

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 MAY 1961 25 MAY, 1961		2. LOCATION Smyrna, Delaware		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical (Antares) ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2230 GMT 0330Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE ---	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright object flashing or flickering, low on the horizon observed through trees. Orange color.				11. COMMENTS The star Antares was in the position indicated by the observer. General configuration of the object conforms to observation of a star.	

16 June 1961

Dear [REDACTED]:

Your letter of May 25th addressed to the President of the United States has been referred to this office. The U. S. Air Force is the agency assigned the responsibility for the investigation of unidentified flying object reports.

The date of your sighting along with the time and description of the objects and its movements, correlates approximately to that of a radiosonde (RAOBS) launched from Sterling, Virginia. This is a balloon lifted radio transmitter with unpacked parachute (collapsed) attached. Its purpose is to provide temperature and wind information at high altitudes. It rises to extremely high altitudes, well above the troposphere. Finally, due to maximum expansion and very low temperature, the balloon bursts, sending fragments in several directions at high velocities. However other locations launch similar balloons. A check with the information officer at Dover AFB would confirm this along with launch schedules.

The brilliance of the object is determined by the amount of light striking it and the reflected light conditions from below. In some cases the brilliance can be of a magnitude brighter than the planet Venus.

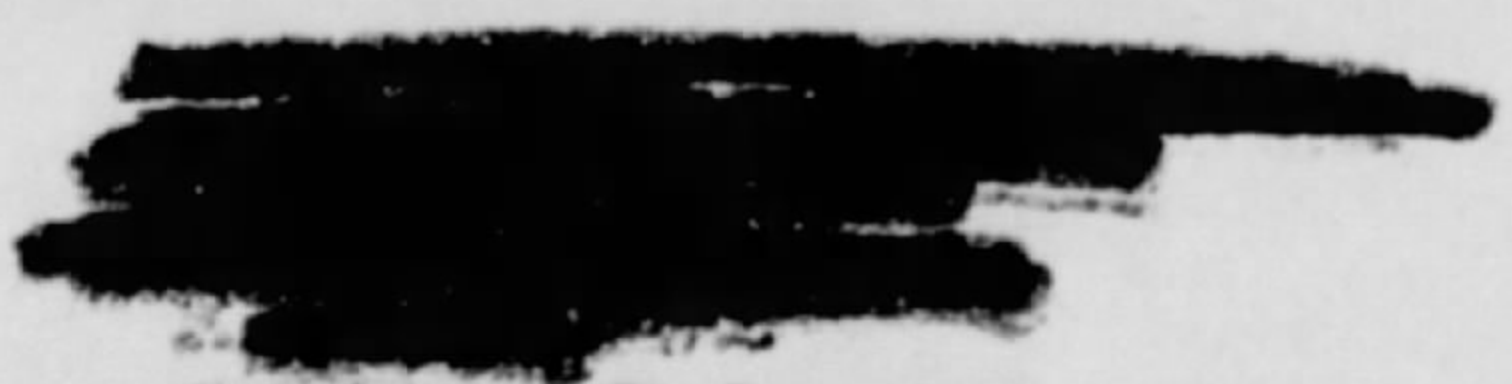
For a while longer you may still be able to see the balloons launched from Sterling, Virginia. From Smyrna, you should look between azimuth 230 degrees and 300 degrees at altitudes varying from near the horizon to about 60 degrees between 7:45 P.M. and 9:00 P.M., all times daylight. If you see it, it should be extremely bright. For the RAOBS from Dover AFB (if they are launching), you should look generally in the same area of previous sightings. The positions will vary with the high altitude wind velocities and directions.

If future sightings do not fall within the criteria listed above, please complete the enclosed questionnaire and mail in the attached pre-addressed envelope.

Your interest is appreciated.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN
Major, USAF
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information



Smyrna, Delaware

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IN REPLY REFER TO
ETP/1

June 13, 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Major William Coleman, SAFOI
3C
Headquarters USAF
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: Referral of Correspondence

The enclosed correspondence is forwarded for consideration and appropriate action to include direct reply to the writer who has been notified of this referral. Information copy of your reply is not requested.

Encl:

Recent letter from

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Smyrna, Delaware

[REDACTED]
E. B. Parks
Chief, Exchange Section
Office of Technical Information
and Educational Programs

NASA
AF

May 15

Friday 26, 2:25 o'clock

Dear Mr Kennedy:

Last night (Thursday night) at about 9:00-3:00 o'clock I 11 year old ~~_____~~ saw an orange colored disc in the sky over Dover Air Force Base.

First it hovered then it moved back and forth for 12 miles.

The its light grew fainter and fainter. Finally it vanished.

As it moved it seemed to be turning on an axis. Tilted that is. As it tilted back and forth

Once while on its way to disaper it seemed to be exchanging missiles with earth and itself.

I suggest you look into to it, it may be a spy from outer space.

While I'm at it give my congratulations to Alan B Shephard Jr.

I wrote the preceding letter to you because I don't know N. A. S. A.'s address.

NASA Mail Sec. JUN 5 1961			
TO: AF ^①	AP ^②		
☒ ACTION	☐ FOR INFORMATION		
COPY COPY TO			
INFORMATION COPY TO			

Thank You for your kind attention.

Sincerely yours

~~_____~~

Turn

I'm very interested in space
stuff. Not fiction but fact!

my address is:

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Smyna Delaware

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?

Monday June 1961
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

10:21 30
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?

In bed
Nearest Postal Address

SMYRNA
City or Town

DEL.
State or Country

Additional remarks: none

5. How long was object in sight?

0 APPROX 10 0
Hours Minutes 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?

yes indeed

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: *A FOREST*

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?

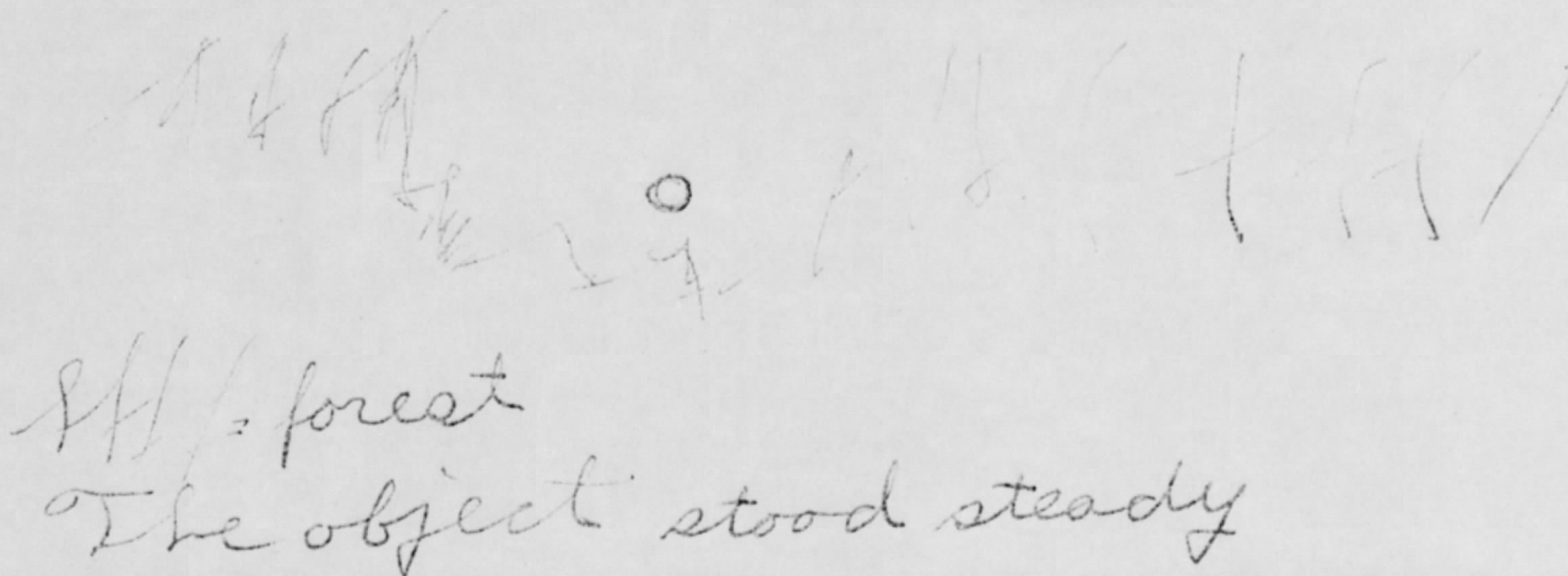
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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | ☒ No | e. Binoculars | Yes | ☒ No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | ☒ No | 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 orange

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?

I was was watching cars, when I glanced toward the forest

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 |
| | | | 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. 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:

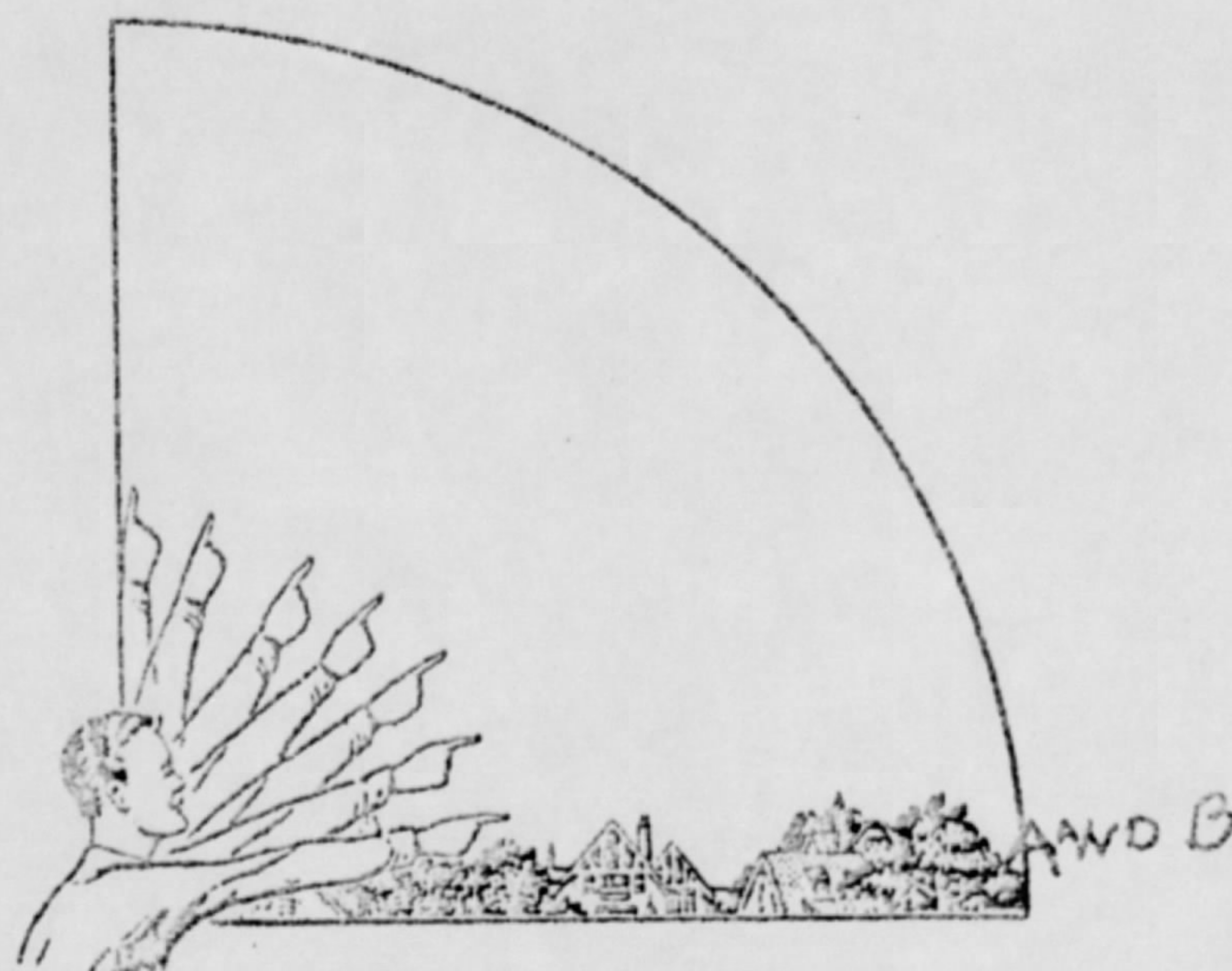
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

Am not familiar with this

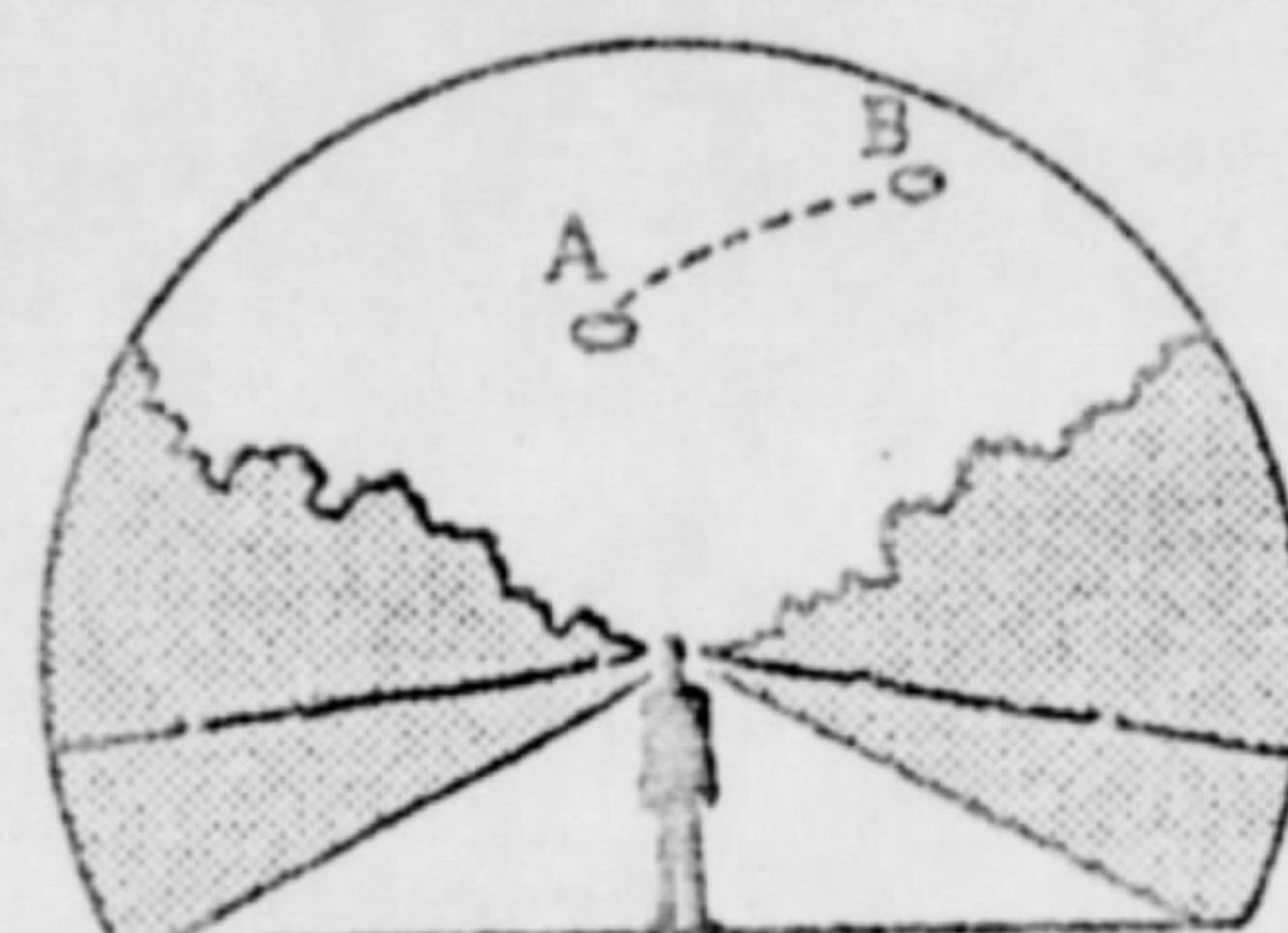
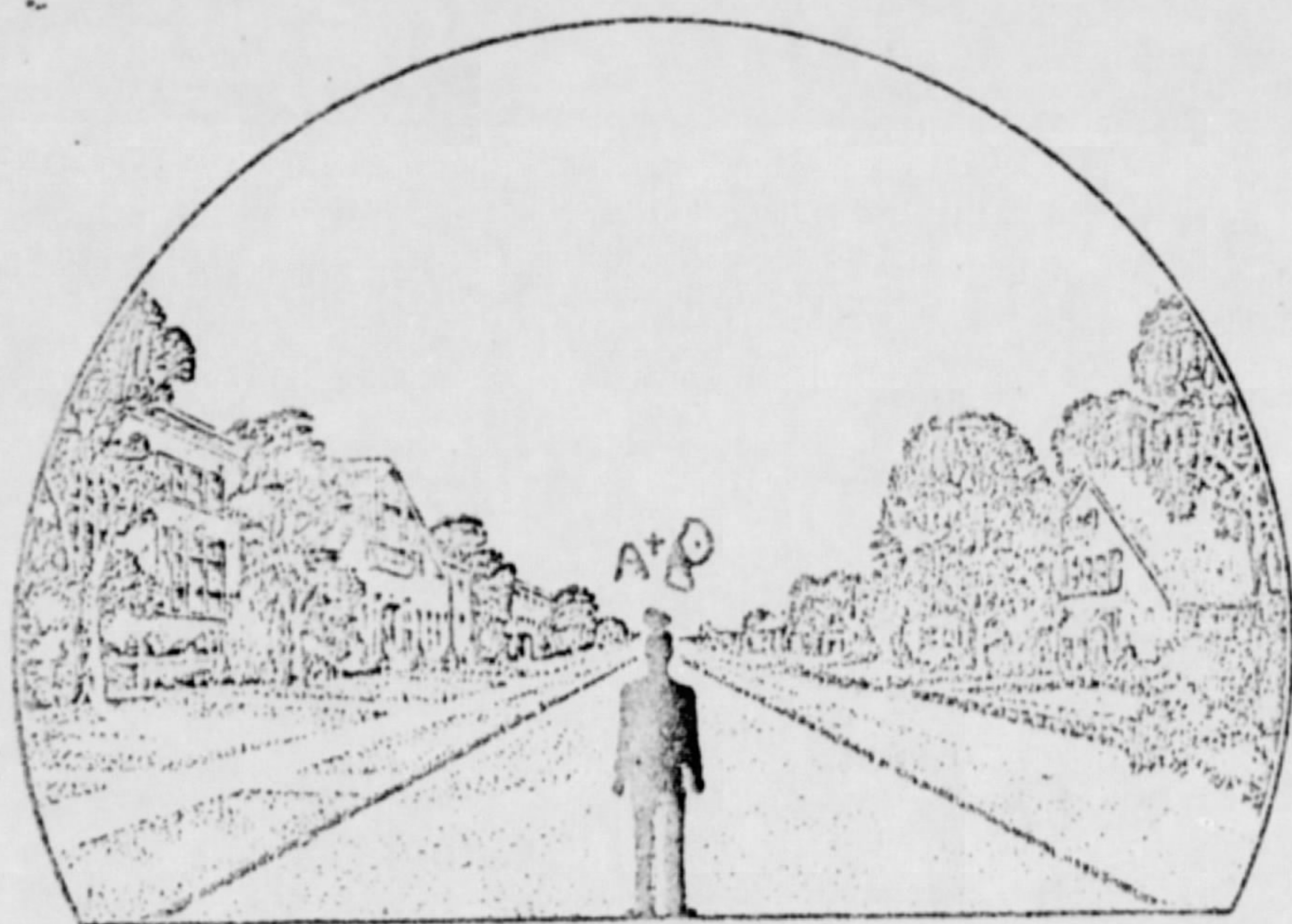
31.2 When it disappeared:

- 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?

nobody

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:

my sister miss

[REDACTED]

SMYRNA, DEL

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?

WHERE: AT HOME

WHEN: 9:00 - 9:30 P.M.

Circumstance: Standing still

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

It may have been crooks or spaceman signaling to each other, because after 10 min. staring at it (I did the staring) it was gone

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 or 1/2 MILE

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State
DEL

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Age

11

Sex

MALE

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

Education: good

Grade: 6

I never flunked (so far)

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Tues.
Day

June
Month

1961
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)

SIGNATURE

DATE

June 20, 1961

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

 = LIGHTS
OF
DOVER

CLEARING in ~~wooded~~ woods



 OBJECT FLASHING

US
13

DIRT ROAD

THE Reason I included this is because
the clearing was never before there