

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 5- 2330Z	2. LOCATION Plaquemine, La.
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Case: Possible HOAX Photo: Probable Processing Blemish
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	Observer sighted a funnel shaped object that was red in color and was traveling W or NW. The object appeared to be spinning as it traveled along. The observer stated that the object had a fast forward speed.
7. COURSE E to W	COMMENTS: In the description of the case the observer described almost perfectly the object that appears in his photo. However, photo analysts indicated that the image was probable processing blemish.
8. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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

Case includes three (3) 8" x 10" photographs
and two (2) 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " negatives.

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TDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/30 Dec 67

UFO Observation & Photograph September 3, 1967

JAN 2 1968

[REDACTED]
Ploquemine, Louisiana 70764

1. Reference your unidentified flying object observation and subsequent photographs of September 3, 1967. Photo analysis was accomplished by photographic experts at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base with the following results.

a. Analysis of the photograph showed the unidentified image to be generally triangular in shape and positioned in the approximate center of the frame format. It was noted that the unidentified image, a portion of a building roof and foliage in the foreground exhibited the same amount of lateral image displacement. This condition resulted from camera movement/vibration recorded by the relatively slow shutter speed of the Polaroid Swinger camera. The source stated that the object had a "fast forward speed." If this statement were true, the unidentified image would have exhibited blurring which resulted from a shutter speed not fast enough to stop motion. The photography indicated the camera, and the objects recorded were motionless except for the small camera movement/vibration induced image displacement that occurred when the exposure was made. Examination of the photography by the Chief of Quality Control, indicated the unidentified image to be a probable processing blemish.

2. Inclosed are your Polaroid photograph and one enlargement. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

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

1 Atch
Polaroid Photo w/1 print

7-3742285

Photo
being made
16 Nov 67

3 Sept

PHOTO ANALYSIS REPORT

NR 67-85

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DATE OF REPORT 29 Nov 67

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT - PLAQUEMINE, LOUISIANA

LOCATION Plaquemine, Louisiana

DATE 3 September 1967

PHOTOGRAPHY

AF _____ IR _____ QUALITY _____

P NRS _____

One Polaroid 'Swinger' print and corresponding negative.

1. PURPOSE: This report is in reply to Work Order Number 67-120 submitted by Major Quintanilla, requesting photo analysis be performed on a Polaroid photograph purported to contain a unidentified flying object photographed on 3 September 1967, at Plaquemine, Louisiana.

2. ANALYSIS: Analysis of the photograph showed the unidentified image to be generally triangular in shape and positioned in the approximate center of the frame format. It was noted that the unidentified image, a portion of a building roof and foliage in the foreground exhibited the same amount of lateral image displacement. This condition resulted from camera movement/vibration recorded by the relatively slow shutter speed of the Polaroid Swinger camera. The source stated that the object had a "fast forward speed". If this statement were true, the unidentified image would have exhibited blurring which resulted from a shutter speed not fast enough to stop motion. The photography indicates the camera, and the objects recorded were motionless except for the small camera movement/vibration induced image displacement that occurred when the exposure was made. Examination of the photography by the Chief of Quality Control, TDDPP, indicated the unidentified image to be a probable processing blemish.

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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF
TDET/UFO

SUBJECT
UFO Observation 3 Sep 67

SEP 27 1967

TO:

Mr. [REDACTED]
Ploquemine, La. 70764

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.

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

1 Atch
FTD Form 164 w/envelope

absence please feel free to
ask me about this report.

I would also like to keep my
~~name~~ name ~~hell~~ hell quiet
for a while until my report
~~is~~ is through with an my
picture found as ~~an~~ ~~an~~ ~~an~~
true completion to this record.
I thank you for you help an
service to me, I will be waiting
for a answer from you about
my report. thank you -

yours truly
Mr. ~~[redacted]~~

to the Department
of USAF Department
of defence.

Dear Sir, I inclosed inside is a picture on magazine of a UFO which was taken sunday evening about 5:30 in the evening on the date of september 3, 1967, the UFO looked like a glowing red object traveling cross ways in a northwesterly direction, I took this picture with a polaroid land camera with 15 sec development, the object appeared about 200 feet or better, I could not tell because of it's direction of travel this observation was made by myself only, I am Mr. Charles W. Pierce my age 20 years old. ~~as~~ the object did not have any sound what so ever but was traveling at a fast forward speed as I observed it. I would like a reply as soon as possible about my report as to my observation if any more questions or needed from me about this

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 _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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?

Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Don't know
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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: 5:30

Hour

Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
 \circled{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

Blacksburg

City or Town

La

State or County

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

Hours 5 Minutes Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? by friend's eye

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
 \circled{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? 800 mile an hour or more

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? i am not to sure about ~~or~~ 200 feet

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

The object appeared like a top of a container that was heated up red hot. it appeared to be opening around on I saw it but I ~~was~~ am not sure.

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

no

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: _____

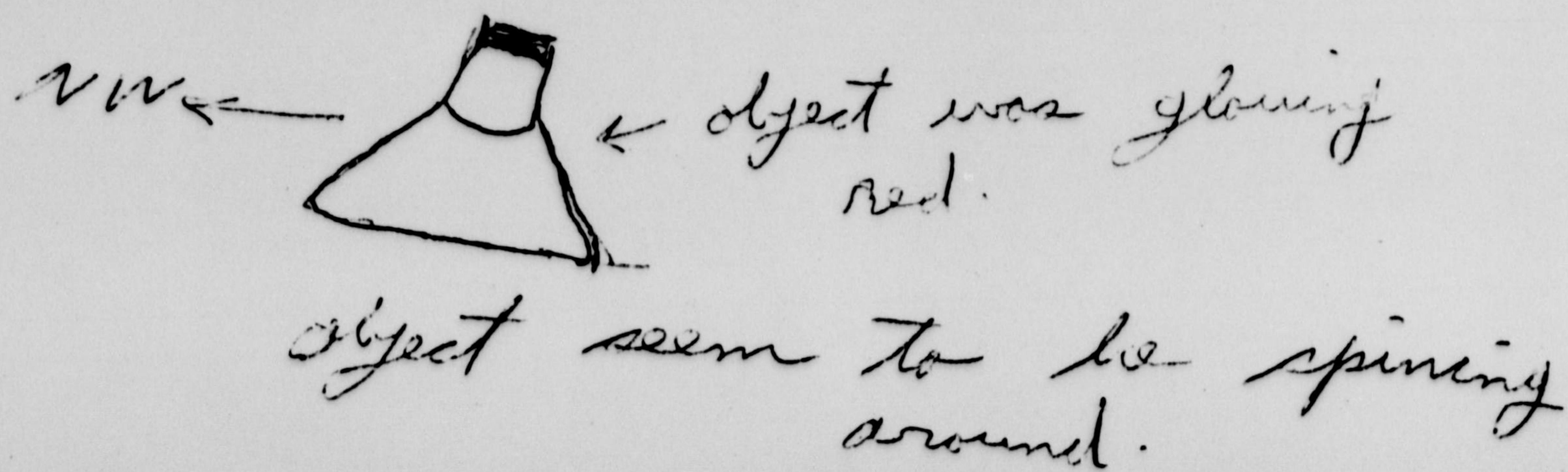
17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound none

b. Color glowing red.

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?

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.

about 2 years ago in july ~~22~~ about
the 22 of the month. traveling in a similar
direction. ~~on july 22~~

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 _____
PLATUEMINE LA
TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ AGE 20 SEX MALE

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

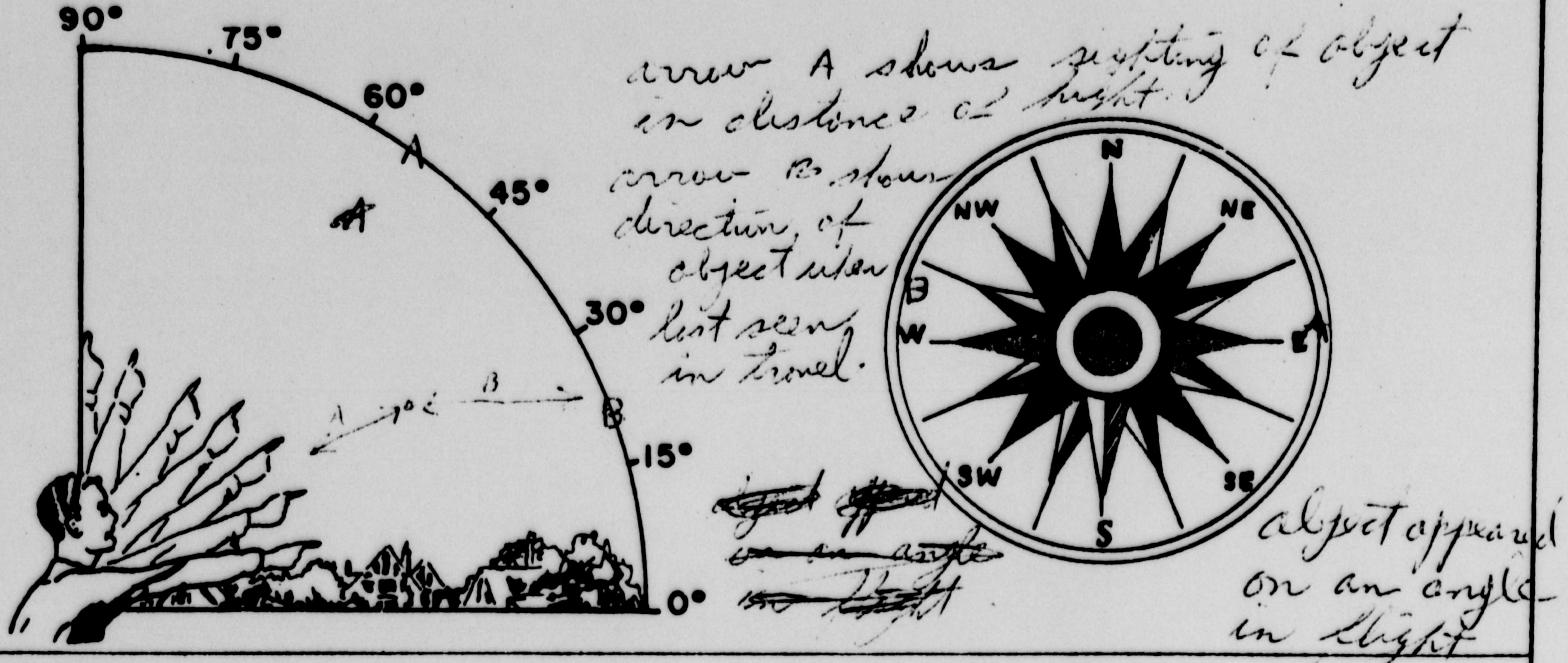
I am a experence in electronics on home
but 4 years experence in the field.
I have had training in home training courses
pertaining to radio an audio sound ~~equiment~~
recording equipment on there repairs. That
is why I set up high frequency amplifier
for picking up sound to see if I could pick
up an kind of sound from the object.

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

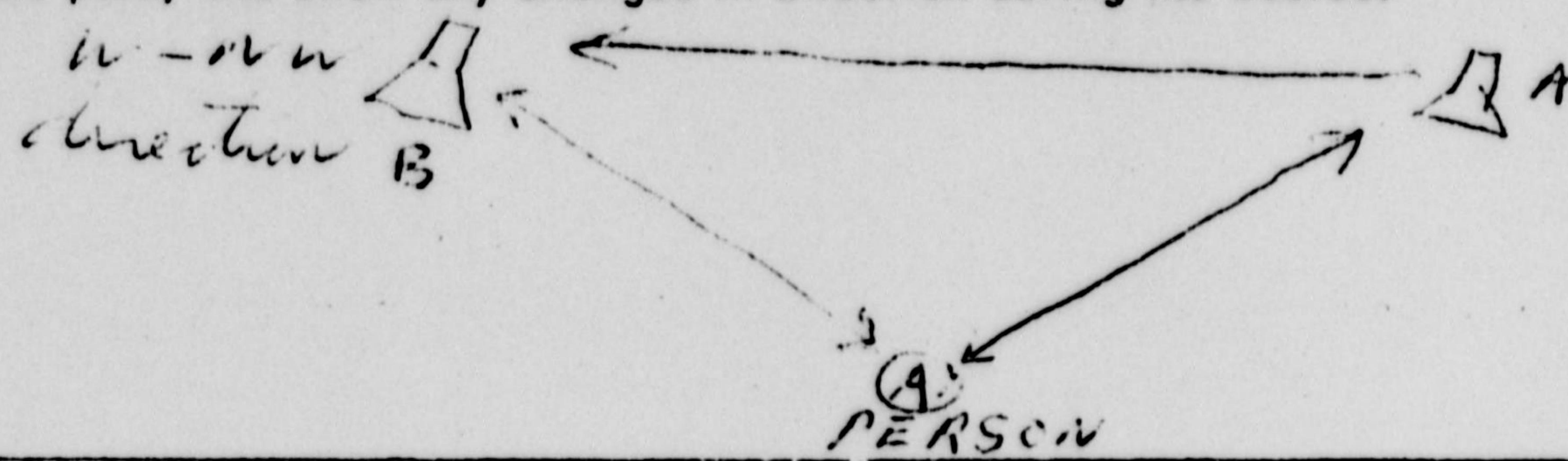
Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

just to the
department of the air force

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:

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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 have been keeping track of these sightings for about 5 years now and have been very puzzled about them and would like to know just what these objects are and if there really are any absent from other planets. I have read all the books I could on these ~~un~~ U.F.O's and do really think that there are real as far as filling out this form, I will be glad to report and keep in touch ~~with~~ with the air force, and do hope your department will send some one to investigate these sightings. ~~and~~ I thank you for your service and surely thank you for your help.

Yours truly

Mr. [redacted]

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