

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 Aug 63		2. LOCATION Chicago, Illinois		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☒ Was Aircraft Advertising ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2135 DST GMT 08/0235Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE North	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object resembling a chain of electric light bulbs sighted in flight to North. Red and fuzzy. Two shapes., one like an a/c and then the one that was fuzzy. Changed shape three times.				11. COMMENTS Investigation by JAH revealed that the object was an a/c towing an advertising light.	

August 15, 1963

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7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one hr		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj in the North observed for over one hour. Reported to be stationary. Described as a floating colored light, red on top and green on bottom with 7 or eight points. Located at about the same location as the moon(?)... Observed with field glasses. Sky hazy. No wind.				11. COMMENTS Description indicates a possible aurora sighting. Positional data furnished is confusing. Obj reported in the North between the Moon and the North Star. Moon is at 23.14 almost on the Horizon in the East at the reported time. No bright astro body is in the area reported. Auroral displays were common during the early days of the month. Insufficient data presented to substantiate this analysis.	

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COMBAT READINESS TRAINING OPERATIONS
64TH TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON, MEDIUM (RESERVE)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Chicago 66, Illinois

REPLT TO
ATTN OF: CRT

6 September

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Air Force Systems Command
Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. The following information as outlined in Paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, is submitted for your information.

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|---|--|
| <p>a. Description of the Object(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Floating colored light, red on2. bottom, green on top w/approx3. 7 or 8 points.4.5.6.7.8.9. | <p>d. Time and Date of Sighting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 090120 to 090220 1 August 19632. |
| <p>b. Description of Course of Objects(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Due North of location of2. observer, about same location3. of moon, and between moon and4. North Star. Appears to be5. stationary.6. | <p>e. Location of Observer(s):</p> <p>[REDACTED], Chicago, Illinois</p> <p>f. Identifying Info on Observer (s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. [REDACTED]2. [REDACTED], Chgo, Ill |
| <p>c. Manner of Observation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Naked eye and field glasses.2.3. | <p>g. Weather and winds.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sky hazy, no winds2.3.4.5.6.7. |
| <p>d. Time and Date of Sighting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3. | <p><i>Thomas A. Hilquist</i>
THOMAS A. HILQUIST
Base Operations Officer</p> |

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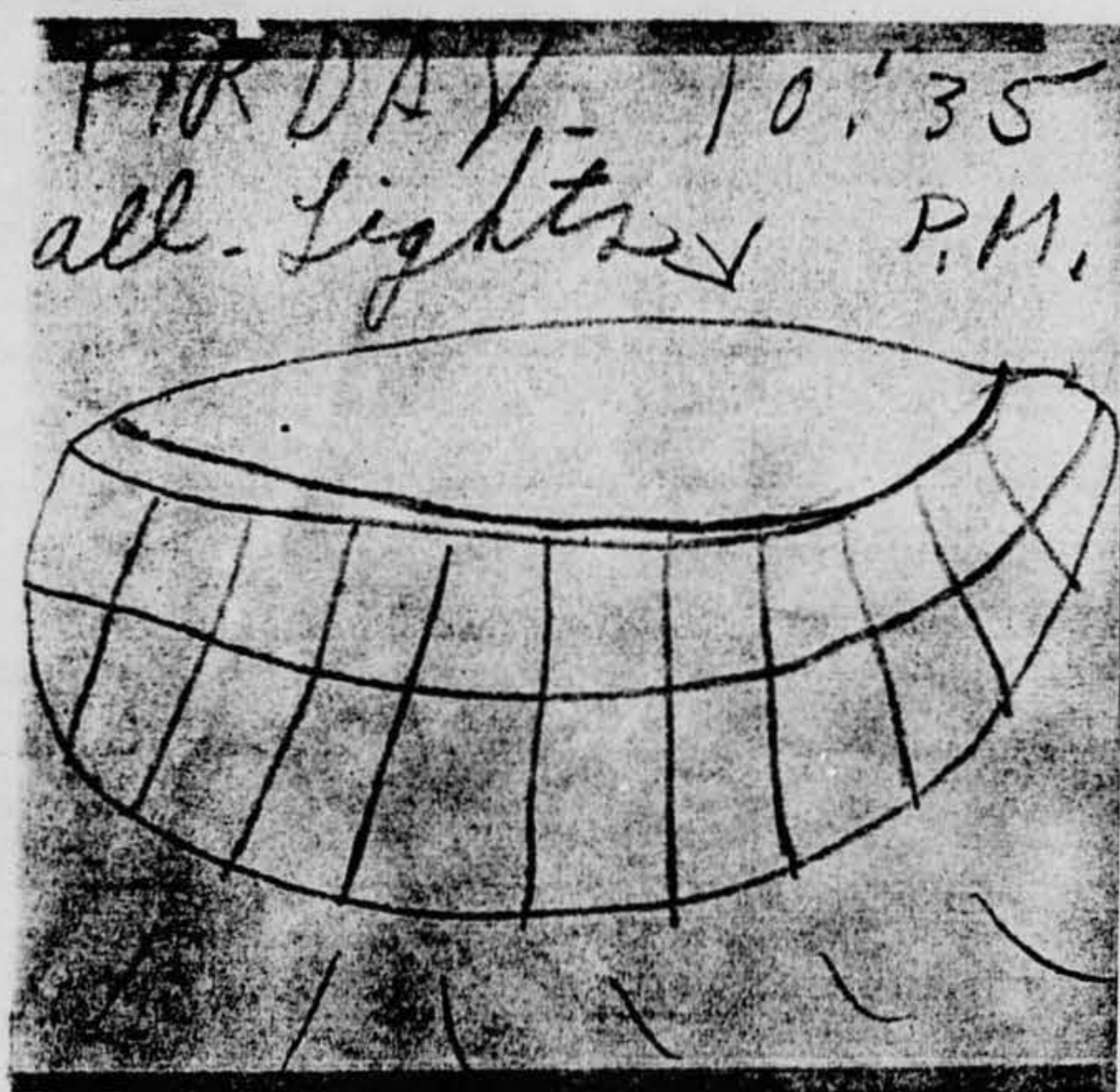
1. DATE 9 August 1963		2. LOCATION Chicago, Illinois		12. CONCLUSIONS	
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5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE not reported		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Letter to Dr J Allen Hynek describing a sighting of a UFO. Drawing of object gave all indications of an a/c towing an electrical advertising sign.			11. COMMENTS Check with local agency indicates that there was an a/c towing a sign over Chicago at that time.		

7-11-1963

Dear Prof. Albert Fench

I have seen unidentified
flying things all lists up.
don't tell me that I
was seeing things. I
was not the only one
I send you this cause
this is what we see
I don't believe and
anything as flying objects.
This was something unbelievable.
and if you
see it what your own
eyes maybe you would know
what it was and it give
you the true fact. ✓

Mrs P ~~██████████~~
~~██████████~~
Chicago Ill, 60608



HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information (Mrs [REDACTED])

31 OCT 1963

TO: Hq USAF SAF-OIPB (Mrs Gaiser)
Wash 25 D C

1. Reference the attached letter from Mrs [REDACTED] dated 11 Aug 63, requesting information on an unidentified flying object. Records indicate no previous correspondence from Mrs [REDACTED]
2. The attached letter is a suggested reply to Mrs [REDACTED] letter.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. de Jonckheere
ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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1. Ltr, Mrs [REDACTED],
11 Aug 63
 2. Suggested Reply

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: UFO Information

TO: Mrs [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Chicago, Illinois, 60608

Dear Mrs [REDACTED]

Dr J Allen Hynek has forwarded to us your letter of 11 Aug 63, regarding an object that you sighted on Friday, 9 Aug 63.

In all probability the object which you observed is an aircraft, towing an electrical advertising sign.

Sincerely,

November 5, 1963

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Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Chicago, Illinois 60608

August 15, 1933

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Adventary plane

INVESTIGATED JAN 64

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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. 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?

7 8th 1963
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

9 35
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]
Nearest Postal Address

Chicago 37
City or Town

Illinois
State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

3
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

Clock

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes ✓ No _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

a. NIGHT
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. 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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- ☒ d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- ☒ c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

It was like a chain of electric light bulbs

12. 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

changed from light to a red fuzzy vapor

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time?
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
- c. Break up into parts or explode?
- d. Give off smoke?
- e. Change brightness?
- f. Change shape?
- g. Flash or flicker?
- h. Disappear and reappear?

☒ Yes

No

Don't know

☒ Yes

No

Don't know

Yes

☒ No

Don't know

Yes

☒ No

Don't know

☒ Yes

No

Don't know

☒ Yes

No

Don't know

Yes

☒ No

Don't know

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *yes*

It sped away in a straight path due north. It also gained altitude.

15. 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: _____

16. 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: _____

It was between my building and the one across from me

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound

none

b. Color

From a white light to a red-orange

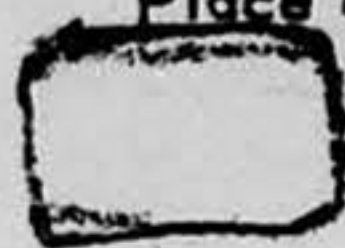
18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

only a small portion.

It looked to be a foot and a half long

19. 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.



Red orange

shape changed

ascended

higher than

3rd floor

about 6 to 8 ft.



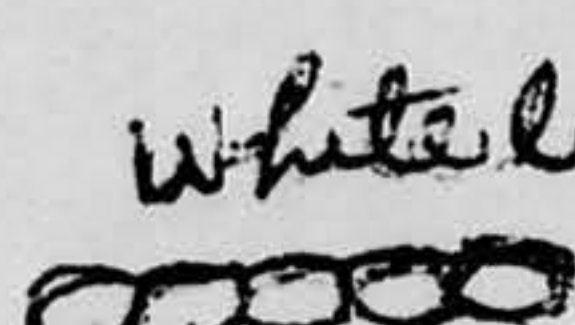
red orange

light rays

garage (top of)

garage (top of)

(window screen)



white lights

N



South

floated

slowly

seen through

Bamboo

shade

remained several minutes

20. 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? _____

21. 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?

The length of the alley
2 1/2 ft above alley garage

22. 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 _____

23. 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 _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

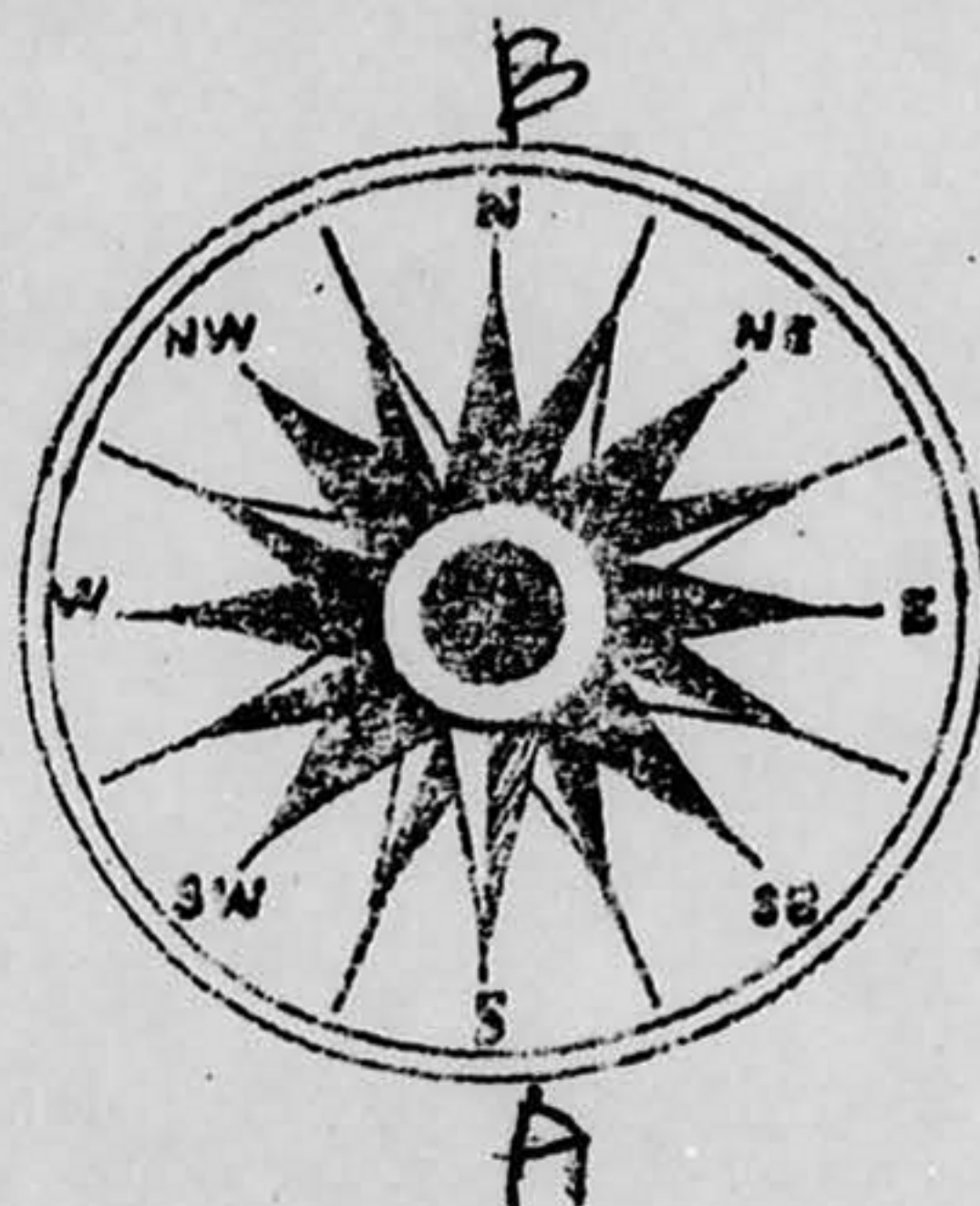
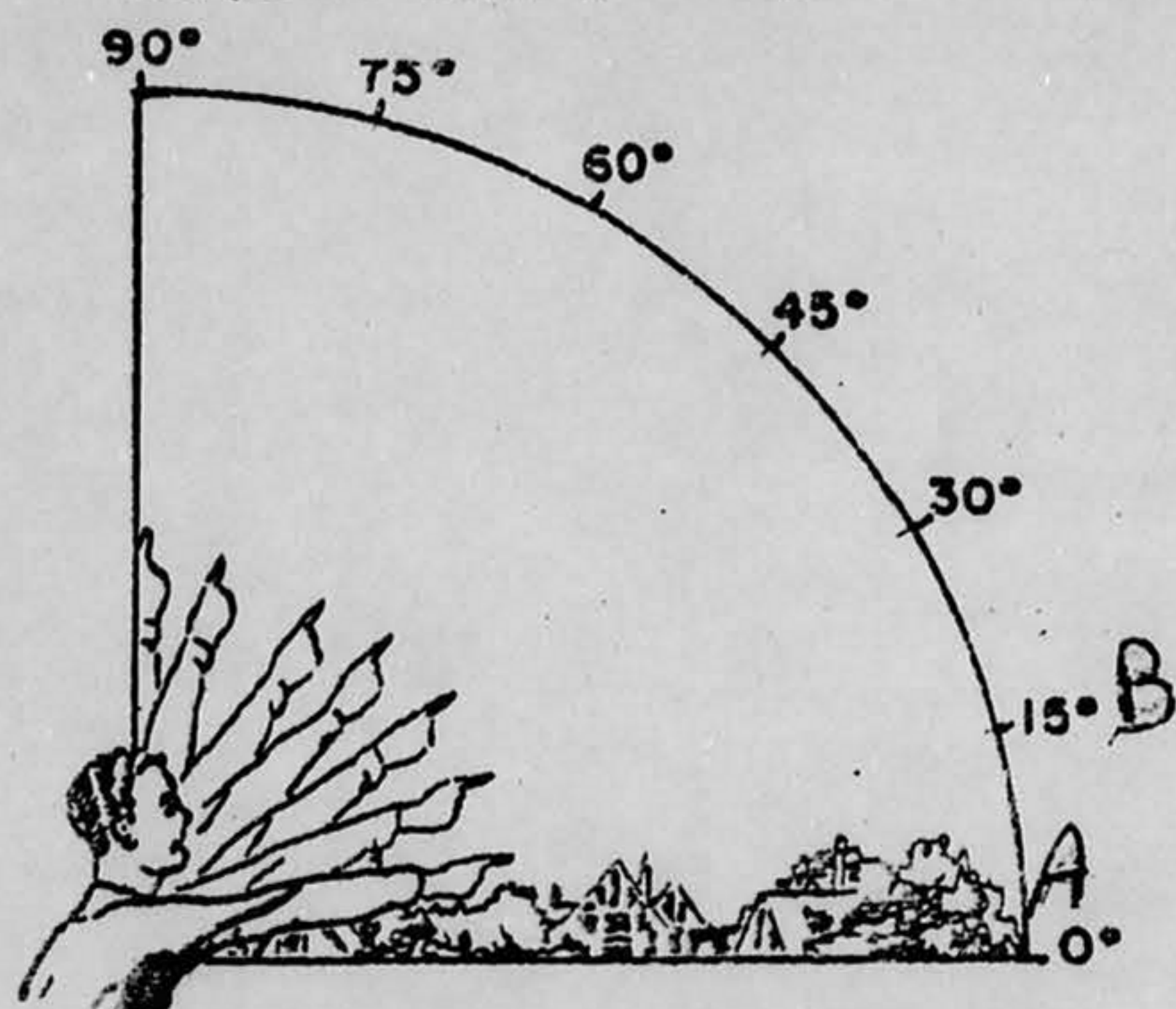
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------------|----------------------|----|
| 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 | <i>Window screen</i> | |

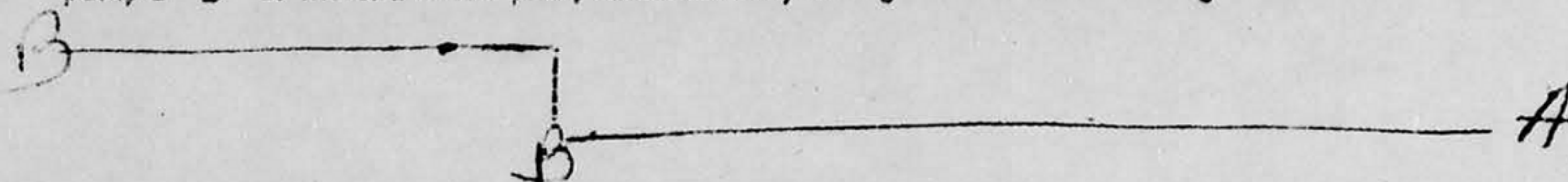
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

1st Shape Airplane lights (white)
2nd Shape - like heavy dew or vapor with a red light
peering on it
3rd Shape - a Red tailless Comet

27. 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. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you last saw the object.



28. 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.



29. 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 travelling.

only one object which changed shape, three times

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

I have never experienced this before

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

My two daughters:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

Chicago 37 Ill.

44 Female

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

I have worked for the Chicago Public Library for nineteen years and received my formal training from Loyola University.

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

7th

Day

8th

Month

1963

Year

To Officers at O'Hare Field

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

16th August 1963
Day Month Year

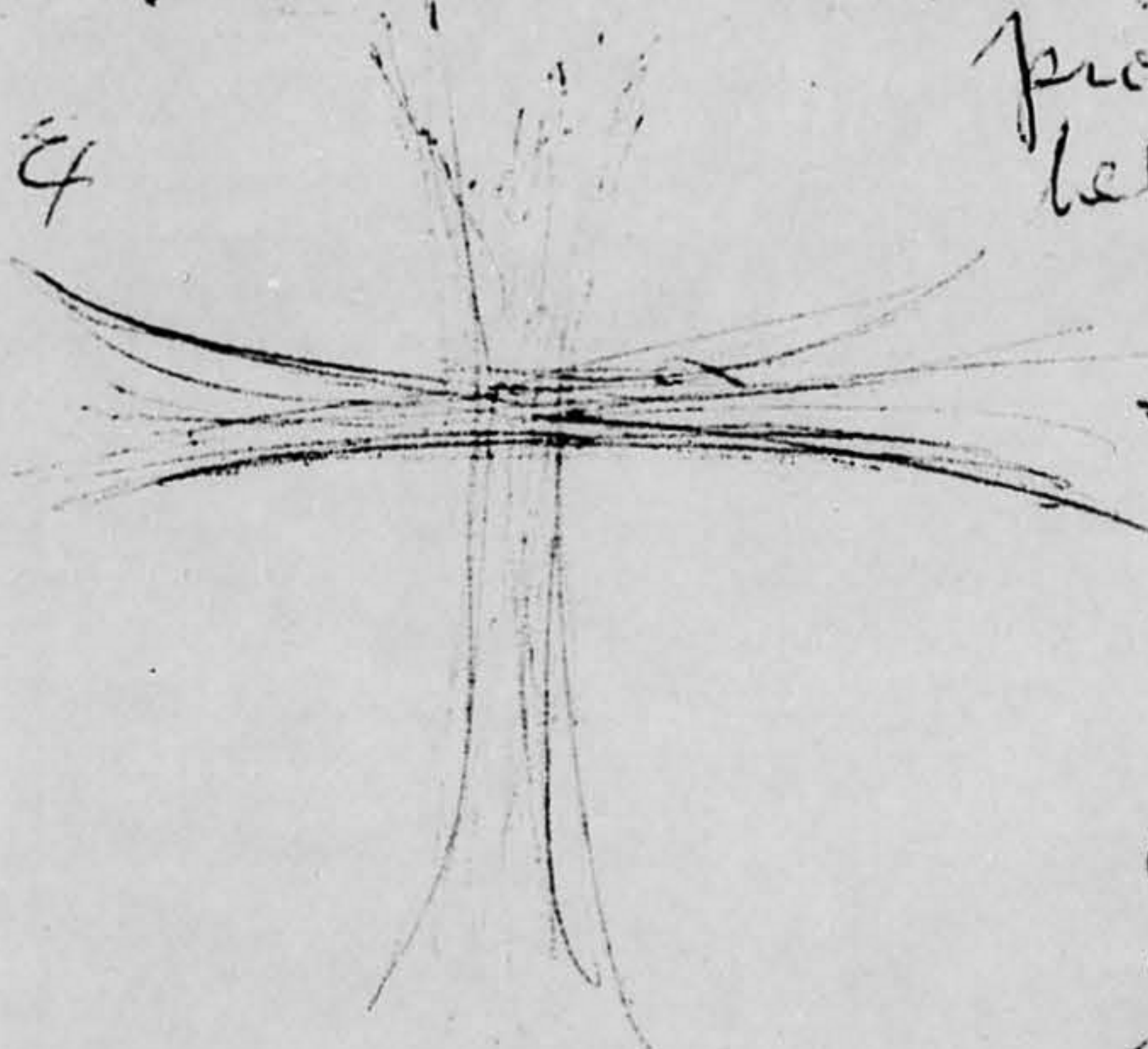
35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

After the flying object had ascended it floated or sailed much faster than it had when first sighted. My daughter and I seem to agree that in hovering almost to a stand-still that this vapor-like object had lost its strength and was either seeking energy or trying to generate power; and as soon as it had gained more power from what we do not know, then it was able to ascend and speed up. In all other accounts when people have been chased there seemed to have been meta (or with a car). Perhaps this object needed such an attraction this particular night to gain the desired height and speed. It could not have been seen by anybody other than persons living along our alley, until it received this sudden boost which allowed it to rise above the third floor level, after it had left our alley.

When I looked at the clock (after the object was out of sight it was 9:40) five minutes had passed. I then decided to see if this vapor had caused

a reaction on the surrounding things.

When I looked at the moon which was bright and full that night, I didn't see a moon but a beautiful ornate cross with a trail of light extending downward. There was a blaze of light behind it but no moon. The lines of the cross were prominent, the light was behind the cross and it was a bright yellow.



This lasted a while and then disappeared. The moon was seen again but it seemed to be transparent and a much paler yellow than before. It didn't affect the stars. It was about a half hour later before we saw any air-

planes and they were flying very high and at a distance. The near by fields reported no airplanes enroute at the time we called about the mysterious vapor.

Chicago, Ill.

7 Aug 1943

- Adv. aircraft. -