

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
5 October 65 05/0920Z	Cupertino, California
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION
Civilian	MISSILE (Thor Agena) launched 13 minutes prior to report
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	Sighting characteristic of missile. Witness looking toward missile launch.
One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
4 minutes	At first object resembled a star, then later on looked like a large star with colored vapor trails. Object changed colors from green to yellow, blue to red. Observer was traveling in a car from south to west, then southwest. Object was described as traveling from south to west. Rapid speed. Observer rolled window down to hear sound. No sound. Object disappeared over the horizon. Called Vandenberg for missile launch on 20 Dec.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	
West	
8. PHOTOS	
☐ Yes	
☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
☐ Yes	
☒ No	

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

No

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:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

57

SEX

M

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

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

6

Day

October

Month

1965

Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

11

Day

November 1965

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.

The object when first sighted appeared like a bright satellite traveling somewhat faster than any I have seen. In a S.S.W. direction & up in relation to a star clearly visible and in the same visual position.

Then it seemed to change direction and return almost straight to me as I was driving South on Bubb Rd. I turned West on Terrace Drive the object seemed to turn with me but continue to come closer & slow down. As it slowed the vapor trails or whatever increased in size & length until they appeared to cover a city block - 220.

I turned South on Terra Bella Dr - the object went out of my vision. I stopped in front of my house - walked to the corner & watched it disappear from sight over the horizon. The appearance at that time was the same as when first sighted.

05/10/65 - CUPERTINO, CALIF.

5 OCT 65

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
5 October 65

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Drive
Cupertino, California

Dear [REDACTED]:

Reference your unidentified observation of 5 Oct 65. In order that we may make an evaluation, request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. It is requested that you pay particular attention to Paragraph 27 when completing this form.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,


HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

ORIGINATOR _____ DATED _____
TDEW/UFO Maj H Quintanilla, Jr

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

Maj. Grander-----A Liason Officer-----Fountenbleau, California
Called 5 Oct 65

[REDACTED] Drive
Cupertino, California

Mr. [REDACTED] was driving south on Budd Road in Cupertino. at 2:10 a.m. IST.
Saw
Saw a very bright light in sky. This object was brighter and faster
than Sputnik. The object was descending toward earth and had a
duration of about 4 minutes. Had a very long elliptical tail
with many colors. Object was about a block long. Appeared to be
a reentry vehicle. Man turned left and object also appeared to
turn left and come toward him. Departed to West over horizon and
disappeared. There was no sound.

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SUPERSTITION, CALIF.

During Sunset → 210 AM

Very bright light in sky
Brighter & faster than Solar

1 min (obj was to East)

Descending, low mag color
Upbeat trail Black long
Decay (looked like

Object also turned,
Came toward here.

Departed to West over
horizon

No Sound

500 ft approx
10 mi high

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?

5 October 1965
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

2 20
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?

Busch Road - Terrace Dr. Terra Bella, Calif.
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

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

4
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? DRIVING ALL SAME STREETS LATER

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No _____

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. 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 *at first*
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor *later*
- 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:

At first resembled bright

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 *At first like a star*
later as a large star
with colored vapor
trails

13. 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? <i>or vapor</i> | ☒ Yes | No | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness? | ☒ Yes | No | Don't know |
| f. Change shape? <i>see end of Questions</i> | Yes | No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't know |

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? ~~At~~ Yes. Went over Horizon

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: _____

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

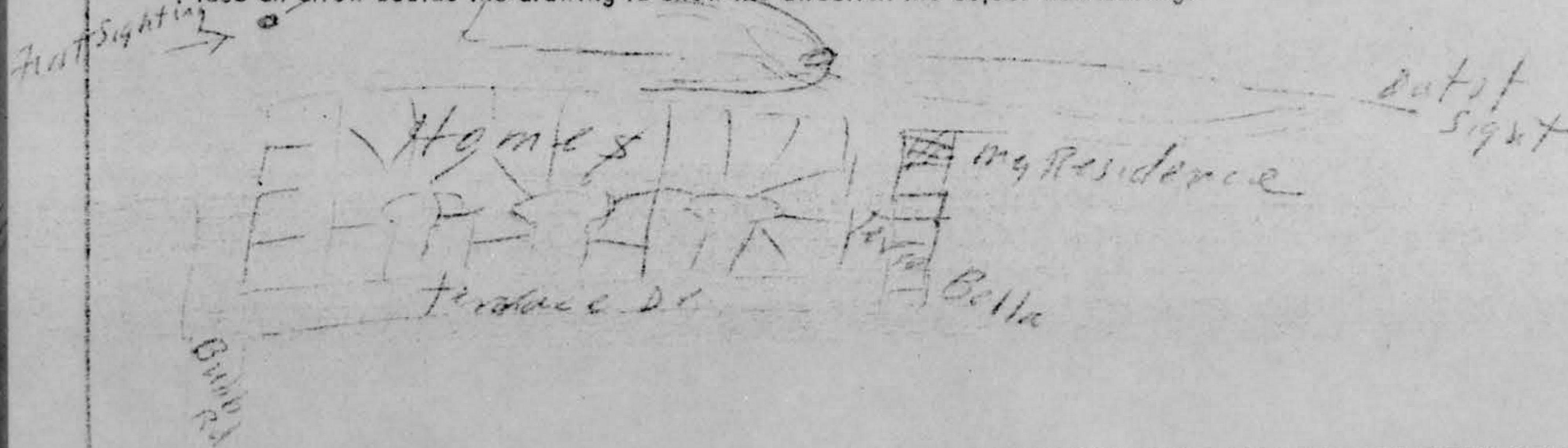
- a. Sound None that I heard
 b. Color Color of bright star - trails colors of rain bow

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?

when first sighted - All
later - main object but only a small portion of trails

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.



20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? *Very Rapid at first while traveling parallel to terrace drive + opposite my car - Very slowly.*
 (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? *At first appeared like a satellite - High in the sky, later - appeared no more than 1000' away*
 (Circle One) Yes No
 IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

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 1. e. South 2. g. West
 b. Northeast d. Southeast 3. f. Southwest h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? *25-50* miles per hour.

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

(Circle One)

Yes

No

At my residence. Watched it disappear over horizon

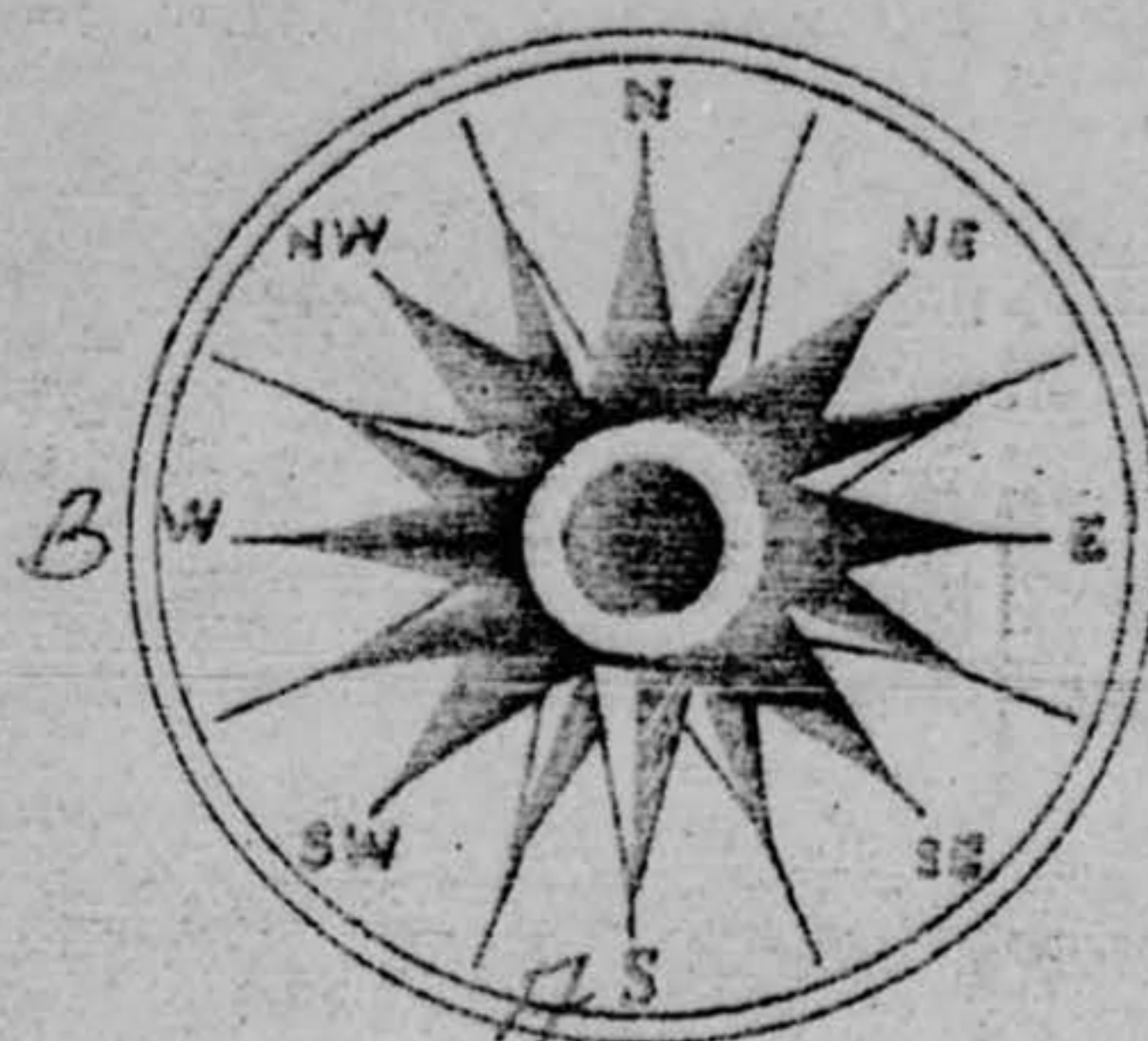
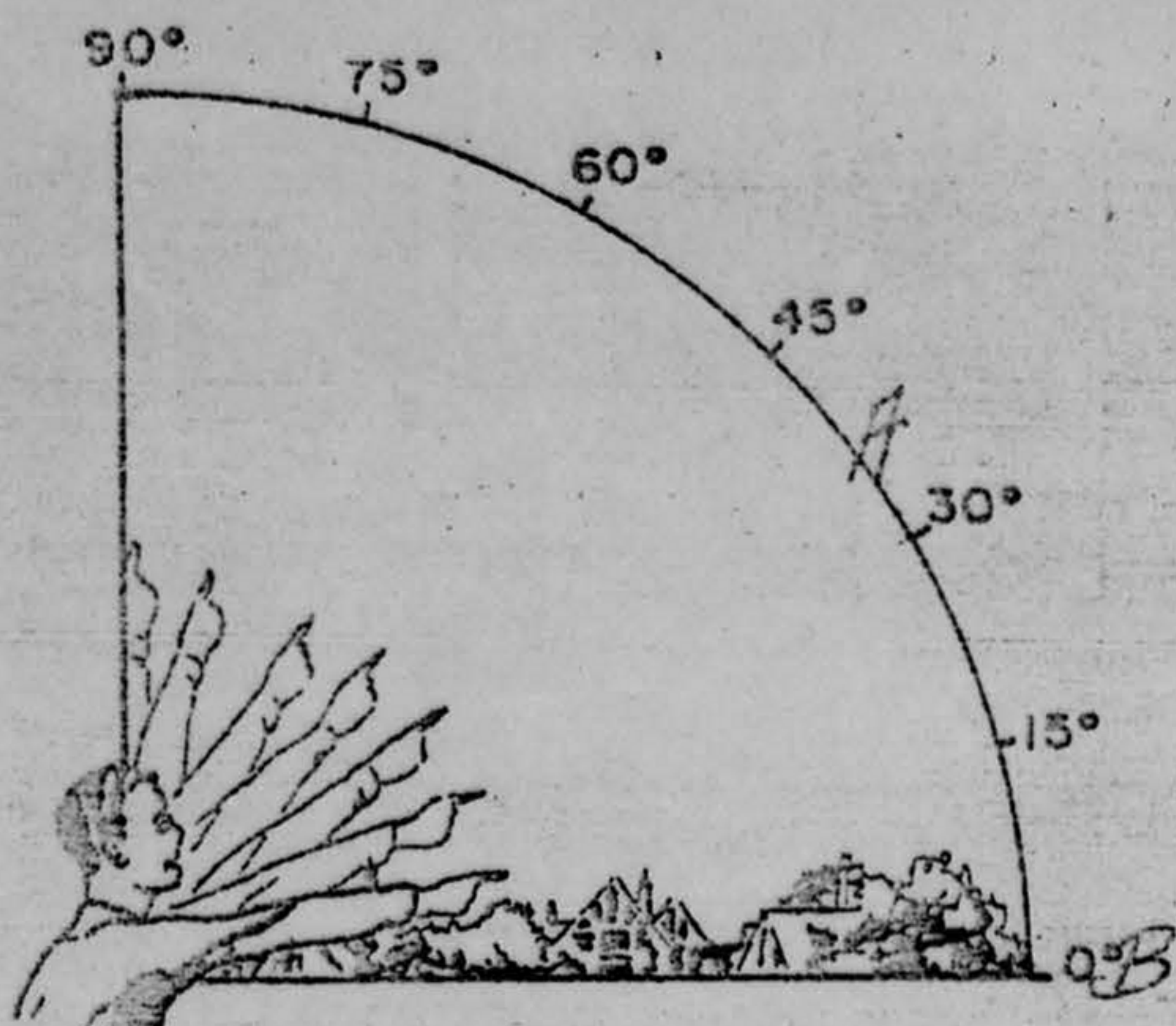
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------------|---|----|
| 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>While driving West - Rolled my window down - But still had my glasses on</i> | |

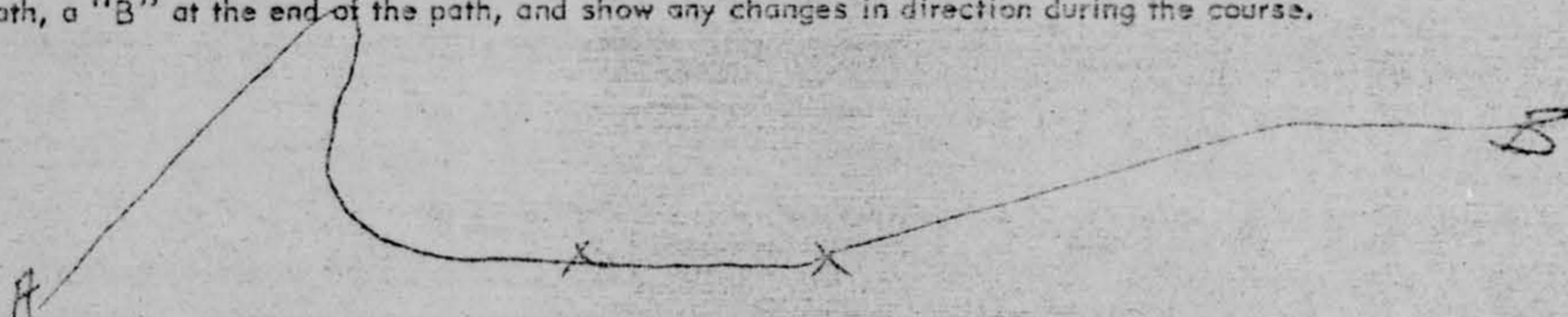
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

At first as a satellite - then as a picture I saw on TV showing the anticipated return of a nose cone re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

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

