

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE-TIME GROUP 17 April 67 17/2100Z	2. LOCATION Near SALEM, VIRGINIA (3 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION 1. Photo: (INSUFF DATA ORIG NEGGS NOT RECVD) 2. Other: (HOAX)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	The observer listed 2 witnesses to the sighting. Both denied ever having see it. Observer sent some photos of "other" UFOs he has seen.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 14 - 17 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted an object that the observer described as being similar to a black watermelon. Observer reportedly took a photo of the object, however, it has never been submitted to the Air Force.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

THIS CASE INCLUDES

1 PHOTO $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ COLOR

1 NEGATIVE $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$ B+W

2 NEGATIVES 4×5 COLOR

7 PHOTOS 8×10 B+W

6 PHOTOS 8×10 COLOR

Photo Case

17 April 67

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

TDPT/UFO

SUBJECT:

UFO Observation, 17 April 1967

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TO:

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Salem, Va. 24153

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JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Production

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AF Form 117

Send [Signature] and [Signature] another
117.

*Send request for [Signature] to submit
his neg on case
Two negs be submitted as
not for this case.*

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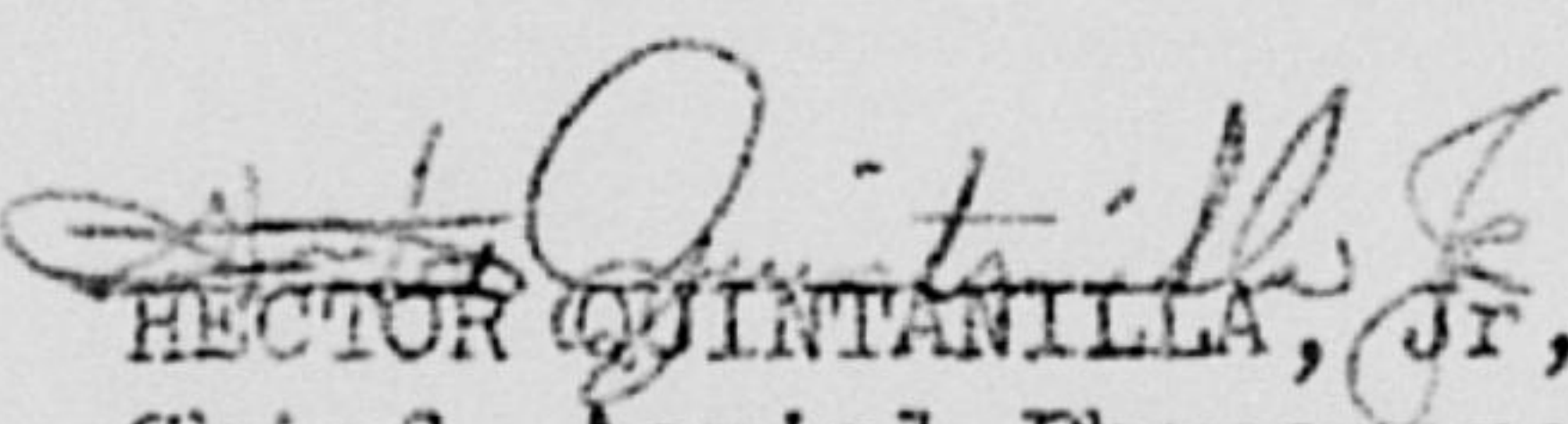
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Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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AF Form 117 w/envelope.

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL
NUMBER 21-R358

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN PREPARED SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE THE U.S. AIR FORCE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENON THAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED. PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE WILL BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF YOUR STATEMENTS OR CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. RETURN TO AIR FORCE BASE INVESTIGATOR FOR FORWARDING TO FTD (TDETR), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433, IAW AFR 80-17. (IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE NEEDED FOR NARRATIVE OR SKETCHES ATTACH SECURELY TO THIS FORM OR ANNOTATE WITH YOUR NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

1. WHEN DID YOU SEE THE PHENOMENON?

DAY _____ MONTH _____ YEAR _____

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR _____ MINUTES _____ ☐ A.M. ☐ P.M.

3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

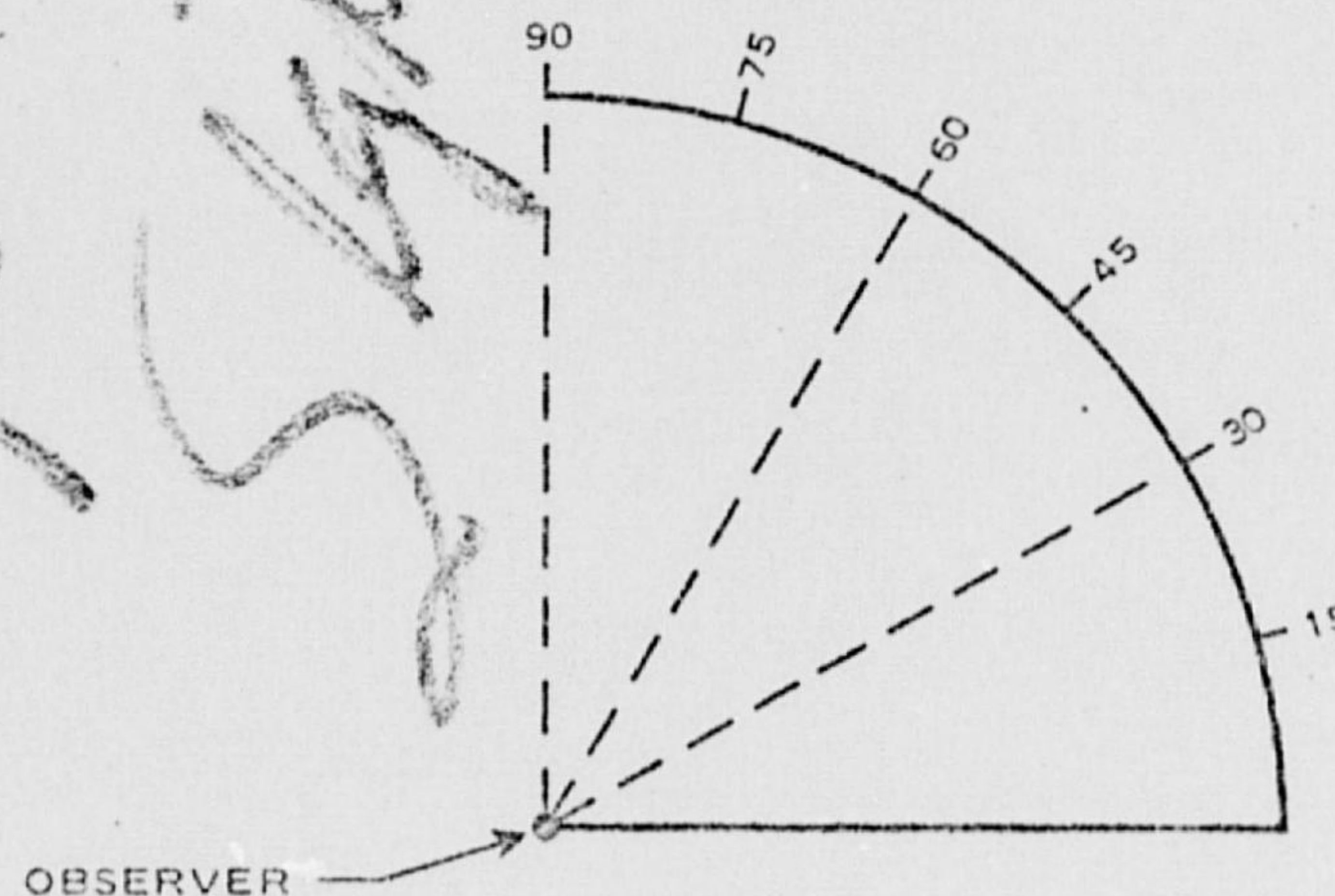
HOUR _____ MINUTES _____ ☐ A.M. ☐ P.M.

4. TIME/ZONE

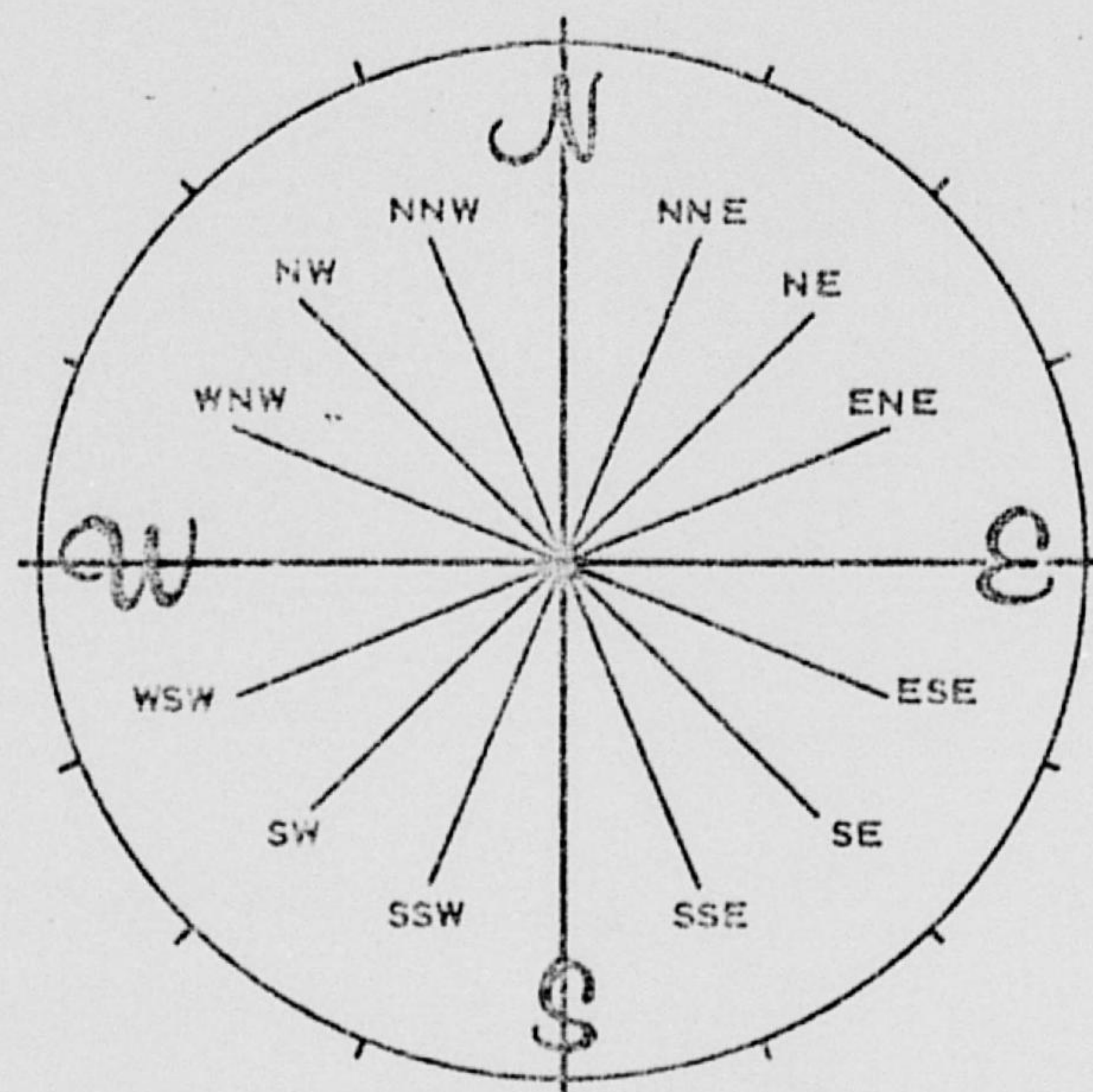
☐ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS☐ STANDARD☐ EASTERN☐ CENTRAL☐ MOUNTAIN☐ PACIFIC☐ OTHER

5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARK.

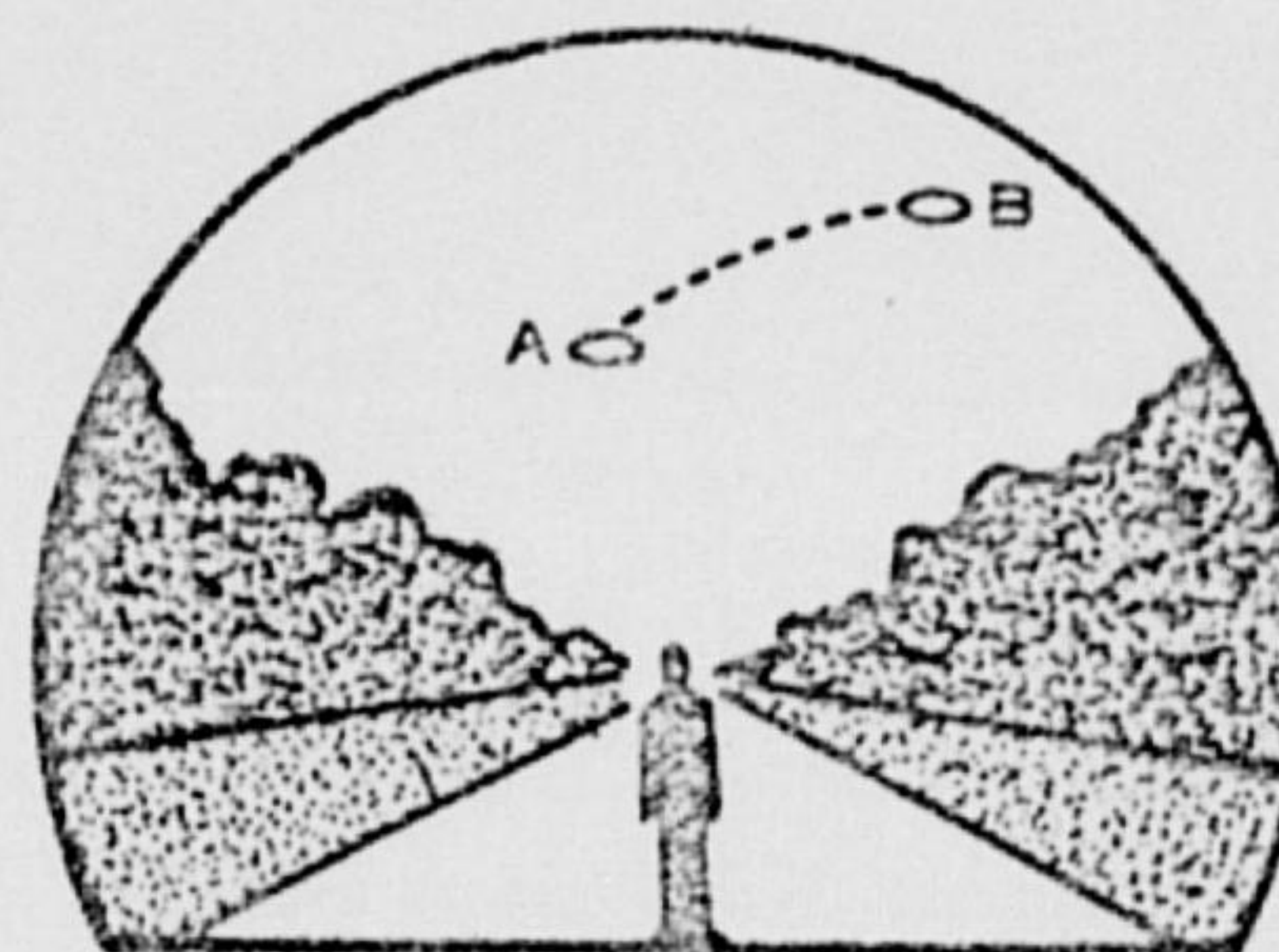
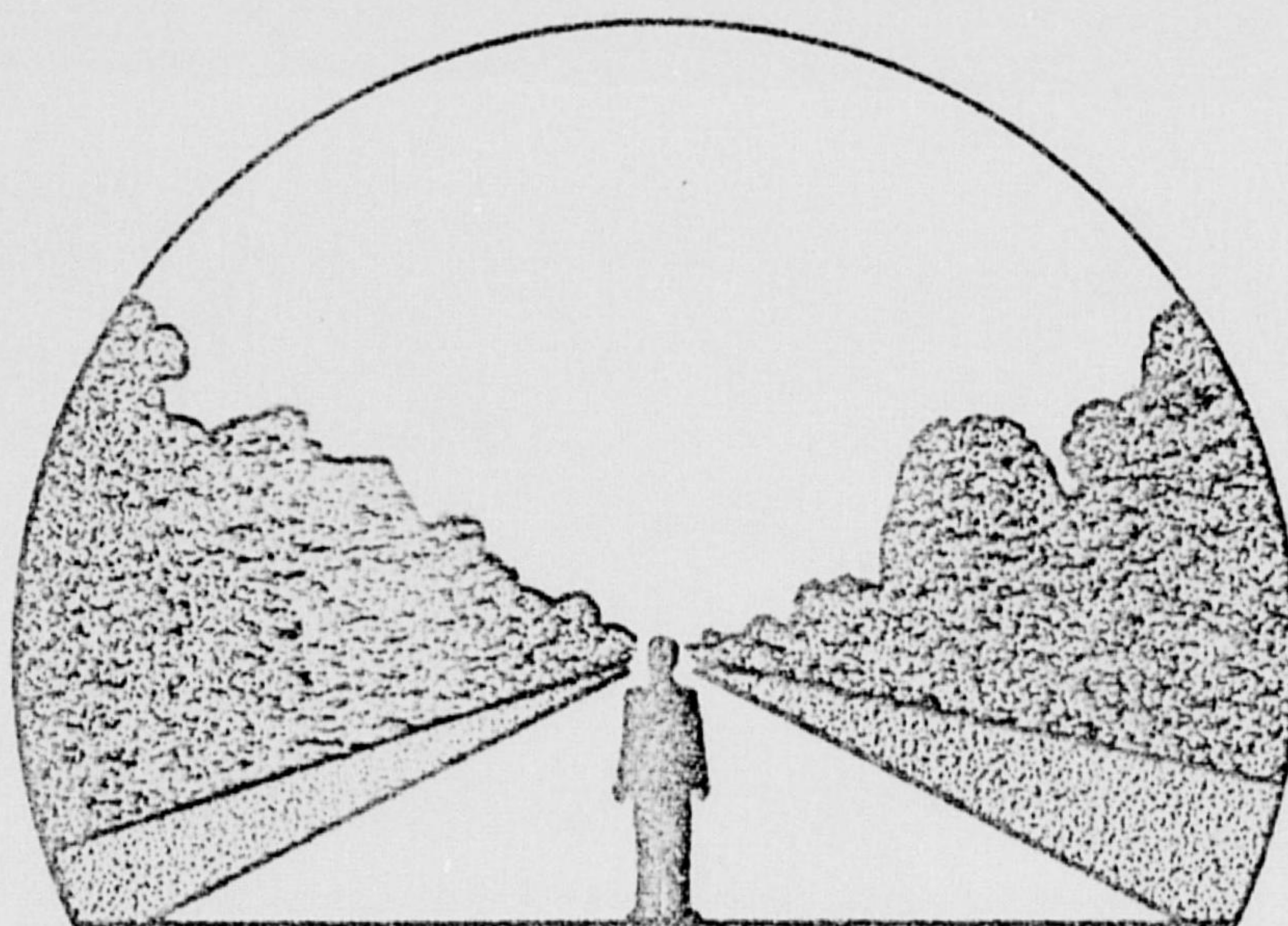
6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.



5A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



7. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN, AND A "B" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN. CONNECT THE "A" AND "B" WITH A LINE TO APPROXIMATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE PHENOMENON BETWEEN "A" AND "B". THAT IS, SCHEMATICALLY SHOW WHETHER THE MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE STRAIGHT, CURVED OR ZIG-ZAG. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.



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Victor Quintanilla, Jr.
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Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
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AF Form 117 w/envelope

Feb 17, 1968

*I am writing in reference to above on behalf
— of my daughter. ~~██████████~~ She does not remember
seeing a UFO. last April 17, 1967 and doesn't know who
could have reported same. Sorry she could
not be of any help in this matter.*

Mrs. ~~████████████████████~~

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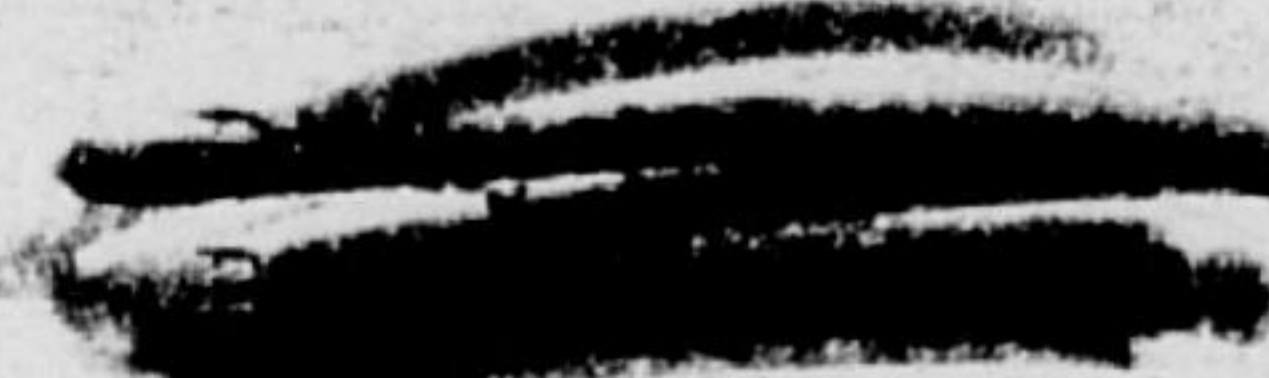
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negative

17 April 67

TDET/UFO (Mt Marley, /70916/mhs/20 Jun 67)

JUN 21 1967

UFO Observation, 17 April 1967



Salem, Virginia 24153

This replies to your recent correspondence in which you reported your unidentified observation of 17 April 1967 and subsequent photographs. Additional information on your sighting and your original negative are needed to perform a scientific investigation. Request you complete the attached photographic data sheet and return it with your original negative. Upon completion of analysis we will return your negative along with our findings.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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Photographic Data Sheet
w/envelope

COORDINATION:

WAM
TDET/UFO

DATE 21 June 67

TDET

DATE

Send witness a 117

TDET/UFO OFFICIAL FILE CY

SEND FOR PHOTO

Dear Sir:

I will send you the photo when I get the
Bill to send it back to me. I thank you
for the information you sent me

Signed

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Richy Myers

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? <u>Monday</u> <u>April</u> <u>1967</u> Day Month Year	2. Time of day: <u>4PM</u> <u>8</u> Hour Minutes (Circle One): A.M. or <u>P.M.</u>
3. Time Zone: (Circle One): a. Eastern b. Central c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other <u>Eastern</u> (Circle One): a. Daylight Saving b. <u>Standard</u>	
4. Where were you when you saw the object? <u>In Between</u> <u>Williamsburg and Jamestown Va</u> <u>Prince William (?)</u> Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County	
5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>14-17</u> Hours Minutes Seconds (a) Certain c. Not very sure b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess 5.1 How was time in sight determined? <u>I counted the seconds in my head "</u> 5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes <u>✓</u> No <u> </u>	
6. What was the condition of the sky? DAY a. <u>Bright</u> b. <u>Cloudy</u> 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 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:

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

c. Other _____

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|----|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke? and fire | 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 |

Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? ¹

① ② ③ ④

after I took the picture It shot out fire and sped up at 83°

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

Very dark-black

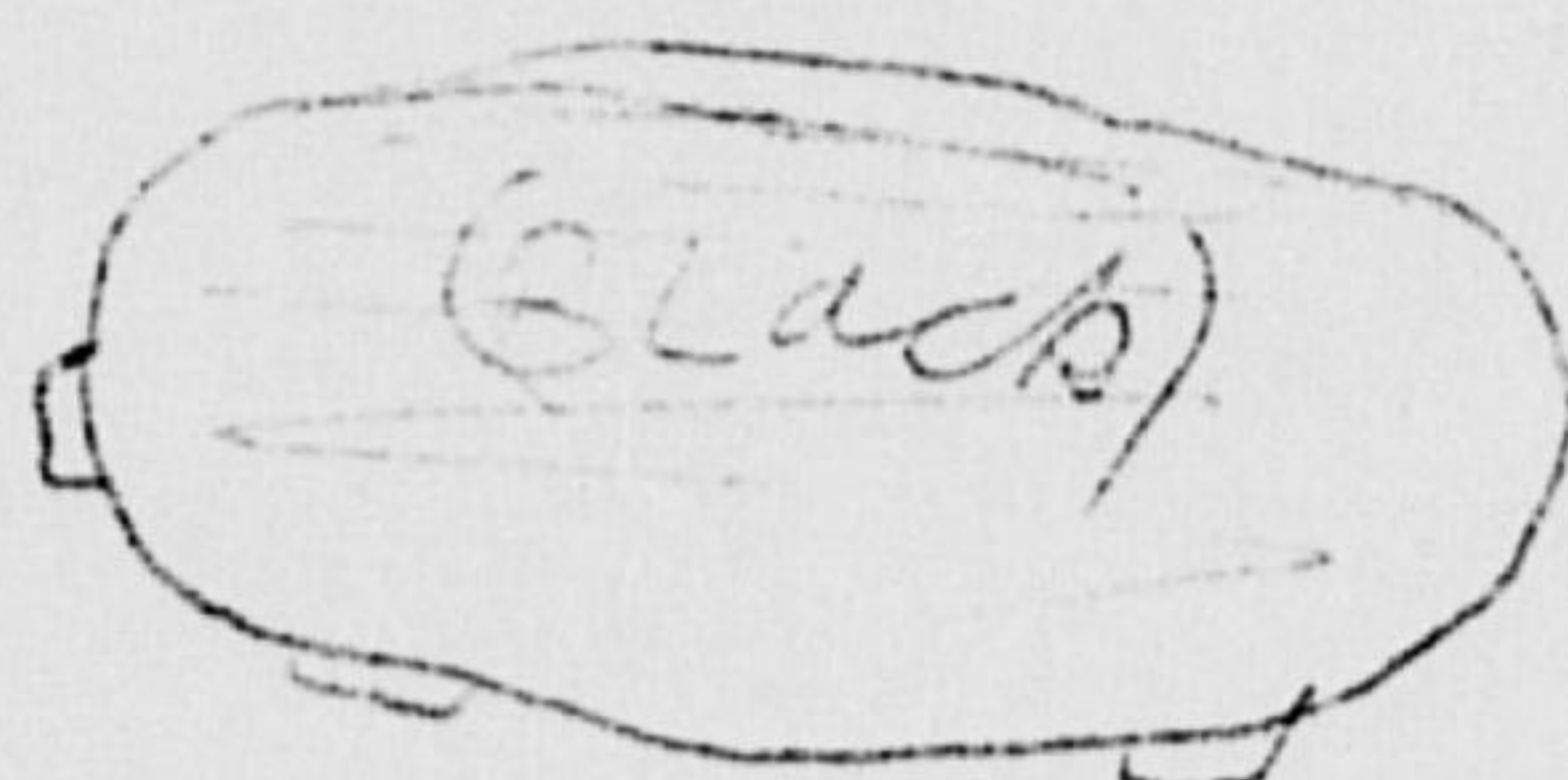
18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

99°

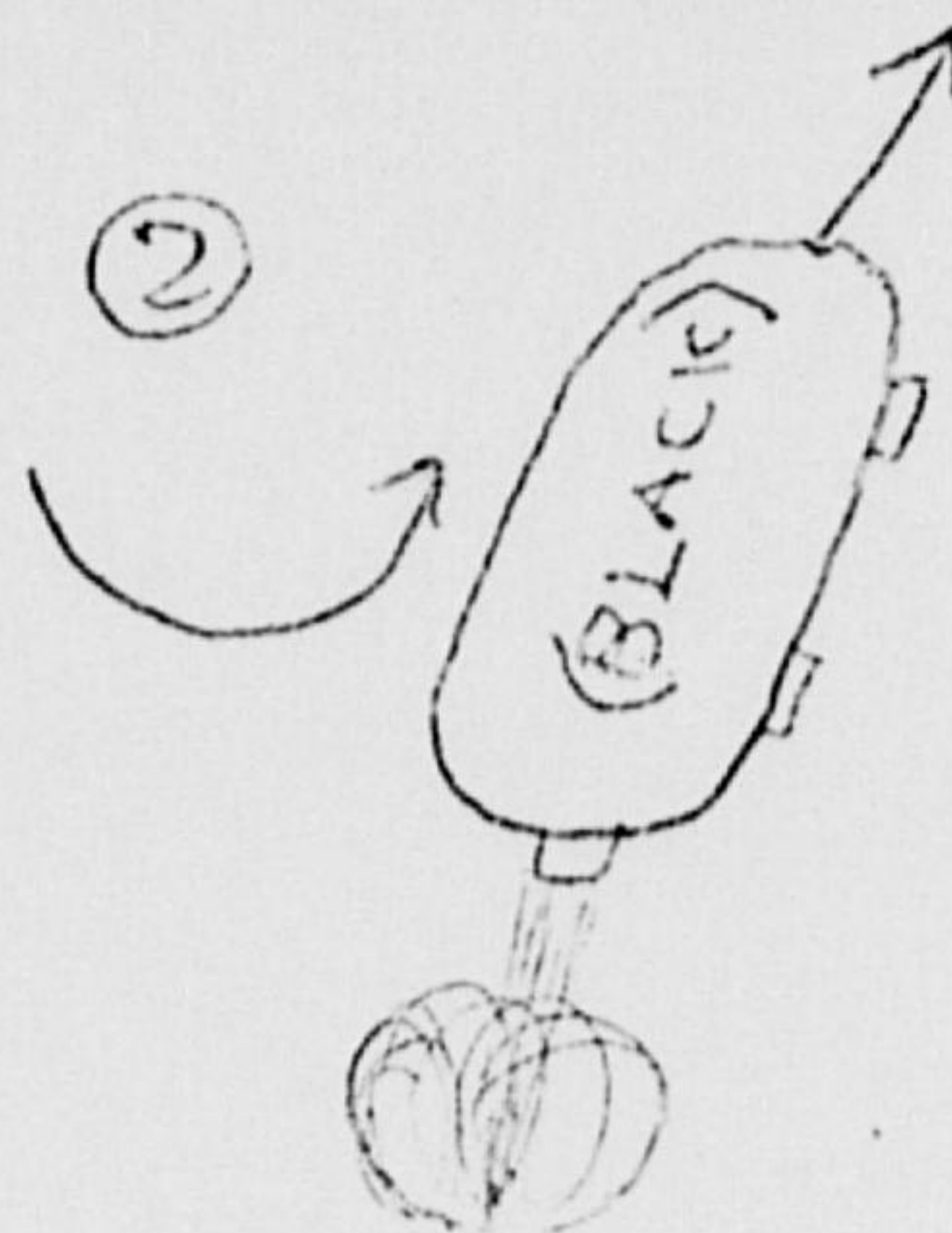
19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails.

Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

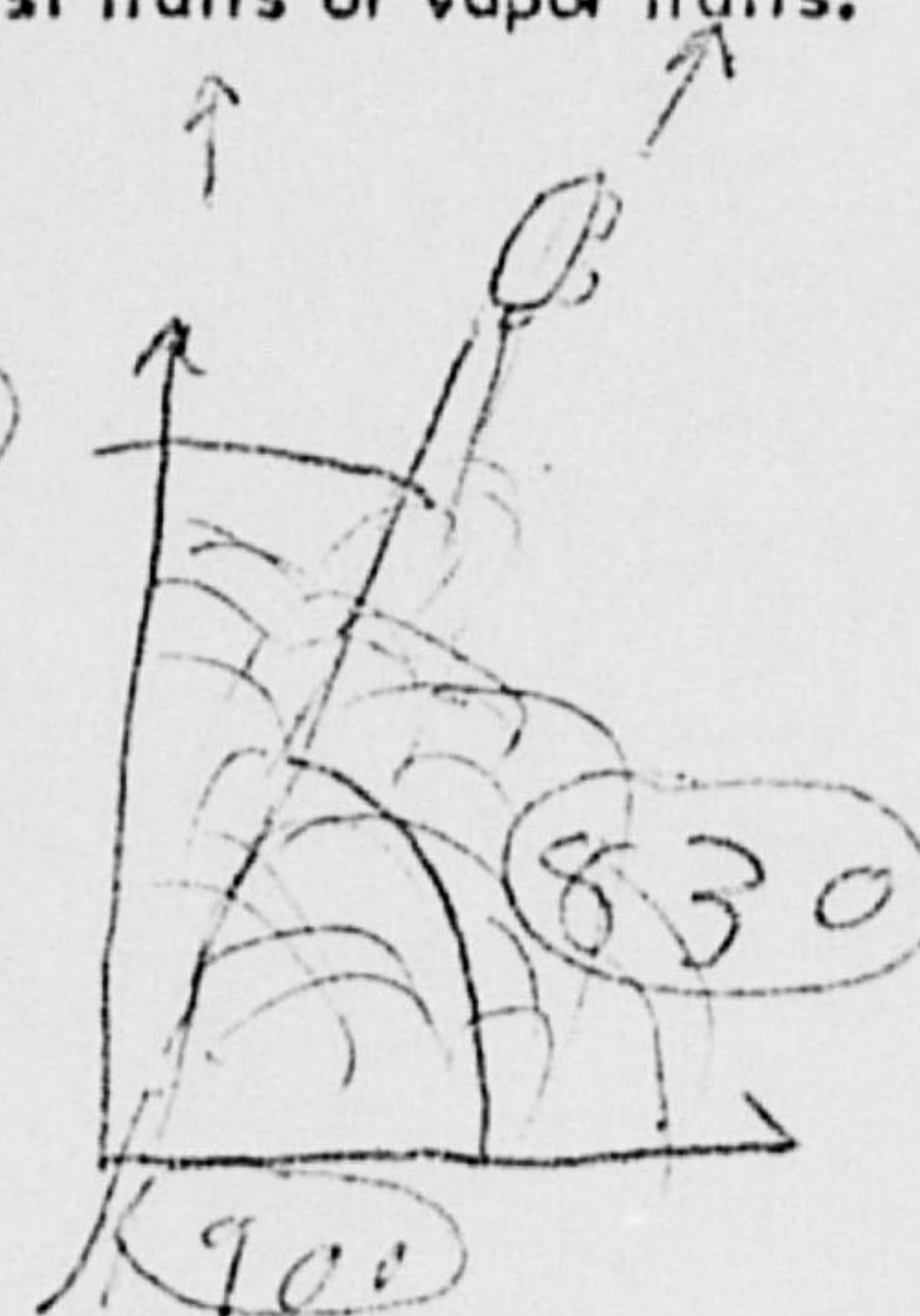
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②



③



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?

(1000 miles Per hour)
(or Faster)

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?

(110 yards)

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 On a Greyhound Bus

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? 65 → 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

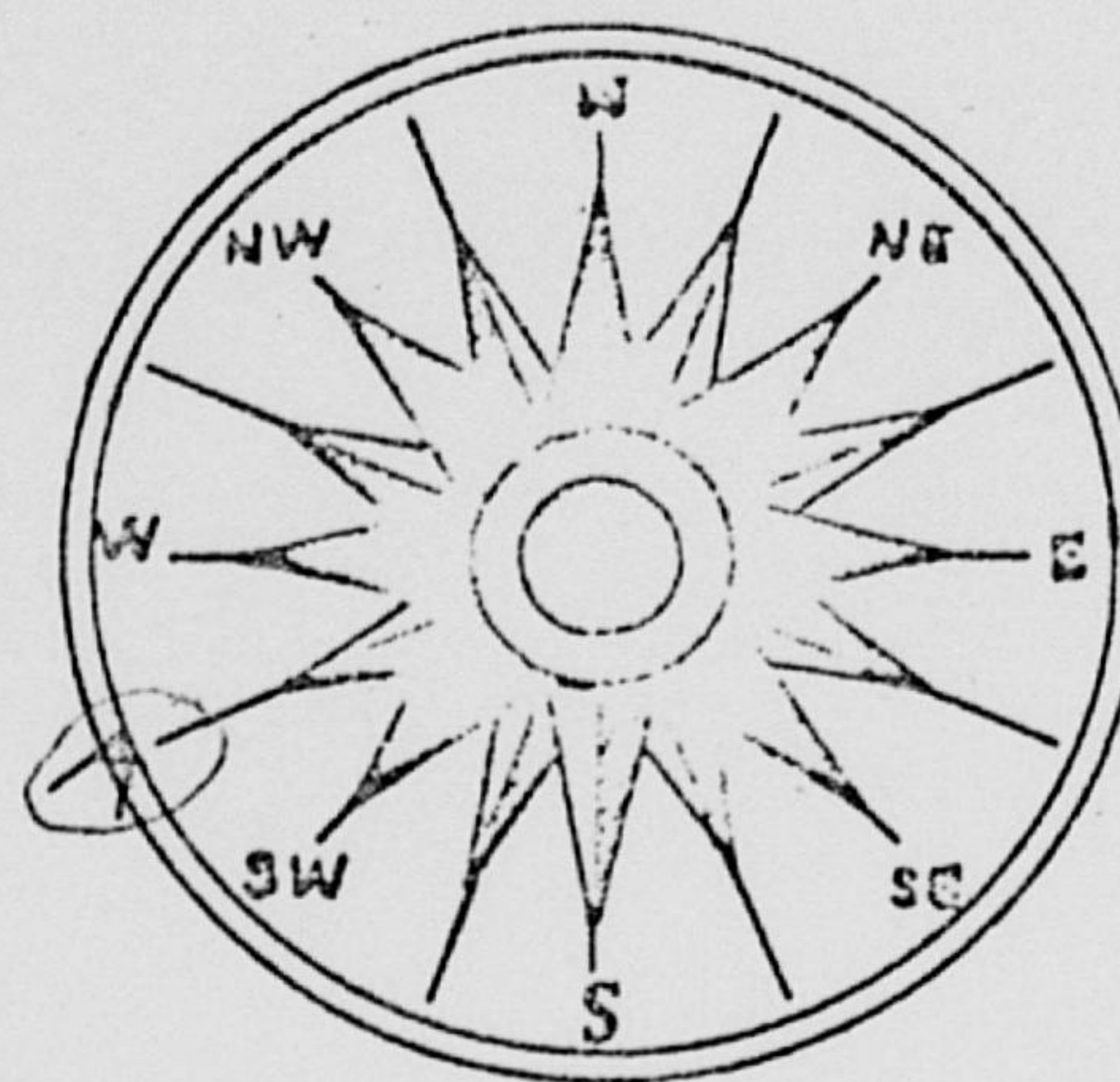
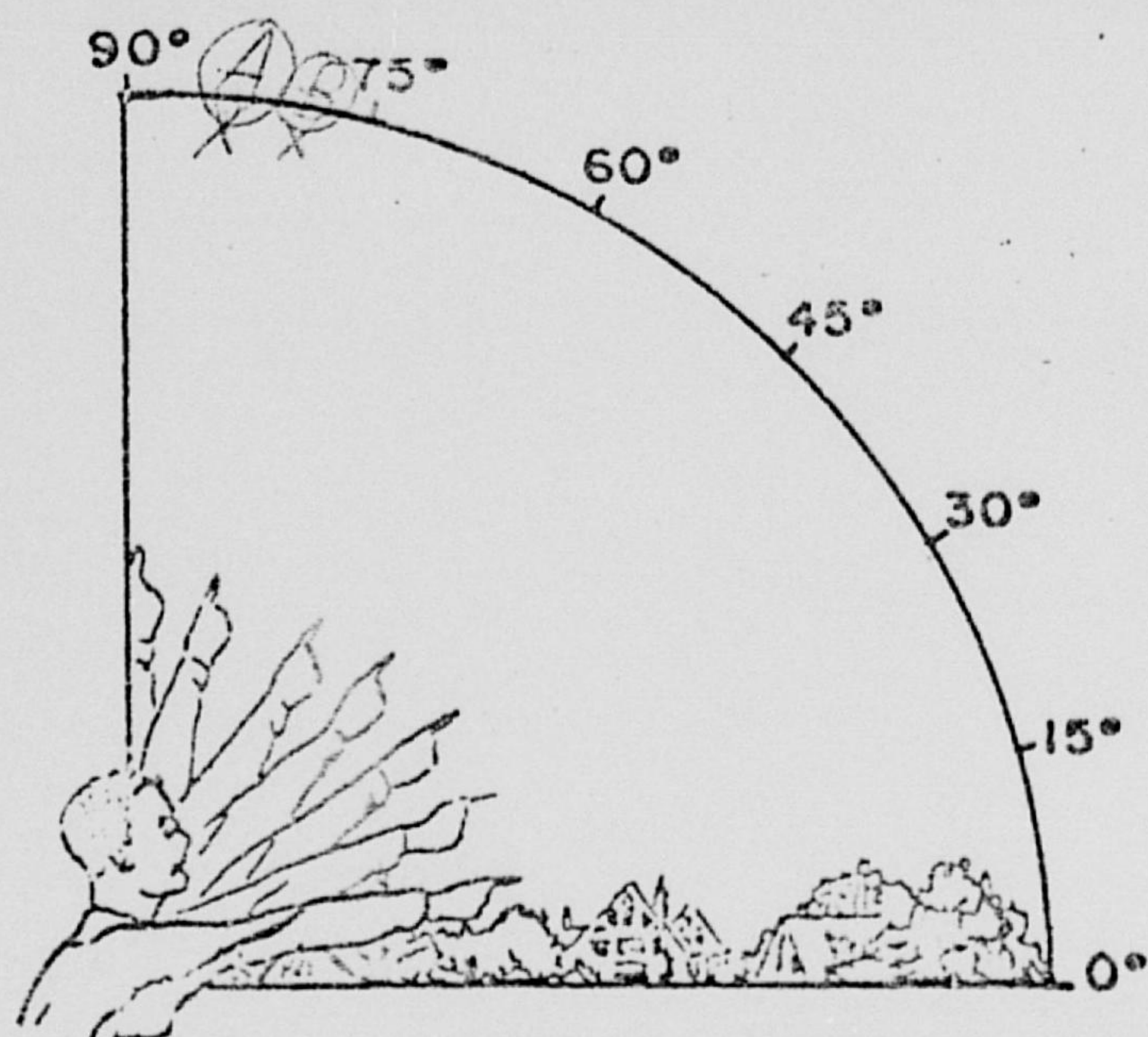
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h. Other _____

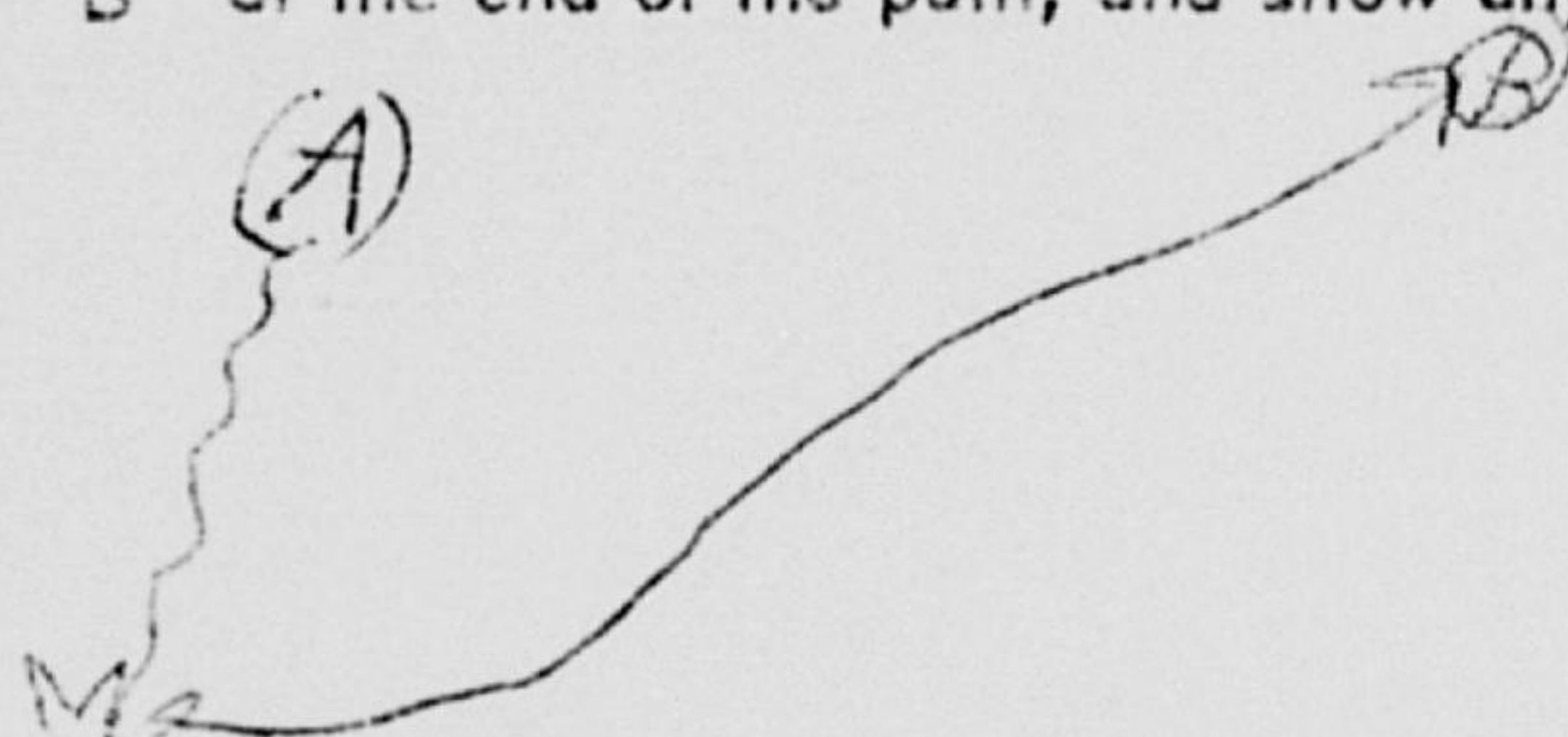
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

A Watermelon, only Jet Black

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.

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

(Yes but not the same one) August (24th) 1966 - south
9:30 PM - Friday West

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:

~~_____~~ - address unknown
~~_____~~ Virginia
also ~~_____~~ Salem Va - (phone) -
~~_____~~
~~_____~~

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street
R.R.

City

Town

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

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

I have black hair, weigh 155, husky (sort of),
(medium build) Bluish-Gray eyes

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

Day

Day

Month

Month

Year

Year

To Dell

Date you completed this questionnaire:

—	May	1967
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.

That I did see the object
and I took a picture of it

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA

1. Type and make of camera *Brownie "Starmite" camera*
2. Type, focal length, and make of lens *Simply up to 3 miles (?)*
3. Brand and type of film — *Kodak-127 (size) Black + white*
4. Shutter speed used *f/13*
5. Lens opening used; that is, "f" stop ~~f/13~~ *(F13)*
6. Filters used — *none*
7. Was tripod or solid stand used — *negative*
8. Was "panning" used — *negative*
9. Exact direction camera was pointing with relation to true North, and its angle with respect to the ground. — *Southwest — (75°)*
10. If supplemental information is unobtainable, the minimum camera data required are the type of camera, and the smallest and largest "f" stop and shutter speed readings of the camera. *smallest — f/13 — largest f/14*

17 April 67

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TDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/14 Feb 68

UFO Observation, 17 April 1967


Salem, Virginia 24153

Reference your unidentified flying object (UFO) observation of 17 April 1967 and subsequent photographs. In your letter you indicated that you would forward the original negatives on your sighting; to date, they have not been received. In order that we may evaluate your sighting, please forward your original negatives in the inclosed envelope. Upon completion of analysis, we will return your negatives.


MAJOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

1 Atch
Self-addressed envelope

TDPT (UFO) OFFICIAL FILE CY

17 April 67

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

March 29, 1968

Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr., USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Tech Division
Production Directorate
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Re: TDPT (UFO)
4-17-67 observation

Dear Major Quintanilla:

[REDACTED] is my 15 year old son. He and his brother [REDACTED] now age 9, state they saw the "flying saucer" pictured in the subject photo, land and take off on or near the [REDACTED] property adjoining our home premises. He states at first they were frightened and ran, then returned a distance to snap the picture sent you.

[REDACTED] says he sent the negative to Dell Publications and that it has not been returned. I will write them myself in an attempt to get the negative for you.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DM:dj

Dear Sirs;

Here are two negatives of other of obs & observed. The Black and white negative (Not Original) shows a black dot (arrow) me and my smaller brother observed. The color one, shows a discolored object. I didn't see it just appeared on my negative. I'll have to write to Dell for my other negative and it'll take about 2 weeks to return. ~~It~~ When I get it back, I'll send it to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

~~_____~~













