

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>11 Sep 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Elizabethtown, Kentucky</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1710 CDT</u> GMT <u>2210</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE <u>airman</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>8</u> minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>		9. COURSE <u>WSW</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Shape - egg. Normal maneuvers.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Seen 1 hr and 10 min after scheduled balloon launch.</u>	

COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. IR-4-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT		
AREA REPORTED ON Elizabethtown, Kentucky	FROM (Agency) 100th FTR BGR Hq, USAF, Kentucky	
DATE 11 September 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 11 September 1952	T-6
REFERENCE (List all references, as applicable)		

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.)

1. Observer saw one egg-shaped object size unknown, shining as though emitting a bright light. There was no sound and no exhaust nor vapor trail was seen. Its speed was estimated to be about the same as that of a C-47, or between 175 and 200 miles per hour. Its altitude was estimated to be between 4,000 and 6,000 feet. It travelled in a straight line from ENE to WSW.
2. The object was seen at 1710 CDST, and was visible for approximately eight minutes.
3. It was observed without the aid of instruments from the ground.
4. The observer has had no qualifying experience. The object was observed from the outskirts of Elizabethtown, Kentucky - 37°40'N 85°52'W.
5. The observer has no qualifying experience. There were other people in the vicinity who saw the object, but the observer failed to get names or addresses of them.
6. The weather in the vicinity at the time of observation was clear, visibility 15 miles, with occasional cirrus clouds. The winds aloft were in an ESE and W direction.
7. No evidence
8. No evidence
9. No action taken to intercept or identify the object.
10. One (1) T-6 aircraft was returning from Lexington between 1630 and 1800.

FRANCIS R. COLBERT
Captain USAF

1 INCL.
1. Sectional Aeronautical Map.

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AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

15 September 1952

Mr. [REDACTED]

S.E. District Heights
Maryland

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Kennedy
ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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a/s

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE - 4778.00

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 12 SEPT 52
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 8 04 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- | | |
|---|----------------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Eastern | d. Pacific |
| <input type="radio"/> b. Central | e. Other _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> c. Mountain | |

(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:

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

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

[REDACTED] DISTRICT HTS MD PR Geo
Postal Address City or Town State Country

Additional Remarks: ON PORCH FACING SSW

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

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> a. Inside a building | d. In an airplane |
| <input type="radio"/> b. In a car | e. At sea |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. Outdoors | f. Other _____ |

3.1 Were you:

- (Circle One):
- | |
|---|
| <input type="radio"/> a. In the business section of a city? |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. In the residential section of a city? |
| <input type="radio"/> c. In open countryside? |
| <input type="radio"/> d. Flying near an airfield? |
| <input type="radio"/> e. Flying over a city? |
| <input type="radio"/> f. Flying over open country? |
| <input type="radio"/> g. Other _____ |

4. How did you happen to notice the object? WHILE WATCHING
A PERSON I WAS TALKING WITH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN
IN SKY BEHIND HIM

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

12 SEPT 52 8:17 PM
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? TALKING TO
FREND

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.

SITTING & STANDING ON PORCH STEPS
CONVERSING ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

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 looking 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 looking when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | <u>g. 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 question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>a. Certain</u> | 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 sunglasses |
| c. Through binoculars | <u>g. Through open space</u> |
| 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 (VERY)
- | |
|--------------------------|
| 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)

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

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

0
Hours

0
Minutes

35-45
Seconds

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

- a. Certain
b. Fairly sure
 c. Not very 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>	No	<u>Don't know</u>
14.2	Change speed?	<u>Yes</u>	No	<u>Don't know</u>
14.3	Change size?	<u>Yes</u>	No	<u>Don't know</u>
14.4	Change color?	<u>Yes</u>	No	<u>Don't know</u>
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	<u>Yes</u>	No	<u>Don't know</u>
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.7	Change brightness?	<u>Yes</u>	No	<u>Don't know</u>
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	<u>Yes</u>	No	<u>Don't know</u>
14.9	Remain motionless?	<u>Yes</u>	No	<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? BRIGHT BLUE, GREEN

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

16.1 Sound None Audible

16.2 Color VERY WHITE IN CENTER TO BLUE GREEN ON EDGES.

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? ONE
 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.

DISAPPEARED BELOW HORIZON IN WEST

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 _____

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? 25,000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 1-3 miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? 3500 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

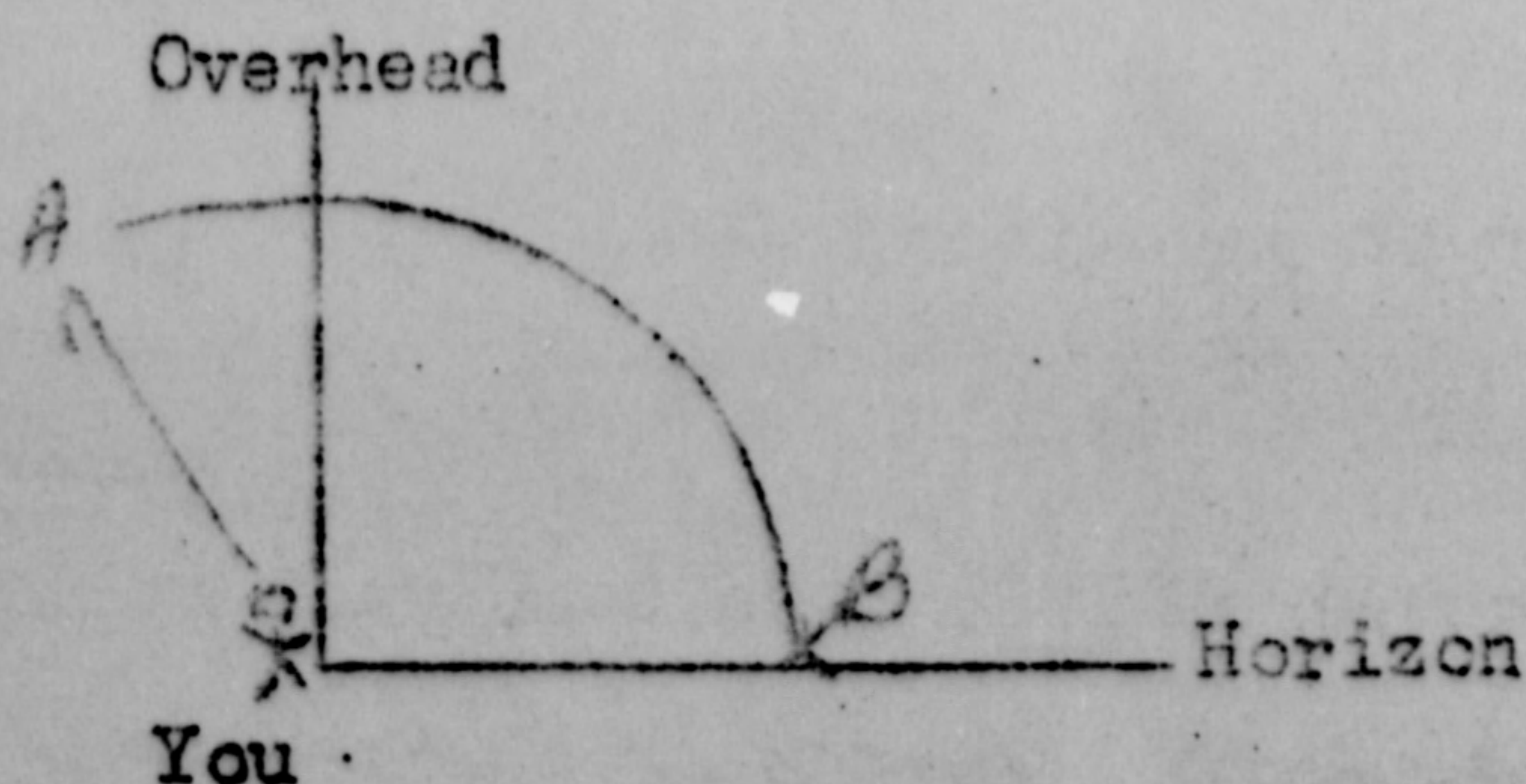
21. How did the object disappear from view?

- (Circle One):
- a. Suddenly
 - ☒ b. Gradually

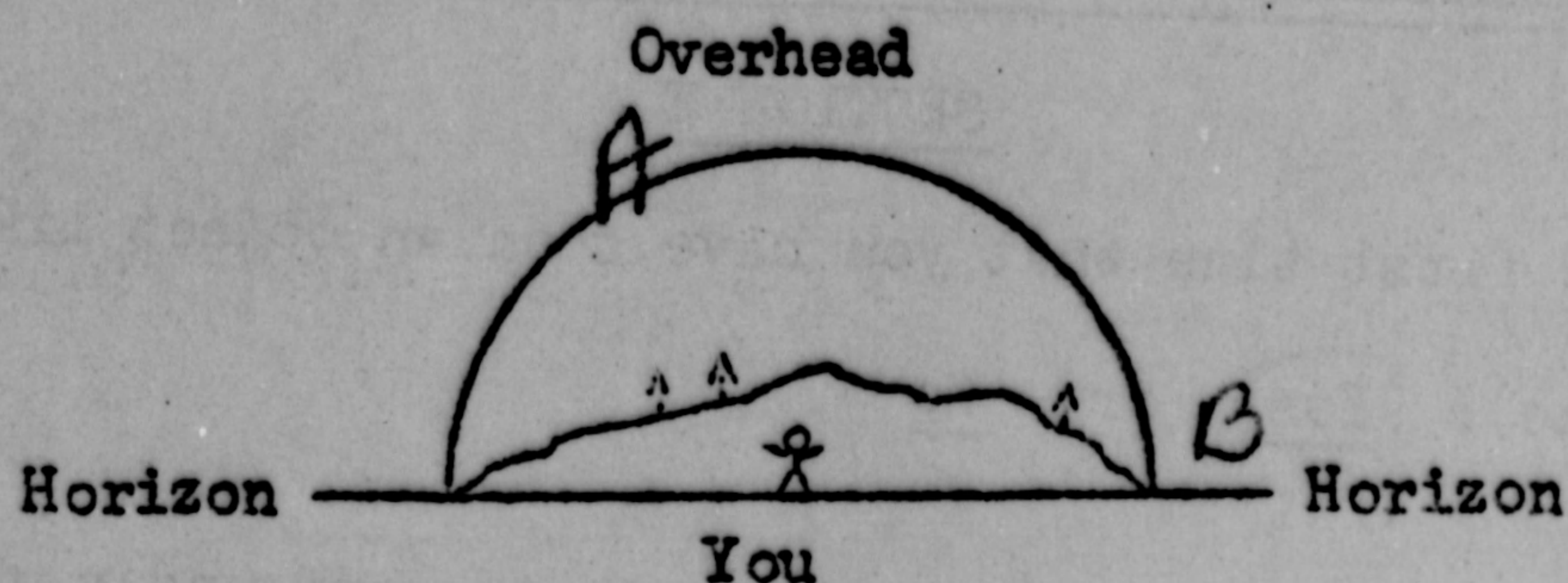
- c. Other _____
- d. Don't remember

SECTION D

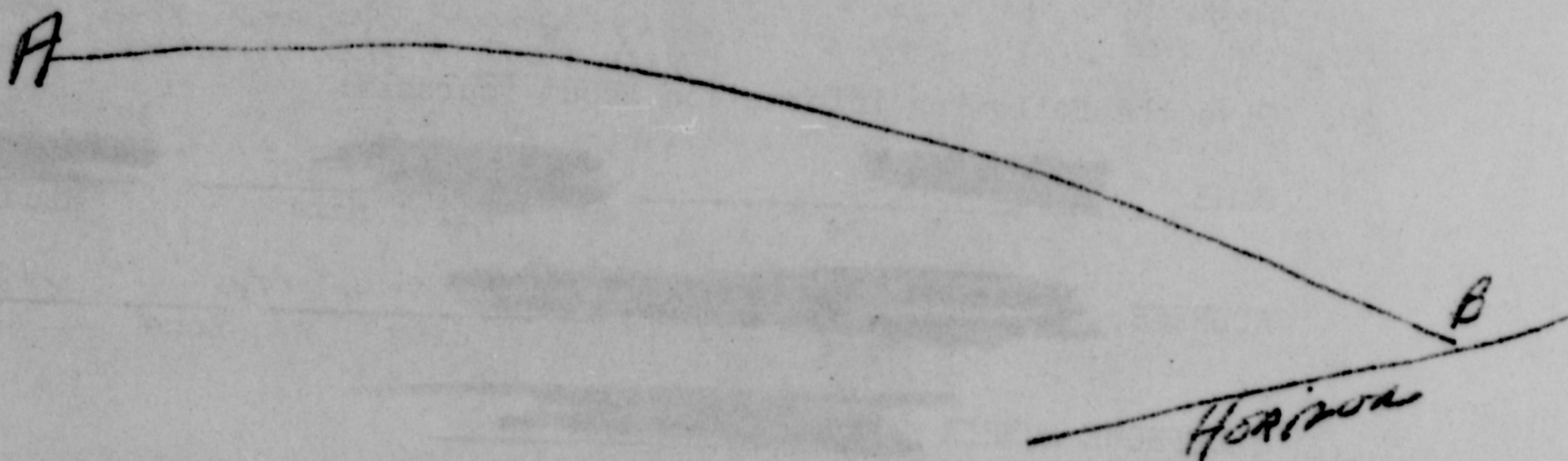
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



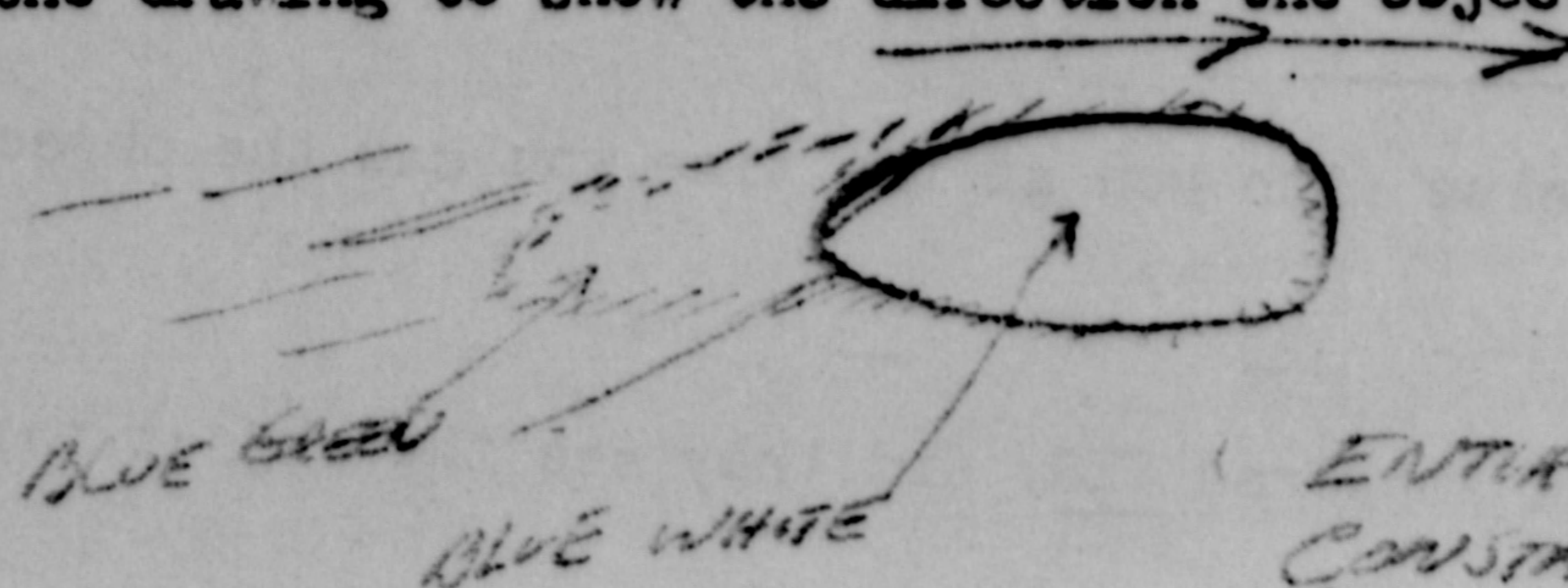
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



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.



ENTIRE OBJECT A
CONSTANT VERY BRIGHT
GLOW TRAVELING AT
STEADY RATE

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or 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? THIS IS YOUR JOB - I HAVE SEEN MANY METEORS, THIS WAS NOT ONE - MUCH TOO LARGE - IT WAS NOT AN IMAGE OR A REFLECTION - THE OBJECTS TRAJECTORY WAS CONSTANT IN A SWEEPING ARCH FOLLOWING THE CURVATURE OF THE EARTH AND EVENTUALLY GOING BEYOND THE HORIZON - IT DID NOT FALL TOWARDS THE EARTH

28. Give the following information about yourself:

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NAME

Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] 570.25 1415 MD
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job? Insurance Adjuster

Age 33

Sex M

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:

10/2/65 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], WFE

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

For a person with limited knowledge about things of this nature an opinion advanced may be of ~~some~~ little value, I don't know what it was, I can and will insist on what it was Not, I have seen meters, and the news-papers will have a hard time telling me I was looking at a meter on $7/12$ - maybe it sounds good to persons who didn't see the object - this I think was being blown - picture for yourself a jet plane going over and into the horizon, now set it on fire to a bright glow and have it travel 3 times as fast covering the same trajectory in $1/3$ the time - does it look like a meter?

In summation, this may sound as tho I am inferring some fraud in the reports given to the public, perhaps responsible parties believe they are true and the best information available. But did they see the thing on $7/12$ -



NO CARD

Compton 13
4774.00

**TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE**

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 12 Sept. 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 8:00 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 were you when you saw the object:

Postal Address City or Town State Country

Additional Remarks: _____

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

- (Circle One): a. Inside a building d. In an airplane
☒ b. In a car e. At sea
c. Outdoors 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?

Its brilliance

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

12
Day

Sept.
Month

1952
Year

SECTION B

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

Riding in the
car. My wife was driving.

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.

Getting our two small children ready
for the ride.

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? Do not know exact direction at
(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? 30 miles per hour.

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

(Circle One): Yes or (No) Slowed down

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

Don't know exact direction

(Circle One):

a. North

e. South

b. Northeast

f. Southwest

c. East

g. West

d. Southeast

h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

Don't know direction

- (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 question and preceding question (8 and 8.1). *When I am uncertain of an answer, I leave it blank.*

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 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 |
| <u>b.</u> Through windshield | f. Through sunglasses |
| 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?

Hours

Minutes

10
Seconds

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

- a. Certain
b. Fairly sure
 c. Not very 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> |

The object disappeared in mid air. See the answers to questions 25 and 30.

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? Greenish white

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

16.1 Sound I heard nothing since the motor of our car was running.

16.2 Color _____

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 _____

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? _____ feet.

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

20.3 How fast was it going? _____ miles per hour. Same speed as a

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

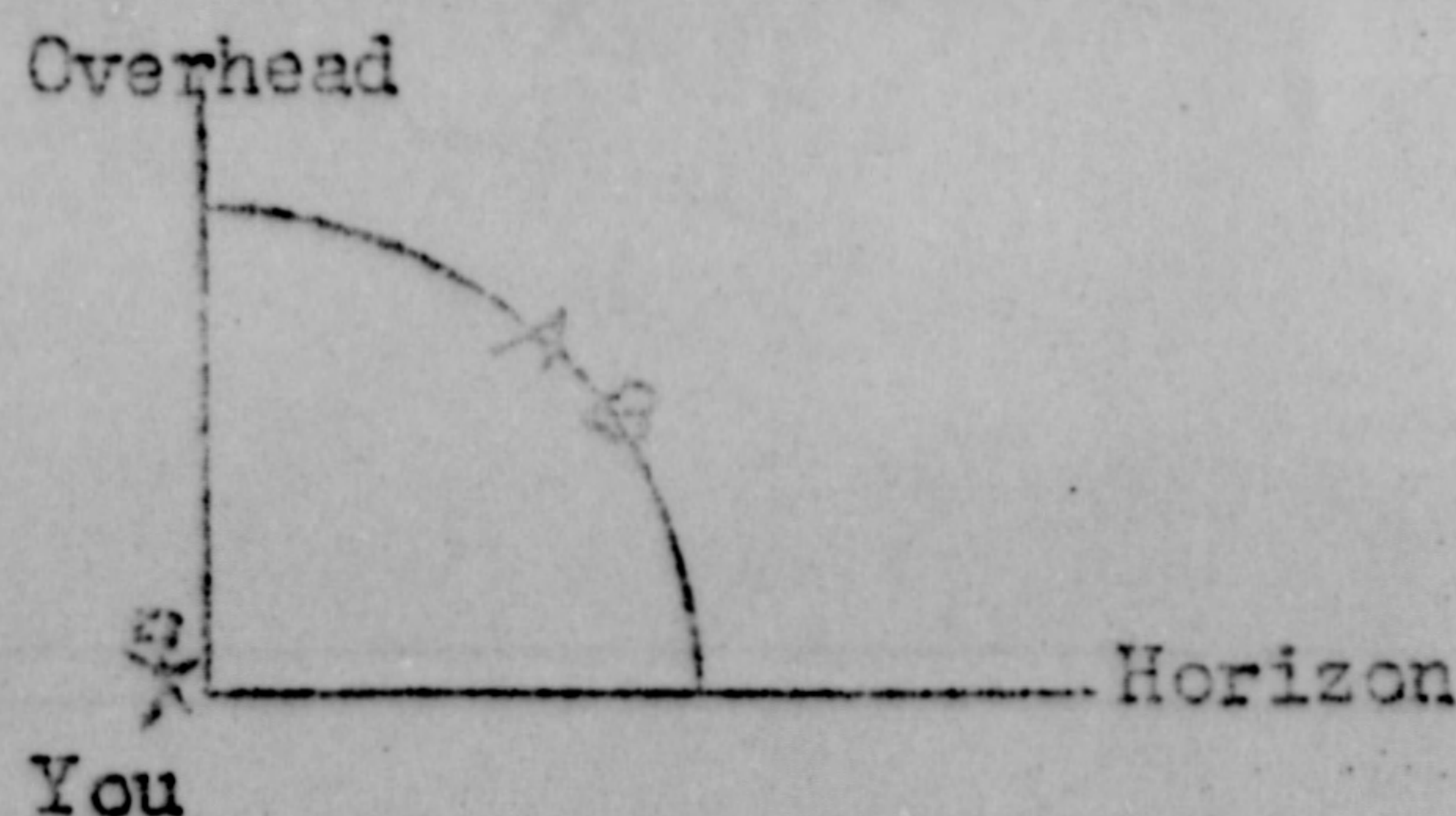
21. How did the object disappear from view?

(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually

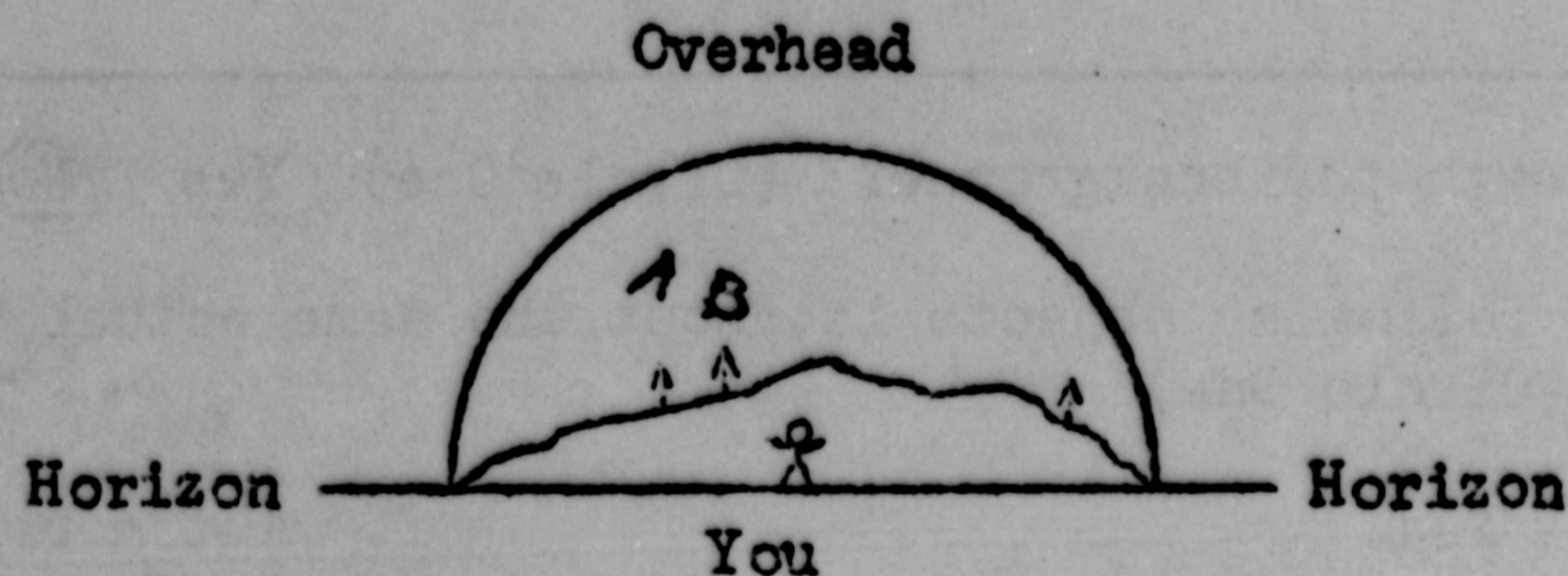
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

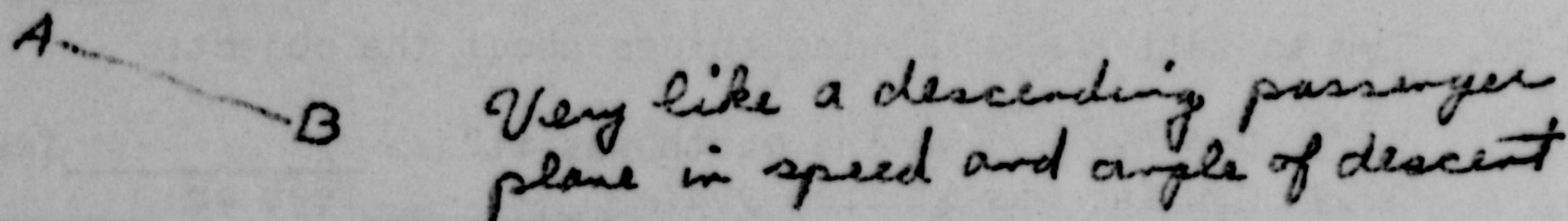
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



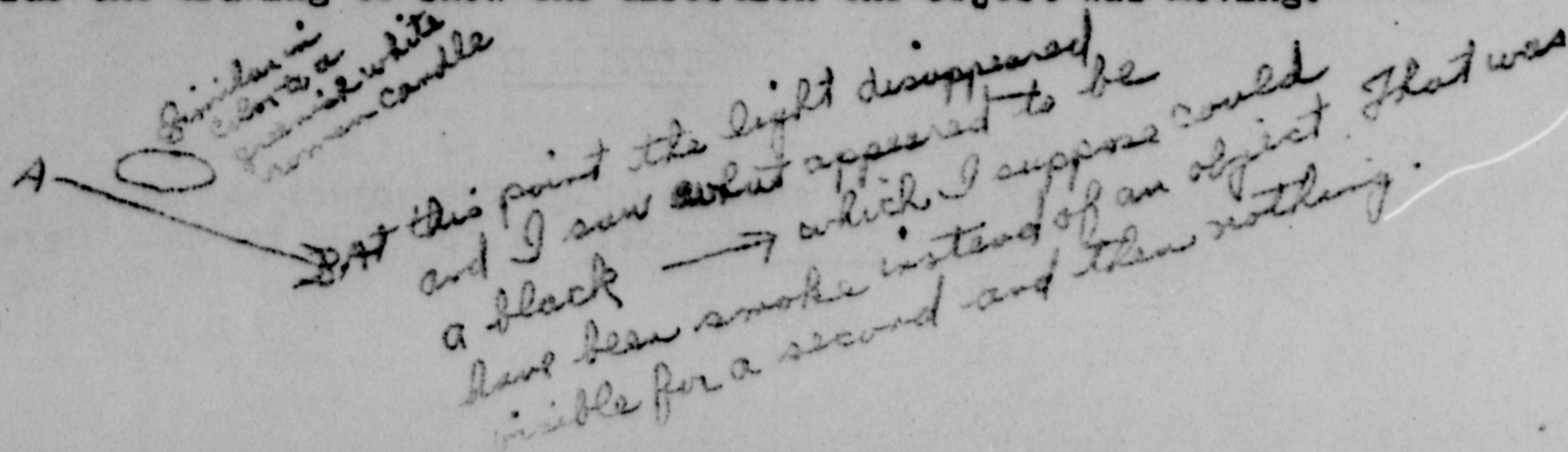
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



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 or 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?

I don't know.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [Redacted] McLean [Redacted] Virginia
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [Redacted]

What is your present job? [Redacted]

Age 50 *Department of the Army*

Sex Male

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: *My wife*

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

The object looked like an oval roman candle descending at the speed and angle of a passenger plane until it suddenly disappeared, leaving visible for a second ^{slip on gray} the outline of an arrow or rocket which could either have been an object or ~~smoke~~ smoke. It was a greenish white ^{light} as I ^{first} saw it. My wife who was with me agrees with the above but adds that she would include pink in her description of the object.