

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>22 Apr 59</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Niles, Illinois</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>23/0200Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>2 to 2 1/2 mins</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>		9. COURSE <u>upward</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Rnd, white obj, appeared as a bright star, size of a half dollar. Obj was ascending and disappeared in a high cloud bank. Speed estimated at 1000 MPH at a distance of 10 to 20 miles.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Insufficient information for proper evaluation.</u>	

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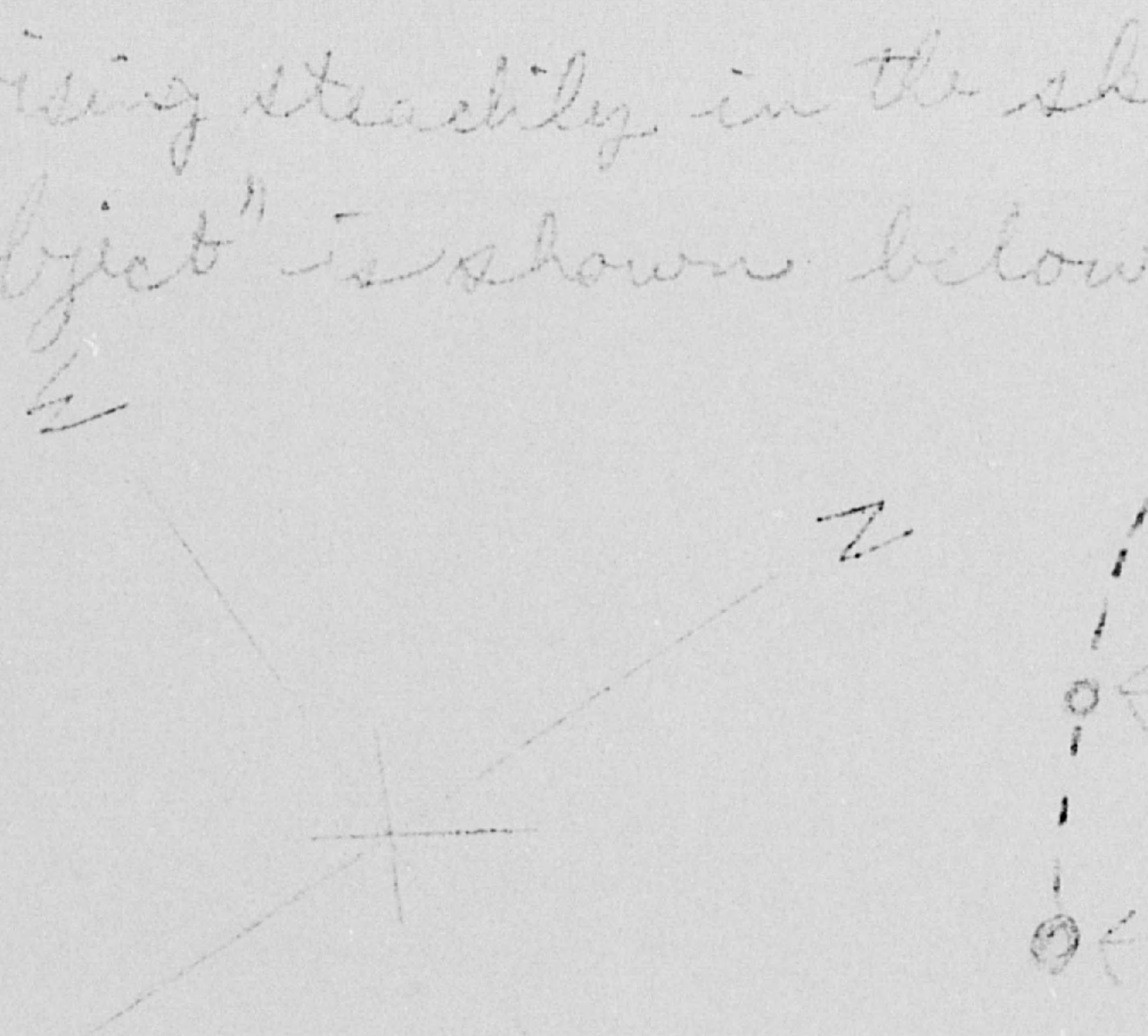
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Niles 48, Illinois
April 23, 1959

Department of Defense
Washington D. C.
United States of America

Dear Sir:

Probably what I have just seen was
a mirage of a star, but I think it was either
a missile (fired probably a few seconds before) or an space
craft. You also think this a logical notion or
dream but I actually saw it.

About 8 min. to 10 (P.M.) I spotted an object
rising steadily in the sky. The progress of this
"object" is shown below



completely invisible.
barely visible probably
entering outer atmosphere
growing still dimmer
(still hazy)
growing dimmer
(probably not seen till
last moment)
very bright (slightly hazy)

Thank-you for your attention (and if
this is top secret tell me about it after it's
related to the press.)

Best wishes,


(23 APRIC (?) 59)

25 May 1959

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your letter of April 23 1959 concerning an Unidentified Flying object sighting near Miles, Illinois.

Your letter contained insufficient data to allow a valid conclusion. Therefore, I am inclosing U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet which should be completed and forwarded direct to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

When an evaluation and/or analysis has been completed, you will hear from us.

Sincerely,

Incl

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division

[REDACTED]

Miles 31, Illinois

Since I had no watch I had to estimate
the time from appearance to disappearance.

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?

1000 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?

10-20 MILES
~~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?

NONE.

Age

13 $\frac{3}{4}$

Sex

MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

X

e. e. Technical school

b. High school

(GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL)

(Type)

c. College

f. Other special training

d. Post graduate

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

Year

11 6 '59

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

JUNE 11, 1959

About 8 o'clock on the night of April 22, I was walking out dog and looking for our cat. It was on the corner of Odell and Mulford that something inside made me look up. About ten miles to twenty miles distant an object that of a bright star, was moving slowly upward increasing speed. What brought out my attention was that it made no sound, and the brightness neither increased nor decreased. I saw no signal lights like that of an airplane, and no exhaust like that of jet. It set me to thinking, so I immediately went into our house sat down and wrote the note that was in the next day.

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 April 1959
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

8 5-7
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?

Miles Miles Illinois
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

0 25 30
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?

(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
 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

more than 1/2 mile away. rising in the sky

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | 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:

A light haze, getting dimmer every ten seconds.

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 | <i>naked eye</i> | |

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

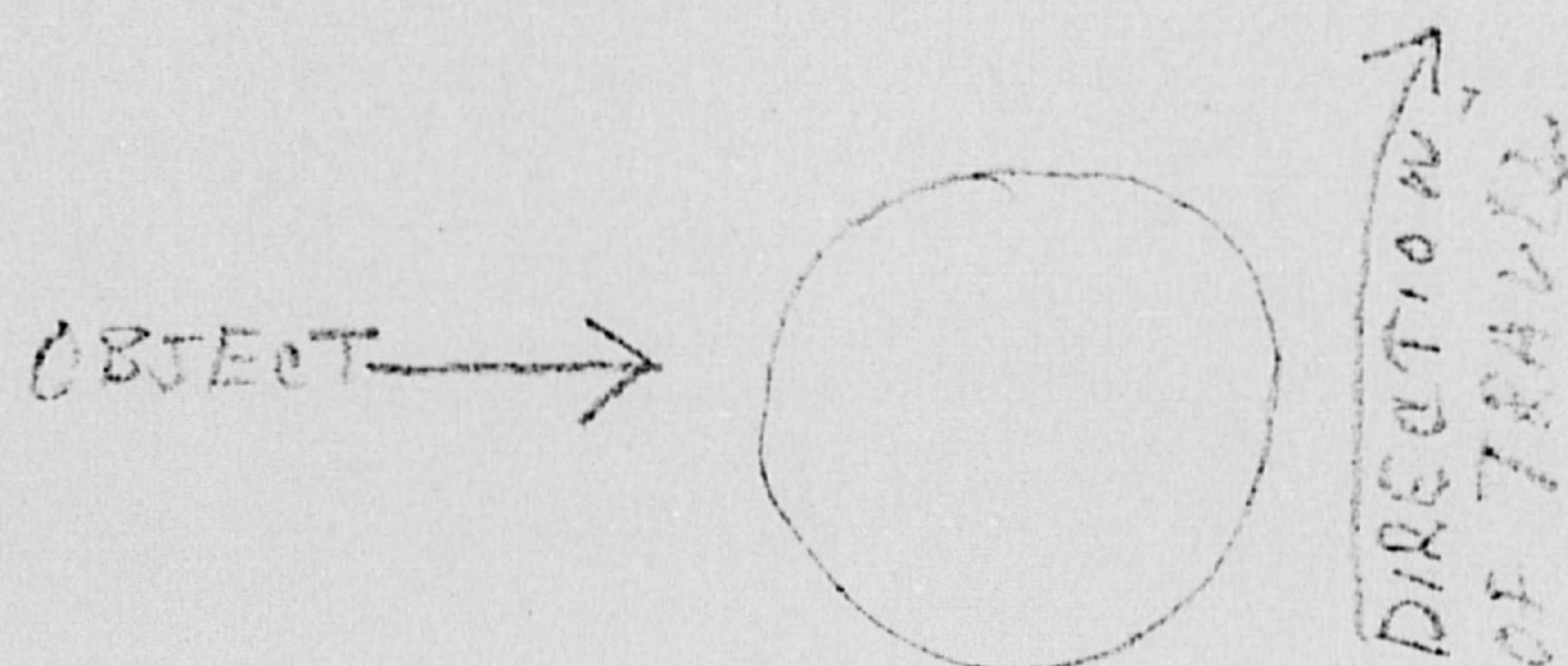
a. Sound

There was no sound at all

b. Color

Bright starlight

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.

120-130 feet. MAYBE MORE

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

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

f. Half dollar

- 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

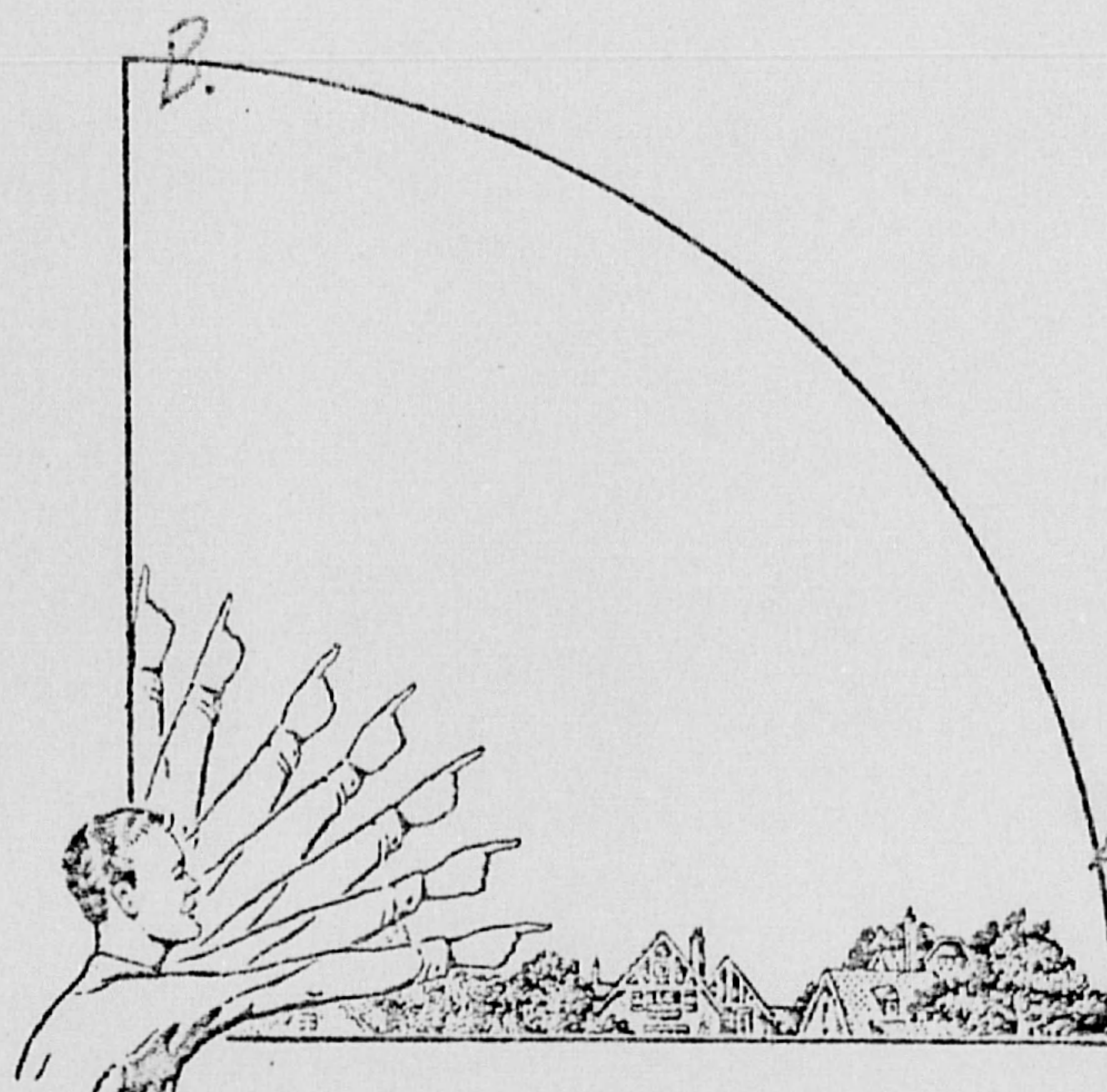
d. Uncertain

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

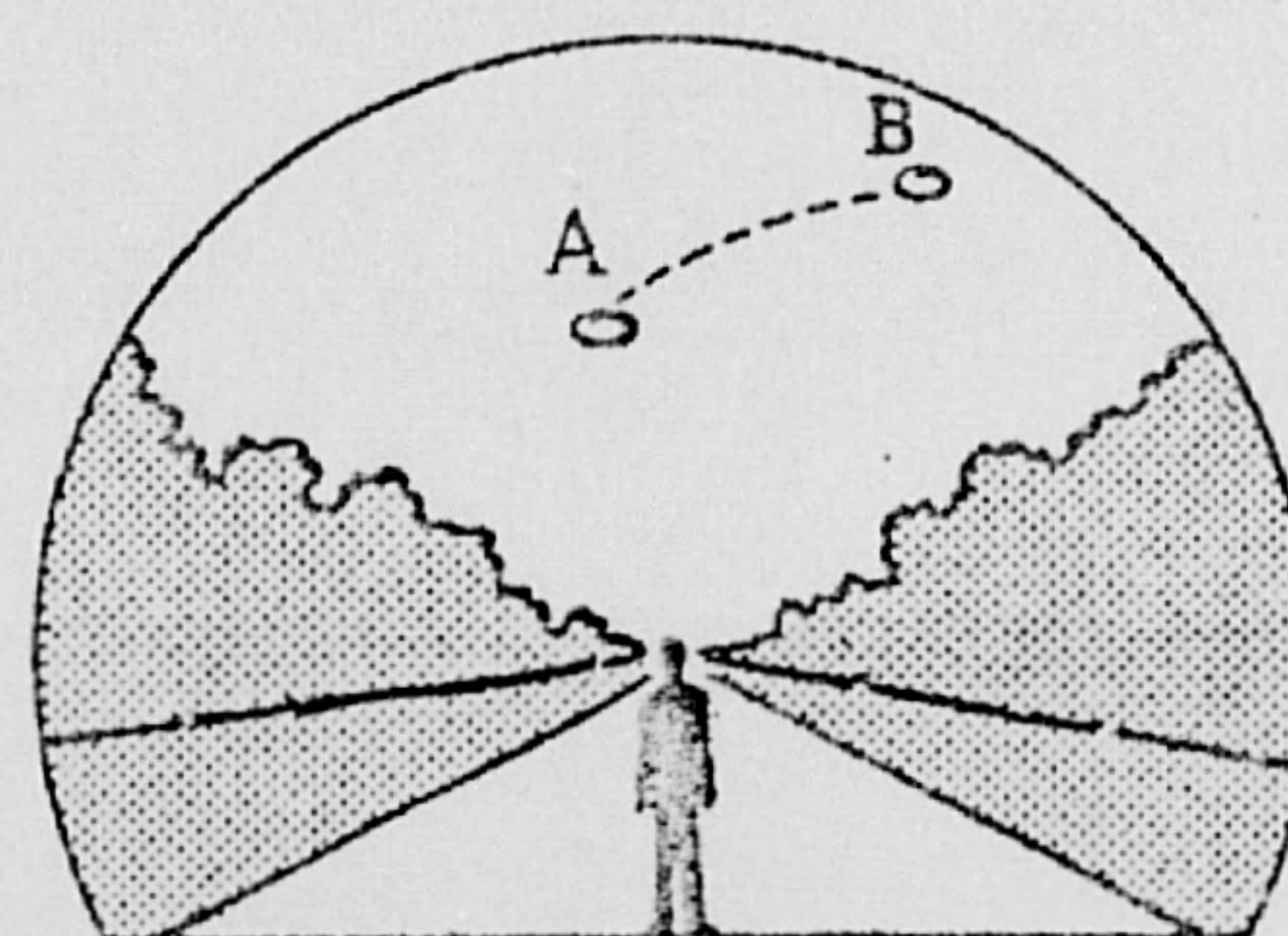
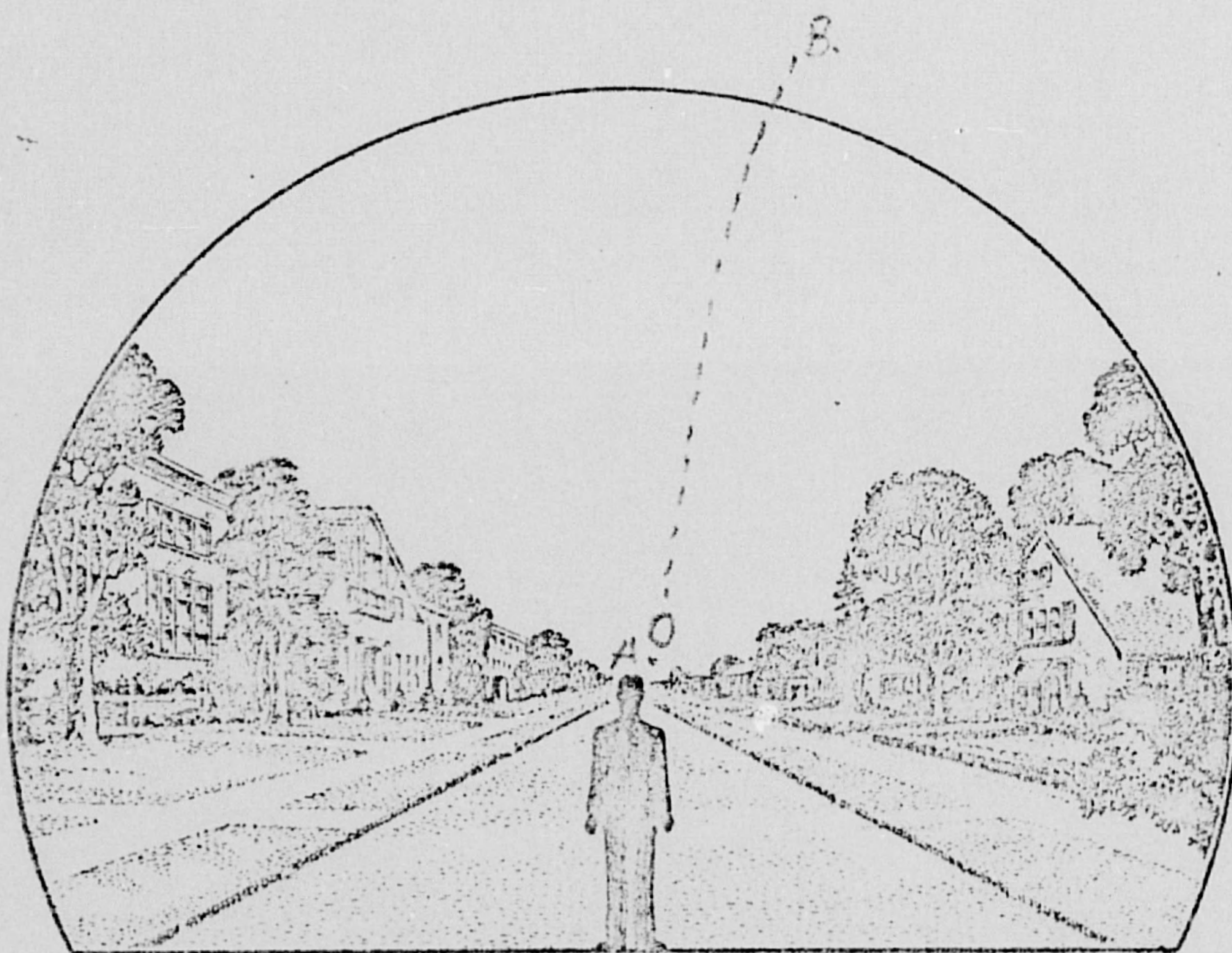
IT GRADUALLY WENT UP
AND DISAPPEARED SOMEWHERE IN A HIGH, WISPY
CLOUD BANK

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.

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 VERY HIGH
- 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?

Day

Month

Year

I REPORTED TO NONE SINCE
I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD
KNOW FIRST.

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?

A FEW YEARS AGO ABOUT 12:00 P.M. A BRIGHT
RED FLASH STREAKED ACROSS THE SKY AT
ABOUT 11 O'CLOCK HIGH. THEN SHOT STRAIGHT UP.

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

THE OBJECT WAS ONE OF TWO THINGS: A ROCKET
OR SOME SORT OF SPACE DEVICE.