

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 August 1960		2. LOCATION Crete, Illinois		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 UNIDENTIFIED	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1605 GMT 29/2205Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 18 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE Rising	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Very bright shiny, object, silver color, round in shape, observed moving from moving onto through windshield. Object appeared to go straight up and disappeared after about 18 seconds. Initial observation at 0 deg true at about 30 deg elevation. Disappeared at 90 deg elevation.				11. COMMENTS Observation does not fit any known pattern of observation. Motion not consistent with aircraft. Balloon rises at about 1,000 ft per min. This object rose much faster. Witness located about 20 mi S of Chicago and the object was sighted to the North ascending overhead where it disappeared. Case listed as unidentified.	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 5D 24-21-202

14 September 1960

SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object
Crate, Illinois, 29 August 1960
Sighted by Ed Schneeweis

TO: ATIC (AFCIN-4E2)

Attached letter from Lt JOHN T. CIZEK, USNR, dated 30 August 1960, is
forwarded for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

R. G. Stutzman
for

DOYLE REES
Colonel, USAF
Commander

1 Atch
a/s

Copy to:
Dir OSI (AFCSI-6)
w/atc

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

August 30, 1960

Officer-in-Charge
U. F. O. Investigation Unit
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I wish to report the sighting of an object which might be of interest to your group. At about 4:00 PM yesterday, August 29, Mr. [REDACTED] of Crete, Illinois, saw a gleaming chrome-like football-shaped object hovering over the ground. At the time of the sighting, he was driving north on Illinois route One, between Crete and Steger, Illinois. He observed the object through an open window and, as he approached it, it began to rise, accelerating until it was out of sight. Visibility was very good, but there may have been a few scattered clouds. The relative bearing of the object from him was probably NW and he observed it for something less than a minute, I would judge.

I am reporting this because Mr. [REDACTED] would probably not take the trouble. I would suspect that many sightings go unreported. Mr. [REDACTED] is a farmer in his sixties, not given to hallucinations, and only one other time in his life has he seen anything which puzzled him so (apparently he saw a "fire ball" many years ago). He is not well-read on the subject of U.F.O.'s and I would respect the validity of his having observed something.

He feels that the object was shining so brightly that there must have been others who saw it, and he's investigating this possibility today. Should you desire further information, please contact Mr. [REDACTED] in Crete, Illinois

Respectfully,

John T. Cizek
John T. Cizek
LT USNR

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Berk Forest, Illinois

AFGIN-4B2x

Surp 20 Sep 60

26 SEP 1960

Unidentified Flying Object, Crete, Illinois

20 SEP 1960

SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

It is suggested that a questionnaire be forwarded to Mr. [REDACTED]
at Crete, Illinois.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

1 Atch:
Cy ltr 14 Sep 60, UFO, Crete, Ill,
29 Aug 60, sgtd by [REDACTED]
w/1 Atch

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?

29 AUGUST 1960
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

4 05
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?

Nearest Postal Address

CRETE
City or Town

ILLINOIS
State or Country

Additional remarks: On Illinois Route One near north edge of
Crete city limits

5. How long was object in sight?

0 0 18
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

was diving about 15 mph for a distance
of about 20 rods

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT

a. Bright
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, 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 in west
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, 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. The object appeared:

(Circle One): a. As a light b. Shiny c. Dark d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars?

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. Flash or flicker? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ Don't Know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, 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 any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☐ No ☒ Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One): a. Solid b. Transparent c. Vapor d. 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 None

b. Color Silvery Shiny

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.



Note: the light from the object was so intense that it was difficult to determine its exact shape although it appeared spherical

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

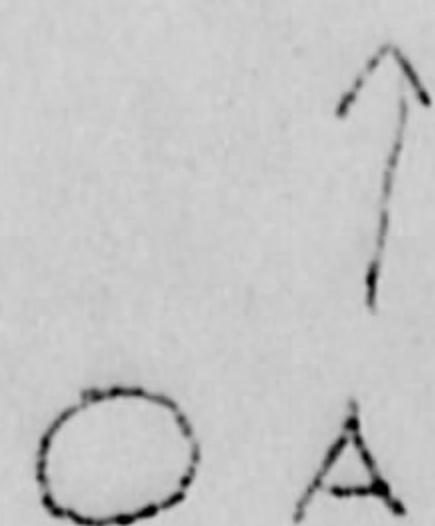
See above

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.

only one

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.

O B Only motion was vertical, straight up



21. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar?

bushel basket or larger

22. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

7 or 8 times the angle subtended by
a paper match head at arm's length

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

object ascended rapidly disappearing overhead.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, 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.

shaped like a sphere
shiny like chrome or the sun's reflection
in a good mirror

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car pick up Truck
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane (type)
- 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. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other rural-residential

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

Driving a pick-up truck. First noticed the object
straight ahead at about 600 feet in the air.

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? 15 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
- i. Overhead

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
- i. Overhead

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North (thru east) and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

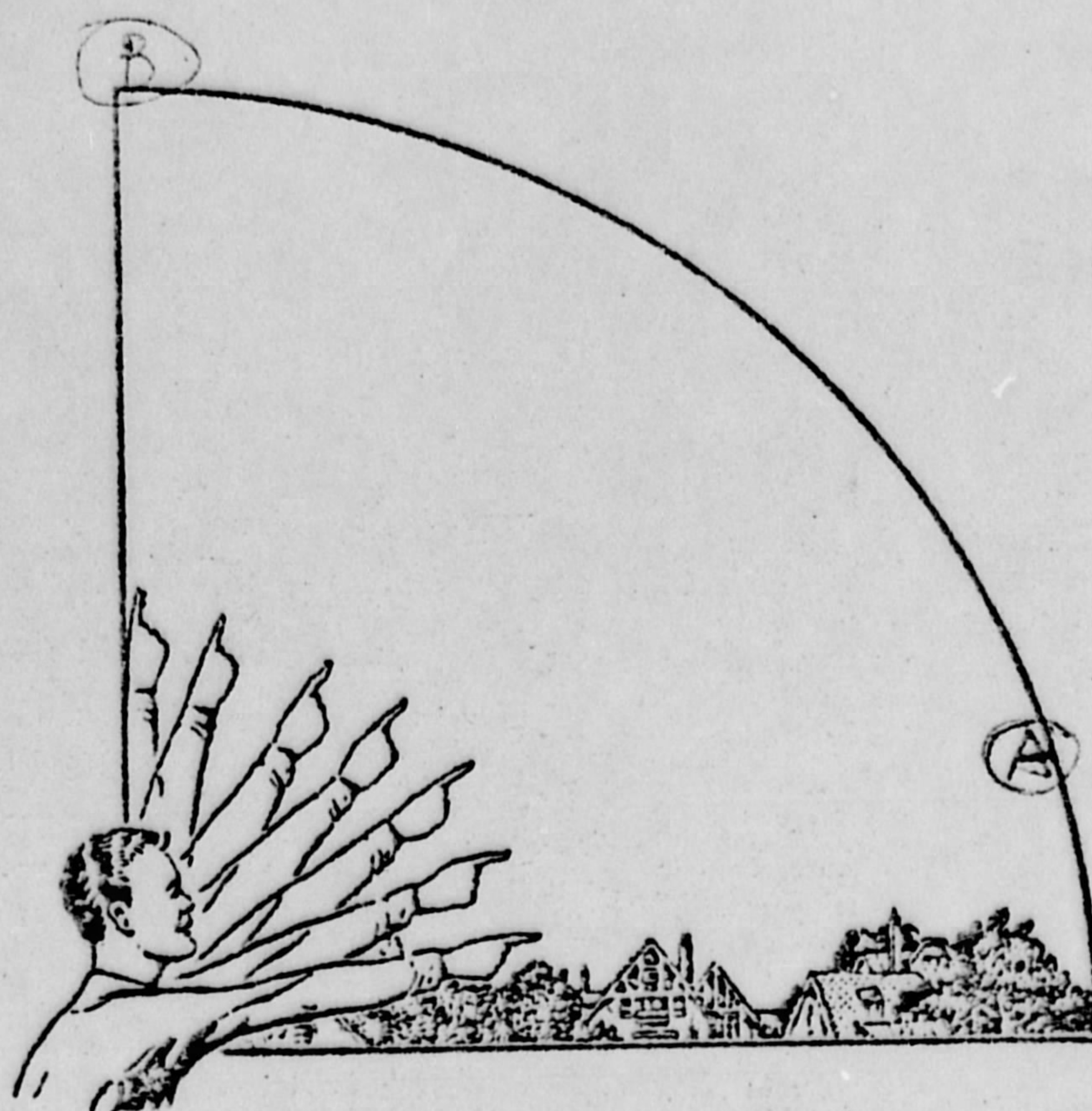
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 0 degrees.
- b. From horizon 15 degrees.

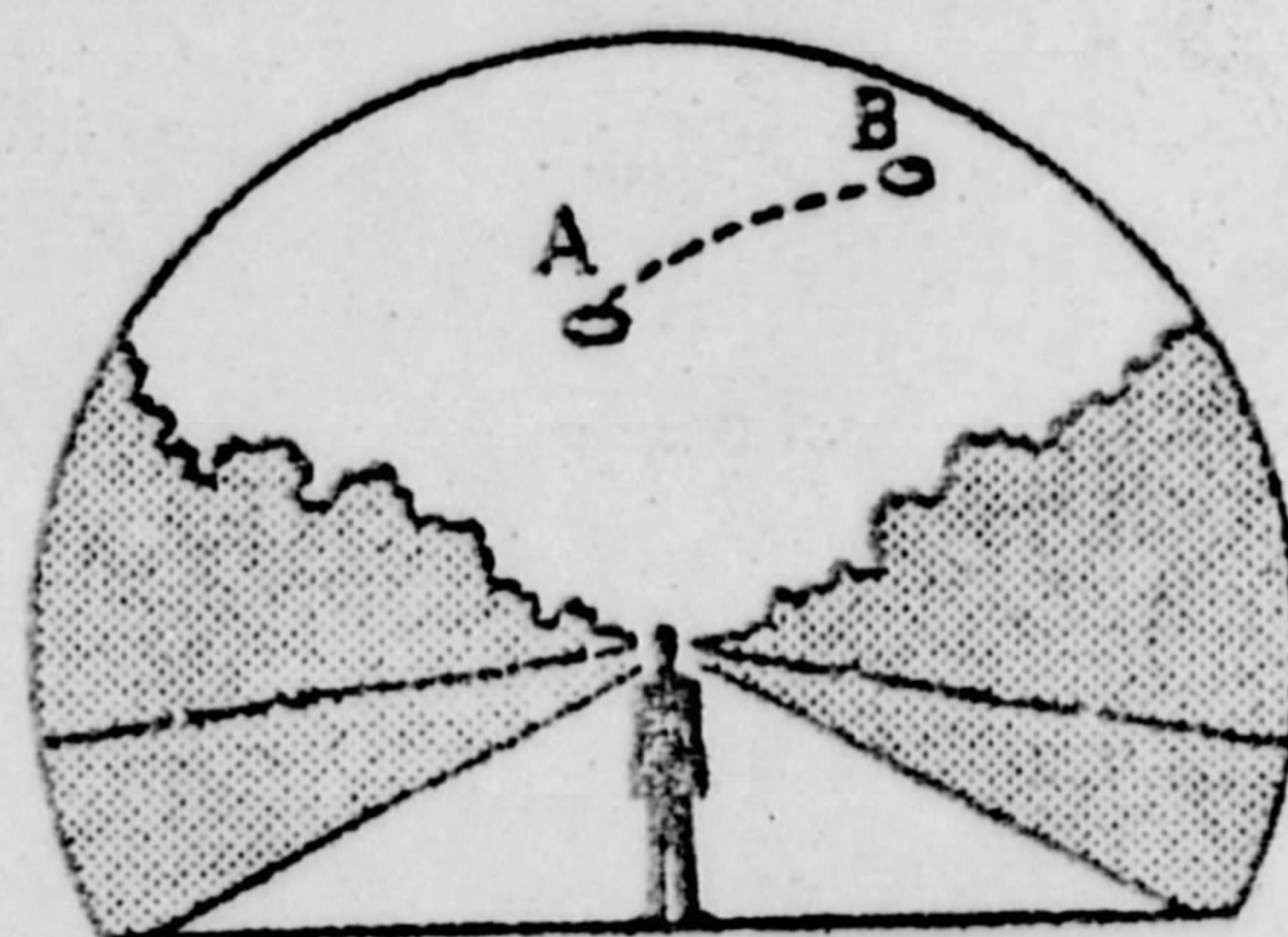
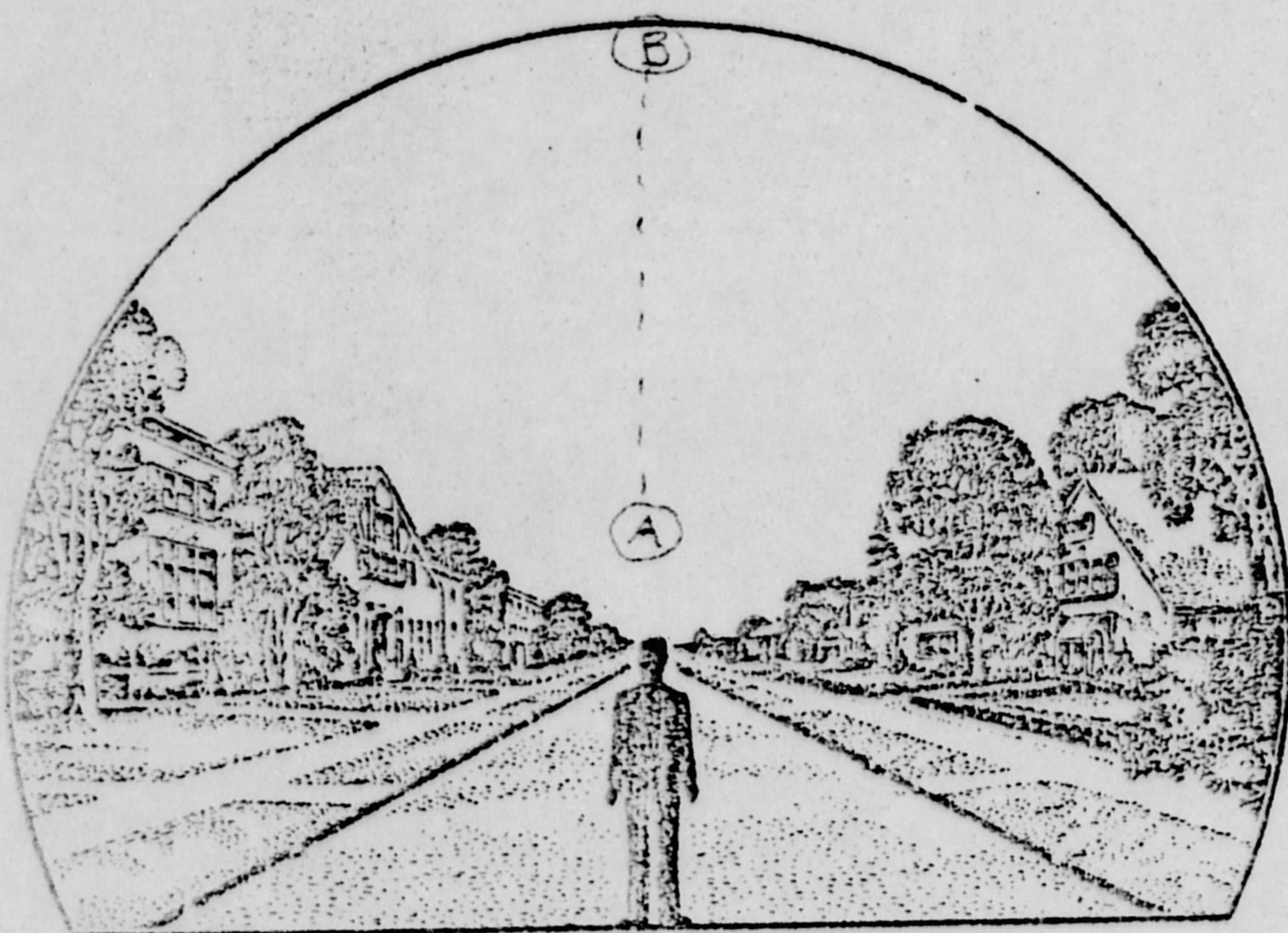
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North N.A. degrees. not applicable
- b. From horizon 90 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?

CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

35. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

29
Day

Oct
Month

1960
Year

To my wife

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've been a farmer most of my life and have directed my attention toward the skies for as long as I can remember. I have never seen anything like this before and have no idea what it was.

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? _____

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? 1/8 mile - 1/4 mile

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

Age 67 Sex Male

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any education, which might be pertinent.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

6
Day

OCT
Month

60
Year

AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-LE2x

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object, Crete, Illinois

20 SEP 1960

to: SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

It is suggested that a questionnaire be forwarded to Mr. [REDACTED]
at Crete, Illinois.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Philip G. Evans
for Major USAF

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

1 Atch:
Cy ltr 14 Sep 60, UFO, Crete, Ill,
29 Aug 60, sgtd by [REDACTED],
w/1 Atch

28 September 1960

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Under date of 30 August, Lieutenant Cizek of Park Forest, Illinois wrote concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object by you on 29 August.

His letter contained insufficient information for a valid conclusion. Therefore request that you fill out the attached Air Force questionnaire and send the completed form to the Commander, Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson, Ohio for their evaluation and analysis.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
Crete
Illinois

✓ Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

DEPT.
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

1690 SEP 30 10 30