

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 Jul 59	2. LOCATION Nitro, W.Va.		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 2130 GMT 10/0230Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION two mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE NW to West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj which appeared to be made of aluminum giving off a yellowish color near the edge. Had several blinking lights. About the size of a straw hat. Seemed to disappear into a clump of trees without sound.		11. COMMENTS Obj w/blinking lights in sight for 2 mins. Data seems to indicate that this was an a/c. No additional witnesses however nothing is in conflict w/analysis as an a/c & case is carried as a/c sighting rather than insufficient data.	

UFO
October 4, 1959
Cleveland 2, Ohio

Department of The Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTC
for analysis
for evaluation

Dear Sir:

On July 10th or several days before or after while I was visiting my father at Nitro, West Virginia, I observed something which I should have reported before but failed to do so. At this time I observed which appeared to me to be two flying saucers; they appeared as two circular discs which gave off a luminous glow and perhaps had a blinking light. I am not familiar with the mechanics or equipment operated by the Air Force but it could have been flares or some other device since a plane came over shortly afterwards. It was late at night and I would have considered it strictly my imagination but the following morning as I was leaving my home an Air Force staff car passed by which could have been a coincidence although I would like a reply whether anything was reported in that vicinity. The address is Mr. [REDACTED]

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

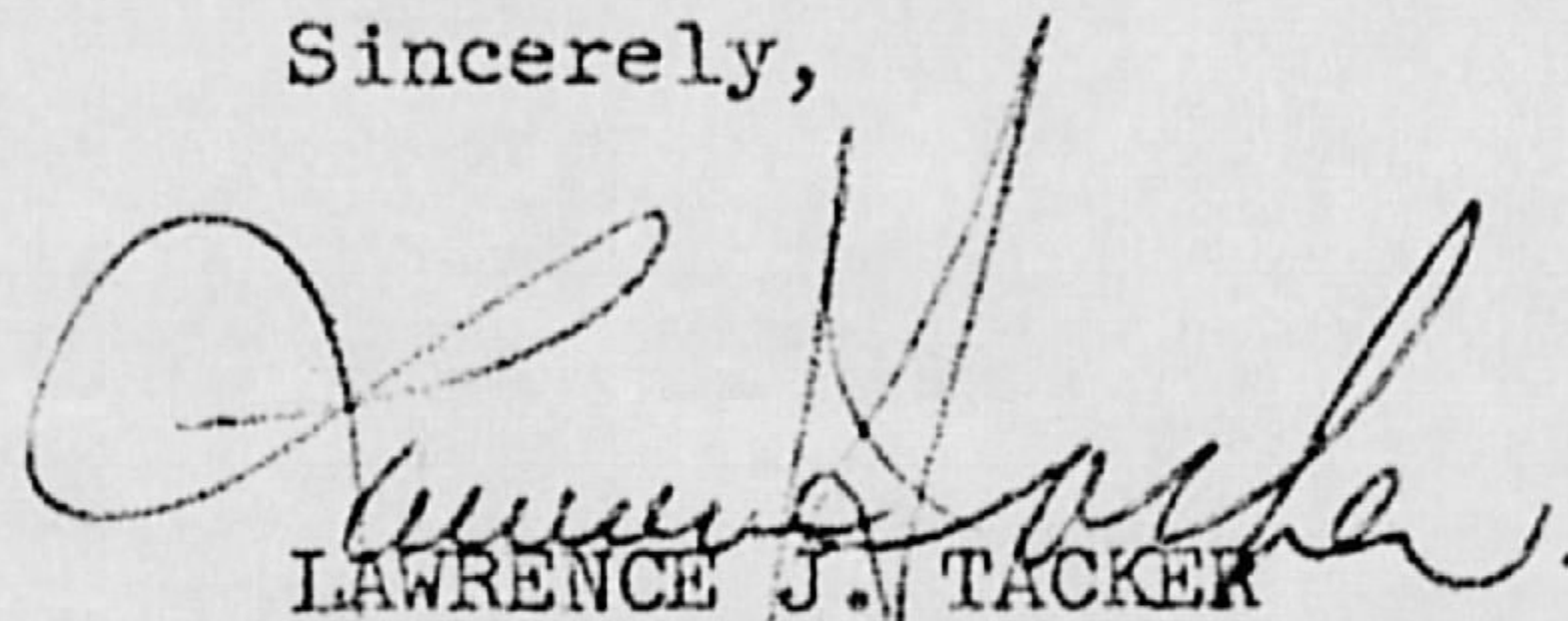
9 October 1959

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 4 October regarding a sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object.

Your letter contains insufficient information for a valid conclusion. Therefore request you complete the attached Air Force Questionnaire in regard to the sighting and forward the completed paper to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for analysis and evaluation.

Sincerely,



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

Inclosure

Mr. [REDACTED]
c/o [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cleveland 2, Ohio

Regret the delay but have been thoroughly
occupied with nothing to do.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Nitro, West Virginia.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
C/
[REDACTED]
Cleveland 2, Ohio

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?

9 JULY 1959
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

2 30
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?

c/o [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

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

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. 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? | 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 _____ | | |

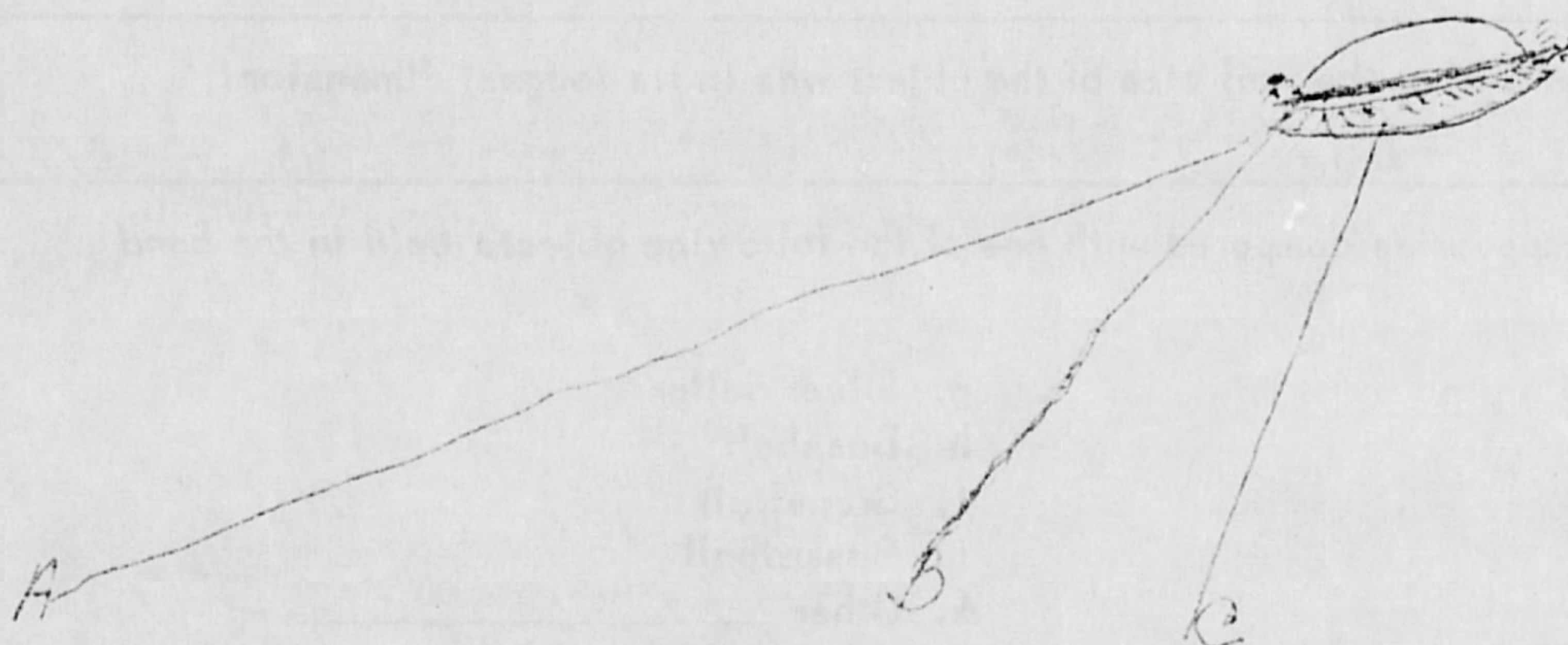
16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound No apparent sound

b. Color Seemed to appear as the aluminum and gave

off a yellowish color near the edges.

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.



A Came in and landed at this angle

B. Several blinking lights which

C. Yellowish color around the

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? An airplane followed shortly
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling. behind

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.

Came directly in on an angle comparable to this.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
_____ feet. *Circular about half a circle to the eye.*

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

Comparable to the size of an old fashioned straw hat.

- 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?

It seemed to disappear into a clump of trees without any apparent residue.

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. Aluminum

b.

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 Rural

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

I couldn't sleep and was looking out the window
and the object appeared.

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? _____ 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).

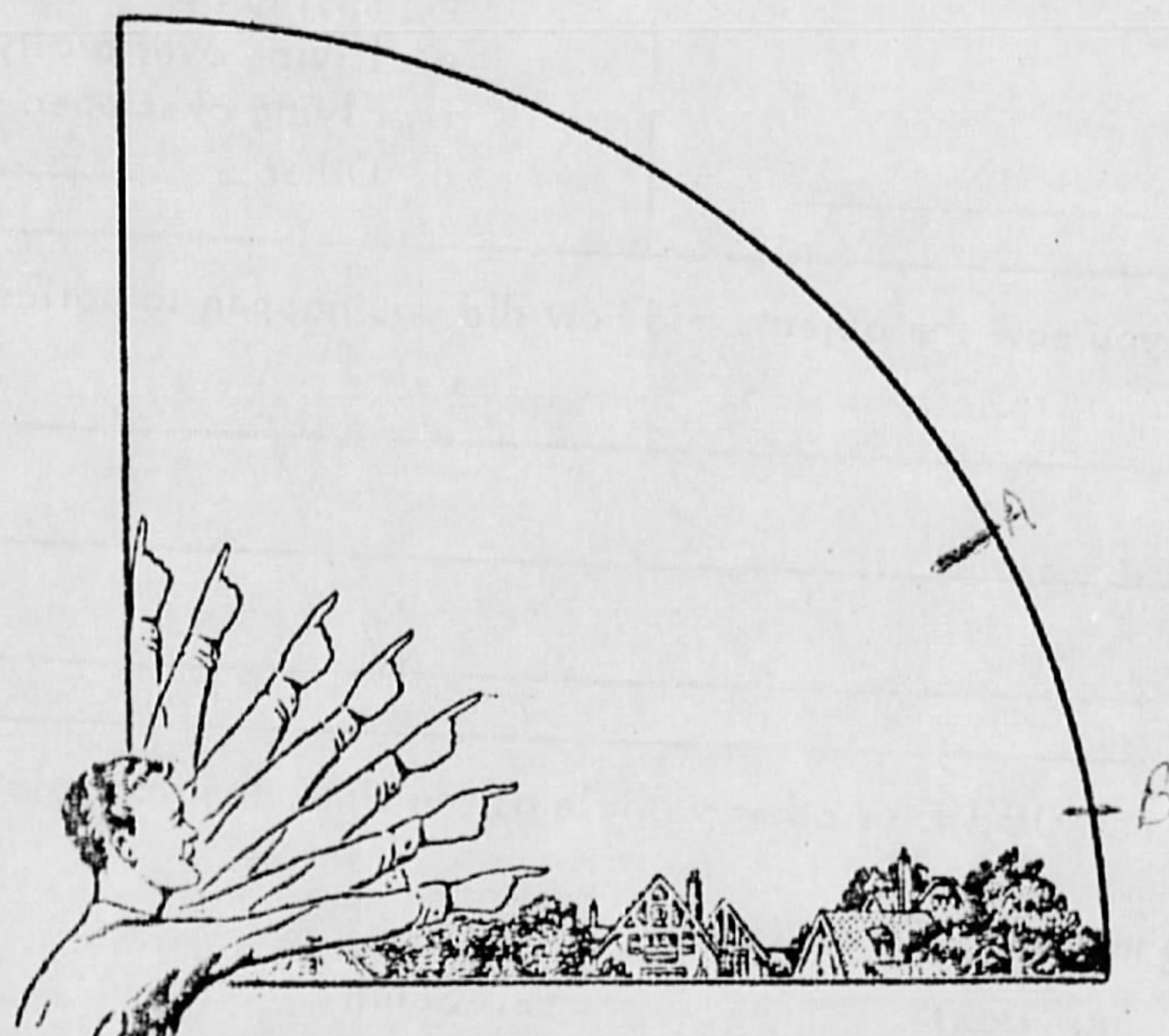
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

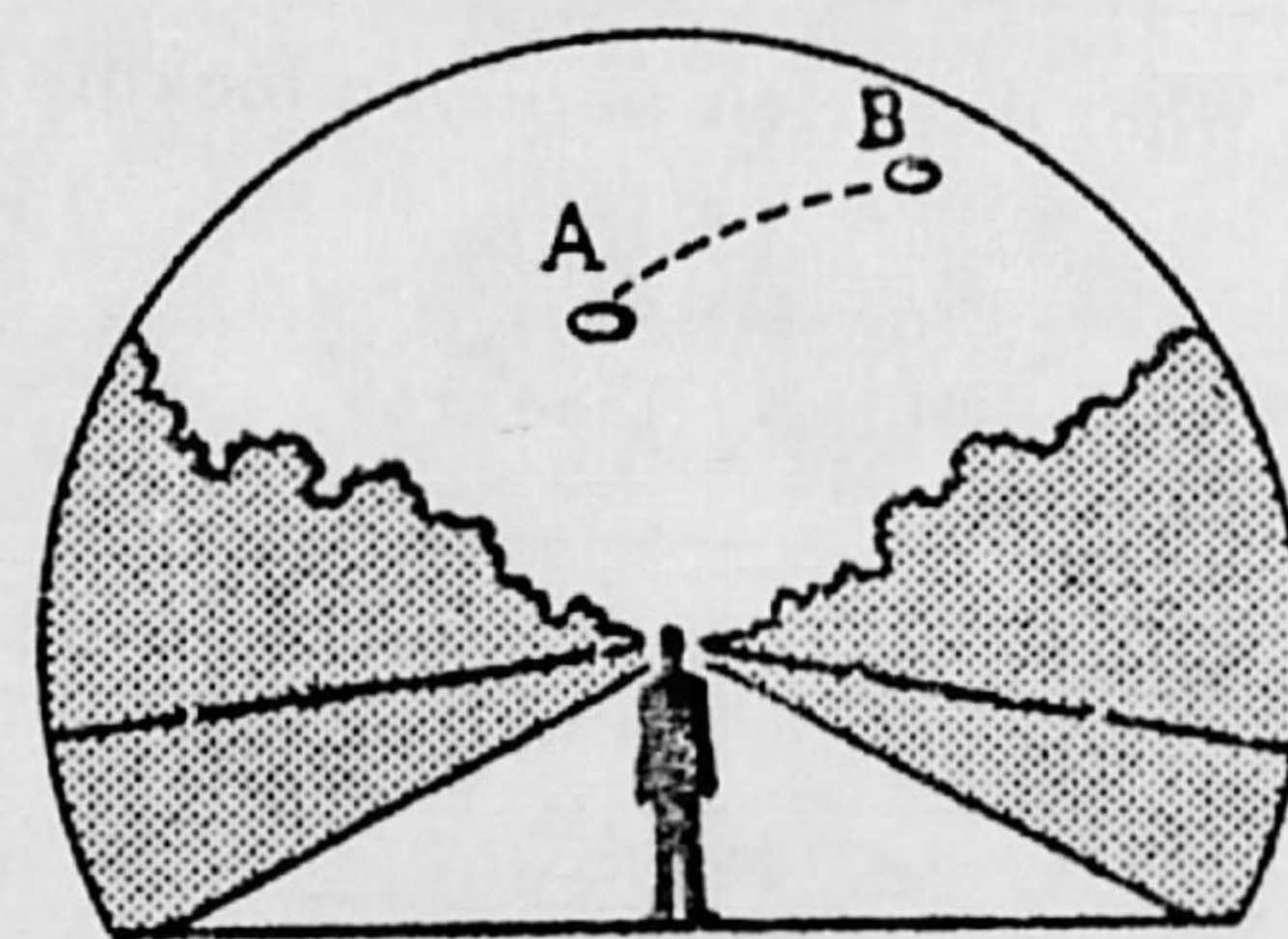
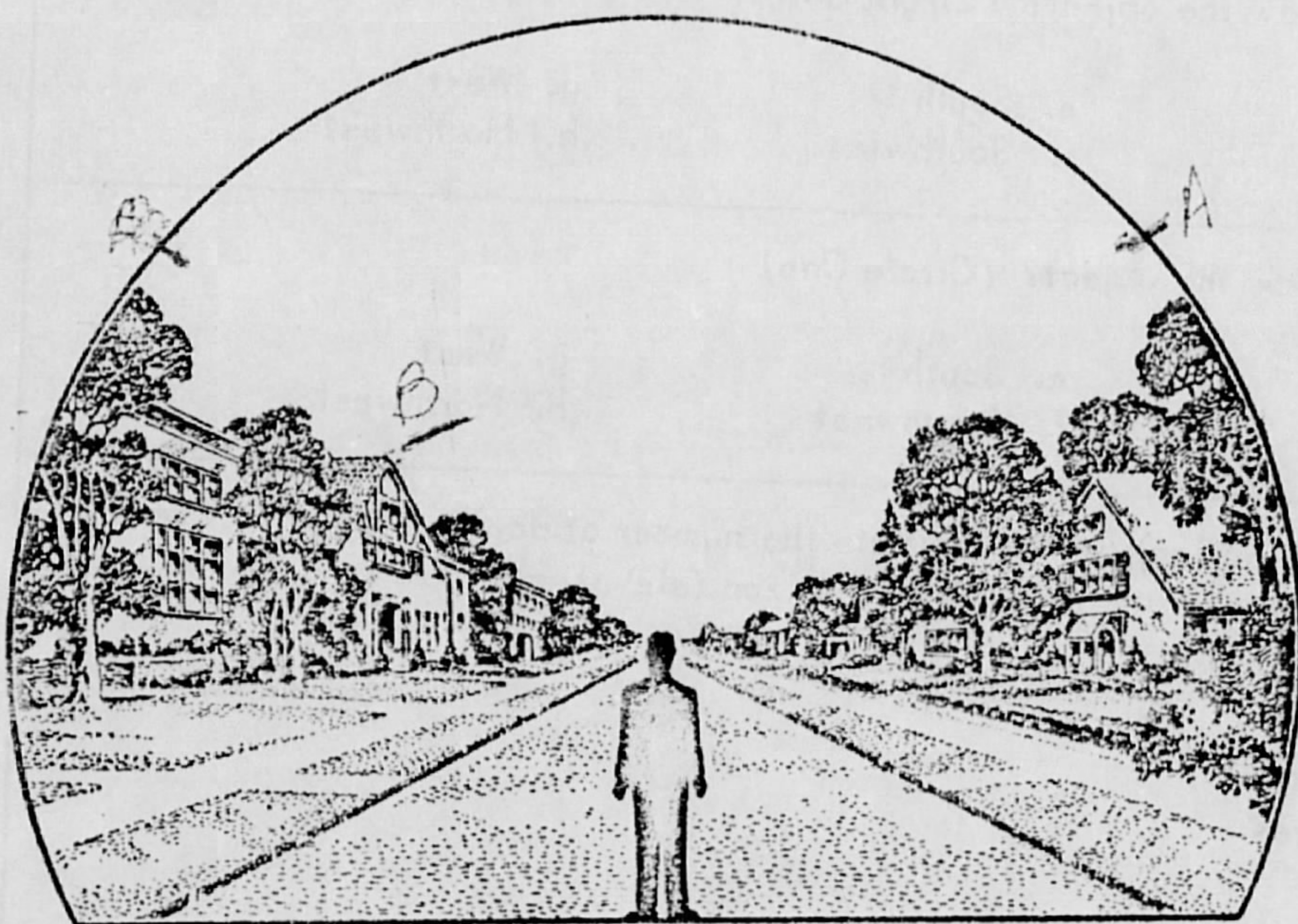
31.2 When it disappeared:

- 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.



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? 1 mile 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

Sex

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

d. Post graduate

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

Year

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?

4 Day Oct Month 59 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:

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?

I thought it was a flying saucer but thinking more about it after an airplane followed directly behind after the object had disappeared I thought it ~~was~~ could have been something thrown from the plane.

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 Feb 21, 1968

Approximately two a.m. 9 July 1959, I being unable to sleep looked out my window and observed coming in at what I believe to be a 90° angle a circular object which reminded me of what I had read and heard to be a flying saucer. It seemed to be oval on top & complete form a half circle indented by a ^{larger} ~~smaller~~ ring near the edge of the landing surface. It gave off an illuminous glow where the larger ring circled the oval object. There could have been two red blinking lights. But I am not positive. I only saw the object for approximately two

seconds from the moment I saw it until it disappeared into a clump of trees.

Shortly after an airplane ^{at a} much higher altitude came over; it was a matter of seconds. The following day I saw an Air Force staff car pass along route 35 which is unfamiliar to that area.