

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 June 1956		2. LOCATION Arlington, Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 15/0430Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Golden sphere, flickering. No change in speed or brightness. Looked like roman candle just before it explodes. Level flight. Observed in West and disappeared in North descending slightly from 60 dgr elevation to 30 dgr elevation. No maneuvering.				11. COMMENTS Sighting characteristic of meteors. Duration rather long; however, object traveled through 90 dgr arc while giving the impression of going away fm observer.	



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

15 June 1956

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

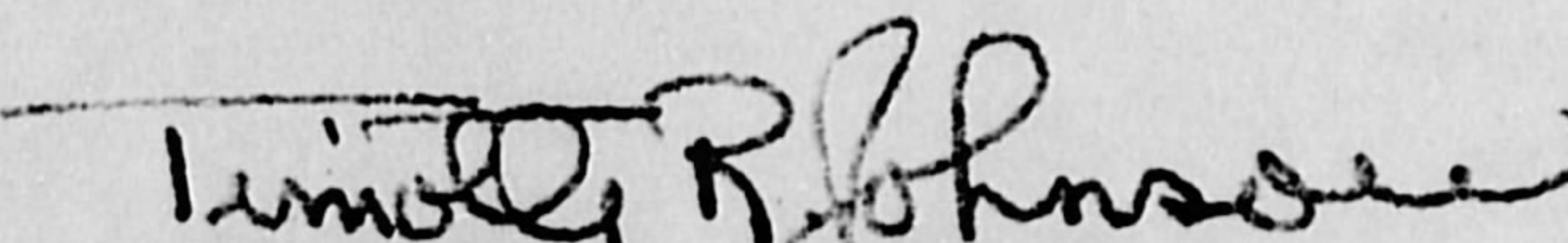
In response to your telephone conversation with this office, I am enclosing a copy of the USAF Technical Information Sheet which we desire that you complete as best you can on the aerial phenomenon which you have observed.

It is requested that you forward the completed form to the following address:

Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: AFOIN-4E

Your prompt action is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


TIMOTHY R. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Intelligence

Encl:

Indorsement: -

June 20, 1956

Information sheet has been accomplished and is returned herewith as requested.

Incl:-
Accomplished form



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?

14 JUNE 1956
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

11 30 (approx.)
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?

Arlington ARLINGTON, Virginia
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: In the front yard of my home

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

0 — 20 - Estimated
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 Estimated

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 11:30 PM
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

N/A

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 — didn't seem so dark.

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? <i>but only when passing</i> | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? <i>became smaller as it disappeared</i> | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | 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: *it moved behind a cloud and came in line of sight again at what seemed to be the same altitude*

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: *didn't seem to*

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 | | |

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

a. Sound None - dead silence

b. Color golden yellow - subdued sparkle -

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.

unable to outline this other than it seems
similar to a roman-candle shot before it
explodes, but larger and ^{with} instant speed and
level flight

18. The edges of the object were:

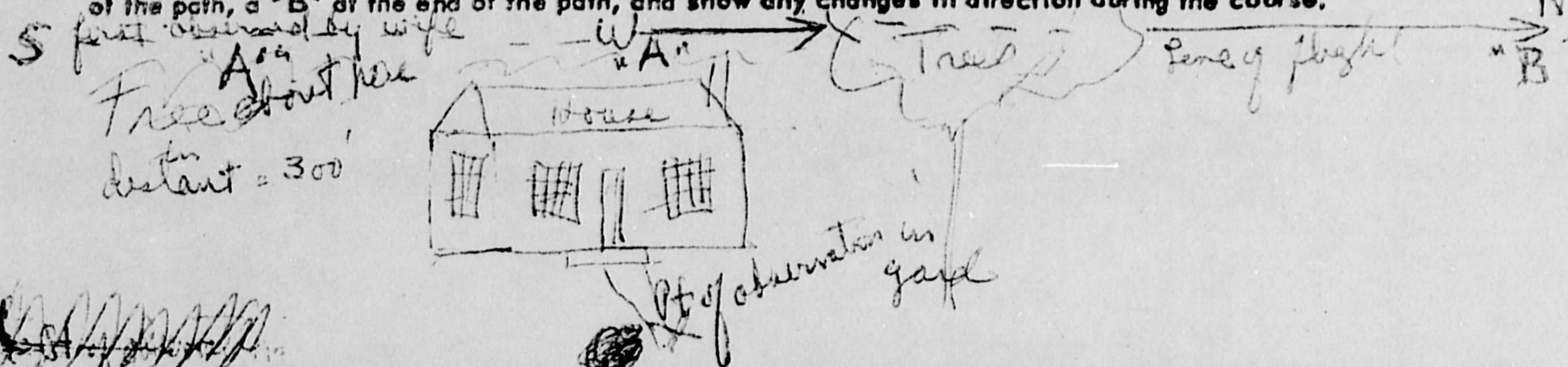
- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

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.

one only

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. Seemed no larger than a bowl and round.

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 or

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 it moved toward north it became smaller and faded out of sight but still kept its golden-sparkle (subdued) - it seemed to disappear before it became real small.

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 sphere not sharply outlined, made of a material that would sparkle somewhat similar to 4th of July sparklers but not so brilliantly. - I have no idea how to make a subdued golden sparkle that was not brilliant yet bright with out a white line - I have never seen anything I can compare this object to.

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 with my wife in front yard, as we often do at night before bedtime. My wife said, "What on earth is that" and pointed to the object - I saw it briefly before it disappeared behind the tree - see (20) and then we both observed it at it reappeared and casually moved northward out of sight in level flight.

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? N/A miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No N/A

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | <u>g. West</u> |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

- | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <u>a. North</u> | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 90 degrees.
- b. From horizon 60 degrees.

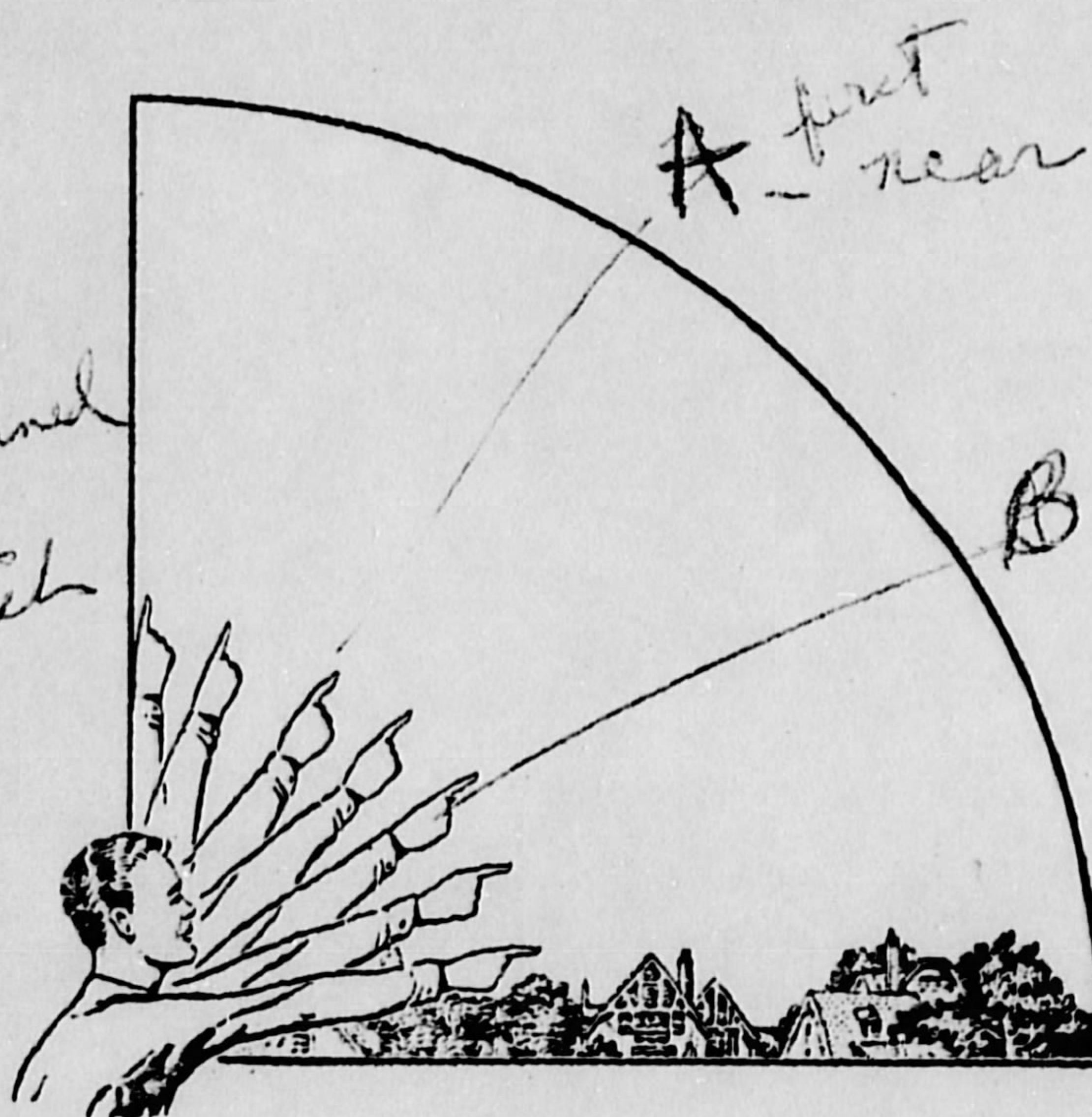
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 0 degrees.
- b. From horizon 30 degrees.

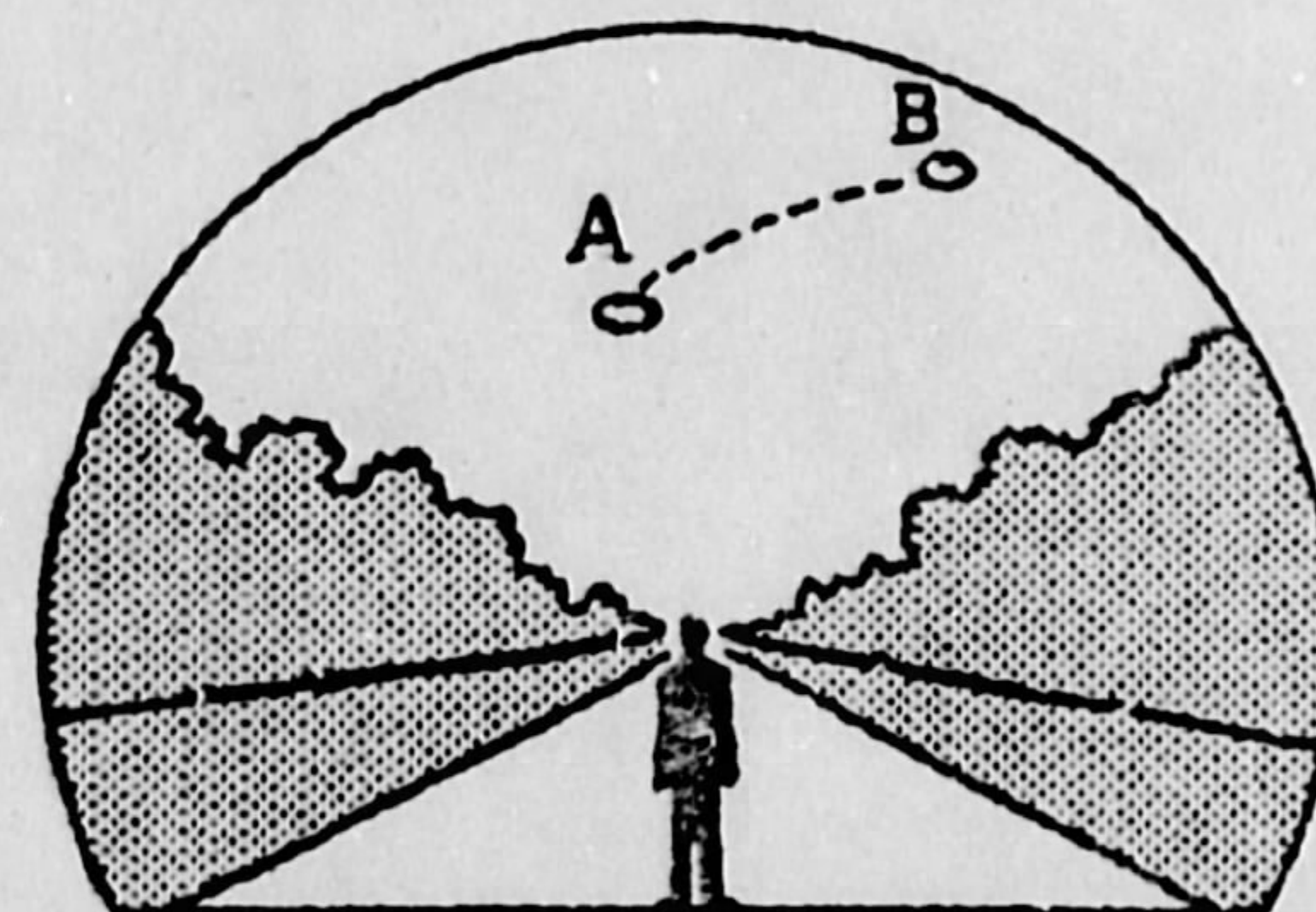
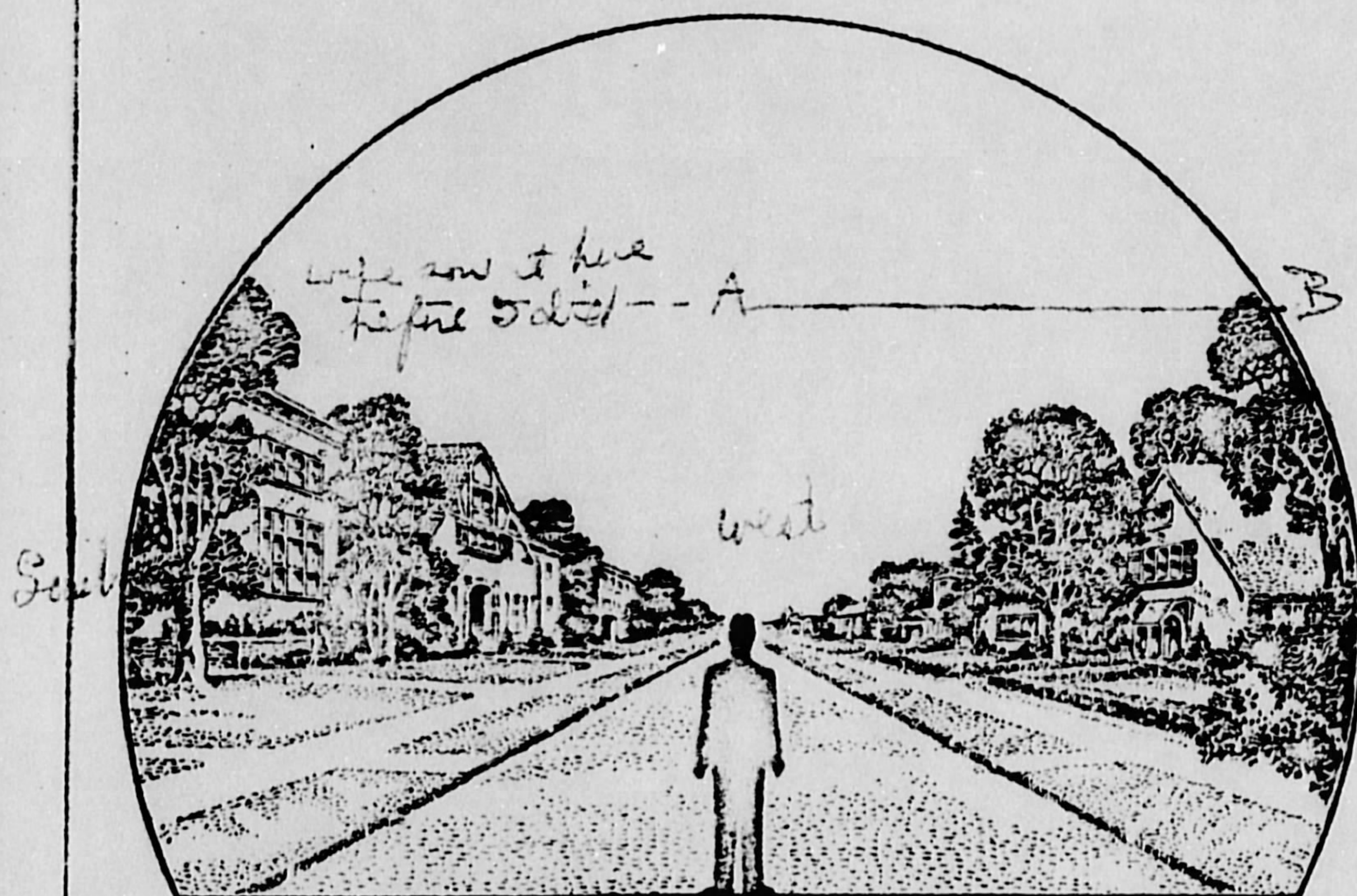
I just saw it - my wife saw it before I did and it was somewhere near South when she first saw it - because I saw it a few seconds after she spoke, as I had to turn to look.

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.

It approached the horizon as it went away but flight seemed to be level and parallel to the earth's surface.



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 any wind

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

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

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I believe this is correct.

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)

[Redacted]
Arlington, Virginia

- saw it before I did.
and called my attention to it.

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?

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

I have no idea

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?

only by assuming certain distances away and figuring by mathematics. It seemed to go slower for an aircraft.

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?

I have no reasonable way to make an estimate. It seemed to be as low as a low flying small plane say - 1000 at nearest point

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?

Age 56

Sex Male

Military Intelligence Specialist - Dept of Defense

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) Civil Engineer

f. Other special training

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

20
Day

June
Month

1956
Year

June

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET (SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [REDACTED]
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE 20 June 1956

Late in the evening of 14 June 1956, my wife and I were sitting in our front yard after returning from a short trip to the ~~the~~ sick cream parlor for a see cream cone - The time was approximately 11:30 PM but did not check the time exactly. My wife was facing the South or south west and saw over the ridge of the roof of the house an object and called my attention to it. My back was turned to the S.W. and I had to turn to see what she was observing - I saw it but briefly first as a light streak before it disappeared behind the trees. The path of the light seemed to be parallel to the roof ridge and not far above it as far as sky space is concerned. - I arose and walked out a few steps to see where it had gone and then it appeared on the other side of the tree, in the sky of course - and continued on what seemed to be a level flight toward the north. It shone with a golden, subdued glow or hazy sparkle, not brilliant or flashy, ~~and~~ there was no sound at all.

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There were at the time search lights playing in the sky to the SE and we had noticed them. They seemed to be turning in the opposite direction and we thought at the time that perhaps it may have been something connected with that. There were some clouds to the SE because I saw some reflection there but the clouds were scattered, stars were shining over the top of the house, and so there was much clear sky in the background of the path of the object. It did not alternately appear and disappear but remained constantly in view after I picked it up from the tree. It did not startle us because of its casual flight and no sound. It seemed as close as a low flying small plane would come, but may have been far away and actually traveling much faster. The 20 second estimate of time may be in error by 100% and so the time figured from the time my wife first spoke about it.

I was told tonight ^{about} an item in the ^{local or Washington} paper about others having observed something ^{also} but as yet have not seen it. - my neighbor is saving the item for me. I am connected with military intelligence work ^(ENGINEER) and am a retired reserve army officer (H. Col. Engineers) and reported this to air force intelligence as soon as I was able to do so. I regret I was not able to have this typed and did not spend much time in getting down these facts.