

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 April 1956		2. LOCATION Old Bridge, New Jersey		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>8:30 EST</u> GMT <u>29/0130Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☒ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE E to NW	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1) Object appeared to be a bright star getting brighter. Motionless in the NE for 30 seconds then object dimmed and began to move to the NW. It turned red then dull red. It was traveling slower than an airliner passing. Then it accelerated to a tremendous speed and vanished.			11. COMMENTS Duration & maneuvers indicate that the sighting was possibly due to a/c. Nothing conflicting with this analysis other than the rapid burst of speed. Possible jet which turned on afterburner accounting for added speed. This indicated by the object's turning red.		

11 MAY 1956

Mr. [REDACTED]

NITROGEN DIVISION
Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation
40 Rector Street
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is in acknowledgement of your
Letter of May 7, 1956.

Your report of your unidentified
sighting has been forwarded to The Air Technical
Intelligence Center, Dayton, Ohio, for investi-
gation and evaluation.

As you know, any aerial phenomena, so
long as it remains unidentified, is treated as
a potential threat to the United States.

Your initiative and prompt action is
greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

FRANK B. CHAPPELL
Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Intelligence

cc: ATIC ✓

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Nitrogen Division

ALLIED CHEMICAL & DYE CORPORATION

40 RECTOR STREET

NEW YORK 6, N. Y.

May 7, 1956

United States Air Force Headquarters
Unidentified Flying Objects Project
Pentagon Building
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I would like to report an unusual aerial sighting. Saturday evening, April 28th, at approximately 8:30 p.m., my wife and I were sitting on our front porch steps in semi-darkness when we were attracted by what appeared to be a bright star getting brighter. For more than ten seconds its light increased to a white brilliance, then it began to dim to a medium dull red.

This observance was casual until the light started to move from east to west. A transport aircraft bound for New York was passing in the same line of sight at a few thousand feet altitude and was noted to be moving at a little more than double the speed of the light. The brightness of the light diminished after about 30 seconds of travel and it became dull red. Then its movement accelerated to what must have been enormous speed, considering the estimated high altitude. Then its light became faint as it wobbled and disappeared. The elapsed time from first noting the growing brightness of the light did not amount to more than three minutes.

Lacking any equipment to record this phenomenon, I immediately drew a map of the sky as it was at the time of the occurrence. The enclosed map also details the movement of the light and other estimates which may help locate the area of the odd sighting.

As to credibility, I can offer the fact that aviation was my business throughout the late war. I was a technical representative for Lockheed Overseas Corp. and Curtiss-Wright Corp. in England and Europe. Also, I was a scientific consultant to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Technical Industrial Intelligence Committee, that evaluated German aviation development after the end of the European war in 1945. I have a Certificate of Appreciation from the Army for this.

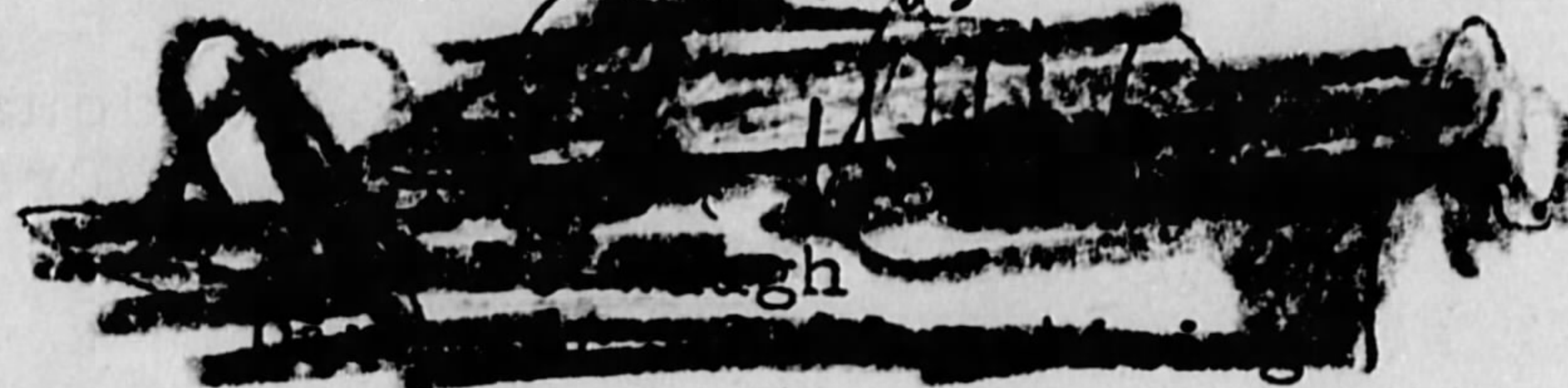
Speaking from this background, I can assure you that the aerial object was not an aircraft of any revealed type and it was not a meteor nor a comet. I have always been skeptical about these things until now and decided to write only after I talked with a radar man.

U. S. Air Force Headquarters
Unidentified Flying Objects Project

May 7, 1956

I am sure that if what we saw was a solid body, it would have appeared on Metropolitan area radar screens. The viewing was from Old Bridge, New Jersey, about 50 miles from New York City.

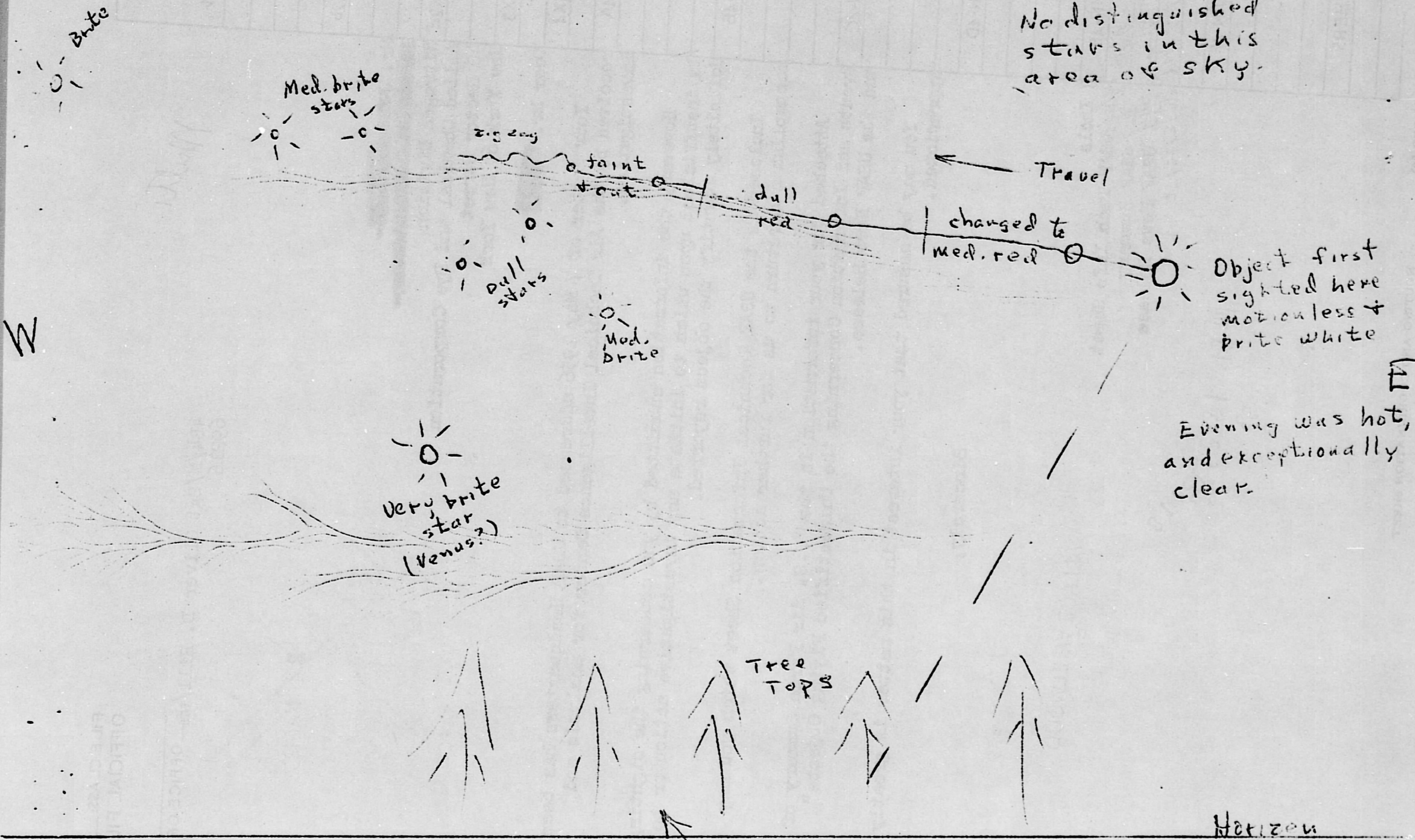
Yours sincerely,



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No distinguished stars in this area of sky.



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Evening was hot, and exceptionally clear.

Newark airport 40 mi. NW
Fort Monmouth 20 mi. SE

X
Old Bridge, N.J.

Air lane to Newark & LaGuardia passes directly over residence.

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24 MAY 1956

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AFOIN-4D
AFOIN-4E
AFOIN-4F
OTHERS

Mr. [REDACTED]
Nitrogen Division
Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation
40 Rector Street
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of 7 May 1956 addressed to USAF Headquarters has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center for analysis and investigation.

However, the information submitted by you concerning the sighting is insufficient upon which to initiate any investigative action or to definitely identify the object reported.

Inclosed is the USAF Technical Information Sheet which you may accomplish and return to us for further action.

Attached for your information is the "U.S. Air Force Summary of Events and Information Concerning the Unidentified Flying Objects" and the USAF News Release.

You may be assured that your interest in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

WALLACE W. ELWOOD
1st Lt., USAF
Assistant Adjutant

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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?

Sat 28 April 56 1956
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

8:00 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?

[Redacted] Rd. Old Bridge N.J.
City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: In the country - fairly open view of sky - no city lights or street lights.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

approx. 3
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
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

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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

Drew map of sky & sent
with first report

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

DIMMED

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

NO CLOUDS

(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?

NO

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

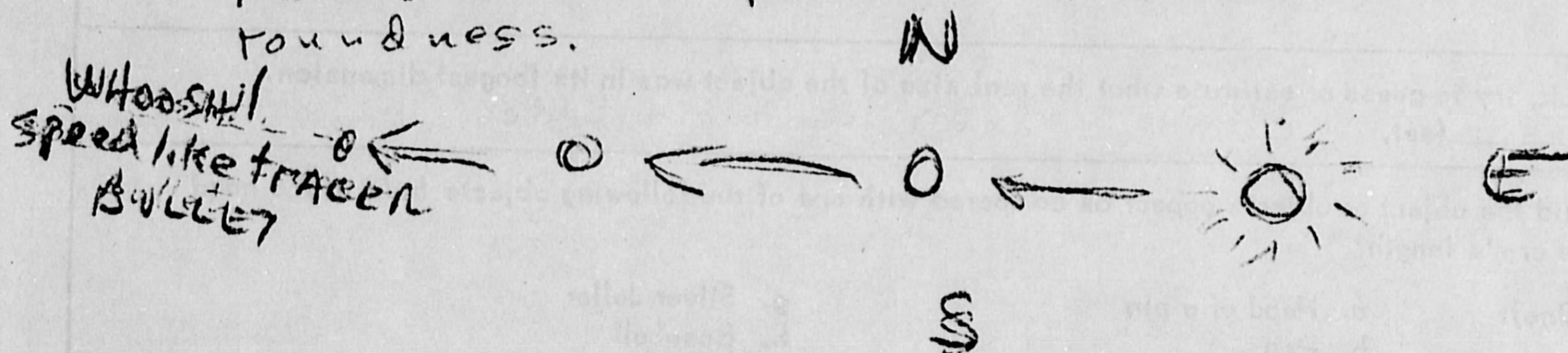
h. Other _____

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

- a. Sound No sound
- b. Color Very bright white then dimmed to red & dull red

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.

Hard to show shape of a bright light except for roundness.



18. The edges of the object were:

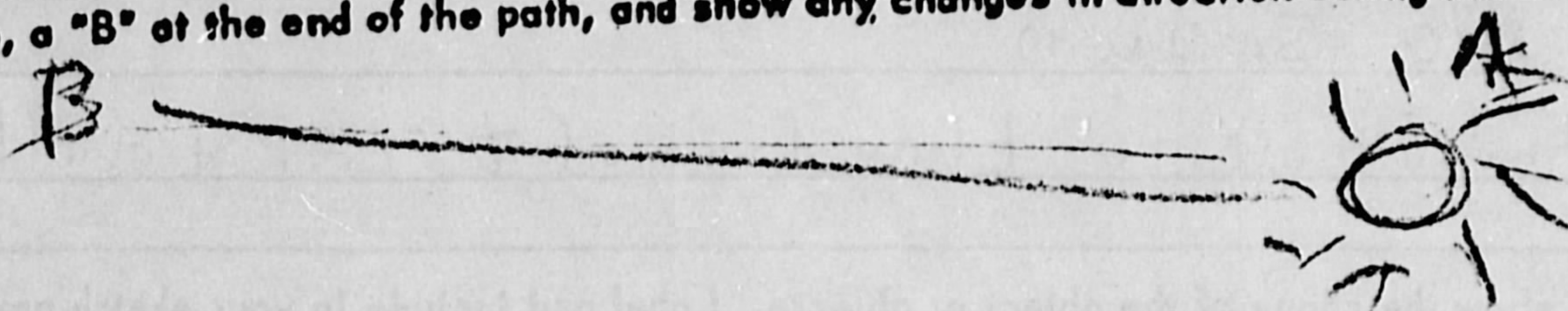
- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - ☒ b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

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.
_____ feet. can't - don't know altitude

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):

Little less than a

- 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?

It moved at this E. from East to West - in the process it gradually accelerated and finally was a rather high speed of flight & light.

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.

Since it was nighttime I have no idea of construction. Perhaps a huge electric globe would best describe it. Round and capable of varying its brilliance. After initial brilliant glow which would give impression of great size it would dim to dull red less than half original apparent diameter.

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?

Sitting on front porch steps. Was low enough on
horizon to attract attention due to being larger
& brighter than any other stars. Increase in brilliance fixed
attention.

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 | <u>c. East</u> | 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 | <u>g. West</u> |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | <u>h. Northwest</u> |

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:

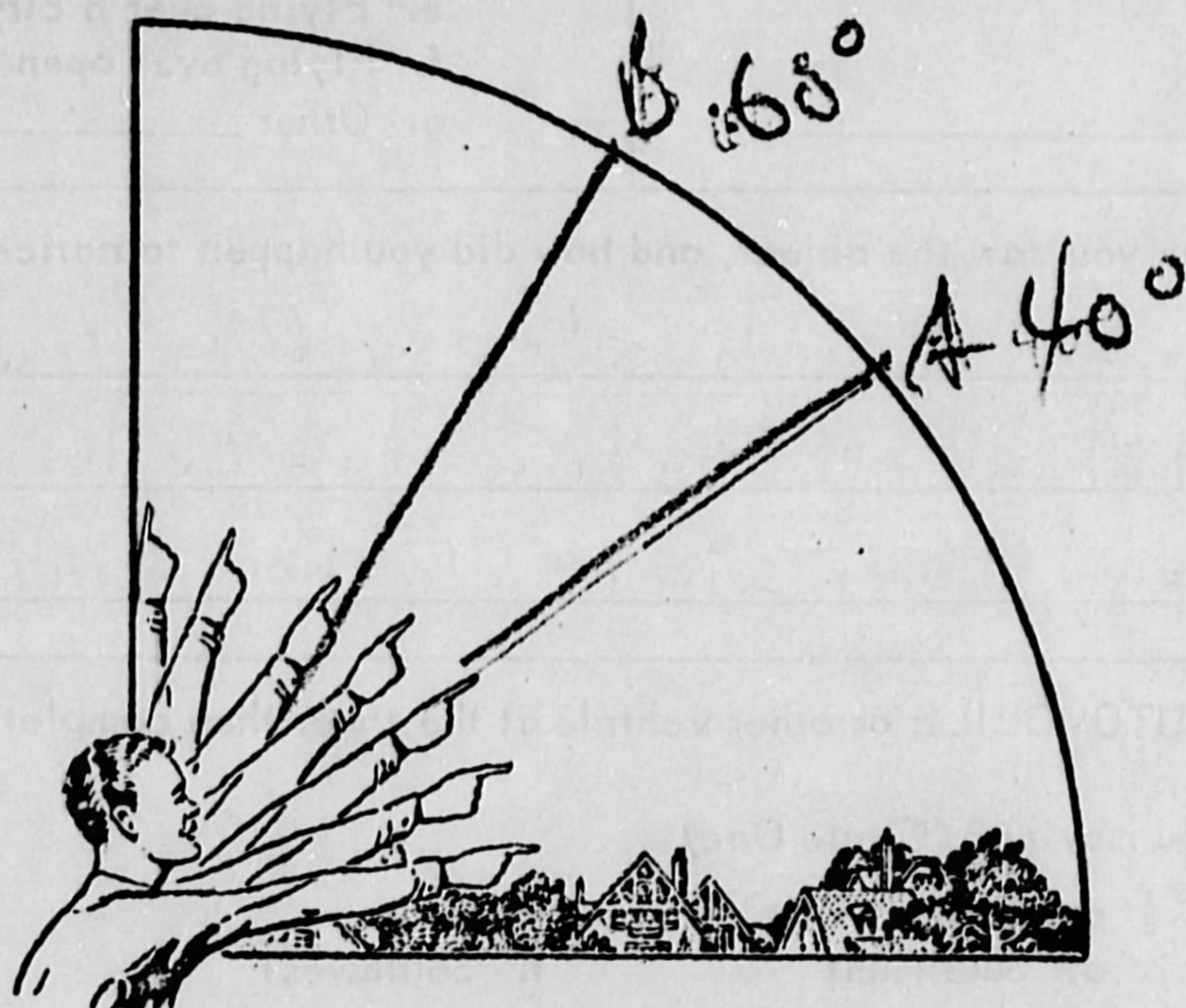
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

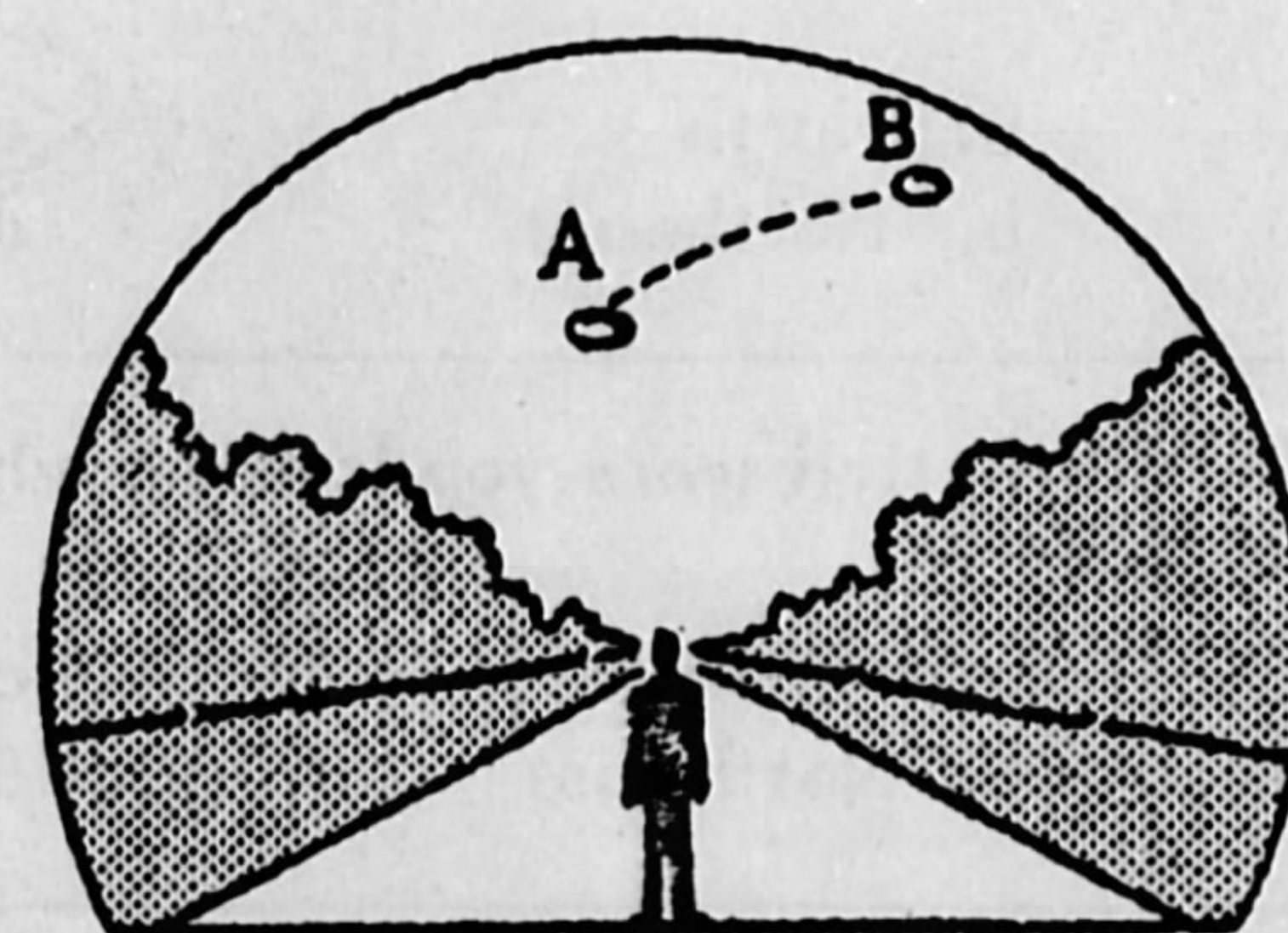
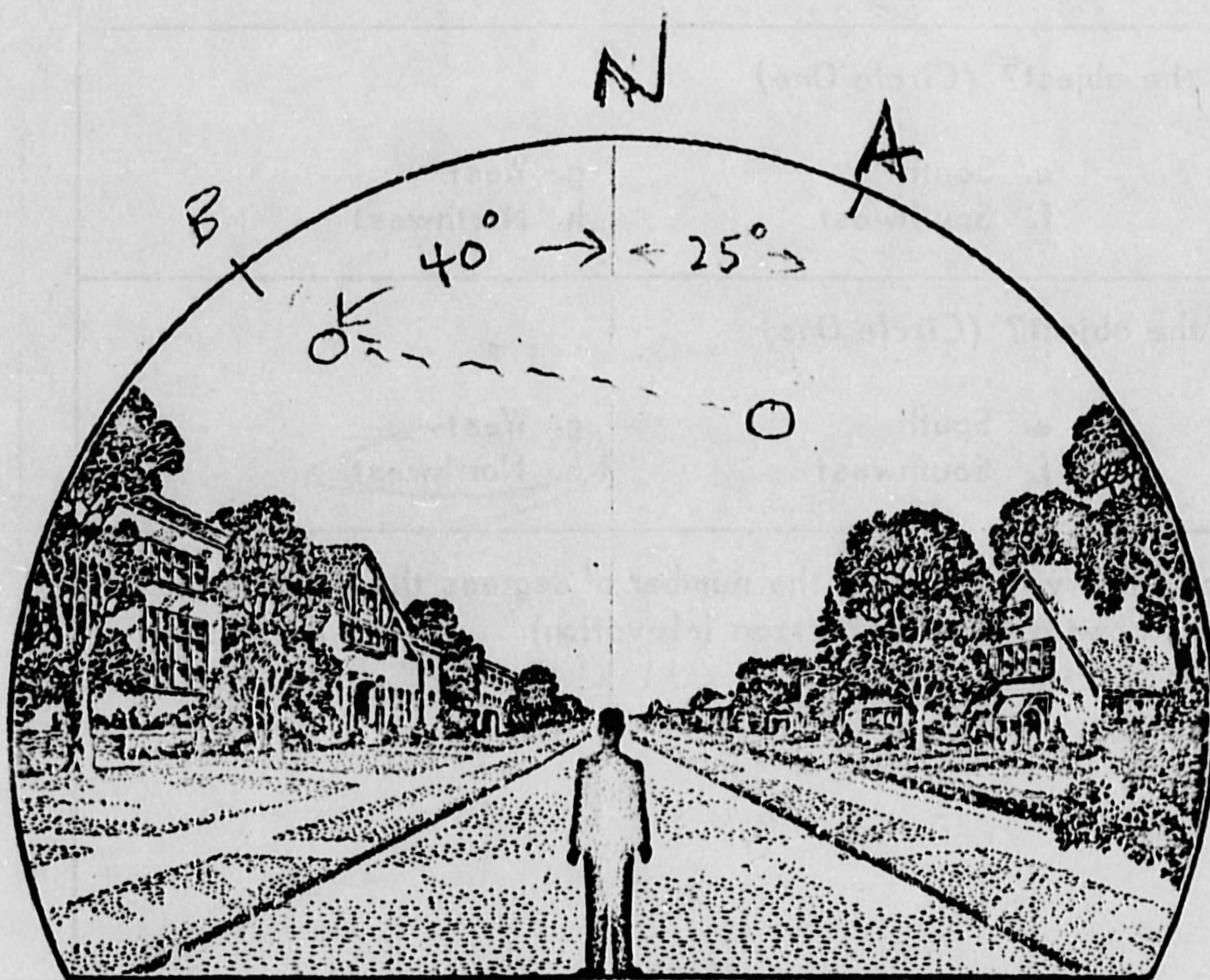
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

Dont have compass card so will use protractor
for approx angles in
next question

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

near 80°F

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

7 May 1956 PENTAGON
Day Month Year

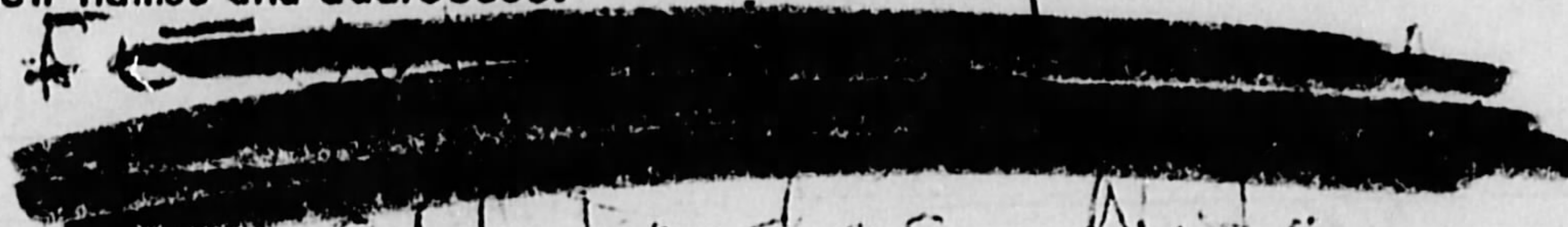
36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(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:

WIFE 
Old Bridge, N.J.

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?

It was not any type of presently revealed aircraft. It should still - it changed brilliance & it changed color and speed. Especially the speed puts it out of the class of ordinary aircraft. I feel that it was some kind of powerful electrically motivated apparatus. It was not caused by any natural process which I am familiar with.

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?

After standing still, it moved slower than Newark or N.Y. - bound airliner passing by - perhaps 200 mph. Last leg of flight must have been thousands of mph.

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?

Apparently several thousand feet above airliner.

6-10,000 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?

Dir. Advertising - Nylon Division

Age

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Sex

M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

e. e. Technical school

Curtiss Wright Tech. Inst.

b. High school

(Type)

Academy

c. College

X Columbia U.

f. Other special training

Johns Hopkins

d. Post graduate

-Studies

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

24

Month

JUNE

Year

1956

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

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

21 June 1956

My wife + I were sitting on our front porch steps on a hot, clear, moonless night when our attention was attracted by what appeared to be a bright star getting brighter. It was motionless, in the Northeast. After maybe 30 seconds it started to dim and then began to move to the Northwest. It turned red and then dull red, traveling slower than an airplane passing. Then, it accelerated to a tremendous speed and vanished. It was mainly the speed that convinced me that the light was not conventional.

I later talked to a radar man who said I should report it because Fort Monmouth has radar scanning the area involved. Also, he stated that there are many unexplained radar pick-ups and it is helpful to have them confirmed visually.

If this sighting was of a UFO it should be confirmed by the records of the radar station at Monmouth or perhaps Newark airport. The light, or object, was in sight long enough to be spotted.

My farm is on a heavily travelled air lane where airliners are climbing and descending, so they are probably under radar scrutiny.

I am glad these things are being studied because if they are real and passers the apparent powers we don't have, they could be a genuine menace or a source of great knowledge.

I am unsatisfied with the Air Force releases that indicate I saw a conventional performance and didn't realize it.