

1. DATE : TIME GROUP November 53 17/0000Z	2. LOCATION New York City
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Probable aircraft observation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not sure. Matter of Seconds, but	Bright round plate like object. Slow straight movement then turned downward toward river.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Turned	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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Commanding Officer  
Department of Aviation  
Washington  
D. C.

Sir:

Three weeks ago next Tuesday not being able to sleep I sat facing the West in front of two large windows where I have a very clear view of the Hudson and the Jersey Shore beyond-between the French Building to the left on 5th Ave and the corner of 46th St and Madison Ave, where the Ritz-Carlton formerly stood.

Suddenly a golden circle of light about the size of a large dinner plate it did seem from here, flew directly North over the river perfectly propelled and then at an angle very clear cut seemed to go lower as toward the surface of the river.

It was not a falling star sort of medium

or portion of a meteor which I have often seen in traveling around the world for this was an instrument of travel driven with the most perfect precision as it came as if its course were cut with knife-like accuracy.

I have eschewed the idea of flying saucers up to this time because I am on the top floor of this building that is very tall, when I stick my head out I can see as far south as the Empire State Building on the South, the Sourland Hills in New Jersey on the West and I think it is called the General Electric Building on the North in the East Fifties, and have never seen only planes by the hundreds and the Zeppelin in the early forties just before the war that is all-no saucers.

My father and brother were both surgeons all of my father's kinfolk were in the medical profession in which all my life was spent. I have lived in this hotel almost twenty years and I can give you the most satisfactory references so when I mentioned this to a friend of my family's an engineer he was quite emphatic in my writing to someone about it in Washington.

As I would wish to do everything possible for my country and my home people I am writing to you of this experience and have tried to describe it with as much accuracy as my memory will permit. If there is any value in this I do hope it may help you a lot. I am sure there are many who will vouch for my deep honesty and integrity.

Please forgive my terrible typing as the person who does it for me is away for the weekend.

Very sincerely:

Sunday

THE ROOSEVELT  
MADISON AVE AT 45<sup>TH</sup> ST.  
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

## 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?

16th or 17th NOV. T953  
Day Month Year

Accurate time is in my letter.

2. Time of day: \_\_\_\_\_ 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?

The \_\_\_\_\_  
Nearest Post OfficeNew York City T7 New York  
City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: On the 18th Floor near the North West corner a clear view to the North river &amp; Cunard Piers at foot of 46th Street.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. A matter of seconds I think cannot estimate  
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?

A dark but clear night.

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight  
b. Dull daylight  
c. Bright twilightd. 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 rightd. 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
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

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

(Circle One): much ( 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?:

It was bright yellow like a very bright light.

(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?

Yes	No	Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud? NO.

(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? NO.

(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
- b. Sun glasses
- c. Windshield
- d. Window glass

Yes { No  
Yes { No  
Yes { No  
(Yes) No

- e. Binoculars
- f. Telescope
- g. Theodolite
- h. Other \_\_\_\_\_

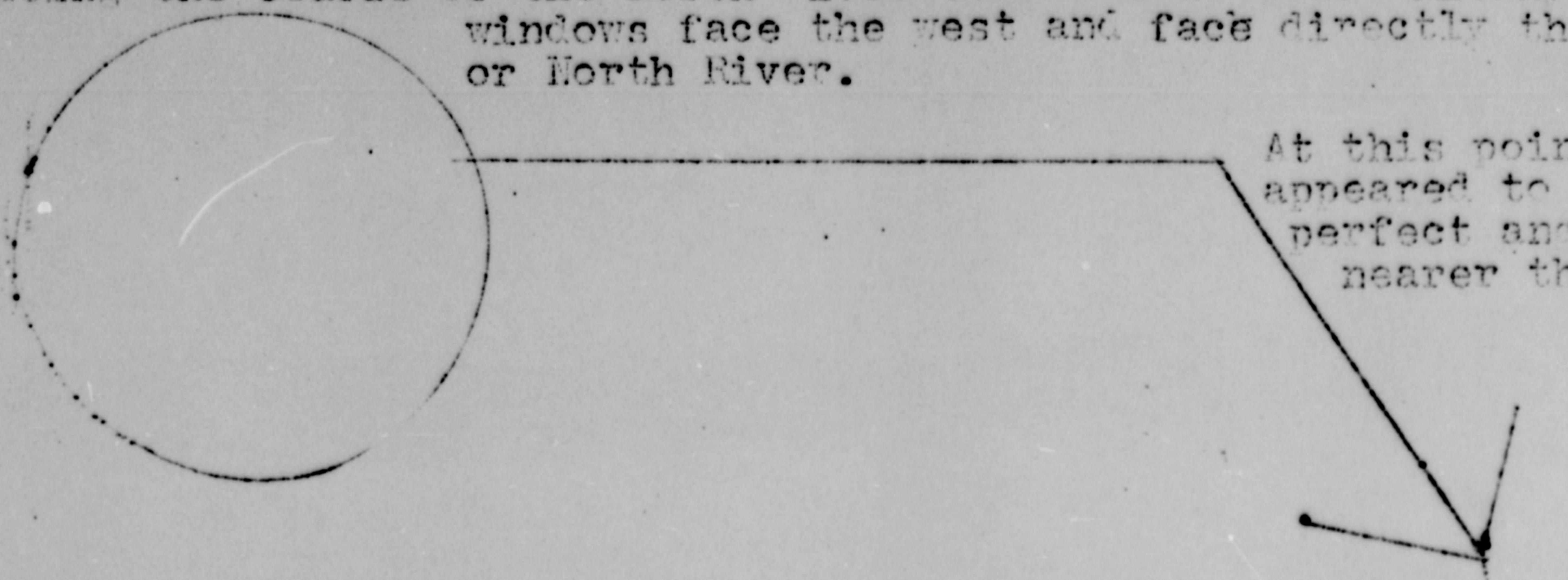
Yes { No  
Yes { No  
Yes { No

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

- a. Sound No sound just a very bright deep yellow light and appeared to  
b. Color be a disc rather than a round yellow ball.

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.

Going the course of the North River from South toward Albany. My windows face the west and face directly the Hudson or North River.



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 A round object with very clearly defined round edges.  
\_\_\_\_\_

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.

I have given the very best drawing I could with its course in Section 17. On page 3 Section 14 I have marked Solid meaning it was a ball of clear bright yellow light but whether it was a solid circle of light or not I cannot say.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension. feet. From this distance it was like a large dinner plate.

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   |
| f. Half dollar   | Perhaps this size but like a dice not all round like a ball. |

- 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? Its course was due North over the river and then with great precision it went down at a North East angle as if going nearer the river.

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.

I would have to make it of glass or some clear opaque substance and it would not be round like a ball but a well defined circular disk. The light very yellow, very clear and shiny more like a high powered electric light or very bright sunshine and was very steady no flickering. What impressed me was the straight mechanical precision it laid its course right up the river and then with a most perfect right angle turn toward the surface of the river it went downward as I have shown in a sketch on Page 3.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

- a. Inside a building Yes.
- 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? Yes.
- 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?

I could not sleep and was sitting on the arm of a chair gazing at the clarity of the view across to the Jersey side and to see if there were any Cunard liners at the pier at the foot of 46th St. This object was moving with such steady precision not fast but perfect mechanism.

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)    |
| 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 | 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).

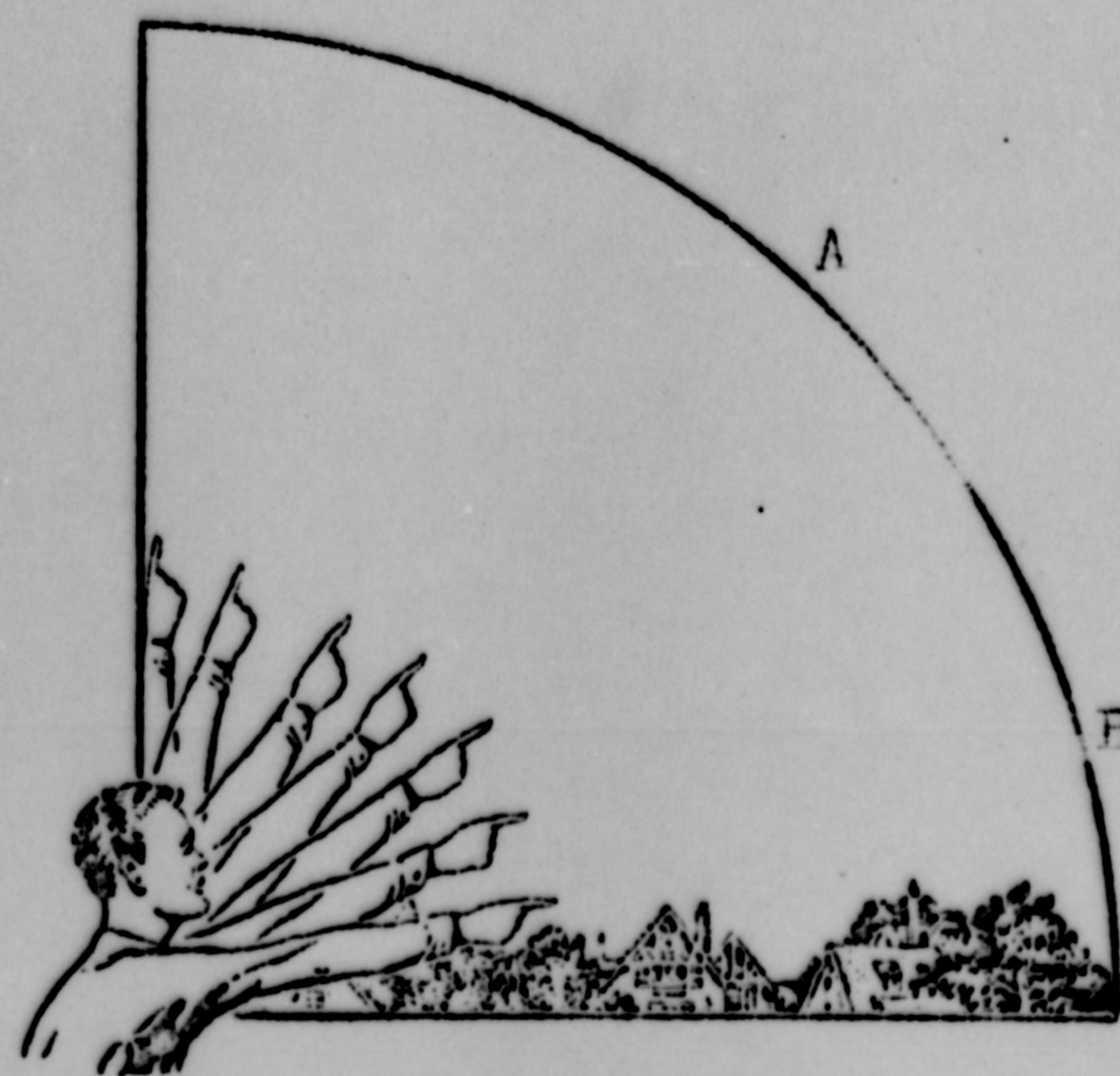
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

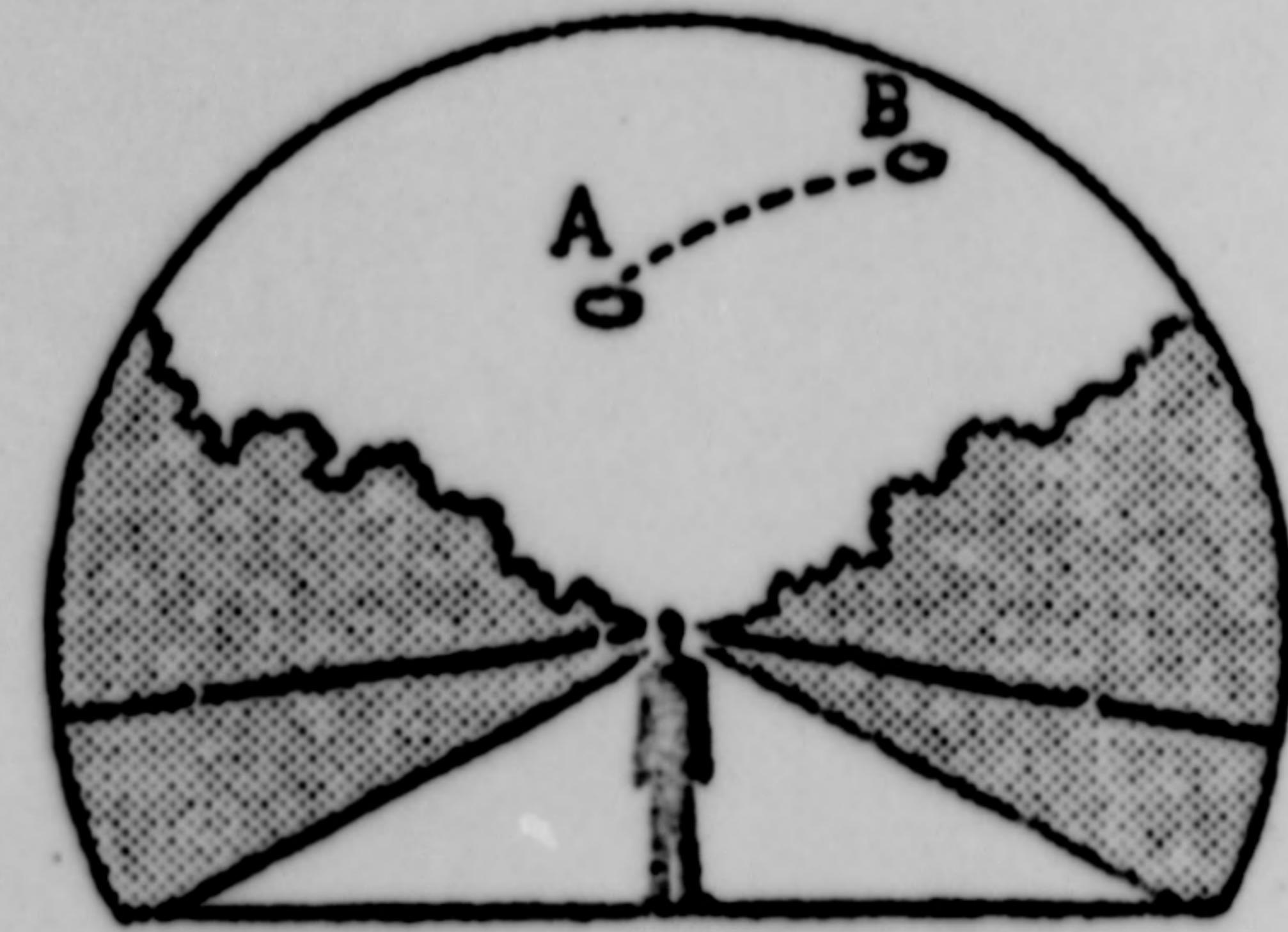
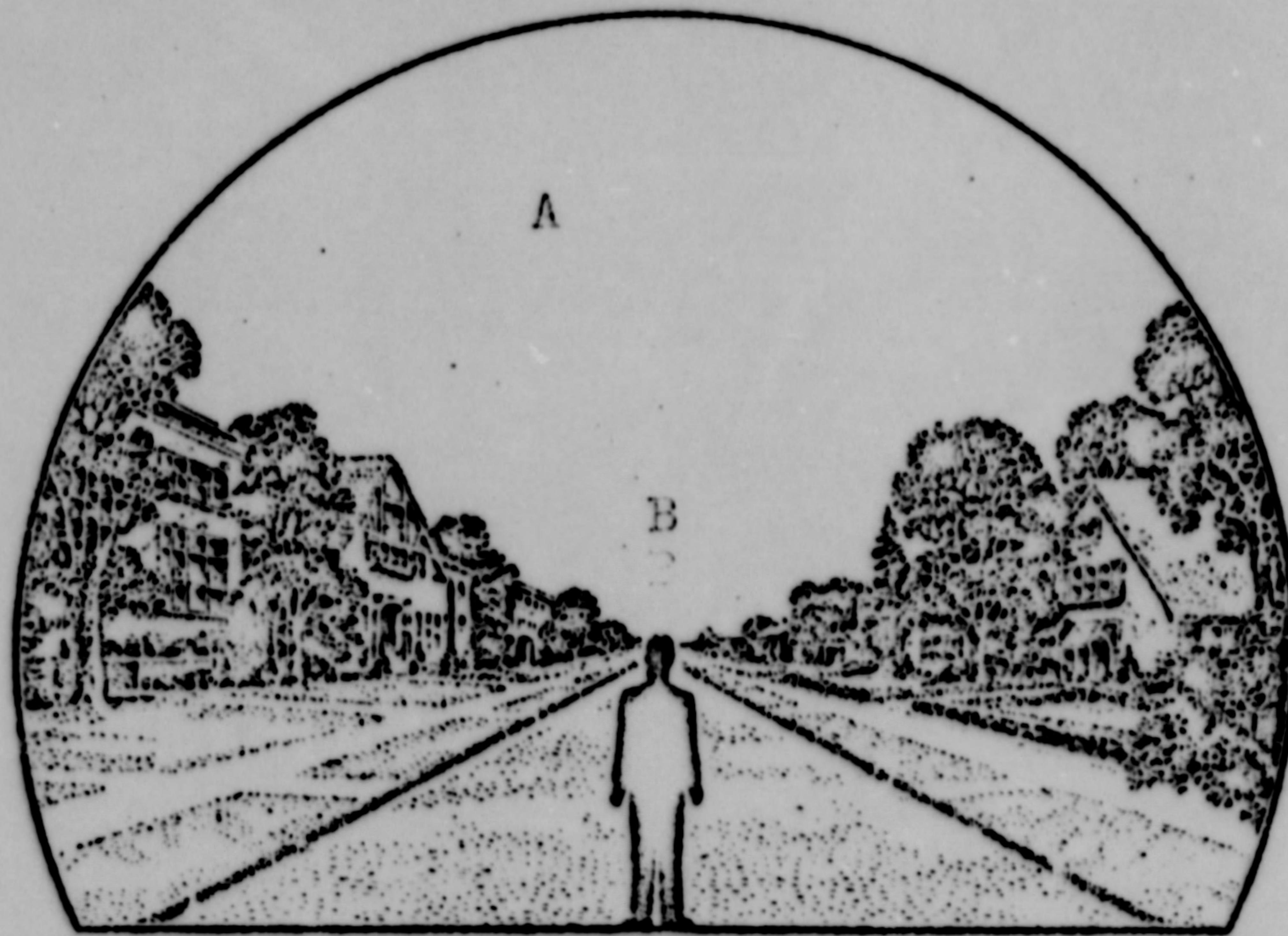
31.2 When it disappeared:

- 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
- 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?

Some time around middle 1953  
Day of Nov. 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 have no idea but the brightness of its light and the precision in which it moved straight across the horizon and then made a clear cut right angle turn as though going nearer the surface of the river all made a profound impression. Then suddenly I thought could this be any form of military instrument and should I tell it to the Army. I had always thought the saucers our own device. Then I thought as a citizen it was my duty to report it but I waited a few days to think it over.

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 From Madison & 46th St to 9th Ave and the Cunard docks out into the middle of the North River.

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

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

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

ADDRESS The Hotel Roosevelt. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ N. Y. \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ Extension \_\_\_\_\_ (Room Number)

What is your present job? I am completing an outline of our branch of the Wilson Family and daily research about it at Public Library at 42nd St.

Age over 50. Sex Female.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

I had a governess then private schools and later special courses in the languages English and writing and public speaking.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

12 Day 12 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

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE December 12th 1953

It was three o'clock in the morning either the 10th or 17th of November and I was impressed with the clarity of the night and fine view of the North River and Jersey shore. Suddenly this very clear round yellow light with no attachments and from this distance was the size of a large dinner plate glided across the horizon as there is a very clear space from my window to the right of the French Building at 45th & 5th Ave and Forty-Sixth St which is just to the right of me and the clear space made by 46th Street going West gives me a perfect view of the Queens coming into the Cunard piers at 46th St and all the boats going up the Hudson.

I was intrigued with what perfect precision it kept to its course, not fast and not slow, and then when it made this clear cut perfect right angle swing as if going nearer to the surface of the river I was convinced that this was no mere plaything.

The writer was afraid to discuss it with any one except a classmate of my brother at Yale, an engineer of great ability, and called the Yale Club but he was not there. Then I felt after two days reflection, in loyalty to country & fear of the perfection of its locomotion that had made a deep impression on me as I am an ardent tripper by air and strong for aviation, I must let the Government know.

My thought then was would they think me visionary that I knew was just not so because I always eschewed the Saucer reports feeling they were a tryout of our own government, so I confided it to an Englishman, a fellow member of the English Speaking Union who fought in the Battle of the Mons and knows war. He said send it quick to your Government.

My father, the late Doctor [REDACTED] practised for forty-seven years in this state. His life as the Beloved Physician was in the February 1926 edition of the American Magazine. My late brother, Doctor [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was one of the surgeons for the Royal Indemnity of London at the time of his death and had including private practise rounded out over forty years as a surgeon.

My father and both grandparents were born in Britain but father's first ancestor was the Chaplain for the Governor Winthrop expedition to Boston. An officer who fought under General Washington was obliged to go back to Britain on a trip and died there so father was the next to come here as his father an English officer died of Black Fever while on Foreign Service. My mother was a descendant of [REDACTED] That is collateral as [REDACTED] did not marry.

I tell you this so you may know of our Loyalty and that my motive in sending this is one of helpfulness and service to my country. If I can be of any further help I will do my best.

Doctor [REDACTED] of Hudson on the Hudson, New York, who succeeded my father as chief of staff of the hospital there of which my father was one of the founders. Doctor [REDACTED] New York, has known me twenty-three years and my brother, Mr. [REDACTED] Vice-Pres. [REDACTED], NYC. Mr. [REDACTED] Manager of the 44th St. Branch of the Bankers Trust Company, Mrs. [REDACTED] Palmer Square Apts. Princeton, N. J. Doctor & Mrs. [REDACTED] Princeton, N. J. Doctor [REDACTED] is one of the heads of the Dept of Architecture are a few of the family friends I feel sure will vouch for me.