

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 July 53 3/0045Z	2. LOCATION Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION BALLBOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Photos are not good, however, they will be printed. Balloon characteristics presented.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION About 1 Hour	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One round object over Tinker was white in color. No trail or exhaust, no prop., system and wavered back and forth. Observed with 7X50 binoculars and seven pictures taken with Videon camera. Sighting prior to dusk. Winds aloft from W.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION and Videon Camera Ground-Visual (7X50 BX)	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

3 JULY

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HOWARD L. BEVIS, President

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EMERSON McMILLIN OBSERVATORY

21 July 1953

1st Lt. Robert Olsson
ATTC - Wright-Patterson AFB

Dear Lt.;

This is quite a batch coming back at you. I think the idea of being in readiness with a press release is a good idea. I should like to have Dr. [REDACTED] comments on our Pinchbottle cases.

In two cases here we are taking the liberty of sending out Form As, with an accompanying note stating that the sighting has been referred to us as having possible astronomical significance, and would they oblige us by filling out the report. If you have any objection to this procedure please let us know.

As to seeing you in the near future, I hope so too. Did you know I am sailing for Europe on August 26th. I'll send you a postcard from Paris! The project here will lie fallow, I'm afraid, during September, but we will attack these problems with great strength in October. Now to get on to business.

There appears to be only two possible pinchbottles in this last batch: The 21 June Okinawa and the 22 June Goose AFB. On both of these I should like to request a complete report and follow-up.

The Okinawa one may yet prove to be a balloon, though the evidence is against it. Object going against wind and object disappearing into cloud with relative velocity of 45 kts. I think the best thing to do is to wait for further data. I am asking Jen to needle both you and me on these follow-ups because there is no point in having follow-ups unless they are followed up!

The Goose AFB also needs follow-up with special attention to the 9 questions on our Form "Eye".

Now as to the others: we pass by with a smirk the little monkey man.

As to the Tinker Tower cases, how come such an epidemic of balloons? Can't they tell a balloon from a hole in the ground? Most interesting of the Tinker batch was July 3rd. Glad to see that a camera was used. What did the pictures look like? And on the July 6th case, I [REDACTED] the observer.

On the others, the notes we have made on the Form I just about cover the case.

We have some reference TWXs but we don't know to what they refer. They would probably be important only if they refer to our pinchbottle cases.

Please give our regards to Ed and indoctrinate him fully into the system we have developed. Any comments that either you or he have on this method of handling sightings would of course be appreciated.

Cordially,

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FM COMDR OCAMA TINKER AFB OKLA —

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/ [REDACTED] OCEO-2T-7-1-E FLYOBRPT

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1. REPORTED BY [REDACTED] CIVILIAN [REDACTED] AT TINKER.

ABOUT THE SIZE OF A B-36. BRIGHT. ONE. DRIFTING SLOWLY WESTWARD.

FIRST SEEN 5 OR 6 MILES EAST OF TINKER. 40,000 TO 50,000 FT. BY

THREE TINKER FIELD GUARDS. VERIFIED BY TINKER TOWER WHEN OVER

TINKER. GUARDS SAID OBJECT TOOK OFF NORTHWEST VERY FAST. TINKER

TOWER TOOK PICTURES.

2. 1322C TO 1338C

3. VISUAL BY GUARDS. BINOCULARS BY TOWER. SEVEN PICTURES TAKEN BY

TINKER TOWER WITH VIDEON STEREOSCOPIC 5533.

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4. ON TINKER AFB. 4 OR 5 MILES EAST OF TINKERER 40,000 OR 50,000 FT. SEEM TO STAND STILL FOR 20 MINS THEN DRIFTED SLOWLY WESTWARD UNTIL OVER TINKER. GUARDS REPORTED OBJECT TOOK OFF NORTHWEST FASTER THAN ANY JET.

5. UNKNOWN. SIGHTING DEFINITE

6. 25,000 SCATTERED. VISIBILITY 15 WINDS. 40,000 TO 50,000 FT 310 DEGREES. 30 KNOTS ESTIMATED.

7. UNKNOWN

8. SEVEN PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY TINKER TOWER

9. 33RD AD NOTIFIED

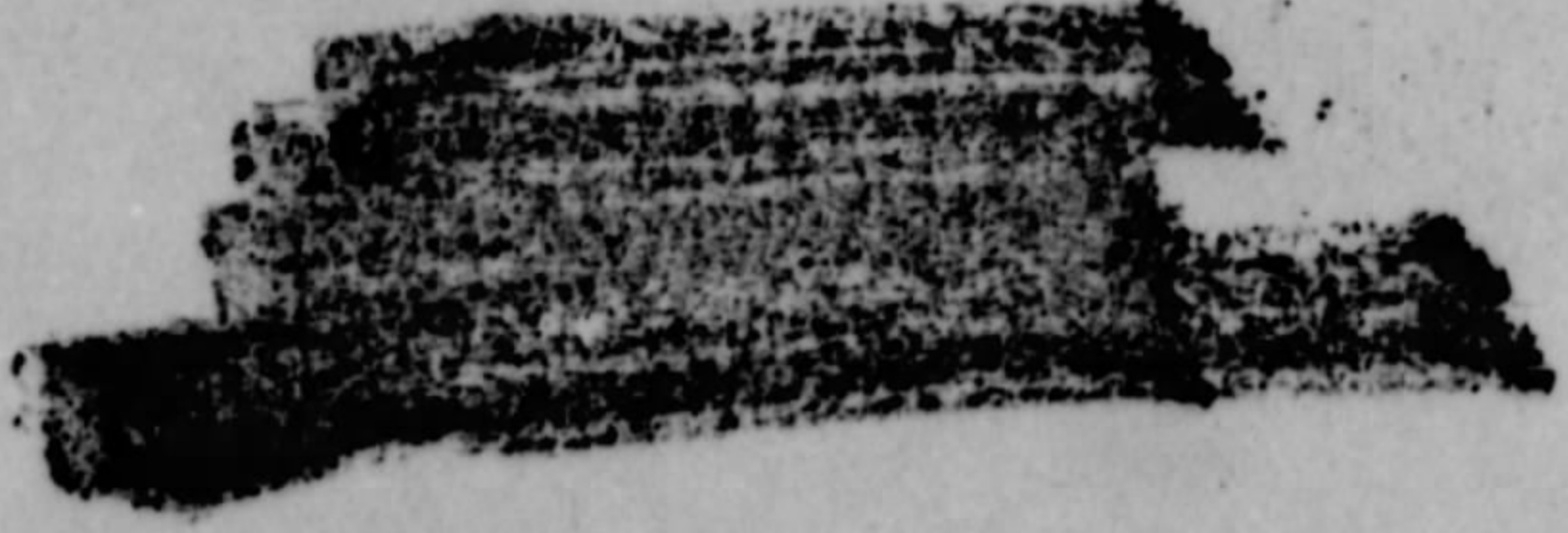
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TO: COMDR HQ, 3RD WEATHER GP ENT AFB
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FROM: AFOIN-ATIAE-7-6-E

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061600Z JULY 53

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Project Blue Book requests the following information pertaining to Upper Air Research (Moby Dick) Balloon flights. Were there any Upper Air Research Balloons in the Tinker AFB area during the period 020001Z thru 020048Z July 53? One unidentified aerial object observed over Tinker ~~was~~ was large, bright, and was drifting slowly to the west at approximately 40,000 to 50,000 ft. Request reply by wire.

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TO COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

[REDACTED] 5WG 109. URMSG DTG 062134Z JUL REGARDING PROJECT
BLUE BOOK, NO MOBY DICK BLN FLTS IN TINKER AFB AREA ON 2 JUL OR WITHIN
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COMDR OCAMA TINKER AFB OKLA

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ATIC has received TWX on 03/1800Z July 53 sighting over Tinker AFB. Request you forward seven Videon pictures as soon as possible. Films will be all that is necessary, ATIC will develop. Also request winds aloft information up to 100,000 ft. Answers to the following questions are requested: 1) Any local radar pickup of object. 2) Were there weather balloons in the area at the time of sighting including 90 ft. upper air research balloons?

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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W/QSTNR 7 JUL 53. WINDS ALOFT FR NW. QUESTION 1/NO QUESTION 2/YES.

DETAILED RPT INC STATEMENTS FWD YOUR HQ 7 JUL 53.

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OKLAHOMA CITY AIR MATERIEL AREA
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

7 July 1953

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting

THRU: Commander
Air Materiel Command
ATTN: MOEP
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington, 25, D. C.

Unidentified Flying Objects Report is forwarded in accordance
with Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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AF Form 112 (2 cys)
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DAVID A. POWERS, JR
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Security Indoctrination Office
Inspector General's Office

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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting		
AREA REPORTED ON		FROM (Agency) Security Indoctrination Office Hq, OSI, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
DATE OF REPORT 7 July 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 July 1953	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) DAVID A. POWERS, Jr., Lt Col, USAF		SOURCE Tinker Air Force Base, Okla City, Okla Military and Civilian Personnel
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Msg OOOO 21-7-1-E FLYORPT		
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. Inclosed are statements of observers of unidentified object sighted between 1800 and 1900 (CST), 2 July 1953. 2. One (1) object reported, round in shape, ranging in size of pin head to an automobile, described as white or shining by most observers, no trail or exhaust, no propulsion system; eight observers reported slow movement or waving back and forth, and five (5) observers reported no movement, no sound or maneuvers; object reported to have vanished when it disappeared. 3. Object viewed with naked eye and through 7 X 50 binoculars. 4. All observers on premises of Tinker Air Force Base and all were within a radius of 2 miles. Object first reported slightly South and East of Base moving to directly over the Base, altitude estimated between 50,000 feet and 50,000 feet. 5. Observers believed to be reliable substantiated by considerable experience viewing aircraft from the ground. 6. The weather officer advises all winds aloft from Northwest at 2100 (CST), and winds practically the same 1500 (CST). The weather officer also advises that a weather balloon was in this locality at the time of sighting but balloon should have appeared from the Northwest instead of the Southeast. The fact that a weather balloon was in this vicinity is substantiated by the fact that weather balloon transmitter was recovered approximately two and one-fourth (2 1/4) miles East of the base on 3 July 1953. A Mrs. [REDACTED] saw the parachute and instrument fall on her farm between 1900 and 2000 (CST), 2 July 1953. Mrs. [REDACTED] is uncertain as to the exact time the instrument descended. Check with Lowry Air Force Base revealed no "Moby Dick" balloon in vicinity at time of sighting. There was a slight cloudiness in the West with scattered clouds directly overhead. 7. Meteorological activity not investigated. 8. No fragments were obtained. Seven (7) exposures taken with Videon Stereoscopic Camera. Film and "U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet" Form A and B forwarded under separate cover to Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAE-5, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.		
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1. [REDACTED] A/IC	4. [REDACTED] A/IC	7. [REDACTED] Civilian Guard
2. [REDACTED]	5. [REDACTED] Civilian Guard	8. [REDACTED] Civilian Guard
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1 cy: Chief, ATIC, ATTN: ATIAA-2c, W-P AFB, Ohio		12. [REDACTED] Civ Guard
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) Security Inlco Office Hq, OCMMA, Okla City, Okla	REPORT NO.	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
9. Local radar station obtained no radar return. 10. One (1) aircraft reported in the vicinity approximately 2,000 feet. 11. All inclosures have not been signed due to the fact that personnel are on leave or work irregular shifts. However, since statements are materially the same in content we feel that it is more important that they be forwarded than delay the report further.		
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I saw an object which I would estimate between 35,000 and 50,000 feet high directly over the Control Tower. I observed this object through binoculars and it appeared to be round and shiny. It was between the size of a pin and a pea. There was just one object. There appeared to be some darker shade in the background. There was no trail or exhaust. All the time we were watching it, it appeared to stay in one place. There was no speed or sound. It disappeared while I was rewinding the camera.

The time was 1845 and I observed it about ten (10) minutes.

I viewed the object through the binoculars and also naked eye from the Control Tower. We went out on the walk around the tower.

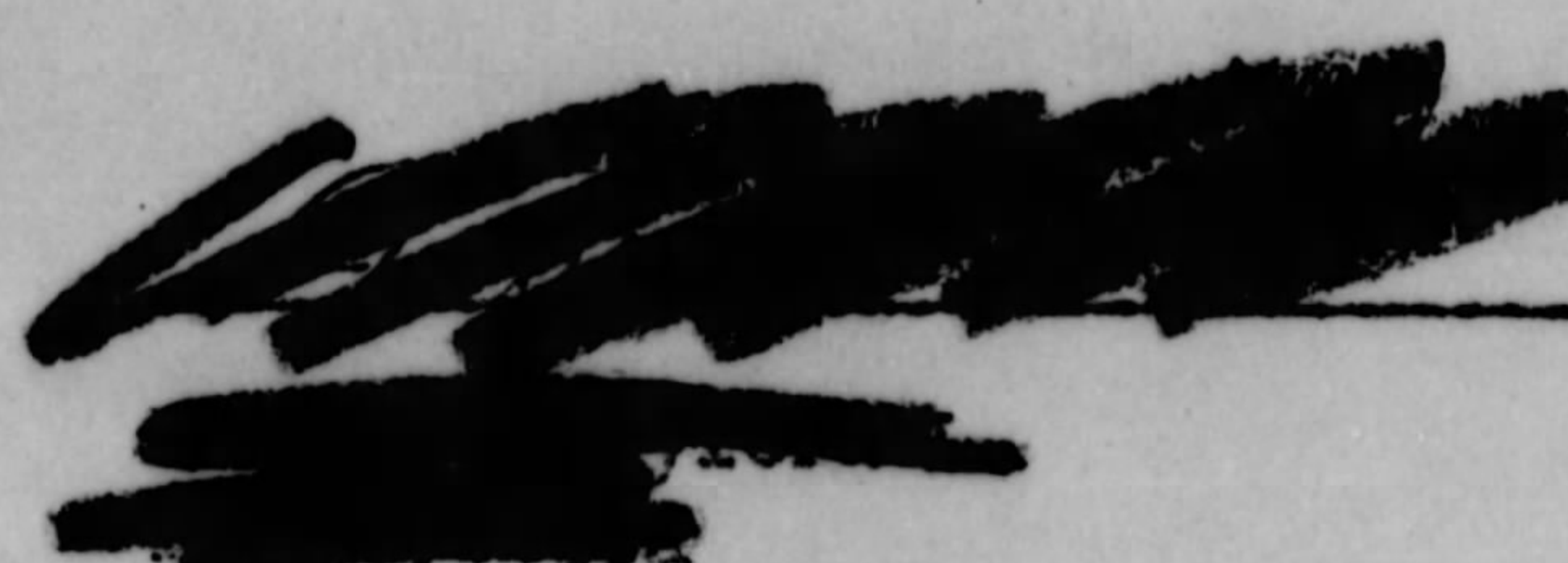
I observed this object from Tinker Air Force Base Control Tower. It was directly over my head and appeared to be between 35,000 to 50,000 feet.

I have been working in the control tower for two (2) years.

The sky was clear behind the object. There were scattered clouds to Northwest, North, Northeast. The temperature was 98°; the sun was to the West 1 hour 3 minutes to sundown. The wind was South - Southeast about 15 knots.

I received a call from Base Operations and they told us that a guard had spotted the object at 50,000 feet. I thought at the time they called that it would be useless to go look for it at such an altitude. I went out and looked around and spotted it directly over the field and looked at it for a minute or two through the binoculars. Then I returned to the tower and got the camera. I took seven (7) pictures lying on my back placing it on the railing. After taking the seventh picture while winding the camera, it disappeared completely. We notified operations and they said they were making out a report to send to Washington and they wanted to know if we had taken any pictures. That is all the information we gave them. We contacted the tower chief and he came up to the tower and turned in the report that I filled out to Crypto Center.

There was no air traffic in the area at that time.


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The object I saw was round in shape and white in color. It was very small, smaller than a pea. I just saw one object. There was no trail nor exhaust. It didn't appear to be moving. I just glanced at it. I was not looking at it when it disappeared.

I don't remember what time it was when I saw this object. I observed it for just a few seconds.

I saw this object with the naked eye.

I was at Tinker Air Force Base Control Tower when I observed this object. The object was directly above the tower. I would say the object was around 30,000 feet high.

I have worked in the tower for about one (1) month.

In the West there were a few scattered clouds. Just a little after the object disappeared, the sun went behind the clouds. In the East it was clear.

I didn't take any photographs nor obtain any fragments.

I didn't see any airtraffic at this time.

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The object was round, very shiny like chrome. I would estimate it to be from 30,000 to 35,000 feet high. I am unable to estimate the size. I saw only one (1) object. There was no trail or exhaust. No speed whatsoever; in fact, it didn't move. There was no sound. It was stationary in the sky. I didn't see the object when it disappeared. Looking at it through glasses, every once in a while it looked like from above something would dart out from either side. It looked like it hung from some other object. Every once in a while either the top or the bottom would move slightly.

I watched this object approximately 2½ minutes.

I watched it through field glasses and with the naked eye. The field glasses were 20 strength.

I was at Tinker Air Force Base Control Tower when I saw this object. The object was located directly overhead. I would estimate the object to be 30,000 to 35,000 feet high.

I have been working in the control tower for one year.

The sky was completely clear except for some clouds way off on the horizon in the West and a few East.

I didn't take any photographs and didn't see any fragments.

There was one aircraft about 2,000 feet. This aircraft was nowhere near the object.

Considering the way the object disappeared, I don't think it was a weather balloon.

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I saw one (1) object. It appeared to be round and shiny. At about arms length it appeared to be the size of a pea. There was no trail or exhaust. There was no speed or sound. I wasn't looking when it disappeared.

I saw this object about 1845. I don't remember the time exactly. I watched it for about 10 minutes.

I looked at this through binoculars and with the naked eye. I don't know the power of the binoculars. They are issued.

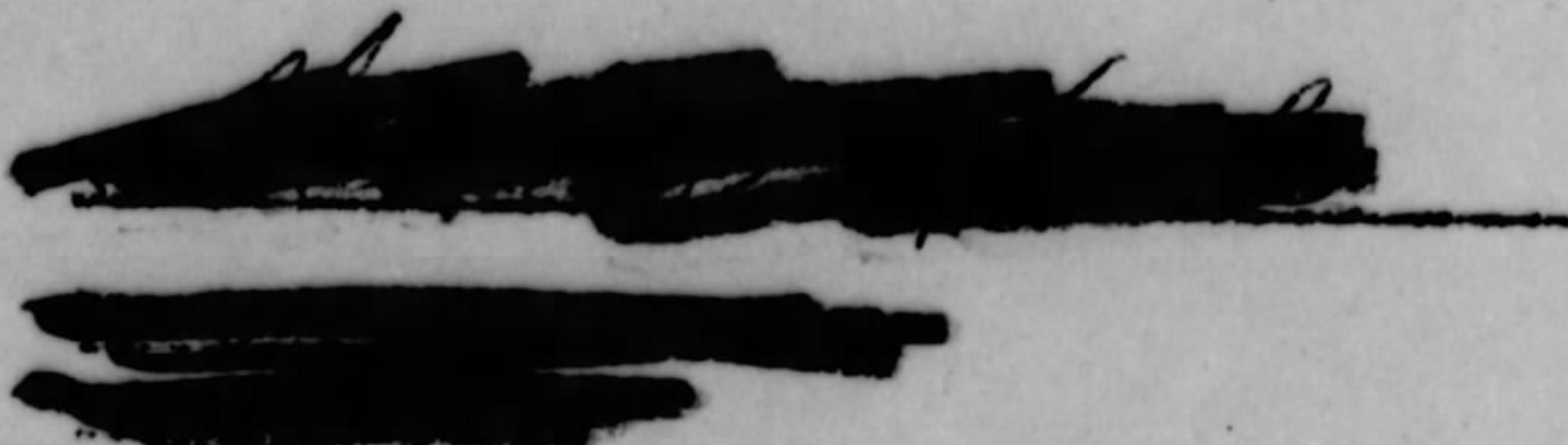
I was in the Tinker Air Force Base Control Tower. The object seemed to be directly overhead. I couldn't estimate the altitude.

I have been working in the control tower about one and one-half (1½) years.

There were some scattered clouds; it was about one (1) hour before sunset; visibility about 15 miles.

I didn't take any photographs and didn't obtain any fragments.

I don't remember whether any aircraft were flying around or not.


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I saw a white spot in the air. It looked like a star going out. It was about like a car or something a little bigger. It was white and bright and there was no trail nor exhaust. There was no sound. There was one object. It did not move while I was watching. When it went away it just vanished.

I don't know what time it was when I saw this object. I watched it for about five minutes.

I observed this object visually from the ground. I couldn't find it with the binoculars. I used Binocular No. 7150.

This object was directly overhead at Tinker Air Force Base. I have no idea how high it was.

From 1942 until the present time I have been a member of the Air Force on active duty or employed at Tinker Air Force Base.

The weather was clear; I don't remember any clouds. There was Southeast winds.

I have observed weather balloons, but never saw one as bright as this one was.

No fragments or physical evidence of the object were observed.

Civilian Guard
Tinker Air Force Base
3 July 1953

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I could see one (1) object, real bright and sort of star shaped. It did not look too big; it looked like a big star. I would say the evening star - real bright. There was no trail nor exhaust. It looked like it was stationary. When it left it just vanished. There was no sound. It must have been about 1905 when I saw it. I watched it for three (3) or four (4) minutes.

I observed the object with my naked eye from the ground.

It looked like it was West of Tinker Air Force Base and South of 29th Street. It was 45,000 or 50,000 feet high.

I have been on the Guard Force for eleven (11) years. I am usually exposed to the weather and observe aircraft over the field.

The weather was clear, the sun shining. There were a few floating clouds.

I believe it was a weather balloon. The sun was shining on it.

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Tinker Air Force Base
3 July 1953

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I saw one object. It was round and looked like metal. It was aluminum in color. No trail nor exhaust. When I had the field glasses on it, it waved back and forth and when it left it just vanished. There was no sound. It vanished immediately.

It was about 1855 when I saw it. I watched it about ten (10) minutes. I was watching it when it disappeared.

I observed the object visually from the ground and I used binoculars. The binoculars I used were 7X50. With the natural eye it looked like a big tea cup. When I got the glasses on it, it looked like about 12" in diameter.

The object was directly overhead (Tinker Air Force Base).

I have been on the guard force at Tinker Air Force Base for eleven and one half years. (11½). I view aircraft at all times while on duty.

The weather was clear; there were no clouds - nothing to block the vision.

There was no fragments or physical evidence of the object.

I think it was a big weather outfit; a big balloon. I would judge the object to be about 40,000 feet high.

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Tinker Air Force Base
3 July 1953

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I saw one (1) object. It was white or silver in color. I would say that it was approximately 24" X 26" in diameter and it was round. There was no trail nor exhaust. It stood still for approximately five (5) minutes and it seemed to disappear behind a cloud. The clouds were real high.

I saw this object around 1915 and I watched it for about five (5) minutes. I am uncertain as to the exact time I went out to look at it.

The object was visual from the ground. I used binoculars but never could find it.

The object was almost directly straight up and a little South from where I was standing. (Tinker Air Force Base).

I have been on the guard force at Tinker Air Force Base for seven and one half years ($7\frac{1}{2}$). I was in the Navy one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) years aboard an aircraft carrier observing aircraft.

There was very little surface winds. There was a small breeze this object went behind.

It seemed to me that this object was around 40,000 feet to 45,000 feet high. Ropes or string appeared to be hanging from the object. I think the last reflections of the sun rays was what made all of us see it so easily. I believe it was a weather balloon.

No fragments or physical evidence of the object were observed.

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Civilian Guard Force
Tinker Air Force Base
3 July 1953

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From a distance the object appeared to be like an airplane. I couldn't tell for sure whether it was round or oblong. It was silver in color. I would say it was about the size of a B-29. It was a solid object; it was not exactly round. There was no trail or exhaust. There was no sound. It stood still for 15 minutes after I started watching it. When it moved, I would say the speed was from between 200 and 400 miles per hour. It stood still over Tinker Air Force Base for about 15 minutes and then it moved almost directly over the field. It was just a little South of me. It stayed there about 15 minutes. It started Northwest and disappeared immediately. It didn't change color. It looked like a bright light. The light was on all the time that I could tell.

I saw the object at 1830 hours and observed it for 30 minutes.

I observed the object from the ground. I was standing still. I did not use field glasses or binoculars. There was only one object.

When I saw the object I was at Gate No. 27, Tinker Air Force Base. The object was slightly East and South, then it moved to Northwest and stopped practically due over the field. I would say it was about 40,000 feet high.

I have been employed on the Guard Force at Tinker Air Force Base for eleven (11) years.

The weather was very clear and fair. The wind was approximately 15 to 20 mph South Easterly. Around 1900 scattered clouds came up in Southwest.

I did not take any photographs and did not obtain any fragments.

There was one aircraft came in pretty high from the West about 1 1/2 minutes after it left.

The object appeared to have a light on and it remained on at all times I observed it. The color of the light didn't change at any time.

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Civilian Guard
Tinker Air Force Base
6 July 1953

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The object looked round and was real shiny. It was perfectly still; then it moved a couple of feet West across the field and stopped. Once in a while it moved just a little to the West. There was no trail or exhaust. I wasn't watching when it disappeared.

It was about 1815 when I saw the object and I watched it for about 20 minutes.

This object was visual from the ground.

I was at Gate No. 27, Tinker Air Force Base, when I saw this object. The object was about 10° East of me. I don't have any idea how high the object was. It was very, very high; I couldn't estimate the altitude.

I have been on the Guard Force at Tinker Air Force Base for 2½ years.

The weather was very clear and there was a slight breeze.

I didn't take any photographs nor obtained any fragments.

There was no aircraft in the air.

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Civilian Guard
Tinker Air Force Base
6 July 1953

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The object looked round just like a big baseball; it was bright white - it looked like the moon with the sun shining on it in the daylight. There was just one object. There was no trail or exhaust. At times it looked like it moved. It moved Westward slowly. There was no sound. When it disappeared it just vanished. I couldn't locate it any more. The object was just West of straight up when it went out.

I saw this object at 1800 and I watched it for one (1) hour.

The object was visible from the ground. I first saw this just slightly East and slightly South of me. About 15° East.

I was at Gate No. 27, Tinker Air Force Base, when I saw this object. I would say it was at least 35,000 to 40,000 feet high.

I have been on the Guard Force at Tinker Air Force Base for eleven (11) years. During this time I have observed aircraft.

There were a few clouds in the West. It was clear in the East. No clouds were directly overhead. The wind was out of South - Southeast.

I did not take any pictures and no fragments were obtained.

Along toward 1835 there was a B-29 going East flying high over the field. I would say it was flying at 10,000 feet.

The object I saw started getting dim and faded away until you couldn't see it.

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Civilian Guard
Tinker Air Force Base
6 July 1953

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On 2 July 1953, I saw one object. It was round as a balloon or a dish. As high as it was, it would be hard to say whether it would be metal because anything could reflect the sunlight. It seemed to stand still, but when I looked through the glasses it seemed to be moving back and forth within a short radius. I couldn't see anything hanging on it at all. When it left it seemed to go straight up; it did not go sideways. If it had been a balloon it would have burst. There was no sound.

I saw this object between 1830 and 1900; I think about 1845. I watched it for approximately 10 or 15 minutes and it went out of sight. I stayed 10 or 15 minutes longer to see whether or not it would come back. It went out of sight about 1900.

I observed this object through Binoculars No. 7x50 from the ground.

The object was about 5° S.W. from directly overhead (Tinker Air Force Base).

I have had quite a bit of experience observing aircraft in the air. I was in the Air Corp for four (4) years and have worked three (3) years on the Guard Force at Tinker Air Force Base. I see quite a bit of aircraft in the air while on duty.

The weather was clear. There was a blue sky background.

The object was 40,000 to 50,000 feet high.

Civilian Guard
Tinker Air Force Base
3 July 1953

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I saw one object. It looked like a large bright star; it was a bright white. It appeared to be round in shape. It looked approximately 4" or 5" in diameter. There was no trail or exhaust. There was no speed or sound. I didn't see the object move at all. The object was directly overhead.

I observed this object for approximately 4 or 5 seconds at a time.

I observed this object visually from the ground.

I was at Gate No. 27, Tinker Air Force Base, when I saw this object. I couldn't estimate how high the object was.

I have been on the Guard Force, Tinker Air Force Base, for about 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. I have seen a lot of weather balloons and never have seen anything like this.

I don't remember about the weather.

I didn't take any photographs and didn't obtain any fragments of it.

I didn't see any aircraft in the air at that time.

**Civilian Guard Force
Tinker Air Force Base
6 July 1953**

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OKLAHOMA CITY AIR MATERIEL AREA
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

7 July 1953

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAE-5
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

1. Reference our message OCEO-2T-7-1-E, "FLYOB RPT", inclosed are exposed film from Videon Stereoscopic camera, and Forms A and B, "U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet".

2. Detailed report will follow.

3. Request additional copies of Form A and B, "U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet", be forwarded this headquarters, addressed to the ATTN: OCIS.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

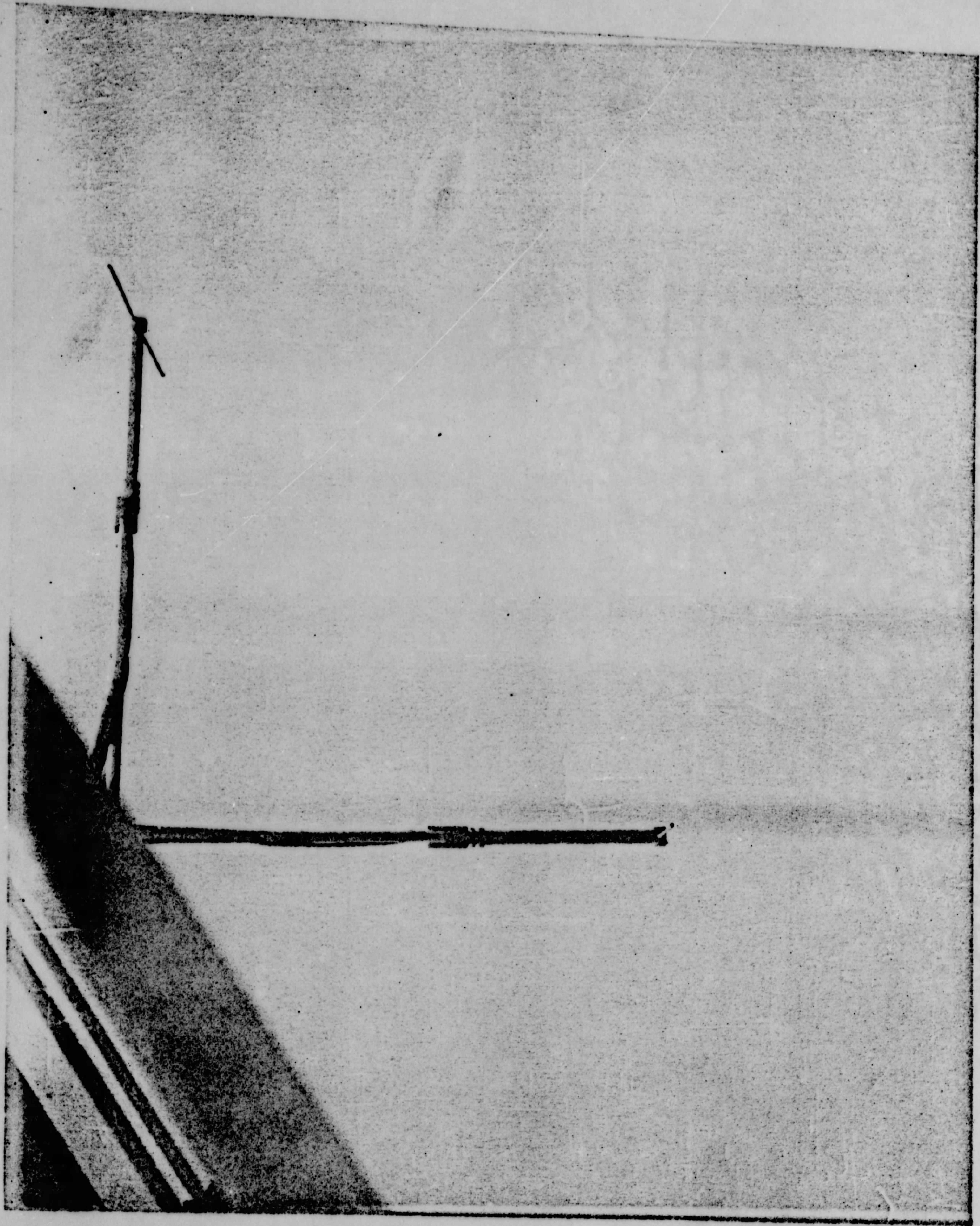
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1. USAF Tech Info Sheet
Form A and B
2. Film

David A. Powers, Jr.
DAVID A. POWERS, JR
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Security Indoctrination Office
Inspector General's Office

*very good -
Cattell*

THIS CASE INCLUDES

ONE (1) 7 1/2" x 10" photo.



2 July 1953

Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

?

no balloons

possible water stains
on neg

Multitech

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?

2 July 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

18 45 C
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?

TINKER AFBASE
Nearest Postal Address

OKLAHOMA CITY
City or Town

OKLAHOMA
State or Country

Additional remarks: STANDING ON WALK AROUND CONTROL
TOWER. (TOWER APPROX 110 FT. HIGH)

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

10
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

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

IN THE WEST. 1 hour 20 min. from sundown

Sundown 1953 C

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):

- N/A
- 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

11. Did the object:

- a. Appear to stand still at any time?
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
- c. Break up into parts or explode?
- d. Give off smoke?
- e. Change brightness?
- f. Change shape?
- g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?

(Circle One for each question)

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

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
- b. Sun glasses
- c. Windshield
- d. Window glass

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

No
No
No
No

- e. Binoculars
- f. Telescope
- g. Theodolite
- h. Other _____

Yes
Yes
Yes

No
No
No

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

a. Sound

no sound

b. Color

white shiny object

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.

object was standing still while taking pictures.



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

with shaded area around object

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. *unable to tell because of attitude*

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):

*in between
head of pin
& pea!*

a. Head of a pin *to small*

b. Pea *if not smaller*

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? *while using camera*
disappeared completely

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.

*circular shape.
unable to describe anymore due to object
position + attitude.*

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 standing on walk around

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 AT AIR field

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

Working in the control tower & received
a call from operations that a guard had
spotted something over the field.

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)

- directly over head
- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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)

- same as 29.
- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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).

same as 29

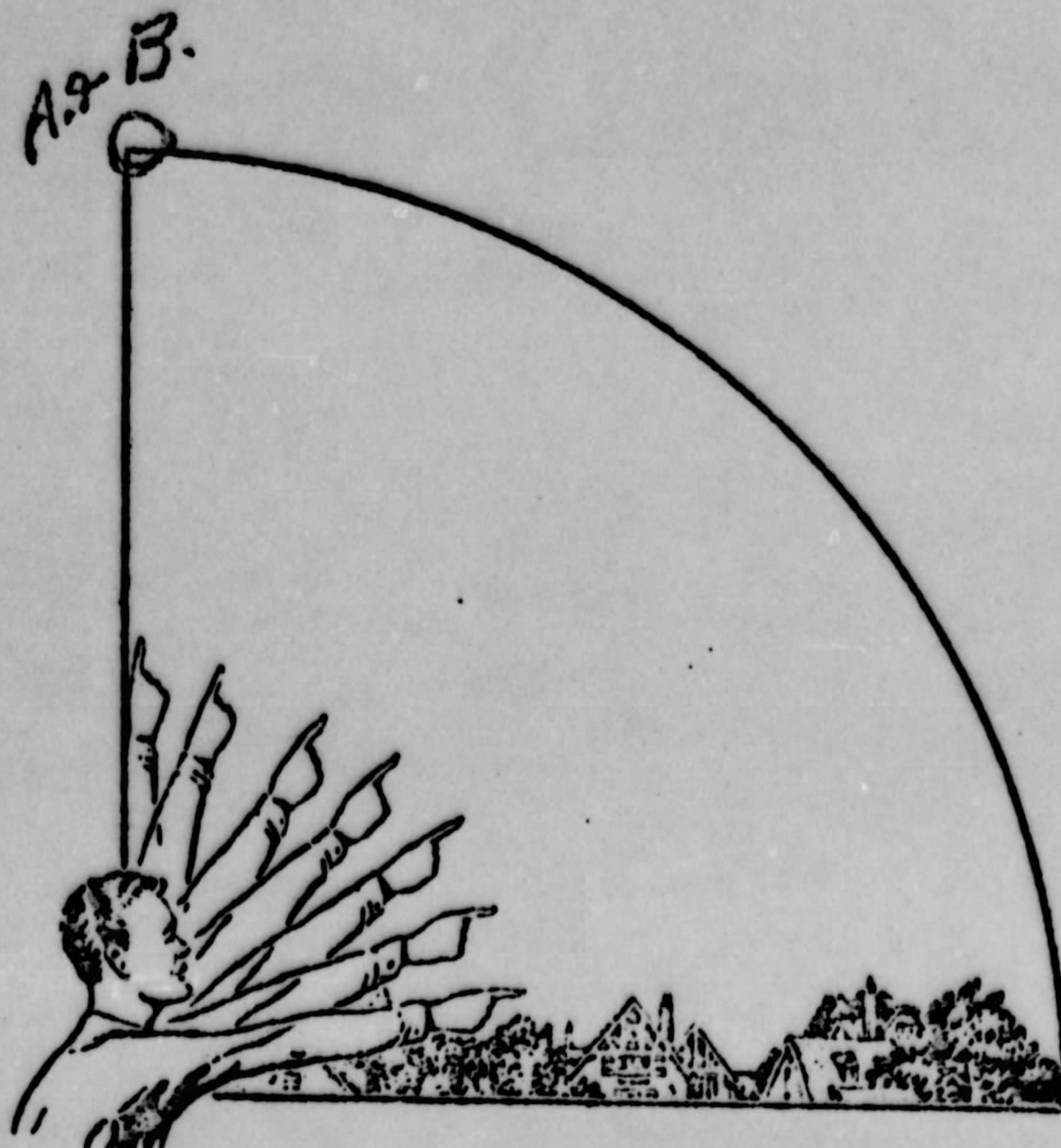
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

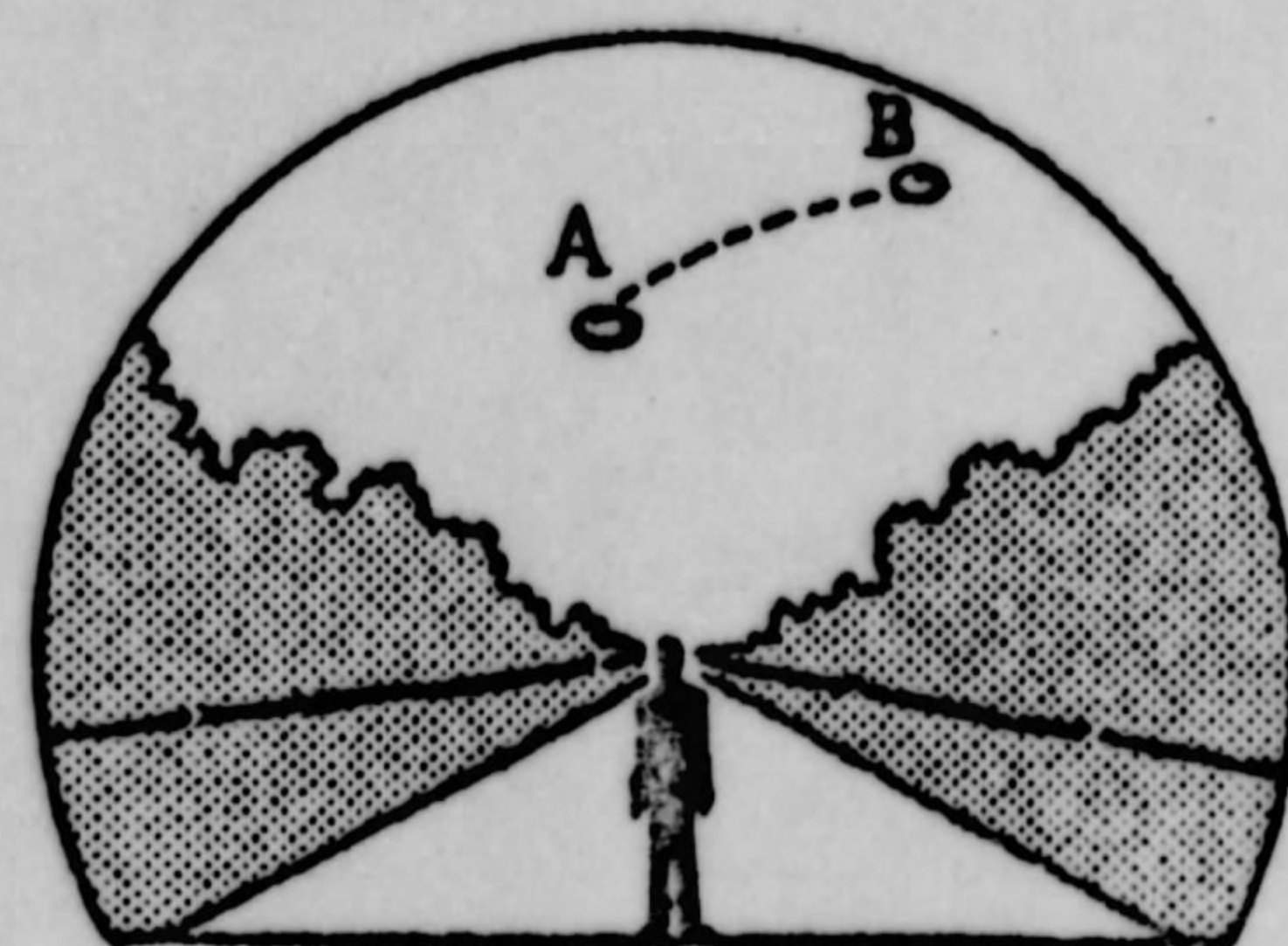
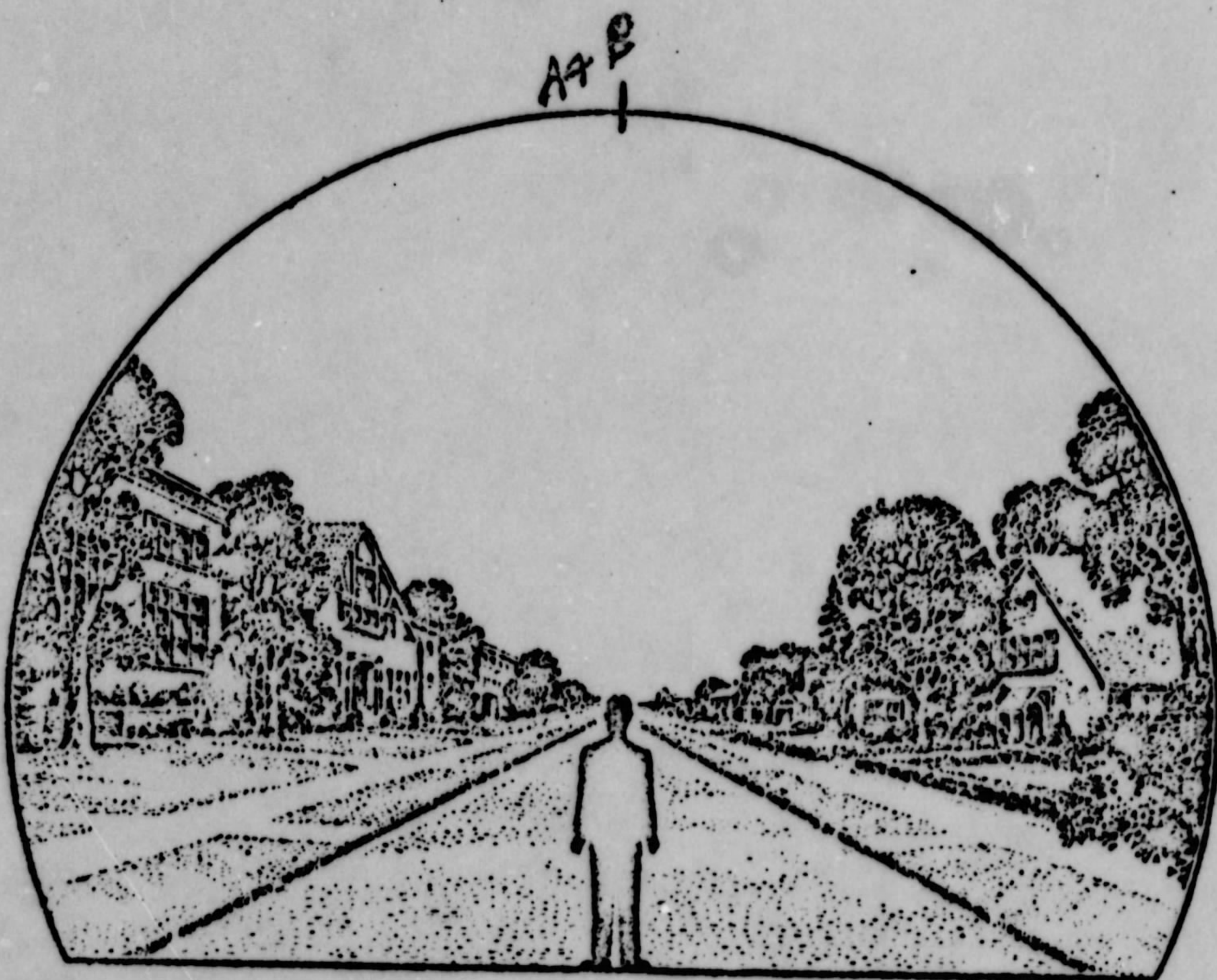
31.2 When it disappeared:

- 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

clouds NW/N/NE
150° to 160° at 15 knots

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

98° F

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

2
 Day

July
 Month

1953
 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:

A/2c [redacted] 1984-3 AAC5 Sqdn.
A/2c [redacted] TINKER AFBASE, OKIA
A/2c [redacted]

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?

? unable to tell because of position & altitude

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?

NO SPEED 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?

3000 to 50,000 ft.
feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

A/IC
NAME

[REDACTED]

First Name

Middle Name

1924-3 AACS Det. TURNER AFB, OKIA

ADDRESS

[REDACTED] Midwest City OKIA

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

What is your present job? CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR USAF

Age 22 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school 8 yrs
b. High school 4 yrs.
c. College 9 yrs.
d. Post graduate _____

- e. 3 mo. Technical school
(Type) CONTROL TOWER
f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

2
Day

July
Month

1953
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

2 July 53

Base operations called us in to tower & said that one of the guards had spotted something over the field at approx 5000 ft. Immediately we went out with the binoculars & spotted the object directly over our heads. I went back in the tower & returned with a Vidicon Stereoscopic Camera & took * seven pictures. After taking the seventh picture, while I was winding camera the object disappeared.

* SHUTTER SPEED	DIAPHRAGM stops
1/100	3.5
1/100	4.
1/100	5.6
1/100	8

1/100	11
1/100	16
1/50	3.5

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 July 53 26/0745Z	2. LOCATION Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Object was evaluated as a Weather Balloon (Ref Tinker AFB Lbr).
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object that resembled a star appeared along the stars and moved 1/4 of way across horizon from S to N.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
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TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE USAF WASH DC

JEDWP/AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDEN/COMBR ENT AFB COLO

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/ [REDACTED] OCEO-2T-7-26-E. FOR ATIAA-2C FLY CBRPT.

1. LOOKED LIKE A STAR ABOUT THE SIZE OF A STAR. NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST.
NO APPARENT METHOD OF PROPULSION. NO SOUND. APPEARED TO BE AMONG
STARS. MOVED ONE FOURTH OF WAY ACROSS HORIZON FROM SOUTH TO WEST,
NORTH SIDE OF THE MOON.

2. 260745Z FIVE MINS.

3. VISUAL FROM SURFACE.

4. LATITUDE 35 DEGREES 25 MINS 15 SECONDS. LONGITUDE 97 DEGREES
23 MINS 20 SECONDS NORTH SIDE OF TINKER AFB MIDWEST CITY OKLA

5. CAPT EDGAR H ANDERSON JR, 529 BABB MIDWEST CITY OKLA.

6. 260300Z 20,000 FT 50 DEGREES 22 KNOTS, 30,000 FT 50 DEGREES
16 KNOTS, 40,000 FT 30 DEGREES 18 KNOTS, 50,000 FT 36 DEGREES
15 KNOTS 60,000 FT 20 DEGREES 12 KNOTS, 70,000 FT 30 DEGREES 36 KNOTS
CLEAR 15 MI 260745Z

7. BALLON RELEASED BY 6TH WEA SQ AT 260745Z.

8. NONE

9. HEADMAN AT 33RD ADIV NOTIFIED, UNABLE TO LOCATE OBJECT.

10. NONE.

26/1004Z JUL JWFNK

Ref Lt, Tinker AFB, object was WEA Balloon

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