

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 March 1966 15/1105Z	2. LOCATION Orfordville, Wisconsin (6 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible (BALLOON)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Basic data (if reliable) are not consistent with this, by JAH. <i>conclusion</i>
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 35 - 40 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer noted object which looked like a balloon but was moving against the wind. Object climbed upward and to the north, then dove back to original position. Object performed this maneuver several times. Observer stated object moving against the wind, at 30,000', wind was from 280 deg and at 50,000' from 270 deg. If object was moving from east to the north it wouldn't be moving against wind.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	
7. COURSE E to N	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

15 March
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FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
5 April 1966

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Orfordville, Wisconsin 53576

Dear [REDACTED]

Reference your recent unidentified observation of 15 March 1966. The information which we have received is not sufficient for evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

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

Sincerely,

Neil H. Perkins

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

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : SAF-OS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-2, DIA-1 (15) ADV CY DIA

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PP RUEAHQ

DE RUCDH 1172 0762254

ZNR UUUUU

P 172250Z

FM CHADS TRUAX FLD WIS

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

ZEN/30 AIR DIV TRUAX FLD WIS

RUCDHQ/FTD WPAFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/CSAF WASH DC

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DIV; AFNIN, CSAF; AND SAFIO, OSAF. THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF AN
UFO SIGHTING NEAR ORFORDVILLE, WISCONSIN, SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH AFR 200-2, AS SUPPLEMENTED.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT. (1) ROUND, SAUCER SHAPED (2) SIZE OF A
50 CENT PIECE HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH, OR SLIGHTLY LARGER (3) RED; GLOWED
BRIGHTER THAN DIMMED (4) ONE (5) N/A (6) TINY HOLES ALL AROUND OUT-
SIDE, GLOW (7) NONE (8) NONE (9) RED GLOW, WAS STATIONARY AT FIRST,

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THEN CLIMBED AND DOVE BACK TO ORIGINAL POSITION.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT. (1) GLOW, MOVED AGAINST WIND

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(AT FIRST SIGHT, WITH NAKED EYE, OBSERVER THOUGHT IT WAS A BALLON)

(2) APPROXIMATELY 200 FT (3) OBSERVER COULD NOT ESTIMATE, DISAPPEARED INTO CLOUDS, (4) STATIONARY, THEN CLIMBED UPWARD AND TO THE NORTH. THEN DOVE BACK TO ORIGINAL POSITION. PERFORMED THIS MANEUVER SEVERAL TIMES, (5) NORTH AND INTO CLOUDS, (6) THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (1) NAKED EYE (2) BINOCULARS (3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. (1) 2315-2355Z, 15MAR66, (2) DAY 1715

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER. (1) UNKNOWN (2) NINE MILES WEST OF BELOIT WISCONSIN, BETWEEN BELOIT AND ORFORDSVILLE WISCONSIN.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: [REDACTED]

ROUTE # [REDACTED] ORFORDVILLE, WISCONSIN.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING.

(1) CLEAR, SUN OUT (2) (A) ^{surface} 100/12, (B) ⁶⁰⁰⁰ 220/20, (C) ^{from 10,000} 290/20, (D) ^{16,000} 290/20, (E) ^{20,000} 310/15, (F) ^{30,000} 280/25, (G) ^{50,000} 270/35, (H) UNKNOWN, (3) ^{ceiling} 8000, (4) TWELVE MILES, (5) SCATTERED.

H. ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION. (1) NONE, (2) NONE, (3) NONE

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I. INTERCEPT OR ID ACTION TAKEN. N/A

J. KNOWN ACFT IN AREA. UNITED AL ACFT EN ROUTE O'HARE DESCENDING
IN AREA AT APPROX 2308Z. NORTHWEST AL ACFT EN ROUTE O'HARE DESEND-
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ING IN AREA AT APPROX 2330Z.

K. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER. FRANK L.
HOWE, 1STLT, USAF, ASST INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. HQ CHICAGO ADS (SAGE),
TRUAX FLD, WISCONSIN. OBSERVER SEEMED QUITE ATTENTIVE TO DETAIL
AND HELPFUL. HAD PRESENCE OF MIND ENOUGH TO USE BINOCULARS. DIDN'T
SOUND LIKE A CRACKPOT. NO NATURAL OR COMMAN PHENOMENON IN AREA FOR
BASIS OF PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS.

L. N/A

M. N/A

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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?

15 March 1966
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

5 05
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?

Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or County

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

Hours

Minutes

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes X

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 *high up*
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

- a. Dry *very windy & cool*
- 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 *X*
- 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): *no*

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

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

It glowed - first bright - then dim - repeatedly

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

Jagged

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

Yes

No

Don't know

*only as it disappeared thru the clouds just at dusk
also, when we'd look away from binoculars
we'd have a little trouble locating it again maybe it did*

disappeared & reappeared

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

yes - it gradually disappeared thru the clouds but we could see it thru the clouds for a time & then all of a sudden it was gone but at that time it was quite dusky.

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:

Clouds just as it disappeared.

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:

Clouds just before we lost track of it.

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

a. Sound

none that we could hear but the wind was terrific that day

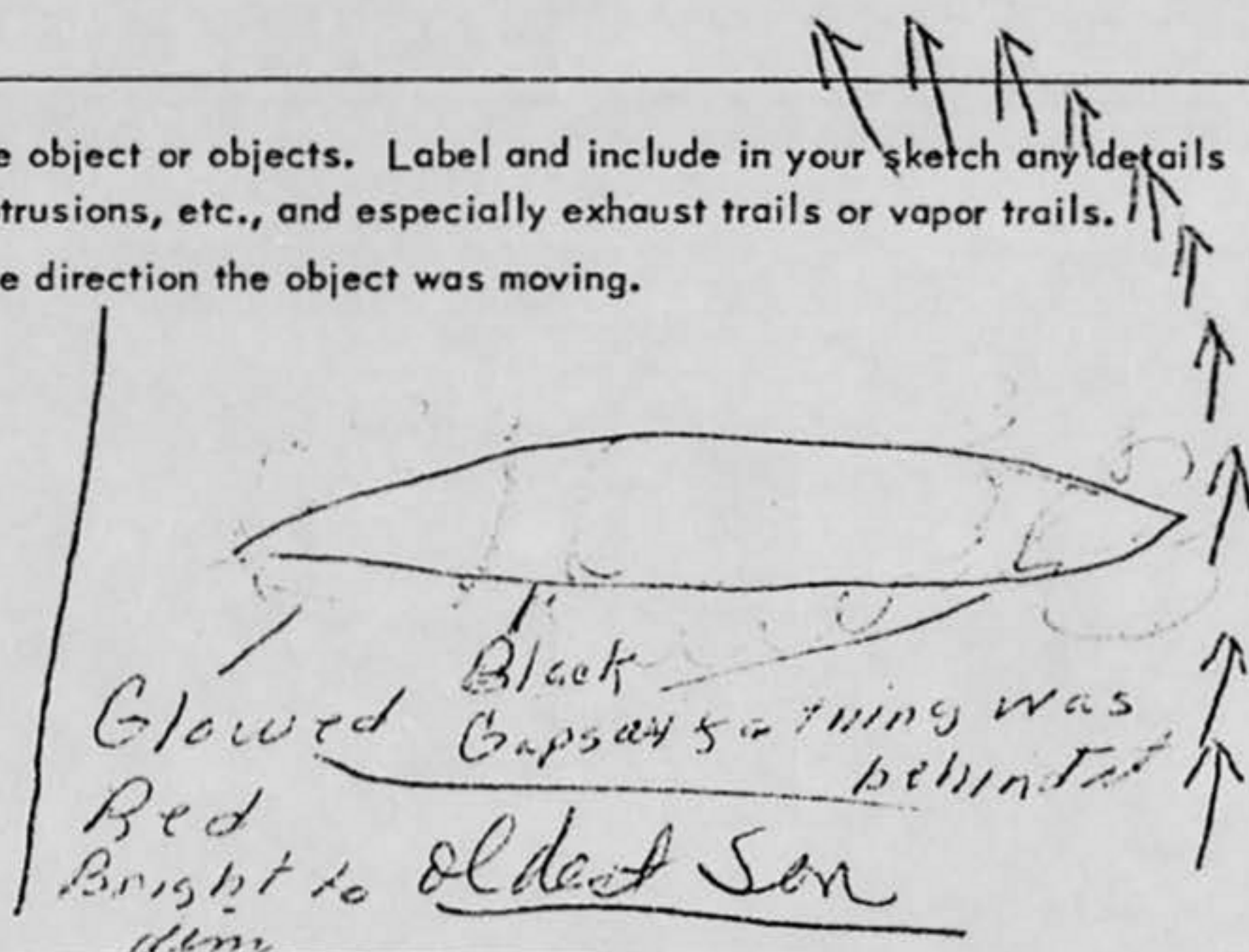
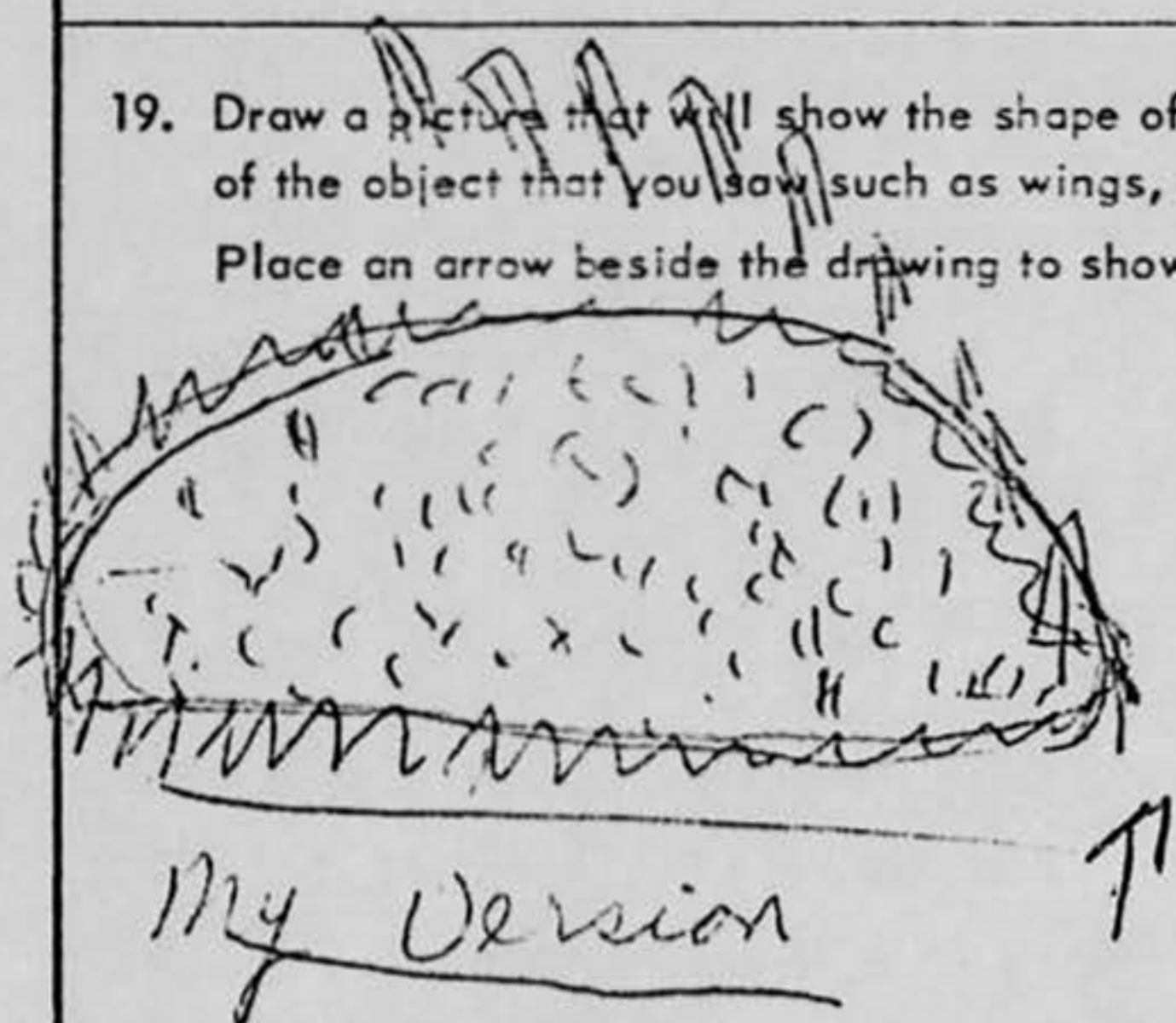
b. Color

lot like aluminum or steel except the red was glowing thru the Pick Marks

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? all of it.

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?

*20 miles an hr.
till it decided to
disappear &
move on.*

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?

*I could show someone
but I can't judge
distance up in sky*

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? *near our house*
- 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

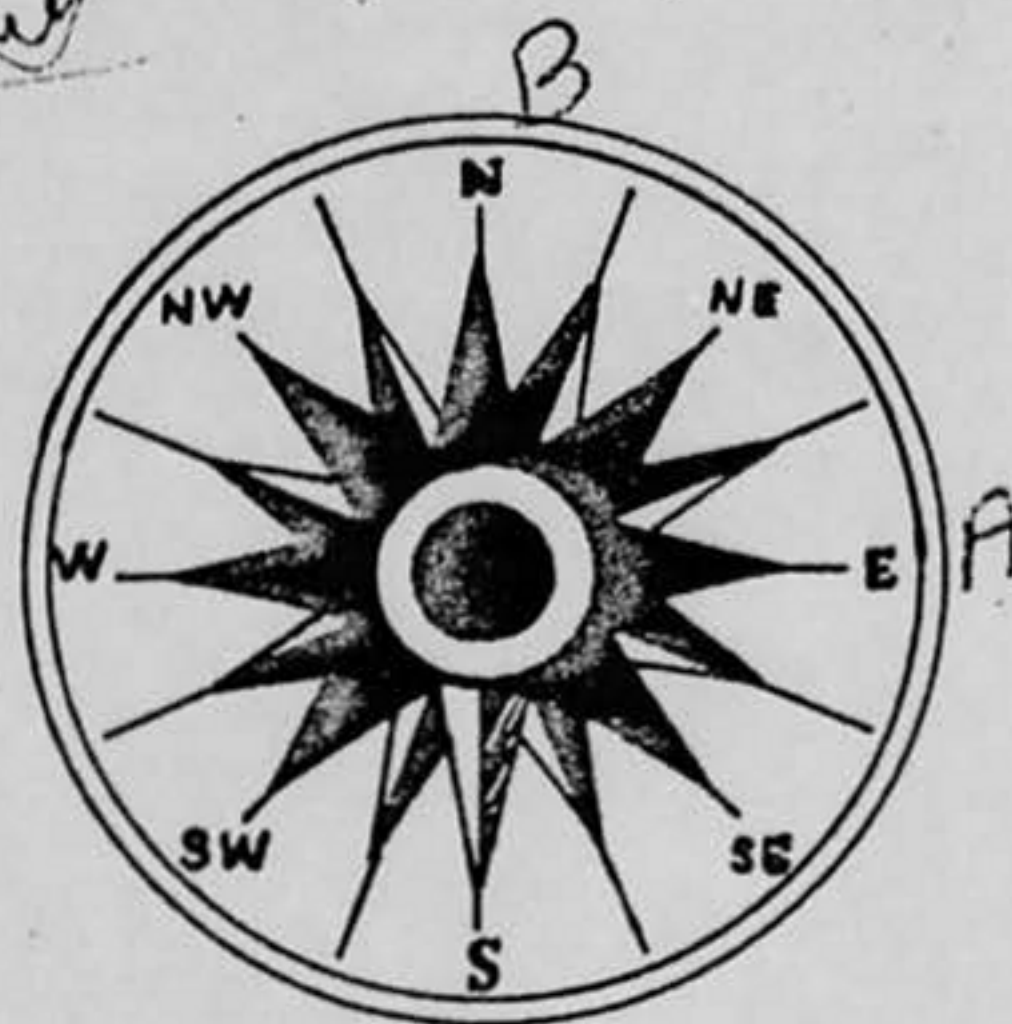
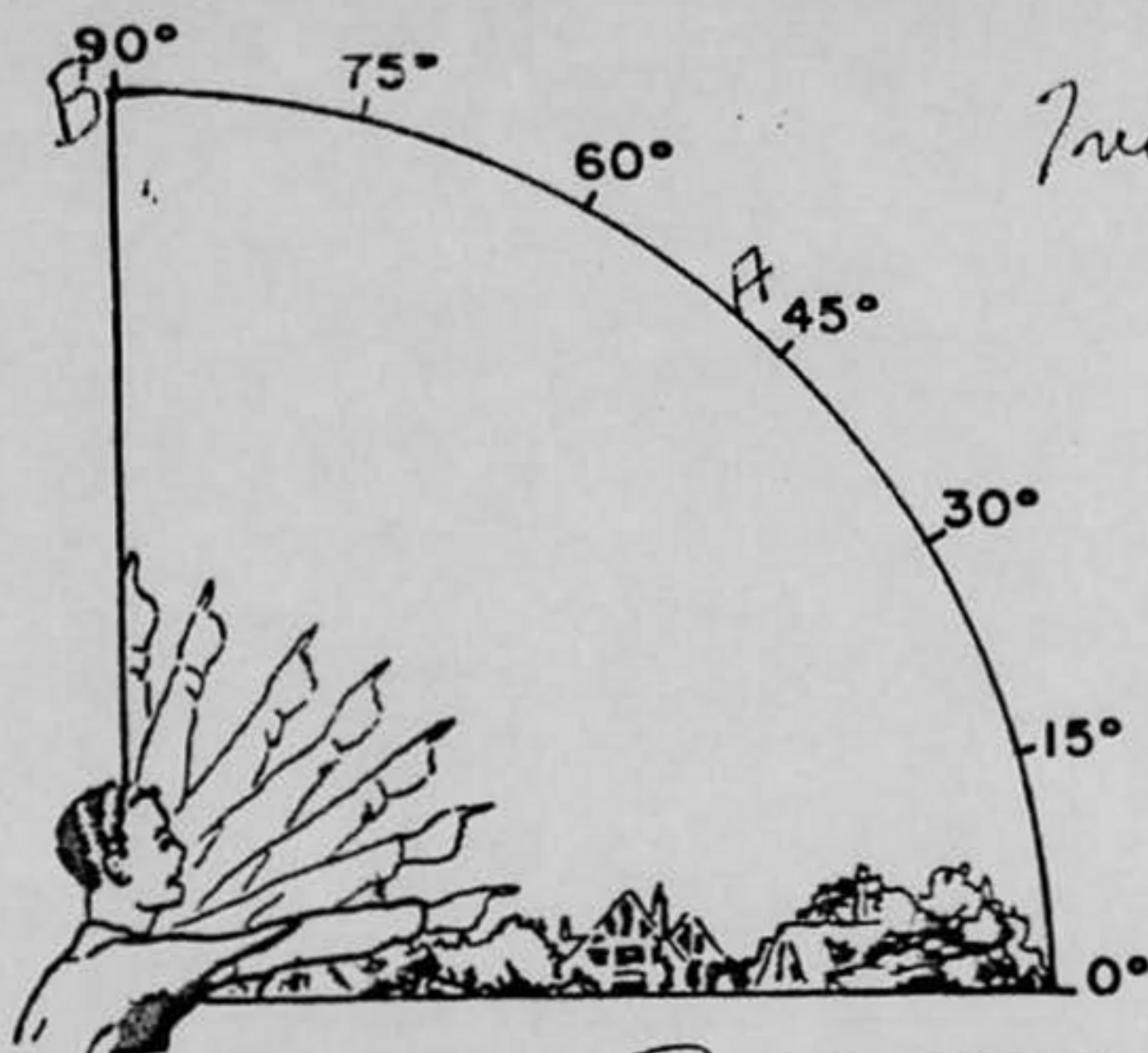
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | <u>Yes</u> | 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 _____ | | |

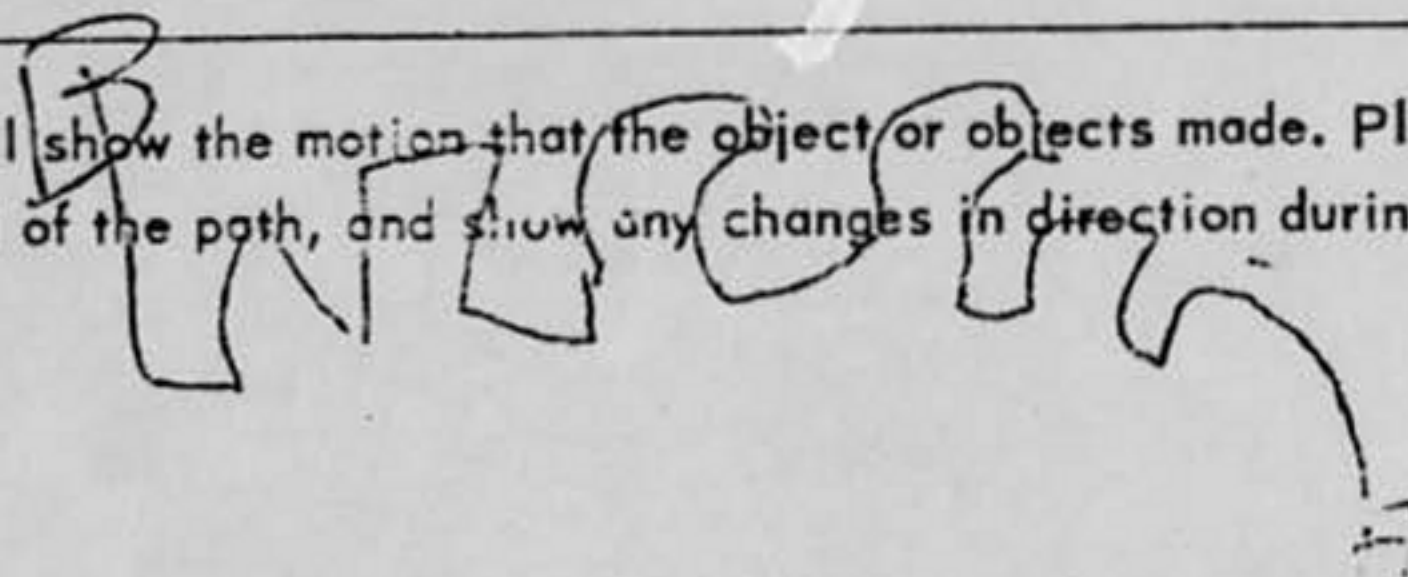
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

*2 Saucers face to face only more oval like
a flat football would describe it too
or still it reminded me of an old fashioned library
top.*

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.



*all zig zag
guessing*

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

Just 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:

all my own children
1st sighted it *age 12* *corina age 4*
age 10
age 8
age 6
age 5

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

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

Nothing special. We did not report this to Sheriff's office or a paper. I was angry when this ufo report said it was swamp gas. The one drawing we saw on news ^{at 135} resembled quite correctly what we'd seen. This was after we'd seen the one we reported.

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

15

Day

March

Month

1966

Year

May Field
A.F.B.

Madison
Wisc

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

14 April 1966
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.

Oldest Son - noticed 'it' was traveling against wind on its own Power - moved in a backwards orbit of the moon. Saw it for a quarter of the moons orbit. He's very interested in Space.

at first glance with a naked eye I thought it was a balloon but after viewing it with binoculars I realized it wasn't.

about 8 minutes after I reported it to Duane we heard a jet but it was behind my back when I was watching the object move towards the north. The red glowed

- To me - thru the Rock marks ^{estimation} holes, or indentations whatever you'd call them, I don't think my picture is very accurate. I can't draw that well.

my first thought when I rec'd. all of these papers to fill out was why didn't I take a gun & shoot at it? I'm a pretty good shot. Maybe then I'd have had some real proof or else someone would have been here to tell about it. Oldest Son's

Saw it at a closer view than I which is why his picture is diff. than mine but he ^{when} saw my (over)

I thought it
description that ~~it~~ ~~the~~ resembled an
old fashioned oval library table top he
thought that description fit the best
of all. I'm inclined to agree. Oh
yes, it was perfectly still ~~and there~~
a good while of the time whenever
watching it & when it did move the
speed was incredibly fast & yet other times
it was slow. Seemed ^{to} be quite powerful.