

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 May 1956		2. LOCATION Lumberton, Ohio		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 2112 EST GMT 24/0212Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 min at 10 m intervals		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE back & forth	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object described as a blue flare, size of grapefruit, color blue white. Object appeared from behind trees and disappeared behind trees. First from left to right thence right to left.				11. COMMENTS After talking with observer it was determined this was an a/c running tests from WADC.	

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24/04/22 May

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?

23 1414 56
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 9:12
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?

LUMBERTON Ohio CLINTON
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

30
Minutes

at 10 min intervals
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

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 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 | <u>No</u> | 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? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |

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

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind:

seemed to come out of trees & disappear into trees

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of:

14. Did the object appear:

(Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------------|------------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | 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 | <u>naked eye</u> | |

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

a. Sound

None

b. Color

Blue-white

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.

object
seen light

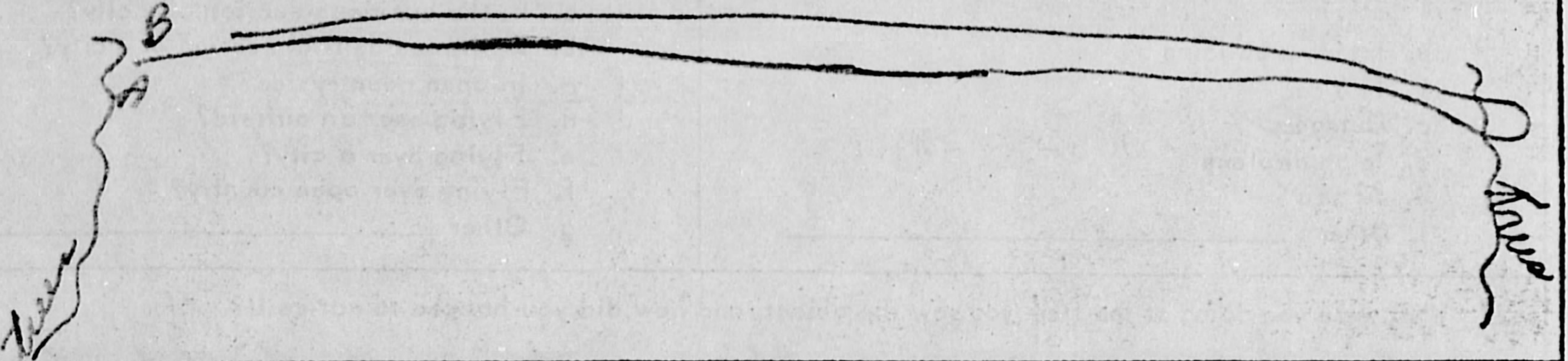
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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. ~~approx 1/2 grapefruit~~

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
- b. Pea
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball
- k. Other _____

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? at base of some behind

tree on left disappeared behind tree on right.
Obj seen at intervals

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.

a blue flare. Almost steady
burning.

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?

Walking in yard + noticed light, too bright to be aircraft lights, moving at a medium fast speed.

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
- b. Northeast

- c. East
- d. Southeast

- e. South
- f. Southwest

- g. West
- h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? 0 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
- b. Northeast

- c. East
- d. Southeast

- e. South
- f. Southwest

- g. West
- h. Northwest

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

- a. North
- b. Northeast

- c. East
- d. Southeast

- e. South
- f. Southwest

- g. West
- h. Northwest

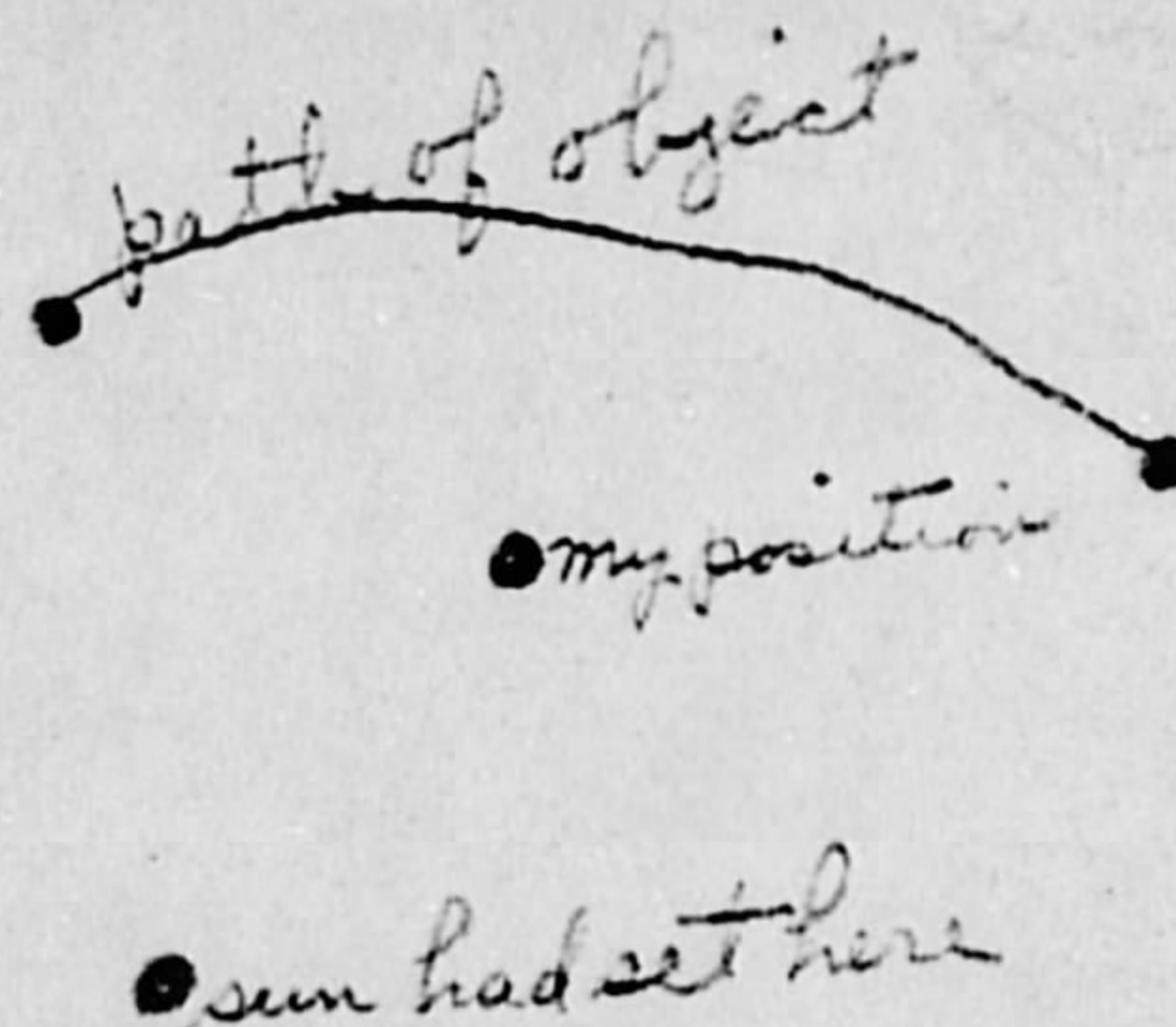
31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

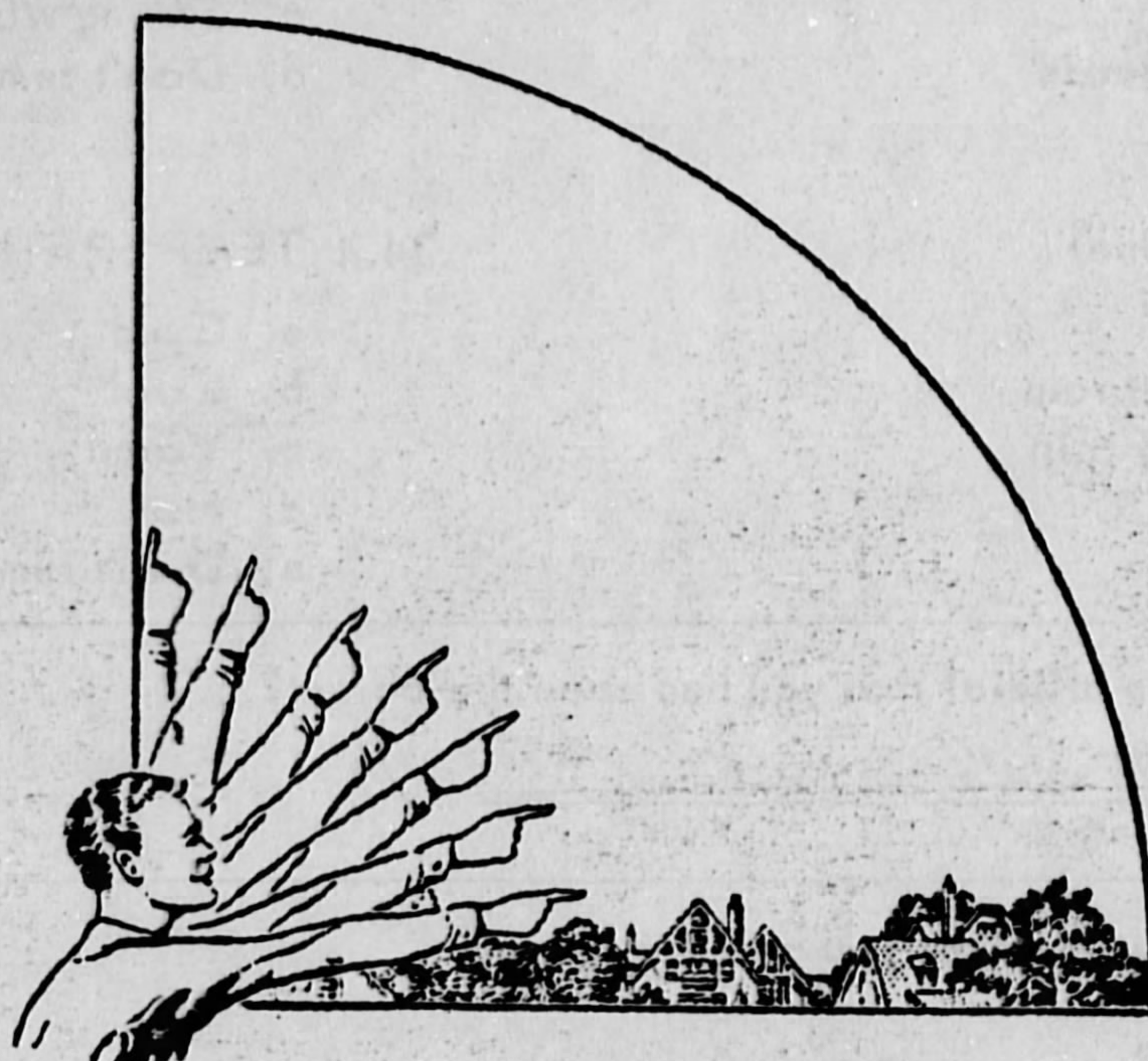
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

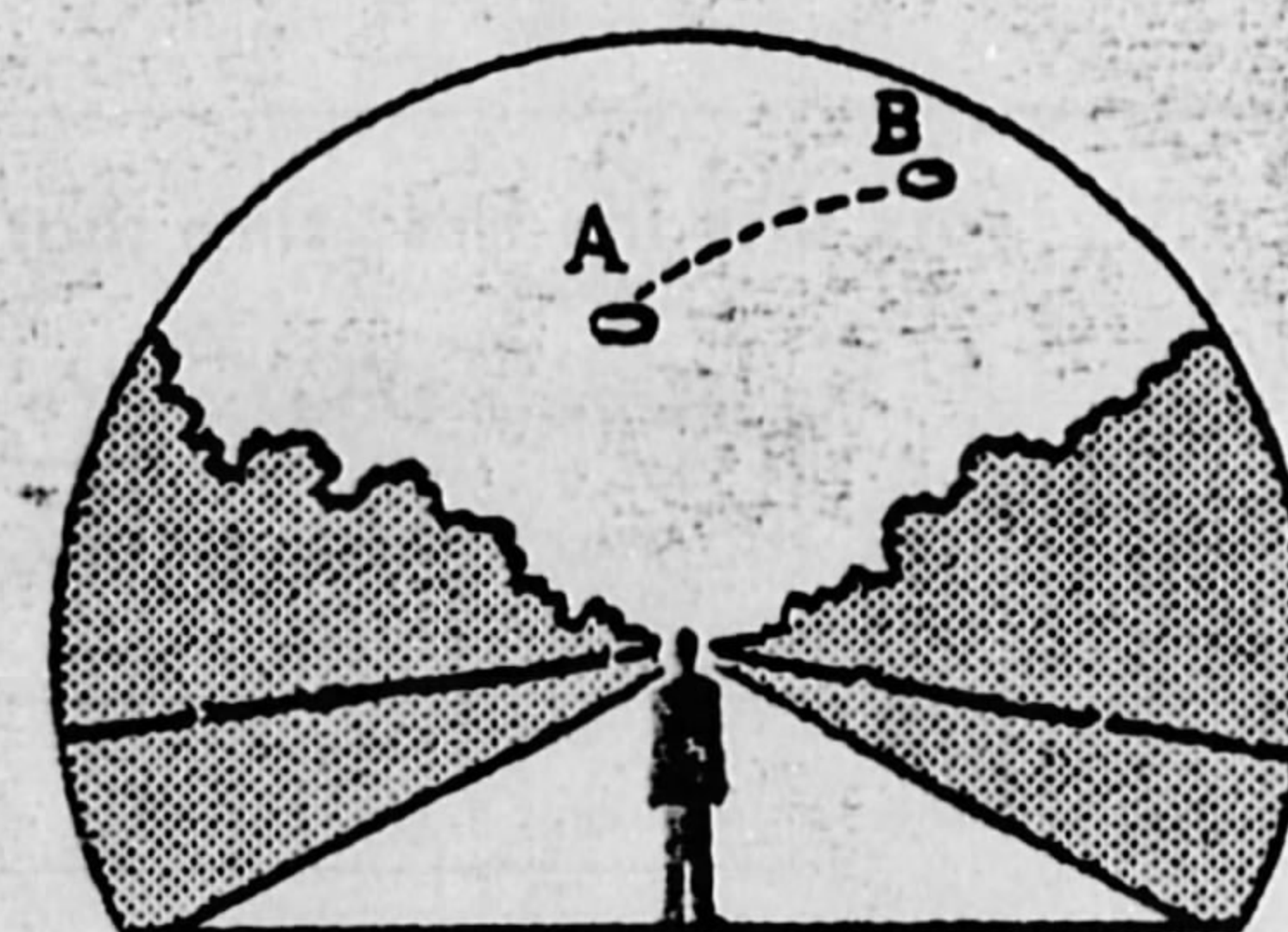
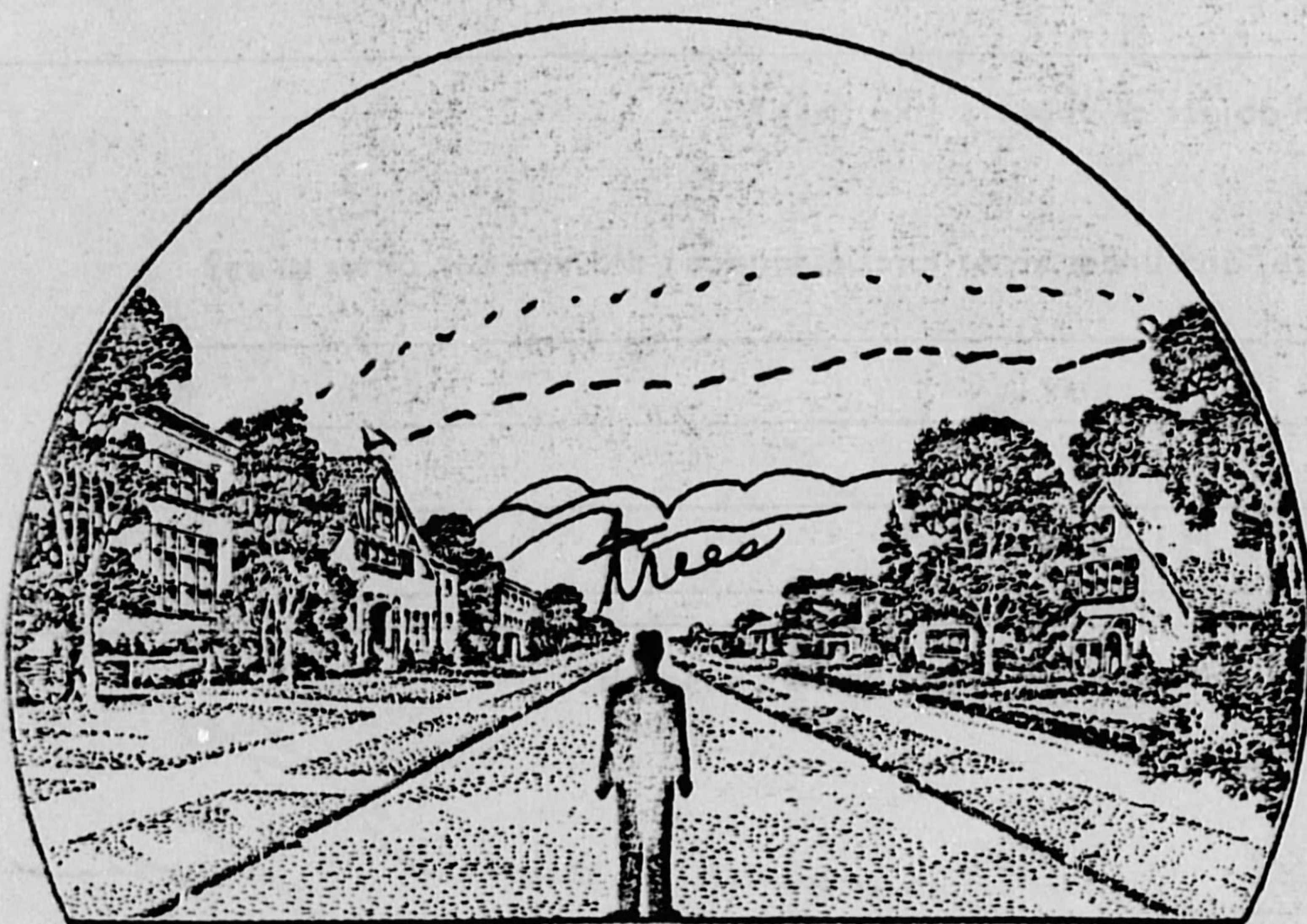
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.



32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



Seen to travel back & forth
2 1/2 times

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(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 25 May 56

At 9:12 o'clock, EST, on 23 May 56, I was walking in the driveway of my home when I noticed a light too bright to be aircraft lights (unless it was a landing light). The light seemed to be travelling at a medium fast speed and no noise was discernable. The light disappeared behind trees and reappeared in approximately five minutes and traced its course back disappearing behind trees to my left.

Object appeared from my left and disappeared on right, reappeared on right and disappeared on left two and one half times. (traveled from left to right 3 times, from right to left two times)

The appearance of a searchlight was noted at several different times. The rest of time the light seemed to be a steady bluish white light with a star-like brilliance.

If my estimation of altitude of 5,000 feet is correct, then the light was travelling at approximately 75 MPH.

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?

5,000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

_____ Last Name

_____ First Name

_____ Middle Name

ADDRESS

_____ Street

New Burlington City

_____ Zone

Ohio State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Clerk - Wright Patterson AFB, ATIC

Age

29

Sex

F

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

✓

b. High school

✓

c. College

d. Post graduate

e. e. Technical school

(Type)

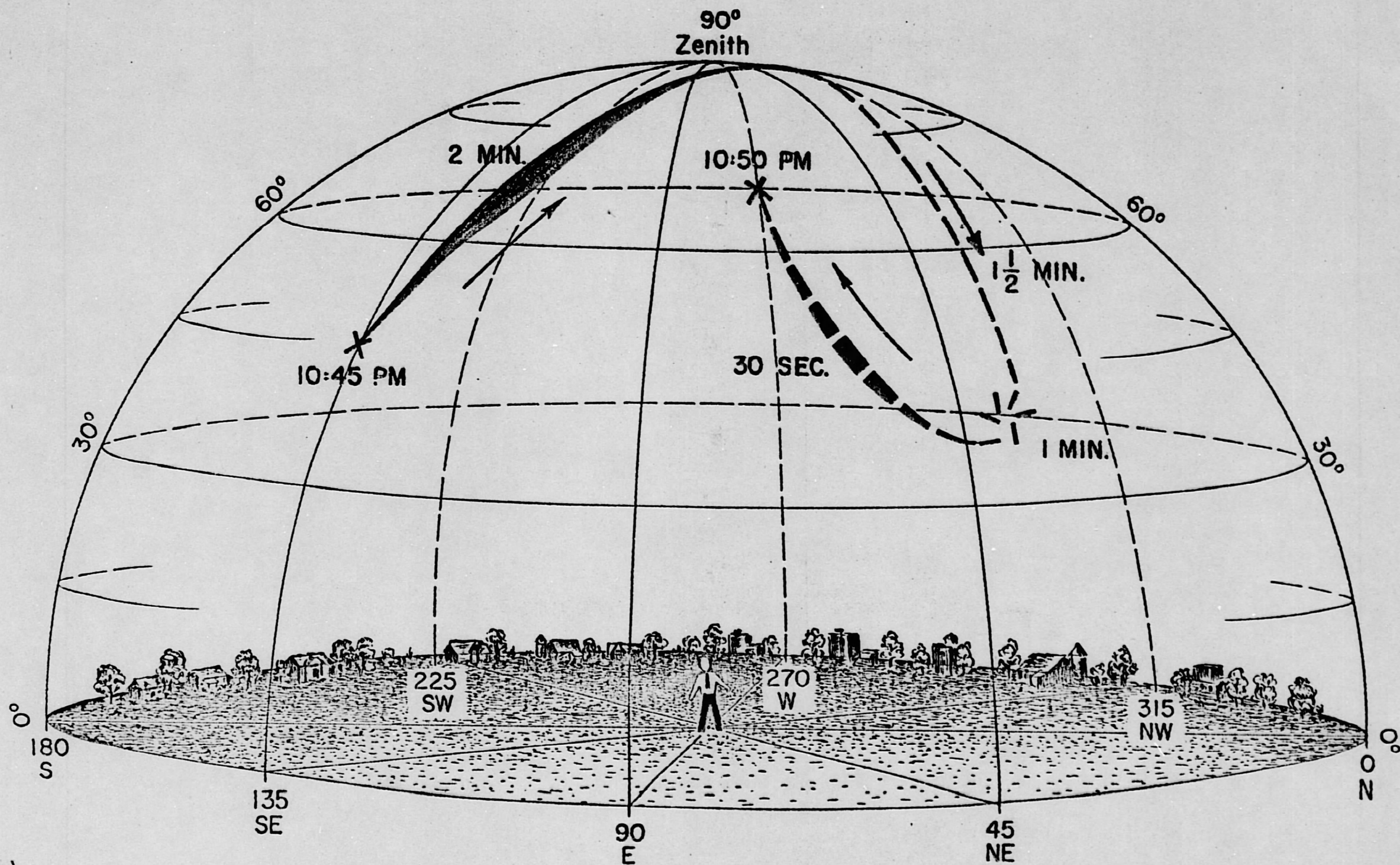
f. Other special training

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

25
Day

May
Month

56
Year



(EXAMPLE SHEET)

JOURNAL HERALD - DAYTON
25 MAY 1956

MAY 25, 1956

OHIO, FRIDAY, MA

No Saucer, But— Sure Was Lit Up!

Alarmed residents of the Xenia area last night flooded Wright-Patterson Air Force base with calls about flying saucers in the area.

According to the reports, the saucer was being hotly pursued by an F-86 fighter from the 56th Fighter-Interceptor squadron which eventually overtook the interloper.

The facts aren't quite so fascinating, but Xenia residents may take consolation from the fact one WPAFB pilot who with his wife saw the pursuit also telephoned the base in wonderment.

An RF-84-F jet aircraft using a bright light for night photography caused all the excitement. It was taking pictures over Xenia as it will be doing over other areas near Dayton for the next several nights.

The F-86 was real and from the 56th.

MONDAY, MAY 28, 1956 M-29

Not Martians, King-Size Bulbs

If you see bright lights moving through the skies between now and June 15, don't start looking for Martians.

Chances are the lights are caused by an earth-type RF-84F jet plane on a photography mission for the Wright-Air Development center's aerial reconnaissance laboratory.

The flights will be made nightly in the southern Ohio, Kentucky and western Pennsylvania area if the weather is clear. The light is from high intensity mercury arc lamps mounted on the plane and used like king-size photofloods.

IT'S A PLANE, EXPERTS SAY OF 'SAUCER'

MIDDLETOWN, May 28.—It wasn't a flying saucer. So say experts at the Wright Air Development center at Dayton, about a "saucer" some Middle-tonians saw in the sky here last Monday night.

The blueish object was an RF-84F test plane, experimenting with night aerial photography, WADC spokesmen said. The plane carried two wing pods with many high-intensity mercury arc lamps.

Officials said tests by the plane probably would continue through mid-June.

This was reported to ATIC
as a black object that
swooped low and suddenly
gave out with a purplish-white
bluish-white ray, reportedly
ray 45 death ray, paralysis
ray — disintegrating ray — anti-gravity ray, etc

