

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 September 53 01/00:02Z		2. LOCATION Silver Springs, Maryland	
3. SOURCE Civilian		10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR) Seen by two observers in different locations.	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Seconds		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One elliptical shaped, glowing brilliant blue similar to flame of a match head. Duration of flight as a flash of light.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE N77			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No			
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/ [REDACTED] FROM AFOIN 55897 FLYOBRPT. ATTN CLN

ATIAA-2C. ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED OVER ARLINGTON CMA

VIRGINIA APPROXIMATELY 1920 HOURS LOCAL. ELLIPTICAL SHAPE CMA

GLOWING BRILLIANT BLUE SIMILAR FLAME OF MATCH HEAD. OBJECT FIRST

SIGHTED APPROXIMATELY 15 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING WEST

NORTHWEST ALONG A CURVING FLIGHT PATH. OBSERVED VISUALLY BY

PEDESTRIAN DESCRIBED DURATION OF FLIGHT AS FLASH. NO ESTIMATE

OF SPEED CMA SIZE COMPARED TO ORDINARY STREET LIGHT GLOBE VIEWED

FROM DISTANCE OF FORTY FEET. OBSERVATION FROM INTERSECTION OF

[REDACTED] ST. OBSERVER [REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CMA D.C. ANTHROPOLOGIST CMA FORMER

WEATHER OBSERVER CMA 20TH AIR FORCE CMA CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

SECOND SIGHTING REPORTED BY [REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED]

CMA SILVER SPRINGS CMA

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COUNTRY United States of America	REPORT NO. 2-53	(LEAVE BLANK) AF 586397
<i>Witness</i> AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects		
AREA REPORTED ON Vicinity, Silver Springs, Maryland	FROM (Agency) Director of Intelligence, Hq Command, USAF	
DATE OF REPORT 6 October 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 30 September 1953	EVALUATION Unknown
PREPARED BY (Officer) 2d Lt Albert N. Hutchinson, Jr.	SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED] Silver Springs, Maryland	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) None		

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.)

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MARYLAND CMA SPHEROID OBJECT SIGHTED OVER SILVER SPRINGS AT
APPROXIMATELY 1930 HOURS 30 SEPTEMBER 1953 CMA HEADING SOUTHWEST.
COLOR SILVERY. DESCRIBED AS VERY BRIGHT CMA NOT GOING FAST ENOUGH
TO BE A METEOR CMA ESTIMATED 300 FEET HIGH AND SIX FEET IN
DIAMETER. NO DATA ON OBSERVER OR RELIABILITY. REPORTED THROUGH
A-2 BOLLING FIELD. CEILING UNLIMITED CMA VISIBILITY TWELVE MILES
WASHINGTON AREA

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FROM (Agency)

Director of Intelligence
Headquarters Command, USAF

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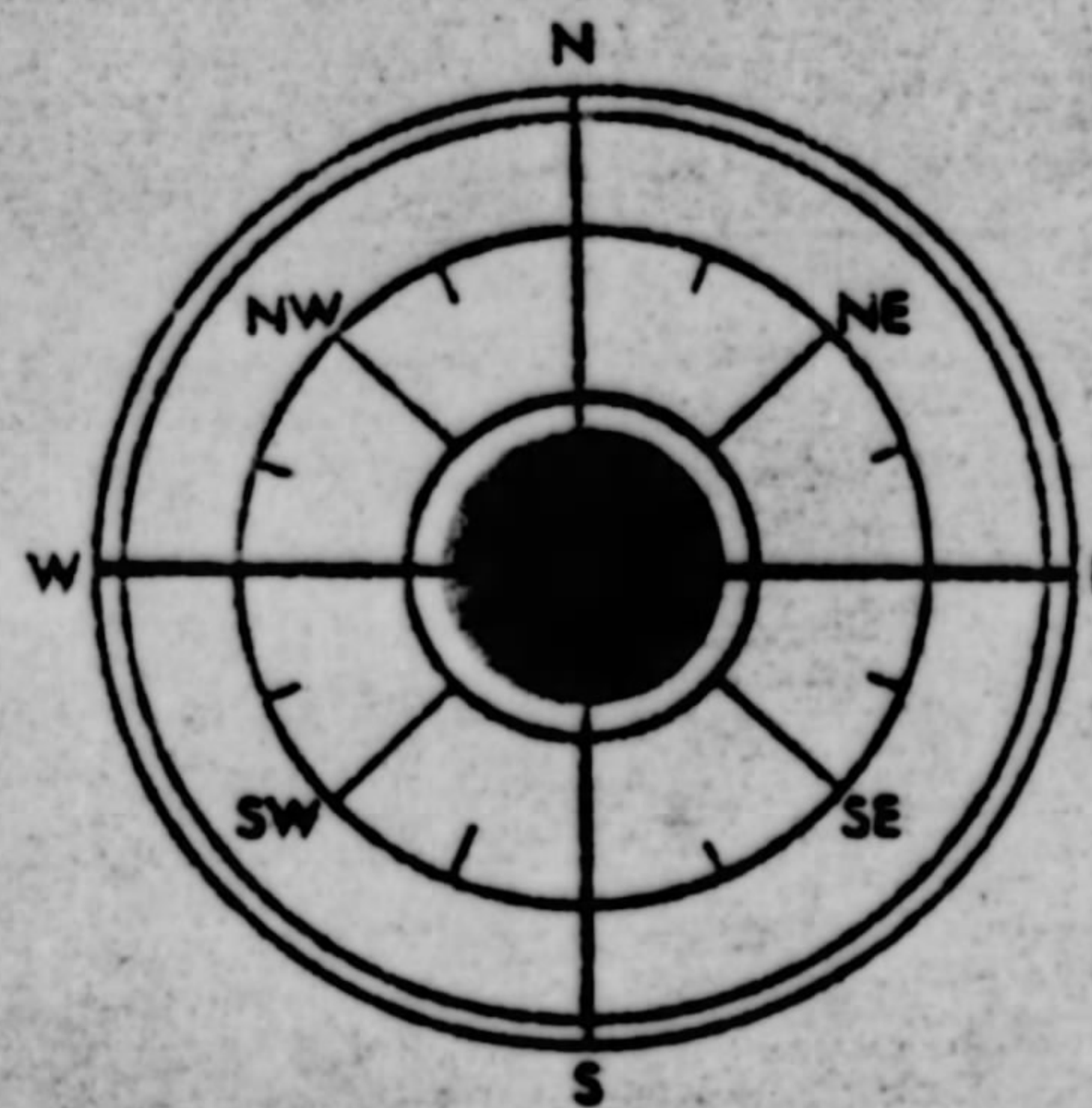
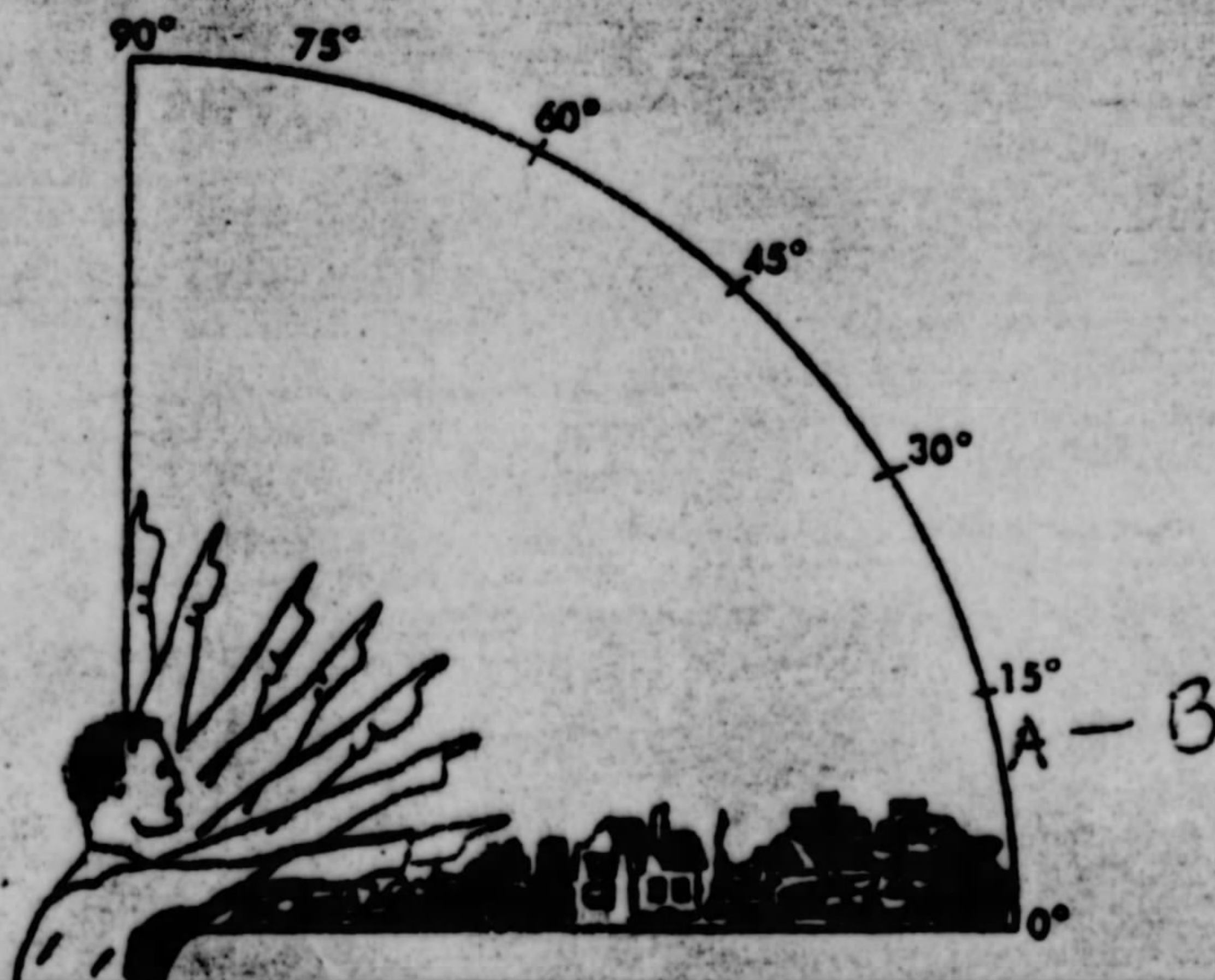
1. Report of sighting an unidentified object submitted by Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Silver Springs, Maryland.
2. Mr. [REDACTED] reported seeing a spheroid shaped silver object, appearing approximately 6 to 8 feet in diameter, looking something like the pictures of "flying saucers," he had seen in the newspaper.
3. Mr. [REDACTED] first saw the object when coming out of his home. The object appeared to be gliding at about 300 feet over a house across the street, and was gliding parallel to Colesville Road, a southwest direction, and seemed to land in an adjacent golf course, The Indian Spring Country Club. The object did not give off any light, although it was very bright. He saw the object for approximately 10 seconds.
4. The manner of observation was ground to air, and was visual. No aids were used.
5. The time and date of sighting was approximately 1930 hours on 30 September 1953. Light conditions were those of a very clear night.
6. The location of the observer was 39° north by 77° west.
7. Identifying information of the observer, Mr. [REDACTED] is as follows:

Mr. [REDACTED], age 36, address [REDACTED], Silver Springs, Maryland, the estimate of reliability is unknown, his occupation is that of owner of the Capital Equipment Company, business phone NO 7-4386.
8. Weather conditions at the time of the sighting were very good, ceiling was high, visibility was clear, no cloudcover and thunderstorms in the area.
9. Aircraft is rather prevalent in that area. Mr. Cooper saw a plane fly over 20 minutes after seeing the unidentified object, and stated that this object was definitely not a landing light.
10. It is felt by Albert N. Hutchinson, Jr., 2d Lt, USAF, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters Command, USAF, the preparing officer, that Mr. [REDACTED] did actually see the above described object, and that it was unlikely that it was a light from a plane. Investigation has found that a meteor was seen by persons in that general vicinity at approximately the time of sighting. This is the only plausible explanation that can be given from this source.

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27. 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. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass when you last saw the object.



28. 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.

DID NOT MAKE ANY MOTION - IT WAS CRUISING
THERE WAS NO SOUND OF ANY KIND

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? NONE
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

SEPTEMBER 1953 SIGHTINGS

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1	30 ✓	Silver Springs, Maryland
2	28 ✓	Lake Charles, Louisiana
3	28 ✓	Palmdale, California ✓
4	28 ✓	Harrisville, Michigan ✓
5	26 ✓	Springfield, Ohio ✓
6	24 ✓	Prospect Park, Brooklyn, New York ✓
7	23 ✓	Gathersburg, Maryland ✓
8	22 ✓	Hayward, California ✓
9	22 ✓	Lawton, Oklahoma
10	18 ✓	Atherton, California ✓
11	15 ✓	Rapid City, S. Dakota ✓
12	12 ✓	Ft. Meade, Maryland ✓
13	7 ✓	Omaha, Nebraska ✓
14	4 ✓	Pepperell AFB, Newfoundland ✓
(15)	(4 ✓)	Whitney, Texas ✓
(16)	(4 ✓)	Arizona - New Mexico area ✓
17	3 ✓	Modesto, California ✓
18	3 ✓	Jones Beach, New York ✓
19	2 ✓	Sidi Slimane AB, French Morocco ✓

Gold Beach *John Miller*

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30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

NO

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) Yes ☐ No ☒

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) Yes ☐ No ☐

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [REDACTED] MIL [REDACTED] WIS
Street City State

TELEPHONE NUMBER NONE AGE 47 SEX MALE

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Day Month Year DID NOT REPORT IT

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34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

6
Day

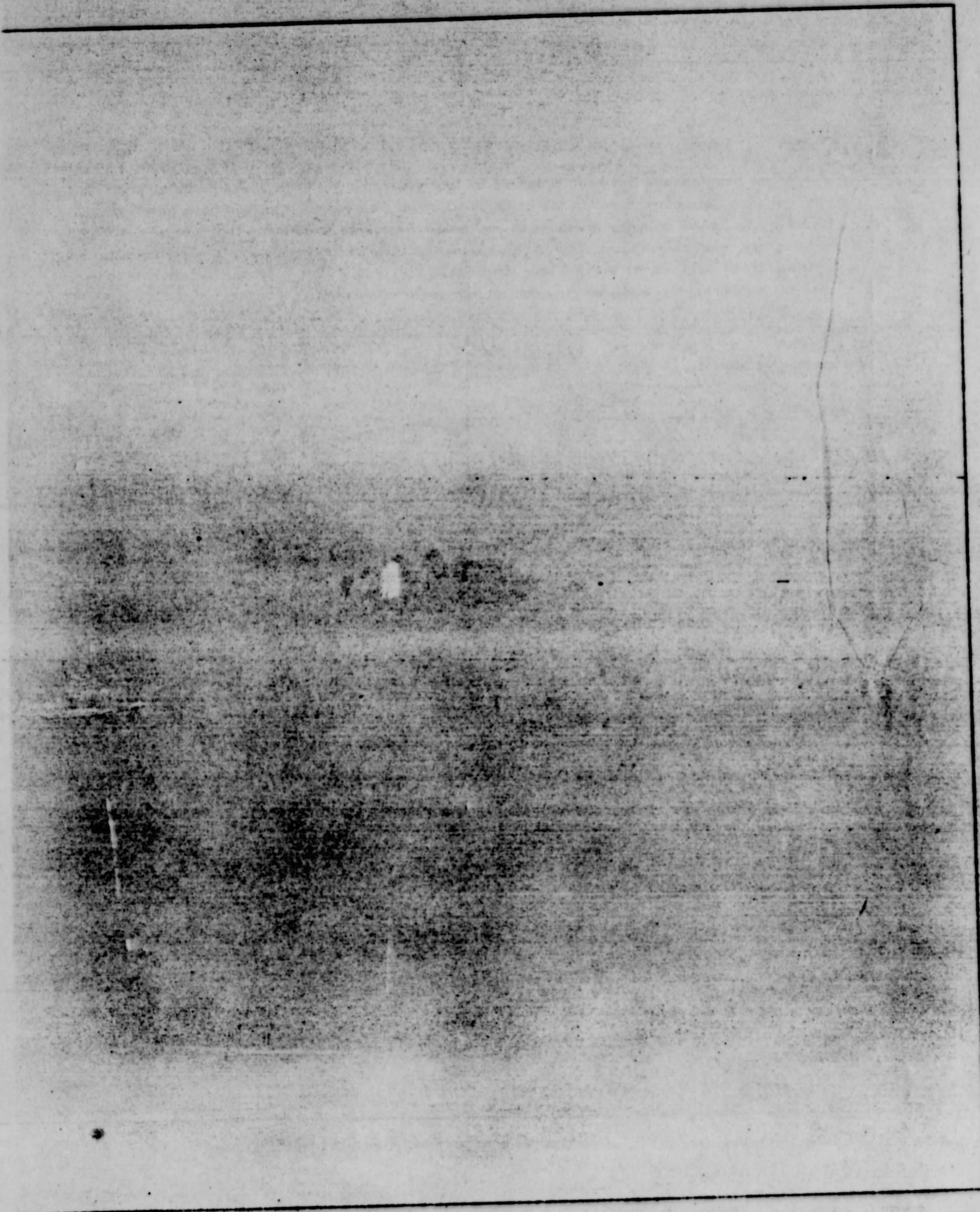
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Month

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Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

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U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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. 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?

1 SEPT 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: _____
Hours Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3:30

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where did you see the object?

[REDACTED]
Address

MIL
City or Town

WIS
State or County

5. How long did it last? (Total Duration)

5
Hours Minutes Seconds

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was the height determined?

5.2 Was the height continuous?

Yes

No

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, 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, 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. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object

Like SNOW

12. 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 _____

13. 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. Flash or flicker? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't know |

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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

S.E

IT WAS TRAVELING FROM ~~THE~~ TO N.W

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't know.

If you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind:

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't know.

If you answered YES, then tell what

in front of:

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound

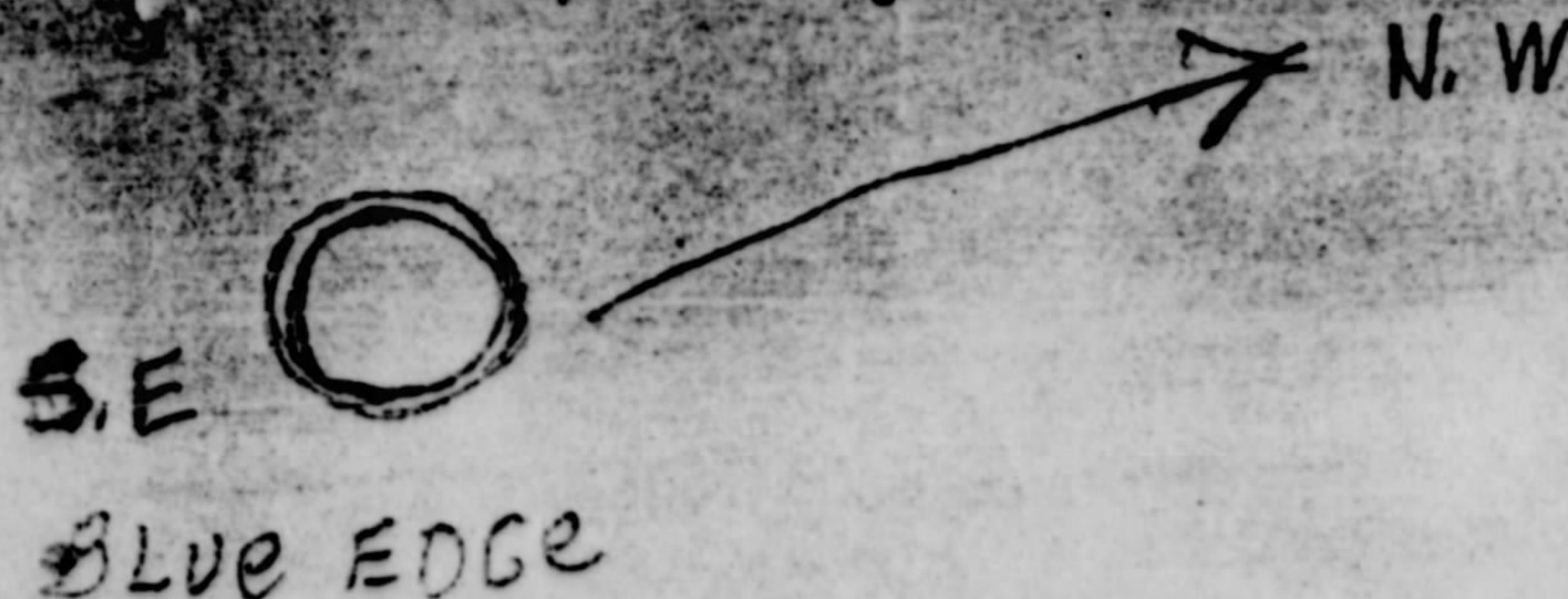
No SOUND

b. Color

WHITE - BLUE EDGE AROUND RIM

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object could have been covered by the match head?

19. 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.



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20. 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? CRUISING

21. 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? 1 BLOCK AWAY

22. 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 (type: _____)

e. At sea

f. Other _____

23. 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. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)

☐ Yes

☒ No

25. 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

None

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, 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.

A ROUND PLATE

OCTOBER 1953 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
1	Harrisville, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
1	Capitol Heights, Maryland	[REDACTED]	A/C
2	Tinker AFB, Oklahoma	Military	A/C
3	North Rome, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Astro (ARCTURUS)
4	Menzel (AMS 2330) Meteor (INFO)		
7	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (American Meteor Society-Fireball Report)(INFO)		
7	Holloman, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	Balloon
7	Scott AFB, Illinois	Military	Balloon
8	Long Beach, California	Sheriff's Office	Insufficient Data
9	Sampson AFB, New York	[REDACTED]	A/C
11	Waubun, Minnesota	[REDACTED]	Other (UNRELIABLE RP)
11	Albuquerque, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	Other (BIRDS)
12	Arabian Sea (HO Bulletin) Report of Abnormal Refraction (INFO)		
12	Waterville, Maine	[REDACTED]	A/C
12	Yakima, Washington	Military Air	Astro (SUN DOG)
12	Offutt AFB, Nebraska	Ground (RADAR)	Balloon
13	Dobbins AFB, Georgia	Tower Personnel	Other (Searchlights)
14	Cincinnati, Ohio (CRIFO)(INFO)	[REDACTED]	
15	Minneapolis, Minnesota	General Mills Crew	UNIDENTIFIED
15	Palmer, Alaska	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
15	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
16	Cyprus Island	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
16	Presque Island, Maine	Ground (RADAR)	Other (Electronic Interference or Etc)
19	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (INFO)(?) Newsclipping		
19	Winsor, Newfoundland	[REDACTED]	Balloon
19	Westport, Mississippi	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEORS)
19	Lowry AFB, Colorado	Military	Balloon
19	Bolling AFB, Washington	[REDACTED] & Others	UNIDENTIFIED
20	Norfolk, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Balloon
22	Compton, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
24	Concord, California (CSI)(INFO)		
25-31	Lubbock, Texas (CSI)(INFO)		
25	Simiutak, Greenland	Not Reported	Astro (MARS/ARCTURUS)
26	Baltimore, Maryland	[REDACTED]	A/C
26	135.26E 34.48N (Pacific)	Control Tower, Air Vis	Astro (METEOR)
26	Melbourne, Florida	Civil Airlines	Astro (METEORS)
29	Pepperell AFB, Newfoundland	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
29	Hampton, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
29	Mapleton, Maine	[REDACTED] & Others	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Presque Isle, Maine	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
30	Norton AFB, California	Air Visual	Insufficient Data
31	Annapolis, Maryland	[REDACTED] & Others	Balloon
31	Logansville, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
31	Union Lake, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data