

1. DATE - TIME GROUP Feb 53 0015Z	2. LOCATION Syracuse, N. Y.
3. SOURCE Civ. Woman	10. CONCLUSION CONFLICTING REPORT Report is too sketchy and conflicting for an effective Eval.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Sec.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Confused report of three sightings. Source stated that obj appeared as a Dirigible with bright lights in two large windows.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Director
Aerospace Studies Inst
Flight Archives Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

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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?

2 times July 1952
Feb. 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

about 6:30 (last time)
Hour Minutes 7:15

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

3. Time zone:

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

1st
(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
other b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

203-Village Drive Syracuse 6 N.Y.
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: 1st time - stationary & visible against sunset. Then it rose slowly, closed front one of the 2 windows on its side, & sailed n. & l. away.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

abt. 2 - first time abt. 30 seconds
Hours Minutes Seconds other times

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?

1st time - sunset - sky bright pink.

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

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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? *no but the huge windows on its side were fiery light as if from a huge light,*
(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 *Only the windows were of this brightness.*
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? | <i>1st time</i> Yes | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | No | 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.

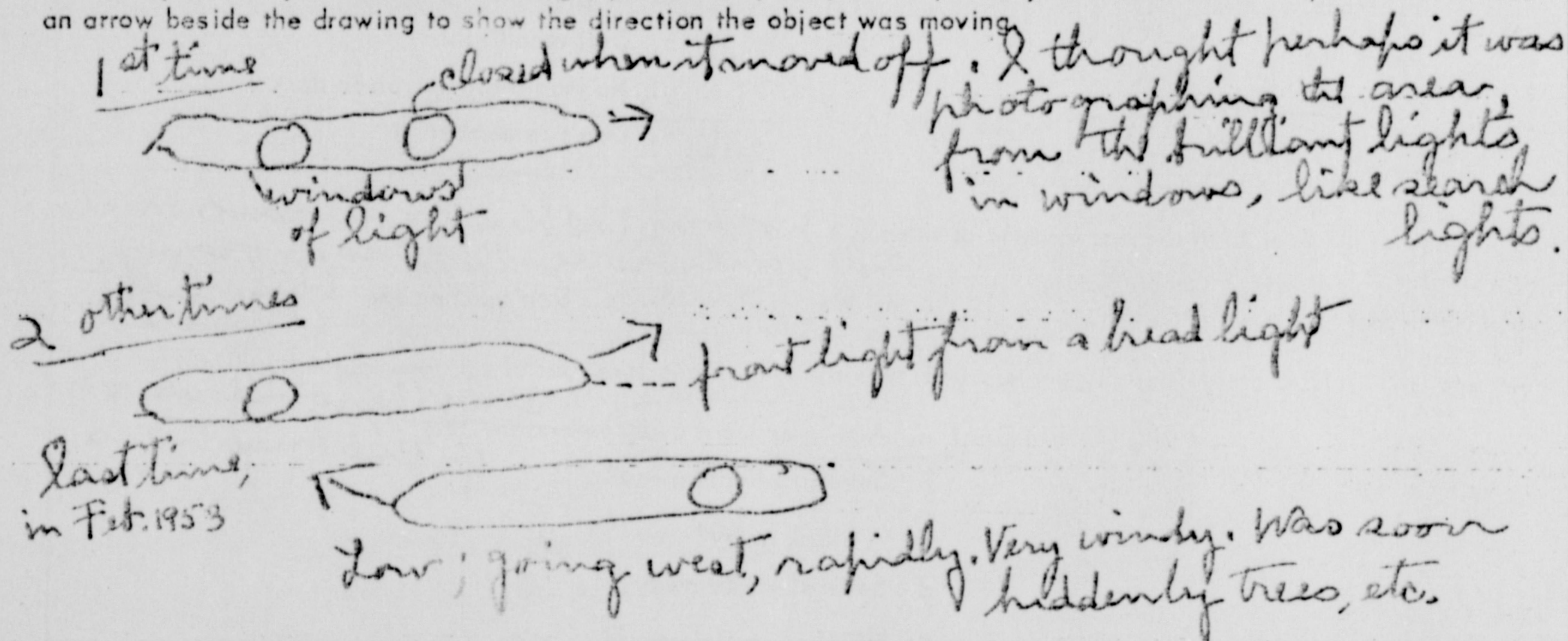
15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------------|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other | | |

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

- a. Sound very faint, 1st time; too far off, other times.
- b. Color dark, but 2 side windows bright from lights within

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:

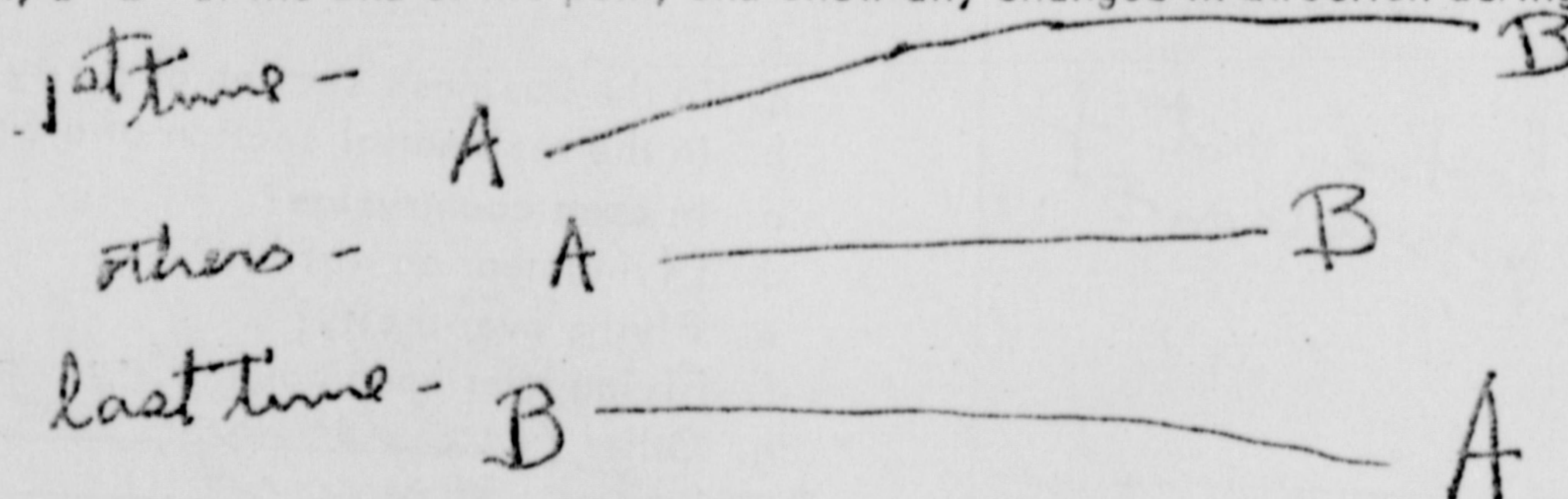
- (Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

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.

Only one, & it looked like an over seas, long dirigible.

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. *a long, huge dirigible*

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

Window lights - e. Quarter

f. Half dollar

k. Other *It was oblong, but windows appeared round.*

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

a. Certain

c. Not very sure

b. Fairly certain

d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view?

1st time - distance & trees
others - trees & farm houses

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 long dirigible, such as the Overseas kind. - I am not familiar with its name.

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 _____

*but looking out of
my window*

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 _____

*Residential but open
country beyond.*

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

1st time - looked at pink sunset.

Other times - about 6:30 pm. - closing venetian blinds.

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
b. Northeast

- c. East
d. Southeast

- e. South
f. Southwest

- g. West
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
b. Northeast

- c. East
d. Southeast

- e. South
f. Southwest

- g. West
h. Northwest

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

- a. North
b. Northeast

- c. East
d. Southeast

- e. South
f. Southwest

- g. West
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:

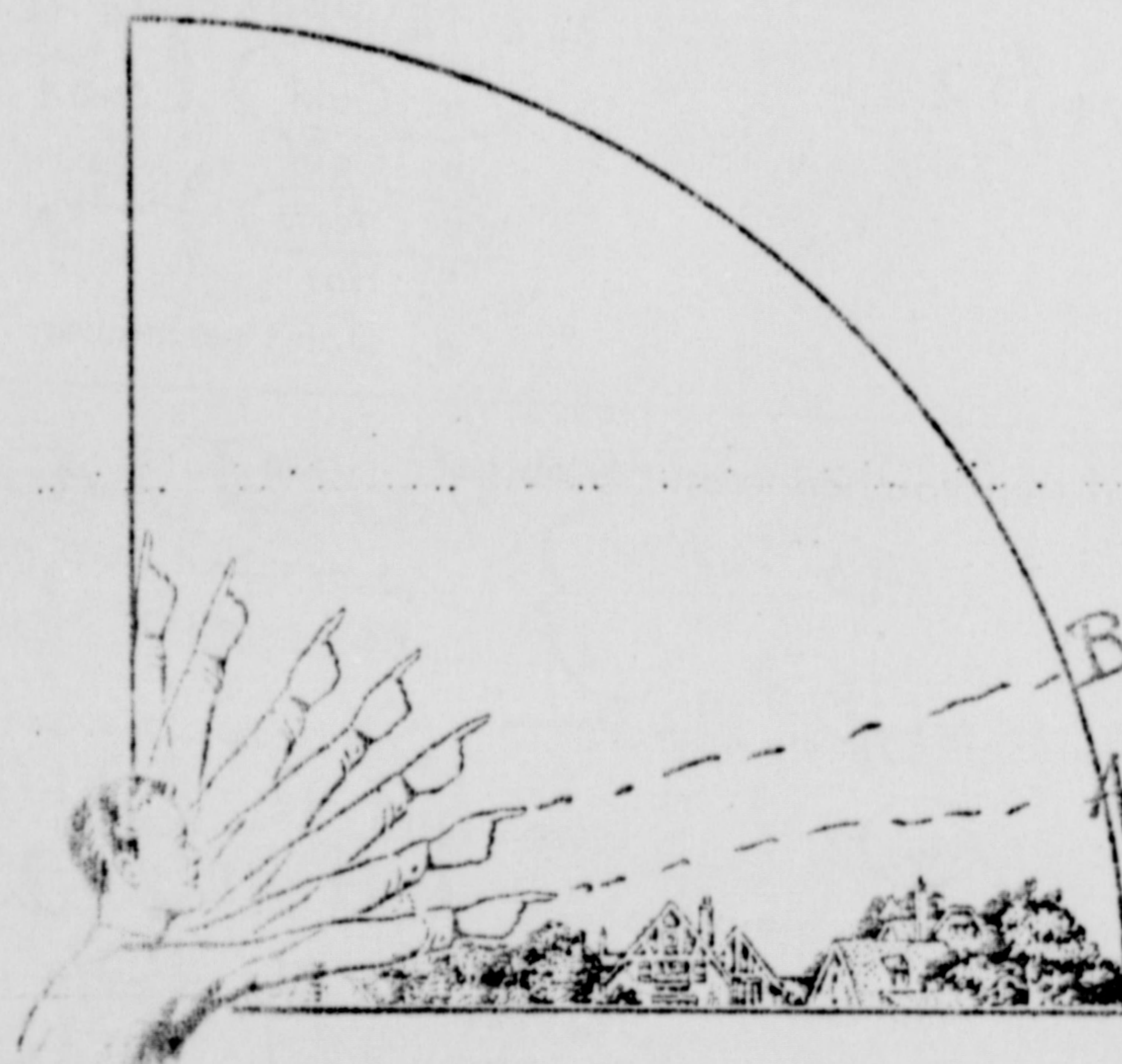
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

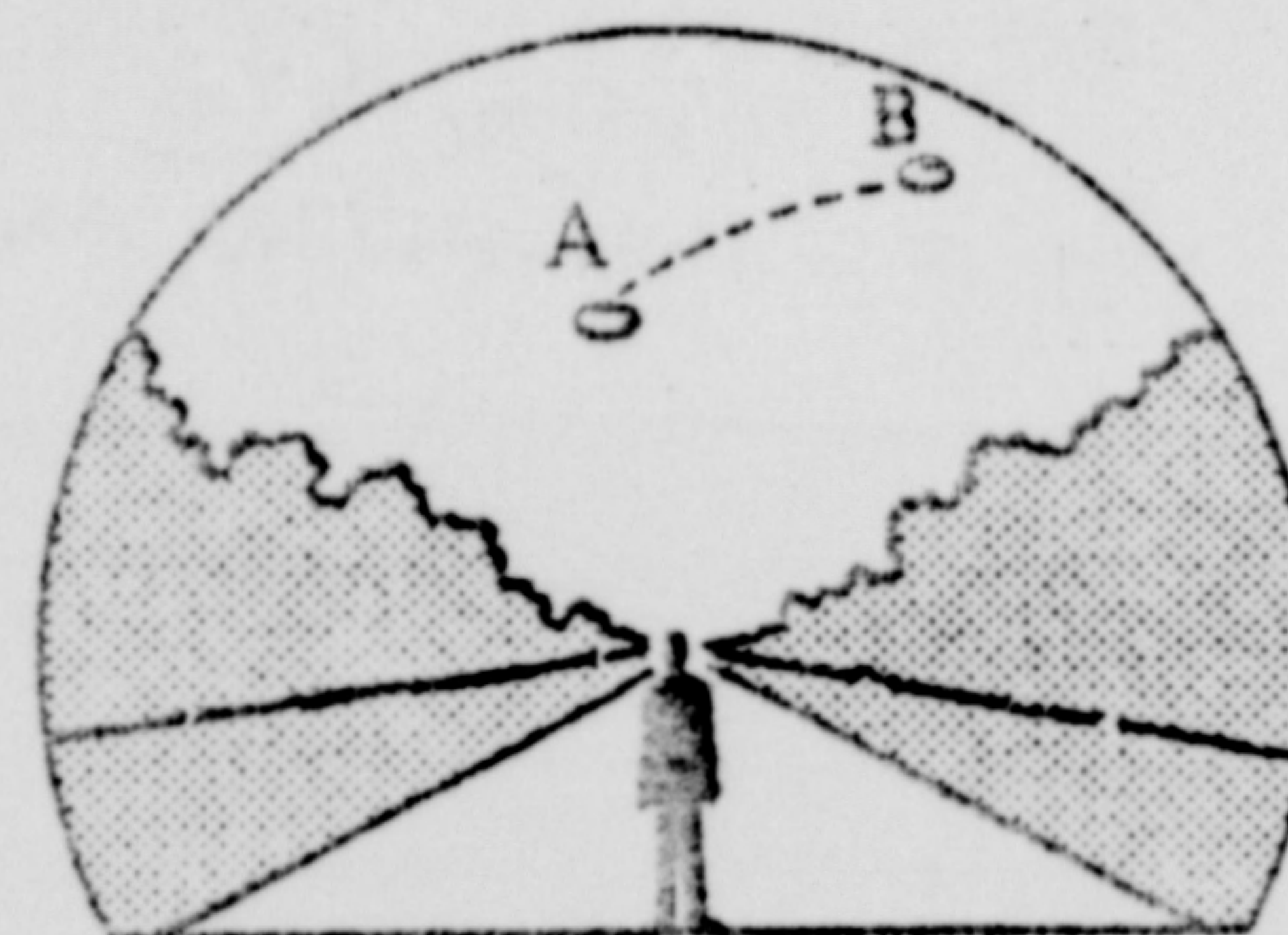
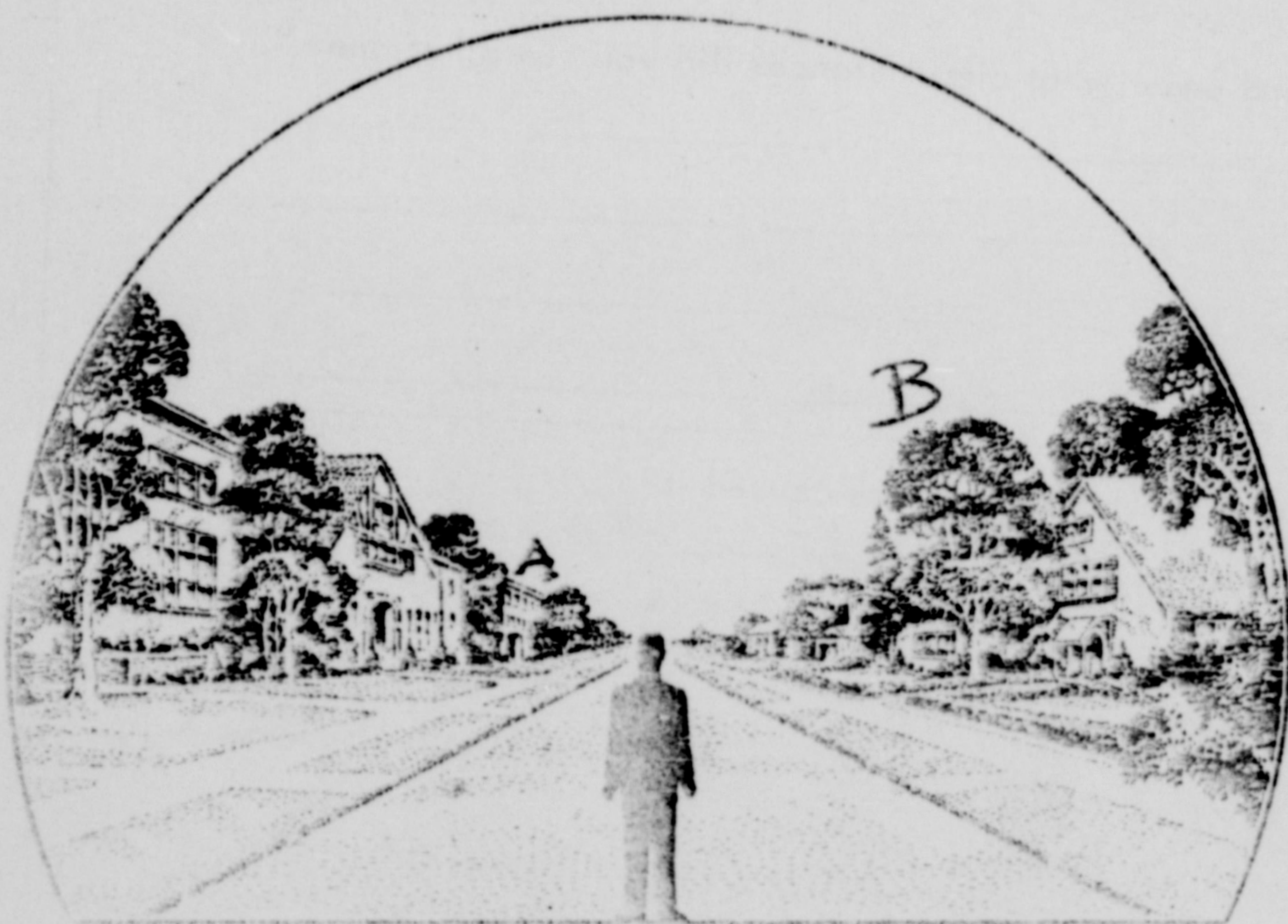
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32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object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



However, the object was not in the east.

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

last time, Feb/53

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

1st time July/52

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

last time, 1953

July, 1952

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

next morning July 1952

Day Month Year

next morning Feb. 1953

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:

I could not use my phone sooner, as it is a 2-party line & was busy.

So many questions were asked, the last time reported, & I felt impatient that the Station Sgt. took so much time instead of taking a look for himself, & told him so. He said he had to get answers to his questions first.

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?

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

It appeared to be an observation dirigible. The 1st time, it suggested that photos were being made. Other times, it was simply passing against the sky. - No one in Syracuse Air Field or Civil Defense seemed to know anything about it.

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?

feet.

about a mile away.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[Redacted] (Mrs.)

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

2 [Redacted] Street

Syracuse
City

Zone

State

N.Y.

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[Redacted]

What is your present job?

Retired

Age

67

Sex

Female

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

✓ Wash. D.C.

e. e. Technical school

(Type)

b. High school

c. College

d. Post graduate

f. Other special training

30 yrs. in U.S. Govt. Genealogist & writer of historical data.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

13 March
Day

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 Mrs. Bessie W. Gahn
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE Bessie W. Gahn

CODE:

DATE March 13, 1953

Details already given. It appeared to be a long dirigible with two side windows, both open & with strong lights inside, when stationary. Front of the 2 windows closed when moving away.

Would appreciate it if you can inform me what this was!