

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 Sep 59	2. LOCATION Maple Heights, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Reflection</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1900</u> GMT <u>14/2406Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar Telescope ☐ Air-Intercept Radar ☐ Air-Visual		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10-15 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant translucent obj, light tan in color as though rays of low sun were passing thru white or silver obj. Motionless. Egg shaped		11. COMMENTS Probably the reflection of the sun fm a high cloud.	

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Maple Heights, Ohio
September 15, 1959

SUBJECT: U.F.O. Sighting - Area: Cleveland, O. - September 14, 1959

U.F.O. Project Officer
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Following is a report of a U.F.O. sighting made at approximately 19 hundred hours, September 14, 1959.

LOCATION: West of Maple Heights, O. - estimated to be considerably in excess of ten miles distance.

HEIGHT: Probably 50,000 feet or more.

SIZE: Slightly larger and brighter than North Star when viewed with the naked eye.

MOVEMENT: None (from viewing position) Observed for ten to fifteen minutes until obscured by dark clouds in western sky.

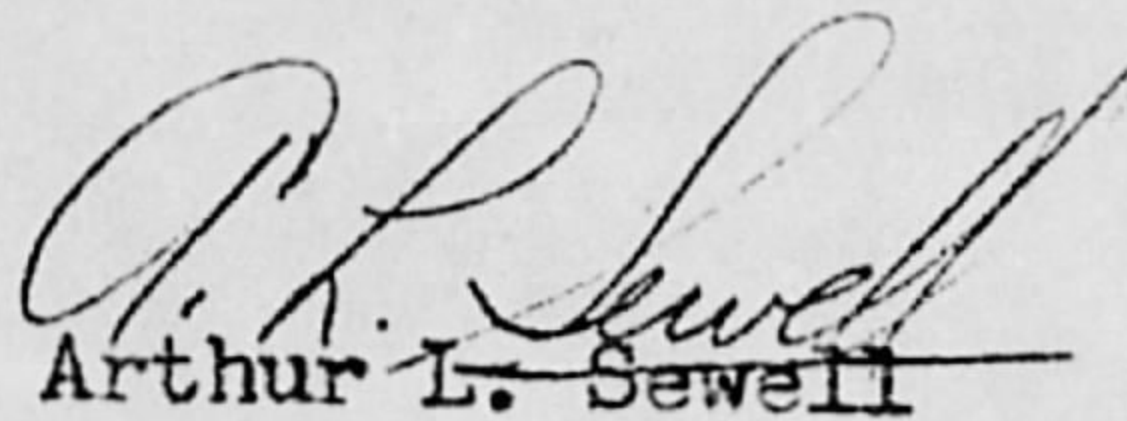
OBSERVATIONS WITH 50 POWER TELESCOPE:

SHAPE: Elliptical (vertical) 20 percent off perfect circle.

COLOR: Light tan, believed to be reflecting color of setting sun as though through the object. Appearance is that of sun's rays passing through a white or silver translucent object.

HEAT INDICATIONS: Object gave off dancing heat waves to distance of about 10 percent of its size.

CONCLUSION: Object could be a huge weather balloon if inflated with very warm air or gasses of sufficient temperature to cause heat waves in cold upper atmosphere.


Arthur L. Sewell

28 September 1959

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 14 September 1959 concerning an Unidentified Flying Object you sighted recently near Maple Heights, Ohio.

Your letter contained insufficient data to allow a valid conclusion. Therefore request you complete the attached 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
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Maple Heights, Ohio

Comeback IS-3d
Reader IS -1

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?
14 Day 9 Month '59 Year

2. Time of day: 7 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?
[REDACTED] Nearest Postal Address Maple Heights City or Town Ohio State or Country
Additional remarks: Viewed by telescope from 16314 Turney Rd.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ Hours 10-15 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 d. Just a trace of daylight
c. Bright twilight 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 d. To your left
c. To your right — 20° 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 — *Brilliant! Brighter than N Star.*

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

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: *Dark clouds in lower western sky eventually moved in to obscure object.*

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?

translucent
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

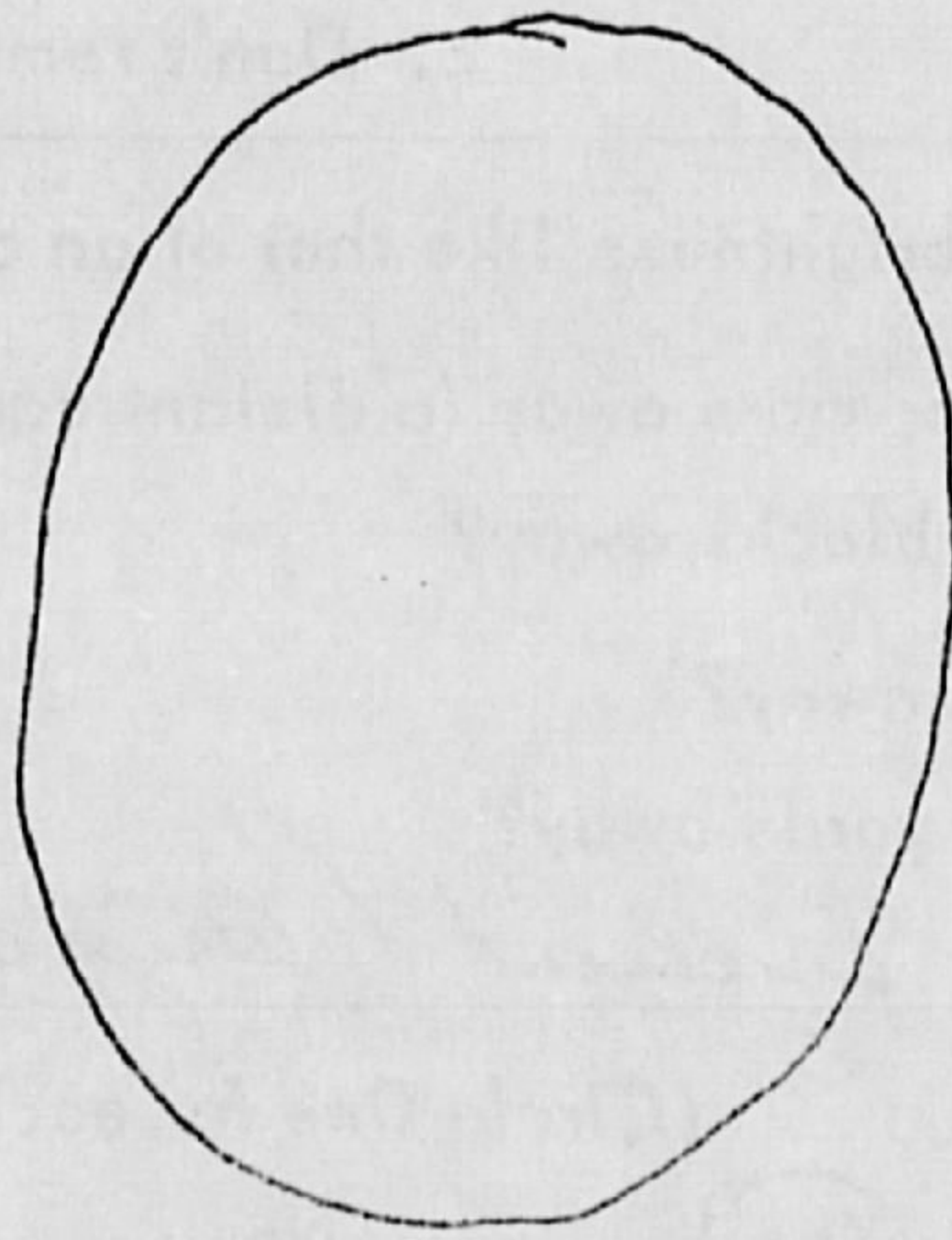
☒ No

h. Other _____

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

- a. Sound None
- b. Color Light tan - as though rays of low sun passing thru white or silver object.

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.



*No markings -
No movement*

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.

*Motionless in telescope stationed
on tripod. —*

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

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. <u>Head of a pin</u> | g. Silver dollar |
| b. Pea — <i>thru 50 power scope</i> | h. Baseball |
| c. Dime | i. Grapefruit |
| d. Nickel | j. Basketball |
| e. Quarter | k. Other _____ |
| f. Half dollar | |

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. <u>Certain</u> | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? *Obscured by dark clouds moving in from western horizon. Only other clouds were fast moving layers of stratus & alto-stratus or cirrus*

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 translucent egg—evenly proportioned top & bottom.
Couldn't determine if object was solid or semi-transparent,
but color of sun seemed to create color of object & from
evenness of illumination it was assumed color & light were
coming from the rear & passing thru the object.*

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?

Neighbors noticed it due to brilliance & called me to come out & bring my son a telescope.

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 | <u>g. West</u> |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

- | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| a. <u>North</u> | c. East | e. South | <u>g. West</u> |
| 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).

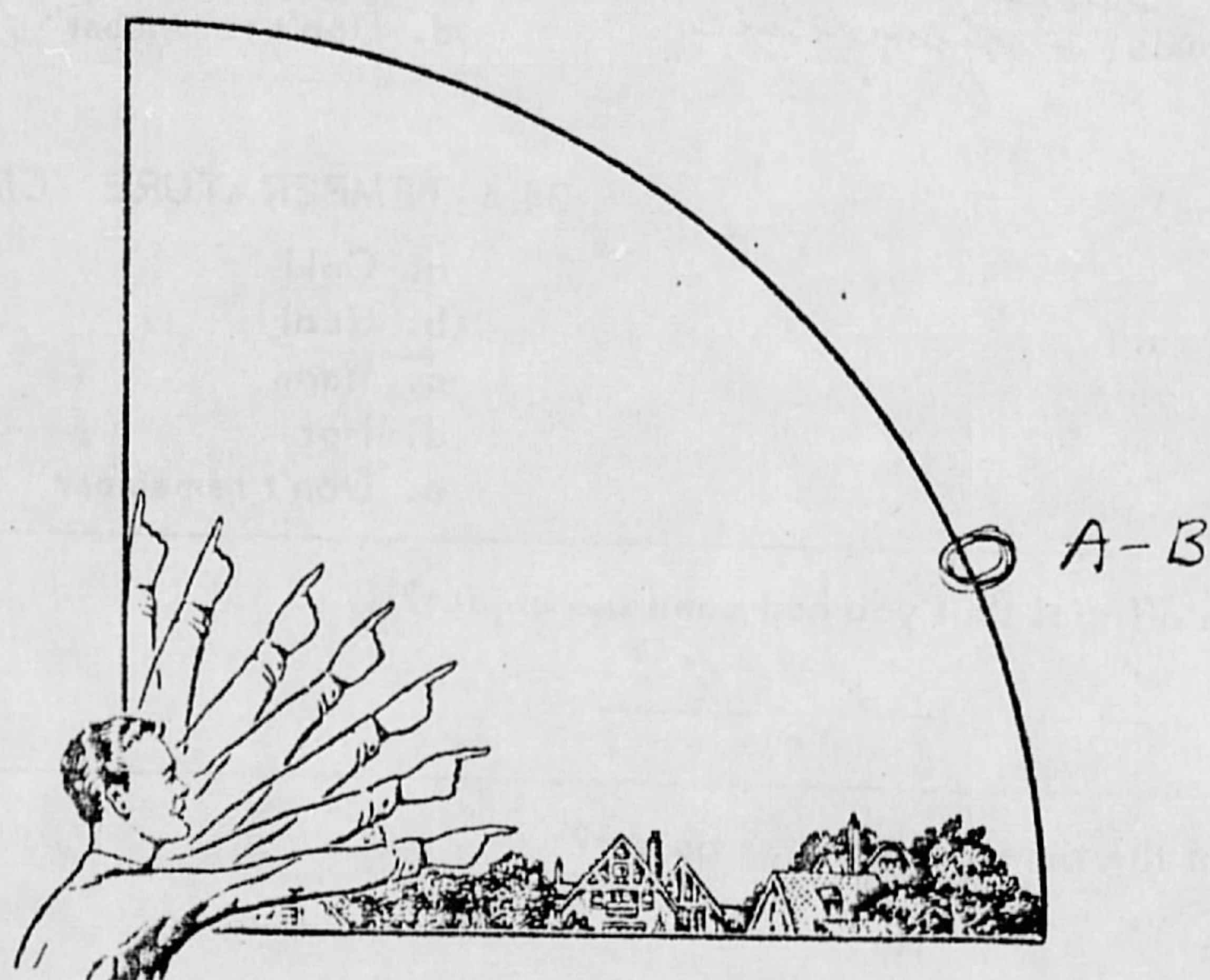
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 45-50° degrees.
- b. From horizon 18° degrees.

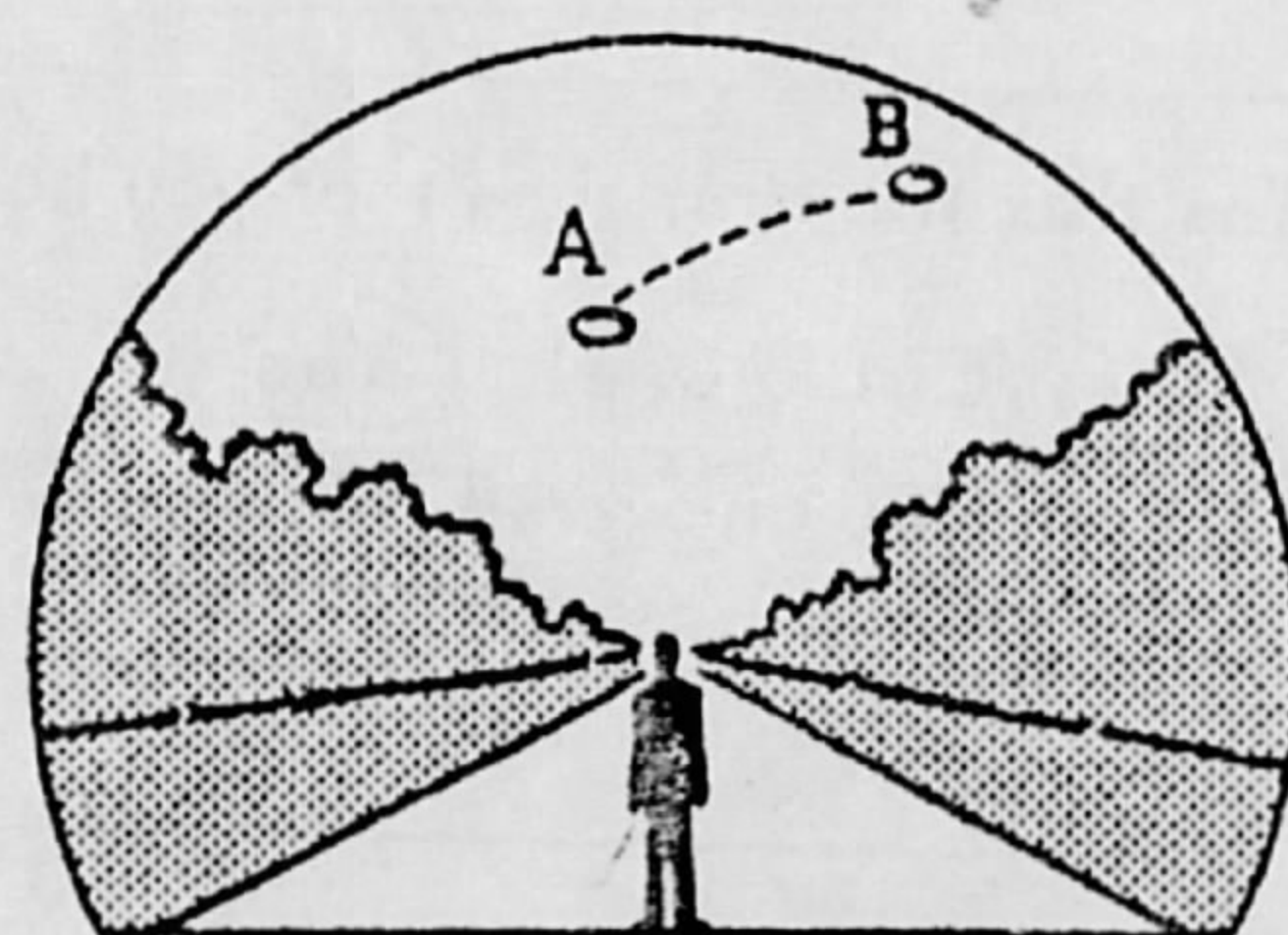
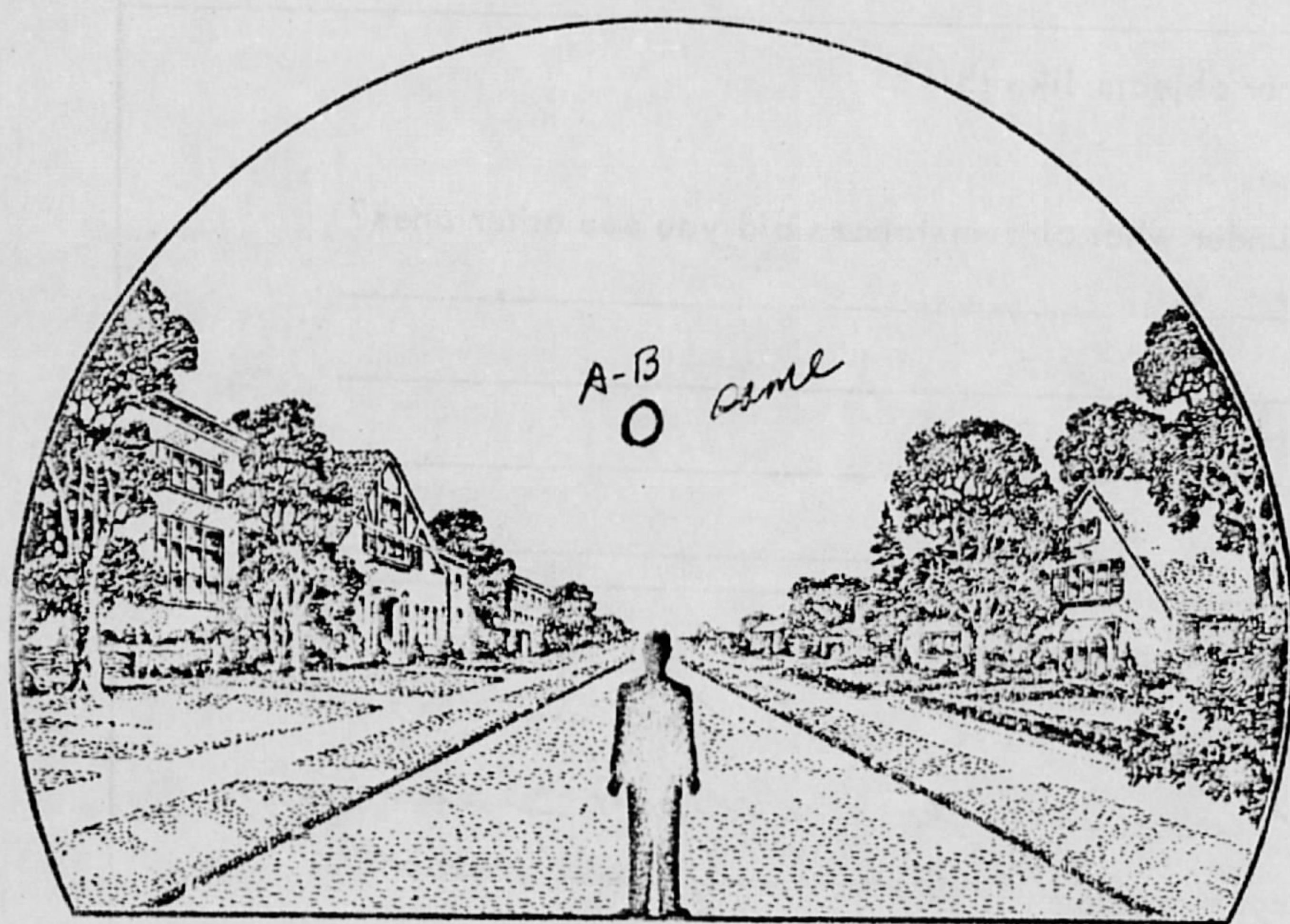
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North same degrees.
- b. From horizon same 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 *moving in from horizon*
 d. Thick or heavy clouds *horizon line*
 e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
 b. Slight breeze
 c. Strong wind
 d. Don't remember *little or no wind*
 e. 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:

*Robert Mc Clintock 16314 Turney Rd., Maple Heights, O.
 Children of families in question*

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?

Felt it was probably a weather balloon, yet it seemed to be at such a distance as to make it too huge for a balloon - also, the fact that it remained in the scope relatively steady indicated it had little or no motion (size did not change)

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?

None 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?

50,000 feet. or possibly much more.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

(Area)

What is your present job?

District Freight & Passenger Agent - Southern Ry. Sys.

Age

40

Sex

Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

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e. e. Technical school

☒

b. High school

☒

(Type)

Aviation

c. College

f. Other special training

Selected college

d. Post graduate

subjects - traffic etc.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

Year

Based on original report of 9/15/59

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 10/9/59

Had brilliant object about size of pin head (larger than Vistar) called to attention at approximately 7:00 PM while finishing dinner. When viewed through telescope (50x) it appeared about the size of a tan colored pea, was motionless, egg shaped, even on top & bottom (O) - gave off radiating lines such as heat waves over a hot stove - however, these were later considered imperfections in the telescope. Object retained in view until eventually covered by dark clouds (& layers of fleecy high moving clouds) which moved in off the horizon line. Object may have been solid; however, due to tan color felt the sun was sending light through it. Object viewed for about 15 minutes.

