

PROJECT 10073-RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 March 66 23/1105Z	2. LOCATION Temple, Oklahoma (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED This case is carried as UNIDENTIFIED since after evaluation of all the available information, no concrete explanation is possible. NOTE: Second observer has not returned the requested Form 164.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer spotted object parked on highway in front of his car. Observer stopped car and got out to investigate, but as he got close to the object, a man apparently entered the object and immediately the object began to rise from the ground. The object had the appearance of a conventional aircraft (C-124) without wings or motors. Object was 75 feet long, nearly 8 feet from top to bottom and about 12 feet wide.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 40 Seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

23 March

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
27 April 1966

c/o [REDACTED] Company
Mangum, Oklahoma 73554

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object report for 23 March 1966. In this report it indicated that you also observed the object. To aid in our evaluation we would appreciate your completing the attached FTD Form 164.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,


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

TEMPLE, OKLAHOMA

23 MARCH 1966

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COMMENTS

Various organizations were contacted around the Temple area for a possible experimental or conventional aircraft. The observer stated that he thought the object was some type of Army or Air Force research aircraft. All attempts at such an explanation proved fruitless, since there were no aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. * Although there are numerous helicopters and other experimental aircraft in the area, none could be put in the area of Temple at approximately 0500, 23 March 1966. Because of this factor the case is listed as unidentified by the Air Force.

* AS FAR AS PROJECT BLUE BOOK COULD DETERMINE.

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1100Z
Wichita Falls
Texas
Pending 164

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FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
31 March 1966

Box 402
Temple, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Reference your recent unidentified observation of
23 March 1966. The information which we have received
is not sufficient for evaluation. Request you complete
the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope
provided.

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

Sincerely,

Hector Quintanilla, Jr.

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

Marilyn Stancomb
ORIGINATOR: TDEW/UFO

DATED 31 March

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ACTION: NIN-7 INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (15)

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RUEBHQA

ZNR UUUUU

R 252335Z

FM TECHNGCEN SHEPPARD AFB TEX

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

RUWGKG/29AIRDIV RICHARDS GEBUR AFB MO

RUCD SQ/AFLC

RUEBHQA/CSAF

RUEBHQA/OSAF WASH DC

INFO RUWTFJA/ATC

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UNCLAS XPO 27052 MAR 66.

FOR: AFLC (FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIV); CSAF (AFNIN); OSAF
(SAFOI); ATC (ATCOI). SUBJ: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 14, AFR 200-2.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

- (1) RESEMBLED A FISH (AS STATED BY OBSERVER).
- (2) APPROXIMATELY 11 FT HIGH, 12 FT THICK AND 75 FT LONG.
- (3) SILVER WITH BRIGHT LIGHTS.

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(4) TL4738 OR TL4138

(5) ONE OBJECT

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(6) PLEXIGLAS BUBBLE ON TOP SIMILAR TO B-26 CANOPY.

(7) NONE

(8) AS OBJECT DEPARTED IT MADE A HIGH SPEED DRILL LIKE
NOISE.

(9) AS OBSERVER APPROACHED OBJECT A MAN WITH BASEBALL CAP
WAS OBSERVED TO ENTER OBJECT BY STEPS FROM BOTTOM. THE OBJECT
IMMEDIATELY DEPARTED.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) OBJECT WAS SITTING ON HIGHWAY.

(2) LEVEL

(3) LEVEL

(4) ROSE STRAIGHT UP 50 FT.

(5) INSTANTLY TO SOUTHEAST.

(6) THIRTY SECONDS WHILE ON ROADWAY AND FOR 30 SECONDS
IN FLIGHT.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL AND AIR-VISUAL

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(5) SAME AS PARAGRAPH G(1) ABOVE.

(6) NONE

(7) UNKNOWN

H. UNKNOWN.

I. UNKNOWN.

J. UNKNOWN.

K. DISASTER CONTROL OFFICER. MCDANIEL, BYRON J., MAJOR,
FV962531. UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT OBJECT WAS.

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1. NONE. THERE ARE NUMEROUS HELICOPTERS AND OTHER
EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT WITHIN A 100 MILE RADIUS OF WHERE THIS UFO
WAS SITED. NO INDICATION OF ORIGIN OF OBJECT OR REASON FOR LANDING.

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(2) NONE

(3) SE PARAGRAPH C (1) ABOVE.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

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(1) 1100Z/23 MARCH 1966.

(2) NIGHT TIME.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 34DEG10'N - 98DEG10'W (ON U.S.

HIGHWAY 70, 25 MILES NE WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS)

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: MR. [REDACTED]

AGE - 57; BOX [REDACTED], TEMPLE, OKLA; AREA CODE [REDACTED].

CIVILIAN INSTRUCTOR AT SHEPPARD AFB, TEXAS.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(1) PARTLY CLOUDY, WINDS FROM NORTH AT 30 MPH.

(2) NONE

(3) NONE

(4) GOOD

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5 May 1966

Spoke with Major B. J. McDaniel, Sheppard AFB, Texas 736-1001 - Disaster Control Officer. He was the only one who had gone out and talked with Mr. [REDACTED] He didn't find out about any specific experimental aircraft, however, there are experimental aircraft in the area from Camp Walters; Bell Helicopter, at Ft. Worth and Ft. Sill, Ling Temco Vault.

Spoke with Ft. Sill and got a negative. They had nothing in the air at 5 am on 23 March 1966. They had some operational at 10 am (1600Z - 0000Z). Their numbers are preceded by OH--13

Received negative results from:

Altus AFB

Fort Walters

Sheppard AFB

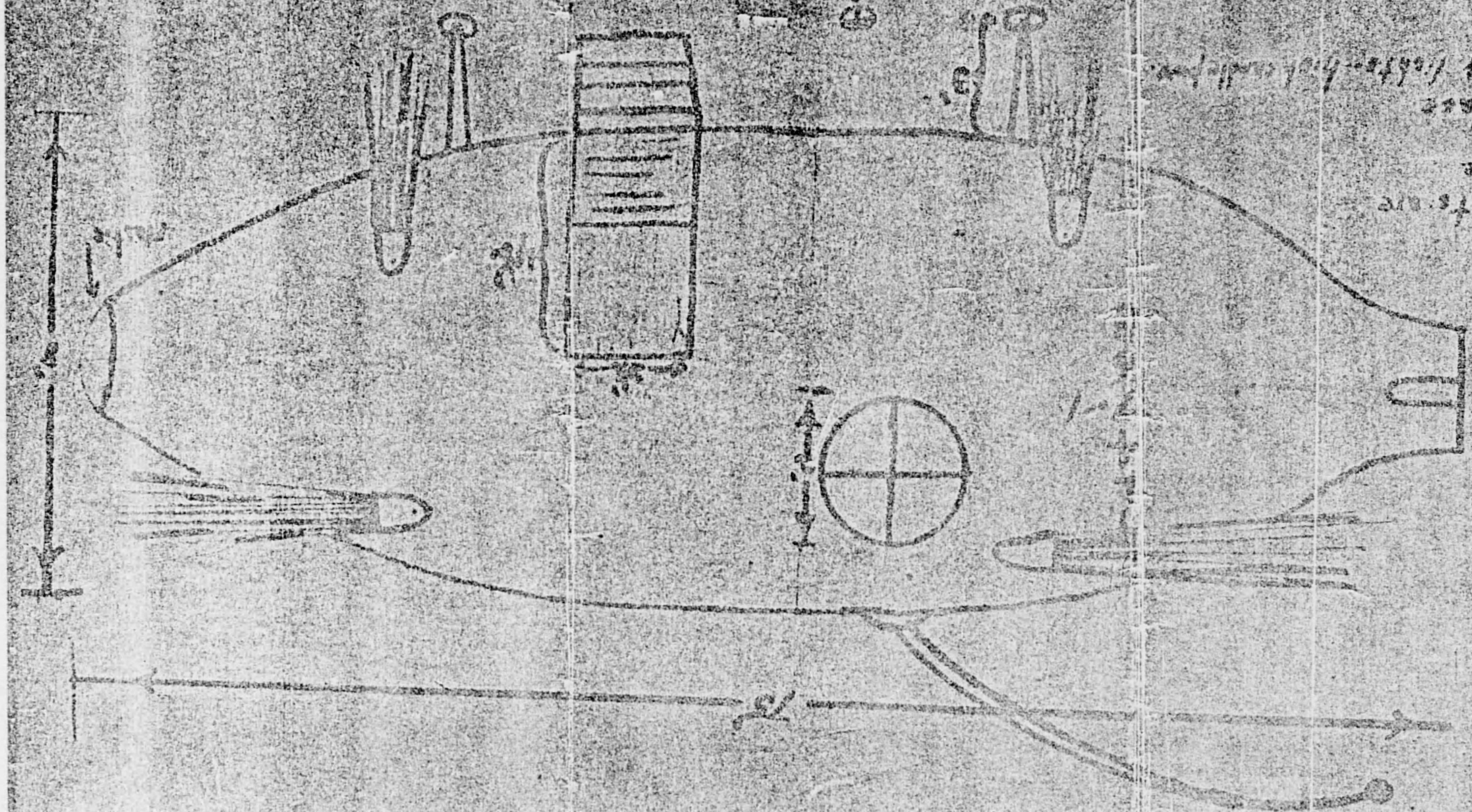
Bell Helicopters

Ling Temco Vault.

VIEWED FROM
80 FEET

THIS IMPROVED
PLAN

Approximate
dimensions of
the structure
shown in the
plan view



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?

23 Mar. 1966
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 05 05
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

Temple
City or Town

Okla. (Cotton County)
State or County

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

Hours Minutes 40 Seconds

(a.) Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Time to get out of car that 15-20 yds + Return part way

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:

Forward & Aft lights were extremely high candle pwr. One could read headlines at 12 miles. Testimate.

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 No sharp edges. Had appearance
of a conventional aircraft
fuselage.

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?

- [illegible]

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *Rose from pavement vert. & sped southeasterly at approx 720 m.p.h.*

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: *5-10-20 ft*

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: *Did not move in front of but was parked in part of the rear portion partiall blocked out a  Road curve sign.*

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

- a. Sound *High speed drill plus sound a welding rod makes when striking (an arc.)*
b. Color *Aluminum (as side of an airplane fuselage)*

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? *Can't use match head comparison. Obj. was 75' long, near 8' from floor to ceiling & near 12' wide. It rested on supports approx 3' long.*

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.

see enclosed sketch.

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? 720 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? Measured 80 yds.

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? 40 mph to zero 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

Through my eye glasses after getting out of car.

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 C-124 Aircraft without wings, propellers or empennage. Just the fuselage

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

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 [redacted] Mongu, Okla.
 Obj. followed him down to highway as he traveled W. from Waurika.

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:

I drove 1.5 miles down highway W. after
 object left & ^{Saw} Anderson who had stopped to watch the
 lights. He pointed to the lights hovering over Red River
 approx 5 to 6 miles S.E. of us.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
 Last Name First Name Middle Name
 ADDRESS [redacted] Temple 73568 Okla.
 Street City Zone State
 TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AGE 56 SEX M

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

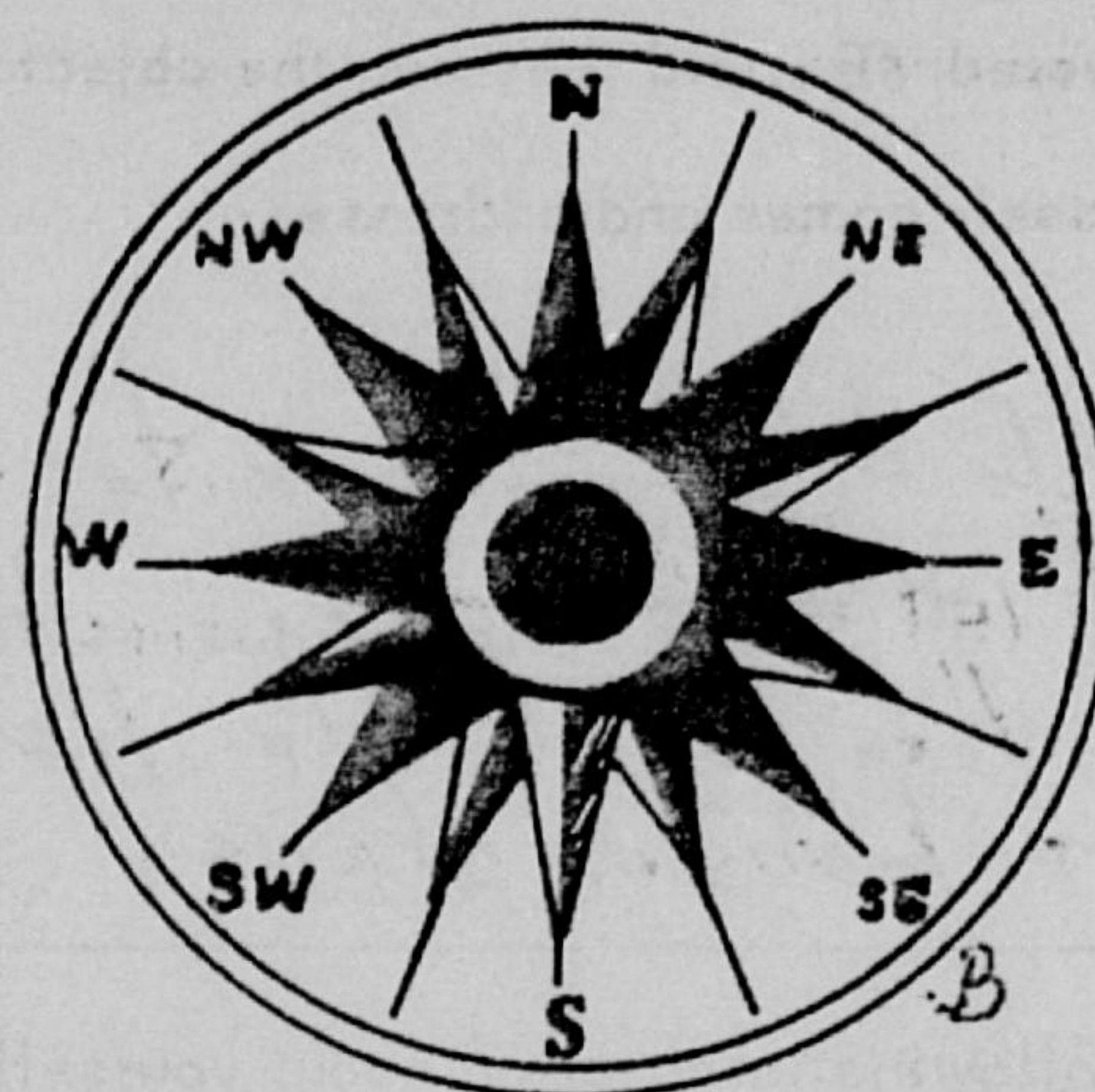
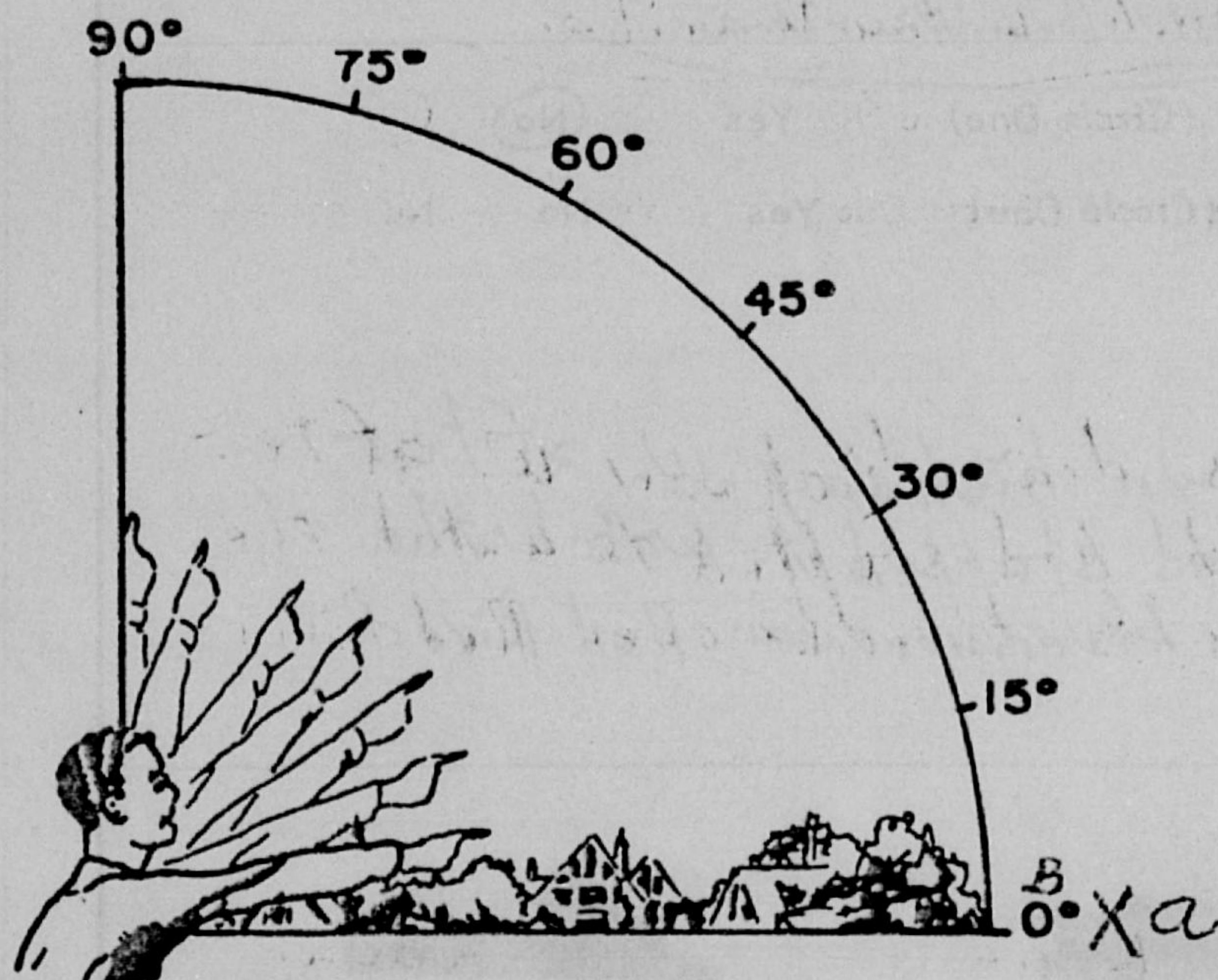
Have over 8,000 flying hours in single E & B (mostly instruction time)
 " Air Craft & Eng. Mech. license
 " Ground school ratings in CAR - AC - Eng - Navigation, Meteorology
 Parachute Rigger,
 Taught AC identification in 1942
 Have BS degree - Art, Econ, Sociology.
 Am a printer, journalist
 Have been scoutmaster many years.
 Skipper of a Sea Scout ship
 Have a Sunday School class for 10 yrs. of High School students (Methodist)

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

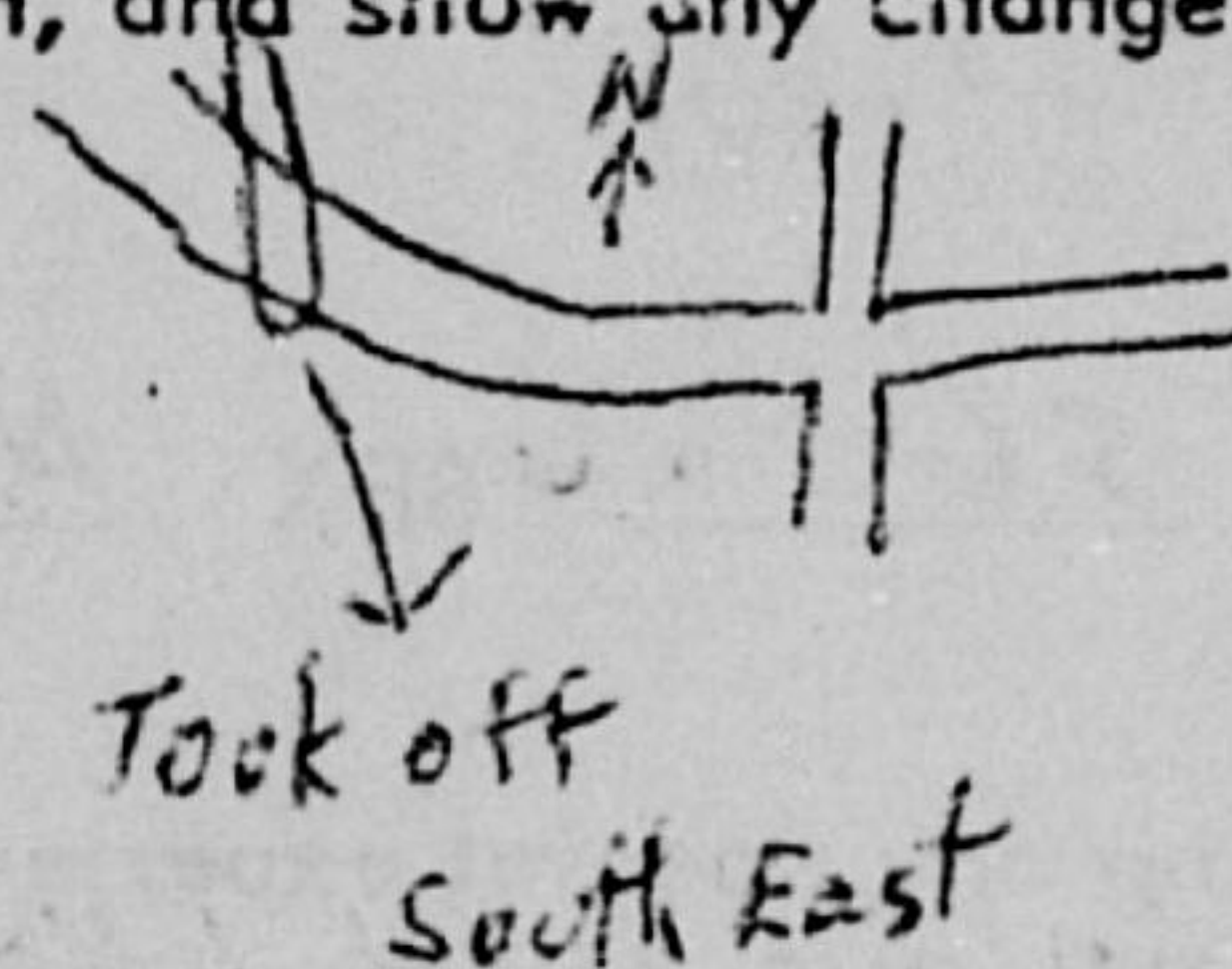
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 Day Month Year

Glen Shelton, Wichita Fall Times, Wichita Falls, Texas.

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

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

8 April 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.

