

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 Jan 61	2. LOCATION Bothell, Washington	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 type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0719 GMT 091519Z Jan 61	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input 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 Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE Descending
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object was burnt-orange in color, moving very swiftly toward the W and falling as it moved. It had gone down behind the horizon in an over and over manner such as tumbling. As it disappeared another object burst with real glory very high in the sky and out of a cloud of white and it too turned almost at once a burnt-orange color and started the same type process.		11. COMMENTS It is possible the objects were a/c flying in the area from one of the many military and civilian airports in the area. Paine Field is located in the direction the objects were observed and it is possible that they were a/c preparing to land.

18 January 1961

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter to Colonel Carl M. Nelson of the Congressional Inquiry Division reporting your sighting of an unidentified flying object on the morning of 9 January.

As in your previous letter, there was insufficient evidence contained in this one for a valid conclusion. Therefore, we ask that you fill out the attached Air Force Questionnaire in detail and forward it to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; attention: AFCIN-4E2x for their analysis and evaluation.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mrs. [REDACTED]
Bothell, Washington

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Reader OI-1

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
Washington

Office of the Secretary

Congressional Interest

MEMORANDUM FOR: S4 FOI (Lt. Col. T. J. Coker)

SAFLL: 147503

SUBJECT: 2170 (Ma.)

DATE: 16 June 61

1. The appropriate boxes have been marked to indicate action required on the subject correspondence.
2. The first addressee of this memorandum has action responsibility for the Air Staff, including all necessary coordination with other Air Staff agencies. Information copies of subject correspondence have been forwarded to other addressees.

PREPARATION OF A REPLY IN FINAL FORM FOR SIGNATURE BY THE
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

PREPARATION OF A DRAFT OF A PROPOSED REPLY

INFORMATION UPON WHICH TO BASE A REPLY

COMMENT ON CR CONCURRENCE WITH ATTACHED

DIRECT REPLY, PLEASE PROVIDE SAFLL WITH COPY OF REPLY.

SAFLL ACTION OFFICER: AC/Le.Officer

SUSPENSE: N/A (Paragraph 1, HOI 10-20). In the event this suspense is not met, please provide the reason so that SAUILL may explain the Congressional interest.

COORDINATION SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOI 11-2 and Paragraph 5, HOI 10-20. The Air Staff office having primary interest is responsible for securing full coordination (with the exception of the Chief of Staff) before submitting information to the Office of Legislative Liaison to serve as a basis for a reply. A statement as to the degree of coordination obtained should be included in all correspondence directed to SAFLL in response to a Congressional Inquiry.

INCLUSIONS: (Please return)

To present to Col. Melton, upon his
return.

REMARKS: Please state name and extension of Action Officer on return memo.

Oliver G. Wright

GORDON B. KNIGHT
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Congressional
Inquiry Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

RETURN THIS MEMORANDUM WITH CORRESPONDENCE

[REDACTED]
Bethell, Washington
January 10, 1961

Carl M. Nelson
Colonel
Congressional Inquiry Division
Office of Legislative Liason
Department of The Air Force
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On December 19, 1960 a copy of a letter of mine addressed to Senator [REDACTED] was sent to your office. My letter was in reference to an unidentified object which I sighted on the evening of November 30, 1960. I sent this report to Senator Jackson because I did not know to whom I should report.

Now I come again with a second report and am satisfied that I have the proper office to address.

Yesterday AM, January 9, 1961, at the hour of 7:19 not quite light and not still dark, I was again at my kitchen sink facing north. Out of the northern sky a fast moving star-like object of a burnt-orange hue appeared, moving in a westerly direction and very swiftly. I immediately went outside to view this better and while it was not brilliant or of an awesome nature, it was not a normal object common to the heavens. I watched as it disappeared over the trees on the horizon. Here now comes the surprising observation.

A second object burst high in the sky above this first and fast disappearing object. It too was of a burnt-orange hue moving swiftly but it changed color as it appeared to be tumbling or turning over as it moved. Over and over it went in a westerly direction and it too was gone behind the trees on the horizon. When it burst into view it was like a large sky-rocket.

I am not an advocate of flying saucers or strange space people, so I have to conclude that these last two objects are put out by human hands and are known to the military. I find myself irked at seeing these objects and feel that I must report them to your office. It could become a veritable nuisance to your office if I continue seeing so-called phenomena.

Incidentally, the time element involved that these two objects were visible was from 7:19 to 7:25.

It is interesting to note that I have seen these objects at times when people are going to and from work and would be unlikely to notice the sky. My house is on a hill and I can see considerable distance toward the north.

Unless you want me to notify your office of the unusual and unsolicited observations that I have and might see again, I will just ignore anything that appears in the future. I am, if you will pardon my personal note, beginning to feel ridiculous.

Very truly yours,
(Mrs.) [REDACTED]

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.

<p>1. When did you see the object?</p> <p>9th <u>Day</u> January <u>Month</u> 1951 <u>Year</u></p>	<p>2. Time of day: <u>7</u> <u>19</u> Hour Minutes</p> <p>(Circle One): <input checked="" type="radio"/> A.M. <input type="radio"/> or P.M.</p>		
<p>3. Time Zone: (Circle One):</p> <p>a. Eastern b. Central c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other</p> <p>(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving b. Standard</p>			
<p>4. Where were you when you saw the object?</p> <p>Bothell <u>Nearest Postal Address</u> Washington <u>City or Town</u> Snohomish <u>State or Country</u></p> <p>Additional remarks: Ranch house located 5 1/2 miles north of Bothell, Washington</p>			
<p>5. How long was object in sight?</p> <p><u>SIXTY</u> <u>MINUTES</u> <u>XXXX</u> Hours Minutes Seconds</p>			
<p>5.1 How was time in sight determined? Clocked by wrist watch.</p> <p>a. Certain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Fairly certain <input type="checkbox"/> c. Not very sure <input type="checkbox"/> d. Just a guess <input type="checkbox"/></p>			
<p>6. What was the condition of the sky? Half dawn, but some whitish clouds in sky</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"> <p>DAY</p> <p>a. Bright b. Cloudy</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"> <p>NIGHT</p> <p>a. Bright b. Cloudy</p> </td> </tr> </table>		<p>DAY</p> <p>a. Bright b. Cloudy</p>	<p>NIGHT</p> <p>a. Bright b. Cloudy</p>
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<p>7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?</p> <p>(Circle One): a. In front of you b. In back of you c. To your right Just a glow</p> <p>d. To your left e. Overhead f. Don't remember</p>			

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, 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. The object appeared: No.1. Appeared as though a sky rocket had burst on scene
No.2. Appeared as 1st object disappeared, high above, same way.

(Circle One):

a. As a light

b. Shiny

c. Dark

d. Don't remember

Both

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? No.

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time? Briefly at burst	<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't Know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't Know
d. Give off smoke?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't Know
e. Change brightness?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't Know
f. Change shape?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't Know
g. Flash or flicker?	<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't Know
h. Disappear and reappear? As they turned	<u>Yes</u> +	<u>No</u>	Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud? Burst out of cloud at their initial appearance.

(Circle One):

Yes No Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: Falling swiftly as they turned over and over
behind the horizon

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes No Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

in front of:

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid

b. Transparent

c. Vapor

d. Don't Know

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

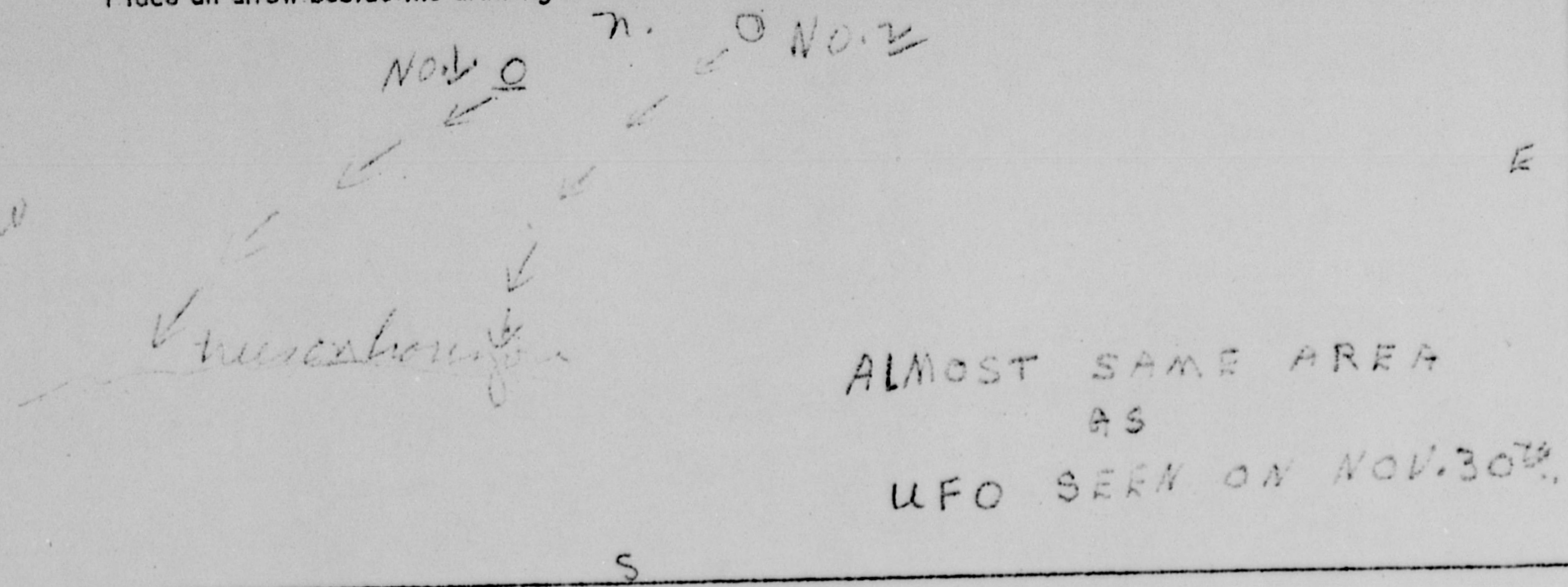
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass ✓	<u>Yes</u>	No	h. Other	Atmosphere-as I went outside	

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

a. Sound None

b. Color Burnt-orange, lighting brighter and then darker as they traveled.

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.



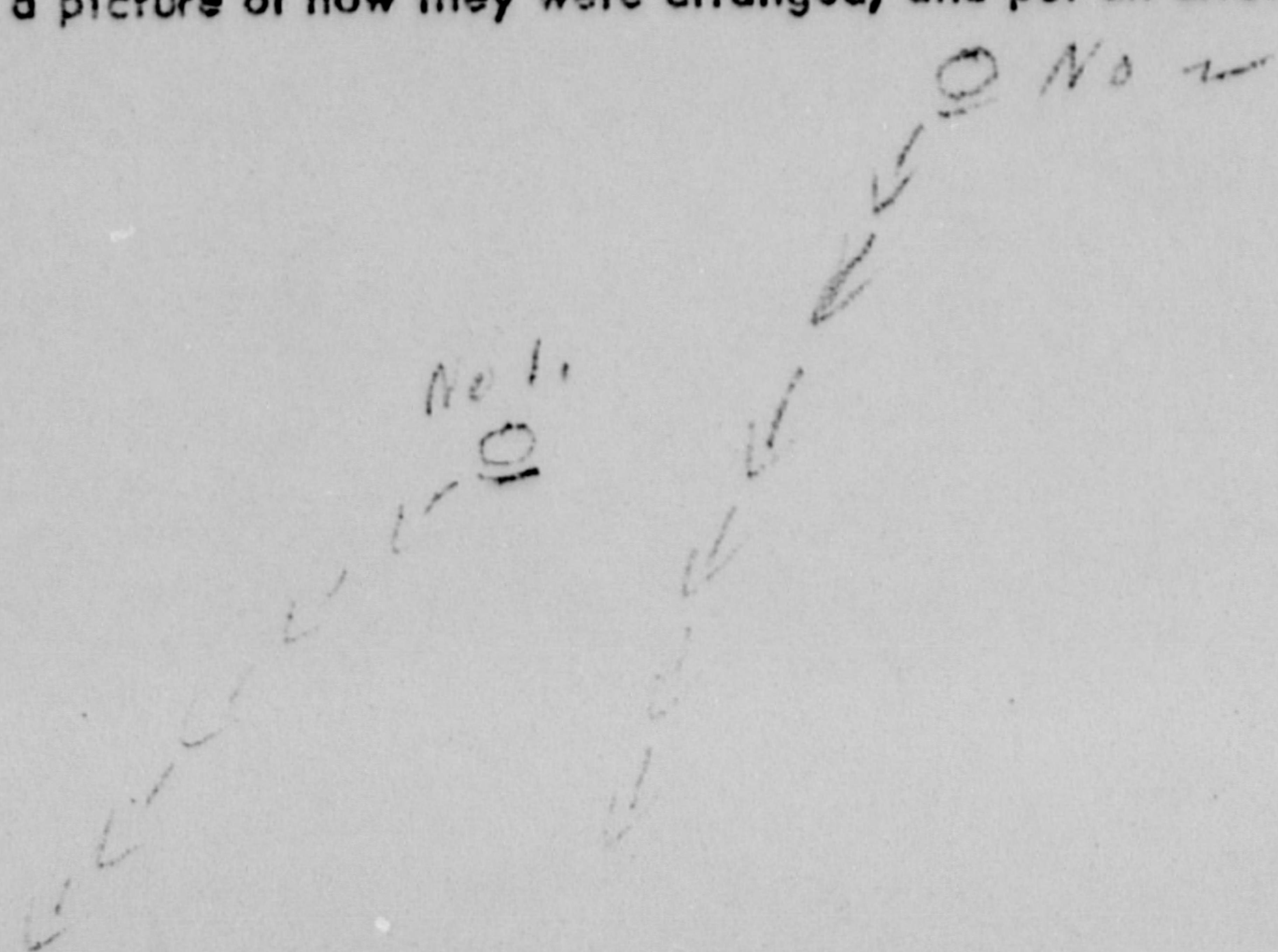
18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One):

- a. Fuzzy or blurred
- b. Like a bright star
- c. Sharply outlined
- d. Don't remember
- e. Other When they burst on the scene they were like a large sky rocket

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 2.

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. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar?

Basket Balls

22. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

Less than half

(I call attention to my other report on which I made an error in answering this question). (I said "All" and I should have said just a dot)

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? Yes. Turning over and over they seemed to be tumbling as they were dark and then light and then dark, etc. the second object lighted and darkened in a more systematic manner than the 1st. Disappeared below the trees on the horizon in a westerly direction.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, 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. Exploding or bursting basket balls made to look like a sky rocket.

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

- a. Inside a building I ran outside as fast as I could to see them better.
- b. In a car + them better.
- c. Outdoors ✓
- d. In an airplane (type)
- 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. 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?

Again going to the sink to do routine duties, I saw the first one burst out of clouds and looked at my wristwatch and then went outside. Watching it disappear, I was quite startled to observe a second one much higher in the sky burst out of a cloud and behave in the same manner. Timed them both.

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
			i. Overhead

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
			i. Overhead

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

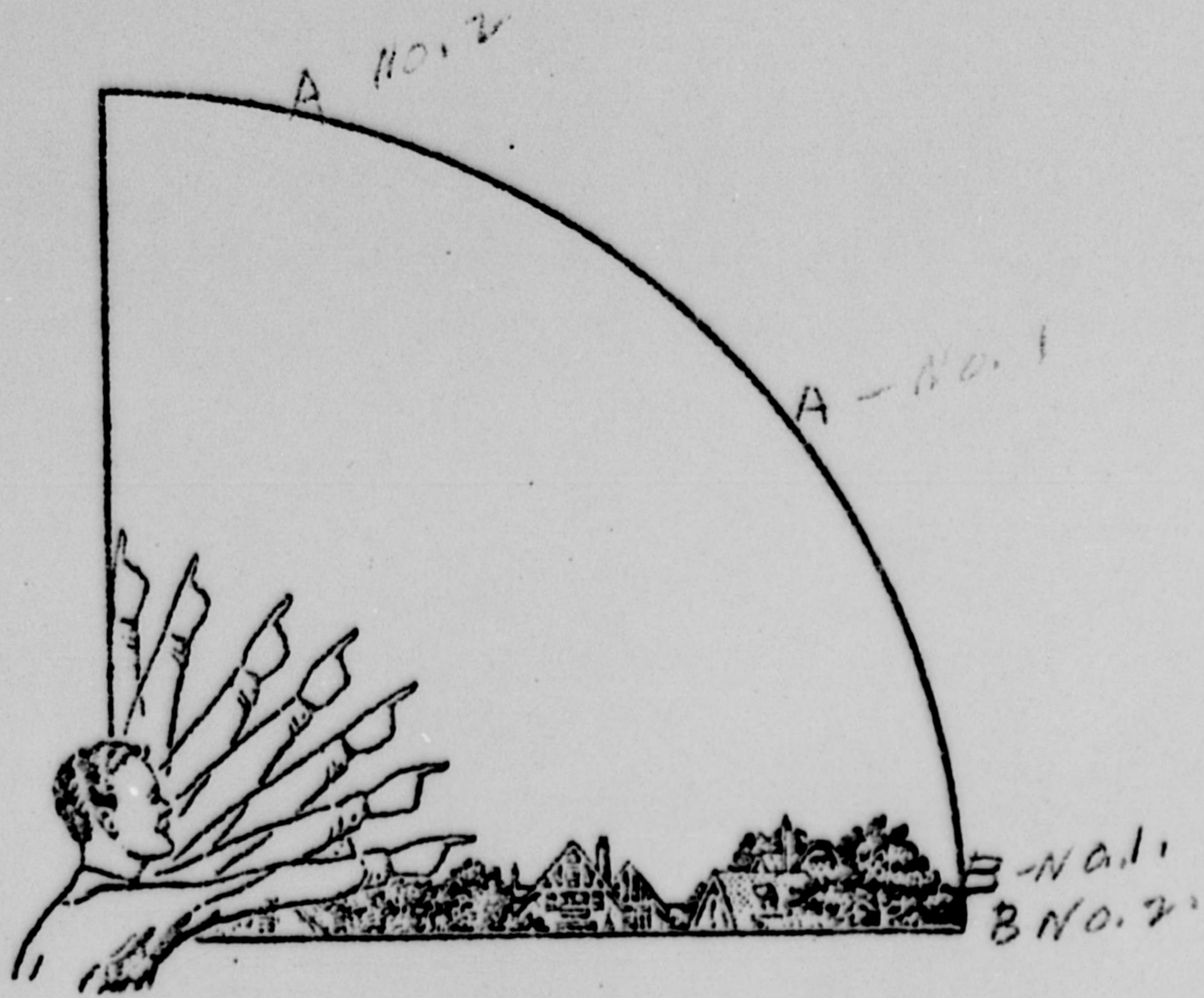
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

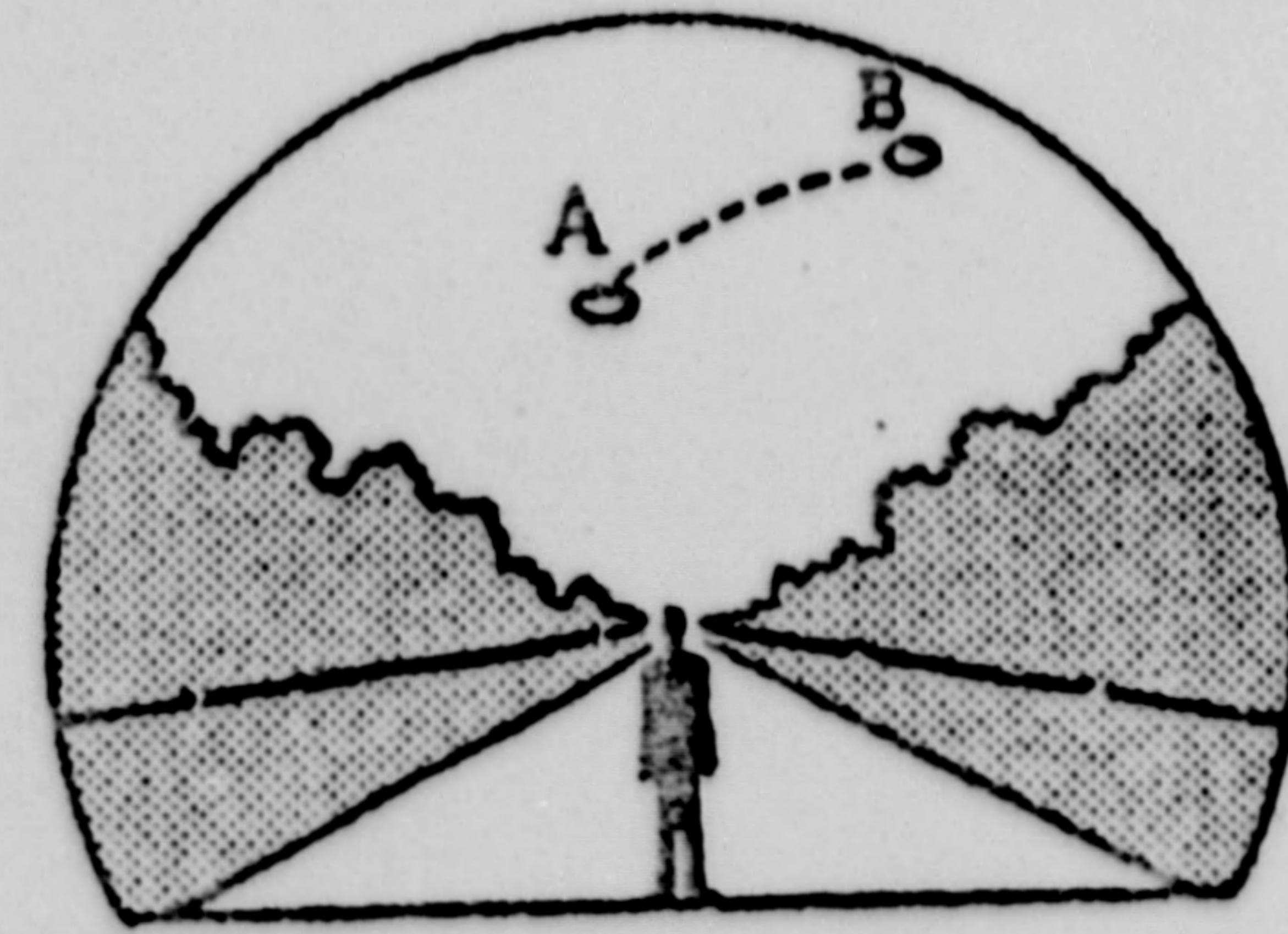
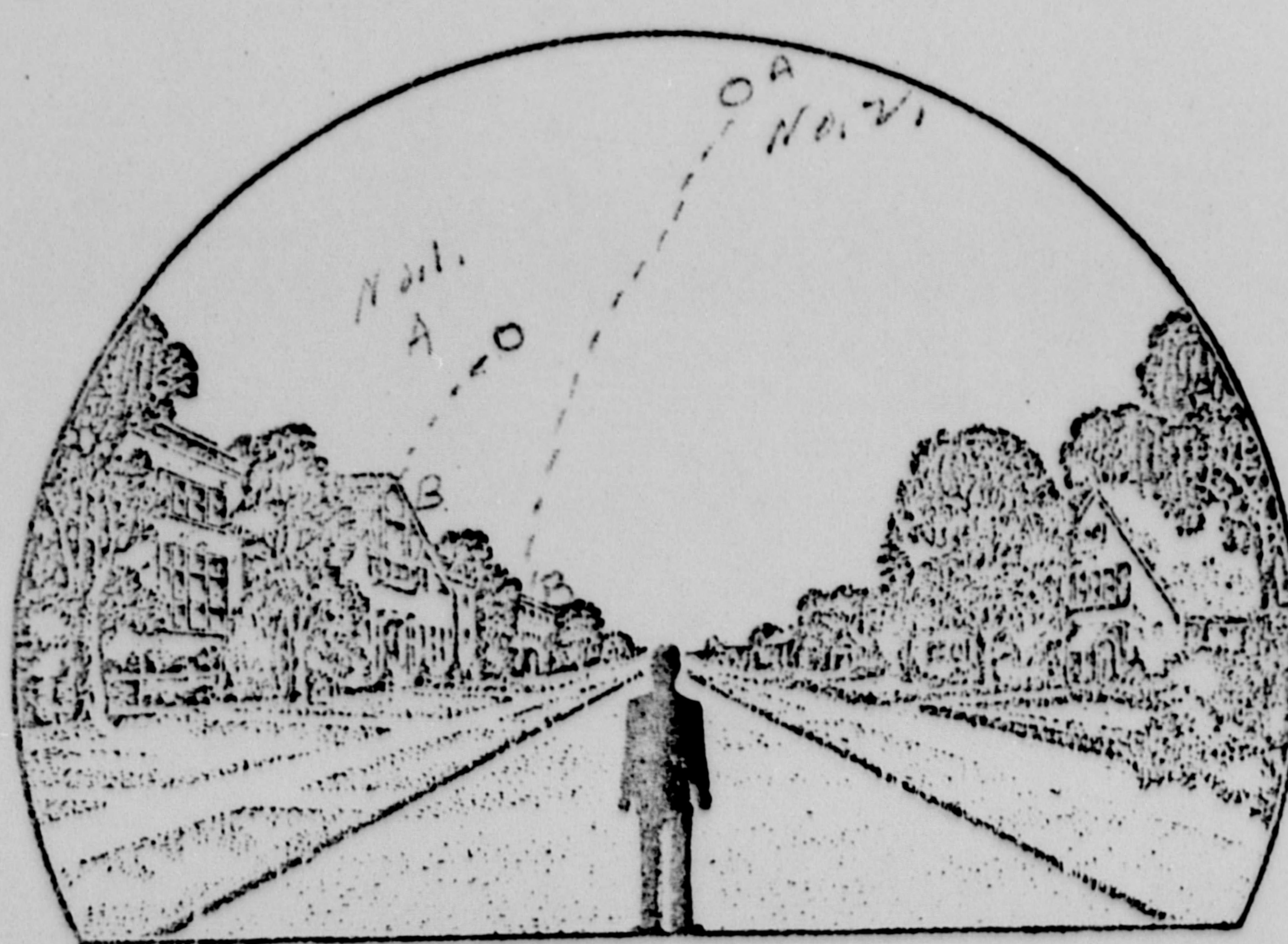
31.2 When it disappeared:

- 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?

CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One)

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

35. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

10 January 1961
Day Month Year

Colonel Carl M. Nelson

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?

Yes, like these two particular ones

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

On Nov. 30, 1960 the large and brilliant object identified in a report
mailed to you this AM. No similarity however in the first object and the
two second objects described herein.

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

If anyone in Everett, the town 11 miles north of me were shooting off skyrockets then they could have been sky rockets, however, I never saw skyrockets tumble over and over, first bright and then dark and on ad infinitum until they disappeared. Another thing I doubt that any skyrocket could have gone as high in the sky as the second object was as it burst through the clouds!

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

(Circle One) Yes

No

Very swiftly

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? As fast as a jet, probably.

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? _____

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

Bothell

City

Zone

Washington

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Age 54

Sex Feminine gender

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any education, which might be pertinent.
On first report mailed to your office this AM.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

January 24,
Day

Month

1961
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)
SIGNATURE _____
DATE _____ January 24, 1961

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

Noting a moving object through the sink window, I glanced at my watch and went quickly outside the front door so as to view this object better. It was burnt-orange in color, moving very swiftly toward the west and falling as it moved. It had gone down behind the horizon in an over and over manner such a tumbling. As it disappeared another object burst with real glory very high in the sky and out of a cloud of white and it too turned almost at once a burnt-orange color and started the same type process, turning over and over in a tumbling manner, first light, then dark then light and then dark again. From the time I looked at my wrist watch in the kitchen and it was all over 6 minutes had elapsed. 7:19 to 7:25 AM.

I hope I don't see anymore of these unidentified objects XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

SENT PHOTO OF HOUSE IN FIRST REPORT THIS AM

Same house, same direction and in about the very same area in the sky