

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>24 Aug 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Leveland, Texas</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2130</u> GMT <u>0330</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>civilians</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>2</u>		9. COURSE <u>NNW</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Yellow, red, blue. Spherical.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Possibly F-51 flown by Col. P.M. Childress.</u> <u>Conclusion pending return of questionnaire sent to Mr. E. Sharp.</u> <u>Exact time of sighting in doubt due to garbled message.</u>	

COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
United States	IR-67-52	
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT		
AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)	
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
Levelland, Texas	24 August 1952	Wing Intelligence, Reese AFB, Texas
PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE	
24 August 1952	C-3	
REFERENCES (Control, mission, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		
See Below		
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 (2) unidentified flying object were observed over Levelland, Texas, 24 August 1952 between the hours 2130 to 2400. SOURCE: Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Levelland, Texas Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Levelland, Texas Mrs. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Levelland, Texas		
<i>Loren M. Cockriel</i> LOREN M. COCKRIEL A/2c Interviewing Airman <i>James T. McElroy</i> JAMES T. MC ELROY Major USAF Wing Intelligence Officer		
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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>21 Aug 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>San Antonio, Texas</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>2130</i> Zebra: <i>0330</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☒ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ Normal ☐ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: ☐ Blinking ☒ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: ☐ 1-15 Seconds ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☒ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>C.O. 3500 B PT. A. R. Tex.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>No</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac) <i>Pending</i>		
☐ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☐ One Aircraft ☒ More Than One Aircraft		
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? ☐ Yes ☒ No		

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: 30 Minutes *PM*

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<i>Lubbock (Base 413)</i>	<i>Pitbull</i>	<i>A.W.S.</i>			
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Unreliable
- ☐ Extremely Doubtful
- ☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- ☐ Good
- ☒ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon

- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft

- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical

- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation
- ☒ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

final evaluation pending next time of sighting.

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS:					

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(Agency) King Intelligence Office Reese Air Force Base, Texas	REPORT NO. IR-67-52	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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SUBJECT: FLYOVERPT

*Children time 2100-2300
gales his frequent*

1. On 24 August 1952 between the hours of 2130 and 2400, two (2) unidentified flying object were sighted. The objects sighted were spherical in shape and tapered off at bottom forming an object resembling a top and revolving very rapidly. First object sighted hovered in mid-air for approximately twenty (20) minutes then object started a straight and level flight before disappearing north northwest of observer. It took approximately three (3) minutes for object to disappear. Approximately one (1) hour later second object appeared and repeated same maneuvers. During the time stated above objects would fade out then reappear, sometimes together at approximately the same altitude.

The observers agreed that objects when first sighted seemed to be in a mist. Approximately one (1) minute after objects were sighted mist disappeared and objects would be very clear. Subject objects emitted a constant glow changing from a red to yellow and then blue and kept changing colors in this manner until disappearing.

Mr. [REDACTED] and wife was under the opinion that the base of object had holes for steam or vapor to escape. Objects gave forth a shrill sound such as whistling and a tail of fire following objects. Size of object was estimated to be three (3) feet in diameter and no estimate of thickness of object was made.

Manner disappearance of object: Object was hovering in mid-air then started a straight and level flight, veered upward and continued to gain altitude until out of sight of observers.

2. Objects were sighted between the hours of 2130 and 2400, 24 August 1952. Objects sighted were north northwest of observers.

3. Objects were viewed with naked eye. No optical or electronic equipment used.

4. Observation took place at FJCD 3735 in the city of Levelland, Texas. Object appeared north northwest point of observation at approximately four (4) to five (5) miles at a estimated altitude of 5000 feet. The only feasible landmark was a watertower approximately six (6) blocks due west point of observation.

5. Information concerning the reliability and experience of the observers is limited altho observers were very sincere in their efforts to help this organization.

6. The weather condition at 2130 hours, 24 August 1952 was: Clear, Temperature 68 degrees, fifteen (15) mile visibility, wind south southeast at sixteen (16) knots.

7. At 2100 hours this station released a weather balloon. Weather station disclosed that weather balloon had a south southeast heading to 16,000 feet.

8. Physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, etc. were nonexistent.

9. No interception or identification action taken.

10. No evidence of any air traffic in the general area at time of sighting.

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Ref Cable GA 490 H (DTG 261630Z) ^{Aug} fr
CO 3500th PTW Reese AFB Tex :

4/Col. P. M. Childress, AFOIN-1A, states he
was flying F-51 on VFR N of Levelland, Tex at
2100 CST 24 Aug, 7000' alt, hdg NE. Did
not see obj referred to but F-51 exhaust
might account for observation reported.

Comment (DJF): Time of sighting not specified
in msg rec'd AFOIN-2AV or else read garbled
since msg states "sighted first obj for one
hour, 24 Aug 52". If this actually means
obs lasted one hour, F-51 ruled out. On
other hand, if it was supposed to be
time of sighting but was read garbled,
could be F-51. Suggest you request time
of sighting from originator of msg if
your copy reads as above.

Sent Oklahoma

LJF
AFOIN-2AV

ACTION

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- ✓ 2. Atia
- P 3. C. Files

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ACTION INFOR. AGG. INFOR.

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FM CO 3500TH PTW REESE AFB, TEX

TO JEPHO/DIR OF INTEL HQ, USAF, WASH 25 D. C.

JEDWP/AIR TECH INTEL CH WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO(TTN: ATIAA-200.)

JEDST/CG, ATRC SCOTT AFB ILL

INFO JWFGC/CG FTAF WACO TEX

AF GRNC

/ ~~REDACTED~~ GA490H FLYCERPT. PAR 1. TWO UNIDENTIFIED FLY OBJ,
SPHERICAL IN SHAPE, APPARENT EXHAUST COMING FROM OBJ. APPROX 3 FT IN
DIA EMITTED CONSTANT YELLOW, RED, BLUE GLOW. SECTED FIRST OBJ FOR
ONE HOUR; 24 AUG 52, LEVELLAND, TEX. PAR 3. SEEN WITH NAKED EYE.
BOTH OBJ IDENTICAL IN SHAPE AND SIZE. OBJ FLEW COUSE SW TO NNW.
ESTIMATED ALT 5000 FT. OBJ IN VIEW APPROXTHRU 30 DEGR ANGLE OF ARC.
PAR 4. POINT OF OBSERVATION: LEVELLAND, TEX. PAR 5. THE OBSERVERS WERE
MR. ~~REDACTED~~ MRS. ~~REDACTED~~
~~REDACTED~~ ALL OF LEVELLAND, TEX. PAR 6. WEATHER CLEAR, VISIBILITY 15
MILES, TEMP 68 DEGR. PAR 7. WEATHER BALLOON RELEASED AT THIS STA AT



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2100HRS AND HAD A COURSE OF SSE TO SE TO 16,200FT. PAR 8. NEGATIVE PAR
3. NEGATIVE 2PAR 9. NEGATIVE PAR 12 A/C FROM REESE AFB WERE IN GENERAL
AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

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1. DATE 24 Aug 52	2. LOCATION Hills Church, Virginia		11. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 24/1735 EST GMT 24/2135Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 min.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Circular object, aluminum colored moved erratically across sky. Source, Lt/Col, USAF was impressed by speed and rapid acceleration.		11. COMMENTS	

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 24 Aug 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 17 35 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?

[REDACTED] Falls Church Va. 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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4. How did you happen to notice the object? Sitting on lawn
watching the sky
5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Talking

- 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.

On lawn talking

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 |
| 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 |
| 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).

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| ☒ 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 | ☒ 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

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 1
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? _____

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

16.1 Sound None

16.2 Color Silver similar to reflection from aluminum untreated

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.

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
- b. Baseball
- c. Basketball
- d. Bicycle wheel
- e. Office desk

- f. Automobile
- g. Small airplane
- h. Large airplane
- i. Dirigible
- j. Other

Impossible to say - no frame of reference

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

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain
- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

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

20.1 How high above the earth was it? elevation of 45° feet.

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

20.3 How fast was it going? unknown 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
- b. Fairly certain
- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

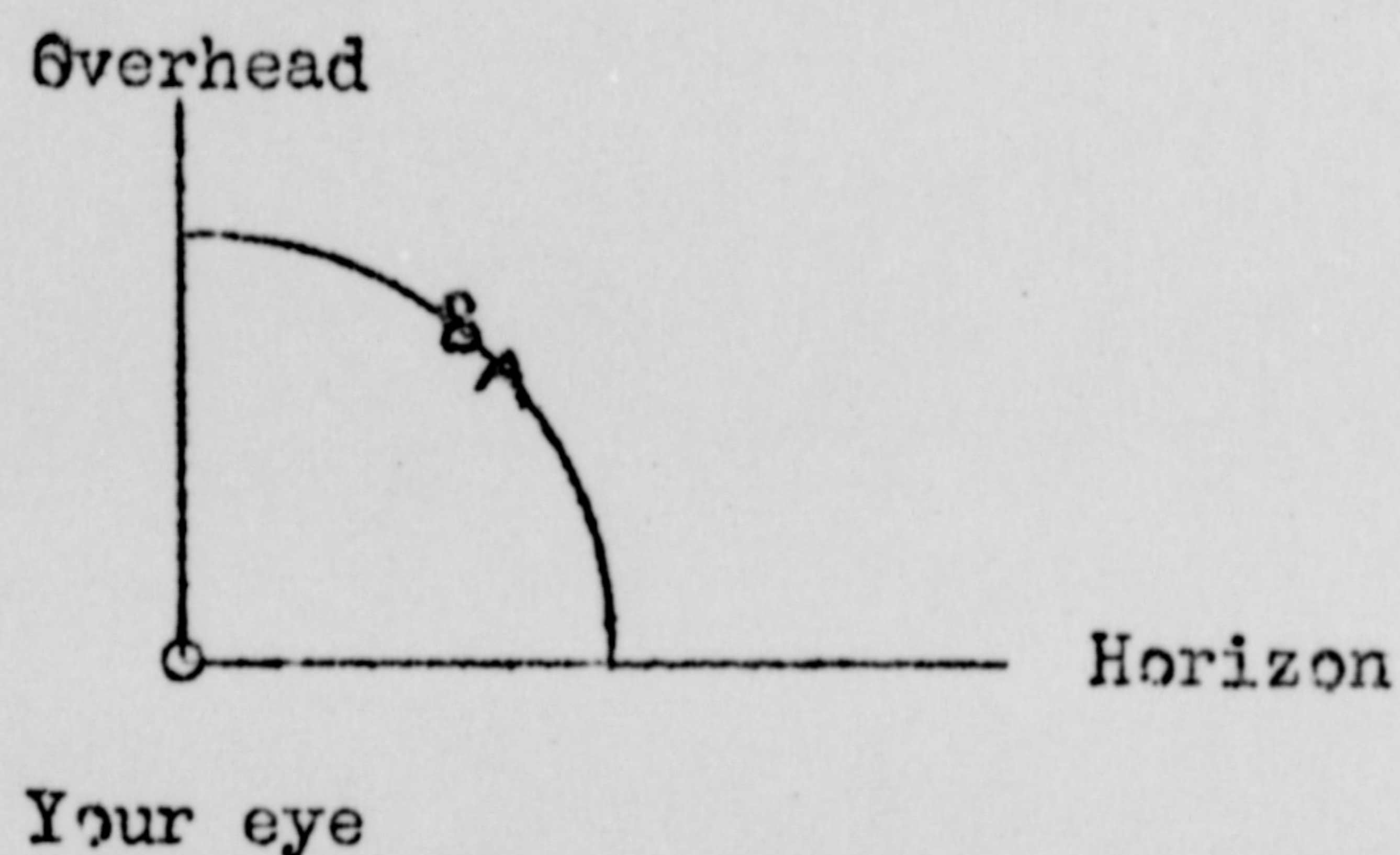
21. How did the object disappear from view?

(Circle One): a Suddenly
b. Gradually

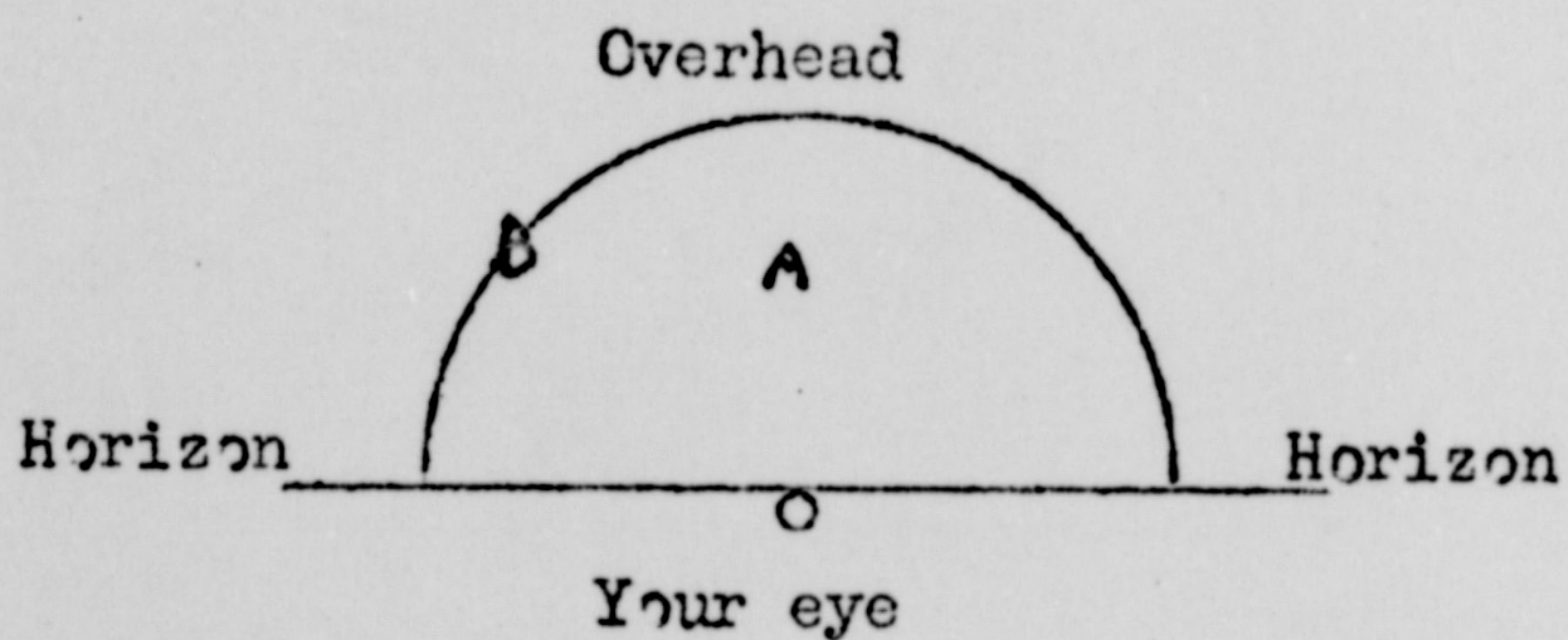
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

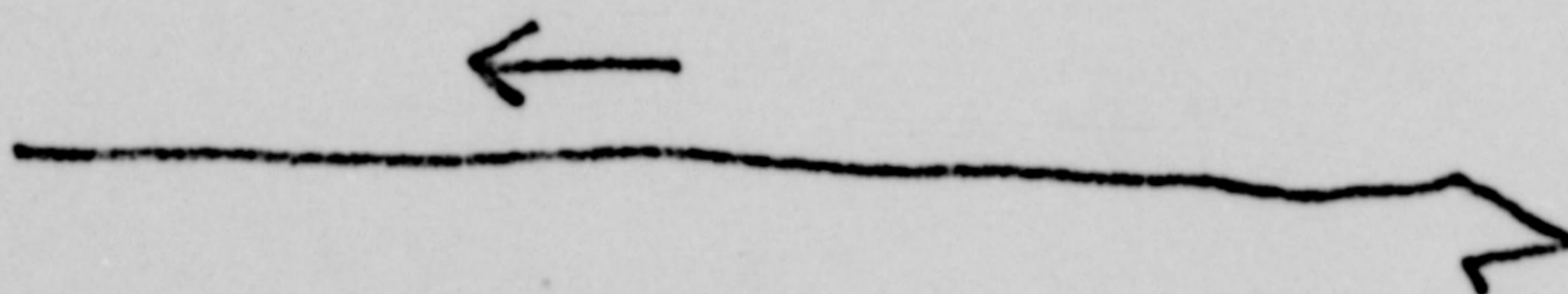
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



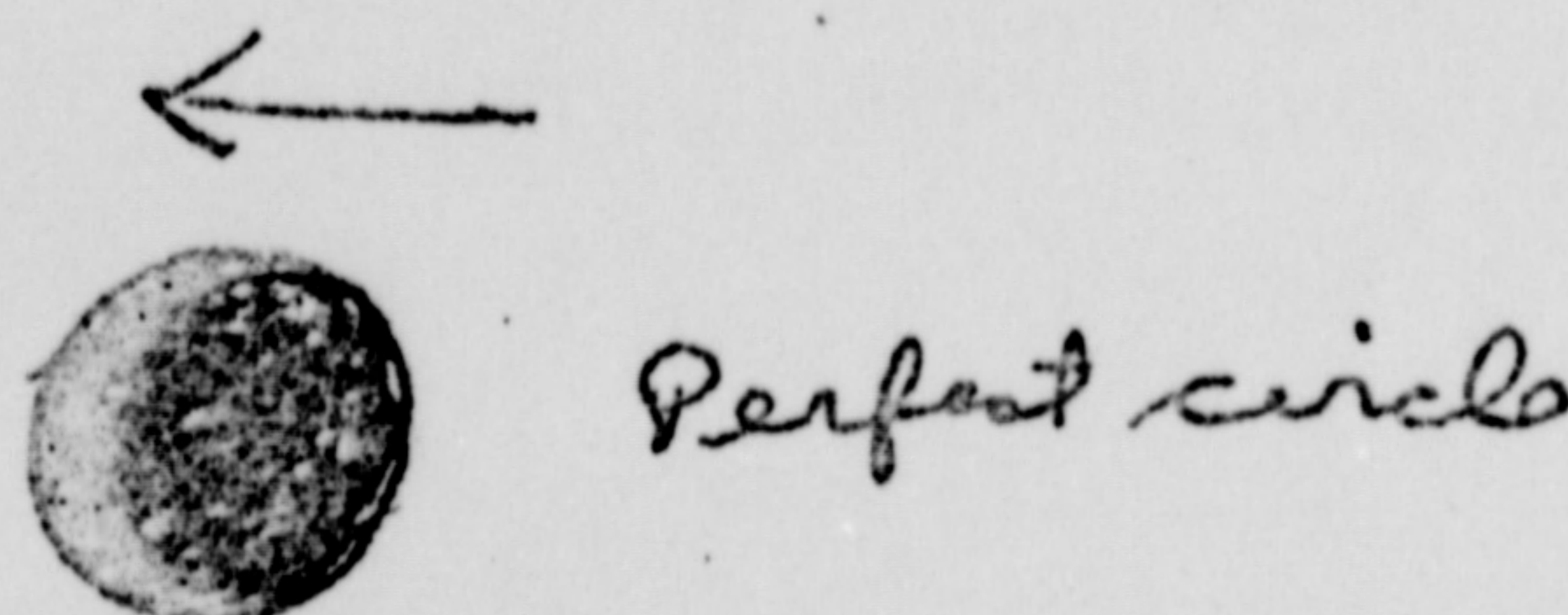
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



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.



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?

Most likely conventional explanation would be a weather balloon released from Bolling or Andrews AFB

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? _____

Age _____

Sex _____

Last School Attended _____

Year of last attendance at this school _____

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:

~~_____~~
~~_____~~, Falls Church, Va

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

Incident is refuted because of the apparent great speed and rapid acceleration which preceded the abrupt disappearance of the object.

The weather report from Bolling AFB approximately one hour before the incident:

WNW	7 knots	Surface
350°	10 knots	2000'
350°	8 knots	4000'