

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Jan 59		2. LOCATION Dodge City, Kansas		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 _____ GMT 04/0245Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE East	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Saucer shaped obj, size of baseball, appeared to circle over Dodge City, emitting giant sparks.				11. COMMENTS Several inconsistencies between original letter and Form 164 later submitted. Probably A/C.	

Jan 5th, 1959
Manhattan, Ks.

MANHATTAN KANSAS

Dear Sir,

in order to satisfy my engineering curiosity I will report a flying object I saw. About 3 miles east of Dodge City Kansas, my friend [redacted], Kansas State College as well as my brother [redacted] MANHATTAN, KS. and myself, observed a flying object from an approximate elevation of the Kansas Plains. At 8:45 (Kansas time) on Jan. 3rd 1959 (evening) we noticed the object which flew overhead, appeared to rotate and emitted giant sparks in a circular manner. It moved due west at a speed which we could not estimate because we could not estimate the height. The object seemed to circle Dodge City (also estimation due to lack of height) about 3 times in a leisurely fashion and finally disappeared due south. After about 1 to 2 minutes, a complete blackout of the craft occurred for about 4 seconds after which it shone very brightly again. This blackout seemed not to be spaced regularly. The night was very clear, stars could be seen clearly and sounds carried very far. The craft itself was soundless. The whole observation lasted about 14 minutes, after which the craft disappeared with over the horizon.

Studying engineering I would like to know if your office has a reasonable explanation for this highly baffling flying craft. There was hardly any wind, it did not appear to be a plane, helicopter or balloon, light reflected from the cloud. I am sorry if the information given to you is too meager to answer me.

Respectfully, [redacted]

Jan 15 1959

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?

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Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 20 00 45
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?

DODGE CITY R.R. 2 DODGE CITY KANSAS
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: 1 1/2 MILE NORTH OF DODGE CITY

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ 5.00 _____
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain 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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28 January 1959

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 5 January 1959 concerning your unidentified flying object sighting on 3 January 1959.

The information contained in your letter is insufficient to allow a valid conclusion.

Therefore, I am inclosing our U. S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet to be filled out and forwarded direct to Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. They will notify you of the conclusion.

Sincerely,

Incl

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Manhattan, Kansas

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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

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?
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
c. Break up into parts or explode?
d. Give off smoke?
e. Change brightness?
f. Change shape?
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

Yes

No

Don't Know

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: _____

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
b. Sun glasses
c. Windshield
d. Window glass

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

h. Other

without glasses

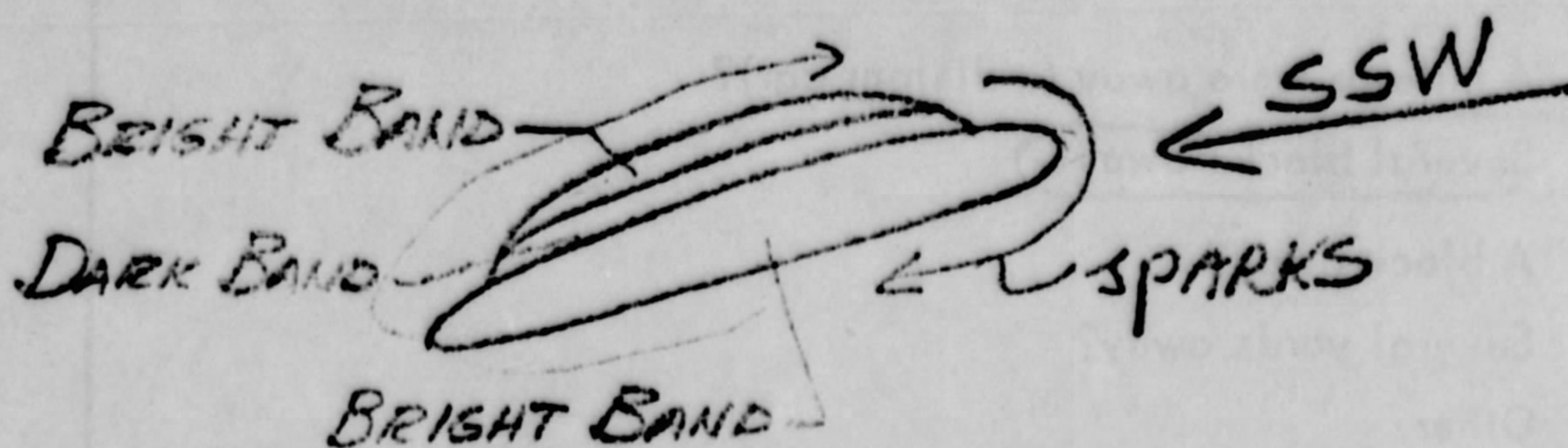
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16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound NONE WHATSOEVER (VERY STILL NIGHT)

b. Color BRIGHT YELLOW (COLOR OF STARS)

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.



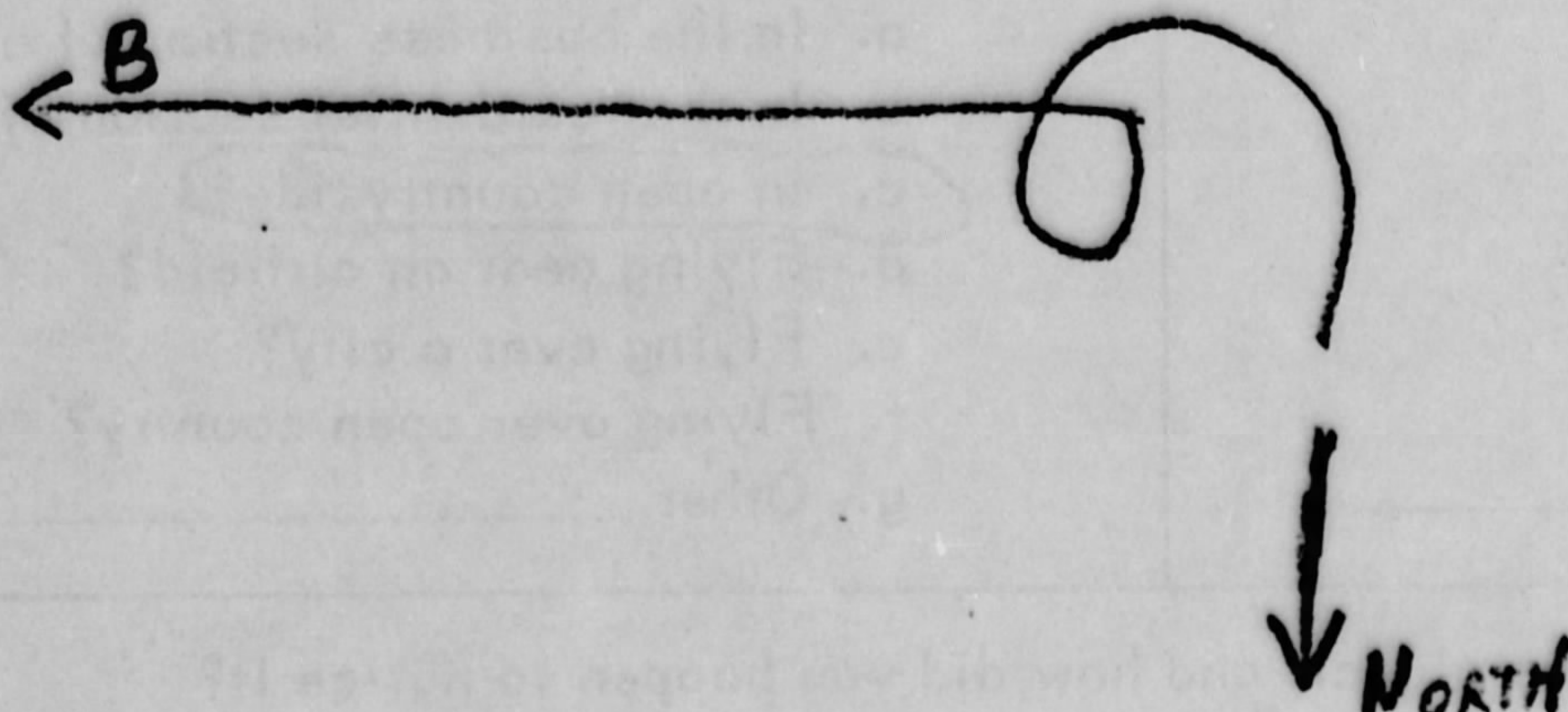
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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 NOT GUESS, BECAUSE OF UNKNOWN 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):

- 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? PASSED OVER HORIZON

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.

DISC SHAPED OBJECT, MADE FROM TITANIUM, OR
OTHER HEAT RESISTANT METAL; UNABLE TO GUESS AS
TO SIZE BECAUSE ALTITUDE WAS UNKNOWN.
SIMILAR TO BALLOON BUT MOVING MUCH TOO FAST FOR
BALLOON.

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 _____
- } BOTH

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?

DRIVING TO DODGE CITY IN CAR, NOTICED FIRST THROUGH
WINDSHIELD.

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? 20-30 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 220 degrees.
 b. From horizon 80 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 90 degrees.
 b. From horizon 5-10 degrees.

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

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

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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:

~~REDACTED~~ MANHATTAN, KANSAS
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37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

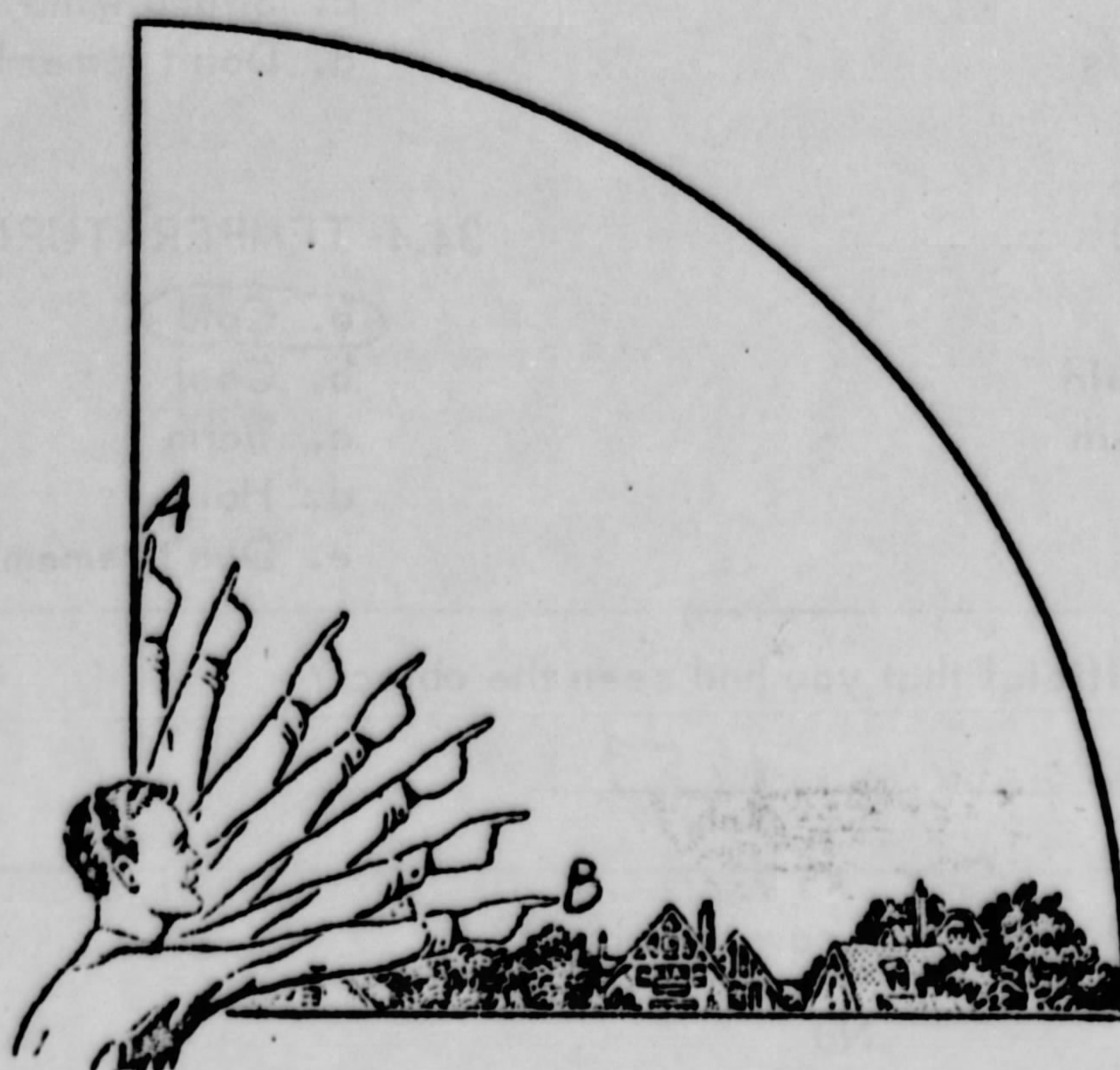
(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

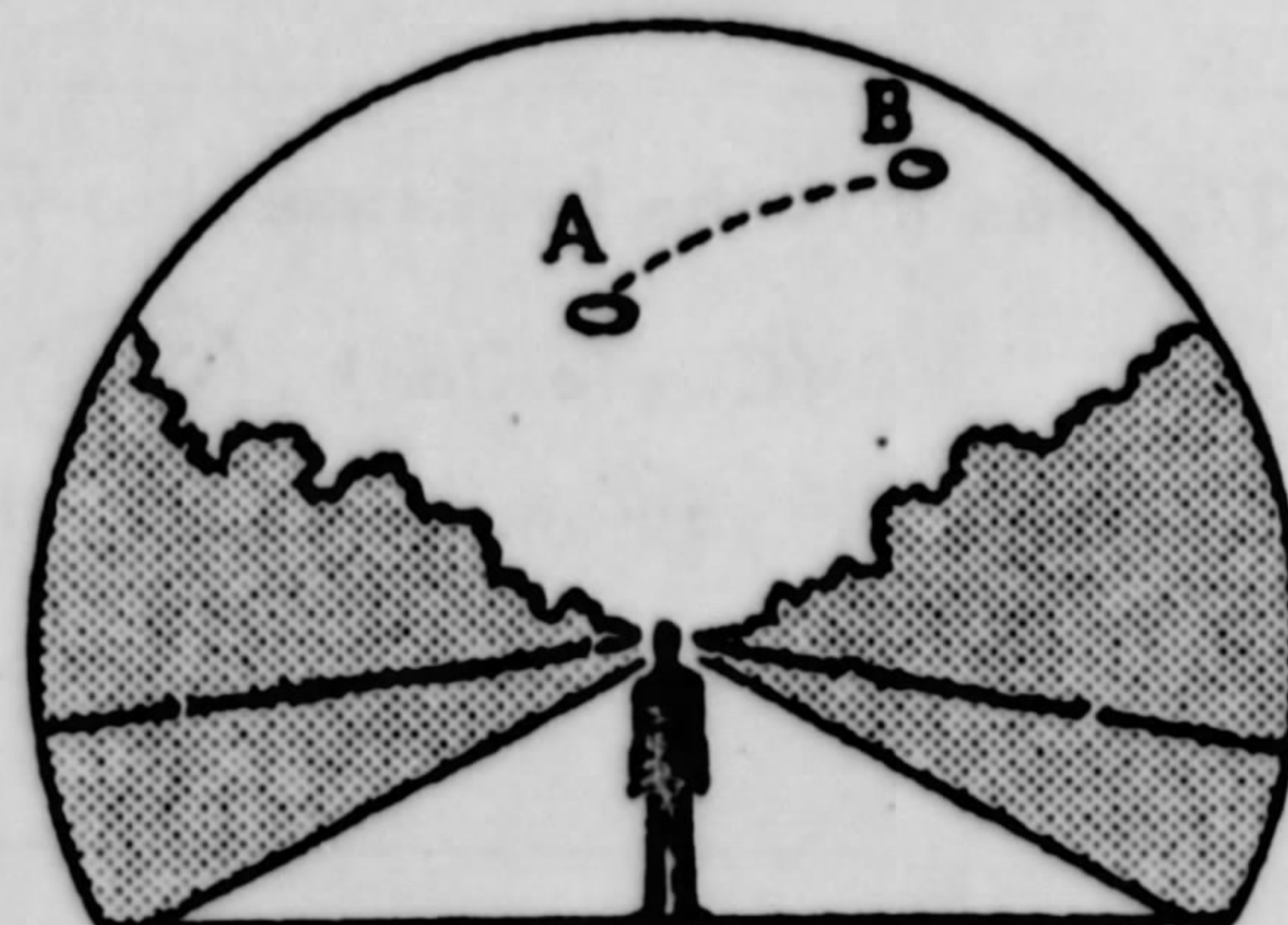
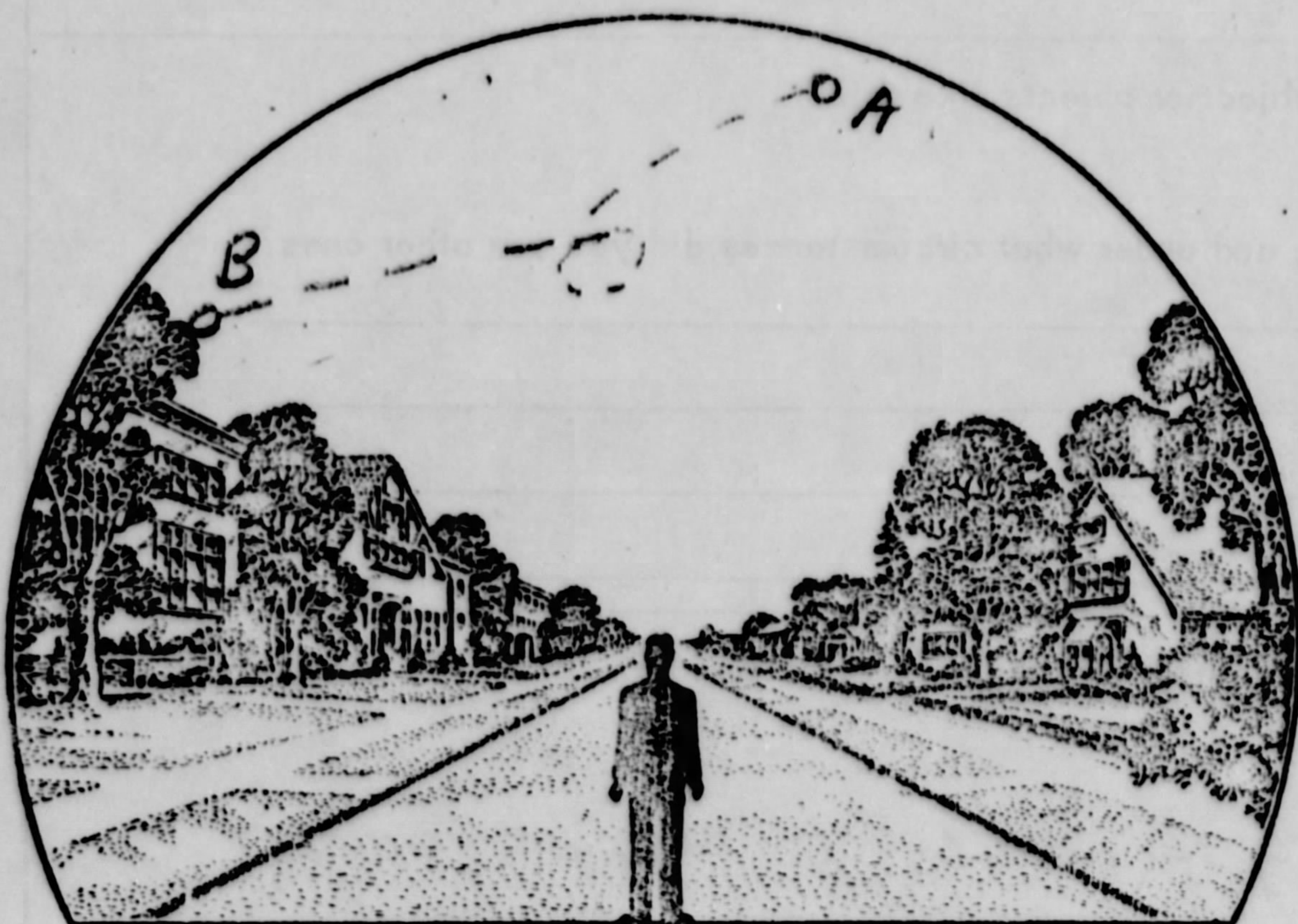
38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

NO SENSIBLE GUESS
RULED OUT: AIRPLANE, HELICOPTER, BALLOON, BECAUSE OBJECT
MOVED TOO FAST

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.



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)

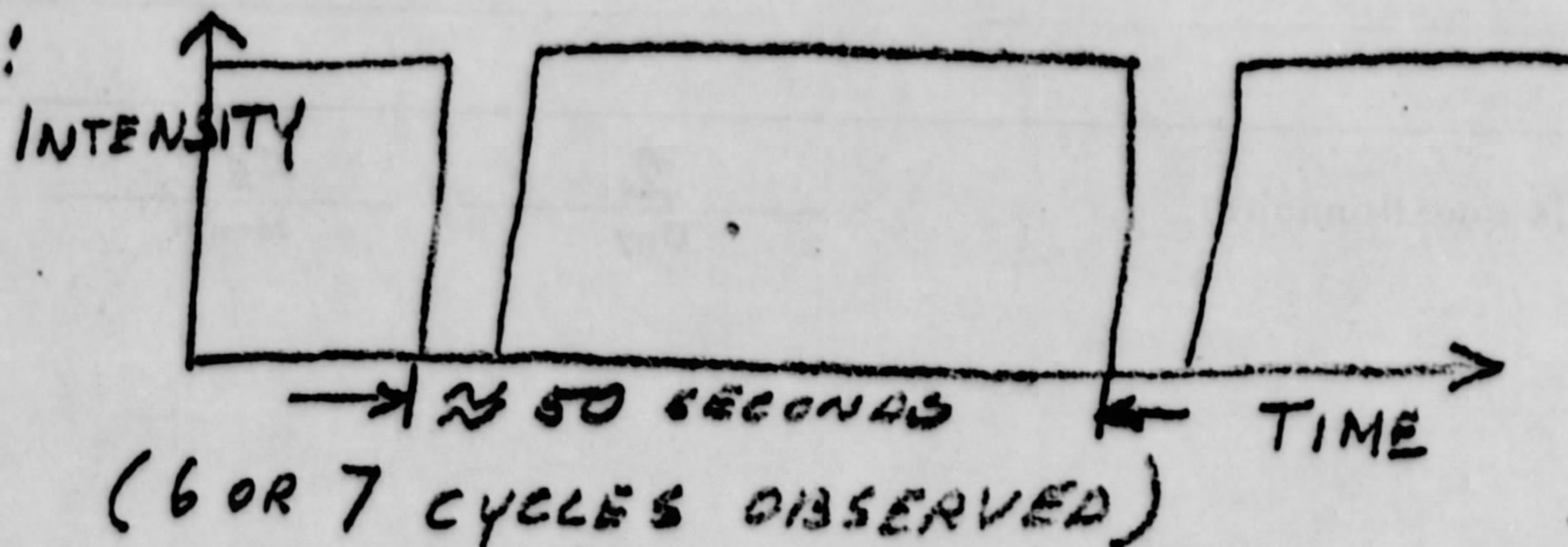
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SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE Febr. 2nd, 1959

WE NOTICED A BRIGHT RAPIDLY MOVING OBJECT THROUGH WINDSHIELD OF CAR. WE IMMEDIATELY STOPPED THE CAR, AND GOT OUT. WE NOTICED THE OBJECT TRAVELING IN A SSW DIRECTION, THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE MOVING IN LEVEL FLIGHT. UPON LEAVING THE CAR, THE OBJECT APPEARED TO EMIT SPARKS IN A CIRCULAR MANNER COMPARABLE TO A PINWHEEL. THE OBJECT INCREASED AND DECREASED IN BRIGHTNESS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:



THE OBJECT APPEARED TO CIRCLE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE SKY. OBJECT THEN MOVED AWAY IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION. ABOUT 40-60 DOGS COULD BE HEARD BARKING IN DODGE CITY AS THOUGH ANNOYED. (PERHAPS OBJECT GAVE OFF SHORT WAVE LENGTH ENERGY RADIATION)

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?

MORE THAN 600 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?

_____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

MANHATTAN
City

Zone

KANSAS
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

IE - MATH SR. (STUDENT)

Age

26

Sex

MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____

b. High school _____

c. College SR. IE - MATH

d. Post graduate _____

e. e. Technical school _____

(Type) _____

f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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Day

FEB.
Month

1959
Year