

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 September 1962	2. LOCATION Madisonville, Kentucky	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, Spider Gossamer <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 11/1430Z 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 1 hour 30 minutes
8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS multiple	9. COURSE falling	10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Substance falling from atmosphere with appearance of spun glass. Fiber like substance in great quantity. Under observation from 0930 until 1100 local. Gassamer floating with 15 mph wind.
11. COMMENTS Migrating spiders observed by biology students and professors at local institutions. Witness recontacted and confirmed presence of spiders with particles of gossamer.		

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KENTUCKY STATE POLICE
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MEMORANDUM

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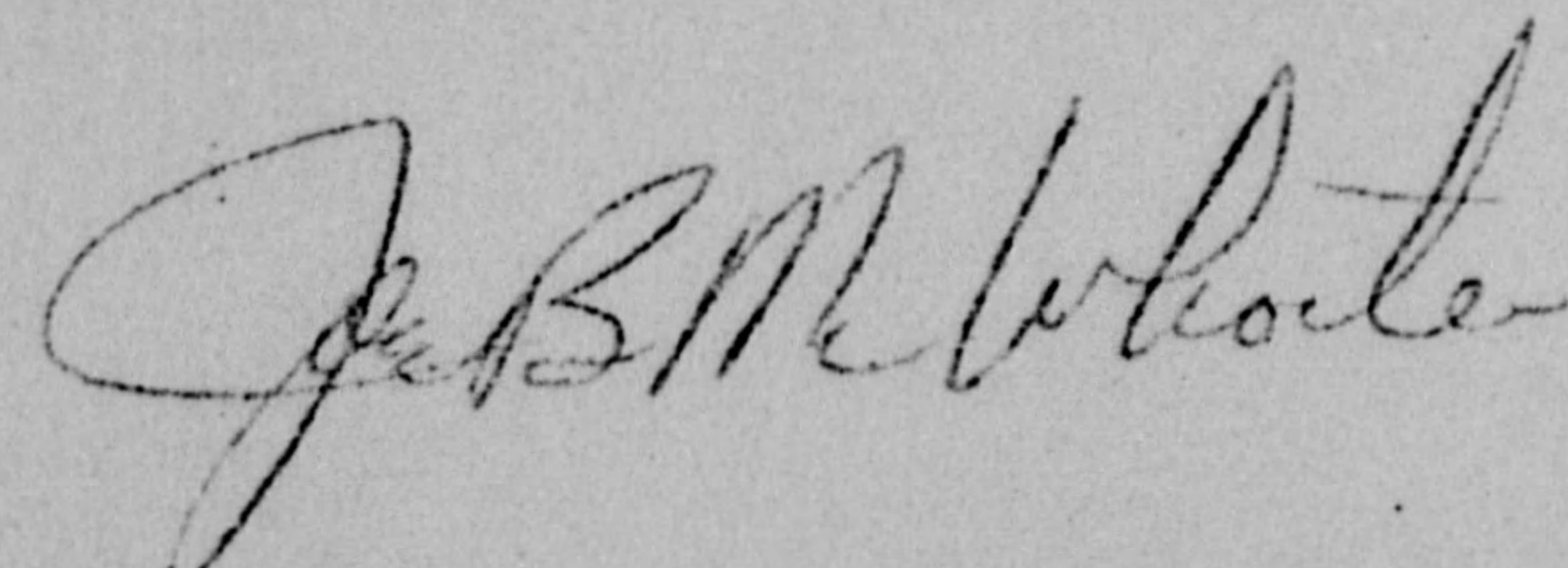
TO: Commander, Post Two
FROM: Trooper Joe B. McWhorter
SUBJECT: Incident Report Concerning Substance Falling From Atmosphere

On September 11, 1962 this unit was dispatched by KIB 854 to a point one mile north of Sebree, Ky. at residence of [REDACTED]. It was reported a substance falling from the atmosphere that appeared to be spun glass or fiber like substance in a great quantity. On arrival Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] showed this unit the substance still falling and they had observed this from 0930 till 1100 hours when this unit was called. Several agencies were contacted and the Civil Defense Director of Henderson, Ky. said a similar report was received about two years ago in Henderson, Ky. and was reported to Air Force Intelligence at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

On contacting Col. Friend, Wright-Patterson AFB, he advised there were three possible answers: 1. Cloud-seeding after effects 2. Chemical plant whose filter had become defective 3. Gossamer formed by migrating spiders.

On contacting several biology instructors after checking out possibilities #1 and #2, it was learned that this was migrating season for such ballooning spiders and had been observed by students and instructors alike as well as this unit. On re-contacting Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] of Sebree, Ky. they recalled spiders clinging to the different pieces of gossamer but not all parts or pieces that seemed to float with the 15 MPH ground wind.

It is the belief of this unit the substance observed was gossamer formed by huge quantities of migrating spiders moving which is normal for this season.



Joe B. McWhorter, Trooper, Unit 225

cc: Col. Friend
Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

Att: T.D.E.

1st Atg. R.F. McWhorter
September 14, 1962

One of the most recent reports of angel hair came from Sebree, Kentucky, on September 11, 1962, when state police and the local Civil Defense director were called in to investigate a strange substance that looked like spun glass, which had been floating down near the residence of Mr. Y in great quantities for more than an hour. The Air Force, when called for advice, suggested three possibilities: the material might be chemicals used in cloud seeding, might be refuse from a defective filter in a chemical or industrial plant, or might be gossamer formed by migrating spiders. The first two possibilities were quickly ruled out. The witnesses, when requestioned, remembered that they had indeed noticed spiders clinging to several bits of the material they had picked up. The troopers' report concluded, "It is the belief of this unit the substance observed was gossamer formed by huge quantities of migrating spiders moving, which is normal for this season."

The yearly migration of spiders and sloughing of gossamer is an established fact. As an explanation of angel hair it is far less fantastic than a still hypothetical cruising spaceship.

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?

11

Day

SEPT

Month

62

Year

FTD

Year

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:

MANY OTHER WITNESSES

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?

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

(Circle One)

Yes

No

(WIND SPEED)

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 15 MPH

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

KENTUCKY STATE POLICE, MADISONVILLE, KY.

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Age

Sex

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

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

Year

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?	2. Time of day:		
<u>11</u> Day	<u>07</u> Hour		
<u>SEPT</u> Month	<u>30</u> Minutes		
<u>62</u> Year	(Circle One): <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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? <u>Madisonville</u> Nearest Postal Address	<u>KY.</u> City or Town	State or Country	
Additional remarks: _____			
5. How long was object in sight?	<u>1</u> Hours	<u>30</u> Minutes	<u>—</u> Seconds
5.1 How was time in sight determined?			
a. Certain	c. Not very sure		
b. Fairly certain	d. Just a guess		
6. What was the condition of the sky?			
DAY	NIGHT		
a. Bright	a. Bright		
b. Cloudy	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

maybe

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars?

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any 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. Flash or flicker?	Yes	No	Don't Know
h. Disappear and reappear?	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 No

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

Yes No
Yes No
Yes No

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

a. Sound None

b. Color WHITE

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.

25 - 30' long

THREADS

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?

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.

Dense.

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

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?

YES - MOVED OUT OF SIGHT

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.

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?

CALLED AND WENT OUT
TO INVESTIGATE

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).

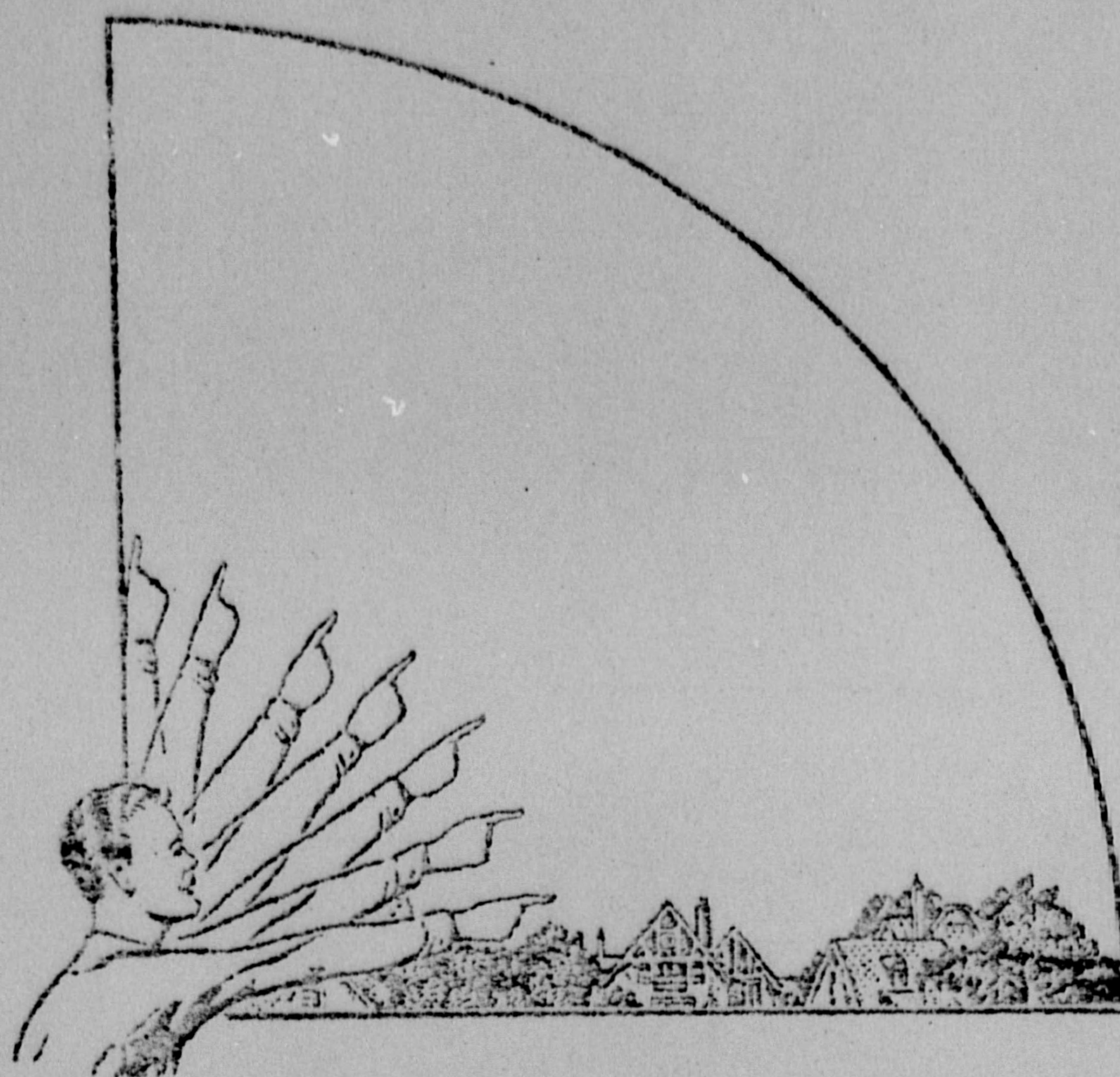
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 90° degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 270° 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.

