

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
31 Jan 53 1/0430Z	Lexington, Kentucky
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION
Civ. Boy	Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	Possibly Meteor observation
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
40 Sec	Oval shaped yellowish object traveled at slow rate of speed, growing larger as it approached observer then disappeared in the SE. Source is a 13 year old boy who seems to be very intelligent.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	
SE	
8. PHOTOS	
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9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
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LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

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Form A

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## 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?

31  
Day

January  
Month

1953  
Year

2. Time of day: 10 30  
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?

Lexington

Nearest Postal Address

Lexington

City or Town

Kentucky

State or Country

Additional remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours Minutes Seconds

40

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?

(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?

(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

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 (from behind clouds)
- 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?:  No

(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?
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
- c. Break up into parts or explode?
- d. Give off smoke?
- e. Change brightness?
- f. Change shape?
- g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?

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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: cloud; but light from it and its general shape were still visible.

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

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

it moved in front of:

IF you answered YES, then tell what

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?

- a. Eyeglasses Yes
- b. Sun glasses Yes
- c. Windshield Yes
- d. Window glass Yes

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<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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- e. Binoculars Yes
- f. Telescope Yes
- g. Theodolite Yes
- h. Other \_\_\_\_\_

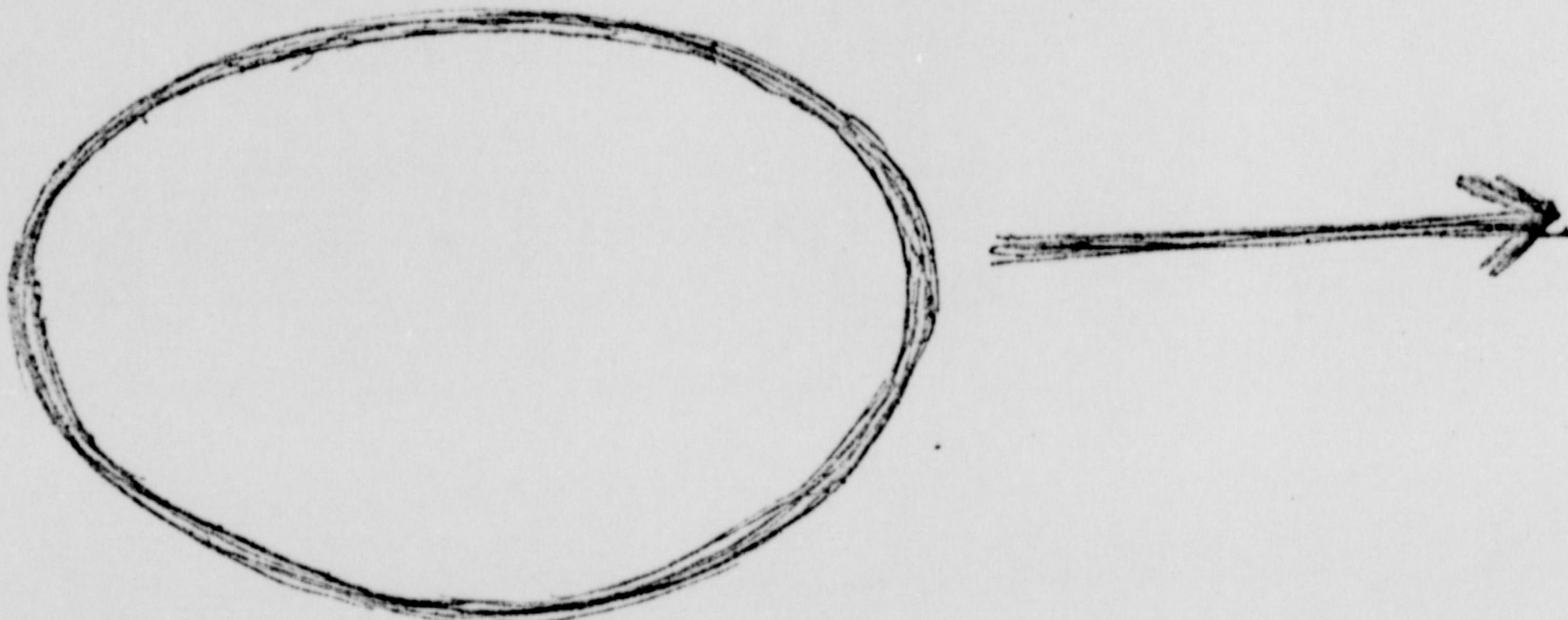
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16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound None

b. Color Yellowish; resembled color of hot metal

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.



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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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.  
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? Stopped moving, grew smaller, became vague in shape and color, then disappeared entirely.

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 is nearly impossible for me to imagine that I could construct the object I observed because I have no knowledge concerning the construction of anything similar to it.

It resembled an oversized egg covered with self-luminous paint.

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?

Was leaving dancing school - happened to glance up into sky.

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

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

a. North	c. East	e. South	g. West
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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. Northwest	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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).

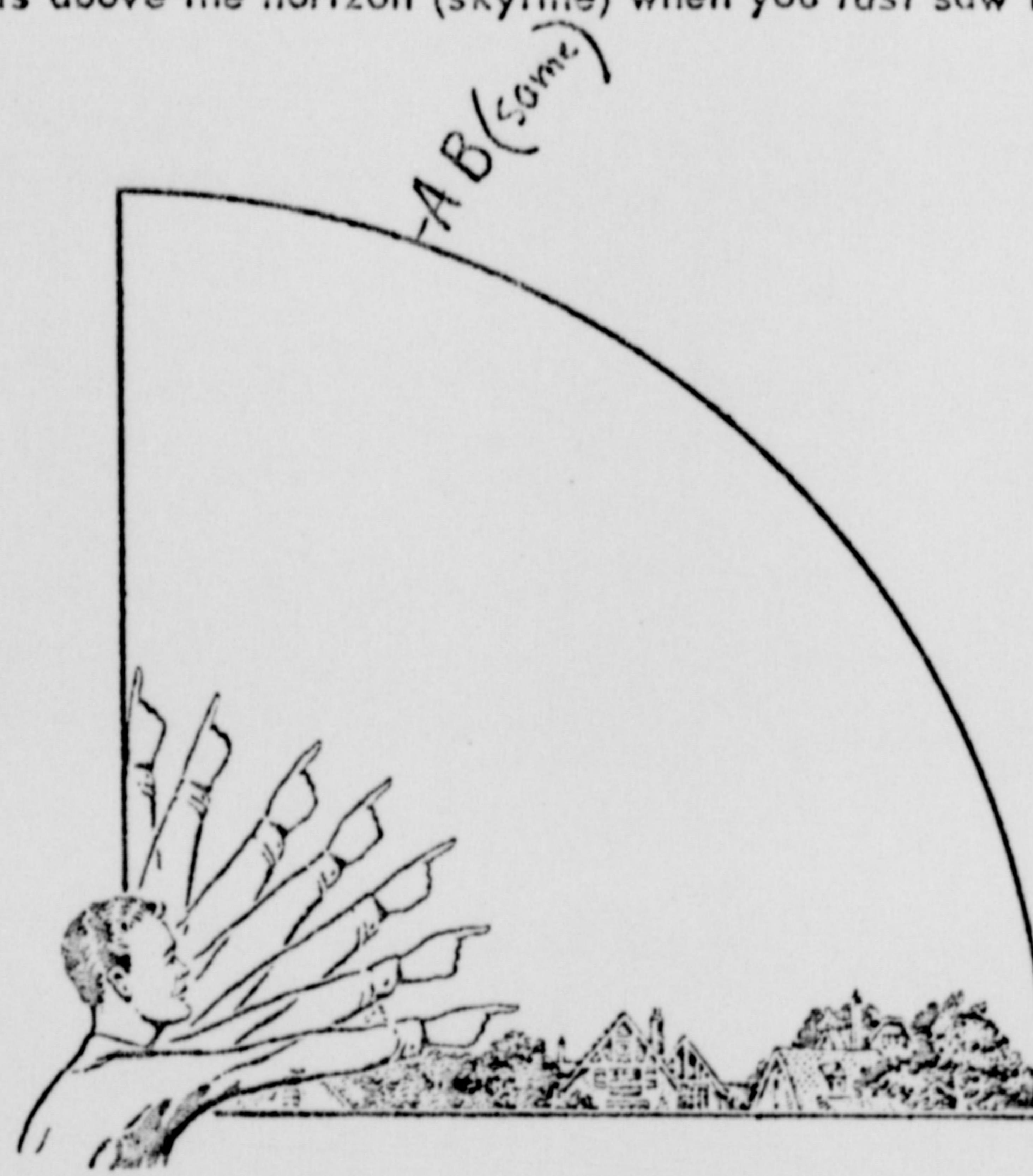
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.
- b. From horizon \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.

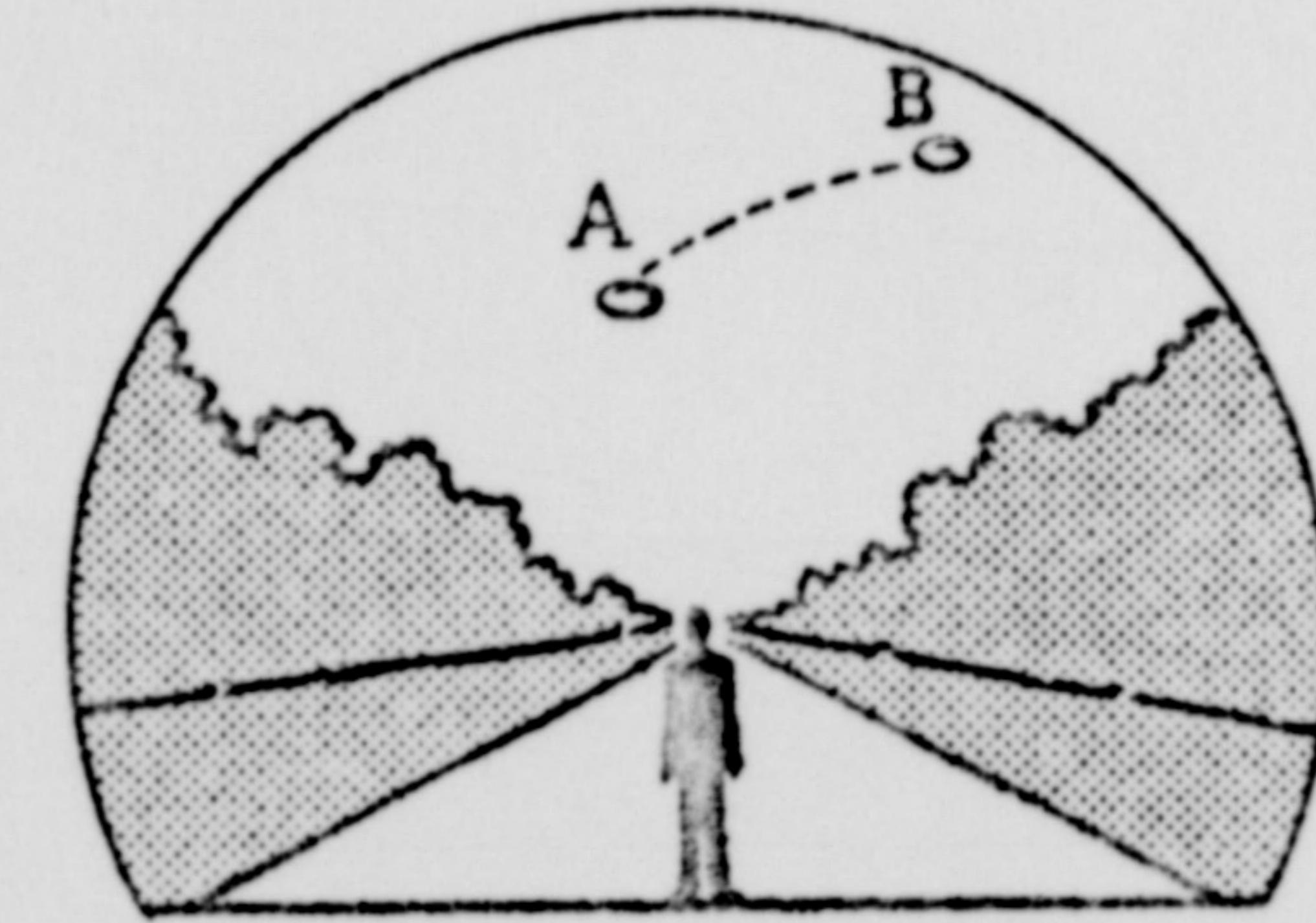
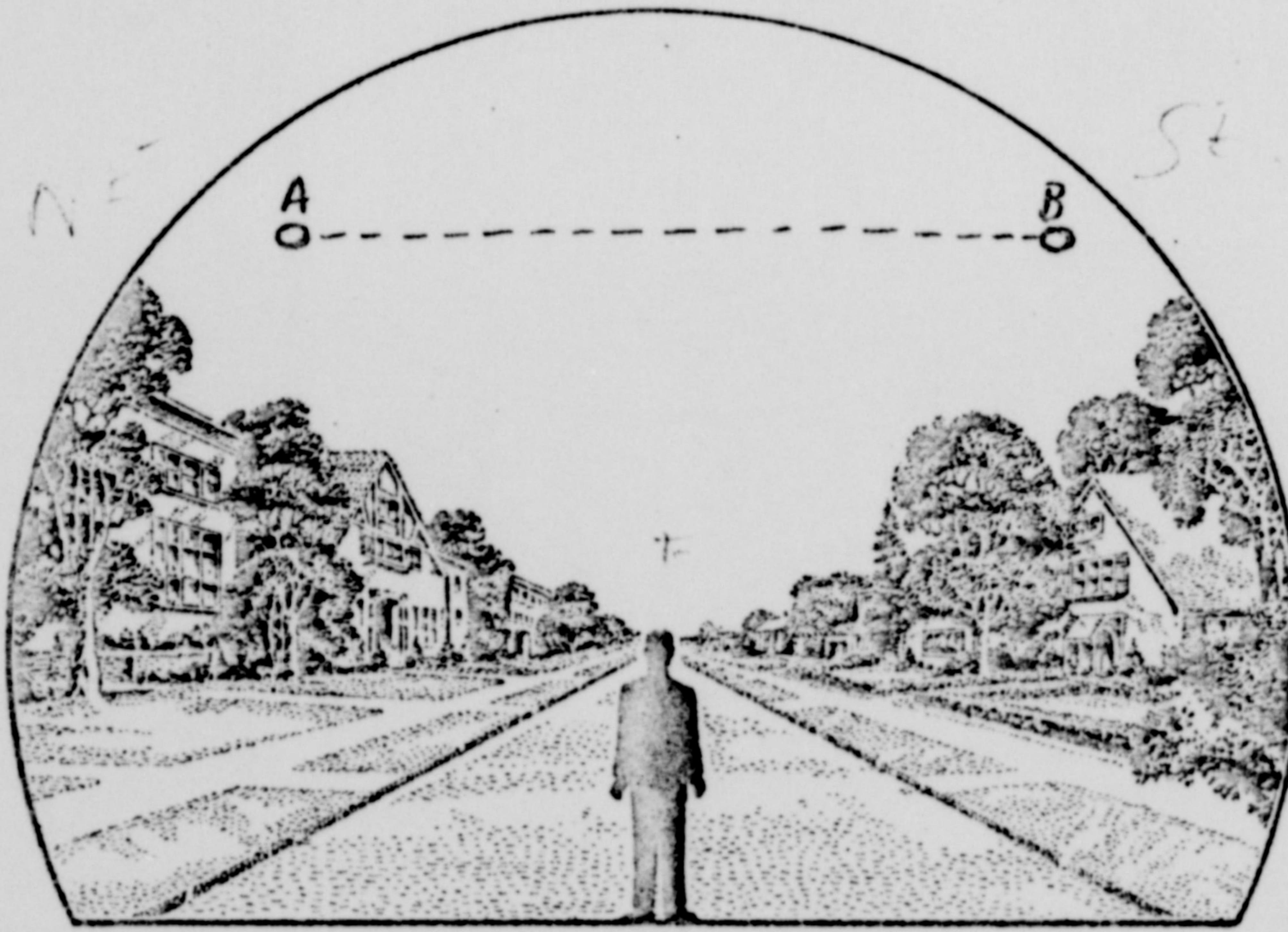
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.
- b. From horizon \_\_\_\_\_ 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 (11 m.p.h.)
- 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 (45°)
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

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

9      February      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?

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

I believe the object was some sort of an airborne machine.

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? \_\_\_\_\_ 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? about 2500 feet. (altitude)

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City Lexington \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State Ky. \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

What is your present job? None \_\_\_\_\_

Age 13 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school \_\_\_\_\_

e. e. Technical school \_\_\_\_\_

b. High school \_\_\_\_\_

(Type) \_\_\_\_\_

c. College \_\_\_\_\_

f. Other special training \_\_\_\_\_

d. Post graduate \_\_\_\_\_

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

11 Day March Month 1953 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 [REDACTED]  
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE February 28, 1953

When I first observed the oval-shaped object, it seemed small and vaguely defined. In between 5 & 10 seconds, it grew larger, as though approaching, and became sharp and clear in shape and color.

The light from the object was steady. No wobbling motion was apparent.

At first it was in the N.E. After seeming to approach, it ceased to increase in brilliance and size. It then moved slowly across the sky (keeping at the same distance from the horizon) to the S.E.

This movement took about 30 seconds. It stopped in the S.E., slowly grew smaller, as if moving away; became very vague in shape; then faded out completely. This fading out process took between 5 and 10 seconds.

Shortly before and sometime after observing the object I saw the moon. The moon was not in the same direction as the object, was not at the same height above the horizon, and did not have the same shape or color.

The direction of the movement of the object was almost the opposite of the wind direction at that time.

## 1 - 14 FEBRUARY 1953 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
Feb 1	Syracuse, New York	[REDACTED]	Other (CONFLICTING DATA)
Feb 1	Finland AFB, Minnesota	Ground (RADAR)	Radar Interference
Feb 1	Quarryville, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS/VENUS)
Feb 1	Saratoga Springs, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
Feb 1	Terre Haute, Indiana	Air Visual	1. Aircraft 2. Astro (JUPITER)
Feb 2	Atlantic Ocean (Accident) Letter from [REDACTED] (INFO)	[REDACTED]	
Feb 2	Victorville, California	Military Air (PHOTO)	Balloon
Feb 3	Indonesia	Multiple	Insufficient Data
Feb 3	Iceland	Ground (RADAR)	UNIDENTIFIED
Feb 3	Dietrich, Idaho	[REDACTED]	Balloon
Feb 3	Pepperelli Newfoundland	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
Feb 3	Parsley, New Jersey	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
Feb 4	Yuma, Arizona	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
Feb 4	Blythe, California	Military Air	Balloon
Feb 4	Lancaster, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
Feb 4	Maxwell AFB, Alabama	Military	Astro (METEOR)
Feb 5	Truk Atoll, Pacific	WK Bureau Official	Aircraft
Feb 6	Rosalia, Washington	Military Air	Balloon
Feb 6	King Salmon, Alaska	[REDACTED]	Astro (STAR/PLANET)
Feb 7	Okinawa	Air Visual	Astro (VENUS)
Feb 7	Hokkaido, Japan	Ground (RADAR)	Other (Flare Targets)
Feb 7	[REDACTED]	Ground Visual Mil	Astro (PEGULUS)
Feb 7	[REDACTED]	Ground (RADAR)	Other (WK Effects)
Feb 8	Corbin, Kentucky	State Police	Insufficient Data
Feb 8	Barter Island, Alaska	Military Air	Balloon
Feb 8	Dobbins AFB, Georgia	Military	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
Feb 9	Cherry Point, North Carolina (CSI) (INFO)	Military Air	
Feb 9	Dobbins AFB, Georgia	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
Feb 10	Misawa AB, Japan	Ground (RADAR)	Insufficient Data
Feb 10	Richmond, Virginia	Civilian Guards	Other (Searchlights)
Feb 10	Laurel, Montana	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
Feb 11	Olean, New York	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
Feb 11	Hamptonville, North Carolina	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
Feb 11	Tunis, Libya	Military Air	Astro (VENUS)
Feb 11	Patrick AFB, Florida	Military	Insufficient Data
Feb 11	Great Falls AFB, Montana	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
Feb 12	Misawa AB, Japan	Military	Astro (VENUS)
Feb 12	Lake Charles, Louisiana	Cd & Air Visual	Astro (METEOR)
Feb 12	Vichy, Missouri	Military Air	Astro (VENUS)
Feb 13	Carswell AFB, Texas	Cd Visual - Ruth	Aircraft
Feb 13	Petersburg, Virginia	Ground (RADAR)	Other (Ground Targets)
Feb 13	San Francisco, California	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
Feb 14			Other (Inversion Effects)