

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 March 53 31/2045Z	2. LOCATION Williams AFB, Arizona
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON A/c in the area was not reported to ATIC. A pi-ball weather balloon is scheduled to be launched at 2100Z (15 minutes before sighting) at Phoenix, Arizona. Winds aloft were not reported to ATIC. Description consistent with Airborne Balloon observation.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Silver disc shaped object traveled at a high rate of speed in a S direction. Object was observed 16 miles W of Williams AFB by a civilian test pilot in an a/c traveling in a NW direction. Estimated altitude of object at 5,000 ft. Disc shaped object 23 feet in diameter.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
 FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

Multiple

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ATIME-5

CSAF ITEM 2 [REDACTED]

FROM CAPTAIN HARRY B SMITH

TO LT OLSSON ATIME-5

THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED AT A CIVILIAN REPORT
FROM WILLIAM AFB DTG 312314Z AT 1345

HOURS MET THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS RECEIVED
BY FRODOX TWR. QUOTE MR [REDACTED] FLY A

CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT TYPE UNKNOWN REPORTED

AND UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT EAST OF 80 MI.

THE OBJECT WAS TRAVELING FROM N TO S AT AN
ALTITUDE OF 5,000 FEET AT A TERRIFIC RATE OF
SPEED. THE LOCATION IS APPROX AS BEING 6

MILES SE OF ST HANCOCK AFB. (33 DEGREES 21

MIN N LATITUDE AND 112 DEGREES 4 MIN E

LONGITUDE). THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE 2

TO 3 FEET IN DIAMETER AND DISC SHAPE. HE

DID NOT GET THE COLOR QUOTE. MR [REDACTED] RESIDENCE

IS [REDACTED] BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

SUGGEST YOU CHECK DIRECTLY WITH MR. CHERRY

FOR FURTHER DESIRED INFO.

END CSAF ITEM 2 (RESTRICTED)

*Questionnaire
sent 3 APR 53*

*MR. K [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Bakersfield, Calif.*

*31/1400 MST
Will call AF-B [REDACTED]*

Source sent an abs. quest.

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?

31ST MARCH 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

APPROX. 1400 MST
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?

16 MILES WEST OF WILLIAMS AFB ARIZONA

Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or Country

Additional remarks: FLYING 315° MAG. 4000' MSL 175 MPH
APPROACHING PHOENIX ARIZ FROM THE SOUTH

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

Minutes

10
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

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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 APPROX. 100 YARDS

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, than 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?

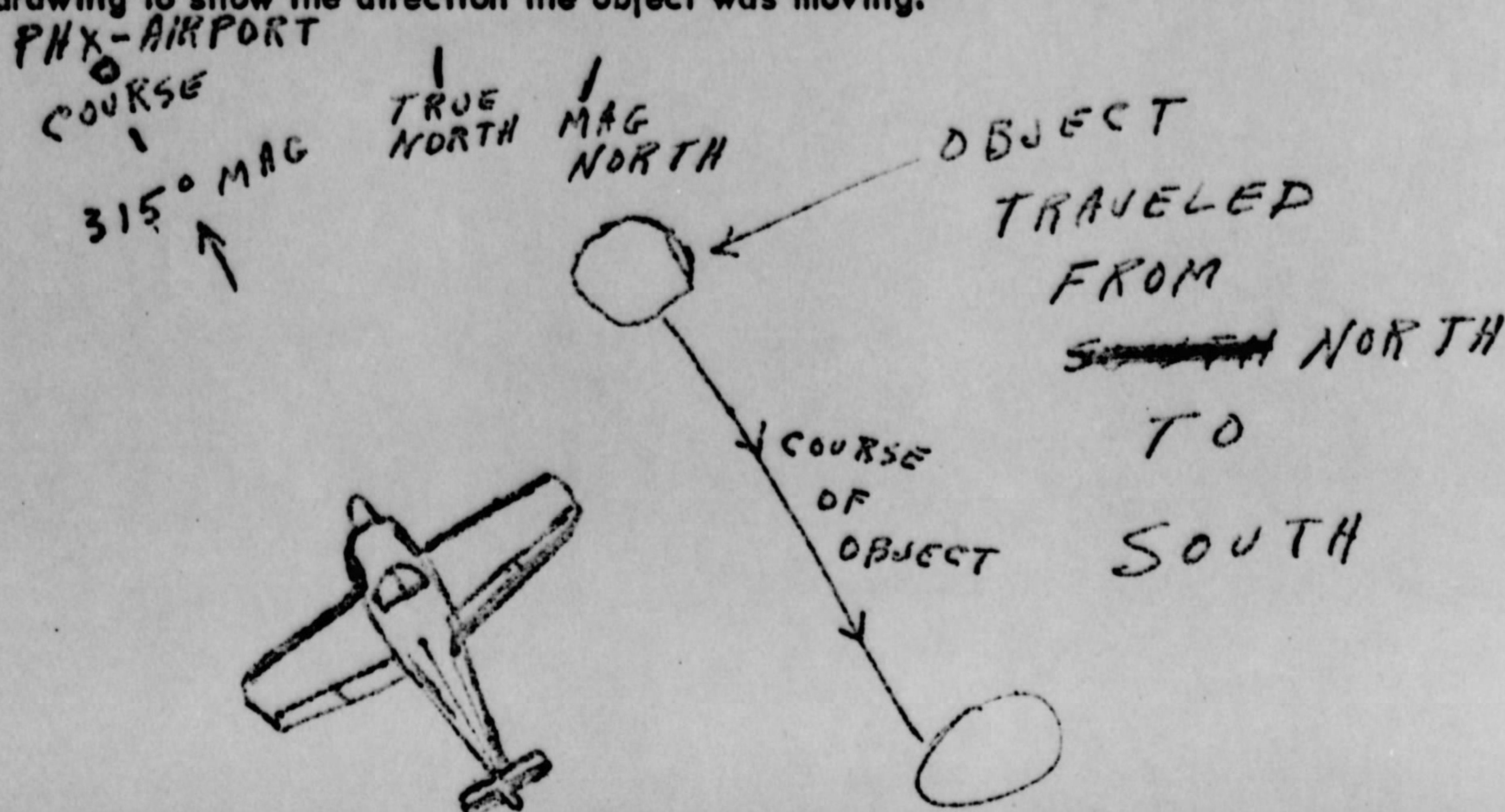
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|--|--------------------------------------|----|----------------|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| <u>AIRCRAFT</u> ☒ c. Windshield | ☒ Yes | No | g. Theodolite | 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 SQUARE OR ROUND
OBJECT WAS SO FAST WE
COULDN'T SEE

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.

THE OBJECT WAS EITHER SMALL & CLOSE IN OR
 LARGER AND FURTHER AWAY. DUE TO EXTREME
 SPEED WE WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE JUST
 WHAT SIZE IT REALLY WAS, WE COULD
 SEE THAT IT DID NOT HAVE ANY WINGS

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.

SEE 17.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
9 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

LARGER AT LEAST
THREE FEET OR LARGER

- 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? TO OUR RIGHT AND TO
THE REAR

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.

SILVER IN COLOR

THREE FEET OR LARGER IN SIZE

SQUARE OR ROUND

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 _____

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

MAKING A 500' A MINUTE LET DOWN TO PHOENIX

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
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- ☒ h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? 175 MPH 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
- ☒ b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

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

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- ☒ d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

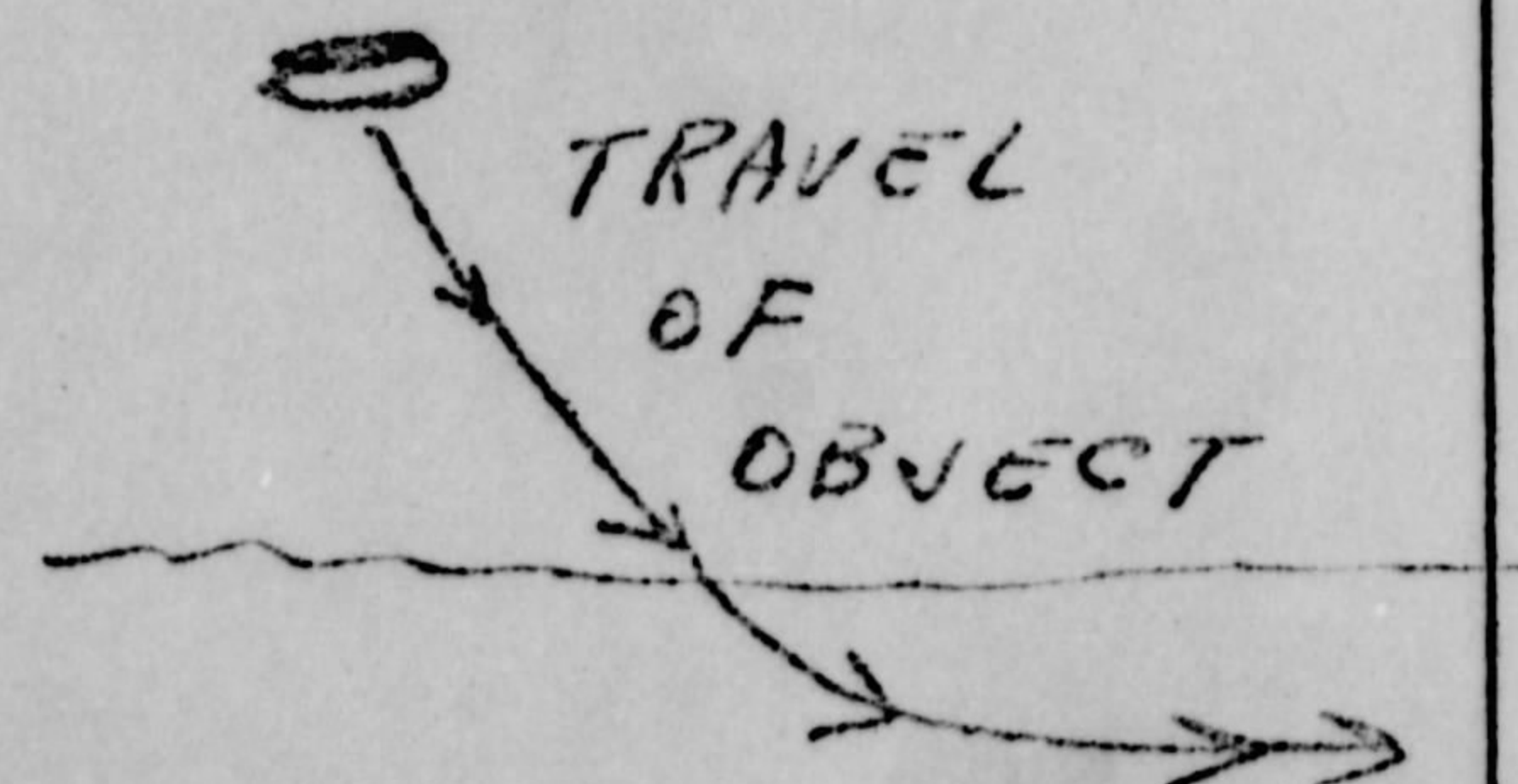
31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

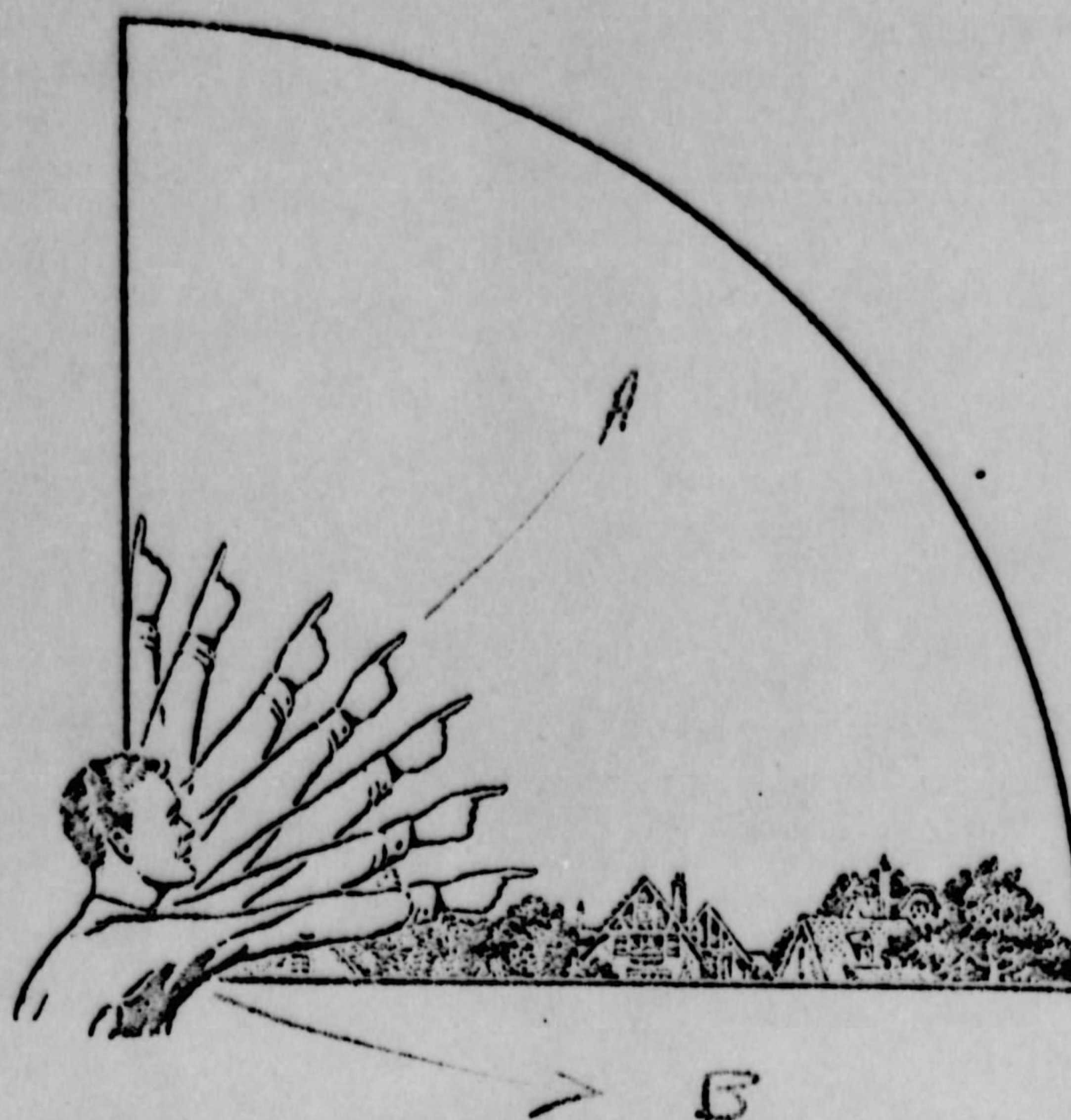
- a. From true North 10° degrees.
- b. From horizon 45 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

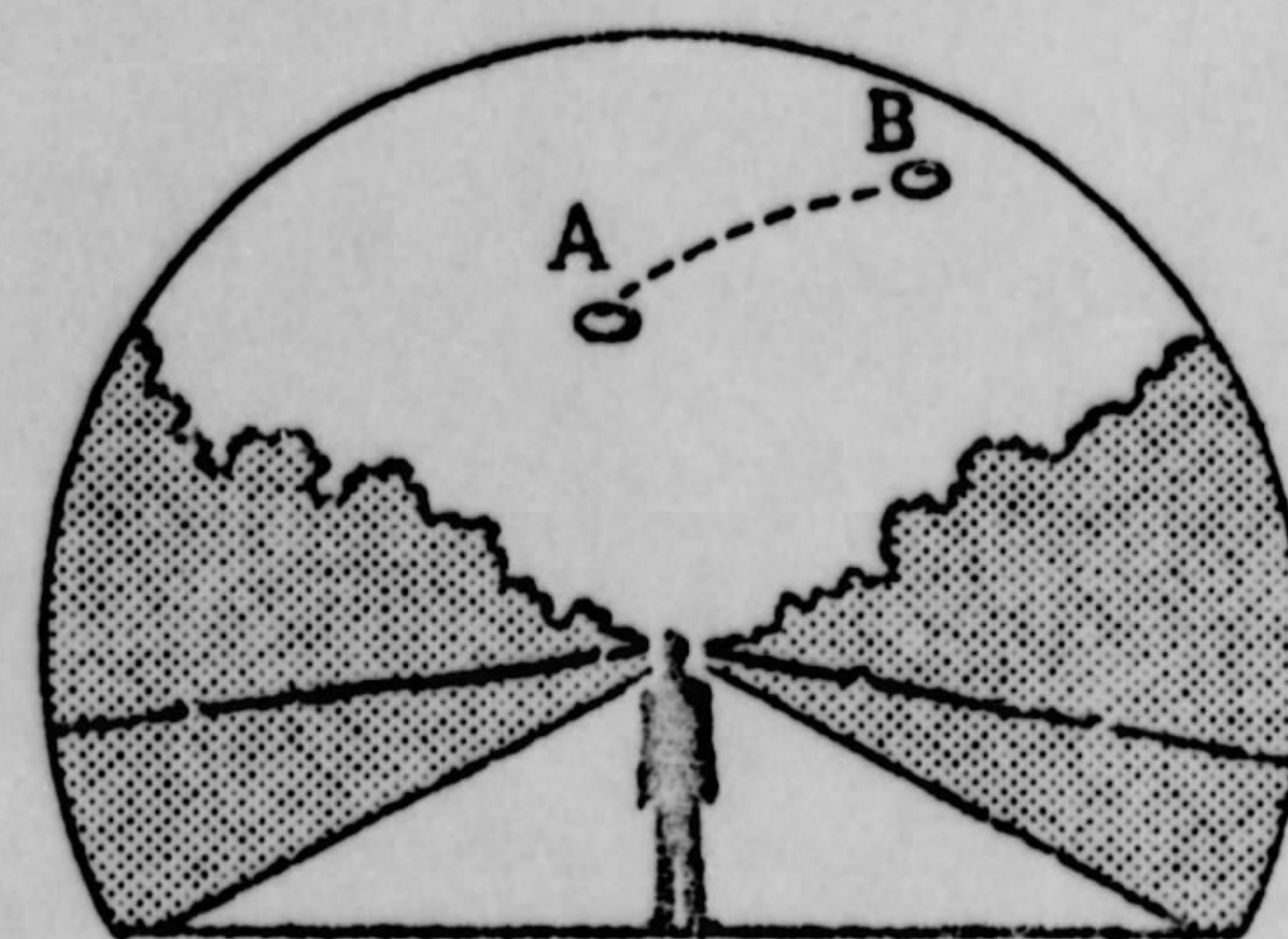
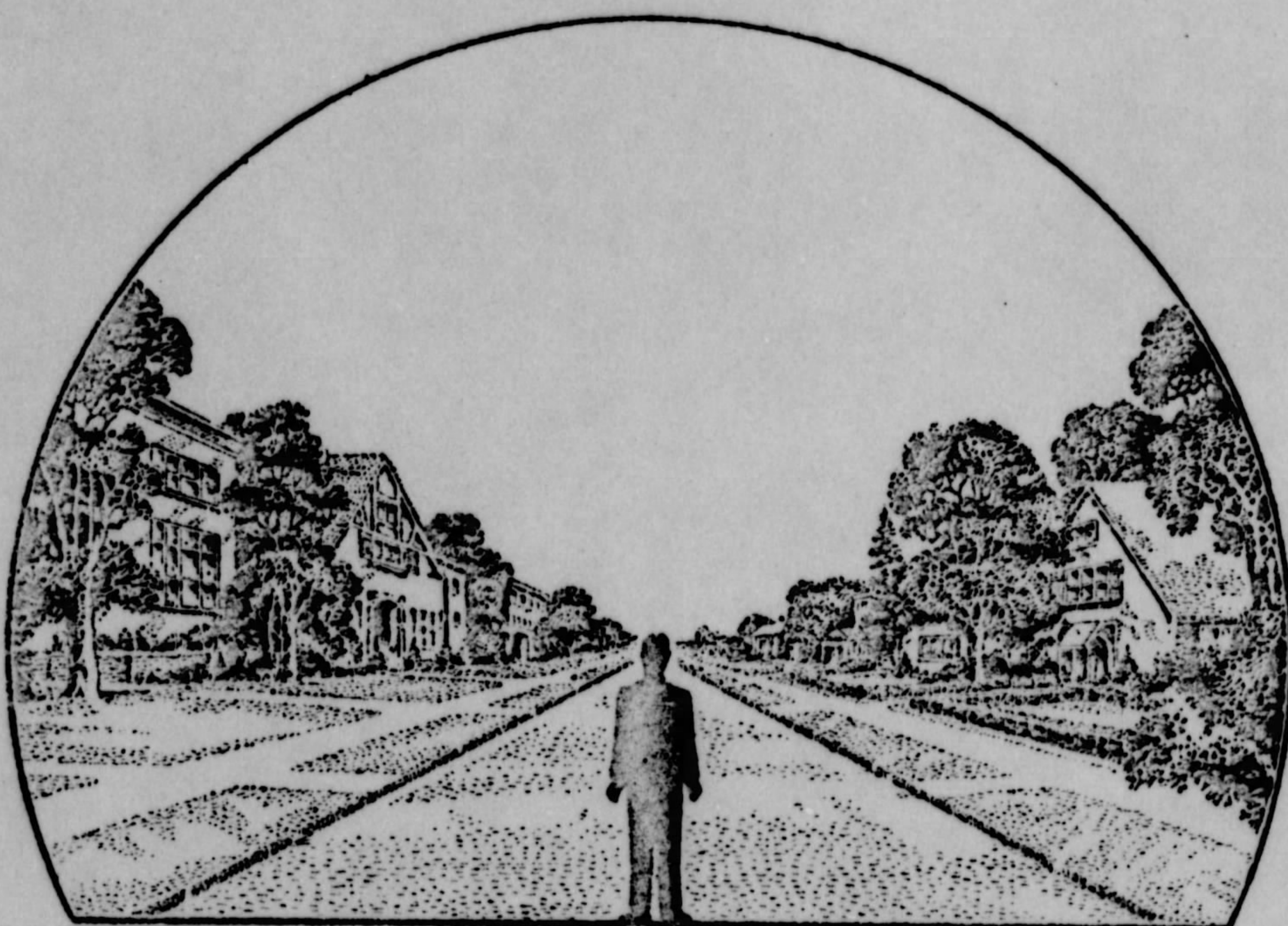
- a. From true North 150° degrees.
- b. From horizon LEVEL degrees. HORIZONTAL



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?

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Day Month Year TOWER

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:

TOM - REMP - DRILLING SUPT. STANSBURY INC.
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BAKERSFIELD CALIF.

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?

IT COULD HAVE BEEN A RADAR FOIL WEATHER
BALLON TRACKING DEVICE AND WE WERE CLOSE TO
IT MAKING IT APPEAR VERY FAST. ALTHOUGH I
UNDERSTAND A JET PILOT SPOTED AN OBJECT AT ABOUT
THE SAME TIME NEAR THERE.

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

(Circle One) Yes No 9

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

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

(Circle One) Yes No AT LEAST

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 1000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] BAKERSFIELD CA.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? PILOT-EMPLOYEE STANBURY INC. BAKERSFIELD

Age 34 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| a. Grade school _____ | e. e. Technical school <u>MECHANIC, BOMB SPOT.</u> |
| b. High school <u>✓</u> | <u>U.S. AIR FORCE</u> |
| c. College _____ | (Type) <u>WORLD WAR II</u> |
| d. Post graduate _____ | f. Other special training <u>PILOT TRAINING</u> |
| | <u>CIVIL 1500 HOURS 1000 CROSS</u> |
| | <u>COUNTRY</u> |

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

20 APRIL 1953
Day Month Year

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WAS LATE ACCOUNT, I
HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM CROSS COUNTRY
IN THE MIDDLE WEST.

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 BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE [Signature]

DATE 4/20/53

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE: