

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>26 Aug 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Off Pacific Coast, USA</u> <u>39°20'N - 125°35'W.</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME OF OBS. Local _____ GMT <u>0600</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Elect. ☐ 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 <u>B-29 crew.</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>20-30 mint.</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Pale reddish color. Elliptical shape.</u>				11. COMMENTS	

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Off Western USA Coast

Headquarters, 106th Bombardment Wing (M)

8 September 1952

28 August 1952

Richard A. Hope, Major, USAF

Combat Crew 12800
114th Bomb Squadron, 106th Bomb Wing (M)

Ltr, HQ USAF, AFCHM-C/CC-2

1. One pale reddish light, elliptical in shape, no trail or exhaust, at a position of 2 o'clock low from right blister, was observed by a gunner, bombardier, and V/O. No maneuvers occurred, and disappearance was unobserved.

2. 280600Z to 280630Z - Duration varied among witnesses from 20 to 30 minutes.

3. Visual and G-13 radar scope from B-29 at 14,000', G.S. 200 mph. Configuration similar to light bulb on scope; azimuth 20° - 110° with scope on 20-mile range; measured distance with variable range marker 22 miles at 90°; 50-mile scope range lost object. Pip size was equivalent to six times pip size of B-29 at comparable range.

4. Initial - 39° 20' N - 126° 35' W. Final - 40° 15' N - 126° 14' W. About 87 miles offshore. Distance estimated from 700 yds to 3-4 miles, on 20° heading at slightly below 14,000'.

5. Maj John G. LaRue, V/O
1st Lt J. E. Smith, Bombardier
A/1C John F. Trotter, GTC

All crew members sober and reliable.
They didn't venture an opinion on either this or the prior "saucer" reports in the public press.

6. Weather - 7/10 undercast at 5,000 tops. Wind 260° at 12 knots. Temperature -1°C. (2500 overcast, 12 mi, 310° at 23 knots, temperature 61°.)

7. Undercast - tops 5,000.

8. Nil.

9. Nil.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

The reporting officer is of the opinion that this is an instance that could be explained by the suggestion of the crew concerning the undercast reflection. This does not take into account the comments concerning color, however.

Richard A. Hope
RICHARD A. HOPE
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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SUBJECT (UNCL) Report of Unusual Aerial Phenomenon		
AREA REPORTED ON Italy	FROM (Agency) Air Attache, Rome, Italy	
DATE OF REPORT 15 December 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION August	EVALUATION D-4
PREPARED BY (Officer) JOSEPH A. WOIDA, Lt Col USAF, Actg AirA	SOURCE Prof. G. B. Sias	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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.)

1. This IR transmits a report of unusual aerial phenomenon witnessed by Prof. G. B. Sias on the 28th of August 1952, in Sassari, Sardinia.

2. COMMENTS of the Preparing Officer:

Prof. Sias was interviewed by this officer and he appeared to be intelligent, pleasant, and very eager to tell his story. He, in his own mind, is convinced that either: (1) The United States has made scientific strides unknown to the rest of the world and this particular phenomenon was one of these items; or, (2) This particular phenomenon was super-natural or it was instituted by another government in Italy. Prof. Sias appeared to be a very intense individual and, while not exactly fanatic, I believe that this title comes very close to fitting him. Enclosure #1 is a sketch by the professor of what he thought he saw.

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JOSEPH A. WOIDA
Lt. Colonel, USAF
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TRANSLATION

REPORT AND ILLUSTRATION OF A FLYING SPHERE

Observation by Prof. [REDACTED], Sassari

TO THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY ACCREDITED TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

APPARITION OF A FLYING SPHERE

"On the 28th of August 1952, the following article of mine was published in Sassari in the local "Corriere dell'Isola" newspaper:

"Yesterday evening, 27th of August, at 2145 hours, I was walking - as usual - along the court-yard of Sassari Brigade, below the windows of the war orphans dormitory, saying the rosary. It was exactly the time when the trumpet of Gonzaga barracks was playing the lights out signal. I watched now and then the sky covered with stars, heavy, moonless, still torrid for the temperature which in those days, as anyone would remember, often attained 40 degrees, with a sky which remained clean and cloudless for three months. Suddenly my attention was attracted by a transparent small cloud, coming from the East, isolated in the middle of the sky: the remaining sky was serene. My eyes were fixed to that point, fascinated by the view, when suddenly a sphere of astonishing brightness and luminosity seemed to depart from the Milky Way. I had the impression that it was very close to the earth: it was slightly larger than the full moon, of green-blue color, silver bright like the mother-of-pearl, with metal streaks in the right side; it proceeded at a dizzy speed along East-West direction, appearing suddenly as if it came out of a thick shadow. It came out and in a second disappeared, leaving behind a line or luminous ribbon, having a thickness of one-seventh of the sphere; after a second, the entire sphere appeared again; then again, it disappeared and the line showed and again the sphere returned, always identical. Finally, it disappeared toward the horizon. The apparition lasted in total three to five seconds.

"My first idea was that such a phenomenon was due to an aerolite. Everyone knows the color and brightness of meteoric stones, while it was evident that the luminosity of the sphere originated from the sun, like the moon's.

"In regard to motion, I reflected that such an object, suppose it was a human creation, could not have such a dizzy actual speed to excel the velocity of any human invention, even if carried to 50 or 60 kilometers altitude. On the supposition that the sphere was coming from astral spaces, from much higher altitudes, its motion could be either partially or entirely apparent, that is equal to the revolution speed of the earth, viz. thirty kilometers per second.

"Where the luminosity was concerned, I thought that it could be traced to the location of the sphere at hundreds or thousands kilometers above the earth while it got out of the cone of shadow of the earth and proceeded Westward, being illuminated by the sun which had set two hours and a half earlier. The location was the following: approx. 45° between the Zenith and the horizon line, Southward; direction East-West beginning from the Milky Way.

"The doubt that mine may be a mere optical illusion is dissipated by the testimony of two other persons: an orphan, Brau, who had not yet gone to bed, saw the luminous sphere through the window of the dormitory; another testimony was offered by Mr. Piccolo, a guardian of Valmascheri concern placed approx. 3 kilometers in air line from Sassari, who observed the phenomenon at the same time: reality and not illusion, then.

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ALTITUDE AND DIMENSIONS OF THE SPHERE

"The observation of the sphere, the peculiar circumstances of its apparition and the logical deductions, inspired me with a pressing desire, rather a stimulating impulse, to find a solution of the phenomenon in its complete significance. I had precise data:

- (1) the small cloud which was a sort of signal
- (2) the egress of the sphere from the earth's cone of shadow at 2145 hours
- (3) the duration of the apparition for three to five seconds in South-West direction.
- (4) the distance - cardinal point: South - of 45° between the Zenith and the horizon line.
- (5) the seeming diameter.

The sole thing to do was to contact a scientist: I went to Father Junkes, well-known astronomer, director of the Vatican observatory at Castel Gandolfo; after some days of study, he obtained with the system of the coordinates, the following results:

"On the basis of the geographical position of the observers, the coordinates can approx. be estimated as follows:

Longitude 33.8° East ($08^{\circ} 33''$)
Latitude $40^{\circ} 45'$ North

On the basis of the sun position on the 27th of August at 2145 hours the resulting TMEC will be:

Aximuth $133^{\circ} 36'$ measuring from South to North, through West
Altitude $27^{\circ} 41'$, that is below the horizon

"On the basis of the above data, not taking into account the effects of refraction, the distance of the observer visibility in this point at an elevation of 45° up to the point where it comes out of the earth shadow is:

approx. 1681 kilometers Southward
approx. 1091 South-Westerward

At such a distance an apparent diameter of $1/2$ degree (moon's apparent diameter) is equal to the following actual diameters:

14.67 kilometers at 1681 km. distance
9.25 kilometers at 1091 km. distance

From the above it can be easily deduced that the object observed could not be a common terrestrial "flying saucer", some bright metal body illuminated by the sun, because its dimensions would be too big."

These were the deductions of Father [redacted], but since he is also the Director of the Vatican observatory and well versed in astrophysics, he mentioned to me in another letter that the bright green, blue, silver colors and the luminosity of the sphere is presumably due to the remarkable quantity of iron and nickel which many astral bodies contain.

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THE MYSTERY OF THE LINE AND SPHERE SHAPED LUMINOSITY

"Notwithstanding the numerous hypothesis which were advanced by the astronomer and myself in an attempt to explain such a phenomenon, none was entirely satisfactory. Still a quite reasonable hypothesis is that the discoid sphere, along its itinerary, presented to the sun alternately its surface entirely illuminated by the sun. Its dimensions were 1/7 of the sphere, that is two kilometers in breadth. This resulted in an undulatory motion, which was made necessary either by suspension stability in the space at that altitude or by some other equilibrium laws unknown to us.

PERSONAL REMARKS

(1) I must categorically affirm that the view of the sphere on my part was not casual: a small cloud, one cloud in a clean sky, which later on disappeared, was like a speaking signal to my attention. I dare not affirm - and it would be presumption on my part - that the sphere was occupied by non-human beings, no matter what they may be like: but the heavenly intervention is too evident! . .

(2) A luminosity which cannot even be compared with the brightness of full moon in a clear night; such bright and vivid colors that cannot be found on earth. All this was a heavenly smile which inspired my soul with a joy and peace never felt before. A new, heavenly light!

(3) I believe that privilege was not entirely intended for me: the phenomenon occurred in the Institute for War Orphans of the Sassari Brigade, the custodian of Trieste after the first liberation which waits for the second liberation from the hands of America, which is today the faithful custodian of it. I do not mean to get involved in politics, because I know nothing of it. I think, though, that this is a legitimate remark which reflects the psychology of history. America is based on freedom: freedom of thought, economical freedom, freedom of religion: in this connection, no other people in the world begins official ceremonies with the "Pater Noster" prayer: reflection of God wiseness and power! America defends freedom from fear: fear of war, fear of unemployment, fear of starvation. God put the destiny of the world in its hands. The oriental civilization elapsed, and so did the Greek civilization and the Roman world. The sacred Roman Empire collapsed, the British hegemony was eclipsed: the cycle from East to West is terminating in America. The words Virgilius wrote 2000 years ago, whom can better suit than America?

"Remember to rule the peoples with the authority of power:
be clement to the humble and exhaust the arrogance of the superb"
(Eneide 6th book)

The basic scientific data are here below briefly summarized.

- (1) the certainty that the sphere is not a human invention in view of its dimension and heavenly light.
- (2) the secret - now disclosed - of the measuring system of such apparitions
- (3) the aim, resulting from astonishing revelation, of choosing a people as a guide to mankind, under the guidance of God.

The following is to be added:

(1) I intend to transfer the secret and the property of this writing of mine to the American Embassy, Office of the Air Forces.

(2) What I requested in my letter to Ambassador Clara Luce, to which reference was made in a letter addressed to me by Col. Anthony Mony on 3 July 1953, be granted

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to me, as a token of reward rather than as a compensation, for the benefit of the Institute for War Orphans and E.N.A.L.L.I. "

Prof. G. [REDACTED]

Via A. [REDACTED] Sassari (Italy)

Sassari, 19 November 1953

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THIS CASE INCLUDES
ONE (1) LARGE DRAWING.

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
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Mrs. [REDACTED]
Washington 20, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Haynes:

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Kennedy
ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE - 4748.00

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 28 August 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 9:00 Min. A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain

d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(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
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

4238 - 4th St SE Wash 20 D.C.
Postal Address City or Town State Country

Additional Remarks: 3rd Floor Apt.

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?

Pulling vegetation
blind up.

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

28 August 1952 within twenty minutes
Day Month Year

SECTION B

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

housework.

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.

Home at 8:15 - had spent 45 minutes
on routine housework.

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

slightly east of South

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

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

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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).

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. <u>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. <u>Through window glass</u> | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sunglasses |
| 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)

although sky was clear when I observed object within the hour it there were scattered clouds

- | |
|--------------------------|
| a. <u>Clear sky</u> |
| b. Hazy |
| c. Scattered clouds |
| d. Thick or heavy clouds |
| e. Don't remember |

- | |
|-----------------------------|
| a. <u>Dry</u> |
| 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. <u>Slight breeze</u> |
| c. Strong wind |
| d. Don't remember |

- | |
|-------------------|
| a. Cold |
| b. <u>Cool</u> |
| c. Warm |
| d. Hot |
| e. Don't remember |

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

Hours

3 or 4 minutes

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: (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? _____

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

16.1 Sound none

16.2 Color black

17. 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.

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 _____

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? 1000 - 2000 feet

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 3 or 4 miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? 60-80 miles per hour. appeared to move slowly

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

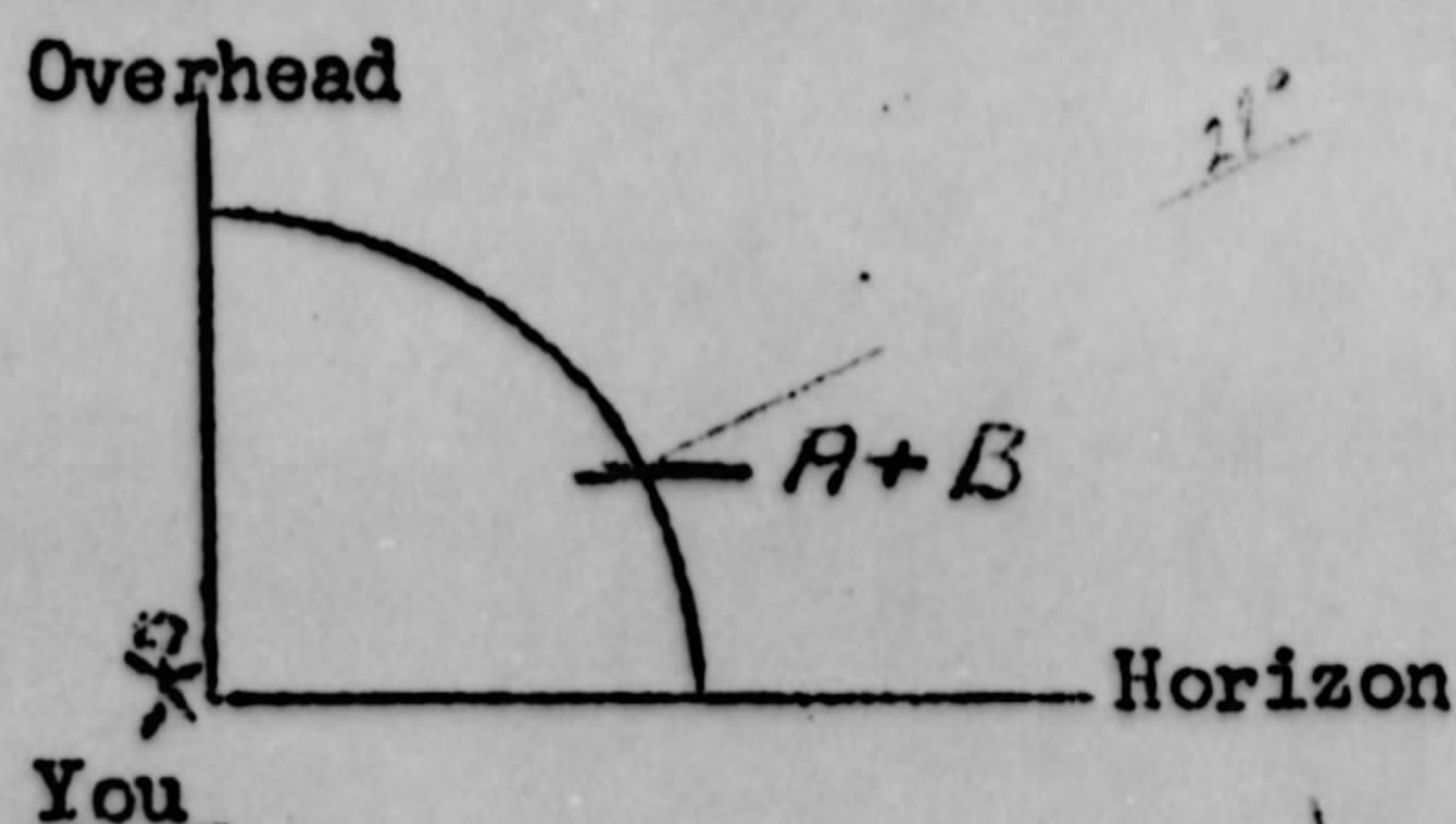
21. How did the object disappear from view?

- (Circle One):
- a. Suddenly
 - b. Gradually

- c. Other _____
- d. Don't remember

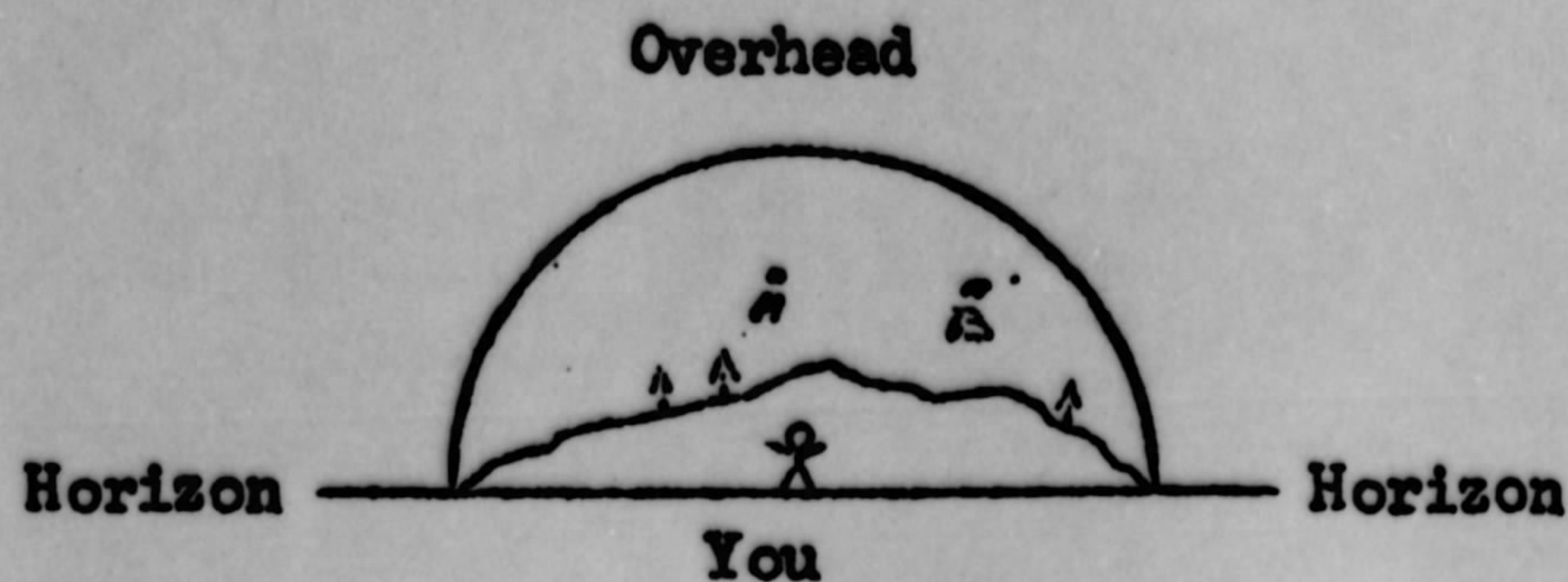
SECTION D

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.

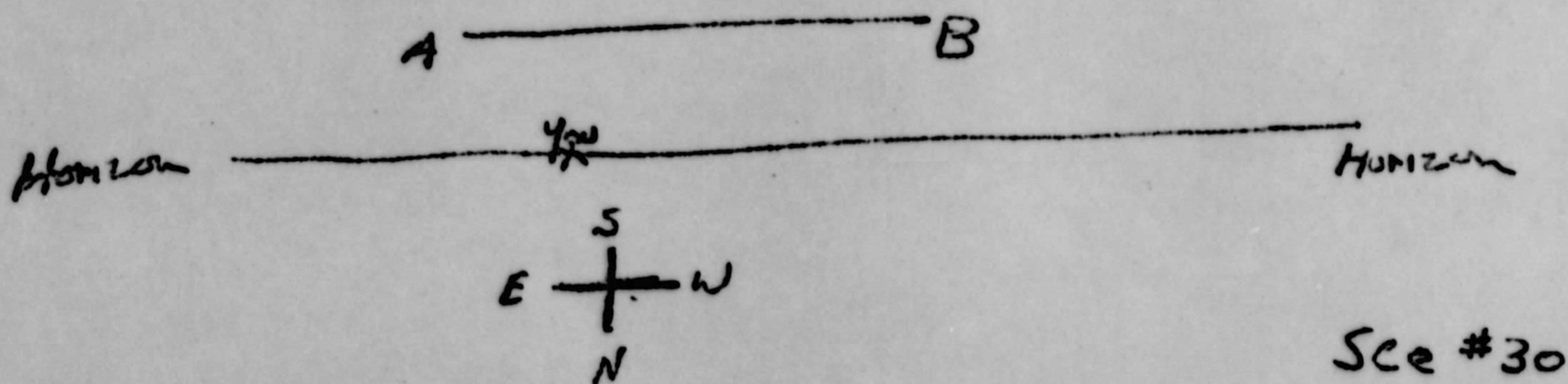


I was in an apartment (3rd floor) app 28 ft above ground

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.



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.

Perfectly round - appeared to be flat -
 (two dimensional ~~rather than~~ not three dimensional)
 appeared to move in a straight line across
 my vision - neither up nor down nor
 nearer nor away from me

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?

it? Have no idea - might have been a small balloon though seemed too far away and did not respond to wind currents as balloons usually do.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] h 20 D.C.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? housewife

Age 28

Sex female

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.

Object when first seen appeared to be slightly larger than a basketball - though flat not globular - During the few moments I could see it - it very gradually grew smaller finally disappearing - seemingly into this air -