

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

12 Sep 52

2. LOCATION

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☒ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

3. DATE TIME OF OBS.

12/2003 EDT

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

Naval Aviator (Lt Cmdr)

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☒ Possibly Astronomical (METER)

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

3 sec

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1

9. COURSE

☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Slightly oblong, solid mass with soft incandescent outline, moved horizontally across field of vision of observer, who saw object through his dining room window, while at dinner.

11. COMMENTS

1. Local newspapers reported object as meteor.
2. Duration of sighting was only 3 sec and observer was in a poor position.

Line

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

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1. DATE 22 Sep 52		2. LOCATION Fairfax, Virginia		12. 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	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local: 0115 GMT:		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE 2 policemen			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 1/2 hours		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2 - 4		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White.		11. COMMENTS Appeared in groups.			

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I. GENERAL

1. DATE 22 Sep 52	2. LOCATION Fairfax, Va.	3. TIME Local: 2115 Zebra: 2015
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:		☐ 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) HQ USAF		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? —		
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 150° 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.								
b.								
c.								
d.								
(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: Journal following - up. RAOB would be valuable re: light refraction, inv. layer theory

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SH

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
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4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)	☐ Yes ☐ No
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)	☐ Yes ☐ No

7. CLOUD COVER: _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.	8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.
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9. COMMENTS:

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CSAF ITEM NBR 3 / [REDACTED] DI

SECURITY INFORMATION

TO ATIAA-5 RUPPELT FR AFOIN-2A2 FOURNET

REF TUX AFOIN 58311 DTD 22 SEP 52 FROM THIS HQ

PERTAINING TO SIGHTING FAIRFAX AND CENTREVILLE

VA MORNING 22 SEP. I AM INVESTIGATING

THOROUGHLY SO NO FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED BY YOU.

END CSAF ITEM NBR 3 [REDACTED]

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23 Sep 52

ACTION

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Chief, Air Technical
Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio

(Unclassified) Material for Project Blue Book
Dept of the Air Force
Hq USAF - AFOIN
Maj Fournet/cmb/71016

1. Inclosures are for your information and retention.

2. Following receipt of Miss [REDACTED] memo (Incl. 1) by this office, she was requested to complete a standard questionnaire which was supplied. Completed questionnaire is attached as Incl. 2.

3. Inclosure 3 is questionnaire completed by LCDR [REDACTED] USN, following his telephonic report of a sighting to this office.

3 Incls:

1. Memo fr [REDACTED]
dtd 11 Aug 52
2. Questionnaire completed by Miss [REDACTED]
3. Questionnaire completed by LCDR Elair

WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Topical Division
Deputy Director for Estimates
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

When incl() 2 / 3
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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 12 Sept. 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 20 03 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- a. Eastern Daylight 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 were you when you saw the object:

[REDACTED] FAIRFAX Va. FAIRFAX
Postal Address City or Town State Country

Additional Remarks: [REDACTED] SUBDIVISION

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 _____
- [REDACTED]

4. How did you happen to notice the object?

I was sitting at the
dinner table facing the window when the
object flashed by the window.

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

15 Sept 1952
Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object?

Sitting at dinner
table with 3 other adults.

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.

Normal social conversation with Mr and
Mrs [redacted], Mr [redacted] is [redacted]
[redacted] Church of Christ. We had
been at dinner about 20 minutes

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

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

(Circle One):

a. North

e. South

b. Northeast

f. Southwest

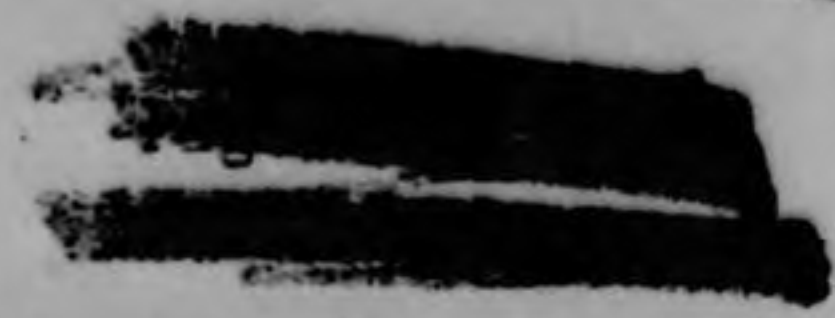
c. East

g. West

d. Southeast

h. Northwest

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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 know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? Greenish-White

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

16.1 Sound None

16.2 Color White rim about a greenish-white core.

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there?
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.

The tops of pine trees in my front yard.

Foliage is sparse, and the trees did not obscure it.

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8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | <u>f. Southwest</u> |
| 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 question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>a. Certain</u> | 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 | f. Through sunglasses |
| c. Through binoculars | g. Through open space |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other <u>Through Open Window (screened)</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 windows were open
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

Hours

Minutes

3
Seconds

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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 |
| b. Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| <u>c. Basketball</u> | 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. Fairly certain</u> | d. Uncertain |

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

- 20.1 How high above the earth was it? 2000 feet.
- 20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 5 miles.
- 20.3 How fast was it going? 300 miles per hour.
- 20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

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

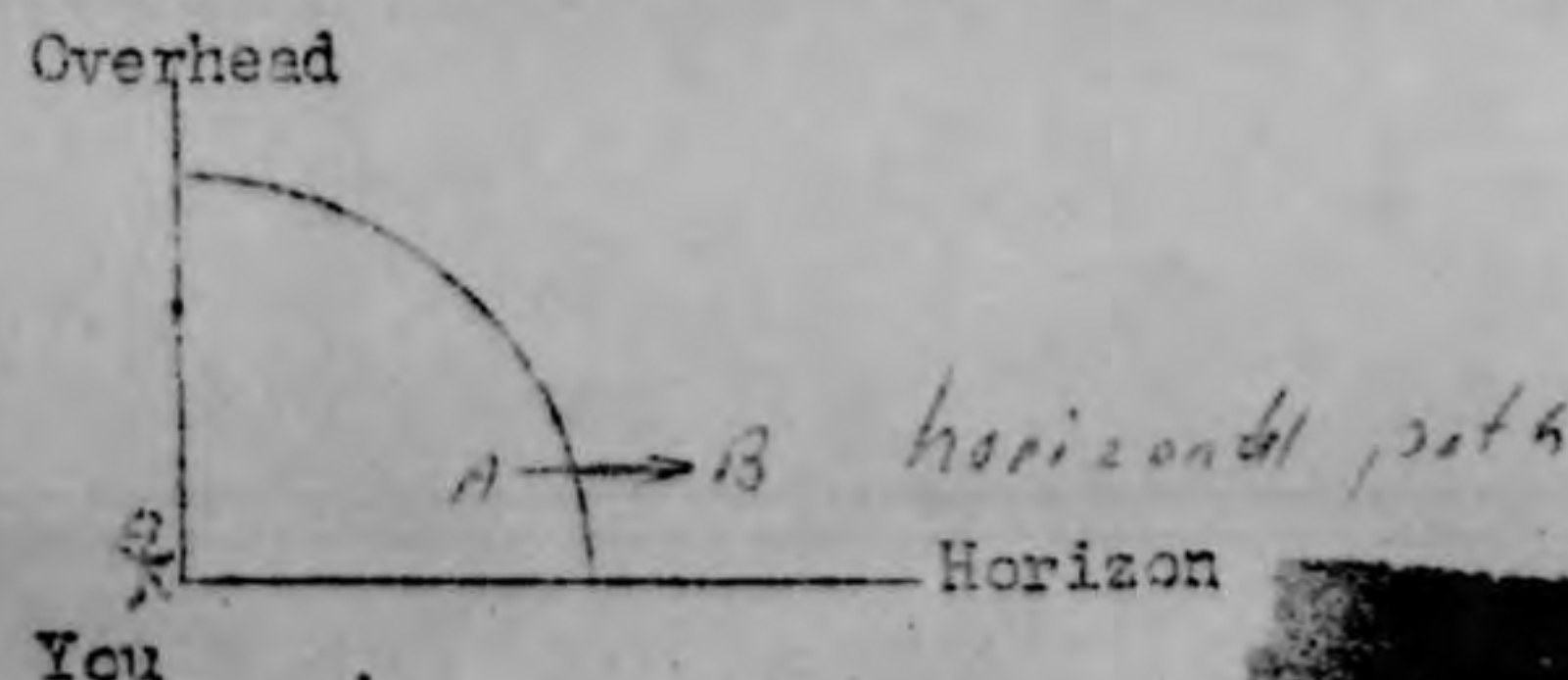
my perspective, using the size of the window and the height of the trees as guides.

21. How did the object disappear from view?

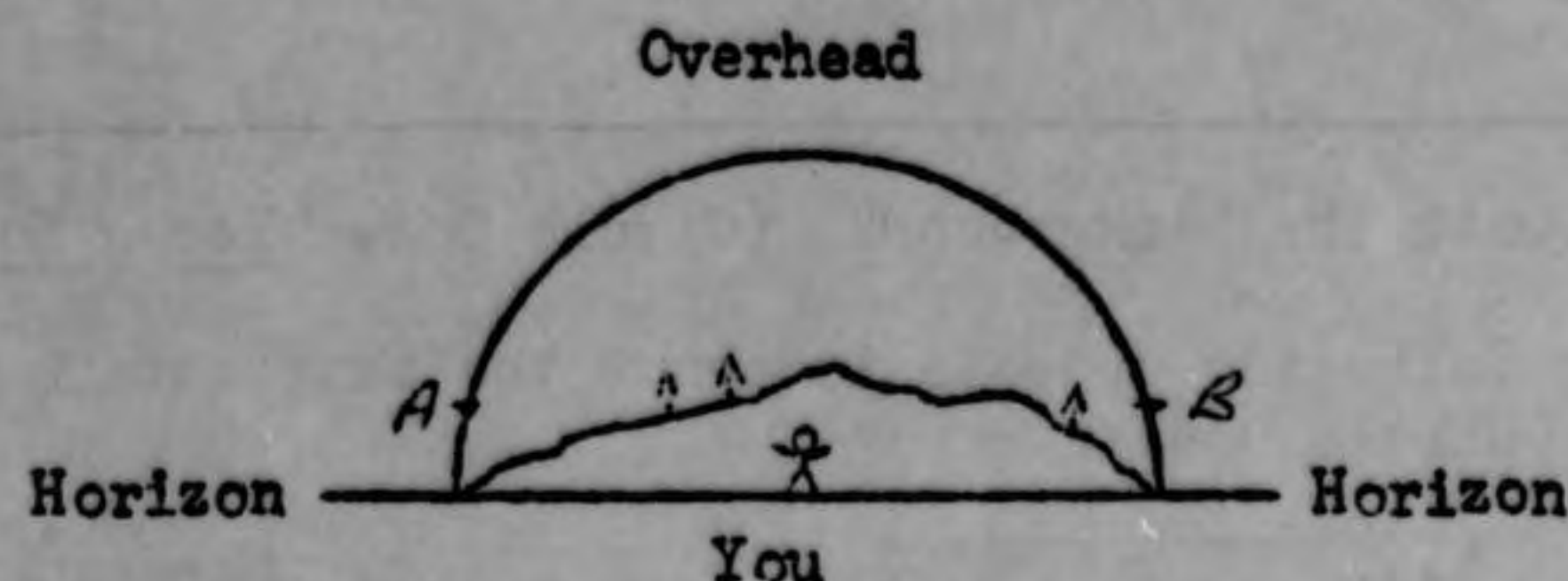
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| (Circle One): | a. Suddenly | c. Other <u>Passed in front of window</u> |
| | b. Gradually | d. Don't remember |

SECTION D

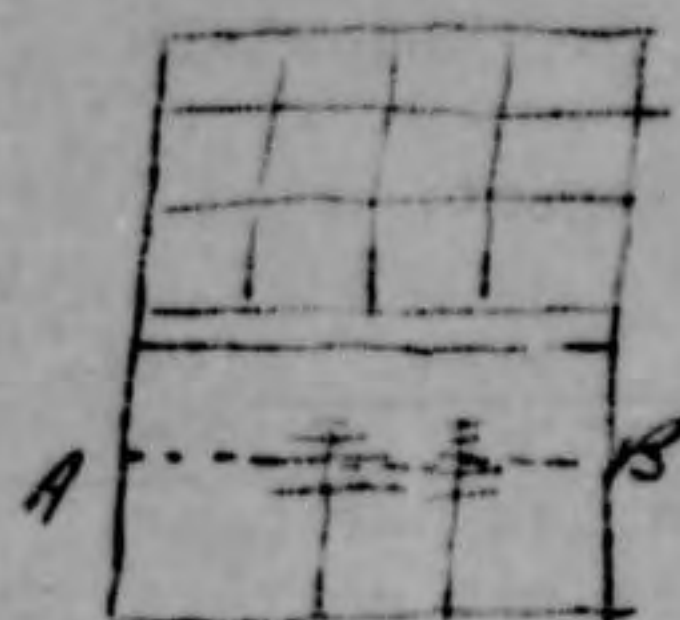
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



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.



Normal window about
20 inches from floor.
I was seated. 40'
pine trees, about 20'
from me (2 of them)



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.



slightly oblong,
moving in a
horizontal path over
ground; no tail,
or sparks, a solid

mass with soft inconspicuous outline.

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or 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?

I don't know. The newspaper said it was a meteor, but it had no tail and was not falling, and was larger than any meteor that I ever saw.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER LIBERTY Extension (office)

What is your present job? LCDR, USN

Age 35

Sex M

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 *By the time they turned, it was gone.*

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Mr and Mrs _____
_____ WASHINGTON, D. C.