

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 Jul 59		2. LOCATION New Albany, Mississippi		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1900 GMT 06/0100 Jul 59		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE W -NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Reddish-silver obj which appeared to be motionless in the western sky. In size it was close to the diameter of the sun; however, not rnd, but oblong & at a 45° angle. After about 3 min, a thin white trail, about 4 times length of obj was noticed leading away fm obj in a parallel line. Shortly after this the obj began to move & disappeared into the clouds, climbing. Unlike vapor trail in that it was thin and fluffy. Went in house and got BX. Obj lost but appeared fm clouds. Disappeared back into clouds.				11. COMMENTS Obj possessed all the characteristics of an a/c w/the exception of the initial observation of being motionless. Obj was probably moving toward the witness or away fm her & gave the impression of being stationary. Contrails are often then & fluffy. Evidence indicates that this was an a/c sighting.	

Send to
AFIC for
information
concerning

New Albany, Mississippi
July 7, 1959

Air Force Press Desk
Office of Public Information
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Gentlemen:

I am not sure as to what department handles U. F. O. sightings, therefore it is my wish that you please refer this report to whom it may concern.

On the evening of July 6, 1959 at twilight I noticed a reddish silver object which appeared to be motionless in the western sky. In size, it was close to the diameter of the sun, however it was not round but distinctly oblong much like a fountain pen. As I watched, the object I noticed after the passing of about 3 minutes that a thin white trail about four times the length of the object was leading away from the object.

in a parallel line. This white substance was entirely unlike any jet vapor trail I have observed. It is hard to explain the difference but it was perceptibly different. For one thing it was exceedingly thin and seemed to have a fluffy appearance.

It was shortly after I noticed the trail that it began to move. It was close to some cirrus clouds and therefore I could judge its movement which was steady and rapid. Fearing that I would lose sight of it I ran into the house and found a pair of 7x50 binoculars. Through these I failed to find the object again for about a half a minute then it emerged from part of the cirrus clouds and was perceptibly decelerating in speed. It then passed into some rope clouds and then after being barely able to detect its reddish glow through the clouds it entirely disappeared into the clouds.

When I first sighted it it was not horizontal but at about a forty five degree angle. It retained this angle when it began to move and appeared to be heading up toward space and farther away from the Earth.

Very cordially yours


5 JULY 59
SAFIS- Maj Tacker/mhb/72291

30 July 1959

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 7 July 1959 concerning an Unidentified Flying Object sighting on 5 July 1959 at New Albany, Mississippi.

Your letter contained insufficient data to allow a valid conclusion. Therefore, request you complete the inclosed Air Force questionnaire in regard to this sighting and forward the completed paper to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for analysis and evaluation.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

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New Albany, Mississippi
September 16, 1959

Dear Sir;

Please excuse the delay but after completing the form on the sixth of August I misplaced it and consequently thought nothing more about it. I recently came across it in some old letters and am now forwarding it to you.

Very sincerely yours,


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?

11 6 July 1958
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: APPROX 7.00 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?

New Albany Miss.
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks:

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

 Hours 5 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

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

Sky still too bright. Venus was visible shortly after the object disappeared.

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

a. Bright moonlight

b. Dull moonlight

c. No moonlight — pitch dark

d. Don't remember

Not pitch 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

Only slightly brighter than the sky

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?

Yes

No

Don't Know

f. Change shape?

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:

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

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

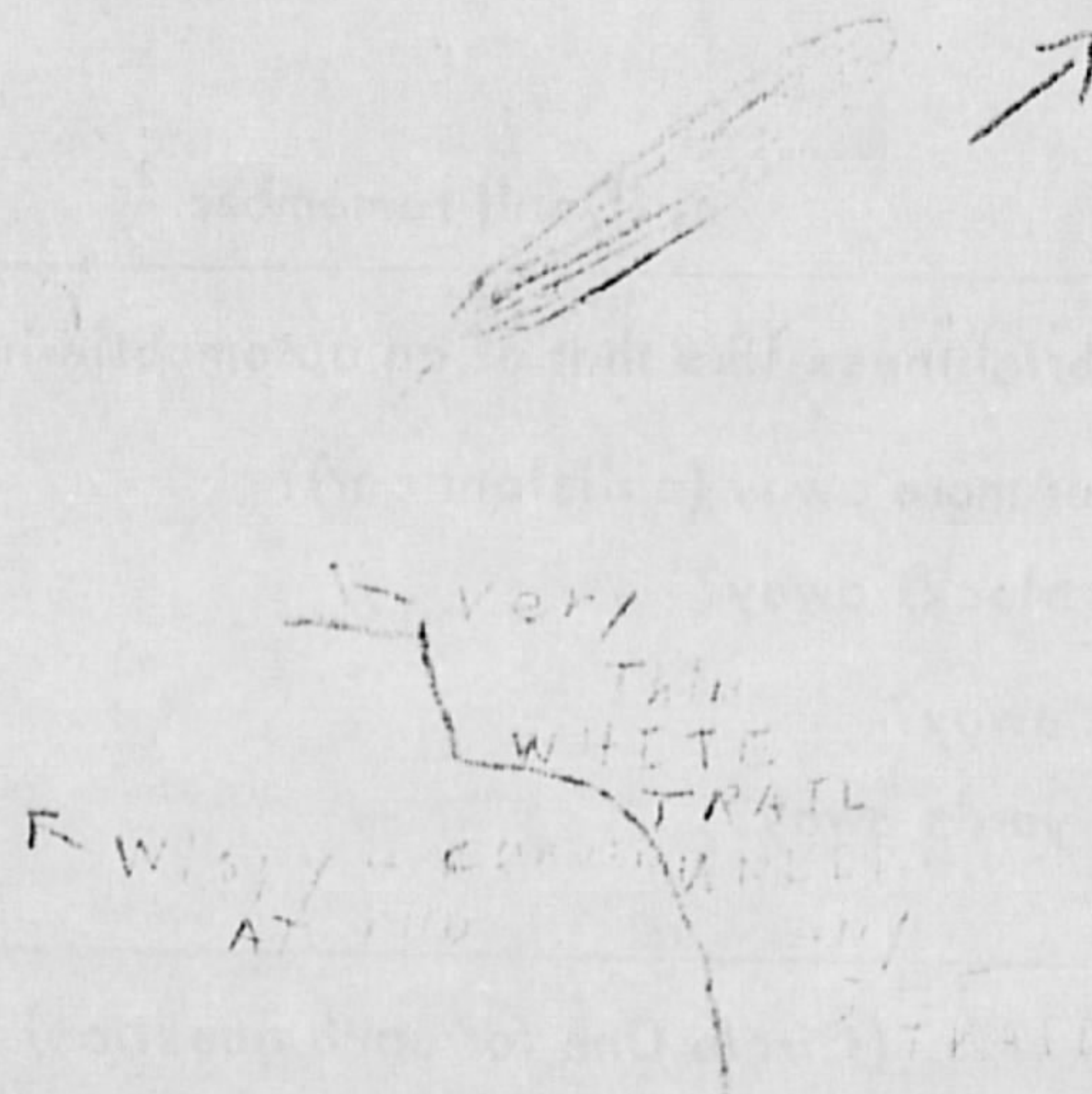
a. Sound

Lightly to medium

b. Color

silvery red

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

The edges are not to be
drawn but they are not
very sharp

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.

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 in the yard. I was watching the sunset
and noticed a bright light in the sky
that was brighter than the surrounding light.*

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? _____ 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 | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | 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 27 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 60 degrees.
- b. From horizon 35 degrees.

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.

A

Disappears into line several times

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
_____ feet.

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?

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.

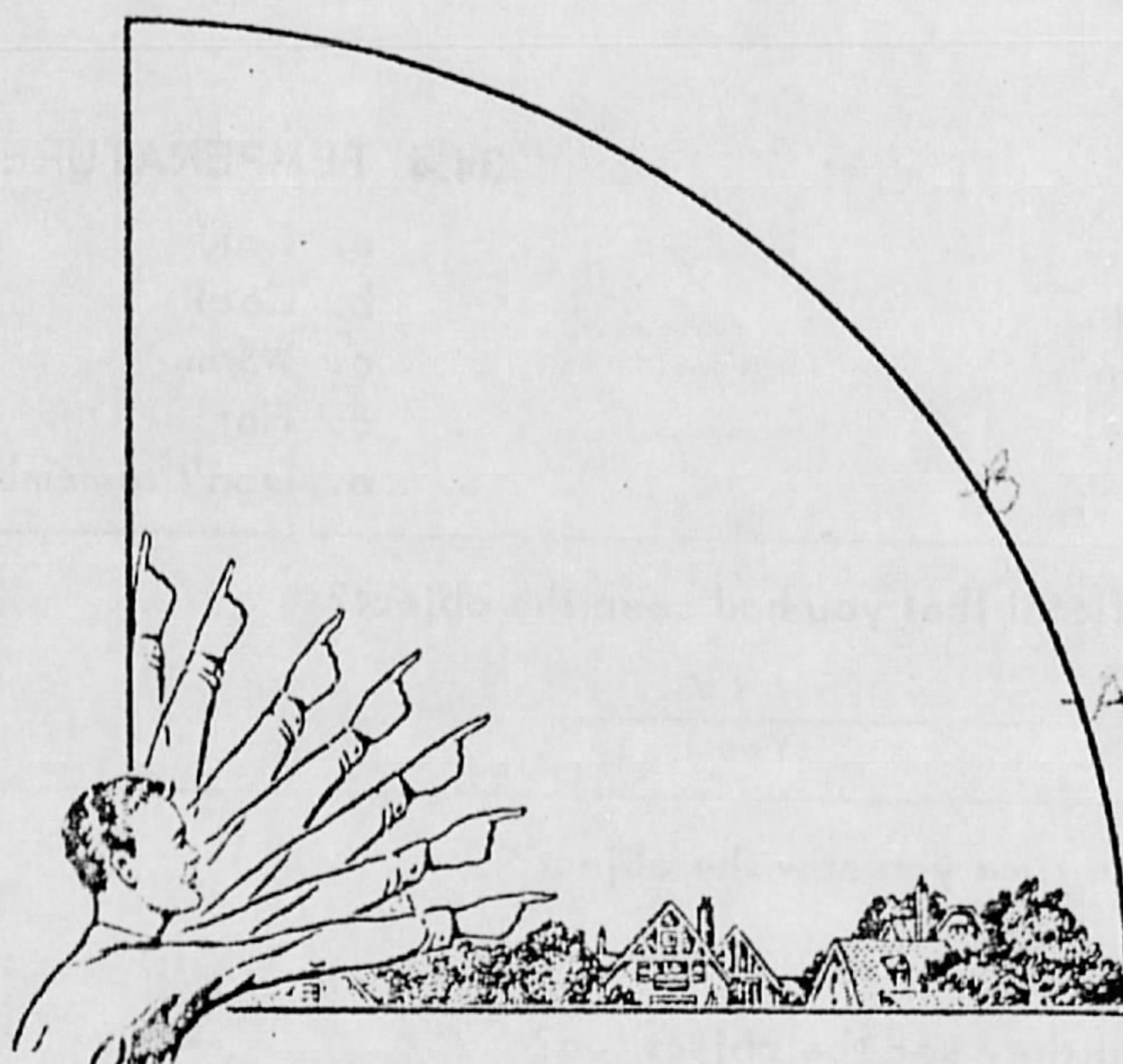
a. Material - Aluminum

b. At least a mile long - The size seems ridiculous but it gave the impression of enormous size

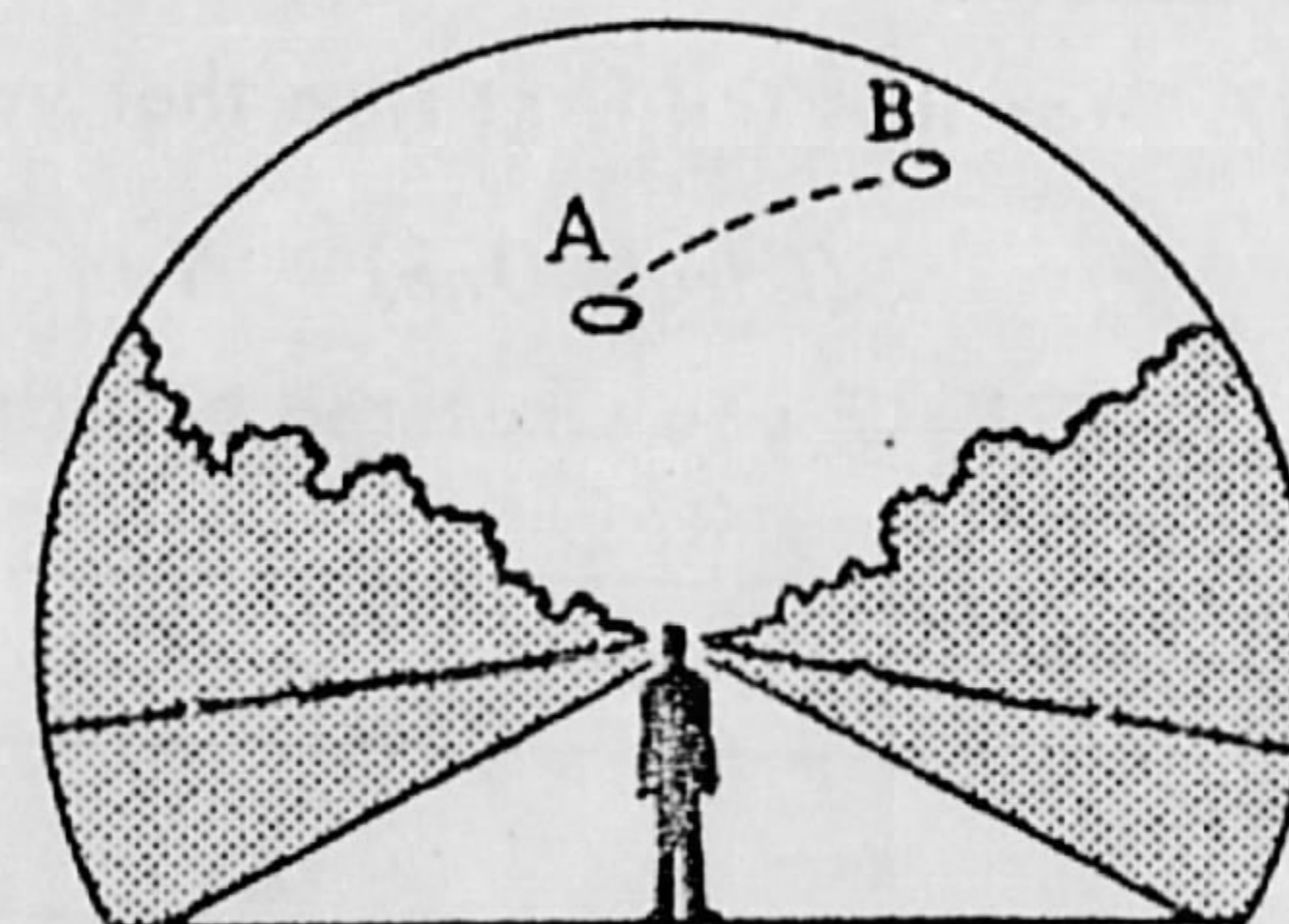
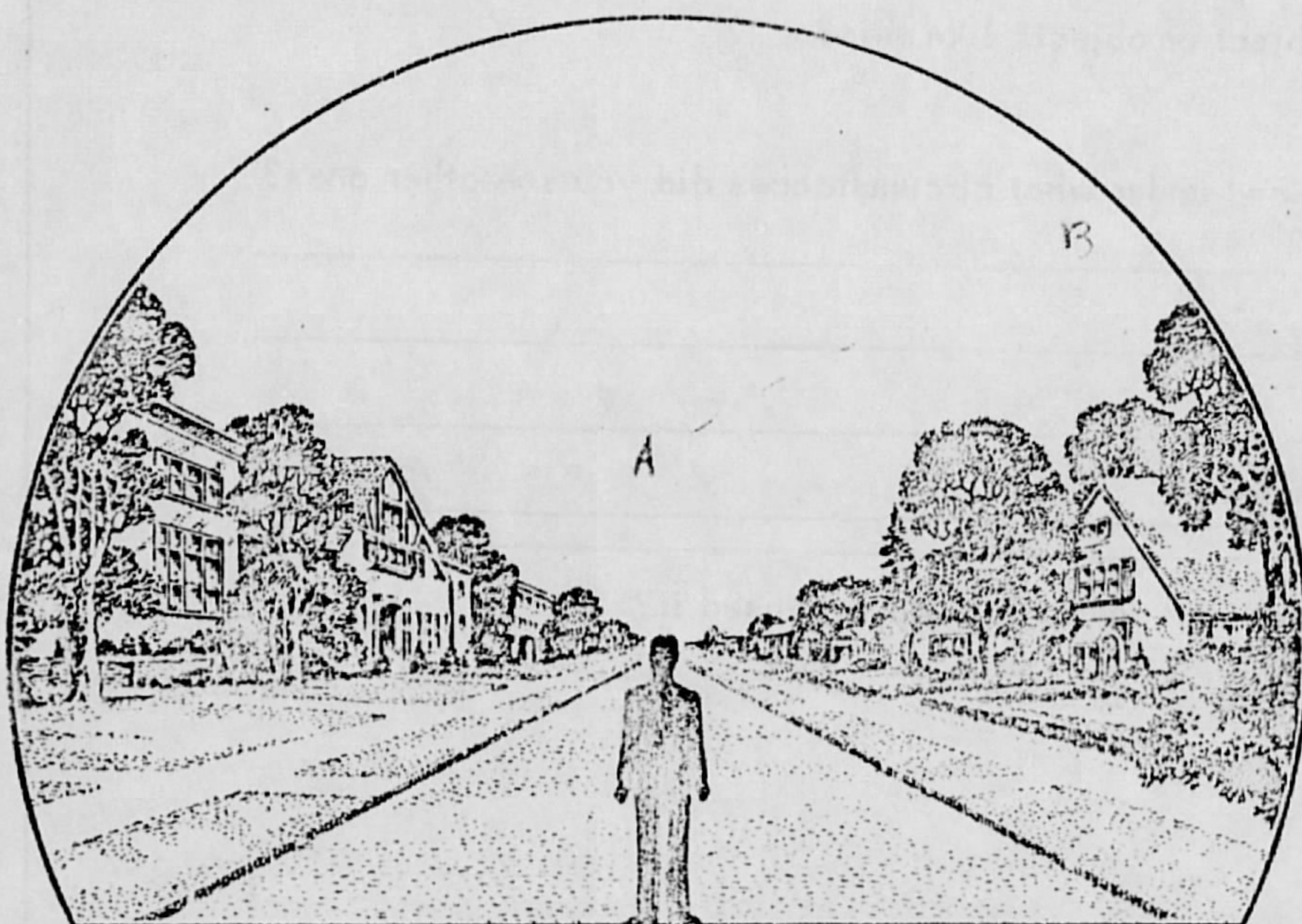
c. Shape - Elongated - (fusiform shape)

A dark, pointed, somewhat flat, sooty, or tinge of red with
rectangular piece of wood or similar material

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.



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?

7 July 1957
Day Month Year

I went to the Washington Post

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:

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?

At about 10:00 PM, S.T. 1st time
I saw a light in the sky when I was in the back
yard. The light was very bright - 7 0 0 0 0 0
With 7 or 8 people only, it was 11:00 PM 11:00 PM

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

It is my first opinion that the light was a vehicle from another planet. I am not sure of this. I don't know if this is my first opinion. I have seen several other lights in the sky. I don't know if they are the same. I don't know if they are the same. I don't know if they are the same.

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? 15-20 miles 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? Student

Age 15 Sex male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____ e. e. Technical school _____

b. High school _____ (Type) _____

c. College _____ f. Other special training I am a member

d. Post graduate _____ of the American Astronomical

Association and have a liberal education in astronomy

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

Year

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 August 6, 1954

On the evening of July 5, 1954 at 7:11 PM I was sitting in the yard south of the super building looking at the horizon. While observing the sunset I noticed that in the western sky there was some sort of a flying object in front of the clouds. At first I was not sure what it was, a cloud or something else. However, as I watched it it became apparent that it was not a cloud.

In shape it resembled a jet or a rocket, and must have been of enormous size to appear as large as it did being as far away as it was. It was fiery with a trail of light. I truly believe that it was a plane. I am not sure about this, but it did not stay at one place. It moved along. I saw it for some time before it disappeared. I saw it for five to ten minutes and so there are some high possibilities.

After the trail appeared I ran into the the house
and brought out a pair of binoculars. I was
looking through them the object was of inter-
esting. Now the trail could be easily be made out
It was much like any jet trail, I have seen before. It was
very thin and pale at the very end but it seems to
curve. The object now appeared very large (about $\frac{1}{2}$ of
the field of vision) and distinctly displayed a cigar
or cigar shape. However I could not get any
detail on it. It seemed to increase in size as it
passed. It began moving quite rapidly and passed in a
out of a very dense cloud on the horizon.

After the passage of about 5 minutes it passed into
a larger cloud mass and was still visible occasionally
through the fragments of the clouds in front of
it. I think. Soon after I completely lost sight of it.