

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Sep 61		2. LOCATION Vicinity Raleigh, N. C.		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 0500 EDT GMT 170900Z		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 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objt appearing as light, smoking. Standing still giving off smoke flashings on flickering. Color of dry rust. Moving to right in horizontal plane in spiral motion. Disappeared like spark going out. Objt at about 45° elev.				11. COMMENTS Observation at night. Probably balloon with flare attached. Balloons are known to have smoke flares attached for observation purposes. Rising, hovering, and erratic motion at slow speed as well as duration conform to balloon sighting.	

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 MADE A LEFT TURN ON ROUTE # U.S. 1 FOLLOWING
THE HIWAY SIGN MARKED RALEIGH 25 MILES AND
SAW SMOKE IN THE SKY

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? 10 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)

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|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| 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)

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|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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).

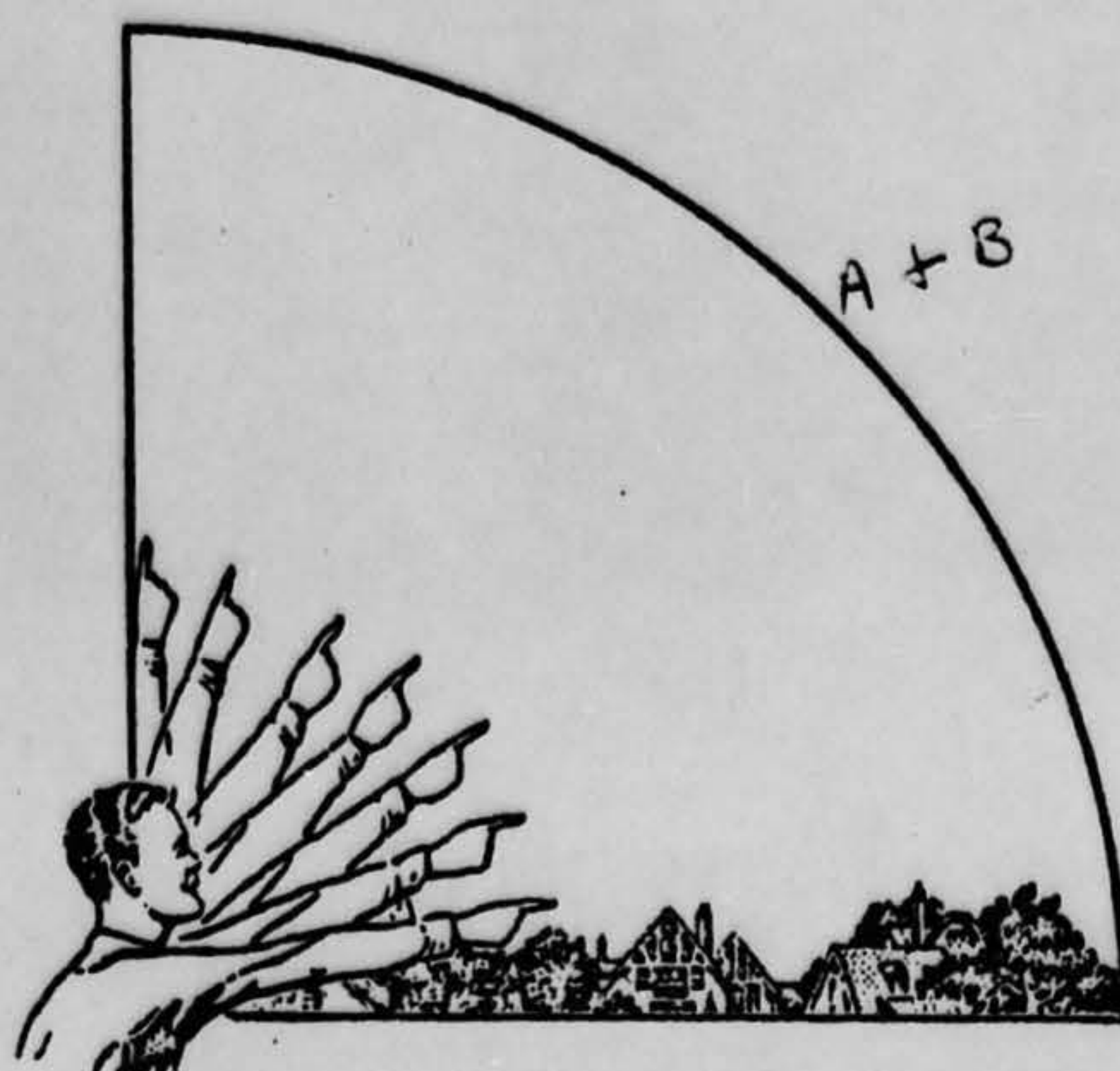
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 15° degrees.
- b. From horizon 45° degrees.

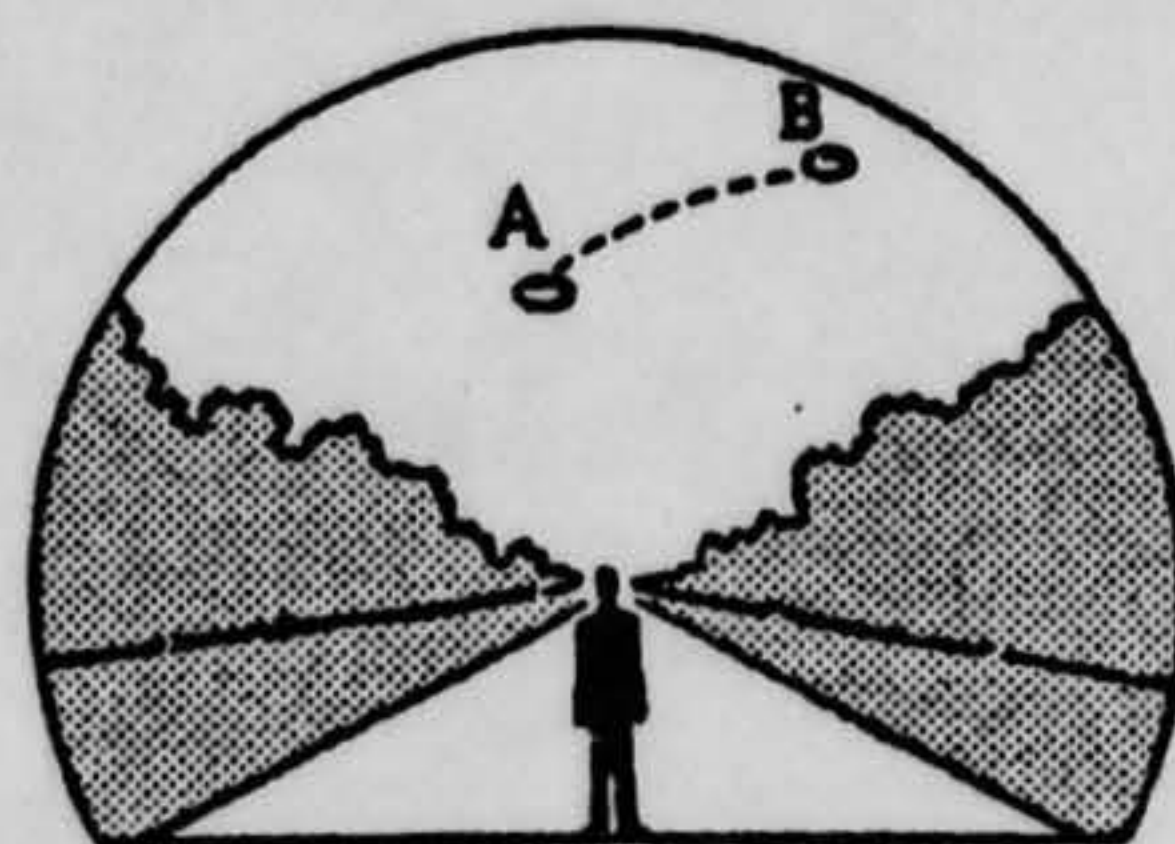
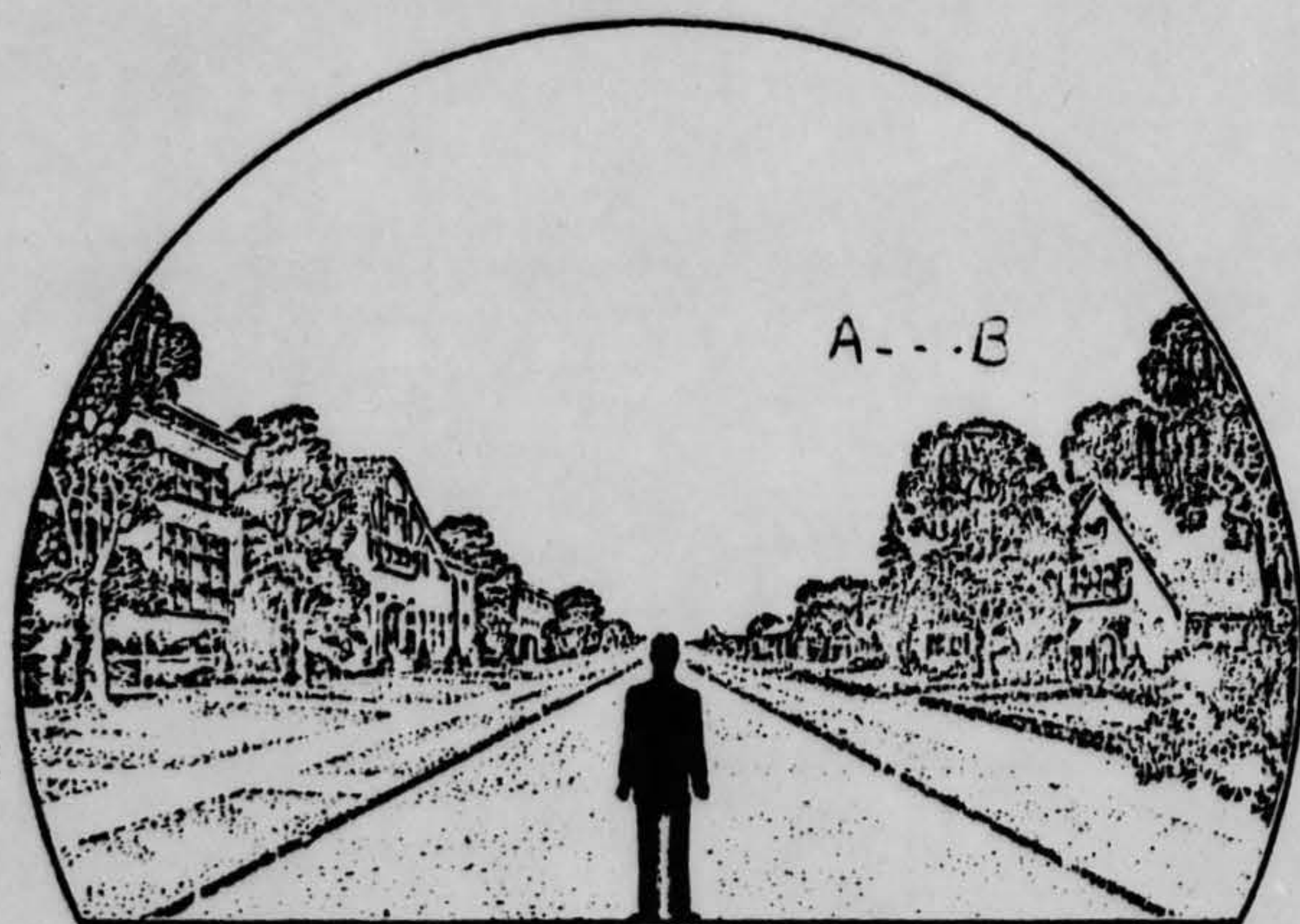
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 20° degrees.
- b. From horizon 45° 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?

MON. 18TH.

Day

SEPT.

Month

1961

Year

U.S. NAVY DEPT. WASH. DC

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]

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?

HAVE SPOTTED SHOOTING STARS AS A LONG TIME AGO

W.S. BOWERS A.P.T. 40 OFF COAST OF CUBA 1953

SEEN TWO SHOOTING STARS WHILE HEADING NORTH

FROM FLORIDA SAME DATE. ONE IN THE EAST AND ONE
IN THE WEST.

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

I THINK THE OBJECT WAS A STAR BURNING OUT. THAT
HAD ENDED IT'S LIFE IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM

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		
<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>

Last Name

First Name

Widow's Name

ADDRESS 15TH ST. S.E. WASH. 3 D.C.
Street City Zone State

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

Age 25 Sex MALE

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

1. WAS PERSONAL CHEQUER FOR RADIO. [REDACTED] U.S.A.
2. EMPLOYED BY POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER CO. WASH. D.C.
3. STUDY ELECTRONICS AT PRESENT TIME.
4. HAVE STUDIED RADIO, T.V.
5. LIKE TO TRAVEL

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

WED. 27TH.
Day

SEP 17
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 [REDACTED]
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

DATE [REDACTED] 1961

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

WHILE MAKING A LEFT TURN ON ROUTE U.S. #1 HEADING NORTH TOWARDS RALEIGH, N.C. I SAW SMOKE IN THE SKY. AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS A FIRE, THEN A PLANE CRASH. AND THEN I REALIZED IT WAS A BURNING STAR. I ASKED MY COMPANION THE TIME AND SHE RESPONDED IT IS 5 O'CLOCK. I SAID THIS SHOULD BE REPORTED. SHE ASKED ME WHAT IT WAS AND I RESPONDED THAT I THOUGHT IT WAS A STAR BURNING OUT. AND ASKED IF SHE WANTED TO WATCH IT. AND SHE SAID YES. WE WATCHED FOR APPROX. 10 MIN. AT FIRST IT MADE THE SIGN OF A QUESTION MARK AND THEN THE SIGN LIKE THE SIDE OF A GIRL'S FACE. THE SMOKE DISAPPEARED AND WE LEFT. AS THE SMOKE WAS LEAVING A LIGHT BEGAN TO SHINE AT THE HORIZON WHICH I ASSUMED TO BE THE SUN RISING.

26 September 1961

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 17th addressed to the Navy Department has been referred to this office. The U. S. Air Force has been assigned the responsibility for the investigation and analysis of unidentified flying object sightings as part of Air Defense responsibilities.

I am enclosing the standard ATIC questionnaire concerning your sighting. Request you and your friend complete the questionnaire and return them in the enclosed self-addressed envelopes.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Street, S.E.
Washington, D. C.

air force
unclassified

Sunday Sept. 17th. 1961
Washington D.C.

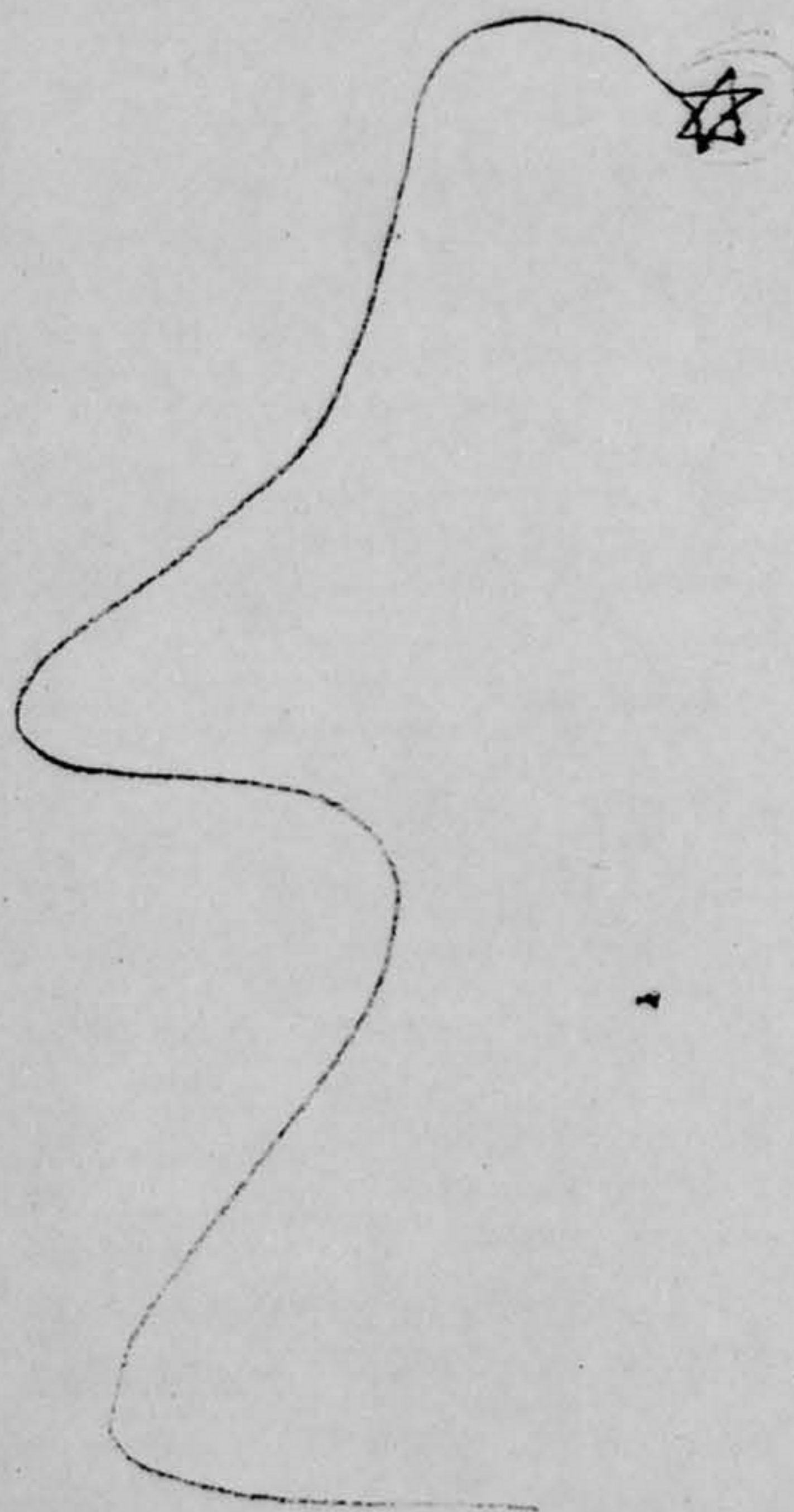
Dear Sir:

on Sunday Sept. 17th. 1961 at 05:00 A.M. WHILE DRIVING NORTH ON ROUTE U.S. # 1 APPX. 25 MILES SOUTH OF RALEIGH NORTH CAROLINA. WITH A FRIEND WE OBSERVED A BURNING STAR. HAVING BEEN IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND KNOWING THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH A SIGHT. WE STOPPED AND OBSERVED SAME FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES. AFTER WE GOT HOME I DECIDED TO WRITE TO YOU ABOUT IT AND DESCRIBE SAME TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY. BEFORE BURNING OUT THE SMOKE MADE 2 DIFFERENT SIGNS ABOUT 30 FEET LONG OR MORE.

1ST.



2ND.



(CONT'D) (

THE COLOR WAS A DRY RUST BROWN. THERE WAS A LOT OF
SMOKE AT FIRST AND AS THE STAR BURNT OUT. THE
SMOKE GOT THINNER AND THEN DISENAGATED.

SINCERELY

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~~XX~~

ST. S.E.

WASH. D.C.

I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE ELSE REPORTED THIS. THERE
WERE TWO OR 3 AUTOMOBILES AROUND AT THE TIME.

APR 26 55 II 05

Wed. Sept. 27th. 1961

Washington D.C..

To: Major William T. Coleman Jr.

U.F.O. Project Officer

Public Information Division

Office of Information.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the questionnaire concerning the sighting I reported, I am returning the other form unanswered in a separate envelope. because my friend does not wish to fill it out. I have tried to fill it out exactly as I rembered it. I hope you find this information useful.

Sincerely



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?

17TH
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1961
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 05:00 —
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?

RALEIGH NORTH CAROLINA

Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or Country

Additional remarks: U.S. ROUTE # 1

5. How long was object in sight?

— APX. 10 —
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?

No

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? | 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? | <u>Yes</u> | No | 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? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| h. <u>Disappear</u> and reappear? <u>No</u> | <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: _____

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 | <u>Yes</u> | 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 NO SOUND

b. Color LIGHT BRIGHT THEN OUT - SMOKE WAS THE COLOR OF DRY RUST.

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? ONLY ONE SMOKEING
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.

A  B

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

OBJECT WAS THE SIZE OF A DISTANT FLASH LIGHT

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?

A. $\frac{1}{3}$

B. $\frac{1}{2}$

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

LIKE THE SPARK FROM A WOOD FIRE

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.

SHINY PIECE OF SILVER