

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 May 1956		2. LOCATION Oklahoma City, Oklahoma		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 07/0410Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military		☒ Was Astronomical Capella ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 50 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE north	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object concave as a soup bowl, size of dime, 4 miles from eye, had orange lights all around it. A/C in vicinity, also tornado in area.				11. COMMENTS First magnitude star Capella was at 12 dgr elevation, 320 dgr azimuth at time of initial sighting. Would set about 1 hr later w/an apparent northerly motion. Inversion present. Cause of sighting attributed to star Capella, distorted by atmospheric conditions known to be present.	

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UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, USA

FROM (Agency)

Flight 2-D, 4602d AISS

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DATE OF REPORT

10 May 1956

DATE OF INFORMATION

6 May 1956

EVALUATION

PREPARED BY (Name)

LOUIS MONROE, CAPTAIN, USAF

SOURCE

[REDACTED] and others

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., if applicable)

Tel Msg from AISOP, 7 May 56; TT 33rd AD DOCO 2974, 070715Z May 56; Sqdn Guide 200-2

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

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PART ONE: Description of Sighting by [REDACTED], 2nd Lt., USAF

PART TWO: Description of Sighting by [REDACTED]

PART THREE: Description of Sighting by Mr. [REDACTED]

PART FOUR: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART FIVE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: Investigation concerned a reported sighting on 6 May 1956 between the hours of 2210 and 2305 CST of an unidentified object described as oval in shape, translucent, and emitting an intense orange-colored light. Supplementary investigative research seems to indicate that the sighting was a probable optical phenomena.

III. INVESTIGATORS: CAPT LOUIS MONROE AO 1864170
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2nd Lt.

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Okla.

Age: 24

Occupation: Officer USAF, Special Projects Office, Engineering Branch, Industrial Engineering Division, Directorate of Maintenance Engineering, OCAMA, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Education: BS, Chemical and Industrial Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Qualifications: SOURCE has been on active duty for approximately one year and is a graduate of a highly reputable engineering school.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE appeared to be highly intelligent and completely sincere. All questions were answered frankly and in those instances where SOURCE could not answer a question, a negative reply was given without attempts to create answers where none existed. SOURCE was cooperative throughout the investigation and expressed the opinion that he realized the importance of turning in reports of this type. No reason was apparent to indicate SOURCE was motivated by any purpose in submitting his information except to be of help in solving the sighting. SOURCE was unable to make estimates of heights and distances involved in the sighting.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE stated that on 6 May 1956 between the hours of 2210 and 2305 CST he observed a teacup shaped, translucent, intensely bright, orange-colored object in the northwest sector of the sky, (Incl #1, Sketch of Object). SOURCE indicated the object appeared to be rimmed by individual lights too numerous to count. Object was described as stationary in the sky for a few minutes, then darting rapidly in a northerly direction. This type of movement was repeated forming a zig-zag pattern. Progress of the object appeared to be westerly, except for alternate darts toward the north. Object finally disappeared on the western horizon. (Incl #2, Pattern of Object). Object did not emit exhaust trails and no audible sound was noticed. SOURCE stated the object was brighter than any other object in that portion of the sky where the sighting was noted. SOURCE said he noticed a few stars in the sky but no moonlight. Brightness of the object was comparable to that of automobile headlight approximately two city blocks away. Object did not break into parts, change shape, give off smoke or change brightness. However, SOURCE reported that the object appeared to throb or pulsate. During period of sighting object did not move in front of anything or behind anything. SOURCE viewed object with 6X30 binoculars and indicated the object was sharply outlined. SOURCE could not guess or estimate the real size of object in its longest dimensions, but stated it was approximately the size of a dime held at arms length. SOURCE reported that if the object could be constructed of known materials it would probably be a plastic-like substance. SOURCE indicated he first observed the object from outside his residence for about 10 minutes and then drove his car intermittently for approximately 40 minutes while observing the object. He travelled in a northerly direction at approximately 35 MPH. SOURCE reported he first noticed object in the northwest and saw it for the last time in the northwest. SOURCE estimated object was approximately

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295 degrees from true north and 45 degrees above the horizon when he first noticed it, and 295 degrees from true north and 0 degrees above horizon when it disappeared. SOURCE said the sky contained scattered clouds at time of sighting. Weather was dry and warm with a slight breeze prevailing. SOURCE stated this was the first time he had ever seen an object of this type. SOURCE could not estimate speed of object or how far it was from point of observation. SOURCE stated that in his opinion object was some type of aircraft of unconventional configuration.

2 Incls:

1. SOURCE's sketch of object
2. SOURCE's sketch of object's pattern

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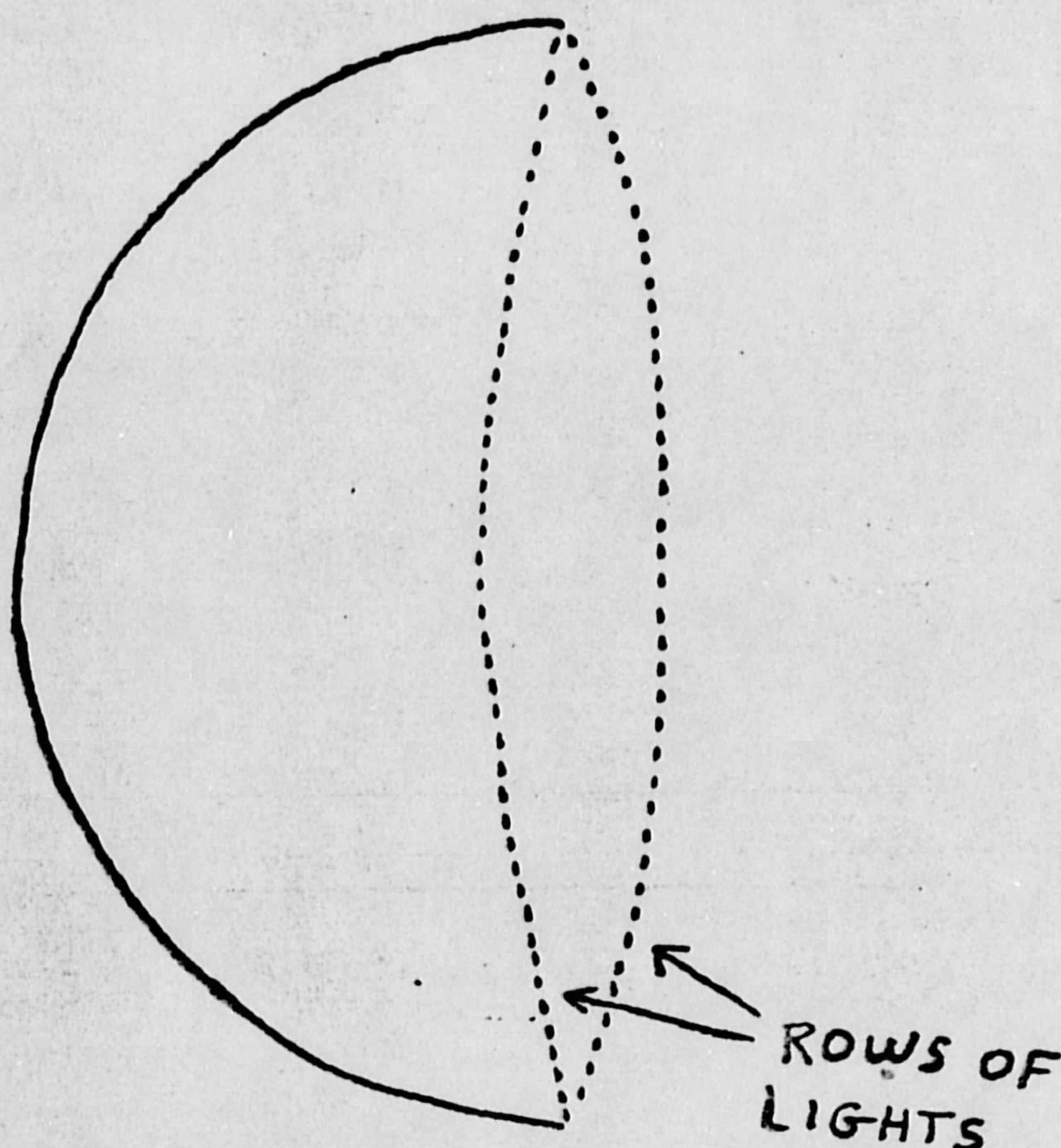
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Incl #1, SOURCE's sketch of object



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Incl #2: Pattern of Object (SOURCE's sketch)

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Oklahoma City, Okla.

Age: 45

Occupation: Physician, retired

Education: Graduate of College and Medical School

Qualifications: Four years service in USAF, Aircraft Recognition Training.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE appeared to be highly intelligent, and showed an eagerness to give correct information. All questions were answered convincingly or a negative answer was given. In view of SOURCE's military and educational background, information may be considered reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was at his home when his attention was called to the object by 2/Lt [REDACTED], at approximately 2230 CST, 6 May 56. He went outside to view the object and kept it in sight from 8 to 12 minutes. The section of sky involved was overcast with no stars visible and no moonlight. Object was much brighter than background of sky. Its brightness was like an auto headlight 3 blocks away. Object appeared to pulsate when standing still, but did not change shape, or give off smoke or vapor trails. Its brightness did not change while standing still, but did diminish as object disappeared from view at a fairly steady rate of speed. Object did not move in front of or behind anything. It appeared to be solid when viewed by SOURCE through 9X35 power binoculars. There was no sound. Object was yellowish-orange at first, turning more orange as it disappeared over horizon. SOURCE described object as resembling a round saucer suspended in the air. (Incl #1). Object travelled from 340 to 350 degrees laterally and from 20 to 0 degrees vertically (Incl #2). SOURCE unable to estimate real size of object, but stated that it resembled a dime held at arm length. Weather was warm and dry with a slight breeze. There was a tornado alert in effect during time of sighting. SOURCE had no idea what object was, but was sure he had never seen anything like it. SOURCE unable to estimate speed of object or its distance from him.

2 Incls:

1. SOURCE's sketch of Object
2. SOURCE's sketch of Object's movement directions

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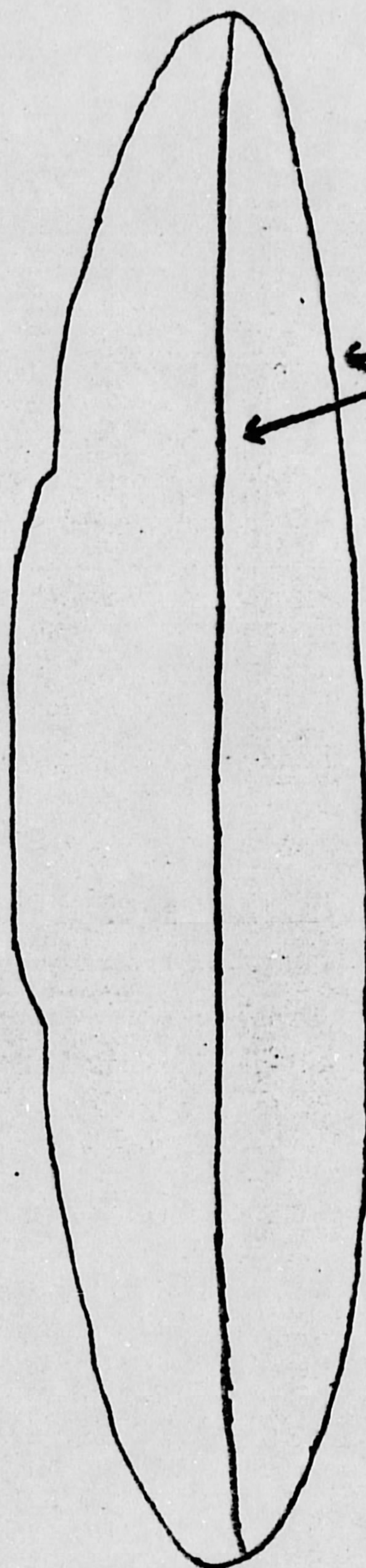
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Incl #1: SOURCE's Sketch of Object



OUTER RIMS

(OBJECT APPEARED
COMPLETELY
ILLUMINATED)

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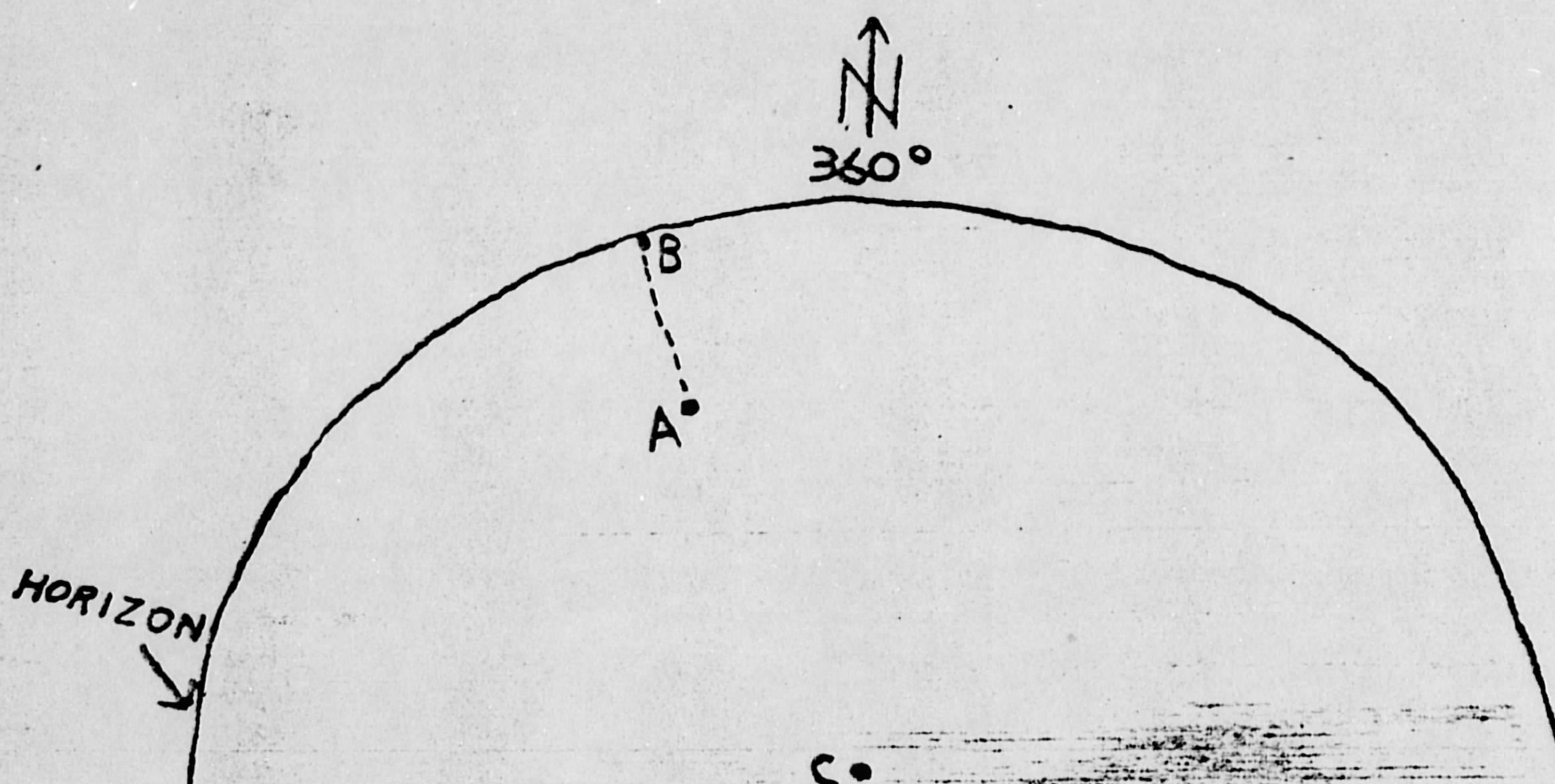
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Incl #2: SOURCE's sketch of Object's pattern

- Pt A - Object's position at first sighting (340°)
- Pt B - Object's position when it disappeared (350°)
- Pt C - SOURCE's position



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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED], Jr. (Father of 2nd Lt. [REDACTED])

Address: [REDACTED], Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Age: 52

Occupation: Lumber retailer

Education: 3 years College, Liberal Arts

Qualifications: Educated, reputable businessman

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE appeared to be of average intelligence. Answers to questions were given in a forthright manner with no attempts to procrastinate. SOURCE was very cooperative throughout the investigation and appeared sincerely anxious to help find a solution for the sighting.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE stated that on 6 May 1956 at approximately 2205 CST while checking the sky for weather conditions he noted a bright object in the western sky below the clouds. SOURCE's attention was attracted to the object because of its exceptional brightness. SOURCE stated he viewed the object for approximately 50 minutes using 6X30 power binoculars. SOURCE reported the object was sharply outlined, shaped like bowl, and rimmed with lights. Lights appeared to be individual but were too numerous to count. (Incl #1, Sketch of object). For the first 30 minutes of the sighting object appeared to hover in a small portion of sky and appeared to move in a somewhat erratic manner similar to an aircraft in rough air. After about 30 minutes object appeared to be moving in a westerly direction and slowly passed out of sight over the western horizon. SOURCE indicated he saw a few stars but no moonlight was apparent. Object appeared brighter than the background of the sky and was comparable to the brightness of an automobile headlight a city block away. Object did not break into parts, give off smoke or change shape. However, it did change brightness from time to time and seemed to pulsate or throb. SOURCE stated he noted an aircraft above and in front of the object in a northwesterly direction from point of observation. SOURCE could not identify or describe the type of aircraft other than that it was not a jet. Object did not move in front of anything at any time during the sighting. SOURCE said he thought the object was solid. There was no audible sound during the sighting. SOURCE indicated he saw only one object and estimated that the real size of the object at its longest dimension was approximately 100 feet. SOURCE was certain object appeared to be the size of a nickel held at arms length when viewed through binoculars. SOURCE said that if the object were to be constructed of known materials it would probably be of a silvery metallic substance shaped like a bowl. SOURCE reported that he was looking northwest when he first saw the object and also was looking northwest when the object disappeared. SOURCE indicated that when object was first noticed it was approximately 300 degrees from true north and approximately 30 degrees above the horizon. When object disappeared it was approximately 300 degrees from true north and 0 degrees above horizon. SOURCE reported thick clouds, dry weather, warm temperature and no wind during period of sighting. He stated this was the first time he had ever seen an object of this type. SOURCE unable to estimate speed of object but thought it was approximately 15 miles away. SOURCE's residence is 4 miles NW of [REDACTED] residence, (SOURCE, Part One). SOURCE is of the opinion that the object was an aircraft or mechanical device of some kind.

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1 Incl: Sketch of object

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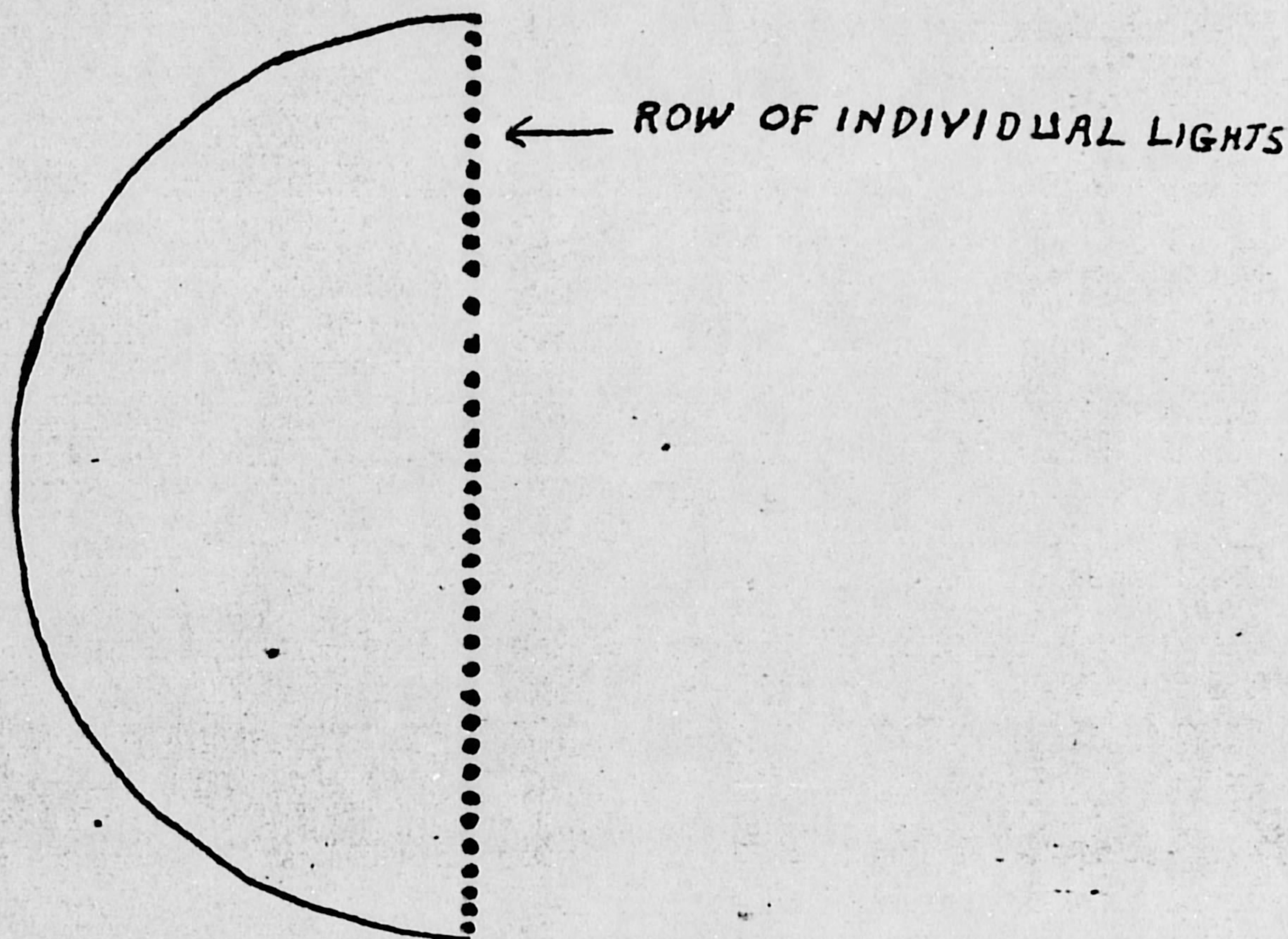
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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check was made with the following Air Bases for aircraft in the air at the time of sighting, and reports of unusual occurrences with negative results.

- Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma
- Ardmore Air Force Base, Oklahoma
- Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma
- Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma

2. A check was made with the Carswell Flight Service Center, Fort Worth, Texas for aircraft in the air at the time of sighting and reports of unusual occurrences, with negative results.

3. The following Civil Airports were contacted for aircraft in the air at time of sighting and for reports of any unusual occurrences with negative results.

- Will Rogers Airport, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Woodring Airport, Enid, Oklahoma
- Municipal Airport, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Municipal Airport, Ardmore, Oklahoma

4. The 746th AC&W Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma was contacted and indicated that the area where the sighting was made was tracked for approximately five minutes during the sighting period with negative results. However, a slow moving aircraft flying in a south westerly direction was noted on the radar scopes.

5. The CAA Radar Approach Control Unit located at Tinker AFB was contacted for possible radar tracks or sightings, with negative results.

6. The astronomer in charge of the observatory, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma was contacted with negative results.

7. A number of individuals operating private telescopes in the Oklahoma City area were contacted with negative results.

8. The astronomer, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was contacted with negative results.

9. The University of Tulsa Science Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma was contacted with negative results.

10. The Oklahoma State Weather Service was contacted and indicated that one weather balloon was released on 6 May 1956 at 2100 CST.

11. The Tinker Air Force Base Weather Service was contacted and indicated that no balloons were released during the sighting period. The Tinker AFB Weather Service reported that from 2127 CST to 2227 CST lightening and thunder heads were visible in the western sky. At 2200 CST radar reports indicated a 28 mile wide area of thunder storms with its center approximately 188 miles north west of Tinker Air Force Base. An unconfirmed tornado report was received during the sighting period from a point approximately 30 miles west of Tinker Air Force Base. Two temperature inversions were reported during the

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period of the sighting. The first inversion was noted with its base at the surface and its top at 1000'. Surface temperature was 73° F, temperature at the top of the inversion was 75° F. The second inversion was based at 3000' with a temperature of 69° F, and top of 4600' with temperature of 69° F.

The following cloud coverage existed during the sighting period:

2130 CST - Clear
2230 CST - 1/8 coverage at 5000'
6/8 coverage at 25,000'
2330 CST - 6/8 coverage at 25,000'

The following wind conditions existed during the sighting period:

5,000' - 180° - 15 knots
10,000' - 230° - 20 knots
15,000' - 260° - 25 knots
20,000' - 270° - 25 knots
30,000' - 280° - 25 knots
40,000' - 280° - 45 knots
50,000' - 280° - 45 knots

12. Consultation with Tinker AFB navigation officers and calculations obtained from the Air Almanac, May - Aug 1956 indicate the following information about the disposition of stars and planets during the sighting period:

Venus - Invisible
Moon - Invisible
Mars - Invisible
Jupiter - Visible in southwest sky
Saturn - Visible in eastern sky
Sirius - (Brightest star in heavens) Invisible

13. A check was made with the Oklahoma City Ground Observer Corps Filter Center for possible reports of sightings or unusual occurrences with negative results.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the preparing officer the sighting was probably an optical phenomena for the following reasons:

a. Any celestial body that could have been mistaken for an unidentified object was not visible in that portion of the sky where the sighting occurred. In addition, the characteristic movement of a celestial body does not conform to the movement of the object described by SOURCES, and its pattern of travel through the sky to its point of ultimate disappearance. The area travelled by object in the period of time specified by SOURCES would not be characteristic of a celestial body. Any celestial body with the exception of planets and the moon will move approximately 15° per hour. According to description furnished by SOURCES, object travelled a larger area than 15° in the 55 minutes it was observed. Following figures are given for reference purposes:

Moon	$14^\circ 31'$	in one hour
Saturn	$15^\circ 3'$	in one hour
Jupiter	15°	in one hour
Venus	15°	in one hour
Mars	15°	in one hour

b. Weather balloons were not present in the area during the sighting period. In addition, no celestial body or other source of light was apparent that might possibly create a reflection of light on a balloon with the resultant effects noted by SOURCES. The apparent size of object would further preclude the possibility of a balloon.

c. Research of possible aircraft in the area of sighting resulted in negative findings, with the exception of the single track reported by the 746th AC & W Squadron, Tinker AFB. The movement, moreover, of the object as described by SOURCES does not fit the normal pattern of aircraft movement in flight. SOURCE, however, reported seeing an aircraft in flight at the same time he saw the unidentified object.

d. The characteristics of the object as described by SOURCES precludes the possibility that this sighting was a meteor.

e. Characteristics of the object as reported by three SOURCES generally confirms the optical phenomena hypothesis. The possibility exists that meteorological conditions prevailing during the sighting, such as two temperature inversions, may have been contributing factors to the occurrence of this sighting.

Louis Monroe
LOUIS MONROE
Captain, USAF
Officer in Charge

Harold B. Chaffin Capt. USAF

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was probably caused by an optical phenomenon.

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1. CONCAVE (SOUPBOWL)

2. DIME FOUR INCHES FROM EYE.

3. NEG

4. NEG

5. NEG

6. HAD ORANGE LIGHTS ALL AROUND IT

7. NEG

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1. OBSERVER HEARD A WEATHER WARNING ON TV, AND WENT OUT TO OBSERVE THE CLOUDS, WHEN HE SPOTTED IT.
2. FORTY FIVE DEGREE ANGLE, AT THREE THREE ZERO DEGREES. FROM OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.
3. FORTY FIVE DEGREE ANGLE, APPROX THREE FOUR ZERO DEGREES FROM OKLAHOMA CITY.
4. OBJECT KEPT GOING NORTH, THEN WEST, THEN NORTH, IN SHARP QUICK TURNS.
5. OUT OF SIGHT FROM THE NAKED EYE.
6. FIFTY MINUTES

(C)

1. GROUND VISUAL
2. BINOCULARS, BAUSCH LOMB SIX POWER.
3. N/A

(D)

1. 070410Z MAY
2. NIGHT

(E)

OBSERVER WAS AT 904 [REDACTED] OKLAHOMA CITY.

(F)

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1. N/A

2. ~~REDACTED~~ 2/LT USAF DIRECTOR ATE MAINTENANCE, ENGINEERING HQ.
OCAMA PROJECT OFFICER, SPECIAL. RES. PHONE JACKSON 4-7633.

(G)

1. SCATTERED CLOUDS

2. 6000 10-15 KTS

10000 240-15

16000 270-20

20000 280-35

30000 360-20

50000 270-20

78000 280-15

3. 6200 FKN

4. 8

5. NEG

6. UNCONFIRMED TORNADO 25 MI NW OKLAHOMA CITY AT 0430Z

(H) SEE ITEM (G) 6.

(I) N/A

(J) THERE WAS AN A/C FLYING N AT THE TIME.

(K) SENIOR CONTROLLER, CAPT USAF HAROLD L. RANKIN, : IT COULD POSSIBLY

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BE CAUSED BY A TORNADO REPORTED ON THE AREA AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME,
BUT UNCONFIRMED.

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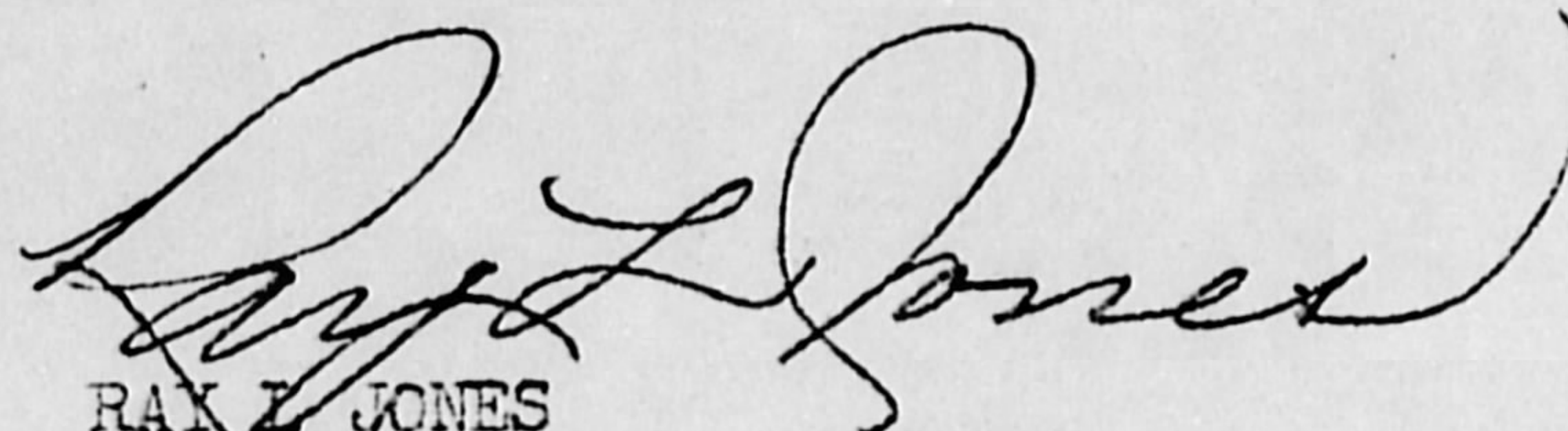
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Reference - UFOB (Ardmore AFB 12 May)

Having reviewed the O-15 camera film enclosed with this report, I feel there is no evidence to support any claim regarding any unusual returns on the scope. Some of the required information for a detailed analysis is not available (Scope Range, inherent errors, introduced delay, and rotation calibration), however, based on the apparent speed of aircraft in the area and considering on average among them - there does not appear to be any returns moving in the speed category as mentioned in the report (40 mpm).

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AREA REPORTED ON HEALDTON, OKLAHOMA		FROM (Agency) 745TH AGW SQUADRON, DUNCANVILLE, TEXAS	
DATE OF REPORT 14 May 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 12 May 1956	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Perry G Hector, 2nd Lt., USAF		SOURCE Ardmore Air Force Base, Control Tower	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) N/A			

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

At exactly 1420Z, 12 May 1956 Perrin AFB, (Tower) called this station and reported that a Mr. [REDACTED], the local fire Marshall of Healdton, Oklahoma and another man called Ardmore tower to report that they had seen an object flying at approximately 40 miles per minute flying from east to west. Ardmore Tower passed the word to Perrin tower so as to call this station and see if the subject target was appearing on our weapon. Not target was observed by anyone at this station on the weapon or otherwise.

At approximately 2024Z, Captain Rankin, the controller at division (Diplomas) advised that we scramble fighters (F-86D's) to have a look at this unknown track. Subject fighters reported that they sighted nothing. Fighters were then turned back to base.

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Advise that a direct report be obtained from the personnel that were on duty at Ardmore tower at time of sighting, since this organization has no means of communication to Ardmore Tower, in which case a first hand report cannot be obtained.

During the time of the sighting the O-15 Fairchild scope camera was in operation and approximately 75 ft of tri-x film was exposed, although no UFOB were observed on this Stations Weapon the film is being forwarded for evaluation. CONED Form 6 is also being forwarded.

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DATE OF REPORT 10 May 1956 DATE OF INFORMATION 6 May 1956 EVALUATION

PREPARED BY (Officer) LOUIS MONROE, CAPTAIN, USAF SOURCE [REDACTED] and others

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

Tel Msg from AISOP, 7 May 56; TT 33rd AD DOCO 2974, 070715Z May 56; Sqdn Guide 200-2

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I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of Sighting by [REDACTED], 2nd Lt., USAF

PART TWO: Description of Sighting by [REDACTED], D.

PART THREE: Description of Sighting by Mr. [REDACTED]

PART FOUR: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART FIVE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: Investigation concerned a reported sighting on 6 May 1956 between the hours of 2210 and 2305 CST of an unidentified object described as oval in shape, translucent, and emitting an intense orange-colored light. Supplementary investigative research seems to indicate that the sighting was a probable optical phenomena.

III. INVESTIGATORS: CAPT LOUIS MONROE AO 1864170
T/SGT R. V. MUNN AF 38612702

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I. SOURCE:

Address: [REDACTED] Terrace, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Age: 24

Occupation: Officer USAF, Special Projects Office, Engineering Branch, Industrial Engineering Division, Directorate of Maintenance Engineering, OCAMA, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Education: BS, Chemical and Industrial Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Qualifications: SOURCE has been on active duty for approximately one year and is a graduate of a highly reputable engineering school.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE appeared to be highly intelligent and completely sincere. All questions were answered frankly and in those instances where SOURCE could not answer a question, a negative reply was given without attempts to create answers where none existed. SOURCE was cooperative throughout the investigation and expressed the opinion that he realized the importance of turning in reports of this type. No reason was apparent to indicate SOURCE was motivated by any purpose in submitting his information except to be of help in solving the sighting. SOURCE was unable to make estimates of heights and distances involved in the sighting.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE stated that on 6 May 1956 between the hours of 2210 and 2305 CST he observed a teacup shaped, translucent, intensely bright, orange-colored object in the northwest sector of the sky, (Incl #1, Sketch of Object). SOURCE indicated the object appeared to be rimmed by individual lights too numerous to count. Object was described as stationary in the sky for a few minutes, then darting rapidly in a northerly direction. This type of movement was repeated forming a zig-zag pattern. Progress of the object appeared to be westerly, except for alternate darts toward the north. Object finally disappeared on the western horizon. (Incl #2, Pattern of Object). Object did not emit exhaust trails and no audible sound was noticed. SOURCE stated the object was brighter than any other object in that portion of the sky where the sighting was noted. SOURCE said he noticed a few stars in the sky but no moonlight. Brightness of the object was comparable to that of automobile headlight approximately two city blocks away. Object did not break into parts, change shape, give off smoke or change brightness. However, SOURCE reported that the object appeared to throb or pulsate. During period of sighting object did not move in front of anything or behind anything. SOURCE viewed object with 6X30 binoculars and indicated the object was sharply outlined. SOURCE could not guess or estimate the real size of object in its longest dimensions, but stated it was approximately the size of a dime held at arms length. SOURCE reported that if the object could be constructed of known materials it would probably be a plastic-like substance. SOURCE indicated he first observed the object from outside his residence for about 10 minutes and then drove his car intermittently for approximately 40 minutes while observing the object. He travelled in a northerly direction at approximately 35 MPH. SOURCE reported he first noticed object in the northwest and saw it for the last time in the northwest. SOURCE estimated object was approximately

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295 degrees from true north and 45 degrees above the horizon when he first noticed it, and 295 degrees from true north and 0 degrees above horizon when it disappeared. SOURCE said the sky contained scattered clouds at time of sighting. Weather was dry and warm with a slight breeze prevailing. SOURCE stated this was the first time he had ever seen an object of this type. SOURCE could not estimate speed of object or how far it was from point of observation. SOURCE stated that in his opinion object was some type of aircraft of unconventional configuration.

2 Incls:

1. SOURCE's sketch of object
2. SOURCE's sketch of object's pattern

Handwritten signature: Harold B. Gandy, Capt. USAF

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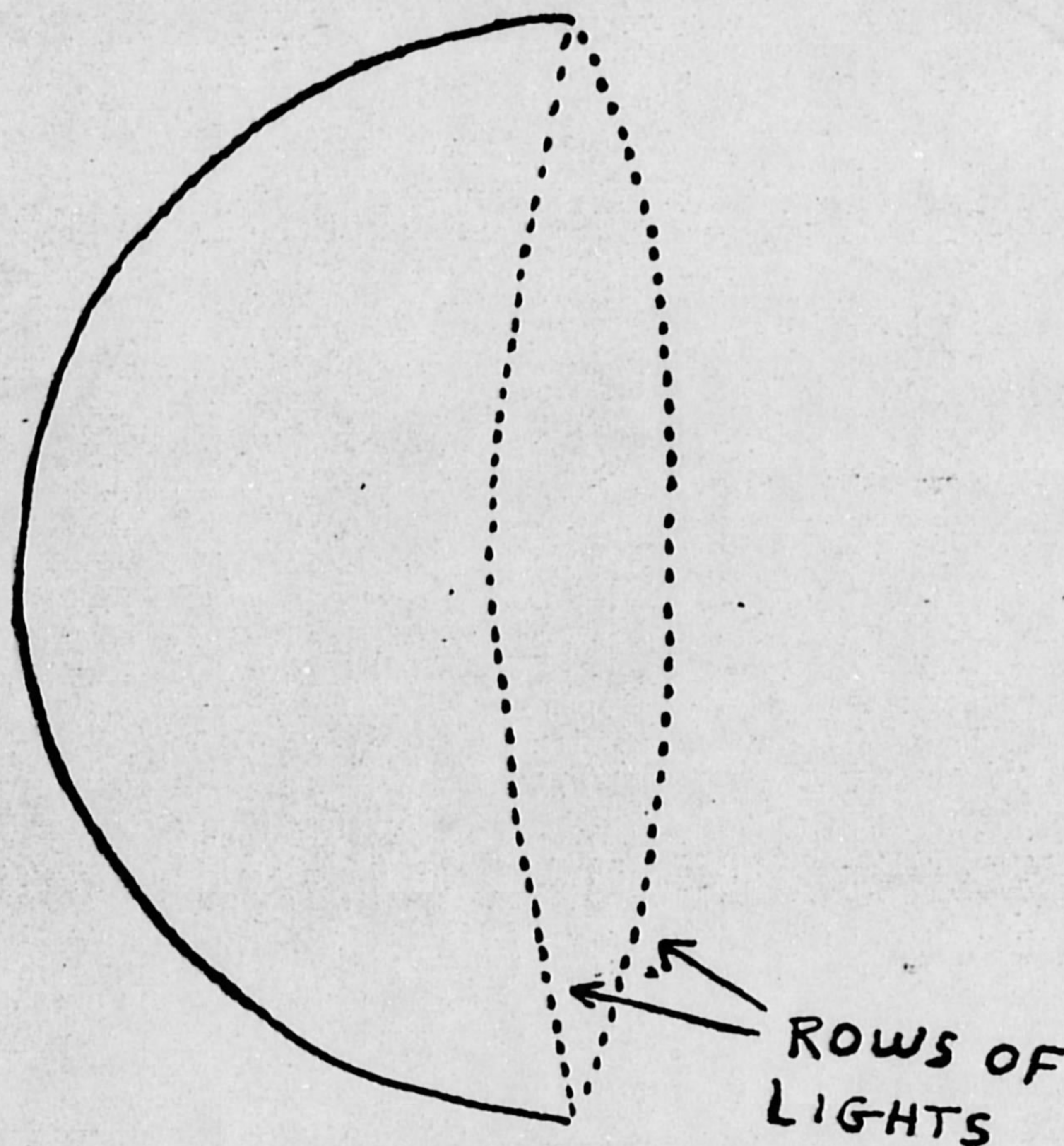
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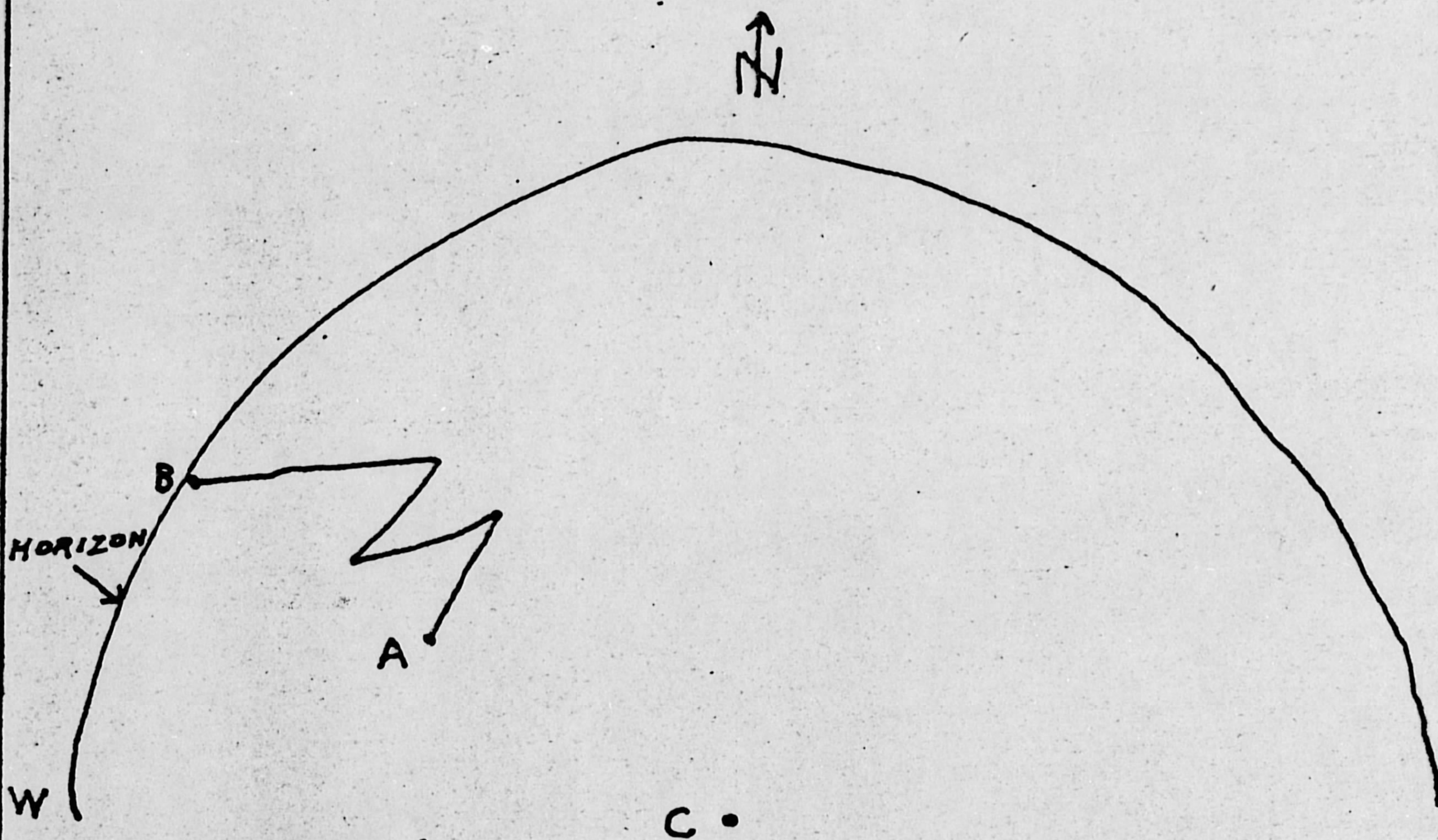
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Incl #2: Pattern of Object (SOURCE's sketch)

Pt A - Beginning of Object's path (295°)

Pt B - End of Object's path (295°)

Pt C - SOURCE's position



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I. SOURCE:

Address: [REDACTED], Oklahoma City, Okla.

Age: 45

Occupation: Physician, retired

Education: Graduate of College and Medical School

Qualifications: Four years service in USAF, Aircraft Recognition Training.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE appeared to be highly intelligent, and showed an eagerness to give correct information. All questions were answered convincingly or a negative answer was given. In view of SOURCE's military and educational background, information may be considered reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was at his home when his attention was called to the object by 2/Lt [REDACTED], at approximately 2230 CST, 6 May 56. He went outside to view the object and kept it in sight from 8 to 12 minutes. The section of sky involved was overcast with no stars visible and no moonlight. Object was much brighter than background of sky. Its brightness was like an auto headlight 3 blocks away. Object appeared to pulsate when standing still, but did not change shape, or give off smoke or vapor trails. Its brightness did not change while standing still, but did diminish as object disappeared from view at a fairly steady rate of speed. Object did not move in front of or behind anything. It appeared to be solid when viewed by SOURCE through 9X35 power binoculars. There was no sound. Object was yellowish-orange at first, turning more orange as it disappeared over horizon. SOURCE described object as resembling a round saucer suspended in the air. (Incl #1). Object travelled from 340 to 350 degrees laterally and from 20 to 0 degrees vertically (Incl #2). SOURCE unable to estimate real size of object, but stated that it resembled a dime held at arm length. Weather was warm and dry with a slight breeze. There was a tornado alert in effect during time of sighting. SOURCE had no idea what object was, but was sure he had never seen anything like it. SOURCE unable to estimate speed of object or its distance from him.

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1. SOURCE's sketch of Object
2. SOURCE's sketch of Object's movement directions

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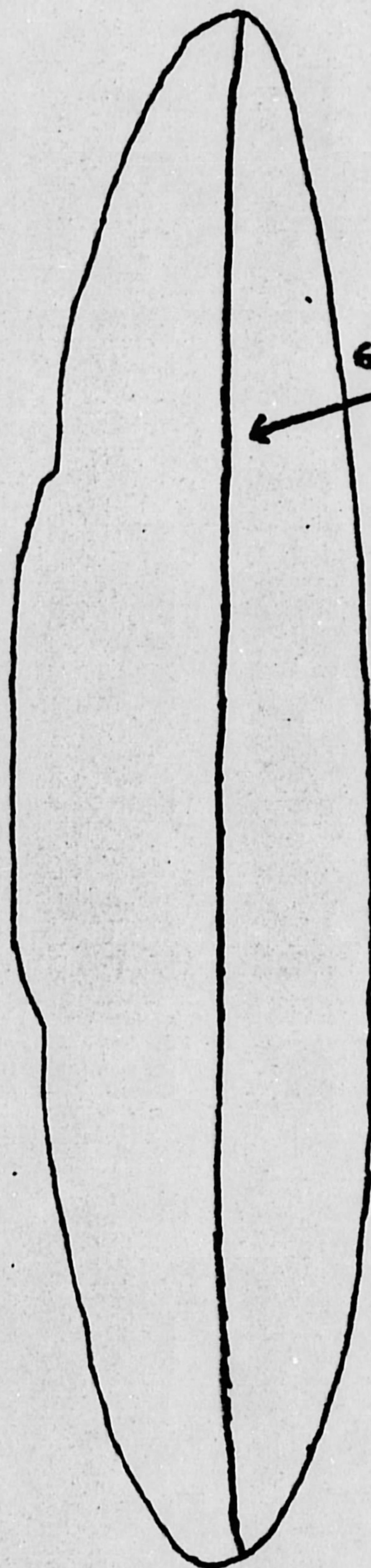
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Incl #1: SOURCE's Sketch of Object



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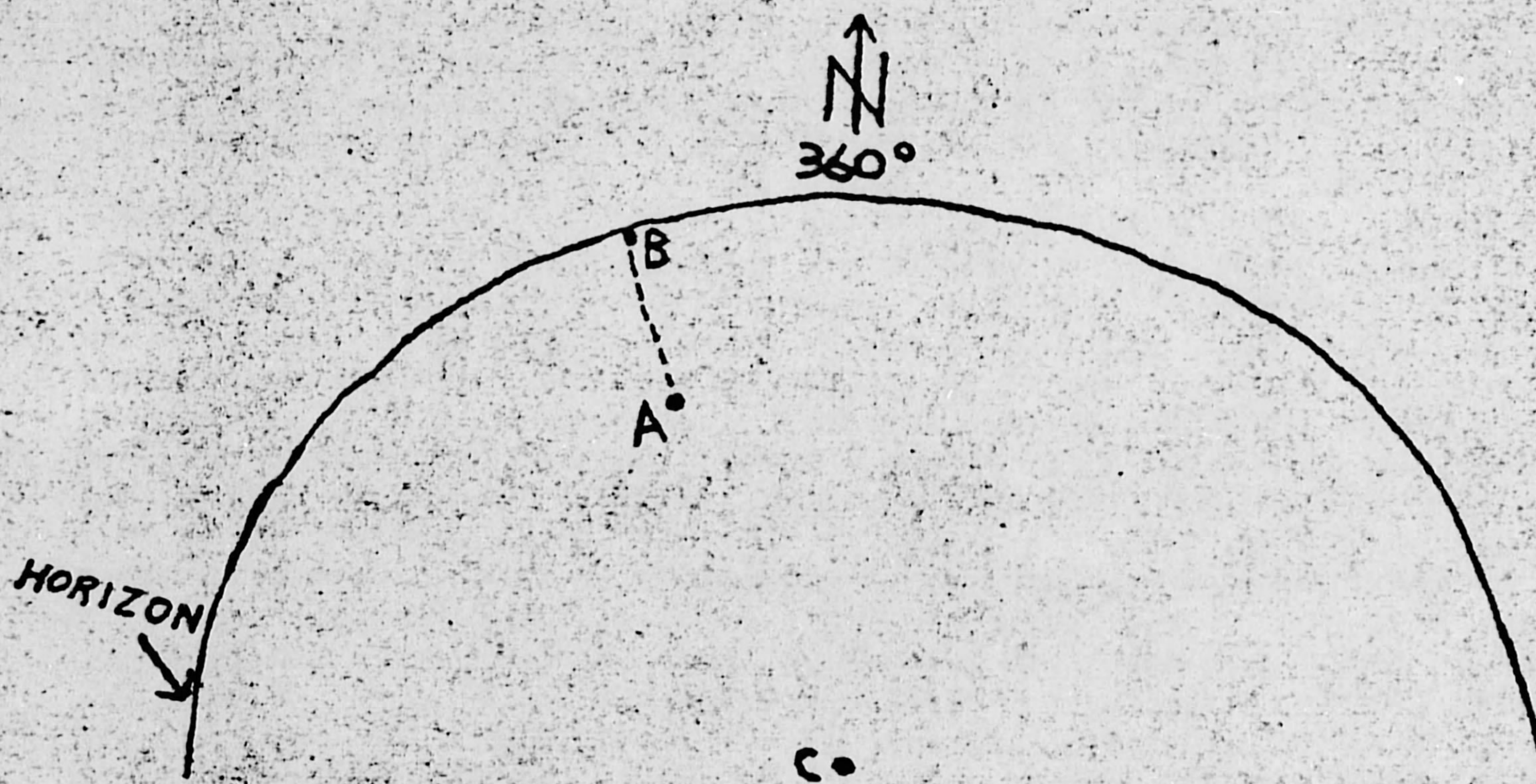
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Incl #2: SOURCE's sketch of Object's pattern

- Pt A - Object's position at first sighting (340°)
- Pt B - Object's position when it disappeared (350°)
- Pt C - SOURCE's position



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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED] (Father of 2nd Lt. [REDACTED])

Address: [REDACTED], Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Age: 52

Occupation: Lumber retailer

Education: 3 years College, Liberal Arts

Qualifications: Educated, reputable businessman

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE appeared to be of average intelligence. Answers to questions were given in a forthright manner with no attempts to procrastinate. SOURCE was very cooperative throughout the investigation and appeared sincerely anxious to help find a solution for the sighting.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE stated that on 6 May 1956 at approximately 2205 CST while checking the sky for weather conditions he noted a bright object in the western sky below the clouds. SOURCE's attention was attracted to the object because of its exceptional brightness. SOURCE stated he viewed the object for approximately 50 minutes using 6X30 power binoculars. SOURCE reported the object was sharply outlined, shaped like bowl, and rimmed with lights. Lights appeared to be individual but were too numerous to count. (Incl #1, Sketch of object). For the first 30 minutes of the sighting object appeared to hover in a small portion of sky and appeared to move in a somewhat erratic manner similar to an aircraft in rough air. After about 30 minutes object appeared to be moving in a westerly direction and slowly passed out of sight over the western horizon. SOURCE indicated he saw a few stars but no moonlight was apparent. Object appeared brighter than the background of the sky and was comparable to the brightness of an automobile headlight a city block away. Object did not break into parts, give off smoke or change shape. However, it did change brightness from time to time and seemed to pulsate or throb. SOURCE stated he noted an aircraft above and in front of the object in a northwesterly direction from point of observation. SOURCE could not identify or describe the type of aircraft other than that it was not a jet. Object did not move in front of anything at any time during the sighting. SOURCE said he thought the object was solid. There was no audible sound during the sighting. SOURCE indicated he saw only one object and estimated that the real size of the object at its longest dimension was approximately 100 feet. SOURCE was certain object appeared to be the size of a nickel held at arms length when viewed through binoculars. SOURCE said that if the object were to be constructed of known materials it would probably be of a silvery metallic substance shaped like a bowl. SOURCE reported that he was looking northwest when he first saw the object and also was looking northwest when the object disappeared. SOURCE indicated that when object was first noticed it was approximately 300 degrees from true north and approximately 30 degrees above the horizon. When object disappeared it was approximately 300 degrees from true north and 0 degrees above horizon. SOURCE reported thick clouds, dry weather, warm temperature and no wind during period of sighting. He stated this was the first time he had ever seen an object of this type. SOURCE unable to estimate speed of object but thought it was approximately 15 miles away. SOURCE's residence is 4 miles NW of Bert Billington Beals' residence, (SOURCE, Part One). SOURCE is of the opinion that the object was an aircraft or mechanical device of some kind.

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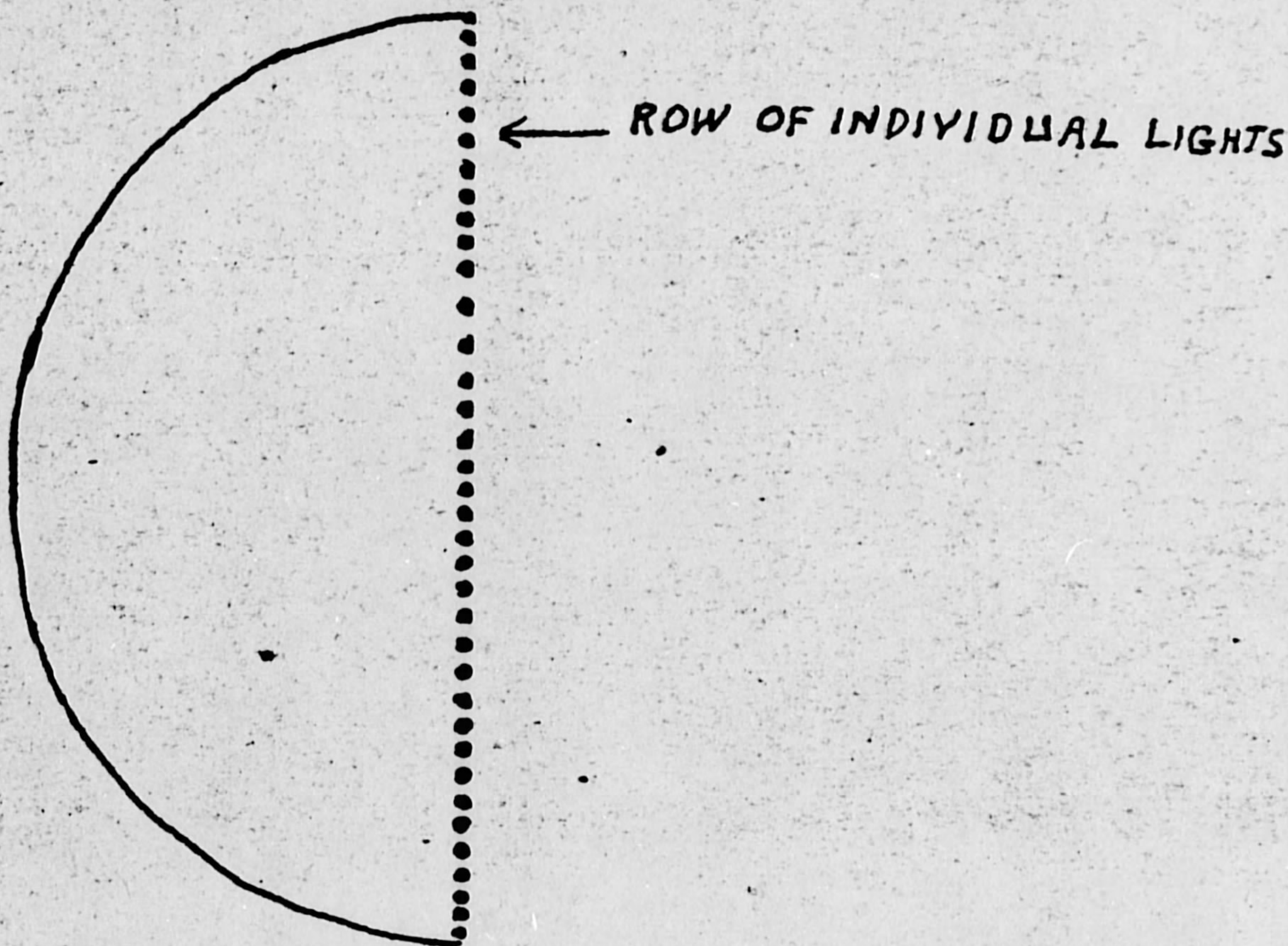
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Incl #1: SOURCE's sketch of Object



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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check was made with the following Air Bases for aircraft in the air at the time of sighting, and reports of unusual occurrences with negative results.

- Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma
- Ardmore Air Force Base, Oklahoma
- Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma
- Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma

2. A check was made with the Carswell Flight Service Center, Fort Worth, Texas for aircraft in the air at the time of sighting and reports of unusual occurrences, with negative results.

3. The following Civil Airports were contacted for aircraft in the air at time of sighting and for reports of any unusual occurrences with negative results.

- Will Rogers Airport, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Woodring Airport, Enid, Oklahoma
- Municipal Airport, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Municipal Airport, Ardmore, Oklahoma

4. The 746th AC&W Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma was contacted and indicated that the area where the sighting was made was tracked for approximately five minutes during the sighting period with negative results. However, a slow moving aircraft flying in a south westerly direction was noted on the radar scopes.

5. The CAA Radar Approach Control Unit located at Tinker AFB was contacted for possible radar tracks or sightings, with negative results.

6. The astronomer in charge of the observatory, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma was contacted with negative results.

7. A number of individuals operating private telescopes in the Oklahoma City area were contacted with negative results.

8. The astronomer, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was contacted with negative results.

9. The University of Tulsa Science Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma was contacted with negative results.

10. The Oklahoma State Weather Service was contacted and indicated that one weather balloon was released on 6 May 1956 at 2100 CST.

11. The Tinker Air Force Base Weather Service was contacted and indicated that no balloons were released during the sighting period. The Tinker AFB Weather Service reported that from 2127 CST to 2227 CST lightening and thunder heads were visible in the western sky. At 2200 CST radar reports indicated a 28 mile wide area of thunder storms with its center approximately 188 miles north west of Tinker Air Force Base. An unconfirmed tornado report was received during the sighting period from a point approximately 30 miles west of Tinker Air Force Base. Two temperature inversions were reported during the

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period of the sighting. The first inversion was noted with its base at the surface and its top at 1000'. Surface temperature was 73° F, temperature at the top of the inversion was 75° F. The second inversion was based at 3000' with a temperature of 69° F, and top of 4600' with temperature of 69° F.

The following cloud coverage existed during the sighting period:

2130 CST - Clear
2230 CST - 1/8 coverage at 5000'
6/8 coverage at 25,000'
2330 CST - 6/8 coverage at 25,000'

The following wind conditions existed during the sighting period:

5,000' - 180° - 15 knots
10,000' - 230° - 20 knots
15,000' - 260° - 25 knots
20,000' - 270° - 25 knots
30,000' - 280° - 25 knots
40,000' - 280° - 45 knots
50,000' - 280° - 45 knots

12. Consultation with Tinker AFB navigation officers and calculations obtained from the Air Almanac, May - Aug 1956 indicate the following information about the disposition of stars and planets during the sighting period:

Venus - Invisible
Moon - Invisible
Mars - Invisible
Jupiter - Visible in southwest sky
Saturn - Visible in eastern sky
Sirius - (Brightest star in heavens) Invisible

13. A check was made with the Oklahoma City Ground Observer Corps Filter Center for possible reports of sightings or unusual occurrences with negative results.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the preparing officer the sighting was probably an optical phenomena for the following reasons:

a. Any celestial body that could have been mistaken for an unidentified object was not visible in that portion of the sky where the sighting occurred. In addition, the characteristic movement of a celestial body does not conform to the movement of the object described by SOURCES, and its pattern of travel through the sky to its point of ultimate disappearance. The area travelled by object in the period of time specified by SOURCES would not be characteristic of a celestial body. Any celestial body with the exception of planets and the moon will move approximately 15° per hour. According to description furnished by SOURCES, object travelled a larger area than 15° in the 55 minutes it was observed. Following figures are given for reference purposes:

Moon	14° 31'	in one hour
Saturn	15° 3'	in one hour
Jupiter	15°	in one hour
Venus	15°	in one hour
Mars	15°	in one hour

b. Weather balloons were not present in the area during the sighting period. In addition, no celestial body or other source of light was apparent that might possibly create a reflection of light on a balloon with the resultant effects noted by SOURCES. The apparent size of object would further preclude the possibility of a balloon.

c. Research of possible aircraft in the area of sighting resulted in negative findings, with the exception of the single track reported by the 746th AG & W Squadron, Tinker AFB. The movement, moreover, of the object as described by SOURCES does not fit the normal pattern of aircraft movement in flight. SOURCE, however, reported seeing an aircraft in flight at the same time he saw the unidentified object.

d. The characteristics of the object as described by SOURCES precludes the possibility that this sighting was a meteor.

e. Characteristics of the object as reported by three SOURCES generally confirms the optical phenomena hypothesis. The possibility exists that meteorological conditions prevailing during the sighting, such as two temperature inversions, may have been contributing factors to the occurrence of this sighting.

Louis Monroe

LOUIS MONROE
Captain, USAF
Officer in Charge

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was probably caused by an optical phenomenon.

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