

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

<b>1. DATE</b>	<b>2. LOCATION</b>	<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b>
17 Sep 61	Vicinity Raleigh, N. C.	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" 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
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b>	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b>	
Local 0500 EDT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar
<b>5. PHOTOS</b>	<b>6. SOURCE</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Civilian	
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b>	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b>	<b>9. COURSE</b>
10 min	1	NE
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>11. COMMENTS</b>	
Objt appearing as light, smoking. Standing still giving off smoke flashing on flickering. Color of dry rust. Moving to right in horizontal plane in spiral motion. Disappeared like spark going out. Objt at about 45° elev.	Observation at night. Probably balloon with flare attached. Balloons are known to have smoke flares attached for observation purposes. Rising, hovering, and erratic motion at slow speed as well as duration conform to balloon sighting.	

26 September 1961

Dear Mr. ██████████

Your letter of September 17th addressed to the Navy Department has been referred to this office. The U. S. Air Force has been assigned the responsibility for the investigation and analysis of unidentified flying object sightings as part of Air Defense responsibilities.

I am enclosing the standard ATIC questionnaire concerning your sighting. Request you and your friend complete the questionnaire and return them in the enclosed self-addressed envelopes.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.  
Major, USAF  
UEO Project Officer  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information

Mr. ██████████  
██████████ Street, S.E.  
Washington, D. C.

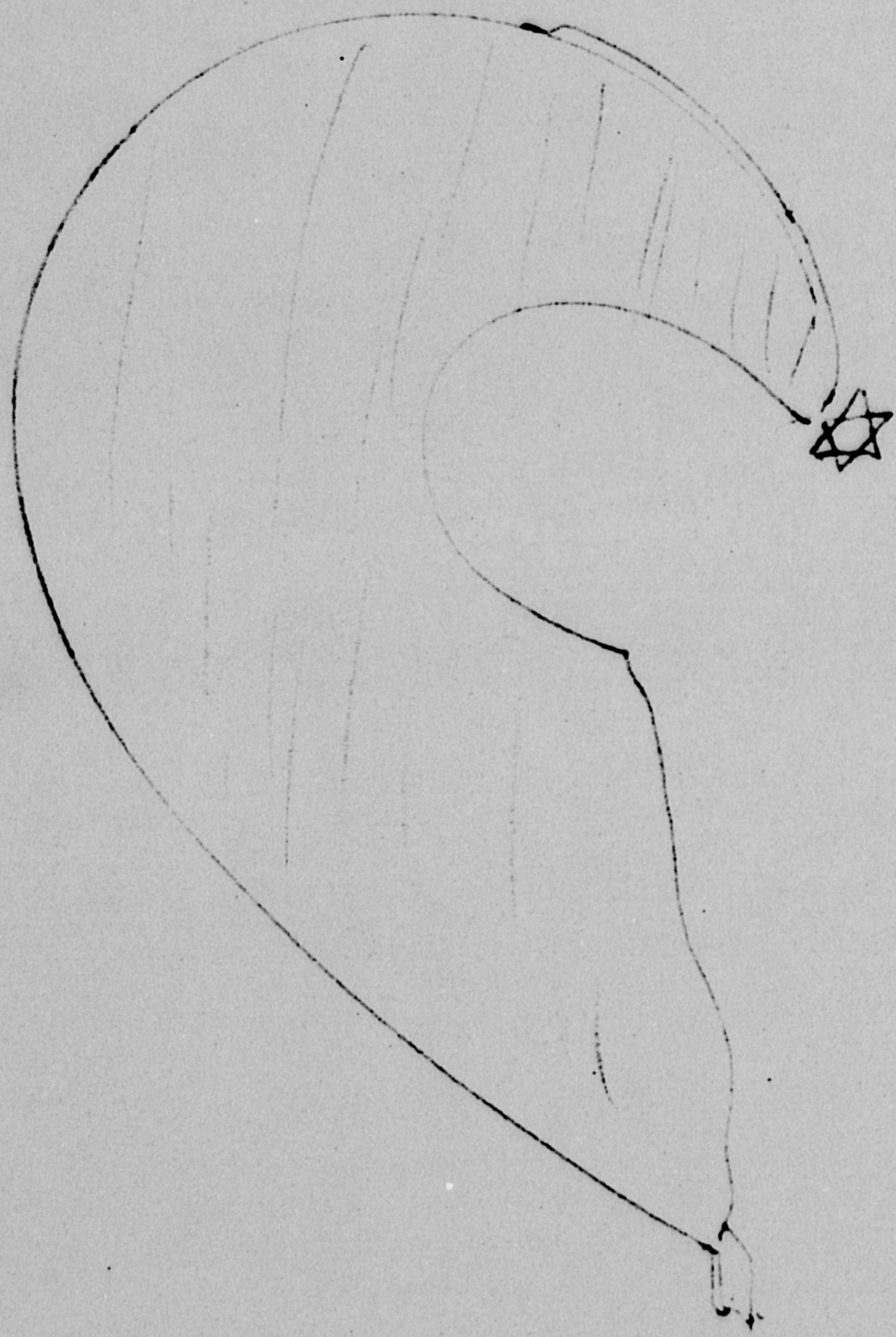
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Sunday Sept. 17th. 1961  
Washington D.C.

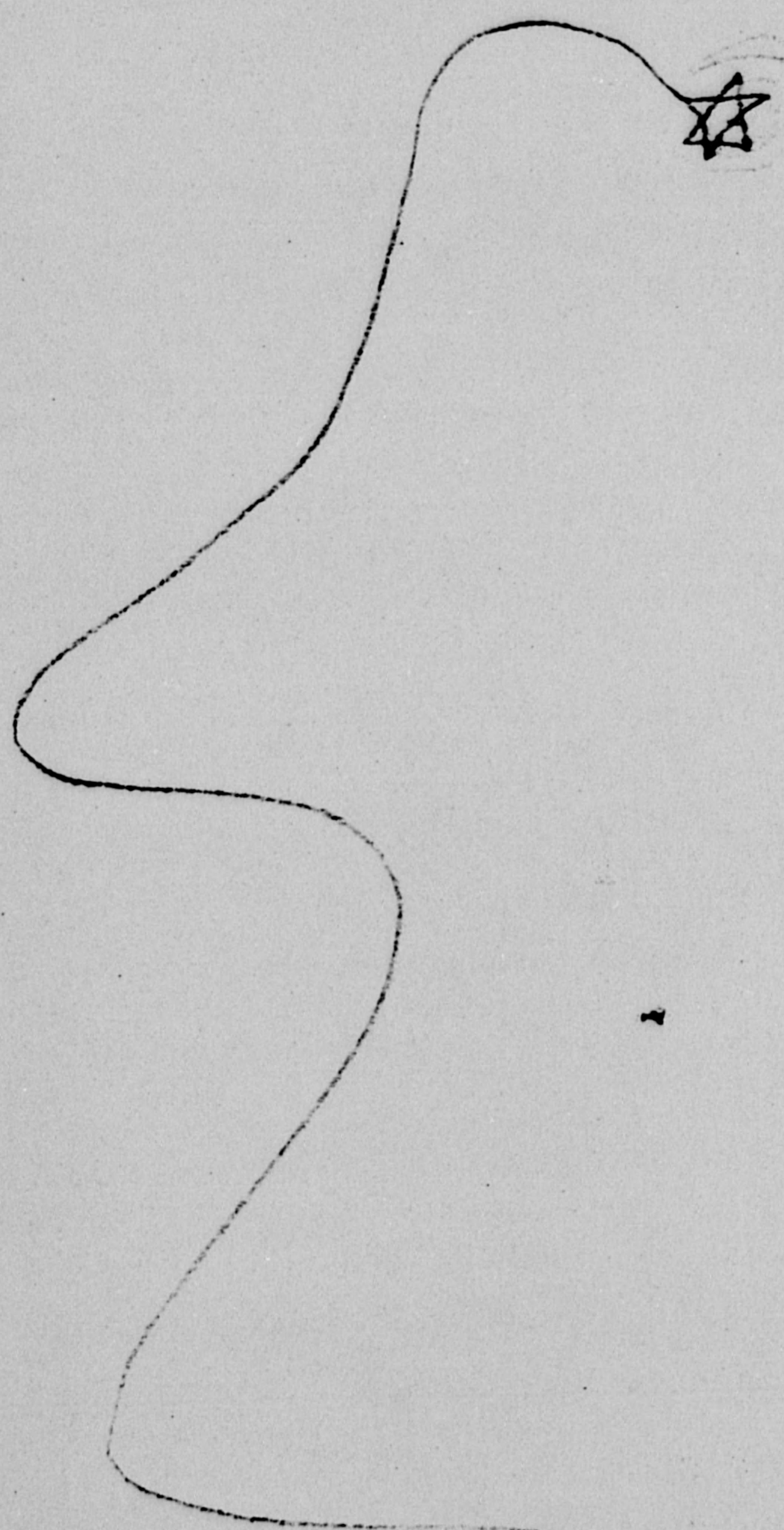
Dear Sir:

on Sunday Sept. 17th. 1961 at 05:00 A.M. WHILE DRIVEING  
NORTH ON ROUTE U.S. # 1 APPX. 25 MILES SOUTH OF RALEIGH  
NORTH CAROLINA. WITH A FRIEND WE OBSERVED A BURNING STAR.  
HAVEING BEEN IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND KNOWING THE  
IMPORTANCE OF SUCH A SIGHT. WE STOPPED AND OBSERVED  
SAME FOR ABOUT 10 MINUNITES. AFTER WE GOT HOME I DECIDED  
TO WRITE TO YOU ABOUT IT AND DESCRIBE SAME TO THE  
BEST OF my ABILITY. BEFORE BURNING OUT THE SMOKE MADE  
2 DIFFERENT SIGNS ABOUT 30 FEET LONG OR MORE.

1ST.



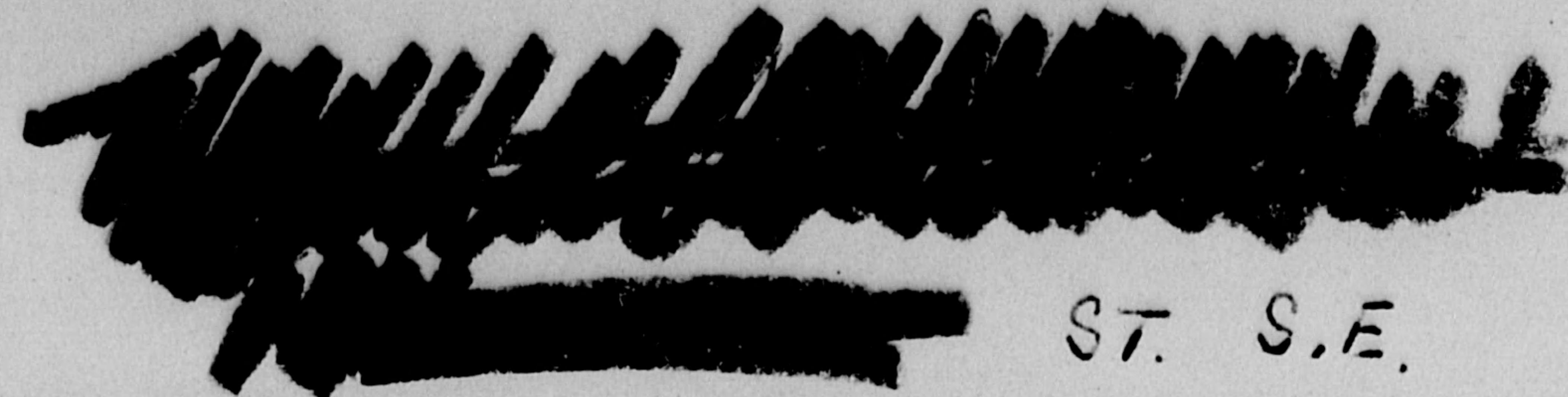
2ND.



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THE COLOR WAS A DRY RUST BROWN. THERE WAS A LOT OF SMOKE AT FIRST AND AS THE STAR BURNED OUT, THE SMOKE GOT THINNER AND THEN DISINTEGRATED.

SINCERLY



ST. S.E.

WASH. D. C.

I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE ELSE REPORTED THIS. THERE WERE TWO OR 3 AUTOMOBILES AROUND AT THE TIME.

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Wed. Sept. 27th. 1961

Washington D.C.

To: Major William T. Coleman Jr.  
U.F.O. Project Officer  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the questionnaire concerning the sighting I reported, I am returning the other form unanswered in a separate envelope. because my friend does not wish to fill it out. I have tried to fill it out exactly as I remembered it. I hope you find this information useful.

Sincerely



## 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?

17<sup>th</sup>  
SUNDAY      SEPTEMBER      1961  
 Day              Month              Year

2. Time of day: 05:00

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?

RALEIGH      NORTH      CAROLINA

Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or Country

Additional remarks: U.S. ROUTE # 1

5. How long was object in sight?

—  
 Hours

Apx. 10  
 Minutes

—  
 Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

a. Certain  
 b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure  
 d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

a. Bright  
 b. Cloudy

NIGHT

a. Bright  
 b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, 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, 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:

(Circle One):

- a. As a light
- b. Shiny
- c. Dark
- d. Don't remember

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?
- 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. Flash or flicker?
- h. Disappear and reappear? No

- |                                      |                                     |            |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't Know |
| <input type="radio"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know |
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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't Know |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, 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 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
- b. Sun glasses
- c. Windshield
- d. Window glass

- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes

- No
- No
- No
- No

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

- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- \_\_\_\_\_

- No
- No
- No
- \_\_\_\_\_

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

a. Sound NO SOUND

b. Color HIGHT BRIGHT THEN OUT - SMOKE WAS  
THE COLOR OF DRY RUST.

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.



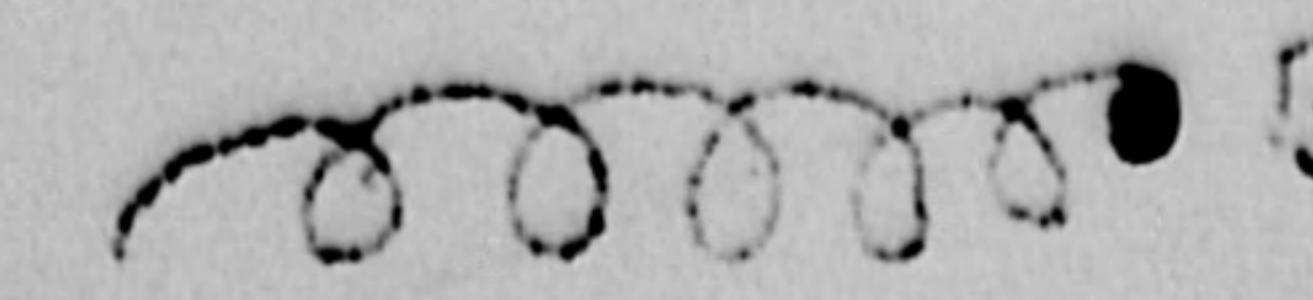
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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? ONLY ONE SMOKEING  
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.

A  B

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

OBJECT WAS THE SIZE OF A DISTANT FLASH LIGHT

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?

A. 1/3

B. 1/2

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? YES.

LIKE THE SPARK FROM A WOOD FIRE

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.

SHINY PIECE OF SILVER

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 (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?

I MADE A LEFT TURN ON ROUTE # U.S. 1 FOLLOWING  
THE HIGHWAY SIGN MARKED, RALEIGH 25 MILES AND  
SAW SMOKE IN THE SKY

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).

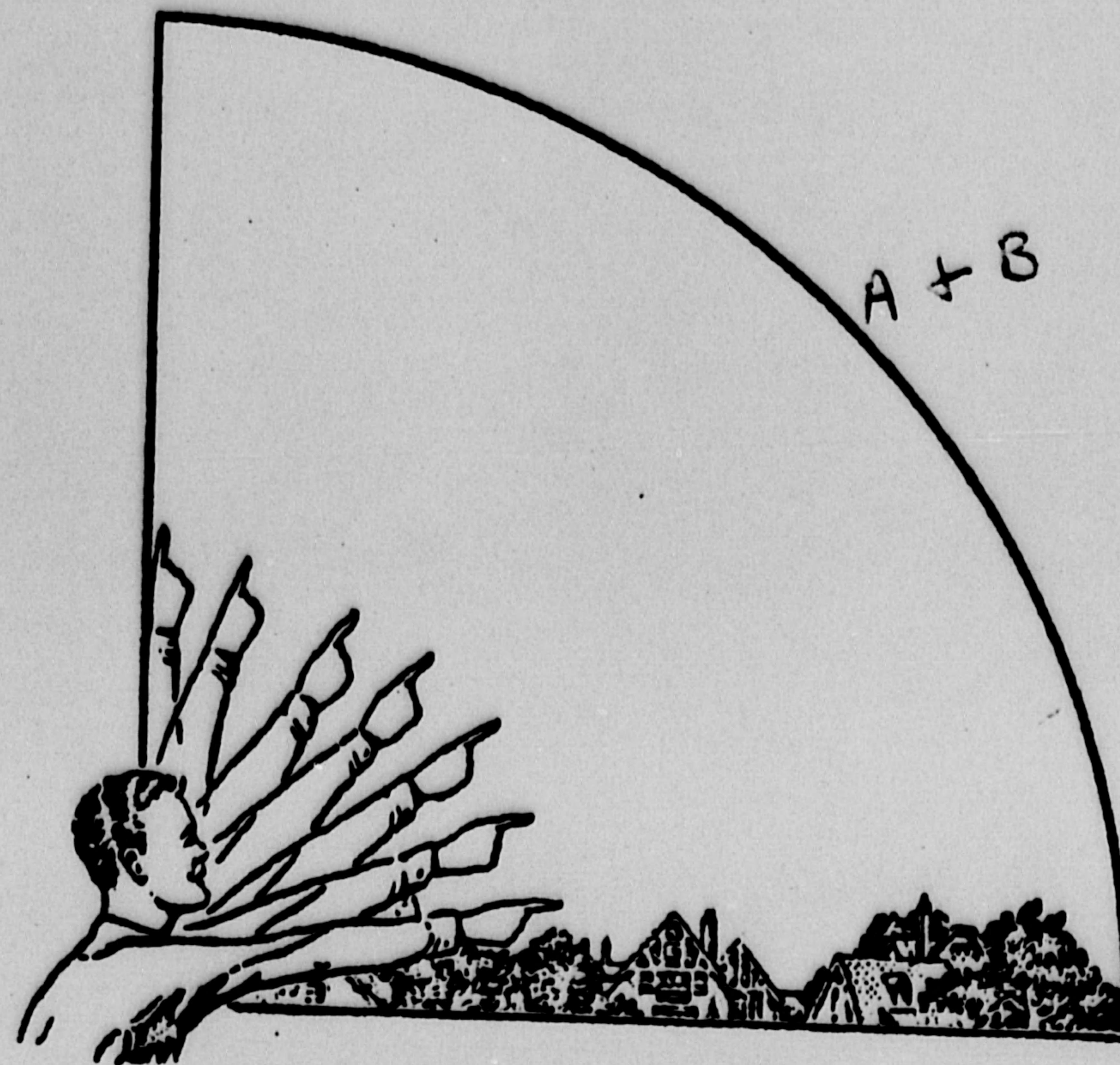
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 15° degrees.
- b. From horizon 45° degrees.

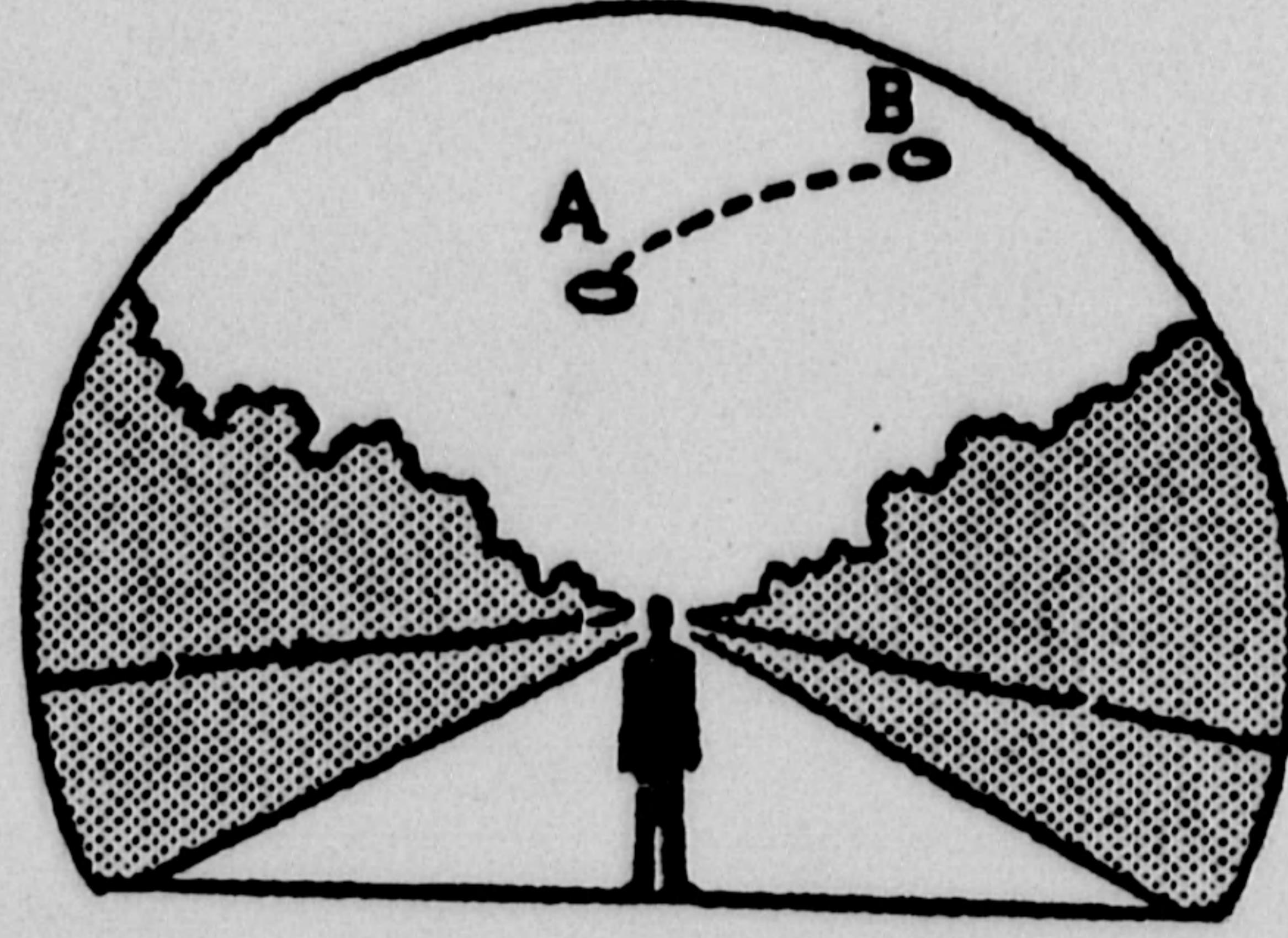
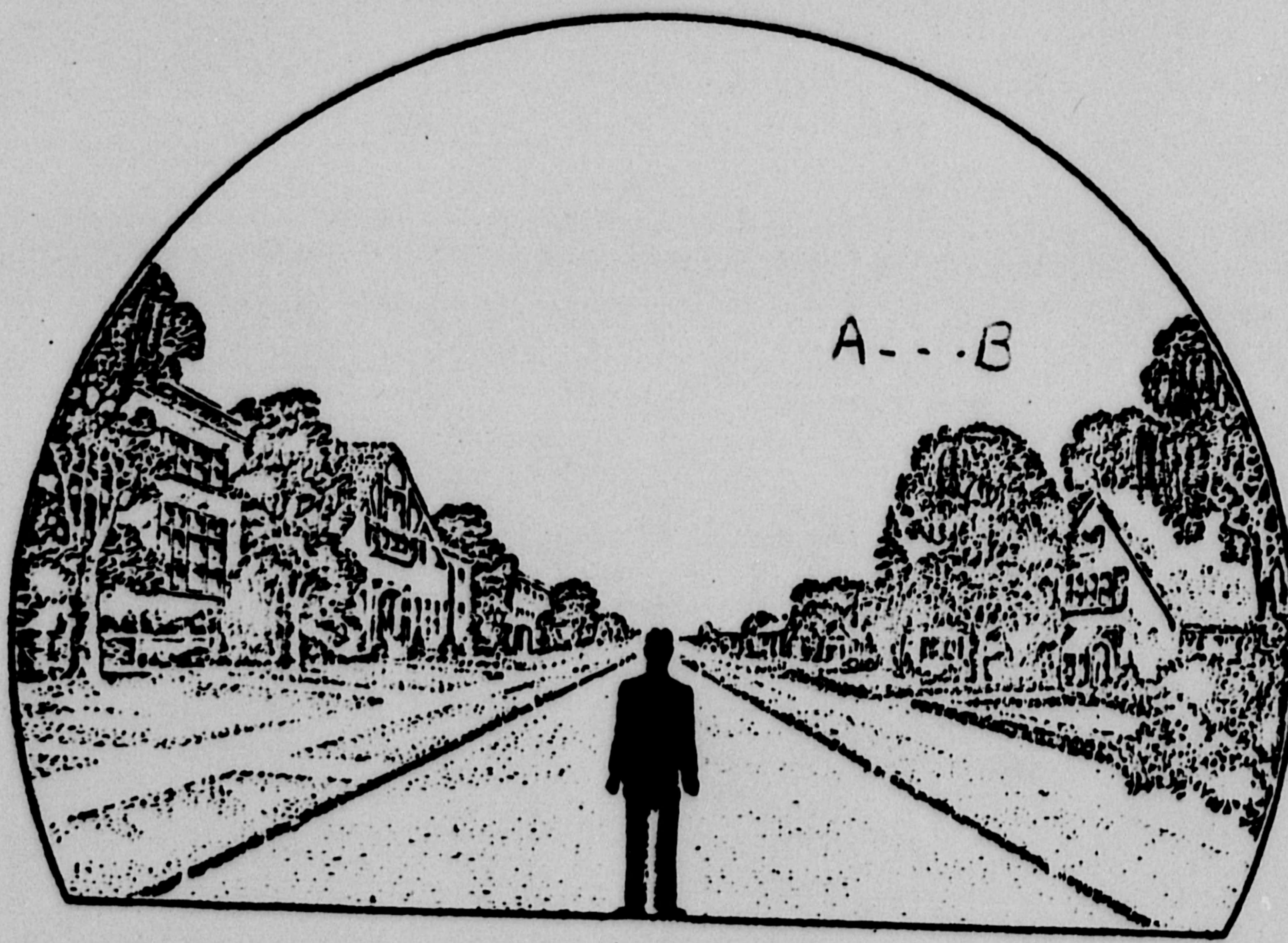
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 20° degrees.
- b. From horizon 45° 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?

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Day

Month

Year

U.S. NAVY DEPT. WASH. D.C.

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:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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?

HAVE SPOTTED SHOOTING STARS AS A KID OUT ABOARD

U.S.S. BOWERS A.F.D. 40 OFF COAST OF CUBA 1953

SEEN TWO SHOOTING STARS WHILE HEADING NORTH

FROM FLORIDA SAME DATE, ONE IN THE EAST AND ONE  
IN THE WEST.

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

I THINK THE OBJECT WAS A STAR BURNING OUT. THAT  
HAD ENDED IT'S LIFE IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_ - 15TH ST. S.E. WASH. D.C.  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Age 25 Sex MALE

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any education, which might be pertinent.

1. WAS PERSONAL CHEMIST FOR RADIOS. \_\_\_\_\_ U.S.N.
2. EMPLOYED BY POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER CO. WASH. D.C.
3. STUDY ELECTRONICS AT PRESENT TIME.
4. HAVE STUDIED RADIO, T.V.
5. LIKE TO TRAVEL

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

WED. 27TH. SEPT. 1961  
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.

**(Do Not Write in This Space)**

WHILE MAKING A LEFT TURN ON ROUTE 64, I HEALING  
NORTH TOWARDS RALEIGH, N.C., I SAW SMOKE IN THE  
SKY. AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS A FIRE, THEN A PLANE  
CRASHED AND THEN I REALIZED IT WAS A BURNING STAR  
CRASH. I ASKED MY COMPANION THE TIME AND SHE REPLIED  
IT IS 5 O'CLOCK. I SAW THIS AND WILL BE REPORTED.  
SHE ASKED ME WHAT IT WAS AND I REPLIED THAT  
I THOUGHT IT WAS A STAR BURNING OUT. AND ASKED  
IF SHE WANTED TO WATCH IT, AND SHE SAID YES.  
WE WATCHED FOR APT. 10 MIN. AT FIRST IT MADE  
THE SIGN OF A QUESTION MARK AND THEN THE  
SIGN LIKE THE SIDE OF A GIRL'S FACE. THE  
SMOKE DISAPPEARED AND WE LEFT. AS THE SMOKE  
WAS LEAVING A LIGHT BEGAN TO SHINE AT THE  
TOP WHICH I ASSUMED TO BE THE SUN  
RISING.