

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 Jul 59	2. LOCATION Oak, Nebraska		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Unreliable observ</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2200 GMT 11/0400Z Jul 59	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE varied	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Rnd, red obj w/fuzzy edges, color changing to white, size of grapefruit. Obj hovered & maneuvered in different directions. Appeared to be made of gas that brightens & dims.		11. COMMENTS Unreliable witness. See Ceresco Nebraska rpt dated 20 Jul 59 IR 112 para 1b.	

July 29, 1959

Department of Defense
Washington
D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am inquiring about an object that my husband, and several other people in this part of the country, saw which is on the order of a "Flying Saucer". The way my husband described it he saw an object which was really just a white light which flashed red, and it was about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile high a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile in distance from him. He saw this about 3 weeks ago, and just 2 days ago, a family here in Nelson, Nebraska saw it outside their home. It has no definite form, and makes no noise, but is merely a light, and follows people.

It frightened my husband so that he will not go out at night. I wonder if you could give me any information that would lead to a probable explanation. Anything that would put my husband's mind at ease.

I know this is a bother, and if there is any charge, please send me a bill. Our town, Nelson is in the South-central part of Nebraska.

Thanking you for your time and trouble, I remain


Nelson, Nebraska

P.S. There is a stamped addressed envelope enclosed for your convenience.

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SAFI d/Major Tacker/mhb/72291

5 August 1959

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 29 July concerning an Unidentified Flying Object your husband recently saw near Nelson, Nebraska.

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 Force Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for analysis and evaluation.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Chief, Magazine & Book Branch
Office of Information Services

Mrs. [REDACTED]
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Nelson, Nebraska

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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?

10 July 1959
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 10:00
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?

Widow Green
Nearest Postal Address

Oak
City or Town

Nebr.
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

See 20 July rept., Ceresco, Nebr. (IR 112 par. 1b)

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.

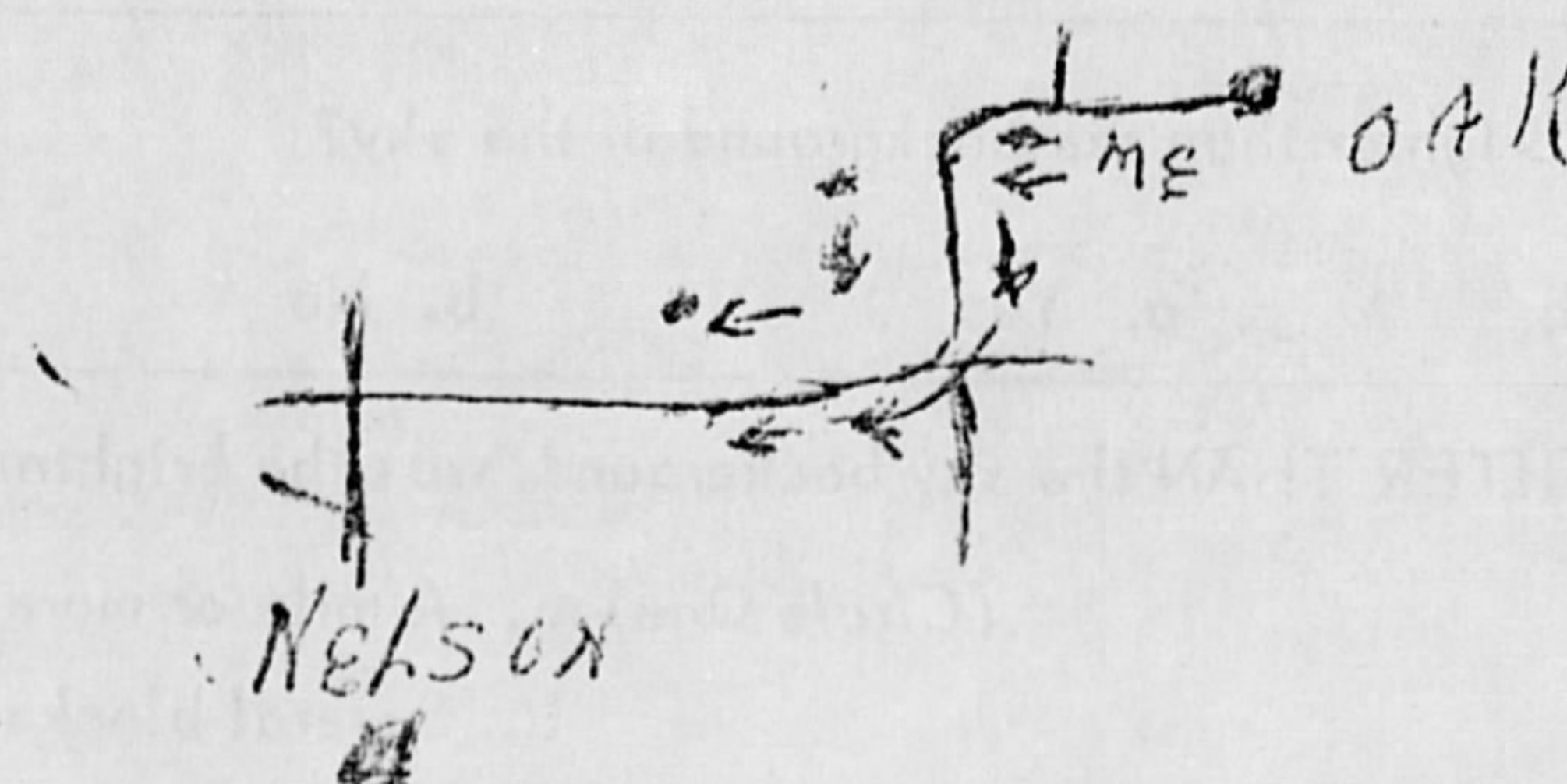
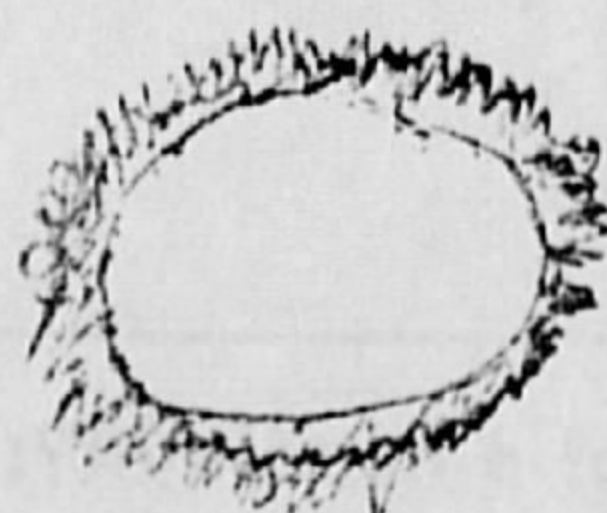
15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 | <u>Out in open</u> | |

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

- a. Sound Did not have any sound.
- b. Color Red changing to white.

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:

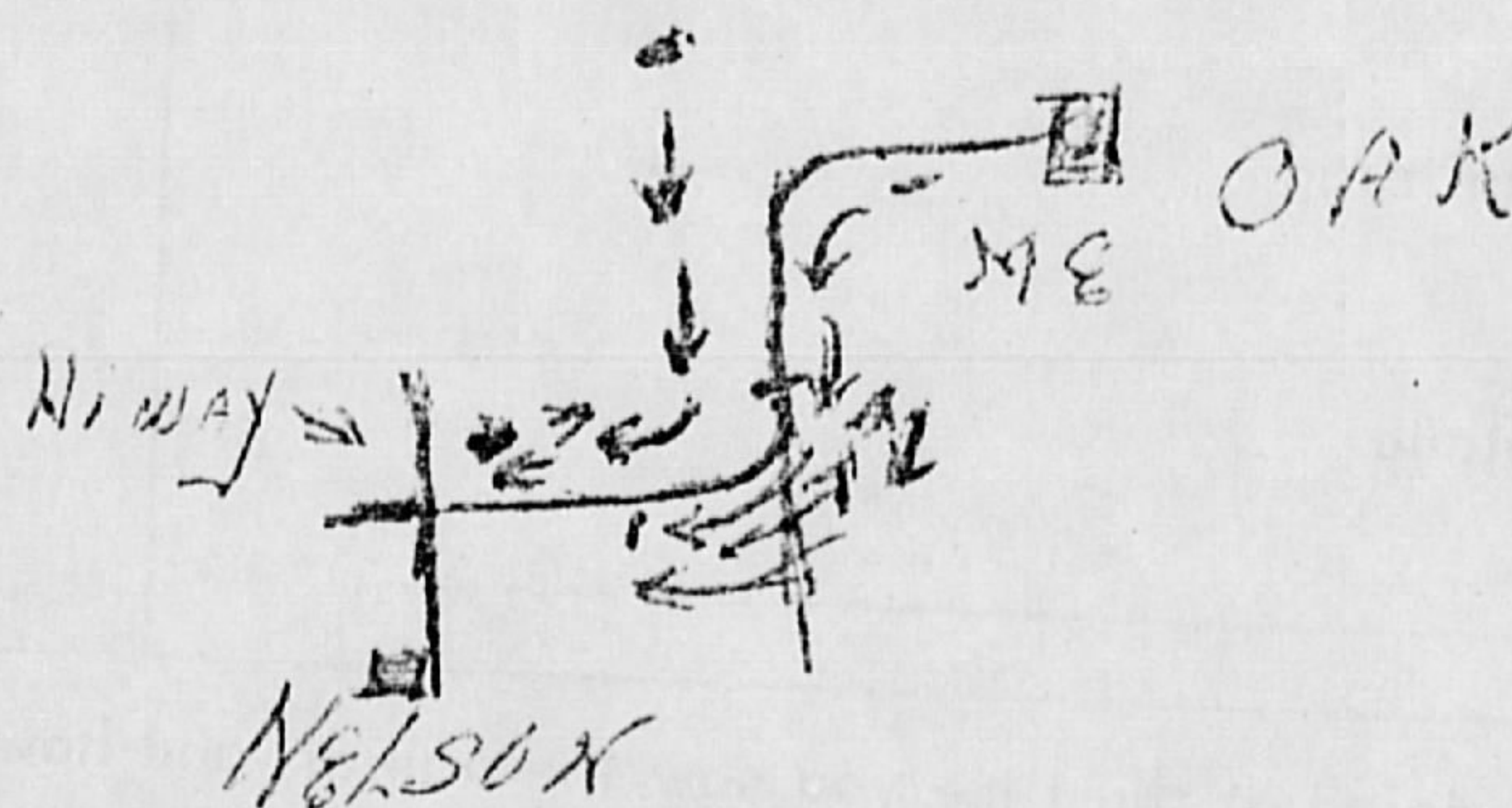
- (Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
- b. Like a bright star
- c. Sharply outlined
- d. Don't remember

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.

12 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? Don't know,
didn't hang around to
watch.

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.

Made of some sort of
gas that burns brighter
and there dim!

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?

*Driving along the road
noticed it in the sky.*

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? 60 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).

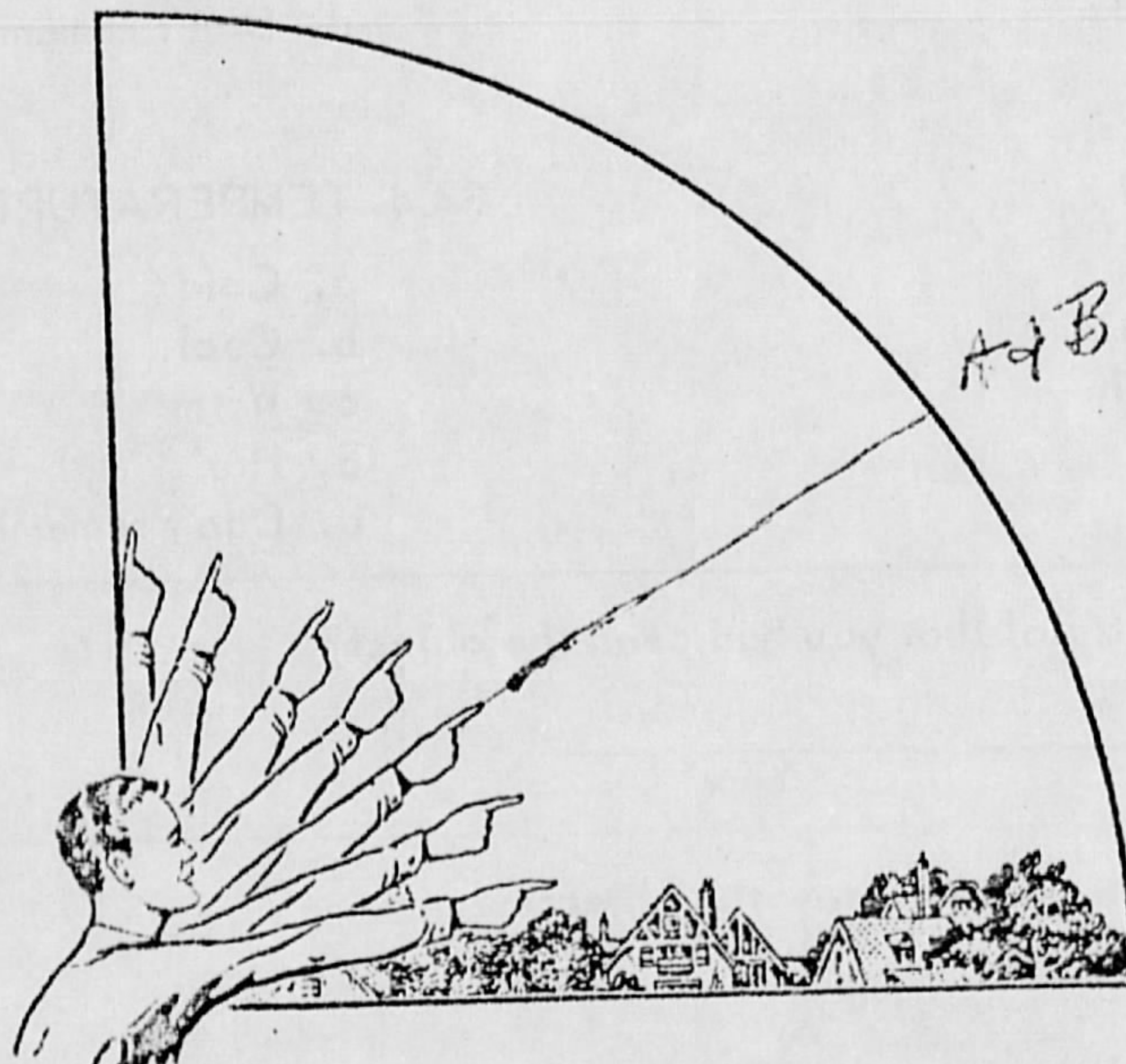
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

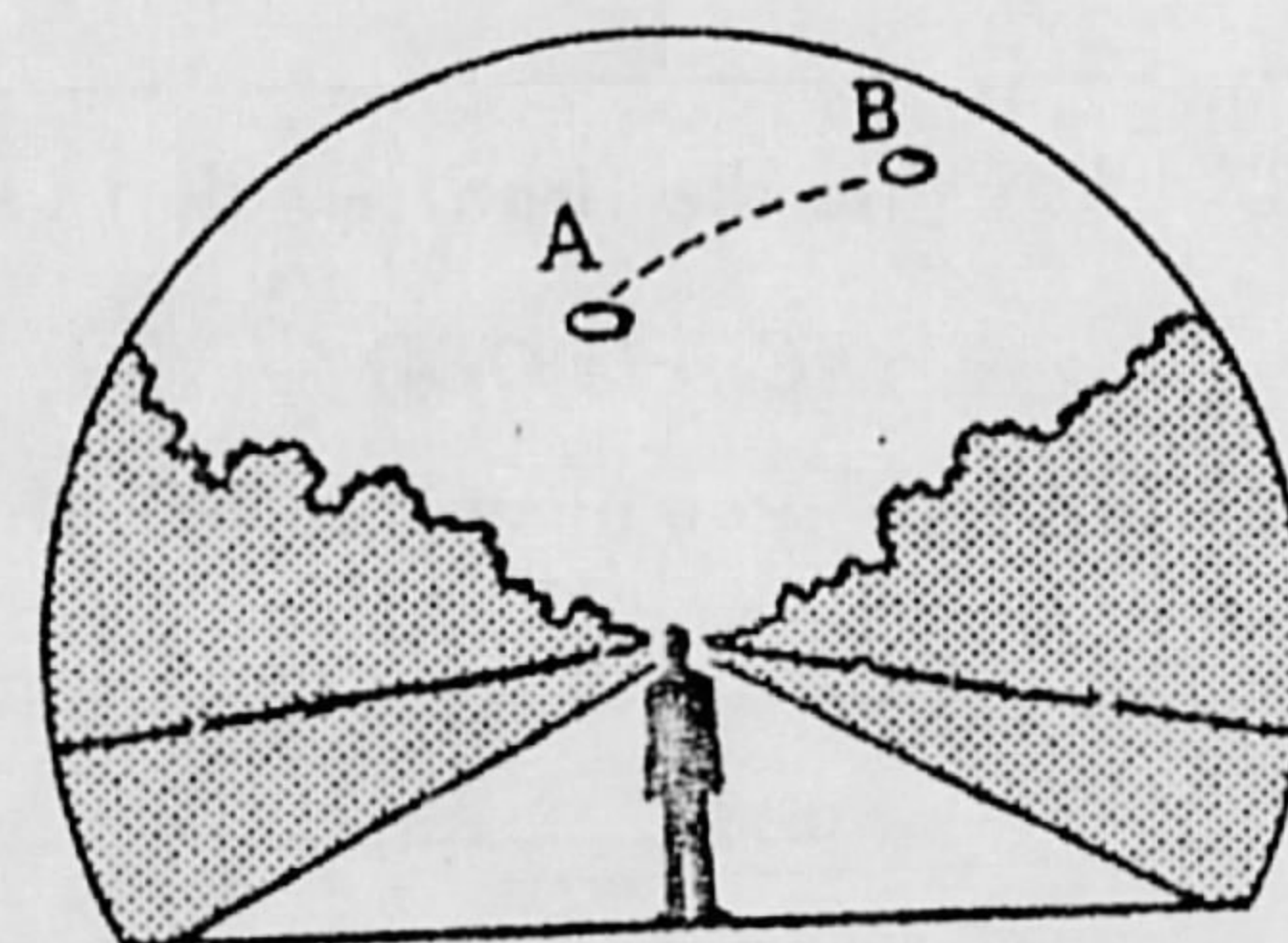
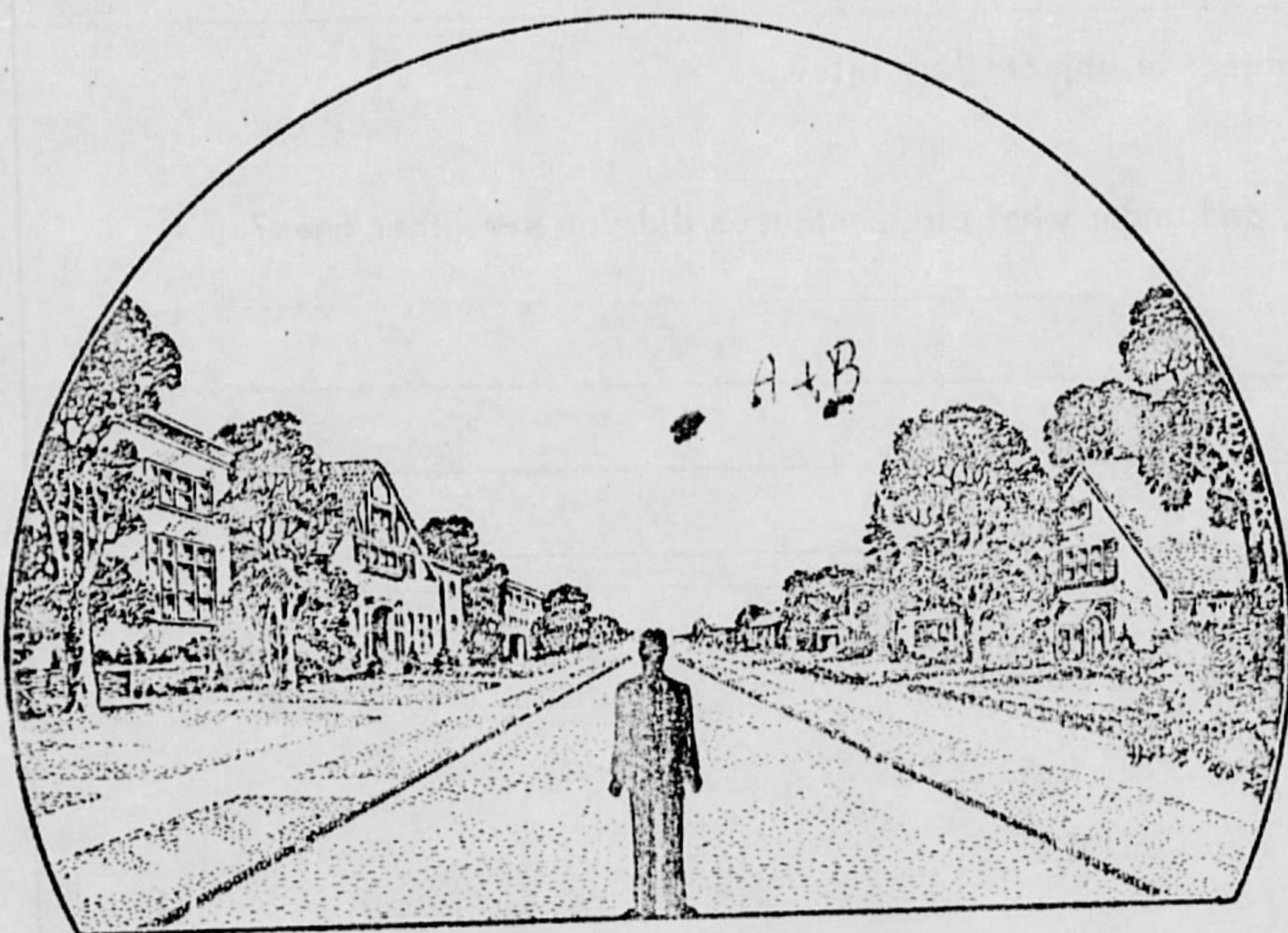
31.2 When it disappeared:

- 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.



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?

____ 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:

Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]
Nelson, Neb.

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?

Don't have any 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?

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

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

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

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE

CODE:

DATE

August 7, 1959

I was driving along the road west about 10:00 at night. There were a few stars and some scattered clouds. I first noticed the object, it was traveling south. I turned to go south and it kept going south. I turned west again and the object turned west. I stopped and the object stopped. I hastily turned around and started back east. It followed me east. As I turned north I met Mr & Mrs [redacted] on the road. They got out of our cars and when we stopped the object stopped. We decided to beat it far home and didn't look back.

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...At 10:30 P. M. on July 16th, a Superior, Nebraska resident named Jim Chapman claimed that, while he was on his way home from a ball game, a UFO followed him along a highway. When he changed his direction of travel, the UFO did also. Finally Chapman became "plain scared", and headed back to where he could find someone for moral support. Chapman eventually came upon two other people, and the three of them reported that the UFO followed them in the same way, changing direction whenever they did. It was at a 30-degree angle in the sky and about a quarter of a mile away, according to the witnesses....

The SUPERIOR (Nebraska) EXPRESS of July 16, 1959 carried the following account of an equally strange experience:

"Anyone Else See the Flying Saucer or Whatever It Was? Three Saw It."

They didn't get a close-up view of it, and they do not claim to have seen a flying saucer. There must be some logical explanation of it they agree, but they haven't figured out what it is. There certainly was something flying around Nuckolls county one night recently, and at least three persons saw it.

First to sight the strange object was Jim Chapman of Nelson. Jim had been at a ball game in Oak and saw it first at about 10:30 p. m., on his way home, just before turning west at the corner three miles southwest of Oak. It was ahead of him then, he said, and when he turned west, it turned too, then went north in front of him, and again followed him west along the road.

Jim said that he was just "plain scared," and that the first thing he thought of was to turn around and head back where there were some people. On his way back toward Oak, he met Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kubicek, who were on their way home to Nelson. Jim turned around and the three headed for Nelson. The object followed them about the same as it had been following Jim. It changed directions several times, seemed to stop and start again, and finally flew off in another direction and faded from view.

The object was not bright, appeared to be round and several inches in diameter, and was at about a 30-degree angle in the sky and about a quarter of a mile distant. Anyone else see it?" Unquote.

(An attempt was made by the writer to contact Chapman relative to his experience but he would not correspond. Since he did not have a phone the effort did not meet with success. However, the Kubiceks were reached by phone and Mrs. Kubicek confirmed their sighting. She was unable to add any additional details to the printed newspaper version of their experience related above, but did remark that they felt the strange light must have been a reflection but didn't know what from and were badly frightened by the weirdness of the experience.

UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

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Melt

Location North Pacific (Hawaii)

Date 11 July 1959 Hour (Z) 1302Z

WX Clear

Description A bright, white light moving constantly at a high rate of speed. Appeared to be a very bright center light with four smaller lights.

Observation lasted approximately 10 seconds. Object appeared SW and disappeared south.

Direction of Motion South

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) _____

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) _____

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) _____

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) _____

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. _____

The 11 July 1959 Pacific Ocean sightings resulted from a meteor. All aircraft saw the meteor at the same time and the direction was also constant.

Evaluation of Source Reliability _____

Analysis and Conclusions: Even though the aircraft involved in this sighting were spread out over an area of approximately 800 miles, all indicated that the object was in the same general direction from their individual positions. This point substantiates the fact that the object was at a very great distance from the witnesses. The description of this object is that characteristic of meteors of the fireball class. These meteors may have a magnitude of greater than -4 (brighter than Venus). While meteors of this type are not an every day occurrence, the experience of seeing one is not at all uncommon. However, ones first experience with meteors of this type is bound to be startling and lasting.

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