

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17/2215 17 November 68 18/0415Z	2. LOCATION Near Waterloo, Illinois
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Probable balloon (HOT AIR BALLOON) The description is similar to that of a garment bag hot air balloon. The surface wind was from 310 dge at 8 knots.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer sighted a white rectangular light in the east. After about 2 minutes the light faded out of view in the ESE.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Minutes	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE E to ESE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM

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

5. Request we be advised if further action is required by this Base.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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AF Form 117

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 1400 AIR BASE WING (MAC)
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS 62225



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 1400(OB)

22 November 1968

SUBJECT: UFO Report

TO: FTD(TDPT(UFO))
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. Attached AF Form 117 on a UFO sighting by Mr. [REDACTED], 17 Nov 1968, is forwarded for appropriate action.
2. Reference Para 5 of AF Form 117, Mr. Mudd was traveling east on a dirt road from Wartburg to Burksville at time of sighting.
3. Weather information at Scott AFB during the applicable time period was as follows:

a. Wind

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Degrees</u>	<u>Knots</u>
Surface	310	8
6,000	270	20
10,000	300	25
16,000	260	40
20,000	260	60
30,000	240	115
50,000	250	70

b. Ceiling: 1,200 broken, 3,000 overcast

c. Visibility: 10 miles, light drizzle

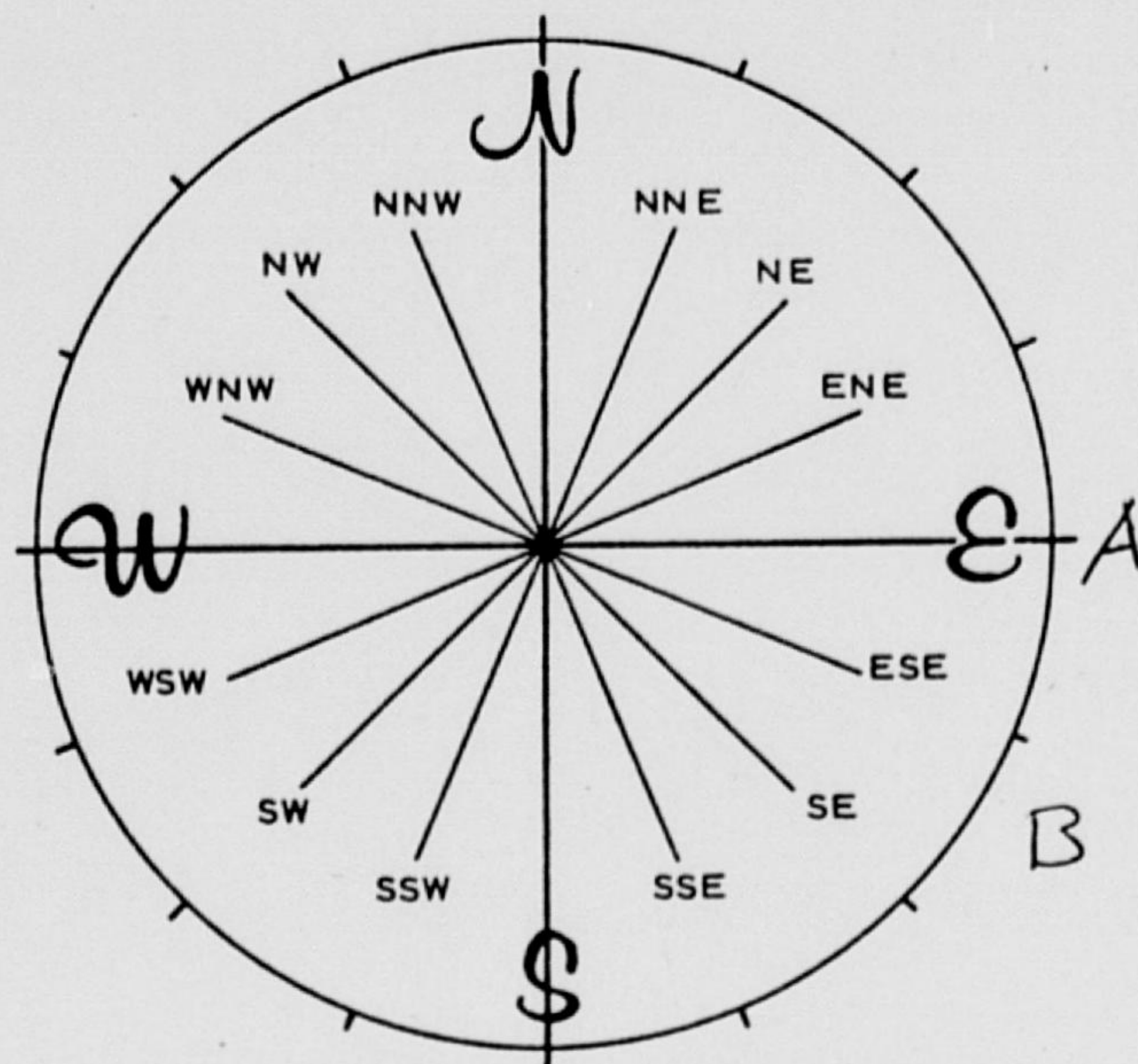
d. Amount of cloud cover: 100% at 3,000 feet

e. Thunderstorms in area: None

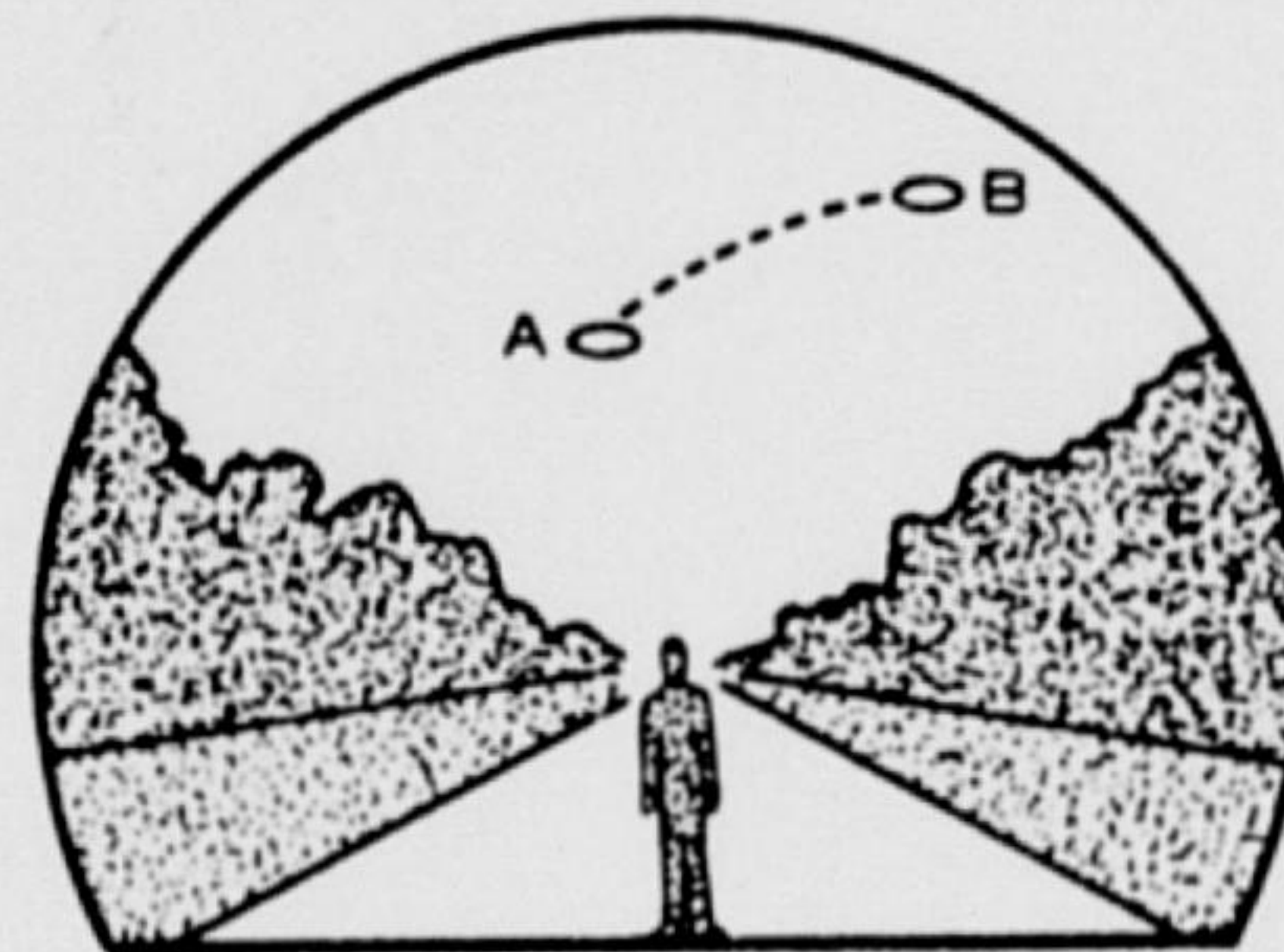
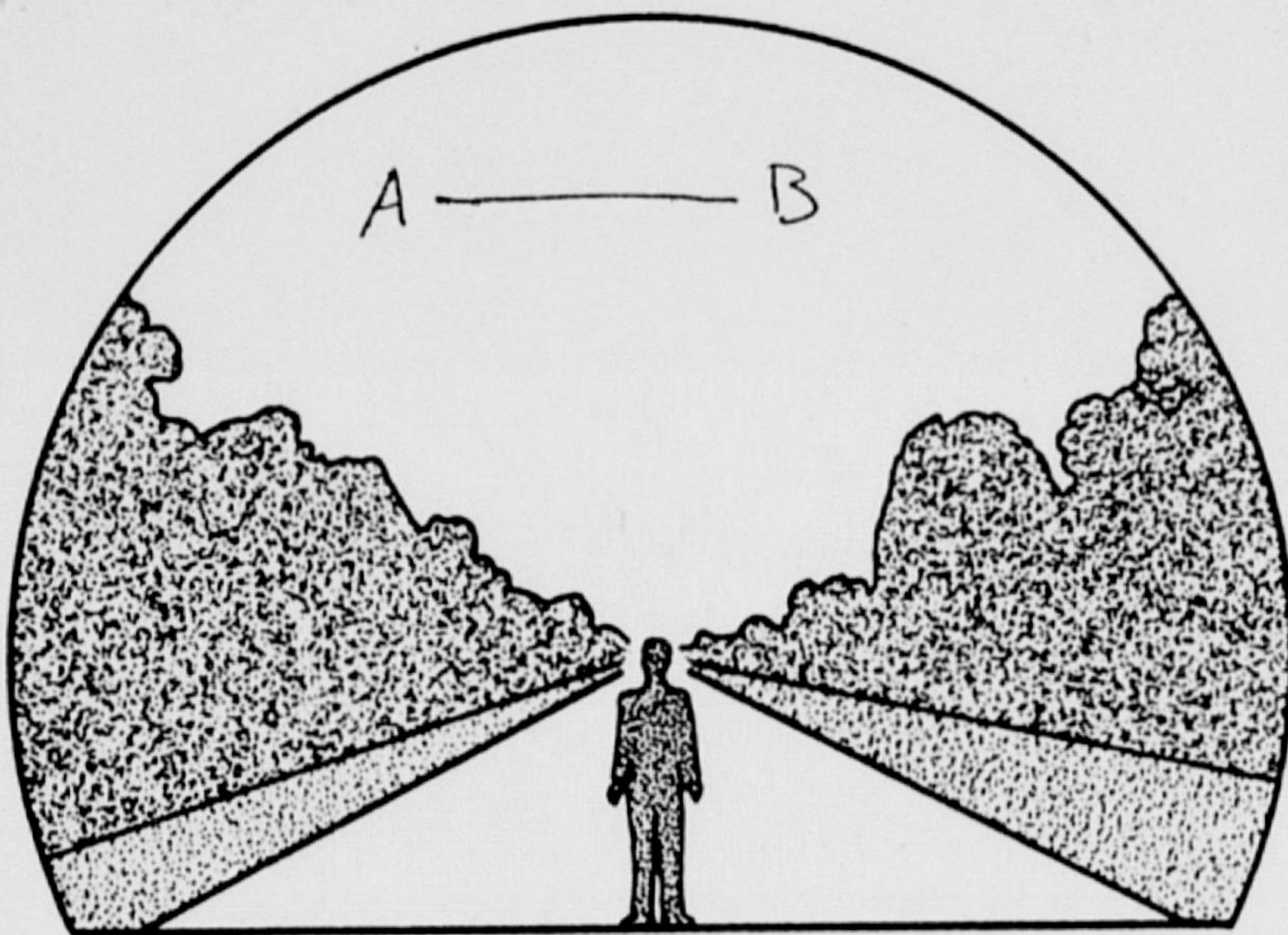
f. Vertical temperature gradient: Inversion 5M-9M; the rest normal

4. At the time of the sighting, Scott AFB weather was overcast; however, an analysis of the weather charts at 0300Z and 0600Z, 18 Nov, clearly indicates that the weather to the southwest and south of Scott AFB was clearing. Although it was overcast at Scott AFB, there is every indication that the weather near Burksville was correctly described in the attached AF Form 117.

6A. 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.



SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL
NUMBER 21-R258

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 17 MONTH Nov YEAR 1968

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 10 MINUTES 15 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

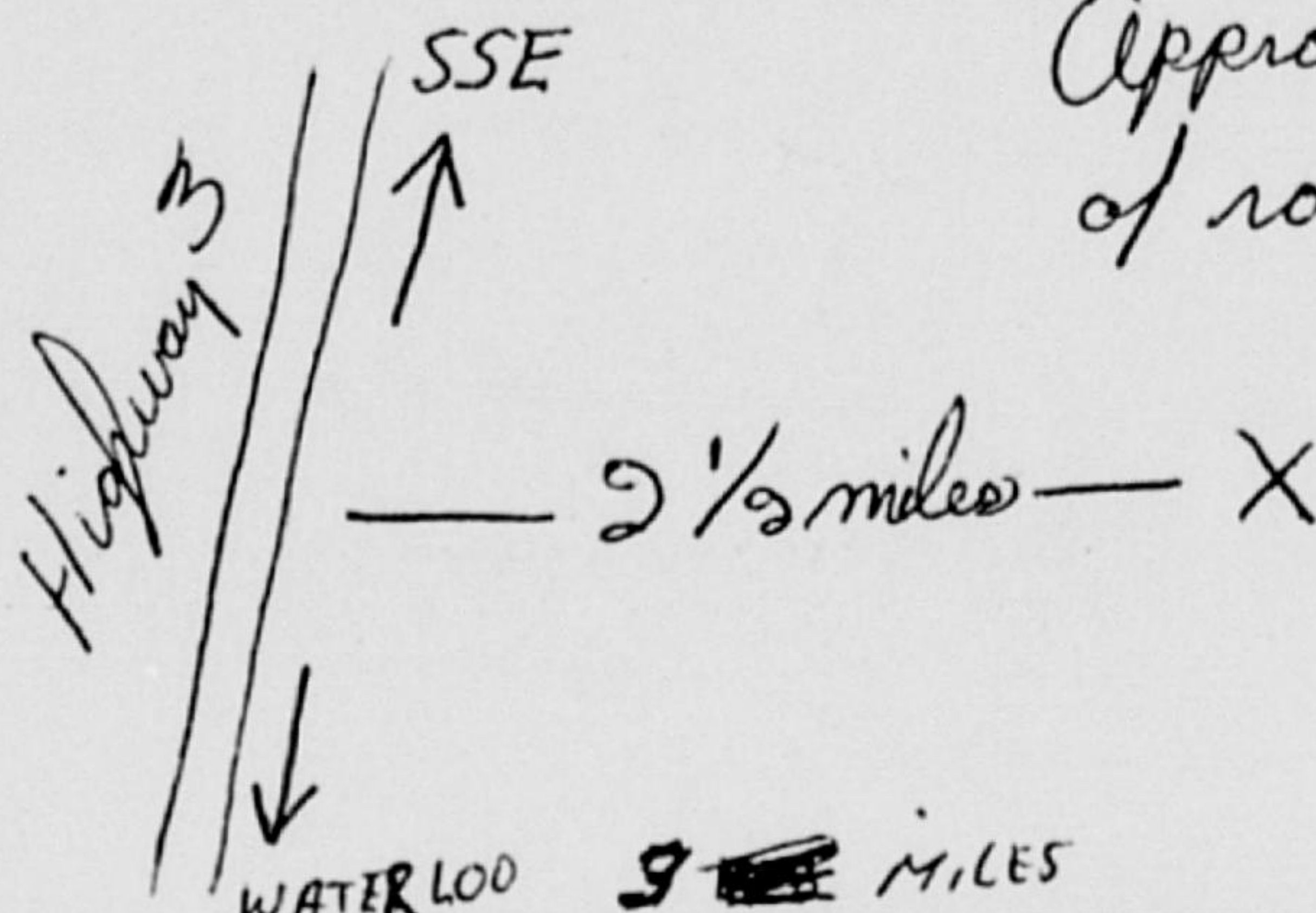
3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 10 MINUTES 17 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

4. TIME / ZONE

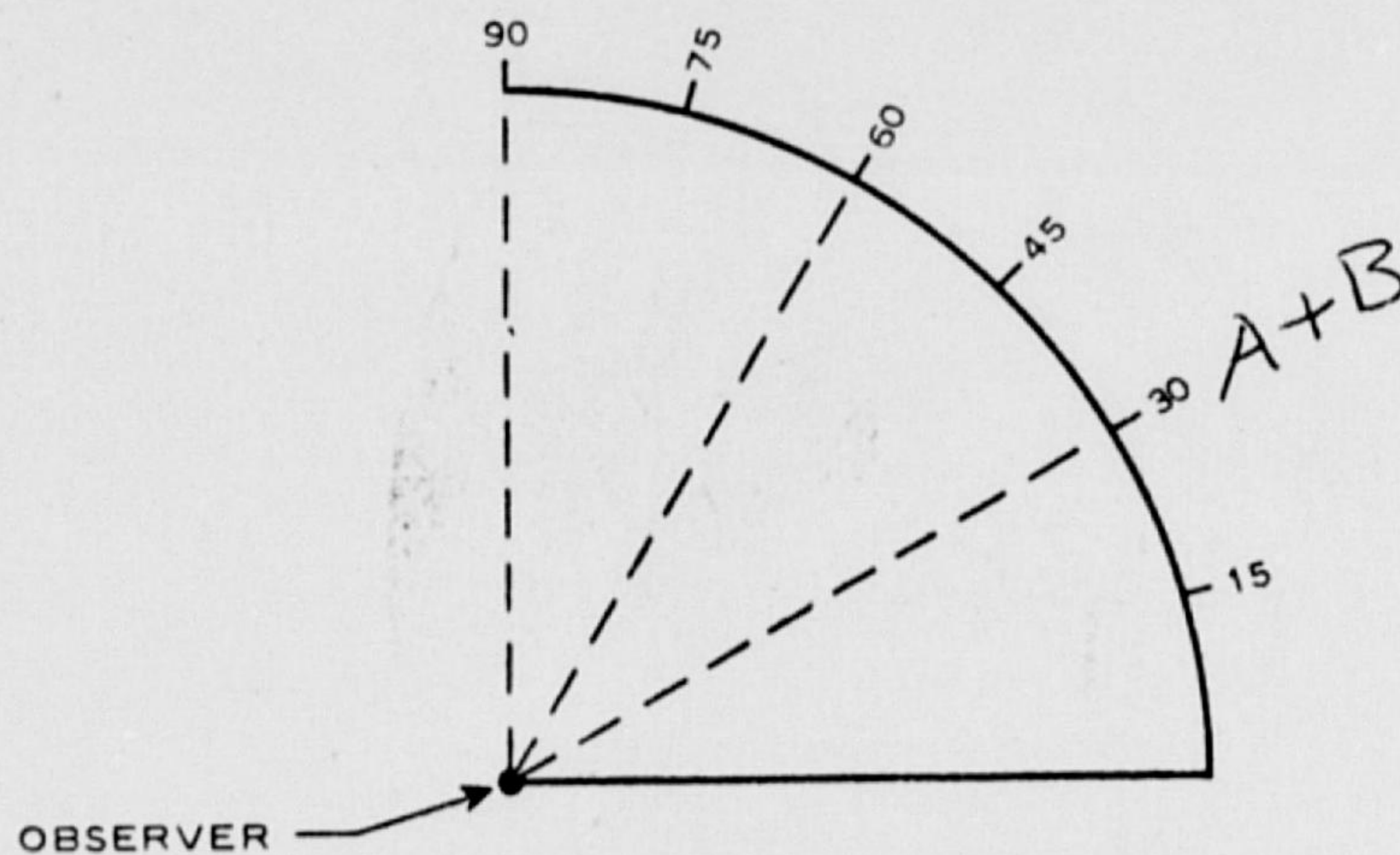
☐ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS☒ STANDARD☐ EASTERN☒ CENTRAL☐ MOUNTAIN☐ PACIFIC☐ OTHER

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.



Approximately 2 1/2 miles off
of route 3 on a back road.

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.



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?

Just one sighting.

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	☐	☐	LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
☐ CLEAR	☐	NIMBUS CLOUDS (Rain)	HAIL
☒ PARTLY CLOUDY	☐	CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS (Thunderstorms)	SNOW OR SLEET
☐ COMPLETELY OVERCAST	☐	☐	UNKNOWN
	☐	HAZE OR SMOG	☒ 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.

At the distance I was from the object I could determine no major cause to illuminate the object.

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.

Object appeared light. Appeared to be self-luminous. Noticed only one color, white. Unable to state whether solid or transparent. It faded out so it must have been transparent. Edges were fuzzy. Object appeared to be rectangular . Not like stars. Unable to compare with anything.

8. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? (Check appropriate blocks.)			
☐ OUTDOORS	☐ IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY		
☐ IN BUILDING	☐ 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.			
NW			
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.			
16 Chevy. Rock road. Hilly farmland. A creek runs alongside of road. Driver window down			
HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?			
None			
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.			
9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?			
LENGTH OF TIME	☐ CERTAIN OF TIME	☐ NOT VERY SURE	
2 minutes	☒ FAIRLY CERTAIN	☐ JUST A GUESS	
HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?			
Clock in car			
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.			

15. 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.



Object was flying parallel with
lines. Accidentally drew object
in slanted direction

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.

Almost, if not the whole object, would
have been covered.

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

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

I just happen to notice a white rectangular object in the distance and stopped to see if it was moving.

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

Faded out.

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.

It moved over the top of a tree. Whether it was in front or behind was hard to determine due to the distance. I would say it was on the other side of the tree and the tree was 2 to 3 miles from me.

22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION.			
23. WAS ANYONE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DID THEY SEE IT TOO?			
A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES [Redacted] St. Waterloo Ill			
24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF			
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME 			
ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code) Waterloo Ill. 62298			
TELEPHONE (Area Code and Number) 	AGE 31	☒ MALE	☐ FEMALE
INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT. Graduate of grade + high school. Entered Army for two years and served 13 1/2 months in Vietnam. Work as tracing clerk for Norfolk + Western R.R.			
25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON? NAME <u>Scott Air base.</u> DAY <u>17</u> MONTH <u>11</u> YEAR <u>68</u>			
26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. DAY <u>19</u> MONTH <u>11</u> YEAR <u>68</u>			

17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.

EYEGLASSES	CAMERA VIEWER
SUNGLASSES	BINOCULARS
WINDSHIELD	TELESCOPE
SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE	THEODOLITE
WINDOWPANE	OTHER

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 5 miles per hr.

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE 3 miles.

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.

The closest relation I can come to is a napalm bomb explosion. Only difference was the brightness. Napalm explosion has jagged edges as this had smooth but not sharp edges..

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.

The sighting was just a oblong object which was white and moved very slowly. It was impossible to determine the actual rate of speed due to its distance. Also it was hard to hear any sounds due to the distance. It was brighter than a cloud.