

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Jun 58		2. LOCATION 10 Mi W of Huntsville, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <u>Sputnik III Rocket</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 12/1026Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual Sextant ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE S to NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oval shaped obj, size of head of pin, reddish in color, bright as second magnitude star.				11. COMMENTS Since obj too fast to be a/c & slower than shooting star, believed to be Sputnik III rocket, since rocket crossed this area at stated time.	

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Incl #1: 1958 Delta I (Rocket)

Time: 1022.7 Z
Position: 30°N, 98.4°W. Long.
Altitude: 208 Km. (130 miles)

sighting
1026 Z
30.46N, 95.45W.

~~There~~ A discrepancy of approx 3 minutes exists in time between sighting and predicted position. This does not rule out the sighting as being 1958 ~~the~~ Delta I since predictions are not too accurate in the perigee portion of the satellite orbit. A difference of 2 to 3 minutes* is acceptable in this case. Thus, from the position of the object sighted and the time of sighting, it is concluded that object was the rocket portion of 1958 Delta (Sputnik III).

The satellite portion of Sputnik III would have been visible in the area near Tucson, Ariz. approximately 30 minutes later (1055 Z) at an altitude of 123 miles — too far below the horizon from the Huntsville area to be seen.

Both portions of the satellite were travelling in a south to north direction (25° magnetic) at the times reported.

* Concur: The average observer **UNCLASSIFIED**
can seldom estimate "time" or sighting "durations"
within 2-3 minutes, particularly when startled, or frightened by some unexplainable phenomenon

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NR : 6DOI 8-1483

Ref SRIA-2489.

Subject: UFO sightings, ref 15 AF message DI 6041, dated 29
Nov 57 and AFR 200-2, dated 5 Feb 58.

UFO sightings reported by crew member on B-52 flight.

a. Description of Object.

1. Oval shaped.
2. Head of pin size.
3. Reddish.
4. One.
5. N/A.
6. None.
7. None.
8. None.
9. Bright as 2 magnitude star.

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Date 13 May 1968

AFR 2054, Par 2-17c
3 Jan 68

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b. Description of Course of Object

1. Passed through field of view while taking a sextant shot on Kochah.
2. 26 degrees 48 minutes elevation and 343 degrees (NNW) true aximath.
3. Observer did not follow UFOS path with sextant.
4. Sout to North through field of view.
5. To the North.
6. 2 seconds in sextants field of view.

c. Manner of Observation

1. Aivtash visual.
2. Sextant D-1.
3. B-52, No. 57-097, ⁹⁷⁷³OUU V, 000 ft, 092 degrees heading, 488 kts. Ground speed, and 24 Bomb Sq, 6 Bomb Wing, Walker AFB NMex.

d. Time and Date of Sighting

1. 12/1006Z June 58.
2. Dawn.

e. Location of Observer

1. 30 46 North, 91 45 West.
2. 10 miles West of Huntsville, Texas

f. Identifying Info on Observer

1. N/A.
2. Military - Eugene H Richards, Capt, observer, Capt Philip S Clark, Aircraft Commander, 24th Bomb Sq, 6 Bomb Wing Walker
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AFB, NMex. Telephone Main 3-1237, Roswell, NMex. ECM operator reliable.

g. Weather and Winds Aloft

1. Clear 305/50.

2. WX report San Antonio, Texas AWS at 12/050Z June 58. Winds aloft SSE 6-10 kts. 6,000 ft. -170/20 kts, 10,000 ft. -130/24 kts, 16,000 ft. -150/17 kts, 20,000 ft. -calm kts, 30,000 ft. -270 DNJ (PORTION MISSING) a shooting star, no trail and too fast to be an A/C. KSWS-TV Station, Roswell, NMex newcast 12/0400Z June 58 announce Sputnik III could be observed from Roswell at 12/1030Z June 58 traveling from South to North.

1. Not

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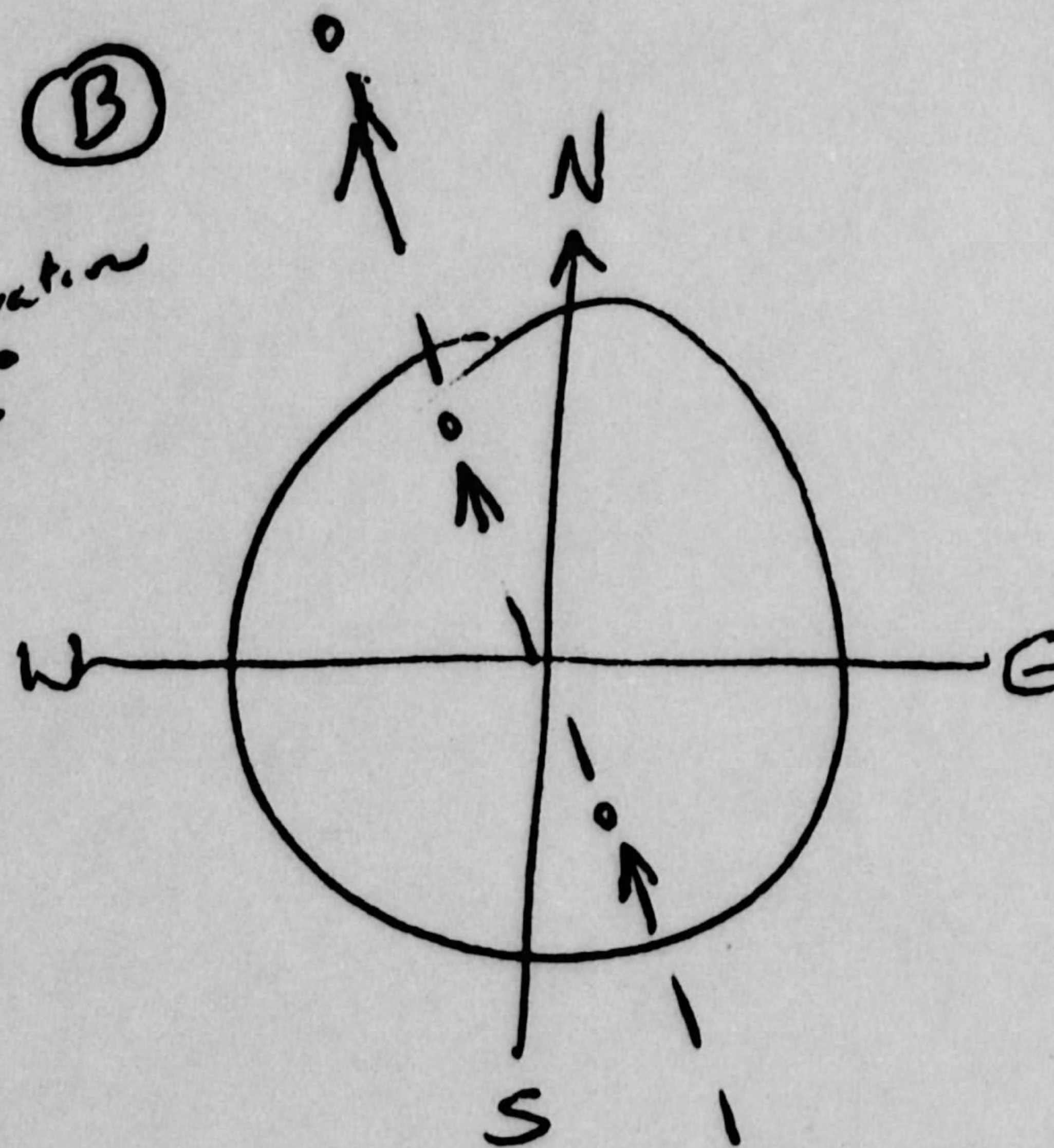
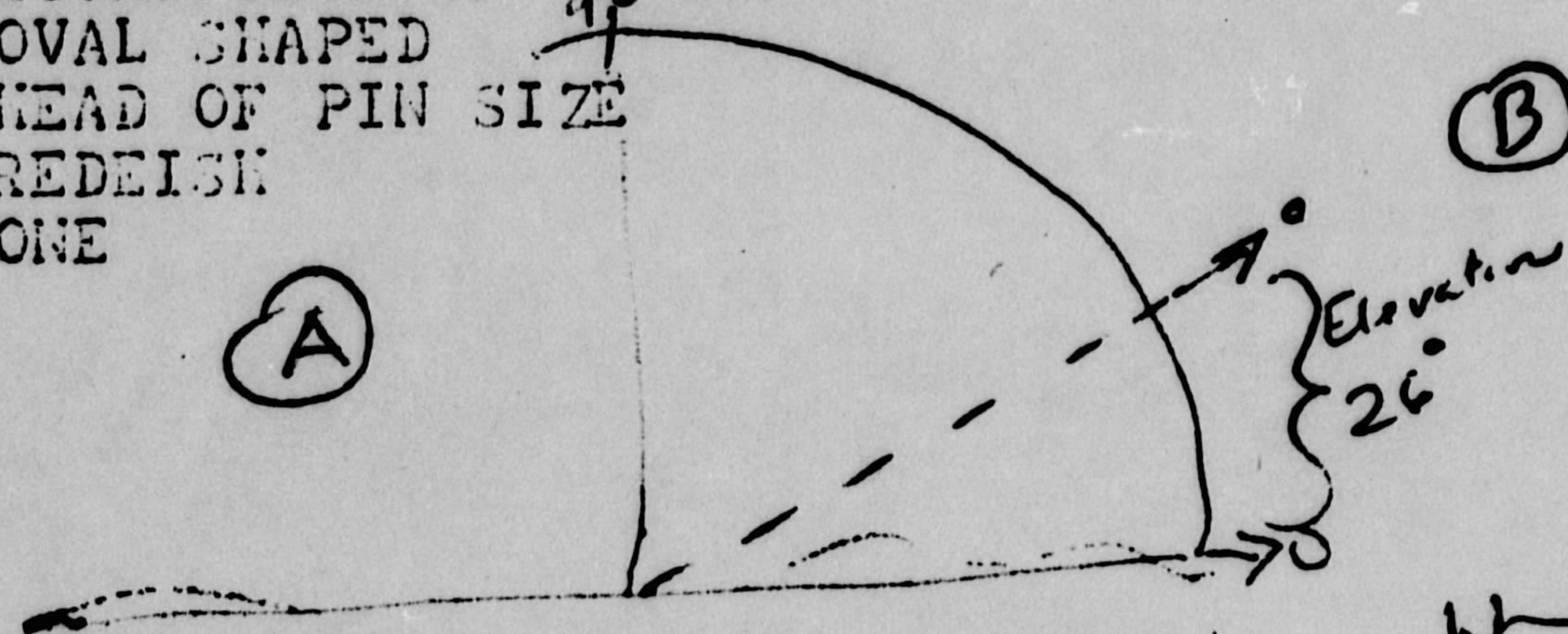
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FROM 6DOI 8-1483 FOR ABST. C/S,
USAF ATTN/ OFFICER OF INFO SERVICES AND AFCIN-1A1, REF SRIA-
2489. SUBJECT: UFO SIGHTINGS, REF 15 AF MESSAGE D16041, DATED
29 NOV 47 AND AFR 200-2, DATED 5 FEB 58.
UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED BYYY CREWMEMBER ON B-52. FLIGHT.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

- (1) OVAL SHAPED
- (2) HEAD OF PIN SIZE
- (3) REDDISH
- (4) ONE



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- (5) N/A
- (6) NONE
- (7) NONE
- (8) NONE
- (9) BRIGHT AS 2 ND MAGNITUDE STAR

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

- (1) PASSED THROUGH FIELD OF VIEW WHILE TAKING A SEXTANT
SHOT ON KOCHAB

(2) 26 DEGREES 48 MINUTES ELEVATION AND 343 DEGREES (TRUE)
TRUE AZIMUTH

- (3) OBSERVER DIDN'T FOLLOW UFO'S PTH WITH SEXTANT
- (4) SOUTH TO NORTH THROUGH FIELD OF VIEW
- (5) TO THE NORTH
- (6) TWO SECONDS IN SEXTANT'S FIELD OF VIEW

(1) AIR- VISUAL
(2) SEXTANT D-1
(3) B-52; NO. 57-097, 41,000 FT., 092 DEGREES HADING, 438
KTS. GROUND SPEED, AND 34 TH BOMB SQUADRON, 6TH BOMB
WING, WALKER AFB, NMEX

Capt. Miatech: Basic Data to
Assist you. ↓

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D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING
(1) 12/1026Z JUNE 58

Date: 12 June 1958

(2) DAWN
E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER

Location: 10 Miles W. of Humboldt Texas

(1) ~~██████████~~ HUNTSVILLE
(2) 10 MI. WEST OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS.

Time: - 1026Z - 6 = 0426 (A.M.)

F. IDENTIFYING INFO ON OBSERVER

Line of Bearing (chronom's) = NW by N (343°)

(1) N/A
(2) MILITARY-EUGENE H. RICHARDS, CAPTAIN, OBSERVER,
CAPTAIN PHILLIP S. CLARK, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, 24 TH
BOMB SQUADRON, 6TH BOMB WING, WALKER AFB, NMEX. TELE-
PHONE ~~██████████~~ ROSWELL, NMEX. ECM OPERATOR RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT

(1) CLEAR 305/50
(2) WX REPOT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS AUG AT 12/0500Z JUNE 58.
WINDS ALOFT SSE 6-10KTS. 6000 FT. -170/20 KTS, 10,000 FT.
-130/24KTS, 16,000FT. -150/17KTS, 20,000FT. - CALM KTS,
30,000FT. -270/14KTS, 50,000FT. -220/12KTS, 80,00 FT.
-080/29KTS.

(3) UNLIMITED AT ALTITUDE

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UNLIMITED AT ALTITUDE
(5) CLOUD COVER BELOW A/C
(6) NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA

H. NONE
I. NONE

J. TOO MIGHTY BE ANOTHER A/C

K. 6TH BOMB WING INTELLIGENCE, WALKER AFB, NMEX. SUSPECTED
SATELLITE SINCE SLOWER THAN A SHOOTING STAR, NO TRAIL AND
TOO FAST TO BE AN A/C. NEWS-TE STATION, ROSWELL, NMEX NEWS
CAST 12/0400Z JUNE 58 ANNOUNCED SPUTNIK III COULD BE OBSERVED
FROM ROSWELL. AT 12/1030Z JUNE 58 MOVING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH.

L. NONE
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(In Vicinity of Humboldt)

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