

PROJECT 11-73 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

2. LOCATION

3. CIRCUMSTANCES

19 June 1971

YUMA, ARIZONA

☐ Not a balloon
☐ Probably a balloon
☐ Probably a balloon

4. DATE-TIME GROUP

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

Local 1400

☐ Ground-Visual☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Not a balloon
☐ Probably a balloon
☐ Probably a balloon

2100

☐ Air-Visual☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

5. SOURCE

☐ Yes☐ No

UNAF OFFICER

☐ Not a balloon
☐ Probably a balloon
☐ Probably a balloon

6. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 9. COORDS

ONG

700

☐ Not a balloon
☐ Probably a balloon
☐ Probably a balloon

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

11. COMMENTS

Object at bearing of 155° at elevation of 45°. Not balloon - seen too high.
 Passed in front of sun.

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ACTION INFO. INFO.

2 8:47

1. ATIAA
2. ATIAA
3. Central File

ACTION

WPK131

YDA126S

KYB152

KHX131

JWPDM 125

NNNM JEPHQ JEDWP JEDEN JWPML 444

DE JWPDM 17

NM 012300Z ZNJ

FM CG 4704TH DEF WG MCCHORD AFB WASH

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH DC

JEDWP/ATIC WRIGHT PATERSON AFB OHIO ATTN ATIAA-2C

JEDEN/CG ADC ENT AFB COLO

JWPML/CG WADF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

WI 7-33. FOL - FLYOBRPT - FWD IAW AFL 200-5 CLN

1. SINGLE CIRCULAR WHITE OBJ TVL ON TRU HEADING OF APRX 70 DEGREES

AT VERY HIGH SPEED PD OBSR STATED SPEED BEYOND CAPABILITY OF ANY

ACFT KNOWN TO HIM PD

2/002

2. 1400 MST CMA 19 JUN 52 PD

3. OBSR VISUALLY FR GRD CMA NO OPTICAL EQUIP PD

4. OBSR AT SWIMMING POOL CMA YUMA APRT CMA YUMA CMA ARIZONA PD

LAT 32 DEGREES 40 MIN N CMA LONG 114 DEGREES 36 MIN W PD OBJ

APPEARED SSW OF OBSR AT AN ANGLE 45 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON PD ALT

PD OBJ CROSSED IN FRONT OF SUN CMA WAS TEMP LOST CMA AND

REAPPEARED ON OTHER SIDE PD

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5. OBSR 2D LT [REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED] 7 CMA 317TH FTR-INTCP SQ CMA
MCCHORD AFB CMA WASH PD CONSIDERED VERY RELIABLE PD
6 WEA DATA NOT AVAL PD OBSR REPT CEILING AND VISIBILITY UNLIMITED
CMA VERY HOT CMA NO SURFACE WIND CMA AND BRIGHT SUN PD7. NEG

8. NEG

9. NEG PD OBSR DID NOT REPT SIGHTING AT YUMA PD REPT MADE UPON
RETURN TO MCCHORD AFB THIS DATE FOR DISCUSSION WITH SQ INTEL OFF PD

10. UNK PD

01/2310Z JUL JWPDM

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS DATA SHEET

Where Choice is Given, Circle Proper
Answers, or Insert Answer

1. Date of your observation: 19 JUNE 1952
Day Month Year
2. Date you reported the observation: 1 JULY 1952
Day Month Year
3. What time was it when you sighted the object: 1400 30
Hrs. Min.
A. M. P. M. Daylight Standard
Zone: Eastern, Central, Mountain, Pacific, _____
Other _____
4. Length of time object was observed. Estimate: _____ 10 .
Hours Minutes Seconds
5. Where observed:
YUMA A.F.B. YUMA ARIZ. USA
Postal Address City or Town State Country
6. Where were you at time of observation:
Inside building, In Car, Outdoors, _____
Other _____
7. Were you moving at any time during this sighting: NO .
Yes or No
8. Did you stop at any time during this sighting: YES .
Yes or No
9. If you were moving - give _____ and _____ miles per hour.
Direction Speed
10. How was object observed: Naked eye
Eye glasses
Other glass (Window or Windshield)
Binoculars, Telescope, Theodolite
Other _____
11. How did you happen to notice the object: I WAS SWIMMING & HAD
JUST TURNED OVER (FACE UP) WHEN OBJECT
WAS SIGHTED

12. Describe what you saw as briefly as possible in the following spaces:

- a. Sound NOISE b. Shape ROUND
c. Color WHITE d. Size SILVER DOLLAR
e. Number ONE f. Light brightness WHITE
g. Light color WHITE h. Motion STRAIGHT LINE
i. Speed UNKNOWN j. Other NONE

13. How did object disappear from view: Suddenly or Gradually
Circle One

14. At any time did the object:

- a. Change direction. b. Change speed. c. Move behind something; Cloud, House, Tree, _____ d. Blend with background. e. Decrease in size. f. Decrease in brightness. g. Move in front of something. h. MOVED OUT OF SIGHT RANGE
Other

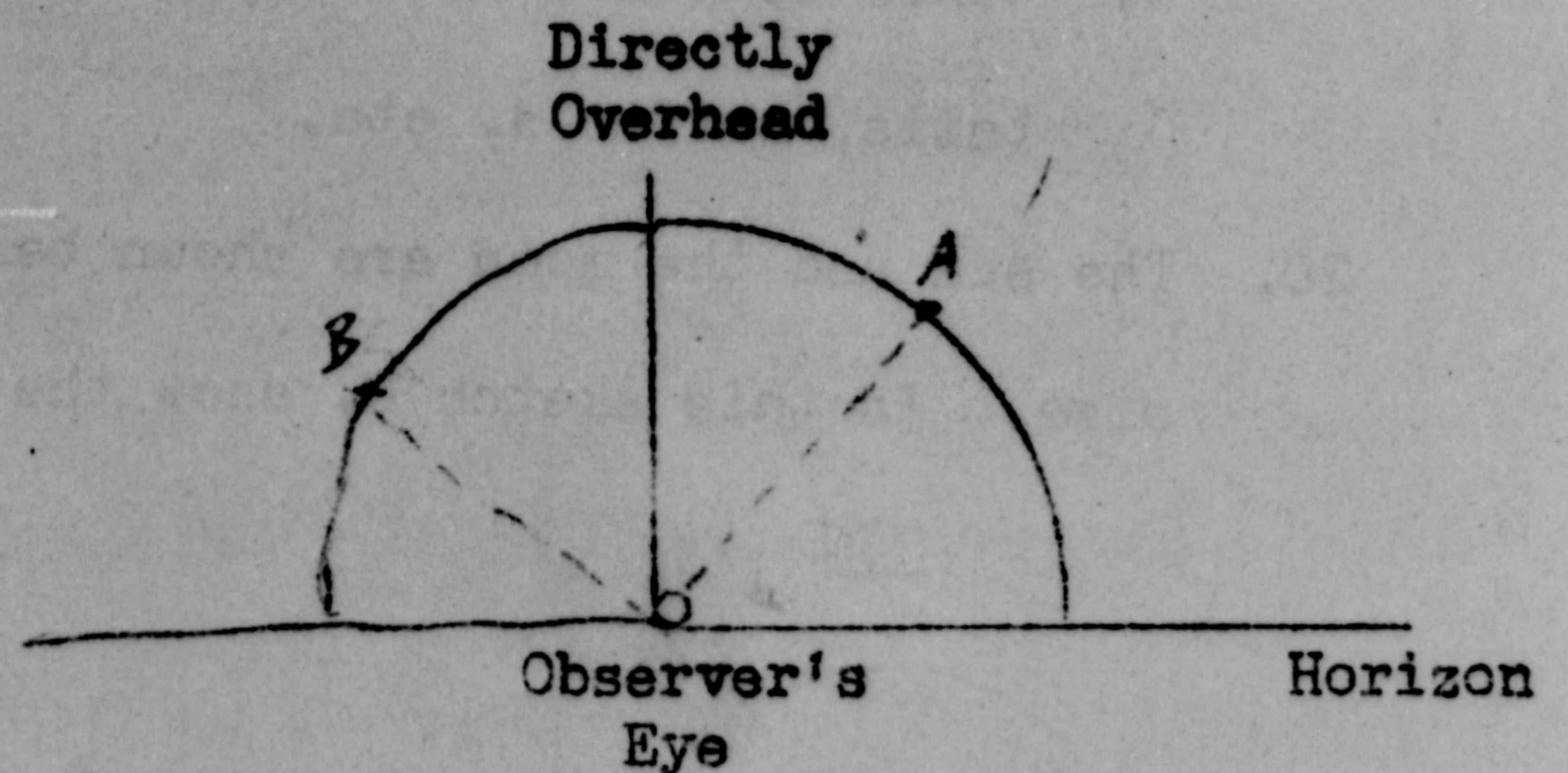
15. When you first looked at the object, what direction were you facing? UP

16. When you last saw the object, what direction were you facing? UP

17. In the following Sketch A, draw lines from the observer's eye to the circular arc to show the apparent elevation of the object in the sky.

A. When first seen, label a.

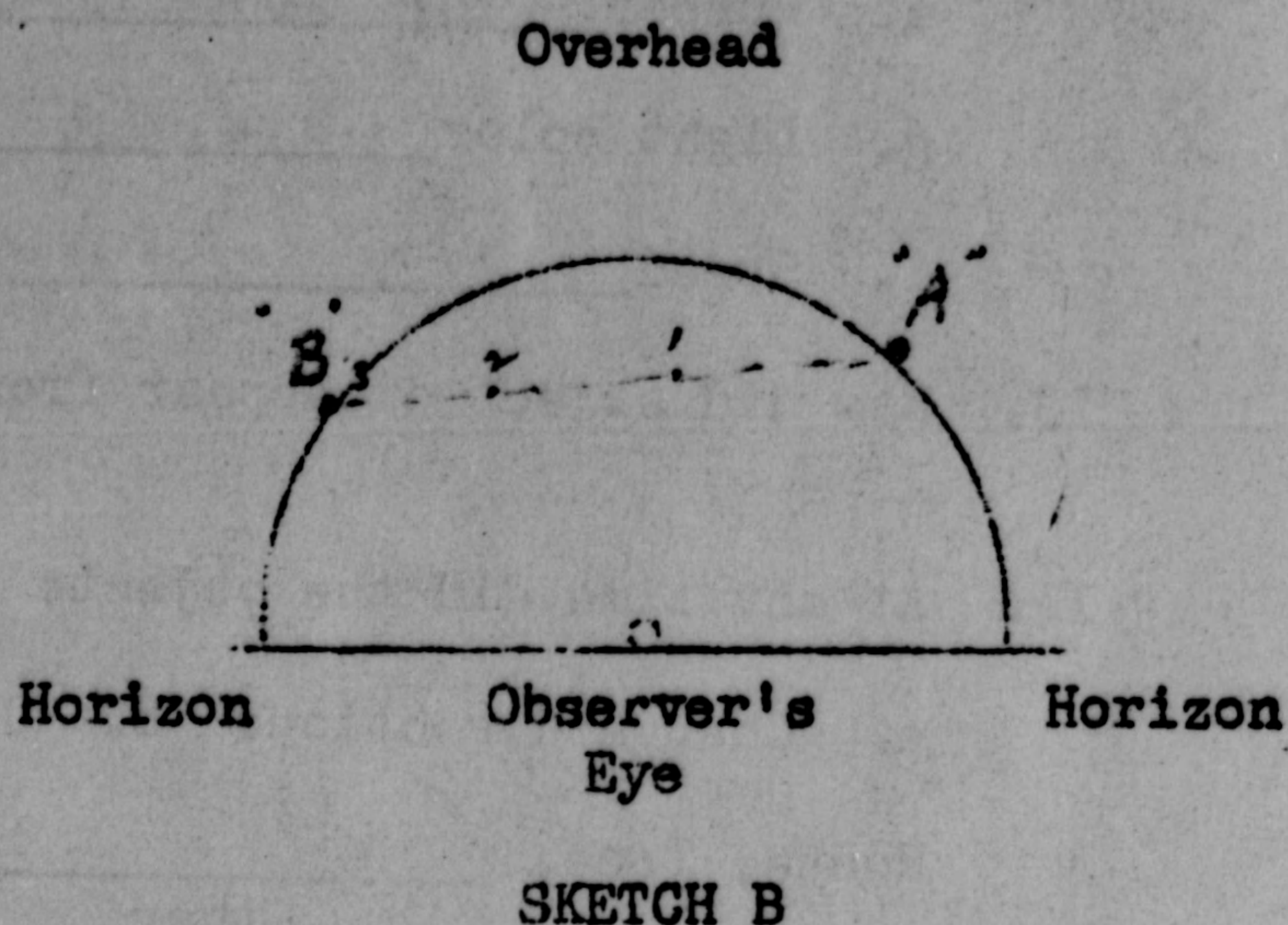
B. When last seen, label b.



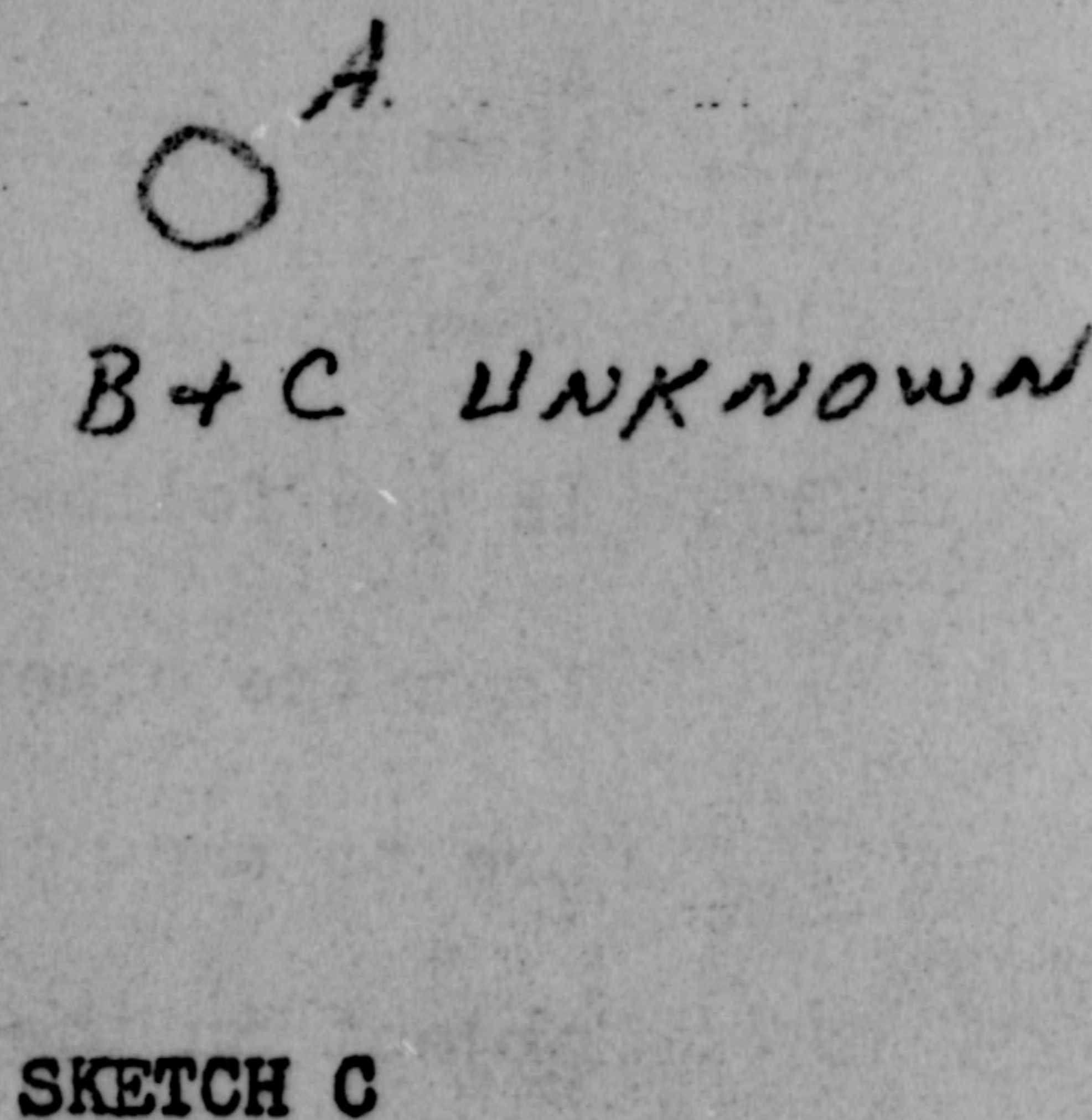
SKETCH A

18. On the following Sketch B, label a at the apparent position of the object when first seen and b at point last seen. Trace the apparent path of the object between points a and b.

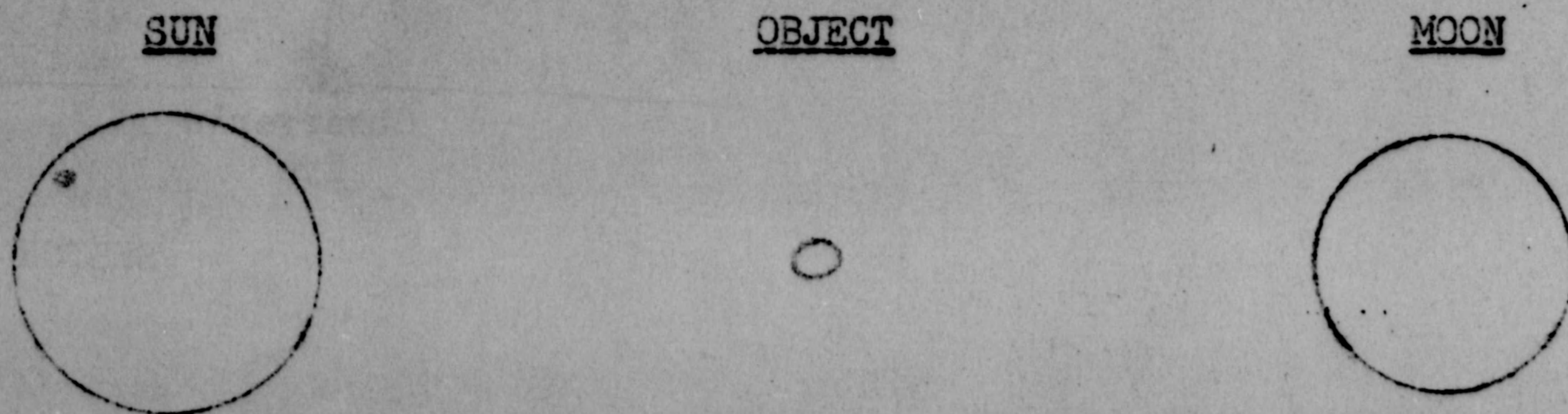
If possible label 1, 2, 3, etc., along the traced path to show the successive positions of the object after equal intervals of time during the sighting.



19. In Sketch C please show the observed features of the object such as;
- A. Apparent shape, (were edges pointed or rounded),
 - B. Apparent direction of motion (show by arrow), and
 - C. Other details, exhaust, trails, tails, surfaces, etc.



20. The sun and the moon are shown below as they appear in their correct relative size. In this sketch D, show the apparent size of what you saw.



SKETCH D

21. In your own words please describe the sighting you observed. Use sketches if desired. All observations from the time of first sighting to the time of disappearance are important. Include a description of the weather, wind, and cloud conditions at the time of this sighting.

OBJECT WAS SIGHTED APPROXIMATELY 1430 (PM)
ON A VERY CLEAR DAY WITH LITTLE OR NO WIND
AT THE SURFACE. THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED AS I
WAS SWIMMING FACE UP. I NOTICED IT JUST BEFORE
IT WENT INTO THE SUN & AGAIN AS IT CAME
OUT. I WATCHED IT UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED FROM
SIGHT. IT WAS TRAVELING FROM WEST TO EAST
AT AN UNDISCLOSED ALTITUDE. THE OBJECT WAS
WHITE & SILHETTED AGAINST A CLEAR BLUE SKY. IT
WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO FIGURE ANY HEIGHT. IT MOVED
ACROSS THE SKY QUITE RAPIDLY, BUT NOT KNOWING
ITS SIZE OR HEIGHT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO
ESTIMATE ITS SPEED.

22. Your full name: [REDACTED]
23. Your Address: [REDACTED], TACOMA, WASH.
24. Your Occupation: U.S.A.F. PILOT
25. Last school you attended: FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL, FLORENCE, COLO
26. Year of last attendance at this school: 1941
27. Please list the names and addresses of persons who discussed this sighting with you. It is not necessary to list the names of officials or investigators.

NONE

28. Further comments which you believe are important should be entered here.

Use additional sheets of the same size if necessary.

THERE ARE NO OTHER COMMENTS OTHER THAN
THIS OBJECT TRAVELED IN A PERFECTLY STRAIGHT
LINE NOT DEVIATING IN SPEED OR DIRECTION.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
2D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
67 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK 4, NEW YORK

IN REPLY

REFER TO: 24-0

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

MEMORANDUM

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS,
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 13 YEARS

1. The following is a summary of information concerning unidentified flying objects, which has come to the attention of this office during the period 19 June 1952 to 24 July 1952.

2. At 0030 hours, 20 June 1952, a Mr. [redacted] of the "New York Times" advised this office by telephone that that paper had received calls from the following four (4) persons all reporting strange lights and objects in the sky about 2200 hours on 19 June 1952: [redacted], telephone [redacted]; [redacted], [redacted] Street, Brooklyn; [redacted] age 15, [redacted] Street, Brooklyn; [redacted], AD/2, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn.

3. On 20 June 1952, [redacted], Aviation Machinist 2d Class, Operations, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N.Y., advised an agent of this office that he had been ordered by Commander JIPSON, Operations Officer, Navy Section, Floyd Bennett Field, not to discuss the matter with any other official of the military or press. This office was also unable to contact by telephone [redacted], [redacted] Street, Brooklyn.

4. On 20 June 1952, [redacted], Brooklyn, advised that he sighted an object at 2150 hours, Daylight Eastern Saving Time, 19 June 1952, and that he observed it for approximately seven (7) or eight (8) minutes. He stated that the object appeared in the sky, looked like a large star, and was apparently round. It was a bluish white luminescence, one only, was no observable aerodynamic features, no trail or exhaust, no apparent propulsion system, no estimate of speed could be made, no sound was heard. The object made a circle in the southern sky, flew clockwise, and just faded from sight. The object was sighted from the ground, and no optical equipment was used. The object, appearing in the southern sky, was sighted from the street, in front of [redacted] Street, Brooklyn, and the witness made no estimate of distance, altitude, or speed. Witness is sixteen (16) years of age, attends James Madison High School, Brooklyn, has had no experience flying, or any other experience pertinent to aviation or meteorology. The witness

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (if any)

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SUBJECT

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TO Chief, Air Technical
Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio

FROM Dept of the Air Force
Hq USAF - AFOIN

DATE 24 SEP 1952

COMMENT NO. 1

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1. Inclosure, received from the Director of Special Investigations, is for your information and retention.

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for *W.A. Adams*
WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF

Chief, Topical Division
Deputy Director for Estimates
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

20 June 52
New York

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When incl(s) No. [REDACTED]
is/are withdrawn (or not attached),
the [REDACTED] classification
of this correspondence will be down-
graded to *Unclassified*
accordance with Par 25e.

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serial number is [REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] [REDACTED], stated that she was sitting with her husband in her back yard on the previous evening and that between the hours of 2200 and 2300, she observed what appeared to be a yellow light traveling across the sky. There was no shape to the light and she stated that she had never seen anything like it before. There were no identification lights or sound. The object came out of the north and swirled around to the east and traveled quite rapidly. Mrs. [REDACTED] estimates that she observed the object for a period of approximately one (1) minute. She further stated that the object appeared to be higher than a plane normally travels. She stated that at the time the observation was made, the skies were clear. Mrs. [REDACTED] further insists that the object was neither a falling star or a jet aircraft.

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7. The OSI Detachment at McGuire Air Force Base was subsequently advised by the New Jersey State Police that an additional witness at Mount Holly had also reported sighting an unidentified flying object on the same date.

8. On 2 July 1952, at 2155 hours, Dr. [REDACTED] S, Physician, telephoned this office to advise that he, together with his mother and father, [REDACTED] S, had sighted what they believed to be six (6) "flying saucers" from the terrace of their penthouse at 27 West 86th Street, New York City. At 2125 hours, [REDACTED] sighted, directly over the terrace, an object looking like a star, but moving steadily northward. The object was bright, unblinking, with a reddish-white light. At 2128 hours approximately, another object, redder in color, and lower on the horizon, was sighted on the eastern horizon, moving steadily northwards and at approximately the same speed as the first. At approximately 2145 hours, another object, was sighted on the eastern horizon, also moving steadily southward, reddish color, same relative speed and height. Between 2145 and 2200 hours, another object was sighted on the western horizon moving southward, over the Palisades. This object had the same coloring and speed; however, this one would appear and disappear at what seemed to be two (2) to three (3) minute intervals. Another object was sighted on the western horizon, moving southward, same coloring and speed, but remained apparent all during the time sighted. At 2200 hours approximately, SUBJECT's father and mother sighted another object, of the same color and speed, moving southward on the western horizon. This object was not seen by [REDACTED], who was speaking on the telephone to this office, at the time it was seen by his parents. [REDACTED] advised that all sightings were distinguished by their same relative speed, same reddish, with the exception of the first one, sighted at 2128 hours approximately, which was whiter than the others, and the fact that the lights were unblinking. [REDACTED] pointed out that this latter point was what attracted their attention to the objects, as at first they believed them to be airplanes. He was emphatic that the objects could not have been shooting stars, stating that they moved much slower and had no tails, as shooting stars usually have. [REDACTED] mother is a psychologist, and his father is a lawyer. They reside at 27 West 86th Street.

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described the weather as slightly hazy, in that few stars were visible, but no cloud formations, at time of sighting. The witness saw no other meteorological phenomena, and saw no aircraft at the time of sighting. He saw no objects fall from the observed object.

5. On 20 June 1952, [REDACTED], age 17, [REDACTED] Brooklyn, telephone [REDACTED], was interviewed by telephone. [REDACTED] reported that the object he observed was first sighted at 2145 hours, for approximately five (5) or six (6) minutes, and was again sighted at 2220 hours for approximately three (3) minutes. The object appeared to be a very large star, oval shape, bluish white in color, the color was steady, no trail or exhaust and no apparent propulsion system, no sound, and estimate of altitude or speed available. The object appeared in the northern sky, made a sweep in steady circular flight to the western sky, and faded from sight. It reappeared in the western sky briefly, and again faded from sight. The object was sighted from the roof of 441 Williams Avenue, Brooklyn, and no optical equipment was used. The witness described the weather as clear, with no clouds or other meteorological disturbances. The witness saw various aircraft throughout the night, and many stars were visible. The witness declared that he had heard from friends that the object appeared a third time, and that two (2) similar objects were seen by [REDACTED] Brooklyn, and [REDACTED] Brooklyn, and [REDACTED] Brooklyn. The witness attends Thomas Jefferson High School, Brooklyn.

6. On 19 June 1952, at 2315 hours, the OSI Detachment at McGuire Air Force Base, Trenton, New Jersey, received a telephone call from Mr. [REDACTED] New Jersey, who stated that he had just observed what he believed to be a flying saucer. On 20 June 1952, Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed at his home and stated that on the previous evening, at approximately 2250 hours, he had cited while sitting in his back yard, at the aforementioned address, a steady light which was brighter than a star. There was one (1) light and it was not overly large. It had a swirling motion and was not following a steady track. He did not notice any exhaust or trail because it was dark. There was no noise. The light covered the horizon in a period of less than twenty (20) seconds. There was no identification light. The object traveled from the north and then headed east toward McGuire Air Force Base. The object appeared over an altitude of approximately 5,000 feet passing almost directly over his head. The light was yellowish in color. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was a former ground crew member in the Air Force during World War II. In addition, he was a member of the Strategic Bombing Survey Morale Division which traveled through Germany after the close of hostilities. He further stated that he was stationed at the base where the first experimental jets were tested. In addition, jet aircraft from McGuire Air Force Base, are constantly flying over the area of Mount Holly, New Jersey. Mr. [REDACTED] claims that the object which he observed was definitely neither a jet aircraft or a falling star. According to Mr. [REDACTED], at the time of observation, the skies were clear and it was not windy. Mr. [REDACTED] former

at Beacon, New York on 13 July 1952. **UNCLASSIFIED** The letter stated in part as follows:

"I was seeing some friends off at the New York Central RR station at about 11:30 AM. As the train came in from the north I happened to note an object over the tracks I would guess about a mile or so distant. At first I thought it was a sausage shaped balloon. It hovered motionless at around 500 to 1,000 feet altitude. It then began to move a little and then went directly upward like an elevator at a very rapid rate of speed. I knew at once that I was looking at a solid object and that it moved like nothing I had ever seen before. I blinked my eyes and looked again. The object, which appeared about the size of a fighter plane, was still rising. It gradually melted into the atmosphere becoming a mere blur, then finally disappeared altogether. It could have been disc shaped if I was looking at its side view, or it might have been sausage shaped. As far as I could see, it gave off no flame or smoke of any kind."

I.D. 11. On 19 July 1952, a Mrs. [REDACTED], Brooklyn, telephoned this office to report that she saw a foreign flying object in the sky at approximately 2400 hours, 18 July 1952. The object was described as appearing to be a star twinkling in space, but different somehow. After a short period of time it disappeared into space. It was also seen by Mrs. [REDACTED] mother and neighbors. Mrs. [REDACTED] suggested that civilian defense authorities be advised as to whom people could contact in case of seeing any foreign objects in the sky, since she had difficulty in finding the appropriate agency to notify.

I.D. 12. On 19 July 1952, the "New York World Telegram and Sun" reported that two (2) residents of Staten Island, Mrs. J. [REDACTED], 40, a housewife, of [REDACTED], West Brighton, and her neighbor, [REDACTED], 29, a toymaker, of [REDACTED], were sitting in their respective yards around 2230 hours, on 18 July 1952, when they observed a "V-formation flight of five mystery disks", speeding from the direction of Perth Amboy toward Manhattan.

I.D. 13. On 24 July 1952, the "New York World Telegram and Sun" reported that Mrs. [REDACTED], Flushing, New York, reported she saw a glowing orange object circling over Flushing shortly after midnight. It was traveling at a high altitude and faster than the ordinary airplane, she said. Later, two (2) jet planes were seen in the same area.

I.D. 14. On 23 July 1952, the "New York Journal American" quoted a Major [REDACTED], Public Information Officer, Mitchel Air Force Base, to the effect that more than thirty (30) persons had called to report seeing strange objects in the sky over Nassau County since 18 July 1952. The paper also stated that a spokesman at McGuire Air Force Base advised that a number of reports had been received, and that since 19 July 1952, a considerable number of Staten Island residents had reported seeing unexplainable objects overhead, including one reported "hanging and spinning" on the night of 22 July 1952. The paper stated that Mrs. [REDACTED], 32, of [REDACTED], West Brighton, said she watched a bright yellow object with red lights on its edges moving up and down

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9. This office received a letter dated 7 July 1952, from [REDACTED], Port Washington, New York. This letter inclosed the following statement of a sighting which occurred on 5 July 1952:

"On Saturday evening, July 5, 1952, two of us, [REDACTED] and myself, had started to sail down from Westport, Conn. to Stamford, Conn. in his 23-foot sailboat. About 6:30 the wind died and we found ourselves drifting slowly with the tide down the coastline.

By 9 o'clock the last light of the sun was just dying away and a full moon had risen across the Sound over Long Island. The night was very calm and still; not a breath of air rippled the surface of the smooth, black water. As far as we could ascertain, there wasn't another boat on the Sound, for we could see for great distances in the moonlight.

At approximately 9:10 P.M., we had drifted to a point about two miles off the Connecticut shore between Norwalk and Darien. Directly across the Sound, at a point we thought to be Lloyd's Neck, we could see a strong white light on shore. This light, presumably from a lighthouse, was directly under the full moon, at that time about one-third of the way up to its zenith.

We were both looking in this direction, when suddenly about halfway in between the light on shore and the moon there appeared another, stronger light in the sky. It was a brilliant white in color, and seemed to sparkle and glow. As we watched it appeared to come closer and grow slightly larger in size. Although it was very hard to judge, we estimated that the object was about 10 to 15,000 feet high, and perhaps fifteen miles away.

As we watched, the brilliant white light went out and in its place was left two small points of white light. All at once these two points of light started streaking away toward the end of the Sound at a fantastic rate of speed, climbing rapidly all the time. In a matter of 30 or 40 seconds it had disappeared from sight at great height about twenty-five miles away.

After observing this phenomena, both of us agreed that its characteristics were like nothing we had ever seen or heard about before. Its tremendous initial brilliance and great speed, both which were apparent at long distance, preluded the possibility that it was a known type of aircraft, and there was no exhaust or flame as might come from a rocket."

10. This office received a letter dated 17 July 1952, from [REDACTED], Yonkers, New York, addressed to the Commanding General, First Air Force, on stationery of the magazine "[REDACTED]", 220 East 42nd Street, New York, reporting the sighting of a strange flying object

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and in circles from 2315 hours, 22 July 1952, until 0130 hours, 23 July 1952. In Brooklyn, [redacted], said he and his wife both saw a bright yellowish object in the sky between midnight and 0100 hours, 23 July 1952. [redacted] Nautics Authority operations specialist, said he sighted two (2) objects about the same time over Watertown, N.Y.

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15. At 2225 hours, 19 July 1952, [redacted] Street, New York, called this office to advise that he saw a strange object in the sky at about 2150 hours, 19 July 1952. This object was floating in a circular motion from the west and toward the East. It was observed for about one (1) minute by Mr. [redacted] and his wife outside their apartment. The object had no blinking lights like an airplane, and differed from a star. It was white and pink around the edges, and its altitude seemed constant.

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16. At 0030 hours, 20 July 1952, Mr. [redacted] Paramus, New Jersey, reported to this office by telephone that he saw a strange object in the sky at 2355 hours, 19 July 1952. The object appeared to come from north northwest at a constant speed and was much brighter than any star ever seen. It was about four (4) times the diameter of any star, was of an orange color, and no sound was heard. This object took about two (2) minutes to cross the sky, and disappeared thirty (30) degrees south of due east. The object was also observed by Mrs. [redacted] and by [redacted].

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17. At 1000 hours, 21 July 1952, Mr. [redacted] Ridgewood, New York, New York Office telephone [redacted], a salesman of aviation gasoline to airlines, telephoned this office to report that at 2115 hours, 20 July 1952, while in his yard with neighbors, he observed to the south southwest a very rapidly blinking light. He stated that the object's line of flight was not consistent with that of an aircraft, but was darting, erratic, like an insect, and spiral. The light was flying straight when first observed, but went straight up and disappeared. The light was observed for less than a minute. No object of the body, other than the light, was observed. The object was approximately four (4) miles away. No sound was heard. The ceiling was around 20,000 feet, broken, and stars could be observed. The object was observed for less than a minute.

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18. On 20 June 1952, a report was received from Navy sources that a group of high school children at Jamaica Estates, Long Island, had reported that at 1115 hours they saw an object at approximately 10,000 feet traveling in an easterly direction. The object appeared to be round and shiny, and seemed to be wobbling somewhat.

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19. On 24 July 1952, the "New York Times", in a story datelined Boston, 23 July 1952, stated that a number of reports of "silver disks and other unusual objects" had been reported in New England and as far south as Trenton, New Jersey.

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FRANK P. DUMMINGTON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander