

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Oct 59		2. LOCATION Keesler AFB, Miss.		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0452 GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION three minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Rnd obj, size of full moon, color changed fm white to orange. Obj exploded. Appeared to be of gaseous substance.				11. COMMENTS Obj viewed was 5° to right of Venus as stated by the witness. Data incomplete for analysis.	

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1 October 1959

Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D.C.

Plsd letter
not enough info
& question mark

Gentlemen:

This morning while two other airmen and I were walking to breakfast we noticed the morning star. Then about five degrees south of it we saw something that after a moment we realized was not the moon. It was a patch of light about the size of the moon or a little bigger, and as we watched, its periphery expanded. When the periphery had gone out, the original patch the size of the moon was left, but its color started to change from white to orange. This happened at about 4:52 AM, CST.

If this is something the Russians are doing, you should know about it. In any case, I suppose you will welcome reports from various places.

Very truly yours,
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

7 October 1959

Dear Airman [REDACTED]:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 1 October regarding a sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object.

Your letter contains insufficient information for a valid conclusion. Therefore request you complete the attached Air Force Questionnaire in regard to the sightings and forward the completed paper to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for analysis and evaluation.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

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OFFICE OF INFORMATION

Comeback OI-3d —
Reader OI-1

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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?

1 October 1959
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 4 : 52
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?

Walking from 3407 School Squadron
to Mess Hall No. 5

Nearest Postal Address

Keesler AFB

City or Town

Mississippi

State or Country

Additional remarks: Walking to breakfast with two other airmen,
who also saw the same phenomenon.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. — 3 —
Hours Minutes Seconds

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?

(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

Not shining. Had not yet risen.

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

*At first glance
 I thought the
 object was the
 moon. So did the
 other two airman.*

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

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time? *all the 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: _____

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.

an aggregation of gas, transparent on surface but too thick to be so

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 none.

b. Color white, changing to orange after I first saw it.

Airman Harris and Starn say the color changed to orange, but I don't remember seeing it change color.

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.



round, like the full moon.
Same size as full moon.
No wings, protrusions,
exhaust trails or vapor trails.
Did not move.

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? One.
 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.

No motion.

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

_____ feet. Thousands of miles.

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? *I went in the mess hall for breakfast.*

When I came out half an hour later, the eastern sky was light and the object was no longer there.

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.

Material: gases

Size: Hundreds or thousands of miles in diameter

Shape: spherical

One of the airmen I was with speculated, when we saw it, that it was an atomic explosion in outer space. That was the only explanation we could think of at the time. We thought it was obviously something outside the atmosphere.

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? *AFB*
- 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?

We were walking from our barracks to the mess hall for breakfast. One of us (three) mentioned the exceptionally bright morning star, and we all looked at it. Then my eyes shifted slightly south to rest on this object.

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 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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).

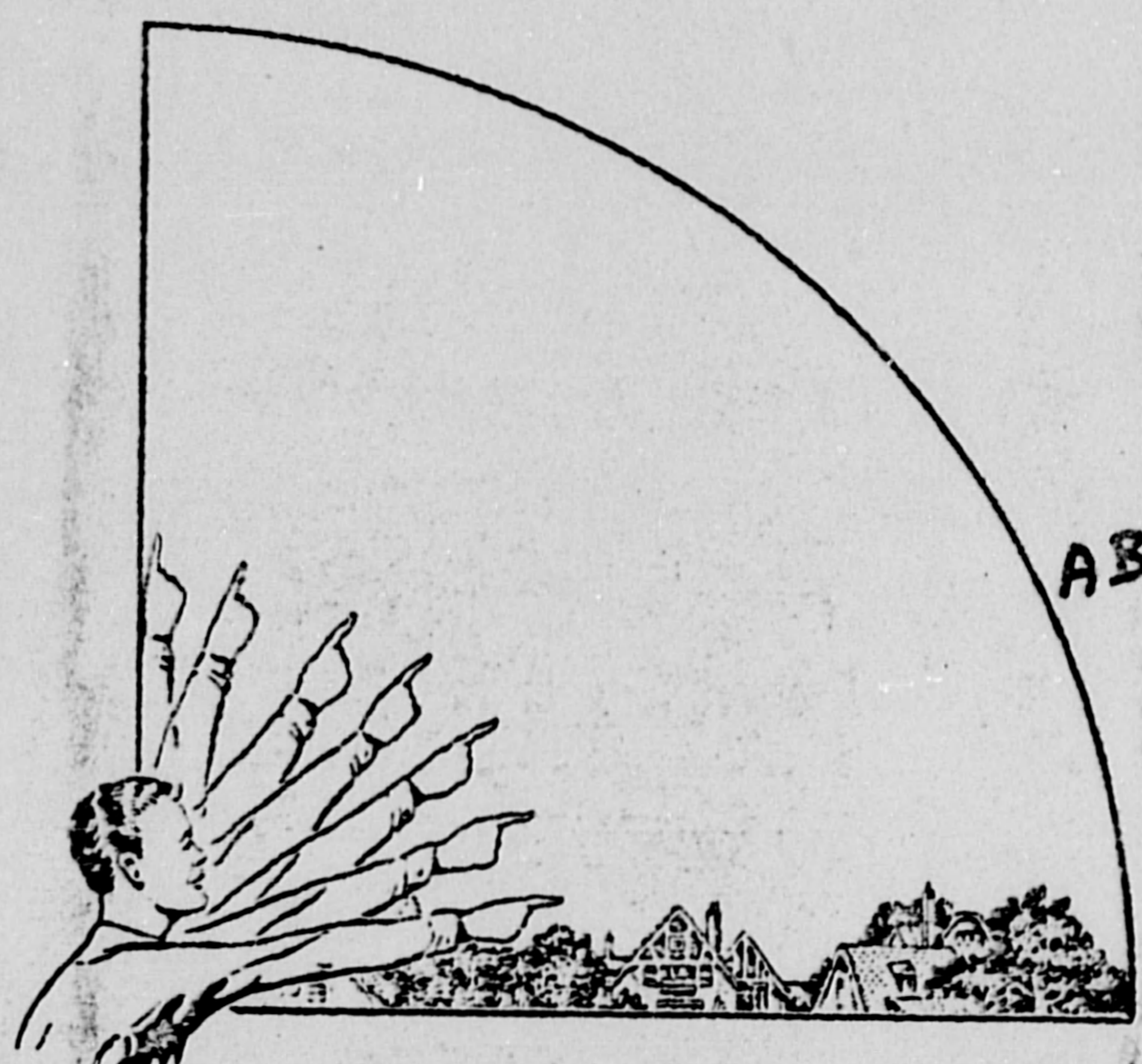
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 93 degrees. *(3 degrees south of morning star, which was 90)*
- b. From horizon 15 degrees. *(rough guess)*

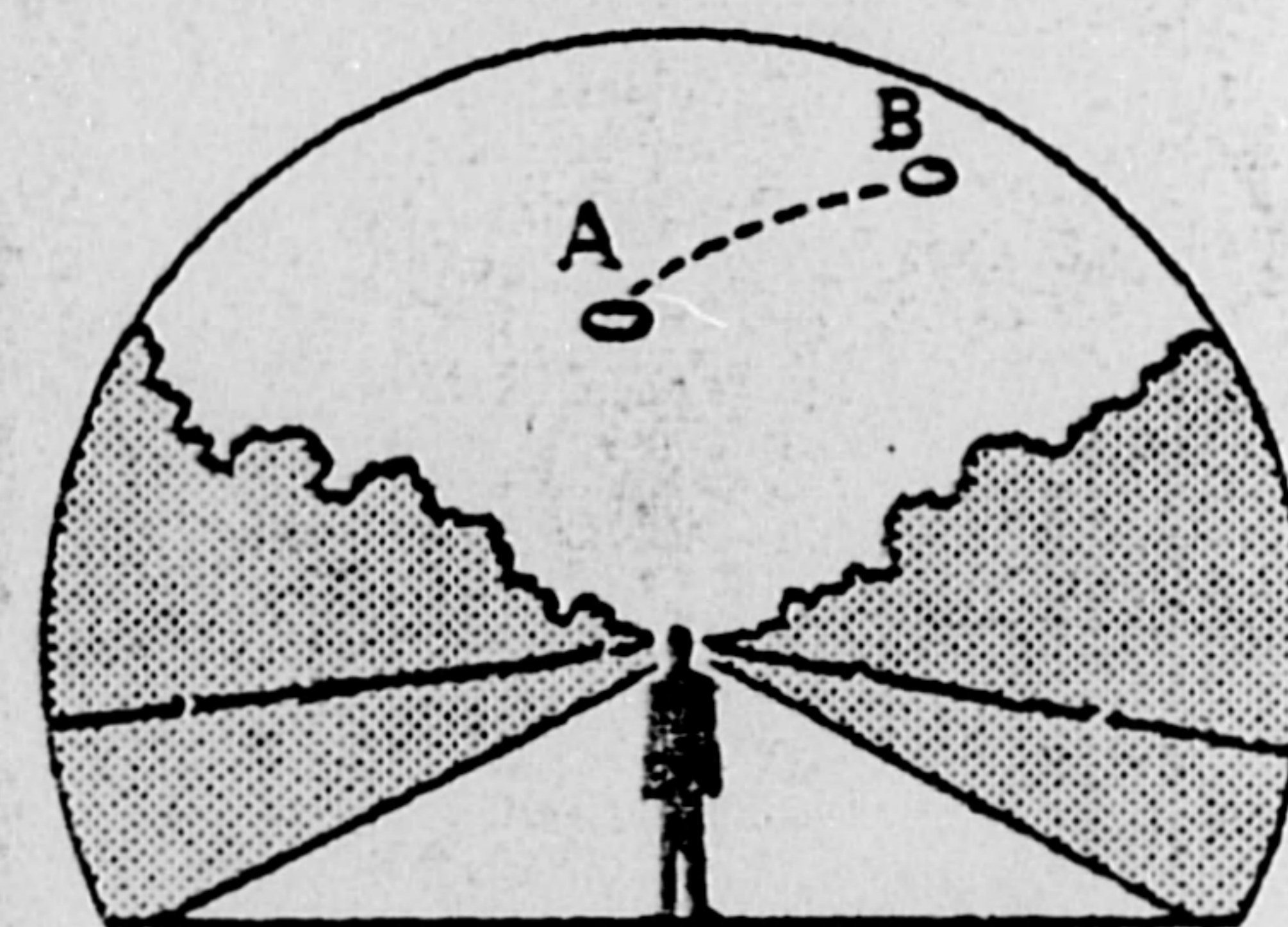
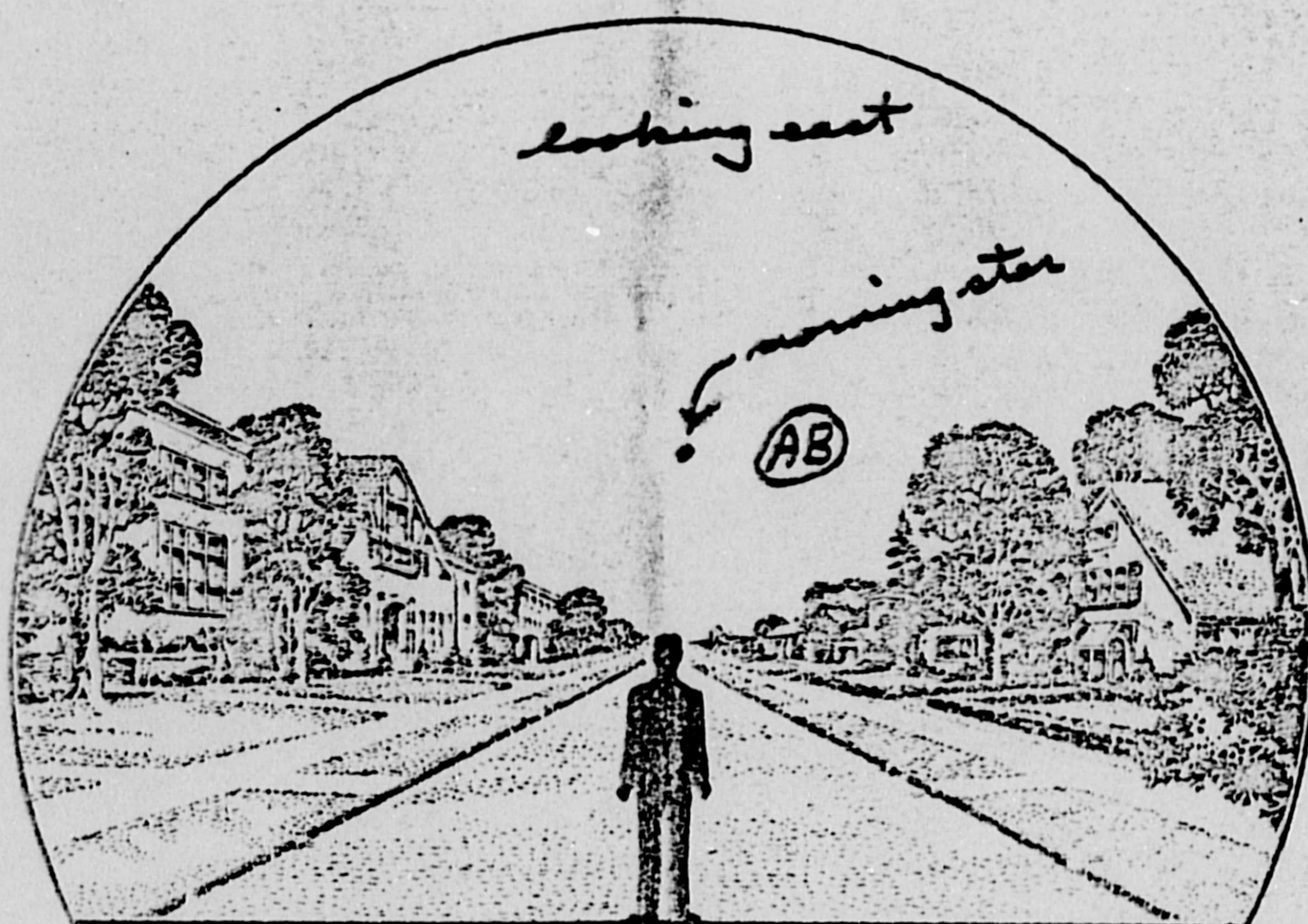
31.2 When it disappeared: *same as above*

- 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?

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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:

A/2c ~~REDACTED~~
A/2c ~~REDACTED~~ *both /3407th School Squadron, Keesler AFB, Miss.*

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?

Someone later mentioned the solar eclipse, and as nearly as I can determine, this happened at the same time as the eclipse. It must have been a manifestation of the eclipse. What kind of manifestation, I don't know. The eclipse was not directly visible here. I am convinced that this phenomenon was connected with the eclipse. The object was obviously outside the atmosphere.

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?

not moving 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?

millions of miles
D feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] Keesler AFB Miss.
City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER —

What is your present job? student in course for ground radio repairman

Age 34 Sex M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. Grade school _____ | e. e. Technical school _____ |
| b. High school _____ | (Type) _____ |
| c. College <u>2 years</u> | f. Other special training _____ |
| d. Post graduate _____ | _____ |

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

20 Oct 59
Day Month 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 20 October 1957

At about 4:50 AM, CST, Airmen [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and I left our barracks to walk to breakfast. As soon as we got to the south end of the barracks so that the eastern sky was visible to us, [REDACTED] mentioned how bright the planet, or morning star, was, and [REDACTED] and I looked at it. Then I noticed, about three degrees south of it, something that at first glance I assumed was the moon. Oddly enough, I don't think this object was the moon when I looked up at the morning star, but I am not sure. At any rate, it was there when I had looked at the morning star for a second or two. When I first saw it, the gases that it consisted of were in extreme turbulence; differences of shading moved across it, this way and that, at an immense speed. When these differences of shading reached the edge, they kept going. When (after a second or so) the expanding ring lost contact with the object, the ring stopped giving off light, and we could no longer see it. About 60 seconds later, [REDACTED] said he could still see the expanding shock wave, now far out, by looking out of the corner of his eye; but I myself could not see it. The object continued to shine with the same brightness as the moon for about three minutes, and then we went in the mess hall.