

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 Sep 60		2. LOCATION Scranton, Pennsylvania		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 2030 GMT 07/0130Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE N then NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Yellow and light blue object (top part seemed yellow; front and bottom were blue.). Object was a little smaller than the Echo satellite. When first observed it seemed to turn slightly to its left. Then it turned to its left and picked up speed. It passed between the first and second stars on the handle of the Big Dipper. It seemed to rise gracefully. It then went into a cloud and lost its brightness and seemed to turn into a small bluish white dot.				11. COMMENTS This case is classed insufficient data. However, the characteristics and general description indicate that the object sighted was a balloon. No confirming data at this time.	

9 September 1960

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 6 September 1960 concerning the sighting by you of an unidentified flying object on that evening.

Your letter contained insufficient information for a valid conclusions. Therefore, we ask that you fill out the attached Air Force questionnaire and send the completed document to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for their analysis and evaluation.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
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Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
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Scranton 8, Pennsylvania

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Stanton, Penna
September 6, 1960

Dear Sirs:

Tonight at about 8:37
I called the Stanton Tribune
to tell them of a bright
object I had seen in the
Western sky. The object
came out of the West and
was visible for a few
seconds. It seem to pass
between the first and
second stars on the handle
of the big dipper.

I was sitting on the
back porch in the rock-
ing chair when I first
noticed it. I called my
sister-in-law, Verna, who
also saw it. It seem
to make a rather sharp
turn to West-Northwest.
It travel at an amazing
speed. From the sudden
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turn it made it know
it couldn't burn one off
our own satellites, for I
have seen the Echo many
times. This object, (to me)
seem to be pursuing some-
thing. Please sir, let one
of our own or what? Let
me know if you have
any information concerning
the matter.

Would appreciate a
prompt reply from you.
Thank You.

Yours truly

~~[REDACTED]~~

OFFICE, INFO. SERVICES
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SEP 9 1960
Harrisburg, Pa.

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?

6 Day 9 Month 60 Year

2. Time of day:

8 Hour 30 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?

Scranton Nearest Postal Address Scranton City or Town Pa. State or Country

Additional remarks: Back porch on rocking chair

5. How long was object in sight?

Hours

Minutes

7 Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT

a. Bright
b. Cloudy

when seen

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
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?

yes

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>	No	Don't Know
d. Give off smoke?	<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't Know
e. Change brightness?	<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't Know
f. Change shape?	<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't Know
g. Flash or flicker?	<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't Know
h. Disappear and reappear?	<u>Yes</u>	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: The object went thru a cloud

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: a cloud

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	<u>Closest</u>	

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

a. Sound _____

b. Color _____

yellowest and light blue

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.

It traveled too fast.



*The top part seemed yellow.
The front and bottom was blue.*

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

A little smaller than the echo-satellite

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?

Less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the match

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *Yes. It went into a cloud; and lost its brightness.*

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.

I can't answer that as this is the first time I ever saw such a fast moving object. I could say the echo-satellite because I've seen that. But then the echo seemed to be crawling and weaving.

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 (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 _____

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

*I was disgusted watching Miss America contest
Went out back porch and sat on rocking chair
Looked up into the sky and there it was.*

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at this 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. <u>West</u> |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |
| | | | i. Overhead |

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. <u>Northwest</u> |
| | | | 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).

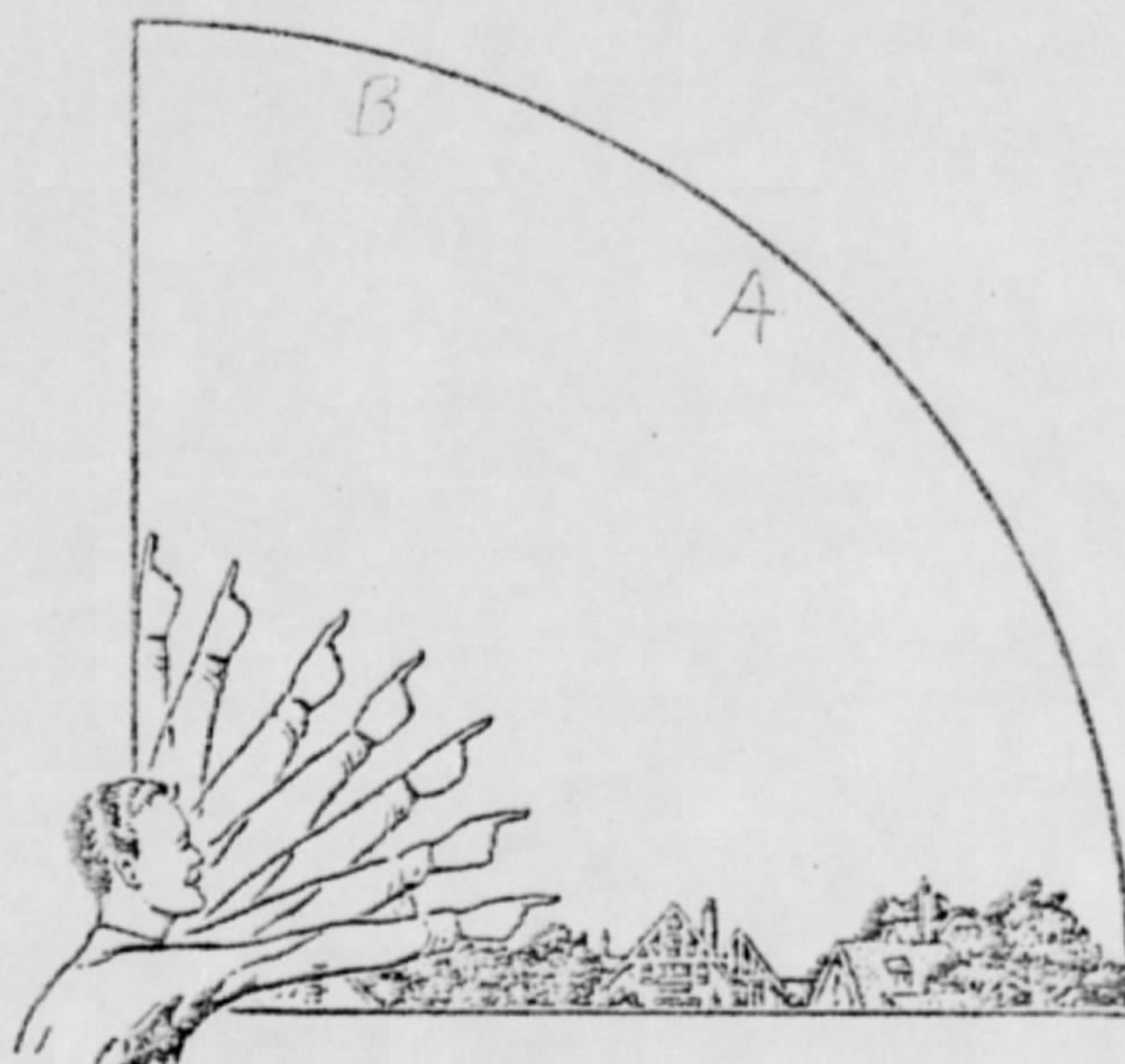
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

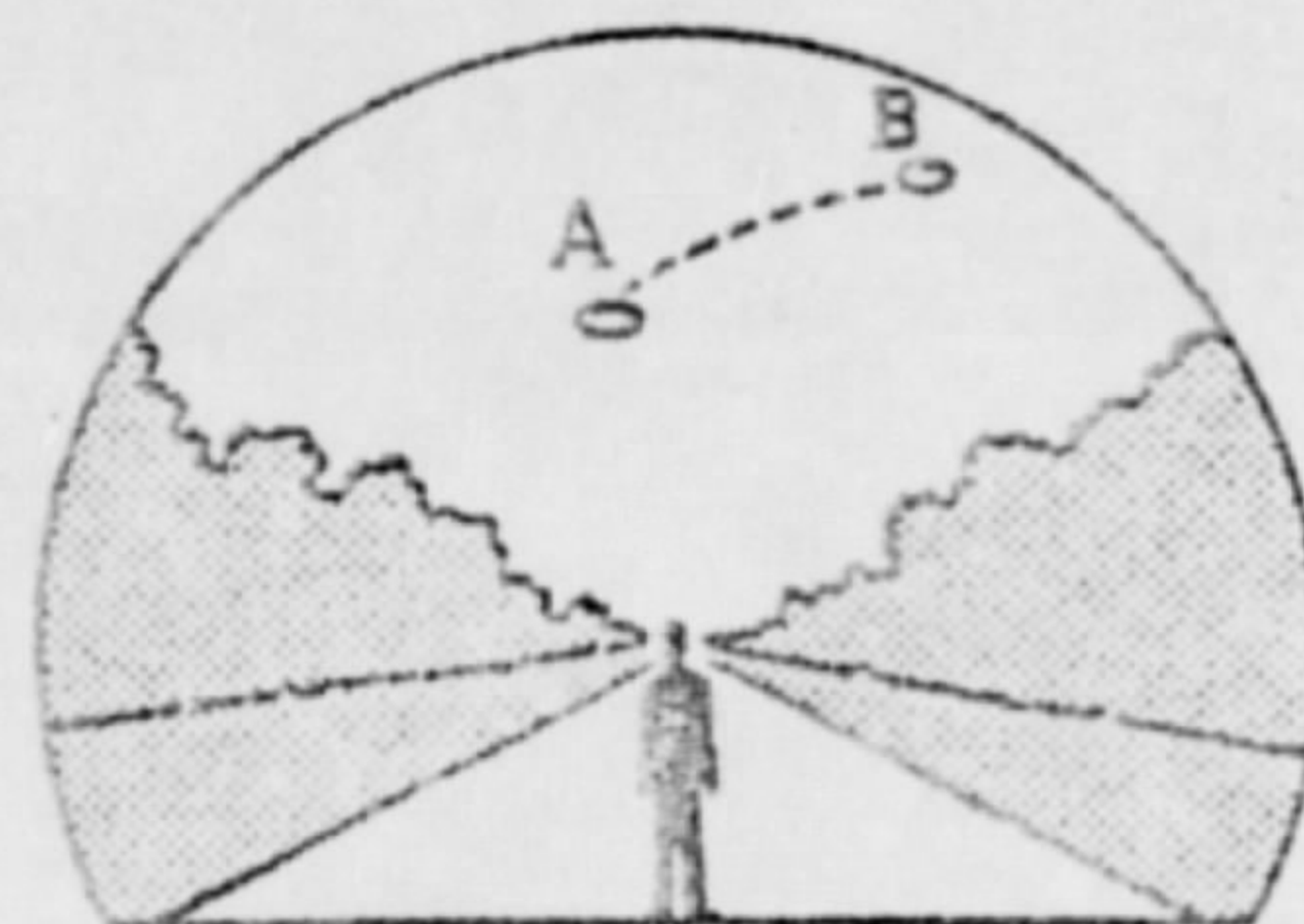
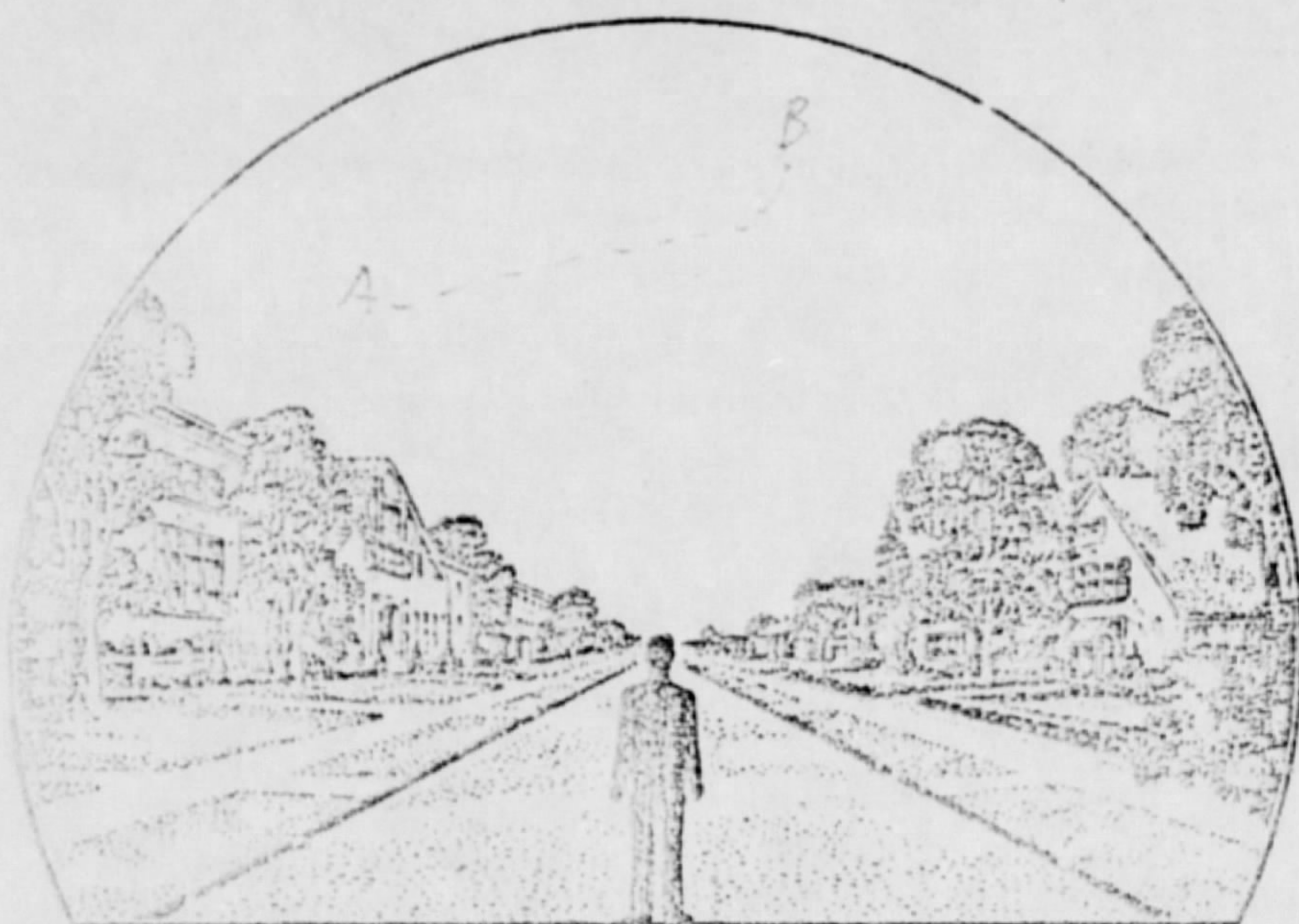
31.2 When it disappeared:

- 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.



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?

6
Day

7
Month

60
Year

*I reported it to
the Scranton Tribune
Newspaper*

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:

*My sister-in-law
was in the house.
I called her out
but she is not sure.
I believe she saw a
star.*

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?

Echo-satellite

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

*I did not see the Echo-satellite. What I saw seemed to
come straight, turn a sharp left: and as it seemed to
gain altitude increased speed as though it went
after something. It climbed fast and high and when it
hit a cloud (before hitting the cloud) made another sharp
turn (left). I will add on more on another sheet.*

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? Answer on another sheet

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? Miles

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[REDACTED]
Last Name

NONE
Middle Name

ADDRESS

SCRANTON
City

8
Zone

PA.
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Age 39

Sex MALE

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

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
MACHINIST

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

[REDACTED]

SIGNATURE

[REDACTED]

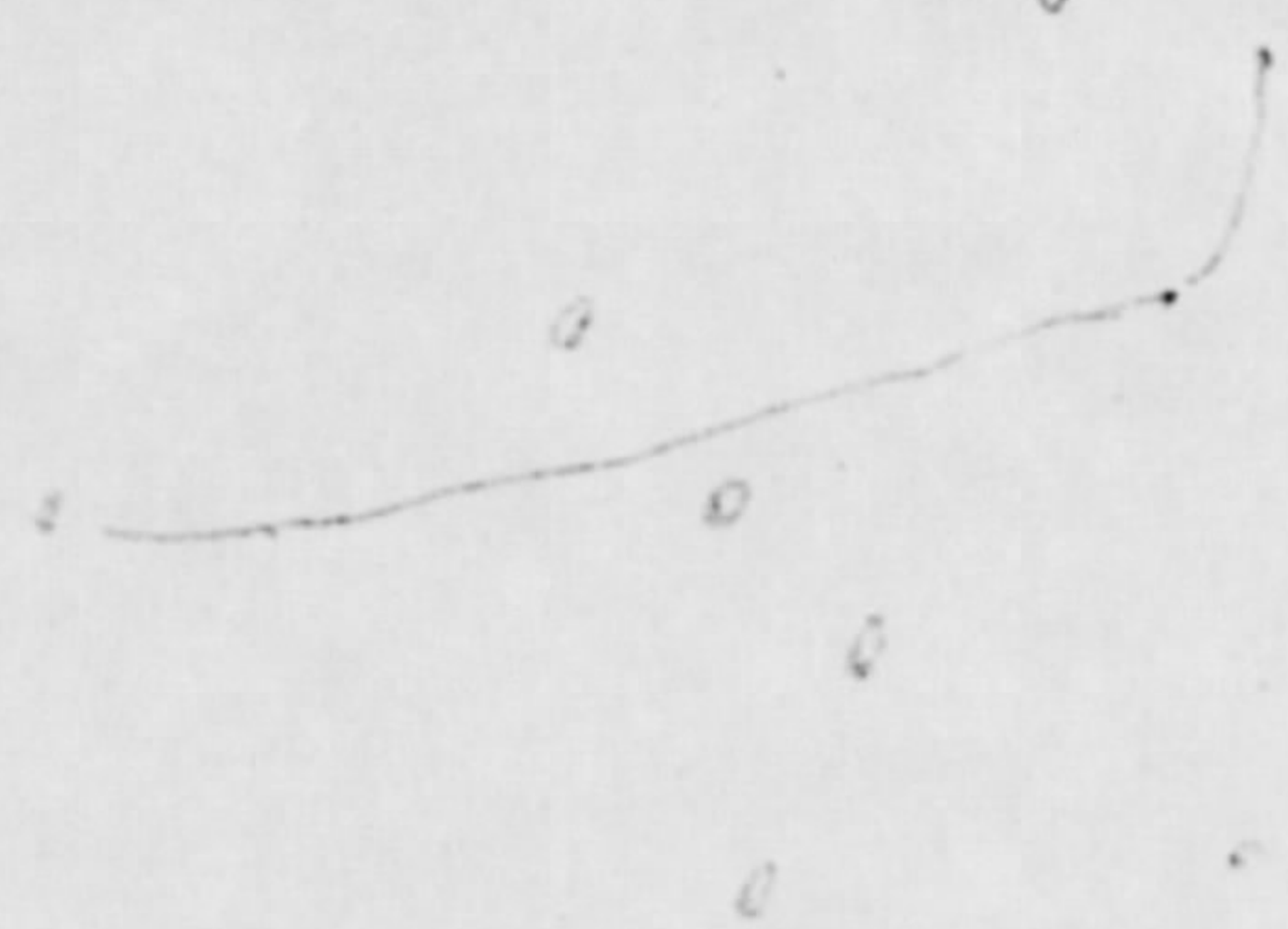
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CODE:

When I first saw this object, it seemed to turn slightly to its left. It was very bright. It seemed to be yellow and blue in color. It was the brightness that attracted me. Then it turned to its left and picked up speed. It passed between the first and second star on the handle of the big dipper. Here is a sketch.



It seemed to pass to be the Echo satellite. It seemed to rise gracefully as though it

knew what it was doing and at the same time like it wanted to go somewhere in a hurry. In the Western sky where it first appeared there was no clouds. The only cloud that night was where this object went in to. There could have been a moon in the East though I'm not sure. When it hit the cloud it lost its brightness and seemed to turn into a small bluish white dot. The following sketches confuse me but here is my sketch - This is looking down. What confuses me is the way you want me to bill is your sketches. That is the heavy lines are like

