

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 14 Jan 68 14/1930Z	2. LOCATION Torrance, California (2 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible (AIRCRAFT)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Local police Dept reported that they had not received any reports of unusual objects on 14 Jan 68. The observer is only 11 yrs old.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 Minute	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer stated, the object he sighted kept swaying back and forth and flashed red and white every time it swayed. The object swung low and shot straight up and disappeared.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NE to NNE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

FORM

FTD SEP 63 2-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

14 Jan 68
29 APR 1968

TDPT (UFO) Lt Colonel Quintanilla/70916/mhs/25 Apr 68
UFO Observation, 14 January 1968

Torrance Police Department
Torrance, California 90507

1. The Aerial Phenomena Office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object (UFO) report from Torrance, California which occurred on 14 January 1968, at approximately 5 pm.
2. The observer sighted what he called a "flying saucer." According to the witness, the saucer kept rolling and with every roll would change color, alternating between red and white.
3. Did you receive any reports of unusual objects for this date? We would appreciate your comments as to a possible cause for this sighting.
4. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

RECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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CITY OF TORRANCE

CALIFORNIA

30 April, 1968

Hector Quintanilla, Jr., Lt. Colonel, USAF,
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
OHIO, 45433

Re: Your letter TDPT (UFO) - UFO Observation, 14 Jan 1968

We are unable to make a thorough check without knowing the person's name.

We did not send a unit, nor did we receive a report, at 1700 hours on 14 January 1968 in regard to any unusual objects.

WALTER R. KOENIG,
Chief of Police

P. Wilson 236
PHILIP H. WILSON, CAPTAIN,
Commander, Staff Services Bureau

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

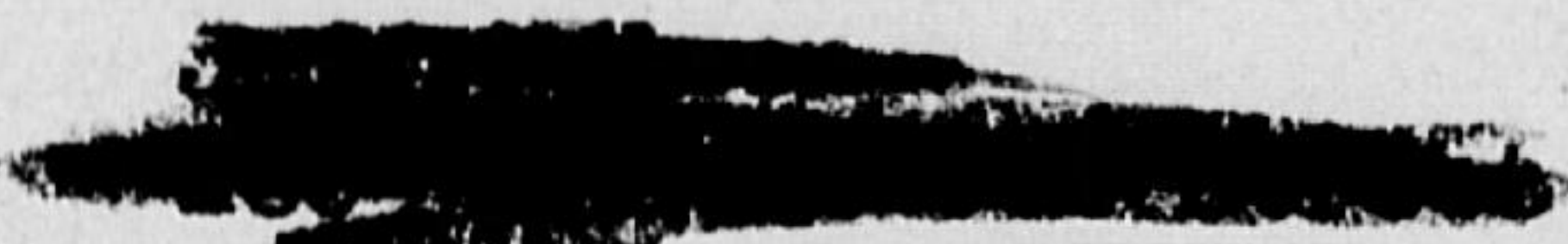


REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDPT (UFO)

29 APR 1968

SUBJECT: UFO Observation 14 January 1968

TO:


Torrance, California 90505

Reference your recent unidentified flying object sighting which you reported to the Air Force. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific investigation. Request you complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the self-addressed envelope. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

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HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
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-R258

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 14th MONTH Jan YEAR 1968

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 11:00 MINUTES 30 ☒ A.M. ☐ P.M.

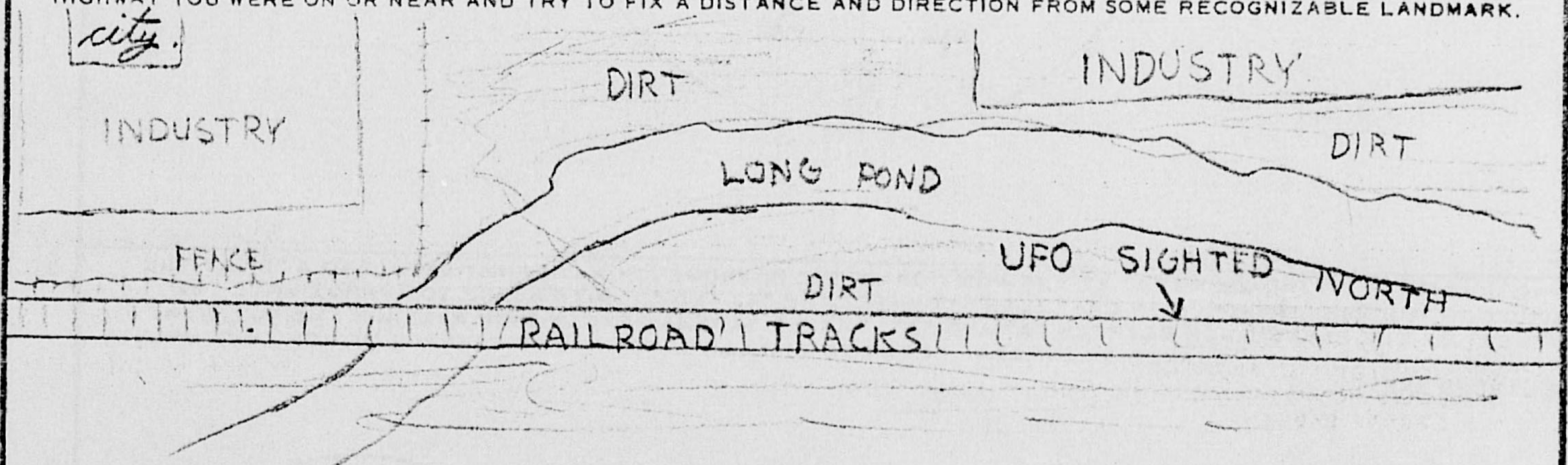
3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 11:00 MINUTES 31 ☒ A.M. ☐ P.M.

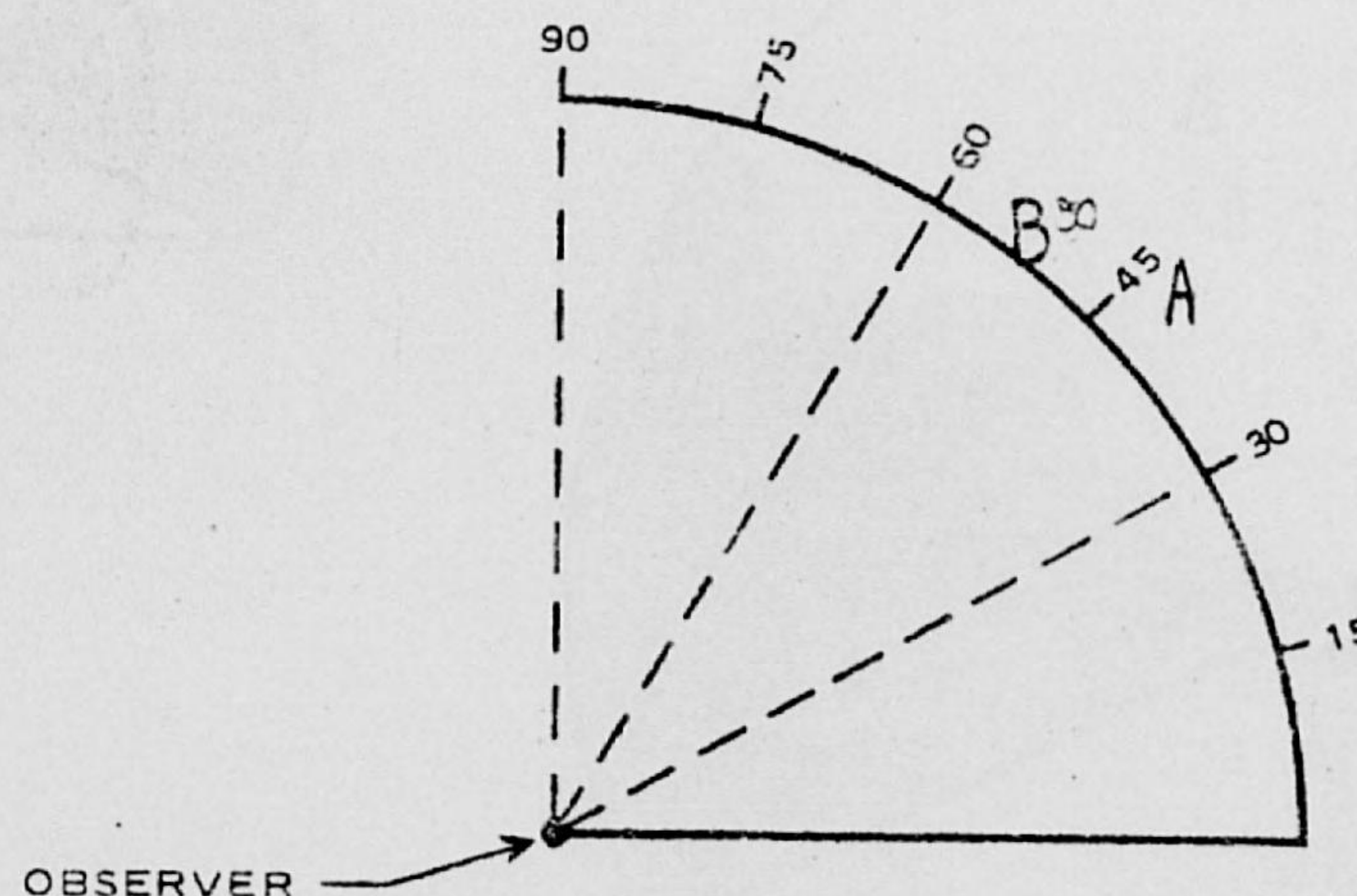
4. TIME/ZONE

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

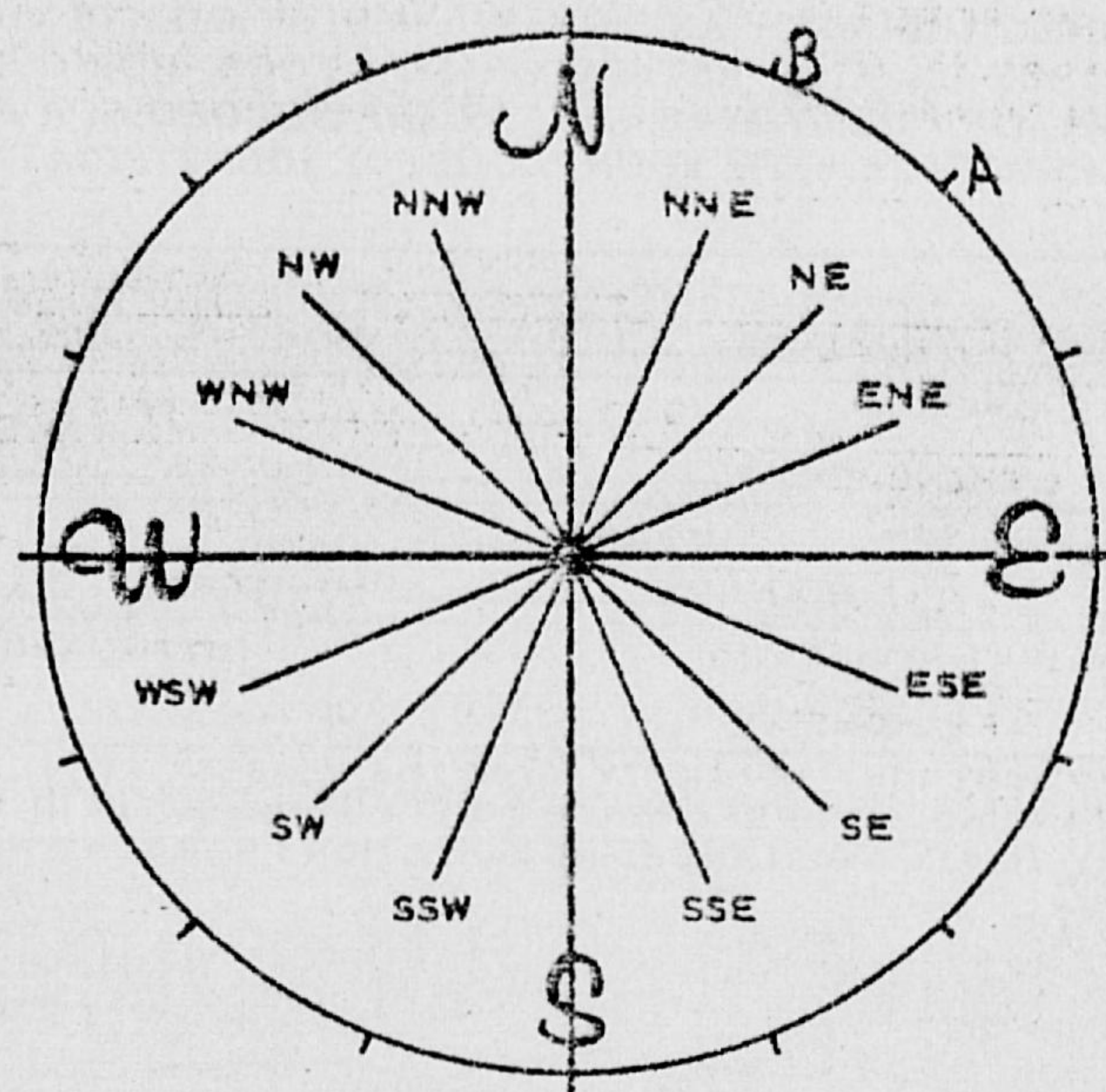
5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE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



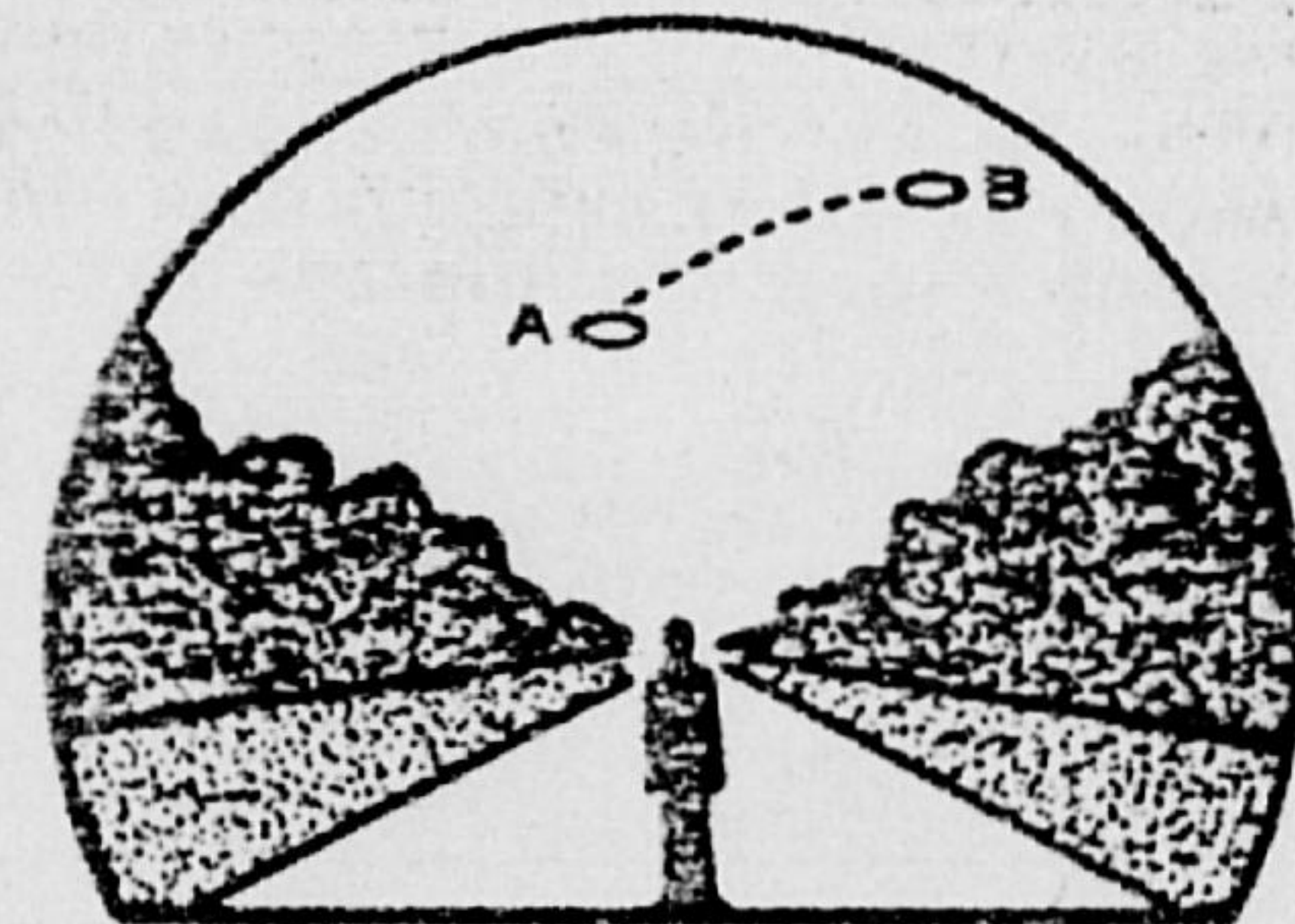
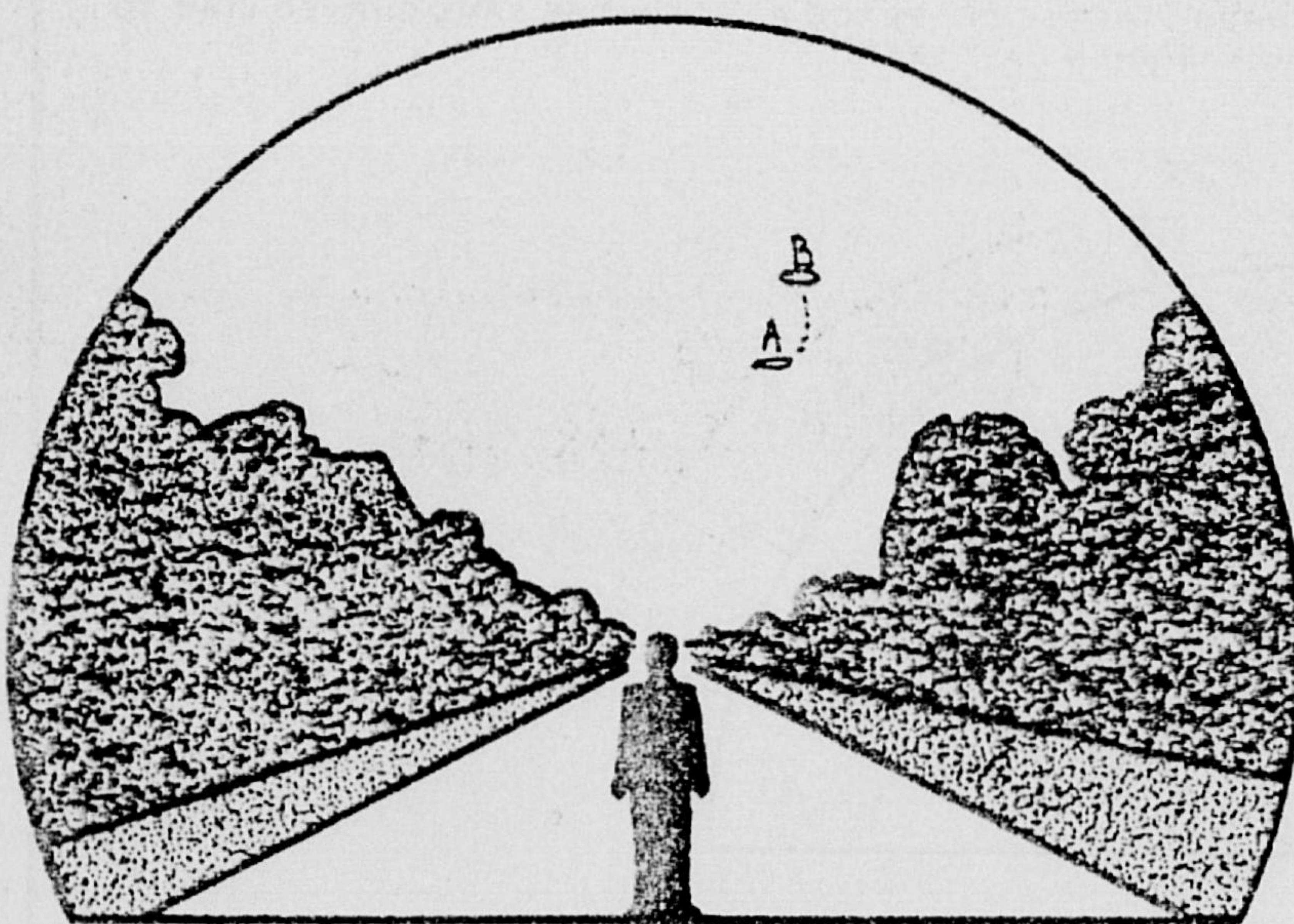
6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.

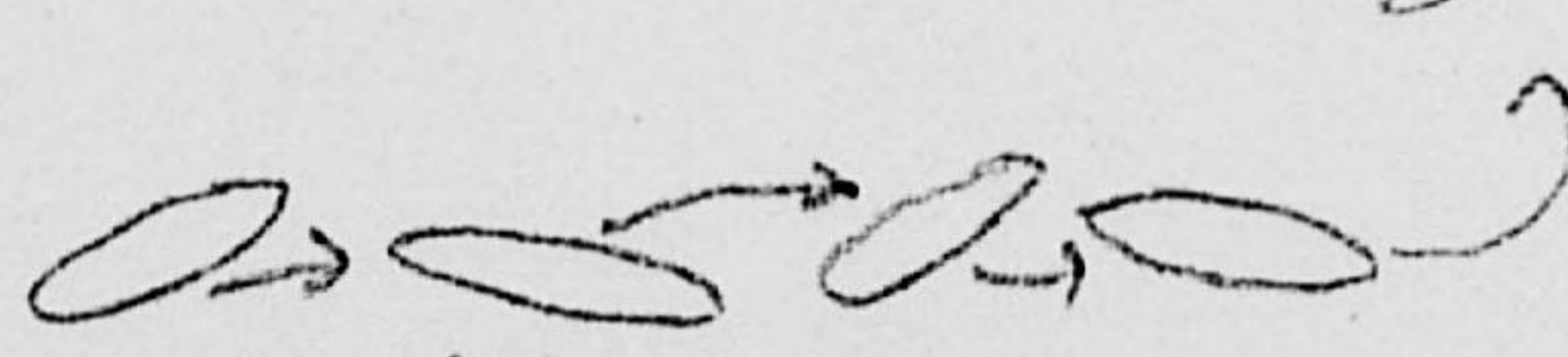


6A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



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.



8. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? (Check appropriate blocks.)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUTDOORS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN BUILDING		<input type="checkbox"/> IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AS DRIVER <input type="checkbox"/> AS PASSENGER		<input type="checkbox"/> IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN BOAT		<input type="checkbox"/> NEAR AIRFIELD	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN AIRPLANE <input type="checkbox"/> AS PILOT <input type="checkbox"/> AS PASSENGER		<input type="checkbox"/> FLYING OVER CITY	
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		<input type="checkbox"/> FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY	
		<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	
A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:			
WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?		HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?	
<input type="checkbox"/> NORTH	<input type="checkbox"/> EAST	<input type="checkbox"/> DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<input type="checkbox"/> SOUTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WEST		
<input type="checkbox"/> NORTHEAST	<input type="checkbox"/> SOUTHEAST		
<input type="checkbox"/> NORTHWEST	<input type="checkbox"/> SOUTHWEST		
EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.			
DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVERSED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN.			
HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?			
DID YOU NOTICE ANY AIRPLANES? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE WHEN THEY WERE IN SIGHT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING THE PHENOMENON AND WHERE THEY WERE IN THE SKY RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON. <i>The airplanes have a pattern and besides the object was so far away it had to be rather large.</i>			
9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?			
LENGTH OF TIME		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CERTAIN OF TIME	<input type="checkbox"/> NOT VERY SURE
<i>about 1 minute</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIRLY CERTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> JUST A GUESS
HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED? <i>I had a watch.</i>			
WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO. IF "NO," INDICATE WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO YOUR MOVEMENT OR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PHENOMENON, AND DESCRIBE SUCH MOVEMENT OR BEHAVIOR. INDICATE DISAPPEARANCES ON PREVIOUS SKETCHES. <i>The object kept swaying back and forth moving straight and then it flashed red and white every time it swayed. Then the object swung low and shot straight up and disappeared.</i> <i>DONE</i>  SWAYING MOVEMENT			

10. IF THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PHENOMENON, HOW MANY WERE THERE? DRAW A PICTURE TO SHOW HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED. DID THIS ARRANGEMENT CHANGE DURING THE SIGHTING?

*no arrangement,
just one phenomenon
was sighted.*

11. CONDITIONS (Check appropriate blocks.)

A. SKY		B. WEATHER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAY		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CUMULUS CLOUDS (Low fluffy)	<input type="checkbox"/> FOG OR MIST
<input type="checkbox"/> TWILIGHT		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CIRRUS CLOUDS (High fleecy or Herring-bone)	<input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY RAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NIGHT		<input type="checkbox"/> NIMBUS CLOUDS (Rain)	<input type="checkbox"/> LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLEAR		<input type="checkbox"/> CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS (Thunderstorms)	<input type="checkbox"/> HAIL
<input type="checkbox"/> PARTLY CLOUDY			<input type="checkbox"/> SNOW OR SLEET
<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETELY OVERCAST			<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
		<input type="checkbox"/> HAZE OR SMOG	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE OF THE ABOVE

C. IF THE SIGHTING WAS AT TWILIGHT OR NIGHT, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS AND MOON?

(1) STARS		(2) MOON	
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE		<input type="checkbox"/> BRIGHT MOONLIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO MOONLIGHT
<input type="checkbox"/> A FEW		<input type="checkbox"/> MOON WITH HALO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
<input type="checkbox"/> MANY		<input type="checkbox"/> MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS	
<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN		<input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL (New or quarter)	

D. IF SIGHTING WAS IN DAYLIGHT, WAS THE SUN VISIBLE? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," WHERE WAS THE SUN AS YOU FACED THE PHENOMENON?

<input type="checkbox"/> IN FRONT OF YOU	<input type="checkbox"/> TO YOUR RIGHT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OVERHEAD (Near noon)
<input type="checkbox"/> IN BACK OF YOU	<input type="checkbox"/> TO YOUR LEFT	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN

E. SPECIFY THE MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION PRESENT DURING THE SIGHTING, SUCH AS THE SUN, HEADLIGHTS OR STREET LAMP, ETC. FOR TERRESTRIAL ILLUMINATION, SPECIFY DISTANCE TO LIGHT SOURCE.

The sun was the only source of light, 93 million miles away.

12. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHENOMENON, INDICATING WHETHER IT APPEARED DARK OR LIGHT, WHETHER IT REFLECTED LIGHT OR WAS SELF-LUMINOUS AND WHAT COLORS YOU NOTICED. DESCRIBE YOUR IMPRESSION OF WHETHER IT WAS SOLID OR TRANSPARENT, WHETHER EDGES WERE SHARP OR FUZZY. DESCRIBE THE SHAPE OR INDICATE IF IT APPEARED AS A POINT OF LIGHT. INDICATE COMPARISONS WITH OTHER OBSERVED OBJECTS, LIKE STARS, A LIGHT OR OTHER OBJECT IN YOUR FIELD OF VIEW.

The phenomenon was a rounded shape and the edges were sharp. The object appeared bright. It looked solid and as it moved it flashed red and white. The object did not give off light but it had a glare. Even though it was at day it did resemble a star.

13.	DID THE PHENOMENON	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
	MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE?		X	
	STAND STILL AT ANYTIME?		X	
	SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUN AWAY?	X		
	BREAK UP IN PARTS AND EXPLODE?		X	
	CHANGE COLOR?	X		
	GIVE OFF SMOKE?		X	
	CHANGE BRIGHTNESS?	X		
	CHANGE SHAPE?		X	
	FLASH OR FLICKER?	X		
	DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR?		X	
	SPIN LIKE A TOP?		X	
	MAKE A NOISE?		X	
	FLUTTER OR WOBBLE?	X		

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

I was watching the airplanes northeast and I saw it in the horizon.

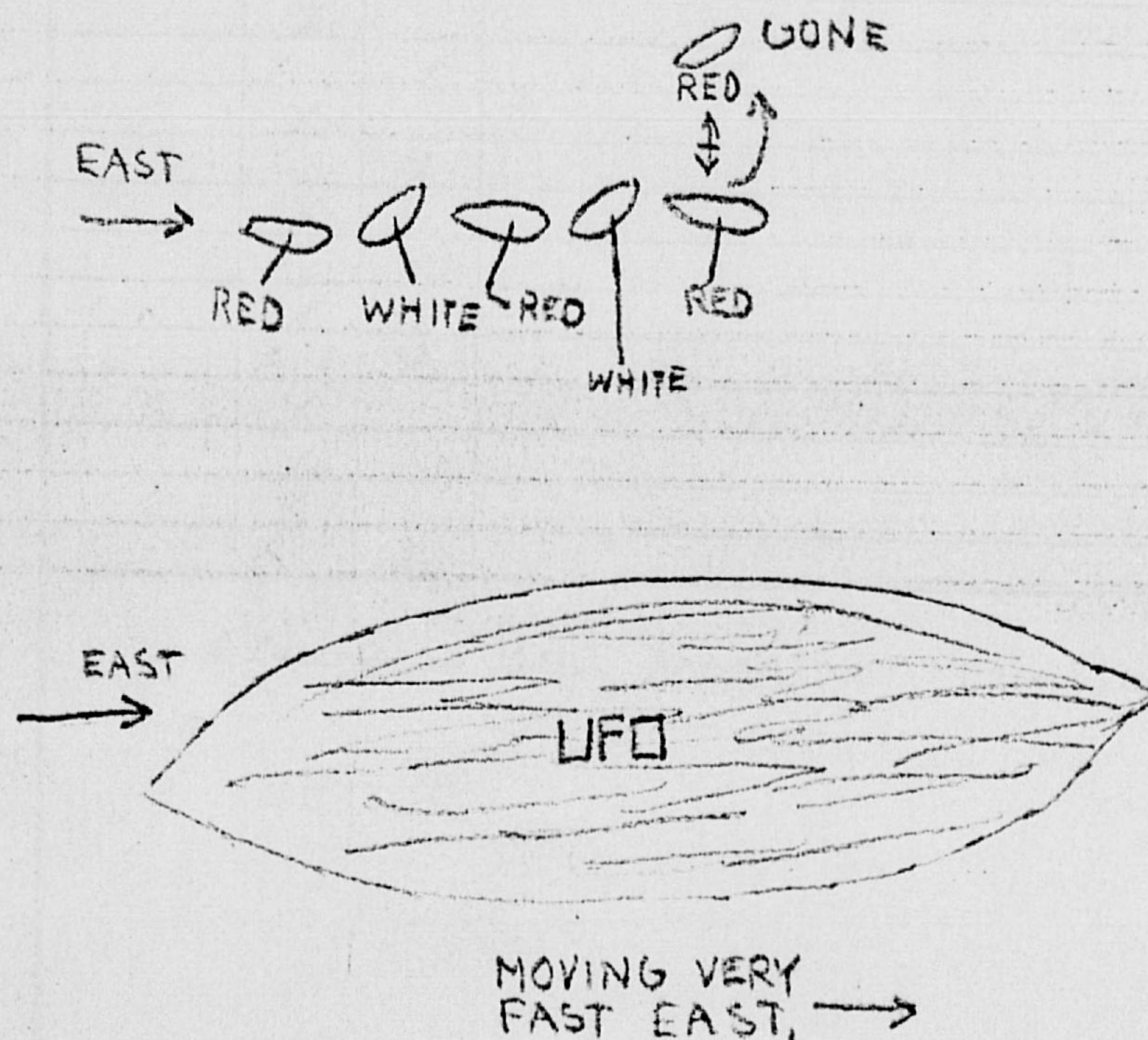
A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

The object swung down and it shot up like a bullet and it disappeared.

B. DID THE PHENOMENON MOVE BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING AT ANY TIME?
☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

The object flew quite fast in front of a cloud swaying back and forth and then it disappeared.

15. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE PHENOMENON. INCLUDE AND LABEL ANY DETAILS THAT MIGHT HAVE APPEARED AS WINGS OR PROTRUSIONS, AND INDICATE EXHAUST OR VAPOR TRAILS. INDICATE BY AN ARROW THE DIRECTION THE PHENOMENON WAS MOVING.



16. WHAT WAS THE ANGULAR SIZE? HOLD A MATCH AT ARM'S LENGTH IN FRONT OF A KNOWN OBJECT, SUCH AS A STREET LAMP OR THE MOON. NOTE HOW MUCH OF THE OBJECT IS COVERED BY THE HEAD OF THE MATCH. NOW IF YOU HAD BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM THIS EXPERIMENT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, ESTIMATE WHAT FRACTION OF THE PHENOMENON WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED BY THE MATCH HEAD.

NOT
UNDERSTOOD

The head of the match covers about all of a street light at night. About $\frac{9}{10}$ of the phenomenon would of been covered.

17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.			
EYEGASSES		CAMERA VIEWER	
SUNGLASSES		BINOCULARS	
WINDSHIELD		TELESCOPE	
SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE		THEODOLITE	
WINDOWPANE		OTHER	
A. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED <u>400 mph</u>		19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE <u>17 mi</u>	
20. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY OBTAIN AS CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH, WHEN PLACED IN THE SKY, SIMILAR TO WHERE YOU NOTED THE PHENOMENON, WOULD BEAR SOME RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT YOU SAW. DESCRIBE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMON OBJECT AND WHAT YOU SAW.			
<p><i>A few common objects when placed in the sky that resemble what I saw would be the Good-Year blimp or a small medium size airplane.</i></p>			
21. DID YOU NOTICE ANY ODOR, NOISE, OR HEAT EMANATING FROM THE PHENOMENON OR ANY EFFECT ON YOURSELF, ANIMALS OR MACHINERY IN THE VICINITY? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.			
<p><i>The craft had a very bright glare and you could not stare at it very long. There weren't any animals or machinery that I could see around except for a few cars.</i></p>			
A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.			

22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION.

23. WAS ANYONE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DID THEY SEE IT TOO?
☒ YES ☐ NO.

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES

~~_____~~ brother,
~~_____~~
 TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,
 90505

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME

ADDRESS (City and Zip Code)

~~_____~~ Torrance, California, 90505

TELEPHONE (City and Zip Code)

AGE

11 years

☒

MALE

☐ FEMALE

INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.

I am very interested in UFO's and I always watched the sky very closely. Also I have read many books on the subject.

25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON?

NAME ~~_____~~ DAY 14 MONTH Jan YEAR 1968

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY 1 MONTH May YEAR 1968

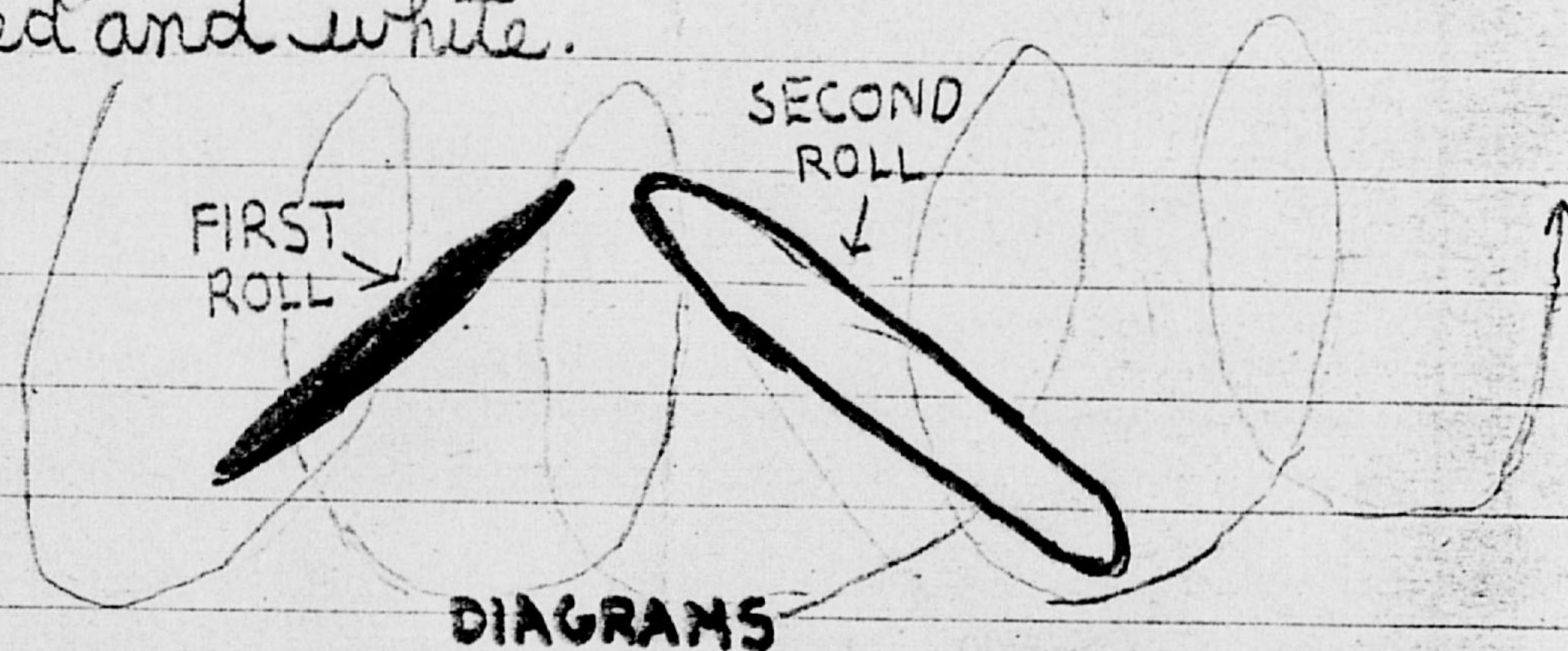
27. INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS PERTINENT BUT WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, ALTERNATIVELY PROVIDE A NARRATIVE EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTING.

Everything I know about the sighting is covered in this questionnaire.

Jan 14th, 1968

Dear Sirs

I and my brother were down at a near by frog pond when suddenly I saw a flying saucer. It was in the horizon. Then I pointed it out to my brother, he was very surprised. It was 5:00pm, Jan 14th, 1968. The saucer kept rolling and with every roll it would change colors. The flying saucer would only turn two colors, red and white.



Sincerely yours,

~~[Redacted signature]~~

[REDACTED]



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