

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <i>Dec</i> 29 <del>SEP</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	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <i>21</i> 2255Z		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 Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE N	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observation of enlongated 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 disapated 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.	



Barth, 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 large blazing 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 help 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 write me as I am still left to wonder just what this could have been. It actually occurred - Thank you.

MRS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ill.

% 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?

29<sup>th</sup> December 1961  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 4:55 P.M.  
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?

[REDACTED] Bartlett Illinois  
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: Looking out my living-room window facing West

5. How long was object in sight?

10  
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined? (at sunset time.)

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?

*yes*

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |   |                                      |                                     |                                  |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No            | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No            | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No            | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| f. Change shape?                                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| g. Flash or flicker?                            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No            | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> 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                                    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | e. Binoculars | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| b. Sun glasses                                   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | f. Telescope  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| c. Windshield                                    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> d. Window glass | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | h. Other      | <i>out doors, also.</i>              |                          |

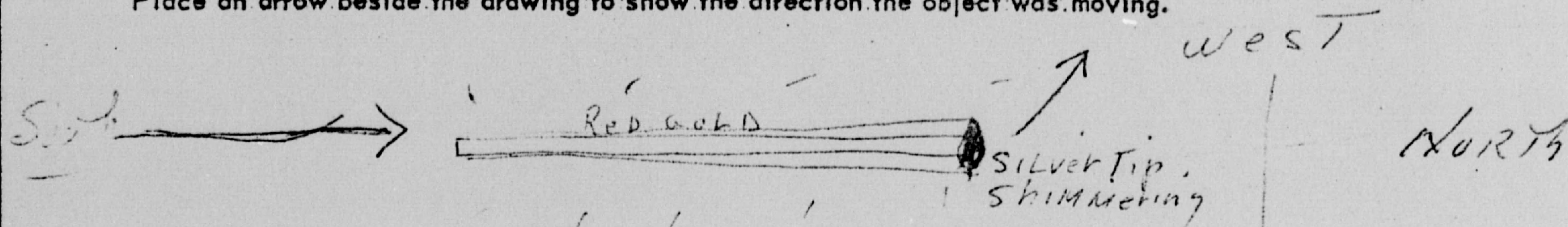


16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

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.



(A long trail of smoke appeared 10 to 15 minutes later, in the western sky, not too distinct, as it was going on dusk - 5:20 to 5:30 P.M. -)

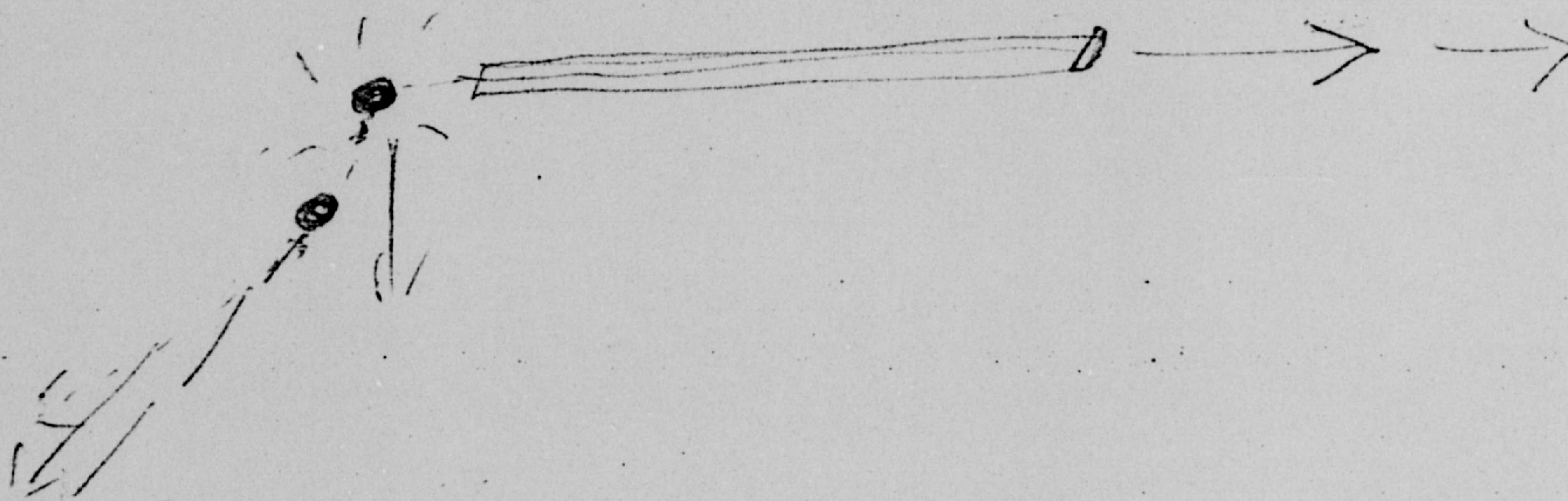
18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
  - b. Like a bright star
  - c. Sharply outlined
  - d. Don't remember

e. Other an object, clearly defined.

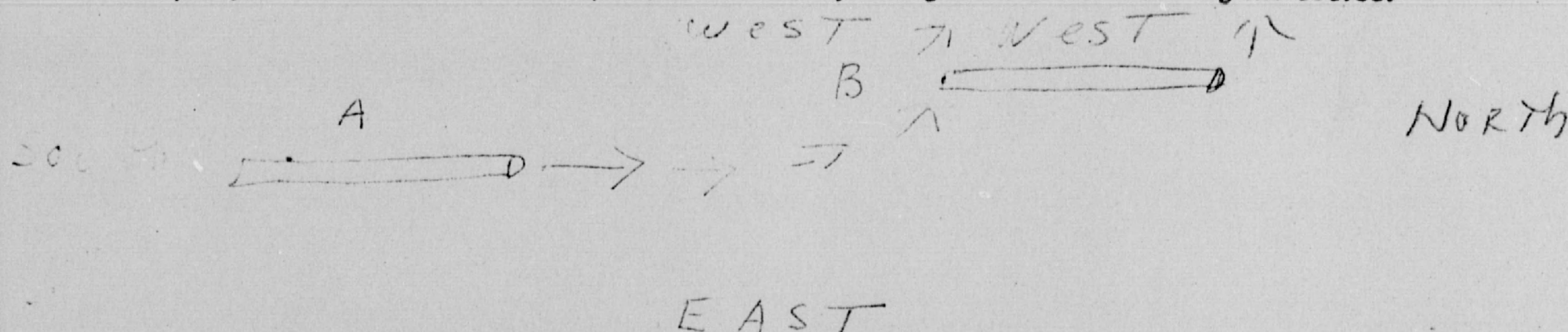
19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 2 Small Pieces or circles

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 westward sky - 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? ~~X~~
- d. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other In my house, in a suburb

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

*The sun was setting, and I was arranging the living-room drapes while looking out the window when I noticed this lengthy streak 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 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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     | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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:

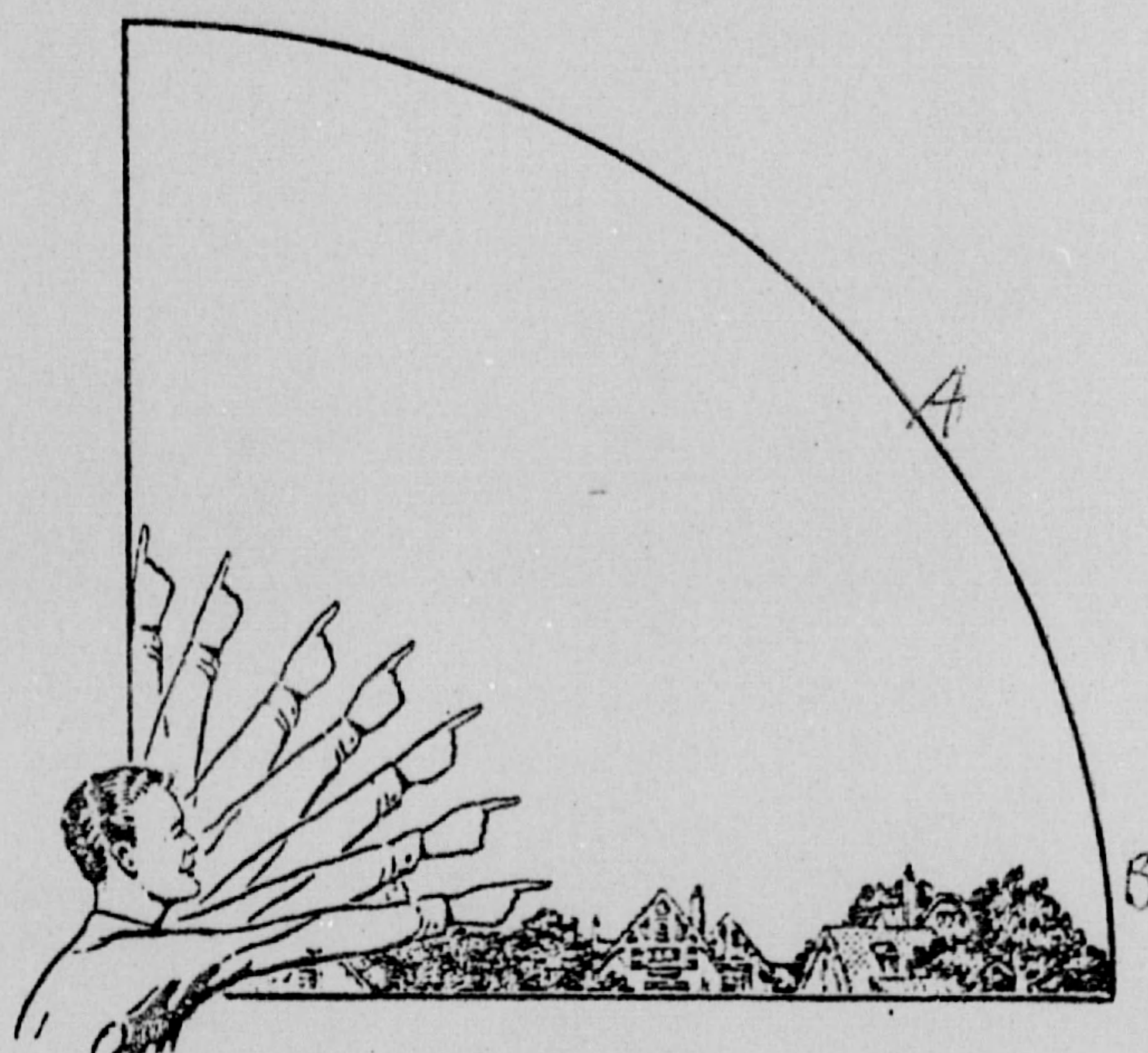
- a. From true North \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.
- b. From horizon \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

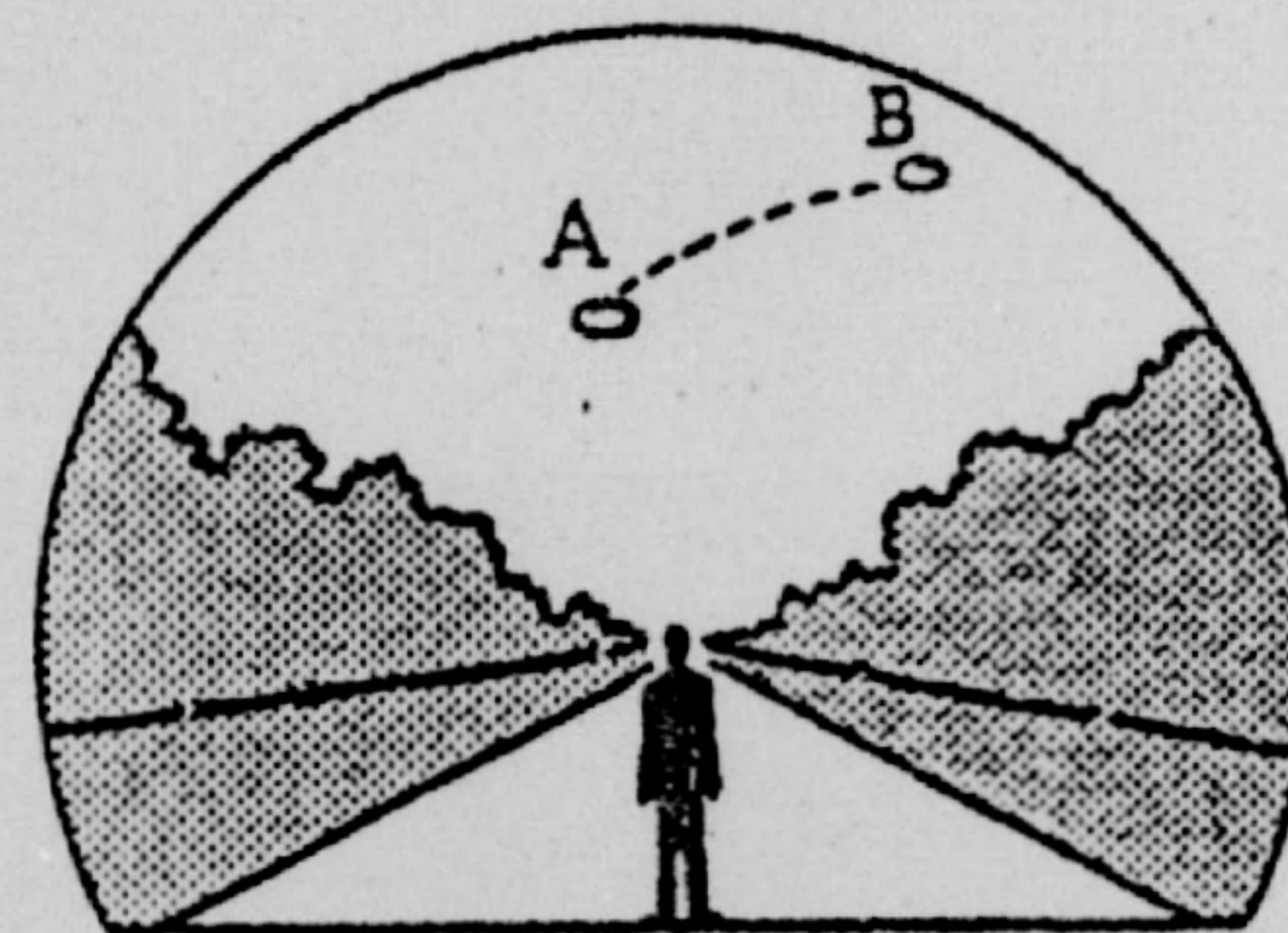
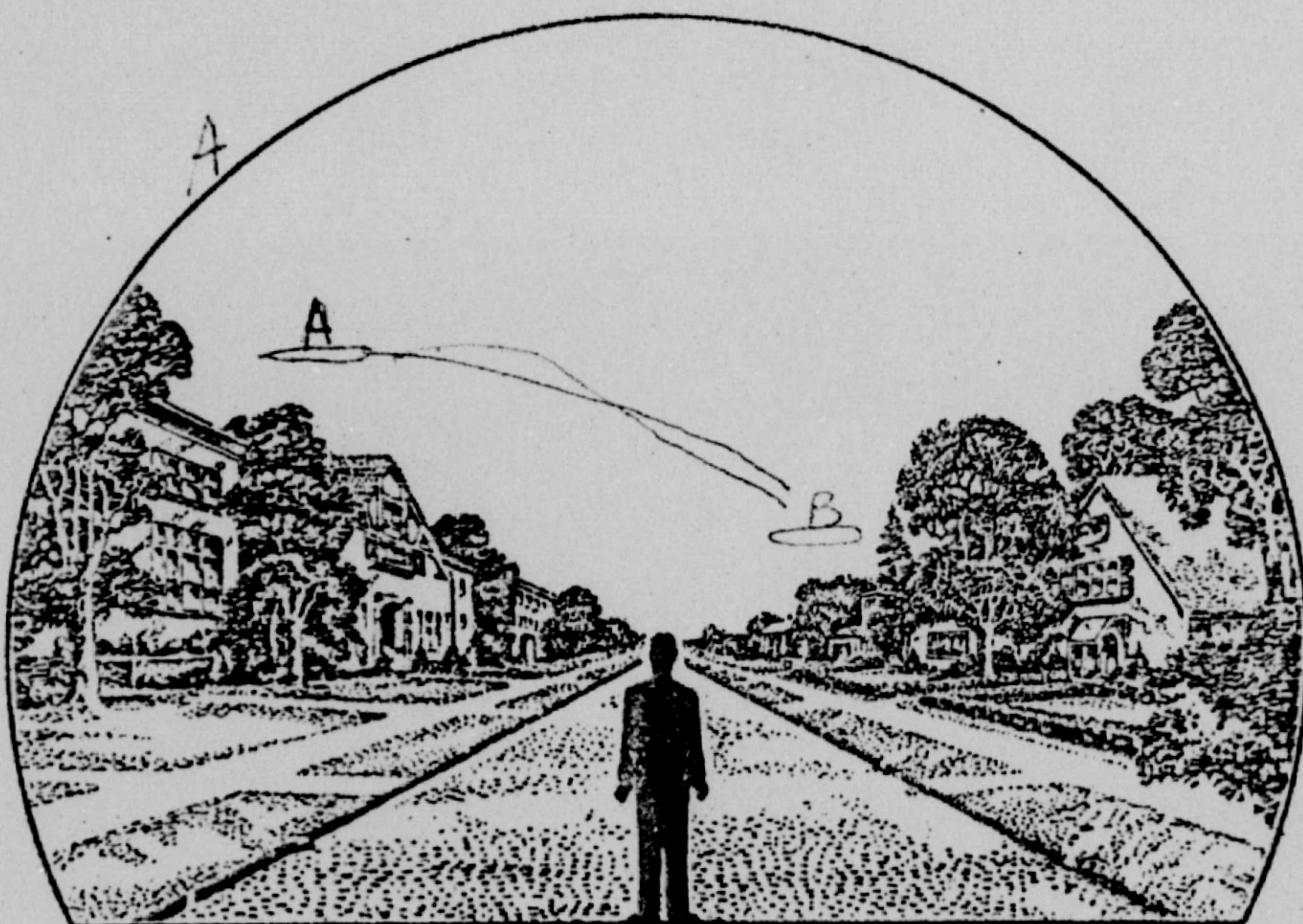
- a. From true North \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.
- b. From horizon \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.



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?

29

Day

December

Month

1961

Year

at 5 P.M.  
Hansover Pk. Police and  
are 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. [REDACTED]

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 sun-disk reflection <sup>by the end</sup> makes me 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 home in distance)

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

[REDACTED]  
Last Name

[REDACTED]  
First Name

[REDACTED]  
Middle Name

ADDRESS

[REDACTED]  
Street

[REDACTED]  
City

[REDACTED]  
Zone

BARTLETT, ILLINOIS  
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

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.  
Am a 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

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Mar. 15, 1962

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 after (But it didn't fall to earth). So, as it glided along we witnessed



a circular ball of fire drop from the south end and start flat 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 where it hit. 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 again</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 (~~left~~ <sup>as</sup> 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 "big thing" had started to fade away into the sky, moving westward.

I ran over to visit personally with these people and as we discussed this <sup>planning episode</sup> her husband ~~Mr. [redacted]~~ said that there 5:25 P.M. as it grew dusk there was a long Trail of smoke in the exact location as when we saw the object, 10 minutes earlier, in the sky. I did not see where the second ball of fire came down. However the Police never came back to report what they found! (over)



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

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

I am mainly concerned, due to  
the safety and well fare 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 met needed anything like this  
before, — (just the Eclipse of the Moon —)

Very Truly yours,

Mrs. [redacted]



## U F O ANALYSIS SHEET

DATE 29 December, 1961 LOCATION Bartlett, Illinois  
 DATE TIME GROUP LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_ GMT 2255Z  
 PHOTO YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO XX PHYSICAL SPECIMEN YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO XX  
 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 enlongated object like cloud appearing as solid. ~~Object~~ appeared stationary broke into parts, gave off smoke, flickered, ~~appeared as 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 <sup>SW</sup>direction of ~~Southwest~~. ~~Object~~ moved toward the <sup>NW</sup>northwest and at times pieces of the object dropped off.

EVALUATION: CASE CATEGORY: Other (Condensation trails)

CONCLUSION: a cloudlike object that disapated.

Observation was made toward ~~the~~ setting sun of a cloudlike object that disapated. 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.

*a/c*