

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

<b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b> 26 Oct. 66 0001Z	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Holtsville, Long Island, New York      one witness
<b>3. SOURCE</b> Civilian	<b>10. CONCLUSION</b> Aircraft(possible)
<b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> One	
<b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 8 minutes	<b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b>  Observer watched a basketball shaped red and yellow object move toward the western sky. Observer had stopped her car at a stop sign and before proceeding heard a swish sound. As observer made the turn she noticed a strange glow coming at her. It was all lit up, with a red and yellow glowing light. The object disappeared heading straight upward. Observer compared the unknown to a blimp .  Considering the submitted evidence it appears that the witness saw and reported an aircraft. There is extremely a large air traffic area, and it appears that the witness observed some type of aircraft.
<b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> Ground Visual	
<b>7. COURSE</b> westward	
<b>8. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



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ACTION: RDC-4 INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-2, NIN-7, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (19)  
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ZNR UUUUU

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FM 52FIRWG SUFFOLK COUNTY AFB NY

TO RUWMEVA/ADC

RUEDBOA/21AIRDIV MCGUIRE AFB NJ

RUEDF3F/FTD WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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ADC FOR AFNIN, 21ADIV FOR 21ADOIN, FTD FOR TDETR, CSAF

FOR AFRDC, OSAF FOR SAF-01.

A. (1) ROUND

(2) BASKETBALL

(3) RED & YELLOW

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) SHINY

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(7) NONE

(8) HISSING

(9) NONE

B. (1) SAW IT COMING AT HER WHILE DRIVING.

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(2) 45/90

(3) 90

(4) FOLLOWED THE CAR.

(5) STRAIGHT UP.

(6) 5 MINUTES.

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. (1) 25/2400Z OCT

(2) NIGHT

E. INTERSECTION OF L.I. & MORRIS AVES., HOLTSVILLE, LI, NY.

F. (1) MRS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], HOLTSVILLE, LI, NY

33 YEARS, HOUSEWIFE, 12 YEARS, QUESTIONABLE.

G. (1) CLEAR

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(2) WIND	DIRECTION	VELOCITY
SURFACE	020	2
6,000	350	10
10,000	360	10
16,000	350	15

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20,000	330	20
30,000	310	30
50,000	260	35
80,000	NOT AVAILABLE	

(3) CLEAR

(4) 15

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

(7) 3 INVERSIONS 1500; 7000; 1200'

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. HIGH DENSITY CIVIL AIR TRAFFIC IN NY CITY AREA.

K. OPERATIONS OFFICER. THIS QUESTIONABLE REPORT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY

BECOME THE SUBJECT OF LOCAL NEWS INTEREST.  
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FTD (TDETR) *hl*  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433  
7 November 1966

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Holtsville,  
Long Island, New York 11101

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Reference your unidentified observation of 26 October 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 enclosed envelope.

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

Sincerely,

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

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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:

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 all aglow bright  
shiny

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

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



# 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?

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Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 8         
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?

       ZIP 11742 Holtsville, Long Island, N.Y.  
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

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

       8         
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? By going to sight again

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



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 \_\_\_\_\_

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? 20 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

I put my window down for a closer look and

was startled from what I saw.

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.

The only close thing I could think of that I ever saw was years ago. I think it's called a Zipperline I may have the spelling wrong. On a sunny day it would shine from the sun and cast a light shining like a piece of tin or something.



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

*Straight up -*

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

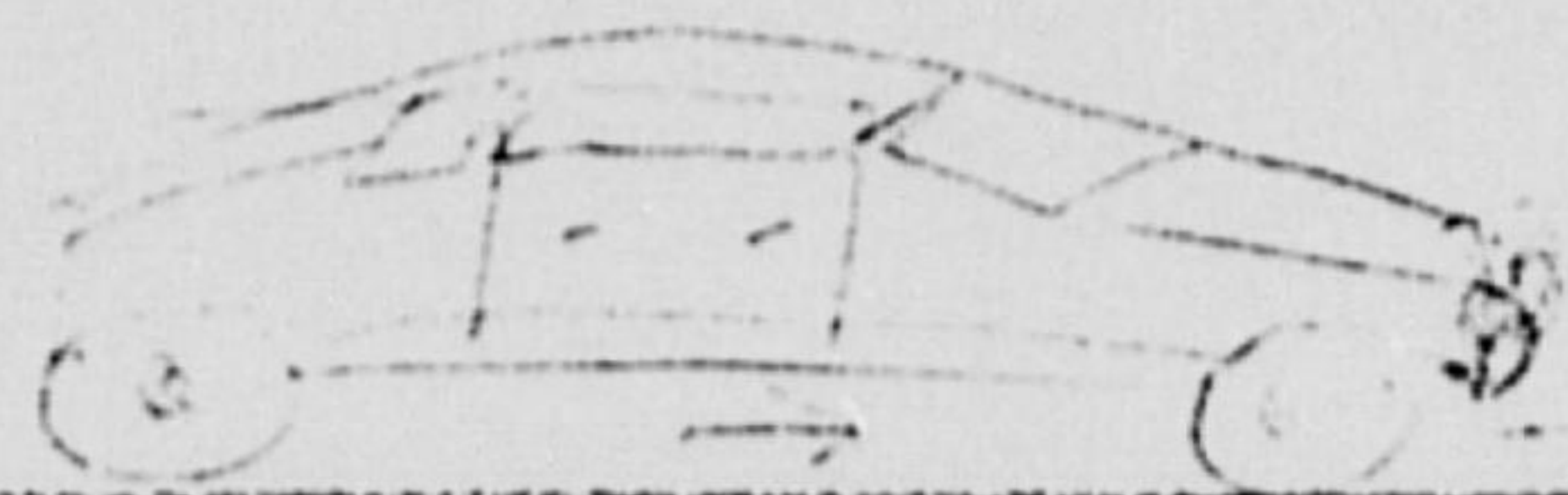
*It was all lit up, with a red & yellow glowing light.*

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?

*It is hard to say the angular size, from me looking at it all. I can say it looked like the size of my 30" round table maybe less but not more.*

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.





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

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

ADDRESS [Redacted] Holtville LD-N.Y.  
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [Redacted] AGE 33 SEX M

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

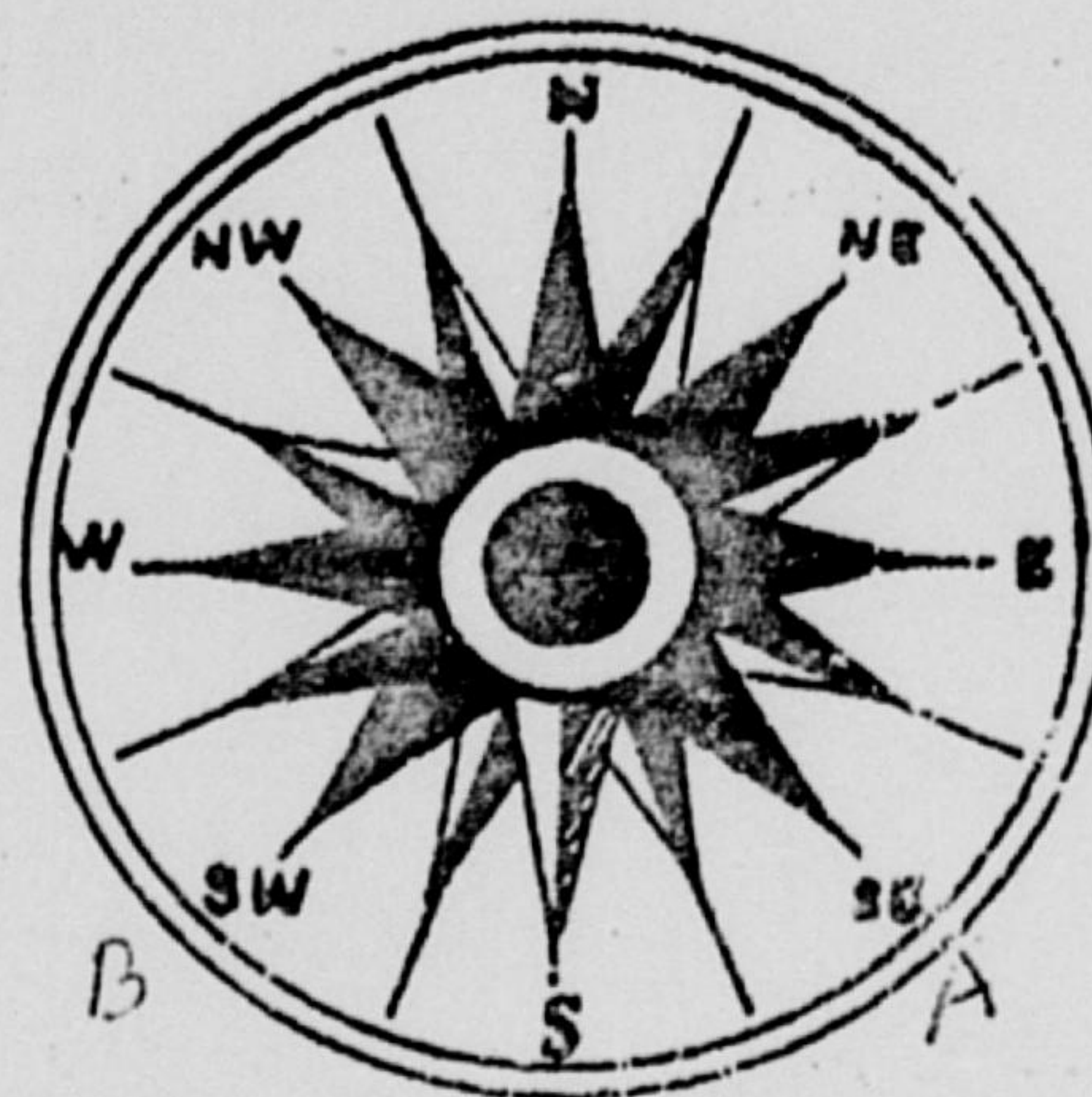
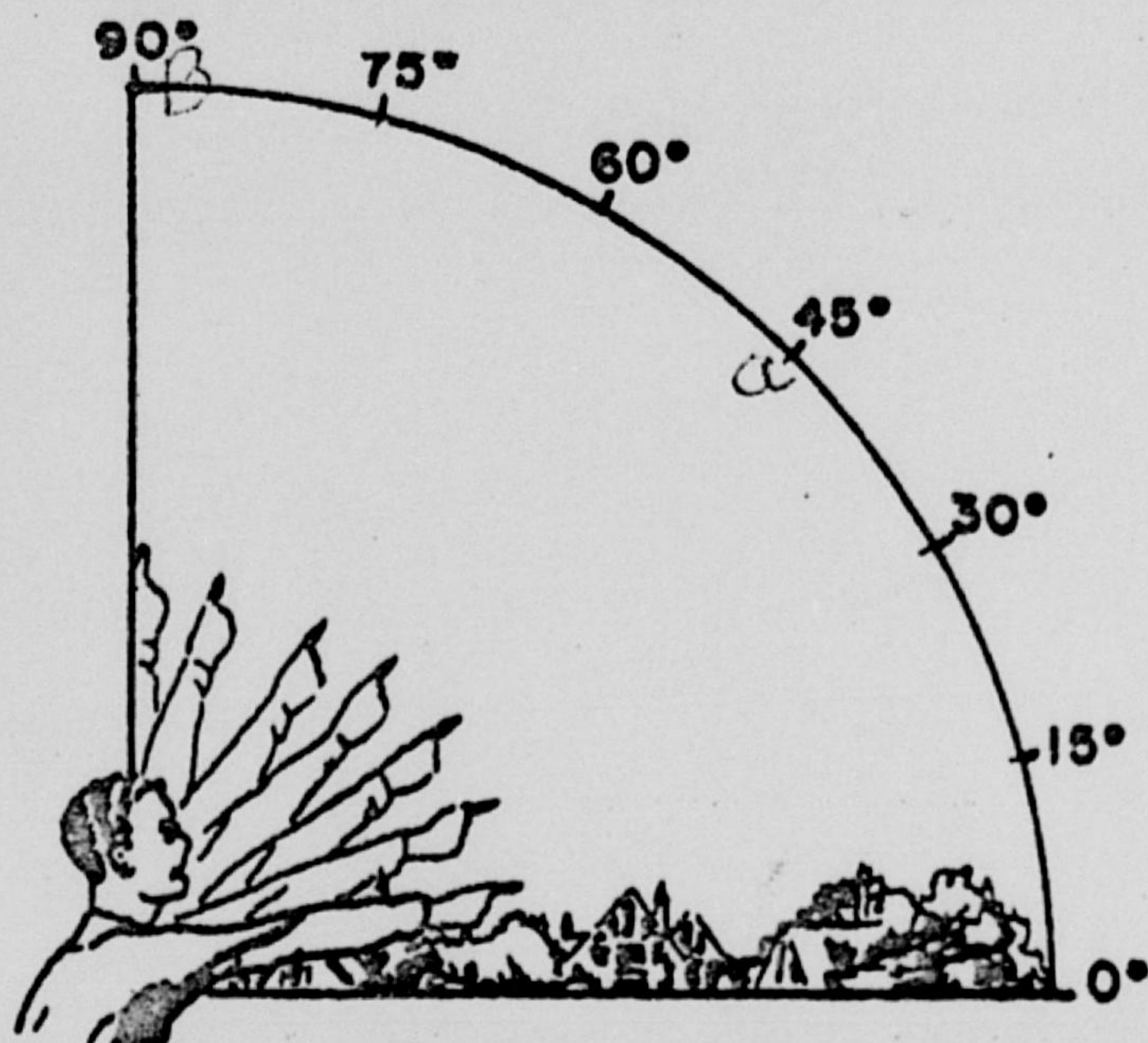
33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

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West  
The same night to the Police & Air Base/Hampton



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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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:

11 November 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.

It all started on the 26 of Oct 1966.  
I was on my way to service my car.  
I live off [redacted] in Holtville.  
I stopped at the stop sign, looked  
to see if any cars were coming.  
As there were none - I was about  
to go, something told me to open  
my door, I heard a Swish. I thought  
of my tire I looked down but  
didn't bother to get out, I started  
my right turn and as I did  
I saw this thing a very strange  
glow. I looked for a second  
and I thought my eyes were playing  
tricks on me but then I knew  
it was something I never saw.  
I stood there awhile.  
I could not believe it, I thought  
of everything. I could not take



my eyes off it. It looked  
 like it was hanging over ~~the~~ <sup>toward</sup> me.  
 That's why I could not believe my  
 eyes. I gazed the <sup>in</sup> a little more  
 and as it moved faster I  
 moved faster until it was  
 out of site and up it  
 went. But I know as from what I  
 saw it was a very strange feeling  
 to see something like that. Which  
 I will never forget as long as I  
 live. I hope this will be a help  
 to you. It is hard to describe  
 on paper. I can describe it well  
 at the ~~right~~ <sup>right</sup> where I saw it.  
 Best. It's easy to point out there.  
 Glad to be a help

anytime  
 Yours Truly  
 Mrs. [REDACTED]