

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Jul 61		2. LOCATION Palatka, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2100 GMT 130000Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☒ Other Inconsistent data ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2		9. COURSE N	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 2 blue-white pulsating lights moving across sky fm E-W at about 40° off western horizon. They joined into 1 light and speeded up and turned crimson then made a sharp 180° turn and headed again into E. Then turned and headed N, still glowing crimson.				11. COMMENTS Observer reported sighting as 29 Jun in letter. On form reported sighting as 12 Jul. Data incomplete. If sighting was 29 Jun and witness was observing a single objt it is possible that objt was missile launched 6 min prior; however, in view of conflicting info case listed as Other (Inconsistent data).	

Rt. 3

Palatka Fla

Dear Sirs,

While a short time ago sitting in my yard I saw two blue-white pulsating lights moving across the sky from east to west. at about 40° off the western horizon they joined into one light and speeded up tremendously and turned crimson red then made a sharp 180° turn and headed again into the east. at then made another sharp 90° turn and headed north still glowing crimson red and moving at a tremendous speed.

There was lightning in the south west and each time it flashed a silvery disc could be seen instead of the red glow.

This took place in about 3 minutes first sighted around 9 P.M. Thursday June 29 - 1961.

I am sure this was not a jet although one had just passed from north to south in the sky.

From the unidentified object I saw
I heard no sound but I did hear
the recently passed jet.

The unidentified object was flying
and maneuvering too fast to be a
jet.

I am writing this letter in acc-
ordance with the Air Technical
Intelligence Command's issuing
of a statement for reports of
such matters.

Thank you.

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Palatka Fla.

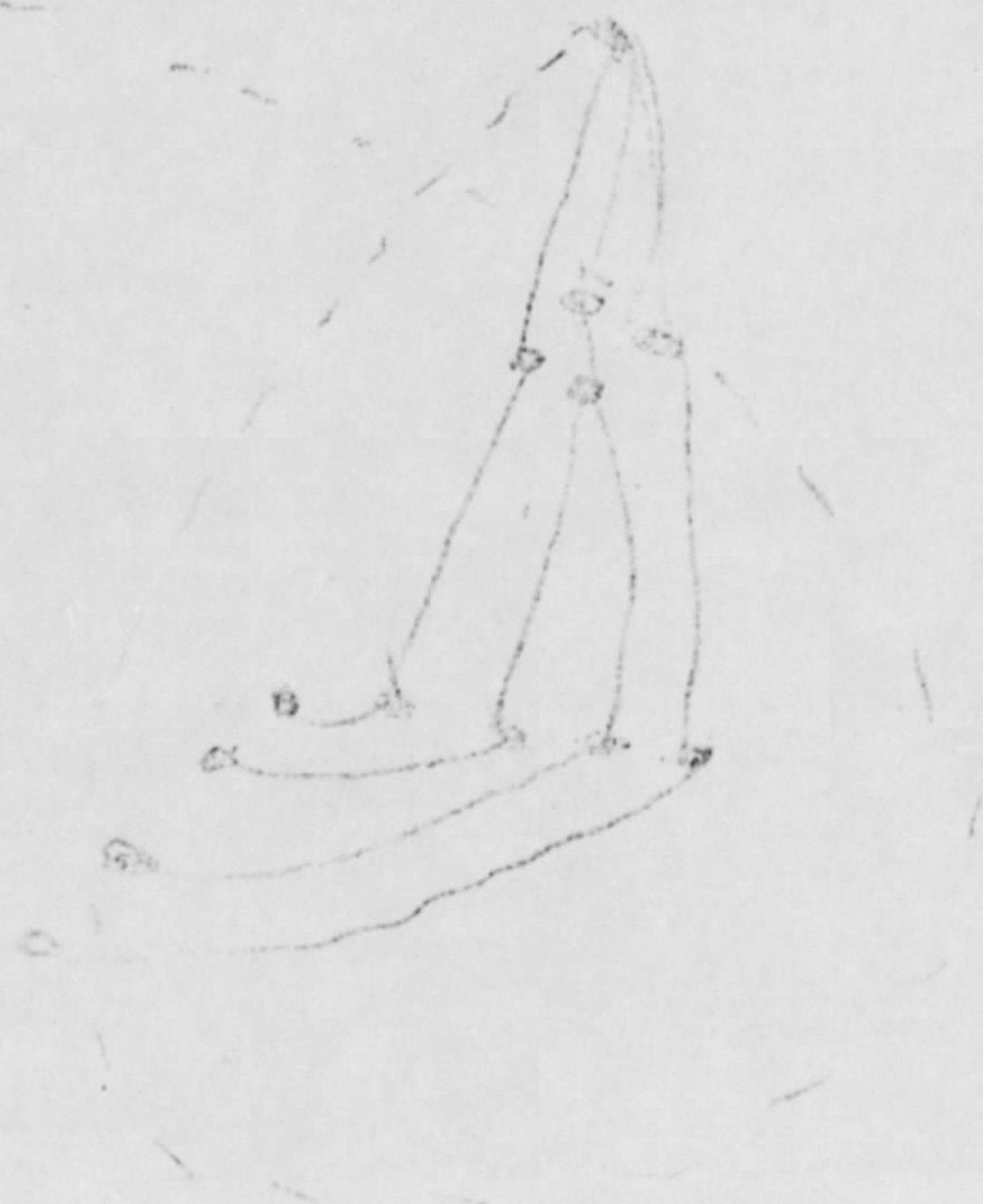
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A FEW WEEKS AGO I SAW
2 SAUCERS FLY ACROSS THE
SKY. ONE HAD SEVERAL NOZZLES
IT WAS MOVING TO FAST. AND THE
ONE TOO FAST TO SET,

IT WAS BLUE-WHITE THEN THE
TWO JOINED INTO ONE, IT RISE
ED UP AND TURNED LEFT AND SPED
INTO THE NORTH

I WROTE A LETTER ABOUT THAT
TO A.T.I.C, IN DAYTON

ED-3

UFO Sighting

SAF01-30 (Major Coleman)

1. Attached is a copy of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] in which they report a UFO sighting made by Mrs. [REDACTED]. For your information, also attached is a copy of the HOLLAND questionnaire on which Mrs. [REDACTED] made her report. This questionnaire leaves much to be desired as there are some important questions left unanswered. For this reason a valid conclusion cannot be made concerning the sighting. Suggest your office contact Mrs. [REDACTED] and ask her to forward the summary to the following questions to Foreign Technology Division, AFHQ: TD-3.

- a. In what direction were you seeing at the time the object was sighted?
- b. Was the object first sighted straight ahead, or was it a little off to the right or left?
- c. What was the elevation of the object when first sighted? That is, was it halfway between the horizon and overhead, 1/3 of the way up from the horizon to overhead, etc.
- d. Were the car windows down at the time?

2. Attached is a copy of a letter from Mr. [REDACTED] reporting the sighting of a UFO. A valid conclusion cannot be made from the limited information reported. Therefore, suggest your office send him an AFHQ Form 104 for completion.

EDWARD E. WICK
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Liaison
and Contacts

2 Men

1. Cy 100 [REDACTED] 504
15 Jul 61, w/attach form.
2. Mr [REDACTED]

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

8 August 1961

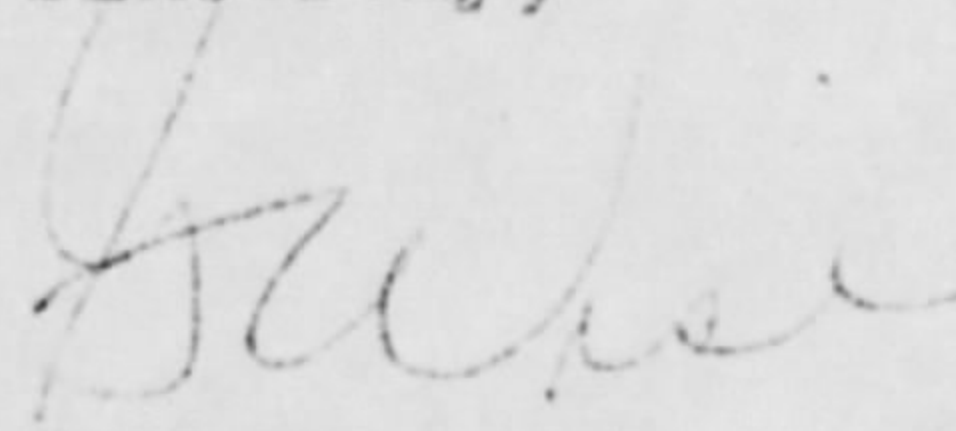
Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your information concerning the unidentified flying object you sighted.

The Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base conducts Air Force investigations of such sightings. In order that they may reach a valid conclusion in this case, some additional information is required.

At your convenience, if you will complete the attached questionnaire and return it to Wright Patterson in the addressed envelope attached, it will be helpful to them.

Sincerely,



GLADYS WISE
Operations Branch
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Palatka, Florida

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?

12th JULY 61
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

9:00 1215
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] UPPER MERIA FLORIDA
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks:

5. How long was object in sight?

3
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain 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 d. To your left
b. In back of you e. Overhead
c. To your right 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? | Yes | <u>No</u> | 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? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | <u>Yes</u> | No | 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: _____

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 | <u>No</u> | e. Binoculars | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | <u>No</u> | f. Telescope | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| c. Windshield | Yes | <u>No</u> | g. Theodolite | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| d. Window glass | Yes | <u>No</u> | h. Other _____ | | |

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

a. Sound THERE WAS NO SOUND.

b. Color IT CHANGED COLOR AS IT SPEEDED UP FROM BLUE-WHITE TO RED.

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.



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18. The edges of the object were:

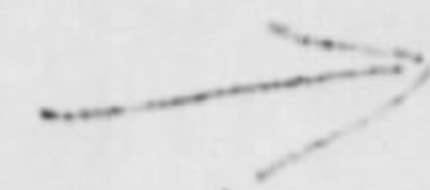
- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - ☒ b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other WHEN LIGHTNING OCCURRED IN A DISTANT PART OF SKY A SILVERY DISC COULD BE SEEN.

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? TWO

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

SAUCER 1



BOTH

SAUCER 2

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?

SIZE OF PEA HELD AT ARMS LENGTH.

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?



3/4 PARTS

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

NO

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.

ABOUT AS BRIGHT AS JUPITER

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?

SITTING IN OUR YARD WATCHING CONSTELLATIONS.
AND JUST HAPPEN TO NOTICE THE OBJECTS.

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:

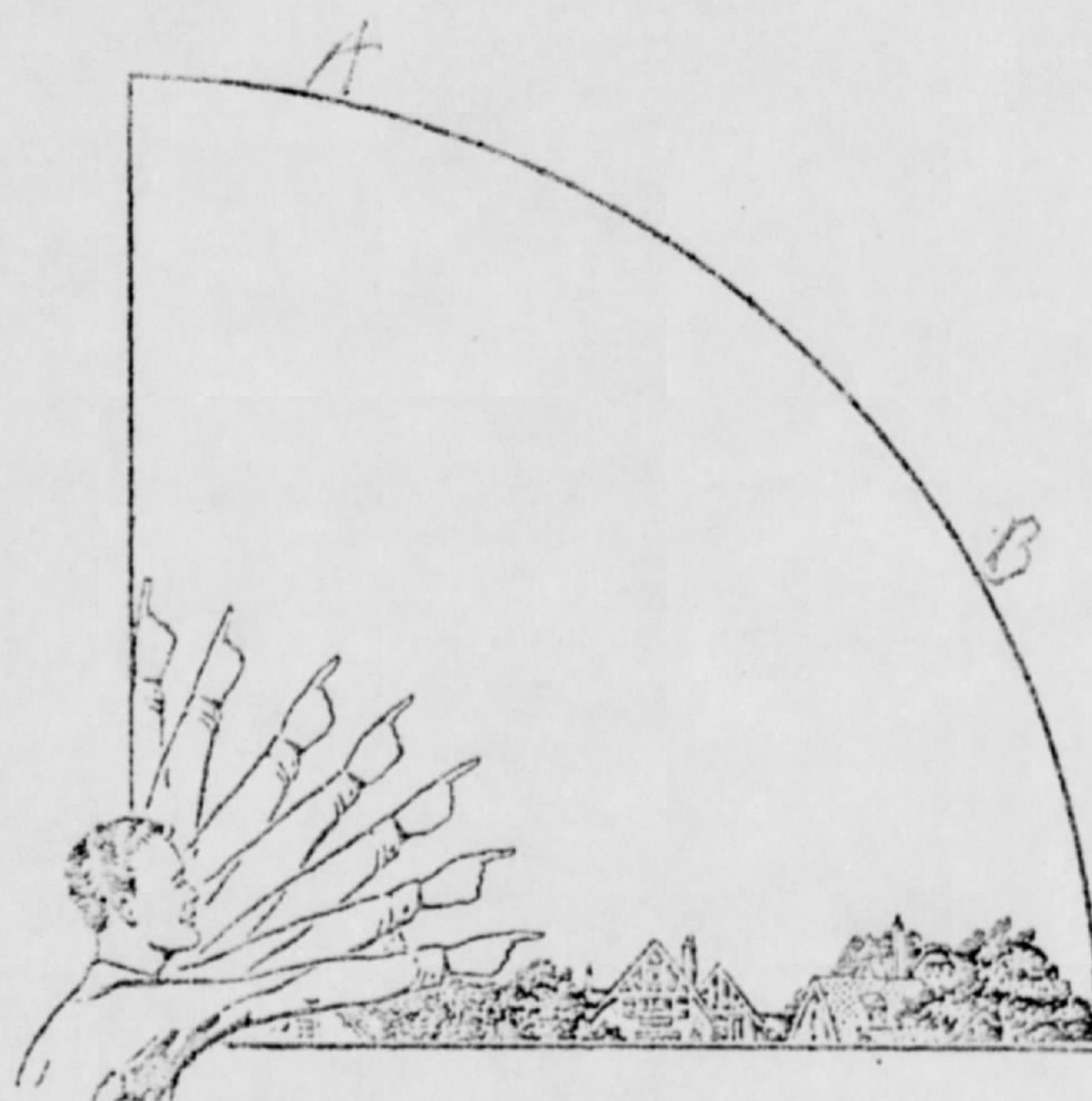
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon 85 degrees.

overhead

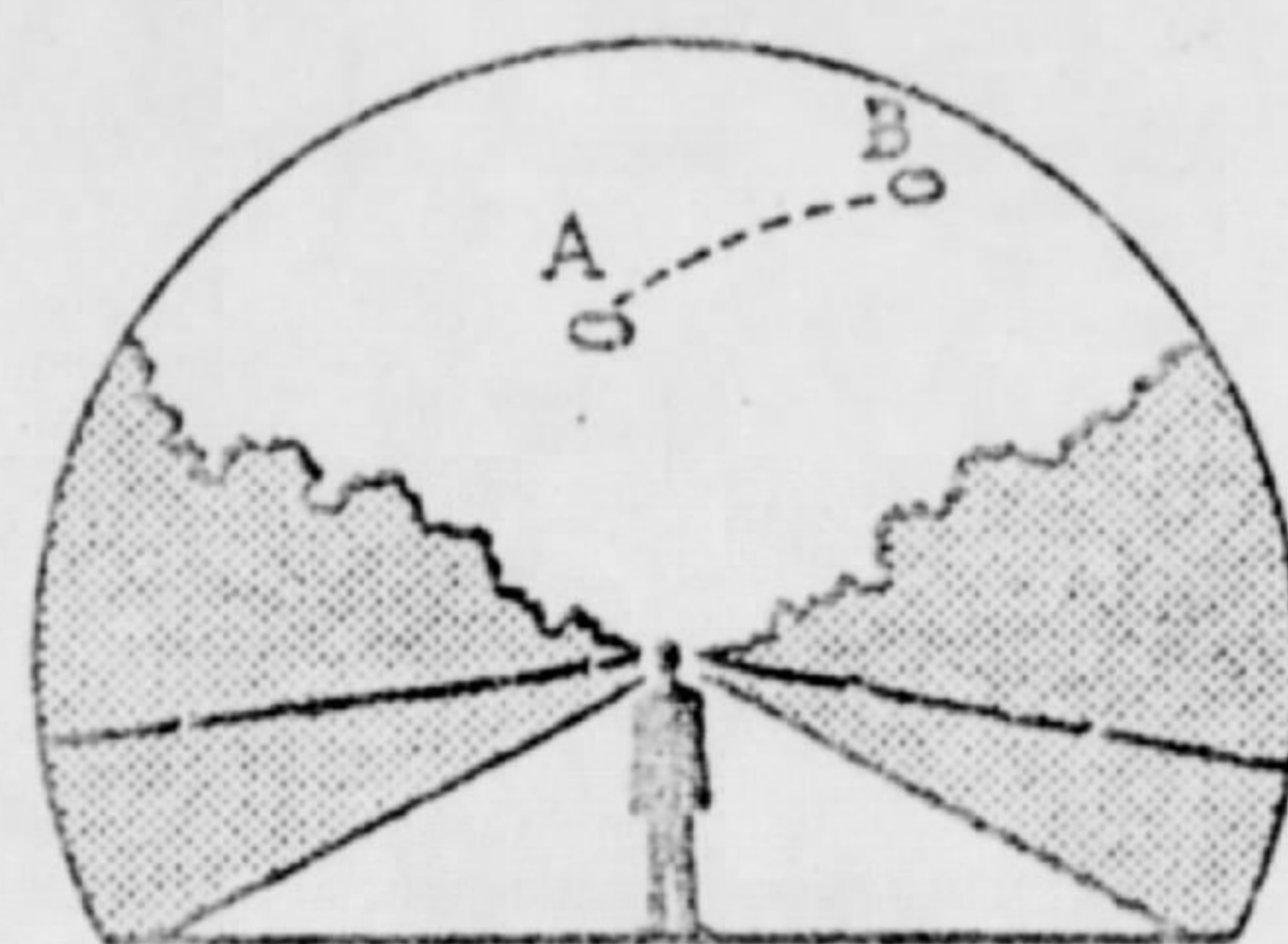
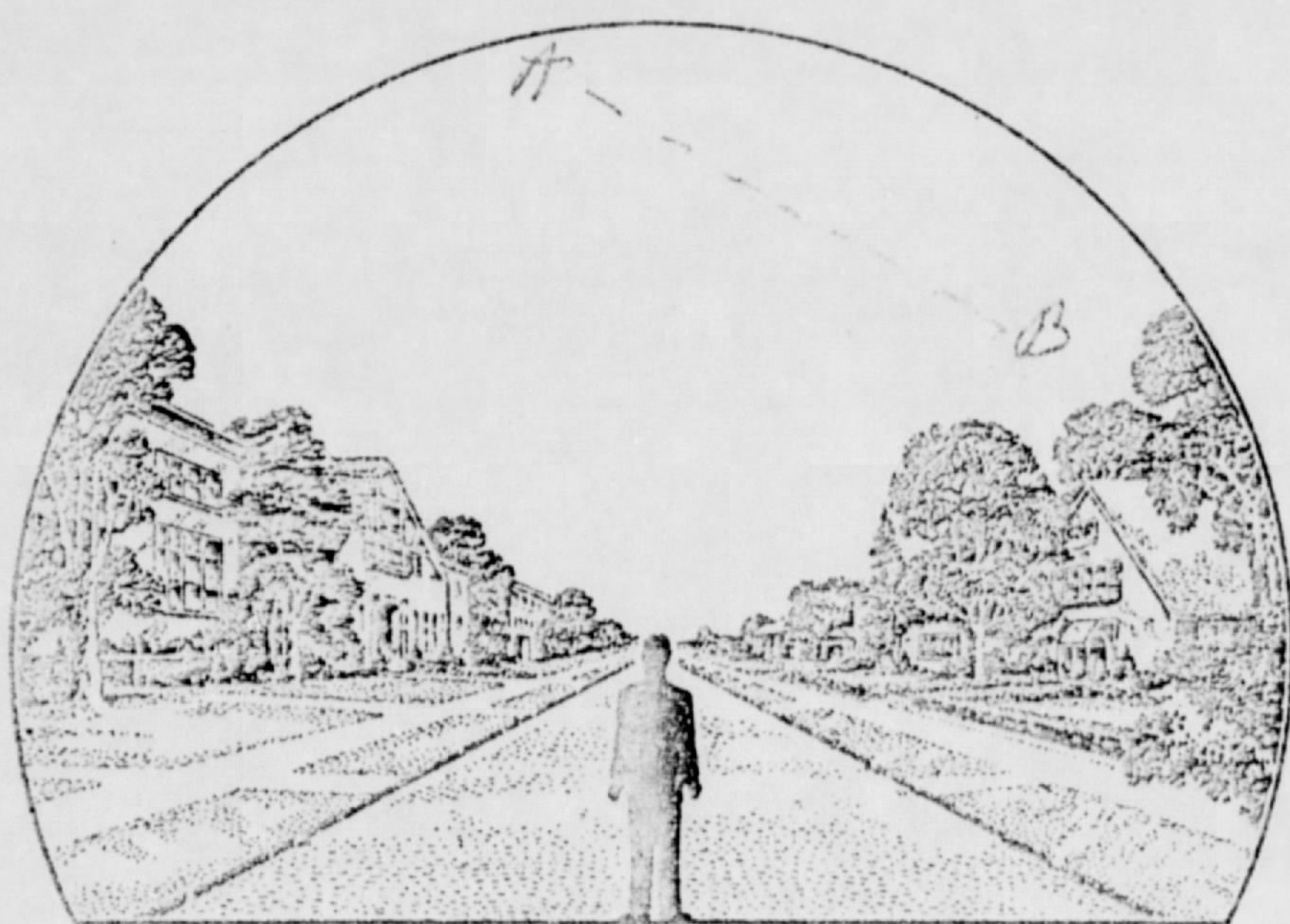
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 5 degrees.
- b. From horizon 40 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?

12th
Day

JULY
Month

1961
Year

RTIC

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:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

RT.3

[REDACTED]

PA-PTKH, FLORIDA

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?

INTERPLANETARY SPACE SHIP
FORM OF LIFE FROM ANOTHER PLANET

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?

1000 MPH.

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?

30 000 FEET

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Age

14

Sex

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

I AM AN AMATEUR ASTRONOMER
AND I AM A FRESHMAN IN HIGH SCHOOL.
A-B-C student

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

10 TH

Month

AUG.

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

AUG 10, 1961

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Jul 61		2. LOCATION Palatka, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>UNReliable Report</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>Night</u> GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Identical report turned in on 12 Jul fm same city apparently by small children.				11. COMMENTS Probably prank. Identical reports and inconsistencies of possible cause such as objt separating and joining together again and varied movements which do not conform to known flight patterns lead to conclusion of prank by these youngsters.	

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TD-E/Major Friend/vw/69216

16 AUG 1961

UFO Sighting

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Palatka, Florida

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter reporting the sighting of a UFO has been forwarded to the Foreign Technology Division. It does not contain sufficient information for a valid conclusion; therefore, request you complete the attached form and return it in the attached self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely

E. H. Wynn
EDWARD H. WYNN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

2 Atchs

1. ATIC Form 164, 2 cys:
2. Self-addressed envelope.

COORDINATION: TD-E

Robert J. Friend
Major Robert J. Friend

DATE 16 Aug 61

The committee has in the meantime been going over some other reports and would like much more information on the 25 July 1961 report, at Palatka, Florida; the "object separating and joining together again" suggests similarity to some of the French sightings and the committee would like to have the unreliability of this report more solidly established.

Talatra, Fla

July 25, 1961

Pentagon

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs,

On the night of July 25, about ten minutes after eight, four flying objects were observed over Putnam County Florida. They were moving from the west and at about 85° off west horizon, they headed north. They went a very short distance in this direction. Then made a 90° turn and headed again in the west. At about 75° off west horizon the four objects converged into one. Previous to this they appeared blue-white. After they converged they became a slight orange color, then they disappeared behind trees. The incident was witnessed by eight individuals for about two minutes. There was no sound from these objects.

Yours truly,

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~~_____~~