

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 Oct 52		2. LOCATION KENT, ENGLAND		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 05/1510 Z GMT 05/1510		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Ex-RAF Officer			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION few seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Ex-RAF Officer sighted a round, white obj traveling at 1500 mph. Object appeared to have an exhaust.				11. COMMENTS 1. Short duration of sighting and probable tail or exhaust indicates that the object might have been a meteor.	

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Commanding General
United States Air Force
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I embarked on the Cunard Liner Caronia at Southampton, England, on September 30, 1952.

On October 5, 1952, at 5:12 p.m., time of the local longitude, I was standing on the starboard side of the ship by the swimming pool on the deck which is immediately above the promenade deck. This deck is perhaps twelve feet above the promenade deck, and there is an offset in the ship at that point so that it was perhaps fifteen feet inboard from the starboard side of the ship. While standing there with my wife, I noticed a group of people below me, also on the starboard side and perhaps forty feet away, standing immediately under the starboard wing of the after-bridge of the ship and staring off at some object in the air on the starboard side. One of the individuals had a pair of glasses. I was curious to know what they were looking at, so I began to look in the sky.

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I saw a very brilliant bright object, a perfect circle in shape, which I had the impression was flat, with the flat surface in a vertical plane and presented directly towards me. The object bore between one and two points on the starboard bow of the ship and at an angle above the surface of the water which I should estimate to be between 15° and 20° of arc from the horizontal. The object had a brilliant light, almost of the intensity of a welding torch. I should say that it was much brighter than a star could possibly be and was somewhat less bright than the sun. The light emanating from it was a strong silver color. This incident took place at 5:12 p.m., and as soon as I first saw the object and had gotten over the momentary reaction from doing so, I timed it. I asked my wife to go down to the main deck, two decks below, and bring back a pair of powerful field glasses which I had. In the meantime, I walked down from the swimming pool and joined the group under the after-bridge. This group consisted of a man whose identity I do not know, his wife, a member of the Cabin Class orchestra (the man who played the bass viol, whose name I also do not know) and one or two other persons, one of them a woman. During this entire period of time while I was watching the object, there was a pink cloud much closer to the vessel than the object appeared to be and practically at the same angle from the ship and the surface of the ocean. I would estimate the position of this small cloud to be perhaps five miles from the vessel, and the object at all times appeared to be beyond this cloud. I have the impression, although

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I cannot be sure of this, that the object moved in its position both horizontally and vertically with relation to this cloud. I do not know whether it moved further from or nearer to the vessel or whether the diameter of the luminous portion of the disk varied; i.e., whether it contracted and expanded. At any rate, after I had the object under observation for a period of 1 minute and 45 seconds, it disappeared by a gradual fading. During the process of this fading, the diameter did not change. In other words, I had the impression that the light simply shut off, rather than that the object disappeared by moving elsewhere.

During the course of this incident, the sun bore on the port side of the vessel, perhaps one point off the port bow, and was perhaps 20° from the horizontal. At this time, the sun and the surrounding sky was a pale pink color as contrasted to the brilliant silver color of the object. However, the sun was obscured from my sight at all times while I was standing by the swimming pool by the super-structure of the deck above and further forward.

Subsequently, I wrote a letter to the Staff Captain of the ship requesting the position of the vessel as of the moment when I first saw the object.. I have a letter from the Staff Captain indicating that the ship's position at that time was $42^{\circ}19'$ N., $55^{\circ}07'$ W. and that the vessel was on a course of $260^{\circ}30'$. I do not know whether any of the officers of the ship or the watch saw this object, but I am inclined to think that they must have. My wife was standing beside me except

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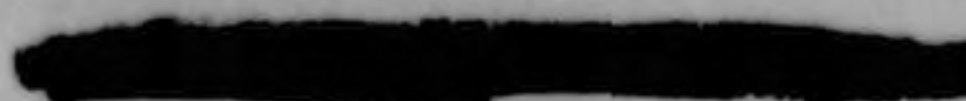
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while getting the glasses, and she also observed this phenomenon.

I am writing this letter solely for the purpose of adding to the available store of information with respect to these objects, as I thought the position of its appearance at sea might well have scientific interest for the sub-division of your command studying these objects.

When this letter reaches the proper office, I should appreciate a reply.

Very truly yours,

/s/ 

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [REDACTED]
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

DATE NOVEMBER 17, 1952

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CODE:

NBR 5382

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FLYOBRT. SMB IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAR 7C AFL 200-5:1, RND IN SHAPE,
1 OBJ, WHITE IN COLOR, APPEARED TO HAVE EXHAUST, SPEED EST 1500
MPH, 2, 5 OCT 52, 1510, VISIBLE ONLY FEW SECONDS, 3, VIS, 4,
0042E-5119N, OBJ NORTHEAST OF SITTINGBOURNE (0042 EAST -5119
NORTH) KENT, ENG, OBJ TRAVELLING IN DIR OF FAVERHAM (0050 EAST
-5117 NORTH), 5, MR [REDACTED], EX RAF OFF, F-0 THIS EX RAF OFF HAS
UNDOUBTEDLY HAD CONSIDERABLE RECOG EXPERIENCE, 6, 2040 DEGREES
AT 15 KNOTS, VISIBILITY 13 MILES, TEMP 57 DEGREES, 7, RAF HOLDING
AIR DEF OPR ON 5 OCT 52, 8, NONE, 9, NONE, 10, NONE KNOWN AT THIS
DT, THIS REPT PENDING FURTHER DETAILS
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Form

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET - 4801.00

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

5 OCTOBER 1952
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 17 12
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other

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

LOCAL TIME AT 55° 07' W. LONGITUDE, AT SEA

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

ON BOARD R.M.S. CARDONIA, POSITION 42° 19' N. LATITUDE, 55° 07' W. LONGITUDE
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

0 1 45
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain ☒ TIMED BY WATCH c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight ☒

d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

SUN HAS NOT YET SET

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right

d. To your left ☒
e. Overhead ☒ 15°
f. Don't remember

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
 b. A few
 c. Many
 d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
 b. Dull moonlight
 c. No moonlight — pitch dark
 d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

- (Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
 b. Several blocks away?
 c. A block away?
 d. Several yards away?
 e. Other BRIGHT AS WELDING TORCH

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? <u>A LITTLE</u> | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? <u>ONLY DIAMETER</u> | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: A PINK CLOUD - IT WAS NEVER OBSCURED BY CLOUD BUT MOVED BEHIND IT IN THE SENSE OF BEING BEYOND IT

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One): a. Solid? b. Transparent? c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | <u>Yes</u> | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

FOR PERIOD OF ABOUT 5" ONLY

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

a. Sound NONE

b. Color INTENSE SILVER COLOR

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

ONLY A CIRCLE WHICH APPEARED TO BE FLAT WITH THE
FLAT SURFACE FACING DIRECTLY TOWARDS ME



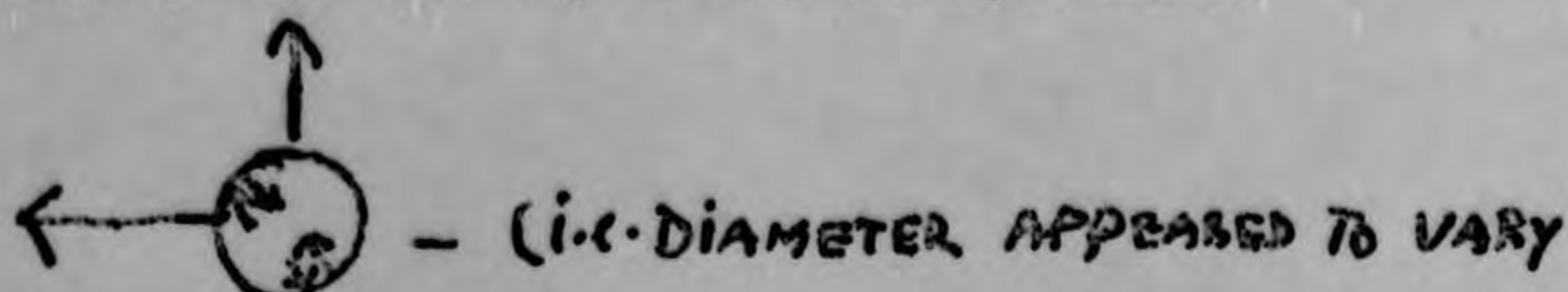
18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. 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 that they were traveling.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
_____ feet. COULD NOT POSSIBLY ESTIMATE

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
- b. Pea
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball
- k. Other

1/5 TO 1/4 DIAMETER OF
SUN AT THE TIME

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.)

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? DIMMED OUT AND DIAMETER
CONTRACTED

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

An object with a perfectly flat plane, very bright, a perfect circle, whose diameter contracted and expanded while under observation. Object "faded out" at end at which time it appeared was no longer a full circle but broken, then?



I cannot be sure where in the circle the broken portion was at end.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. 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 AT SEA

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

I was on swimming pool deck of R.M.S. Coronica and saw number of people staring into sky on Starboard beam. I looked to see what they were looking at.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

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

28.2 How fast were you moving? 20 NAUTICAL miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

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

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | <u>g. West</u> |
| b. Northwest | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

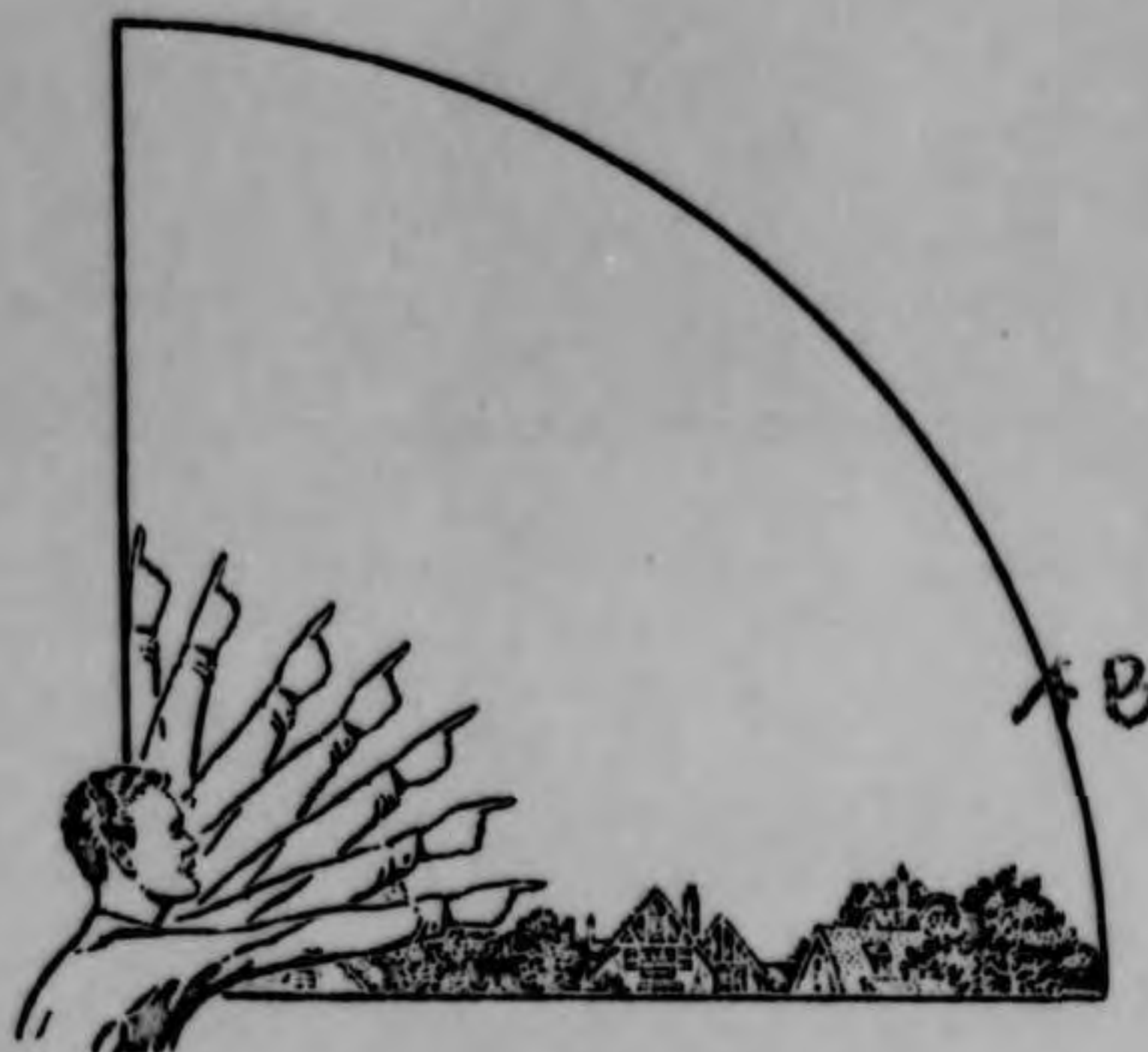
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 270° degrees. — This is approximate
- b. From horizon 15-20° degrees.

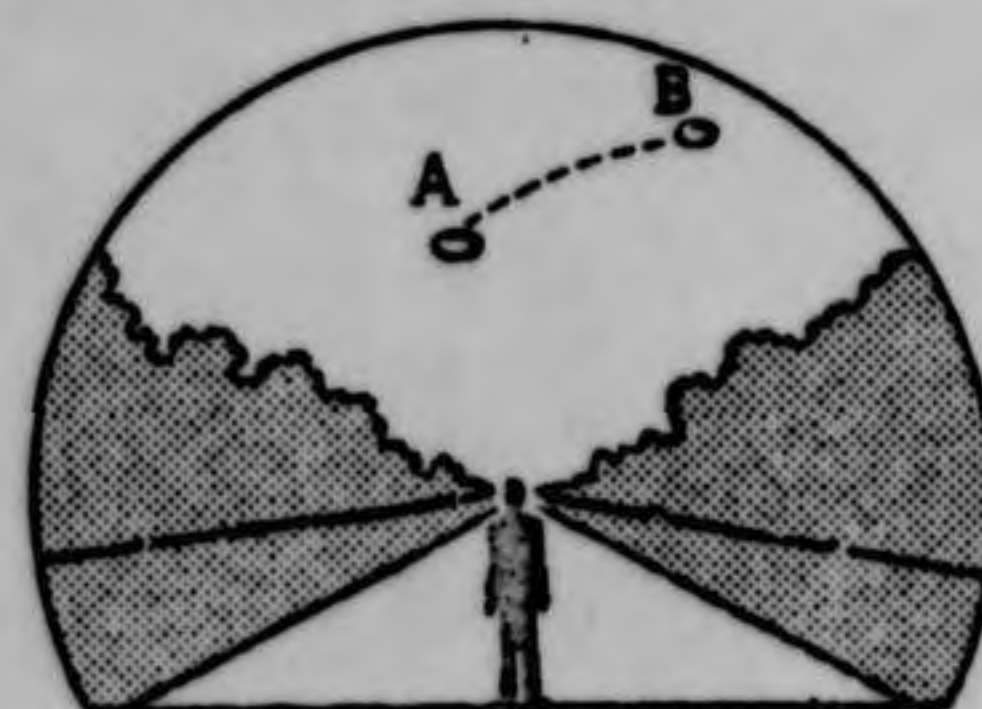
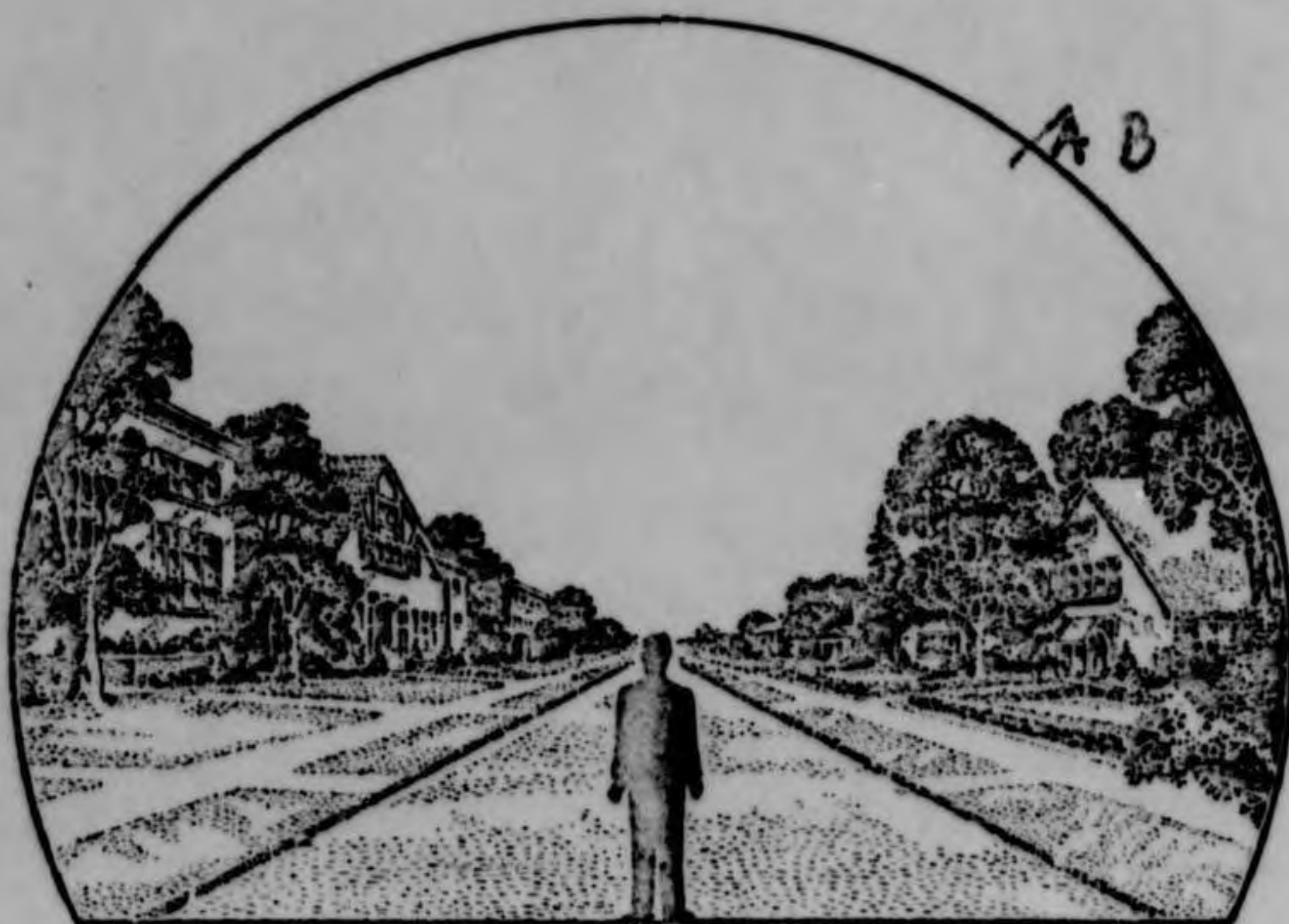
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 270° degrees. — "
- b. From horizon 15-20° degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are 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" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger 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. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky **EXCEPT FOR ONE SMALL**
 b. Hazy **CLOUD**
 c. Scattered clouds
 d. Thick or heavy clouds
 e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

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

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 Day Month Year

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

(Circle One) Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses: My [REDACTED]
MAN WHO PLAYED BASE VIOL & IN CABIN CLASS BAND ON RMS
CARONIA

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

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

I DO NOT KNOW. I feel certain that it was definitely not
any of the following objects. Sun, moon, a star, an air-
plane, a dirigible, a meteor.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No

I cannot be certain it moved or whether diameter changed

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

_____ m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No

BUT IN EXCESS OF 5 MILES

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

_____ feet.

41. Please 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?

LAWYER - FORMER LT. CDR. U.S.N.R., NAVAL AVIATION SPECIALIST

Age

45

Sex

MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____

e. e. Technical school

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b. High school _____

(Type) _____

c. College

HARVARD

f. Other special training _____

d. Post graduate

LAW SCHOOL

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

17

Day

Nov

Month

1952

Year