

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 Jul 53 03/1845Z	2. LOCATION Reno, Nevada
3. SOURCE civilian	10. CONCLUSION ASTRONOMICAL: Venus Obj observed was without a doubt the planet Venus.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS A white pinpoint of light was observed for two hours. Obj moved very slowly to the West.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	
7. COURSE west	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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3 July 1953

Reno, Nevada

Description

At 1145 A.M. MST 3 June 1953 two civilians were sitting on a lawn at [REDACTED], Reno, Nevada. One observer was looking up through some tree branches when she saw a pin-point of light at a very high altitude. She called her husband's attention to the object and he watched this object for 8 minutes, thinking it was a weather balloon. He thought that it was not likely to be a star, because the day was bright (hot) and cloudless. However, it neither moved nor changed its apparent size. The observer left his wife to watch the object while he reported it to the authorities. First he reported it to a policeman who referred him to the Police Station. They were not interested and told him to report it to the sheriff's office. The sheriff's office stated that this sighting was out of their jurisdiction and for him to call the FBI. The FBI took his name and address. The observer told the FBI that he couldn't locate the object unless he had this particular tree as a reference point. He then returned to the point of observation where his wife still had the object in view. After 20 minutes, being somewhat surprised that no one had appeared to verify the sighting and considering the possibility that a mistake had been made as to the reported location of the sighting, he again telephoned the FBI. He was told that the matter had been referred to Stead AF Base. The observer becoming aware that it was going to be difficult to get any official verification while the object was still in view obtained the name of the USAF colonel to which the report had been made. After some difficulty, the observer reached this colonel by telephone. This colonel referred the incident to another colonel who in turn referred him to a third colonel. From the last colonel that he talked to, he got the impression that someone would come to verify the sighting and returned to the scene where the object was still visible. While not appearing to move, it had shifted position slightly because it was necessary for him to move occasionally to prevent its being obscured by the tree branches. After waiting 30 minutes, the observer again called the Air Force colonel to ask him if he couldn't send someone to verify the sighting. The colonel requested that the observer stand by the telephone and he would call him back. This the colonel did 15 minutes later, requesting that the observer obtain a disinterested person to verify the sighting. Observer returned to site of observation and the object was still visible. He stopped a car and requested the driver to observe the object. The driver of the car was a professor at the University of Nevada and a very good observer. Observer again called the Air Force colonel and reported the verification. The colonel then stated that he would send 2 enlisted men to the observers' motel for a debriefing. Two sergeants visited the observers at their motel expressing appreciation for the observers' efforts and stating that the Air Force was very interested in such reports. Observer pointed out to the sergeants that the Air Force had been aware of the sighting for over an hour during which time the object could be seen but hadn't been interested enough to look at it.

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Discussion

This sighting is one of the best in Project Blue Book's files as far as civilian observers are concerned. These civilians were very diligent in their efforts to report the sighting and it is unfortunate that the officials in that area were not aware of the procedure for reporting unidentified flying objects. The description of this object, and the length of time observed rules out any conventional objects in our atmosphere. Project Blue Book's contract astronomers were contacted. They stated that this sighting was undoubtedly caused by the planet Venus.

Conclusion

Was astronomical (Venus).

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FOR ATIAA-2C. OBJECT OBSERVED WAS A METALLIC WHITE CIRCULAR IN SHAPE
AT APPROXIMATELY 20,000 TO 30,000 FEET. NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST. EXTIMATED
SPEED OF OBJECT WAS NIL, BUT CHANGED ITS POSITION AT TIMES. TIME LAPSE
FROM INITIAL OBSERVATION TO DISAPPEARANCE APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS.
OBJECT WAS OBSERVED AT 1130 PACIFIC TIME, 3 JULY 1953 AND LAST OBSERVED
AT 1330 PACIFIC TIME, 3 JULY 1953. COORDINATES 39/32N-119/47W.
OBSERVERS WERE MR. [REDACTED] AND HIS WIFE WHO RESIDE AT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED], A PROFESSOR OF
GEOLOGY, WHO RESIDES AT [REDACTED], RENO, NEVADA, ALSO OBSERVED

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THIS OBJECT. WITNESSES ARE ESTIMATED TO BE RELIABLE. OBSERVATION IS
ESTIMATED AS PROBABLY TRUE. MR. [REDACTED] SPENT TWELVE YEARS WITH UNITED
AIRLINES. WIND WAS EAST AT THREE MILES PER HOUR. VISIBILITY WAS 15
PLUS, TEMPERATURE 70 DEGREES RELATIVE HUMIDITY 12 PER CENT. NO EARLIER
RADIO OR TUX REPORT. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PRESENTLY AVAILABLE.

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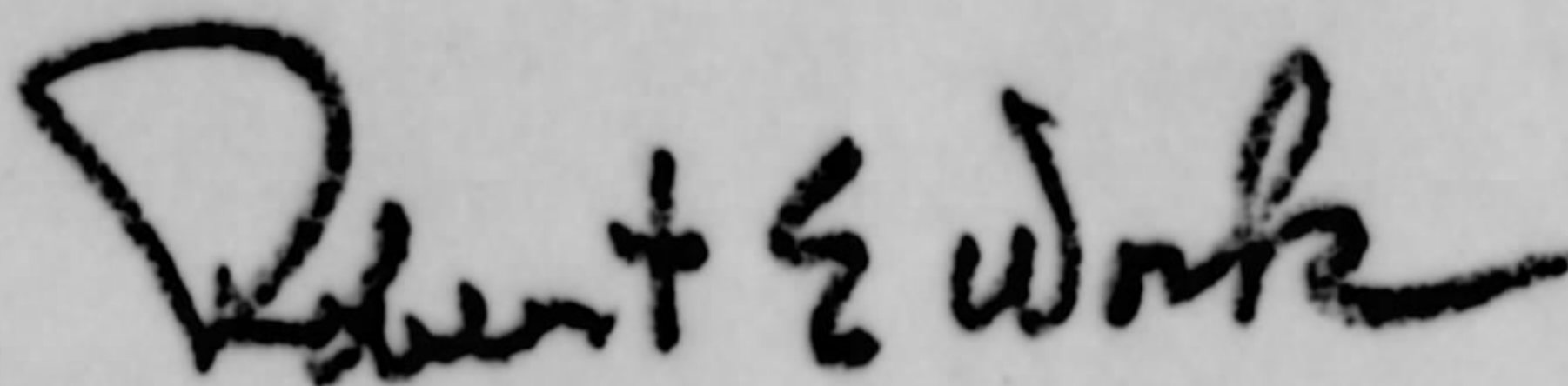
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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. 3904-3-53	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOVERPT		
AREA REPORTED ON 39/32N-119/47W	FROM (Agency) 3904th Comp Wg, Stead AFB, Reno, Nevada	
DATE OF REPORT 7 July 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 July 1953	EVALUATION F-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) Lt Col R.E. Work	SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TWX 3904th CW ID		

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. Report of an unidentified aerial object observed by Mr. [REDACTED] his wife, and Professor [REDACTED] on 3 July 1953 over Reno, Nevada.
2. Significance of sighting cannot be determined. Qualifications of principal observer are significant.



ROBERT E. WORK
Lt Col, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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3904th Comp Wg, Stead AFB	3904-3-53	1	1	1

1. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] first observed object at 1130 Pacific Time over Reno, Nevada (39/32N-119/47W). Observation continued until 1315 hours. At that time they stopped a witness, Professor [REDACTED]. They then proceeded to call Stead Air Force Base. Returning to continue observation they found object had disappeared.

2. Object observed was a metallic white circular in shape at approximately 20,000 to 30,000 feet. No trail or exhaust was observed; no sound was heard. Estimated speed of object was nil, but would shift slightly at times.

3. United Airlines and Stead Air Force Base weather stations were notified but were unable to confirm sighting. The weather station at Stead Air Force Base does not release any weather balloons. The weather station at United Airlines released balloons at 0700 and 1300 hours on 3 July 1953.

4. Aircraft in the area at time of sighting were as follows:

a. Stead Air Force Base:

- 1 C-47 - Airborne all the time of sighting
- 1 C-54 - 1127 hours (departing)
- 1 R-6D - 1231 hours (departing)
- 1 R-6D - 1337 hours (landing)
- 1 C-97 - 1400 hours (landing)

b. United Airlines, Reno, Nevada:

- 1 DC-3 - Landing (this was observed by Mr. [REDACTED])

5. Weather in the area was clear, no clouds and visibility 15 plus. Wind was east at three miles per hour, temperature 79 degrees relative humidity 12 per cent.

COMMENTS:

1. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], Alameda, California. Mr. [REDACTED] was employed for twelve years with the United Airlines.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] is a professor of Geology at the University of Nevada. The professor thought the object may have been a star. The professor was in a hurry and was unable to make observation for more than a few minutes. Mr. [REDACTED] disagrees because of the fact that the object moved at times.

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R.M.Olsson/jos/65365

21 JUL 1953

Prof. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Reno, Nevada

Dear Prof. [REDACTED]

Your report of unidentified aerial phenomena on 3 July 1953 over Reno has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence. Since you have stated the object may have been a bright star visible in the daytime, ATIC wishes to check this possibility by obtaining your estimates of azimuth and elevation on the object's position.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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1. Questionnaire
2. Envelope

ROBERT C. BROWN
Major, USAF
Adjutant

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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?

3 July 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 1300 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?

████████████████████ Reno Nevada
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: on the lawn west of the lake street steps
University of Nevada Campus (about 30ft west of steps)

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

5 minutes 0 seconds
observed the object for about 5 minutes. It was there when I arrived and was still there when I left.

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 Distant

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 _____ | | |

Normal visual--no glasses used

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

a. Sound _____

b. Color "Bright"

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.

(almost) Stationary

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

750 feet. Object so distant (30 to 70 thousand feet) even a guess would be subject to wide error

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? *We were absent - Trying to get attention from officials. Upon return at 1:30 PM, object no longer visible.*

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

Too distant for such analysis.
Not so bright as a star (clear, hot, cloudless)
Appeared stationary except that it was necessary, from time to time, to shift position to keep branches of tree from obscuring it.

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?

Mr. [redacted] and myself were reclining on the lawn at East 9th and
Lake Streets, Reno, Nevada, under the shade of a tree. In looking
up at the sky, the object caught Mrs. [redacted] eye, and she pointed
it out to me.

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>Up and West</u> |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | g. West |
| | | | h. Northwest |

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

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | <u>Up and West</u> |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | 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).

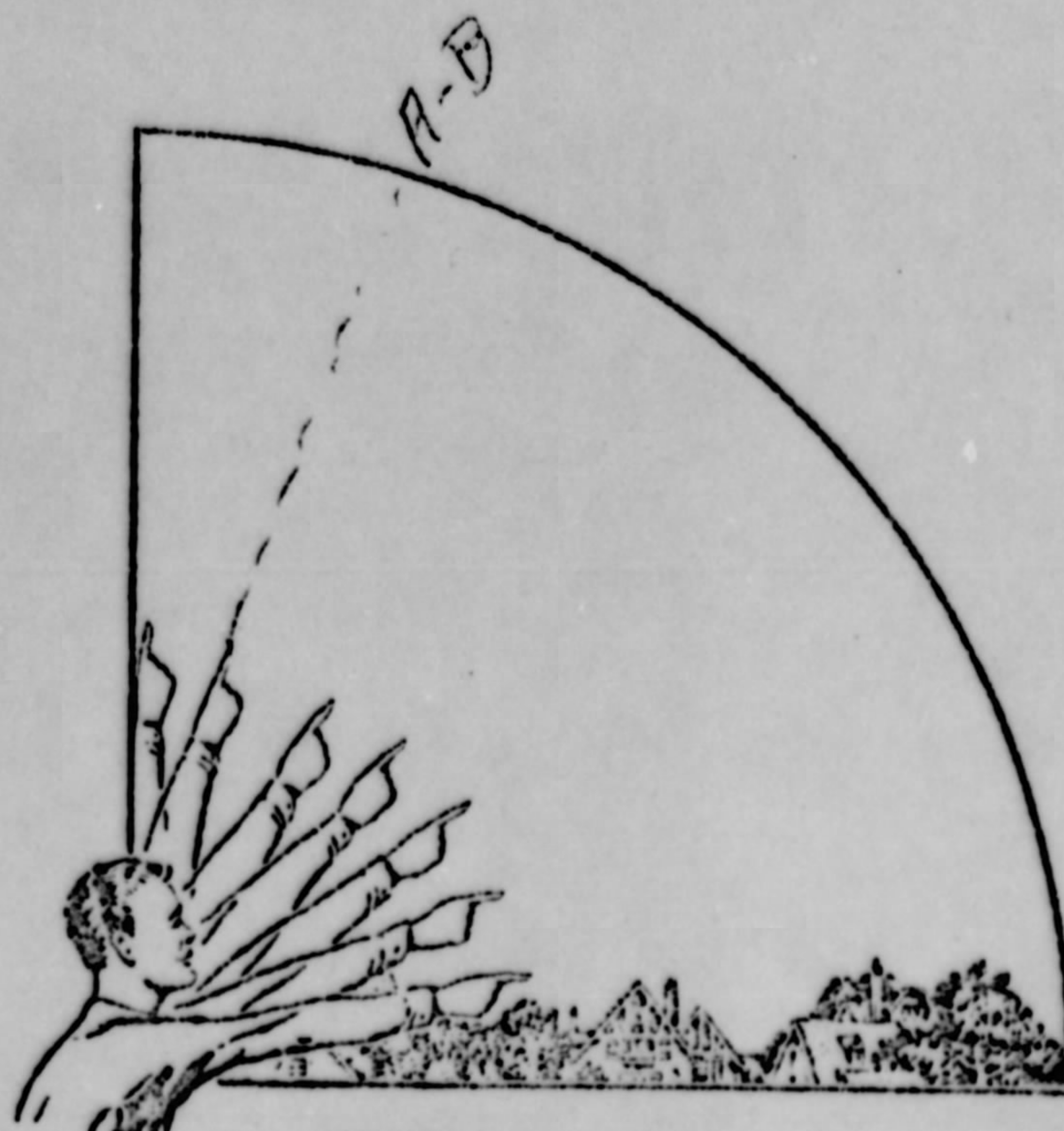
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 270 degrees. Approx
- b. From horizon 80 degrees.

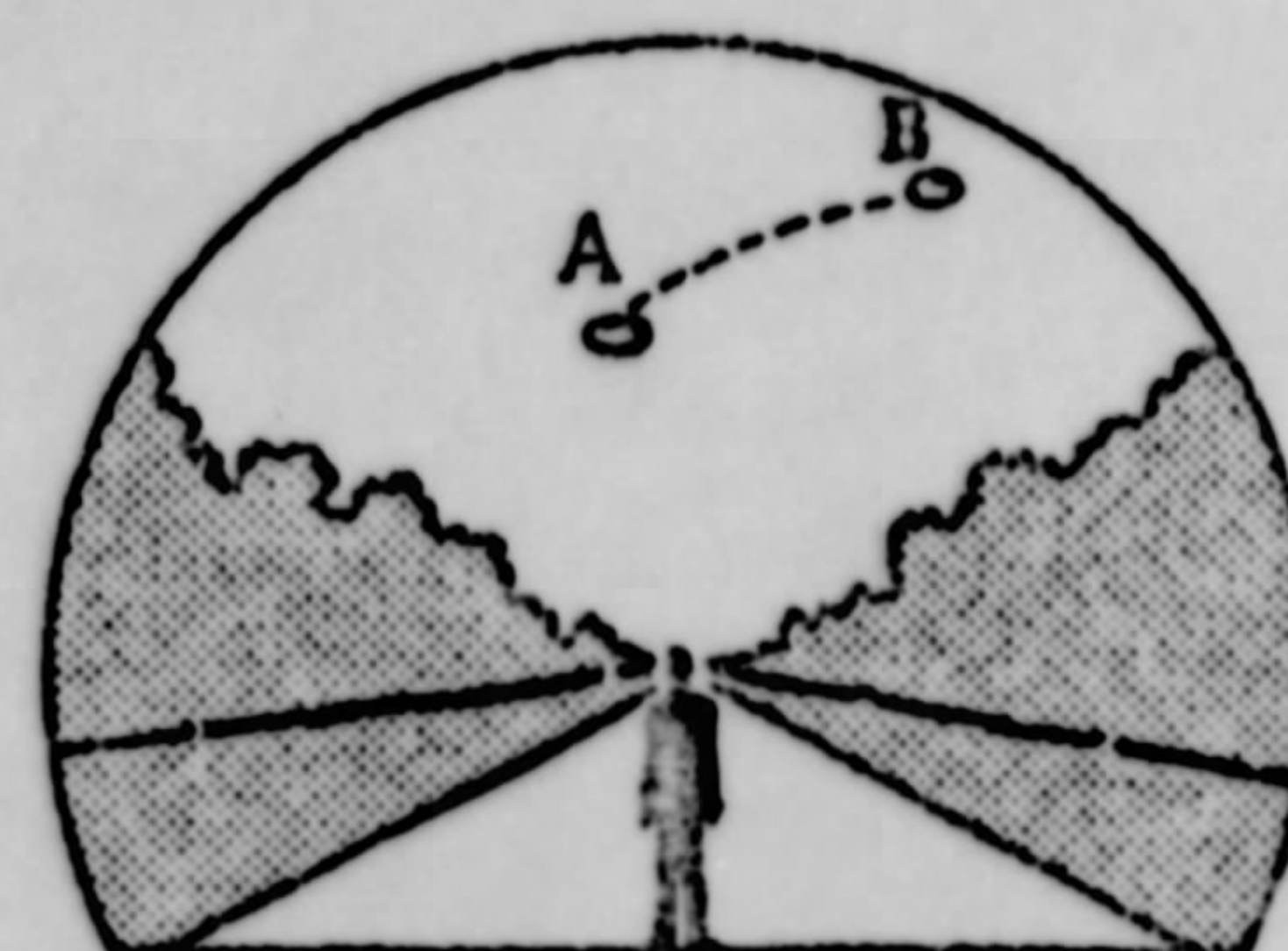
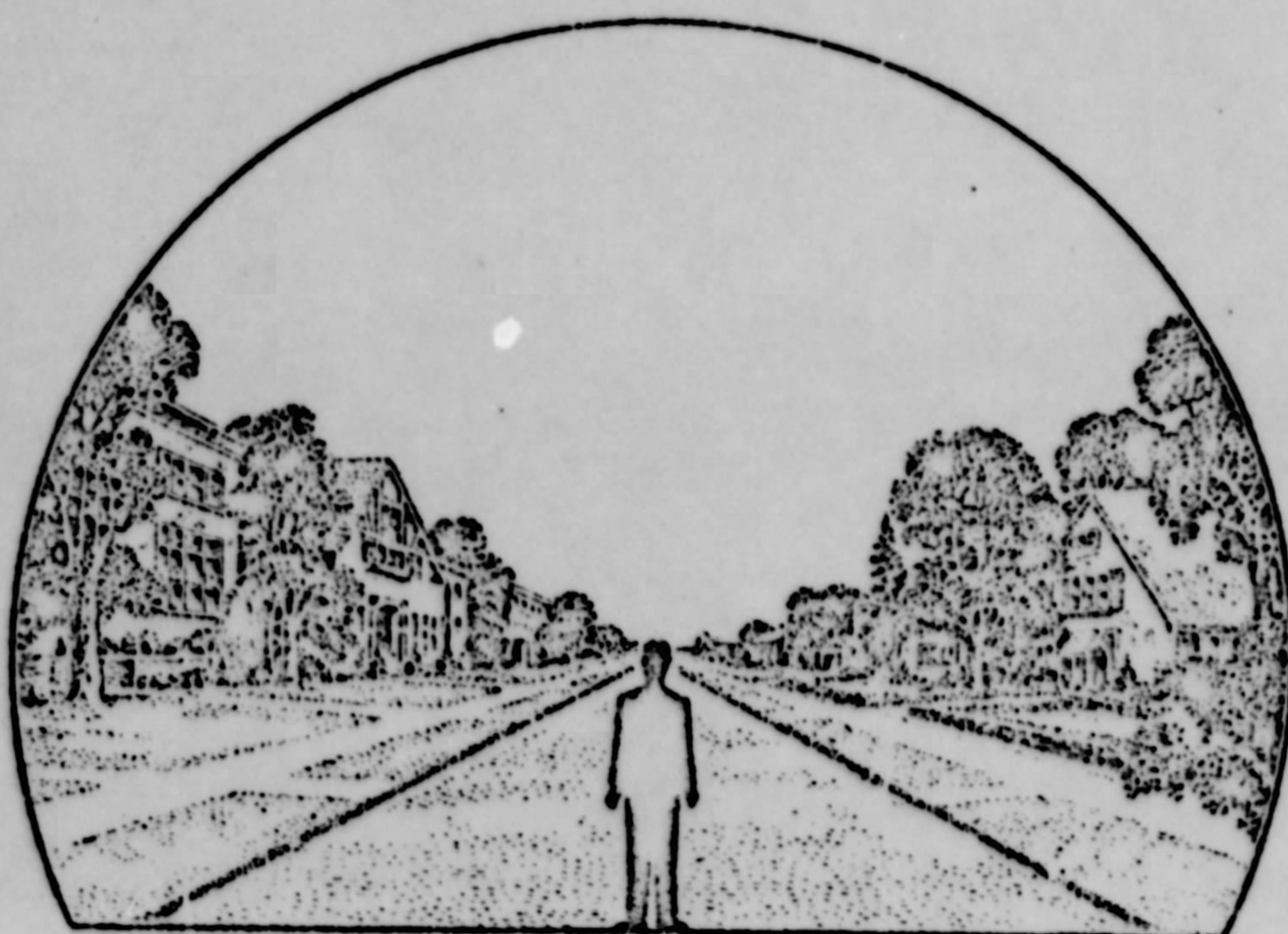
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North Same 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?

3 July 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:

Wife, also witness called to verify sighting--
Prof. [REDACTED]
Professor of Geology
University of Nevada

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?

No opinion. However, I have spent 15 years in Airline work--
Meteorologist--Flight Radio Operator, and
Object was not a weather balloon or any balloon, or
any conventional aircraft, or
star

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [REDACTED]
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE July 26, 1953

At 1145 AM on July 3, 1953, Mrs. [REDACTED] and myself were sitting on a grass lawn at East 9th and Lake Streets, Reno, Nevada. Mrs. [REDACTED] had been looking up through some tree branches and drew my attention to an object in the air. It was quite distant, and she located it for me with reference to a tree branch. I watched the object for about 8 minutes, thinking it might possibly be a weather balloon. It was not likely to be a star, because the day was bright (hot) and cloudless. However, it neither moved or changed in apparent size.

I therefore decided to report it to the nearest policeman, thinking he would have instructions to report through channels. However, he was not interested and suggested I call Police Headquarters, which I did.

Police Headquarters (12:00 Noon) were not interested and suggested I Call Sherriff's Office.

Sherriff's Office said this was outside their jurisdiction and to call Army.

I called 4 Army numbers listed in the telephone book, but no answer.

I then called the FBI, who took my name and address. I told them I could not locate the object anywhere except from beneath the tree at the scene of the sighting, using the tree branch as a reference point. I thereupon returned to E. 9th and Lake Sts., where Mrs. Shrader was still watching it. After 20 minutes (12:55P) being somewhat surprised that no one had appeared to verify the sighting, as a result of my report to FBI, and considering the possibility that a mistake might have been made as to the reported location of the sighting, I again telephone them. I was told that they had reported the matter to Stead Air Base.

Becoming aware by this time that it was going to be difficult to get any official verification while the object was still in view, I obtained from FBI the name of the Officer to whom the report had been made. The name was Col. Samson.

After some difficulty I reached Col Samson by telephone, who advised me that the report had been turned over to Col. Oderkirk. I talked with Col. Oderkirk (time now 12:35 PM), who told me that he was turning the matter over to Col. Worth. I got the impression that someone would come to verify the sighting, and returned to the scene, where the object was still visible. While not appearing to move, it had shifted position slightly because it was necessary for us to move, occasionally, to prevent its being obscured by the tree branch. *Very good*

12:55PM. No one having arrived to verify sighting, I again called Col. Worth to ask him if he could not send someone. He requested that I stand by the telephone and he would call me back. This he did at 1:10 PM, requesting that I obtain a disinterested person to verify the sighting.

At 1:25PM I returned to base, and the object was still visible. I stopped a car and requested the driver to observe it. This he did, giving his name as Prof. ~~██████████~~, Professor of Geology, University of Nevada. The time was now 1:30PM.

I could not reach Col. Worth by 'phone until 1:45PM, when I reported the verification. Col. Worth then stated he would send two enlisted men to our Motel for "depriefing".

1:50 PM. We returned to 9th and Lake Streets, but could not again locate the object.

2:30 PM. ~~Two Sergeants~~ Two Sergeants visited us at our Motel, expressing appreciation of our efforts and stating that Army was very interested in all such reports. I pointed out to them that Army had been aware of the sighting for over an hour during which the object could be seen, but hadn't been interested enough to look at it.

I have spent 15 years in Air Line work as Meteorologist and Radio Communications. (I am not now so engaged).

Any guess as to altitude or size of the object would be subject to wide error from a visual appraisal for reasons well known. I would guess the altitude to have been between 40 and 70 thousand feet -- the latter altitude only if the object was quite large. In size it was somewhat smaller than the head of a pin held at arm's length.

The object was not an airplane, or balloon. Conceivably a star, but this is very doubtful in my mind.

We encountered no interest in this sighting from any of the several Authorities and Army Officers with whom we talked, and this is difficult to understand unless such sightings are a known quantity and fully understood. I don't think I shall again go to so much trouble in attempting to get attention if I should make another sighting.