of true N.

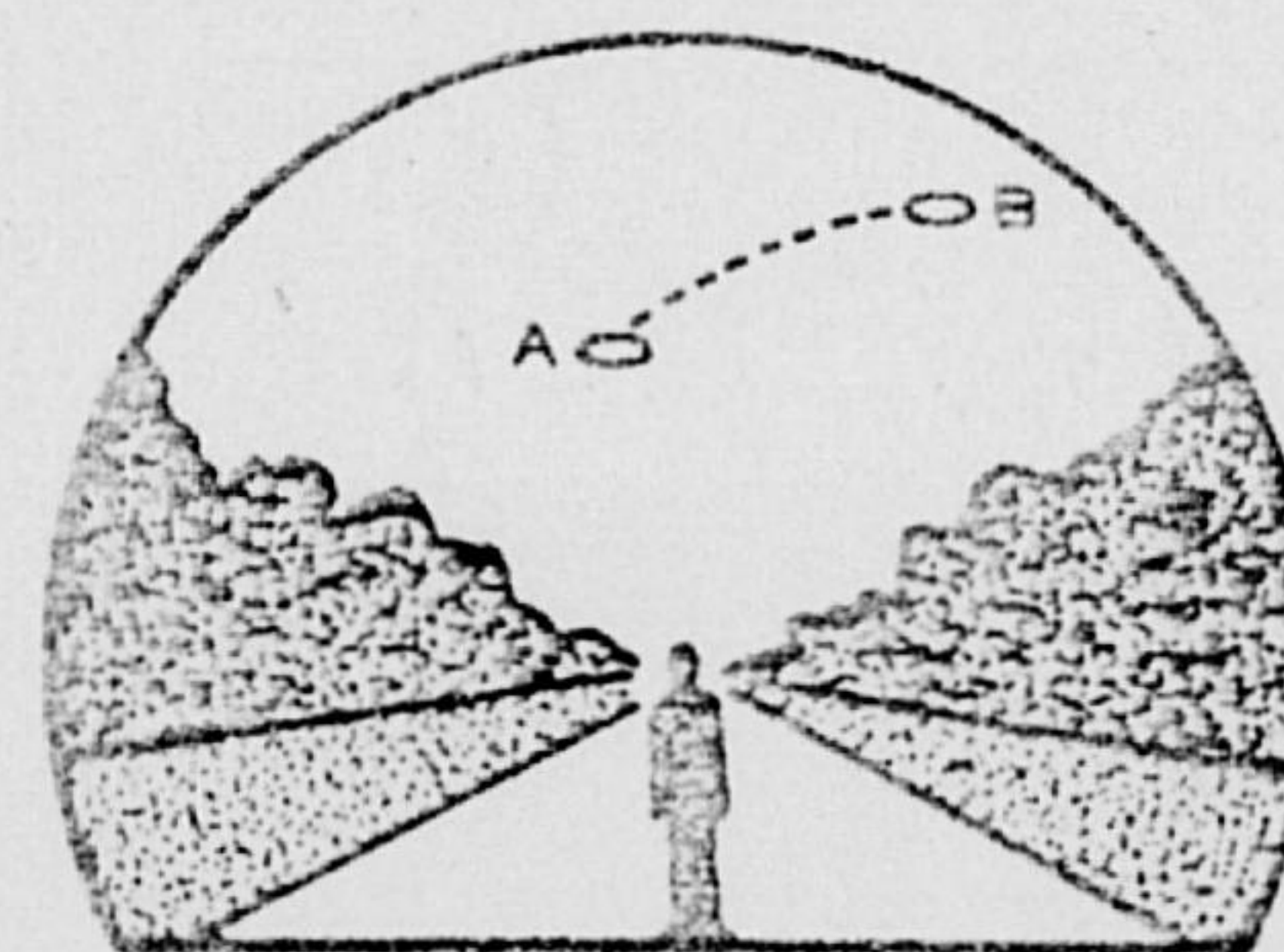
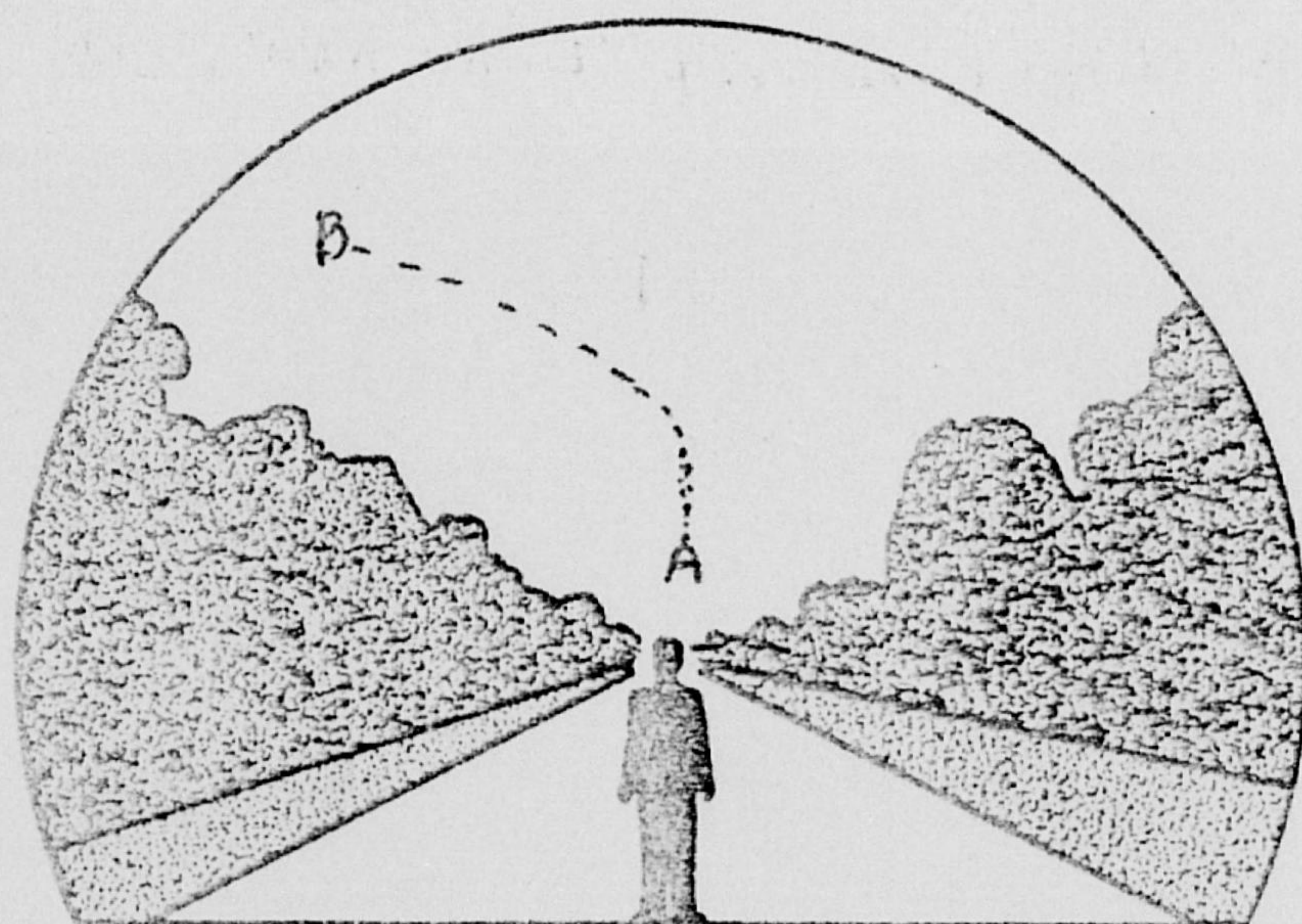


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8A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



7. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN, AND A "B" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN. CONNECT THE "A" AND "B" WITH A LINE TO APPROXIMATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE PHENOMENON BETWEEN "A" AND "B". THAT IS, SCHEMATICALLY SHOW WHETHER THE MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE STRAIGHT, CURVED OR ZIG-ZAG. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.



10. IF THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PHENOMENON, HOW MANY WERE THERE? DRAW A PICTURE TO SHOW HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED. DID THIS ARRANGEMENT CHANGE DURING THE SIGHTING?

only one.

11. CONDITIONS (Check appropriate blocks.)			
A. SKY		B. WEATHER	
☒ DAY		☐ CUMULUS CLOUDS (Low fluffy)	☐ FOG OR MIST
☐ TWILIGHT		☐ CIRRUS CLOUDS (High fleecy or Herring-bone)	☐ HEAVY RAIN
☐ NIGHT		☐ NIMBUS CLOUDS (Rain)	☐ LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
☒ CLEAR		☐ CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS (Thunderstorms)	☐ HAIL
☐ PARTLY CLOUDY		☐ HAZE OR SMOG	☐ SNOW OR SLEET
☐ COMPLETELY OVERCAST			☐ UNKNOWN
			☐ NONE OF THE ABOVE

C. IF THE SIGHTING WAS AT TWILIGHT OR NIGHT, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS AND MOON?			
(1) STARS		(2) MOON	
☒ NONE		☐ BRIGHT MOONLIGHT	☒ NO MOONLIGHT
☐ A FEW		☐ MOON WITH HALO	☐ UNKNOWN
☐ MANY		☐ MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS	
☐ UNKNOWN		☐ PARTIAL (New or quarter)	

D. IF SIGHTING WAS IN DAYLIGHT, WAS THE SUN VISIBLE? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," WHERE WAS THE SUN AS YOU FACED THE PHENOMENON?

☐ IN FRONT OF YOU	☐ TO YOUR RIGHT	☐ OVERHEAD (Near noon)
☒ IN BACK OF YOU	☐ TO YOUR LEFT	☐ UNKNOWN

E. SPECIFY THE MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION PRESENT DURING THE SIGHTING, SUCH AS THE SUN, HEADLIGHTS OR STREET LAMP, ETC. FOR TERRESTRIAL ILLUMINATION, SPECIFY DISTANCE TO LIGHT SOURCE.

changing from a red white blind to sparkling white to bright pure white.

12. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHENOMENON, INDICATING WHETHER IT APPEARED DARK OR LIGHT, WHETHER IT REFLECTED LIGHT OR WAS SELF-LUMINOUS AND WHAT COLORS YOU NOTICED. DESCRIBE YOUR IMPRESSION OF WHETHER IT WAS SOLID OR TRANSPARENT, WHETHER EDGES WERE SHARP OR FUZZY. DESCRIBE THE SHAPE OR INDICATE IF IT APPEARED AS A POINT OF LIGHT. INDICATE COMPARISONS WITH OTHER OBSERVED OBJECTS, LIKE STARS, A LIGHT OR OTHER OBJECT IN YOUR FIELD OF VIEW.

appeared first resembling planet Mars with redish white glimmer in a clear light blue sky then as redish perimeter tended to fade the object took on a glittering white as a many facet diamond but perfectly round in shape. after 3 minutes glimmering ceased to become a solid very bright pure white and so its color remain through out the balance of its trajectory, except as it made its wide curve from its N by NNW to S by SSE straight course. Then a profile view began to take form and a cherry red tail could be observed which lengthened as the object continued veering to NNW. approximately 45 seconds prior to total disintegration the cherry red tail lengthened to about the diameter of the object but with a blue mid section between the white object and the red tail. a pure white object trailing a blue turning to cherry red tail.

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8. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? (Check appropriate blocks.)

OUTDOORS <i>during last 3 minutes +</i>	IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY
IN BUILDING <i>during first 5 minutes</i>	IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY
IN CAR ☐ AS DRIVER ☐ AS PASSENGER	IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE
IN BOAT	NEAR AIRFIELD
IN AIRPLANE ☐ AS PILOT ☐ AS PASSENGER	FLYING OVER CITY
OTHER	FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY
	OTHER

A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?		HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?
NORTH	EAST	DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON? ☐ YES ☐ NO
SOUTH	WEST	
NORTHEAST	SOUTHEAST	
NORTHWEST	SOUTHWEST	

EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.

DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVERSED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN.

HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?

DID YOU NOTICE ANY AIRPLANES? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE WHEN THEY WERE IN SIGHT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING THE PHENOMENON AND WHERE THEY WERE IN THE SKY RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON.

none.

9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?

LENGTH OF TIME	☒ CERTAIN OF TIME	☐ NOT VERY SURE
<i>8 minutes +</i>	☐ FAIRLY CERTAIN	☐ JUST A GUESS

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?
looked at clock on radio which is electric and was correct.

WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "NO," INDICATE WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO YOUR MOVEMENT OR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PHENOMENON, AND DESCRIBE SUCH MOVEMENT OR BEHAVIOR. INDICATE DISAPPEARANCES ON PREVIOUS SKETCHES.

*8th minute.
0750 A.M. +
W.N.W. from point
of observation.*

0748 A.M.

5th minute. 0747 A.M.

*in constant position 4 min.
N by NNW (true north) 0742 A.M. to 0746 A.M.*

horizon

13. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE PHENOMENON. INCLUDE AND LABEL ANY DETAILS THAT MIGHT HAVE APPEARED AS WINGS OR PROTRUSIONS, AND INDICATE EXHAUST OR VAPOR TRAILS. INDICATE BY AN ARROW THE DIRECTION THE PHENOMENON WAS MOVING.



0742

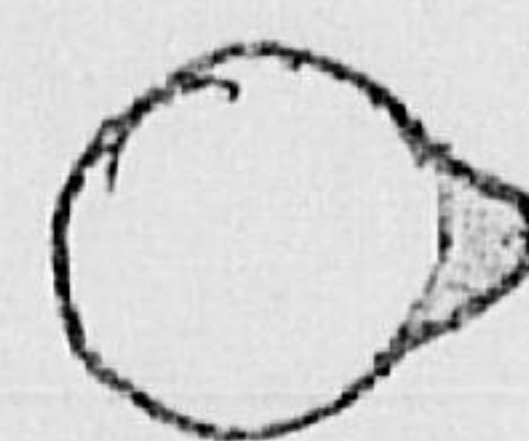


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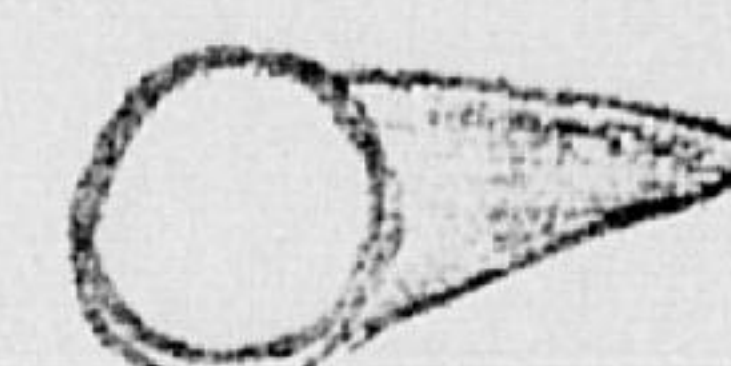


0746

Pure white



0748



0749+45"

W.N.W.
0150 disintegration



0749.45



0748



appeared stationary, but certain
was proceeding in a straight line
as object became larger.

horizon.

16. WHAT WAS THE ANGULAR SIZE? HOLD A MATCH AT ARM'S LENGTH IN FRONT OF A KNOWN OBJECT, SUCH AS A STREET LAMP OR THE MOON. NOTE HOW MUCH OF THE OBJECT IS COVERED BY THE HEAD OF THE MATCH. NOW IF YOU HAD BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM THIS EXPERIMENT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, ESTIMATE WHAT FRACTION OF THE PHENOMENON WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED BY THE MATCH HEAD.

all of it.

13.	DID THE PHENOMENON	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
	MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE?	X		
	STAND STILL AT ANYTIME?		X	
	SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUN AWAY?		X	
	BREAK UP IN PARTS AND EXPLODE?		X	
	CHANGE COLOR?	X		
	GIVE OFF SMOKE?		X	
	CHANGE BRIGHTNESS?	X		
	CHANGE SHAPE?		X	
	FLASH OR FLICKER?	X		
	DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR?		X	
	SPIN LIKE A TOP?		X	
	MAKE A NOISE?		X	
	FLUTTER OR WOBBLE?		X	

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

Its position and increasing brightness at this time of the morning.

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

disintegrated suddenly as though one would push a switch on an electric light bulb.

B. DID THE PHENOMENON MOVE BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING AT ANY TIME?
☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

when it began its wide curve to W.N.W. it passed behind a large tree at N.W. corner of our lot but below the branches. obstructed only by trunk of tree for 15 seconds.

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22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION.
 4 or 5 years ago sighted four "fire balls" at varying times within a year but these disintegrated within 4 to 5 seconds at most. usually in southern or eastern sky heading in northern or western direction.

23. WAS ANYONE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DID THEY SEE IT TOO?
☒ YES ☐ NO. wife saw the object first observed 2 minutes before relating.

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES

~~_____~~ same address.

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME

~~_____~~

ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code)

~~_____~~ Penfield, mail address ~~_____~~ Little Creek Mich. 49017

TELEPHONE (Area code and number)

~~_____~~

AGE

47 & 48 (wife) X

MALE

X

FEMALE

INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.

Vocational specialist at Custer job Corps Ctr. Custer, Mich.
 trained to objectively evaluate observations.
 5 years military service U.S. Army 2 1/2 years overseas
 W. War II Italy.
 18 mos ROTC. 1935-37.

25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON?

Cust. A.F. Sta. Air Defense Sector.

NAME Lt. Dorney UFO officer

DAY 24th

MONTH January

YEAR 1968

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY 12th

MONTH February

YEAR 1968

data taken from a thermofax copy of report made the following day after sighting, Jan 25, 1968 Thursday, enclosed is an extra thermo-copy of report.

17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.			
☒	EYEGLASSES	self. wife none.	CAMERA <u>field of view 530 ft at 1000 yd.</u>
	SUNGLASSES		☒ BINOCULARS <u>7x35 ultra light lens</u>
	WINDSHIELD		☒ TELESCOPE <u>40x60 MM Power. Could</u>
	SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE		<u>THE OBJECT NOT focus in.</u>
☒	WINDOWPANE	at first.	OTHER <u>wife uses glasses for read only.</u>
A. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES? ☒ YES ☐ NO		B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? ☒ YES ☐ NO	
18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED <u>400-500 MPH.</u>		19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE <u>at first to approx 35 miles then 8 mins 120 miles</u>	
20. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY OBTAIN AS CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH, WHEN PLACED IN THE SKY, SIMILAR TO WHERE YOU NOTED THE PHENOMENON, WOULD BEAR SOME RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT YOU SAW. DESCRIBE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMON OBJECT AND WHAT YOU SAW.			
as stated appeared as a morning star low on horizon at 50 to 70 red ish white to glistening white, to pure solid white increasing slightly in size, appeared in stationary position but believed following a straight course N by N NW to S by SSE from true north (star). as object approached appeared to incline but believe maintained a course parallel to earth's surface, if any thing it probably declined in altitude. as a plane breaks over the horizon it may maintain an exact altitude but as it approaches appears to gain altitude until it passes overhead at 900 to observer's position yet actually at same altitude when first observed at 00 to horizon.			
21. DID YOU NOTICE ANY ODOR, NOISE, OR HEAT EMANATING FROM THE PHENOMENON OR ANY EFFECT ON YOURSELF, ANIMALS OR MACHINERY IN THE VICINITY? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.			
A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.			

27. INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS PERTINENT BUT WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, ALTERNATIVELY PROVIDE A NARRATIVE EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTING.

Distance, speed, altitude, size, are deceptive but estimate object to be round or conical in shape, approximately 120 to 150 miles at first sighting, believe object entered earth's atmosphere at this point due to red ish. blend around perimeter and whitening at center getting brighter as heated up. Object did continue on a true straight course 4 minutes then made wide curve to disintegrate 8-9 minutes later, believe speed to be 400 to 500 M.P.H. + at altitude of 10,000 to 20,000 ft. perhaps as large as 50 ft across the diameter.

Believe this object to be the LOST jetterion near section of the latest moon rocket nose cone. Significant factor, perhaps of vital information to Cape Kennedy was that object remained in full view in a clear sky for 8 to 9 minutes before disintegration where as previous "fire balls" disintegrated within 3 to 5 seconds after entering atmosphere.

This indicates a superior material being used in the rockets, or an exceptionally cold atmosphere at that particular time to retard extreme heating and disintegration. Nevertheless, the difference of 3 to 5 seconds, from appearance to disintegration of the 4 previous sightings, as compared to 8 to 9 minutes is extremely significant.

Ground temperature at time of sighting was 90+° F. appeared to disintegrate over Augusta or Milledgeville 35 miles WNW at 10,000 ft. This could be more easily demonstrated than put in writing, however perhaps you have enough information here. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you wish more information, or other specifics.

Respect fully,

directions -

January 24, 1968

84-100000

Armon Jolly
took report of my
office 1/27/68.

appeared at approx 5° above horizon at a
by NNE position. a redish white shimmering
similar to the twinkling of a star, remained in
true N by NNE to S by SSW path, turning to a
pure white, this observation for approx 5 min.
E.O. then inclining to approx 10° & 12° still on
the course for 1 minute, then began a wide
curve toward west, continuing to incline to
approx 40°, a cherry red tail became visible
at curved, then observed a bluish color
between the pure white and the cherry red.

The object then suddenly disintegrated at
a position of approx 45° from horizon and
at approx WNW in an absolutely clear sky.

size, distance, and speed were deceptive

estimated height 10,000 to 20,000 ft.

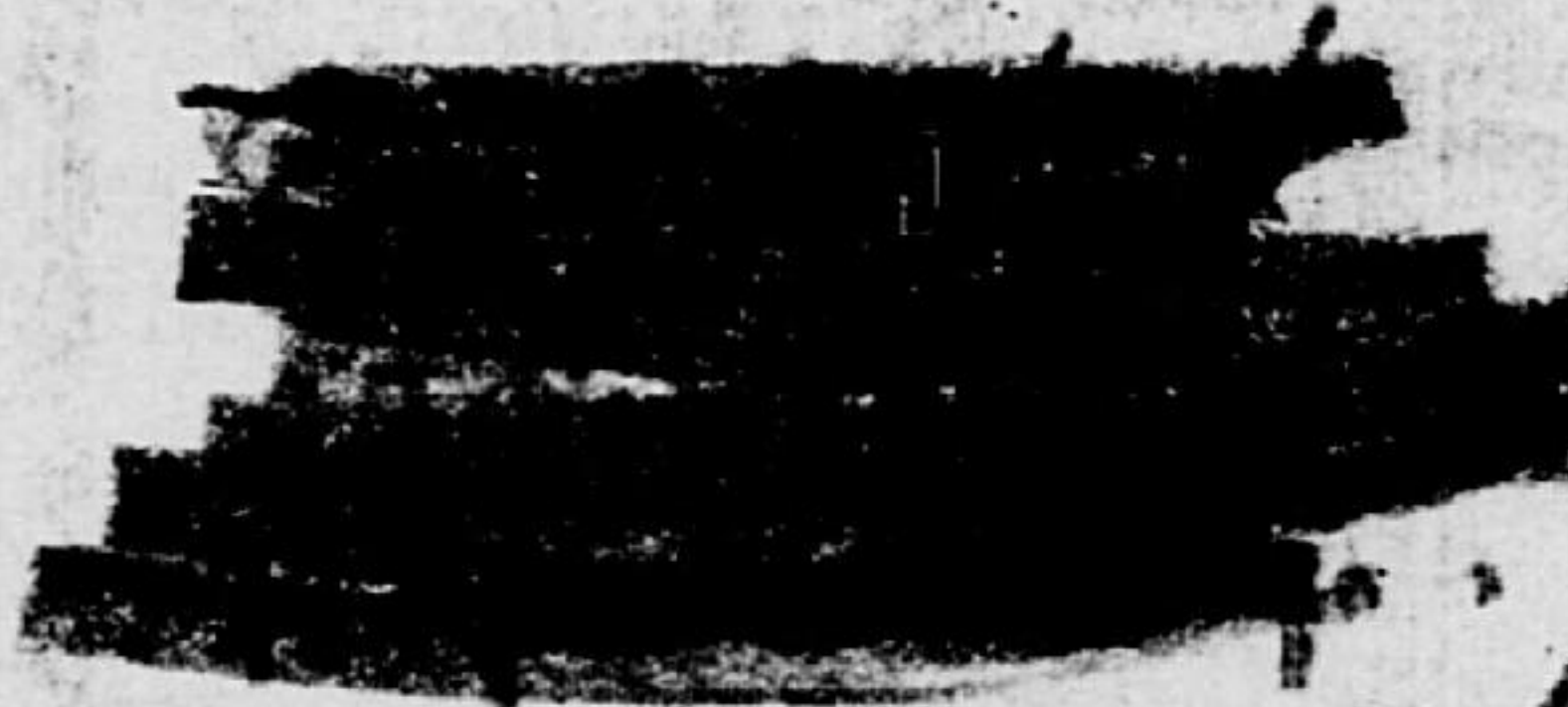
speed 800 to 500 MPH.

distance at time of disintegration 30 miles.

observation time approx 7:42 AM. to 7:50 AM.

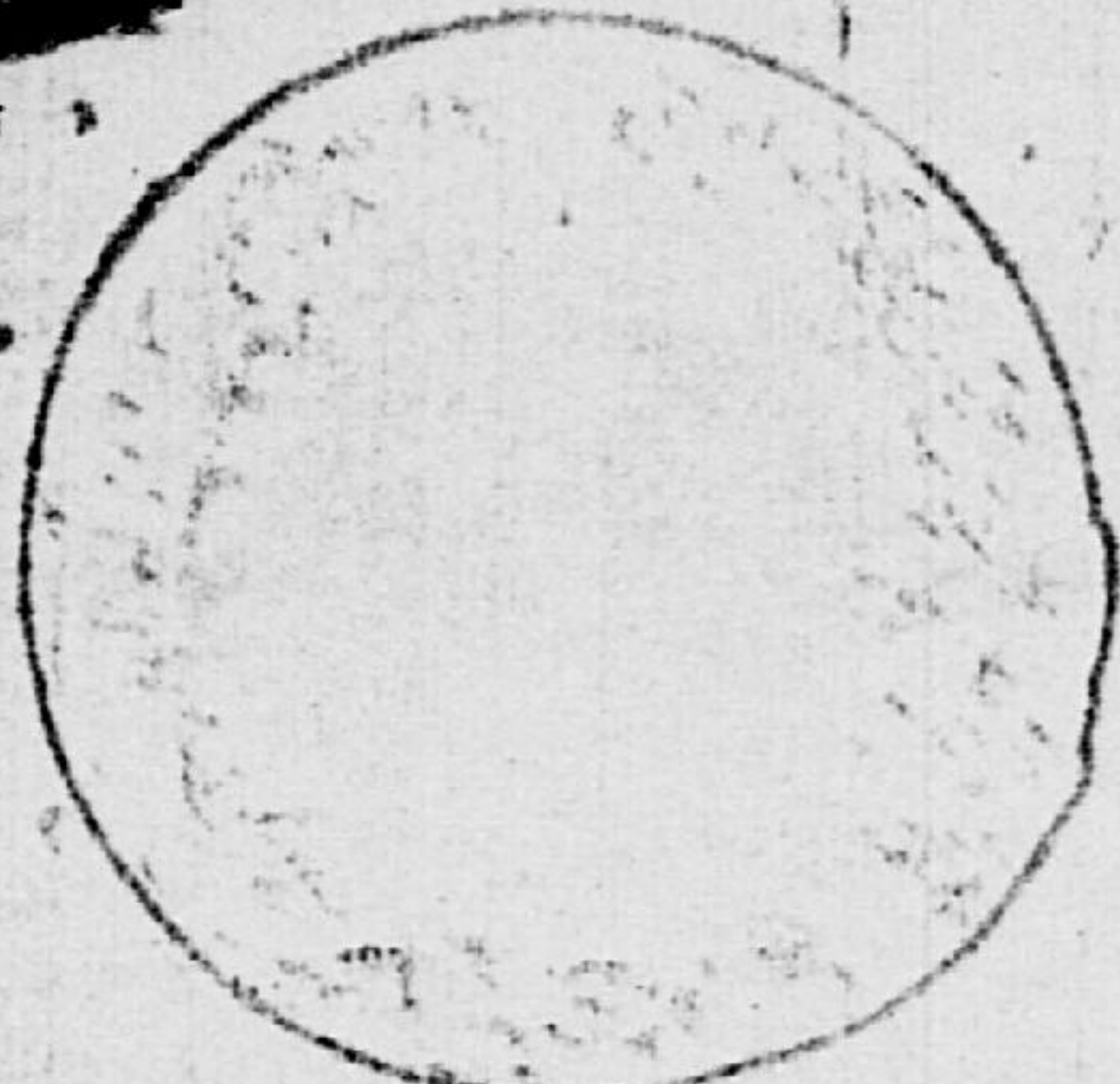
Believe it to be the jetisoned portion of
the recently launched moon nose cone.

Significant data is the long length of time
from appearance to disintegration, approx 3 min-
utes as compared to four previous observations of
"fireballs" disintegrating within 3 to 4 seconds.
may be due to a far superior material and/or
much colder atmosphere. ground temp 70° + 0.5

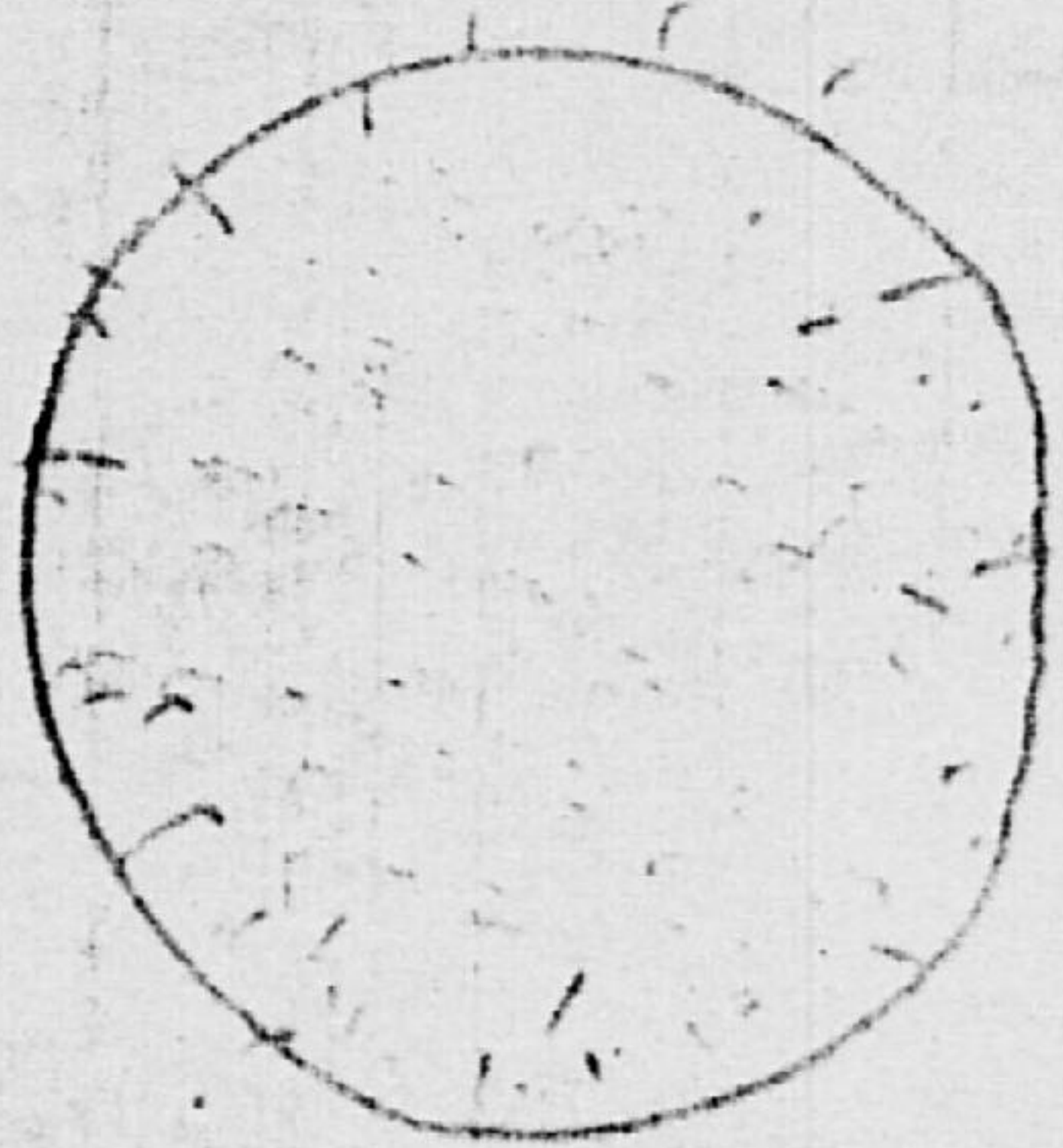


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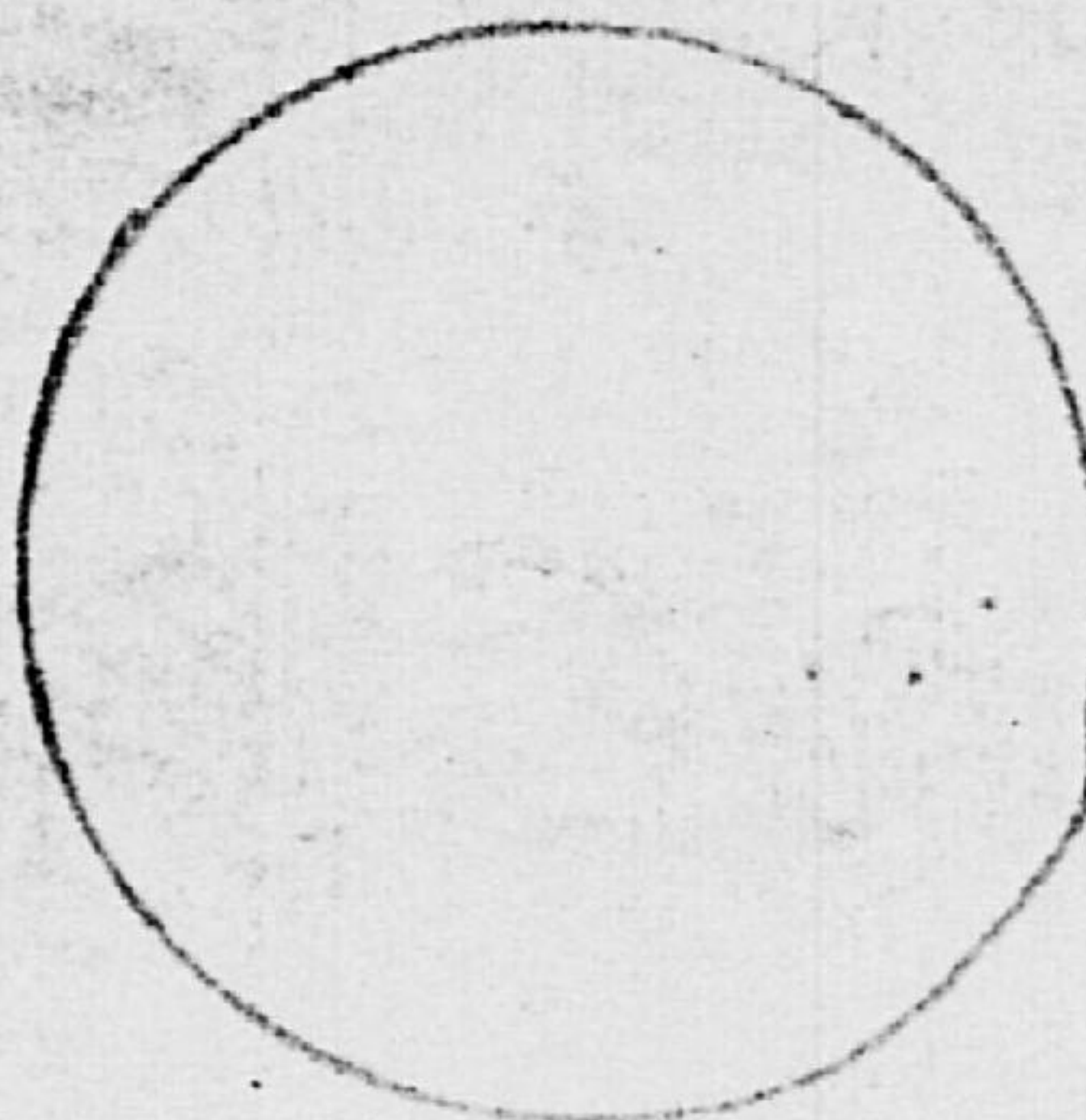
Lt. Downey,
UFO officer.
Custer A.F. Sta.
air defense sector.



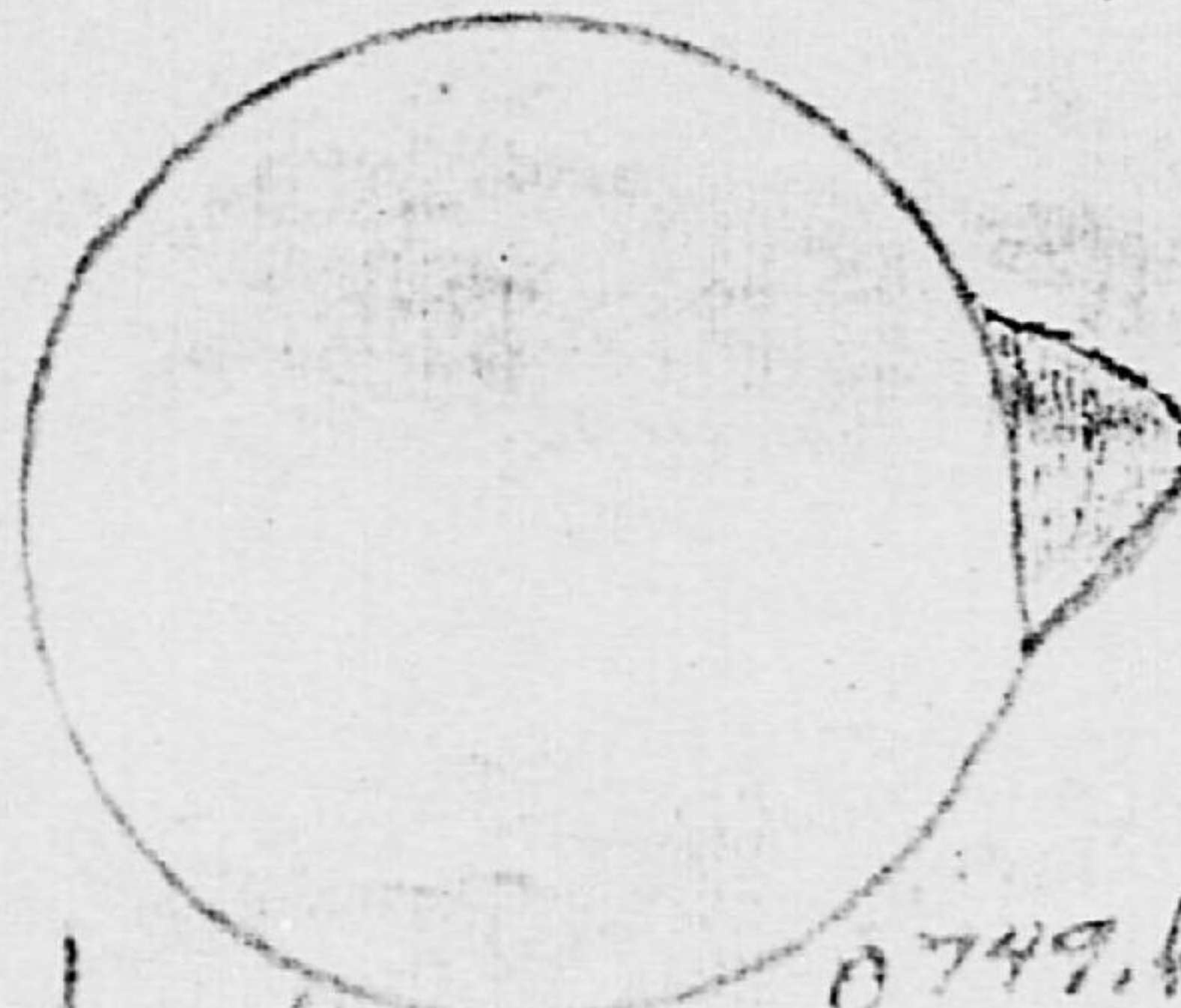
first
observation,
glittering.
(more appearance)
0742 hrs.



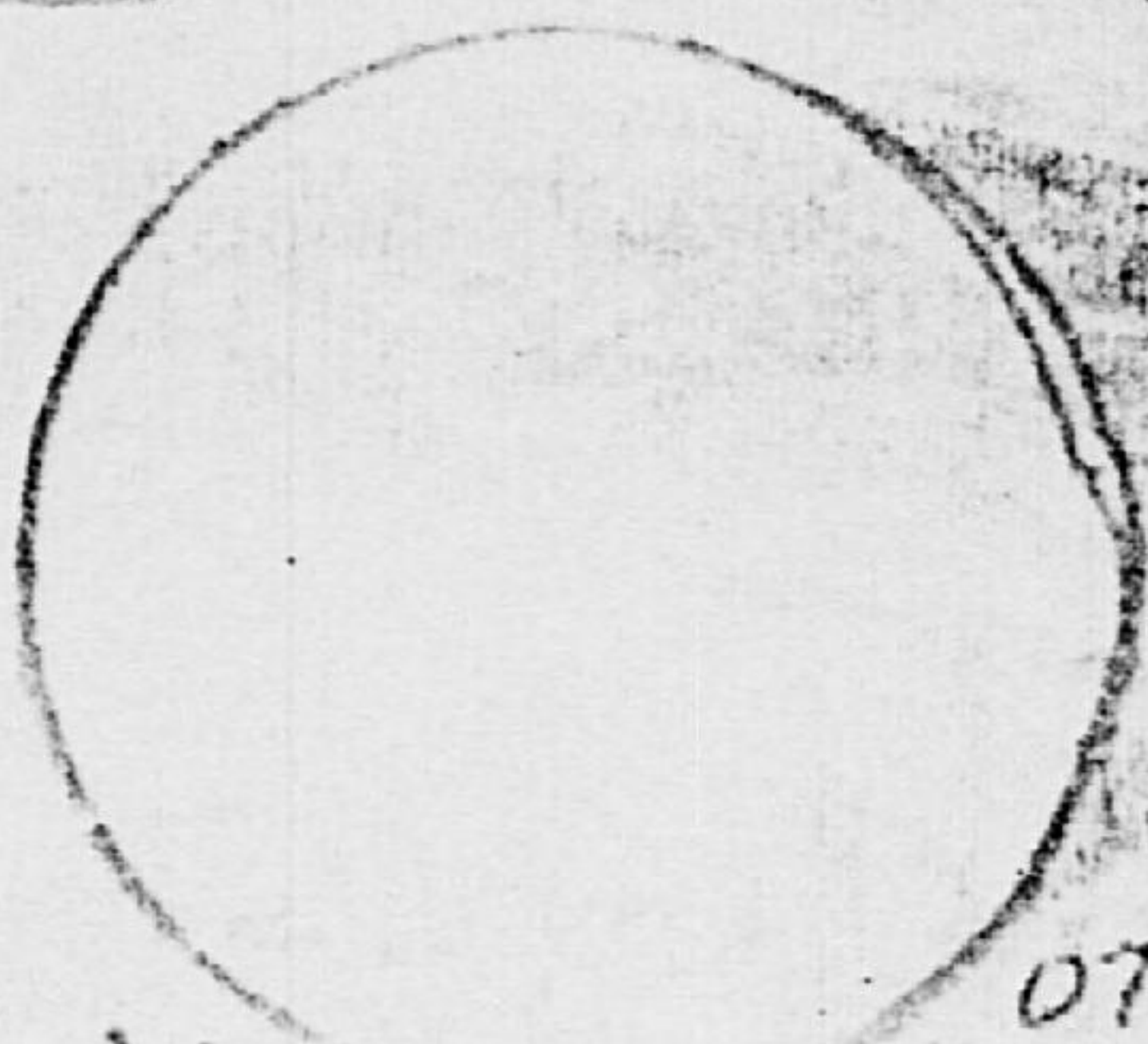
Second
stage of change,
shining silver
0745 hrs.



third stage
of change,
pure white.
0746 hrs.



fourth stage
0749 hrs.



0750 hrs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 34TH AIR DIVISION (ADC)
CUSTER AIR FORCE STATION, MICHIGAN 49016



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

34CIO

1 February 1968

SUBJECT:

UFO Report

TO:

FTD (TDETR)

The following UFO Report is submitted in accordance with
AFR 80-17:

A. Description of the Object:

1. The object was at such a distance that it looked like
a "Fire Ball". No definite shape.

2. About the same size as the Morning Star.

3. A redish white glimmering, similar to the twinkle of a
star, turning to a pure white.

4. One

5. None

6. None

7.

7. A cherry red tail became visible as it curved; then
observed a bluish color between the pure white ball and the
cherry red tail.

8. None

9. None

B. Description of Course of Object:

1. The color and location.

2. 5 degrees above the horizon at a North by North/North-
west position.

3. 45 degrees from the horizon at approximatly Weat/North-
west.

Send 117

4. Appeared at approximately 5 degrees above the horizon at a North by North/Northwest position. Remained in a true North by North/Northwest to South by South/Southeast path. UFO then inclined to approximately 10 to 12 degrees still on a true course. It then began a wide curve toward the West continuing to incline to approximately 40 degrees.. The object suddenly disintegrated at a position of approximately 45 degrees.

5. The object disintegrated.

6. The UFO was visible for eight minutes.

C. Manner of Observation:

1. Ground-Visual

2. 50x600 binoculars were used.

3. N/A

D. Date and Time of Sighting:

1. 1242Z on 24 January 1968, 0742 Hrs. local.

2. dawn

E. Location of Observers:

~~22070~~ Penfield Township, Michigan.

F. Identifying Information on Observers:

1. a. ~~██████████~~

b. 47

c. ~~██████████~~, Battle Creek, Mich. 49017

d. Locational Specialist, automotive section, Custer Job Corps.

e. 7 years college; AB degree, BS degree and MA degree

f. reliable

G. Weather:

1. Absolutely clear sky.

2. Wind; Surface: 050 degrees-5 knots
6,000 ft: 250 degrees-15 knots
10,000 ft: 360 degrees-30 knots
16,000 ft: 250 degrees-30 knots
20,000 ft: 310 degrees-25 knots
30,000 ft: 290 degrees-35 knots
50,000 ft: 320 degrees-20 knots
80,000 ft: 290 degrees-25 knots

3. Ceiling: Clear
4. Visibility: 15 miles plus
5. Cloud Cover: No Clouds
6. Thunderstorms: No Thunderstorms
7. Vertical Temperature Gradient:

Surface: 0 degrees
6,000 ft: 0 degrees
10,000 ft: -2 degrees
16,000 ft: -14 degrees
20,000 ft: -22 degrees
30,000 ft: -42 degrees

H. Conclusion by Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Believe it to be the last jetisoned portion of the recently launched moon nose cone.

Significant data is the long length of time; from appearance to disintegration; approximately eight (8) minutes, as compared to four previous observations of "Fire balls" disintegrating within 3 to 4 seconds. May be due to a far superior material and/or much colder atmosphere.

FOR THE COMMANDER

David L. Doney

DAVID L. DONEY, 1Lt, USAF
Chief of Information

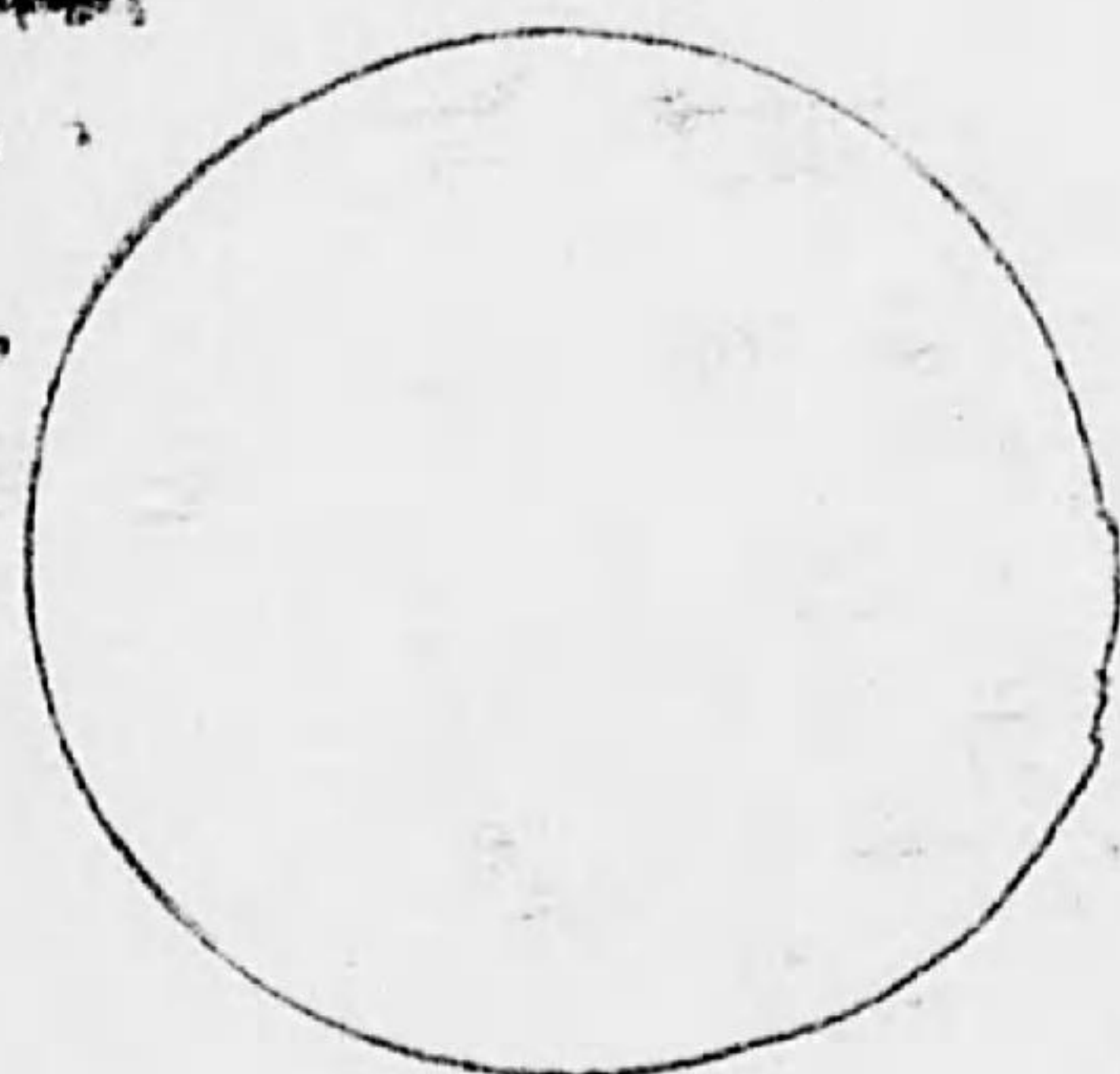
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Sketch of "Fire Ball"

1 Lt. Penell at Sp-0-75

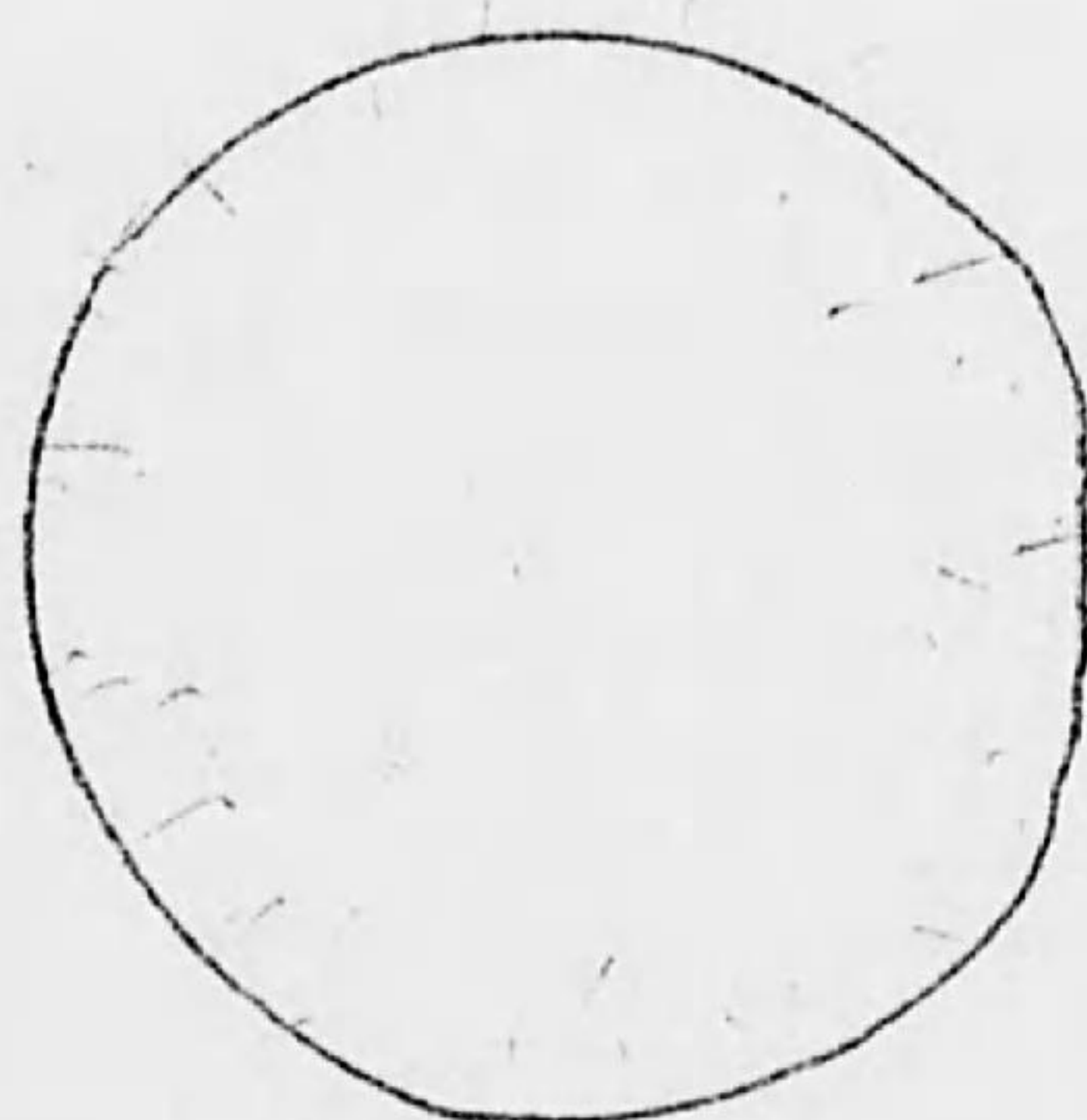
1200 ± 12 hrs

*Apollo upper
lunar module*

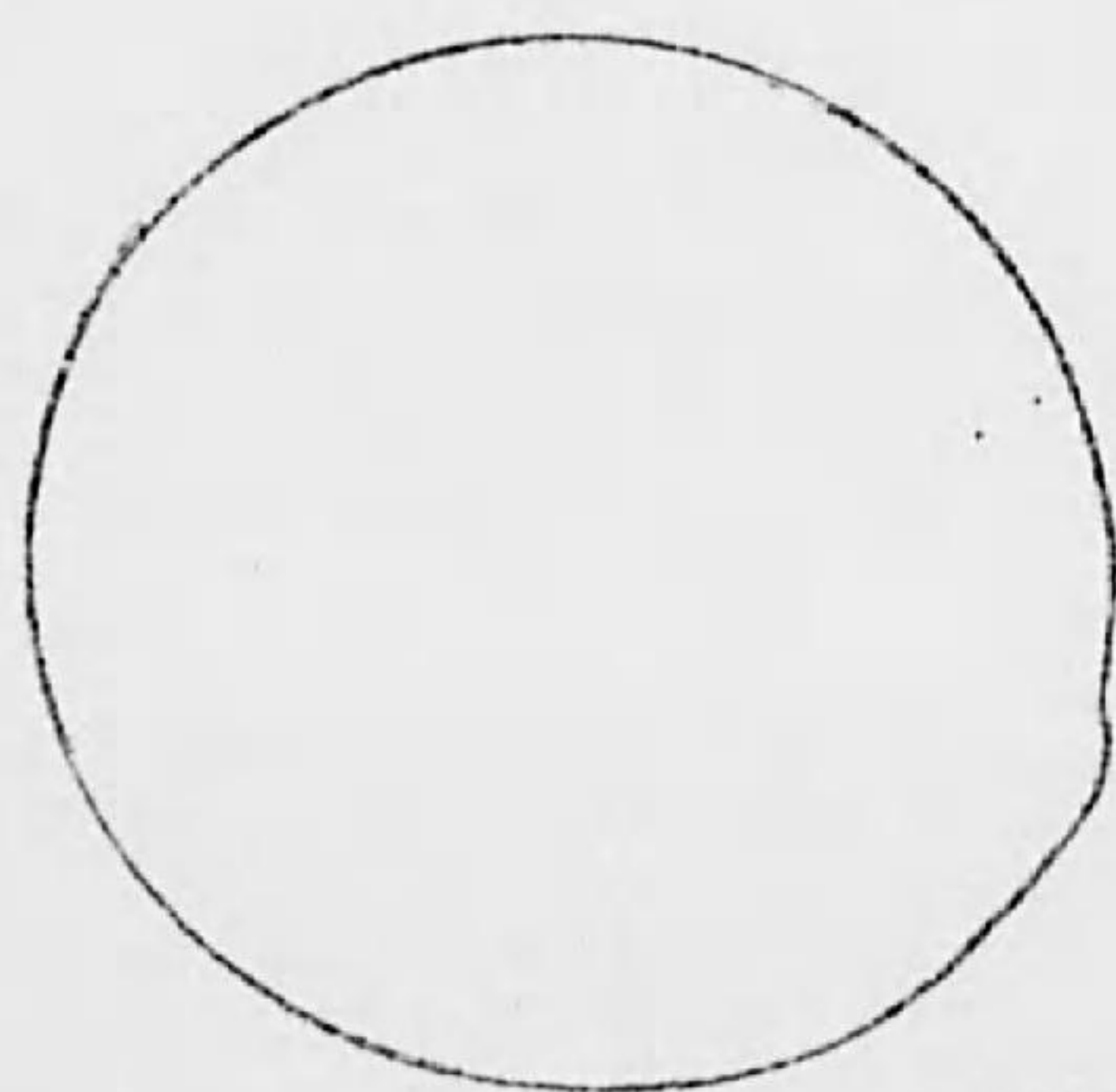
~~Penfield township~~
Penfield township
Jan 24. 7:42 AM.



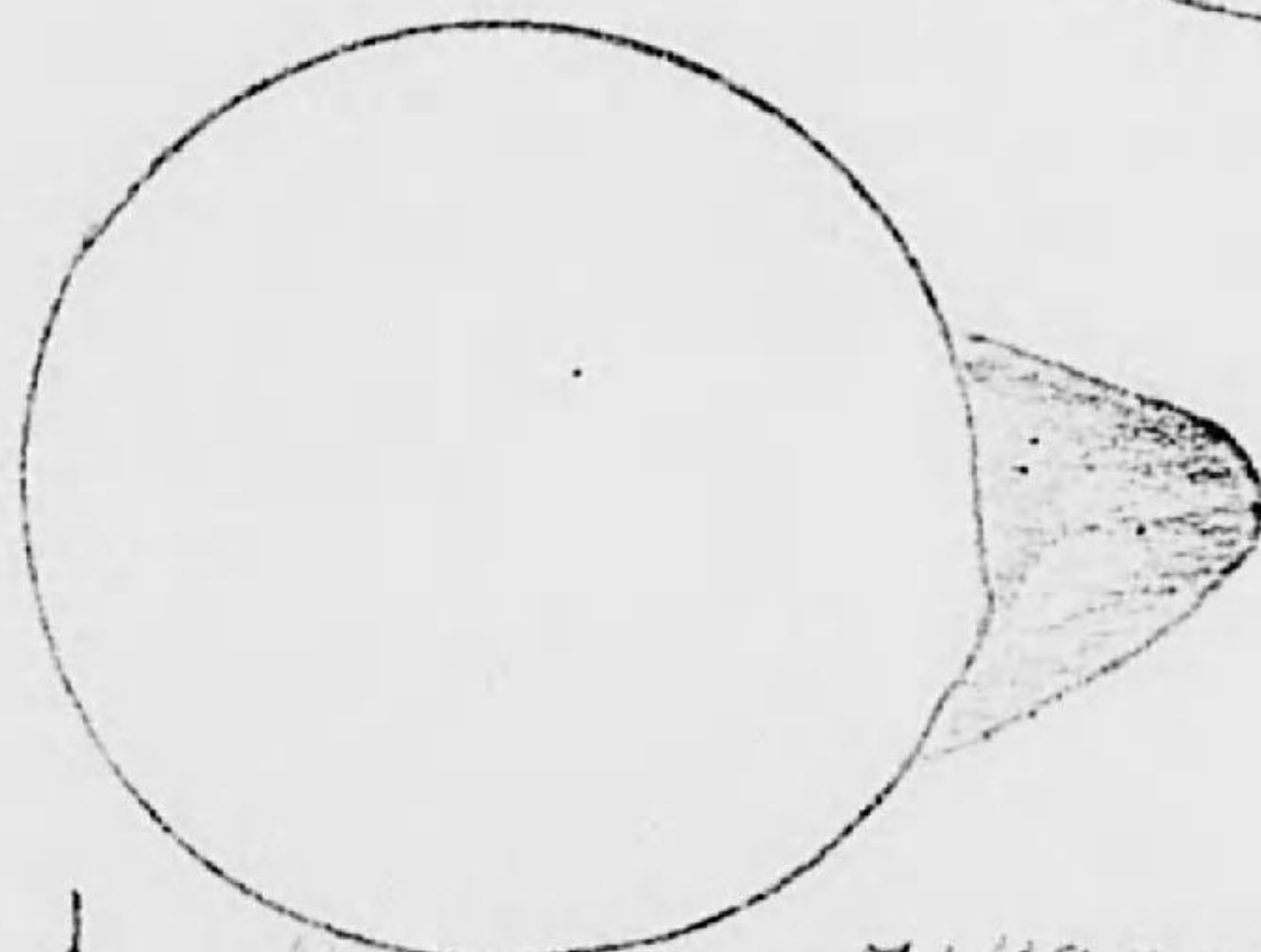
first
observation,
glittering.
(new appearance)
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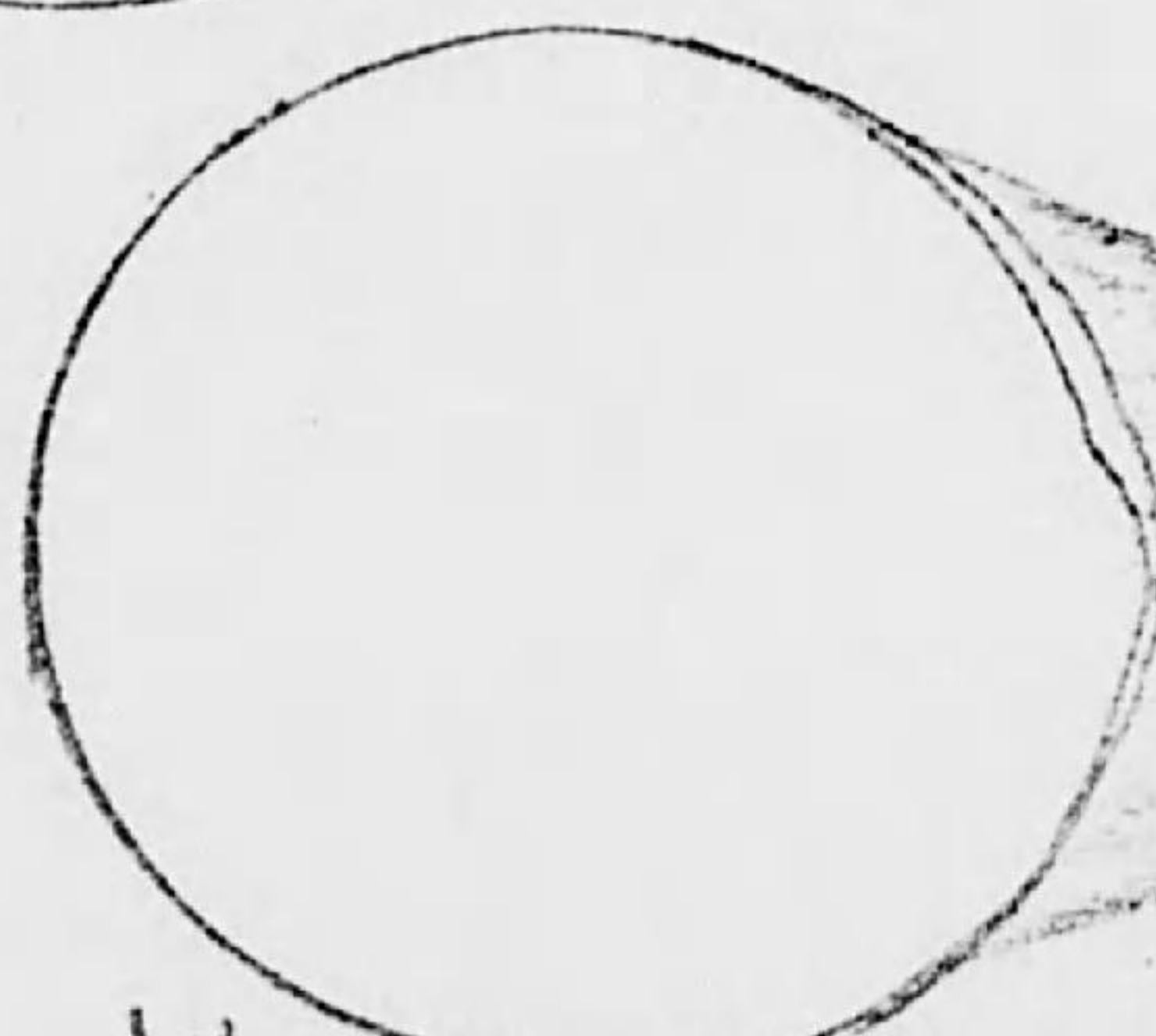
Second
stage of change
shining silver
7:45 AM.



third stage
of change,
pure white.
7:46 AM.



fourth stage. 7:49 AM.



7:50 AM.

Pure white short cherry tail. Fifth stage pure white with
black to red tail then disintegrate.