

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 Apr 67	2. LOCATION Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania <i>2 at witness)</i>
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION <i>Poss. AIRCRAFT</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE NE-W	
8. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NOTE: There is an aerial advertising who has an electrical advertising sign and currently operates in the Pittsburgh area. (See attached description of his phone). It seems quite possible that this phone was the stimulus for this sighting. 1 Aug 68 CDT
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

FORM  
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

William B. Weitzel: President. Philosophy Instructor, University of Pittsburgh, Bradford Campus. Three years physics training at MIT; MA in Philosophy. NICAP staff member during summer of 1966. Published account of Portage County (April 17, 1966) UFO/police "chase"; has given UFO talks.

S. Lee Wiley: Ophthalmic Technician with Drs. Linn, Linn Sr., and Sharrer. Former MP with U. S. Marine Corps. Made pictures of burned retina of UFO witness, who suffered eye damage. One of three Institute people who are ready to handle on-going UFO sightings reported to answering service (telephone number 391-2766).

#### FLYING SAUCER FROM MARS DISCOVERED

An on-the-spot Institute investigation recently verified the existence of a "Flying Saucer From Mars," which has accounted for many UFO sightings in the Pittsburgh area. The object is a Citabria Champion advertising plane flown by Fred Eiler, Culmerville Airport, and bears the above quoted inscription with the qualification "Pa." in small letters after "Mars." Mr. Eiler owns AAA Sky Adds, Inc.

The wingspan of the Citabria ("airbatic" spelled backwards) is 36-1/2 feet. It usually flies at an altitude of about 1,000 feet, around 70 mph, and can stay aloft over five hours. Mounted below the wings is a framework of wires to which are soldered 7 rows of 36 CM51 bulbs, the size of a flashlight bulb. A heavy tape with holes punched in it to spell out a message, runs through a machine inside the plane which makes the bulbs light up in a certain sequence, to make the message move across the lights. An air siren mounted below the plane is sometimes used to attract attention.

In a strong headwind, at an airspeed of 30 mph, the Citabria can appear to be standing still. Seen on edge, its lights, moving from one side to another, can give the appearance of a flattish object with a row of lights around the rim. The engine of the plane is inaudible at a distance from which the moving lights can be easily seen; thus, many people report seeing a silent, disc-shaped object with a rotating rim covered by equally-spaced lights. When the plane is flying directly toward or away from the observer, especially in a misty atmosphere, its appearance can be quite eerie. It can, as several reports have stated, definitely "not resemble any conventional aircraft"!

The RESEARCHER  
V. 1  
NO. 2  
JUN / JULY 68

Observer stated  
"Red lights - These encircled  
the entire ship about  
6 FT. apart.

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TDPTR Lt Col Smith

Request surface wind direction and velocity for  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 3 April 1967, 2000 hours,  
EST.

TDPT (UFC) Lt Marano

23 Apr 68

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER (ETAC)  
BLDG 159 NAVY YARD ANNEX, WASHINGTON, DC 20333



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: ETAC/EAD (#5992D/SSgt Dunham)

7 May 68

SUBJECT: Request for Weather Data

TO: FTD (TDPTR-4)  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. Surface wind data required to complete the evaluation of a reported UFO sighting at Pittsburgh, Pa., on 3 April 1967 at 2000L hours, was not available. However, as a possible aid to your evaluation, the surface wind at 1900L hours on 3 April 1967 was 310 degrees at 14 knots.

2. Data sources were the ETAC surface history files.

FOR THE COMMANDER

*John T. McCabe*  
JOHN T. McCABE, Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Environmental Applications Div.

Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla  
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S. Lee  
PITTSBURGH

The puzzling thing about the entire case is how Mr. [REDACTED] came into possession of the rather remarkable color polaroid photographs. What were the circumstances under which the photographs were taken, and how were they contrived? Somebody went to a fair amount of trouble, but why? I questioned both the sheriff and asked the reporters to find out also, whether Mr. [REDACTED] was ever known to have bought photographic supplies in the local stores, and whether he knew anything about photography himself. The reply to this as far as could be determined, was negative. If one had the time, this would make a very interesting, but not terribly significant detective story. I would suggest it as a psychology master's degree thesis!

It should be pointed out that the [REDACTED] sighting was by no means the only case reported in that area. There followed quite a spate of reports, apparently all through the year, and even as late as November 3, 1967, when a [REDACTED] made a typical case encounter, luminous body sighting. "It was big enough to drive a car in", [REDACTED] said, "it was shaped like a cigar - one end was round."

I believe there is a moral to be drawn from the Wellington case. Had the Altus Air Force Base reacted promptly and done a good investigation on this case, very early in the game, and in particular, had found out how Mr. [REDACTED] had come into possession of said pictures, a lot of later trouble could have been saved. We still don't know how the pictures came into being.

#### 21. 2 April 1967, Shively, Kentucky.

The evaluation "possible aircraft" seems okay. The sighting fits a pattern of the unusual, but we do not know how much the young boys "read into" what might have been a perfectly ordinary sighting. They are familiar with UFO literature and could have given a highly preferential interpretation to their sighting. The sighting was of short duration and the telescopic sighting was 20 seconds or less, hardly enough time to make a cold appraisal at a time of high excitement. Proper investigation at the local level could have easily determined how much of this was interpretation and how much was fact.

#### 22. 3 April 1967, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The evaluation "aircraft" on this is ludicrous, if any credence whatever is given to the sanity and reliability of the observer. If it was an aircraft, then it created in the mind of the observer an entire fantasy, because as the observer stated, "there is no object I've ever seen similar to this object I saw. Or could even compare to it."

4 June 1968

Statement, included at Blue Book, to the effect that the "object was not moving except when the witness would travel in the car", is absolutely incorrect, if the witness is to be believed at all. Witness stated that the object suddenly sped up and rushed away and "when it was approaching me it had only vibrant red light that was visible". With respect to the light, witness stated, "there is nothing I know of, or that I've ever seen with red lights that were as vibrant or as brilliant".

Finally, witness became frightened because object appeared so close directly over her car, and yet said there was no sound at all. Unless one is willing to call this an absolute hallucination, and that there was no physical outfit present whatever, the evaluation "aircraft" simply won't hold up.

This case is sufficiently interesting for me to interview the witnesses, as there were two rather than one as stated. They were independent and talked about it only after each had seen it separately.

I will make this personal investigation and report later.

23. 3 April 1967, Roseville, Michigan.

I would agree with the evaluation of possible birds, but I suppose to be fair we should also add, possible unidentified (data insufficient, no followup). The card indicates one object, and the report, however, clearly indicates that 10 to 12 lights were observed flying in V formation. This actually strengthens the "possible birds" evaluation.

24. 4 April 1967, Wheeling, W. Virginia.

This is not in my files.

25. 5 April 1967, Westminister, Colorado

Since the 164 was not returned the evaluation "insufficient data", I suppose, is entirely correct, but the case itself is interesting in that there were 15 witnesses. Here is one case the Condon Committee should have looked into, since it was right at their back door. They should have looked into it particularly since there were 15 witnesses. Also the object was visible for 15 minutes, and it was observed through a telescope. Even at this late date this might be worth a call. As a matter of fact, when I am in Boulder this July I will look into it myself, but for the statistics, the evaluation "insufficient data" certainly holds.

3 AM 67

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Alt (possible)

~~Information~~

~~Information~~

### 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?

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Day

Month

1967  
Year

2. Time of day:

7

Hour

55

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

Pittsburgh, Pa.  
City or Town

Pennsylvania  
State or County

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

Hours

10

Minutes

Seconds

a. Certain

c. Not very sure

b. Fairly certain

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

I was running late and I noticed it was 7:55  
as I left the house. I arrived about 8:05

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 bright at first
- e. Don't remember

*It was a blur, it was when it was close to me.*

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:

*There is nothing I know of that I've ever seen with lights that are as brilliant or brilliant.*

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?
- 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? *it seemed to pulse at*
- h. Disappear and reappear? *not while it was in view, I moved to the next street.*

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Don't know
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Don't know
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Don't know
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Don't know
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Don't know
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<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Don't know
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Don't know

*when it was approaching me, it had only silent red lights that*

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *It just appeared to be stationary but it was low and went a few miles away. I saw it between two houses, as I was sitting in my car waiting to leave. But I couldn't seem to make up my mind whether it was something strange or not. After 2 or 30 minutes I backed out and went over to the next street but behind our houses still watching it over.*

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: *It was out of my sight for possibly a minute till I reached the back of street & saw it again coming straight at me from direct east. I first spotted it in the*

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

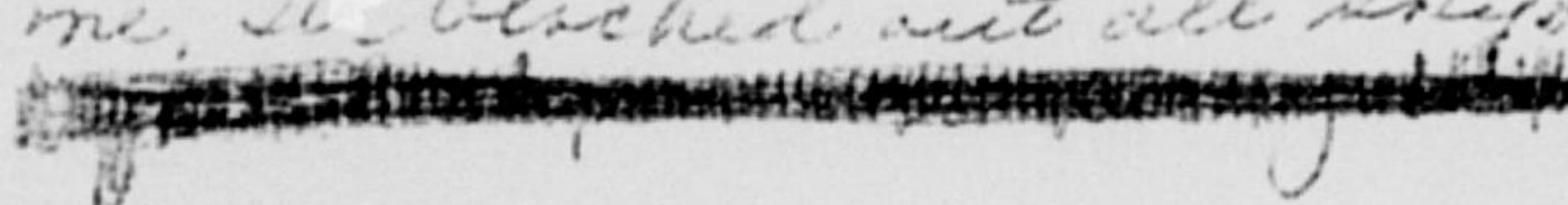
in front of: *not the way it appeared, as low as it was flying. And there were no clouds anyway.*

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

a. Sound *None at all*

b. Color *polished aluminum in appearance*

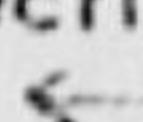
18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

*About an inch or so. The craft was so low, as it lowered over me, it blocked out all sight on the left side of my* 

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.

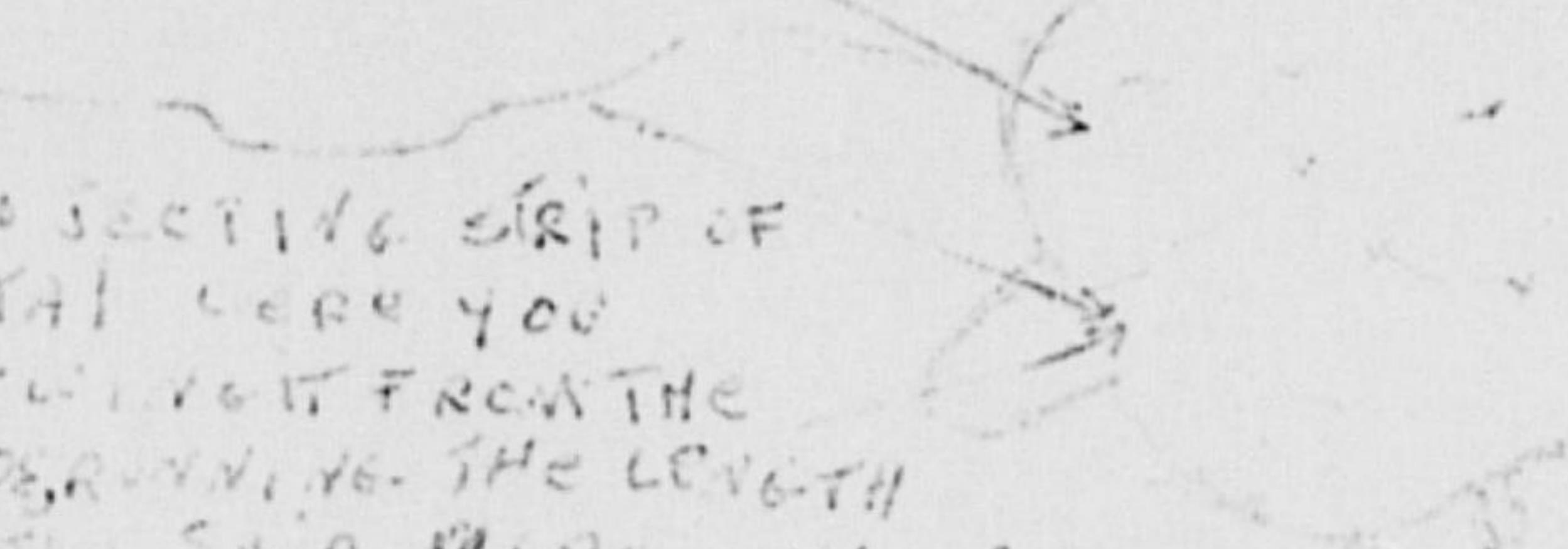
*PLASTIC PLATE OVER TOP OF  
CRAFT WITH PETROLEUM  
TYPE WINDSHIELD OPENING*

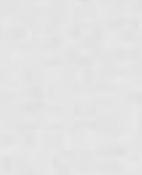
 METAL RIBS

*ACTUAL RECESSES YOU  
CAN SEE IN THE BOTTOM  
OF THE CRAFT.*

 Circle of white or yellow, pale yellow.  
LIGHTS with dot in center.

 FIRE-LIKE STRUCTURES

 PARASITIC STRIP OF  
METAL WHERE YOU  
VIEW IT FROM THE  
SIDE, ROLLING. THE LENGTH  
OF THE STRIP MORE LIKE A  
STRIP OR DRAPE.

 RED LIGHTS - THESE SURROUNDED THE  
ENTIRE SHIP ABOUT 5 FT APART.

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No *but it moved slow and approached me and very fast and left me*  
 IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 10 to 20 ft. per sec.

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? 10 to 20 ft. height

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 semi-residential section of city residential

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. <input checked="" type="radio"/> North | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast                              | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

24.2 How fast were you moving? 5 to 10 miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)  Yes No

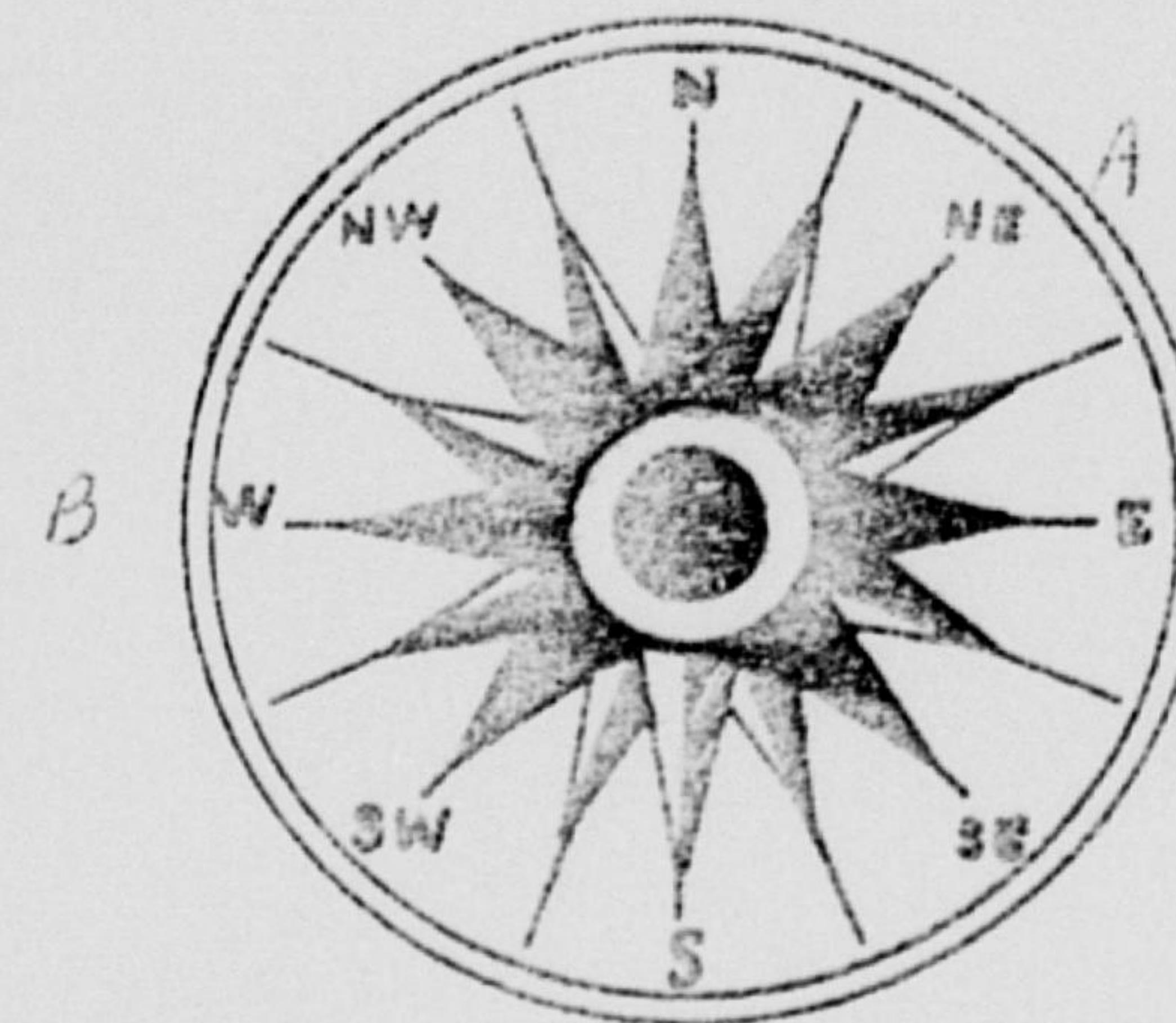
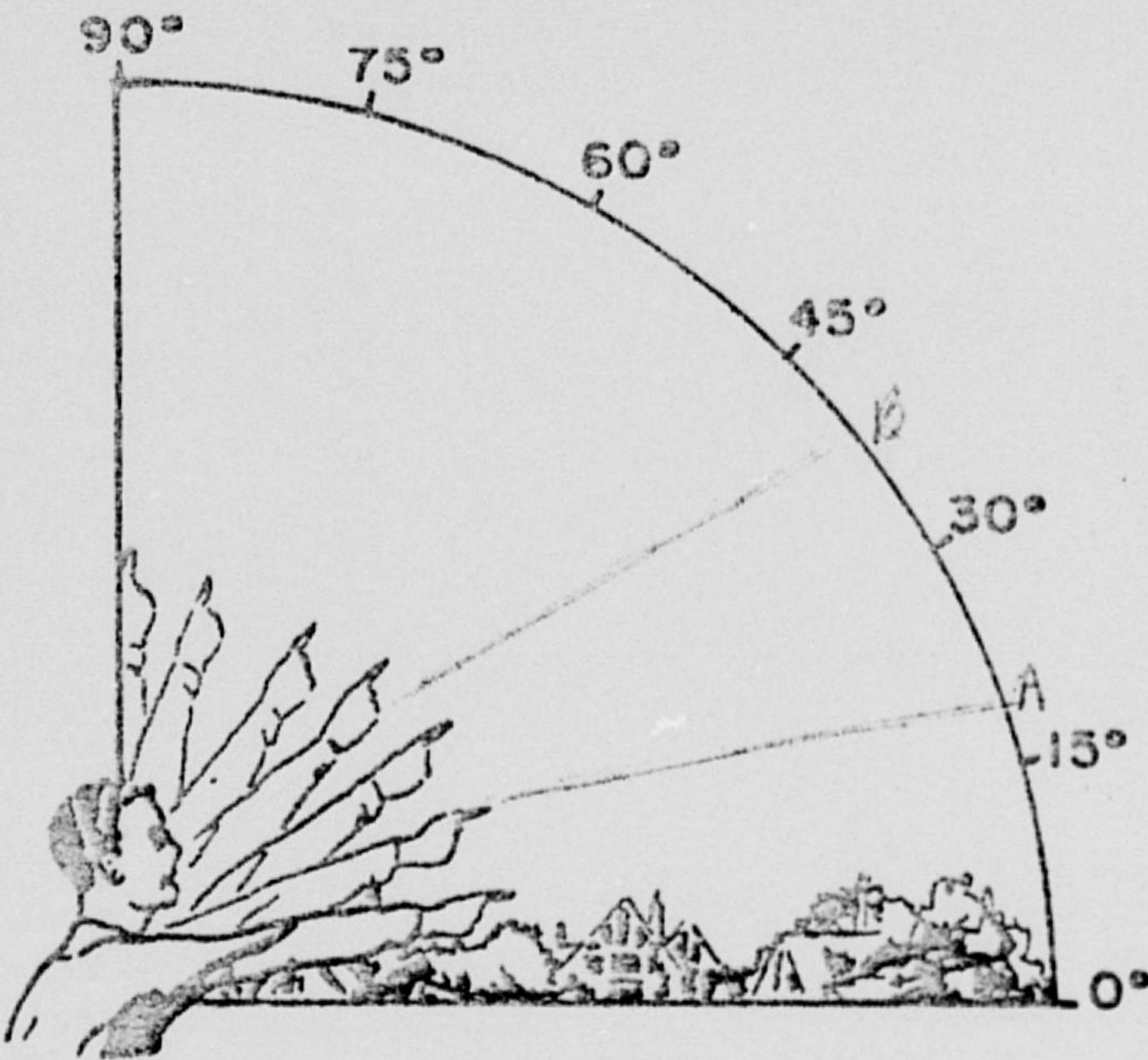
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

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

*There is no object I've ever seen similar to this object I saw. Or could ever compare it to.*

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.

I didn't see it leaving path A. My view was blocked by houses. When I reached the next street, it was heading directly to me coming straight <sup>from</sup> east. I, at that time was traveling north and when I stopped the car about 200 ft. away, it was hovering right to the left of my driver's window. It was less than a minute for me to reach the other street, yet it was there when I reached it and it had traveled miles.

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.

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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:

But as I reached my destination I parked, got out and could still see this vehicle in the distance. Another woman approached and asked me what that thing was. I said I didn't know & we both stood & watched it until it was just about out of sight going west.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAMES [REDACTED]

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

AGE

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SEX

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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?

Monday 3rd April 1967

Day

Month

Year

WTAE-TV-(They had several calls) Gr. Pgh. Airport, Air Force in Canopole, Pa.  
Thursday

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Int. 39 April 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.

In question 27 - From the first time I saw it, to the last, I saw it twice between those times. The second time it was coming from direct east, I traveling north, and didn't look any higher than the rooftops. It was coming between an empty lot with houses on both sides. It was that low, almost in direct line with my eyes. I pulled down the street a couple of hundred feet to turn around in a driveway to come home & tell my husband when I thought I better make sure it's not going faster than I think it was, when I stopped the car in the middle of the street, broken to the right against east, then to the front, north, then out into West. I didn't see it so I leaned closer to the driver's window and it was right above me in full view, to the left a little, but not knowing. When it was in the distance, then the second time, coming directly to me, the only lights were red. However, as it perched above me, there were not only red but either white or pale yellow. It was hard to say definitely. It was not round but more of a rectangular shape with the width being only a few feet smaller than the length. It appeared to be about 30 to 40 feet average in size. It looked like, as when it came directly at me from east, a craft on a craft, the upper craft being a few feet smaller than the lower craft and rather tall because as it sat over me, I could still see a small part of the top as I had the full bottom in view. The upper craft had openings, possibly windows of a sort that were also in a rectangular design. But the bottom of the craft is where I saw detail. I stared at

it was approximately 5 to 10 seconds when I realized it was ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> bird and observing me in some way as I was observing it. Then I became frightened. Up until then I was shocked when I looked out and saw it scare but also fascinated, ~~surprised~~ <sup>more</sup> fascinated. Then I put my foot on the gas and hurriedly left. After traveling a few hundred feet, turning a bend also, I was able to look and see it a good distance away from me. It had to have a tremendous speed to ~~the~~ <sup>more</sup> that distance in seconds. It then looked like it cut its speed down & had started to travel rather slowly. I arrived at my destination a few minutes later and was still able to see it in the distance. There is a mark above, on the roof of my car, on the drivers side that I noticed this evening April 6; actually my husband noticed it, I didn't chink to look on the roof of the car. He tried to scrap it off & after getting so much off with a knife, the paint started to come with it. It's about the size of a half-dollar. It was black and what he scraped was like a black plastic or soft rubber. The car was out in the weather but the rain we've had didn't wash it away. ~~it~~ He did as I say, scrap it, and whether there is anymore black there, I don't know but the spot is still there. There is another woman who watched it out of sight with me but as I didn't know as to whether she would appear & my using her name, I got in touch with her today. <sup>15239</sup> She said it was alright. Her name is [REDACTED] Marsden, address: [REDACTED] 15239. Before anything was said to my mother, she saw a about 7:30 P.M. an open field vehicle with headlights, going westward, that looked like a double-  
decker.

2 April 67

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



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF

TDET/UFO

3 April 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 2 April 1967

TO:

[REDACTED]  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15239

Reference your unidentified observation. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

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

1 Atch  
FTD Form 164 w/envelope

MEMO FOR THE RECORD:

Observer saw an aluminum colored object with bright red lights. The object was not moving except when the witness would travel in the car. The object looked as if it was only about 500-700 feet above the car. It looked like there was a craft on top of another craft. There was no sound at all during the observation. The witness's name is as follows:

[REDACTED]  
Pittsburg, 39, Pa.

SEND  
164