

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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LOCATION

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

CONCLUSIONS

TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground Visual

☐ Ground Radar

☐ Air Visual

☐ Air Intercept Radar

SOURCE

GOC

NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1



☒ Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Air Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possible Aircraft

☐ Air Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possible Astronomical

03/0130 PDT
03/0830Z

1 1/2 min.

Large red object which "looked like a flare"
hovered and moved slowly at 3000-4000 feet.

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(CLASSIFICATION)

COUNTRY United States

REPORT NO. IR-30-52 W

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)

AREA REPORTED ON Central California

FROM (Agency) Dir. of Intel. 28 AD, Hamilton AFB, Calif.

DATE OF REPORT 6 August 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION 3 August 1952

EVALUATION C-4

PREPARED BY (Officer) 2d. Lt. James W. Westbrook, Ass. Dir. of Intel.

SOURCE Ground Observer

REFERENCE (Control number, directory, previous report, etc., as applicable) TWX 28th CID 265 FLYOBRPT, 4 August 1952

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

An unidentified object was observed visually at 0130 Pacific Daylight Time, 3 August 1952 for a period of 1½ minutes. It was described as large in shape and red in color. The object appeared to be hanging in the air. The object looked like a flare. No audible sounds were reported. Altitude was estimated between 3,000 - 4,000 feet. Speed was estimated as slow. The observers lost sight of the object very suddenly.

The observers were located at a G.O.C. Post in the Western States Life Building, Sacramento, California. The object appeared to be approximately 4 miles east of Sacramento, moving towards the observer.

The observers were Mr. and Mrs. [redacted], [redacted] Street, Sacramento, California.

The weather officer reports the area as clear with winds at 180° at 10 knots at 10,000 feet; at 20,000 foot winds were 190° at 24 knots.

Meteorological activity, physical evidence of the sighting, identification action taken and aircraft in the area were reported as negative.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. Observers' description of the unidentified object covered by this report indicates the object was probably a flare.

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Comments of Approving Officer:

1. Concurs with preparing officer.

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Director of Intelligence

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[REDACTED] 8TH OGD 265 FLYOBRPT

1 ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT LARGE IN SHAPE CMA AND RED IN COLOR.

LOOKED LIKE OBJECT WAS HANGING IN AIR PD LOST SIGHT OF OBJECT SUDDENLY

PD LOOKED LIKE A FLARE, NO SOUNDS PD

2 0130PDT, 3 AUGUST 1952 PD OBSERVED FOR 1 1/2 MINUTES PD

3 VISUALLY FROM GROUND

4 GOC POST IN WESTERN STATES LIFE BLDG., SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

OBJECT WAS 4 MILES EAST OF SACRAMENTO. OBJECT WAS MOVING SLOWLY

TOWARD OBSERVER PD EST. ALTITUDE WAS 3000 TO 4000 FEET PD

5 MR. [REDACTED], SACRAMENTO, CALIF. AND MRS.

[REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS.

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ACTION

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**TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE**

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 3 8 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 1 30 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain

d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

Cal. Western State Life Bldg. Sacramento California U.S.A.
Postal Address City or Town State Country

3. 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
e. At sea
f. Other _____

3.1 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. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

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6 CLEAR

7 NONE

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4. How did you happen to notice the object? WE WERE SPOTTING
AIRCRAFT FOR "AIRCRAFT WARNING SERVICE"

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

3 8 1952
Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? SPOTTING PLANES "A.W.S."

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

SERVING REGULAR SHIFT ON
OBSERVATION POST 12:00 TO 2:00 AM.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No.

If you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or ☒ No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sun glasses |
| c. Through binoculars | <input checked="" type="radio"/> g. Through open space |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other _____ |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- ☒ b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- ☒ b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

If you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

If you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| a. Pea | f. Automobile |
| b. Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball | h. Large airplane |
| <u>d.</u> Bicycle wheel | i. Dirigible |
| e. Office desk | j. Other _____ |

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| <u>b.</u> Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 4000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 5 1/2 miles

20.3 How fast was it going? No idea miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| <u>b.</u> Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

21. How did the object disappear from view?

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| (Circle One): <u>a.</u> Suddenly | c. Other _____ |
| b. Gradually | d. Don't remember |

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 0 1 30
Hours Minutes Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

- a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly sure d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 14.1 Change direction? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.2 Change speed? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.3 Change size? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.4 Change color? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.5 Break up into parts or explode? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.6 Give off smoke? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.7 Change brightness? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.8 Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.9 Remain motionless? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? RED

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

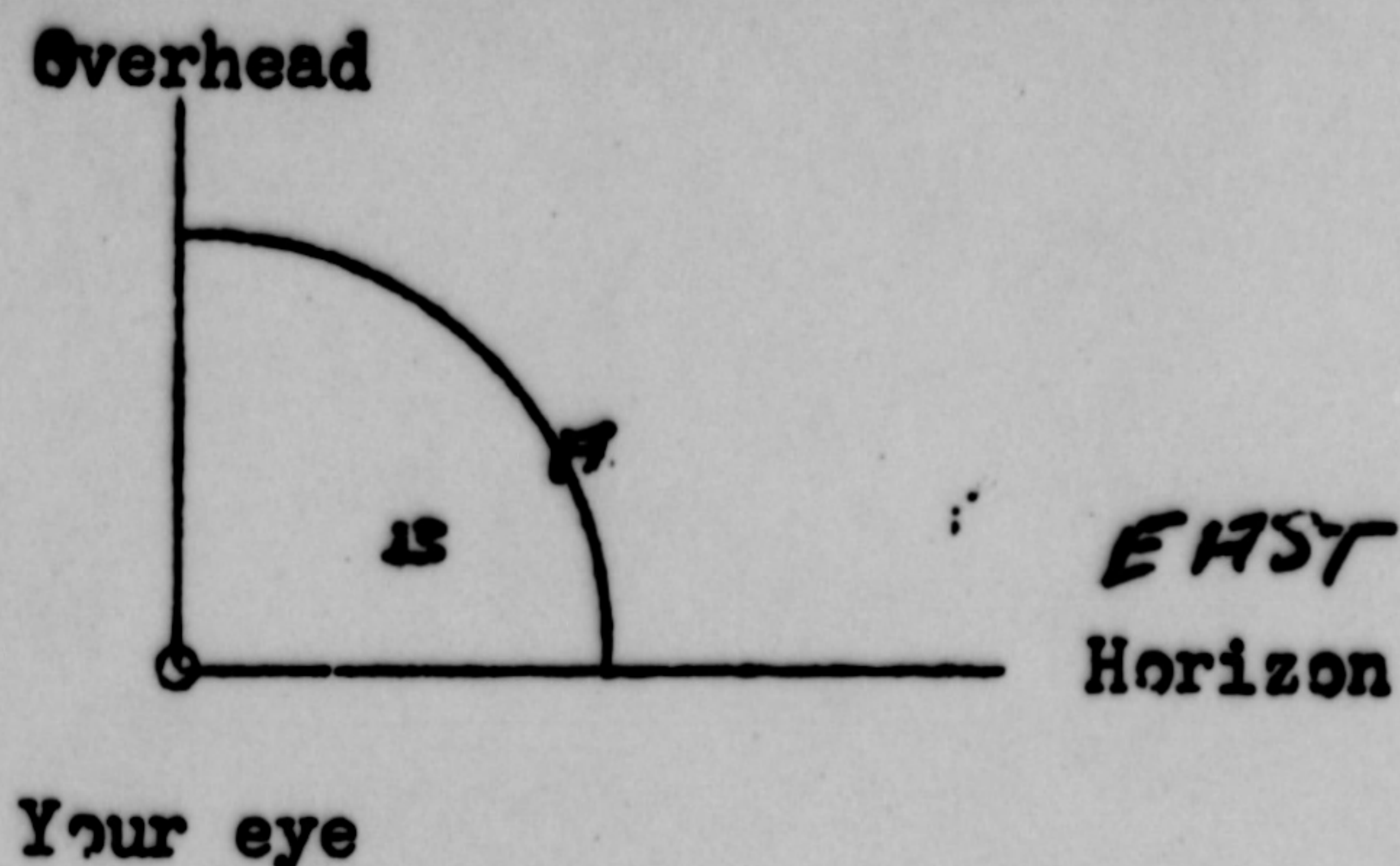
16.1 Sound NO SOUND

16.2 Color CHANGED FROM FAINT RED TO BRILLIANT RED

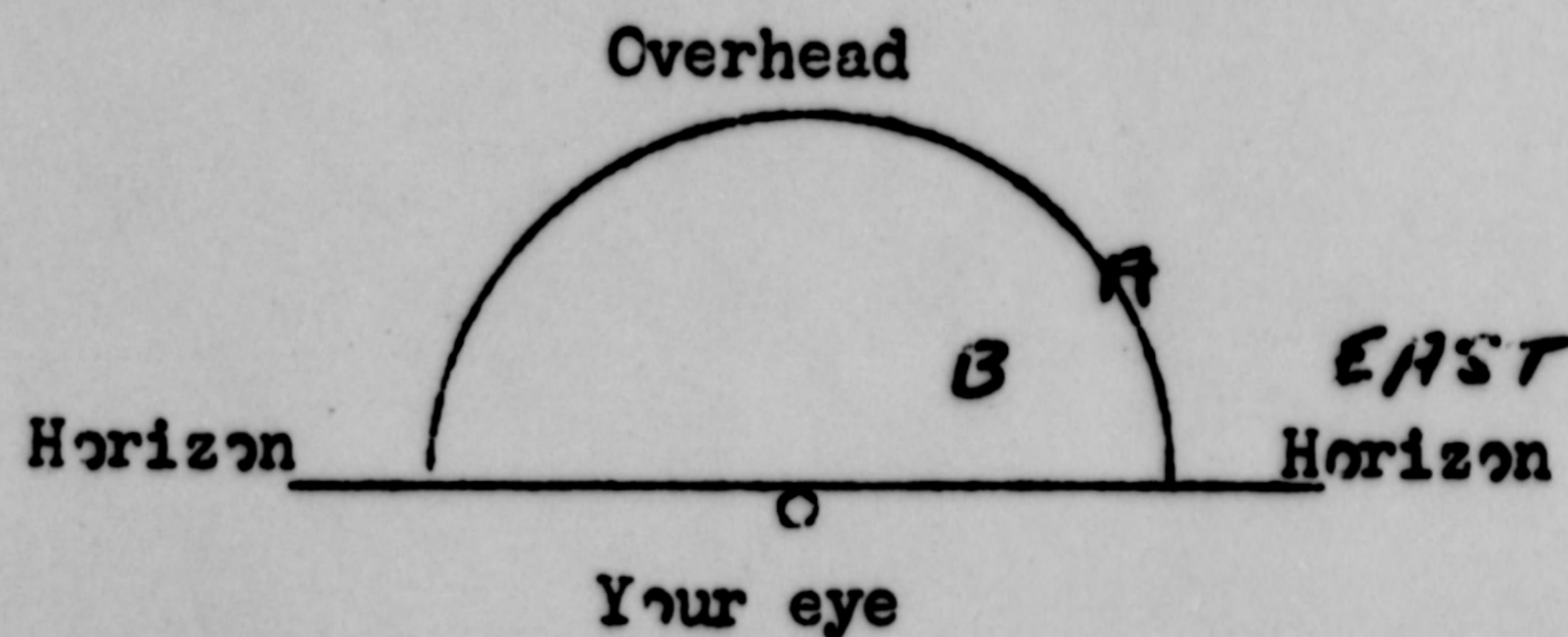
17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

SECTION D

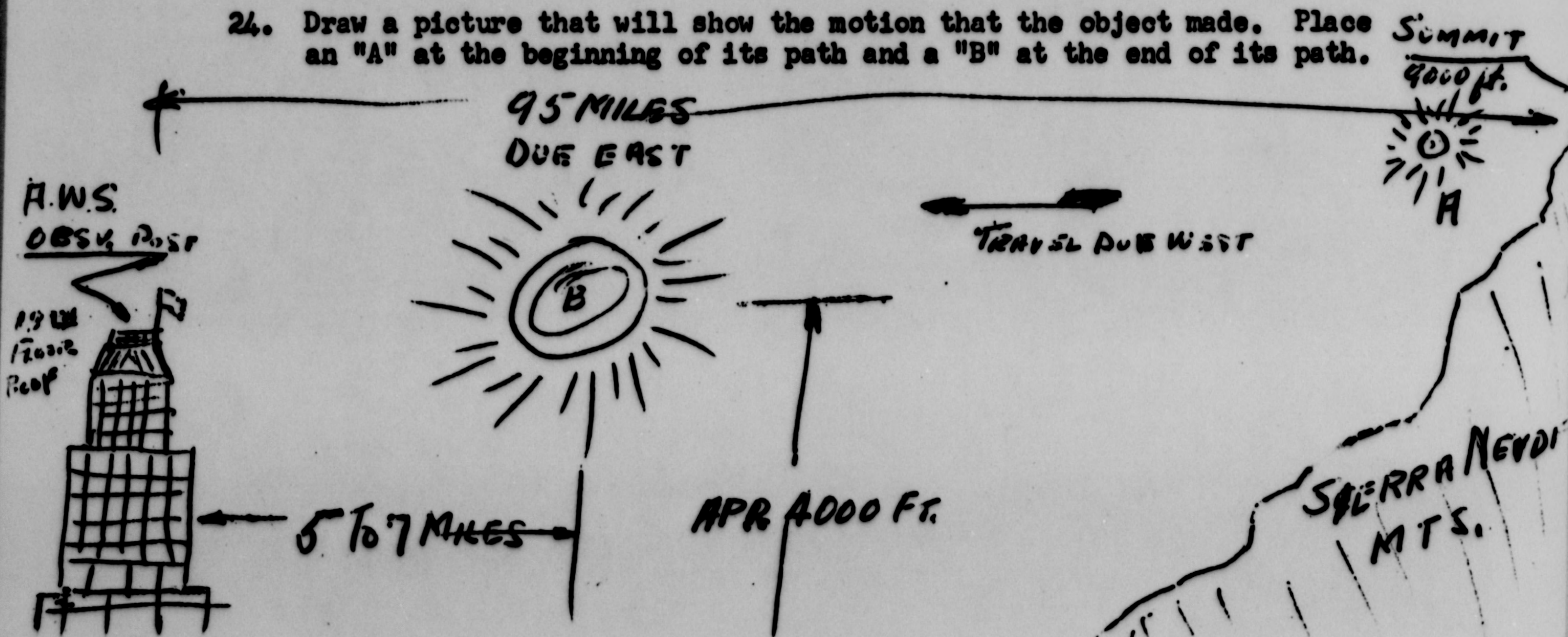
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when when you last saw it.



23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

MRS. [REDACTED] — WIFE
[REDACTED]
SACTO - CALIF

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

We served as aircraft spotters all during the last war and were called back when the post was reactivated this July.

We served at this same location for all those years so are fairly familiar with the surrounding terrain, which makes it easy to notice something unusual.

On this particular night we noticed a red light high on the mountain side. Like it might have just come over the summit of the Sierra. It first looked more like a red flare of a plane in distress. As you already know we are supposed to report any unusual lights, flares etc.

We decided to wait until it went down & report it as such. Instead of going down it kept coming closer all the time. So then we decided to wait until it went down & report it as such.

25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?
(Circle One): Yes No

26.1 If you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

WHEN WE FIRST SAW IT WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A PLANE IN DISTRESS UP IN THE SKY AND THAT THEY DROPPED A FLARE BEFORE BAILING OUT. IT LOOKED SMALL FROM THAT DIST. BUT IT DID NOT GO DOWN LIKE A FLARE. INSTEAD IT KEPT COMING TOWARDS US AND GETTING LARGER AND LARGER AND THEN DISAPPEARED.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 16 CALIF.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? MACHINIST-TOOL & DIE MAKER

Age 45

Sex MAL

Last School Attended SACRAMENTO HIGH SCHOOL

Year of last attendance at this school 1925

was & then turn it in after we had heard it & had a better look at it. The closer it got the larger it got & changed from the dull red color at first to a brilliant, very brilliant red ball of fire. In between the dull red & the brilliant red at the finish, it sort of changed to dull to bright orange color. As we were waiting for it to come over the head, it got larger & more brilliant than anything I had ever seen, then as quick as a flash it disappeared & was never seen again, nor did it ever come over the post so we couldn't ~~hear~~ hear it.

On that same night we also noticed brilliant white lights traveling in a north-south direction. They were traveling also at high speed but were much lower. We did not report them as we thought they were jets taking off & landing at McClellan Field which is to the north-east of the post about 8 miles.

The next day we read in the papers where spotters up & down the valley had spotted white lights in the sky at high speed. Whether it tops in ~~with~~ with what we saw that night I don't know but thought we had better let you know anyway.

I hope this questionnaire helps in some way your investigation.

