

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 April 53 21/0137Z	2. LOCATION Brooklyn, New York
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR) Source mentions possibility of object being a meteor. Description coincides with that of a meteor.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 4 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One teardrop shaped object was observed to fall from the sky in a SW direction. Object was yellow in color.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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1 Witness

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?

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Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

9 37
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 Postal Address

BROOKLYN 8

City or Town

N.Y.

State or Country

Additional remarks: ON WAY HOME FROM WORK 4 DOORS FROM HOME

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

Minutes

3-4
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?

CLEAR WITH SCATTERED CLOUDS

(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 No DISTURPTION SIMILAR

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | 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>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | <u>Yes</u> | 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):

SEE NOTE

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

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

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

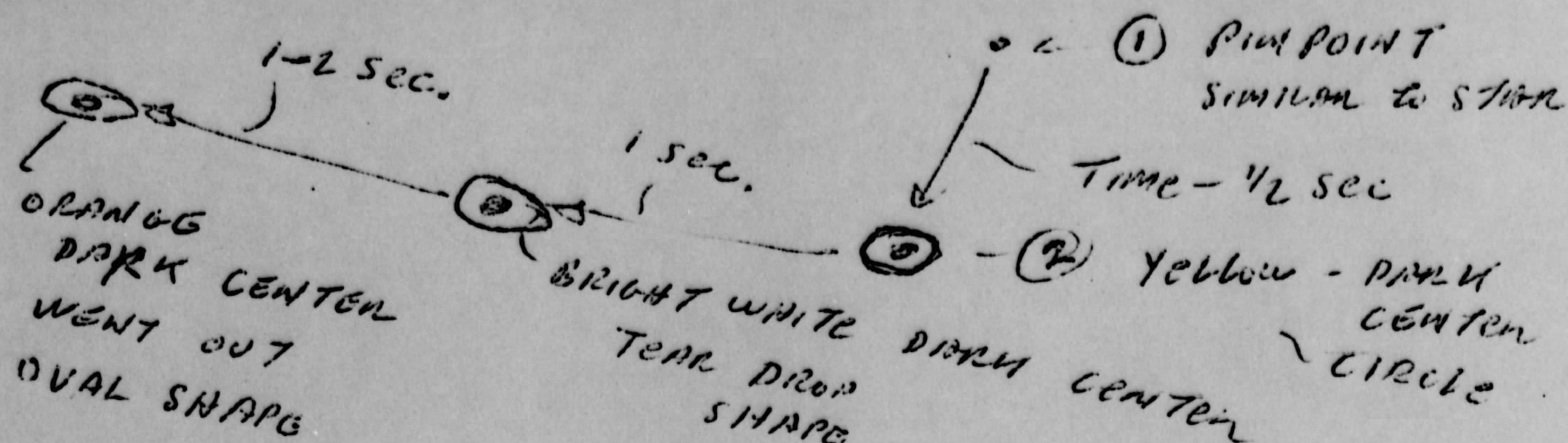
14- NOTE DARK CENTER APPEARED SOLID
COLORED OUTER RING APPEARED LUMINOUS.

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

a. Sound No Sound

b. Color WHITE - YELLOW - BRIGHT WHITE WITH DARK CENTER
FINALLY ORANGE WITH DARK CENTER

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? No

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. IMPOSSIBLE TO GUESS

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? JUST WENT OUT LINE
TURNING OFF A LIGHT BULB

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.

① WHEN FIRST SEEN THOUGHT IT WAS A PLANE TAIL LIGHT

② 2ND THOUGHT WAS A METAL

③ ALMOST INSTANTLY WAS LARGE & FAIRLY SLOW -

NO VISIBLE TRAIL

④ IN ① CIRCULAR - WAS ② CIRCULAR

AS IF CAME IN
PERPENDICULAR & MADE
RIGHT ANGLE TURN

~~ELLIPSE~~ - SIMILAR TO A FLAT CIRCULAR OBJECT

TURNING ON ITS SIDE OR BANKING

⑤ AS FOR MATERIAL - NO ESTIMATE

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?

WALKING HOME FROM SUBWAY 1/2 MILE BLOCK FROM HOME
LOOKED UP AT SKY TO SEE HOW WEATHER WAS - IT - CLOUDY
ON CLEAR - WAS JUST STARTING TO LOOK DOWN WHEN OBJECT APPEARED

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. 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 | <u>e. South</u> | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | <u>f. Southwest</u> | 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).

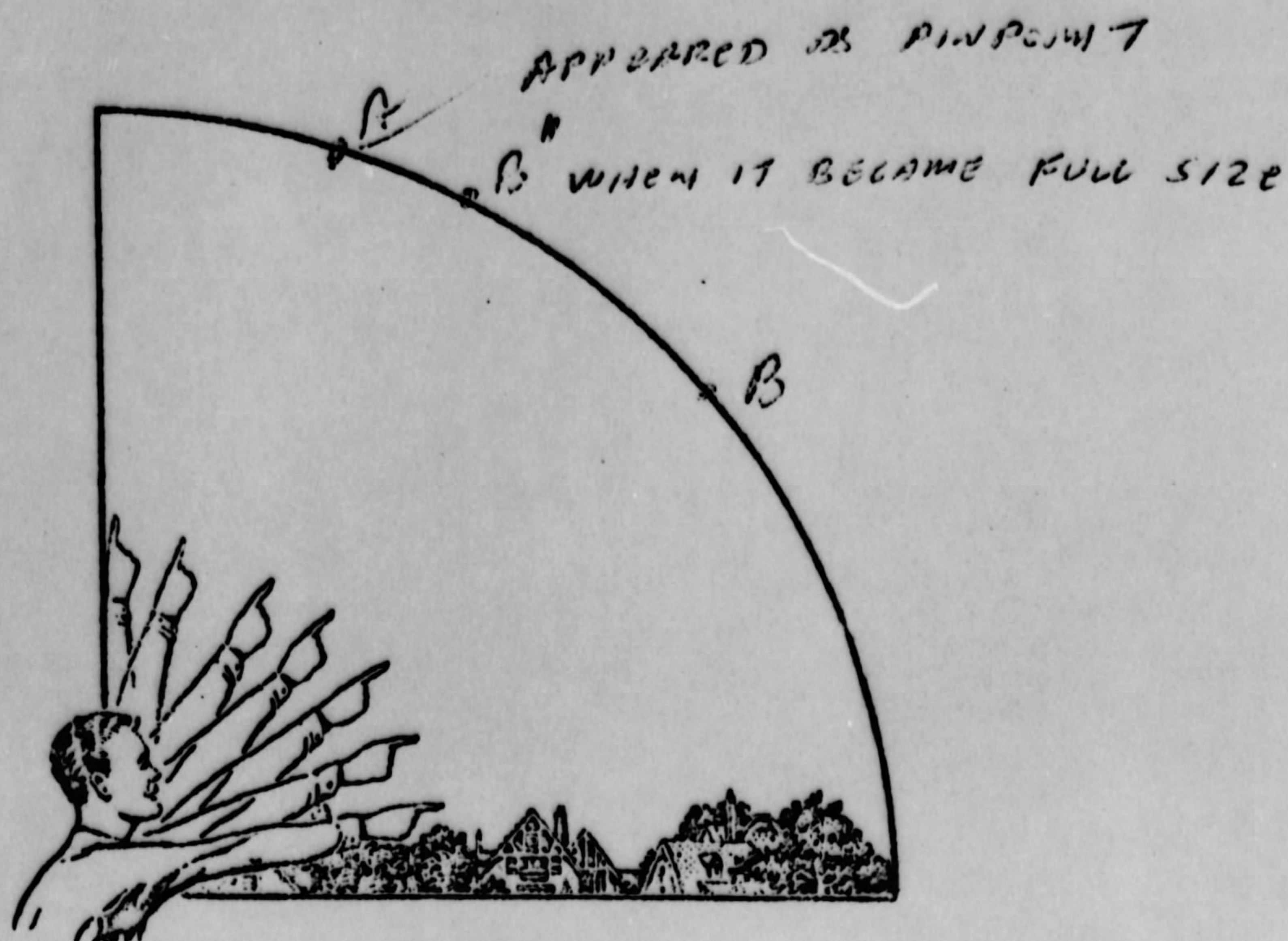
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 280 degrees.
- b. From horizon 80 degrees.

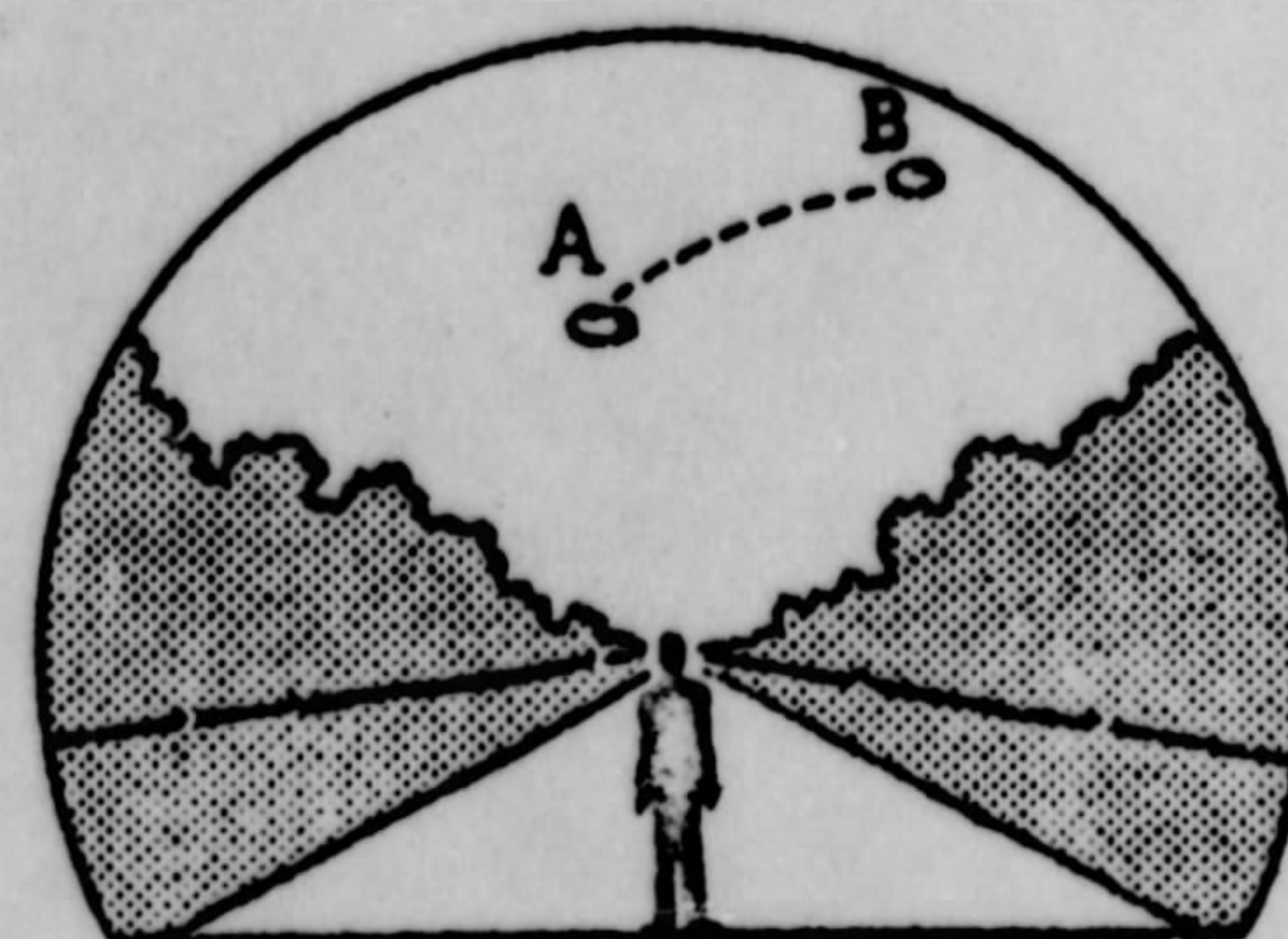
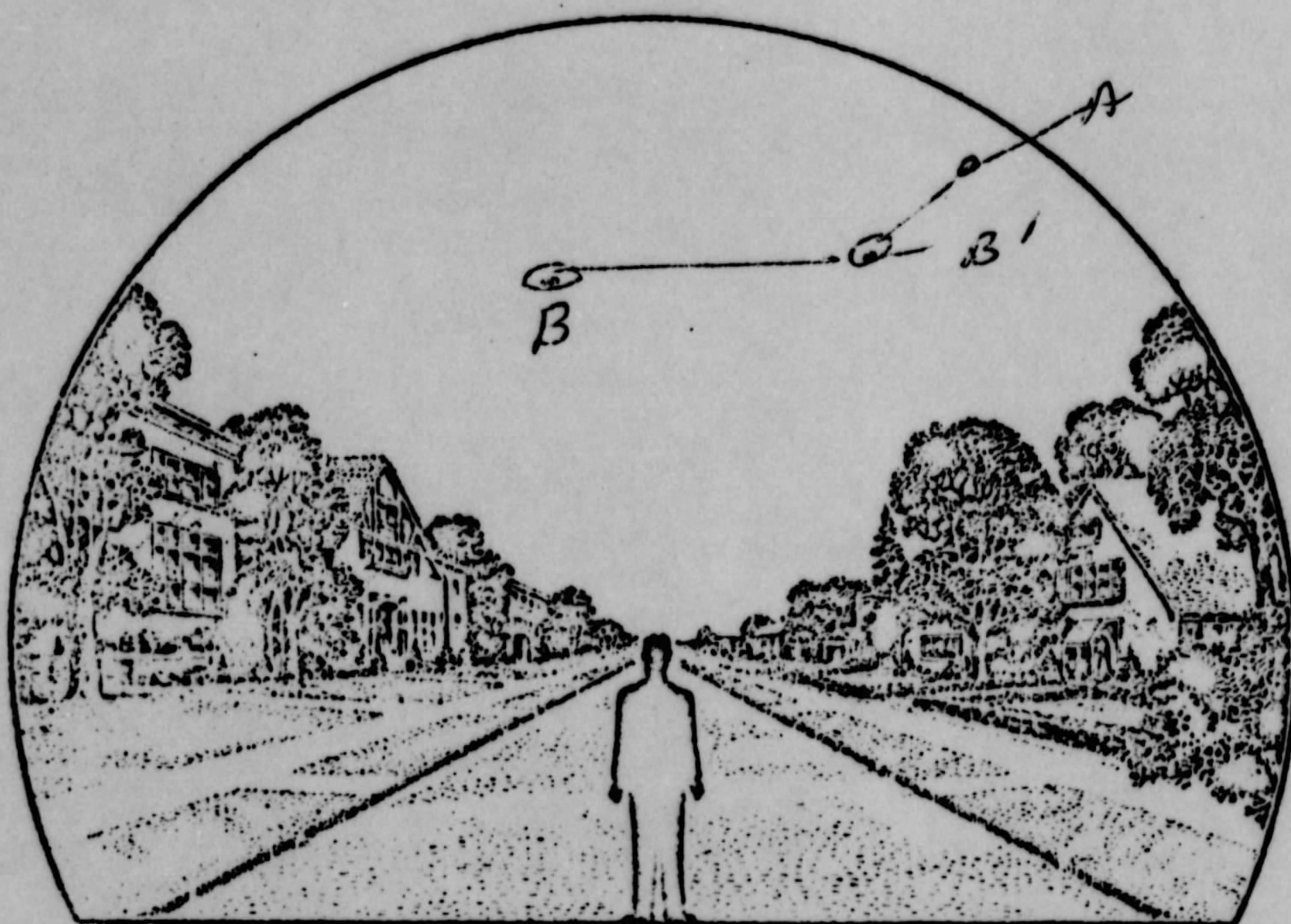
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 220 degrees.
- b. From horizon 45 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?

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Day Month Year

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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?

IF IT WAS A METEOR THERE WAS NO TRAIL - APPEARED LOWER,
LARGER & SLOWER THAN ANY I HAVE EVER SEEN -

IF NOT A METEOR - I HAVE NO IDEA EXCEPT A SO CALLED
FLYING SAUCER

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?

150 - 200 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

BROOKLYN
City

8
Zone

NY
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

PROCESS PIPING ENGINEER

Age

32 1/2

Sex

MALÉ

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school ✓

b. High school ✓

c. College BROOKLYN POLY TECH

d. Post graduate _____

e. e. Technical school BROOKLYN POLY TECH

(Type) BACHELOR OF MECH-ENG.

f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

Year

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(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

1. Sighting was not reported in local newspapers
 2. Although there are several million people in New York, the object would not have been noticed unless someone glanced at the sky at the right moment. I happened to glance up to see if the sky was clear of clouds in an effort to judge the next days weather.

There was no one else in the same block with me, how many other people were on other blocks in the neighborhood, I have no way of knowing.

3. As I glanced away from the sky the object appeared.

My first impression was an airplane - but the light didn't wink on and off.

My 2nd impression was a meteor - similar to that seen in profusion in the fall - and occasionally at other times of the year. Of these I have seen many.

However, almost instantly the object reached its full size and started off on an apparent horizontal course.

At this time I decided that I had never seen a meteor that had the following characteristics.

- ① - Left no visible trail.
- ② - Became large and changed color.
- ③ - Such a low altitude - definite line of demarcation between object and stars.
- ④ - Traveled so slowly -
- ⑤ - Any other meteors seen were star sized, appeared very far away, seemed to leave a trail behind.

4. The colors changed as follows -

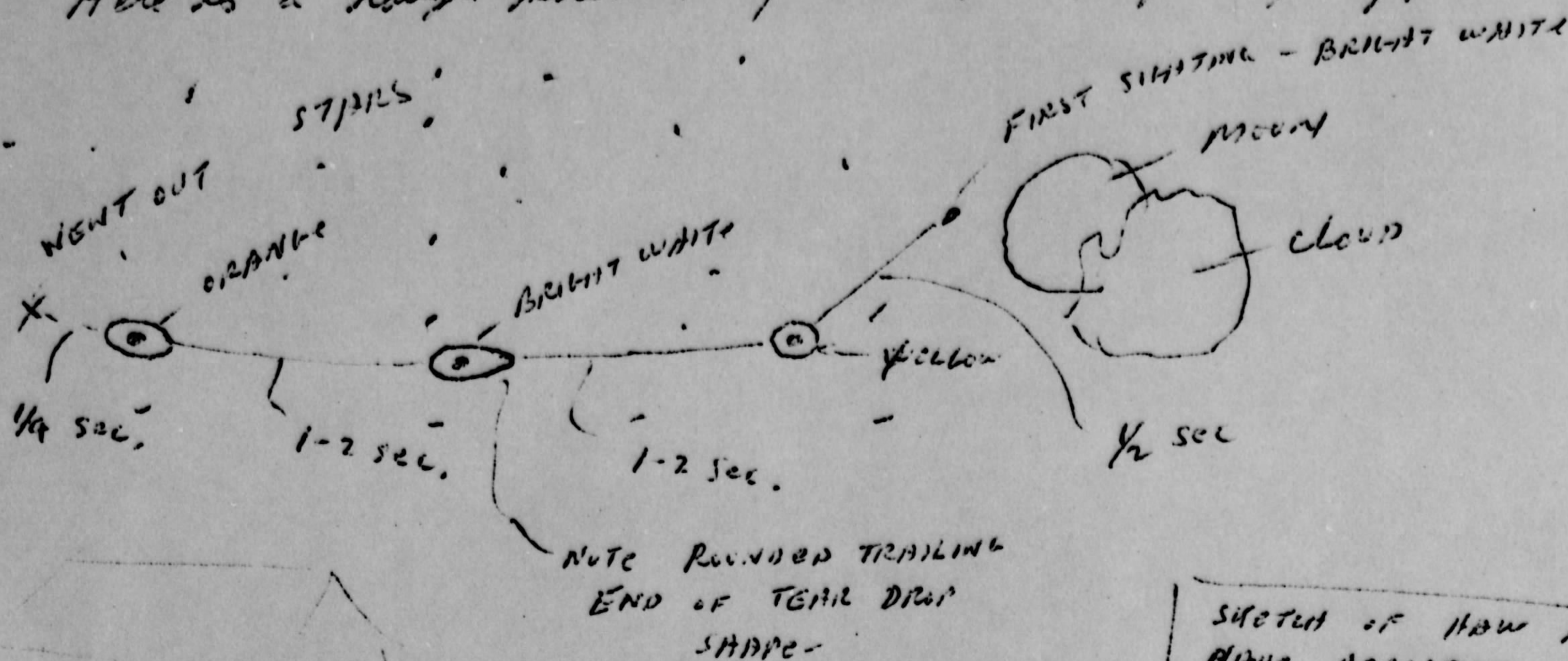
- ① pinpoint of light similar to star of first magnitude -
- ② - almost instantly, was large - circle - yellow in color
- ③ - about half way thru path was bright white with dark center - tear drop shape -
- ④ - at end of path was ellipsoidal shape with definite dark (almost black) circle or spherical center and orange colored surrounding envelope -
- ⑤ - appeared slightly smaller and went out -

5. - The object was not one of the following familiar objects -

- (1) airplane - running lights or exhaust.
- (2) search light - there were no low hanging clouds or beam of light to the object
- (3) Reflection or refraction of automobile head lights - again sky too clear and object seemed too low.
- (4) Meteor - as mentioned before did not resemble any previously or later seen.
- (5) after burner of a jet - speed appeared too low - no sound at any time - before, during or after sighting - The sky background was clear enough to observe any dark outlines of a low flying plane -

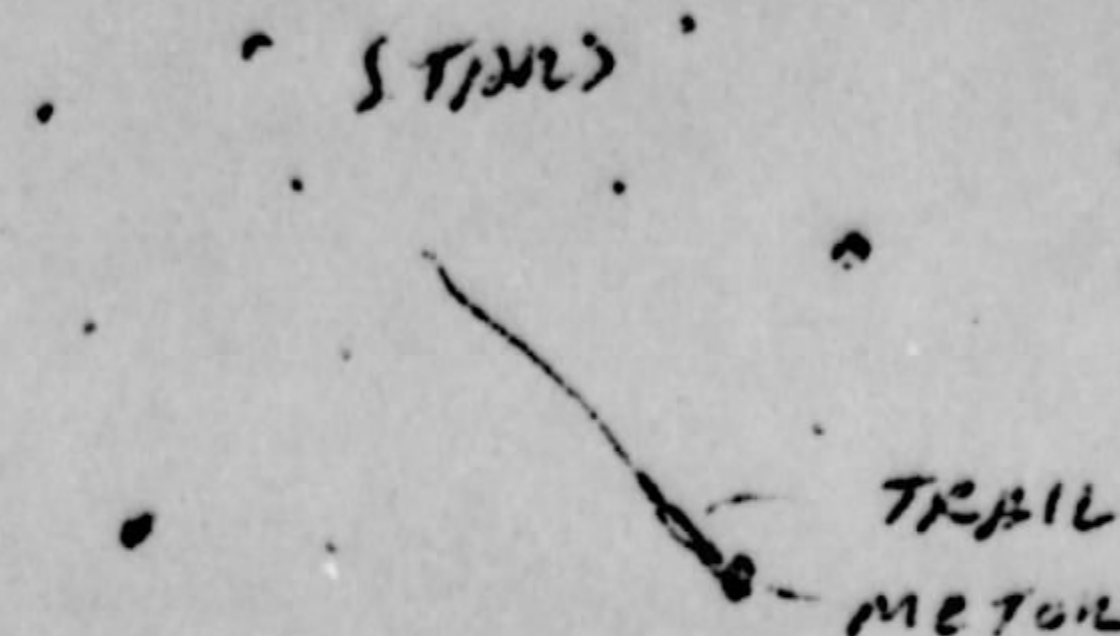
6. The apparent change in course could be an error because the time from the first sighting of a pinpoint of light to full size were very short maybe $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. or it could be due to object coming in perpendicular to my line of ~~the~~ sight and making a right angle bank - revealing a bottom of a disc shaped object - which as it proceeded along its course leveled out more and more causing it to take on its final ellipsoidal shape - and finally turning on edge to disappear -

Here is a rough sketch of how the sighting appeared



2 story
house

SKETCH OF HOW METEORS
HAVE APPEARED TO ME
ON OTHER OCCASIONS



NOTE - THE OBJECT IS SHOWN HERE APPROXIMATELY
FULL SIZE AS IT APPEARED TO ME.

As far as speed went its estimate of 150-200 mph is
merely a guess - assuming that it was similar in
size and altitude (5000 ft) to an airliner.

As for distance - it could have been 2000 or 120,000
feet as it was impossible to judge the size against
the back ground of stars.

Object appeared to be traveling in a SW or SSW
course headed towards Jamaica Bay in the vicinity
of Rockaway Point.