

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

3 AUG 52

2. LOCATION

RICHMOND, CALIF.

CONCLUSIONS

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local 03/2031 PDT

04/0331Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual

☐ Ground Radar

☐ Air-Visual

☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. SOURCE

GCC

6. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☒ No

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

22 min

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

2

9. COURSE

N

10. INITIALS OF OBSERVER

11. COMMENTS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☒ Other (Specify) _____

Two objects the size of a star, moved in a northerly direction at low speed, changing in color from blue-white to red.

Found in sighting dated 25 July 1950

Fountain Hill, Pa.

by Thomas Cross

Negatives

(CLASSIFICATION)

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. IR-35-52W	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)		
AREA REPORTED ON Central California	FROM (Agency) Dir. of Intel. 28 AB. 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, Asst. Dir. of Intel.		SOURCE Ground Observers
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) TWX 28th OIB 279 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.)

Two unidentified objects were observed visually at 2031 Pacific Daylight Time, 3 August 1952 for a period of 22 minutes. The objects were described as the size of a star, blue white in color changing to red. The objects were headed in a northerly direction at a slow speed. They appeared to be moving up and down in trail formation at approximately 10,000 feet altitude.

The observer a Mr. [REDACTED] was located at a GOC Post in the Hall of Justice Building, 27th Street, Richmond, California.

The observer reports the weather as clear in the area with fog to the east and north. The objects went into the fog and were lost from view at 2053 Pacific Daylight Time, 3 August 1952.

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

The duty controller reports heavy traffic of aircraft in the area at the time of the sightings.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. Due to the heavy air traffic reported in the area it appears possible that the unidentified objects were aircraft.

James W. Westbrook
JAMES W. WESTBROOK
2d Lt., USAF
Asst. Dir. of Intelligence

Comments of Approving Officer:

1. Concurs with preparing officer.

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Captain, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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[REDACTED] 8TH OID 279 FLYOBRPT.

(1) TWO OBJECTS IN TRAIL, THE SIZE OF A STAR PD WERE BLUE WHITE CMA THEN RED CMA MOVING NORTH SLOWLY PD SEEMED TO BE GOING UP AND DOWN PD

(2) 3 AUG 1952 2031PDT PD AT 2053PDT FOG BLOTTED OUT OBJECTS PD

(3) VISUALLY FROM GROUND PD

(4) HALL OF JUSTICE CMA 27TH ST RICHMOND CMA CALIF PD GOC NH 35 BLACK PD
OBJECT APPROXIMATELY 10,000; FEET ALTITUDE PD

(5) MR RONALD BROWN ADDRESS UNKNOWN CMA BUT GOC POST IS HALL OF JUSTICE
27TH ST CMA RICHMOND CALIF PD GOC NO NH 35 BLACK PD

(6) CLEAR IN THE AREA CMA FOG TO THE EAST AND NORTH PD

ACTION

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1952 AUG 4

17:00

VI. ATIAA
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(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) VI NOM

(10) HEAVY TRAFFIC PD

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 3 AUGUST 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 8 30 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- a. Eastern
- b. Central
- c. Mountain

- d. Pacific DAYLIGHT SAVING
- 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?

HALL OF JUSTICE BLDG.
27th + BARRETT AVE
Postal Address

RICHMOND
City or Town

CALIFORNIA
State

U. S. A.
Country

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

- (Circle One):
- a. Inside a building
 - b. In a car
 - c. Outdoors
ON ROOF OF BUILDING

- 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 _____

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

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. <u>West</u> |
| 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 |
| c. East | g. <u>West</u> |
| 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).

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>a.</u> 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?

- with naked eye first*
- (Circle One):
- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sun glasses |
| <u>c.</u> Through binoculars | 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

4. How did you happen to notice the object? I was on duty on the
Observation Post when I noticed a very bright light in
the western sky.
5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?
- 3 AUGUST 1952
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Looking for
airplanes in the sky.

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.

Walking around on the roof looking for
and reporting planes. I went on duty at 8:00 p.m.
and served until midnight.

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

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 20
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? Blue ^{white} ~~with~~ and the orange

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

16.1 Sound There was no sound

16.2 Color Blue white and would change to orange

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? no
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

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.

It went down behind distant hills

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):

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| <u>a.</u> Pea (<i>even a little smaller</i>) | f. Automobile |
| b. Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball | h. Large airplane |
| d. 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.

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

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

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 10,000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 8 or more miles

20.3 How fast was it going? very slow miles per hour.

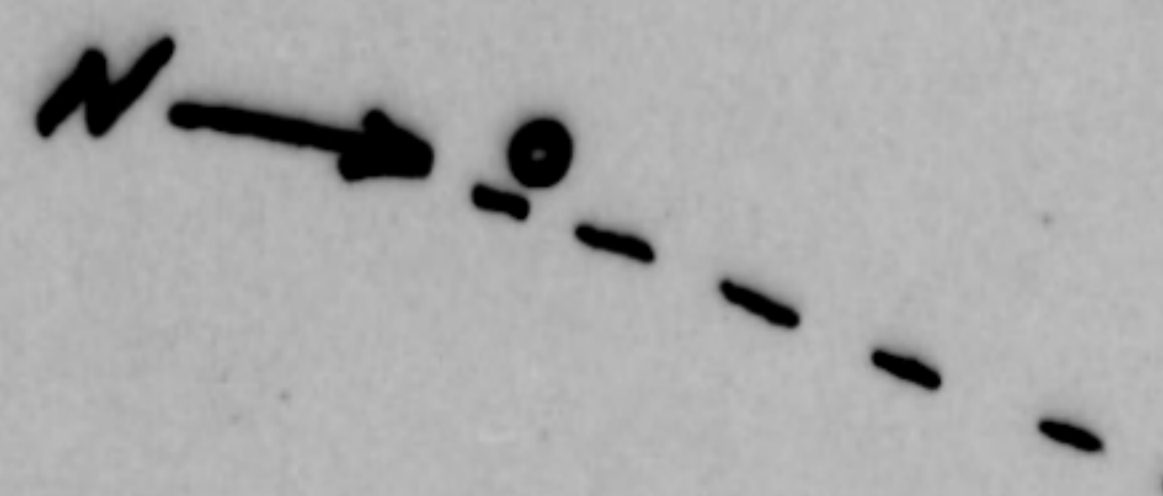
20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

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

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? About two years ago I observed approximately the same thing from the same place but it was only visible for about one minute.

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

actually I don't know for certain what it was, however it seems it could have been a star I will add more information about it on the last pages.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME Ronald Brown Ronald Frank
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS 434 - 29th Street Richmond 2 California
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER BEACON 2-7925

What is your present job? Glazier

Age 24

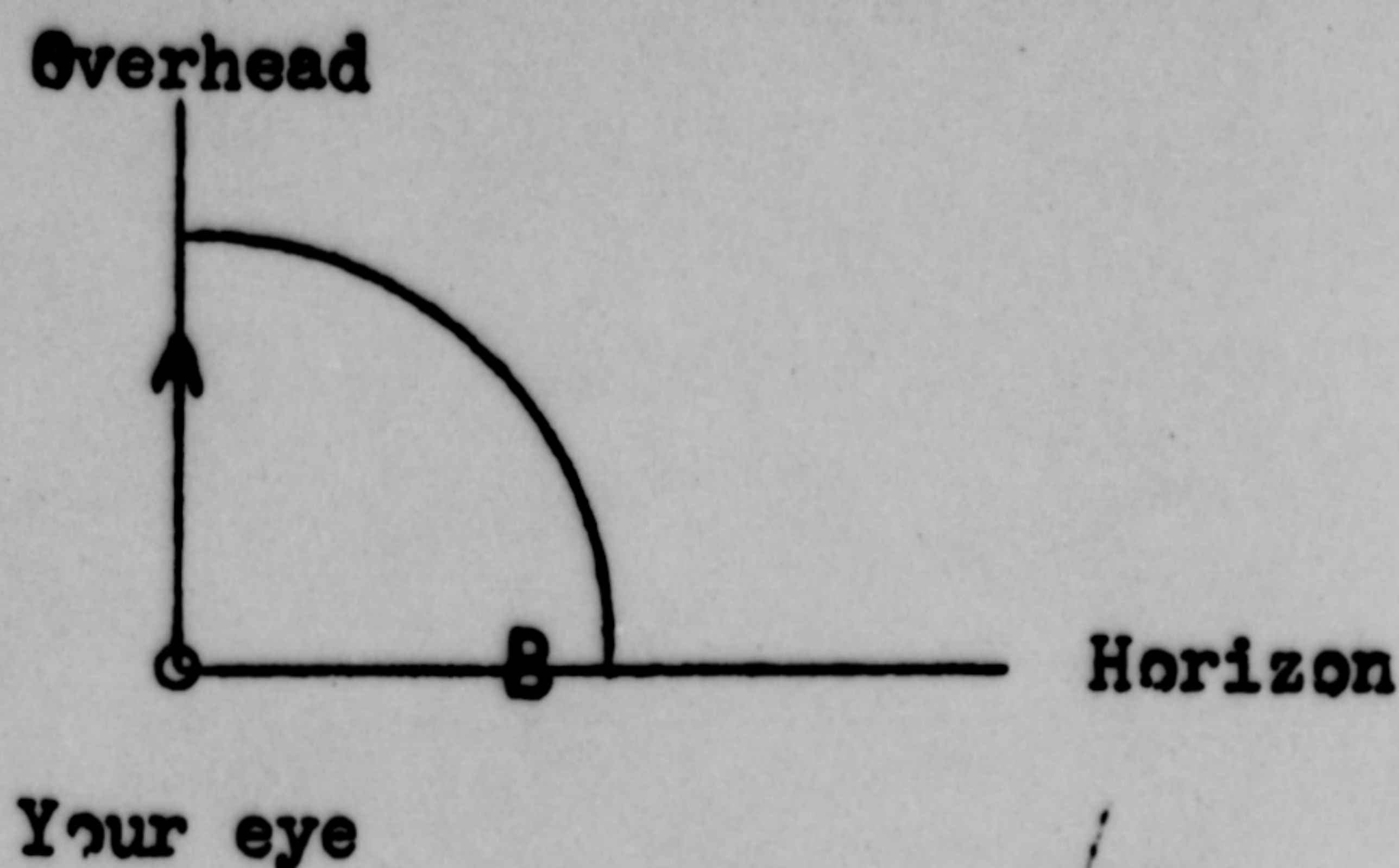
Sex Male

Last School Attended Richmond Union High

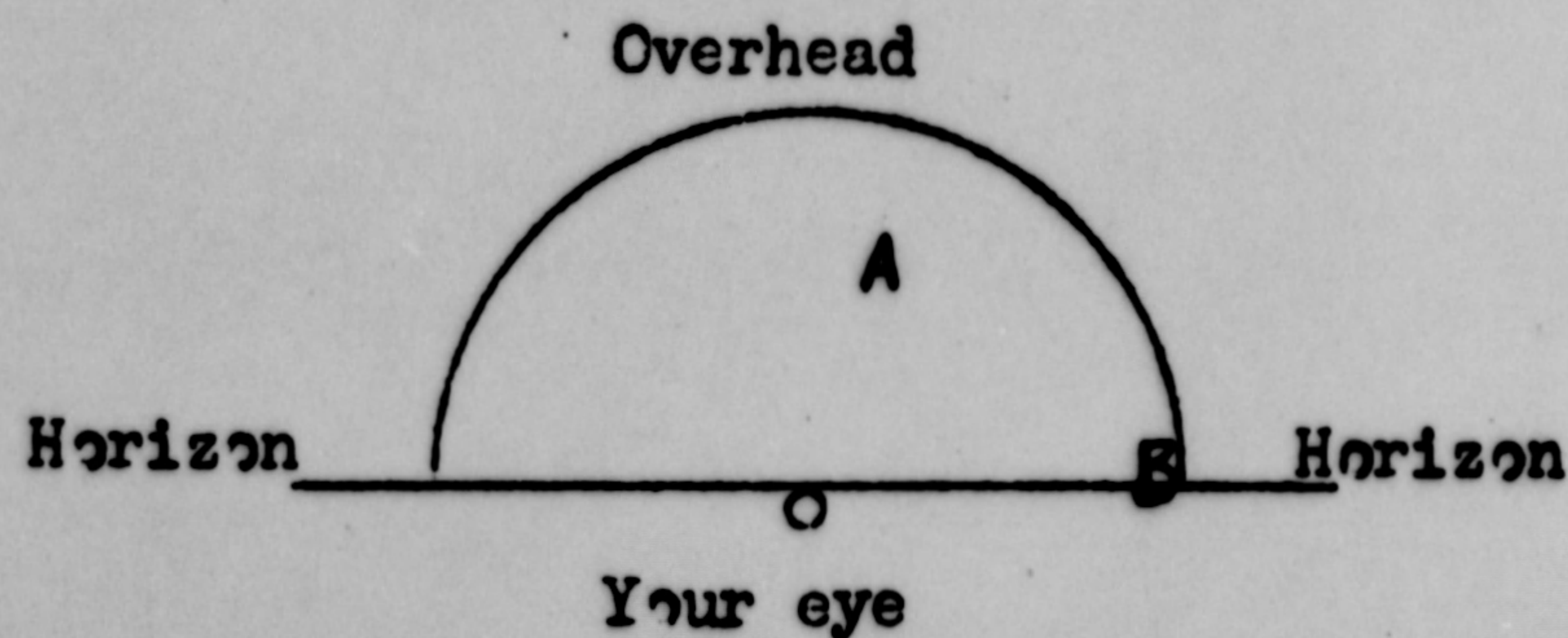
Year of last attendance at this school 1946

SECTION D

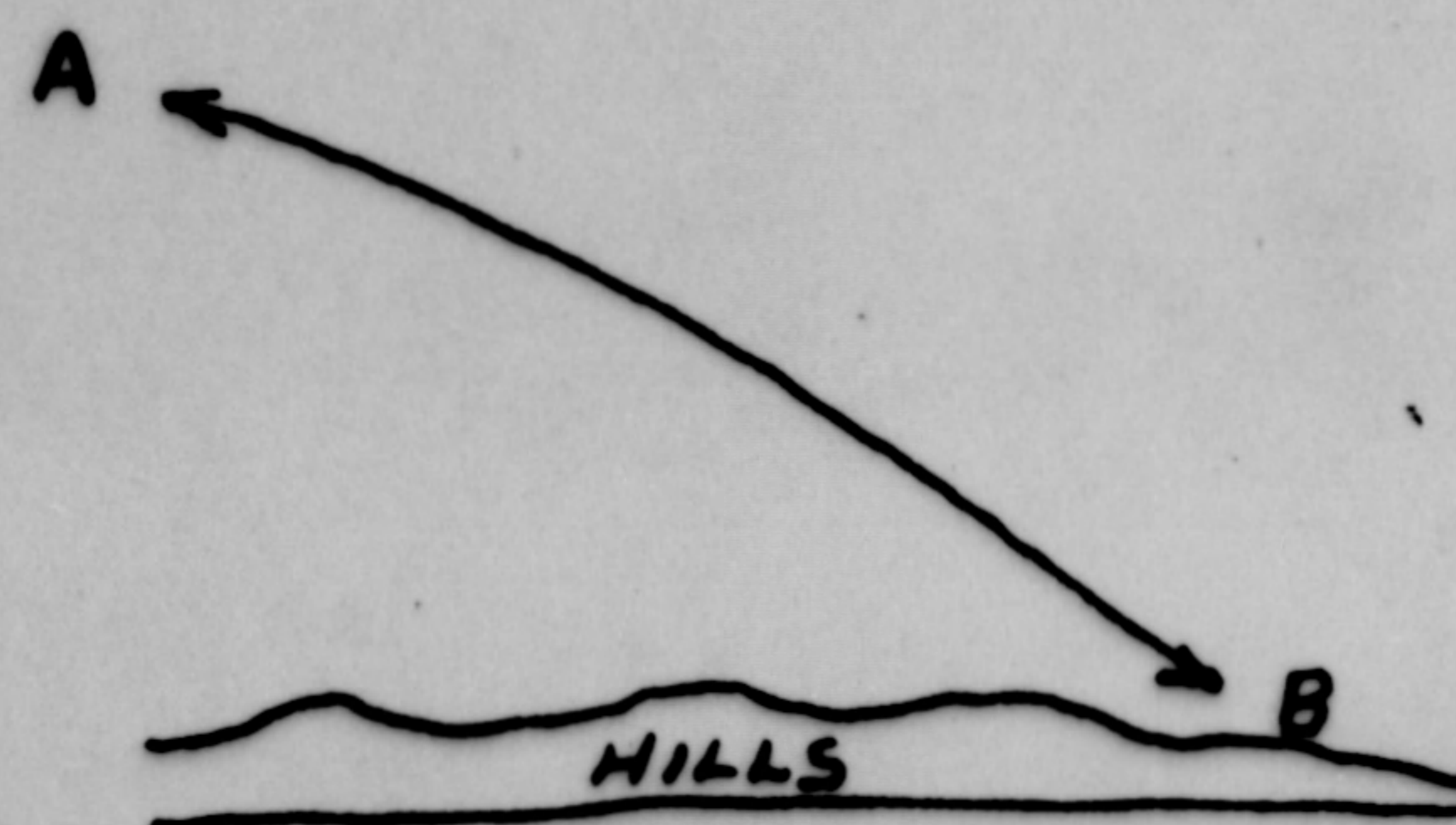
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



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:

David Gaglia

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

Dear Sir:

The object I reported, to be frank, excited me and also the other observers who saw it. However we have been seeing this same object every evening for over two weeks! There are about 15 observers who have seen it besides myself since then. It always appears in the western sky about five minutes after the sun sets and we have watched it for as much as twenty minutes, sometimes less. We have noticed it has appeared much more to the south lately, but at the same altitude and it always goes down behind the hills. It appears Blue-white at higher altitude and then changes to orange and as it gets near the horizon, ^{and} seems to become much larger.

After watching it for this length of time I feel it is most likely a star. Sketching it through binoculars it seems perfectly round, but

a times seems to flatten out. Just far in record this object does appear about 15 minutes before the first star!

I am an amateur photographer and a few nights after I first spotted it I took my camera up on the post and attempted to get a time exposure of it. However I must admit that nothing seems to show up on the negatives. At any rate I'm enclosing two of them with this letter. Maybe your photographers, through enlargements, may find it will appear.

In closing may I add that I was an Observer during the last war with 500 hours to my credit, also I helped get our post here going in 1950 and am now serving two and three shifts a week; but in all this time of observing I have never seen anything like this before, except that one evening in 1950. As I have said before, it may be, and probably is, a star or planet but it is the first time I've ever seen one so bright and clear and large.

I do know it is not my imagination because so many other observers have seen it since I first saw it. We all have agreed on what we have seen also.

I sincerely hope this will help to clear up at least one of the hundreds of reports you must receive.

Sincerely,
Ronald F. Brown