

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 August 65 20/0815Z	2. LOCATION 40 Miles South of Elko, Nevada	
3. SOURCE Civilian Airlines	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Description and flight of objects in accord with Meteor report.	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 - 15 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Brilliant white object with bluish edge like arc-welders torch. Light just went out like light being turned off. Flight East to SE. Assumed object 80-150 miles away. Speed much faster than A/C. Horizontal flight.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual		
7. COURSE SE		
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

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SF-Chicago

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
30 August 1965

[REDACTED]
c/o American Airlines, Inc
55 East Monroe
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir,

The information received on your unidentified observation of 20 Aug 65, while on flight 200, was not sufficient for evaluation. It is requested that you fill out the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

The Air Force appreciates your interest on this subject.

Sincerely,


HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

[REDACTED]
c/o American Airlines, Inc.
55 East Monroe
Chicago, Illinois

FTD (TDEW)
Project Blue Book
W-P AFB, Ohio 45433

Dear Sirs:

At the time of this sighting I was adjusting the radar, and by the time the copilot and engineer remarked and I looked up the object had disappeared. Therefore I turned this questionnaire over to [REDACTED] for completion.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

MEMO ROUTING SLIP		NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS	ACTION
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			DATE COORDINATION
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REMARKS

Since FTD was not mentioned in the address line of the attached msg, two copies are forwarded in case you did not receive it.

FROM

SCFA G. T. Gregory

DATE	25 Aug 60
PHONE	4208/2406

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Replaces DD Form 94, 1 Feb 50 and DD Form 95, 1 Feb 50 which will be used until exhausted.

GPO 1961 : O-596753

FTD (TDEW)
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30 August 1965

[REDACTED]
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Crew Service
O'Hare Airport
Chicago, Illinois

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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? <u>10/20/65</u> <small>Day Month Year</small>	2. Time of day: <u>01:15</u> <small>Hour Minutes</small> (Circle One): <input checked="" type="radio"/> A.M. <input type="radio"/> or P.M.
3. Time Zone: (Circle One): a. Eastern b. Central <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other _____	
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4. Where were you when you saw the object? <u>33,000' altitude on a direct course from Sacramento, Calif to Bonneville, Utah and about 40 miles south of Elko</u> <small>Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County</small>	
5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) <small>Hours Minutes Seconds</small> 10 - 15 sec. a. Certain b. Fairly certain c. Not very sure <input checked="" type="radio"/> d. Just a guess	
5.1 How was time in sight determined? <u>Guess</u> 5.2 Was object in sight continuously? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No _____	
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(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

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

a. Sound _____
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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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If you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 80 - 150 miles

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?
 (Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
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- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

23. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
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- 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

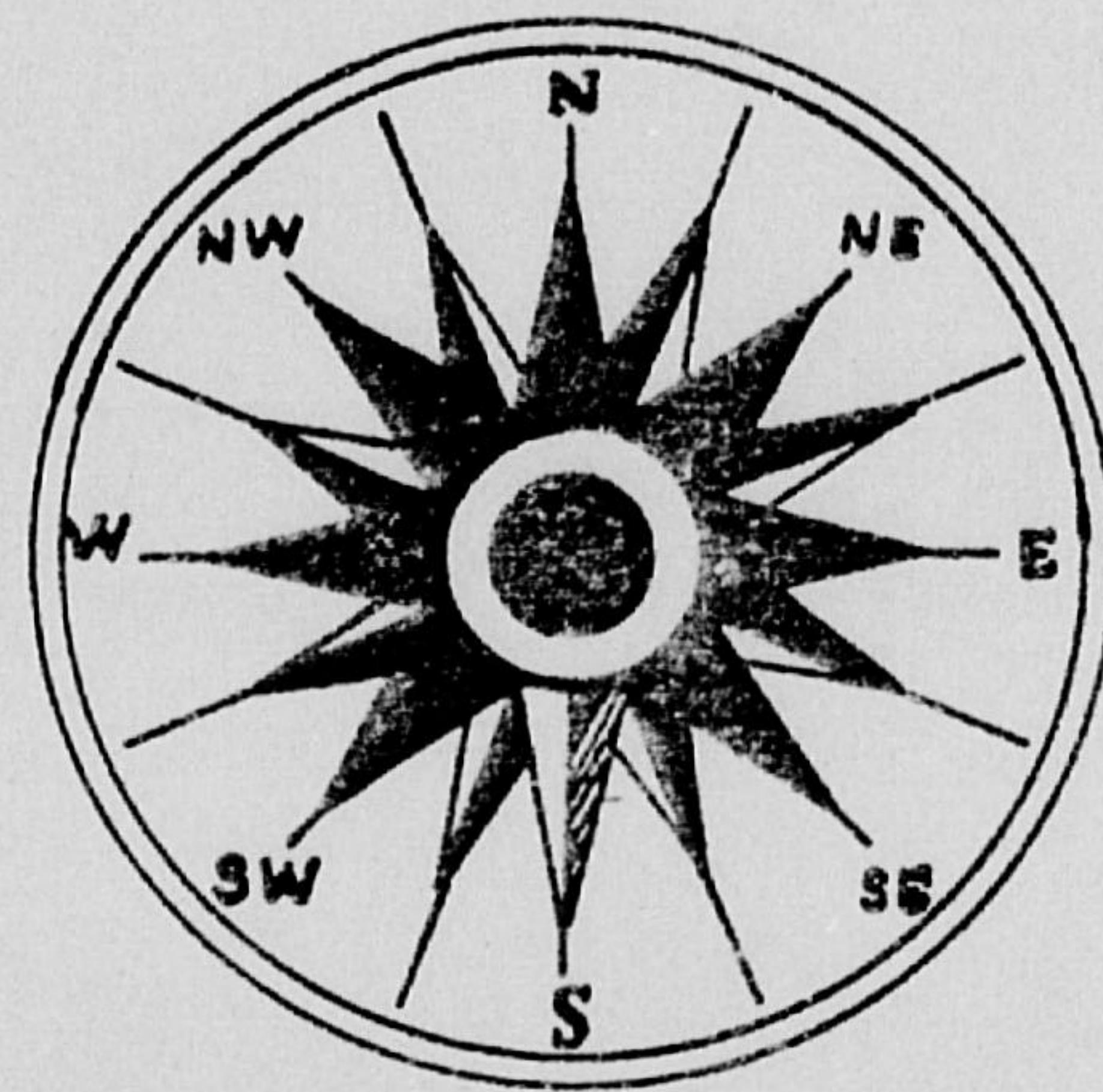
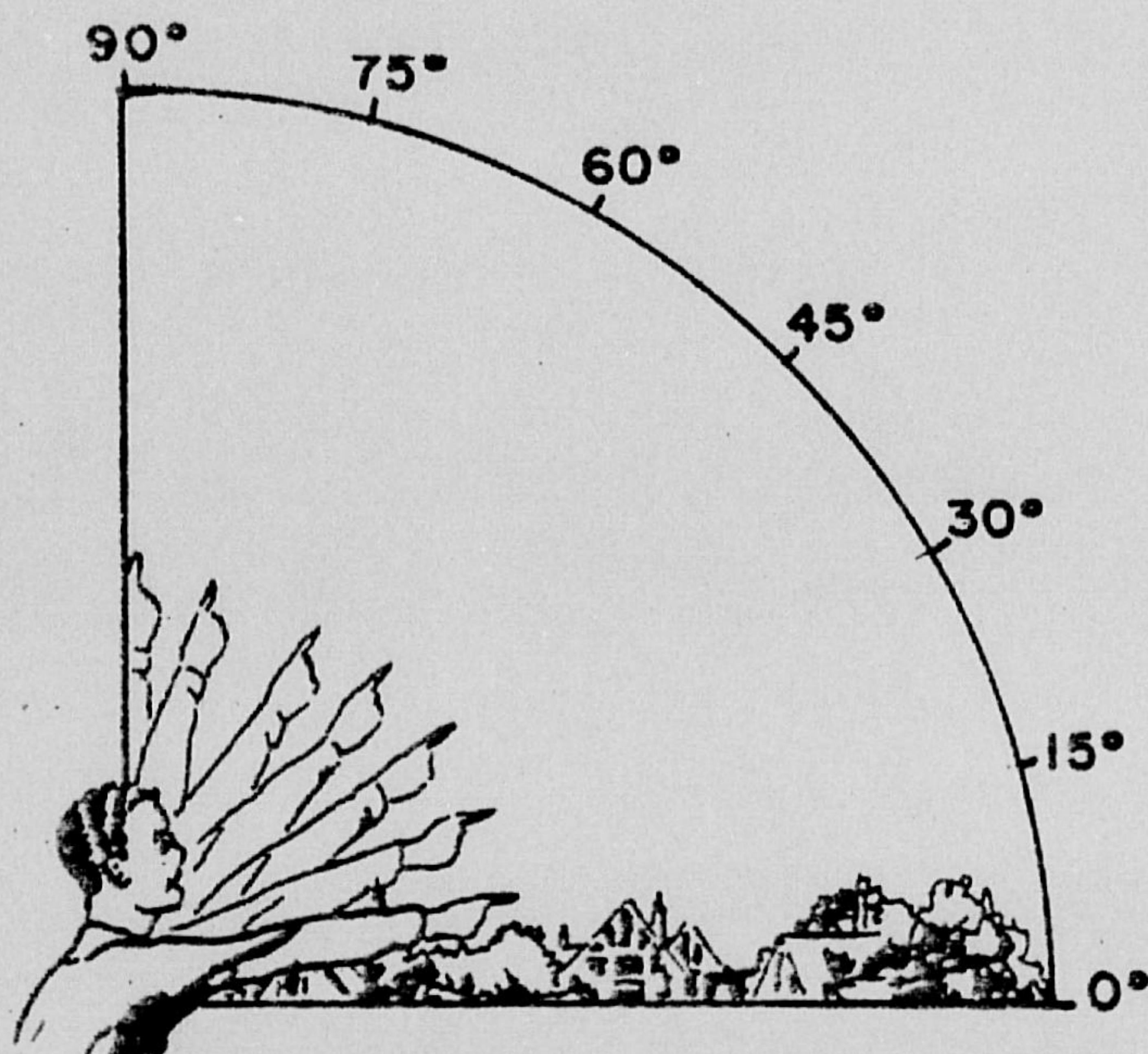
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a. Eyeglasses	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	e. Binoculars	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	f. Telescope	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input checked="" type="radio"/> c. Windshield	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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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.

A - *East by south east* -> B

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.

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:

[REDACTED] - Flight Engineer on trip.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS _____

Street

Dowvers Grove

Zone

Illinois

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

AGE 40

SEX M

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

Airline pilot -

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

Salt Lake City Air Traffic Control.

Day

Month

Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

17 Sept 65

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.

Salt Lake City Center would have a good idea as to our position, as we were on a RADAR vector (Question #4) United Airlines flight 4136 was about 40 mi south of us and reported it first to Salt Lake Center. Our heading was 50°, altitude 33000', the object appeared at ~~our~~ 10 o'clock position and moved to our 11 to 1130 o'clock position when we lost sight of the light. It did not reappear. It moved in a horizontal plane - didn't seem to gain or loss altitude.

It has been almost a month since sighting it - believe that if all ~~the~~ air traffic control centers, or the pilots themselves were to have these forms on hand a lot more accurate report could be given.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
INCOMING MESSAGE

AFIN: 17352 (24Aug65) P/rda

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ACTION: NIN-7,

INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-8, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (21)

SMB C136 CZCHQE169ZCQJB717

RR RUEAHQ

DE RUWHHL0016 2360019

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FM 2849ABGP HILL AFB UTAH

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RUWHSB/SRF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RUEBBAA/AFSC

RUEAHQ/HQ USAF

RUEAHQ/OSAF WASHDC

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FOR FID, AFNIN, SAFOI. INFORMATION ACQUIRED 0820Z, 20 AUGUST 1965,
BY HILL AIR FORCE BASE, UTAH, FROM ARTC SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

SOURCES NAMED CAPTAIN [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT [REDACTED] REPORTED
SIGHTING A BRIGHT WHITE OBJECT WITH A GREEN OR BLUE CAST IN THE
BATTLE MOUNTAIN (NORTH CENTRAL) NEVADA AREA. BOTH FLIGHTS
DEPARTED SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, ENROUTE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,

AFHQ FORM 0-309C

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NONSTOP. BOTH AIRCRAFT WERE FLYING AT A REPORTED EVALUATION OF 35,000 FEET. PARA 14A(1) NOT DETERMINED, 14A(2) NOT DETERMINED, PAGE 2 RUWHL0016 UNCLAS

14A(3) BRIGHT WHITE WITH GREEN OR BLUE CASE, 14A(4) THRU 14A(5) NOT DETERMINED, 14A(6) APPEARED TO ONE PILOT, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS A REENTRY SATELLITE, 14A(7) THRU 14A(9) NOT DETERMINE. 14K(1) THRU 14B(6) NOT DETERMINED, 14C(1) AIR VISUAL, 14C(2) THRU 14D(2) NOT DETERMINED 14E OBSERVERS BOTH PILOTS ENROUTE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA TO CHIGAGO, ILLINOIS, NONSTOP. 14F CAPTAIN [REDACTED], UNITED AIRLINE PILOT, FLIGHT [REDACTED] AND CAPTAIN [REDACTED], AMERICAN AIRLINE PILOT, FLIGHT [REDACTED]

BOTH JET AIRLINERS WERE ENROUTE WEST TO EAST AT 35,000 FEET.

14G THRU 14J NOT DETERMINED. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM TRAFFIC DISPATCH OFFICE, SALT LAKE CITY AIRPORT INDICATES BOTH PILOT'S HOME STATION AS CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 14K. GENERAL INVESTIGATOR, NO PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS DUE TO INABILITY TO INTERVIEW OBSERVERS

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AFHQ FORM 0-309C JAN 65

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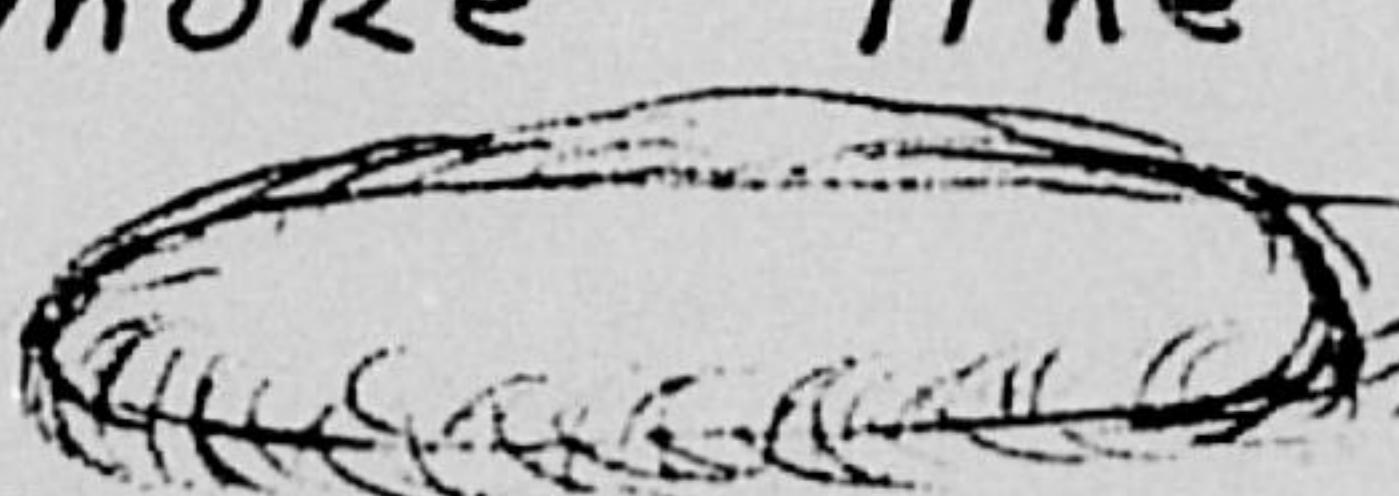
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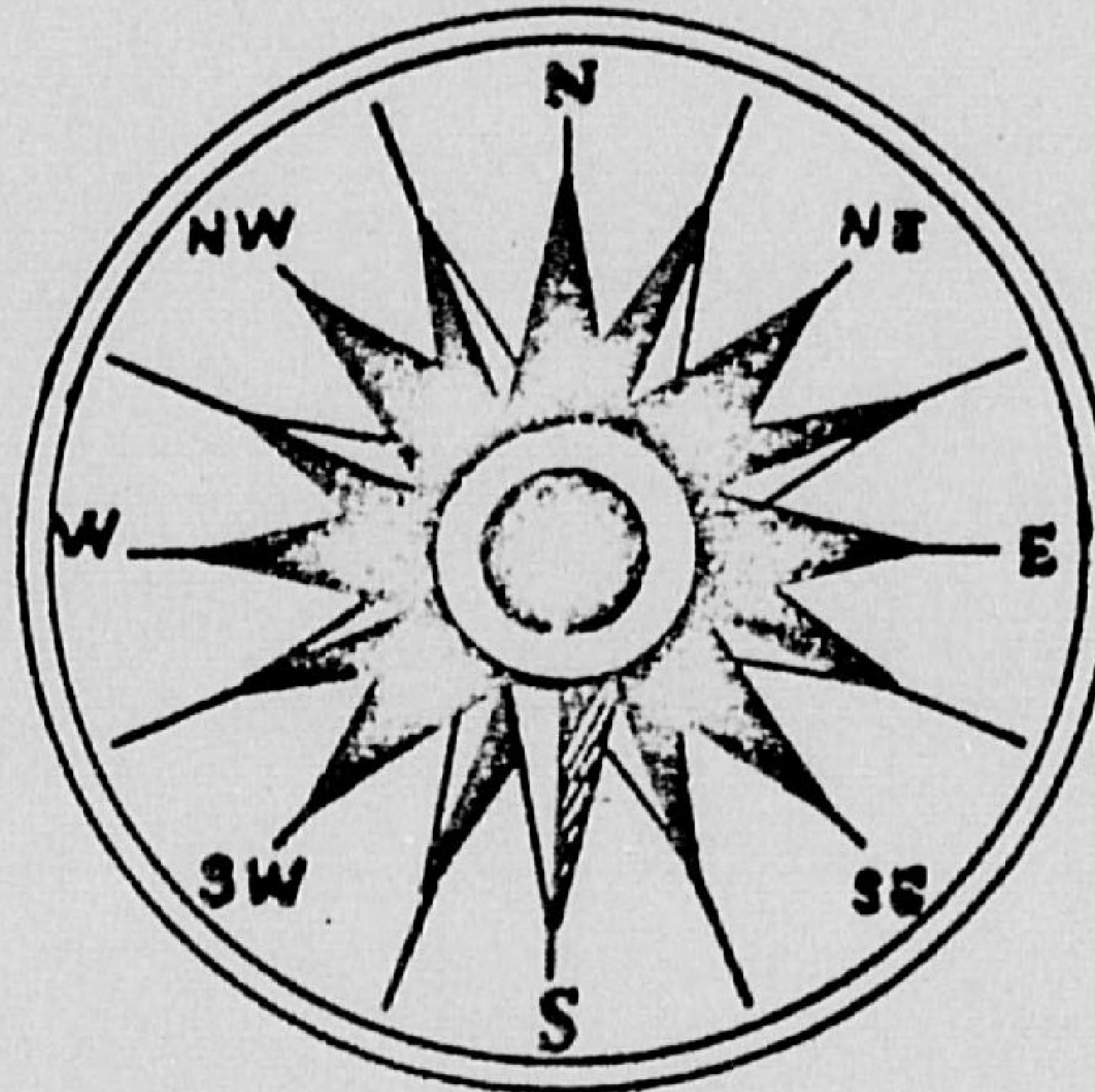
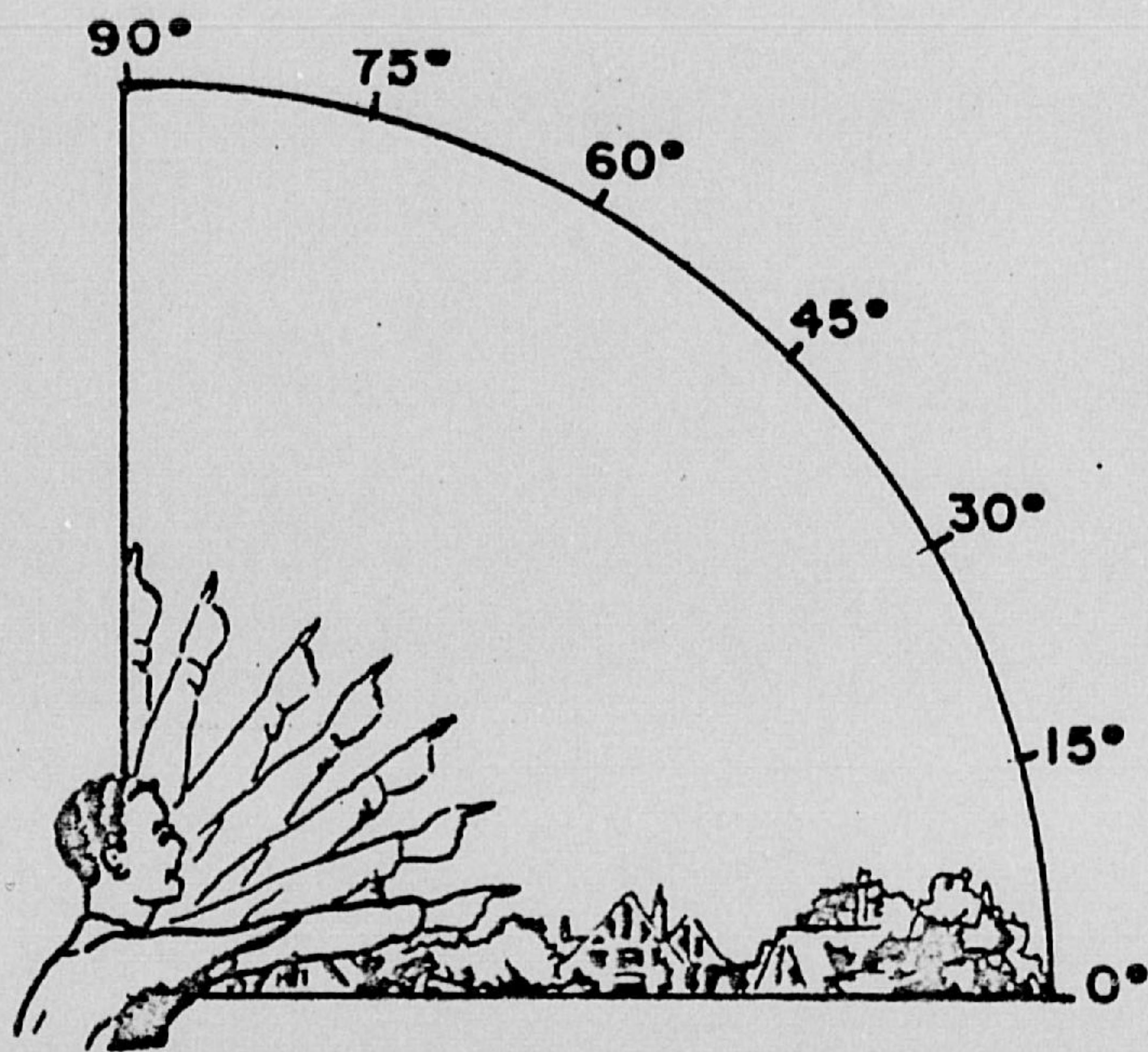
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Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[REDACTED] - Flight Engineer on trip.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street

Downers Grove

Illinois

City Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

AGE 40 SEX M

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

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