

PROJECT 16073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Dec 52	2. LOCATION LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO	12. CONCLUSIONS <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 30/2002:1ST GMT 31/0302Z	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	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian Man	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE NW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, fire red object about the size of large jet exhaust with high pitched crackling sound following. It traveled at an estimated speed of 600-900 mph at an altitude of approx 5000'. Object disappeared from view behind nearby mountains.		11. COMMENTS 1. Source is a trained aerial observer. 2. Similar to reports of known meteors passing so close to the earth that sound is heard. Time of 2 sec is in favor of meteor explanation.

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Los Alamos, New Mexico

30 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

An object traveling in a slight curve and accompanied by a high pitched crackling noise which trailed the object by four seconds was observed by an employee of AEC Security Section. The time of sighting was 2002 MST in clear weather conditions of 40 miles visibility. The observers credibility is considered excellent.

II. Discussion of Incident

This report can be categorized as a low meteor, some of which emit the sound described above. Length of observation was extremely brief at two seconds.

III. Conclusion

Probably meteor.

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/ [REDACTED] OIN 13973 FLYOBRPT PD

(1) COLOR CLN BRIGHT RED PD

(2) NUMBER CLN ONE PD

SPEED CLN 600-900 MPH PD

SOUND CLN CRACKLING NOISE PD

MANEUVERS CLN TRAVELED FROM EAST TO WEST NORTH OF LOS ALAMOS N MEX
PROHIBITED AREA PD

DISAPPEARANCE CLN FADED FROM VIEW PD

OTHER FACTORS CLN PRESENTLY UNKNOWN PD

(2) 2000 HRT 30 DEC 1952 CMA LOS ALAMOS PROHIBITED AREA PD LGTH OF

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(5) VISUAL SIGHTING PD

(4) LOS ALAMOS AEC RESERVATION CMA H MEX PD

(5) OBSERVER EMPLOYED BY AEC AS OBSERVER PD

(6) UN CLN CLEAR W/4 MI VISIBILITY CMA WINDS WHE 14 KNOTS PD

(7) NEE PD

(8) NEE PD

(9) NEE PD

(10) ALL OTHER TRAFFIC IDENTIFIED PD END PD

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COUNTRY UNITED STATES		REPORT NO. IR-24-52W	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT FLYCBRPT			
AREA REPORTED ON Los Alamos, New Mexico		FROM (Agency) 34th Air Division (Defense) Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico	
DATE OF REPORT 8 January 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 30 December 1952	EVALUATION B-2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) GLEN D PARRISH, 1st Lt., USAF		SOURCE Civ AEC Security Inspector, Los Alamos, N.M.	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 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.)

SUBJECT: FLYCBRPT

In accordance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYCBRPT), the following report of Unidentified Flying Object is submitted:

On 30 December 1952, 2002 MST, [REDACTED] Security Inspector, Atomic Energy Commission, Los Alamos, New Mexico, observed an unidentified aerial phenomenon. The observation was made from the sidewalk in front of the observers house in the northwest section of the Los Alamos AEC Installation. The object was first observed to the west of the observer, trailing toward northwest. (Heading of object approximately 320° TH) The object appeared to be about five (5) thousand feet above the terrain (terrain 8,000 ft above MSL). The object traveled in a slight curve but at a constant altitude. The observer stated that the object apparently was followed by a high pitched crackling noise. The sound trailed the object by four (4) seconds. The object appeared fire red in color, with no visible contrail or exhaust trail. The observer stated the object traveled faster than any jet he had ever seen. No jet aircraft were known to be in the area at the time of this observation. There was no radar contact with this object. No other observations of this object are known to have been made.

APPROVED:

Glen D Parrish

GLEN D PARRISH
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1. USAF Tech Info Sheet

Probably meters

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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34th Air Division (Defense)	IR-24-52W	2	2	2

(1) Shape: Round.
Size: About the size of a large jet exhaust.
Color: Fire red.
Speed: 600 to 900 MPH.
Maneuvers: Appeared to move in a slight curve toward northwest from southeast.
Noise: High pitched crackling sound.
Manner of Disappearance: Lost from view behind nearby mountains.
Altitude: Estimated 5,000 ft above terrain.
Range: Estimated 3/4 to one (1) mile.
Other Factors: Negative.

(2) 2002 MST, 30 December 1952, Los Alamos Prohibited Area. Length of observation: Approximately 1.5 seconds. (?)

(3) Visual observation.

(4) Residential Section of Los Alamos AEC Installation - about 4 miles north of center of installation.

(5) Observers reliability considered excellent. "Observer is employed and trained as an aerial observer."

(6) Clear weather, 40 miles visibility. Winds: 14 knots at surface.

(7), (8), (9), and (10) All negative.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

On the night of this observation, few people were out doors because of the severe cold. This might account for the lack of other observations. This object may have been a low meteor, producing a sound.

Good!

[Signature]
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1st Lt., USAF
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Form A

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

30 December 1952
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 20 02
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
☒ c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

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

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[REDACTED] Los Alamos New Mexico
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. 0 0 1.5
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

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

6. What was the condition of the sky? Sighting was at 2002 MST
CAVU

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object? Doesn't apply

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- ☒ c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- ☒ d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

☒ a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

☒ b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other _____

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | No | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): ☒ Yes No Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: A range of mountains, 3 to 5 miles distant, and disappeared from view

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One): ☒ a. Solid? b. Transparent? c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

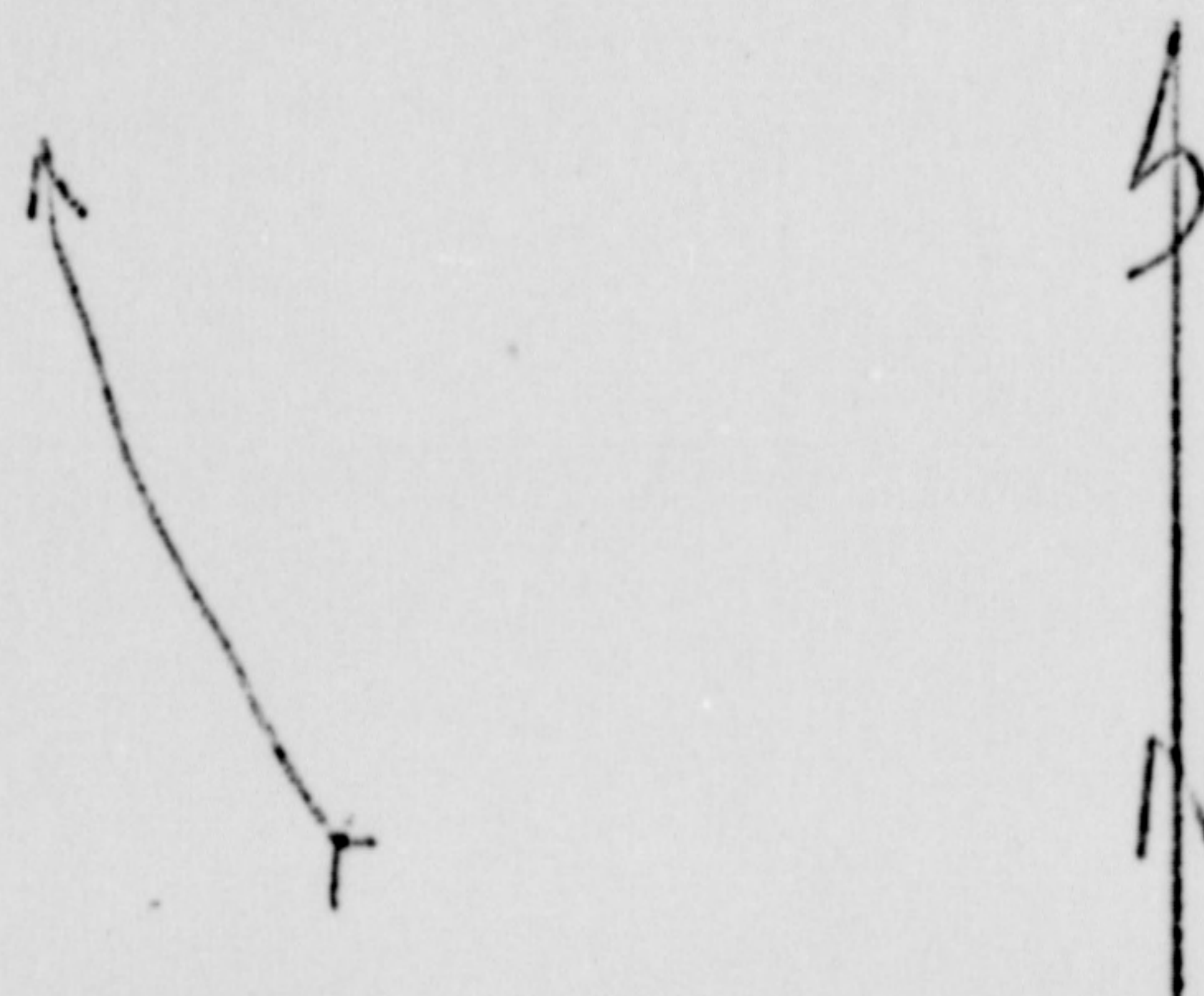
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| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | e. Binoculars | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | f. Telescope | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | h. Other _____ | | |

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

- a. Sound Crackling, chattering sound somewhat similiar to high velocity shell.
- b. Color Fire red

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

Object was to all appearances simply a ball of fire, and appeared to be on a heading of approximately 320° from western center portion of Los Alamos Air Space Reservation. Also appeared to have a very slight trajectory.



18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
 (b) Like a bright star
 c. Sharply outlined
 d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

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



20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
3 to 5 feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects *held in the hand* and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| a. Head of a pin | g. Silver dollar |
| b. Pea | h. Baseball |
| c. Dime | i. Grapefruit |
| d. Nickel | j. Basketball |
| e. Quarter | k. Other <u>Smaller than a dime but</u> |
| f. Half dollar | <u>larger than a pea</u> |

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

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

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Disappeared from view in a very slight
curving trajectory, over a near mountain top.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

A ball of fire such as you might expect to see from the rear of a very large jet engine at night. It was perfectly round and left no trail of fire or particles. Preceded sound by 4 seconds. Estimated range 3/4 to 1 mile.



25. 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 _____

26. 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 No cars on street and street
poorly illuminated.

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

I was on sidewalk in front of a residence when I heard an unusual noise. Looked
into the sky to the west and saw object.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

Does not apply

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

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

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

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

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

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

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

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

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

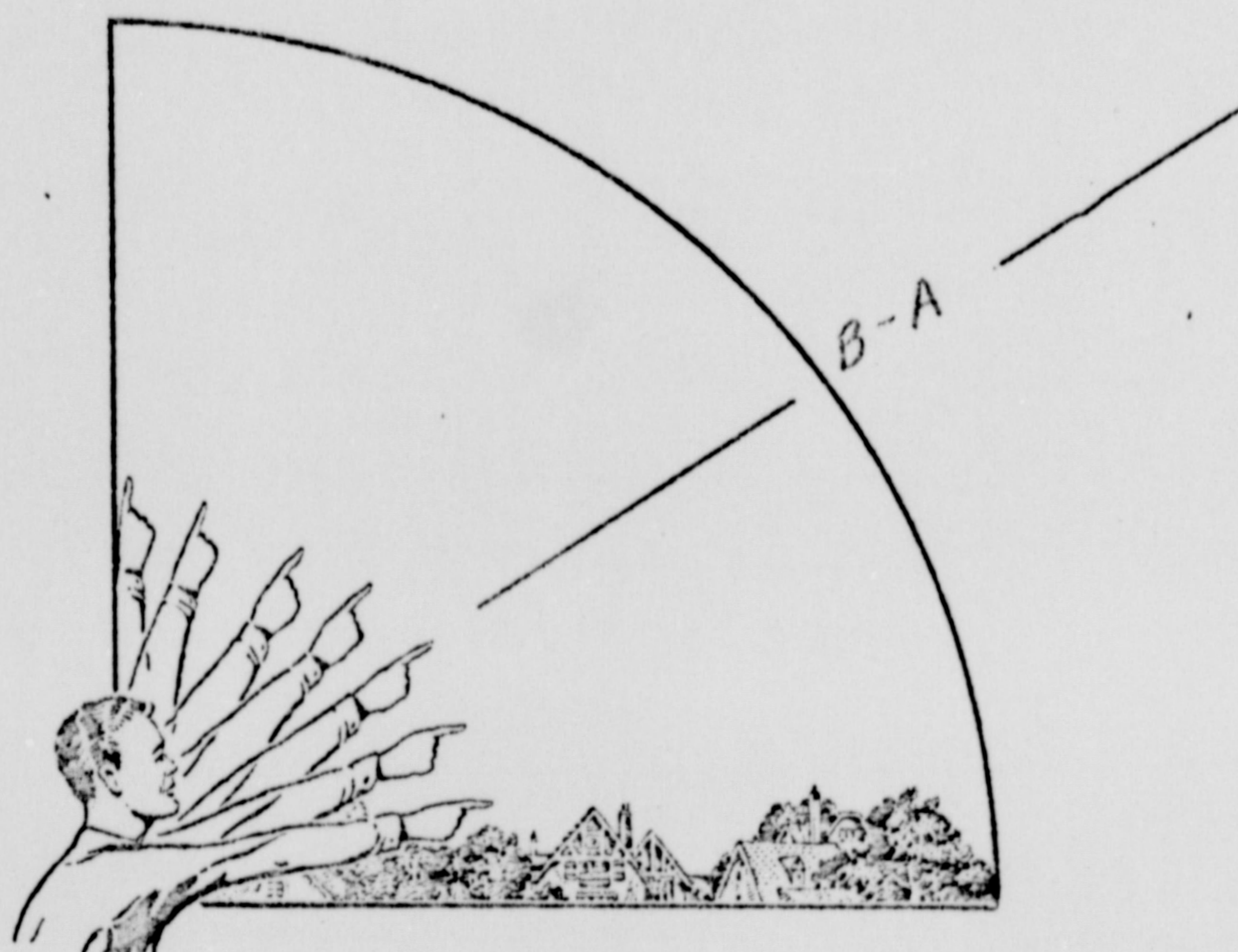
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 40 degrees.
- b. From horizon 25 - 30 degrees.

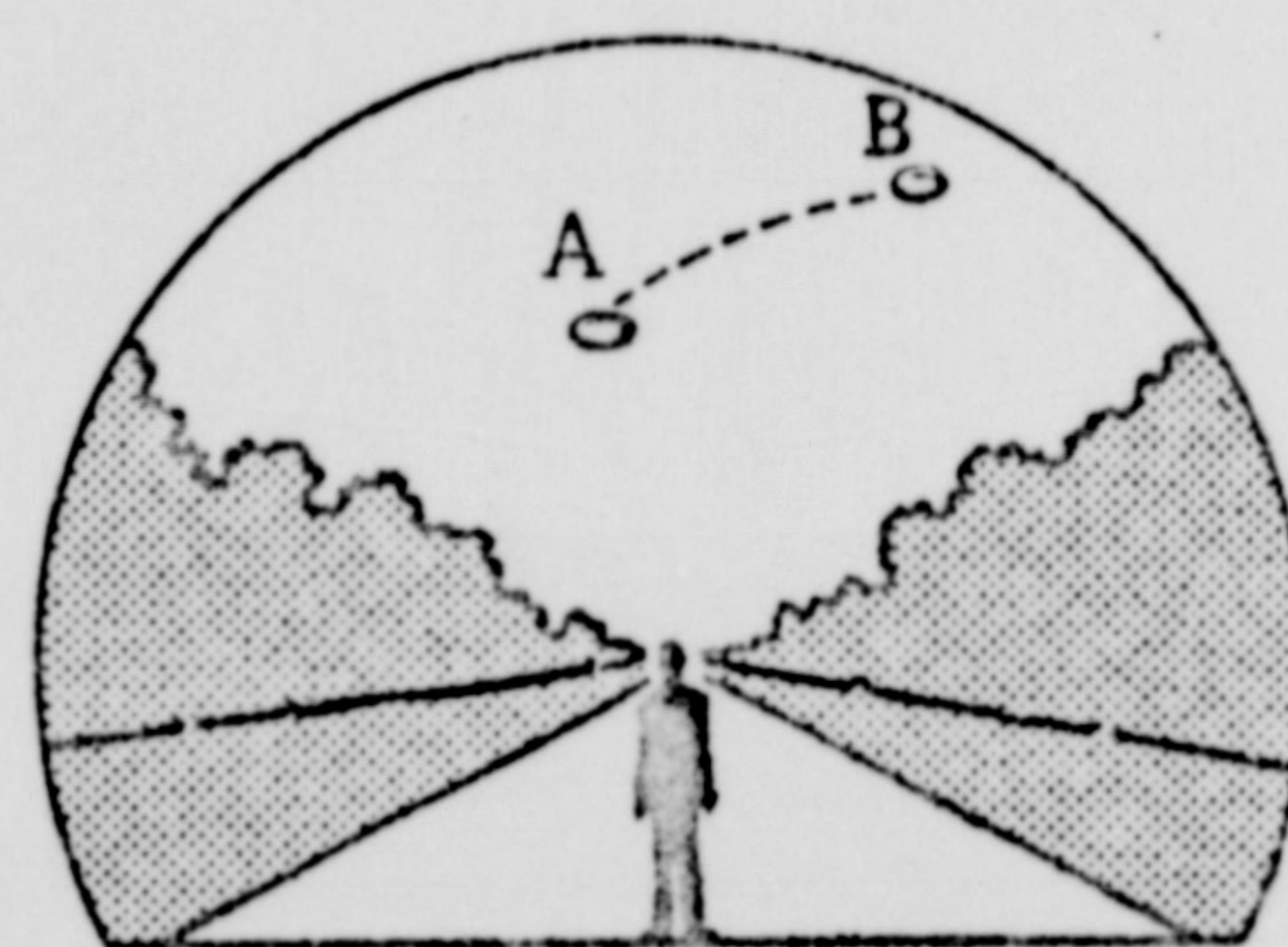
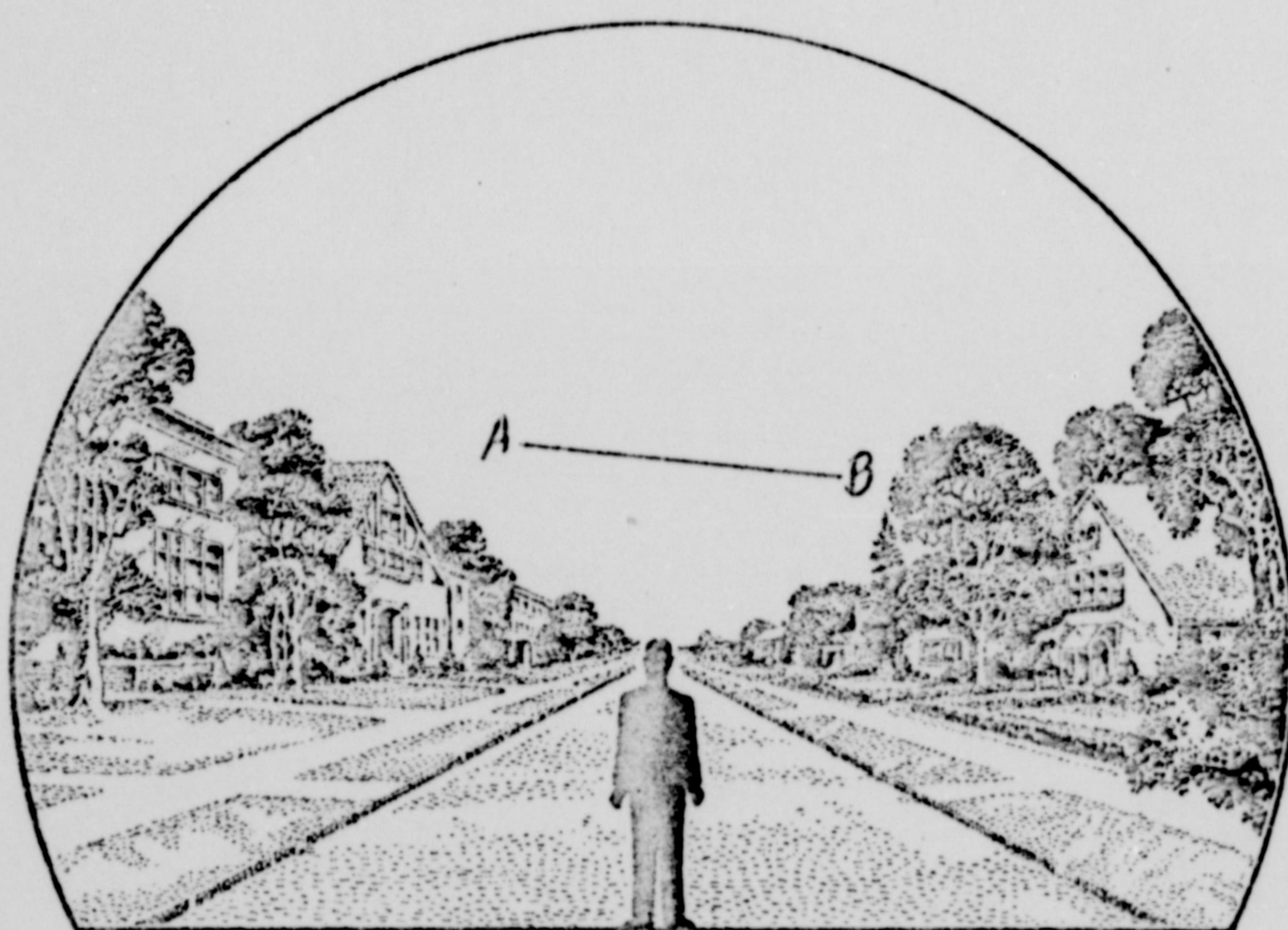
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 10 degrees.
- b. From horizon 20-25 degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are 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" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger 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. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

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

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

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

30 December 1952
Day Month Year

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

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No

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

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

I have been at Los Alamos for 5 years and have seen several green fire
balls, but never anything exactly like this.

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

Because of the noise element associated with this and the time delay - I believe it to be an aircraft about 1 mile from sighting position, operating at a very high rate of speed. Did not make sound of conventional jet engine, and appeared to be moving at a speed very much in excess of jet.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

600 to 900 m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

4500 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[REDACTED] Last Name

[REDACTED] First Name

[REDACTED] Middle Name

ADDRESS

[REDACTED] Street

Los Alamos City

New Mexico Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER 2-3650

What is your present job? Security Inspector, Atomic Energy Commission

Age 33 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____

e. e. Technical school Air Force Radio School

☒ b. High school _____

(Type) Scott Field, Ill. (1942)

c. College _____

f. Other special training Los Angeles Police Academy, Security Service Training Academy

d. Post graduate _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

6
Day

January
Month

1953
Year

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