

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 July 65 26/0215Z	2. LOCATION Castalia, Ohio
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX UNIDENTIFIED XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX On 24 Aug Dr Hynek contacted the witness by telephone. Object NOT likely to be a meteor. Regards case as not presently explainable in terms of meteor. Case UNIDENTIFIED and
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Further data and consideration. Bright blue light brighter than Vega but not as bright as Venus in flight through more than 90 degrees of arc. Duration 10-15 seconds. Object glowed.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 1/2 - 15 Seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

Dearborn Observatory
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois
24 August 1965

[REDACTED]
Castalia, Ohio

Dear [REDACTED],

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Request that you complete the attached FTD Forms 164
and return them in the envelopes provided. Request that
one copy be sent to Evanston, Illinois and the other
to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Your interest in the unidentified flying object program
is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr J ALLEN HYMER

Project Blue Book
Attn: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover (PB)
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D.C.

July 26, 1965

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Just tried now
and now

Blind

Waver before 2 sec.

B. L. ...
...
...
...

Thank you,
[Redacted]
Catalina,

Very
sincerely
and best

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Castro, J. H.
July 26, 1965

Subject Blue Book
in L. A. F. / S. A. F. - 02 PB)
in Pentagon
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B. Green
Robert
1969

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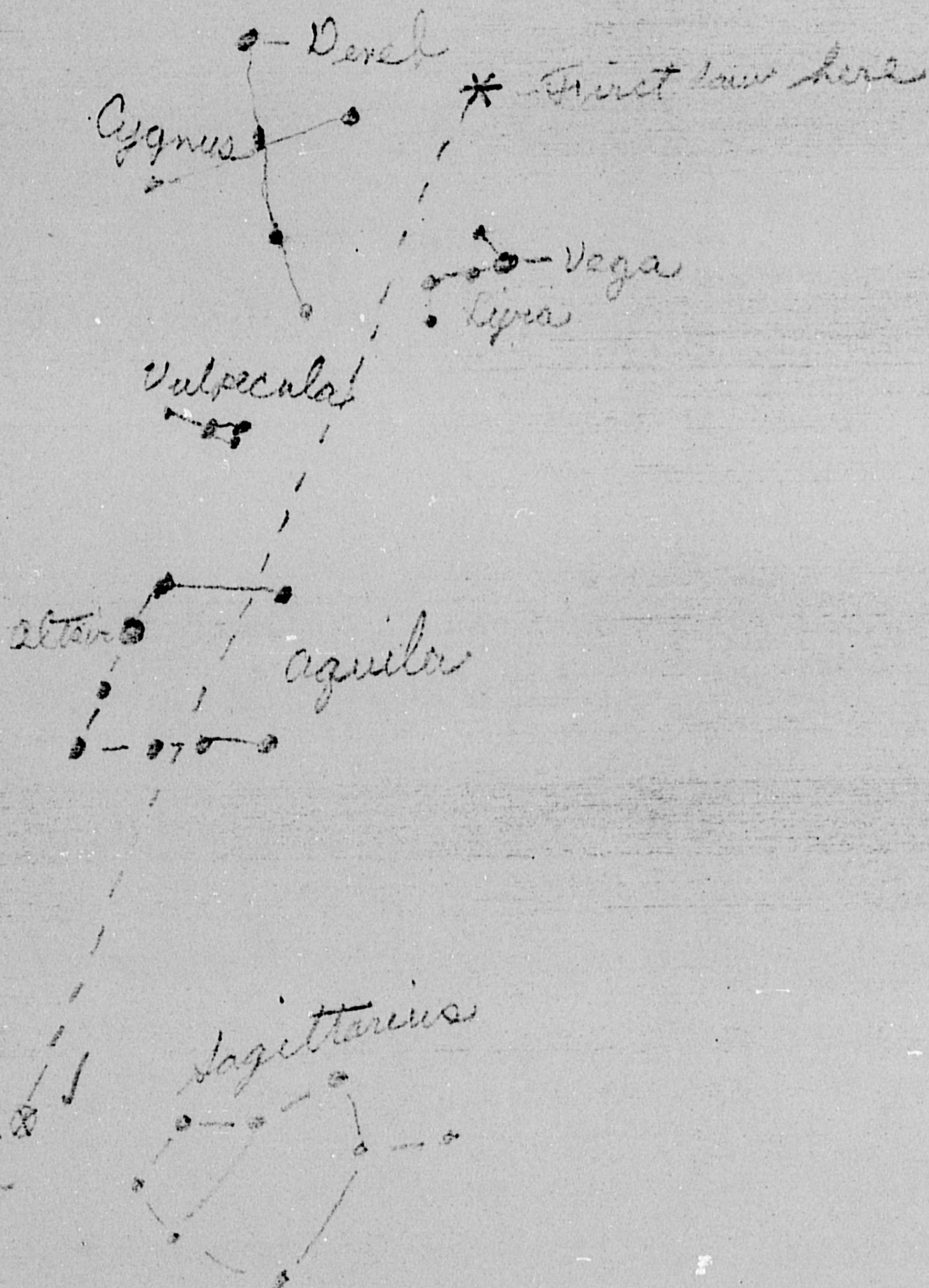
FIG #1

Fig 1
This is true diameter (and shape)
of the object with
glow

Fig 2

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E



^{Outline}
Date - July 25, 1965

Location - Castalia, Ohio, U.S.A.

Time - 9:15 C.S.T.

Type of Observ. - Ground - Visual

Photos - No Camera

Source - Civilian

Length of Observ. 10-15 sec.

Number of Obj. - 1

Course - S.E.

Brief Summary -

Bright disk object going S.E., for a star airplane stopped and
disappeared

No Clouds

No Wind

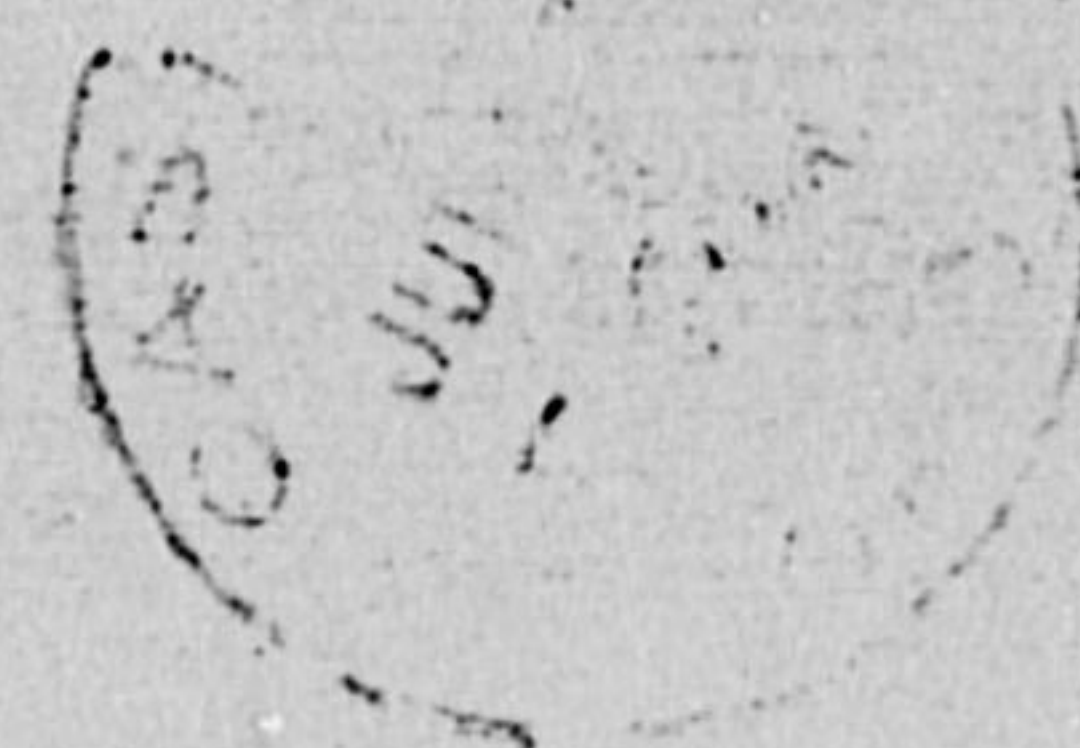
Few dust particles in sky shown by very limited blinking of stars

Color - Blue - white

~~Castalia, Ohio~~
Castalia, Ohio



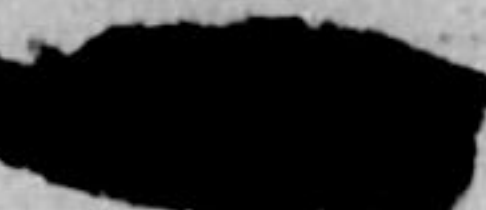
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Summary

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U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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. 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?

24 July 1965
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 9 16
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 Address]
Nearest Postal Address

Cantabria
City or Town

Ohio, Erie County
State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

— — 10
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Estimation

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No _____

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. 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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

Not quite as bright as moon,

12. 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 _____

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

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

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

Yes, the object stopped, started to fade, then got brighter and then disappeared.

15. 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: _____

16. 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: _____

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound There was no sound.

b. Color Bright White

18. 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?

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19. 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.



20. 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? _____

21. 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? _____

22. 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 _____

23. 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 _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

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

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No

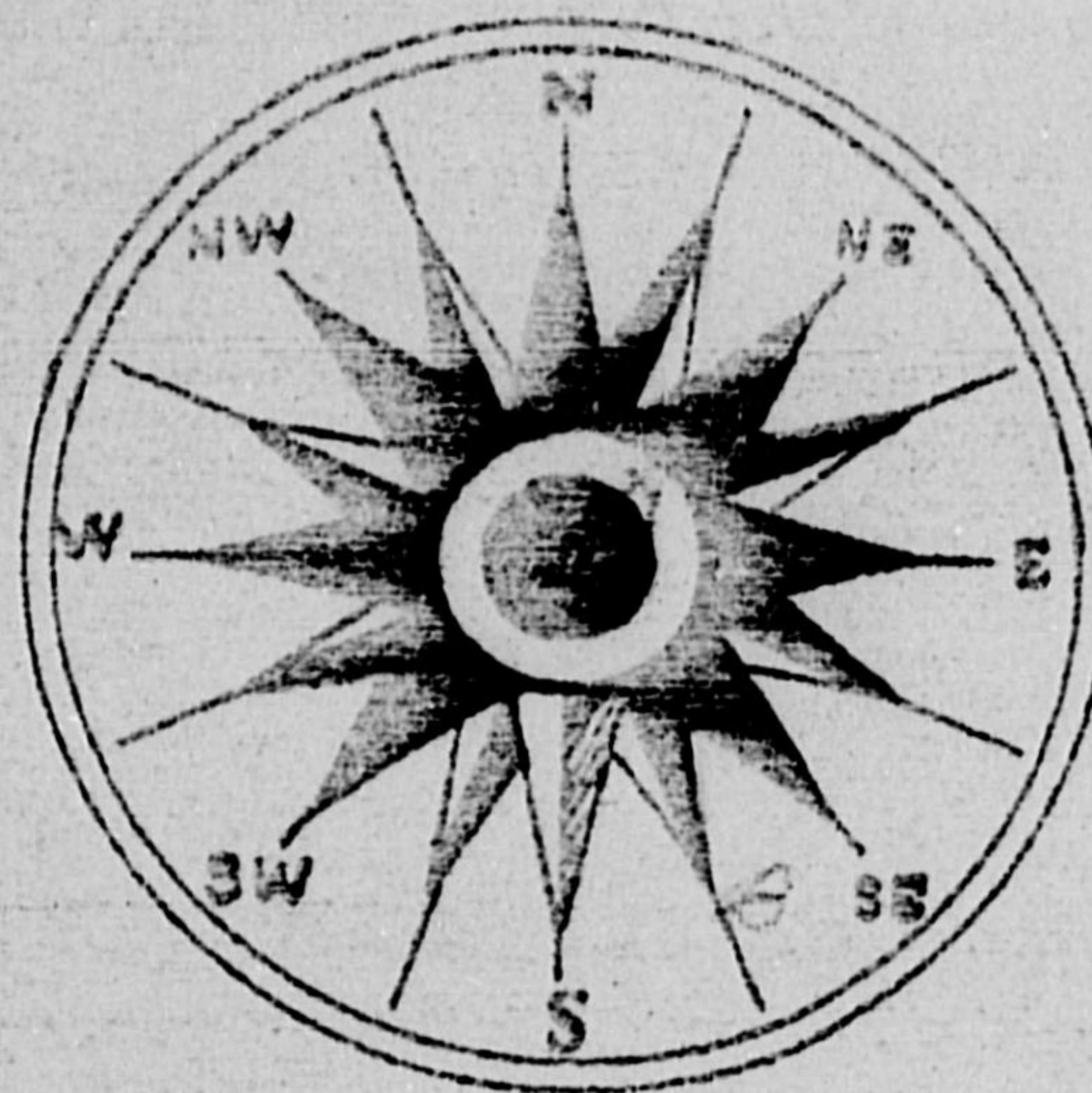
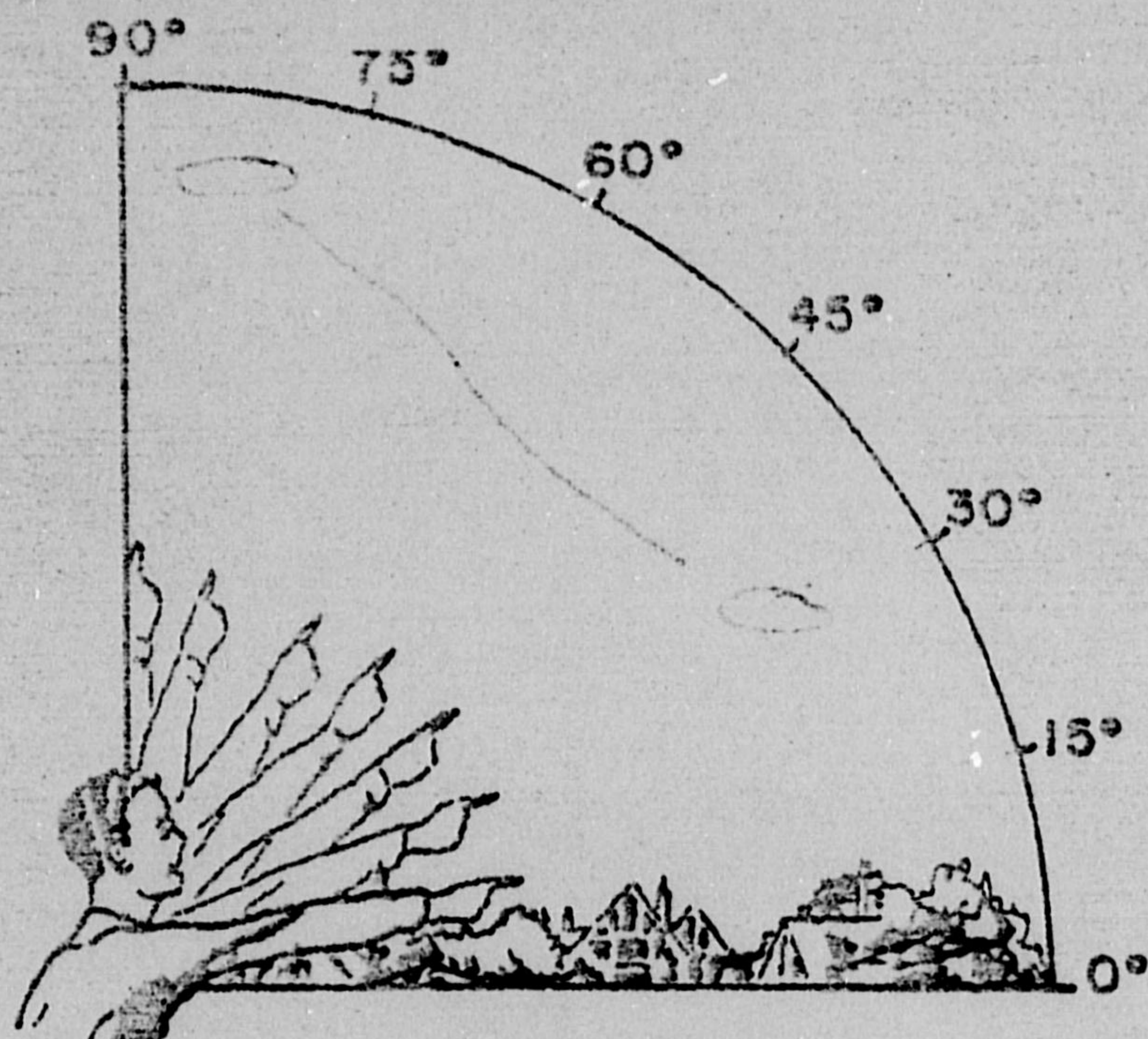
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 | _____ | |

26. 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 blimp moving very fast, giving off an enormous amount of light.

27. 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. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.



28. 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.



29. 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.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

YES - No

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) Yes ☐ No ☒

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) Yes ☐ No ☐

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

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

am. astronomer - 5 yrs

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

Day

Month

Year

24th July 1965
Mr. H. Jones
26th July 1965

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

CASTALIA, OHIO

25 JULY 1965

Observer was out viewing Venus from approximately 2045 - 2100 EST as it was setting. Observer then began to observe other stars and planets in the sky. At 2116 as observer was viewing the stronomical bodies he suddenly saw a shining disc. This object was moving in a SSE direction. The observer stated that the object was brighter than Vega but not as bright as Venus. The object made no noise at all during the observation. The object was first noted near the star Deneb and proceeded between Lyra and Vulpecula through Aguila to Sagittarius where it stopped, grew dimmer and disappeared suddenly. The total time of the observation was approximately ten seconds.

COMMENTS

A logical explanation of the reported sighting would be a meteor, although the time factor is in excess of those normally reported for a meteor (5 - 8 seconds). Whether a trail or tail was visible was not reported, making such an explanation impossible. Considering the available information the case is being listed as unidentified.