

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE Late July - Early Aug 55		LOCATION Mulberry MCorners, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Insufficient Data ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2045</u> GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Sheneman Case. See Case File.				11. COMMENTS INSUFFICIENT DATA (DATE/TIME MISSING - POSS HELD AS PER INVESTIGATION)	

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AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

PROJECT NUMBER 10073 DATE 12 July 1956

TRAVEL ORDER NUMBER 01140 DIVISION Air Sciences

SUBJ: (U) Travel to Cleveland, Ohio Area Re UFO Case Investigations

A. PURPOSE:

1. The purpose of this travel was to investigate certain UFO cases brought to the attention of ATIC by the UFO Research Council of Cleveland.

B. FACTUAL DATA:

2. Travel commenced 27 June 1956 and terminated 29 June 1956.

3. Travel was performed by M/Sgt Oliver D. Hill, Air Sciences Division, AFOIN-4E4, acting in the capacity of UFO Investigator.

4. Names of persons contacted for purposes of interview, interrogation and/or information regarding the UFO sightings in question:

- a. Mrs. [REDACTED], Cleveland, Ohio
- b. Mr. [REDACTED] Willoughby, Ohio
- c. Mrs. [REDACTED] Willoughby, Ohio
- d. Mr. [REDACTED], Cleveland, Ohio
- e. Mrs. [REDACTED], wife of UFORC member who has prepared the UFO case files)
- f. Mr. [REDACTED], (Director of UFORC)

5. Travel for the purposes stated was approved after submission of all pertinent facts, background, and reasons for recommending this investigation. Reference attached Memorandum to Office of Scientific Advisor, dated 20 June 1956, subject: "Briefing on UFO Research Council and Courses of Action." A dossier containing details of the UFO cases in question together with colored illustrations of the UFO's and related surroundings as drawn by this organization, were handcarried by Sgt. Hill to assist him in this investigation.

6. The following presents a brief summary of the UFO cases investigated, statement regarding results, opinions, impressions, and other pertinent highlights of the interviews and interrogations regarding each interviewee:

- a. Brief summary of cases (in order of investigation):

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(1) Case

Sighting: 29 August 1955.

Two miles west of intersection of Route 6 and 306.
Between 1:30 to 2:00 a.m.

Object: Typically "flying saucer" in shape. Thirty feet across. Dome on top. A bolt of green light struck the ground in front of Ankenbrandt as he started to run. Object landed door slid open, and a man came out. He informed Ankenbrandt, in English, "they" were from another planet.

(2) Case

Sighting: Late July or early August (date indefinite) 1955.

North of Mulberry Corner, Ohio (Int. Route 6 and 306).
8:45 p.m.

Object: Size described as larger than house, and as flat, circular in shape. Red light in front, green in rear. Hovered about fifty feet in the air for about five minutes. Two spotlights threw their beams on the ground. Noise like a fan. Object then drifted away.

(3) Case

Sighting: 22 October 1955.

Cleveland, Ohio area over 105th St.

Object: Circular, bright orange glow, 500 feet off the ground. A bright, orange light was observed shining from the bottom of the object towards the earth.

(4) Case

Sighting: 22 October 1955.

4711 Ardendale Road, South Euclid, Ohio.
7:15 p.m.

Object: Large. Wide as average house. Made gruff coarse noise. Somewhat spherical in shape. Row of yellow lights around perimeter. Tree-top height.

b. Results of Interviews:

- (1) Ankenbrandt Sighting: Proceeded to the home of arriving there at approximately 1545 hours of 27 June. not at home, and an interview was held with his foster mother, Mrs. which produced some interesting information regarding this case. It was disclosed that was an only child, sickly and retarded during his infant years, who was shuttled between Mrs. and others after loss of his parents. He was legally adopted by Mrs. 3 years ago. His foster mother is of the opinion that he did observe something on 29 August 1955. claims to

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b. Results of Interview:

(1) have seen the landing of the "saucer"; talked to the person who emerged from within it, and who gave him a message in English to the effect (as told to this investigator) that, "...tell your leader, if there is another war---we'll take over!" In confiding this event to his priest, [redacted] was advised to tell his story directly to the proper authorities. This he has not done, not even to his foster mother. However, the peculiar aspect of this case is, that he did give this information to Mr. [redacted] a member and self-styled official UFO investigator of the UFOFC. Further investigation disclosed that although [redacted] is considered an intelligent young man and possesses the attributes of a good musician, he is said to be a bit on the "odd" side, living in his own little world, and given to a large imagination. It was further learned that on the same day the [redacted] claimed to have seen his "flying saucer," a Cleveland firm was sending up sky rockets as part of an advertising campaign, offering rewards to the finders of these rockets. It was determined that [redacted] saw these rockets and attempted to obtain one.

(2) [redacted] Sighting: On the evening of the same day (27 June) proceeded to Willoughby, Ohio, to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]. Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] willingly gave me their account of the sighting they had made in late July or August of 1955. They had no knowledge that the undersigned investigator had in his possession a case dossier from the UFOFC. In brief, they both repeated to this investigator almost word for word their previous report to the UFOFC. However, in the course of discussion following their story the investigator learned that the UFOFC had built up this particular case in their report to ATIC. The pictures submitted and as shown in the case dossier are not pictures of the area of Mr. [redacted] home but of an area some distance away. Also, some of the drawings of the UFO sighted are erroneous according to [redacted] who, apparently, reviewed them for the first time. These were revised in the UFOFC dossier. It was learned during this interview that Mr. [redacted] of the UFOFC is leading people to believe that he and the UFOFC organization are official USAF Investigators. They present some type of card for identification, believe to be a USAF Reserve card of some sort.

In view of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] repeated almost the exact story submitted in the UFO case dossier; that Mr. [redacted] appears familiar with known types of aircraft; and that he still seemed frightened almost a year after his sighting, the undersigned investigator was left with the impression that Mr. [redacted] is sincere and truthful and that he did see something unusual and unknown.

(3) [redacted] Sighting: In the latter part of the day (28 June), an attempt was made to contact Mr. [redacted] who appears to be a sort of "chairman" and self-designated chief UFO investigator of the organization in question. Inasmuch as Mr. [redacted] for the most part personally prepared the UFO cases and illustration in the dossier, it was important that some background information on this individual be obtained. It was determined that [redacted] did not, and had not lived in the address given to ATIC. [redacted] address was obtained from his previous landlord. However, [redacted] an insurance

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salesman, was out of town. Discussions with Doush's wife, who also observed the sighting with her husband, produced some interesting information on this case. Mrs. [REDACTED] was of the opinion that, although not positive, the object she observed was an aircraft. Further, she gave this investigator the impression that her husband got interested in UFO's merely as a hobby, but that his interest "now has grown out of hand."

7. In accordance with a pre-arranged plan for conducting this series of interviews, the final interview was had with Mr. [REDACTED] the organizer and director of the UFO RC. He, Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] conducted the investigations on these sightings, and somehow ran into a few more people who had made sightings on this same date (22 October 1955). From all the witnesses accounts this investigator is lead to believe that all those sightings were of some type of aircraft. Strong support is lent this statement because of numerous and constant aircraft flights in and around Cleveland, from both private and municipal airfields. With USAF units located in the Cleveland Municipal Airport there are any numerous types of craft flying out of the Cleveland area, i.e., advertising blimps, helicopters, transports jet types to name only a few.

8. At the conclusion of interviews, this investigator emphasized to all interviewed that although submission of some UFO cases and reports from private citizens and organizations is appreciated by the Air Force, ATIC and other delegated AF unit are the only "official" UFO agencies. It was strongly recommended that all sighting should be made to ATIC or the nearest AF base immediately, and that if the sighting were found to possess merit, action to initiate an official USAF investigation through the 4602d AISS and other pertinent units, who have trained investigators to handle these cases, would be taken.

C. CONCLUSIONS:

9. [REDACTED] Case: Mr. [REDACTED] an impressionable young man with an over-active imagination did observe some natural or explainable phenomena, but let his imagination run riot to build up a story of a "flying saucer" landing and its occupants talking to him to such an extent that he now believes or alleges to believe this fantastic story himself. Considered an "eccentric" or "psychological manifestation" UFO report.

10. [REDACTED] Case: This was the only case of the four that did not disclose any discrepancies between the original and present UFO report. No firm or definite conclusion can be made due to lack of further information and the difficulty of getting additional facts from the sources due to the length of time elapsing from the first report. Considered an "unknown."

11. [REDACTED] Case: From his obvious susceptibility to suggestion, and description of his sighting "500 feet from the ground - a light beam appearing shining towards the ground," the object is considered an "aircraft" preparatory to landing, and will be placed in that category.

12. [REDACTED] Case: Apparently an aircraft, but insufficient information.

13. General: All the individuals associated with the UFO RC appeared to be people who, although good American citizens, have vivid imaginations and sincerely believe they are helping the UFO program by conducting their own investigation and analyses. It is further concluded that in all future reports from this organization

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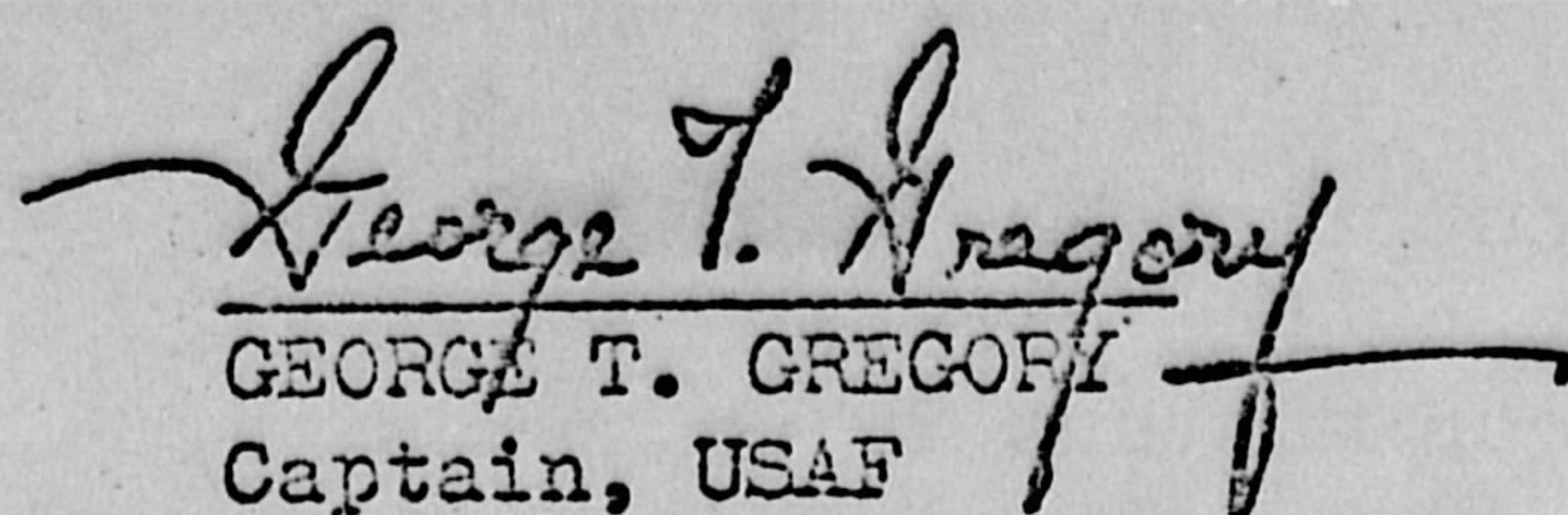
will probably border on the fantasy side rather than on the logical or factual so necessary in resolving reported sightings.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS:

14. The UFO cases investigated herein be entered individually in the UFO case files under the following categories.

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| a. Ankenbrandt (Eccentric) i.e. | Other |
| b. Sheneman | Unknown |
| c. Smith | Aircraft |
| d. Roush | Insufficient information. |

APPROVED:


GEORGE T. GREGORY
Captain, USAF

PREPARED BY:


M/Sgt O. D. Hill

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Memorandum for Mr. Arcier

SUBJECT: Brief on UFO Research Council and Courses of Action

1. On 3 February 1956, Mr. [REDACTED] UFO Research Council, located in Cleveland, was granted a conference in ATIC, with Capt. Hardin, Dr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED]. This conference was the result of a letter (attached) sent to President Eisenhower, which through channels (Sherman Adams, Gen. Kelly of the USAF Legislature Liaison Office, etc.) was approved by Col Eriksen on 30 January (letter attached).
2. A number of cases in dossier form, were submitted to ATIC by this organization, and it appears, a promise was exacted from Capt Hardin that the cases would be studied or explained, and a reply as to the results would be given to this group.
3. This matter was brought to the undersigned's attention recently by a letter from Mr. [REDACTED] dated 6 June 1956, reiterating this promise (letter attached). A check with Dr. [REDACTED] indicates that a promise was made.
4. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, it was determined that no action of any kind has been taken on this matter.
5. Dr. Hynek stated a few weeks ago (prior to receipt of Mr. [REDACTED] letter) that this organization was one of the most active; that he had personally met its members and being a dedicated group, would normally press matters to extremes, if necessary.
6. For your information and background, and to save you the trouble of reviewing the large mass of data of each case, the following is a brief summary of the four cases submitted to ATIC by the council in February of this year.
 - a. [REDACTED] case,
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7. In view of the possibility that these people may, again, contact the President's office with a request for a follow-up or explanation, unless we can give them some suitable reply (which we can later back up by official paper work), it is the opinion of the undersigned that, regardless of the merits of each individual case, some action should be initiated, if for no other reason than for our records to indicate something was done in this matter.

8. Two courses of action are contemplated:

a. A reply to the UFO Council that no firm conclusion can be reached because of the insufficiency of information submitted.

b. Request a brief, informal investigation by the 4602nd AISS, in accordance with AFR 200-2. A reply to the UFO Council would then be that "investigative action has been initiated; results unknown as of this date."

9. The latter recommendation above is considered the best approach. Any reply to the effect "insufficient information" "no firm conclusion" "is still under study" may only produce a large mass of additional data from this organization which undoubtedly will further confuse the cases on hand.

10. Your comments and/or recommendations with respect to this matter would be appreciated.

George T. Gregory
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Captain, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Group

WM. M. SHANEMAN CASE

SEE "UFO RESEARCH COUNCIL " FILE FOR FULL PARTICULARS REGARDING SIGHTING,
(22 OCT 1957) CASE FILES

INVESTIGATION, AND CONCLUSIONS,...

Case File Number Two

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Case File Number One and this one were ~~formed~~ in an effort to substantiate Case File Number Three, which is forthcoming in this research paper. Due to the nature of File Three, we realized that before we could present it to the air force for evaluation we would have to have some evidence to back it up. When we started our investigations, we were most skeptical; but as you have and will see, there is much correlation and corroboration of evidence here. Thus we considered our search a success in that we did turn up evidence which supports Case File Number Three. It is our opinion, however, that each file is important and conclusive in itself.

This file involves the experience of Mr. and Mrs. ~~XXXXXX~~ of Willoughby, Ohio. Mr. ~~XXXXXX~~ operates the "Kirtland Radio-Television Store" on the intersection of routes 6 and 306 R.D. 2. We interview these two people extensively and separately and their story stood up. Here is Mr. ~~XXXXXX~~ account:

"Written Dec. 28, 1955. To Whom It May Concern-
one night in late July or very early in August, 1955, I closed my television shop and proceeded to go home just as I always do. I drove in the driveway of my home and stopped the car just off the main highway to walk across the road to get the mail. This evening it was very cloudy and had gotten dark early. As I reached up to open the mail box I saw this red light about 1,000 or 800 feet away coming at me at a right angle. I could see the outline of the thing and only one big red light could be seen. The light, when I first saw it, looked about the size of a basketball. It was so big it looked like a transport plane but I could hear no motors.

The second or two I stood there, it flashed through my mind that this big plane was going to crash. Then all at once the ground was illuminated with two brilliant lights in a very large pattern. These lights were in a vertical beam or directly toward the ground. Then I got scared. I turned and ran back across the road and past my car. I did not stop to get in it. I ran toward the house. Because if this was a big plane it would crash right in our front yard. When I got the back of the house, my wife was at the back door yelled, 'Shall I turn on the outside lights'. By the time the thing was right over me. As I looked up at it I realized this was no airplane or anything I had ever seen before. I yelled back at my wife, 'Hell no don't turn on any lights-maybe it will miss'. I was then at the back of the house and my wife and children were all there crying 'what is it?' 'Daddy, what is it?' This thing was now over the garage about 50 to 100 feet off of the ground-hovering there-not moving. I

More than once Mr. ██████████ took UFORC investigators out into the field and described the actions of the unidentified flying objects pointing out land marks, etc. He is thoroughly familiar with the physical characteristics of ordinary aircraft and he is emphatic that it was none of these. Because, he says "This thing was almost round with a dome on it! I've never see anything like it. It was huge".

Investigation revealed from a Col. Huxel in the area that two helicopters, doing research for the proposed Nike sights out there, were out after dark some night after August 22, 1955 and that they might have caused the observations. However, the Sheneman's were positive (1) that the event happened in late July or early August because that is the precise time they were moving into their new home and (2) that this was absolutely no helicopter because the thing he saw was huge, etc., and bore no resemblance to such a craft whatsoever.

The Lake Shore Book, a volume containing the investigated backgrounds of all the businessmen in Lake County, had this to say (in part) about Mr. Sheneman:

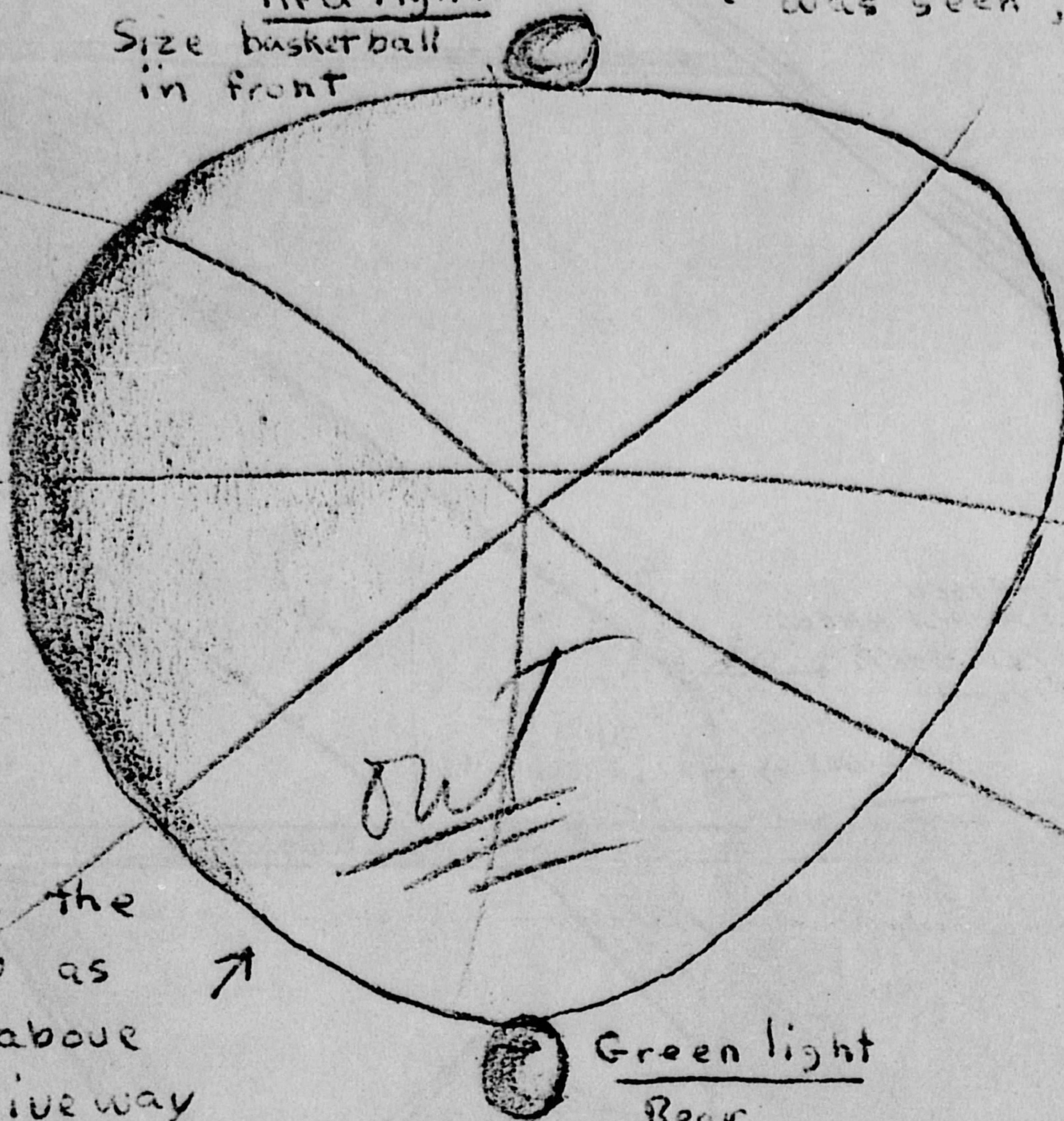
"Technical experience, truly international in character lies behind the success in the radio television field which ██████████ has achieved in Lake County. After making an outstanding record in the bridge, iron and oil industries in North America, South America, Asia and Africa he has with a partner, been operating the Kirtland Radio-Television Company, now the best in the county. He was born in Springfield, Illinois on April 22, 1916."

-End of Case File Number Two-

Bottom View - V.F.O

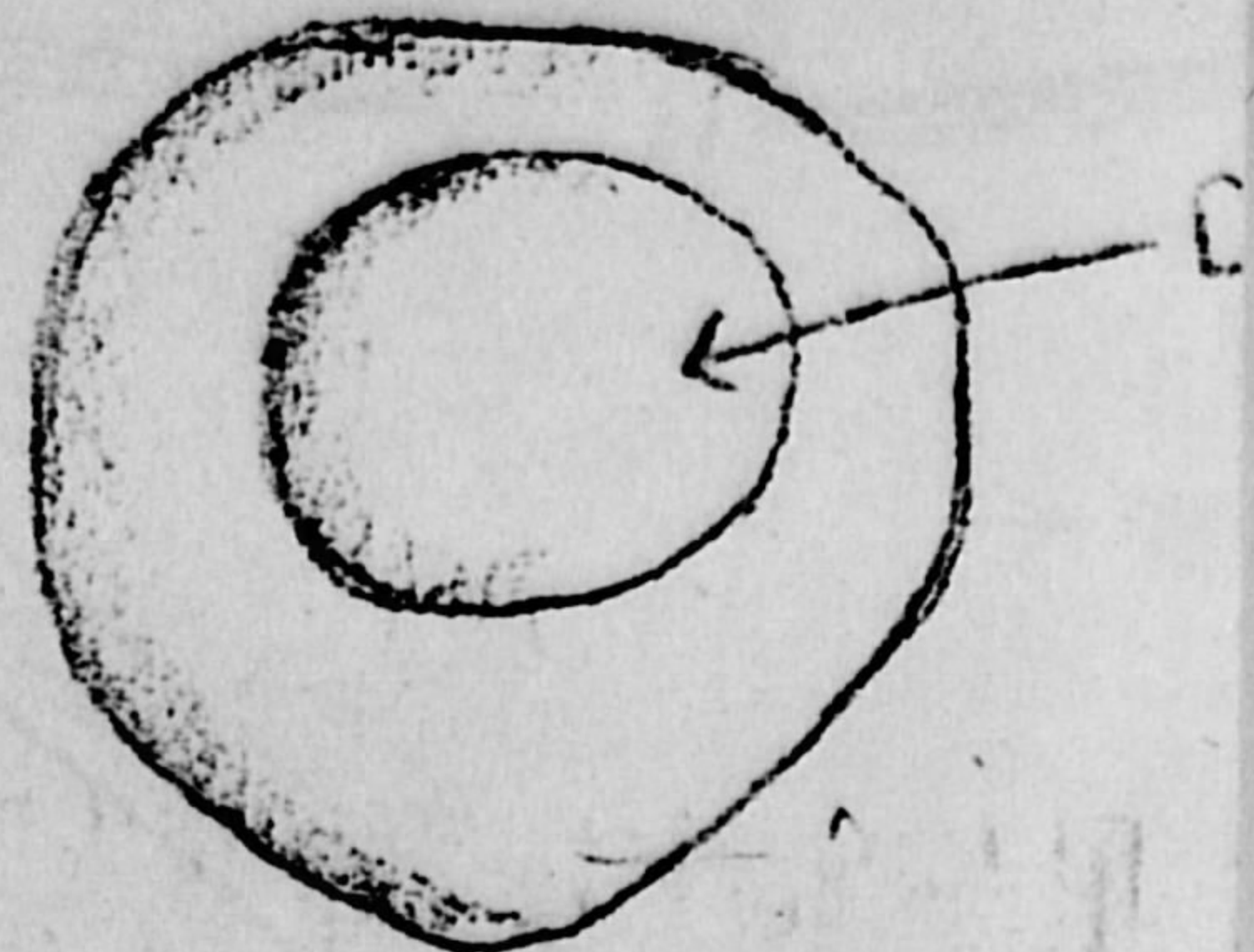
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Red light
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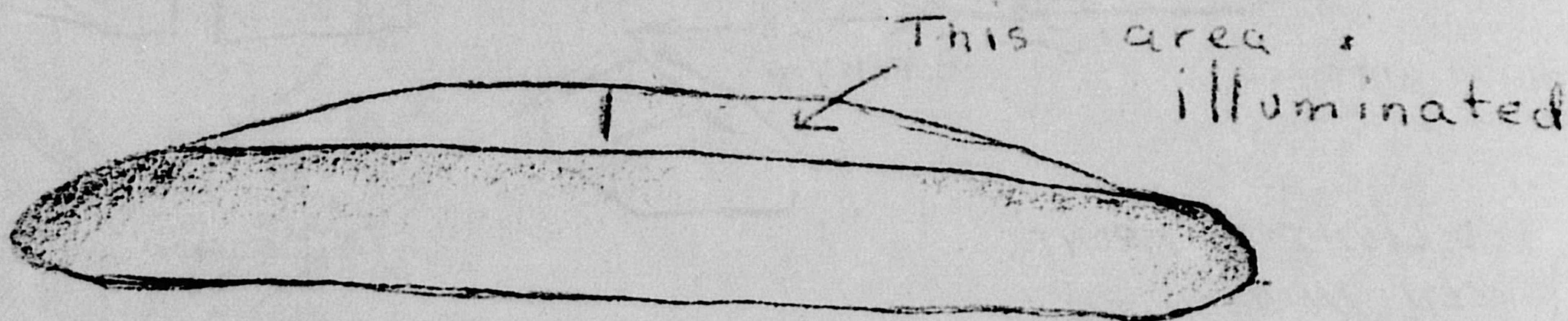


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Top View as
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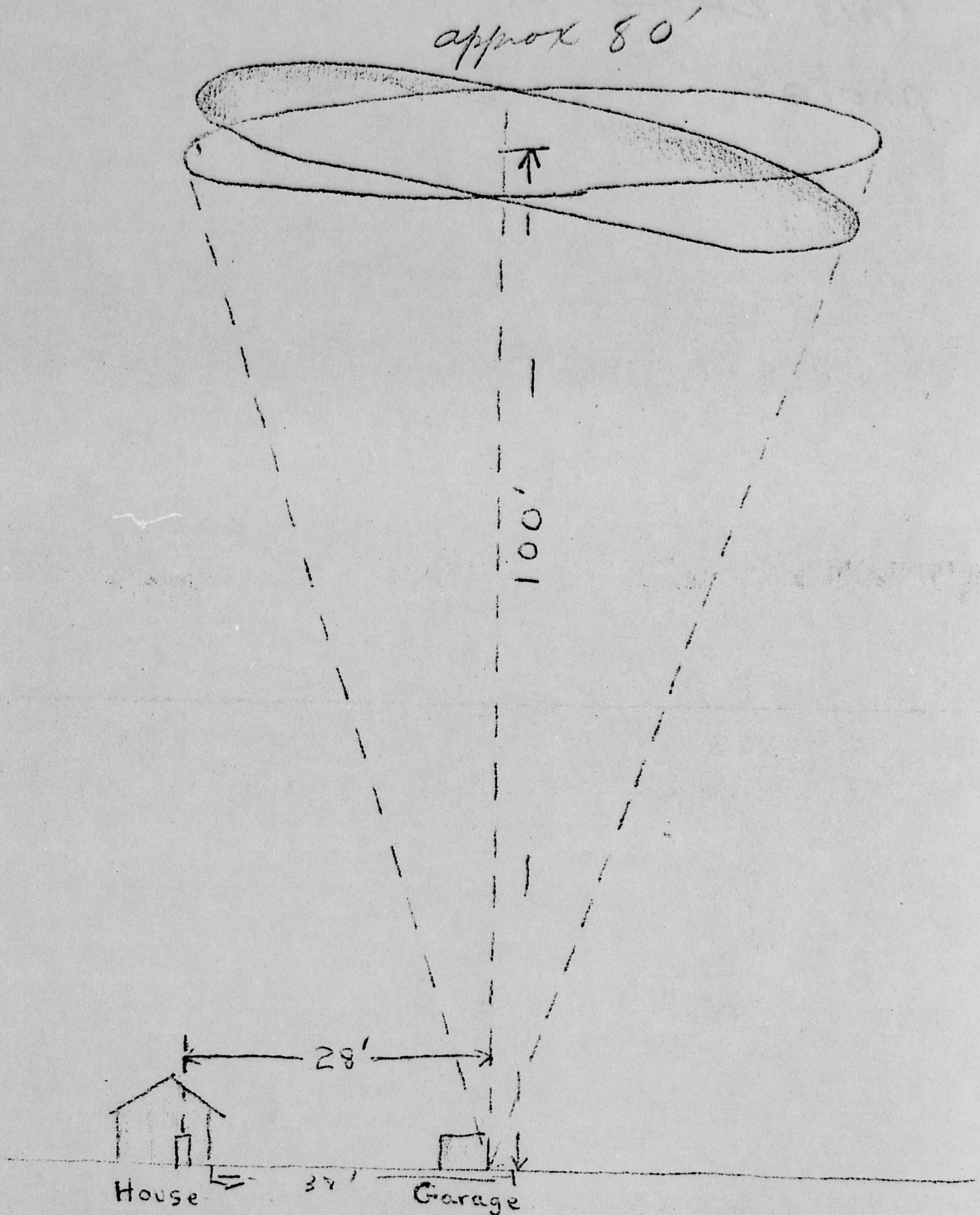


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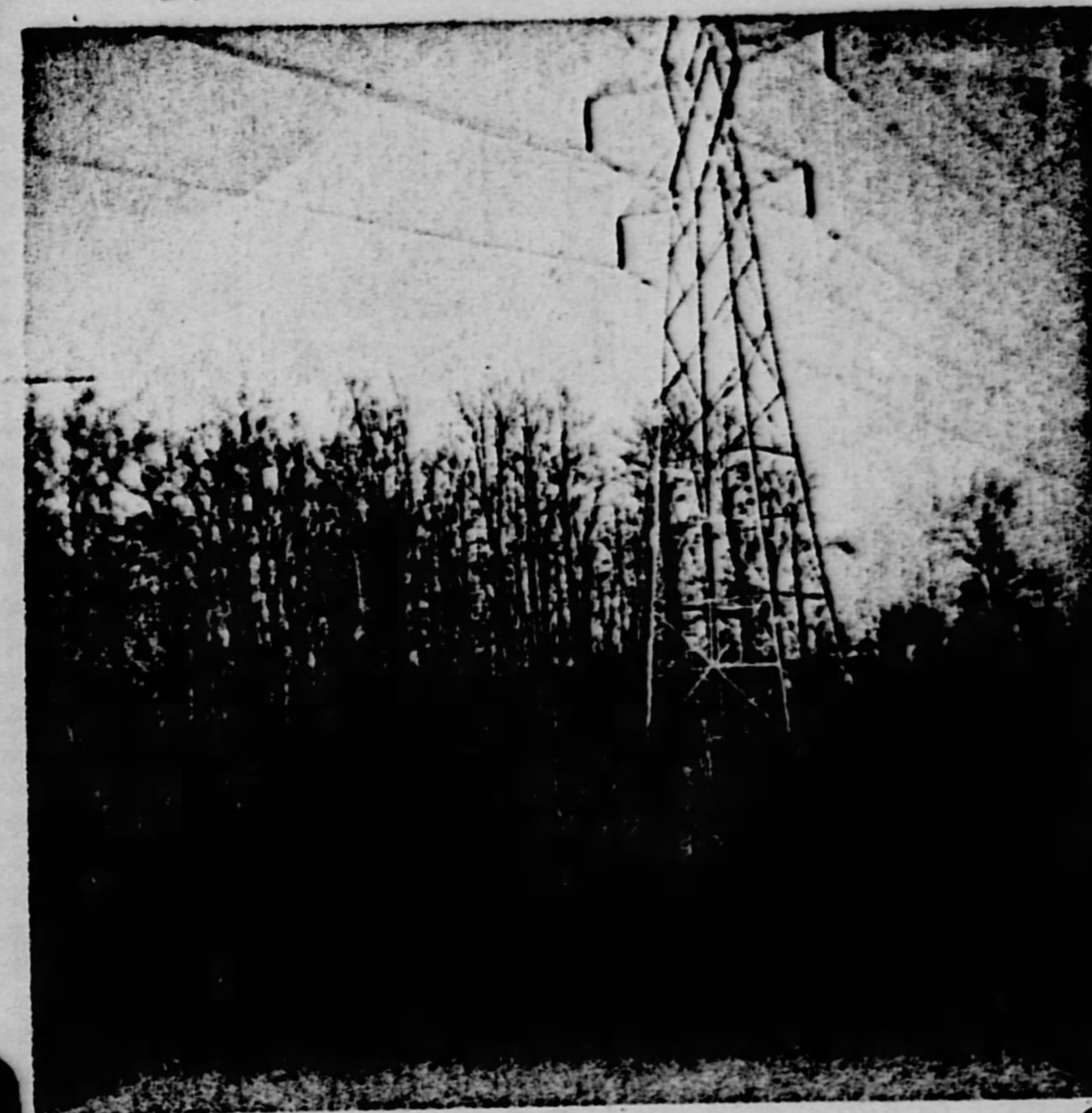
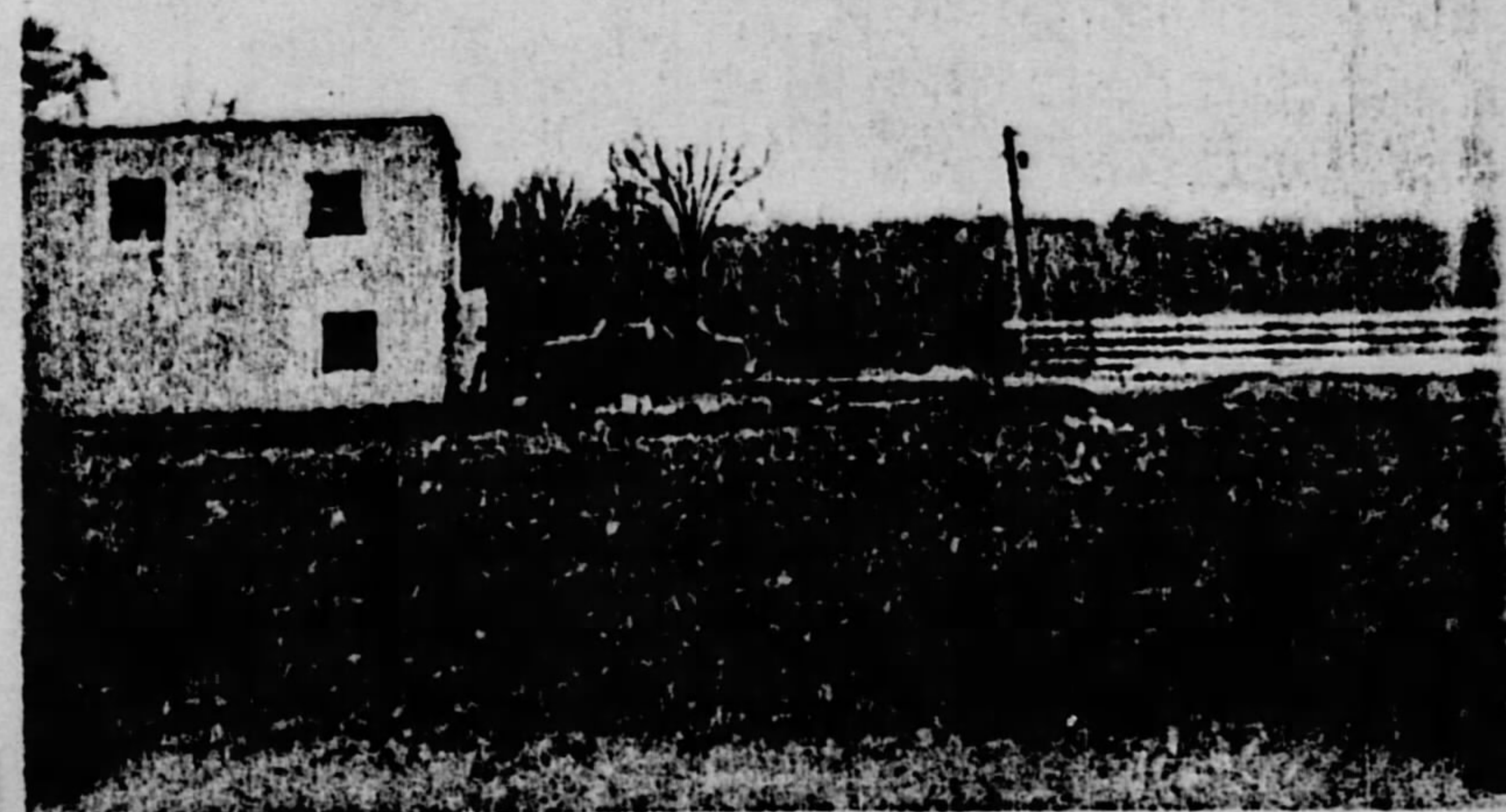
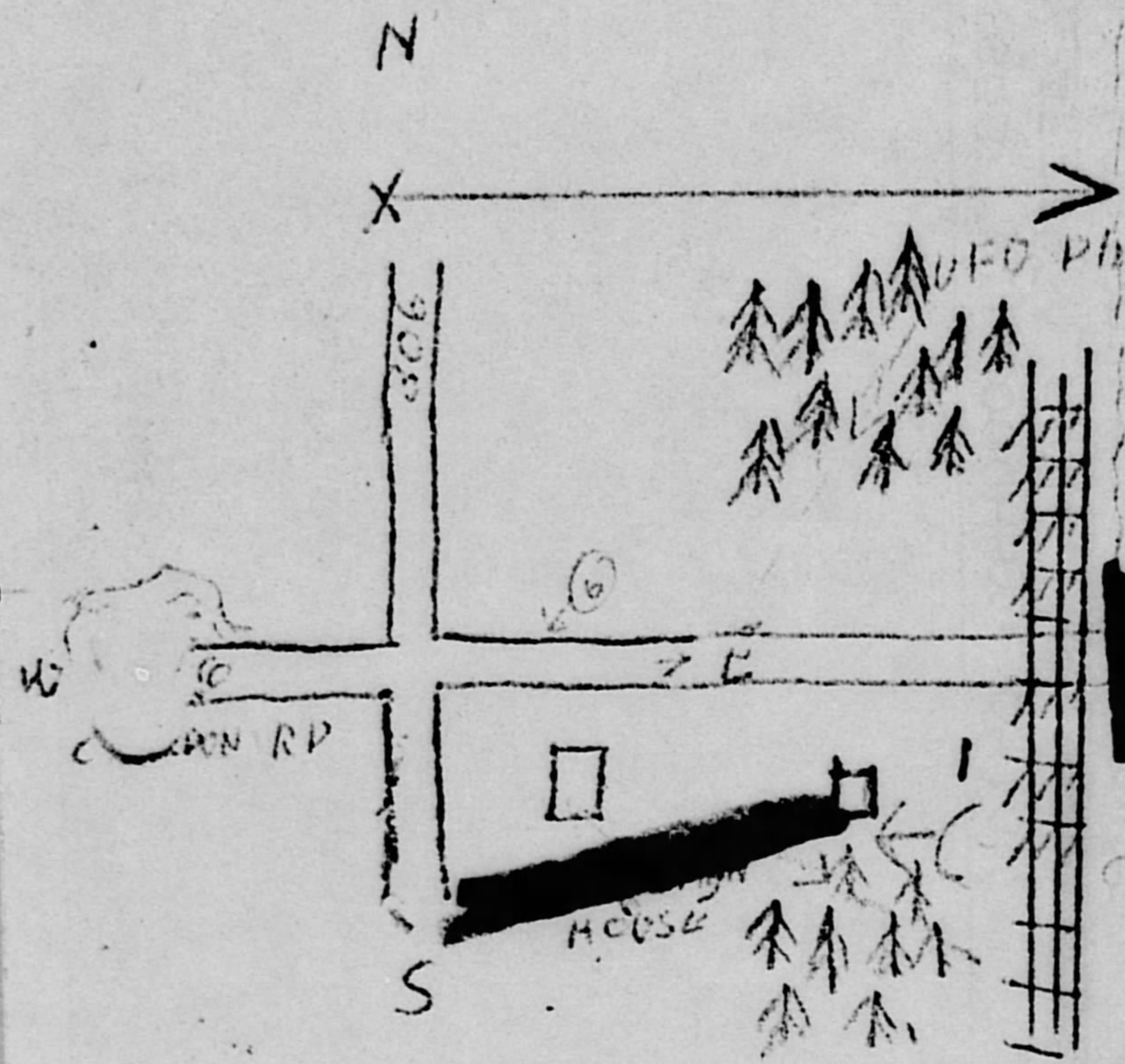
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Pictures Drawn by ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
To Show U.F.O. Location over Haus
and Garage



This case contains 2, $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "
photos.

CASE



PHOTOS
TAKEN HERE

Not true Picture
with area of [redacted]

THESE PICTURES SHOW THE GENERAL HEIGHT OF THE
TREES IN THE AREA WHERE SHENEMAN SIGHTING TOOK PLACE.
THE UFO WAS FIRST SEEN AND DID TRAVERSE ITS COURSE
AT TREE TOP LEVEL, ESTIMATED ALTITUDE OF TRAVERSE 60' TO
MAX OF 100'.

450'

USAF FILE

AUG. 1, 1955 WILLOUGHBY, OHIO (KEYHOE-1960 P 237) 2 WITNESS

SHORTLY AFTER 9 P.M., MR. [REDACTED] OWNER OF A RADIO AND TELEVISION STORE IN WILLOUGHBY, OHIO, DROVE UP TO HIS HOME ON [REDACTED] AS HE GOT OUT OF HIS CAR HE SAW A LARGE CIRCULAR OBJECT, WITH A RED LIGHT ON THE FRONT RIM, COME DOWN RAPIDLY OVER A NEARBY FIELD.

AT ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED FEET, THE OBJECT STOPPED, AND TWO BEAMS OF LIGHT SHOT DOWN. AS THE GLOW ILLUMINATED THE GROUND, [REDACTED] SAW SEVERAL WINDOWS AROUND THE EDGE OF THE HOVERING DISC.

*AT THIS POINT, * [REDACTED] REPORTED, *I BECAME BADLY FRIGHTENED AND RAN BACK TOWARD THE HOUSE. I WAS SO SCARED I RAN PAST MY CAR, PARKED WITH THE MOTOR RUNNING. I FELT THE OCCUPANTS OF THE OBJECT WERE FOLLOWING ME. AS I RAN UP THE DRIVE IT WAS RIGHT OVERHEAD, MOVING IN THE SAME DIRECTION I WAS RUNNING.

*MY WIFE MET ME AT THE BACK DOOR AND SAID, ** TURN THE OUTSIDE LIGHTS ON BEFORE IT HITS THE HOUSE.** I SAID, **HELL NO, TURN THEM OFF AND MAYBE IT WILL MISS IT.** OUR CHILDREN WERE TERRIFIED AND QUICKLY GOT UNDER THE DINING-ROOM TABLE TO HIDE.*

AFTER A MINUTE, THE [REDACTED] FEARFULLY VENTURED A LOOK FROM THE BACK PORCH. BY NOW, THE DISC-S LIGHTS WERE TURNED OFF.

*DOROTHY AND I STOOD THERE AND STARED UP AT IT, * [REDACTED] STATED. IT WAS HUGE DARK SHAPE, HE SAID, HOVERING LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED FEET ABOVE THE GROUND. *IT MUST HAVE BEEN BETWEEN EIGHTY AND A HUNDRED FEET IN DIAMETER. WAS SO LARGE IT EXTENDED OVER THE MAJOR PORTION OF OUR HOUSE, THE BREEZEWAY AND BEYOND THE ATTACHED GARAGE. I NEVER HEARD ANY NOISE, BUT DOROTHY INSIST SHE HEARD A FAINT, SOFT HUMMING.*

ABRUPTLY, THE STRANGE OBJECT MOVED OVER A WOODED AREA NEARBY. THE [REDACTED] SAW A DOME ON TOP, LIT UP BY A WHITE GLOW FROM INSIDE. THEN THE DISC RACED AWAY, LEAVING THEM BADLY SHAKEN.

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