

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>21 January 66 22/0745Z                                                 | 2. LOCATION<br>Big Sur, California                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Civilian                                                                          | 10. CONCLUSION<br><del>Probable Aircraft</del><br>Satellite                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>ONE                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>2 minutes                                                          | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>Observer saw a bright light, bright as aircraft landing lights, traveling at steady speed and course from West to East. Light disappeared by fading out. Observer stated that it looked like a meteor except that it was traveling too slow and traveled in a straight line. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground-Visual                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 7. COURSE<br>East                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



## U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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1. When did you see the object?

21st JAN 1966  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: Hour 11 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?

Big Sur Hot Springs CA  
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

455 21 00  
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain c. Not very sure  
b. Fairly certain 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 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 d. To your left  
b. In back of you e. Overhead  
c. To your right 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:

glowing ball

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 like the edges of the sun  
or a bright glowing ball

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

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



14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *Yes, just vanished or went out.*

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 *None*

b. Color *Bluish 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? *About 10%*

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.

*W. This was main object, moving slowly across the sky parallel with the horizon. I was right at the edge of the Pacific Ocean, high above, looking out over the sea.*



*This was secondary object, following along at same speed. It seemingly was not connected to larger object. I noticed in color, very similar in shape, color & appearance to a tail fin on a small plane. It threaded, I think.*

*E.*



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? *But only in a relative or subjective sense. If it were a plane, say, about 4,000 feet up, then about 60 M.P.H.*

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

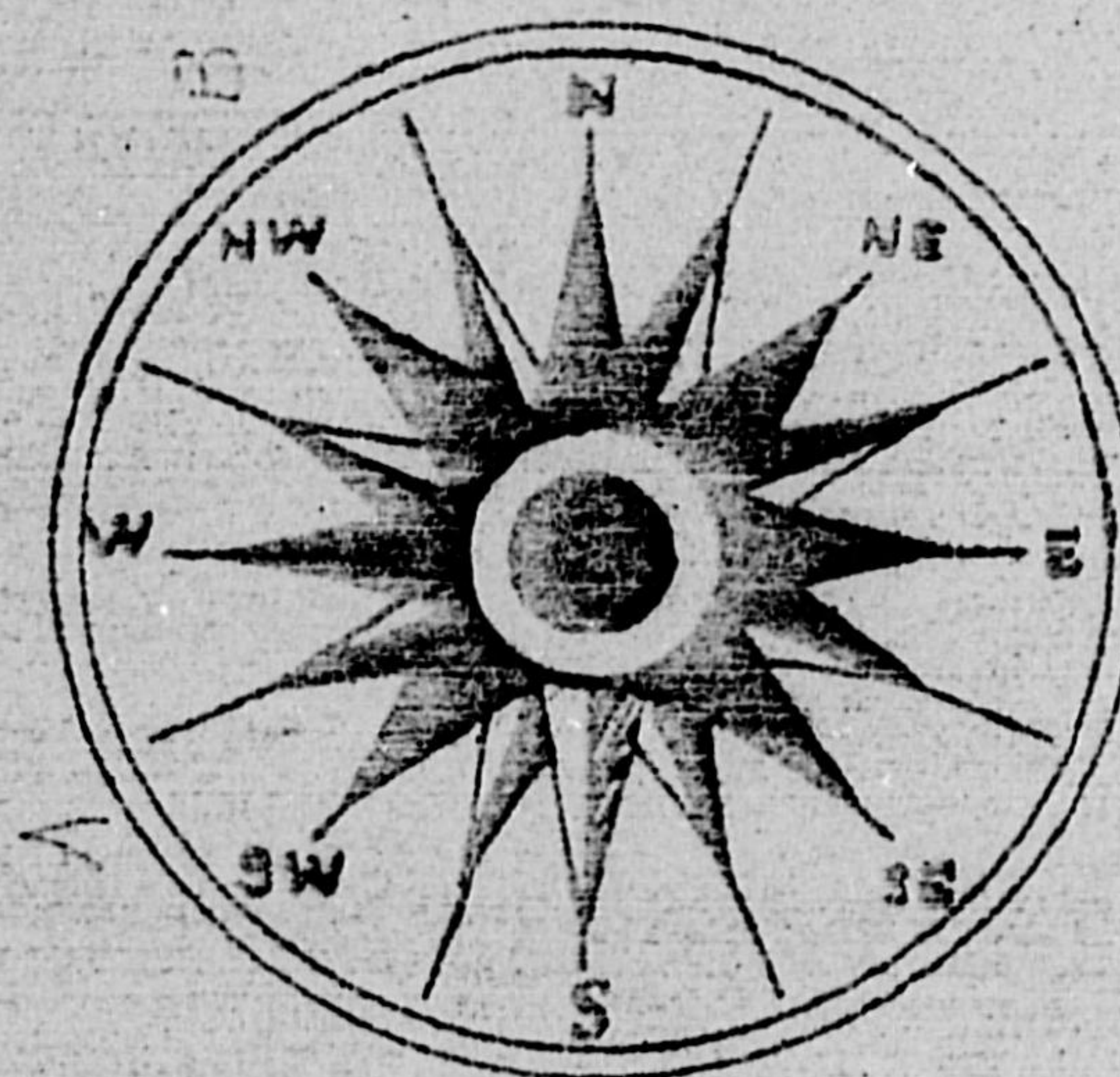
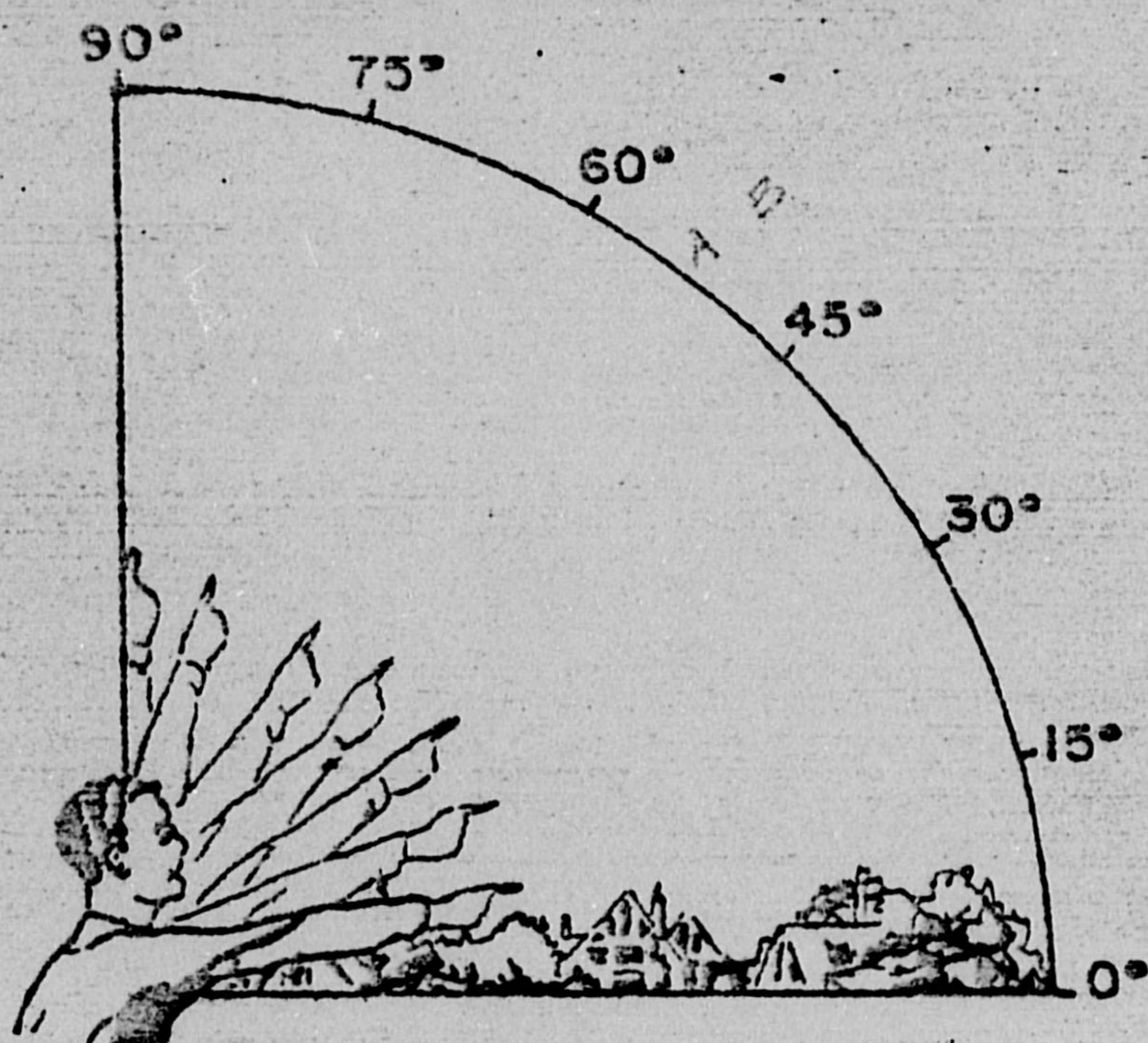
h. Other \_\_\_\_\_

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.

*Slightly larger than a softball, glowing or burning brightly.*



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? 2  
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

W



S

E



30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location. *Yes, in about, very faintly, 1957, Van Nuys, Calif. about 3 a.m. looked up at clear, bright star-studded sky & at that moment, just to the east, noticed object that appeared just like any other star begin to slowly describe a complete circle around the star and then very slowly moved off across the sky. watched object for about 6 or 7 minutes until it disappeared from view.*

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 a court reporter. Have no special experience or training pertinent to observing or noting with any special skill or objects.*

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

*21st*

Day

*Jan.*

Month

*1966*

Year

*Walt Hall & others with me at the time whose names I don't know but who were registered for the weekend seminar (1-21 to 1-23-66) at Big Sur Hot Springs.*



34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

24 Feb 1966  
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.

I think I can say the ~~the~~ object (or objects) was not a plane, but what else it was, I don't know. It was moving slowly & we all had an opportunity to get an excellent view of it. Of course the slowness could indicate a great height - I don't know. I didn't seem to get the impression that it was low.

Other than the fact that it was a spectacular sight & many commented on the beauty of it, I'm afraid I can't add anything further.

P.S. I was sober at the time.



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1. When did you see the object?

21 Jan. 66  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

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?

Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or County

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

Hours

Minutes

Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

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

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
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- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

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10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
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- d. As a light
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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:

*Bright as an aircraft landing light or brighter*

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



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

*Yes.  
Faded out and then did not reappear*

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: \_\_\_\_\_

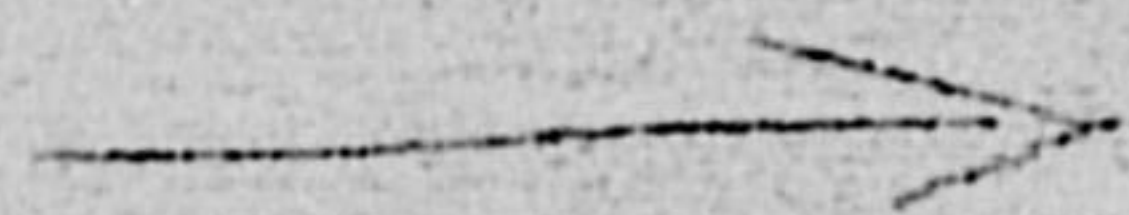
17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound *No sound*  
b. Color *White light*

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?

*Less than one fourth*

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.



*Continuous moving with fading out and reappearance*



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 Edge of ocean

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

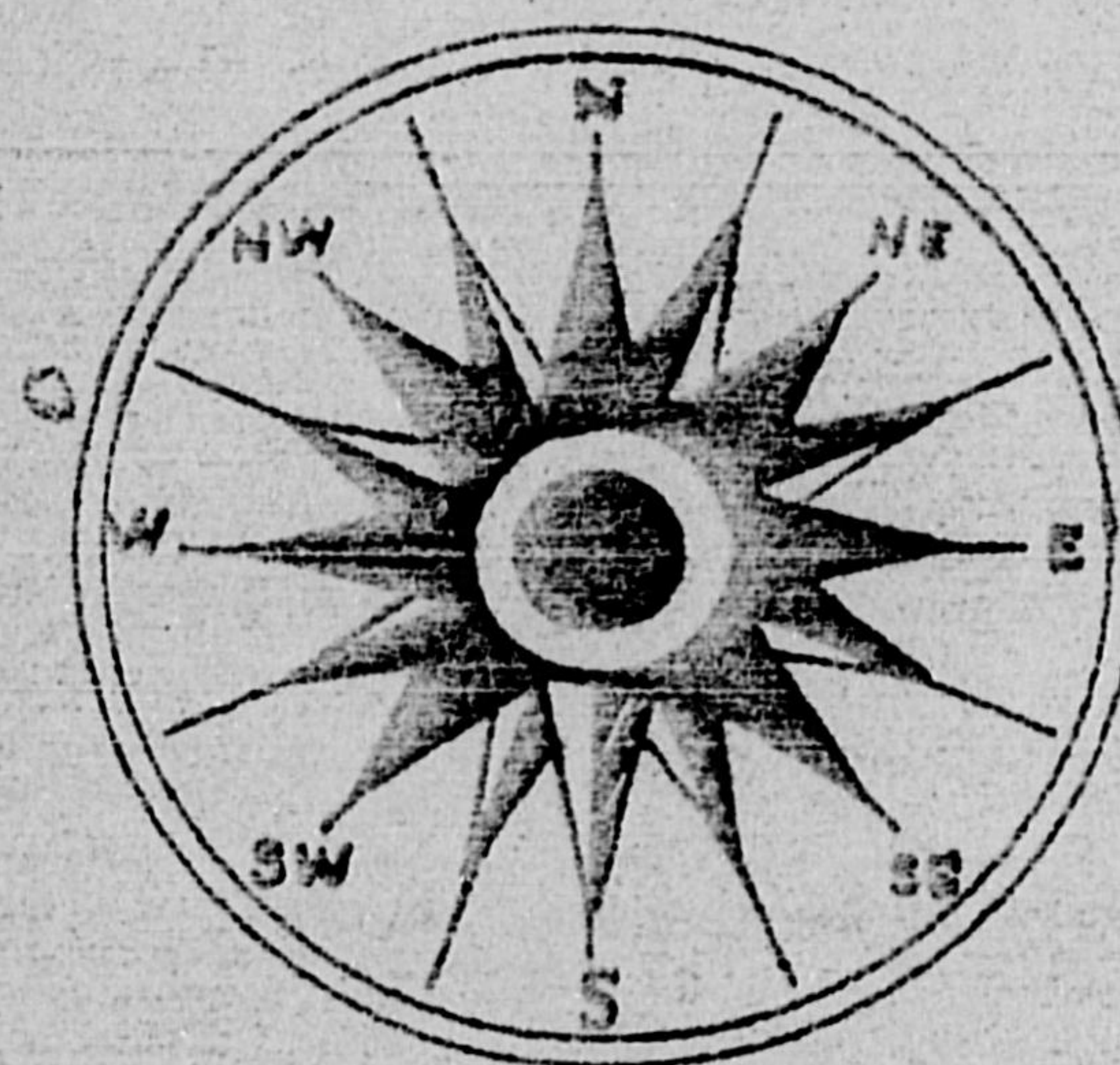
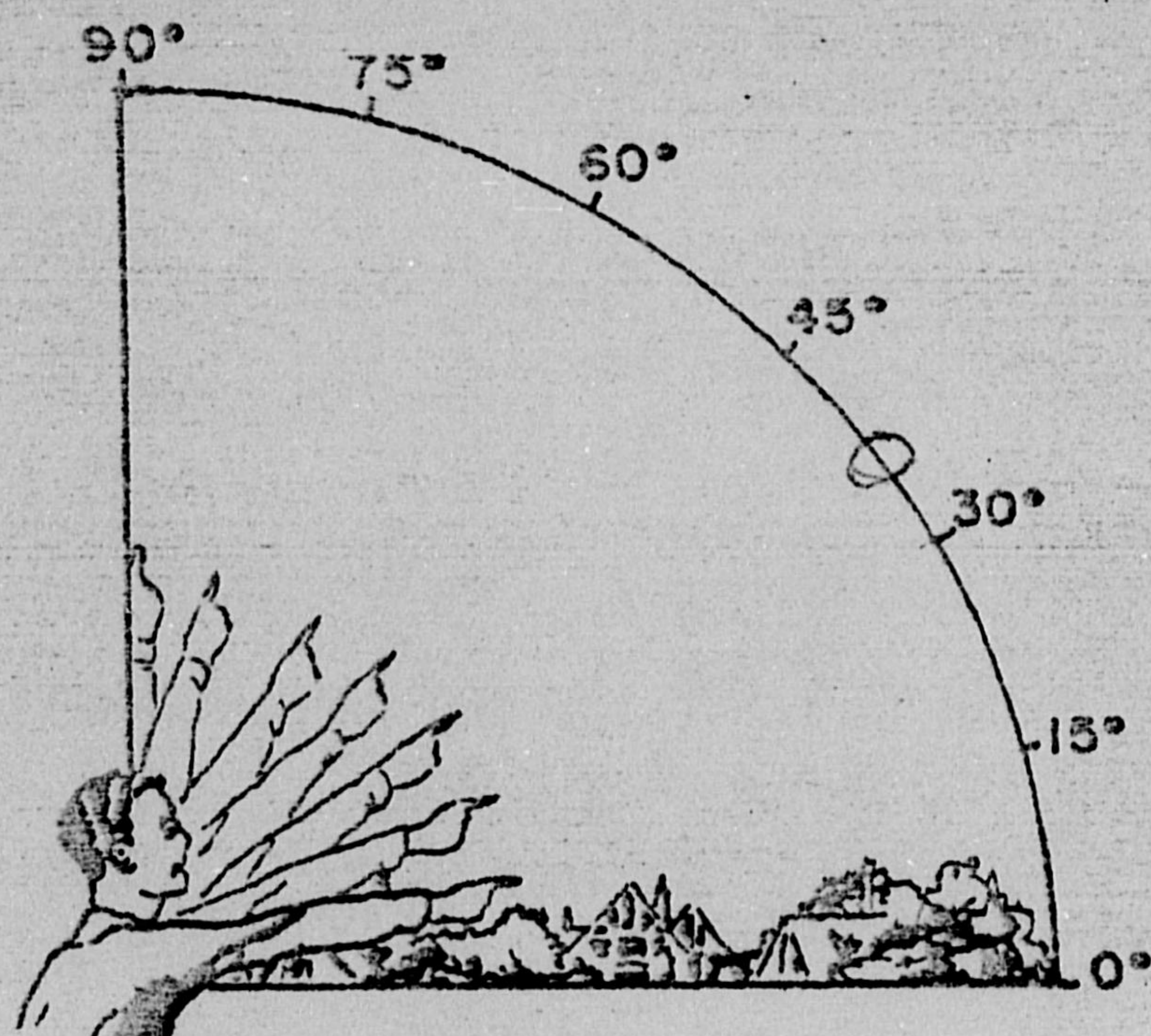
h. Other \_\_\_\_\_

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.

*Similar to motorcade except it moved slower, on a straighter line and faded out then reappeared.*



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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.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? NA

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] Van Nuys, Calif.*  
*[Redacted] San Jose, Calif.*  
*[Redacted] Apt 105, Alameda, Calif.*

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

*[Redacted]*  
Last Name

*[Redacted]*  
First Name

*[Redacted]*  
Middle Name

ADDRESS

*[Redacted]*  
Street

*Santa Monica, Calif.*  
City

*90405*  
Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

*[Redacted]*

AGE

*43*

SEX

*M*

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

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

*8*  
Day

*Feb*  
Month

*66*  
Year

*WPAFB*



34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

11  
DayFeb.  
Month66  
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.

The appearance of this object gave me the impression that it might be a satellite re-entering the atmosphere as it appeared to be bouncing out of the atmosphere when it dimmed out and then glowing brighter as it came in again.



21 JAN  
FTD (TDEW)  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433  
9 February 1966

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Apt: [REDACTED]  
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Reference your unidentified observation of 21 January 66. The information which we received was not sufficient for evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. Request you give the other Form 164s to the other witnesses to fill out and return.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

HECTOR GUINTEANILLA, Jr., Major, USAF  
Chief, Project Blue Book

164 sent



MEMO FOR THE RECORD

Received a call from [REDACTED]

Santa Monica, California

Sighted a UFO on 21 January 1966 at 11:45 P. M. He was a very bright light. First thought it was aircraft and then <sup>decided</sup> sighted against it.

The light was very bright and then became dim and then bright again.

Duration - two minutes. It moved about half the field of vision.

At arms length, it was bigger than a dime and not as big as a quarter.

It was brighter than a star. The sky was very clear. He sighted

this light near Big Surf, California. (close to Monterey) It moved at

90 degrees of arc from South to North course. - Flat Trajectory

Was looking West. Object went left to right. Was brighter than the

planet Venus. Sgt. Moody told him to report future sightings to

Capt. Reichsmuth at Vandenburg, ext. 5504. We told him that we would

send him three Form 164s. There were two other witnesses.