

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 August 65 22/0400Z	2. LOCATION Charles City, Iowa
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (ARCTURUS) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Sighting consistent with Star/Planet Report. The Star ARCTURUS is in the position of the reported object.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object at 30 deg elevation in the NW for 45 minutes. Observed for the last ten minutes through ground fog. Object reported as brighter than any star in that part of the sky and brighter than a planet. Edges were serrated. Final disappearance obscured by fog.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Mrs. Hunt/man/SAFOICC/72842/20 Sep 65

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

SEP 20 1965

This is in reply to your report of your observation of an aerial object on the night of 21 August 1965.

The object which you observed has the characteristics of a star or planet. The star Arcturus was in the position of the reported object. The apparent motion and brightness can be attributed to atmospheric conditions at the time of the sighting.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Greene, Iowa 50636

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AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 21 Aug 65, Charles City, Iowa

SEP 14 1965

TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)
Wash D C 20330

Reference the attached unidentified report from [REDACTED]
The reported object is characteristic of a star or planet obser-
vation. The star Arcturus was in the position of the reported
object. The apparent motion and brightness can be attributed to
atmospheric conditions at the time of the sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. de Jonckheere

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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Sighting, 21 Aug 65,
Charles City, Iowa

[Handwritten signature]

YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!

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(See Particulars)

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?

21 August 1965

Day

Month

Year

2. Time of day: 11 00

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]

Atlanta

City or Town

Georgia

State or County

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

15

Hours

Minutes

Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? watch

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X 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

Fog for last 10 minutes

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:

12. Kit 11

12. The edges of the object were:

A small, dark, irregularly shaped object, possibly a seed or a small insect, positioned next to handwritten text.

13. 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?

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 *at dusk*

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	e. Binoculars	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
d. Window glass	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> 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.

It was slightly larger and brighter than a planet

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

not seen in front of a cloud

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

b. Color

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?

part of the object covered when seen across the edge of the match

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.



The object stayed more or less at one point but moved back and forth and up and down

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

Have seen it since. Each time at Charles City Drive-In. This object
Aug 17 same object same place
Aug 18, 19, 20, 21 4 different objects, different directions, but same object
all days

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], Green, Iowa
[REDACTED], Green, Iowa

[REDACTED], Green, Iowa
[REDACTED], Green, Iowa
[REDACTED], Green, Iowa
[REDACTED], Green, Iowa
[REDACTED], Green, Iowa
[REDACTED], Green, Iowa
[REDACTED], Green, Iowa

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street

City _____ Zone _____

State _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

AGE _____ SEX _____

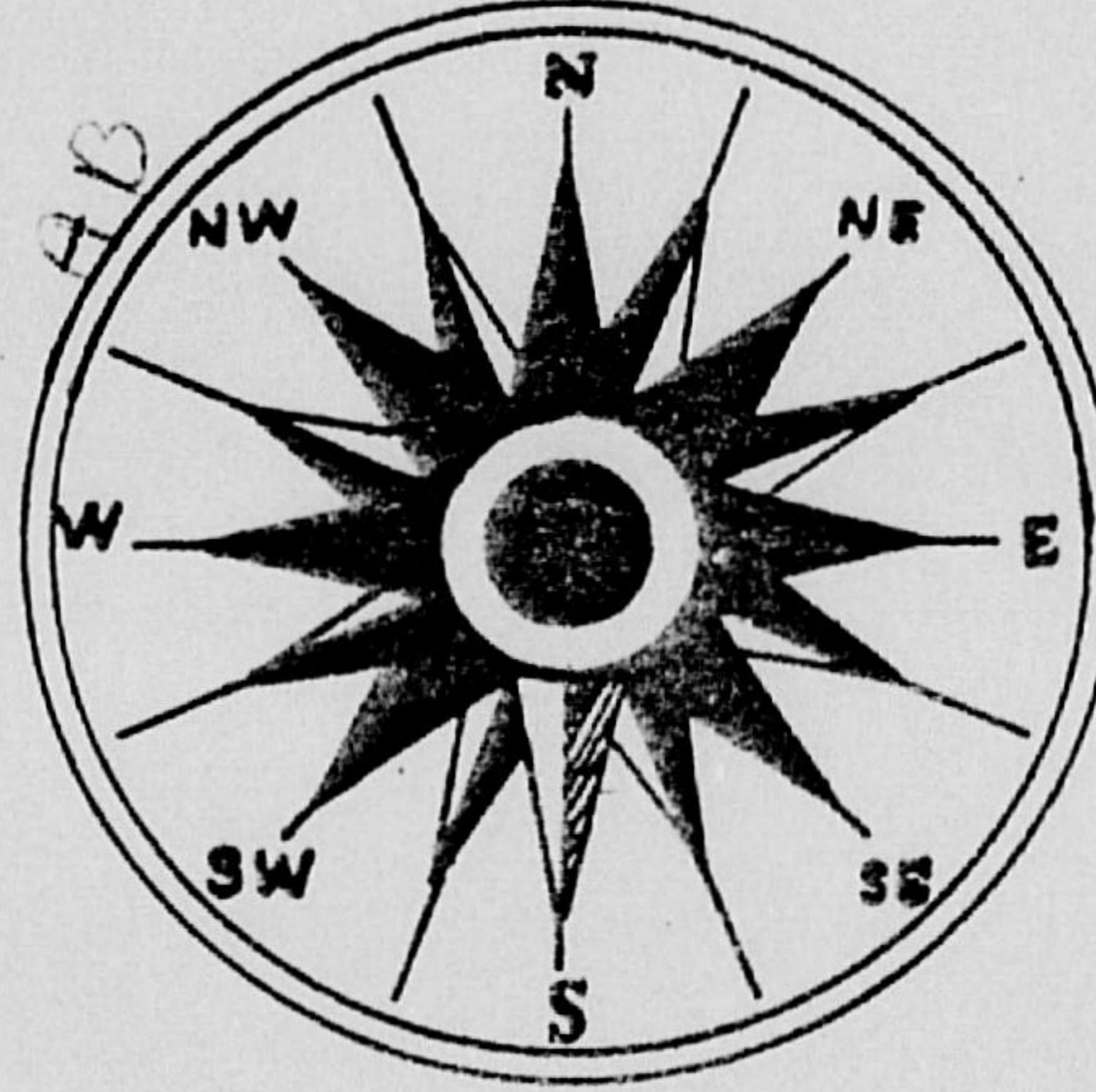
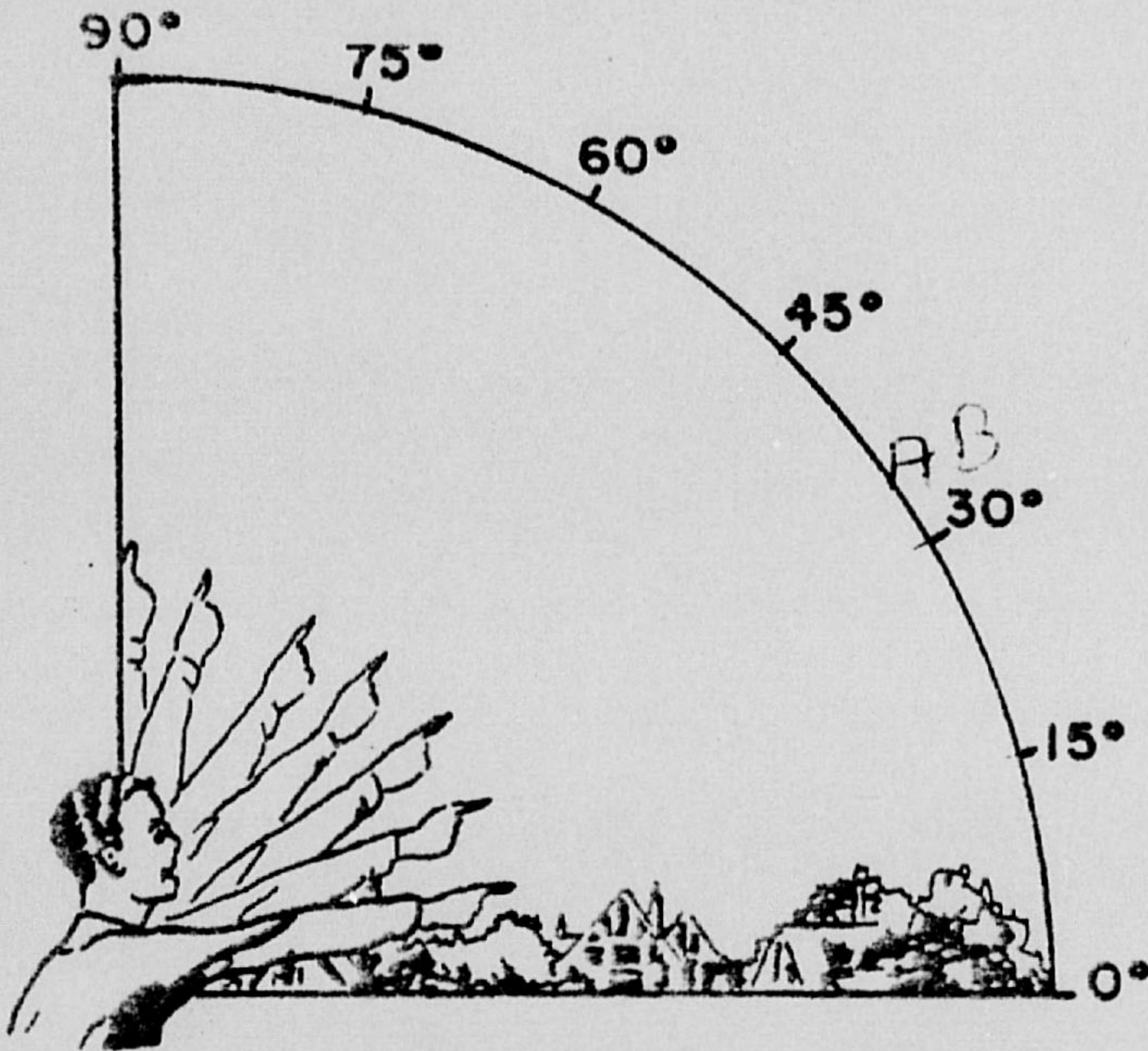
Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

I am 16 years old. I am a junior at Green Community High School.
I am a B average student. I am taking Physics I and Algebra I
for my math and science courses.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object? Nobody of any importance

Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

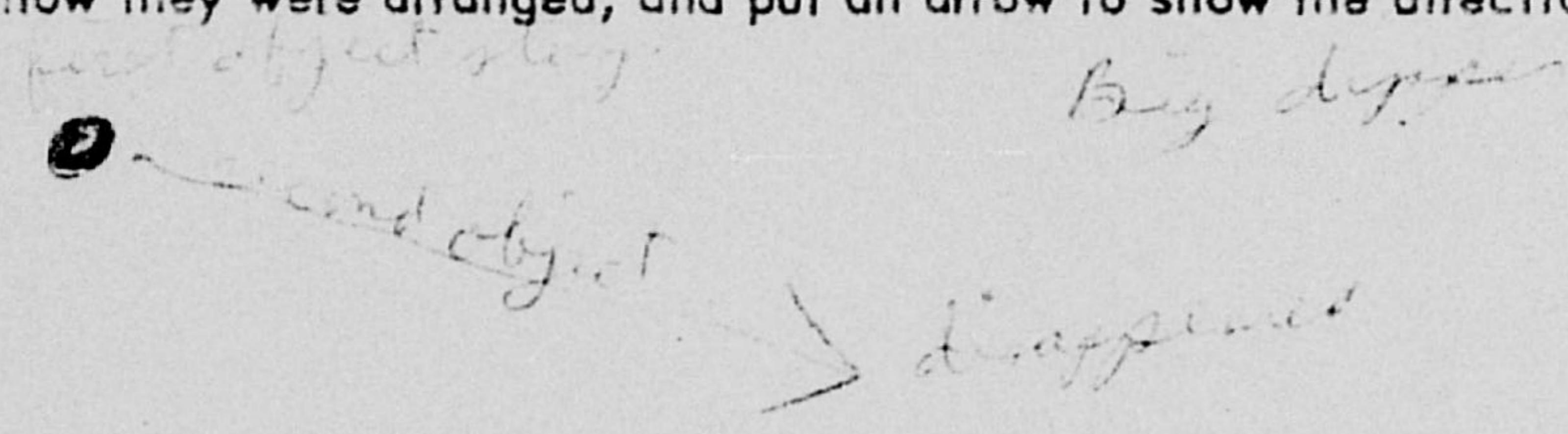
27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw 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? *(A first one direction)*
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



If you have any more questions you would want answered don't hesitate to write me, I would be glad to answer them.

I realize that quite a bit of the information on UFO's is secret, but could you tell me how many sightings are reported each week and how many of these cannot be accounted for by ~~LOGICAL~~ explanations.

[REDACTED]

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

8 Sept 1965

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.

Following is a list of things which has been suggested that I say and my reasons ~~to~~ why it is not.

1) airplane or helicopter - I know of no plane that would change colors as this object did, or change directions so fast.

2) planet - while the changing of colors and flickering would be accounted for in this instance, the change of direction of travel would not be.

3) satellite - I know of no satellite that would appear this big and bright through the atmosphere. Also I know of no satellite that changes direction repeatedly.

4) meteorite - but because object changed direction repeatedly

5) weather balloon - This may account for changes of color and changes of direction but certainly not the splitting apart of the object.

On September 4 I saw this same object (~~was~~ same place at least) while I was at the drive-in. This time it did not change colors too much but it brightened and dimmed and finally faded out.

Since I have seen several of this object in the last couple of weeks, would it be possible for you to ~~re~~ send me a ~~couple~~ of copies of this questionnaire to have on hand for the next time I see a UFO. Also could you give ~~to~~ me permission to type ^{extra} copies of this questionnaire.

My Address:

[REDACTED], Greene, Iowa 50636

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