

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 Jan 53/1335 Local	2. LOCATION Giant Rock (Near Joshua Tree) California
3. SOURCE 1/2/312 - - -	10. CONCLUSION UNRELIABLE REPORT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION - - -	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	SEE CASE FILE
7. COURSE 75 - 80 deg	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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3.
NAME: College of Universal Wisdom

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Teton Valley, California

TOP PERSONS: [REDACTED], Director
Barlene Jean Ring, Secretary-Treasurer
Theodore Berger

ACTIVITIES: An extremely radical-religious flying saucer cult which publishes a monthly periodical entitled, "Proceedings of the College of Universal Wisdom". It describes its activities as a "non-sectarian and non-profit organization for para-psychic-physical research". Membership is extensive, however, the exact number is not known.

REMARKS: This group, through its publications has expressed such views as criticizing the US for dropping the Atom Bomb on Japan and warning the public against the new anti-polio vaccine, described as committing "adultery", or "poisoning of the blood stream". However, the foremost theme utilized by this organization is that flying saucers are definitely real and are from outer space. In almost every one of their monthly publications they have an article by a person who actually had the opportunity to ride in a flying saucer.

In fact, [REDACTED] himself has written a book entitled, "I Rode In a Flying Saucer", which sells for \$1.00.

On 12 March 1955, Mr. VanThassel sponsored a "Spacecraft Convention" at Teton Valley, Calif. A few of the many "flying saucer experts" were there to present speeches. A few of this group included;

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Information in AE-5 indicates that Mr. VanThassel is also a member of the "Achter" cult, as his file contains one letter, dated 20 Nov 53 in which he places on a message received by "thought transference" supposedly from Achter, Ruler of 10,000 spaceships and the Planet Mars. (Refer to file entitled, "Achter and Arctu" in the classified personalities section).

FILE: The file of the College of Universal Wisdom contains eleven "Proceedings" publications, four letters from Van Thassel (mostly invitations for AFSC to participate in the convention).



Proceedings

OF THE

COLLEGE OF UNIVERSAL WISDOM

YUCCA VALLEY CALIFORNIA

An Independent, Non-sectarian and Non-profit Organization for International Metaphysical Research

Volume 1 -

MARCH 1, 1954

Number 10



MAN, in the rings established within the Light of me - orbiting my systems - I am potency that moves a nebula - that causes suns to shine. - Though some upon this portion of myself have devious ways to violate my infinite wisdom, it is not I who judge nor pay the price. As in my cycles, as in my phases, as in my sons I have established precision in the order of my parts. - And though a voice comes through to you unrecognized by mortals, - realize, in the voice, I am the potent Substance-force of Life, pulsing through your being, unto Eternity. - I separate the white from black and color boundaries do I set - for all my creations are of me, from lowest animal to tree, and all that is. I am the unseen force that manifests in everything you do. Impotent substance-clay of me cannot interfere, except to bring about conditions that reflect upon the garment that you wear.

MESSAGE FROM "THE GOLDEN DENSITY"

FIRST INTERPLANETARY
SPACECRAFT CONVENTION

AT GIANT ROCK INTERPLANETARY AIRPORT
17 mi. North of Yucca Valley, California.

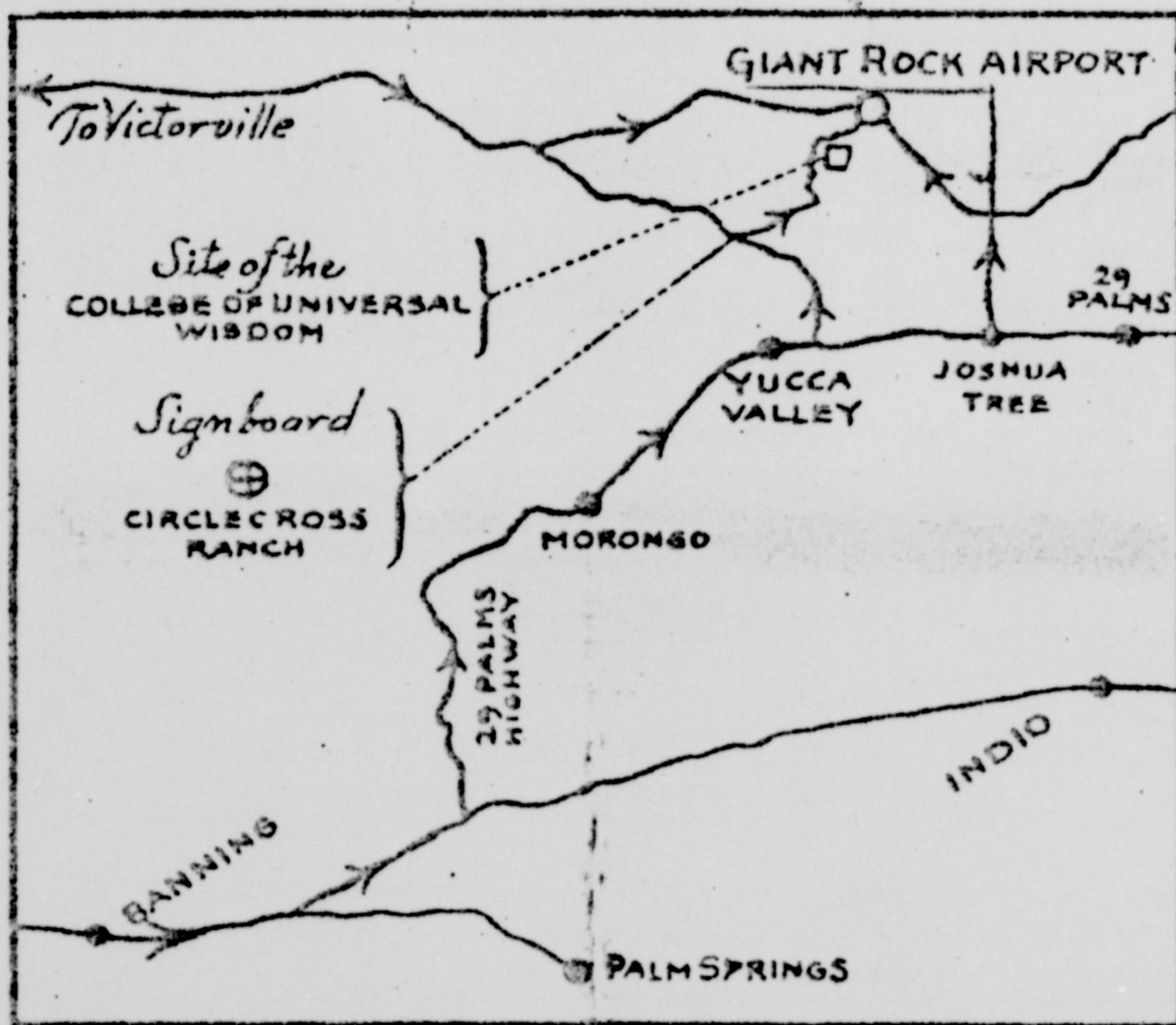
Sunday April 4th 1954

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**ADMISSION
FREE**

*Your host and hostess
Mr & Mrs J. W. Van Tassel*



January 24, 1953
Giant Rock Airport
[REDACTED], Joshua Tree,
California.

Air Force Intelligence
Patterson Field
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

On Thursday, January 22, 1953, at about 1:35 P.M., what appeared to be a B-36 bomber, flew over here in an easterly direction. As it passed overhead, it made a wide turn to the north and on around and out of sight headed westerly. A heavy vapor trail was left behind it. It's altitude was approximately 20,000 feet.

Behind it, about 5 miles and about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the right of it's vapor trail, was a single jet fighter, apparently escorting it. It was at the same altitude and also leaving a smaller vapor trail.

About $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the left of the bomber and trailing it about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, was a round fluorescent object. This round object matched the bombers speed, holding it's same position, and dissappeared gradually from view about seven minutes later. There was no sign of any vapor trail behind this object, which appeared to be at the same altitude.

The single engine jet escort, on the right of the bomber and behind it, seemed to be having mixture trouble with it's engine, as its vapor trail was continuous, but in irregular puffs. The pilot of this single jet certainly saw, and should have reported this object.

Several hours later, a friend of mine, [REDACTED], Joshua Tree, California, told me he had seen the same thing, from about eight miles North of my point of view.

Today, Saturday, January 24, another friend [REDACTED], former pilot for C.A.A. drove in here and told me the same story. He saw it from 17 miles South of my viewpoint, at Yucca Valley, California.

I have recently retired from flight test work, on Lockheed Constellations after 20 years of aviation work. I am reporting this to you because I have had my observation verified twice, by reliable witnesses.

Here was a condition, of a gasoline engine powered bomber giving off a vapor trail and a jet engine powered fighter giving off a vapor trail. The object leaving no sign of a trail behind.

The fluorescent object appeared to be about 120 feet in diameter.

This was probably reported by the bomber crew and the single jet pilot. If so this will verify their report.

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Giant Rock Airport.

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9 Feb 53C. S. Adams, Capt USAF
for
Col. R. W. McLaughlin
10 Feb 1953

11 FEB 1953

Joshua Tree, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of 24 January 1953 reporting your observation of an unidentified flying object. In order to obtain more information on this occurrence, it is requested that you fill in the attached questionnaire and return it to this Center.

We are taking the liberty of inclosing two extra questionnaires. If it is convenient, it would be appreciated if you would pass them on to the other two people who reported the same observation to you.

Your action in reporting your observation is greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

2 Incls

1. U.S. AF Tech Info Sheet(3)
2. Self-add. env. (3)

ROBERT C. BROWN
Major, USAF
Air Adj. Gen.

Wm [AC]
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JOSHUA TREE CALIF

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?

22 1 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

1 35
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] Joshua Tree Calif
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: I Was 16 Miles North of Joshua Tree AT Giant Rock Airport.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

0 7 0
Hours Minutes Seconds

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

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

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight d. Just a trace of daylight
b. Dull daylight e. No trace of daylight
c. Bright twilight 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?

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

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 | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | <u>No</u> | 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: _____

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.

Fluorescent

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

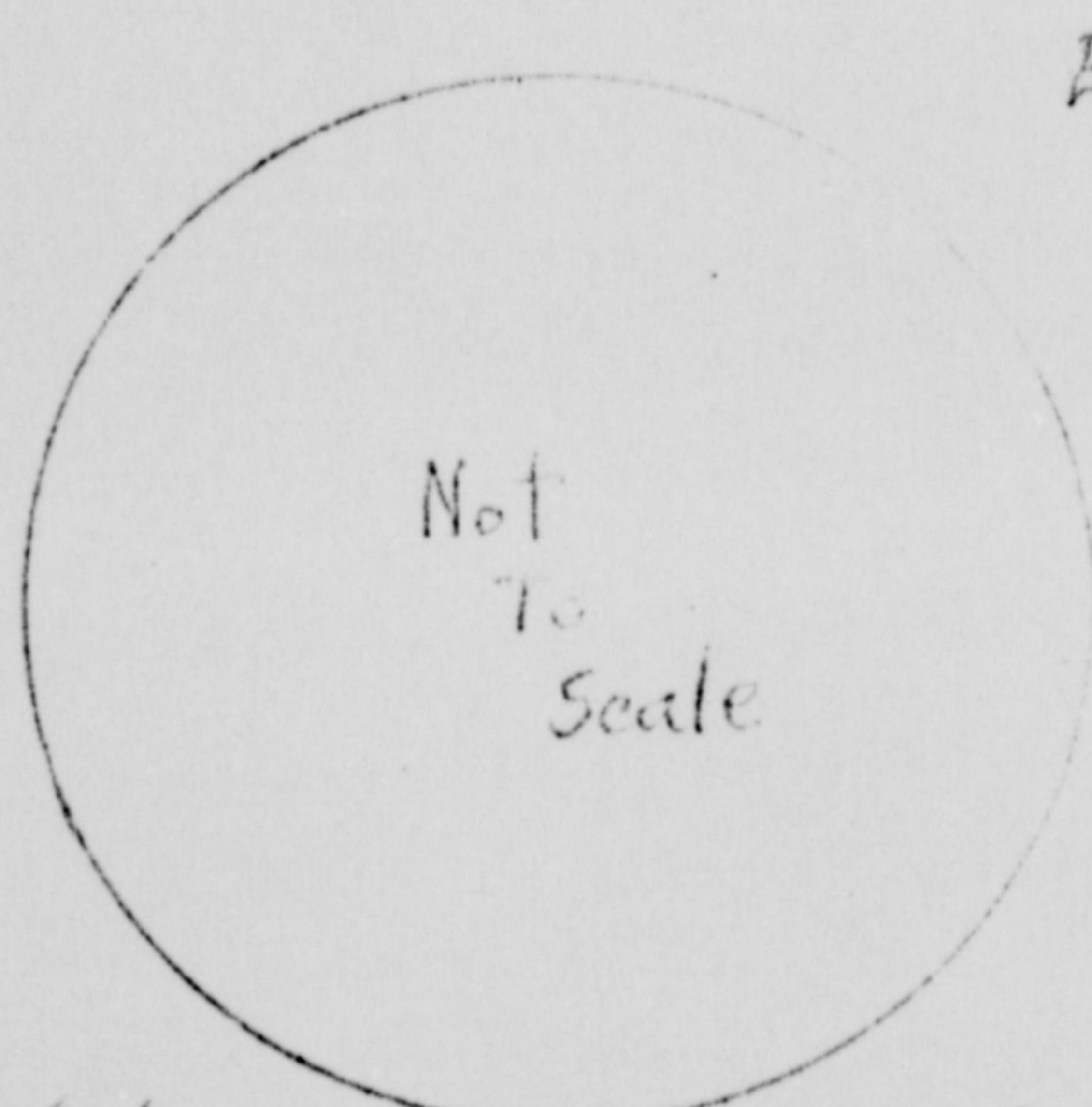
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|-----------------|-----|-----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | <u>No</u> | e. Binoculars | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | <u>No</u> | f. Telescope | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| c. Windshield | Yes | <u>No</u> | g. Theodolite | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| d. Window glass | Yes | <u>No</u> | h. Other | <u>None</u> | |

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

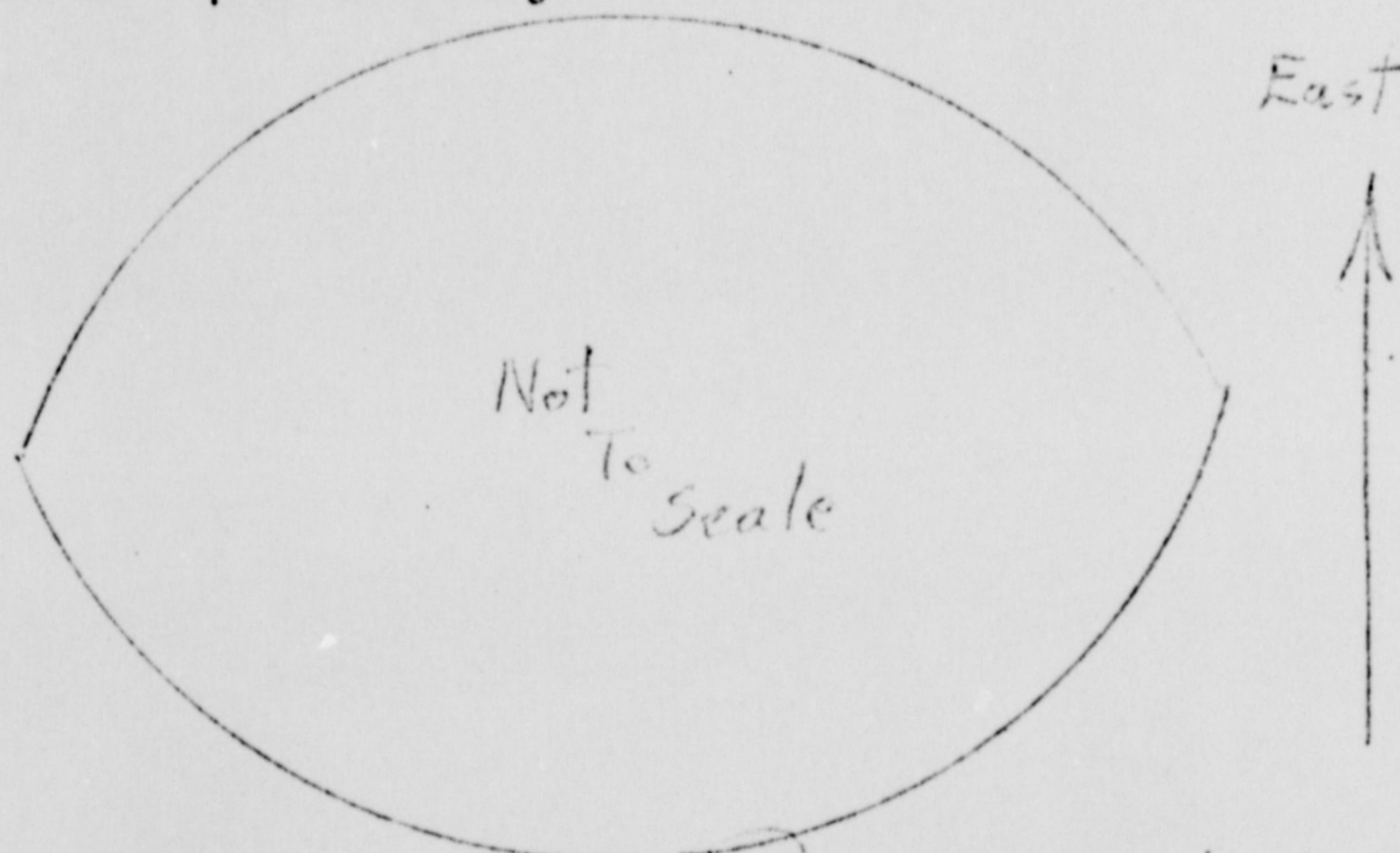
a. Sound None

b. Color The Same As Looking At A Lighted
Fluorescent Light Tube.

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.



First Seen Directly Overhead



At About 45° (3 Minutes Later)

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? Only One.

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

See Item #5, for possible
contradiction.

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.

A No Vapor Trail Florescent Object → B

A Wide Vapor Trail Multi Engmed Aircraft → B

A Narrow Vapor Trail Single Place Jet Aircraft → East

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
140 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
 b. Pea
 c. Dime
 d. Nickel
 e. Quarter
 f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
 h. Baseball
 i. Grapefruit
 j. Basketball
 k. Other _____

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

- a. Certain
 b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
 d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Became Smaller As It Went Away, Untill Only The Vapor Trails Of The Two Aircraft Were Visable.

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.

It Would Be Round Looking Up or Down At It. It Would Be About $\frac{1}{3}$ As Thick, From Any Side View, As The Diameter. The Diameter Would Be 120' To 140 Feet. It Would Be Covered With Frosted Glass And Have An Even Florescent Light Emitted From It's Entire Surface.

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 _____

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

The Sound of A Multi Engineed Airplane Caused Me
To Look Up. I Was Walking In The Open AT
Giant Rock Airport. There Was No Other Sounds.

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

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. 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

None

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

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

Directly Overhead

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

- | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. <u>East</u> | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northwest | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | 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).

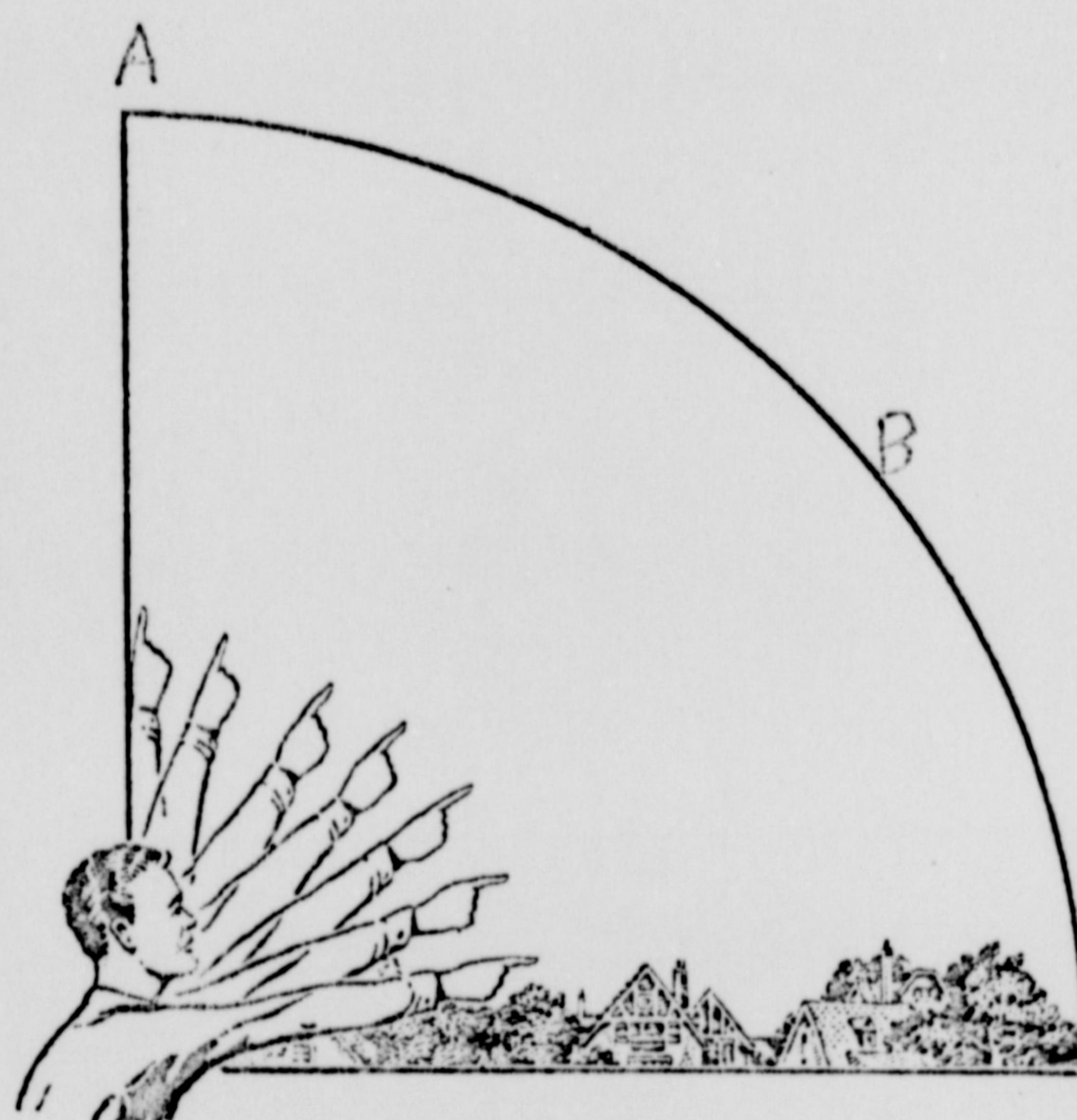
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 80 degrees.
- b. From horizon 90 degrees.

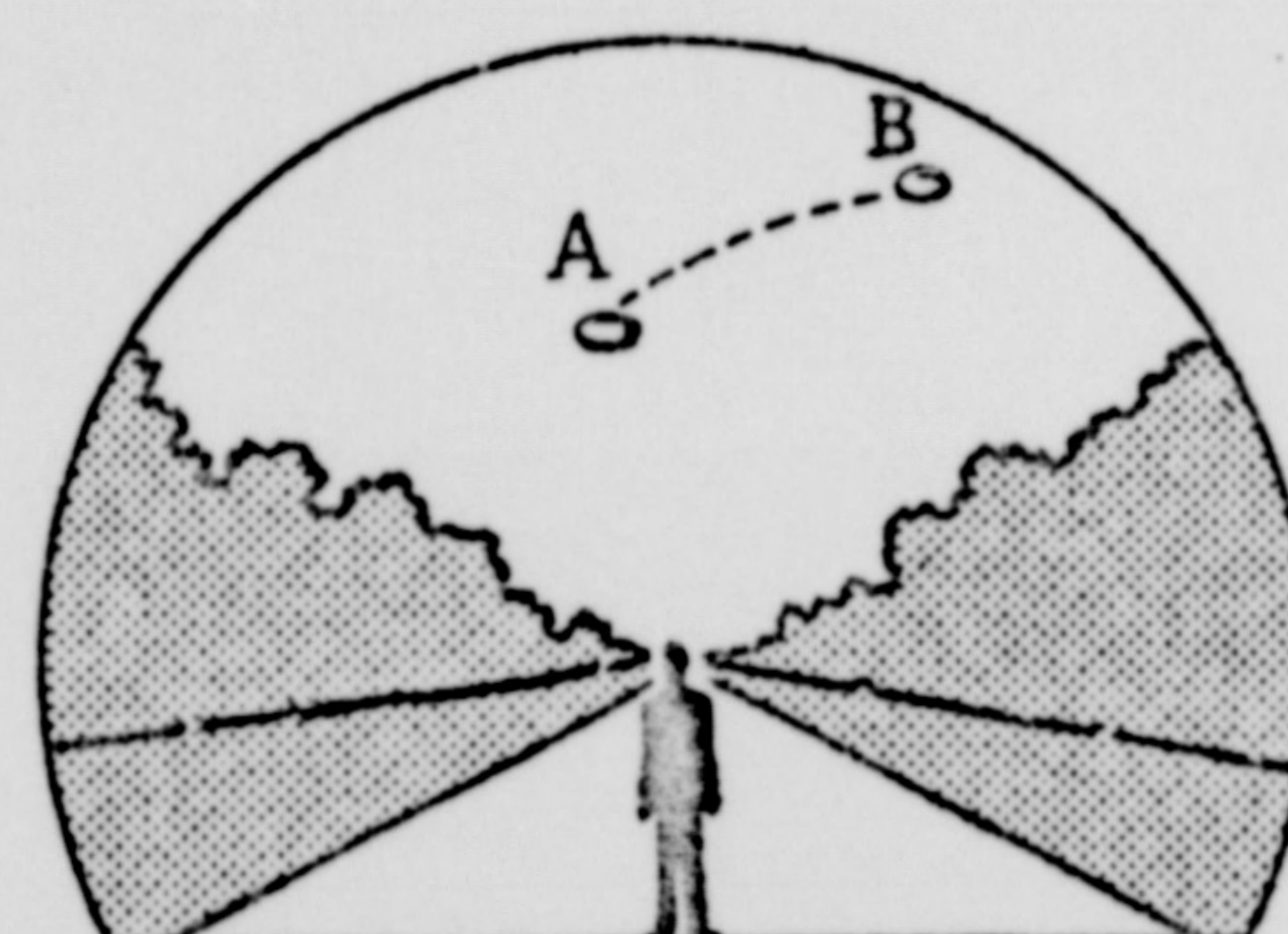
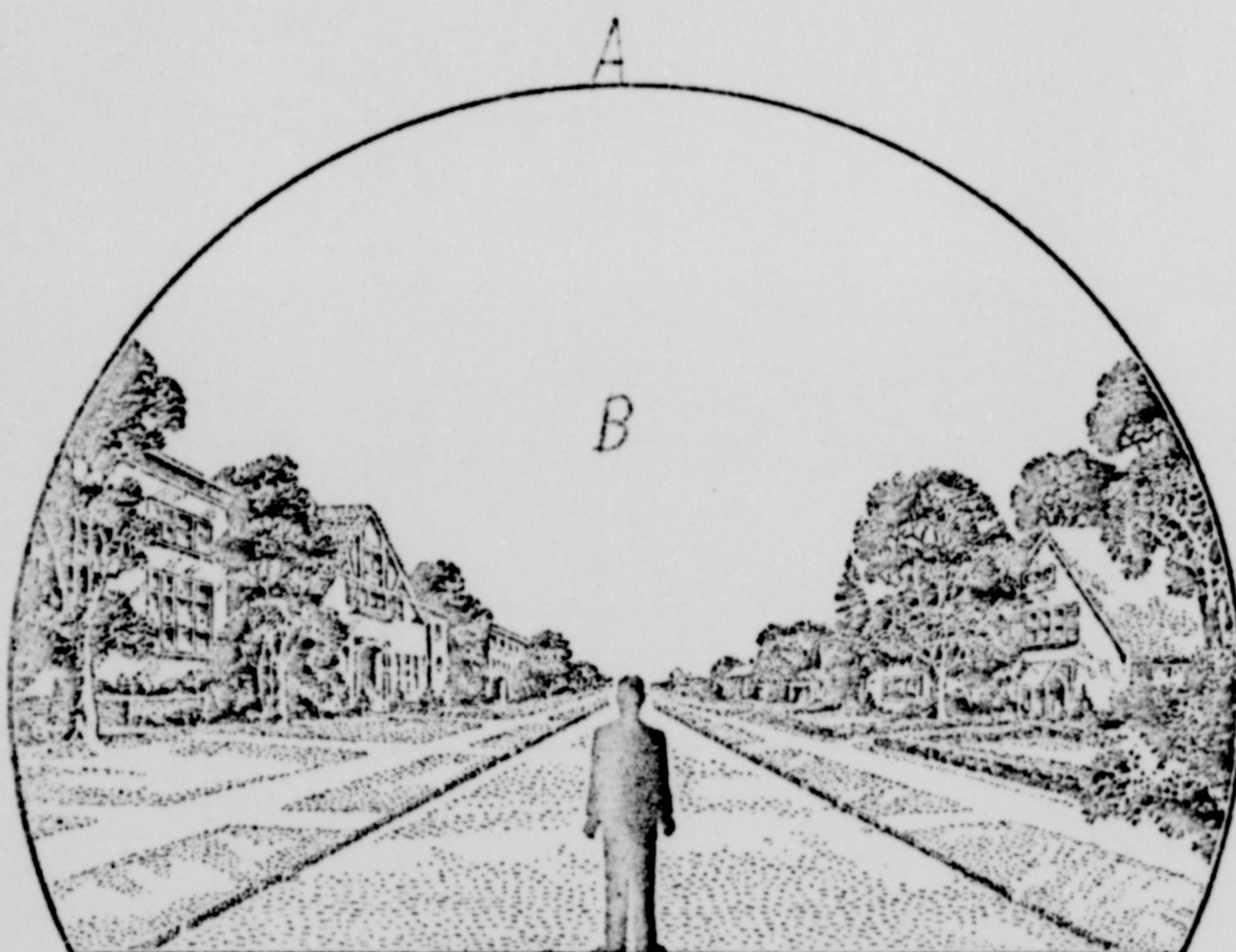
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 75° degrees.
- b. From horizon 45 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?

24 1 1953
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?

All At Night, A Total of 5, Singly, Except One Night, 2 At The Same Time. These Two Came From East And Made A 90° Turn To North, Directly Overhead, About 6 Months Ago, At Giant Rock Airport.

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

My Firm Belief Is That They Come From Outer Space. They Are Powered By High Energy, Controlled By Beings Who Understand Universal Laws, As Expressed In The Inclosed Book. The Contents Of Which We Have Recorded. We Belong To A Group That Have Been Conducting Research On Seen And Unseen Phenomena For 3 Years.

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? 280 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? 15,000 Ft Altitude
20 To 25 feet Miles East
When It Went Out Of Sight

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [Redacted] Joshua Tree None Calif
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER None

What is your present job? Manager-Operator - Giant Rock Airport

Age 43 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- | | |
|--------------------------|---|
| a. Grade school <u>✓</u> | e. e. Technical school _____ |
| b. High school <u>✓</u> | (Type) _____ |
| c. College _____ | f. Other special training <u>Licensed A4E</u> |
| d. Post graduate _____ | <u>Mechanic</u> <u>[Redacted]</u> |

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

17 2 1953
Day Month Year

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

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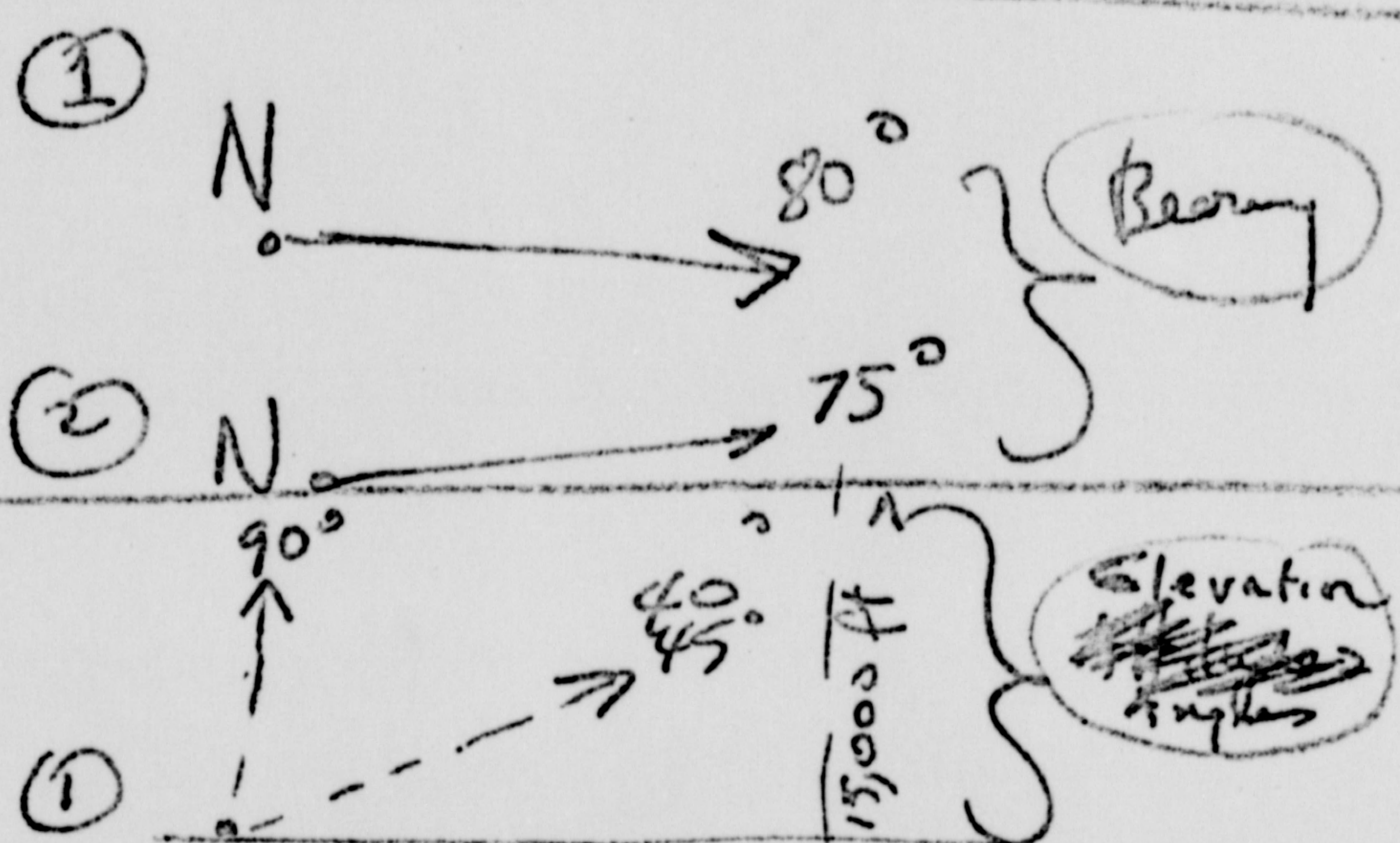
DATE

Feb, 17th, 1953

My observation is accurately expressed in my letter to you dated 24, January 1953. I am presenting the extra forms you sent me, to the two witnesses I mentioned in the above letter. Whether they will fill them out and mail them to you, I don't know. Since I wrote the above letter to you I have had several other friends say they observed the same object, under the same conditions that I did.

Basic Computation and analysis

Time: 1335



← 15,000 ft → Altitudes & Distance

Time in Sight from 90° (overhead) to 45° 7 min (420 sec)

Therefore

$$35.6 = 35 \frac{1}{2} \text{ ft/sec} \leftarrow \text{Velocity}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 420 \overline{) 15,000} \\ \underline{1260} \\ 2400 \\ \underline{2100} \\ 3000 \end{array}$$

Approximately 26 MPH!

(over)

If we use 7 min as sighting duration.

Approximately 55 mph

if we use 3 min - sighting duration.

Therefore: not meteor, not bird (because of size and speed), not a/c

Possibly Balloon: balloons
when hit by sun's rays - especially
near noon - and when
aluminum, white, or plain
plastic colored - give 46
specular reflection - and can
take on weird shapes.

Numerous bases nearby:
Muroc, Victorville, etc.

Also balloon launching
sites.

His. speed of 280 MPH
Evenson - using both of
his contradicting statements (3-7
minutes) plus other data - as
a basis for computation.

1 January 1953 Joshua Tree, Calif
(Van Tassel)

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