

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 29 March 53 29/2145Z	2. LOCATION Spooner, Wisconsin
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	None of the observers have any previous experience in a/c recognition. No known a/c is not capable of such maneuvers in 15
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Circular aluminum colored object approx 1/2 size of moon
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	traveled at a high rate of speed at a high altitude reversing its direction 2 times disappeared to the N. Object made all these maneuvers in 15 seconds.
7. COURSE N-S-N	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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[REDACTED] /WD 2415 FLYOBRPT COLON THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS
RECEIVED AT THIS HEADQUARTERS THREE APRIL FIVE THREE FROM MISTER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED] CMA WISCONSIN PD PAR ONE PD OBJECT APPEARED
TO BE A CIRCULAR ALUMINUM COLORED DISC APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF THE SIZE
OF THE MOON AND AT A VERY HIGH ALTITUDE PD THE SIZE AND SHAPE OF THIS
OBJECT NEVER VAIED PD IT WAS OBSERVED FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE FIVE
SECONDS DURING WHICH TIME IT WAS TRAVELING AT A VERY HIGH
RATE OF SPEED FROM SOUTH TO NORTH CMA REUTRNEED TO THE SOUTH CMA
REVERSED ITS DIRECTION AND WAS LAST OBSERVED HEADING NORTH PD PAR TWO
PD TIME OF SIGHTING CMA TWO ONE FOUR FIVE ZEBRA TWO NINE MARCH ONE
NINE FIVE THREE PD PAR THREE PD VISUALLY OBSERVED BY FOUR PERSONS PD

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PAR FOUR PD SIX AND ONE HALF MILES EAST PF SPOONER CMA WISCONSIN BY
PERSONNEL INSTALLING AN ANTENNA PD APR FIVE PD APERSON REPORTING
OBSERVATION CMA MISTER [REDACTED] CMA SPOONER CMA WISCONSIN PD
1767-21
TELEPHONE NUMBER ONE [REDACTED] THIS OBSERVER HAD
NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION CMA HOWEVER HE HAD
OBSERVED A SIMILIAR OBJECT AT SPOONER CMA WISCONSIN IN ONE 1938
NINE THREE EIGHT PD PAR SIX PD WEATHER WAS CLEAR TO THIN LIGHT CIRCUS
CLOUDS THROUGH WHICH BLUE SKY WAS VISIBLE PD WINDS ALOFT ONE EIGHT
ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET THREE FOUR ZERO DEGREES AT FIVE ZERO KNOTS CMA
THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET THREE TWO ZERO DEGREES AT EIGHTY KNOTS
CMA FOUR ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET THREE TWO ZERO DEGREES AT SEVEN
ZERO KNOTS PD PAR SEVEN PD NONE PAR EIGHT PD NONE PAR NINE PD NONE
PAR TEN PD UNKNOWN PD END

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31ST AIR DIVISION
FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

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WD 319.1

8 APR 1953

SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

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TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Forwarded herewith are FLYOBRPT in accordance with AFL 200-5.
29 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Odus L. Kimberling 7

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1. FLYOBRPT (3 Apr 53)
2. FLYOBRPT (5 Apr 53)

ODUS L. KIMBERLING
MAJOR USAF
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COUNTRY USA		REPORT NO. UNCLASSIFIED	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT FLYOBREP			
AREA REPORTED ON State of Wisconsin		FROM (Agency) Hq 31st ADiv	
DATE OF REPORT 7 Apr 53	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 Apr 53	EVALUATION F-2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) 1st Lt Conrad R. Case		SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED] (Civilian)	
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.)

Mr. [REDACTED] of Spooner, Wisconsin reported a circular aluminum disc approximately one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the size of the moon and at a very high altitude. The size of the object never varied. It was observed for approximately fifteen (15) seconds during which time it was traveling at a very high rate of speed from south to north, returned to the south then reversed its direction of travel and was last observed heading north. Object was sighted at 2145Z 29 Mar 53 approximately six and one half ($6\frac{1}{2}$) miles east of Spooner, Wisconsin. The object was observed visually by four (4) persons who at the time of sighting were installing an antenna. Mr. [REDACTED] has had no previous experience in aircraft recognition, however he had observed similar object at Spooner in 1938. Weather was clear to light cirrus clouds though which blue sky was visible. Winds aloft 18,000 feet, 340 degrees at fifty (50) knots, 30,000 feet, 320 degrees at eighty (80) knots, and at 40,000 feet, 320 degrees at seventy (70) knots.

Conrad R. Case
Preparing Officer: CONRAD R. CASE
1st Lt., USAF

James R. Larson
Approving Officer: JAMES R. LARSON
Lt. Col., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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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?

Sunday March 27 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 4

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?

[Redacted]
Nearest Post Office

Madge
City or Town

Shashbury County
Wisconsin
State or Country

Additional remarks:

Object was seen flying Crystal
Ball Properties, my place of business.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

Minutes 2

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

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

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 DON'T KNOW

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?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

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

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

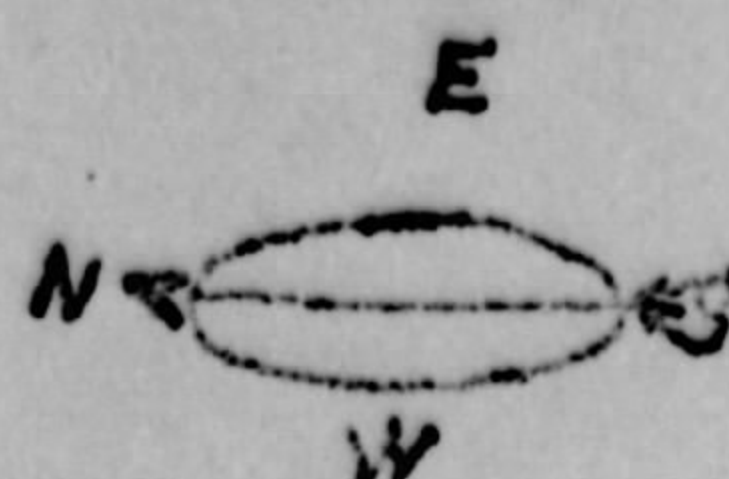
h. Other _____

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

a. Sound NONE

b. Color Silver

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 _____

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.

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

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 _____

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? Faded away after coming
back from its line of flight twice.

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.

Plain aluminum disk.

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 hilly country

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

Installing TV Antenna

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? _____ 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. <u>South</u> | 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. <u>North</u> | 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).

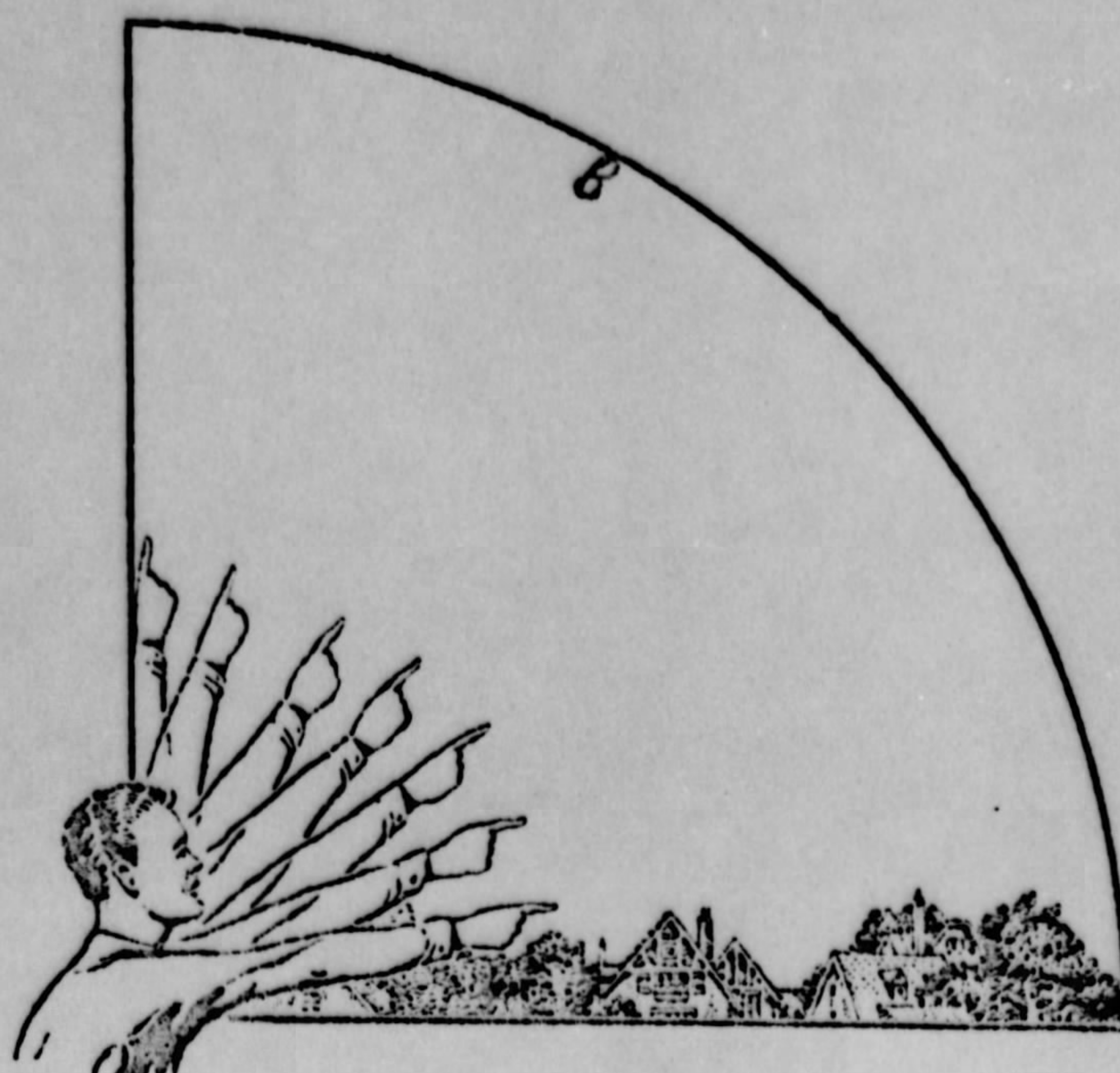
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

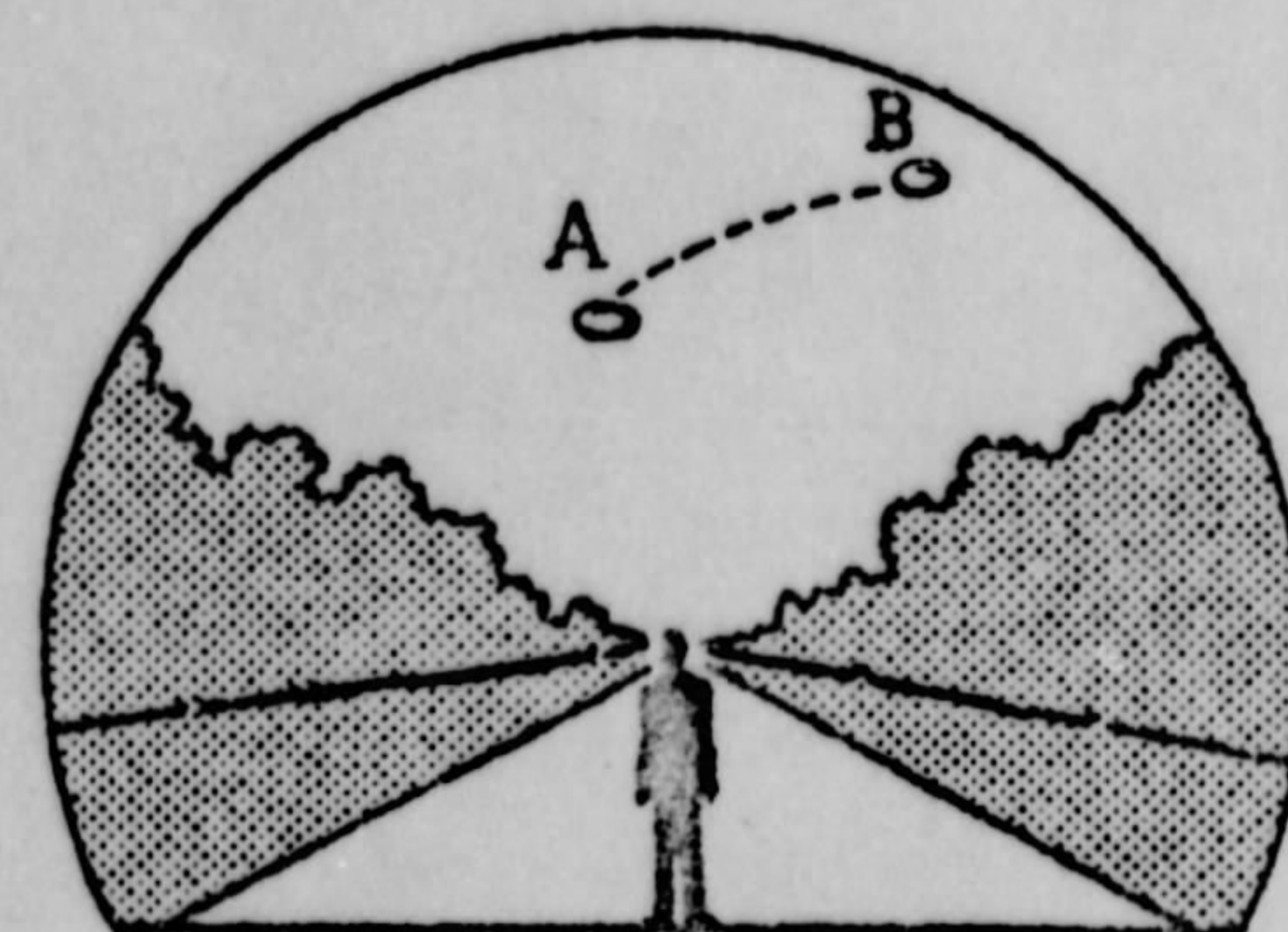
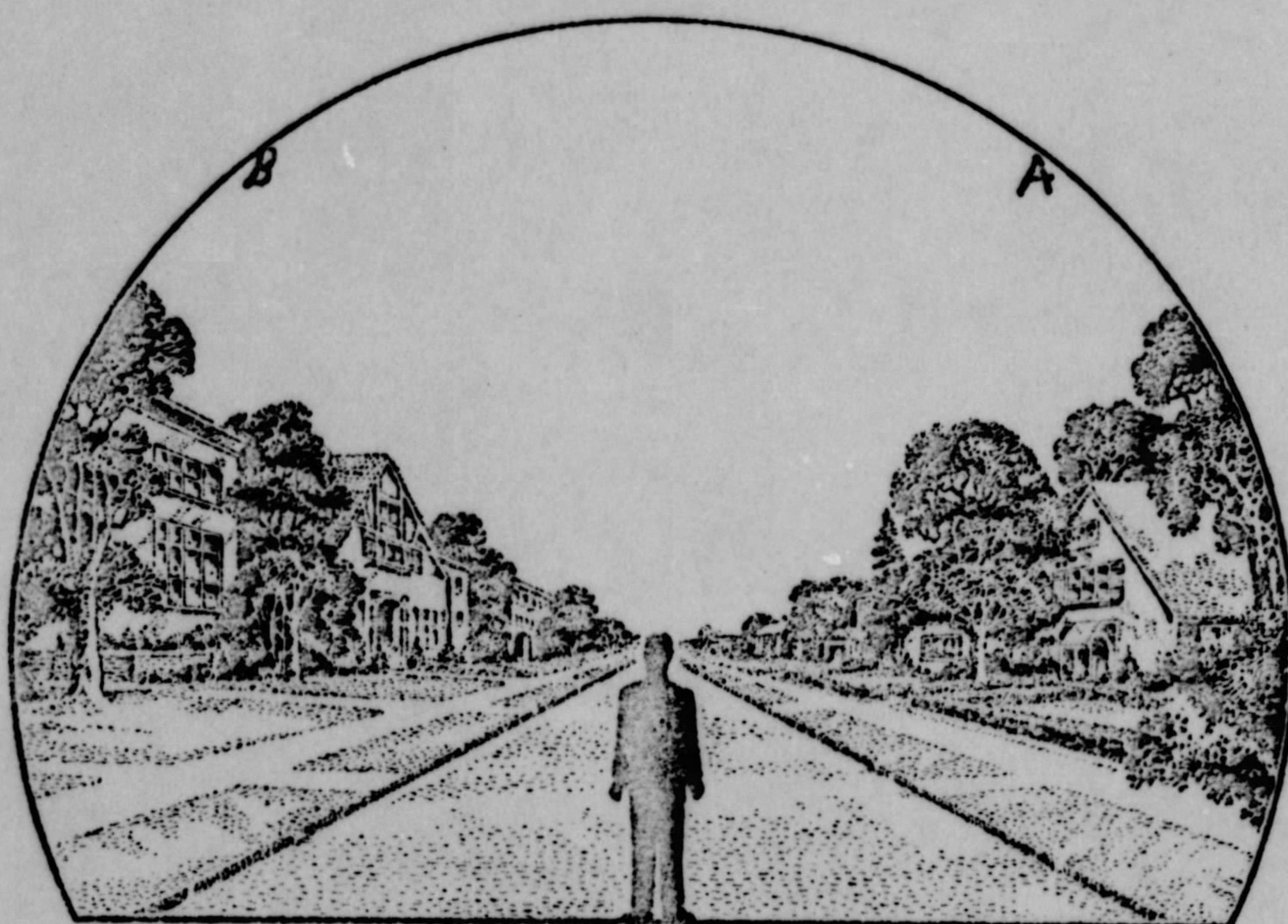
31.2 When it disappeared:

- 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.



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
- 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
- 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?

Sunday 29 March 1953
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:

~~_____~~ Spooner, Wisconsin
~~_____~~ Spooner, Wis.
~~_____~~ Rt. 2 Spooner, Wisconsin

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?

~~_____~~ and I saw this silver disk
on September 24, 1938 while having lunch
along the stream on this property.

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

Similar as described above only larger in
size and flying from north to south.

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?

_____ 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?

_____ 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?

Hatchery manager and caretaker.

Age

46

Sex

Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____

b. High school _____

c. College _____

d. Post graduate _____

e. e. Technical school _____

(Type) _____

f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

8
Day

June
Month

1952
Year

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

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

June 8, 1953

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HOWARD L. BEVIS, *President*

COLUMBUS 10

EMERSON McMILLIN OBSERVATORY

19 May 53

1st Lt. Robert Olsson
Wright-Patterson AFB.

Dear Lt. Olsson;

This is a belated report on the last batch which I received at the end of April.

Just as soon as our plans for employing Miss Gluck officially go through, I shall be able to send you a sheet with comments on each individual case, so that you will have my comments on each folder. The letter method ~~is~~ has obvious drawbacks. But until that time comes and she can handle my typing and completion of forms, I had better stick to this letter method.

In this latest batch we have only 4 really interesting cases. I might mention a 5th, 28 March 53, Scott AFB, which is the 1st report I've seen of an honest to goodness mirage. 6 Cases have only one observer and I'm following my usual rule of discounting those.

8 April was a meteor.

The Great Falls 3 April case was Venus if reported time~~s~~ was in error.

28 March Albrook AFB was pr~~o~~bably Venus.

31 March Honshu, and 30 March Lyle, Wash., are puzzling but could possibly have been balloons.

~~The 8 April~~ Greenland case was an obvious meteor.

This brings us to the interesting cases:

25 March San Antonio could hardly have been a mirage and I'm surprised there was no radar pickup. Was there any aircraft like helicopters that might explain this. Anything more come in on this one? Don't think this is good enough for a pinch-bottle but it should be listed as Nocturnal meandering light.

29 March Spooner, Wisc. Duration times needs ch~~e~~cking here. Hard to believe that object could have done all that in 15 seconds. An interesting case and one of the regular questionair~~e~~s should be sent to Mr. Gillette.

Next is the 12 April Stead AFB. I think this is the most interesting case of the batch, and I hope you receive more dope on it. Questionnaires should be sent. I'd like to see Menzel explain this one! Is there any possibility that these could have been aircraft? Apparently ducks have been eliminated.

As for the 26 March, Equasseur AFB although NML, the data are ~~con~~tradictory and insufficient. Perhaps this was a helicopter? We ought to ~~have~~ have much more information on this one. Has this been received?

Sincerely,
Allen Hyatt