

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26/1915 EST 26 Oct 69 27/0015Z	2. LOCATION Commack, Long Island, New York
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible Balloon
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 minute	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observers sighted an object that had a red, blue, and a green light. Two of the lights seemed to be transparent. The object increased in altitude and disappeared after approximately 1 minute. COMMENTS: Description is similar to that of a garment bag hot air balloon, especially in that the body appeared transparent.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Ascending	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

26 Oct 69

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



12 OCT 1969

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDPT (UFO)

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 26 October 1969

TO: Mr. [REDACTED]
Brooklyn, New York 11207

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.


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Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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AF Form 117 w/envelope

Send a 117

November 6, 1969

U.F.O. Office
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio 45433

Gentlemen:

On Sunday, October 26, 1969, at approximately 7:15 P.M., my husband and I were in Commack, L.I.N.Y. in the area of Village Hill Drive. This is a sparsely populated residential area.

We saw an object in the sky that was hovering above a large tree. Suddenly the object started moving at a rapid pace. As the object drew closer we saw that it had three lights on it. The red and the blue lights seemed to be revolving around one another, while the green light was stationery. It appeared to be much larger than a passenger plane. The flying object did not have any sound. It was silent and moved at a fantastic speed.

The object increased altitude suddenly. It did not move like a jet or an airplane. It went straight up and was out of sight in a matter of seconds.

We are reporting this sighting because we feel we saw an unidentified flying object.

If you need any additional information do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Mr & Mrs

Mr. & Mrs.

Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL
NUMBER 21-R253

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, IAW 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 26/10 MONTH 10 YEAR 69

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 7 MINUTES 15 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

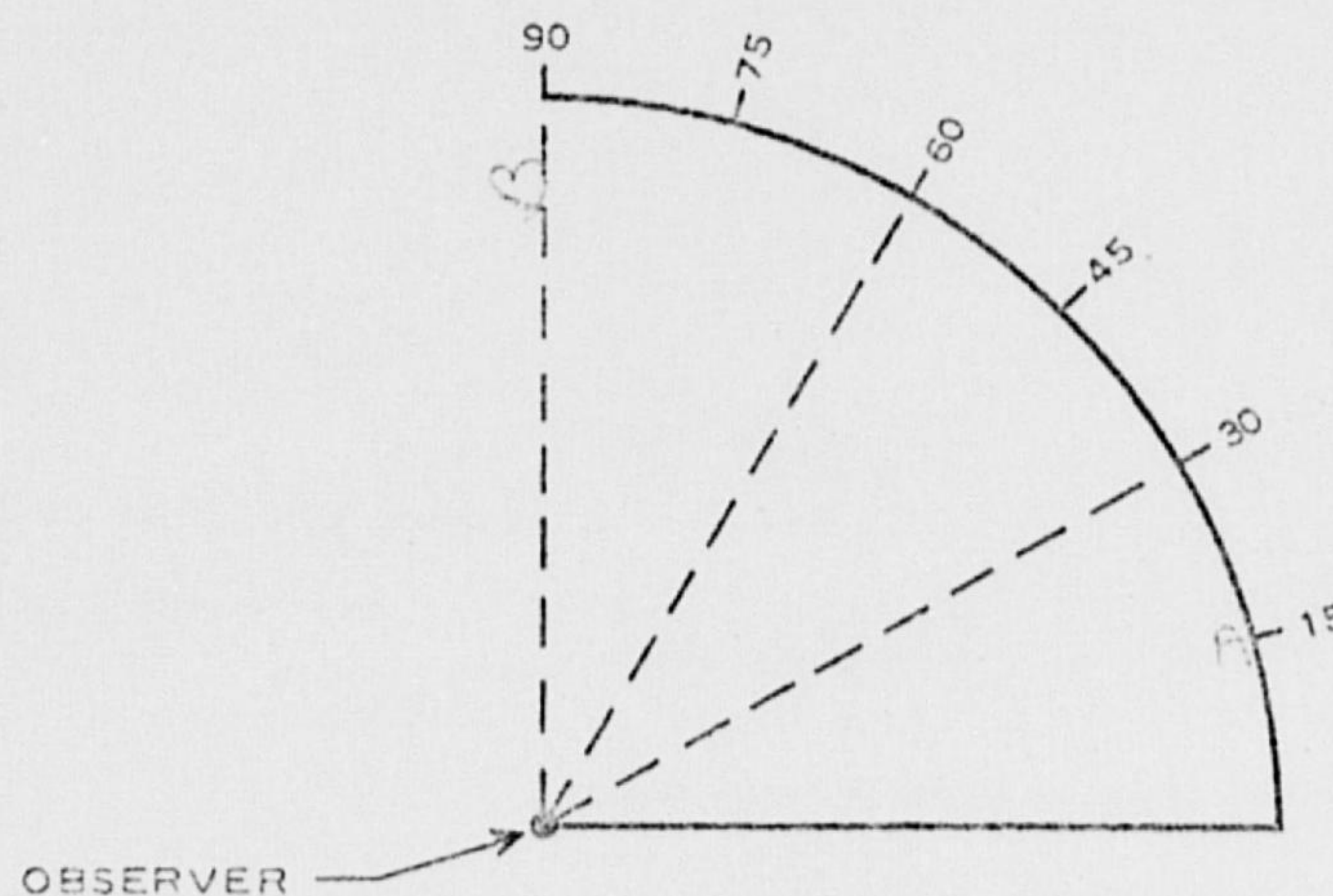
HOUR 7 MINUTES 16 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

4. TIME/ZONE

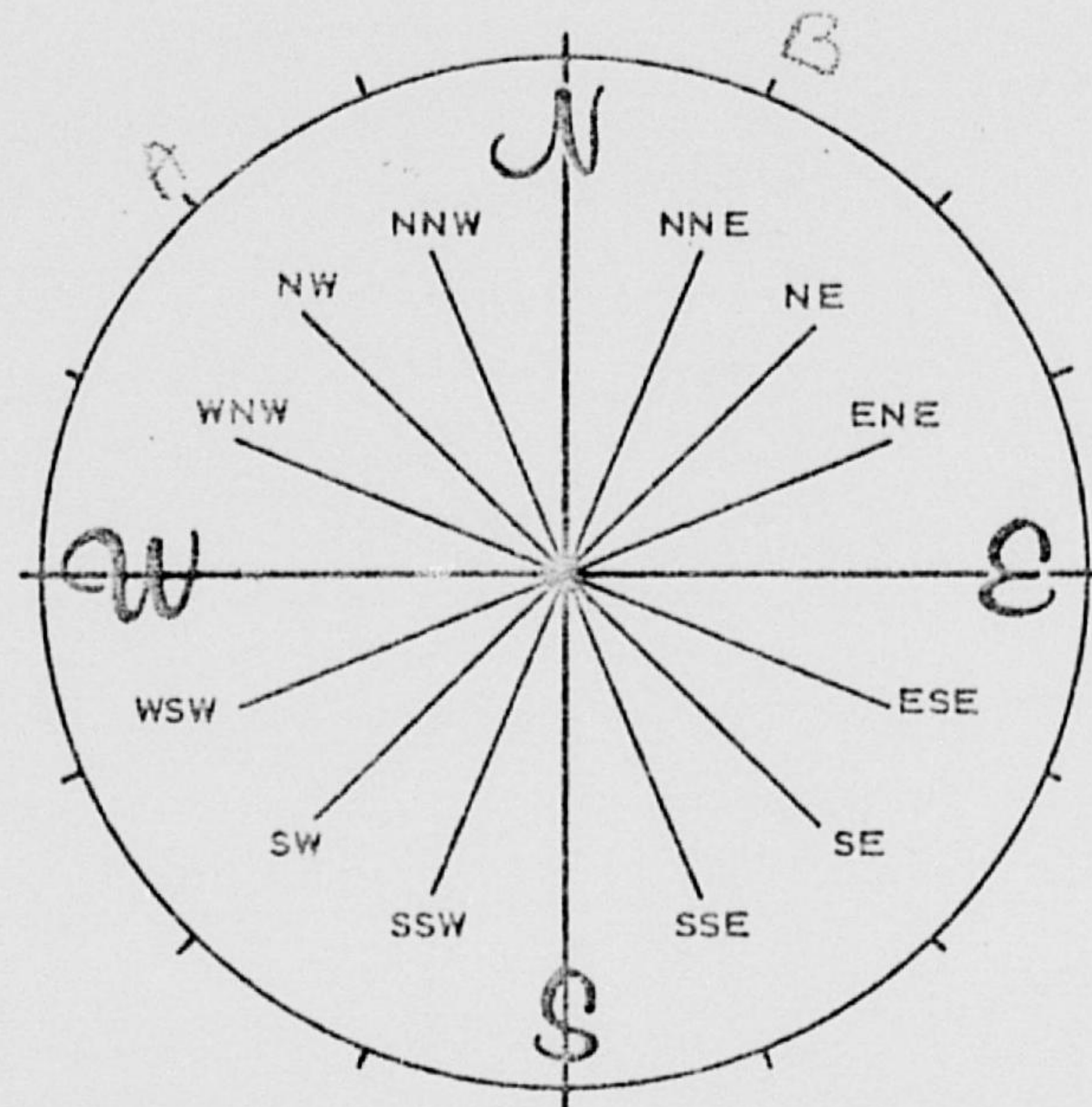
☐ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS☐ STANDARD☒ EASTERN☐ CENTRAL☐ MOUNTAIN☐ PACIFIC☐ OTHER

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.

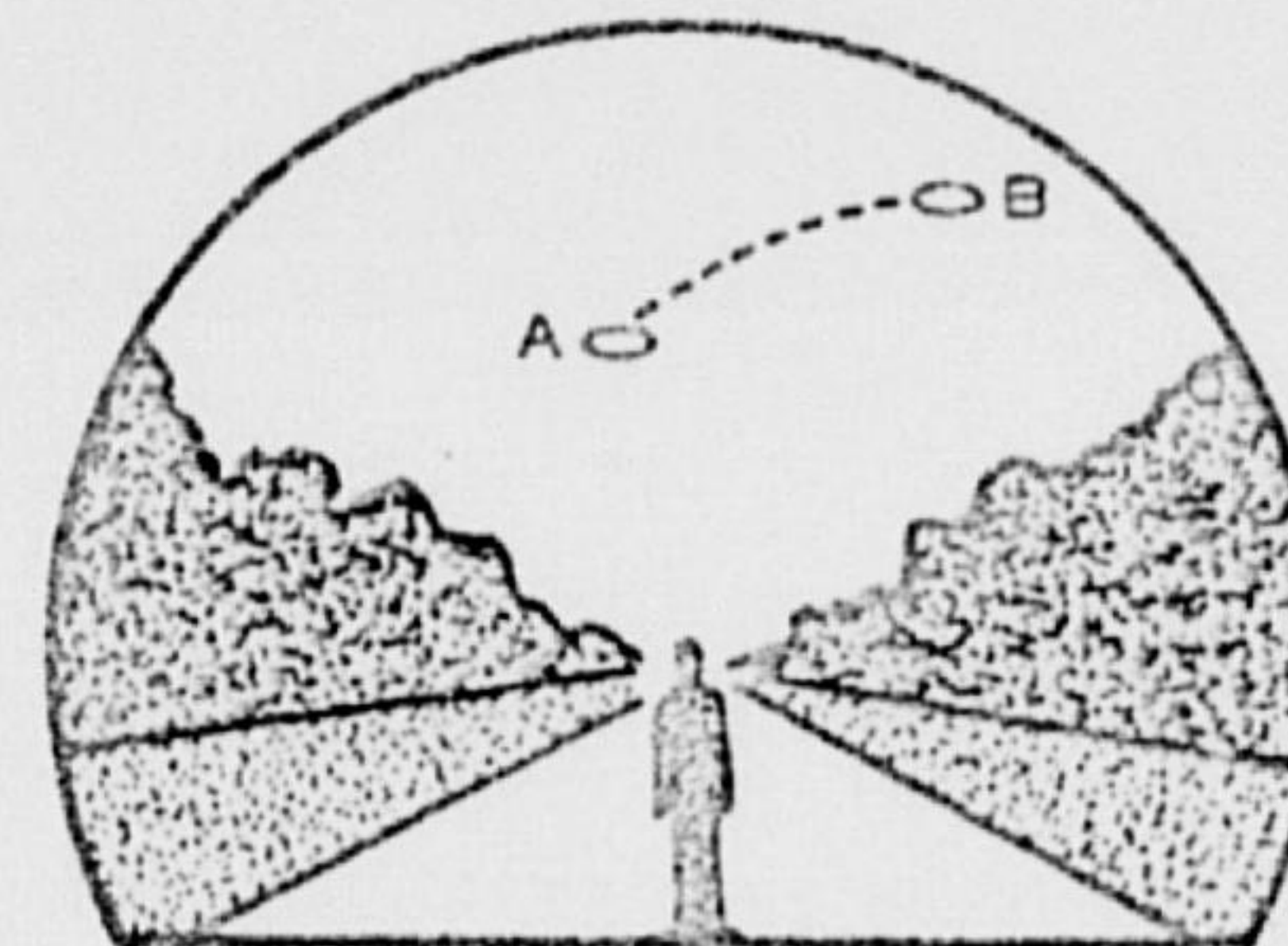
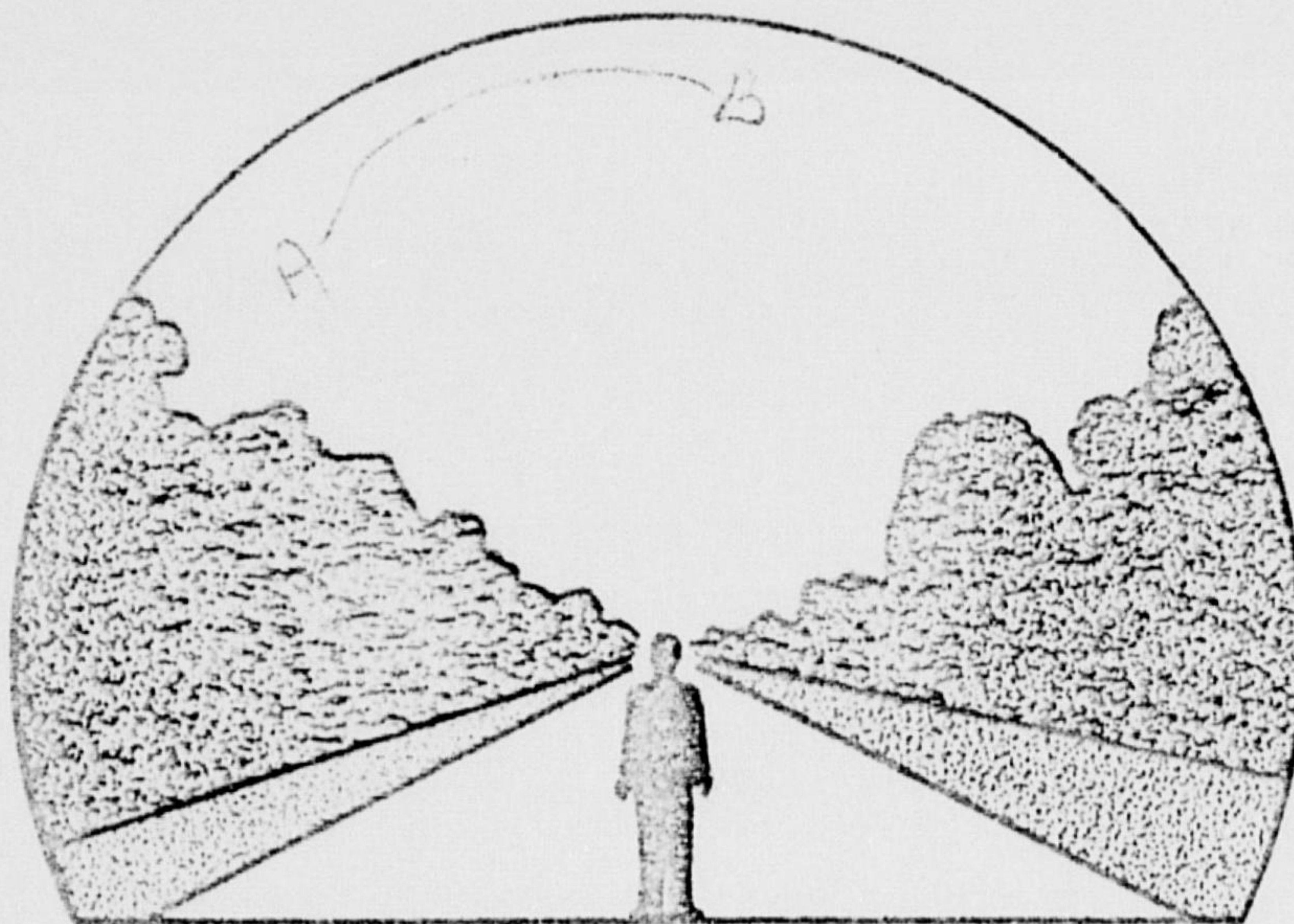
6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.



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.



8. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? (Check appropriate blocks.)			
☒ OUTDOORS ☐ IN BUILDING ☒ IN CAR ☐ AS DRIVER ☐ AS PASSENGER ☐ IN BOAT ☐ IN AIRPLANE ☐ AS PILOT ☐ AS PASSENGER ☐ OTHER <i>car was stopped on highway</i>	☐ IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY ☐ IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY ☐ IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE ☐ NEAR AIRFIELD ☐ FLYING OVER CITY ☐ FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY ☐ OTHER		
A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:			
WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING? <i>Stopped</i>		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.			
9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?			
LENGTH OF TIME <i>Approximately one minute</i>	☒ CERTAIN OF TIME ☐ FAIRLY CERTAIN	☐ NOT VERY SURE ☐ JUST A GUESS	
HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED? <i>Estimate</i>			
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.			

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?

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 <i>Extremely</i>	NO MOONLIGHT
A FEW		MOON WITH HALO	UNKNOWN
MANY		MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS	
UNKNOWN		PARTIAL (<i>New or quarter</i>)	

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.

Street lamps

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.

*Some lights - blue, green, red
Body - Bright silver
The body seemed to be transparent
or outlined, but it seemed to be silver*

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?

Two lights were revolving around one another and one was stationary. It was also low.

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

It increased altitude suddenly (straight up) and then when straight across

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 was hovering above a tree when we first sighted it.

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.



body seemed to be an outline. Two lights were revolving around each other (Red + Blue). The green light was stationary. The lights were similar in color to our traffic lights.

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.

approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ covered

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 _____.

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

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.

This object does not bear any resemblance to anything we have ever seen before.

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.

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?
☐ YES ☐ NO.

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

NAME (Last, First, Middle Name)

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, and Zip Code)

AGE

20 - 22

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MALE

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FEMALE

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

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

NAME [REDACTED] DAY 13 MONTH 11 YEAR 69

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY 17 MONTH 11 YEAR 69

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

My husband and I were in the driveway. I first viewed the sighting from inside the car through the front windshield. My husband was outside the car. The car was stopped. I reported that the object was bright silver. I cannot be sure if it appeared to be silver because of the extremely bright moon of that night.

Very Truly Yours,

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