

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
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	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.
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

[REDACTED]
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

SEP 14 1965

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

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 observation. 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
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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Sighting, 21 Aug 65,
Charles City, Iowa



YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!

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Artem. (Artemisia)

FORM
FTD OCT 62 164 This form supersedes FTD 164, Jul 61, which is obsolete.

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:

Brighter than any light

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 *The edges of the object were*
slightly serrated. Something like
the sun appears as it is not said
by the moon.

13. 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 | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| f. Change shape? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | Don't know |

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 - in

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 | No | e. Binoculars | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| b. Sun glasses | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | f. Telescope | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| c. Windshield | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | g. Theodolite | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| d. Window glass | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" 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 disappear by being

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 *could hear no sound*

b. Color *light greyish and blueish*

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 would have been seen around the edge of the match head

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 the Charles City drive-in.
August 22 same object, same place.
September 3 and 4 different object, different description, but same object
until 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
[Redacted], Charles City Drive-In,
Charles City

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [Redacted] AGE 16 SEX M

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 II
for my math and science courses.

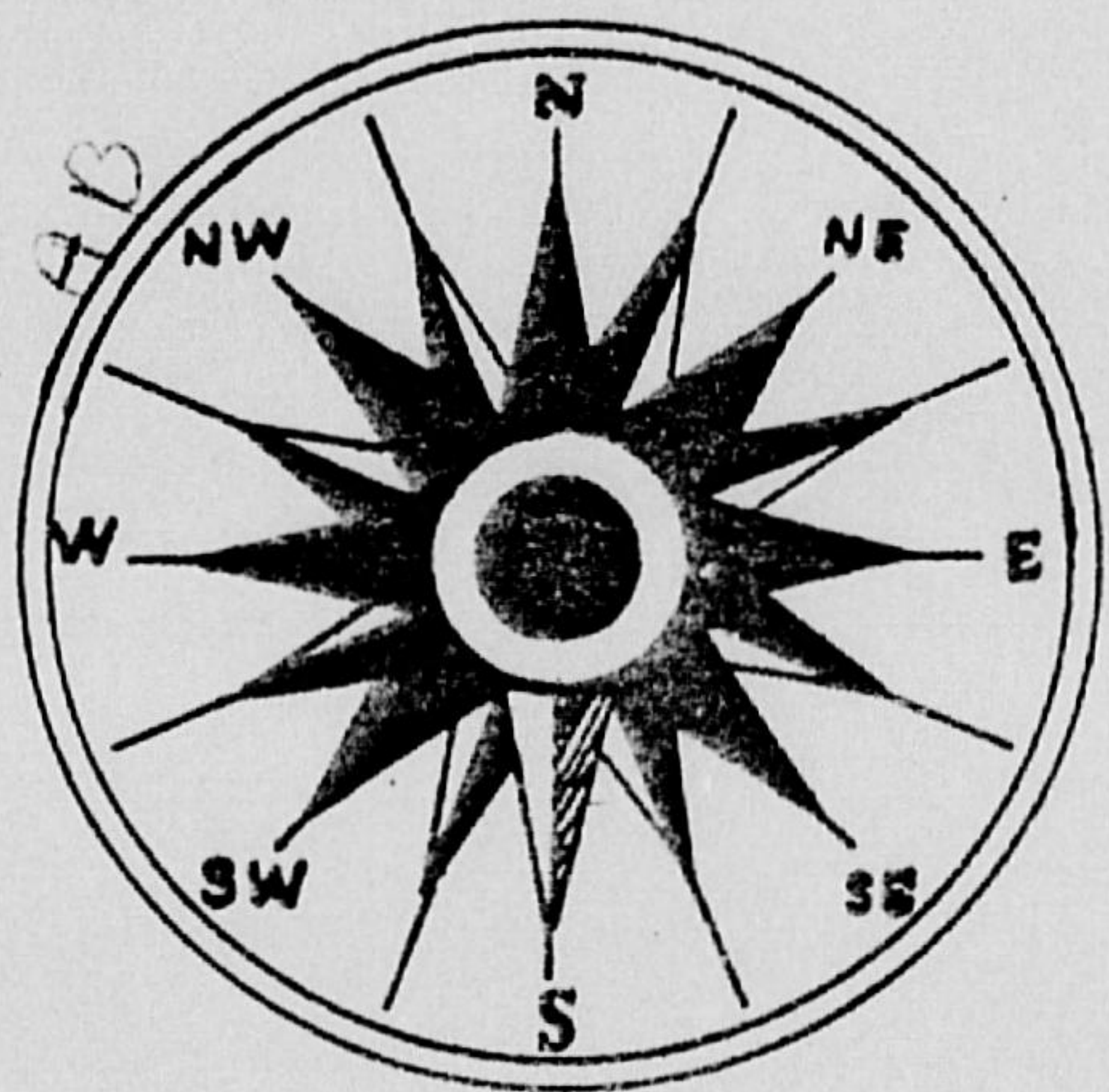
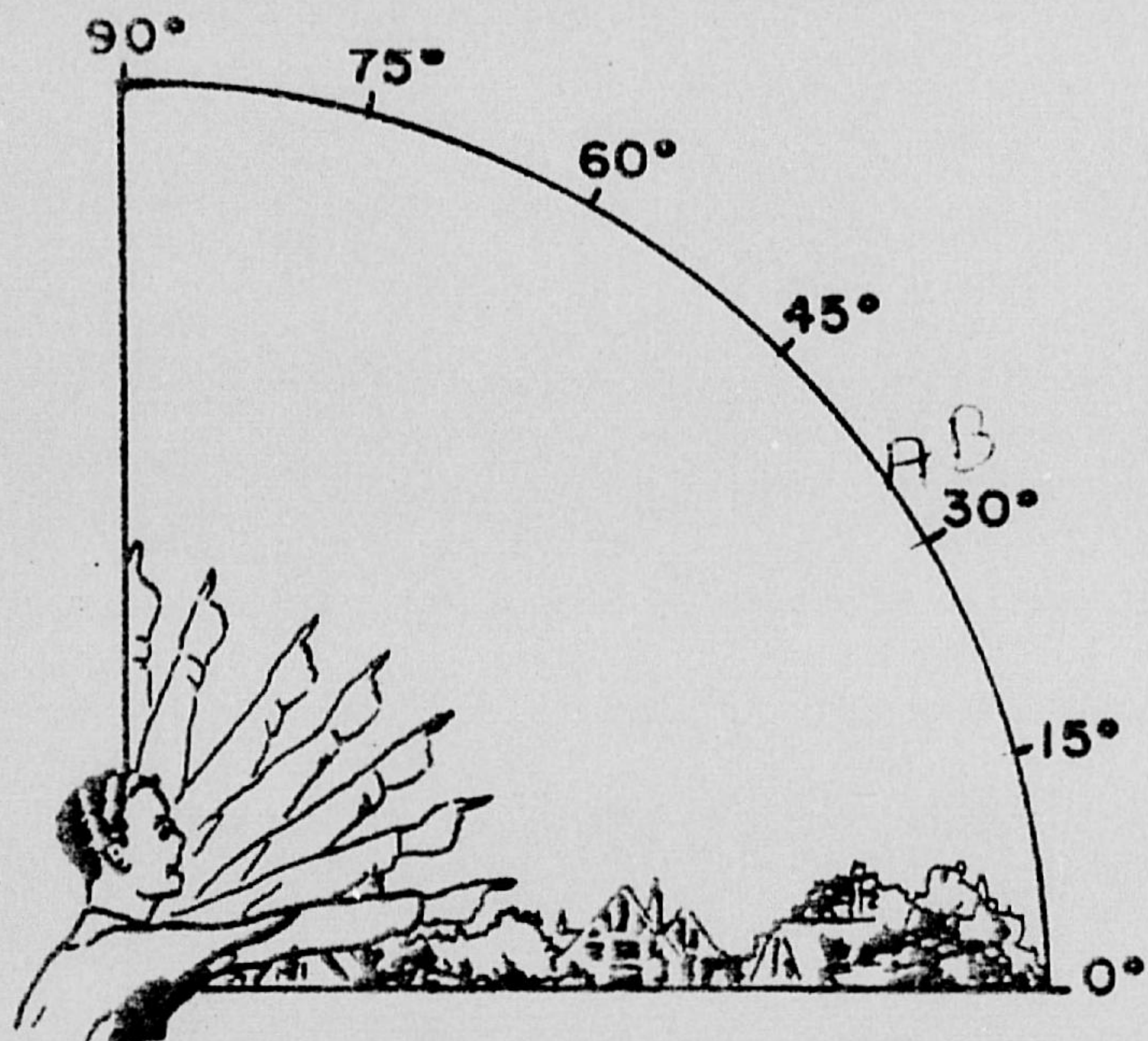
33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object? Nobody of any importance

Day

Month

Year

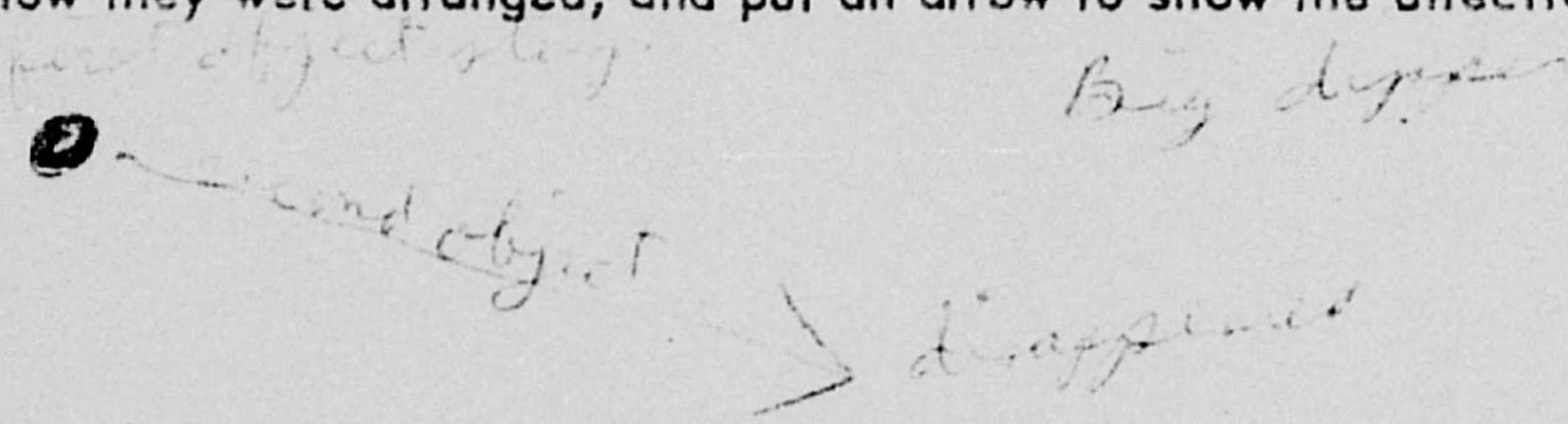
27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw 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.

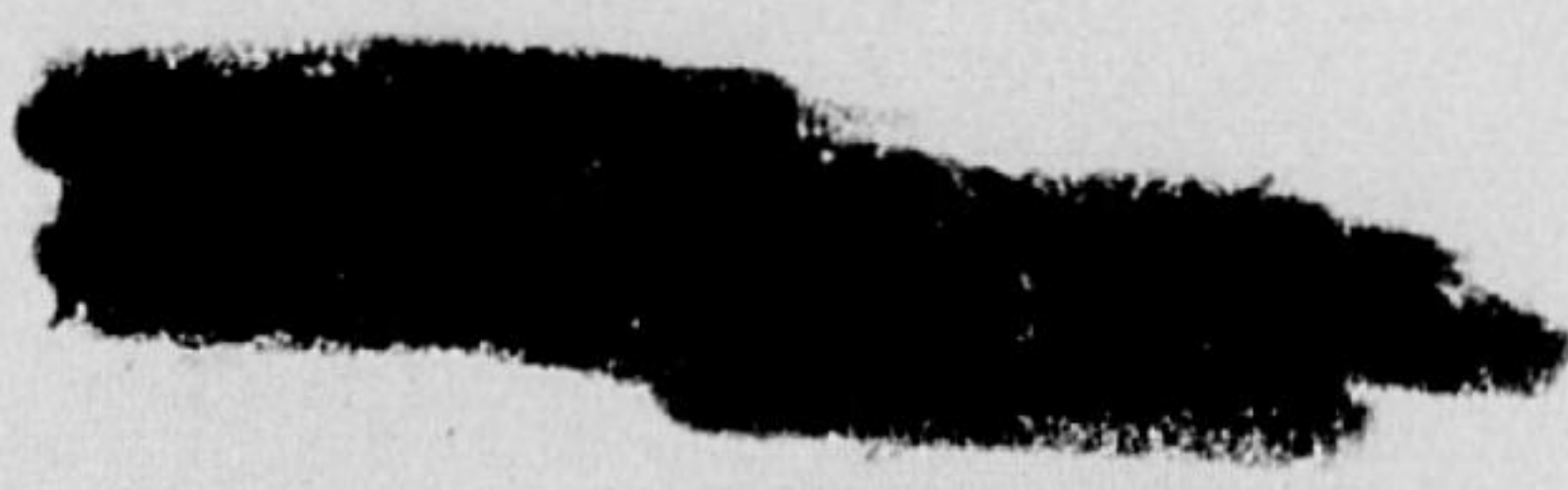


29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? *the first one disappeared*
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



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.



34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

8
DaySept
Month1965
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 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 - Out 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 (~~same~~ 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 these objects in the last couple of weeks, would it be possible for you to ~~send~~ 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 me permission to type ^{extra} copies of this questionnaire.

My Address:

[REDACTED], Greene, Iowa 50636

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