

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

2 Aug 52

2. LOCATION

MARIETTA, PA.

CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon  
☒ Probably Balloon  
☐ Possibly Balloon

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local 02/2053 EDT

GMT 03/0053 Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual☐ Ground-Radar☐ Air-Visual☐ Air-Intercept Radar

☐ Was Aircraft  
☐ Probably Aircraft  
☐ Possibly Aircraft

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes  
☒ No

6. SOURCE

Civilian man

☐ Was Astronomical  
☐ Probably Astronomical  
☐ Possibly Astronomical

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

2-3 sec.

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1

9. COURSE

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☐ Other  
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation  
☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Brief white light, half the size of the moon, moved across sky in straight line at low altitude, high speed. Object was seen by a civilian woman in another part of the city at 0100 Z.

11. COMMENTS



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| <b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |                                                                              |               |
| SUBJECT<br>(UNCLASSIFIED) Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                      |                                                                              |               |
| AREA REPORTED ON<br>Middletown Air Materiel Area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                      | FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office<br>Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa. |               |
| DATE OF REPORT<br>5 August 1952                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | DATE OF INFORMATION<br>2 August 1952 | EVALUATION                                                                   |               |
| PREPARED BY (Officer)<br>John L. Spierel, 2d Lt. USAF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                      | SOURCE<br>Civilian Observer                                                  |               |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directives, previous report, etc., as applicable)<br>Air Force Letter No. 200-5, 29 Apr 52                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |                                                                              |               |
| SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |                                                                              |               |
| <p>Mr. [REDACTED], Marietta, Pa., reported observing an unidentified flying object on 2 August at approximately 0053Z.</p> <p>Mr. [REDACTED] first noticed the object while parked on a highway approximately one mile west of Marietta (7635W - 4005N). Mr. [REDACTED] related that he noticed a brilliant white light suddenly appearing at a point N.W. of his position. According to Mr. [REDACTED], the object was traveling West to East, approximately 40° above and parallel to the horizon. He reported that the object maintained a straight course without altering altitude or direction and suddenly vanished in the East.</p> <p>The object was physically described as a brilliant white light with a relative size of approximately half the size of the moon. Mr. [REDACTED] did not observe any exhaust or trail and could not report any sound as being heard. Although no accurate estimate of altitude or speed could be given, the observer described the object as traveling "very fast" and as being at a "low altitude." Mr. [REDACTED] total observation lasted approximately two to three seconds.</p> <p>Mr. [REDACTED] observation was collaborated by Mrs. [REDACTED], Marietta, Pa. Mrs. [REDACTED], whose location was approximately one mile east of Mr. [REDACTED], reported observing an object at approximately 0100Z. Mrs. [REDACTED] description of the object was similar to that of [REDACTED] with the exception that she observed the object to have been climbing at approximately a 45° angle. While Mrs. [REDACTED] agreed with [REDACTED] on the size of the object she believed the object to have been orange in color.</p> <p>Mr. [REDACTED] educational background included a high school education and the man may be described as having average intelligence. [REDACTED] served as a radio operator with the USAAF during World War II and has had some experience with aircraft. Mrs. [REDACTED] background was not determined.</p> <p>The weather at the time of the observation was clear, with 10-mile visibility.</p> <p>This Office can offer no definite explanation for the sighting. The facts given seem to rule out the possibility of aircraft or astronomical phenomena as being the explanation. (i.e., size of the object and its behavior).</p> |                                      |                                                                              |               |
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MARIETTA, PENNA.

# FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Automatic and Manually Operated

Telephone [REDACTED]

BANK REFERENCE: COLUMBIA TRUST CO., COLUMBIA, PENNA.

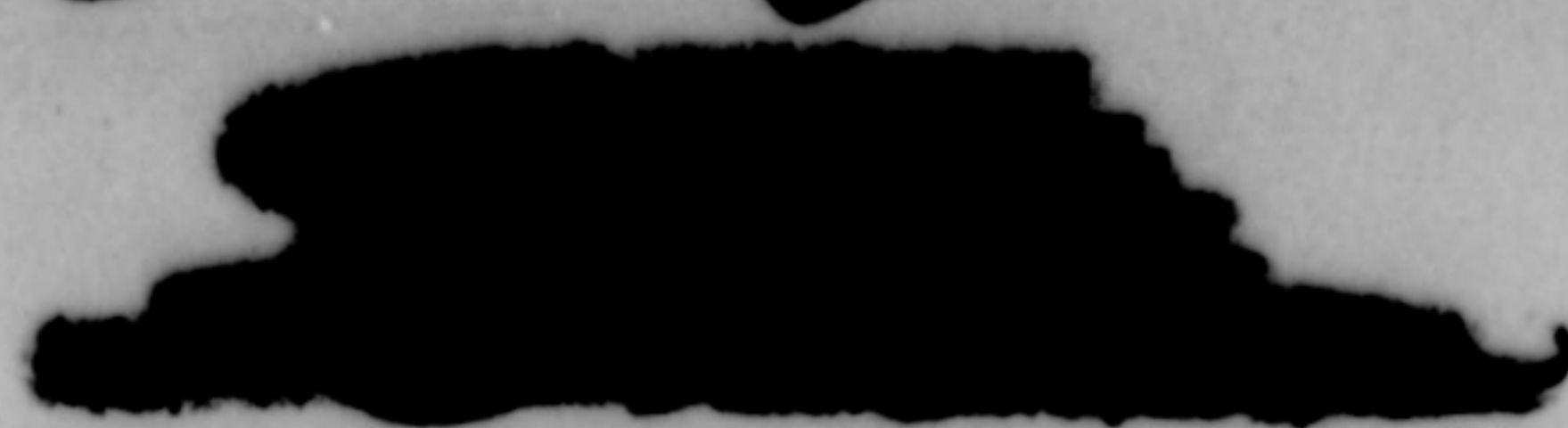
[REDACTED]  
8-4-52  
4:24 P.M.

At 8.53 P.M. Sat Aug 2, 1952,  
at a point west of Marietta (Exact location  
Cargil Inc. approx 75 yards north on the  
Moytown road) I saw an object  
appear out of the north west. At first  
it appeared to be an aircraft ident-  
ification light, being very dim, but in  
a split second it became very  
brilliant and sailed across the sky  
from west to east, maintaining an even  
altitude & brilliance. I held the object  
in sight at least 3 seconds, at ~~the~~  
~~point~~ in a line of flight of  
approx 40° (from a point overhead to  
the horizon) There was no exhaust  
trail, noise or other familiar aspect  
about this object. As suddenly as it  
appeared, it disappeared. I can definitely



The size as closely as I can <sup>in days</sup> determine was about 14 inches, and appeared to be a circle.

This statement is true & correct as certified by my signature below.



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no immediate action req'd.  
until Mon. Capt Ed Adams O.D.#3  
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TENTATIVE  
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

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SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 7 5 52  
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 8 53 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One) (EDT)  
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Eastern                      d. Pacific  
b. Central                      e. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Mountain

(Circle One): ☒ a. Daylight Saving  
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

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

2. Where did you see the object?

Approx 3 miles west of Manetta, Pa.  
Postal Address City or Town State Country

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

- (Circle One): a. Inside a building                      d. In an airplane  
b. In a car                                              e. At sea  
☒ c. Outdoors                                              f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

3.1 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. Flying near an airfield?  
e. Flying over a city?  
f. Flying over open country?  
g. Other \_\_\_\_\_



4. How did you happen to notice the object? I sheer luck, I was looking at the right place at the right time.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

2 5 1952 within the hour.  
Day Month Year

### SECTION B

\* 6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? I was riding my motorcycle, when mechanical trouble developed.

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

The last 10 minutes were spent riding, prior to that I was reclining in my yard in a lawn chair. (Not asleep)

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

If you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | e. South     |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East      | g. West      |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

7.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

\* as I dismounted I looked towards the northwest where the object was first seen to appear.



8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

- (Circle One):
- |              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| a. North     | e. South            |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest        |
| c. East      | g. West             |
| d. Southeast | <u>h.</u> Northwest |

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- |                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| a. North            | e. South     |
| <u>b.</u> Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East             | g. West      |
| d. Southeast        | h. Northwest |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>a.</u> Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess  |

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- |                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite         |
| b. Through windshield   | <u>f.</u> Through sun glasses |
| c. Through binoculars   | g. Through open space         |
| d. Through telescope    | h. Other _____                |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- Visibility 10 miles*
- a. Clear sky
  - b. Hazy
  - c. Scattered clouds
  - d. Thick or heavy clouds
  - e. Don't remember

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember



## SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

Hours

Minutes

Seconds 3

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain

b. Fairly sure

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

|       |                                 |            |           |                   |
|-------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 14.1  | Change direction?               | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.2  | Change speed?                   | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| *14.3 | Change size?                    | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.4  | Change color?                   | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.5  | Break up into parts or explode? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.6  | Give off smoke?                 | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.7  | Change brightness?              | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.8  | Flicker, throb, or pulsate?     | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.9  | Remain motionless?              | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? Brilliant white

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound None16.2 Color Brilliant... white light17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Only one  
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

\* The object when first seen appeared very small (like aircraft identification lights). But in a split second it became much larger. After traveling from west to east it disappeared with the same speed of becoming brilliant as when it appeared.



18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

If you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

If you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- a. Pea
- b. Baseball
- c. Basketball
- d. Bicycle wheel
- e. Office desk

- f. Automobile
- g. Small airplane
- h. Large airplane
- i. Dirigible
- j. Other

*Between 12 + 18 ins and 100 ft.*

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain
- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

\*20.1 How high above the earth was it? \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? \_\_\_\_\_ feet or \_\_\_\_\_ miles

\*20.3 How fast was it going? 2,400-MPH miles per hour. — *approx.*

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

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

21. How did the object disappear from view?

- (Circle One): a. Suddenly
- b. Gradually
  - c. Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Don't remember

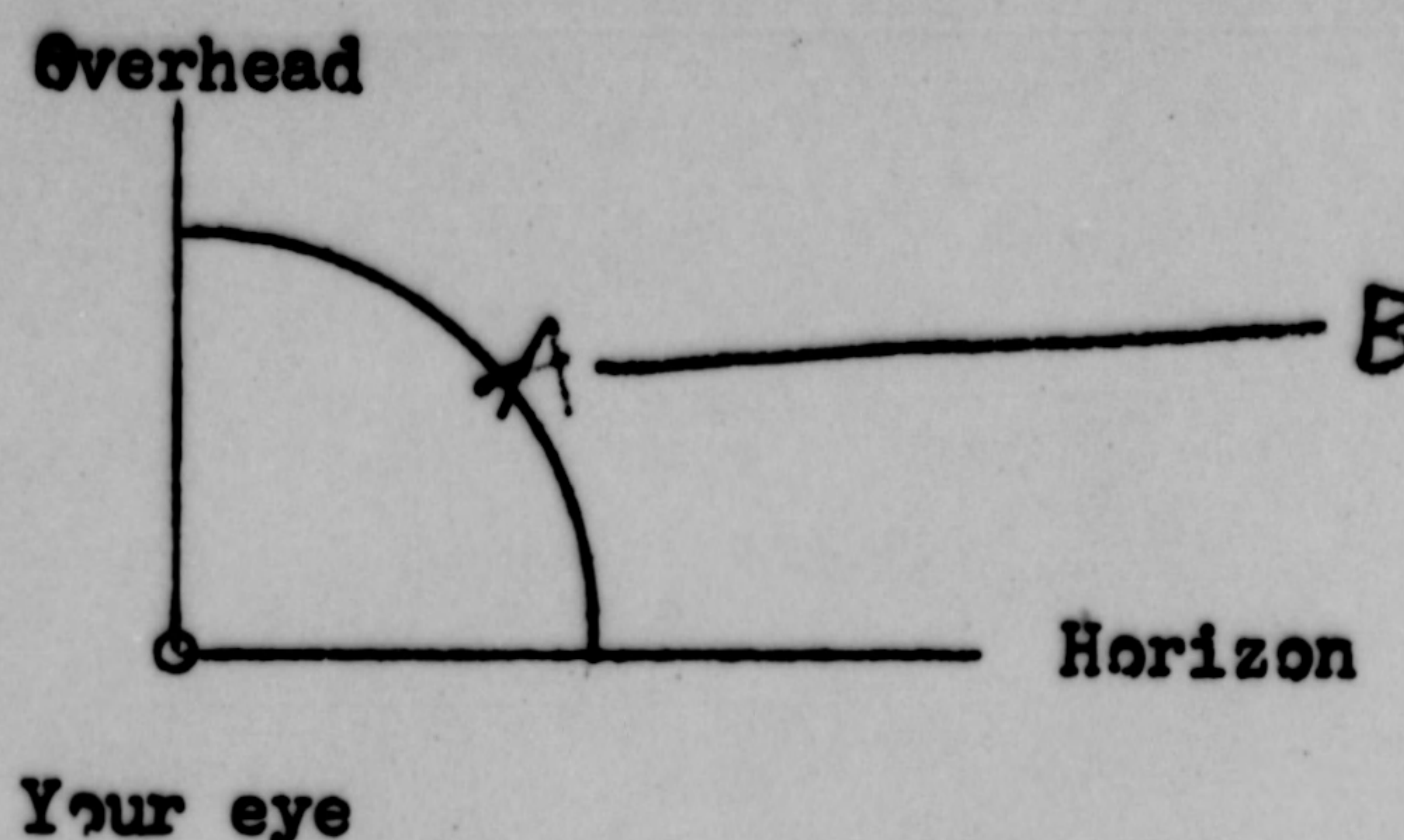
\* Since I know nothing about the object's physical properties I can not hazard even a wild guess.  
 \* Calculated from a viewing of 3 seconds, and an estimated distance of 2 miles



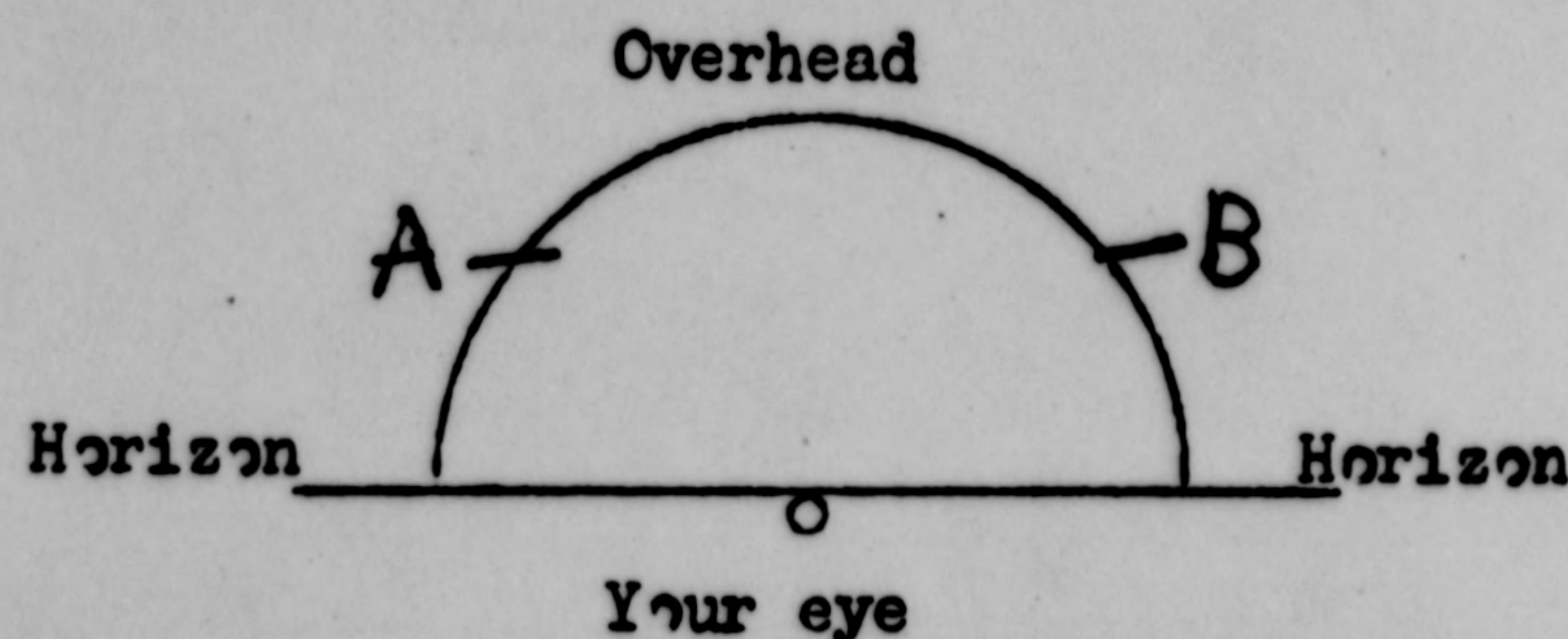
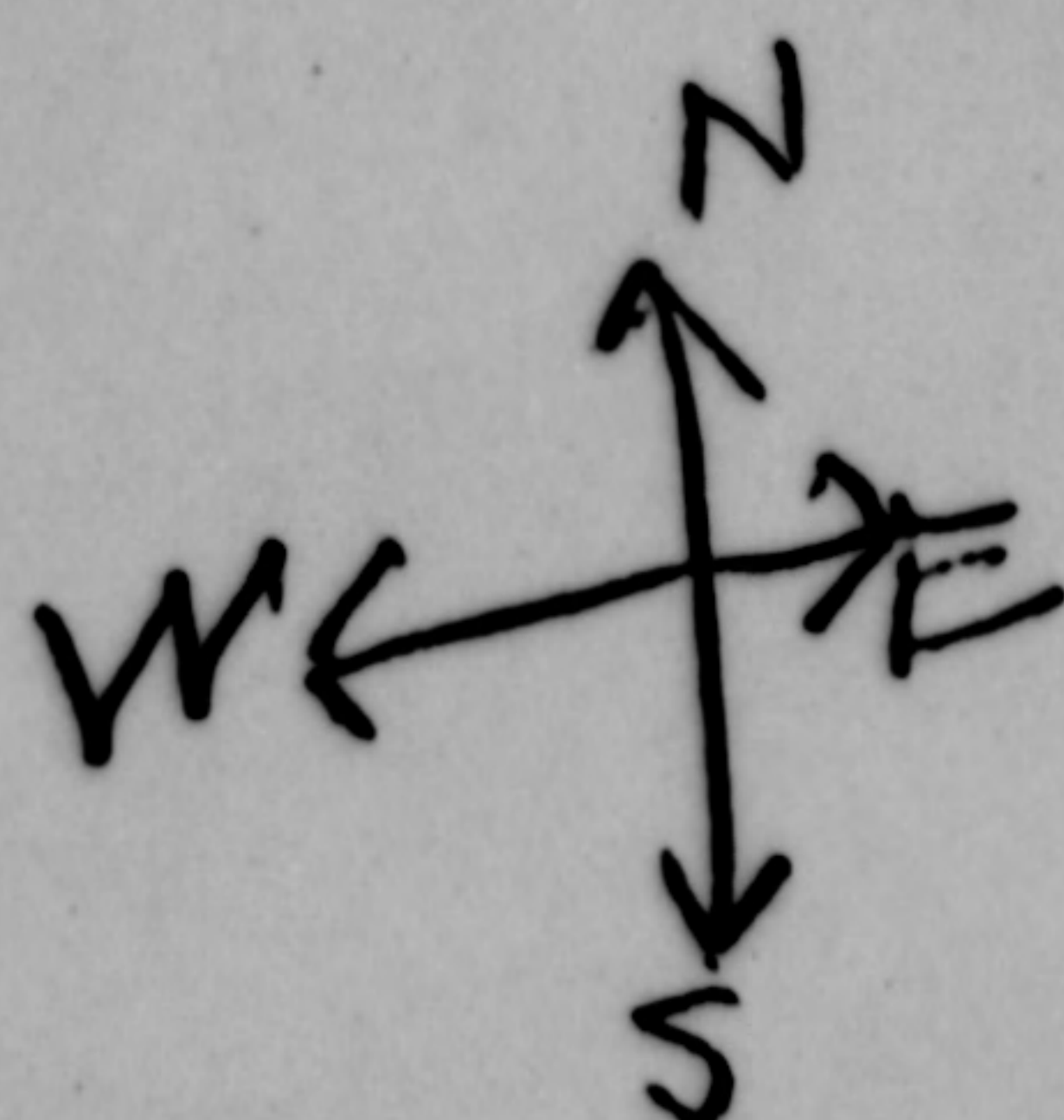
SECTION D

22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.

*Object traveled in a straight.*



23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



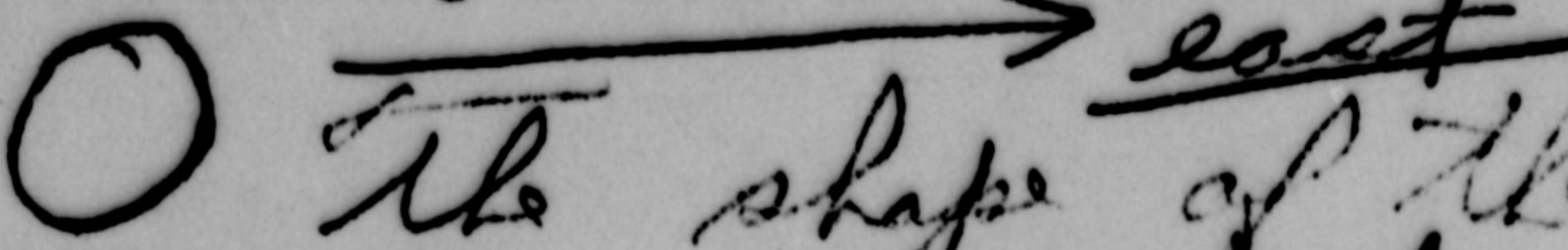
24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.

*A ... Distance calculated to be approx 2 miles ... B*

*Object appeared at A, it traveled in a straight line from west to east, maintaining a uniform brilliance, then rapidly disappeared, as illustrated.*



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

 The shape of the object appeared to be a perfect circle.

### SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?  
(Circle One): (Yes) No

26.1 If you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? \_\_\_\_\_

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

In my opinion, I believe the object was a natural phenomena, unexplained by science. I do not believe it is a man-made mechanical device.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Age

Sex

Last School Attended

Year of last attendance at this school

[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]  
[Redacted] St. Marietta Penn.  
[Redacted] [Redacted]  
Marietta  
Self-employed Salesman. (Firefighter)  
30  
M.  
Marietta Public School  
1941



29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 If you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

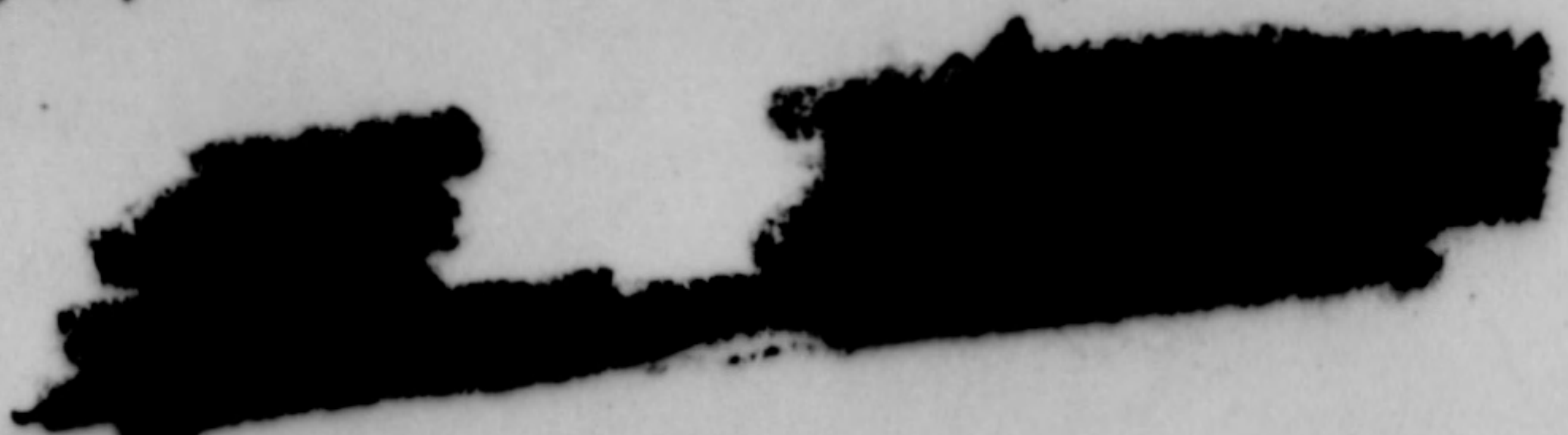
29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.  
Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

I can definitely say that it was no hallucination, airplane lights, reflection or anything else that is readily identifiable.

I have heard & read reports for years of these mysterious objects, and was skeptical as to their actual existence until I actually saw one myself.

In my opinion science will move than how its hands full in trying to find out what these objects are.



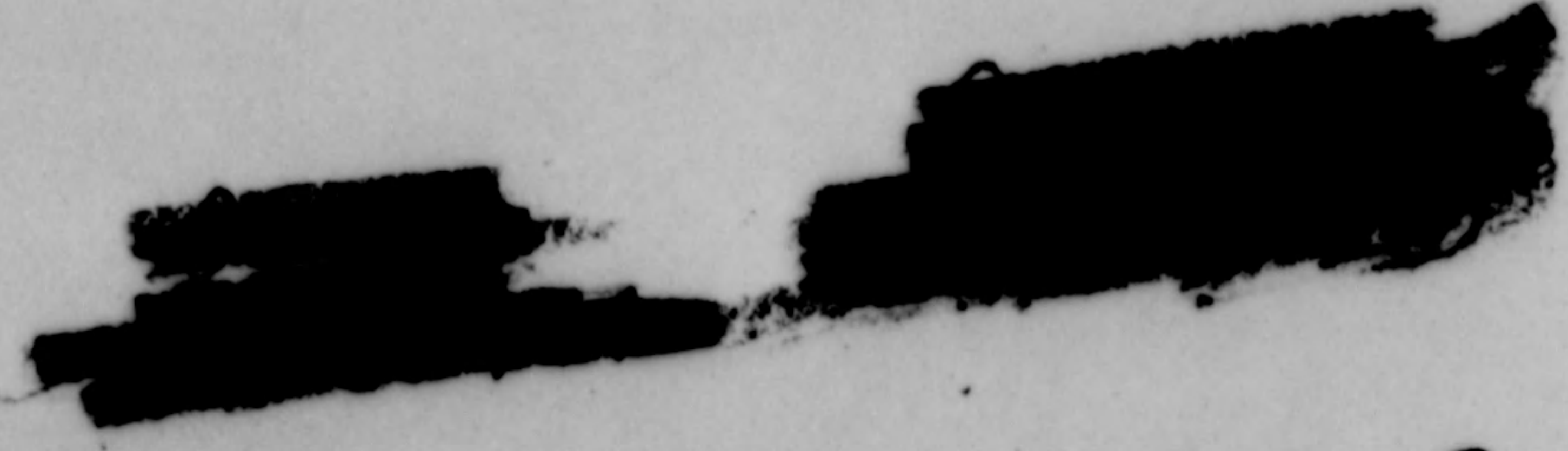
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off the record comment.



Some professors, namely psychologists, psychiatrists & some clergymen & psalm singers have publicly discounted frequent reports to be nothing more than mass hysteria and/or hallucinations.

While some reports may be placed in this category, I seriously doubt that the entire country is merely seeing things that actually aren't there.

How in the hell could we have won World War II with people all over the nation suffering from mass hysteria & hallucinations!

  
Former 1st Lt AACS.