

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

1. DATE <i>Dec</i> 29 <del>███</del> 61	2. LOCATION Bartlett, Illinois	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Contrails. <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <i>27/2255Z</i> GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Min
8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE N	10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observation of elongated object like cloud appearing as solid, Appeared stationary broke into parts, gave off smoke, flickered, solid light, golden similar to red-gold sunset. Described as two foot long gleaming orange red banner with two balls dropping off end of it. Observation as sun was setting in SW moved toward the NW and at times pieces dropped off.
		11. COMMENTS Observation of a cloudlike object that disipated was made toward setting sun. Color of cloud with sun shining on it. Witness' description of sighting fits with observation of a/c contrail and case listed as such.

Bartlett, Illinois  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1962

U. F. O.  
U. S. A. F.,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen;

Would you please mail me an up to date pamphlet on the "Unidentified Flying Objects" subject?

The reason for this request being that I, and my two children, along with a neighboring family, witnessed just such an occurrence last Friday afternoon, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. in the Western sky, from our window.

It resembled a blazing red beam of light, about two feet long, (from this distance) with a small silver object reflecting in the sunset. The longer we watched, it seemed to slowly move Northwest in direction, then it dropped a red ball off one end, toward the ground, and it lit along side a factory, and we saw the snow and smoke arise and continue smoking for 15 minutes.

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We kept wondering what this could be. Meanwhile the long flying object kept moving north, and then the second "ball of fire" started for the earth this was when I went to our phone and called the Police - for I believed they may be up wherever this landed.

The children and I were naturally frightened as I had heard vaguely somewhere of these things occurring in the atmosphere. I never thought I would witness anything such as this.

The Police drove in the direction where the smoke was rising, but never came back to inform me of what they actually found.

Could this have been a piece from a crater? Or a part left floating in the atmosphere from the many rockets put into space? Or part of another planet?

Please forgive as I am still left to wonder just what this could have been. It actually occurred - Thank you.

MRS.

[REDACTED]

9 Bartlett, Illinois

10 January 1962

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Your recent letter concerning an unidentified flying object has been received.

From the information furnished, it is not possible to state what the object was. I have enclosed three copies of our standard questionnaire. Request you complete one of these and have other witnesses complete the remaining copies.

If possible, try to determine what your local police were able to learn as a result of your call. You might also determine if the fire and smoke near the factory was a result of your observation.

Your interest in reporting this sighting is appreciated. Please forward the completed questionnaires in the enclosed pre-addressed envelopes. No postage is required.

Sincerely,

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

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Bartlett, Illinois

# 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?  <u>29<sup>th</sup></u> <u>December</u> <u>1961</u>	2. Time of day: <u>4:55</u> P.M. Hour <u>4</u> Minutes <u>55</u> (Circle One): A.M. or P.M. <u>P.M.</u>
3. Time Zone: (Circle One): a. Eastern <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Central c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other	(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Standard
4. Where were you when you saw the object?  <u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Bartlett</u> Nearest Postal Address, City or Town <u>Illinois</u> State or Country
Additional remarks: <u>looking out my living room window facing West</u>	
5. How long was object in sight?  5.1 How was time in sight determined? (at sunset time.)	<u>10</u> Hours <u>10</u> Minutes <u>00</u> Seconds at sunset time.
a. Certain <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Fairly certain	c. Not very sure d. Just a guess
6. What was the condition of the sky?  DAY <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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?

Yes

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?

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

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

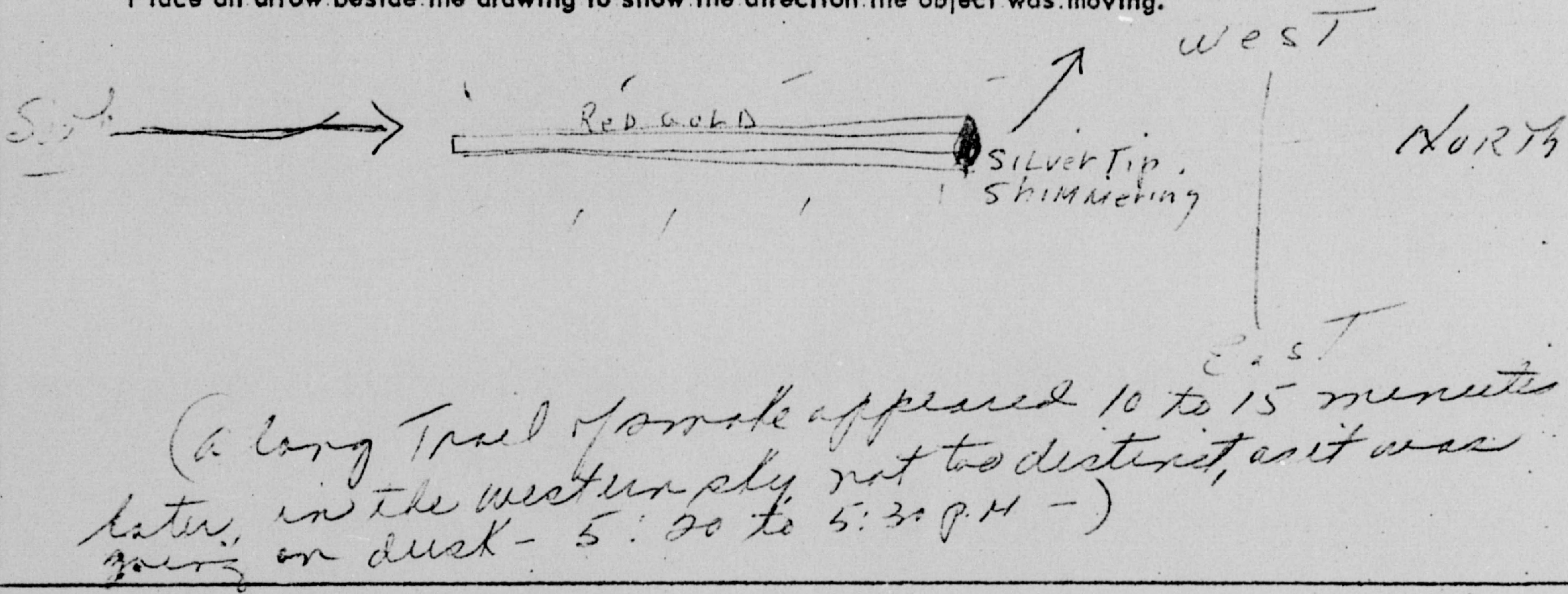
outdoors, also.

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

a. Sound No sound

b. Color Similar to red-gold sunset.

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

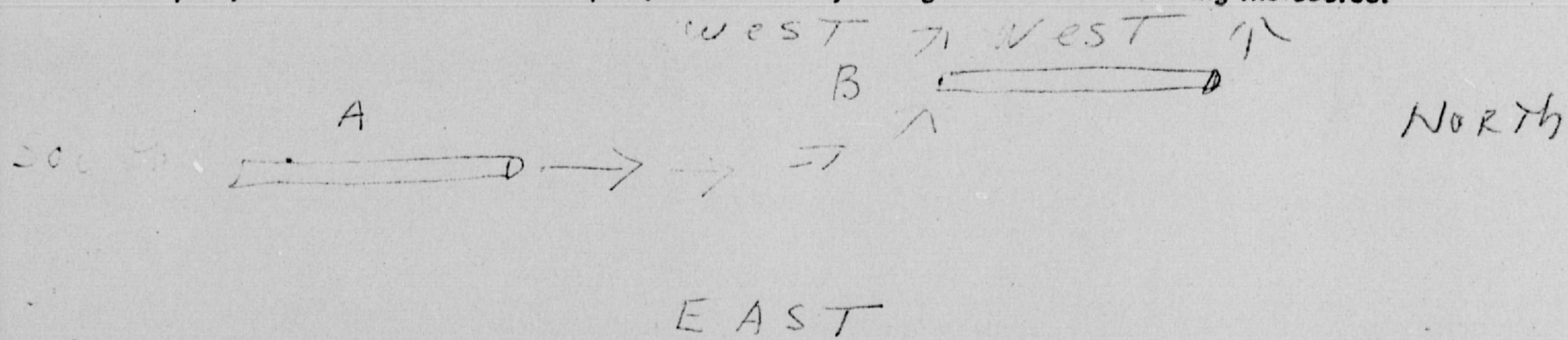
e. Other an object, clearly defined.

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

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?

about the length of 2 or 3, 1/2" rulers.

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?

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? After the second ball of flame slowly descended it (the object) receded slowly into the atmosphere staying like fading away into the distance.

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.

a two foot long, gleaming orange-red banner, with eventually, the two orange-red circular balls dropping off the South-end of it, later on.

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 In my house, in

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

He soon was sitting, and Davies arranged the  
luncheon-room drapes, which looked out the  
open door, when Don feels the <sup>10</sup> length of the steps,

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
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- 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
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. Northwest
- h. Overhead

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. Northwest
- h. 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).

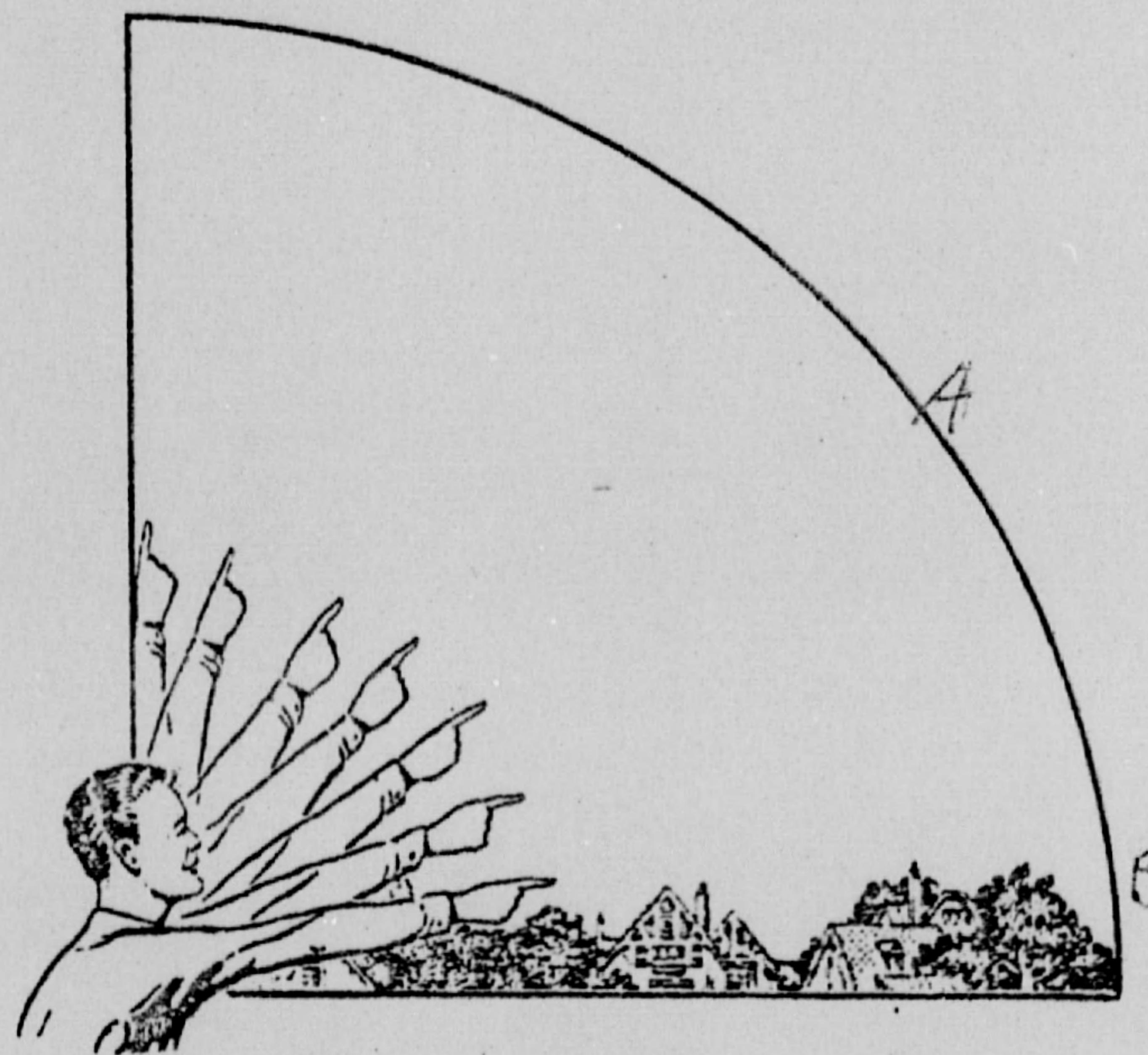
### 31.1 When it first appeared:

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

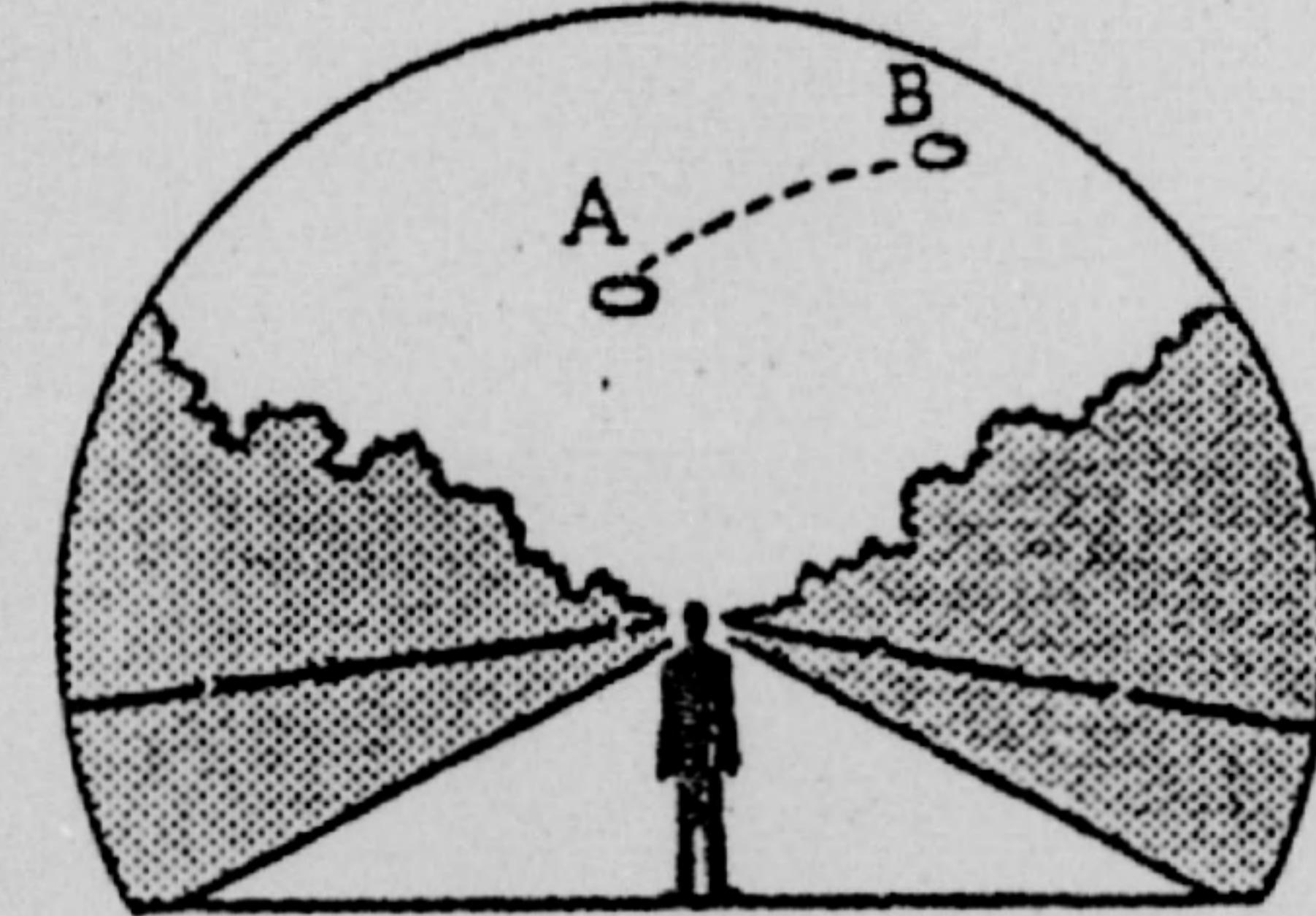
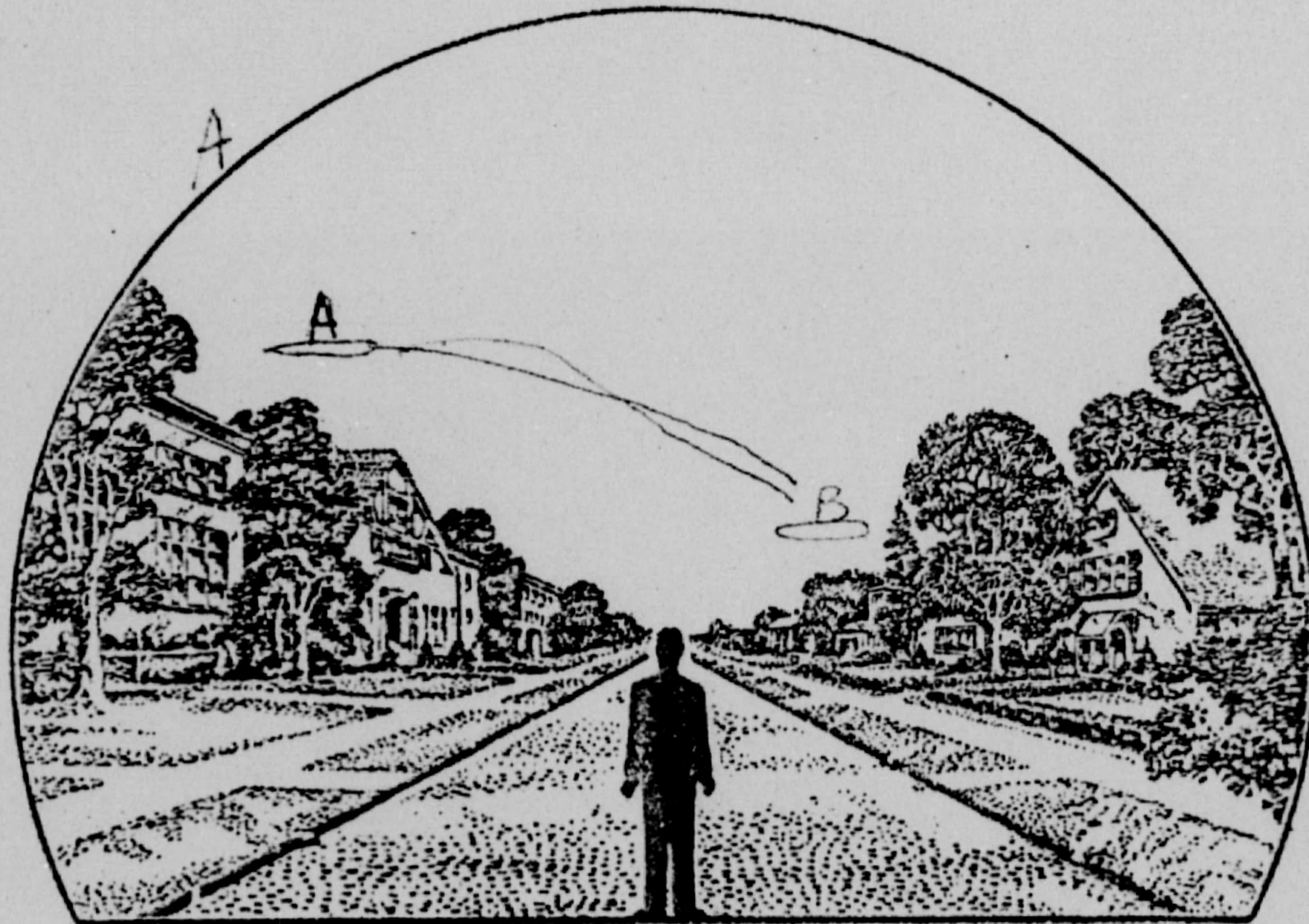
### 31.2 When it disappeared:

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?

29                    December                    1961  
Day                    Month                    Year

at 5 P.M.  
-Harold P. Pollicard  
and Neighbor.

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

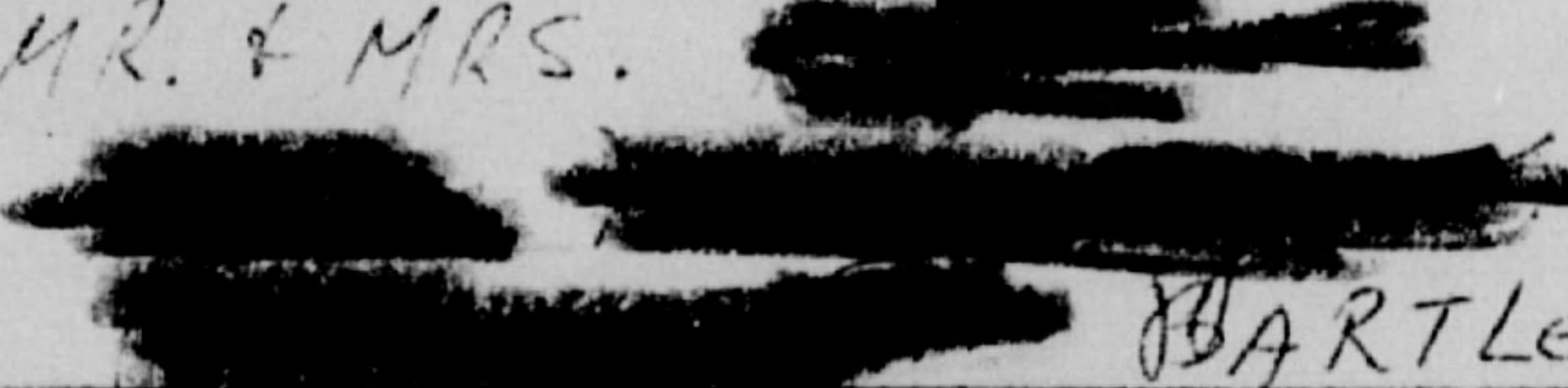
(Circle One)     Yes    No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One)     Yes    No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

MR. & MRS.

  
BARTLETT, ILL.

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 feel it may have been something, or a part  
from a rocket, or from something in outer space.  
However, the silver-disc reflection, <sup>by</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>in</sup> miles we believe it  
was man-made.

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? 20 miles an hr. (from my horizon)

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? 3 miles

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Age 46 yrs. Sex Female

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

Just the average educational background,  
12 years schooling.  
And mother and housewife.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

15<sup>th</sup>  
Day

JANUARY  
Month

1962  
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)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

DATE Jan. 15 1962

(Do Not Write in This Space)  
CODE:

In this particular winter afternoon (it happened to be a Friday, Dec. 29, 1961) while straightening up my living-room and as the sun was setting and going down in the West, I looked out my window and noticed the bright sunset. I commented to my children, at the brightness of it, then I noticed at a small distance toward the North-end of this sunset, a separate piece as though apart, were slowly moving northward - my son noticed a silver reflection as I did at the North end of the object, and I said I wondered if it was a plane afire (But it didn't fall to earth). So as it glided along the atmosphere

a circular ball of fire drop from the south end and start for the ground - It came down just barely in view and I could see the grey smoke and clouds of this rise up from the ground under it but. Who should I phone? First I was told the fire-dept. I said I would wait, maybe we imagined it! Then, <sup>as we looked out</sup> another ball of fire started for the ground then the children became frightened and I said, "I'll phone the Police" - after calling the local Police I phoned my neighbor who lives back of my home (as she is north of our home) and as she looked out her kitchen window she called her husband to see it. They both saw it and by this time the "biggest main object" had started to fade away into the sky, moving westward.

I ran over to visit personally with these people and as we discussed this alarming episode her husband Mr. [REDACTED] said that then 5:25 P.M., as it grew dark, there was a long trail of smoke in the exact location as when we saw the object, 10 minutes earlier, on the sky. I did not see either the second ball of fire come down. However the Police never came back to report what they found;

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Mr. [REDACTED] drove over to the Police Station that evening and said the Police informed him that where this came down (the ball office) was in the next County, and out of their jurisdiction. —

Hence we never did learn the finding of where this hit; or just what it could have been.

I am mainly concerned, due to the safety and welfare of my children and all the other women and children in our community who could suffer due to neglect of alertness on anyone's part. Especially if we want to defend our country and Keep it Safe.

I never witnessed anything like this before, — (just the Eclipse of the Moon—.)

Very Truly yours,

Mrs. [REDACTED]

EVANS, Mrs David

U F O ANALYSIS SHEET

DATE 29 December, 1961

LOCATION Bartlett, Illinois

DATE TIME GROUP LOCAL

GMT 2255Z

PHOTO YES XX NO

PHYSICAL SPECIMEN YES XX NO

SOURCE MILITARY        CIVILIAN XX

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes

NUMBER OF OBJECTS One COURSE North

SATELLITE:        IN ORBIT:        VERIFY YES:        NO:        DECAY:        No

ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA No

METEOR       

STAR OR PLANET       

OTHER       

AIRCRAFT No

BALLOON No

INSUFFICIENT DATA No

OTHER Contrails

REFLECTION        INVERSION PRESENT        PHOTO ANALYSIS       

SUN DOG        LENTICULAR CLOUD        PHYSICAL SPECIMEN ANALYSIS       

BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING:

Observation of elongated object like cloud appearing as solid. ~~Object~~ appeared stationary, broke into parts, gave off smoke, flickered, ~~appeared~~ solid light, no sound ~~and~~ ~~was~~ golden similar to ~~a~~ red-gold sunset. Described as ~~a~~ two foot long gleaming orange red banner with two balls dropping off ~~the~~ end of it. Observation as sun was setting in ~~the direction of~~ ~~Southwest~~. ~~Object~~ moved toward the ~~Northwest~~ and at times pieces of ~~the object~~ dropped off.

EVALUATION: CASE CATEGORY: Other (Condensation trails)

CONCLUSION: of a cloudlike object that disipated.

Observation was made toward ~~the~~ setting sun of a cloudlike object that disipated. Color of cloud with ~~the~~ sun shining on it. Witness' description of sighting fits with observation of A/C contrail and case listed as such.

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