

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 July 66 9/0115Z	2. LOCATION Ladd, Illinois one witness
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro(meteor)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION less than second	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	Observer noted a meteor like object, but was much wider. The object formed a 180 degree arc which was visible for only an instant. Object was compared with a small rainbow that was traveling toward the north. When the object disappeared, it did so totally, leaving no discernable trail. The color was speckled like stardust construction material (dull gold) and little or no space between the speckles. The object did not look like any meteors or shooting stars that the witness had seen before this sighting. Description is consistent with that of a meteor. The duration of the sighting is insufficient to obtain a definite shape of the object.
7. COURSE western sky	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

17

Day

NOVEMBER

Month

1966

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.

I have never seen anything like this before. The exhaust trails of S.A.C. planes I've seen, trails of two shooting stars and/or comets and meteors were in straight lines and their trails were visible after they passed. Whatever this was, it was traveling at such a tremendous speed that the arc (or curved path) that it made seemed to be in one solid line. I saw the speckled exhaust along periphery of the largeness, which led me to believe that whatever the object was, it was traveling at a speed much greater than any of the rockets I have seen launched on T.V. (for the space-walks), and in a northerly direction; if the principle of exhaust usually being at the end and the head being at the beginning can be proven true in this case, I deduced that the object was moving in a south to north direction.

8 July 1966

Ladd, Illinois

FTD (TDETR)

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

16 November 1966

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Ladd, Illinois 61329

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

Reference your unidentified observation of 8 July 1966. The information in your letter of 16 October was 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,


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


Ladd, Illinois - 61329 ✓
October 16, 1966

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Aeronautical Technical Intelligence Center
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

Last July 8th, 1966, I witnessed a rather bizarre aerial phenomenon directly west of my home town of Ladd. Until now I have tried to dismiss this from my mind as being some type of optical illusion or an astigmatic abrasion on my part.

Almost a week ago, I overheard two older gentlemen and a younger man discussing this phenomenon in a restaurant in the town of DePue, Illinois, which is the town in which I am an English and social studies teacher in the local high school. According to their discussion, the phenomenon occurred "about the first week in July of this year" and was also witnessed by several people in the vicinity of Princeton, Illinois, which is between six and ten miles northwest of DePue. My own home town of Ladd is approximately ten miles northeast of DePue. Within this triangle, it seemed that from the discussions and the descriptions I overheard, it was most likely the same phenomenon which all of us witnessed. The people in Princeton said the thing occurred almost directly over them and to the east slightly, the people from DePue said it looked like the thing was directly north of them, and I witnessed the ~~the~~ thing as happening to the due west from my home town of Ladd.

The phenomenon itself seemed to be somewhat like a shooting star; I have seen three so far in my life. However, the three shooting stars which I have witnessed left a traceable trail of white, forming a white threadlike path directly behind. This phenomenon in general made a curved arc in the sky traveling in what I considered to be almost a direct north-south direction. Another somewhat astounding thing that made me remember the entire split-second occurrence was that the arc-shaped path was discernable to me for approximately a second, or probably two, and along with this, the width of the path which was made I estimated to be at one to one and one-half inches wide. The coloring of the trail was of a pale or dull gold, not yellow-gold, but more along the line of the type of "star dust" used by students in the construction of the annual "Buddy Poppy Posters" sponsored by the American Legion.

With all this talk in papers and in magazines about the "flying saucers", etc., I understand your subsequent stand on security concerning these matters and have only divulged this happening to one other person, who promised not to say anything. I wrote this letter only after I had heard the particular discussion mentioned above, since there seemed to be others who saw the same thing at about the same time.

*P.S. The trail, in arc-pattern
seemed to disappear all at once
and left no trail whatsoever after
the second or two transpired.*

Sincerely yours,

Send 164



8 Jul 66 9/10/66
Act of Nature

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?

8 July 1966
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 8 15
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] [Redacted] Bureau - ILLINOIS
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

Hours Minutes Seconds

1.5 sec less than 1 sec

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? eyeblick time between being seen and not being seen.

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
- 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:

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 _____

13. 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? | <u>Yes</u> | No | 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? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |

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

It was seen by me as I turned a corner walking north and began facing west. It looked like a meteor or a comet, but was much wider than either of these and formed a 180° arc - visible for an instant and gone the next, the frontal part disappearing behind a tree (when it was visible). A miniature rainbow form going in northernly direction.

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: a large tree

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: _____

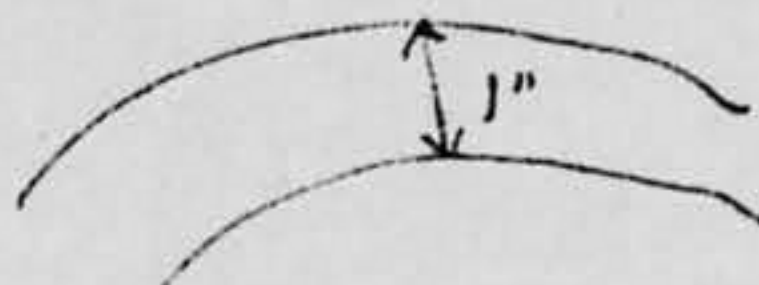
17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound none discernible

b. Color dull gold in color (trail of close fitting flakes - compacted Milky Way)

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? 1/3 of object in test (mentioned) above

about 1/6 or 1/7
(of the object)



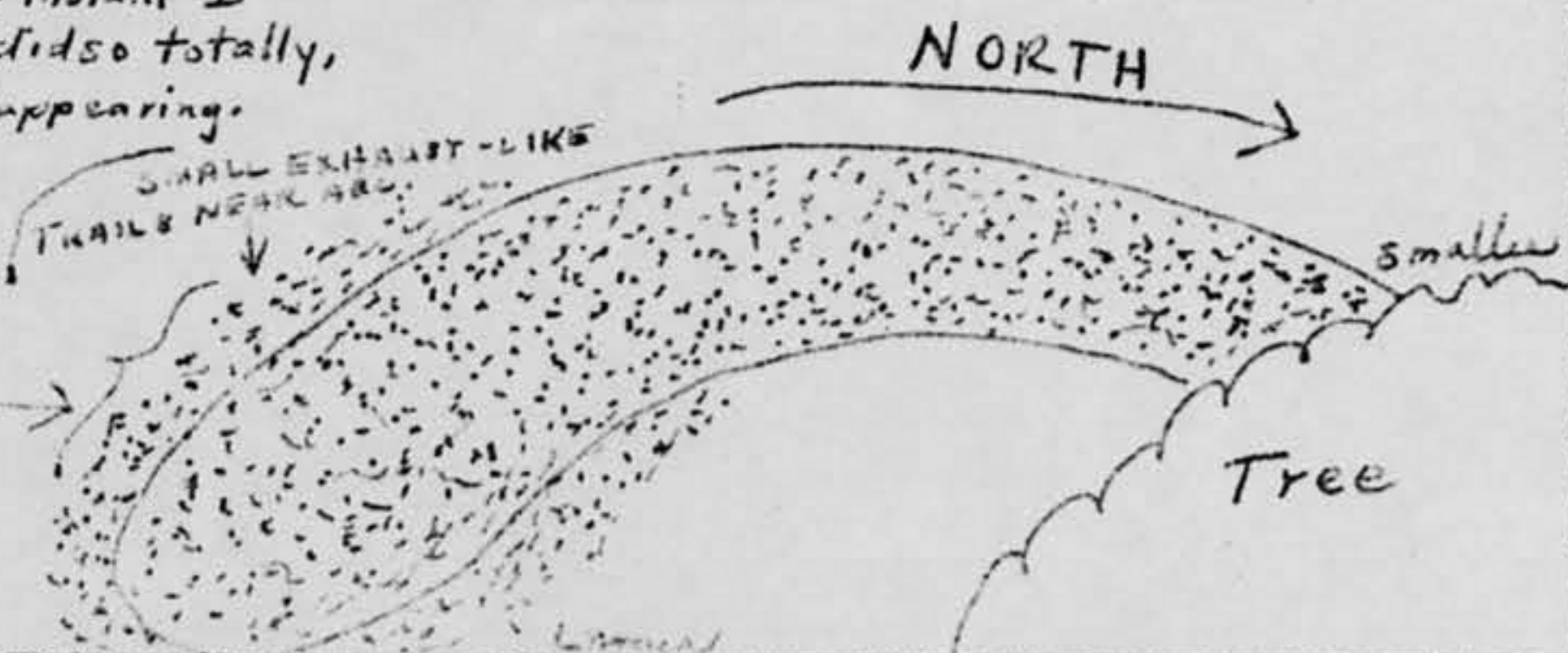
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Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

Drawing shows how I saw it for the instant I did see it. When it disappeared, it did so totally, leaving no discernible trail - just disappearing.

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(of the light)*



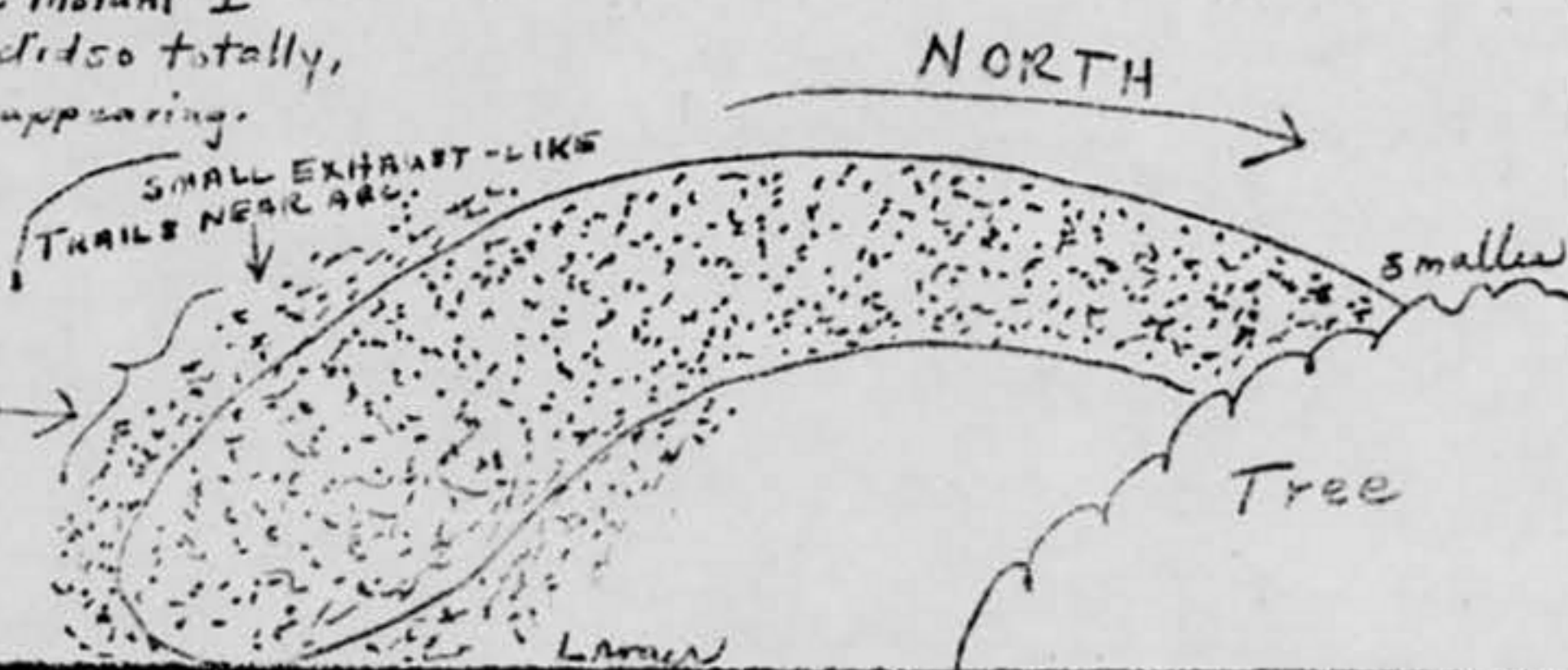
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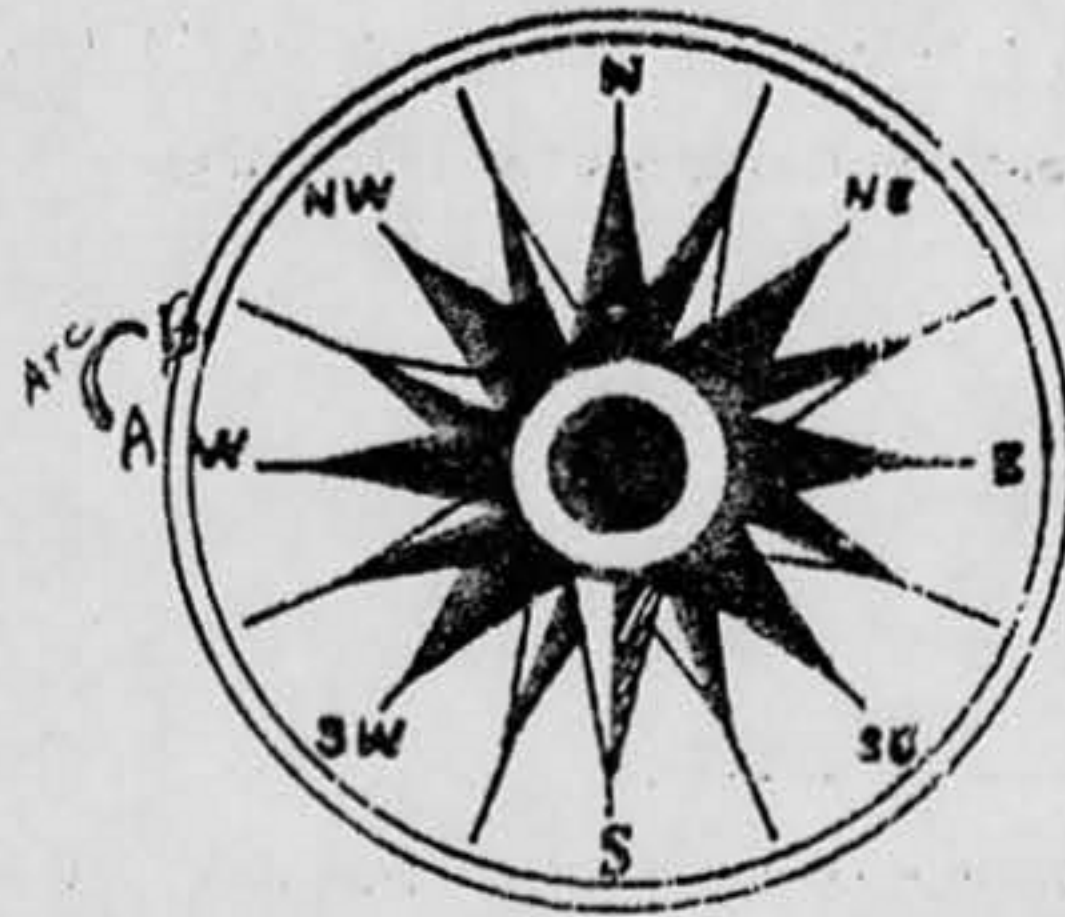
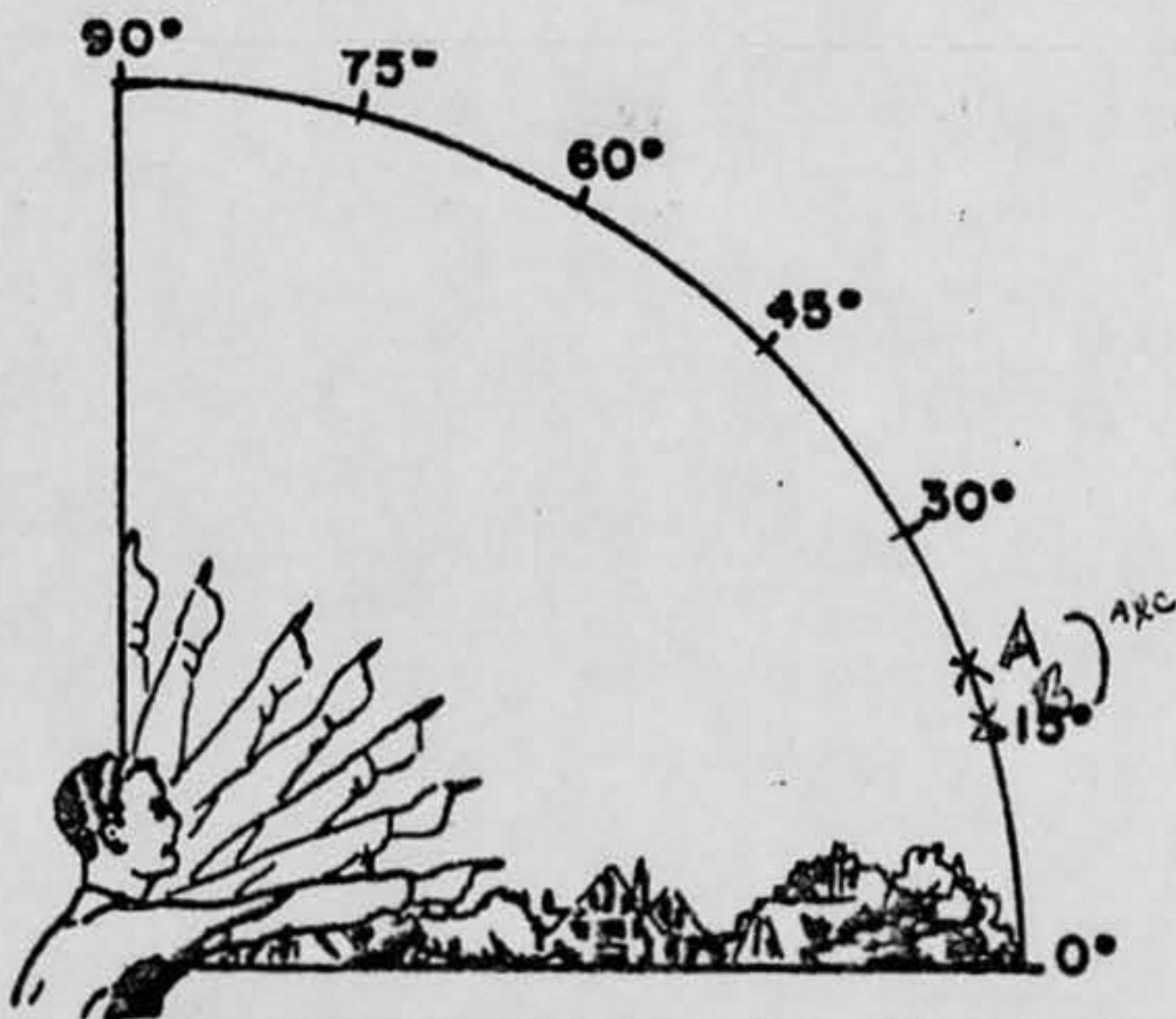
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28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

A. + B seen at same time



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 traveling.

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

NONE WHATSOEVER

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

SEX

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

A. SOCIAL-STUDIES TEACHER - DEPUÉ High School, DePue, ILLINOIS

B. EX-MARINE HONORABLE MEDICAL DISCHARGE: QUANTICO, Va. May 25,
1966

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D. No Previous Experience in either C.A.P. or C.A.B. activities concerning Aerial phenomena.

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

My family :

8

Day

July

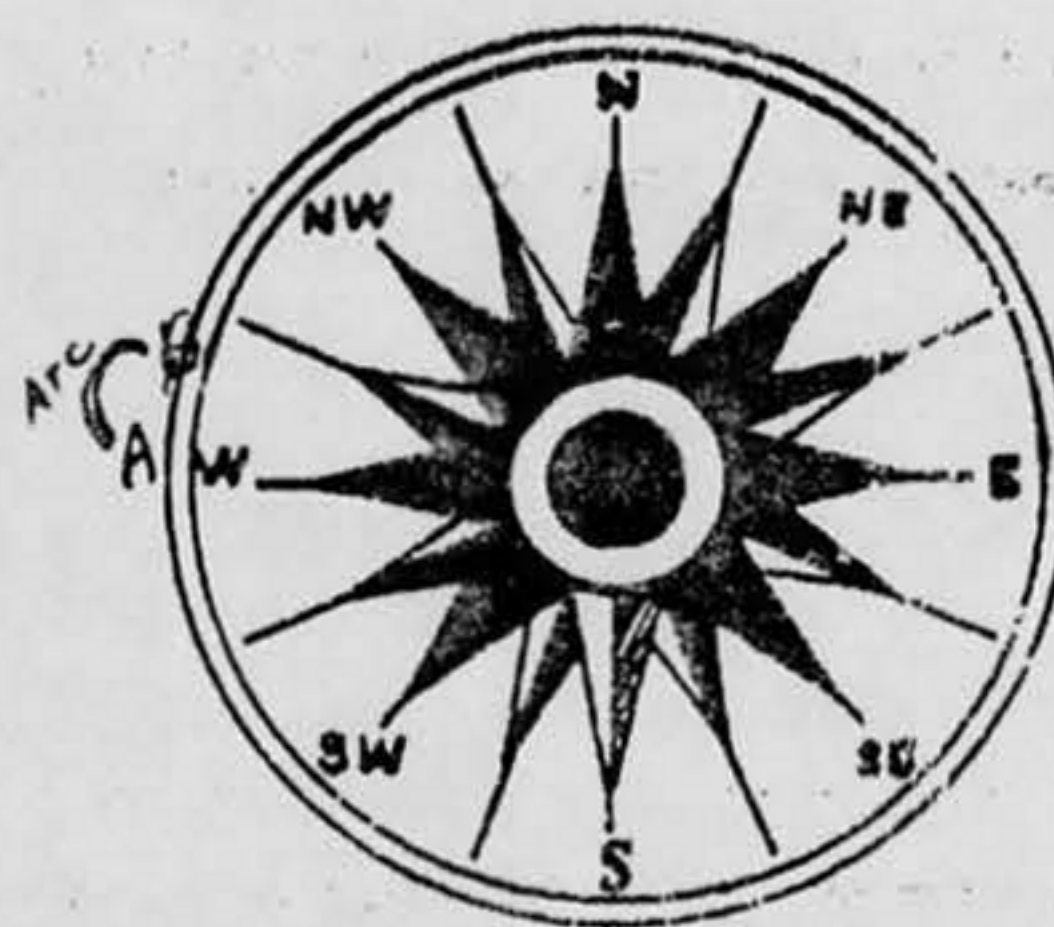
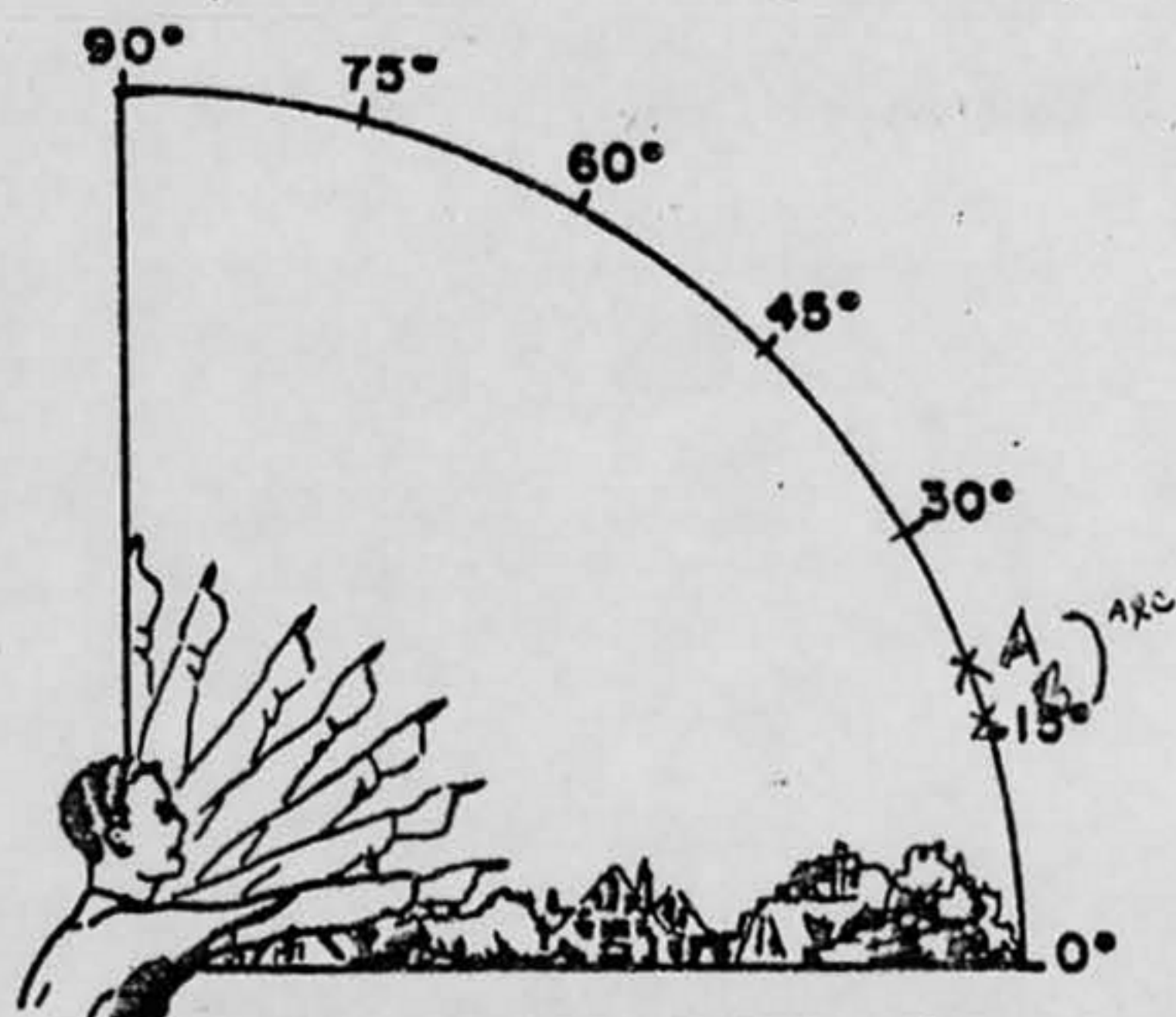
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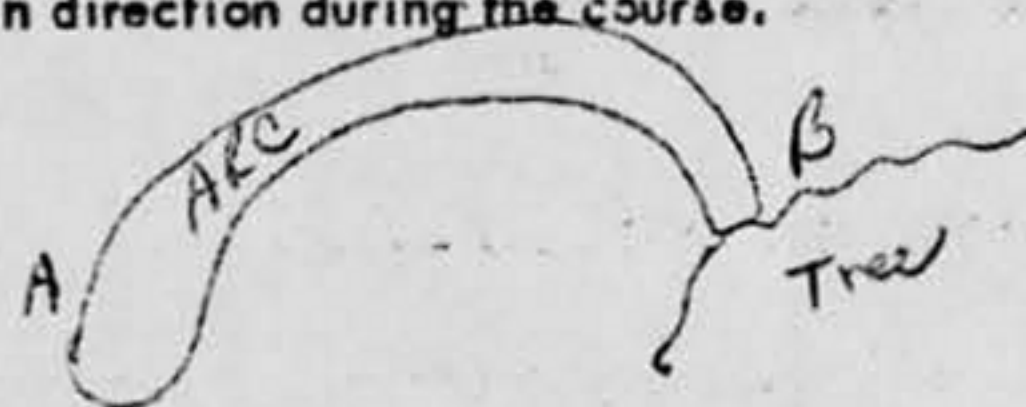
H.S. [redacted] (sister) Dec
GIE [redacted] Reside at
same residence

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Last Name First Name Middle Name

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] AVE. LADD ILLINOIS
Street City Zone State

Street

City

Zero

Symptoms

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE 24 SEX MALE

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~~REDACTED~~; Mrs.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ E; (sister) DEB

~~_____~~ - Reside at
same residence