PROJECT 10073 RECORD

2. LOCATION

7/21[illegible] Ardmore, Alabama (1 Witness)

3. [illegible]

Civilian

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

One

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

1 Minute

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

Ground-Visual

7. COURSE

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8. PHOTOS

☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

☐ Yes
☒ No

10. CONCLUSION

Possible (AIRCRAFT)
A direct route between Huntsville and Nashville passes approx 5 miles east of Ardmore. A dog-leg between Shelbyville, Tenn and Huntsville is over the same general area. Aircraft from over

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Observer sighted what he described as "a flat plane tilted at an angle toward me to object appeared to be metallic reflecting sun light." The observer further described the object as having "black tips" and a "red middle".

COMMENTS CONT'D: Nashville landing at Huntsville would normally be ~~xxxxx~~ descending from higher altitude and would probable be 6,000-10,000 ft at thispoint. Aircraft from Shelbyville would normally be operating at altitudes of 3500-5000 ft

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

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
			OTHER

A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?

	NORTH		EAST
	SOUTH		WEST
	NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST
	NORTHWEST		SOUTHWEST

HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?

DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON?

☐ YES ☐ NO

EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT EFFECTS 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 1 min

	CERTAIN OF TIME		NOT VERY SURE
✓	FAIRLY CERTAIN		JUST A GUESS

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?

Estimating

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				LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
	CLEAR		NIMBUS CLOUDS *(Rain)*		HAIL
✓	PARTLY CLOUDY		CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS *(Thunderstorms)*		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.

SUN

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 appeared to be a flat plane tilted at an angle towards me to what appeared to be white & bottom dark light. The edges were sharp not defined and it appeared to be solid.

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

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

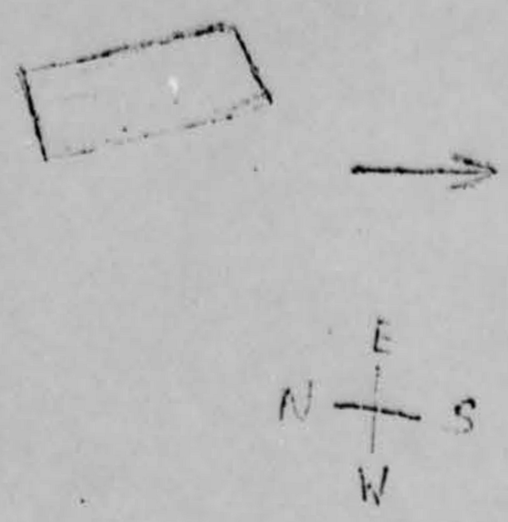
The way it appeared to be flying, seemed like the sun.

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

Went completely to the south out of sight.

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.

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.

17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.

X	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 [illegible].

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE [illegible].

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.

Something like a miniature Billboard because of its flatness and "game like" structure.

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.

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

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME

ADDRESS [redacted] 32449

TELEPHONE (Area code and [redacted]

AGE 15 | ☒ MALE | ☐ FEMALE

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

10th grade student in High School.

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

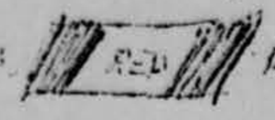
NAME U.S. Air Force DAY 9 MONTH 11 YEAR 1967

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY 27 MONTH 11 YEAR 1967

27. INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS PERTINENT BUT WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, ALTERNATIVELY PROVIDE A NARRATIVE EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTING.

When I first saw the object it appeared black tips and a red middle but as it moved or the sun would reflect off of it the black parts seemed to reflect a lot lighter and almost seemed to be lights. Also the object did not look like a black disc or saucer in shape but rather a flat plan tilted at an angle.



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7 Nov 67

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TDPT/UFO Maj H Quintanilla, Jr70916/lsb/12 Dec 67

UFO Observation 7 November 1967

Federal Aviation Agency
Huntsville Municipal Airport
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Federal Aviation Agency
Decatur Municipal Airport
Decatur, Alabama 35601

1. The Aerial Phenomena Office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object (UFO) report from Ardmore, Tennessee which occurred on 7 November 1967 at approximately 4:10 pm CST. The observer described the object as looking like a miniature billboard since it appeared rather flat and rectangular. The object was black on both ends and was red in the middle. The observer said the object disappeared to the south.

2. Request information on whether anyone saw or reported a similar object to you? Do planes landing at your field cross the area just east of Ardmore at altitudes less then two miles? Were there any records of planes being in the area at that time? Do you have any comments as to a possible cause for this observation?

3. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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(UFO)

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

December 20, 1967

Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Reference your letter dated December 13, 1967 regarding an unidentified flying object (UFO) report from Ardmore, Tennessee, November 7, 1967 at approximately 4:10 pm CST.

Ardmore is located approximately 25 miles, 345 degrees from the new Huntsville-Madison County Airport, which opened October 29, 1967. Unless an incident out of the ordinary occurs, we do not normally retain records whereby we could reconstruct aircraft positions beyond fifteen days, which is the case in this instance.

Huntsville Airport Traffic Control Tower controllers did not observe a sighting such as reported, nor was a similar object reported to this office.

A direct route between Huntsville and Nashville passes approximately five miles east of Ardmore. A dog-leg route between Shelbyville, Tennessee and Huntsville is over the same general area. Aircraft from over Nashville landing Huntsville, would normally be descending fromhigher altitudes, and would probably be 6,000-10,000 feet at this point; aircraft from Shelbyville would normally be operating at altitudes of 3,500-5,000 feet. Although not heavily traveled, these routes were begun October 29, 1967, and for the most part relatively low ceilings were experienced for the first week of operation.

In the event that it might assist your investigation, Huntsville Airport weather on November 7, 1967 at 3:54 pm CST was clear, visibility more than fifteen miles, temperature 54, dewpoint 25, wind 270 degrees at seven knots. Sunset was at 4:47 pm CST.

Sincerely,

John S. Harrison
Chief, ATCT

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UFO Observation 7 November 1967

Decatur Police Department
Decatur, Alabama 35601

Huntsville Police Department
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

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2. Request information on whether you received any similar reports on this day. Do you have any comments as to a possible cause for this sighting?

3. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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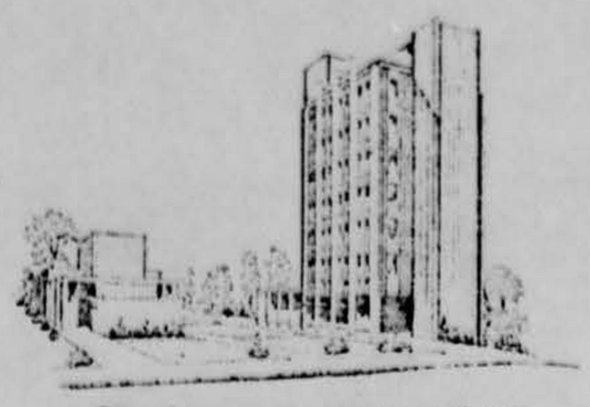
City Of Huntsville

GOVERNED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

W. F. DYAR
Chief of Police



City of Huntsville Municipal Building

December 18, 1967

Hector Quintanilla, Jr., Major USAF
Department of the Air Force
Headquarters Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Re: UFP Observation 7 November 1967
Your letter December 13, 1967

Dear Sir:

This office has no information concerning an unidentified flying object (UFO) occurring at Ardmore, Tennessee. Was not reported to this department.

Sincerely,

W. F. Dyar

W. F. Dyar
Chief of Police
Huntsville, Alabama

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7 Nov 67

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

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDPT/UFO

NOV 21 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 7 November 1967

TO:

Chuck Wetterlund
Route 2
Ardmore, Tennessee 38449

Reference your recent unidentified flying object sighting which you reported to the Air Force. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific investigation. Request you complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the self-addressed envelope. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Production

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AF Form 117

Observer was about 15 miles NW of Huntsville Ala. Huntsville has an AFB and a large civ. airport.

[redacted]
ARDMORE, TENN
NOVEMBER 8, 1967

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to you concerning an object I saw Yesterday afternoon, the sky was clear wind from the NW at about 5 mph, ground temp at 50°.

When I was out hunting I observed what I thought first was a Hawk, I noticed it was much to large and moving very slowly south. I ran about 250 yds across a field to try to get a better look at it. It never really got any larger, it compared to the length of the Half Moon at its largest. It appeared to be flat but tilted a an angle toward the ground. It moved quietly to the south and as it ~~turned~~ moved farther from me the sun reflected off its apparent metalic surface (TIME - 4.00). Thank you.

Yours Truly,

[redacted]

BOB Nr 21-R258

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

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, IAW 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 7th MONTH 11 YEAR 1965

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 4 MINUTES 10 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

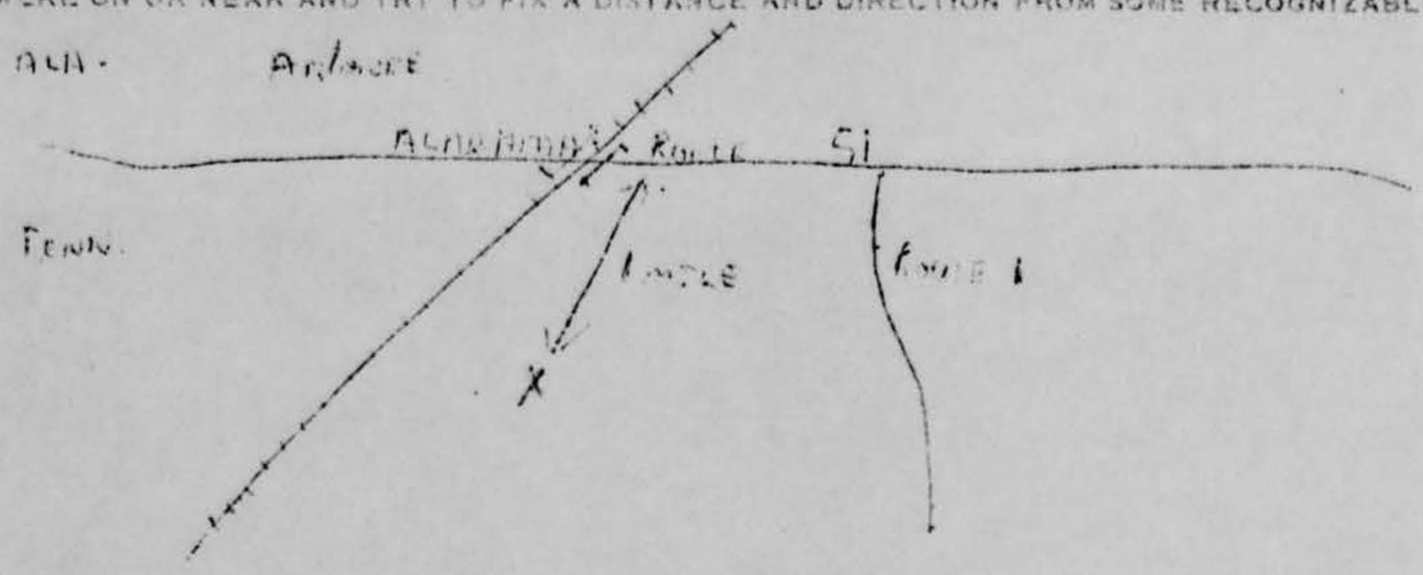
3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 4 MINUTES 11 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

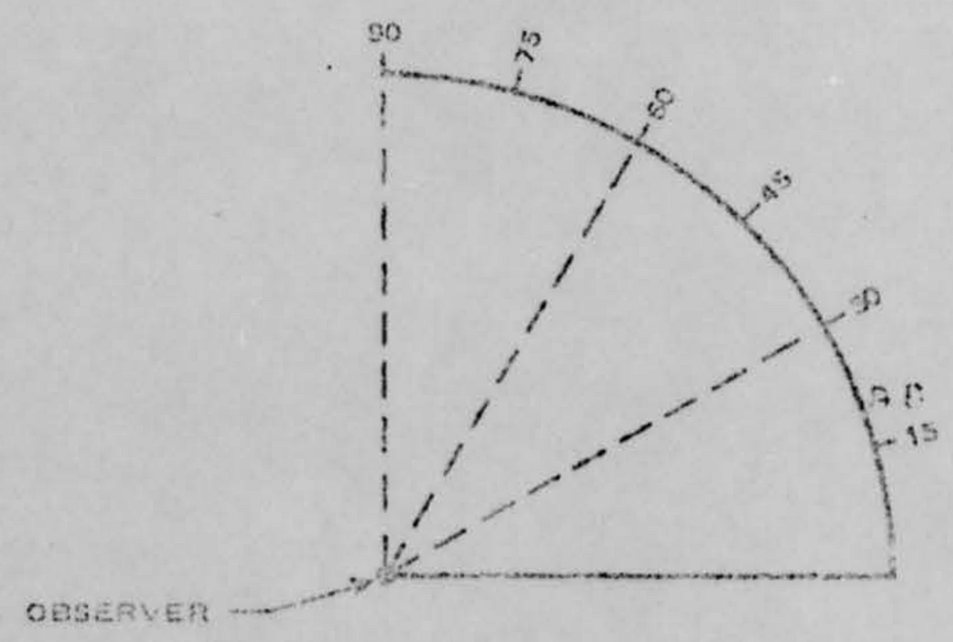
4. TIME/ZONE ☐ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ☒ STANDARD

☐ EASTERN ☒ CENTRAL ☐ MOUNTAIN ☐ PACIFIC ☐ 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.

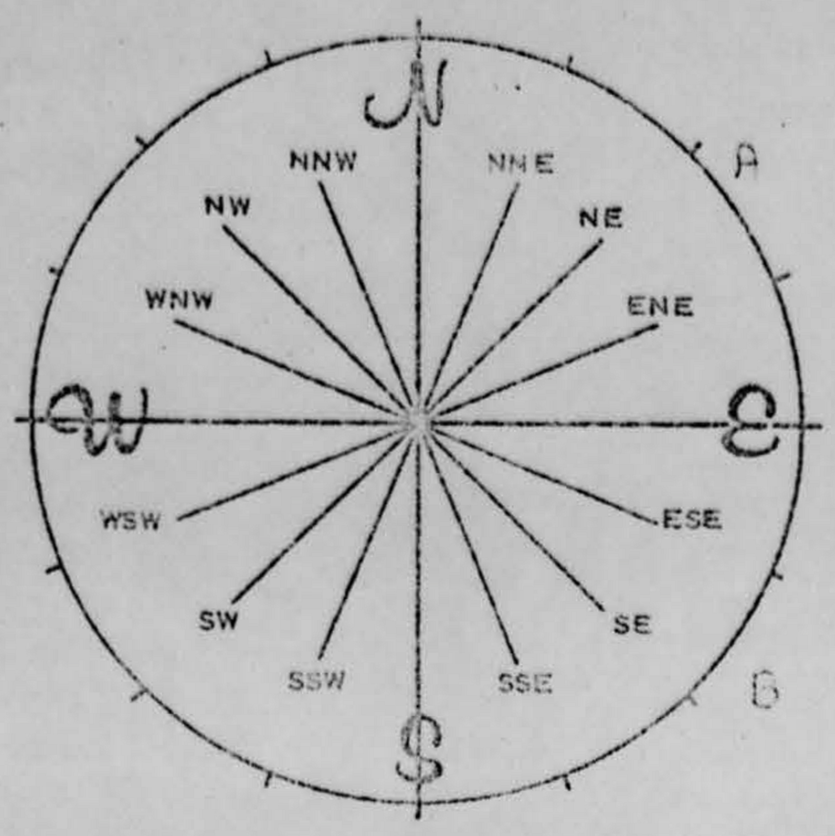


6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH. PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.



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6A. 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.



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.

