

<b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b> 31 March 53 31/2045Z	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Williams AFB, Arizona
<b>3. SOURCE</b> Civilian	<b>10. CONCLUSION</b> BALLOON A/c in the area was not reported to ATIC. A pi-ball weather balloon is scheduled to be launched at 2100Z (15 minutes before sighting) at Phoenix, Arizona. Winds aloft were not reported to ATIC. Description consistent with Airborne Balloon observation.
<b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> One	
<b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 10 Seconds	
<b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> Air-Visual	
<b>7. COURSE</b> South	
<b>8. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b>  Silver disc shaped object traveled at a high rate of speed in a S direction. Object was observed 16 miles W of Williams AFB by a civilian test pilot in an a/c traveling in a NW direction. Estimated altitude of object at 5,000 ft. Disc shaped object 23 feet in diameter.
<b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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 FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.



*Multiple*

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ATIME-5

CSAF ITEM 2 [REDACTED]

FROM CAPTAIN HARRY B SMITH

TO LT OLSSON ATIME-5

THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED AT A CIVILIAN REPORT  
FROM WILLIAM AFB DTG 312314Z AT 1345

HOURS MET THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS RECEIVED  
BY FRODOX TWR. QUOTE MR [REDACTED] FLY A

CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT TYPE UNKNOWN REPORTED

AND UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT EAST OF 80 MI.

THE OBJECT WAS TRAVELING FROM N TO S AT AN  
ALTITUDE OF 5,000 FEET AT A TERRIFIC RATE OF  
SPEED. THE LOCATION IS APPROX AS BEING 6

MILES SE OF ST HANCOCK AFB. (33 DEGREES 21

MIN N LATITUDE AND 112 DEGREES 4 MIN E

LONGITUDE). THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE 2

TO 3 FEET IN DIAMETER AND DISC SHAPE. HE

DID NOT GET THE COLOR QUOTE. MR [REDACTED] RESIDENCE

IS [REDACTED] BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

SUGGEST YOU CHECK DIRECTLY WITH MR. CHERRY

FOR FURTHER DESIRED INFO.

END CSAF ITEM 2 (RESTRICTED)

*31/1400 MST  
Will call AF-B HRC*

*Source sent an abs. quest.*

*MR. K [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Bakersfield, Calif.*

*Questionnaire  
sent 3 APR 53*



# 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<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 1953  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: APPROX. 1400 MST  
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?

16 MILES WEST OF WILLIAMS AFB ARIZONA

Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or Country

Additional remarks: FLYING 315° MAG. 4000' MSL 175 MPH  
APPROACHING PHOENIX ARIZ FROM THE SOUTH

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. \_\_\_\_\_  
Hours Minutes Seconds 10

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

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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 APPROX. 100 YARDS

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 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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, than 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 |
| <u>AIRCRAFT</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. Windshield | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | g. Theodolite  | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass  | Yes                                  | No | h. Other _____ |     |    |

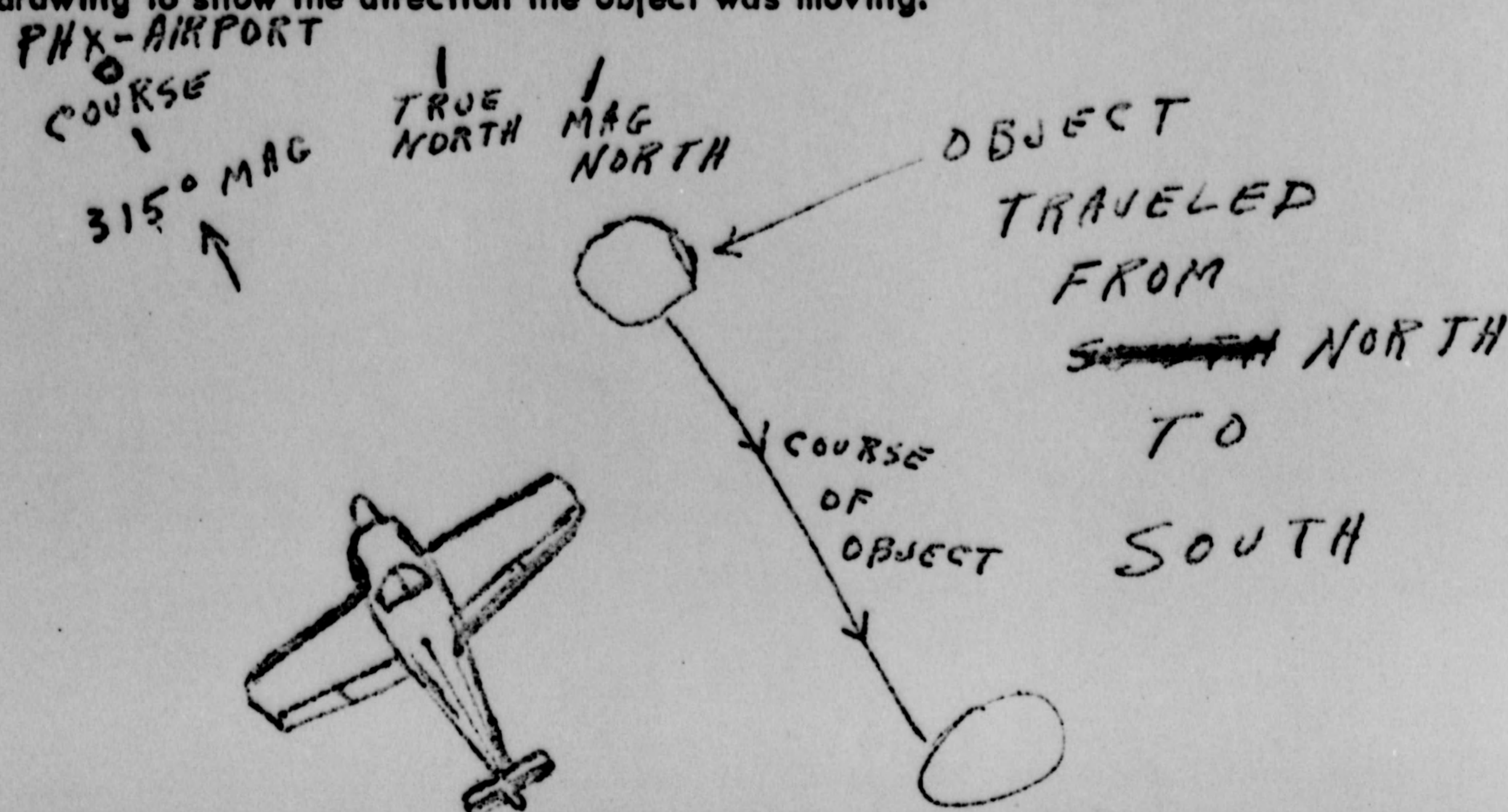


16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound NONE

b. Color SILVER

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 SQUARE OR ROUND  
OBJECT WAS SO FAST WE  
COULDN'T SEE

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.

THE OBJECT WAS EITHER SMALL & CLOSE IN OR  
 LARGER AND FURTHER AWAY. DUE TO EXTREME  
 SPEED WE WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE JUST  
 WHAT SIZE IT REALLY WAS, WE COULD  
 SEE THAT IT DID NOT HAVE ANY WINGS



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.

SEE 17.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.  
9 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

LARGER AT LEAST  
THREE FEET OR LARGER

- 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? TO OUR RIGHT AND TO  
THE REAR

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.

SILVER IN COLOR  
THREE FEET OR LARGER IN SIZE  
SQUARE OR ROUND



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?

MAKING A 500' A MINUTE LET DOWN TO PHOENIX

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 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? 175 MPH 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. Northeast | <input checked="" type="radio"/> d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

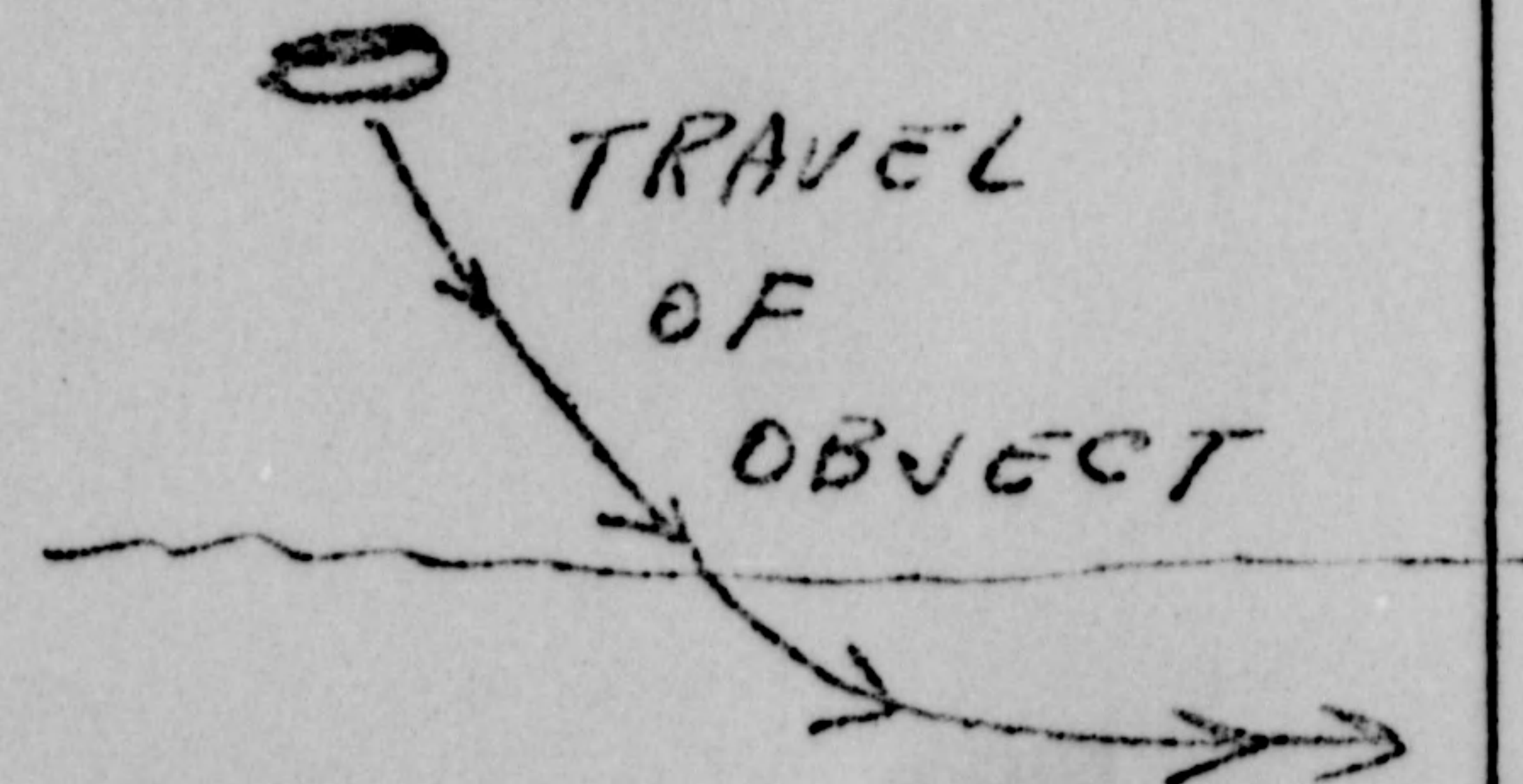
31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 10° degrees.
- b. From horizon 45 degrees.

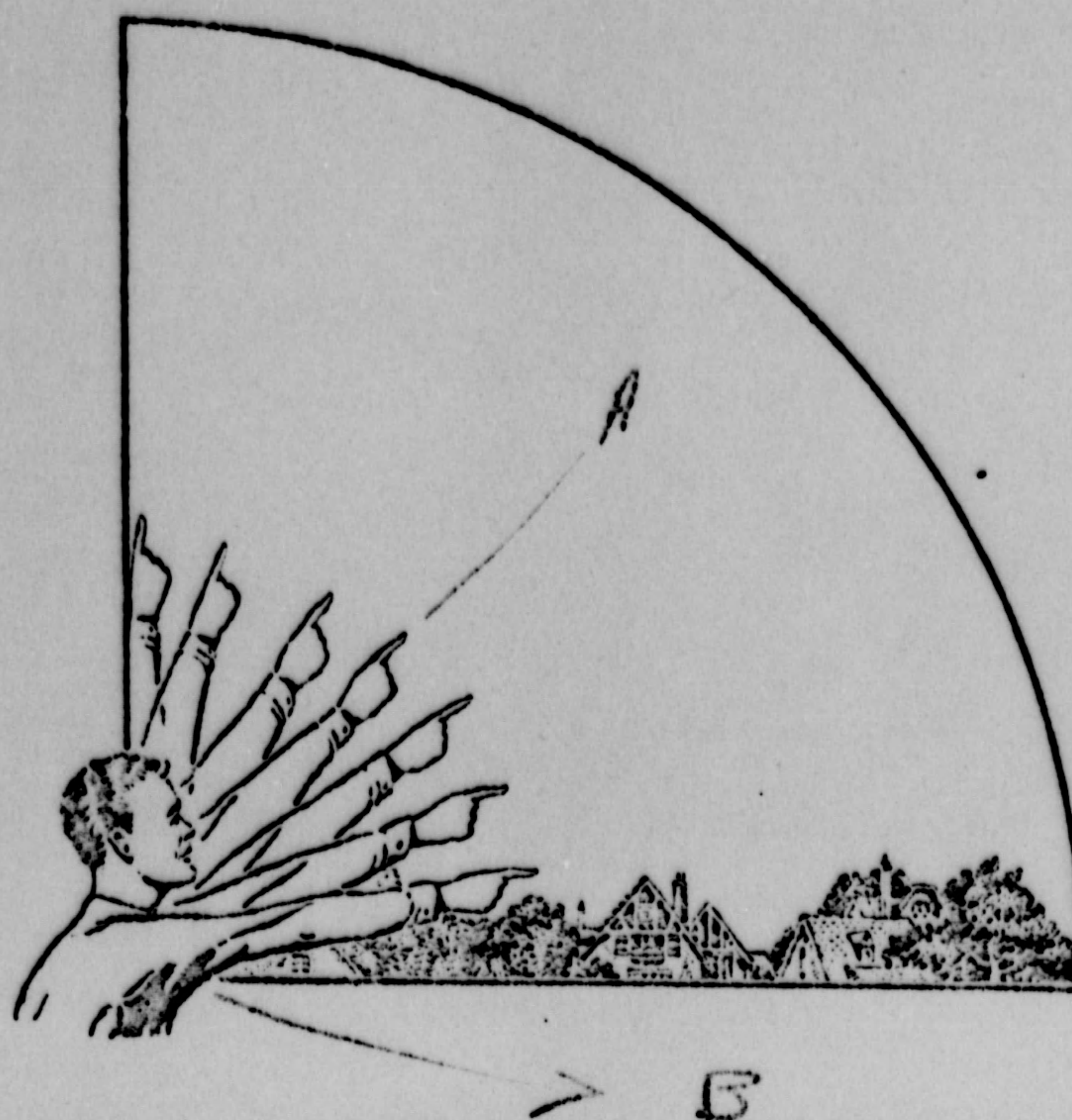
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 150° degrees.
- b. From horizon LEVEL degrees. HORIZONTAL

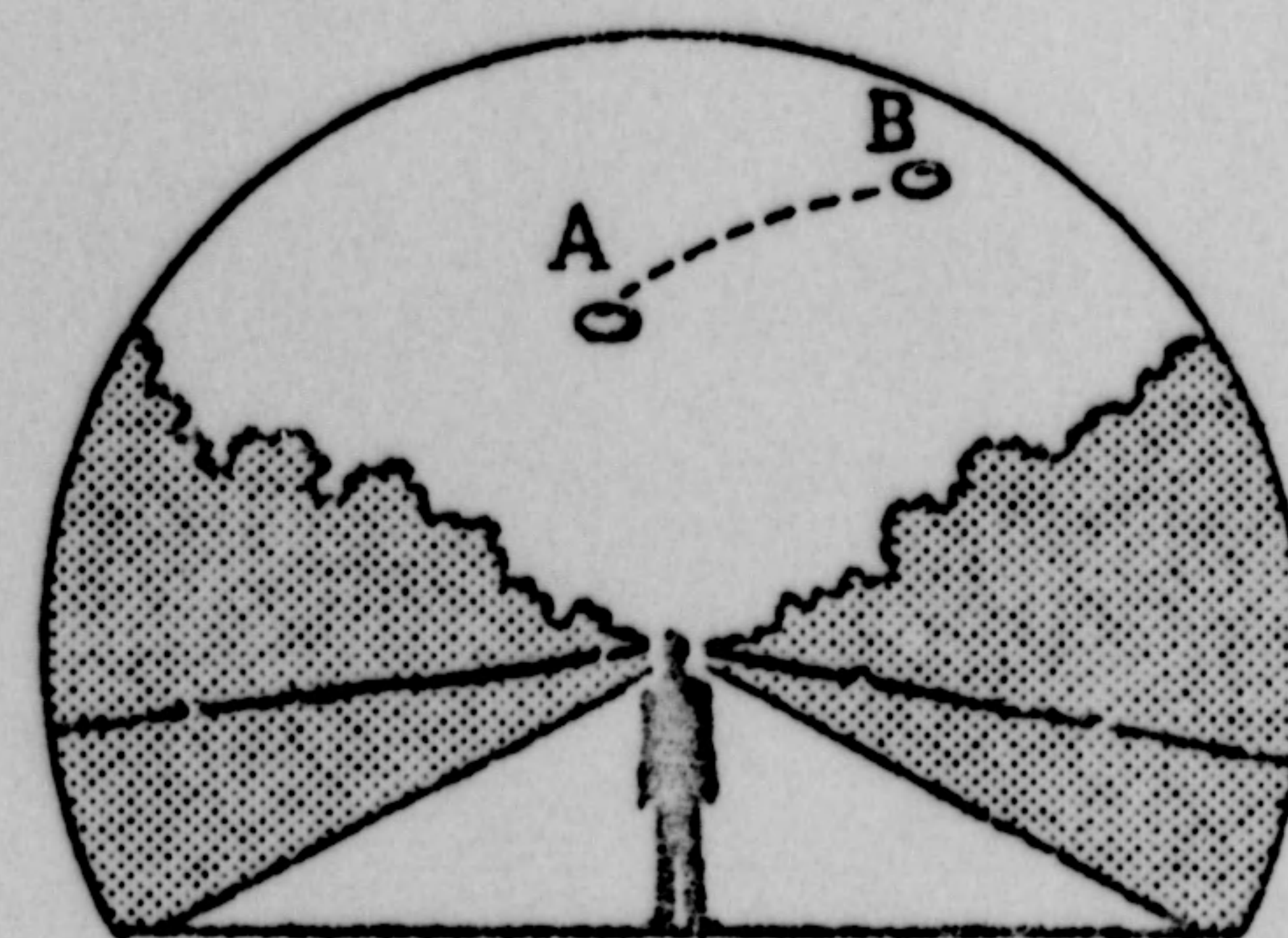
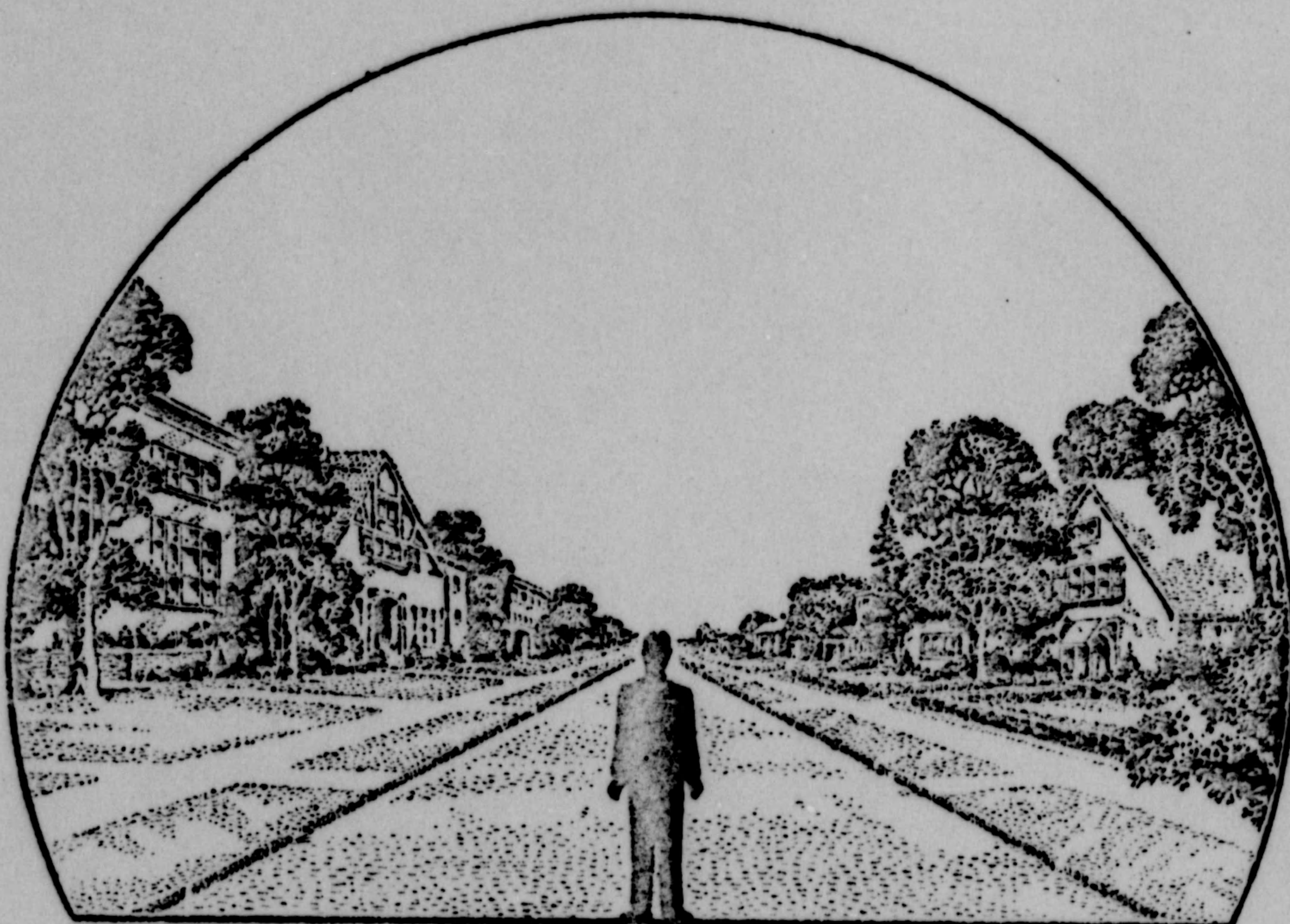




32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last*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

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Day Month Year TOWER

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:

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~~██~~  
BAKERSFIELD CALIF.

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 COULD HAVE BEEN A RADAR FOIL WEATHER  
BALLON TRACKING DEVICE AND WE WERE CLOSE TO  
IT MAKING IT APPEAR VERY FAST. ALTHOUGH I  
UNDERSTAND A JET PILOT SPOTED AN OBJECT AT ABOUT  
THE SAME TIME NEAR THERE.



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

(Circle One) Yes No 9.

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

VERY FAST m.p.h.

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

(Circle One) Yes No AT LEAST

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

1000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

PILOT-EMPLOYEE STANBURY INC. BAKERSFIELD

Age

34

Sex

MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

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

b. High school ✓

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

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

e. e. Technical school MECHANIC, BOMB SPOT.

(Type) U.S. AIR FORCE

f. Other special training PILOT TRAINING

CIVIL 1500 HOURS 1000 CROSS COUNTRY

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

20

Day

APRIL

Month

1953

Year

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WAS LATE ACCOUNT, I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM CROSS COUNTRY IN THE MIDDLE WEST.



**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 BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.  
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE [Signature]

DATE 4/20/53

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