

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 July 1954		2. LOCATION Fairchild AFB, Washington		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 1840-2000 GMT 03/2140Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Mil			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr, 20 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NEto SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Appeared translucent. No sound. Shaped like teardrop. (WHERE IS FILM) See: Film 7-3745-429 see separate accession (FILM IN SPECIMEN FILE)				11. COMMENTS F/I scrambled. Rptd looked like balloon. ATIC Eval: Balloon tracks checked. Res. Balloon in area at time of sighting.	

FILM

July 3, 1954

FAIRCHILD AFB, WASHINGTON

OBSERVER - MILITARY

FILE # 1003407

IN CUSTODY OF AUDIO-VISUAL DIVISION

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 1954
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 1840 - 2000 hrs.
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?

Fairchild A.F.B. Spokane Washington
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: on duty in Control Tower operated
by 1905-2 AACF Detachment

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. 1 20 until sun-
Hours 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 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 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

FAIRCHILD, ~~W~~ AFB

2 Jul 54

includes 8 Film in separate
FOLDER

FL 17

July 3, 1954

Fairchild AFB, WASHINGTON

Observer Military

FILE # 203407

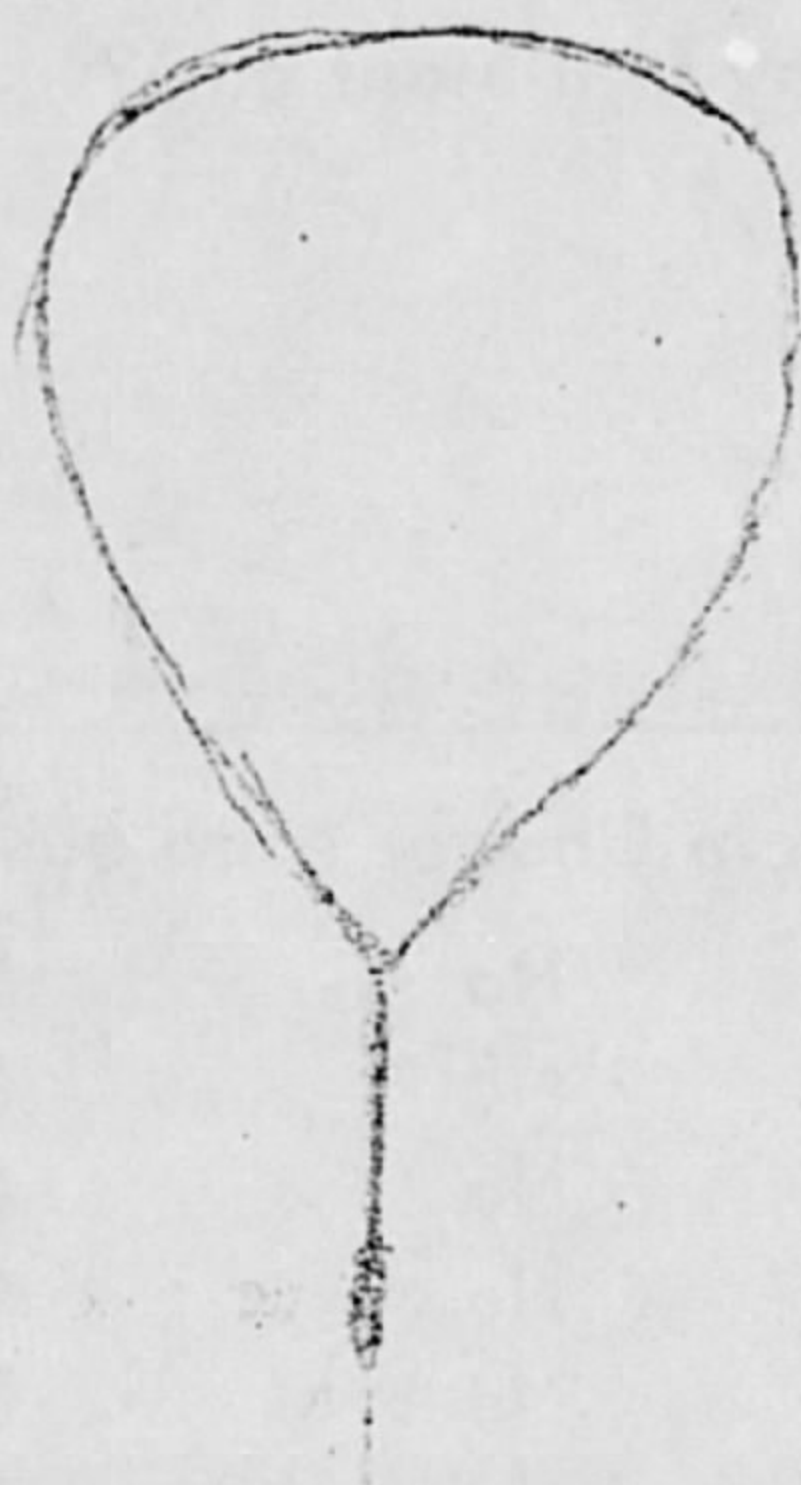
In custody of AF/Audio-Visual Division

1975

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

- a. Sound None
- b. Color 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.

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

appeared translucent
transparent

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | <u>No</u> | 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 | <u>No</u> | e. Binoculars | <u>Yes</u> | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | <u>No</u> | f. Telescope | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| c. Windshield | Yes | <u>No</u> | g. Theodolite | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| d. Window glass | <u>Yes</u> | No | h. Other | _____ | |

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 Control Tower.

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 Fairchild AFB, Washington

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

Control Tower. Were advised of object.

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 | <u>e. South</u> | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | <u>f. Southwest</u> | 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 180 degrees.
- b. From horizon 70 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 240 degrees.
- b. From horizon 45 degrees.

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.

going from East to West or N.E. to S.W.

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

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? *disappeared shortly after sunset.*

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. ¹Of what type material would you make it? ²How 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.

1. *plastic or rubber*
2. *appx. 500 ft.*
3. *Teardrop.*

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 80°
- e. Don't remember

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

3 July 1954 1400 Hrs. P.
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:

A/c [REDACTED] 1905-2 AACS Det. Fairchild AFB, Wn.
Capt. [REDACTED] 5616271 814th Installation Sqdn. Fairchild AFB, Wn.

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

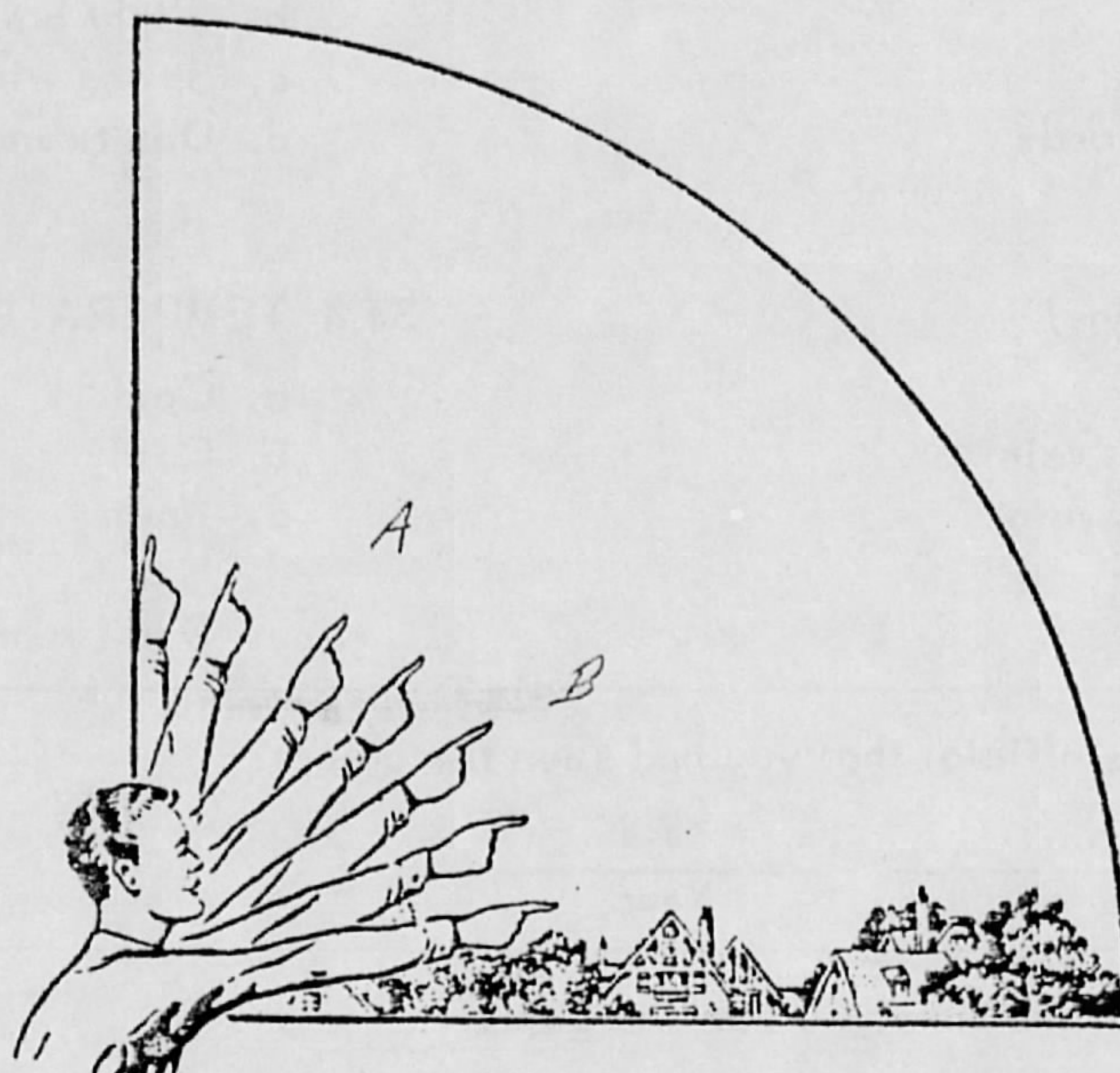
(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

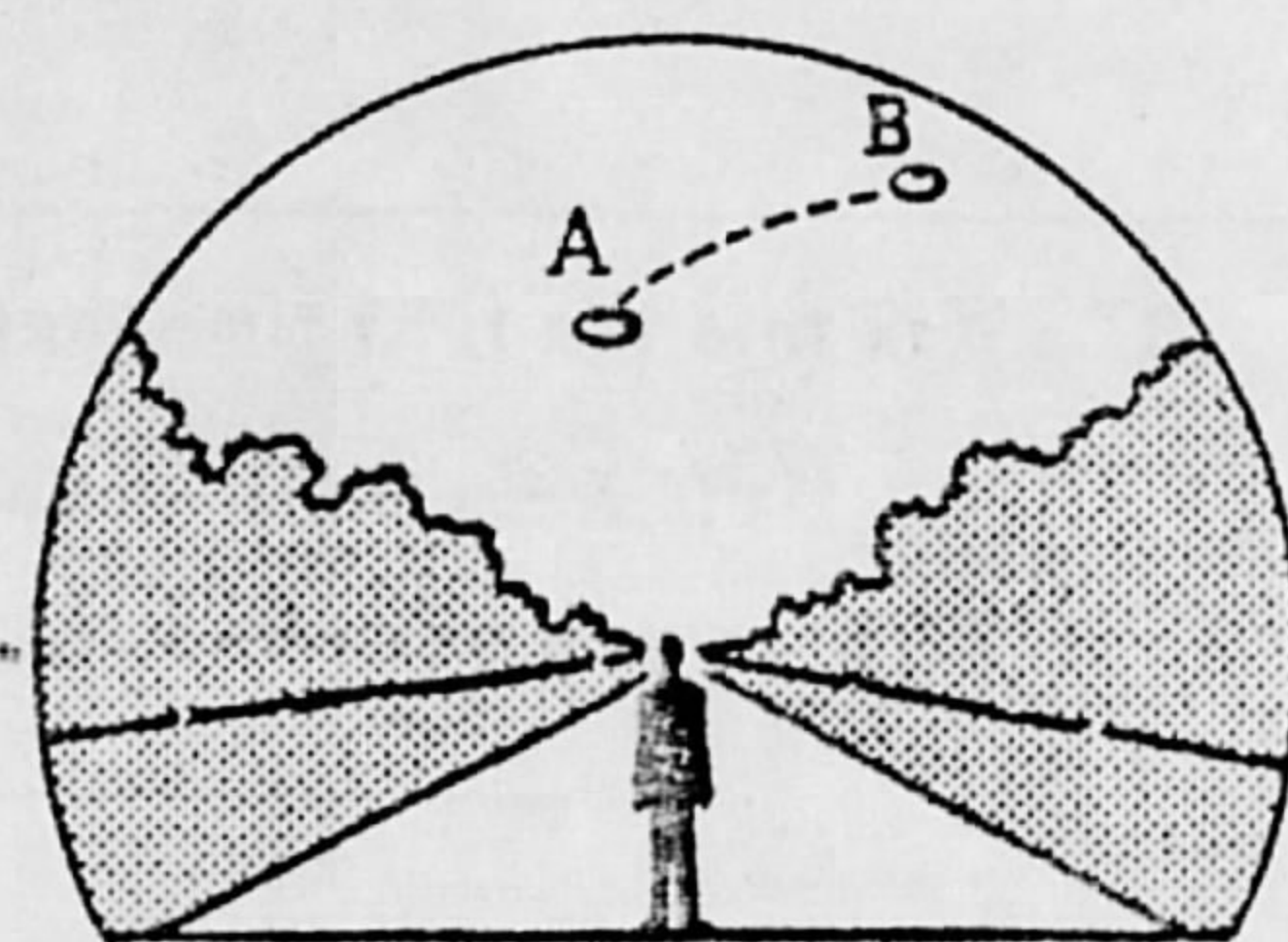
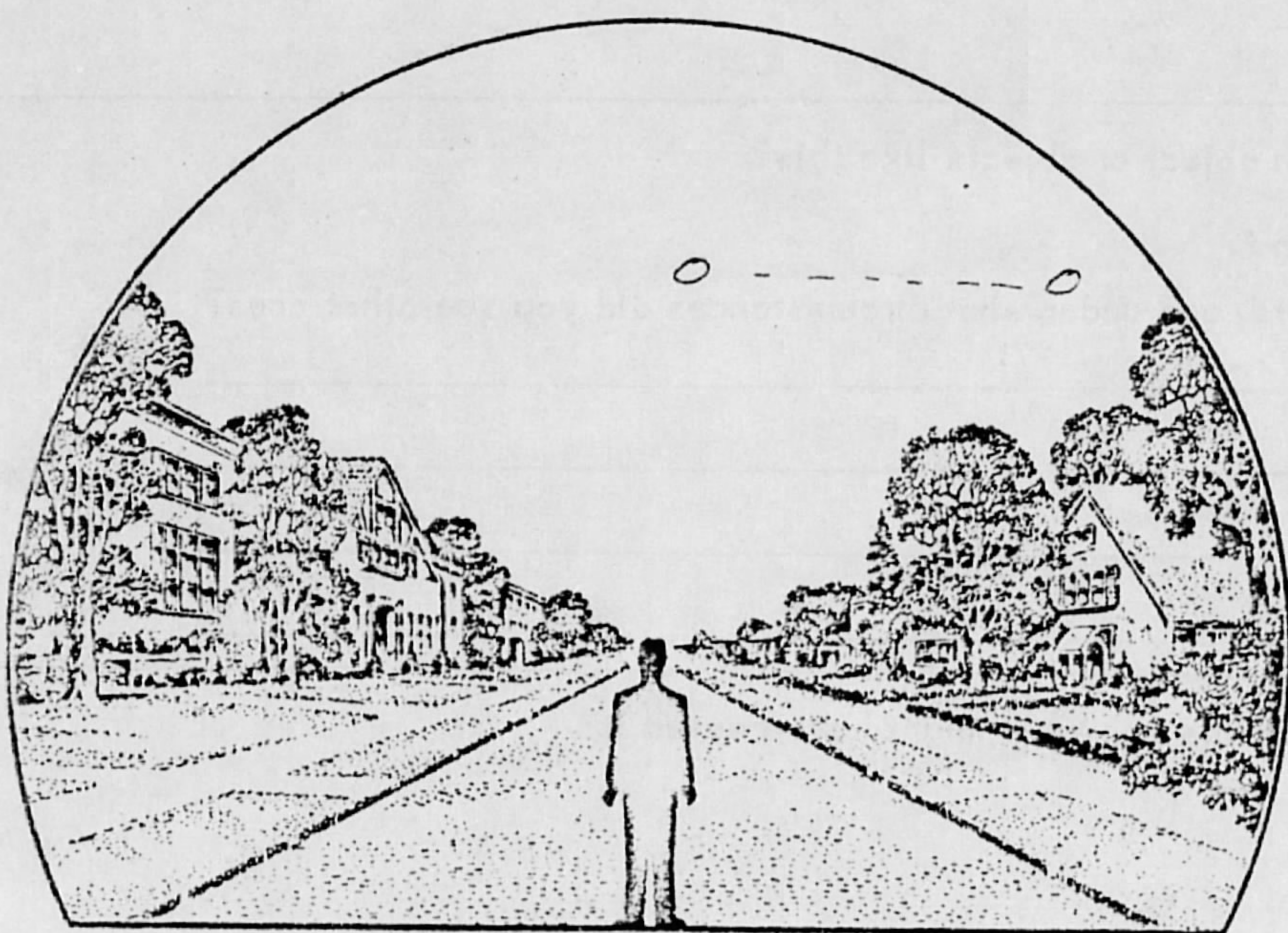
38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

No idea

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.



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? over 60,000 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? USAF Control Tower Operator

Age 23 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school yes

b. High school yes

c. College 2 years

d. Post graduate _____

e. e. Technical school USAF control tower
(Type) operators school

f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

3 July 1954
Day Month 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 [REDACTED]
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE 3 JULY 54

Came on duty in Control Tower at 1615 hrs. Pacific; Was advised of object at 1840 hrs. Began to take pictures at 1900 hrs of shortly after. Object appeared almost over the stat at first and moved from NE to SW while surface winds were from the SW at about 5 miles per hour. Gieger Tower was asked concerning object and advised they had seen it all day afternoon. Spokane Radio advised thier first report was by a civilian pilot about 1400hrs and object was over COUER D A'LENE, IDAHO at that time.

Gieger Tower had two jet fighters report on the object. First jet at 43,000 ft. and second jet a F-86D at higher altitude and both aircraft advised the object to be at least 60,000 feet, and appeared like an enormous balloon.

Gieger CAA weather station reported the first favorable wind moving in the direction of the object to be at 60,000 ft.

Object was observed through 7 x 50 binoculars and appeared in shape of a teardrop, and looked of a translucent color as if we could see through it, and appeared to have an object attached to it similar to a weather balloon.

The sky conditions at the time was very clear with no clouds at all and the visability was unlimited.

Also several of the photographs were taken with a pair of 7 x 50 binoculars affixed to the front of the camera.

*NOTE: Film developed. No object visible
on negatives except minute particle.
~~PROG~~ WAS BALLOON.*