

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Jul 59	2. LOCATION Irondequoit, New York		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1300 GMT 251800Z 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 5-10 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE N-E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brownish-black obj w/a white bubble in center. No sound. Edges in front seemed a little thicker than trailing edges. Shape was roughly a "quarter-moon" w/a part trailing off the trailing edge. Obj had tremendous speed.		11. COMMENTS No conclusion was reached as to the cause of the sighting & the case is carried as unidentified. Possibility that obj was a meteor, however, this does not account for the supposed maneuver & the amount of detail obtained by the witness in the extremely short duration that the obj was in sight.	

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Rochester 9, New York

Major L. J. Tacker:

Information Services U.S. A.F.

Room 4C-916 Wash. 25, D.C.

Analysis and/or
evaluation

Dear Sir:

After considerable thought, I decided to drop you a line in regards to an "unknown object" which I observed thru a pair of 6x30 Carl Zeiss binoculars in broad daylight, during an — "invasion" (a simulated invasion) which took place on the beaches of Lake Ontario on a Saturday afternoon. Please understand that I was standing in my yard at the time of the sighting ~~and~~ because of the "invasion four miles away" I assumed^{ed} that jets were in the area (as they were) and that with my 6x30 binoculars I might catch one if they flew at the right altitude. Having seen one jet at a distance I was satisfied and became disinterested in looking for more, when there appeared a brownish-black object at about 1,000 feet altitude coming very rapidly out.

of the north. I immediately put my glasses on the object and it became greatly enlarged ~~to~~^{and} at the same time closed the distance between where I stood in my yard and where I first saw it.

The two things which are very difficult to understand are the facts, number one, the object made no noise and went so fast that I had my glasses on it no more than 5 or 10 seconds the very most, and number two, the shape of the object left me wondering if I was behind the time in knowing or recognizing "existing aircraft." (presuming it to be military if for no other reason than the speed at which it travelled.) The shape was roughly a "quarter ~~moon~~ moon with a piece or part trailing off the trailing edge of the object, which was "all wing" as far as I could see. The only proturbance I noted was a "roundish white dome" or something reminiscent of a "Gun Turret". I have never seen anything in all my life of such odd shape and tremendous speed

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and so obviously silent. I am at a loss to describe it further because of the short period in which it came and went, disappearing in a direct ~~to~~ easterly route after "turning on its side". By this I mean to say when I first saw it, it appeared as in Fig. 1 of the accompanying drawing and very rapidly closed, "turned on its side" as in Fig. 2 of the drawing and disappeared behind some trees which cut out my field of view. The man in the right hand corner of the drawing represents where I stood in relation to the trees and in what direction I was facing when I first noticed the object. The arrow on the drawing shows the direction of travel, how big the object grew in a matter of 5 or 10 seconds in the 6830's and the direction which the machine took just before it left my field of view. As to size, being a pilot (private pilot) I would estimate the size of the object (which did not gain altitude) about that of a DC 3 (the old C46's) only with no fuselage at all. The

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color remained a brownish black and the only spot of contrast was the "bubble" as mentioned before. It seemed thicker in the center when viewed "head on". My reason for "holding off" so long in telling of this "object" is or ~~was~~ trying to decide who the best man to write to concerning these things is.

Also, I have doubts if anyone else saw or heard this ~~of~~ object and I do not wish to be ridiculed or be accused of seeing a bird, a jet plane, or some other object of which I am pretty familiar. I definitely would say it was a solid flying machine ~~like~~ with a silent engine, capable of terrific forward speed, faster than anything I have seen in the fighter or bomber line. Now; Can you tell me what I saw ^{and/or} and do you have anything of this type flying. What is the story? Do you have any written material on unknown objects. If so, could I obtain it? I sincerely hope I hear from someone

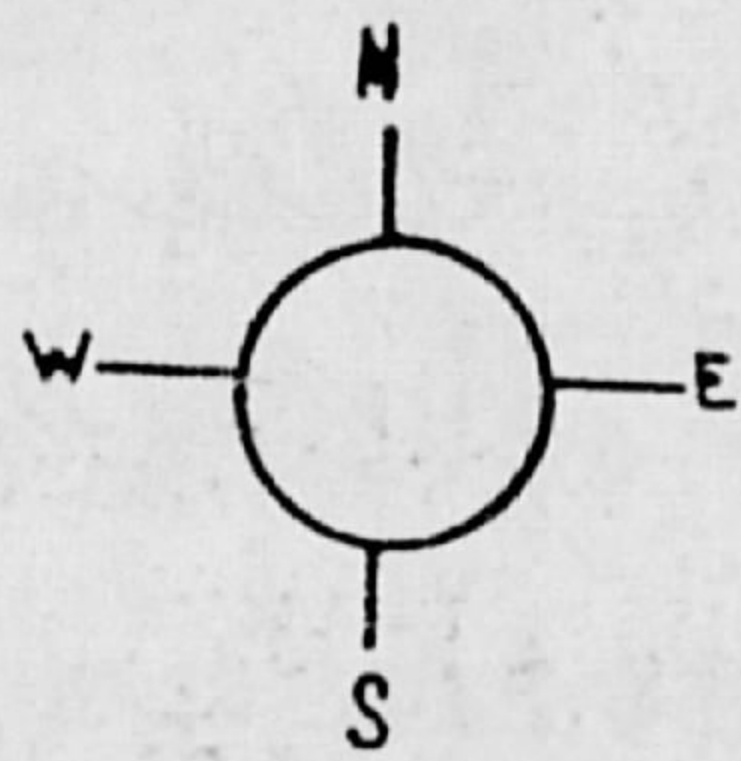
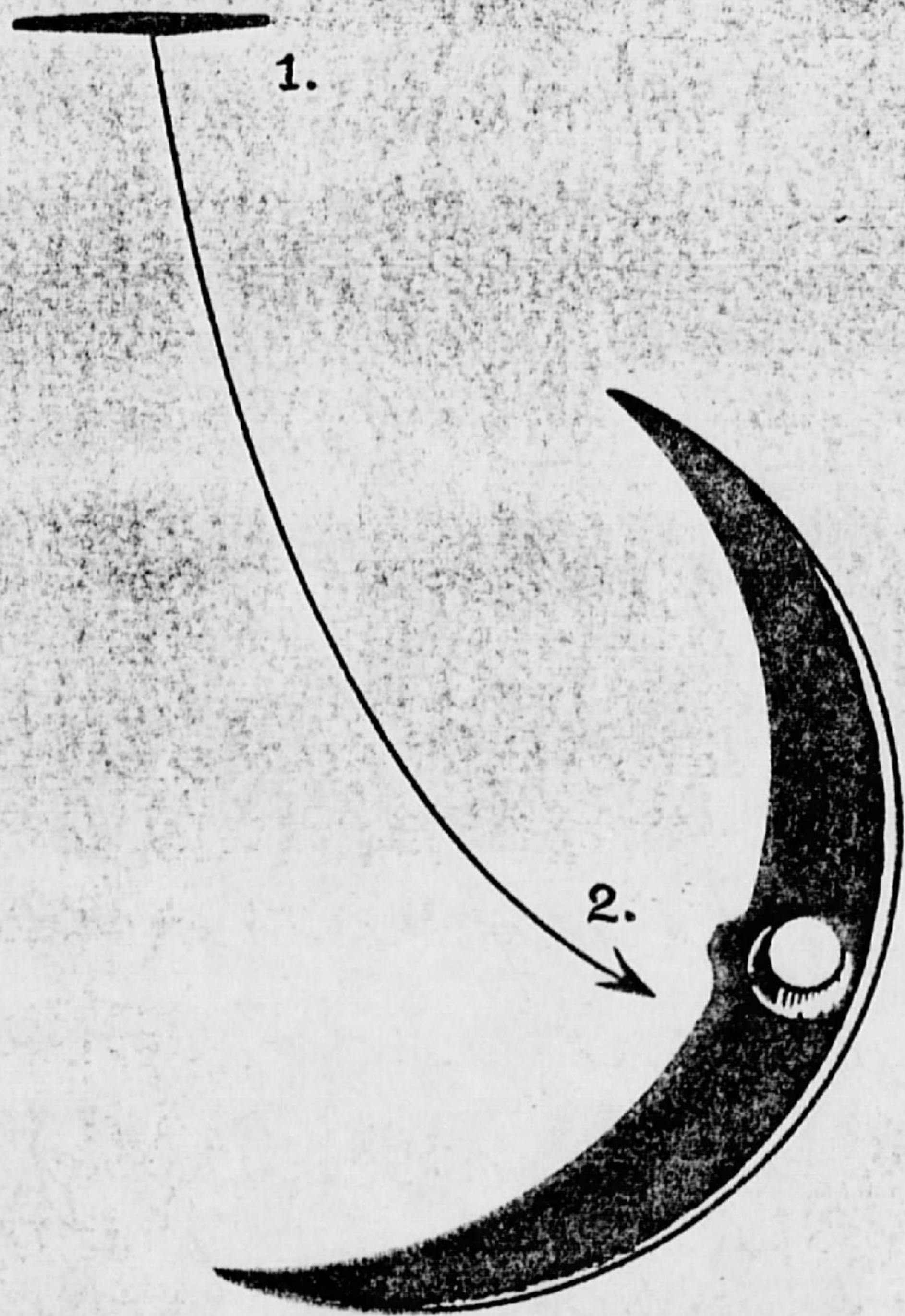
in the dept. - Soon! (at your convenience ^{of course})

AGE - 28 ^{1/2} (as in various etc.)

PROFESSION - TECHNICAL MACHINE ILLUSTRATOR

astronomer - Pilot - also.

Very Sincerely



2 September 1959

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is to acknowledge your undated letter concerning an Unidentified Flying Object you sighted recently near Lake Ontario.

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

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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?

25 July 1959
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

1300 ^{hr} 1:30 ^{pm}
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?

My Residence Irondequoit New York State
~~_____~~ Street, City or Town State or Country
Nearest Postal Address

Additional remarks: Seen in front yard at time of lightning

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours Minutes

10 to 15 seconds ---
Seconds
possibly a few seconds
longer

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

*object was dark
against sky.*

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | 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: *tops of trees, continued on in a fairly straight line
and then disappeared from my sight.*

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, than 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 | <u>e.</u> Binoculars | <u>Yes</u> | 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 _____ | | |

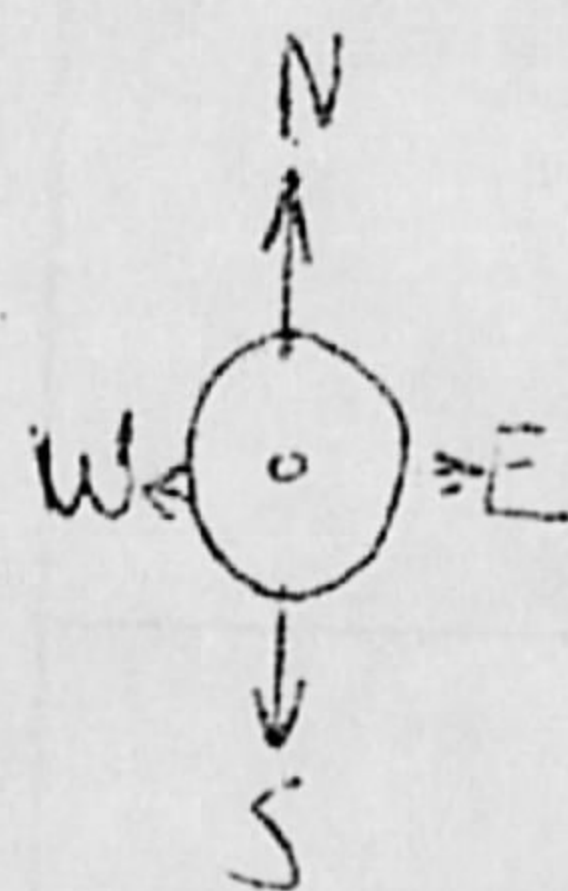
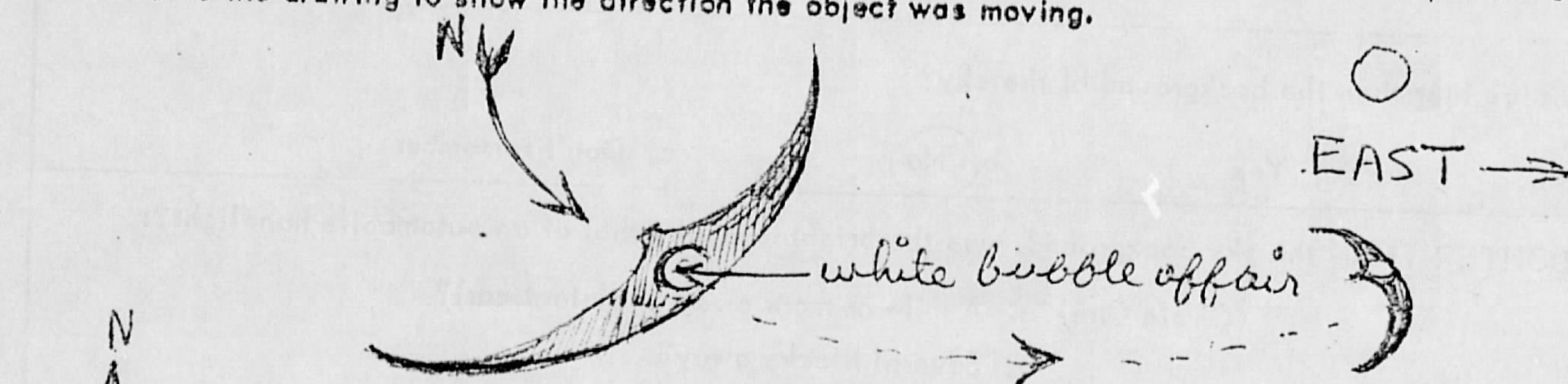
first saw the object with my eyes.

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

a. Sound Absolutely no sound

b. Color Brownish-black with a white bubble in center
possibly a little white-ish on leading 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.



object came from the North, banked and then turned East, giving me a kind of side view of it.

18. The edges of the object were:

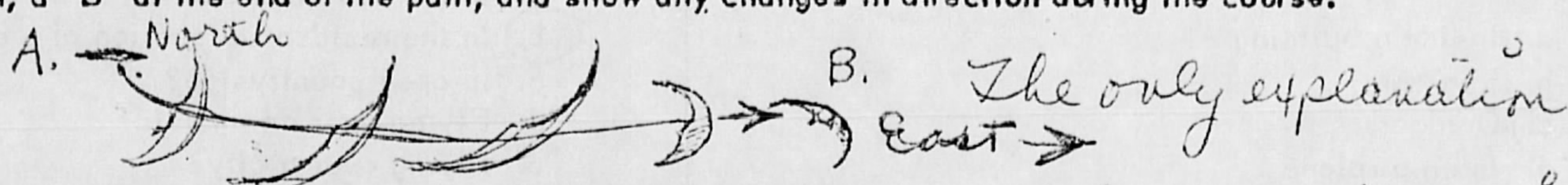
- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - ☒ c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

☒ e. Other (also edges in front seemed to be a little thicker than the trailing edges)

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.

one object ONLY!! However, I caught a glimpse of a jet as the sun reflected off it but the jet seemed much further away, probably 4 or 5 miles - or right at Lake Ontario. This was just prior to sighting the object.

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.



i can give as far as motion is concerned is that the object moved as a jet or fast plane, first looking head-on and then watching it turn and bank.

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

50 or 60 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

as it moved forward 1/2 the distance before it turned.

- 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? Object accelerated just after i put my binoculars (6x30) on it, banked after it flew towards me, and then disappeared behind trees, and finally from sight.

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.

First, i would have to construct the object out of aluminum or similar metal in order to maintain its shape, which to me appeared just short of a quarter moon. It would have to be pretty big, possibly with a wing-span of 50 ft. or so. I would then try to buy a gun-turret in order to duplicate the appearance of the "white bubble" i saw as it banked, placing the turret in the center of the wing, and then hope that it would fly. Also, i would have to paint the aluminum a brownish-black to duplicate the color. If you could hang the moon up when quarter full, paint it brown, and put a bubble on it, you'd have

almost what i saw!! This is the best i can do. Sorry!

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?

Watching for jet planes which I could hear but could not see at first. It was at this time I saw this dark object which I thought to be a Jet, till it came closer, very, very fast.

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:

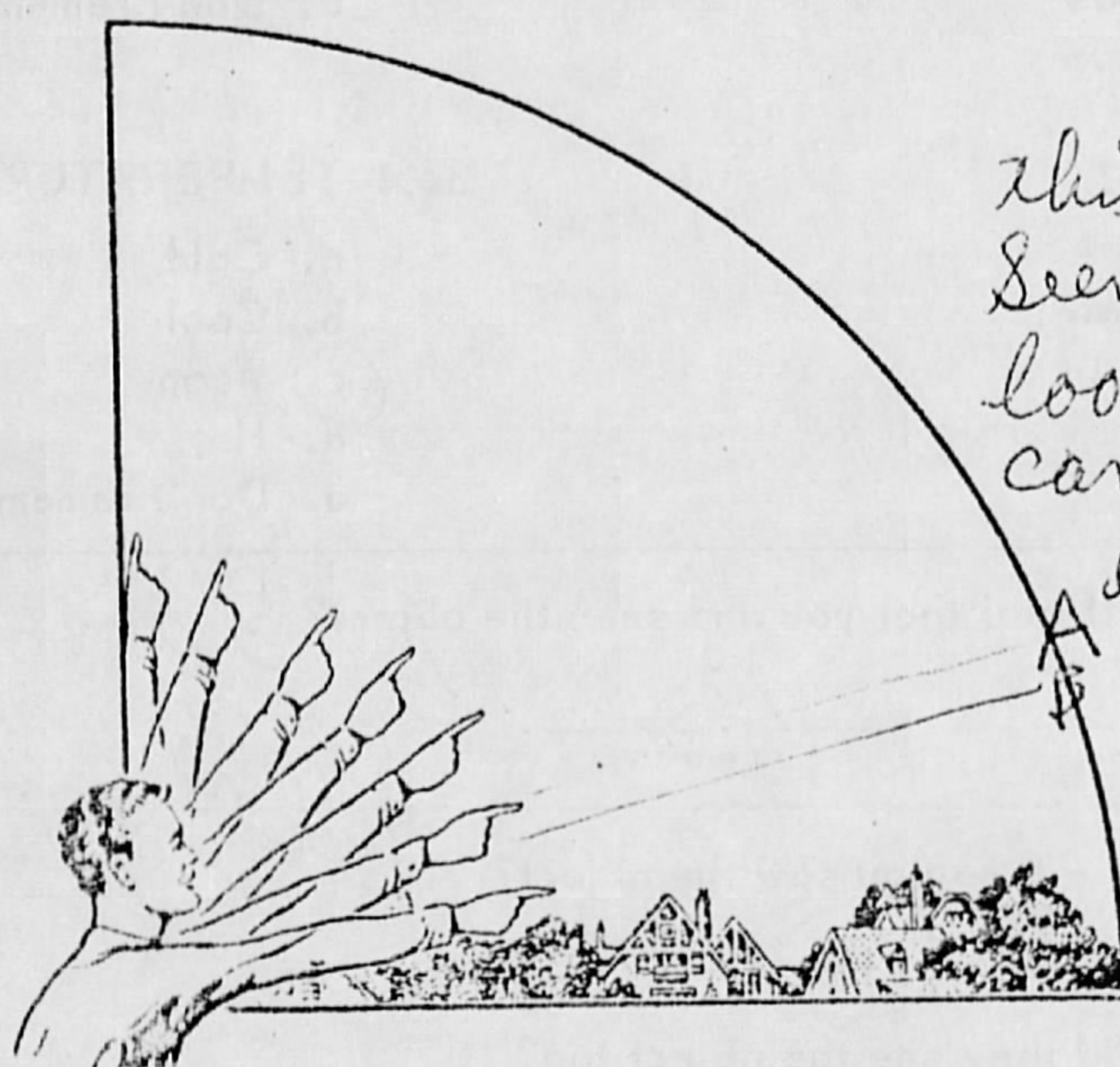
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

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

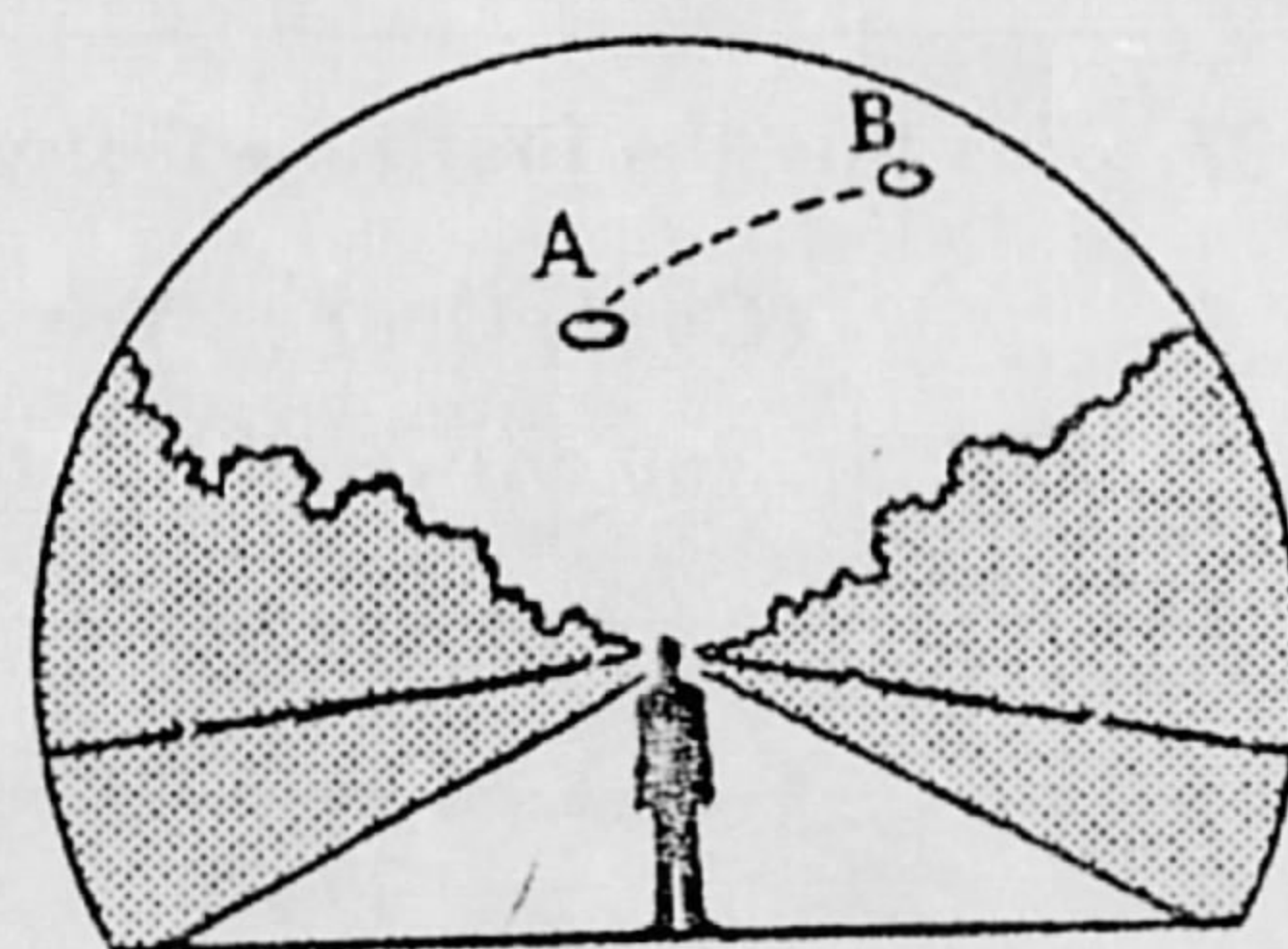
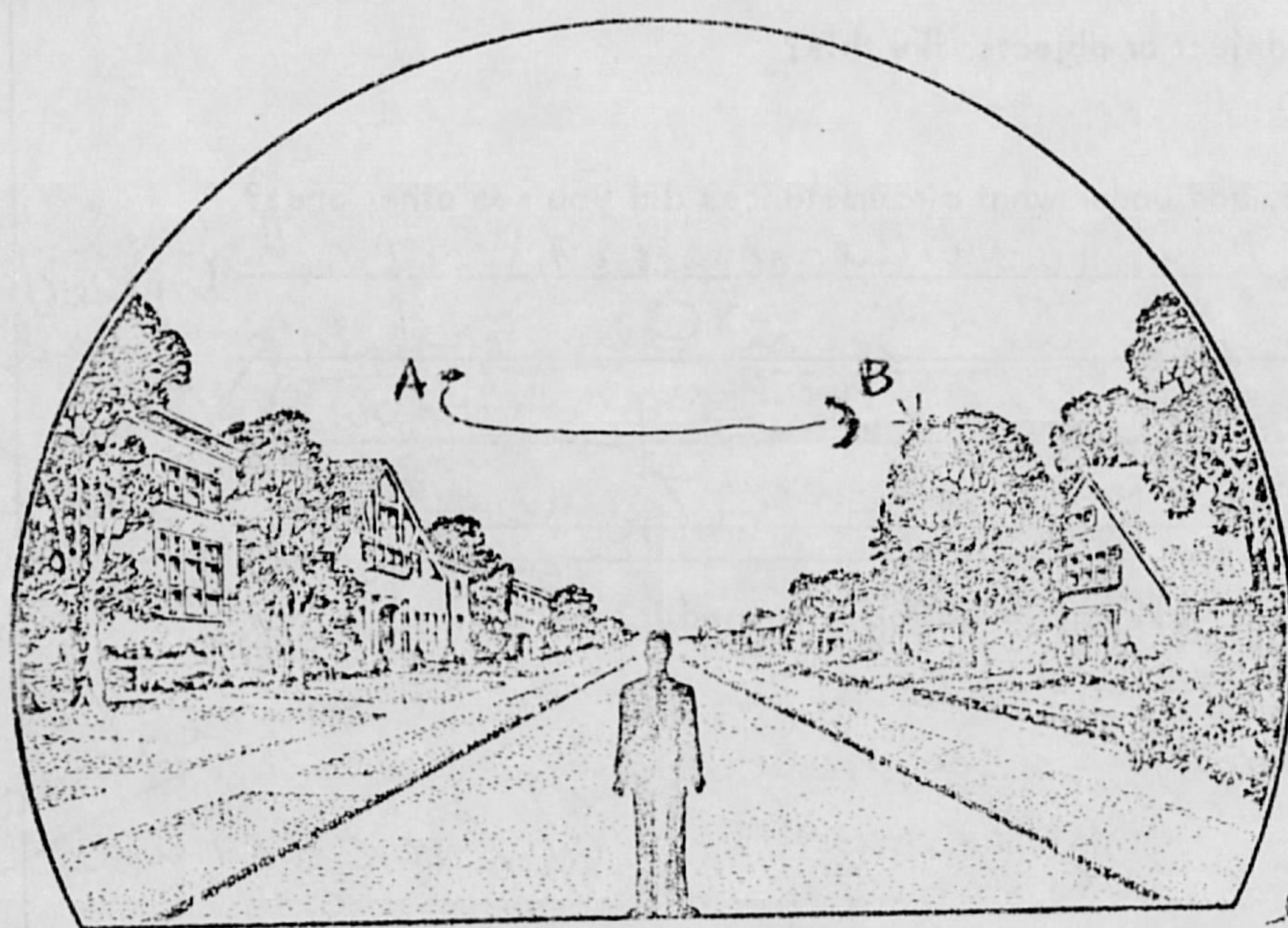
I am afraid I can not do justice to this question except to say the object came out of the North.

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.



This object did not seem to climb or lose altitude but came on in a straight line and turned.

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.



you can use point B as the place where i last saw the object and the trees are good examples too. (where the object disappeared!!)

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 about 20 mph or less.
☐ 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?

?? Aug ?? 1959 I did not report this to anyone except [redacted] in Washington, D.C. He has the date, I do not.

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?

Jan. 1951, Near Bergen, N.Y. Two white object at 8:00 P.M. hovering at 1 mile off the road.
 1956, Nov. 2 jet planes chasing 3 "Square" like objects.
 Last Nov. 1958 - a white object making a "throbbing" sound, then silent, passed over the house, turned right and then split into 2 parts, and disappeared very rapidly. I saw a lot of citizens also saw it.

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

I can not even guess except to say I suspect inwardly that someone has developed a new type of machine, that flies silently and very fast, and that it might be based in Canada since it came from the North. I would hesitate to say it came from outer space as I cannot imagine an object of this shape with no apparent propulsion system spanning such great distance even tho it did fly faster than an aircraft.

I came from outer space as I cannot imagine an object of this shape with no apparent propulsion system spanning such great distance even tho it did fly faster than an aircraft.

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?

From a standstill to maybe 800 and more!
Comparing the object's speed with a "Blue Angel" Jet at 650 mph.

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?

roughly straight out.
7000 feet,
but not that high.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[Redacted]
Last Name

[Redacted]
First Name

[Redacted]
Middle Name

ADDRESS

[Redacted]
Street

ROCHESTER
City

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Zone

NEW YORK
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Technical Machine Illustrator

Age

28

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

3 1/2 prep. School-Eastmont.

Other special training

Engraving.

☐ d.

Post graduate

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Sept. 6
Day

(Sept.)
Month

1959
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)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Sept. 6, 1959

I can only repeat the statements already given, and they are: As I stood in my yard with 6x30 binoculars in hand I suddenly saw an object, dark in color which seemed to be hanging or standing still about a mile and a half away and not too high above the ground. Thinking it to be a jet I put my binoculars on this object and it came towards me at once, taking on the shape of a quarter moon roughly, and showing a "bubble or turret" like protrusion as it banked into the Northeast, first coming from the North as near as I could tell. All the while it was silent and I could hear no engine noise or distinguish a vapor trail, which caused me some amazement. I would like to say here also that as I saw the shape of the object a very odd or "scared" feeling or uneasiness came upon me, possibly as this object or machine made no noise and

over

clear as rapidly. Can also arranged at the
stage, too. I have seen many military plans
and drawings of "batter shaped" back of the future
but never anything like this before! The object
disappeared behind some trees and a grass
clear on the East or West night of
it. I would like to put on the very rapid
acceleration from which it thought to be a
standstill. Of it had not been looking towards
the North & East very much of it would
have seen it at all. You may be interested to
know I mentioned some word funny "flying
object" before this was added earlier in
this note about including some F-8's clearing
some "square or near square" white objects. The
Focke-Wulf report then refused to give out in for-
mation as to what the jets were after but my
mother and I saw the "object's clearly" although
high, speed up and disappeared in clouds,
leaving the jets behind. After considerable
thought, I decided that to forward this
information on to Major Jackson was the
best way to protect my security by telling
it to the newspaper. I was already
take a turn with of the Atlantic English. I
sincerely hope I hear from you people in regards
to your analysis or conclusions on this matter.
P.S. Major Jackson's name is "Pete".
out and forward to your people.

P.S. I am also a Private Pilot - and am familiar with the
type of objects while flying over the ground.