

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE-TIME GROUP 23 Feb 68 24/0105Z	2. LOCATION Evansville, Illinois ✓ (2 witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Probable (SATELLITE) It is probable that the observer sighted a satellite however it also may have been an aircraft with its landing lights on.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer sighted a bright white light that traveled across the sky in an easterly direction.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 90 Seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE East	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	GORDON

FORM

FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

23 Feb 68

SAF-OIC/Miss Turnure/76526/Feb. 28, 1968

FEB 29 1968

Dear [REDACTED]

This will reply to your letter of February 25, 1968, in which you described an unidentified flying object (UFO) that you and your friend observed.

Without additional information, we cannot offer an explanation of the UFO you saw. However, if you will complete the attached questionnaire and mail it in the inclosed envelope, our technical people at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will be able to investigate further and make an evaluation.

Should you ever sight another UFO, please report it as soon as possible to the nearest Air Force base. Each base has a UFO investigator, who is in a better position to make an on-the-spot investigation which usually results in a more accurate analysis.

In the meantime, we are sending you some literature that may help you identify your sighting. Thank you for reporting it to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. STILES
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Attachments

Miss [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Evansville, Indiana 47714

Coord Cy - SAF-OIC
Cmbk Cy - SAF-OIC
Activity Cy - SAF-OIC
Reader Cy - SAF-OIC
Stayback

SAF-OIC

[Handwritten signature]

Feb. 25, 68...

Dear Sirs, Evansville, Ind.
47214

The thing that
my friend and I
saw is going to be
described in this letter.

It was about
7:05 P.M., brighter than
a star (White), round
shape, we saw it
cover half the sky
in 2 min. or less, going
due east, and it was at
a 45° angle from me
, and it was bigger than
a star, Fri. 23, 68.

My friend
and I just started
playing basketball.

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL
NUMBER 21-2253

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN PREPARED SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE THE U.S. AIR FORCE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENON THAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED. PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE WILL BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF YOUR STATEMENTS OR CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. RETURN TO AIR FORCE BASE INVESTIGATOR FOR FORWARDING TO FTD (TDETR), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433, 1AW AFR 80-17. (IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE NEEDED FOR NARRATIVE OR SKETCHES ATTACH SECURELY TO THIS FORM OR ANNOTATE WITH YOUR NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

1. WHEN DID YOU SEE THE PHENOMENON?

DAY 23 MONTH Feb. YEAR 68

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 7 MINUTES 5 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 7 MINUTES 6 1/2 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

4. TIME ZONE

☐ EASTERN

☒ CENTRAL

☐ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

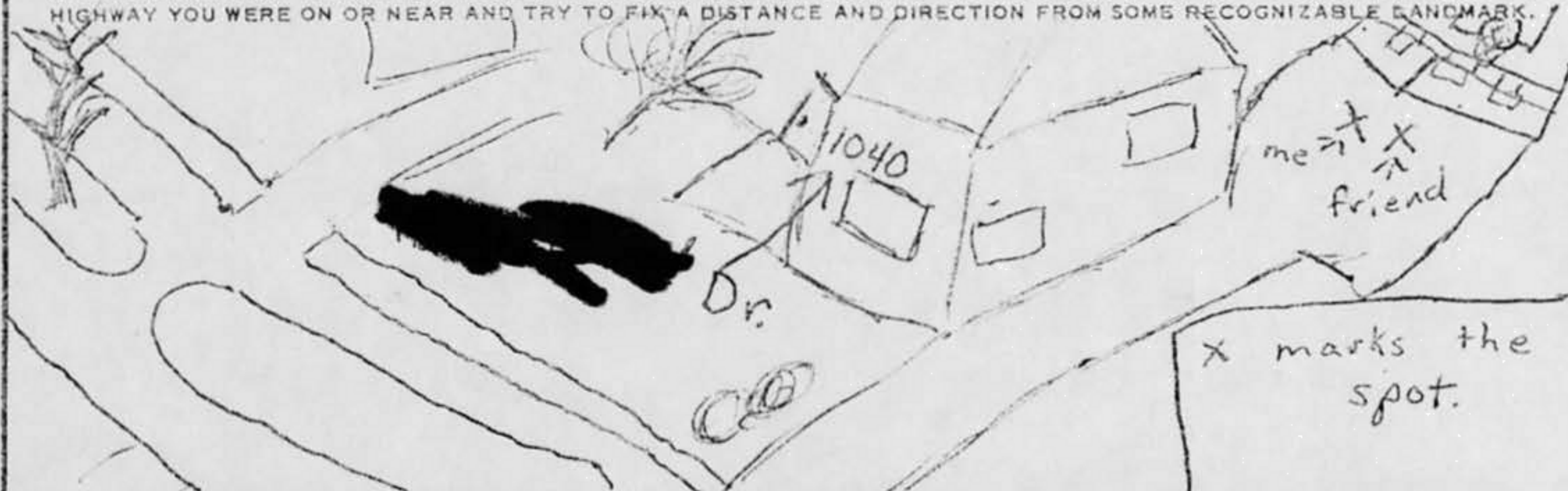
☐ MOUNTAIN

☐ PACIFIC

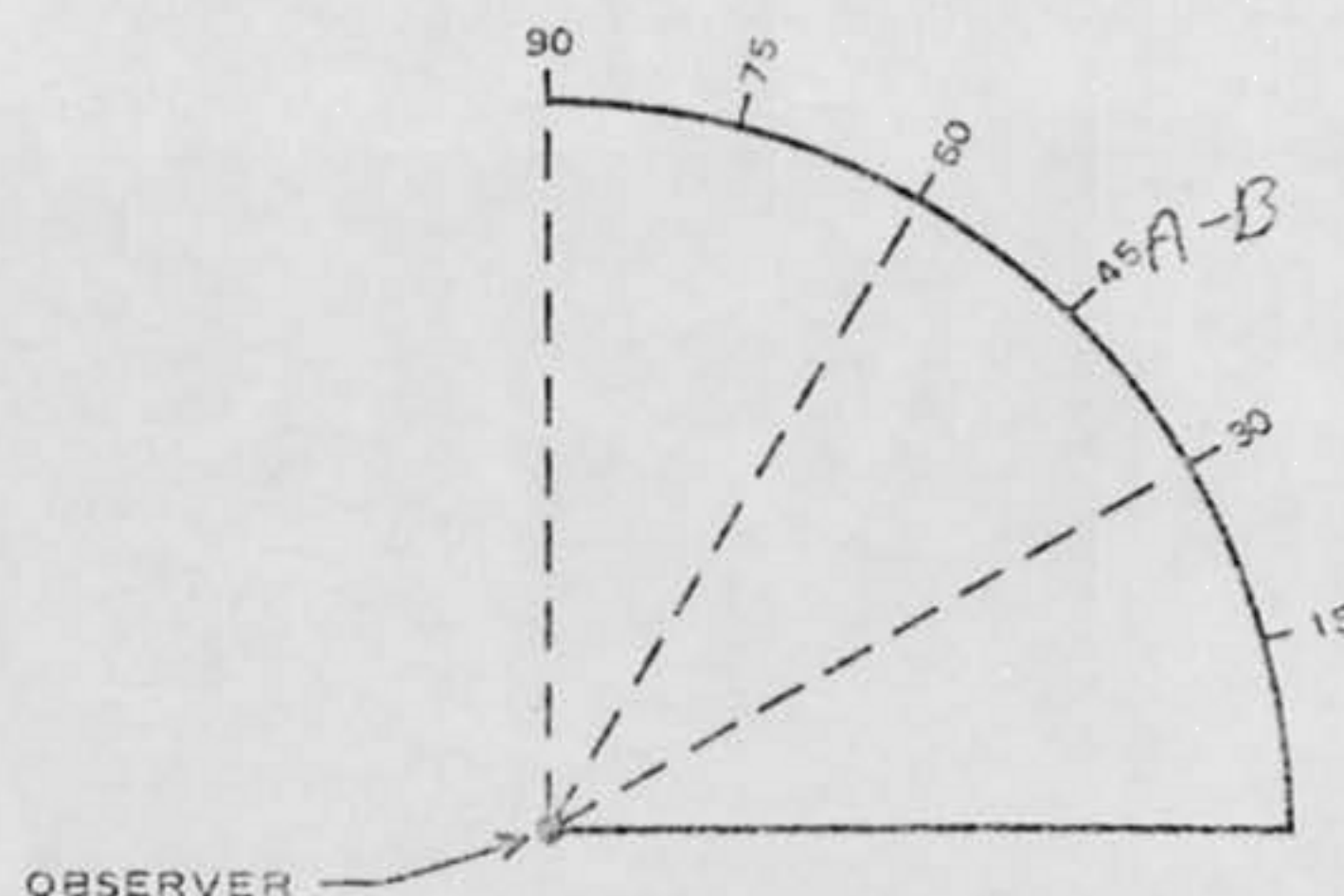
☐ STANDARD

☐ OTHER

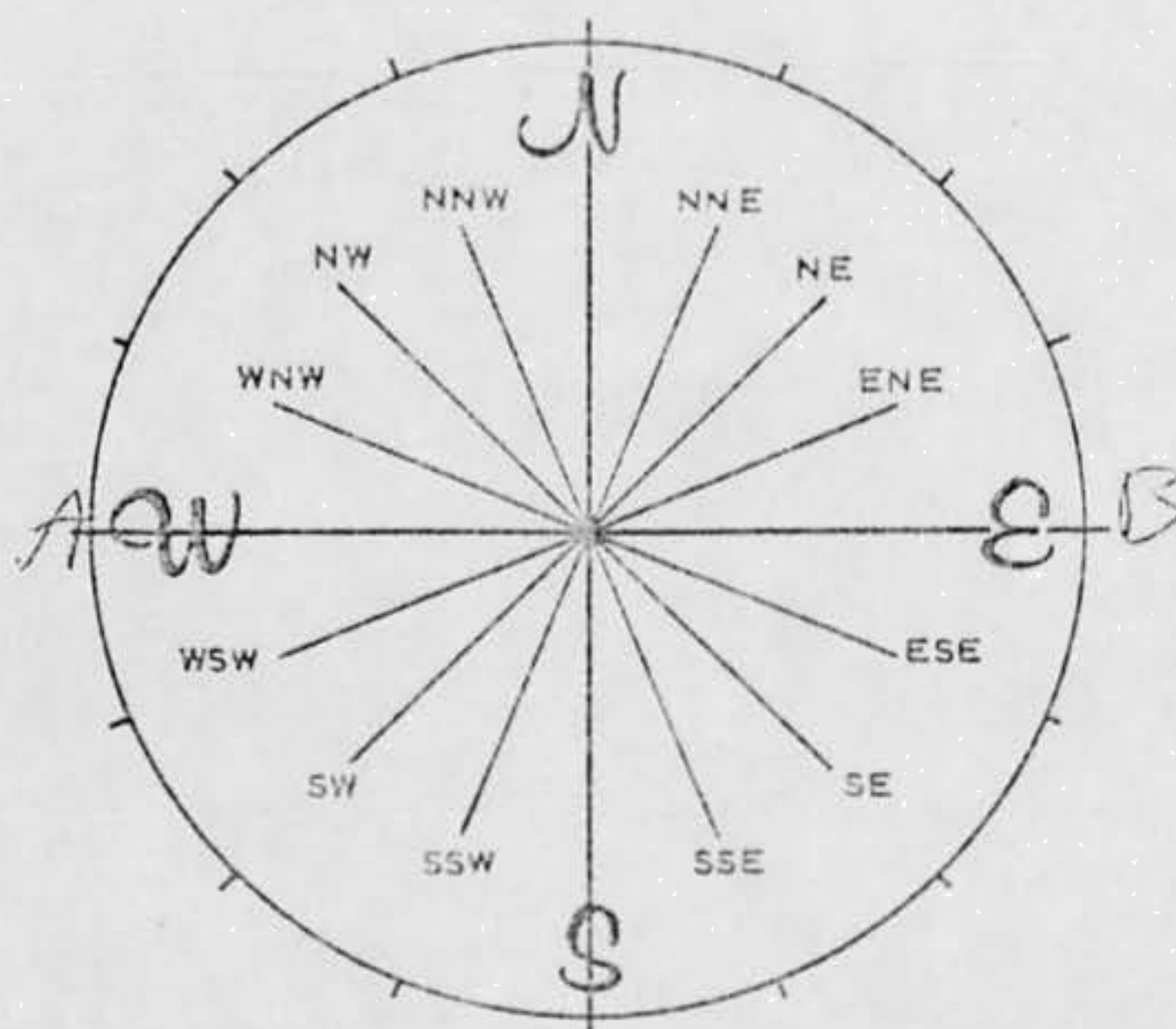
5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARK.



6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.

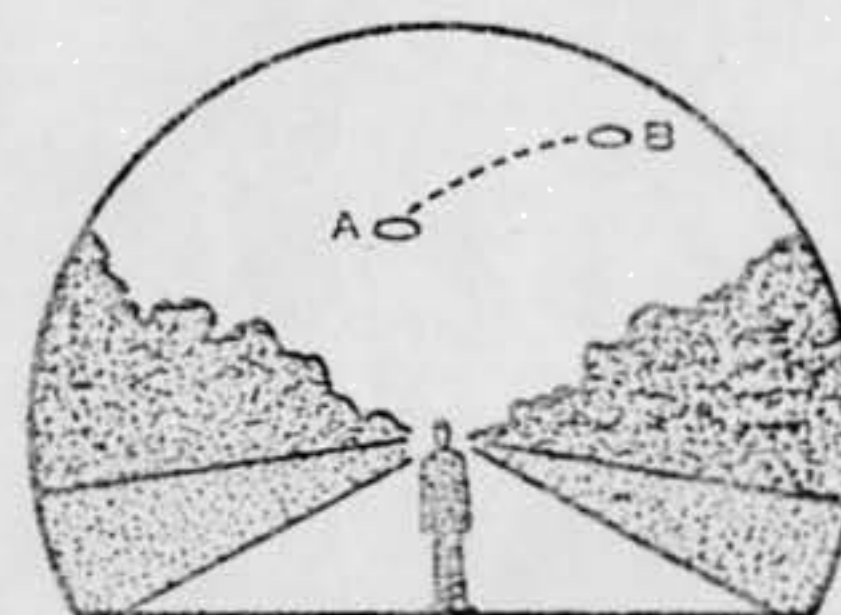
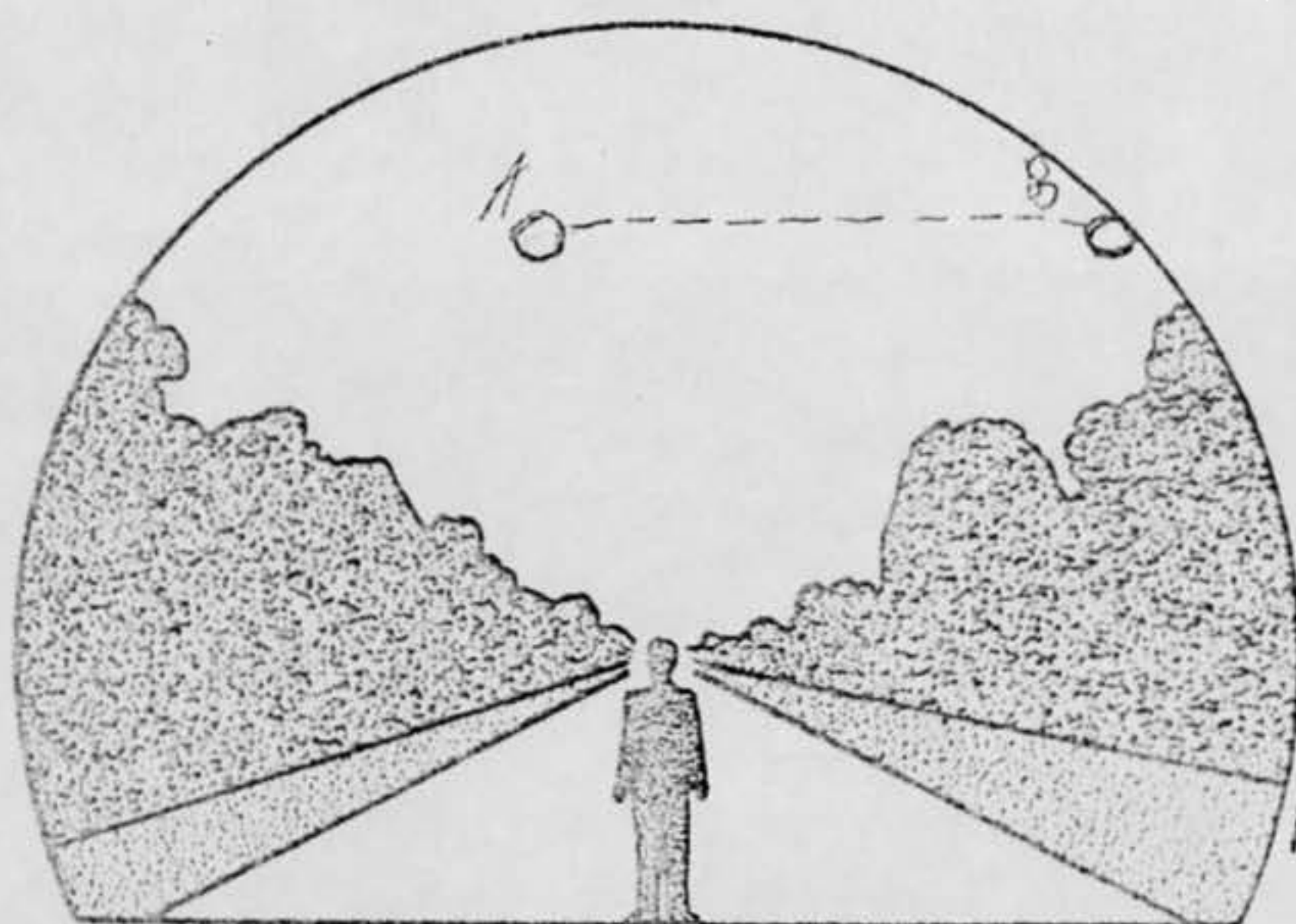


5A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



in the letter I had east and west mixed up.

7. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN, AND A "B" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN. CONNECT THE "A" AND "B" WITH A LINE TO APPROXIMATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE PHENOMENON BETWEEN "A" AND "B". THAT IS, SCHEMATICALLY SHOW WHETHER THE MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE STRAIGHT, CURVED OR ZIG-ZAG. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.



this sketch isn't big enough.

8. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? (Check appropriate blocks.)			
OUTDOORS		☐ IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY	
IN BUILDING		☒ IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY	
IN CAR ☐ AS DRIVER ☐ AS PASSENGER		IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE	
IN BOAT		NEAR AIRFIELD	
IN AIRPLANE ☐ AS PILOT ☐ AS PASSENGER		FLYING OVER CITY	
OTHER		FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY	
<i>playing basket-ball</i>		OTHER	
A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:			
WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?		HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?	
NORTH	EAST	DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON? ☐ YES ☐ NO	
SOUTH	WEST		
NORTHEAST	SOUTHEAST		
NORTHWEST	SOUTHWEST		
EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.			
DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVERSED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN.			
HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?			
DID YOU NOTICE ANY AIRPLANES? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE WHEN THEY WERE IN SIGHT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING THE PHENOMENON AND WHERE THEY WERE IN THE SKY RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON.			
9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?			
LENGTH OF TIME		☒ CERTAIN OF TIME	☐ NOT VERY SURE
<i>1 min. 30 sec.</i>		☒ FAIRLY CERTAIN	☐ JUST A GUESS
HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?			
<i>By a clock; and me</i>			
WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "NO," INDICATE WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO YOUR MOVEMENT OR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PHENOMENON, AND DESCRIBE SUCH MOVEMENT OR BEHAVIOR. INDICATE DISAPPEARANCES ON PREVIOUS SKETCHES.			

10. IF THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PHENOMENON, HOW MANY WERE THERE? DRAW A PICTURE TO SHOW HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED. DID THIS ARRANGEMENT CHANGE DURING THE SIGHTING?

11. CONDITIONS (Check appropriate blocks.)

A. SKY		B. WEATHER	
☐ DAY		☐ CUMULUS CLOUDS (Low fluffy)	☐ FOG OR MIST
☐ TWILIGHT		☐ CIRRUS CLOUDS (High fleecy or Herring-bone)	☐ HEAVY RAIN
☒ NIGHT		☐ NIMBUS CLOUDS (Rain)	☐ LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
☒ CLEAR		☐ CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS (Thunderstorms)	☐ HAIL
☐ PARTLY CLOUDY			☐ SNOW OR SLEET
☐ COMPLETELY OVERCAST			☐ UNKNOWN
		☐ HAZE OR SMOG	☐ NONE OF THE ABOVE

C. IF THE SIGHTING WAS AT TWILIGHT OR NIGHT, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS AND MOON?

(1) STARS		(2) MOON	
☐ NONE		☐ BRIGHT MOONLIGHT	☒ NO MOONLIGHT
☐ A FEW		☐ MOON WITH HALO	☒ UNKNOWN
☒ MANY		☐ MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS	
☐ UNKNOWN		☐ PARTIAL (New or quarter)	

D. IF SIGHTING WAS IN DAYLIGHT, WAS THE SUN VISIBLE? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," WHERE WAS THE SUN AS YOU FACED THE PHENOMENON?

☐ IN FRONT OF YOU	☐ TO YOUR RIGHT	☐ OVERHEAD (Near noon)
☐ IN BACK OF YOU	☐ TO YOUR LEFT	☐ UNKNOWN

E. SPECIFY THE MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION PRESENT DURING THE SIGHTING, SUCH AS THE SUN, HEADLIGHTS OR STREET LAMP, ETC. FOR TERRESTRIAL ILLUMINATION, SPECIFY DISTANCE TO LIGHT SOURCE.

12. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHENOMENON, INDICATING WHETHER IT APPEARED DARK OR LIGHT, WHETHER IT REFLECTED LIGHT OR WAS SELF-LUMINOUS AND WHAT COLORS YOU NOTICED. DESCRIBE YOUR IMPRESSION OF WHETHER IT WAS SOLID OR TRANSPARENT, WHETHER EDGES WERE SHARP OR FUZZY. DESCRIBE THE SHAPE OR INDICATE IF IT APPEARED AS A POINT OF LIGHT. INDICATE COMPARISONS WITH OTHER OBSERVED OBJECTS, LIKE STARS, A LIGHT OR OTHER OBJECT IN YOUR FIELD OF VIEW.

It was was light.
Self-luminous
edges were at to fuzzy
It was solid



13.	DID THE PHENOMENON	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
	MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE?	✓		✓
	STAND STILL AT ANYTIME?		✓	
	SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUN AWAY?		✓	
	BREAK UP IN PARTS AND EXPLODE?		✓	
	CHANGE COLOR?		✓	
	GIVE OFF SMOKE?		✓	
	CHANGE BRIGHTNESS?		✓	
	CHANGE SHAPE?		✓	
	FLASH OR FLICKER?		✓	
	DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR?		✓	
	SPIN LIKE A TOP?		✓	
	MAKE A NOISE?		✓	
	FLUTTER OR WOBBLE?		✓	

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

My friend saw it.

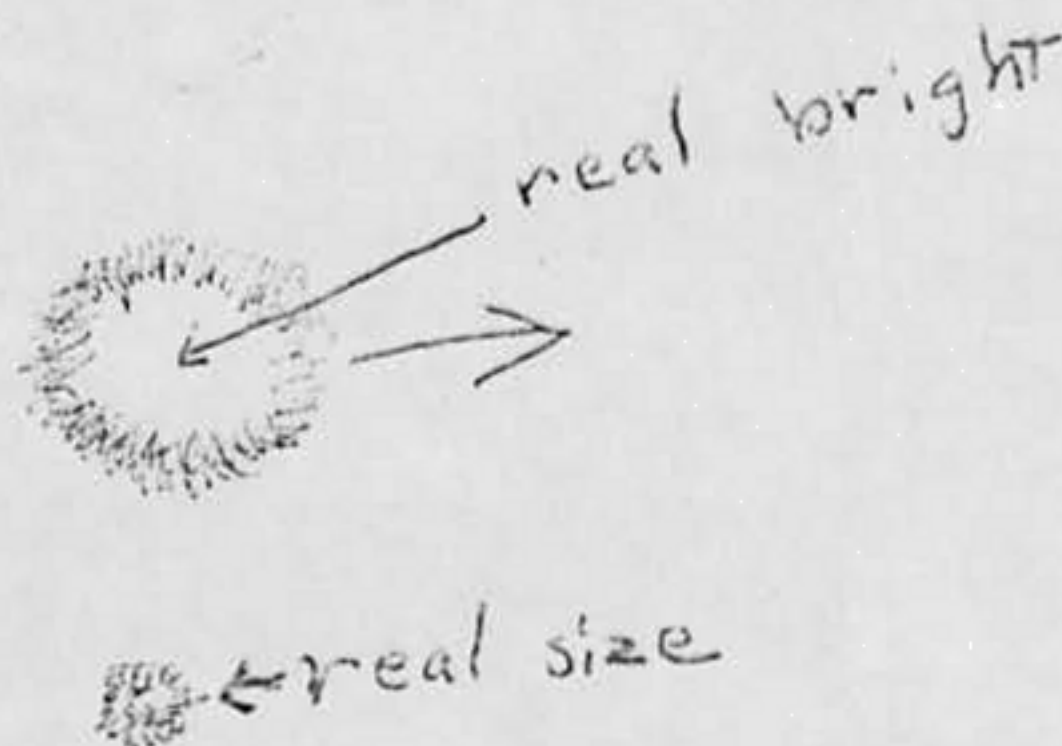
A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

We left to see what time it was and to tell each or write every thing was saw.

B. DID THE PHENOMENON MOVE BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING AT ANY TIME?
☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

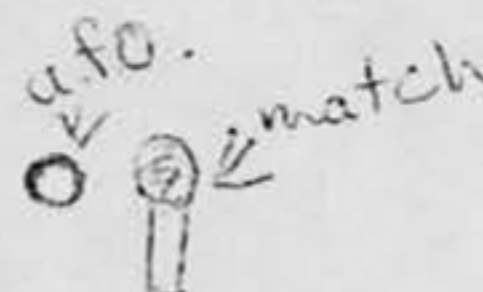
Aft the time we saw it throught the very top of a tree, in little branches,

15. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE PHENOMENON. INCLUDE AND LABEL ANY DETAILS THAT MIGHT HAVE APPEARED AS WINGS OR PROTRUSIONS, AND INDICATE EXHAUST OR VAPOR TRAILS. INDICATE BY AN ARROW THE DIRECTION THE PHENOMENON WAS MOVING.



16. WHAT WAS THE ANGULAR SIZE? HOLD A MATCH AT ARM'S LENGTH IN FRONT OF A KNOWN OBJECT, SUCH AS A STREET LAMP OR THE MOON. NOTE HOW MUCH OF THE OBJECT IS COVERED BY THE HEAD OF THE MATCH. NOW IF YOU HAD BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM THIS EXPERIMENT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, ESTIMATE WHAT FRACTION OF THE PHENOMENON WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED BY THE MATCH HEAD.

It covered the match head.



17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA. *I took off my glasses to check*

☒ EYEGLASSES	☐ CAMERA VIEWER
☐ SUNGLASSES	☐ BINOCULARS
☐ WINDSHIELD	☐ TELESCOPE
☐ SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE	☐ THEODOLITE
☐ WINDOWPANE	☐ OTHER

A. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES? ☒ YES ☐ NO

B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? ☐ YES ☐ NO

18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED *200-400 mph.*

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE *1,500 ft.*

20. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY OBTAIN AS CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH, WHEN PLACED IN THE SKY, SIMILAR TO WHERE YOU NOTED THE PHENOMENON, WOULD BEAR SOME RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT YOU SAW. DESCRIBE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMON OBJECT AND WHAT YOU SAW.

*It looked like a over sized star.
A pin-point ball but the sized of a match-head.*

21. DID YOU NOTICE ANY ODOR, NOISE, OR HEAT EMANATING FROM THE PHENOMENON OR ANY EFFECT ON YOURSELF, ANIMALS OR MACHINERY IN THE VICINITY? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION. In my front yard it was closer, egg shaped red, short exhaust tail. I saw it about a year ago and it changed colors than flew up straight then

23. WAS ANYONE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DID THEY SEE IT TOO? Turned off

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Evansville Indiana and wishes to keep out of it.

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME

[REDACTED]

ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code)

[REDACTED] Evansville, Ind.

TELEPHONE (Area code and number)

[REDACTED]

AGE

14



MALE

FEMALE

INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.

25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON?

NAME [REDACTED] DAY 25 MONTH Feb YEAR 68

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY 2 MONTH March YEAR 68