

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 September 66 04/0310Z	2. LOCATION Terra Haute, Indiana
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (ARCTURUS) ✓ JJA
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	At the time of the sighting, ARCTURUS was at 285 deg azimuth, 10 deg elevation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer watched star like object in the western sky. The object was brighter than the brightest star. Observer compared alleged UFO to a very large bright star. Object appeared to move away very fast after being observed for approximately 8 minutes. Description is consistent with that of an astronomical observation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE W	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Terre Haute, Indiana 47807

Sept. 4, 1966

Dear Sirs:

I wish to relate a report of an unidentified flying object.

As I went out onto my back porch I noticed the object appear in the western sky about 10:10 p.m. on Saturday, September 3, 1966. I first believed it to be a star, therefore I didn't call for others to see it. There was, however, something different about this object as compared to other celestial bodies surrounding it. It had a definite brilliance. I thought this might have been because the object was at a lower altitude.

I sighted the object off a tree branch, and accordingly, it did not seem to move. But, at approximately 10:18, it faded readily in a western position, away from where I was sitting.

Within approximately five seconds the area of the sky was completely clear of any

Antenne setting

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Terre Haute, Indiana 47807

brilliant object, as before.

Later checks proved that no unidentified object was in the sky, only the other celestial bodies. Apparently there was little cloud cover in the area I was observing.

I thought you might want to keep this information on file in case other reports will be turned in. The object should have been seen around the Terre Haute area and nearby Illinois.

I would appreciate any answer or information you could give me concerning this sighting. I will be available for further information.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Wright-Patterson AFB

Project Bluebook

Dayton, Ohio

ETP
ub

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?

3 September 1966
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

10 10
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

Terre Haute
City or Town

Indiana
State or County

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

8 00
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? tried wrist watch

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? *Yes*

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 *only looking up or to the west*
- 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:

Much brighter, change in brightness, lower in altitude

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

c. Other

Only very glitery

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

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

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. ^{No} 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

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.

It would look as a large star, very bright.

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *Yes, after watching for approx. 8 minutes, the object closed away (about like shutter on a camera) very fast, in the direction of west - away from where I was sitting. Looking like this: ○ ○ ○. } Approx. 5 seconds.*

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*

b. Color *Bright as a star*

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?

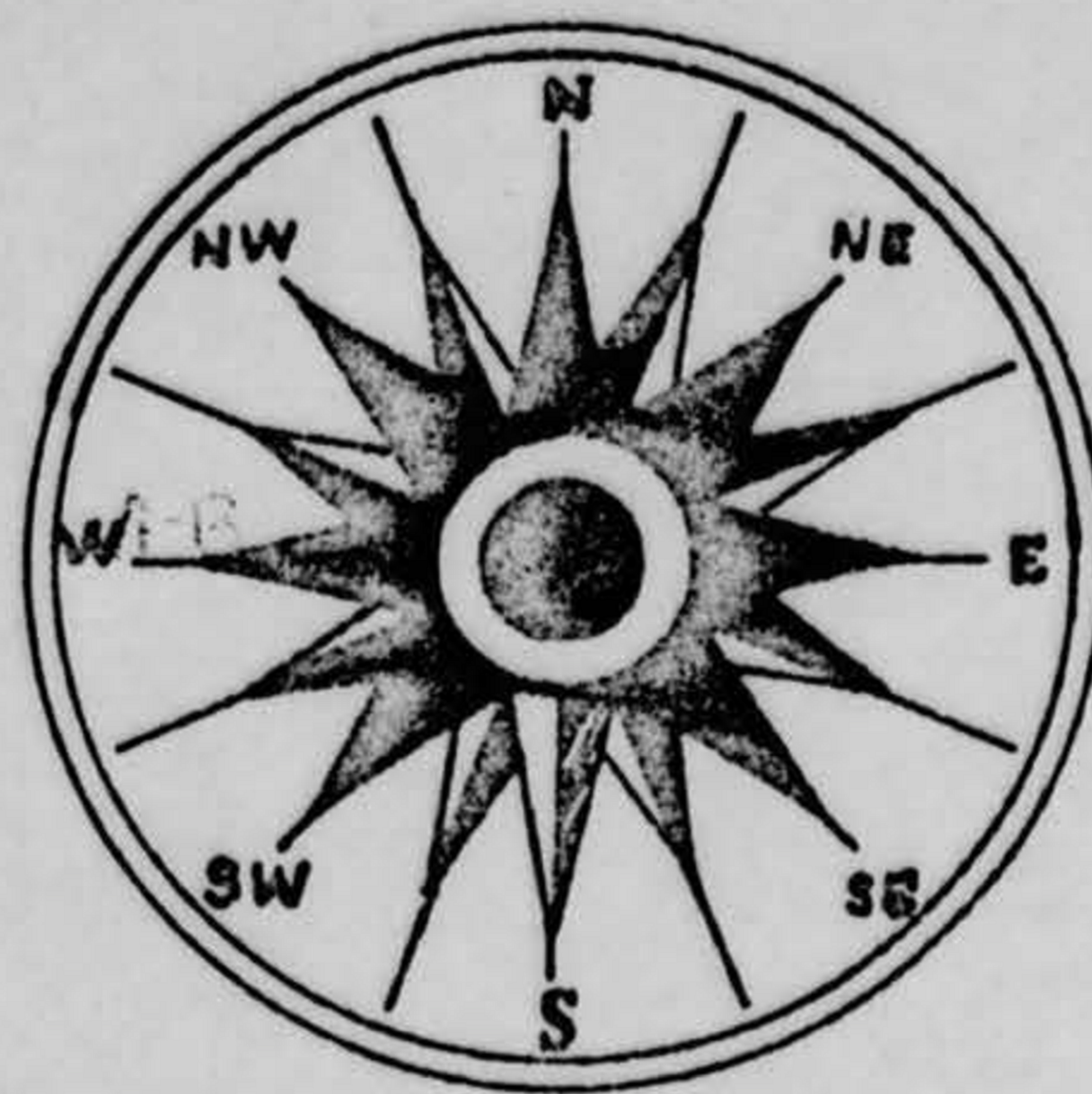
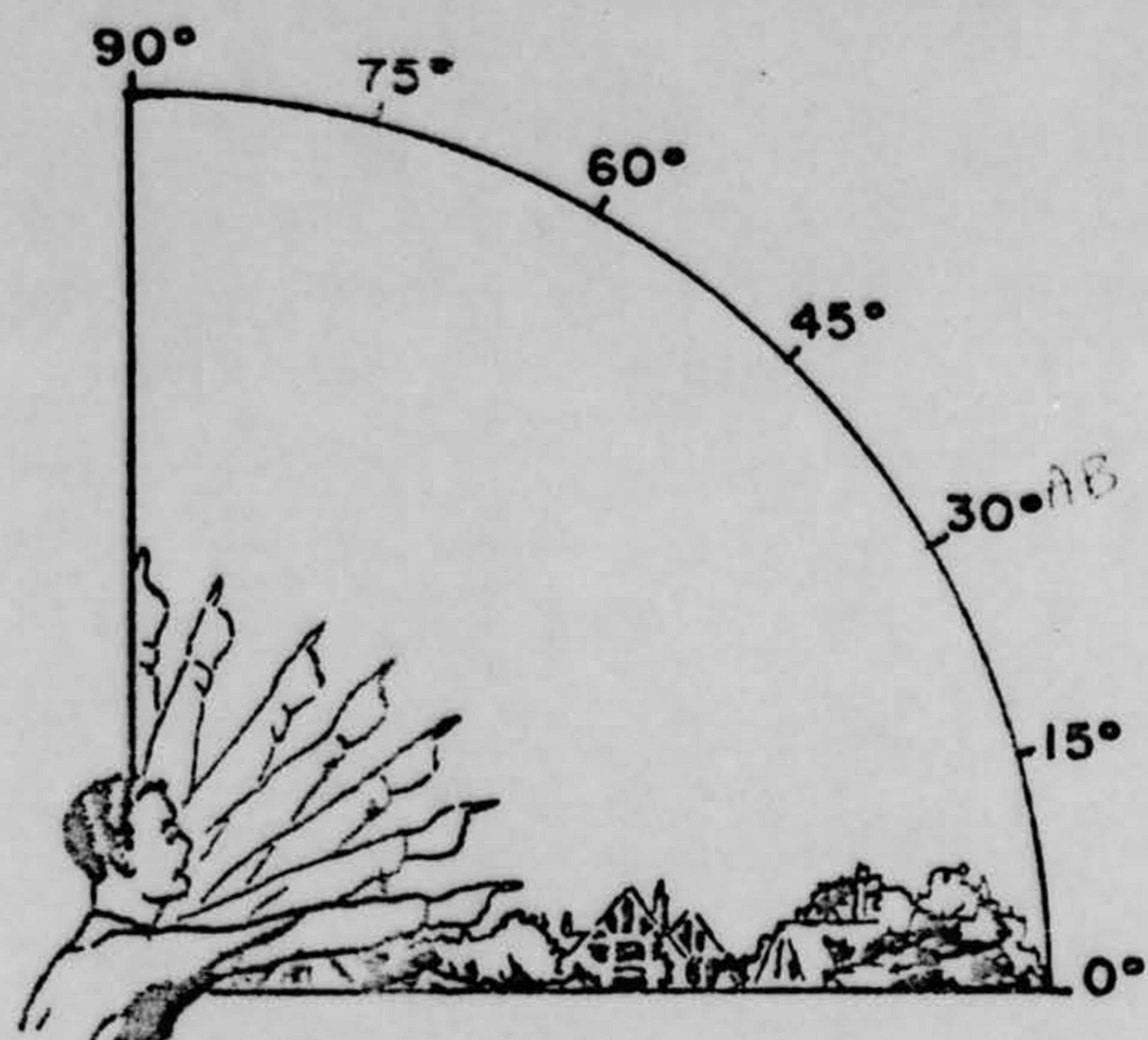
Approx. 1/2 of object would have been covered.

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.

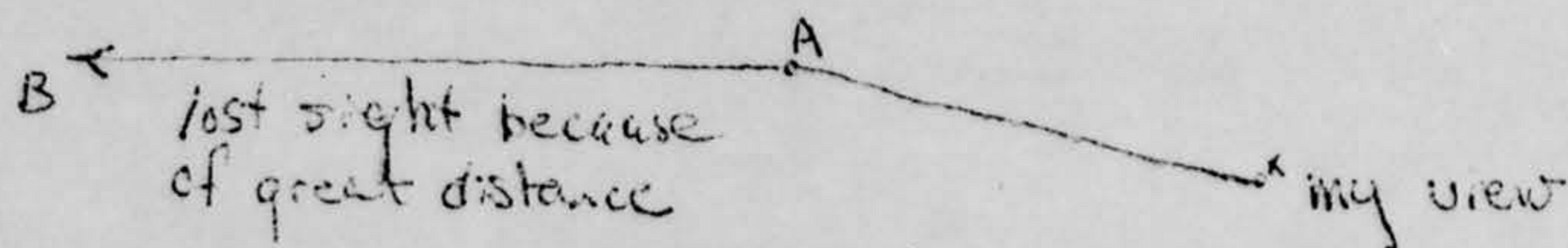
Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

Only as a star in characteristics.

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? _____

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

No

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

None

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.

I am a senior at Indiana State University, majoring in elementary education, with a special area in science.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object? Halman Air Field, Terre Haute

3
Day

September
Month

1966
Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

13 September 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.

Terre Haute Ind. 4 Sept.

FTD (TDETR) *Al*
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
8 September 1966

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] et
Terre Haute, Indiana 47807

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Reference your letter of 4 September 1966 concerning your observance of an unidentified flying object on 3 September 1966. The information in the letter was not sufficient for a comprehensive evaluation; therefore, we request you complete the enclosed FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force. As soon as our evaluation has been completed we shall forward the results. To date we have not received any other sightings on that night around the Terre Haute area.

Sincerely,

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

OFFICIAL FILE COPY

TDETR
Office of Record