

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 27 Feb 53 28/0130Z	2. LOCATION Pasadena, Calif.
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION Astro (STAR/PLANET)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	Probable Star/Planet
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Hrs	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Bright stationary object - seemed to change color disappearing by fading out after an observation for a period of 2 Hrs. Source filled out a very sketchy report.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
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Witness

MARCH FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER

March Air Force Base, California

DMZ 319.1

24 March 1953

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flight Object

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

27/1730
PASADENA, CALIF.

The attached letter regarding an unidentified flying object is forwarded for your information. This report has not been processed in accordance with AFL 200-5, since this letter was received at this center on 20 March, 21 days after the reported sighting.

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Ltr fr [REDACTED]
dtd 1 Mar 53

Louis A. Griffin
LOUIS A. GRIFFIN
Major, USAF
Commanding

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Pasadena 5, Calif.

Questionnaire sent 30 Mar 53

Movement showed evidence of being traveling with
air or weather mass.

Weather that day and day following showed a large
area of movement from that direction....

Reason for reporting this:

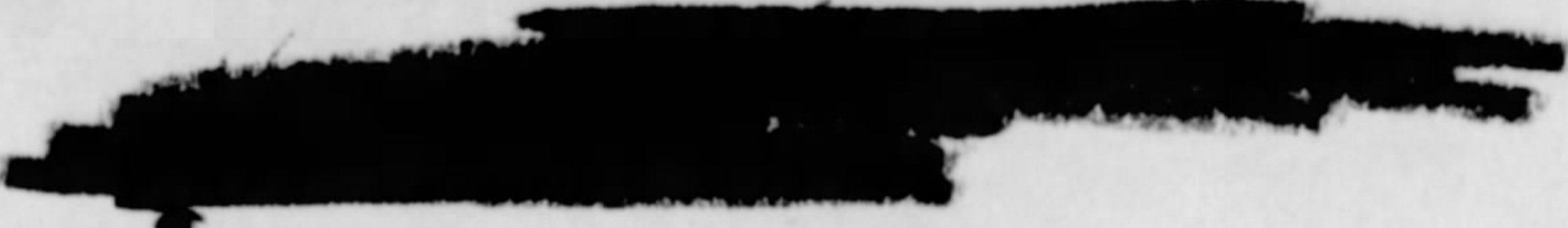
There is a War, ~~Weather~~ ^{both} ~~be~~

bitter and dangerous

There has been much Discussion of GERM ware and
much Accusation.....The enemy evidently has conten-
plation of this method of distruction.....

There is also wide knowlege of the Japense
effort with balloons.

Ther-fore this small crumb of information.



CO. Military Flight
March Services
March AFB
Riverside Calif

Via : Valley Wells.

Nipton Calif.
March 1 1953.

To:

Army
Air Services
Civilian Defences Services.
Or, Intellegences Services.

Oberservance.

Of Something, out of ordinary. In the Air.
Friday Evening Febuary 27 1953.

Area. Township 12N R13 E. SBBM. Covering Lat. 35 N.
Long. 115-40 to 115-20.
thru area, Kelso to Elroa. On U.P.R.R.

Observed from:

Point approxmate 5 miles northly
From Marl Springs
Elevation 4475 ft.

Object:

Very Bright, star -like during last hour
of sun-shine before sun-set
Weather Mild-Tempture approxmate 60
Wind 5 to 7 mi. from South-east.

At first, thought it was plane on manuver. then
may-be star. finally noticed it was seemingly
stationary. Thirty minutes later noticed
that it had moved very little if at all.
Then took Sighting, from a point on house with a
twig for foward sight.

Watched untill after dark. Concluded it was
moving North east at about 5 to 7 miles per hr.

This object at first seem to be very bright
a large star, maybe, about sunset it seemed to
get larger, brightness incressed if anything.

About dark, it started to fade, finally became
Brownish red, then faded to red, untill utterly
disapering. No way of defnitly measuring distance
traveled or height, or distance away. Very High
with-out doubt. Have a point that could be used
to tringulate from..

Writer:

Fomer Balloon Cor. Vetran.

Fimlar with Weather Ballons

Have picked up numerous remains of them..

• Filinar With weather phenomenon in this area.
Planes all kinds, expirmental flights, vapor trails
ect.

Conclusion:

This object too large for weather
Too bright for ordinary material
so must have been painted or of
some ????? Material.

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

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?

27 February 1953
Day Month Year

approx
2. Time of day: 5:30 7:30
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

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Nipton / Pasadena Calif.
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: Township 13-N Range 13-East San Bernardino Co

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

2 0 0
Hours Minutes Seconds

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

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight To
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

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
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 *To*
☐ 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 *Very Bright Star*

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | ☒ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | ☒ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ 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: _____

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 *Bright*

☐ b. Transparent?

☐ c. Don't Know.

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

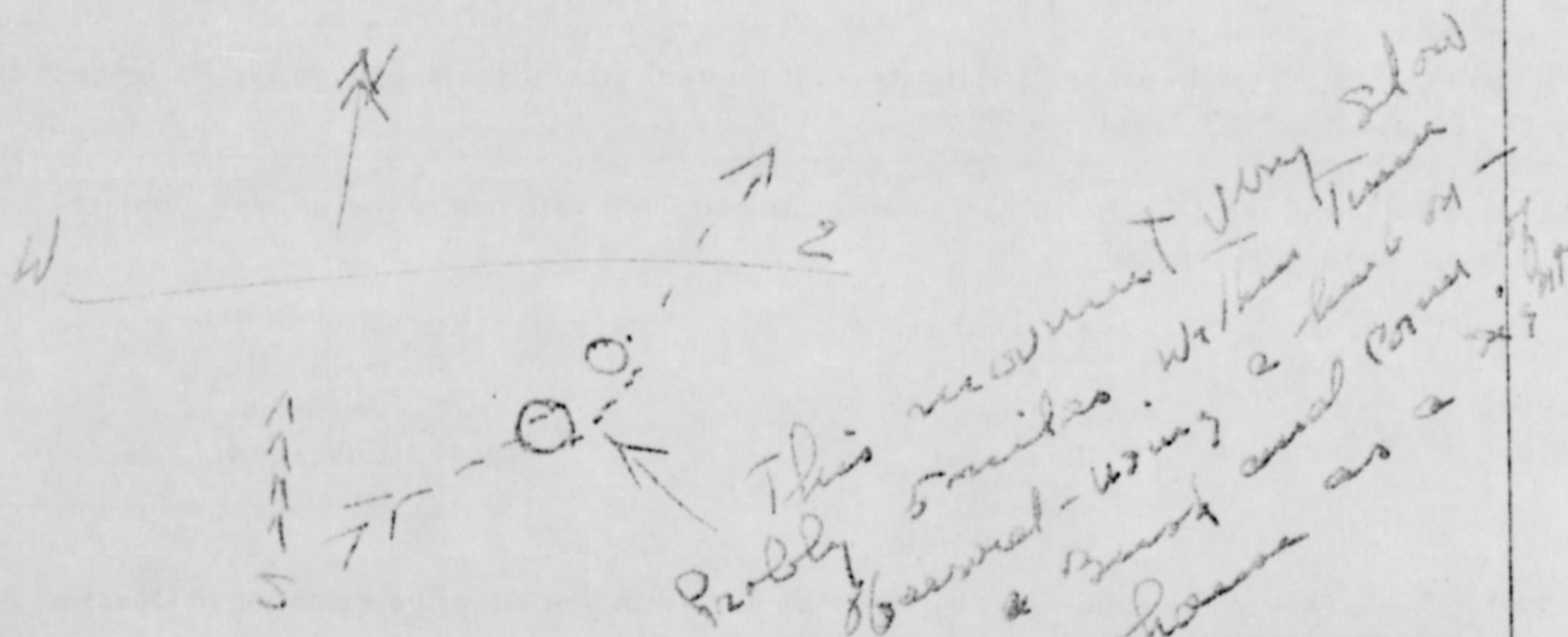
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|-----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----|--------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | ☒ No | e. Binoculars | Yes | ☐ No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | ☒ No | f. Telescope | Yes | ☐ No |
| c. Windshield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

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

a. Sound no

b. Color Larger than Evening Star - Brighter than Evening Star

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.



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 At first - Very Bright -
Fading at later time
Faded - To Dark red
finally fading entirely

19. 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 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.

5 miles in 2 hours
Very slow
very noticeable
a definite right

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.

50-75 100' feet, estimates

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 | g. Silver dollar |
| b. Pea | h. Baseball |
| c. Dime | i. Grapefruit |
| d. Nickel | ☒ f. Basketball |
| e. Quarter | ☒ k. Other _____ |
| f. Half dollar | |

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

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| ☒ a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? *Started to grow dimmer in*

Brightness - turning to a redish - then to red with
approaching darkness - at darkness - final darkness
and no visible.

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.

a large - Balloon out of metallic
material. A material that would Reflect
the Sun light.

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 Camp. Elevation 4500'

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

Came into my camp from work at mine
arranging some of the chases - getting in wood
attending nursery camp chores -

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. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? Walking miles per hour around camp.

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

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

a number of times took break

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

- | | | | |
|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| 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 | g. West |
| b. Northeast | ☒ 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:

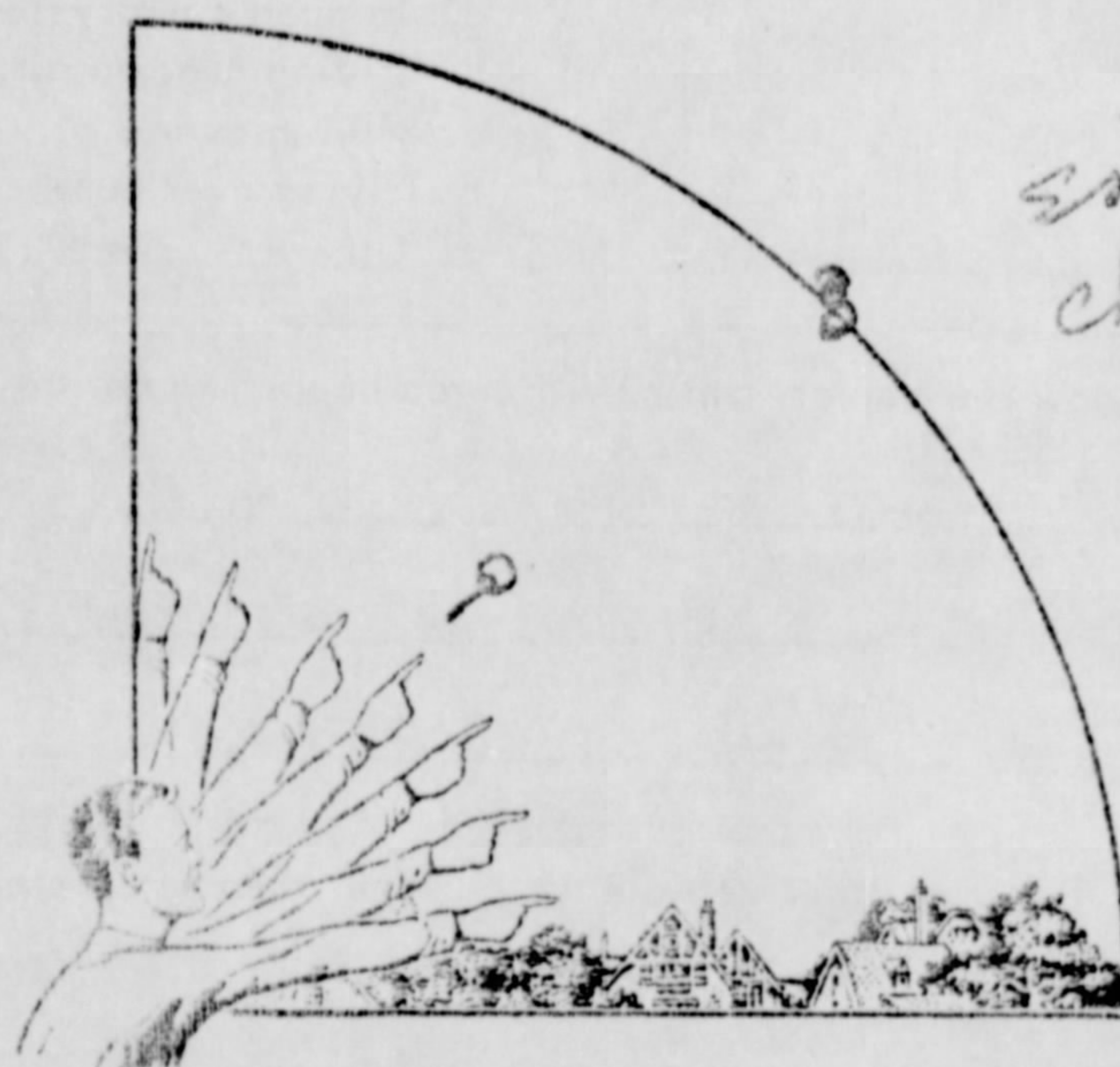
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

about above South East

31.2 When it disappeared:

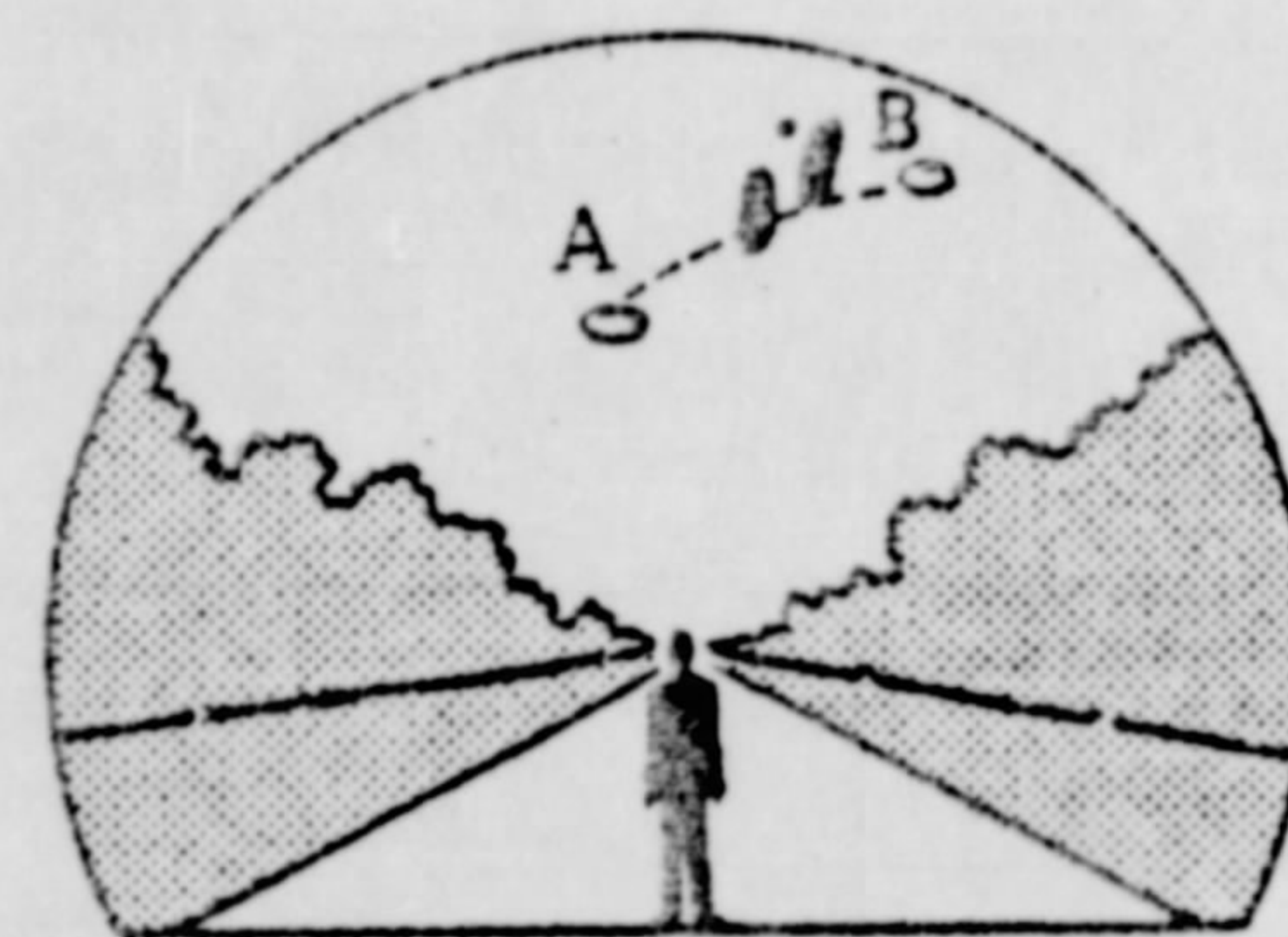
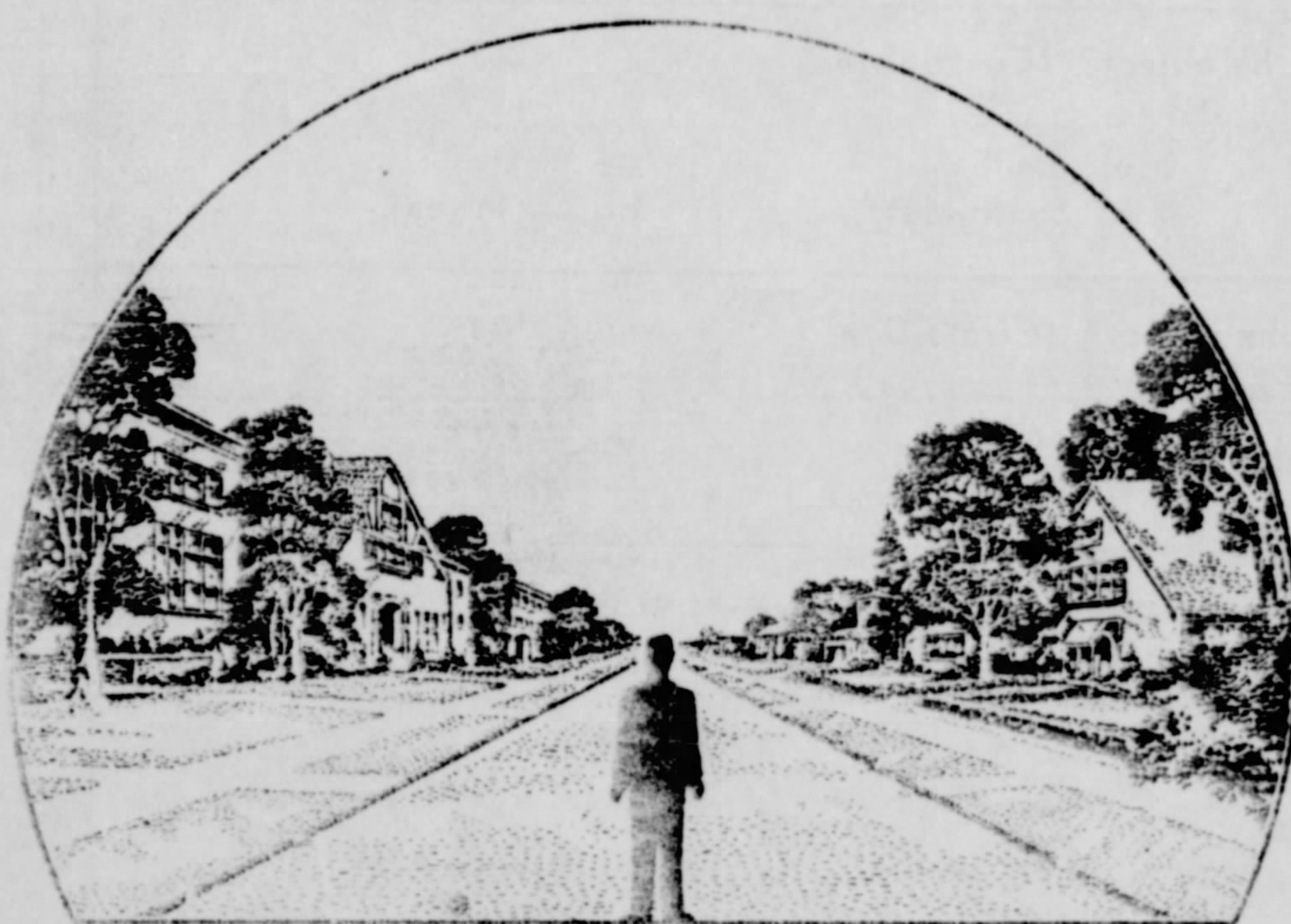
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

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.



*Estimate it did not
change elevation*

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.



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

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 5 m.p.h.

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

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 20 miles

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [Redacted] Last Name [Redacted] First Name [Redacted] Middle Name [Redacted]

ADDRESS [Redacted] Street Passadena City 5 Zone Calif State

TELEPHONE NUMB [Redacted]

What is your present job? Miner Engineer - Prospector

Age 62 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school X

b. High school _____

c. College _____

d. Post graduate _____

e. e. Technical school _____

(Type) _____

f. Other special training Served in

W.W.I. Ballon division Air

Service

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

April - 6 Day April Month 1953 Year

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

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

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

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- ☒ b. Slight breeze *From S.E.*
- 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?

Sent letter into family to determine where it should be
Appropriate / Day Month Year *March 1953 - Reported and sent*

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:

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?

Likely some form of large balloon that
had been launched in a definite large weather
mass.

Came to notice it had not moved
or had even moved in opposite direction
so took a sight on it with the most handy
and stable thing handy - corner of the house a
very small twig or a tree limb - with a crack
to definitely locate my sight each time. This
object - I estimate was - about 20 miles
away - 40000 - 50000 ft high - probably 50' to 100' in
diameter - traveling very slowly to north east.
During the time 2 big flying army planes
passed between my self and the object - planes being
likely 10 miles away - 20000' ft up - There is a
series of Mt. Ranges - also to gauge by - The
curious thing is - I served my time in Observation
Balloons - have seen many kinds - have picked
up numerous weather equipment - But this one was
far different - entirely too large - too high - too
stable for any ordinary material. Later weather
proved that it was in the form of a
transient weather mass - or - air mass as the
weather people term it. Further this object in its

Reflection of Sun Rays shows it to be something
Special - not Rubber -

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]

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE April 6, 1953

This winter having made studies in geology - weather - optics, minerals, with other studies to become more or less successful. Finds that, of all natural and other phenomena observed this one - should be reported. at time was opening up a Tungsten mine, and coming in from work - to camp and during the necessary chores - happened to observe this object - which at first in the day sun light and near sunset seemed to be a very bright star - "curiosity" kept me observing this as a - sun bright star is a rare phenomenon.

Kept noticing this object from time to time