

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>14 Apr 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Kelly AFB, Texas</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1545 CDT</u> GMT _____		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 <u>AF Employees (7)</u>		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>1 to 30 minutes</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>		9. COURSE ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Aluminum color. Round. 1500 MPH slow turns, reverse direction.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Multiple sighting.</u>	

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NBR 2539 15 AUG 52

C-1 PRIORITY [REDACTED] ACTION
FM SAAMA KELLY AB TEX 142245Z
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CITE SA434

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FLY OB RPT . 1 ROUND UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT THAT APPEARED TO OF AN ALUMINUM CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED FLYING OVER KELLY AF BASE, TEX. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE THE SIZE OF A SOFTBALL (ACTUAL SIZE) NO AERODYNAMIC FEATURES NOTICED. NOT TRAILOR EXHAUST NOTED. SPEED EST IN EXCESS OF 1500 MPH AND ALTITUDE EST TO BE 30000 FT. MANEUVERS CONSISTED OF SLOW TURNS, REVERSING DIRECTION. OBJECT SIGHTED 1545 HOURS, CST, 14 AUG 52 BY H [REDACTED] CIV EMPL AT KELLY AFB TEX AND 6 OTHER EMPL AT KELLY. MR [REDACTED] IS A CIV PILOT AND IS CONSIDERED RELIABLE. A VISUAL GROUND OBSN WITHOUT OPTICAL OR ELECTRONIC EQUIP WAS MADE . OBJECT DISAPPEARED BY MOVING PAST AND OUT OF RANGE OF VISION.
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FLY OB RPT. 1 OVAL-SHAPED, UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT, THAT EMITTED A DULL WHITISH COLOR WAS OBSERVED FLYING OVER SAN ANTONIO TEXAS. OBJECT WAS OBSERVED BY 5 AIRMEN FROM THE 75 AIR DEPOT WING, KELLY AFB TEX, RELIABILITY UNKNOWN. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD AS LARGE AS A B-36 ACFT AND FLEW AT AN ESTIMATED ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY 5 TO 7 THOUSAND FEET AT AN ESTIMATED SPEED OF BETWEEN 5 AND 750 MILES PER HOUR. NO TRAILOR EXHAUST NOTICED. NO AERODYNAMIC FEATURES NOTED. OBJECT WAS OBSERVED BETWEEN 30 SECONDS AND A MINUTE FLYING A STRAIGHT AND LEVEL COURSE AND DISAPPEARED BY TRAVELING BEYOND THE RANGE OF VISION.
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HEADQUARTERS
SAN ANTONIO AIR MATERIEL AREA
KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS

20 August 1952

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) FLYOBRPT

THRU: Commanding General
ATTN: Intelligence Division
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

In compliance with AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the
attached AF Form 112 is forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:

1. AF Form 112
2. Statement-

Robert W. Fox
ROBERT W. FOX
Major, USAF
Asst Air Provost Marshal

cc: ATIC
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
W-P AFB, Ohio

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AF FORM 112—PART I

APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOB RPT		
AREA REPORTED ON San Antonio, Texas	FROM (Agency) SAAMA	
DATE OF REPORT 19 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 14 August 1952	EVALUATION Unknown
PREPARED BY (Officer) Major Robert W. Fox	SOURCE Eye-Witnesses	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952		
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.)		
One round, unidentified object of undetermined size, that appeared to be of aluminum construction, was observed flying over Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.		
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) SAAMA	REPORT NO.	PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES
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In compliance with AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the following information is submitted:

(1) Object was round and size undetermined as estimates from the observers vary from a pea to a basket ball (actual size). Object appeared to be a silverish non-luminous color much like aluminum from which conventional aircraft are made. There was only one object sighted. However, its intermittent appearance and disappearance does not eliminate the possibility of other objects in the area making singular appearances. No aerodynamic features, trail or exhaust, or visible propulsion system noticed. Speed estimated at 1500 mph. No sound was heard. Maneuvers consisted of slow sweeping turns reversing direction. Object disappeared once by moving behind a cloud; again by gradually growing smaller and smaller as it apparently moved away from observers and out of range of vision. Object appeared and disappeared a number of times, not always in the exact place but in the same general area.

(2) Time of sighting was 1545 hours, CST, 14 August 1952. Length of time observed was approximately thirty minutes (not a constant observation due to its tendency to appear and disappear).

(3) A visual surface observation without optical or electronic equipment was made.

(4) Observers were at the Compass Rose, located at the end of Runway 9-27 at Kelly AF Base, Texas. Object was first sighted about one half mile due North from observers bearing West at an estimated altitude of between twenty and thirty thousand feet.

(5) Object was observed by the following listed Civilian employees at Kelly AF Base, Texas and A/2C Harold E. Sparks from the 75th A/C Repair Sq, Kelly AFB, Texas:

NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], San Antonio, Texas
[REDACTED], San Antonio, Texas
[REDACTED], San Antonio, Texas
[REDACTED], San Antonio, Texas
[REDACTED], San Antonio, Texas
[REDACTED], San Antonio, Texas

Observers have been employed at Kelly AF Base, Texas for some years and have worked constantly around aircraft and should be familiar with most types of conventional aircraft.

(6) Fair weather prevailed at the time of the sighting.

(7) No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, is known to have existed which may have accounted for the sighting.

(8) There is no physical evidence of the sighting.

(9) No interception or identification action taken.

(10) Location of any air traffic in the general area at the time of the sighting unknown.

STATEMENT

The Compass Rose at Kelly AF Base, Texas is located at the end of Runway 9-27 and is used frequently for the purpose of swinging the compasses on B-36 aircraft. The Compass Rose is located on flat open terrain affording an unobstructed view of the sky making it easy to spot any unusual phenomenon.

On 14 August 1952 at approximately 1545 hours, seven of us were waiting in the parts shack at the Compass Rose for another aircraft to swing when one of the employees pointed outside and said, "Look". Immediately everyone was on his feet beholding a sight never before witnessed by any of us.

A round object had appeared about one-half mile due North of us at about an estimated 20,000 feet and was travelling at a rather fast rate of speed due West. The craft was very easily spotted as it appeared to be of metallic nature and reflected the sunlight as it moved through the sky. Gradually it started a left climbing turn and continued this until it had completed a 180 degree turn and was heading back due East at about 30,000 feet. We watched it go behind a small cloud and disappear.

While we were discussing the thing, it reappeared and again it was travelling about as before, due West and again at about 30,000 feet. It was at this time that we reported the object to the Kelly Control Tower, giving its approximate location and altitude. For several minutes, the object would appear for a short while then disappear into

space gradually growing smaller and dimmer with distance. Each appearance would be in the same general vicinity but at a different spot. The last time we saw it, the thing appeared almost directly overhead and was travelling faster than ever toward the North where it finally paled away. So far as we could tell, it must have travelled at about 1500 miles per hour and executed maneuvers with the greatest of ease; however, it did not hover or perform any sharp maneuvers such as radical directional changes or quick zig-zag movements.

We were all at a loss as to a logical explanation of this sighting.

I certify that the statement above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:



PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>14 Aug 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Kelly AFB, Texas</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1545</i> Zebra: <i>1905Z</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☒ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☒ Normal ☐ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: <i>No</i> ☐ Blinking ☐ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: ☐ 1-15 Seconds ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☒ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>No</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☐ Night ☒ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft		
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? ☒ Yes ☐ No		

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No						
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: _____ Minutes						
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	San Antonio, Texas	<i>Weather Balloon</i>	USDA Weather Bureau			
b.	Laredo, Texas	Pitball	"			
c.	Del Rio, Texas	"	"			
d.	Corpus Christi	<i>Weather Balloon</i> Pitball	U.S. Navy			

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate
23. FINAL EVALUATION: ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS: No info, local H/C, etc.	

OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 14 May 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 2 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?

KAFB San Antonio TEXAS
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 Compass Rose KAFB

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4. How did you happen to notice the object? I just happened
to look up into the sky

5. When did ^{a friend of mine} you report to some official that you had seen the object?

14 Aug 1952
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Waiting
for an airplane to be brought to the Comstock Base

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 same as above. I was talking
to a couple of friends of mine

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

CONT.

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).

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| ☒ a. Certain | e. 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 | f. Through sun glasses |
| c. Through binoculars | g. Through open space |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other <u>open space</u> |

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

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- ☒ 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

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SECTION 3

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 45
 Hours Minutes Seconds

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 (opaque, etc.) solid or transparent?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

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

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? _____

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

16.1 Sound No

16.2 Color No

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 1 or 5
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

one at a time

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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.

Behind a cloud

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 object's is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One)

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| <u>a.</u> Pea | f. Automobile |
| b. 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.

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

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

20.1 How high above the earth was it? couldn't guess feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? couldn't guess feet or _____ miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? couldn't guess miles per hour.

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

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <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 _____ |
| <u>b.</u> Gradually | d. Don't remember |

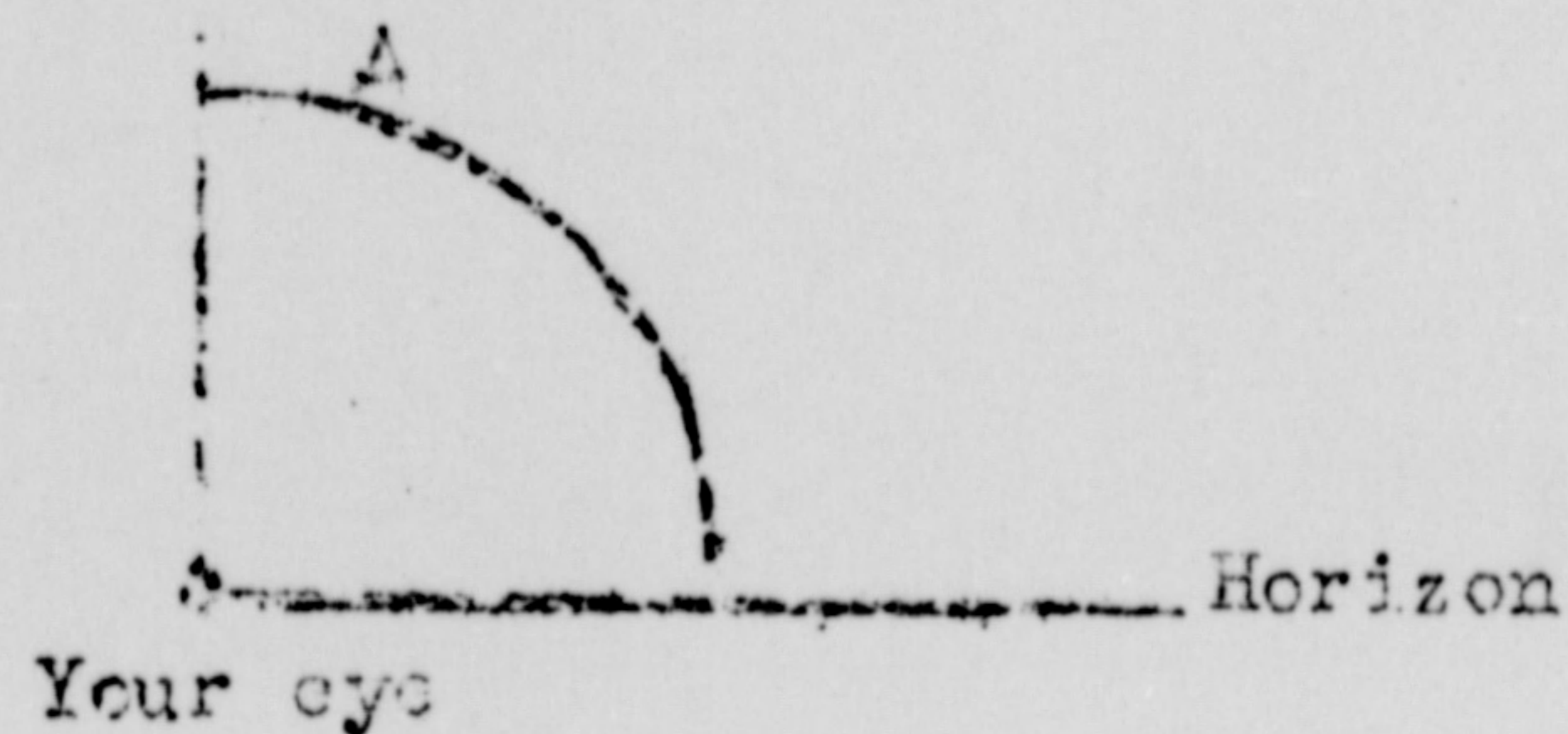
Gradually at times
Sometimes it went behind a cloud and disappeared
appear

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SECTION D.

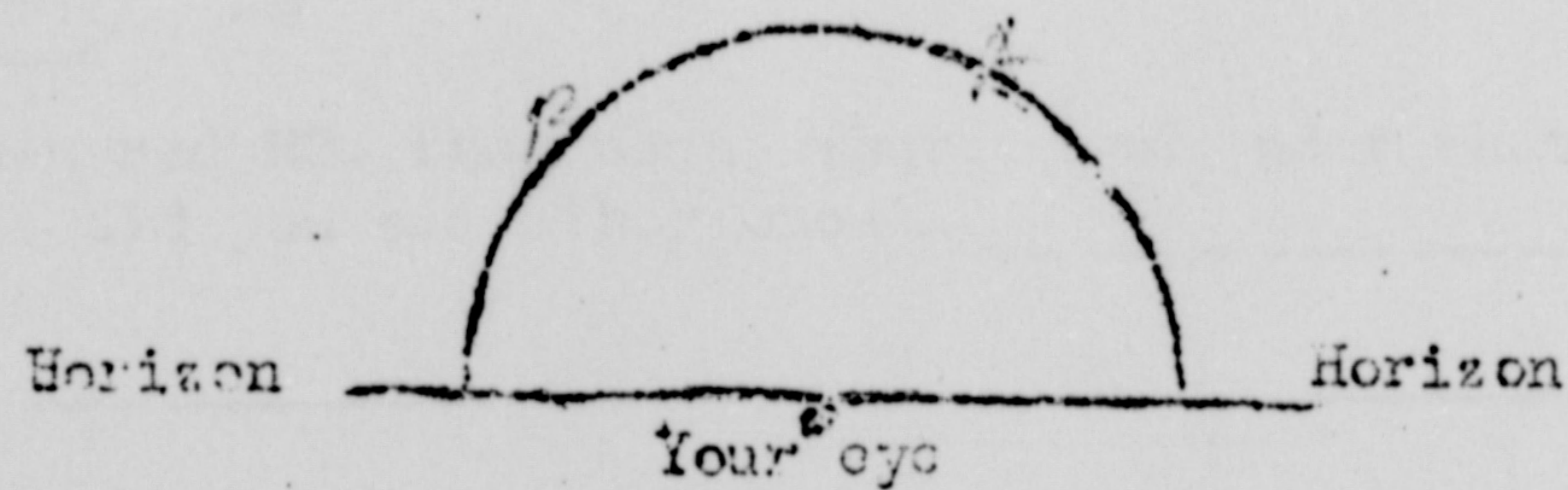
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.

Overhead

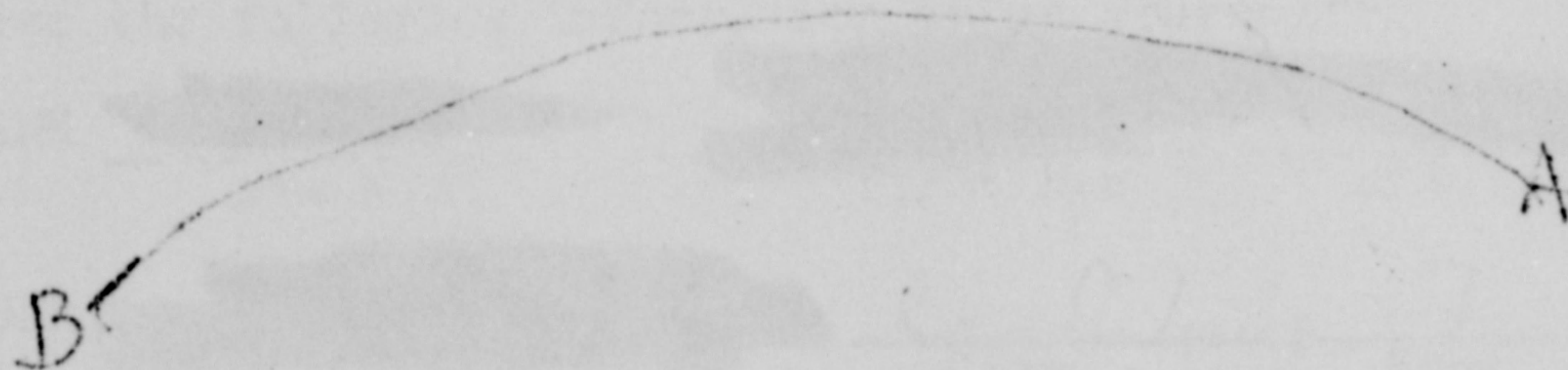


23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.

Overhead

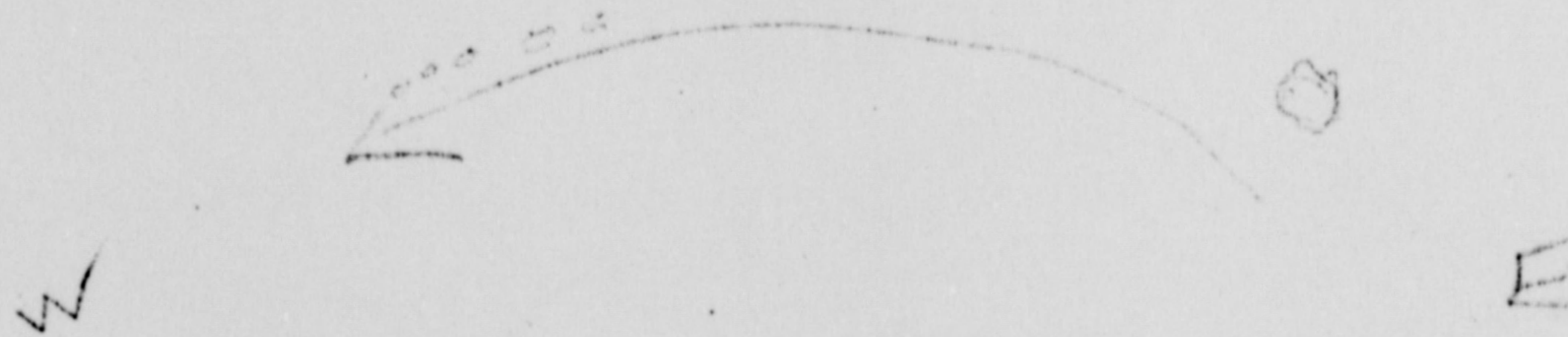


24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



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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?

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

don't know

28. Give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [REDACTED] San Antonio 7 Texas
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? Instrument Installer

Age 29

Sex M

Last School Attended High School

Year of last attendance at this 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 name and addresses:

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