

# PROJECT 1973 RECORD

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| 1. DATE OF OBSERVATION<br>April 07 06/1300Z  | 2. LOCATION<br>London, Ohio                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3. CIVILIAN<br>NUMBER OF OBJECTS             | 4. CONCLUSION<br>INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>Approx. 1 minute | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br><br>Observer stated that the object appeared as a transparent<br>ject. Factor of object was hard to determine, due to the<br>splotchy areas sighting. Sound: no distinct sound of it.<br>Color: none but black splotches which appeared as birds<br>coating it. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground Visual      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7. WEATHER<br>Clear                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 8. TIME OF DAY<br>1300Z                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 9. TIME OF SIGHTING<br>1300Z                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

10. REMARKS: (If necessary, additional information may be added.)

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

30th

April

1967

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.

Being a bicyclist, it is only natural that I travel with eyes open, darting animals can cross my path, sense of hearing is also sharpened for traffic from the rear, as well as oncoming. Aircraft in trouble are liable to make their appearance. Birds during mating season are on guard against other birds, or human beings, and may attack.

Shortly after my purchase of a 6" reflector telescope, I studied the Biosatellite in which we had included the insects. I had reported to fellow employees that it appeared to be about 6' long, and about 100' from me as I was looking. Information given in the instructions with the World Portrait Globe, by Rand-M Nally, states that most instrument bearing satellites of ours, are about 6' -8' long.

Have been trying to estimate the dimensions of the object sighted. Said object could not have been very far beyond the government storage bins of which I spoke. A rough estimate would place it at about 35 feet across. Maybe 5 or 6 feet high in the highest point.

During the time of sighting, tried to imagine birds in such a formation, but ruled this out. Only ducks or geese are known to fly such, and being the first day of March, and the direction of movement being due south, could not feel this as birds. A night or two later, felt that the object had collided with a flight of birds, which hampered vision, and a temporary low level check had to be made.

No report of aircraft landings, especially gliders, had been given for that period of time.

London, Ohio

Dear Sir/

The subject has to do with a UFO which I had sighted about two weeks ago, while traveling to the Bureau of Criminal Ident. & Invest., where I am employed. As the object was close to the ground upon discovery, and moving ever so slowly, it gave me time to give it consideration as not being a group of birds, aircraft in difficulty, nor a glider.

The teacher in question advised me that your interests lie definitely in this direction, and she coaxed me to get in touch with you. The mottled appearance of the structure of this craft puzzled me for a time, but am inclined to believe that they had struck a flight of birds, such as insects strike a windshield of an automobile. It is my belief that this craft knew I would see them, and pretended to be landing, then as suddenly, shoot straight up.

No sound was heard from this craft, wind was out of the north at 5 miles an hour, no craft crossed my line of sight near the highway prior to my sighting it. As I ride a bicycle when possible, visibility was exceptional, approximately 7:00 AM. Cannot describe this craft as some which were published in the newspapers. It appeared like a class of aircraft which has the slightly upturned wingtips, but as was mentioned previously, it was traveling much too slow to be aircraft of ours in an emergency landing. No craft has been reported as having landed that day in that vicinity, and it is correctional institution property. From my viewpoint, this craft appeared like an areoplane, from tail, or front, but the mottled appearance suggests transparent rotors.

Possibly the description I have given of the craft can assist you in identifying other craft. However, you are more than welcome to the above description.

Respectfully yours, I am,

Send  
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Mar 67

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

26 April 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, Mar 67

TO: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
London, Ohio 43140

Reference your unidentified observation. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF  
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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FTD Form 164 w/envelope

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Confusing + Insufficient info. —  
JH

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

17 Mar 67  
London, Ohio  
2400 Z

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?

Wed - 1st March 1967  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 7: 00, or 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?

London, Ohio

Nearest Postal Address

London

City or Town

Ohio (Madison)

State or County

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

Hours

1 (approx)  
Minutes Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? By my rate of travel and clear view of object.

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 This factor was hard to determine, due to the splotchy areas which comprise its structure, at sighting time. See item 19

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |                                                 |     |                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker?                            | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |

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

I was hoping to get a clearer view of the object, after passing the gov't storage bins, which it was travelling parallel with, just over the adjoining field. There was no sign of it anywhere when I passed the last row of bins, so I presumed it went aloft during the time I was abreast of the bins, along the road.

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

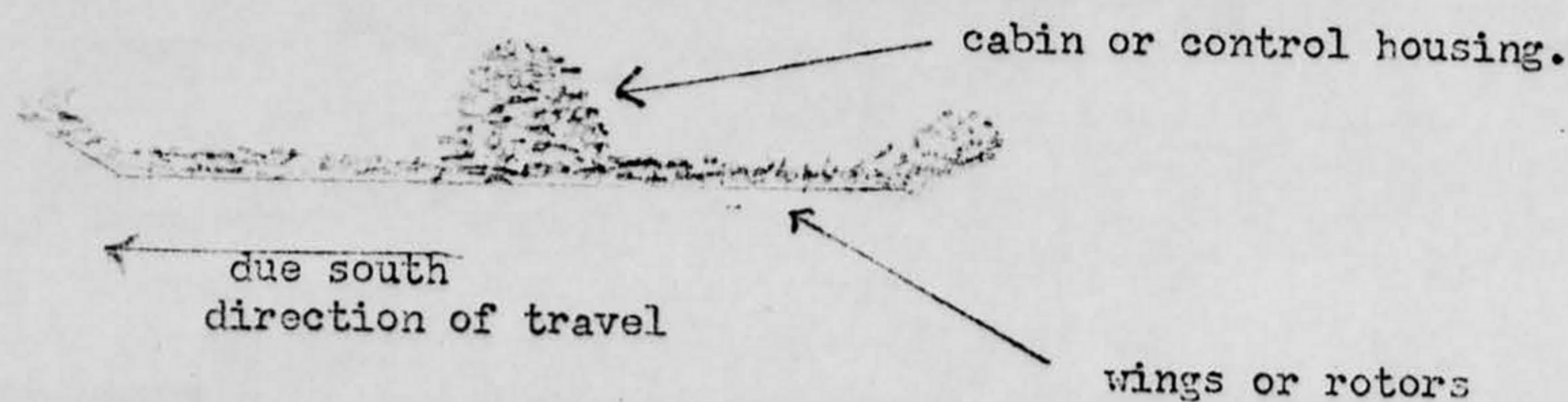
b. Color None but the black splotches, which appeared as birds coating it.

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?

Possibly half of the winglike structure, or one third of the thickness of same. And not more than side dimension of the match head, east or west of this winglike structure, than the test conducted.

With the object in the mind's eye as it appeared then, area covered by a match head would have been negligible.

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? 10-15 MPH

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? 300-400 ft  
(or less)

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 on a bicycle

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)

a. North

c. East

e. South

☒ g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? 10-13 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

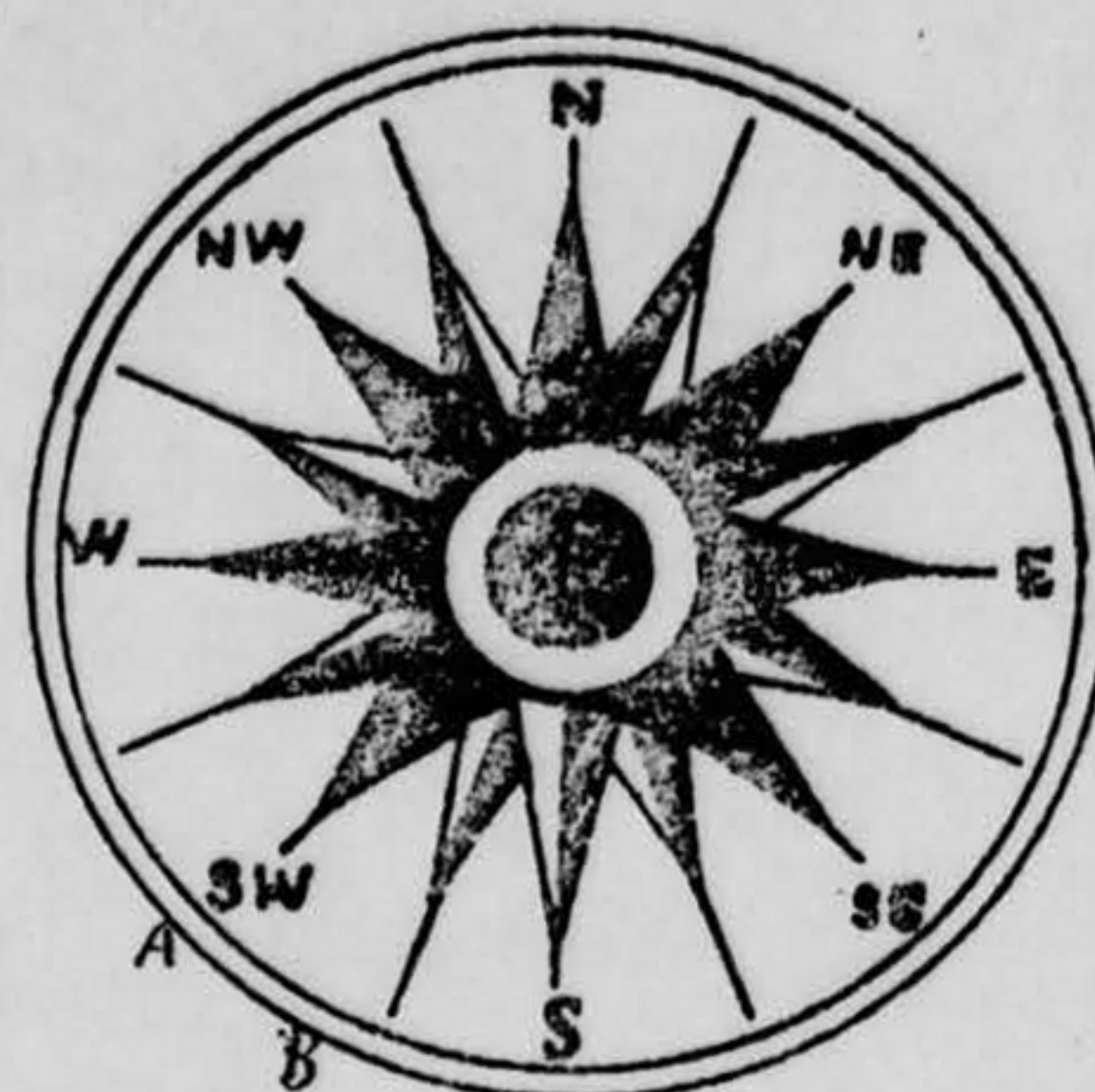
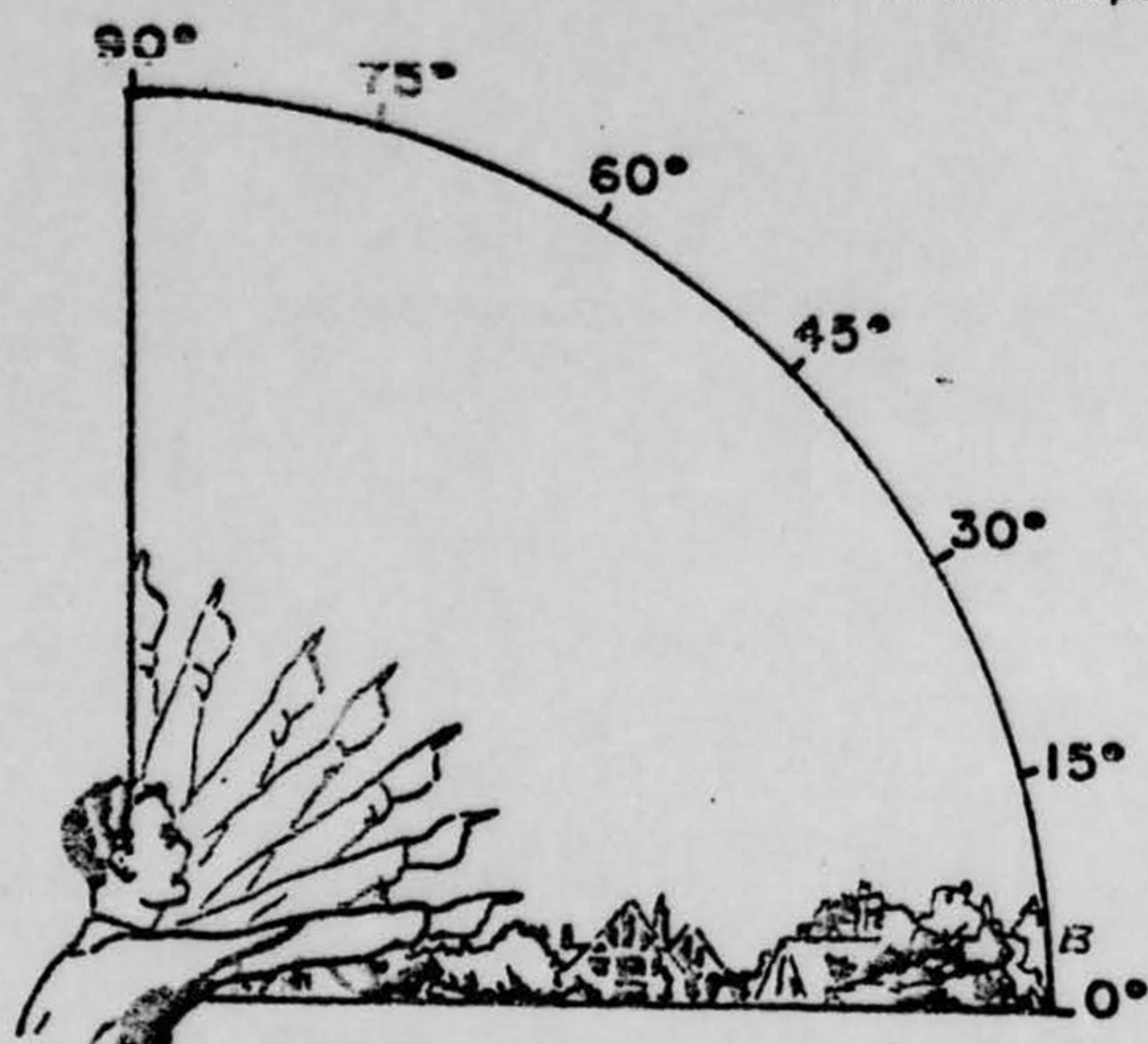
☒ No

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.

Our aircraft includes one which bears wingtips angled up on the ends. Comparable to wingtips of a redtailed hawk, or bald eagle. This, minus tail assembly, but with clearly defined cabin or fuselage in the center, would comprise its shape. As it was traveling at an angle of about 30° to about 50° when it was last seen, some sort of tail assembly should have been noted, if standard aircraft. All cabin, or housing was above the wing or rotor structure.

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. last sighting about this elevation-----



These storage bins close together. Actual number of them unknown to me.



Road I was riding west on.

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.

No.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) Yes ☐ No ☒

Yes ☐ No ☒

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) Yes No

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 [REDACTED] London Ohio  
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE 49 SEX Male

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

Have been employed by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation for Ohio State for 19 years. The work is confining, dealing with fingerprint classification, searches, and file work, being always of realistic and positive results. What the eye sees, is therefor taken to be real and logical, especially, when out of doors. Have also taken and completed, a course of training in camera repair, which includes optics, and the application of same.

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

Wed.- 1st      March      1967  
Day                      Month                      Year

Identification officers in the same room in which I am employed, on the city. Not to newspapers, or police.

date mentioned, and several citizens of this city. Not to newspapers, or police.

In a recent letter to my sister, but not in receipt of answer from her, at this time.