

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 Mar 61	2. LOCATION Dallas, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical meteor ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0407 GMT 1/1007Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A big, extremely fast objt streaking from ENE to SW across sky. "Very similar to Greyhound bus about a mile away--going about 1700 mph, head lights out, but lots of dusty glow behind." No sound or color. Appeared - 85° fm N, 40° fm horizon. Disappeared - 230° fm N, 25° fm horizon. Weather clear, dry and cold.			11. COMMENTS Objt apparently moving to SW, which is counter to any of artificial satellites. Description of objt is characteristic of an objt entering earth's atmosphere. Direction of movement rules out a satellite; therefore, objt was probably a meteor.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DIVISION, SAFLL
ATTENTION: Colonel Garcia

SUBJECT: Letter Concerning UFOs, Congressman Alger's Constituent

The following may be used as a basis for reply to Congressman Alger on behalf of his constituent, [REDACTED] of Dallas, Texas.

Dear Congressman Alger:

I refer to your inquiry of 16 March 1961 concerning an unidentified flying object sighted at Dallas, Texas by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] letter contained insufficient information for a valid conclusion. For Mr. [REDACTED]'s use, I am inclosing an Air Force questionnaire which we would like to have him fill out in detail. When the document is completed, Mr. [REDACTED] should forward it to the Commander, Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. When their analysis and/or evaluation is completed, we will be happy to forward the results to Mr. [REDACTED].

In addition, I am inclosing the latest Department of Defense fact sheet on this subject. It clearly states the position of the Air Force and the Department of Defense.

2 Inclosures
Questionnaire
Fact Sheet

LAMARCA
Lt. Col. USAF
Chief, Magazine & Book Branch

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Dallas 25, Texas
March 16th, 1961

Hon. Bruce Alger
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

At exactly 4:07 AM CST early Thursday morning, March 9th, I was out in my back yard doing a bit of amateur satellite watching....hoping to see the polka-dot 12 footer, and

I SAW A BIG, extremely fast, unidentified object streaking from about ENE to SW across the sky. It moved so fast was hard to focus on it, but I DO remember quite a bit of the impression it left with me.

This object, seemingly, moved so darn fast that I would never have given it much later thought, except that the 7:00 AM news that morning carried big story that the Russians had orbited a dog, etc. in a 5-ton rocket.

If whoever looks after things like that should happen to want my impressions of this thing I saw, I would be glad to tell them what I remember. I know this is rather a silly letter, but I wanted to 'tell someone', and, naturally, I AM curious as to whether the time coincided with what we might know of when their rocket came down.

Sincerely,

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

UFO

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MAR 31 1961

Dear Mr. Alger:

This is in response to your inquiry dated March 22, 1961, concerning an unidentified flying object sighted at Dallas, Texas, by Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ letter does not contain sufficient information upon which to base a valid conclusion. For ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ use we are inclosing a questionnaire which we hope ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ will fill out in detail. When completed this document should be forwarded to the Commander, Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. When the Air Force analysis is completed we will be happy to forward the results to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.

We are also forwarding a copy of the latest Department of Defense fact sheet on Unidentified Flying Objects, which I hope will be helpful to you. If we can be of further assistance to you, please let me know.

MR

Recd 23 March Fwded SAFOI w/sus of

Sincerely,

30 March

Not Ackned

Fin ltr prpd & fwded bsd on memo frm Col

Tacker, SAFOI dtd 29 March

Memo issued to AF dtd 22 March

1. UFO Fact Sheet 2. Questionnaire 3. Ltr frm consti

Honorable Bruce Alger

GORDON B. KNIGHT

Colonel, USAF

Chief, Congressional Inquiry

Division

Office of Legislative Liaison

cc:COORD CMBK

Col Garcia SAFOI

House of Representatives

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?

9 March 1961
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

4 47 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?

Dallas (University Park) TEXAS
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks:

5. How long was object in sight?

Hours

Minutes

2 (to 5) ?
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

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?

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | <u>No</u> | 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?

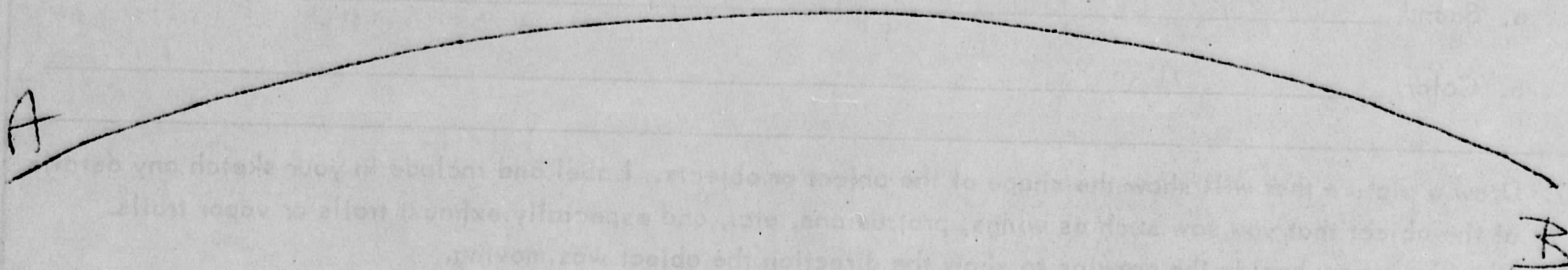
(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: lots of stars

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 | <u>Yes</u> | 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 | _____ | |

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?

very similar to Greyhound bus about a mile away!

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?

Just about same size. (width, that is.)

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

" SW
over the horizon "

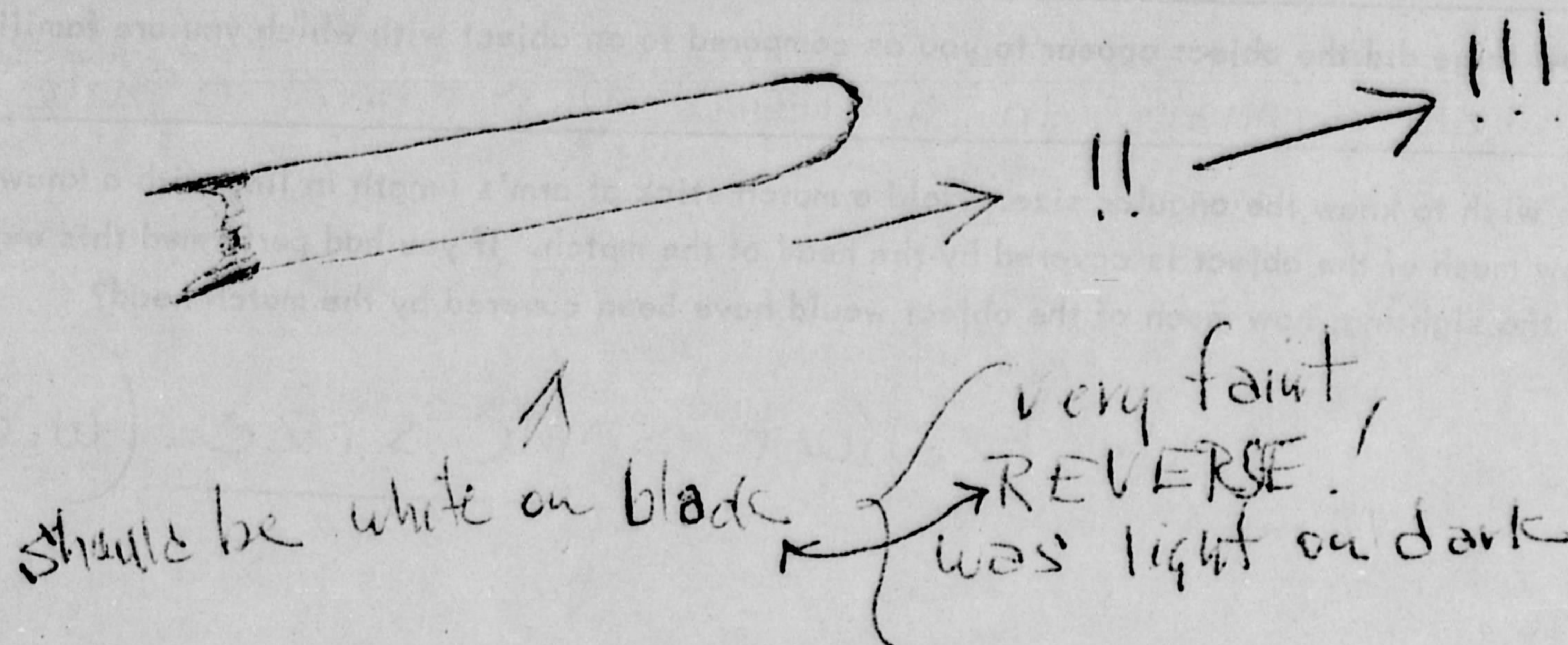
24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

See vt. above
1700??
at night = going _____ miles an hour =
head light out, but LOTS of dusty glow behind.

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

- a. Sound No (but you almost could hear and smell it — a sensation of the steel I guess)
- b. Color No

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.

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?

Trying for my first look at Explorer IX which the
papers said was due 4/14 CST. Elev. 74°, AZ. 115° (ESE) that
morning. I have watched S/60 Echo many, many times
(still have NOT seen Explorer IX - just looking)

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. <u>Southeast</u> | 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. <u>South</u> | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | 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).

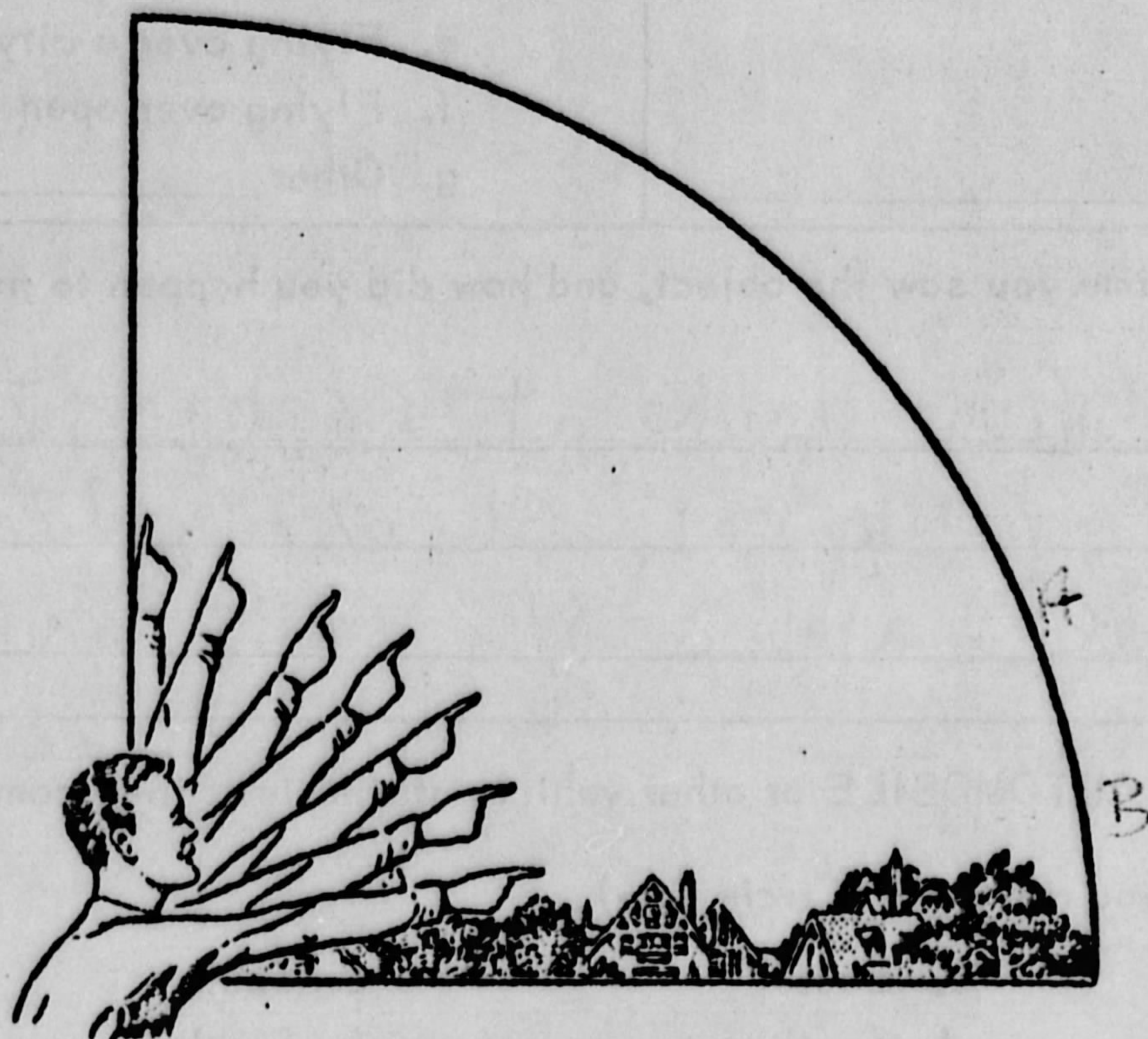
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 85 degrees.
- b. From horizon 40 degrees.

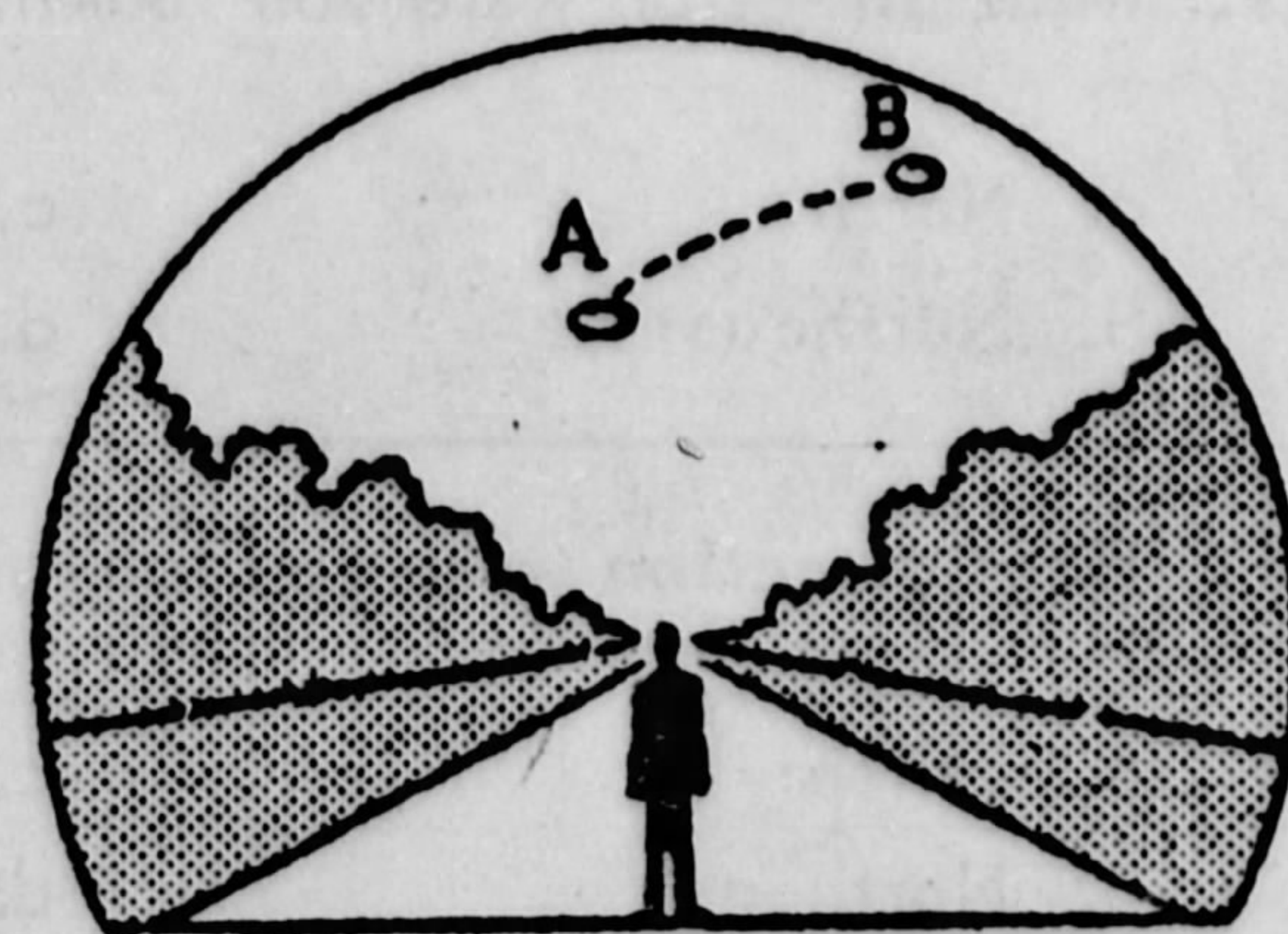
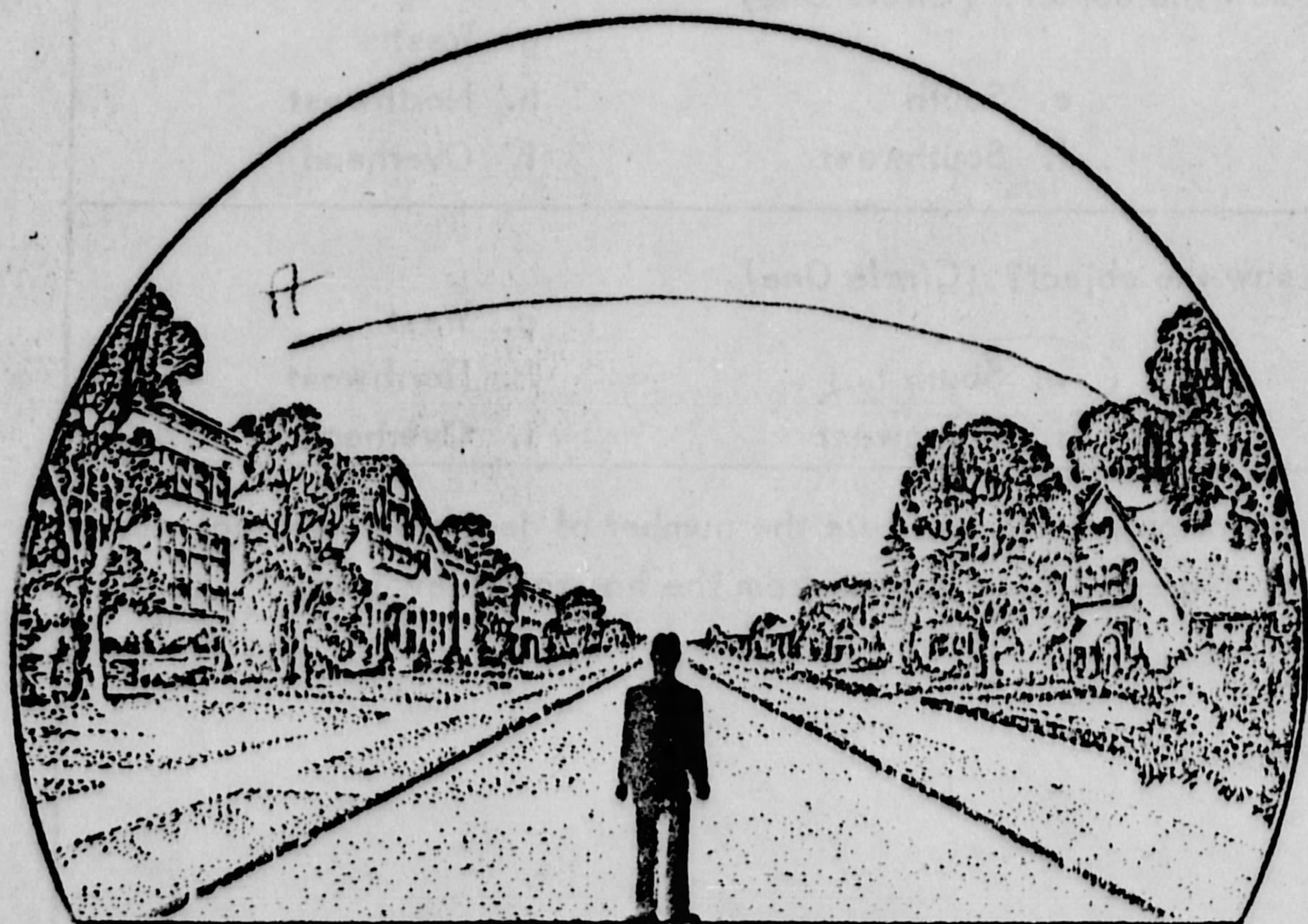
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 230 degrees.
- b. From horizon 25 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

(+ COLD!)

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

about 16 MA 61
Day Month Year

mentioned with another man
to my congressman =
Rep. Bruce Alger
M.C.

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?

Because of speed, would never have given this a second thought except 'radio' at 4744 said, "The Russians have just landed a space vehicle". I thought then I might just possibly have seen same.

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? _____

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS _____

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

Age

44

Sex

M

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

2 yrs college (Alites, G.I.)

formerly =
ASN 38682121

both Signal Radio Intelligence Co.

2nd. SIG. BN.

Vent Hill Farms Sta. VA.

radio
(830 H.S. opv.)

AGC Test = 151
(score)

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

8

Month

AP

Year

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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

April 8, 1961

Just in case this should be a possible sighting of the afore mentioned Russian "vehicle," let me know. otherwise, forget it, and I'm sorry to have troubled you. (I do not have much hope that anyone else would have seen "this" — it moved so rapidly — unless they were real "pros.")

Sincerely, [redacted]