

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 June 1966 12/0620Z	2. LOCATION Petersburg, Virginia
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Satellite ✓ <i>yes.</i> <i>check sat. shed.</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer noted object larger in size but not as brilliant as brightest star. The whole object appeared to be a dull reddish orange color changed intensity from nearer all red to all orange and back again. Did not appear to follow curvature of the earth as a plane would. Grew faint until lost in the distance. Progressed overhead and disappeared in the distance.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE WSW to ENE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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 _____

(Please Print)

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

6/12/66

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CODE:

I was walking out the back door of my home, to my garage. Turned and looked upwards. Upon scanning the sky (which is a habit of mine) I noticed a dull reddish orange object progressing toward me, from approximately W.S.W., larger in size than Venus usually appears. It progressed over-head and off into the distance E.N.E. As it went away from me it appeared to slow to a stop and gradually get smaller and smaller. Evidently it was pulling directly away from my line of sight. It did not gain or lose altitude after becoming within about 30° of the horizon. The sky was well star lit (no moon) from Western sector. However after getting into the Eastern sector the sky became hazy. Only a few bright stars could vaguely be seen. The V.E. appeared to fly under the haze to begin with. As it became fainter in the distance, it could have gone into the haze at an equal distance from horizon.

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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?

12 6 1966
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

1 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]
Nearest Postal Address

Petersburg
City or Town

Va.
State or Country

Additional remarks:

5. How long was object in sight?

Hours

5
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 with some hazy patches
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?

Larger in size but not as brilliant. Reddish orange in color.

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | 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? | Yes | <u>No</u> | 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? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | <u>No</u> | 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: *the night sky was bright (star light) except toward the west where the sky appeared hazy. Only a few bright stars shown thru.*

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 | <u>No</u> | e. Binoculars | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | <u>No</u> | f. Telescope | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| c. Windshield | Yes | <u>No</u> | g. Theodolite | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| d. Window glass | Yes | <u>No</u> | h. Other <i>Normal vision</i> | <i>20-20</i> | |

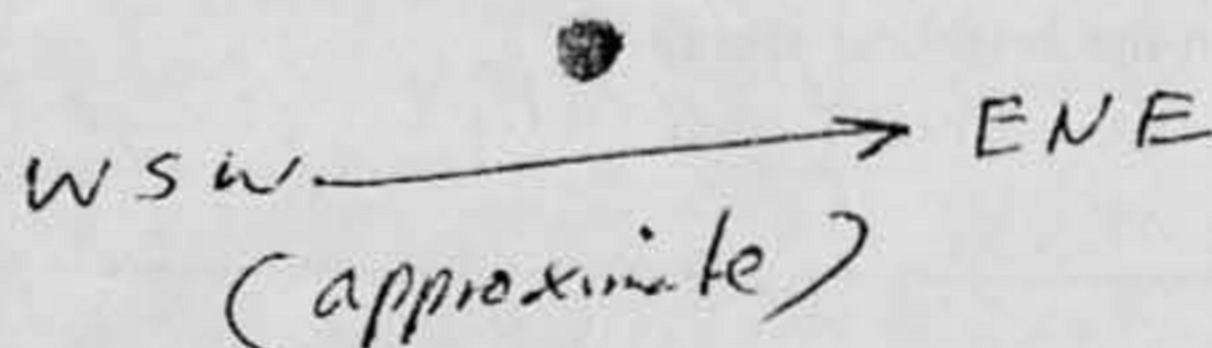
The object appeared to fly under the hazy overcast.

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound No sound could be heard

b. Color dull redish orange

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.

WSW  ENE
(approximate)

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 the whole object appeared to be a dull redish orange. color changed intensity from near all red to all orange and back again

19. 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 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
 did not appear to follow curvature of the earth as a plane would. As it went into the distance it appeared to stand still but kept getting fainter, maintaining a constant distance between it and the horizon.

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

About the size of Venus only much ~~more~~ brighter in brightness.

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?

probably all of it.

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

Grew fainter until lost in the distance. Similar to a jet exhaust.

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.

It was just about the size and brightness of a jet exhaust at low altitude (around 2,000 ft.). the difference being that you could see it coming and going and also the color wasn't right.

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 Suburban area

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Walked out the back door of my home. Scanned the sky as I usually do and saw the object coming out of the sky. Was going out to my garage to place a large child's toy into

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? _____ 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)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. <u>Southwest</u> closest | h. Northwest |
| | | | i. Overhead |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. <u>Northeast</u> | 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).

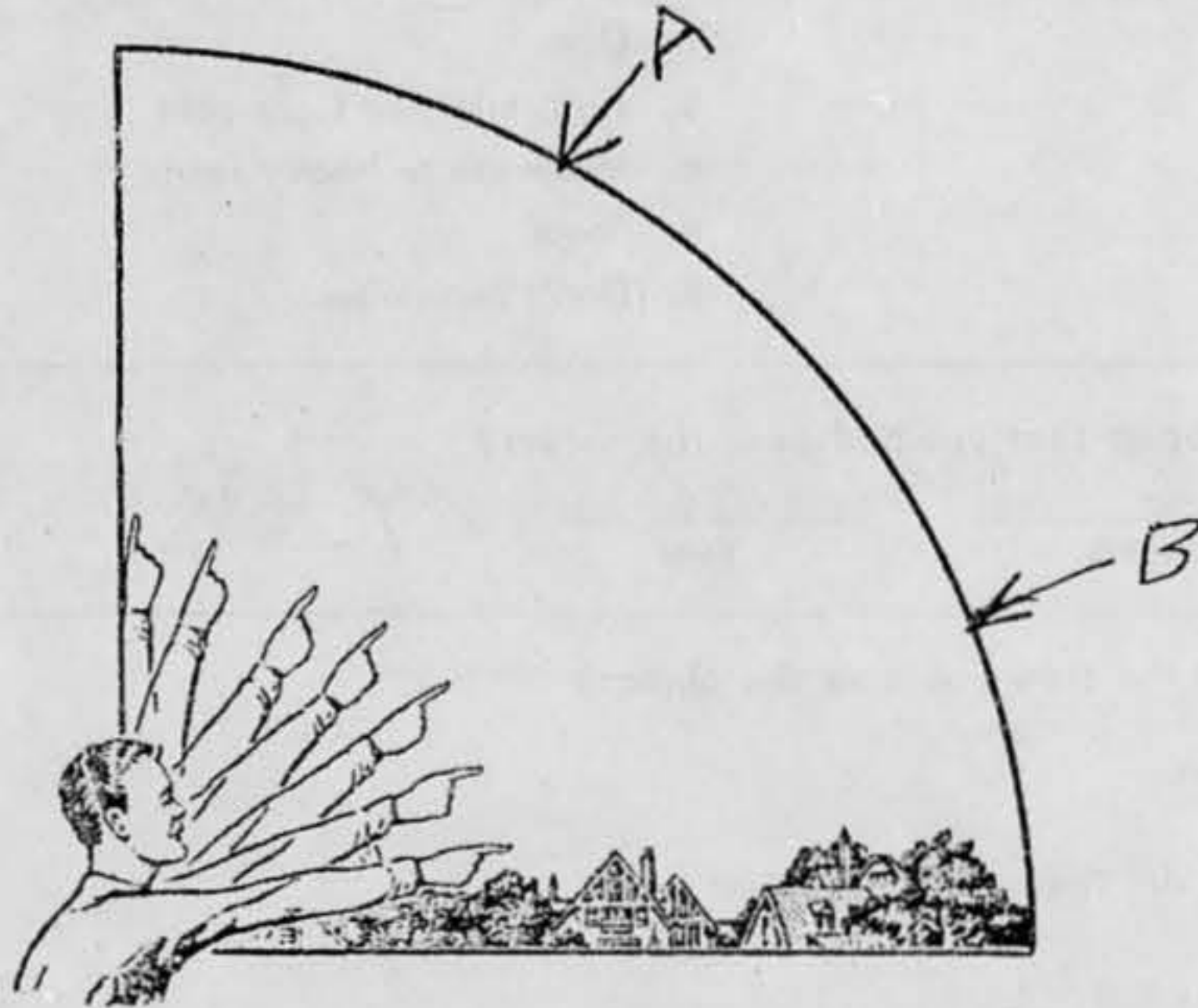
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 260° degrees.
- b. From horizon 70° degrees.

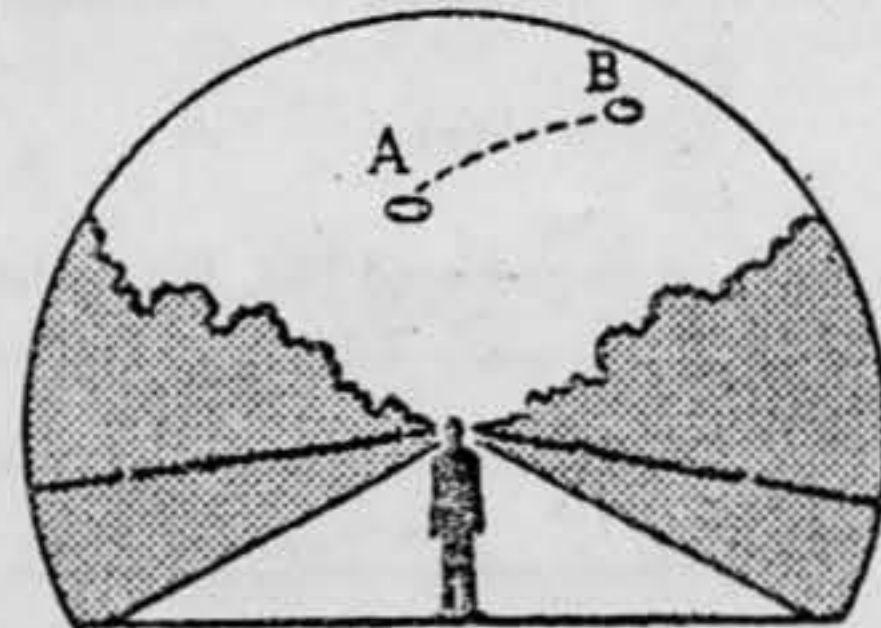
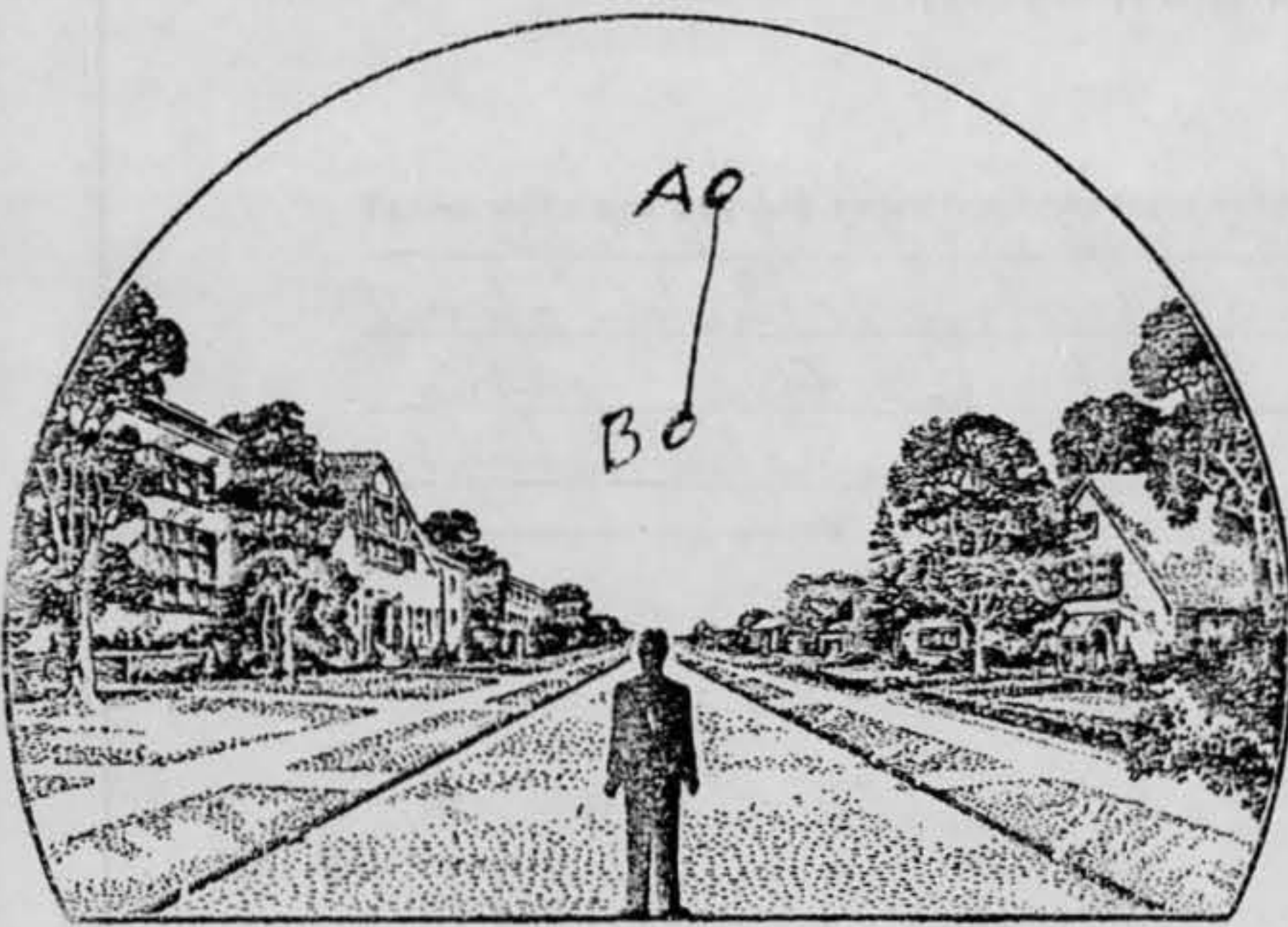
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 65 or 70° degrees.
- b. From horizon 30° 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 in the East
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?

12
Day

6
Month

1966
Year

My wife

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:

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?

1947 Petersburg Va. Stopped off of bus, noticed a large
(much larger than this one) reddish orange circular object
traveling overhead with jets of blueish flame sporting
from edges (similar to aircraft exhaust flame) also had blueish
tail (similar to comets tail) No sound was heard.

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

Having had experience in aviation, the object does not seem to
fit any one category.
Must have been some sort of flying machine controlled by
an intelligent being. Maybe from outer space. Who knows?

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? Around 600 MPH

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? 10,000 to 15,000 ft.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Age 37

Sex M

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

Aviation machinist mate U.S.N. 1947-1950
Light plane experience
High School graduate
Presently insurance salesman

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

12
Day

6
Month

1966
Year