

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 May 54	2. LOCATION KEESLER AFB Mobile, Alabama		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1130 AM-CST</u> GMT <u>07/1730</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS Xerox Photos received ☐ No	6. SOURCE military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION two hours	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE east	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Appeared as a balloon. White and translucent. White streamer hanging from bottom of obj. Obj at about 50,000'. Drifted East at about 20 mph.		11. COMMENTS Photo's reveal apparant brilliant blob of light. All sources believe obj to have been a balloon reflecting sun light.	

(FILM IN SPECIMEN FILE)

FILM

MARCH 7, 1954

KEESLER AFB, ALA.

Observer - Military

FILE # 1003400

IN CUSTODY OF AUDIO-VISUAL DIVISION

1975

KEESLER AFB, MISS.

CASE INCLUDES ROLL OF FILM
IN SEPARATE FOLDER.

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?

7 March 1954
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 11 30
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?

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE MISSISSIPPI
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: OBJECT FIRST SIGHTED OVER MOBILE, ALABAMA
WHILE FLYING IN C-45 TYPE AIRCRAFT AT 10,000 FT.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. 2 0 0
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight d. Just a trace of daylight
b. Dull daylight e. No trace of daylight
c. Bright twilight 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 d. To your left
b. In back of you e. Overhead
c. To your right f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

NA 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?

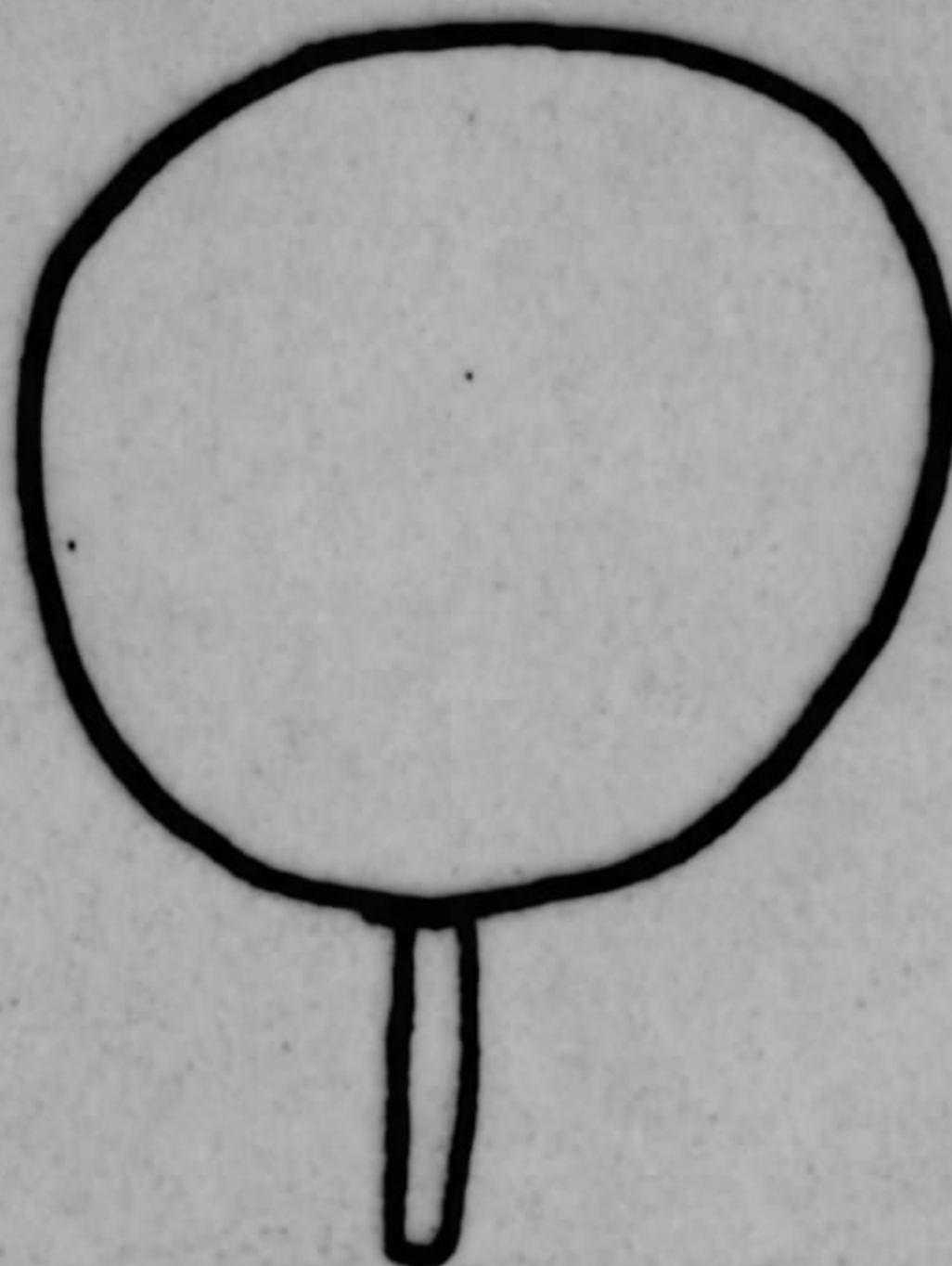
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	☒ b. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
☒ c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

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

a. Sound _____

b. Color WHITE, TRANSLUCENT

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.



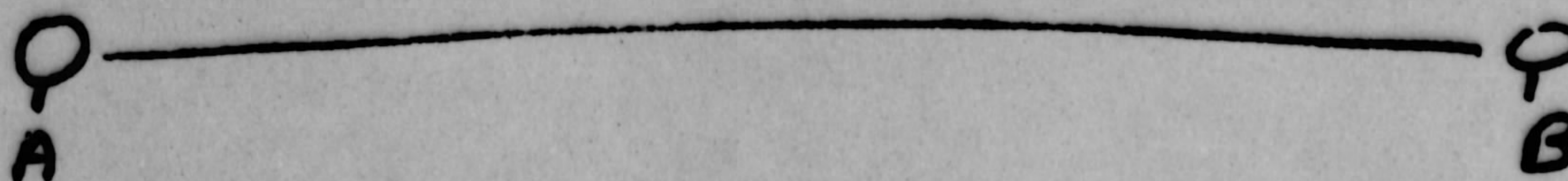
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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.



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

300 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
 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? DRIETER OUT OF SIGHT

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.

RUBBER OR PLASTIC
 300 FT IN DIAMETER
 ROUND
 BALLON

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?

WE WERE SEARCHING FOR THE OBJECT - FINALLY
SPOTTED IT HIGH OVER MOBILE, ALA.

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

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? 170 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 | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

- | | | | |
|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | ☒ c. East | 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).

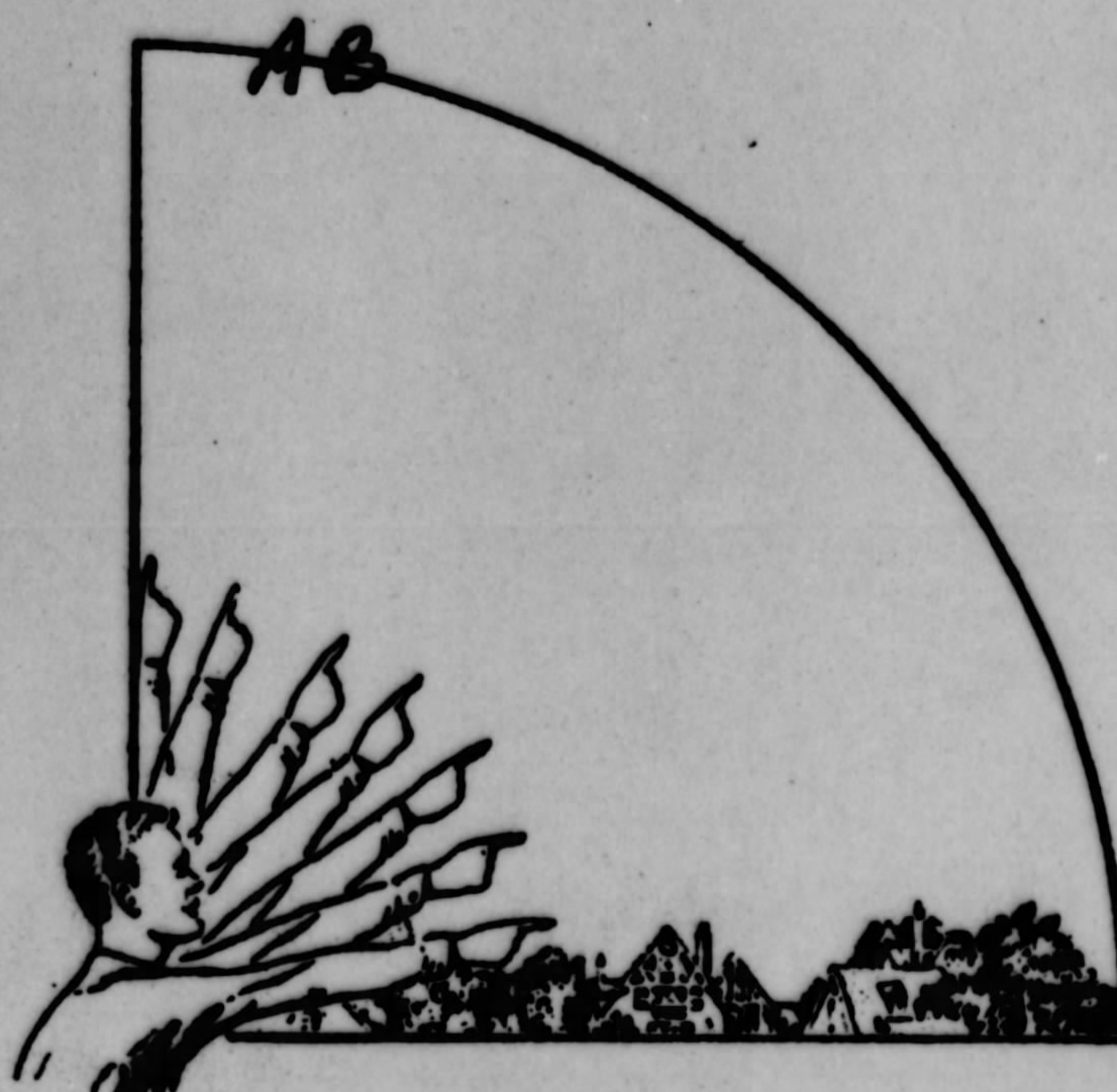
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 70° degrees.
- b. From horizon 80 degrees.

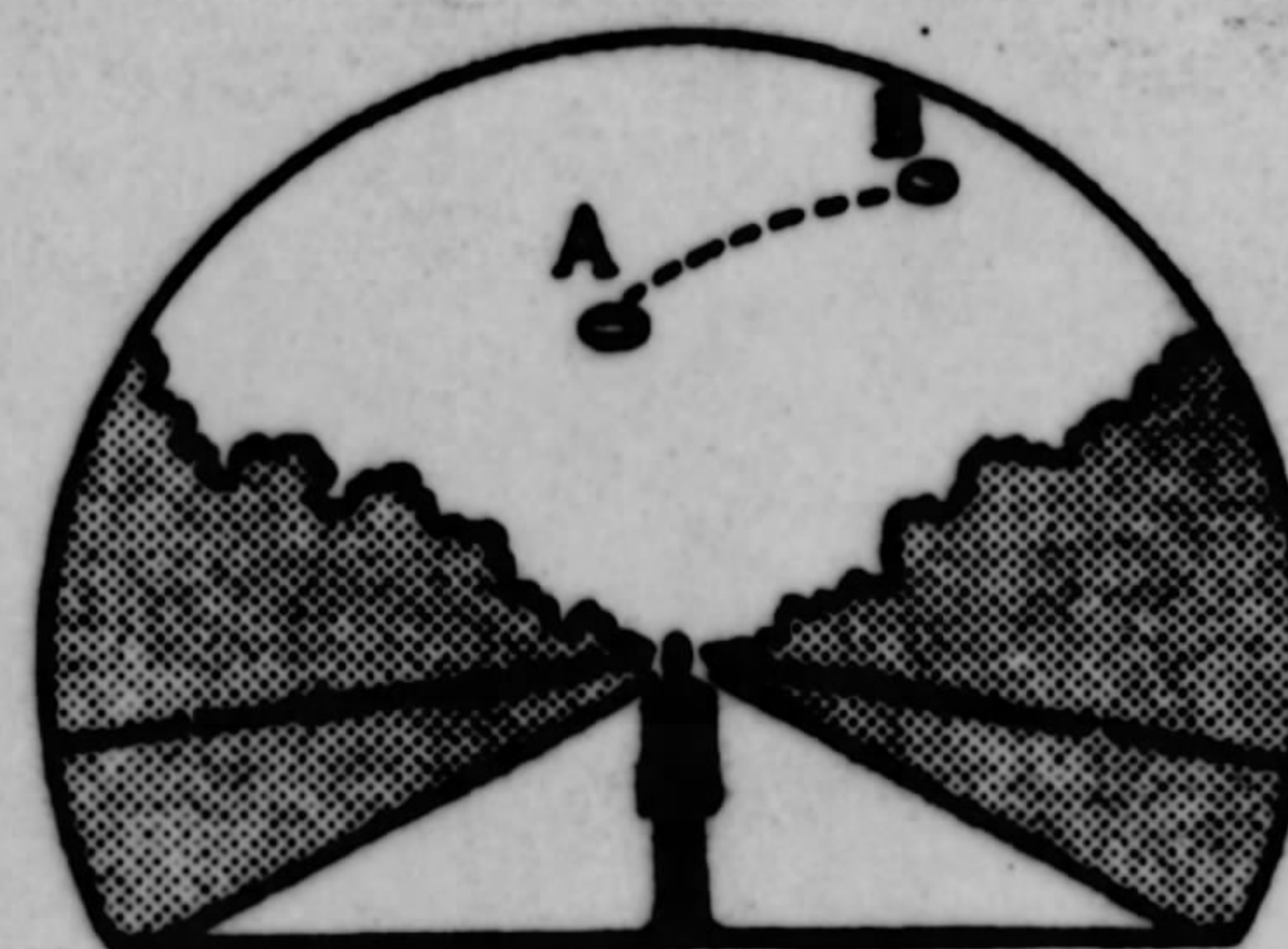
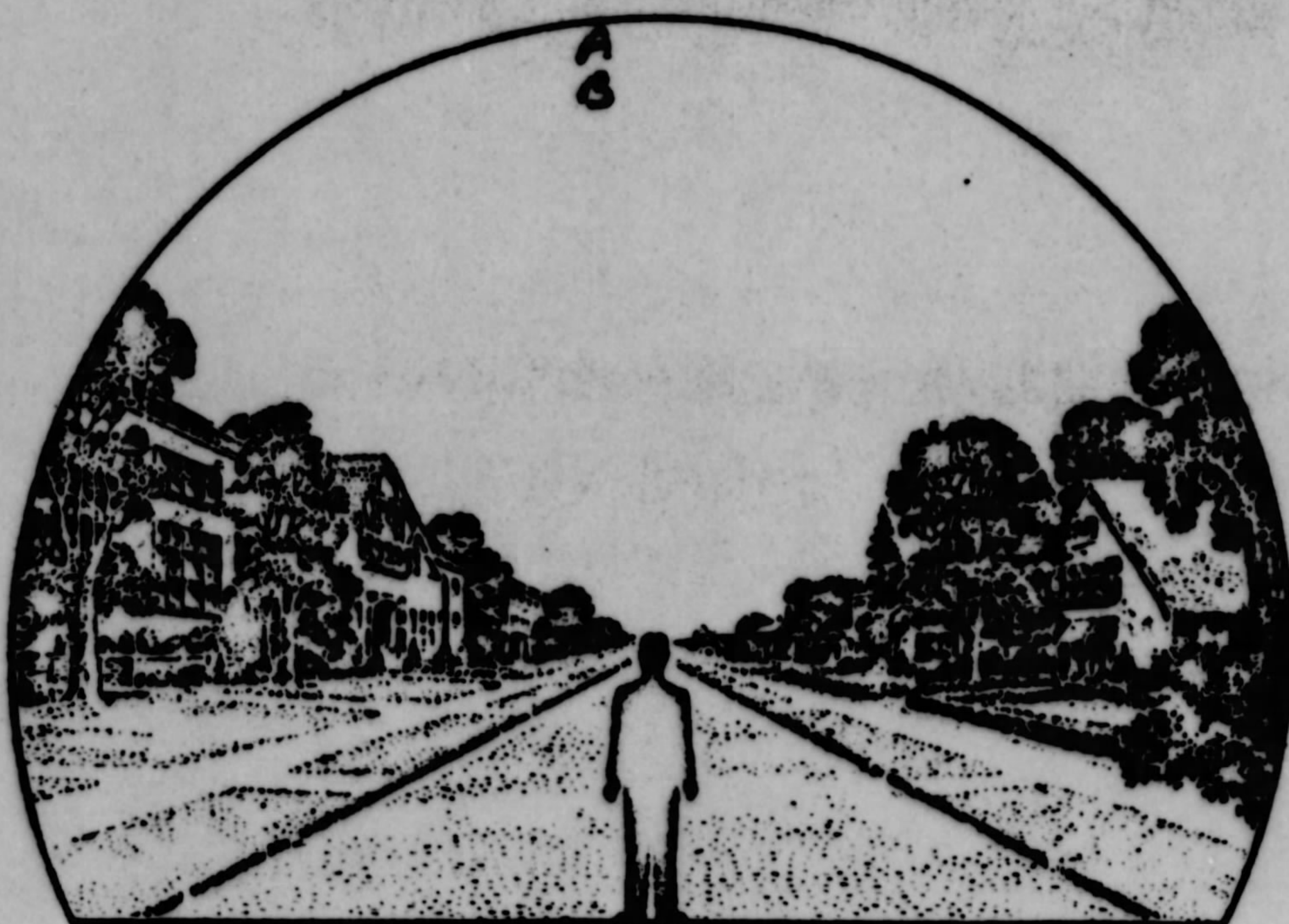
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 70 degrees.
- b. From horizon 80 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?

_____ 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:

CAPT. [REDACTED] KEESLER AFB. MISSISSIPPI
A/3C [REDACTED] KEESLER AFB. MISSISSIPPI

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?

I HAVE SEEN WEATHER BALLONS WHICH APPEARED
THE SAME AS THIS OBJECT.

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

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LARGE BALLOON

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?

20 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?

37000 feet. UP from us

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 2 YRS

f. Other special training CONTROL TOWER OPERATORS SCHOOL (AIR FORCE)

d. Post graduate

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

8
Day

MARCH
Month

1954
Year

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 A/1C [REDACTED]
 (Please Print)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

DATE 8 March 1954

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

At approximately 10:30C 7 March 1954 we took off in a C-45 type aircraft to try to find an unidentified object which had been sighted over Wiggins, Miss. We flew around the Wiggins area for about 30 minutes without sighting anything unusual when the Control Tower in Brookley Alabama called, telling us there was an unidentified object over Mobile Alabama. We proceeded to Mobile flying at 10,000 feet. About 10 miles West of Mobile we sighted an object high over the city (Mobile). We flew to a point under the object and started to circle. The object was observed for two hours from all angles. During this time it was observed that the object was drifting in an easterly direction at approximately 20 miles per hour. The object was very high, probably about 50,000 feet. We had to look up at an angle of about 80 degrees while observing it. The object was white and appeared to be translucent. It appeared to be a balloon, and could have been made of rubber or plastic. There was a white streamer hanging from the bottom of the object which appeared to be about $1/3$ of the objects diameter long and about $1/10$ of the objects diameter wide. I took about 5 pictures of the object with

a Sterioscopic (three dèmentional) camera at 1/100 of a second shutter speed and 16, 11, and 8 lens opening. During the two hours we observed the object we watched it with the naked eye and through 7X50 binoculars.

At about 12:30 a jet type aircraft (T-33) flew up to see if he could identify the object. He climbed to 40,000 feet and said the object was about 7,000 feet above him or at 47,000 feet. When we observed the object through the binoculars it appeared to be the size of a pea (in the glasses) . This was the same size a small house appeared on the ground through the binoculars. Since we were 10,000 feet from the ground and aproximately 37,000 feet from the object it appears that the object was three times as big as a small house.

We left the object at aproximately 12:30C and went back to our base. At this time another jet (F-86) was proceeding to the scene to try to get closer to the object and possibly identify it. When we left the object was still drifting to the East at aproximately 20 miles per hour.

Film from Sterioscopic camera is being forwarded with this report. Film broke once while takeing first picture from plane, which necessitated re-threading the film in the airplane.

this case includes

Two (2) 3x5 Black and White Photos

