

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 07/0046 EST GMT 07/1156 Z		2. LOCATION PINECASTLE AFB, FLORIDA		3. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		5. SOURCE Civilian & Airman		6. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	
7. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Silver ball moved slowly over PAFB, accelerated rapidly, disappeared from sight. SMC			11. COMMENTS 1. Weather balloon released at 0600 EST, Sanford NAS, Florida. RETURN TO: Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama K243.6012-1 1-10 Aug 1959		

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Flying Objects Report - FLYOBRPT		
AREA REPORTED ON Pinecastle Air Force Base, Orlando, Fla.	FROM (Agency) Pinecastle Air Force Base, Orlando, Fla.	
DATE OF REPORT 11 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 7 August 1952	EVALUATION F-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) WOJG BARTOW F. KING	SOURCE [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, 29 Apr 52; Msg Pinecastle AFB GA085H, 7 Aug 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.) An unidentified object was observed at 0956 hours, 7 August 1952, at Pinecastle Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida. B. F. King B. F. KING WOJG, USAF Reporting Officer Approved: 11 August 1952. FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER: Q. F. Martorelli Major, USAF Adjutant INCL. DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR Commanding General (4 cys) Flying Training Air Force Waco, Texas		

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) 3540th Flying Training Wing Pinecastle Air Force Base Orlando, Florida	REPORT NO. IR-51-52	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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At 0956 hours 7 August 1952 an unidentified object was observed over Pinecastle Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida, by P [REDACTED] Orlando, Florida.

The observer was on flight line at Pinecastle Air Force Base when object was observed. The object appeared to be a solid silver ball, with no audible sound or visible exhaust. No estimate as to the size of the object was made.

At first sighting object was moving north-northwest at a slow rate of speed, then accelerated very rapidly and ascended at an estimated 45° angle and disappeared from sight.

Weather at time of sighting was CAVU with scattered cumulus clouds.

No interceptions were made and no photographs were taken.

Aircraft from this Base were flying in the area, but there were no reports of unidentified objects received from the pilots. No aircraft from Macdill Air Force Base, Patrick Air Force Base or Sanford Naval Air Station were reported in this area at time of sighting. Weather balloon was released at Sanford Naval Air Station at 0600 EST.

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SAFB. FLYOBJRPT. UNIDENTIFIED OBJ OBSR UNDETERMINED DISTANCE ENE OF
PINECASTLE AFB AT EST ALT OF 15000 FT AT 0956 EST 7 AUG 52 BY ~~REDACTED~~.

~~REDACTED~~ ORLANDO FLA AND A ~~REDACTED~~
3542TH M&S GP PINECASTLE AFB. OBSRS WERE ON FLT LINE AT PINECASTLE AFB
WHEN OBJ WAS OBSR. AT FIRST SIGHTING OBJ WAS MOVING NNW AT SLOW RATE
OF SPEED THEN ACCELERATED VERY RAPIDLY AND ASCENDED AT EST 45 DEGREE
ANGLE AND DISAPPEARED FR SIGHT. OBJ APPEARED TO BE SOLID SILVER BALL
WITH NO AUDIBLE SOUND OR VISIBLE EXHAUST. NO EST AS TO SIZE OF OBJ MADE.
ACFT THIS B FLY IN AREA BUT NEG RPTS OF OBJ REC FR PILOTS. NO ACFT
FR MACDILL AFB PATRICK AFB OR SANFORD NAS RPTD IN AREA. WEA BALLOON
RELEASED AT SANFORD NAS AT 0600 EST. WEA CAVU WITH SCATTERED COMULUS
CLOUDS.

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 7 AUG 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 9 56 (A.M.) or (P.M.) (Circle One)
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?

ON FLIGHT LINE AT
PINECASTLE A.F.B.
Postal Address

City or Town

FLORIDA
State

ORANGE
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 WALKING NORTH

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 A.F.B.

ACROSS FLIGHT LINE
RAMP TO CAR

4. How did you happen to notice the object? THE A3L SIEYEC'S WHO
WAS WITH ME NOTICED OBJECT AS WE WERE WATCHING
THE T33'S CIRCLING IN LANDING PATTERN AND CALLED
IT TO MY ATTENTION.
5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

7 AUG 1953 1005 AM
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? RETURNING
FROM HANGAR #1 IN CENTER OF FLIGHT LINE RAMP

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.
WE WERE RETURNING TO MY CAR AFTER HAVING COFFEE.
IT TAKES APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES TO
LEAVE MY OFFICE (COMM TRANS) AND HAVE COFFEE

AT SNACK BAR IN HANGAR #1 + RETURN TO CAR WHICH
WAS LEFT PARKED AT NORTH EDGE OF RAMP.

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? WALKING NORMALLY miles per hour.

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

STOPPED TO STUDY, BE SURE OF
ACTUAL VISIBLE OBJECT & CHECKED TIME

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 | h. Northwest |

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. 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).

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|---|------------------|
| ☒ a. 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 *NOT ACCOMPANYING PERSON WAS NOT*

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. 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)

- VERY*
- | |
|---|
| ☒ a. Clear sky |
| b. Hazy |
| c. Scattered clouds |
| d. Thick or heavy clouds |
| e. Don't remember |

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? APPROX.
3
 Hours Minutes Seconds

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

- (a.) Certain c. Not very sure
 b. Fairly 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 know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? LIKE SUN REFLECTING
ON ALUMINUM SET

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

16.1 Sound NO SOUND - NO VAPOR TRAIL

16.2 Color ALUMINUM CATCHING SUN'S RAYS

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? ONE (1)
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

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 | f. Automobile |
| <u>(b.)</u> Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball | h. Large airplane |
| d. Bicycle wheel | i. Dirigible |
| e. Office desk | j. Other _____ |

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

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| <u>(a.)</u> Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

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

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 18,000-20,000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? CANNOT GUESS feet or _____ miles JUST

20.3 How fast was it going? APPEARED TRAILING BEHIND - 30000 PER HOUR AT EYE SPEED - NOT M.P.H. miles per hour.

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

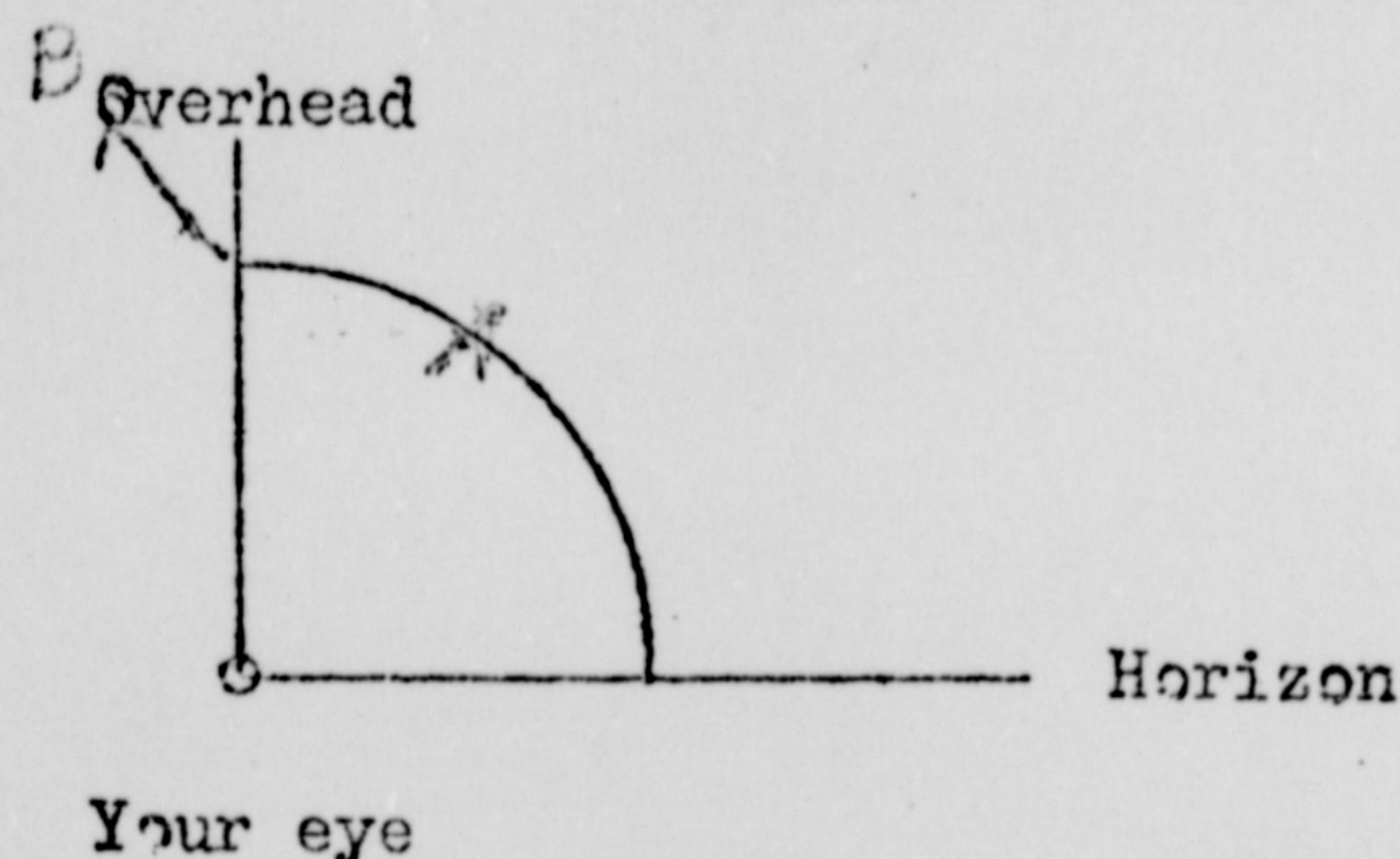
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| <u>(a.)</u> Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

21. How did the object disappear from view?

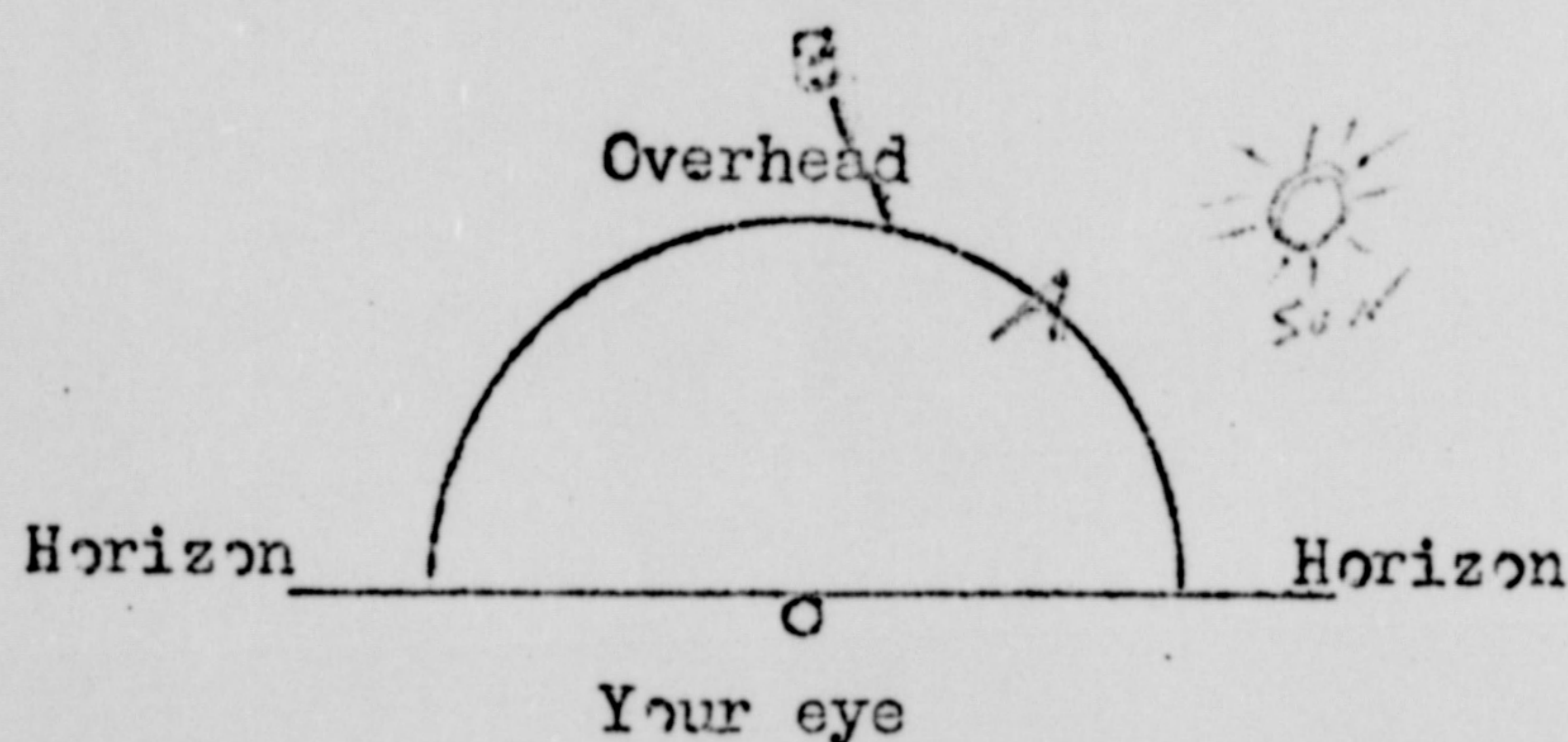
- (Circle One): (a.) Suddenly c. Other _____
- b. Gradually d. Don't remember

SECTION D

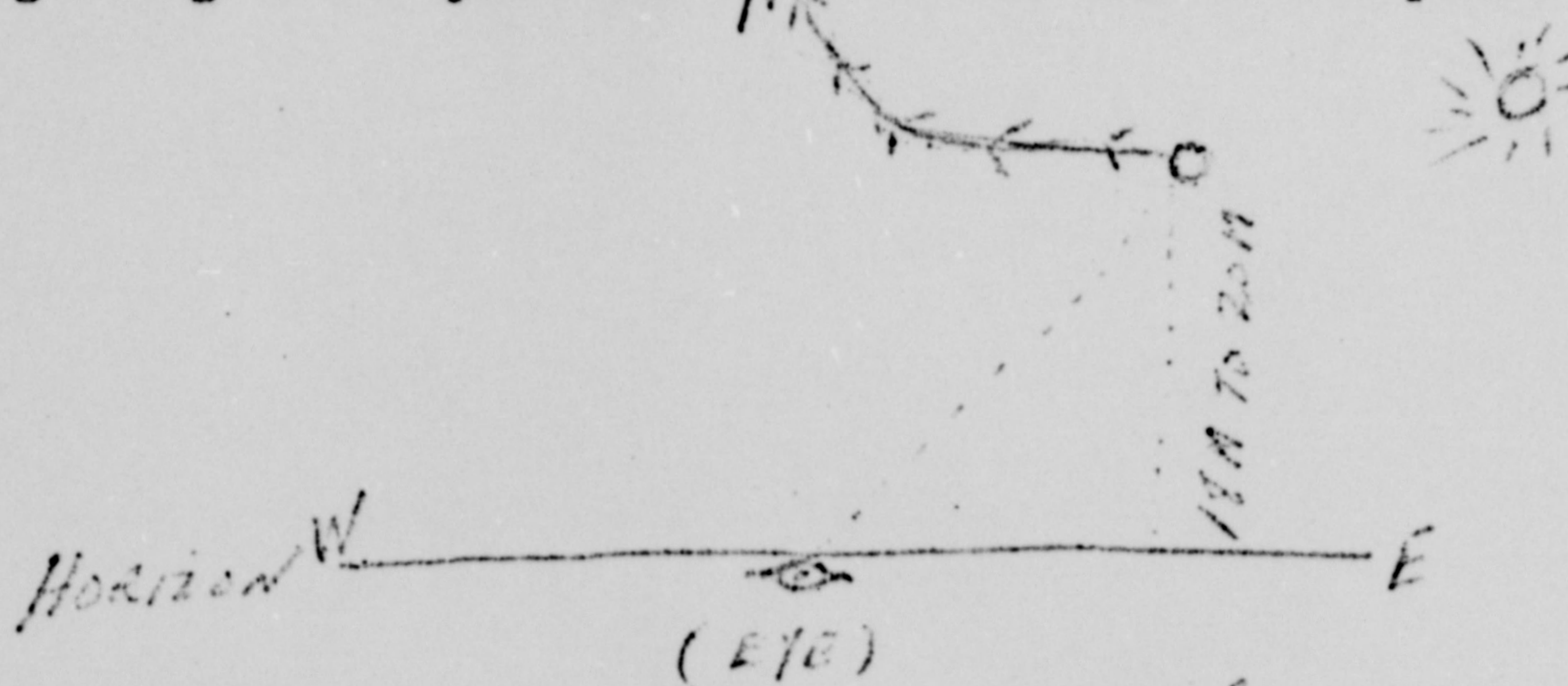
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



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.

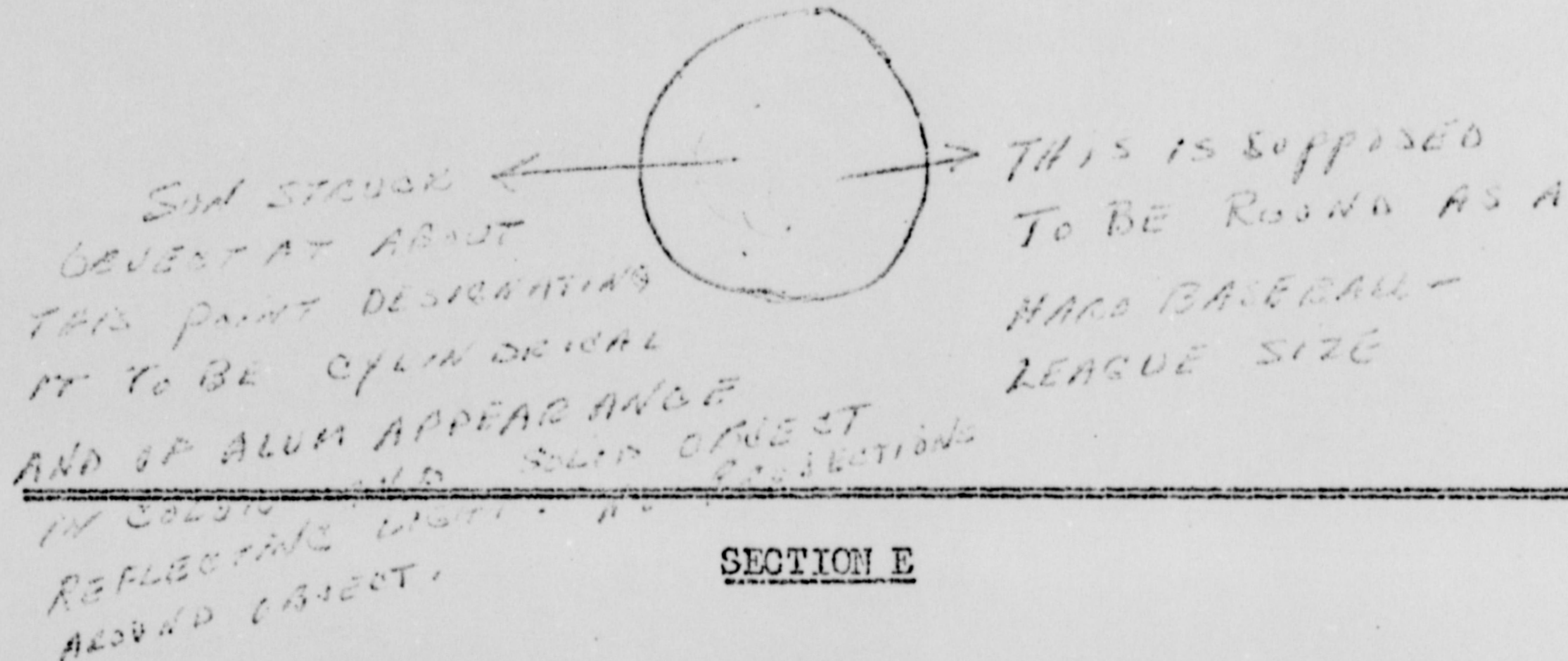


24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



Traveled diagonally at approx 3 mi eye speed for hours then suddenly gotted upwards at approx 45° angle out of sight of it. at tremendous speed.

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.



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? ONE EVENING ABOUT 9:23 PM

COMING OUT OF DRIVE-IN THEATRE - AT ABOUT SAME

DIRECTION - LOCATION EXCEPT LESS ELEVATION - SAME SPHERICAL SHAPE - FIERY RED IN COLOR - EXHAUST PIPE TRAIL - GREATER SPEED TRAVELING

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

CANNOT SAY ABOUT FIRST TIME. (ABOVE EXPL.)
BELIEVE OBJECT OF SECOND OBSERVANCE COULD HAVE BEEN ALUMINUM SPHERICAL OBSERVATION BALL; EITHER MANUALLY OR RADIO CONTROLLED.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] ORLANDO [REDACTED] FLORIDA
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? CHIEF CLERK - COMM. TRANS.
PINECASTLE A.F.B.

Age 36

Sex MALE

Last School Attended LACRWOOD SR. H.S.

Year of last attendance at this school 1964

SUN 3:00 PM NORTH-EAST-WEST DIRECTION

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:

~~REDACTED~~

NOW ON LEAVE PRIOR TO BEING SENT
OVERSEAS - PRESUMABLY - JAPAN. FOUR OTHERS
IN HANGAR SAW SAME OBJECT ABOUT SAME TIME
DO NOT KNOW NAMES. COULD FIND OUT IF YOU WISH.

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

One morning when we arrived at work we found an urgent telegram from a Military Air Transport Service base in Florida. It told about a scoutmaster who had been attacked by a saucer and burned. The incident had been witnessed by three scouts, and the local intelligence officer had made a quick check on the

story and could find no holes in it. He reported that the scoutmaster had a good reputation for reliability, which of course was what you'd expect.

I showed the report to my superior at AFIC, Col. Frank Dunn, and he approved an on-the-scene investigation. In 20 minutes we had a B-25 ready with two pilots. I threw some things in a bag, got Lt. Robert Olssen, a Blue Book investigator, and we headed for Florida. Just before we left, we called Florida and asked them to have a doctor examine the scoutmaster's burns.

We landed late in the afternoon and reviewed the case with the local intelligence officer. He was pretty well sold on the man's story. It was an exceptionally detailed account, and when I'd heard the whole thing, I smelled a hoax.

He said that he had conducted a scout meeting in the basement of a church, and at the end of the meeting started to drive four of the boys home. He dropped off one, and then headed for the nearby town where the other three lived. He took a back road that led through a sparsely settled area. This struck me as odd, but I checked the map and found that it was the logical route from the first scout's home to the town where they were going.

By this time, his story went, it was around 9 p.m. As they drove through a sandy section with scrub pine, he saw some lights come down low into the trees and disappear. The scoutmaster's first thought was that a plane had made a crash landing. The boys didn't see the lights, but he told them about them and said he thought he ought to investigate. The boys were afraid to be left alone in the car, and he started to drive on when he peered back into the trees and saw something glowing. This time the boys thought they saw it too. The scoutmaster decided that it was his duty to see if a plane was in trouble.

He had the radio on in his car, and a quarter-hour program was just starting. He told the boys to wait until the program was over, and if he hadn't returned, they were to go to a farmhouse a short way down the road and summon help. Taking a flashlight and a machete, he headed into the woods.

He stumbled through the night, keeping his light on the ground, until he came to a clearing a short distance from the road.

"I suddenly noticed something odd that frightened me," he said. "I felt a damp, muggy heat on my face. It did not feel natural. At the same time I smelled a faintly pungent odor."

"I stepped into the clearing and the heat and odor got worse. It felt like the radiation from a furnace. I glanced up to check the position of the North Star. It was a clear night and I had spotted the star when I left the auto, to orient myself. The whole sky was black."

"I was paralyzed with fear and turned my flashlight up. The beam shone on the bottom of something. It looked like battle-ship-gray linoleum. Whatever it was, it was so low I could have jumped up and hit it with my machete."

"I backed up until I could see the stars again. Then I flashed the light up again and could see the object plainly. It was about 30 feet in diameter, with things on the side like ventilators. The device was dome-shaped, with a slightly convex bottom. As I stepped back, the heat diminished and I could feel the cool, fresh air on the back of my neck."

"Suddenly I had the strange feeling that something was watching me. From the saucer there came the sound of something moving, of metal against metal, like a safe door opening."

"A glowing red ball appeared and started to float down toward me. In a reflex action, I threw my arms up to protect my face, with my clenched fists over my eyes. I was engulfed in a red mist and lost consciousness."

Back on the road, the scouts grew frightened, piled out of the car and ran to the farmhouse for help. The farmer called the state police, who relayed the alarm to the sheriff. Two deputies arrived on the scene just as the scoutmaster came stumbling out of the woods.

"He had the most scared look I've ever seen," one of the deputies told me. The scoutmaster poured out his fantastic story to the deputies and then accompanied them back to the clearing. They found his flashlight on the ground, still burning, and a crushed place in the grass where someone had been lying.

The whole party went to the sheriff's office, where the scoutmaster was examined. They found that the backs of both arms were scorched and that the top of his cap—a long-visored fishing or skiing model—had been scorched, too. They notified the Air Force.

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questioned the scoutmaster at length the evening after we arrived. He told a consistent story. When we got through, he asked, "Could he talk to anyone about the event, or should he keep his mouth shut?" "That's up to you," I told him. "The Air Force doesn't try to censor these stories."

We talked to his employer, who said he was a fine fellow. The next morning we went out to the scene and combed it foot by foot. The only theory we had was that he had been struck by lightning—possibly ball lightning—but there was no sign of lightning having struck the area.

We returned to the base and found it in an uproar. The scoutmaster had a lurid account in the local paper. He reported that "top Air Force officials from Washington" had questioned him. "The Air Force and I know what this thing was," he went on cryptically, "but I'm not allowed to tell because it would create a panic."

I looked at Olssen and Olssen looked at me. "Screwball," we said simultaneously.

The scoutmaster knew that we were from Dayton, not Washington, that we were a plain AF captain and a lieutenant, not "top officials," that we had offered no theory about the "saucer," and had told him he could talk freely. That afternoon we learned he had hired a press agent. That evening we did some intensive digging into his background, and the next day we flew back to Dayton.

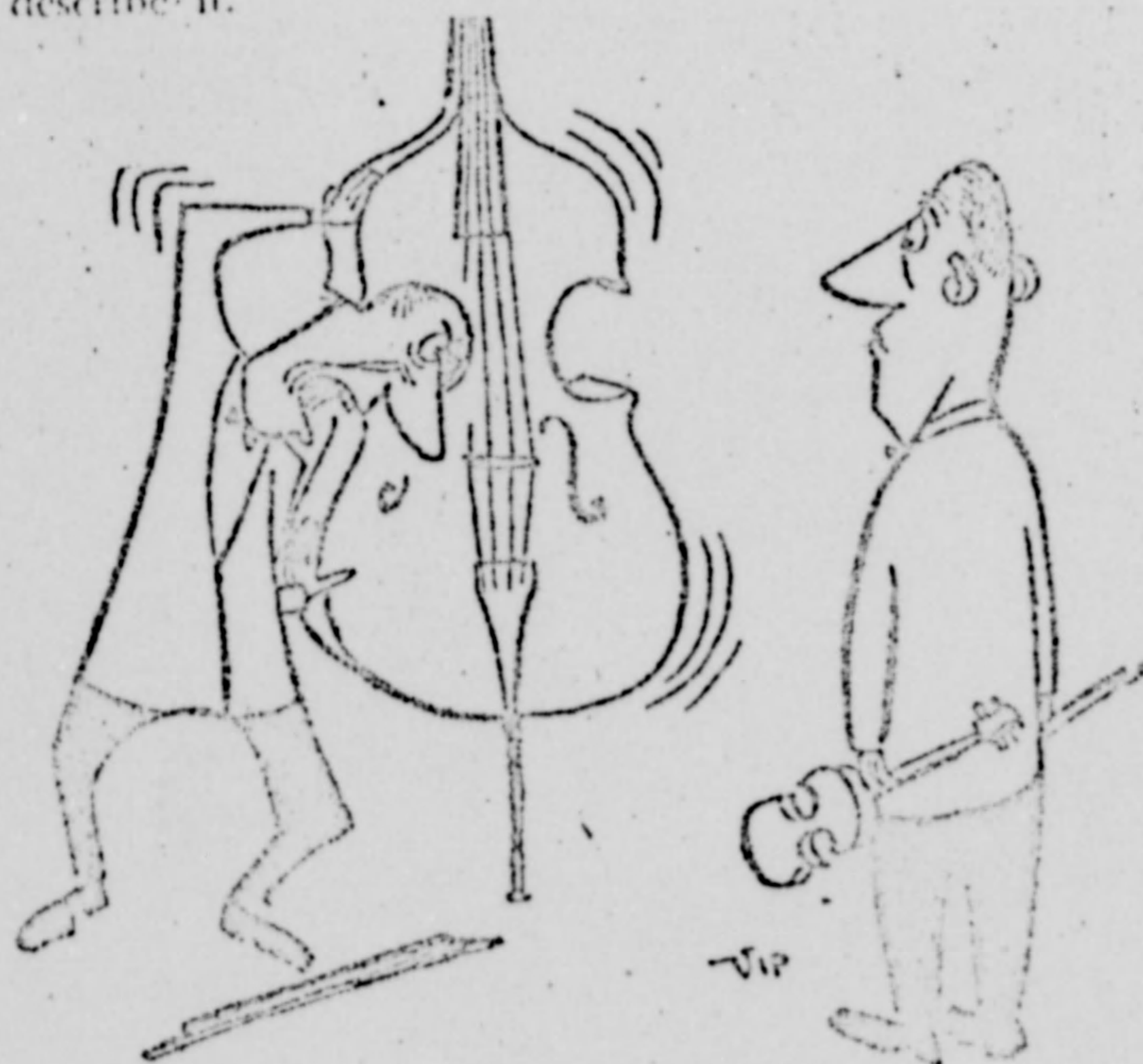
We brought his hat back for a check at the lab. They reported the scorch marks were peculiar, as if they had been burned by a hot iron. There were folded areas that were not scorched at all. The lab expressed a strong doubt that the hat was on anyone's head when it was burned.

We sent out a few queries here and there, and found that he had a peculiar background for a scoutmaster. He had told a strange story about serving in the Marines in the Pacific, where he had landed alone on Jap-held islands and mapped them at night to make the Marine landings easier.

We queried the Marines and they told us that he had served six months and had never left the country. He had gone AWOL, got mixed up in a stolen auto case, had been kicked out of the corps and had served time. We checked the institution where he had done his term and learned that he was a somewhat unstable character, to put it charitably, given to spinning wild yarns. He reportedly had once told New York police he had seen two men hurl a woman out of a skyscraper and that the body had landed at his feet. Up sped a black limousine,

he said, out jumped two other fellows who picked up the body, threw it in the back seat and roared off. The police went with him to the scene, and sure enough, there wasn't any body there. There wasn't any blood on the sidewalk, either.

We tipped off the Scout council and wrote off the story as a hoax. The fellow kept telling it, however, and it got better all the time. Within a month, the saucer had acquired an unspeakable monster, so foul that there were no words to describe it.



"Well . . . don't just stand there!"