

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 November 53 16/1645L	2. LOCATION Manitowoc, Wisc.
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED Venus at 14 hrs, 23 Min. (10). Object in same position for 4 hours. Sighting during day. Evaluated as UNIDENTIFIED.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 minutes	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE No Movement	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Silver in color and shape of a sphere or disc. No movement. Small to naked eye.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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

1 witness

18/1145
Manitowoc
Wis

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Nov 18th 1953

Project Sign
Wright Patterson Field
Dayton Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I wish to report a sighting of an unidentified flying object.

1..Object was silver color in the shape of a sphere or disk.

2..Object appeared the size of a lead pencil eraser when viewed from the top.

3..First sighting was at 12:45 Central Standard time Nov. 18th.
Position due north...altitude above the northern horizon about twenty five degrees. Object hovering . Observed it for fifteen minutes.

4...Second observation 3:15 P.M. object in same position. Sky clear of clouds but some dust and smoke in atmosphere.

5...Third observation at 4:15 P.M. object in same position.

6...Fourth observation 4:40 P.M. object no longer visible.

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Major Civil Air Patrol
Private Pilot license ~~Manitowoc Wis~~

Note;
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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?

18 NOV 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

11 45
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?

Nearest Postal Address

Manitowoc
City or Town

Wis.
State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

4.5
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

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

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 | <u>naked eye</u> | |

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.

*No motion. Object was stationary. I took
three sightings 1st at 11:45 A.M. 2nd at about
4:15 P.M. 3rd at 5 P.M. Object was not visible at
last sighting.*

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

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| a. Head of a pin | g. Silver dollar |
| ☒ b. Pea | h. Baseball |
| c. Dime | i. Grapefruit |
| d. Nickel | j. Basketball |
| e. Quarter | k. Other _____ |
| f. Half dollar | |

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| ☒ a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

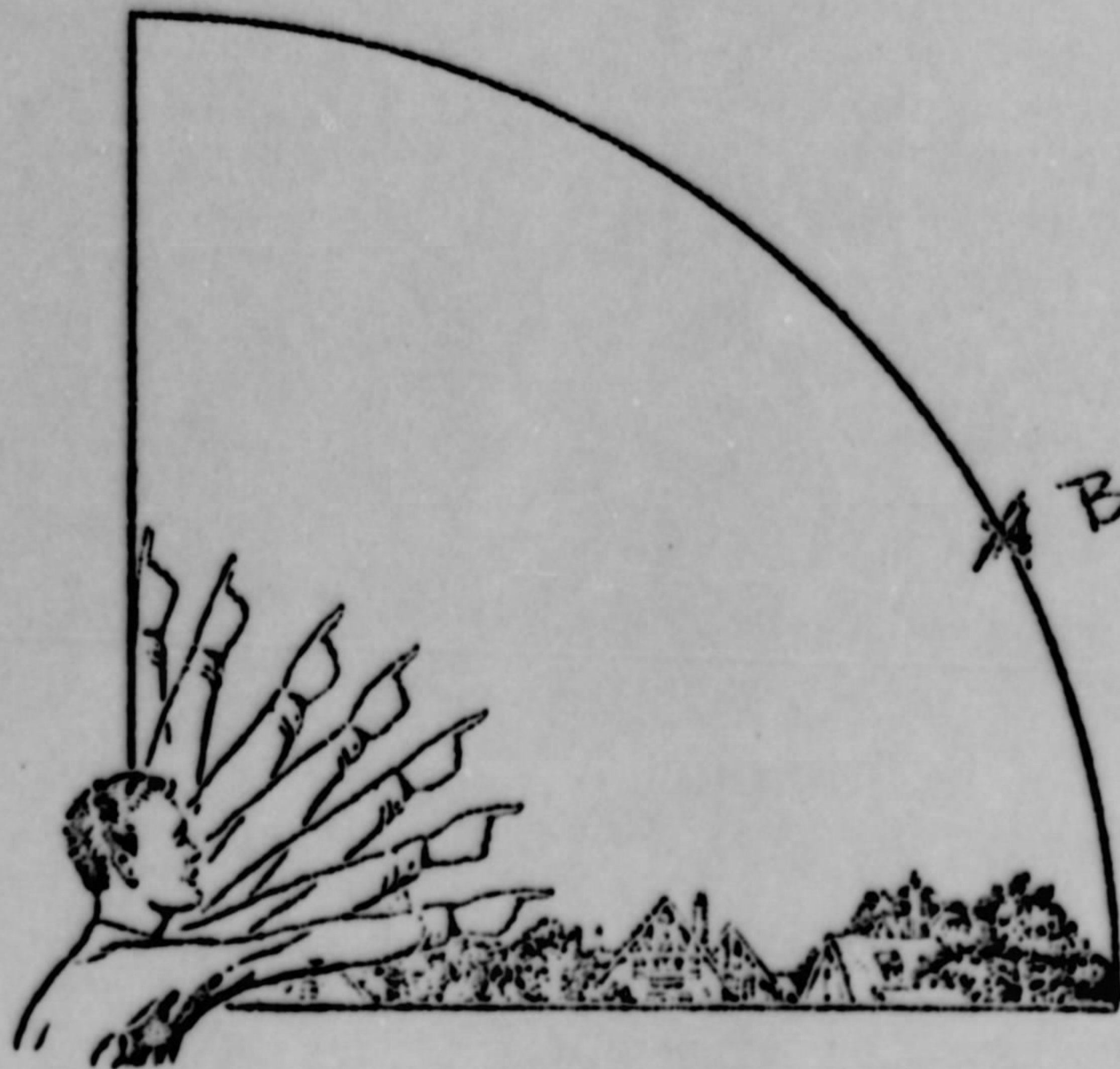
23. How did the object or objects disappear from view?

*Object was no longer
visible after sun set*

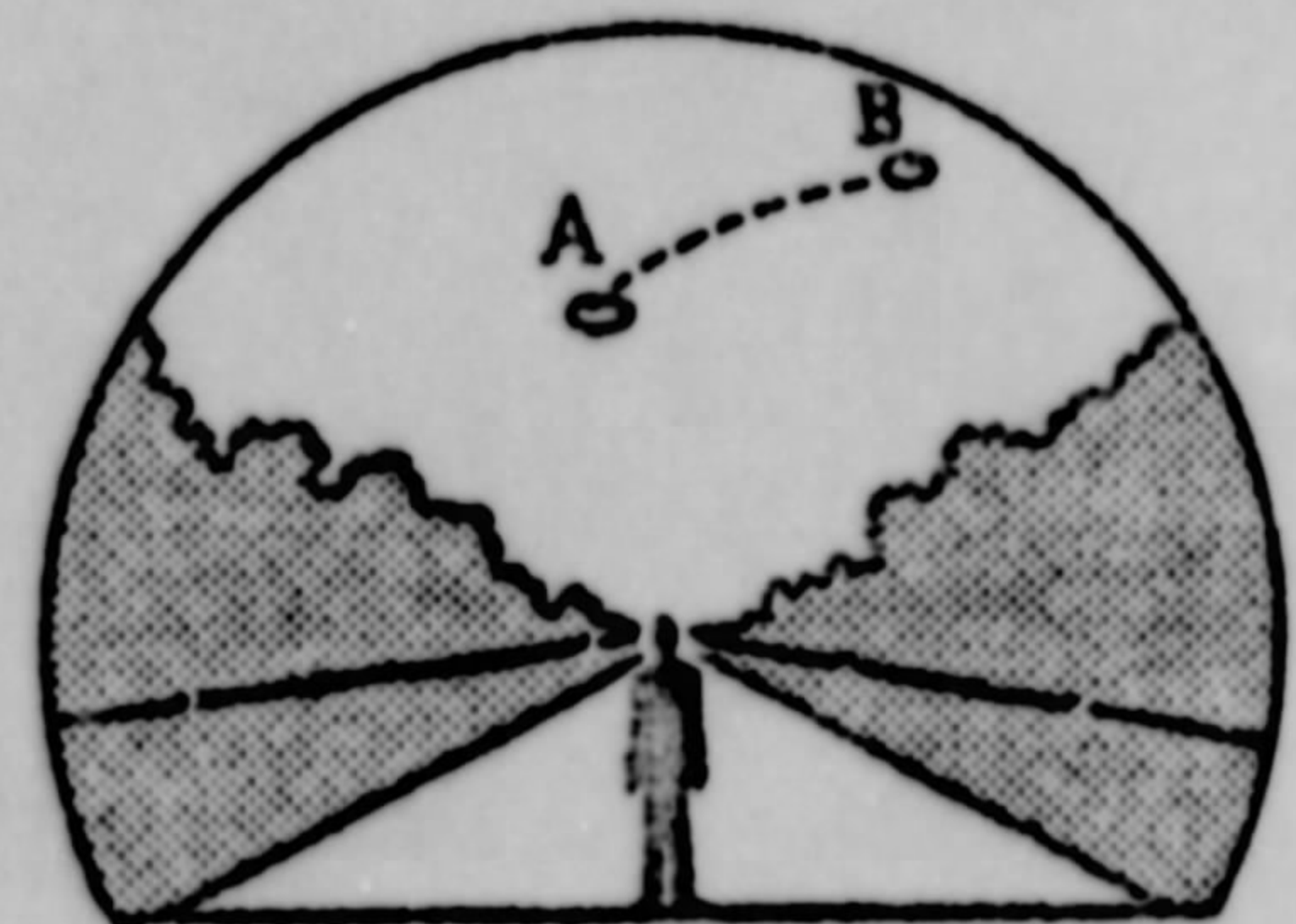
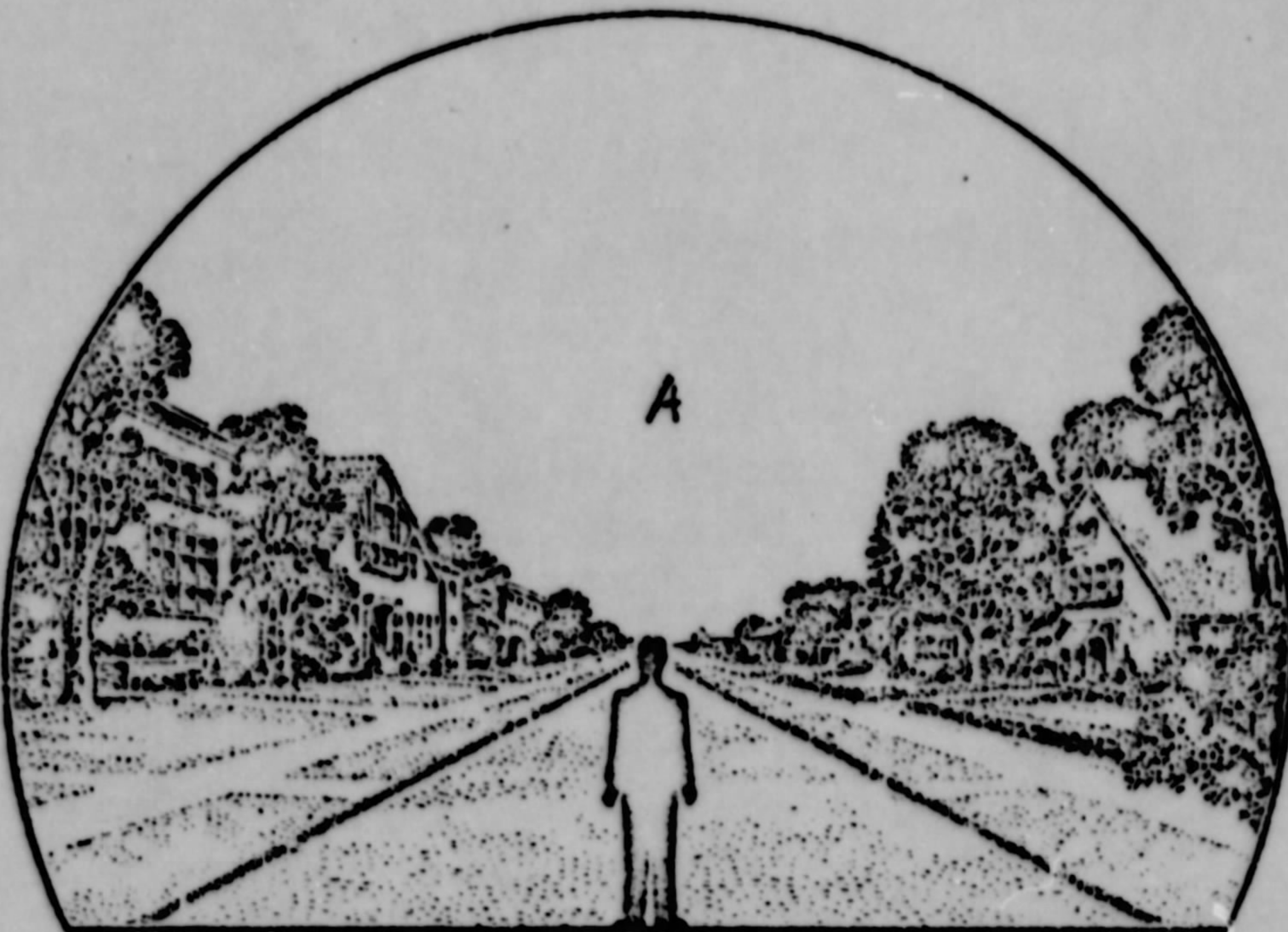
24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or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

*Object looked similar to Planet Venus
when viewed in daytime with naked eye.
Spherical, silver color, apparently solid.*

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?

____ Day NOV Month 1957 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:

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?

Viewed similar object over Lake Michigan
Aug 1941. At that time object was much
closer with an apparent diameter of a basketball

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

Object looked like a star but to my knowledge there are no
celestial stars visible at home. The fact that it
remained stationary about 25° above north horizon
on a 300 bearing from 11:45 A.M. until last sight
at 4:15 P.M. rules out either star or weather balloon
completely. I have no idea what it was except
that it was an U.F.O.

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? _____ 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

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Age

Sex

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

e. e. Technical school

b. High school

(Type)

c. College

f. Other special training

d. Post graduate

Robot, General
Ground School Instructor
Navigating, Meteorology, Instruments, Aircraft, Emergency
amateur astronomer

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)

SIGNATURE _____

DATE December 6th 1953

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

I do not recall the day of the month this observation was made, but it was the day before I reported it to your office by letter. My first observation was made in the country about ten miles south of Manitowoc. I was calling on Farmers this day and had stopped and parked my car for lunch. Having been identified with flying since 1917 and a pilot since 1922 and being an amateur astronomer and licensed ground school instructor in meteorology I most generally spend some time each day observing the sky from both an astronomical and meteorological standpoint. While engaged in such observation I saw this object in the sky. It was located due north as I took the trouble to line it's position up with a section line road. It's altitude above the northern horizon was about twenty five degrees. It appeared about the size of a lead pencil eraser when viewed from the top of a pencil. The sky was clear and cloudless but there was a slight dust haze at high altitude which on occasion obscured the object for a few seconds. I checked my first view of object with my watch at it was 11:45 A.M. My first thought that it might be either the star Vega or Capella. This I dismissed as being impossible as to my knowledge neither star would be visible at noon to the naked eye. The object was silver in color and shown with a steady light. It appeared much like the planet Venus when that planet is viewed with the naked eye during the day. I observed it until 12.00 noon and then went about my work. At four fifteen in the afternoon I stopped my car on a hill where I had a good clear view and again located the object in the same position. Seeing it in the same position immediately ruled out either the star or balloon theory as upper air winds would have moved the balloon and the rotation of the earth would have changed the apparent position of a star. The fact that this object was still in the same position after four hours and fifteen minutes captured my interest to the extent that I quit work for the day and immediately drove in to

Manitowoc where I borrowed a pair of binoculars from a neighbor. As I live only a block from lake Michigan I walked over to the lake where I could get a clear view. As the binoculars were of poor quality I couldn't see anymore with them than I could with my naked eye. I then returned home and waited until dark for another observation but when I walked back to the lake the object was no longer visible. The next day there was a solid overcast but on the following day the sky cover was scattered with cumulus but otherwise it was clear and bright. However the object was no longer visible .