

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Jun 61	2. LOCATION Dexter, Missouri		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0215 GMT 300815Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical Venus ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hr 30 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE S	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Star-like objt, bright reddish-orange at times and blue-white at others. Appeared slightly brighter than other stars, slightly larger than Venus. Without changing position, it faded out like someone had turned out a light.		11. COMMENTS Objt was reported to be low in NE moving S. Witnesses were apparently looking at objt through a haze layer, according to report. Altho witnesses ruled out planets, a check indicates that Venus was in position reported. Venus, or any light source, viewed thru a haze layer will have an unusual appearance. Fact that objt was viewed for over 2 hrs rules out a/c or even balloons. Any astronomical body observed in NE will appear to be moving S. Disappearance and reappearance could very well be due to clouds. It is concluded that objt was probably Venus.	

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20 JUL 1961

UFO Report

SAFOI-3C (Major Coleman)

Attached are copies of two (2) letters reporting the sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena. The information is limited; therefore, it is suggested that your office forward two (2) ATIC Form 164s to each individual for completion and forwarding to FTD.

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Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

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14 August 1961

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your recent letter furnishing information on a UFO sighting is appreciated. In order that we may have more complete information, I am forwarding a copy of the ATIC questionnaire with the request that you complete it as fully as possible and forward directly to:

Hq Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
Attention: Aerial Phenomena Investigations

Your interest in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bernie, Missouri

July 9, 1961

Department of the Air Force
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

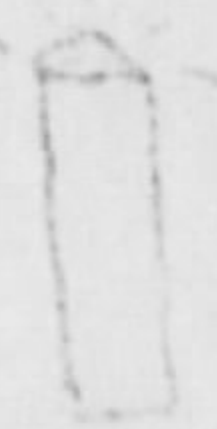
Dear Sirs:

This is a UFO sighting report. It took place on June 30, 1961, at Dexter, Missouri. All time checks in this report are approximate, as I did not have a timepiece available.

It was approximately 2:15 A.M. when we spotted the object. I was at Dexter on a date with my girl friend, [REDACTED]. She was leaving for California the next day and so I stayed a little later than usual. We were out driving around when she noticed it. "It" was a round blue-white object, slightly larger than Venus. As a matter of fact, it looked so much like a star that I payed no attention to it, at first. The next time I looked at it moved to the left about two feet. I asked her if she noticed it and she said she had. I drove the car to one of the elementary schools. It was built on a hill and one can get a good unobstructed view of the surrounding country side. I parked the car in the driveway and we got out to watch the object.

When we first noticed the object, it was low and to the northeast. As we watched it, it got closer and moved south ever so often. The movement was very slight at times and you had to watch closely to notice it. Then at about 2:35 A.M., the light began to grow dim and gradually faded out completely. We got back into the car and prepared to leave, when she said: "Wait a minute, its coming back." Sure enough, the light came back growing brighter until it was back to its original brightness. We got back out of the car and resumed our watch.

From approximately 2:35 to 3:15 the object moved closer to us. As it got closer we could see that it was not a light at all. Rather it was of cylindrical shape with the light on top of it. I have a rough drawing of it below.



At about 3:40, two more witnesses showed up. The city police, out on their nightly patrol, noticed my car and pulled in to investigate. We called their attention to the object and they watched with us for about 5 minutes. All this time, the object was gradually drifting south and getting lower in the sky.

I took [redacted] home about 4:00 A.M., and left for home ([redacted], a small town about 5 miles south of Dexter). When I arrived home, the object was still in the sky still moving south and getting lower. It was still there when I went to bed.

I delayed sending in this report for several reasons. First, I took some pictures of the object which did not come in until Wednesday of this week. They did not come out. Secondly, I wanted to try to cover every possibility of what this object might of been.

I have ruled out airplanes, for the fact that an airplane does not hang in one position. Also there was no sound. I have also ruled out stars and planets. There was a layer of clouds covering the northeastern sky that night and the object was below the cloud layer. It might possibly have been a balloon but what kind of a balloon has a light on top of it. Also, what would account for the light fading out and then coming back?

Any other information I can give you, I will be glad to do. I can be reached at this address:

[redacted]
Bernie, Missouri

Very truly yours,
[redacted]
[redacted]

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?

30 June 1981
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 7 15
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] Dexter Mississippi
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: 1 mile in front of house
2 miles south of Dexter

5. How long was object in sight?

2 30
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 NIGHT
a. Bright a. Bright
b. Cloudy 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?

It was slightly 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

b. Color

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.

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?

Small cylinder about 1/2 inch

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?

nearly all of it

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

yes, without changing position, the UFO just faded out like someone had turned out a light.

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.

A cylinder, such as many balloons are, placed upon its end which is brightly lit on its top.



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 sitting in my car and noticed it while driving.
It was a small, dark object, about the size of a car, and it was moving very fast.
It was at night, and I was driving on a dark road.

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? 30 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).

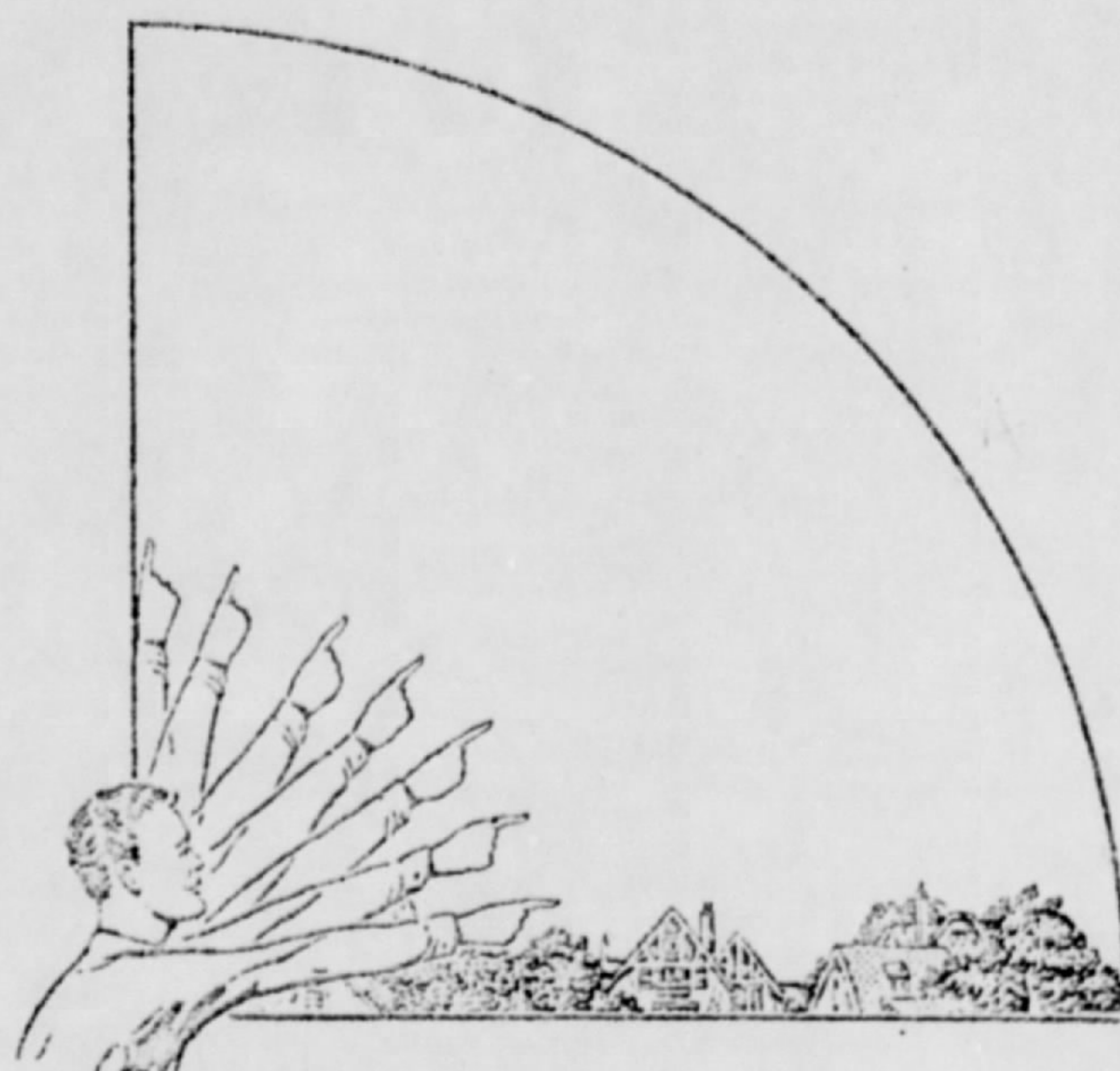
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

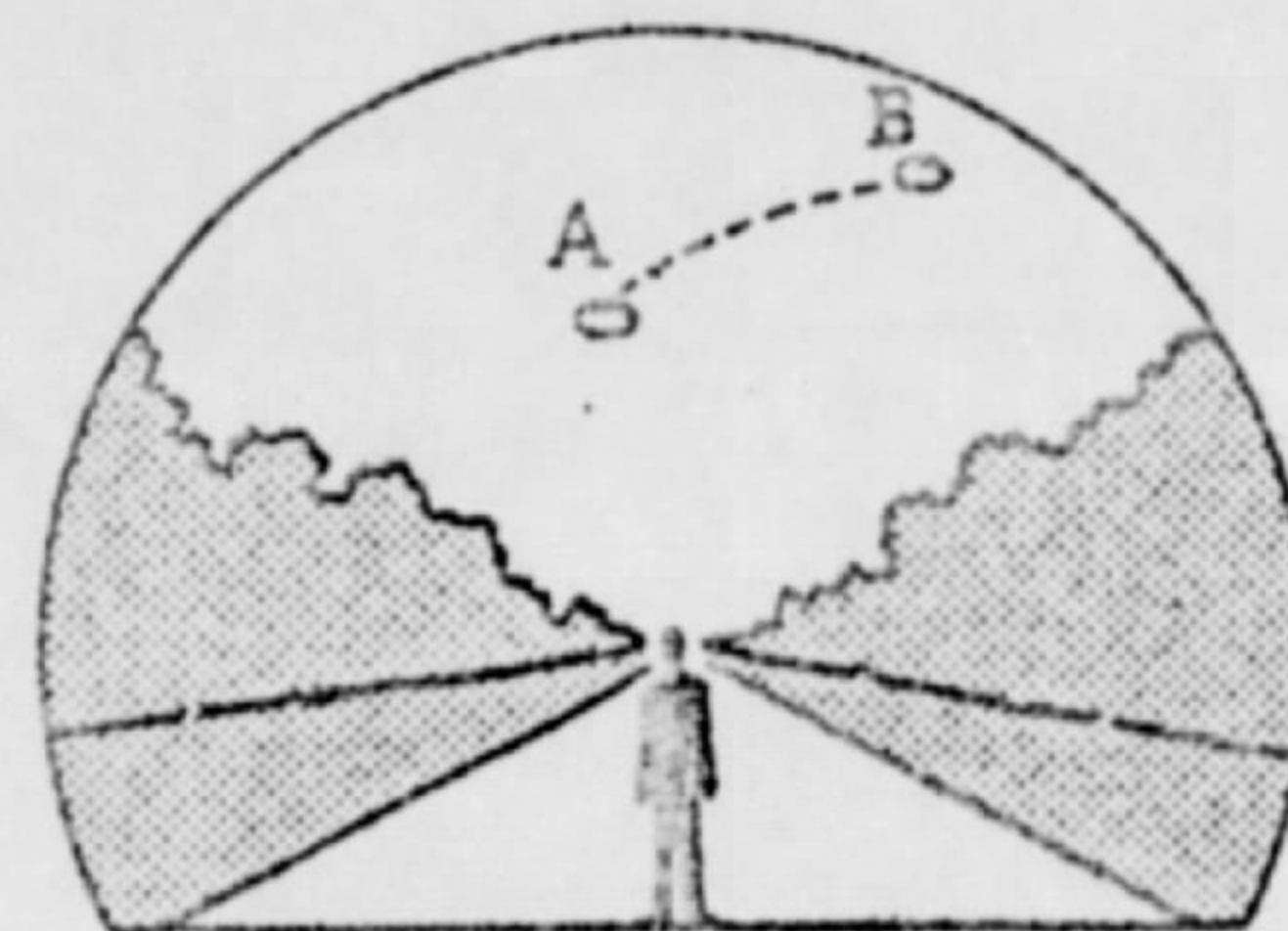
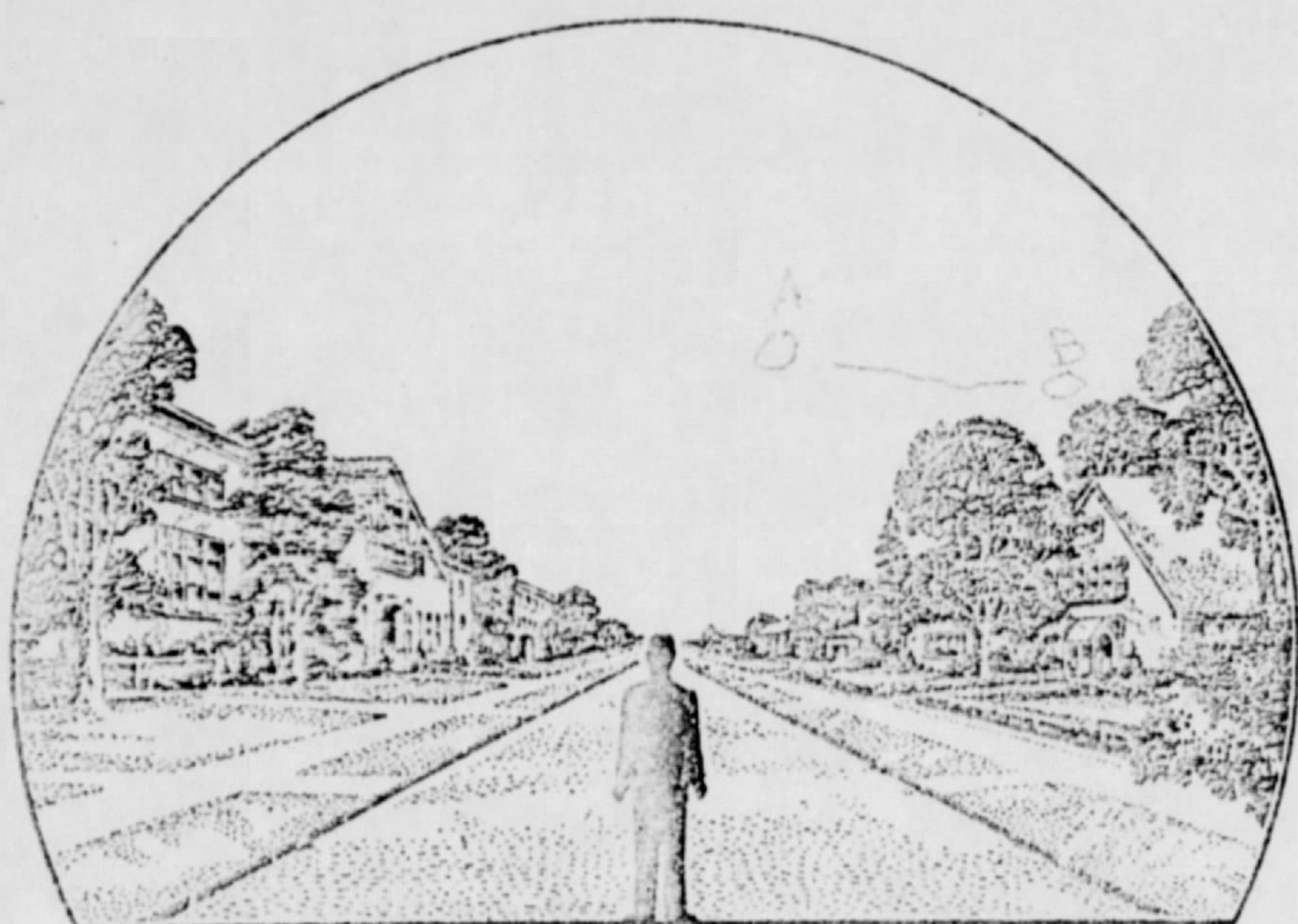
31.2 When it disappeared:

- 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?

10 July 1961
Day Month Year

Reported to the
U.S. Air Force

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:

Miss [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
San Diego, Calif.

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 have no idea what it was or what caused it. It might have been a balloon or a piece of paper or something like that. I don't know.

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 _____ BETH _____ Zone _____ State _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

Age 18 Sex MALE

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

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]

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

[REDACTED]

DATE

August 4, 1951

The sighting occurred early on the morning of June 30, 1951 at about 05:15. I was driving my wife and [REDACTED] home. It was our last date so we stopped out a little later than usual. I was not the first to spot the UFO; she was. She noticed a light off to the northeast. I did not pay particular attention to it at first, it looked like a star to me. But the next time I looked at it, it moved. Another thing I noticed was that it was moving in a very slow but steady fashion. It appeared to be a small object that moved from the northeast to the southwest. I am absolutely sure that it was not a meteor or a satellite which it was not.

This spot offered the best view of the surrounding country. It was a fairly unobstructed view of the valley. We got out of the car and decided to watch the UFO.

The movement of the UFO was from northwest to southeast. It traveled very slowly and appeared at times to be coming closer to us. It also moved slightly lower each time it moved.

As the illustration shows, it moved in part of a circle - step motion.

We watched for about 15 min. when suddenly the light began to wobble out. It grew dimmer and suddenly vanished, as if someone had turned it out. Thinking that was all, we got back into the car and started to leave. "Wait!" I suddenly said. "Once enough, the light began to grow brighter until it was back to its original brilliance. At no time, my friend, did the UFO move in any way when it did this. We got back out of the car and continued to watch the UFO."

At about 3:30 A.M., I took [redacted] home, because I didn't want to stay out any later. Actually it was about 4:00 when we arrived at her house. I told her to keep an eye on the UFO as we could compare notes the next day. As I drove home the UFO was still there, and though I thought it silly at the time, seemed to be pacing me. When I got home I watched it until 4:30 and then went to bed, because I could hardly keep my eyes open.

When [redacted] and I compared notes the next day, she said that shortly after I left, she looked up and the UFO was not there. Perhaps it did pace me while all.

I watched for several nights afterward, but did not spot anything like the UFO.

Facts of this report may not compare exactly with my original report, for I lost my notes concerning the sighting. For the most part, this is how the sighting occurred.