

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

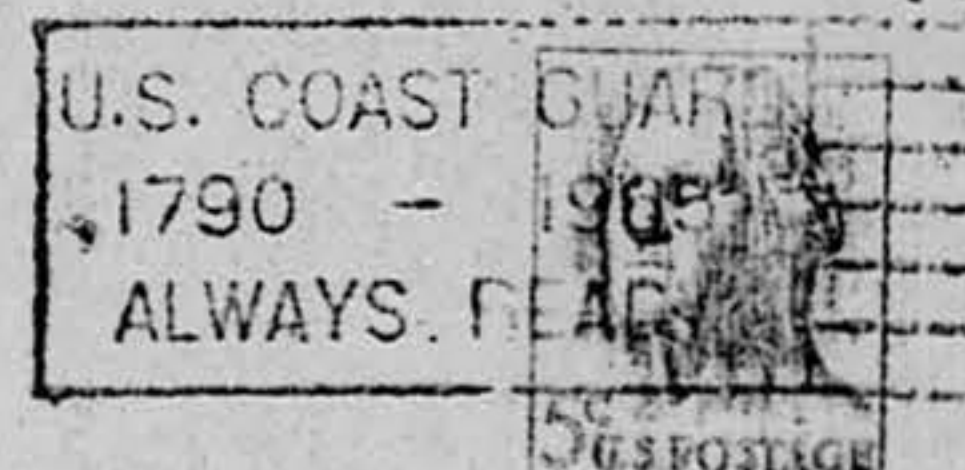
1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 December 65 07/2145Z	2. LOCATION Lanham, Maryland
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15-20 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Appeared as solid black on top with vapor trails or two cone-shaped objects attached. Orange, pink color. In middle of object possible transparent. At first appeared as the stars, then as it came closer it began to take shape as described. At first it was as bright as a small mirror reflecting bright sunshine. These cones were identical in size, shape and color, showing no variation in shape such as a jet flame might make. At base it was not visible. After about 15 minutes the gradual travel of the object moved to an area where the object was obscured behind a group of trees in the yard.
7. COURSE W to SW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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UFO Sighting

Hq USAF SAFOL-CC (Mrs. Hunt)

Analysis personnel have reviewed [redacted] sighting of 7 December 1965 with the Project Consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University. The duration and description of the sighting is in accord with an observation of a balloon looking toward the West while the Sun was setting. While no specific balloon has been identified, there are several research institutes flying balloons which occasionally drift over the area. Johns Hopkins University is one such project and the launch site is at Washington, Pennsylvania. We regret that we cannot offer a more positive identity to the sighting. Our evaluation of this report is a possible balloon observation.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. de Jonckheere
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Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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Form 164

COORDINATION:

ORIGINATOR:

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H. Quintanilla, Jr.
Maj. H. Quintanilla, Jr.

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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?

7th December 1965
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 4:45 15-20
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?

[REDACTED] Lanham Md. Md - Prince George's
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

15-20
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Watching Sun Set - 4:45 PM By Clock

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY a. Bright Clear-Sun Set NIGHT
b. Cloudy 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 d. To your left
b. In back of you e. Overhead
c. To your right f. Don't remember

but had just set below horizon or tree line.

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 *one - high to the south*
 c. Many
 d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight *full moon - seen in sky*
 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):

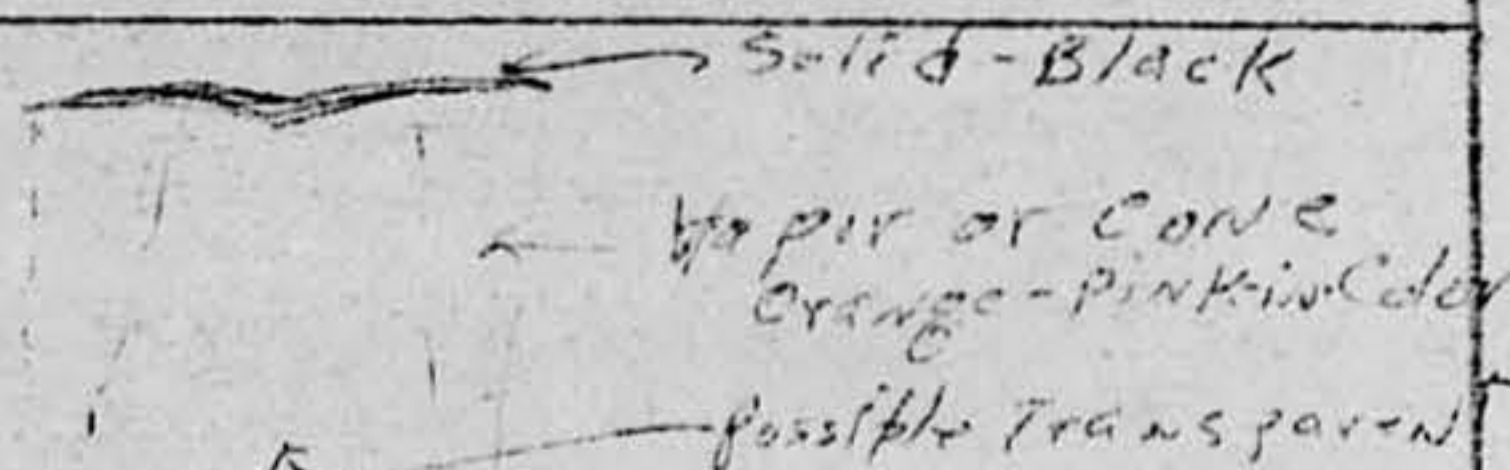
- a. Clear sky
 b. Hazy
 c. Scattered clouds
 d. Thick or heavy clouds

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 *- At first - then at closer Range it began to take shape.*
 d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

at first it was as bright a mirror (small) reflecting bright sun shine

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 *see #10 - This shape was only noticed after 5 minutes or so - then at first with 7x35 binoculars*

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?

- | | | |
|------------|-----------|------------|
| <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *Yes - at least lost from sight. My wife & I were sitting in our living room watching the sunset from a large picture window. After about 15 minutes the gradual travel of the object moved to an area where a group of oak trees in our yard obstructed our vision somewhat - finally we lost sight altogether.*

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:

see # 14

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

for shape see # 10

b. Color

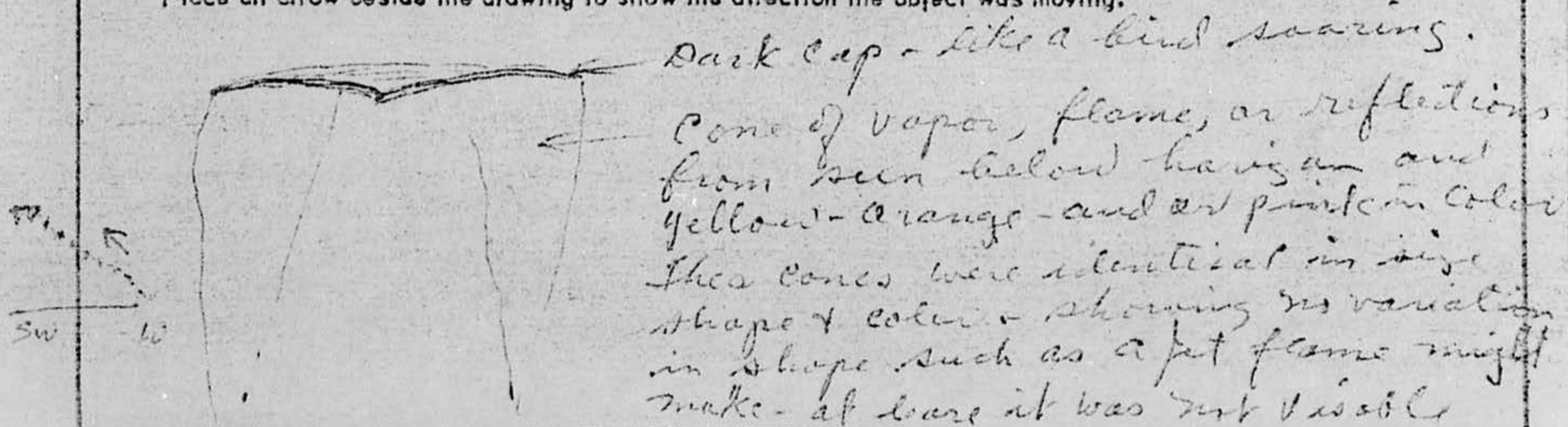
The Cap (bird shape) black; The two identical cones - Orange - Pink

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?

We first noticed the object as a bright speck of light near the end of sighting the object with naked eye was $\frac{1}{4}$ " in size at arms length or half the size of the moons diameter at 5-5:15 pm.

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?

(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

*maybe 15 miles at first
6- till lost from sight.*

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)

NA

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

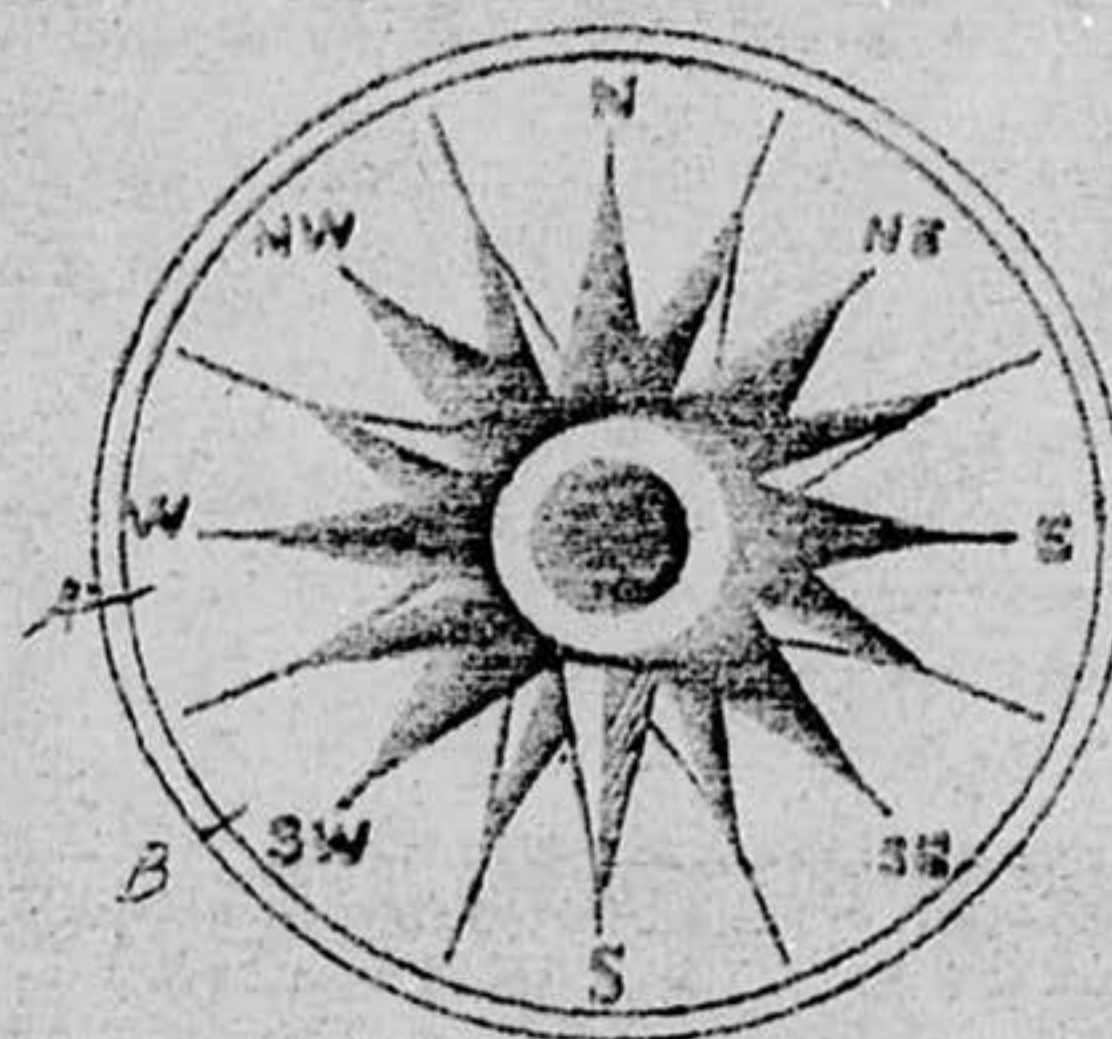
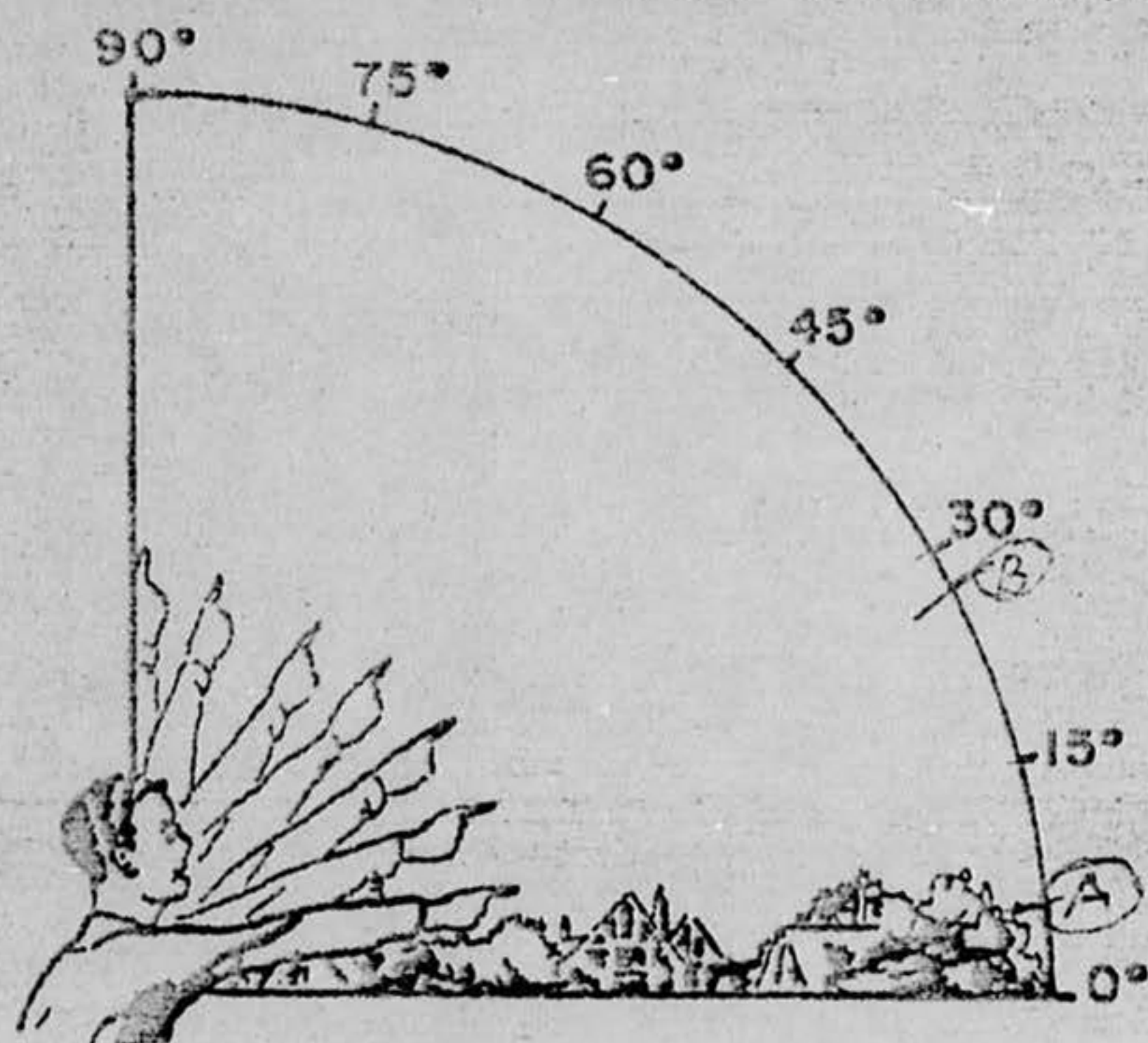
No

h. Other _____

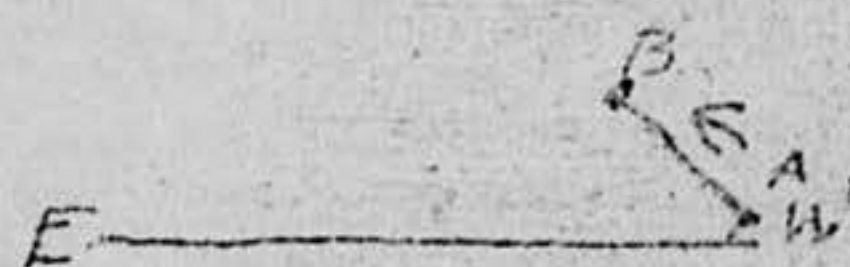
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

*at first we thought it was vapor Trails from a High flying plane.
Later it looked like a Buzzard with pennant cones below each wing
Maybe a Balloon - transparent center - no hanging object
ie. cables - Basket - or Box could be seen.*

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

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:

[Redacted Name] (wife)
Lanham. Md

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME *[Redacted]* *[Redacted]* *[Redacted]*
Last Name First Name Middle Name
ADDRESS *[Redacted]* *[Redacted]* *[Redacted]* *Md*
Street City Zone State
TELEPHONE NUMBER *[Redacted]* AGE *57* SEX *M*

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

NONE - Except Good Vision

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

NASA. Washington. Dc

7 *December* *1965*
Day Month Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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Day

Dec

Month

65

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.

None - Except this is the first time
I ever saw any Aerial object which
was unexplainable.