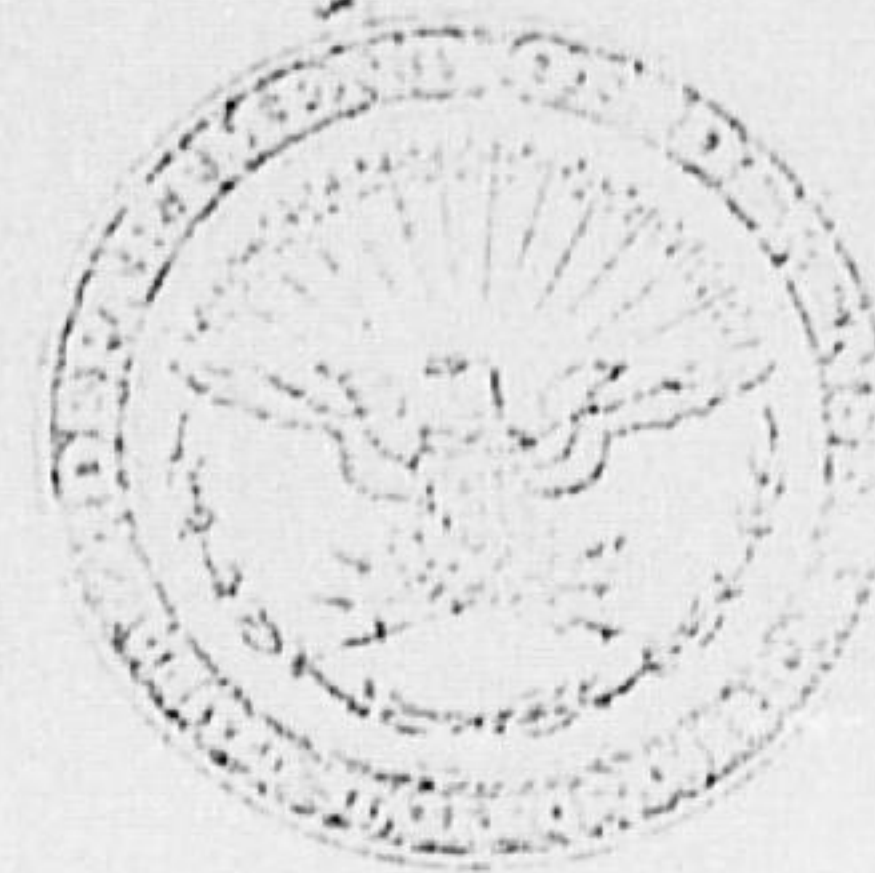


PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP July 68 0645Z	2. LOCATION Thousand Palms, California (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other (UNRELIABLE REPORT) <i>Does not inspire confidence. jrt</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Hours, 50 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer originally wrote that he had "seen another flying saucer" on 31 July 68. A form 117 was sent to the observer to complete. The date given on the returned, completed 117 was listed as 10 July 68. The observer also stated on this 117 that he had also seen a UFO on 11 July 68.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SSW to SW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20330



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This replies to your letter postmarked August 5, 1968, in which you state that you have seen another unidentified flying object (UFO), but did not know how to report it to the nearest Air Force base.

We are inclosing another questionnaire and an envelope so you can send a report of this sighting to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Also inclosed is a list of Air Force bases in the United States and their addresses. In the future, please try to report your sighting as soon as possible to the UFO Investigating Officer at the nearest Air Force base.

Sincerely,

JAMES H. AIKMAN
Major, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Attachments

M [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Thousand Palms, California 92276

Dear Sir or Sir's,
I have seen another
flying saucer, this time
it was over the Palm Springs
drive-in. It was wednes-
day July 31, 1968. I left for the
drive-in early so I could
get something to eat. The
show started around 8:00
8:15 o'clock. It was about a
quarter of the film left
when I was distracted by
a bright white light
coming straight towards
the drive-in. At first I
thought it was the land-
ing lights of an airplane,
because about two or three
planes landed or were about
to land, and I think three
were taking off. One big
plane a bonanza airliner
circled the air field, and on
its circle came over the
drive-in. The airport is
about a mile away. This
bright white light came
OVER PLEASE →

on towards the drive-in
as I said before, and I
thought it was the plane
making another pass, but
it wasn't. It just kept com-
ing straight over the drive-
in. I stopped watching the
picture so I could watch this
thing. I watched and listened.

It was or seemed to be crippled,
because it was stopping and going,
wobbling back and forth, and
dipping downwards at times.
It was also zig-zagging. I
took my eyes off of it for a
minute to look around
quick to see if anyone else
was looking at it. There
was a car parked behind
me with two or three people
sitting outside the car. I
was sure I saw the woman,
or what looked like a woman
point up into the sky and
look up. I turned and went
on watching this object. I
could not hear any noise
coming from the object. It was

heading towards India
when I last saw it. It just
zipped away, and was gone in
a flash. It couldn't have
been a plane because the
way it was traveling it
would have been to far
away from the run-way.

The object went over and well
past the drive-in before
it disappeared. The shape of
the object was like a disc,
or elliptical shape. It was
about 30 or 40 feet in diameter.
It flew very low to the ground,
I'd say about 2 or 3 or maybe
4 thousand feet above the
screen of the drive-in. I
did not see any plane land
before the light disappeared.
I was sitting on the hood
of my car all the time I
observed this object. The car
was not moving. Now I
know you told me to send
all further letters of sight-
ings of UFO's to the nearest
airforce base. I could not get
(OVER PLEASE)

ahold of the address of the
airforce base near me, so
I am sending this letter
to you, and I am hoping that
you will forgive me in
not sending this to a air
base near me. I think that
the closes airforce base near
me is March Airforce Base,
but as I said before I couldn't
find or get ahold of the address.

I was wondering if maybe
you could give me the address
if, and when you answer
this letter. Please answer
my letter so we or at least
I can get a idea of what's go-
ing on.

Thank You Very Very
Much. ~~Smile. Love,~~

P.S. MY ADDRESS IS:

~~THOUSAND PALMS, CALIFORNIA 92276~~
THOUSAND PALMS, CALIFORNIA 92276

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL
NUMBER 21-R253

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, 1AW 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 10 MONTH July YEAR 1968

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 10 MINUTES 45 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 1 MINUTES 35 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

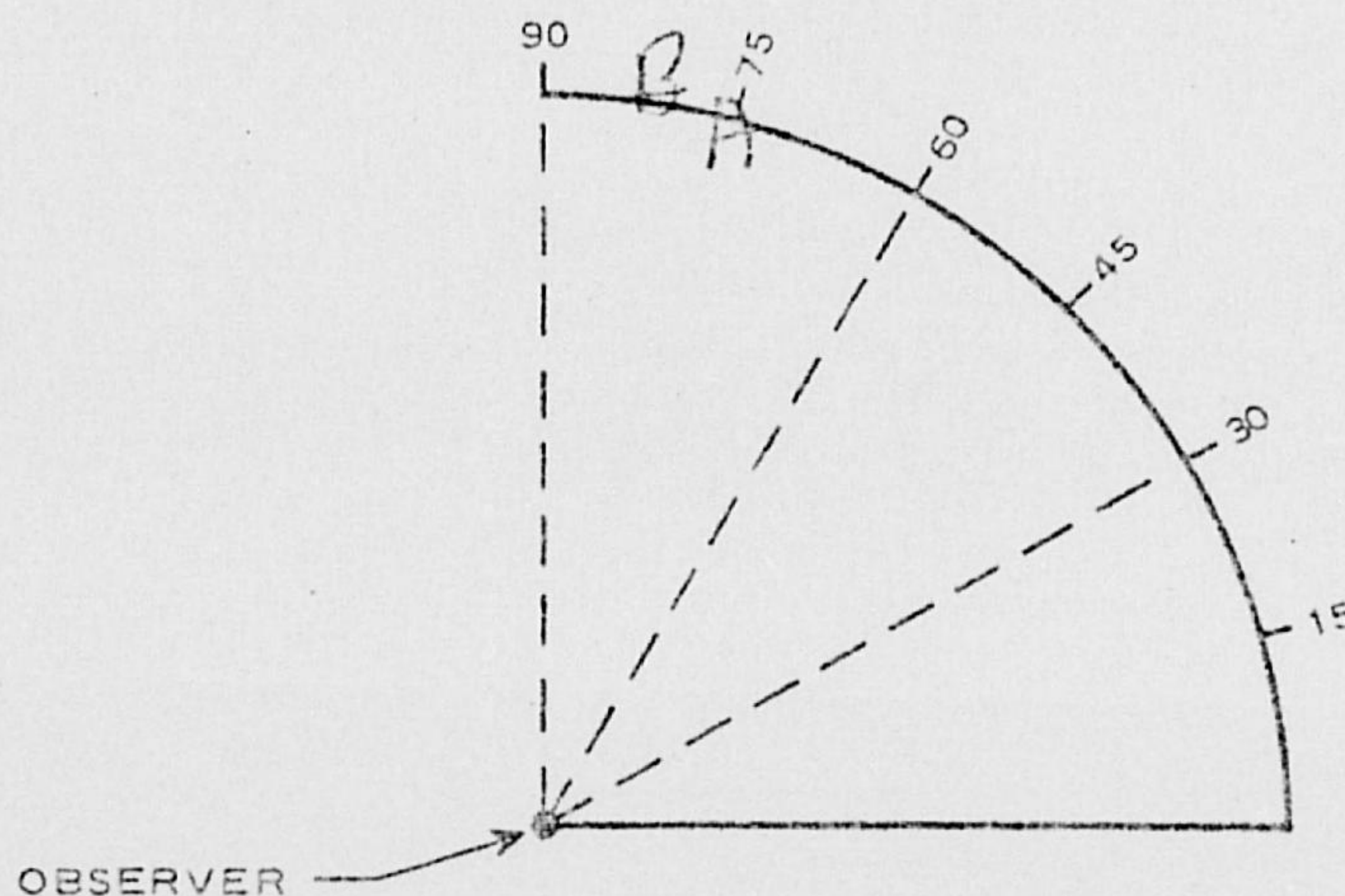
4. TIME ZONE

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

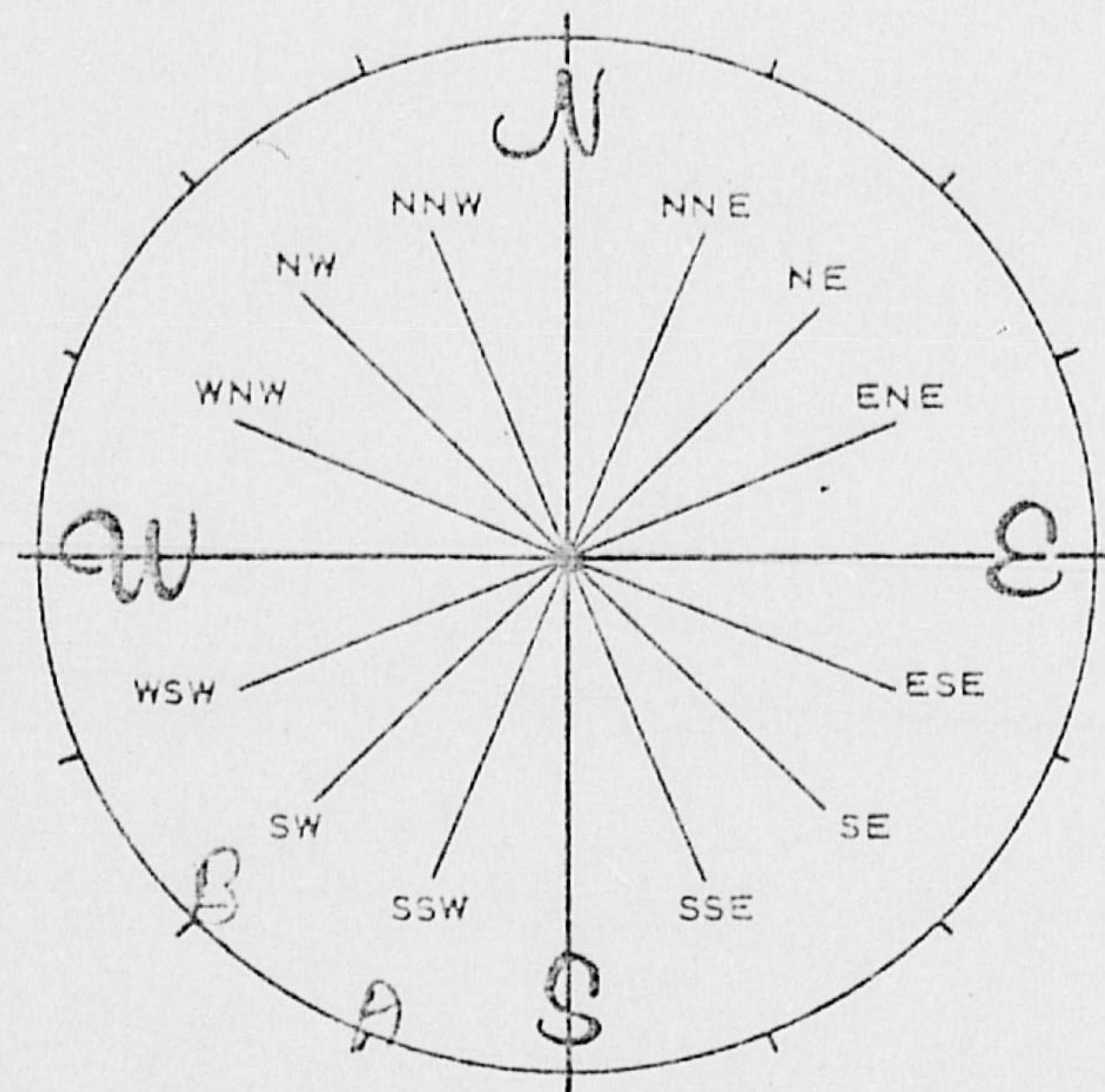
5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE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

I was outside my house taking my dog for a walk, when I saw the object. I was near the Indio Freeway. I was less than a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from the freeway.

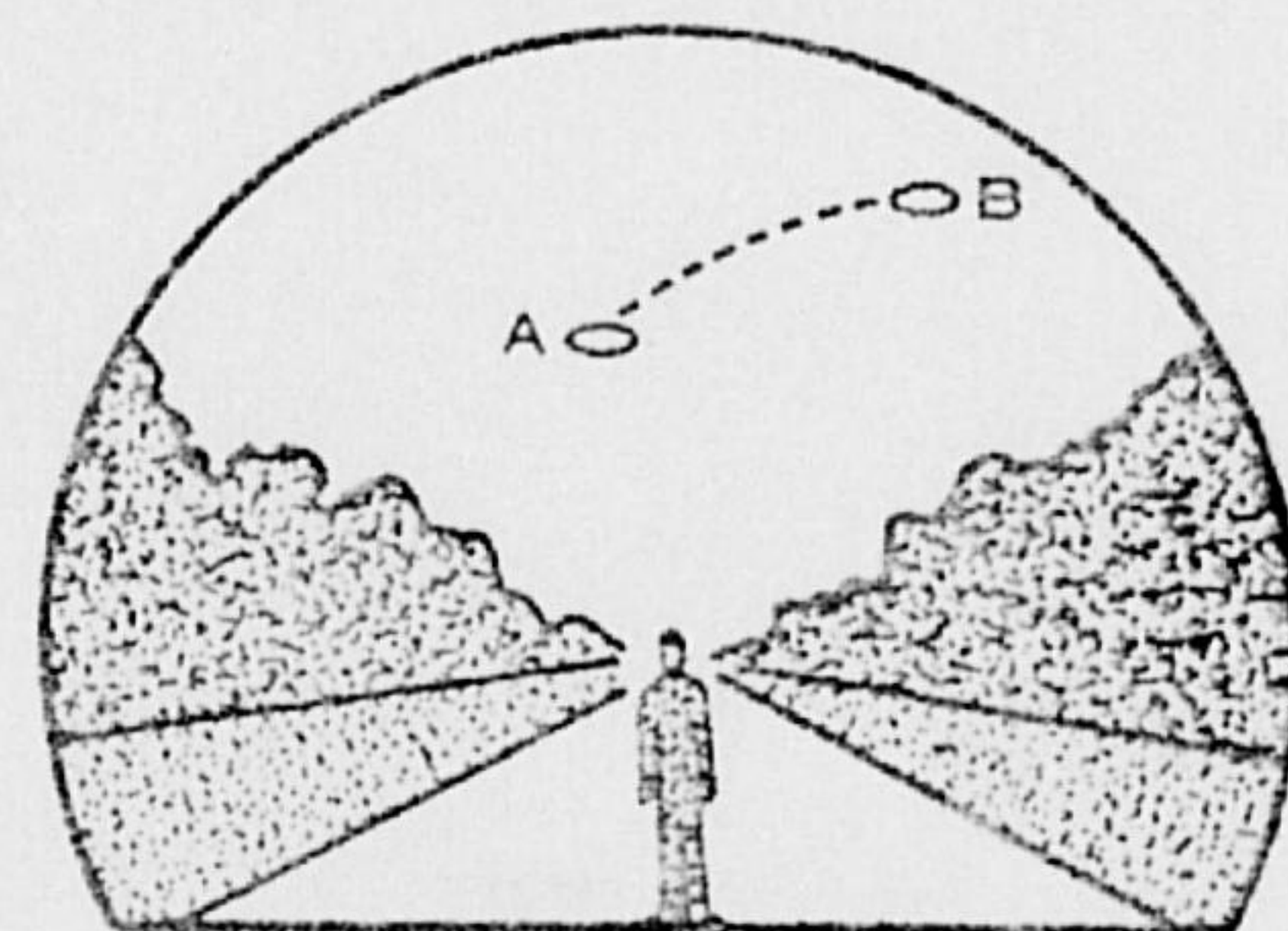
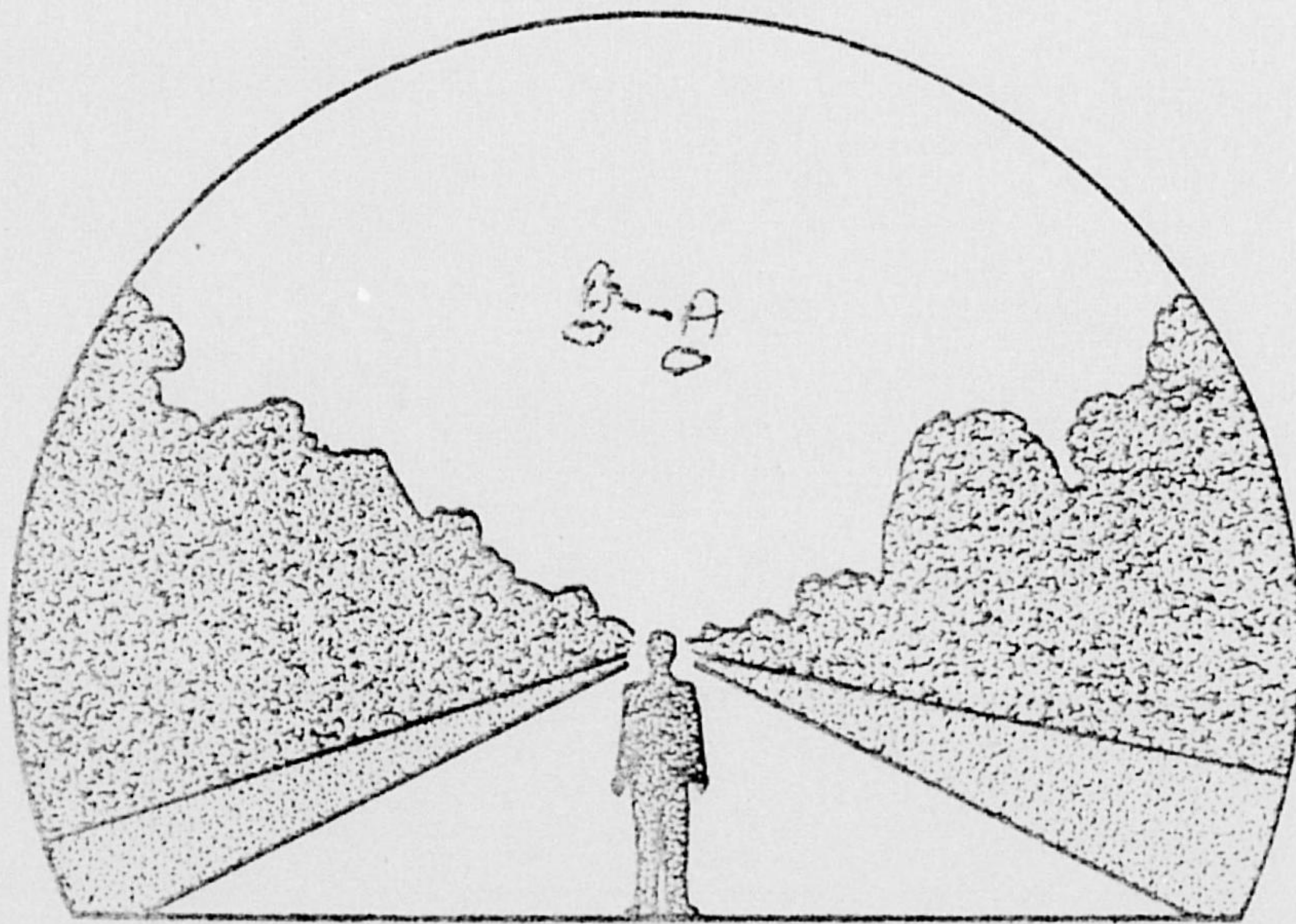
6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.



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.



3. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? (Check appropriate blocks.)			
☒	OUTDOORS		IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY
	IN BUILDING		IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY
	IN CAR ☐ AS DRIVER ☐ AS PASSENGER	☒	IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE
	IN BOAT		NEAR AIRFIELD
	IN AIRPLANE ☐ AS PILOT ☐ AS PASSENGER		FLYING OVER CITY
	OTHER		FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY
			OTHER
A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:			
WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?		HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?	
☐ NORTH	☐ EAST	DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON? ☐ YES ☐ NO	
☐ SOUTH	☐ WEST		
☐ NORTHEAST	☐ SOUTHEAST		
☐ NORTHWEST	☐ 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? ☐ YES ☒ 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.			
9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?			
LENGTH OF TIME		CERTAIN OF TIME	NOT VERY SURE
5 or 10 minutes		☒ FAIRLY CERTAIN	☐ JUST A GUESS
HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?			
I WENT OUT AROUND 10:30 or 10:35. TO WALK MY DOG			
WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY? ☐ YES ☐ 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.			
The object was not in sight continuously. When I got done walking my dog, I went in and sat down. I wrote the letter I sent to "Project Blue Book" when I seated myself.			

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?

11. CONDITIONS (Check appropriate blocks.)

A. SKY		B. WEATHER	
☐ DAY		☐ CUMULUS CLOUDS (Low fluffy)	☐ FOG OR MIST
☐ TWILIGHT		☐ CIRRUS CLOUDS (High fleecy or Herring-bone)	☐ HEAVY RAIN
☒ NIGHT		☐ NIMBUS CLOUDS (Rain)	☐ LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
☒ CLEAR		☐ CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS (Thunderstorms)	☐ HAIL
☐ PARTLY CLOUDY			☐ SNOW OR SLEET
☐ COMPLETELY OVERCAST			☐ UNKNOWN
		☐ HAZE OR SMOG	☐ 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
☐ NONE	☐ BRIGHT MOONLIGHT
☐ A FEW	☒ NO MOONLIGHT
☒ MANY	☐ MOON WITH HALO
☐ UNKNOWN	☐ MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS
	☐ 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?

☐ IN FRONT OF YOU	☐ TO YOUR RIGHT	☒ OVERHEAD (Near noon)
☐ IN BACK OF YOU	☐ TO YOUR LEFT	☐ 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.

Billboard near freeway. It has 2 or 3 bright lights on it.

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 object appeared light and was self luminous. It had red and white colors. To my notion it was solid. I couldn't tell what kind of edges it had because it was too far away. The shape to me appeared round like a ball. It was like a star.

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

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

I was walking my dog at the time, and I just looked up towards the stars to see if I could view any shooting stars. As I looked towards some low mountains near Cathedral City, I saw this thing between 2 stars blinking off and on. As I watched, it moved from side to side and up and down. It stopped and did a complete circle, and stopped again.

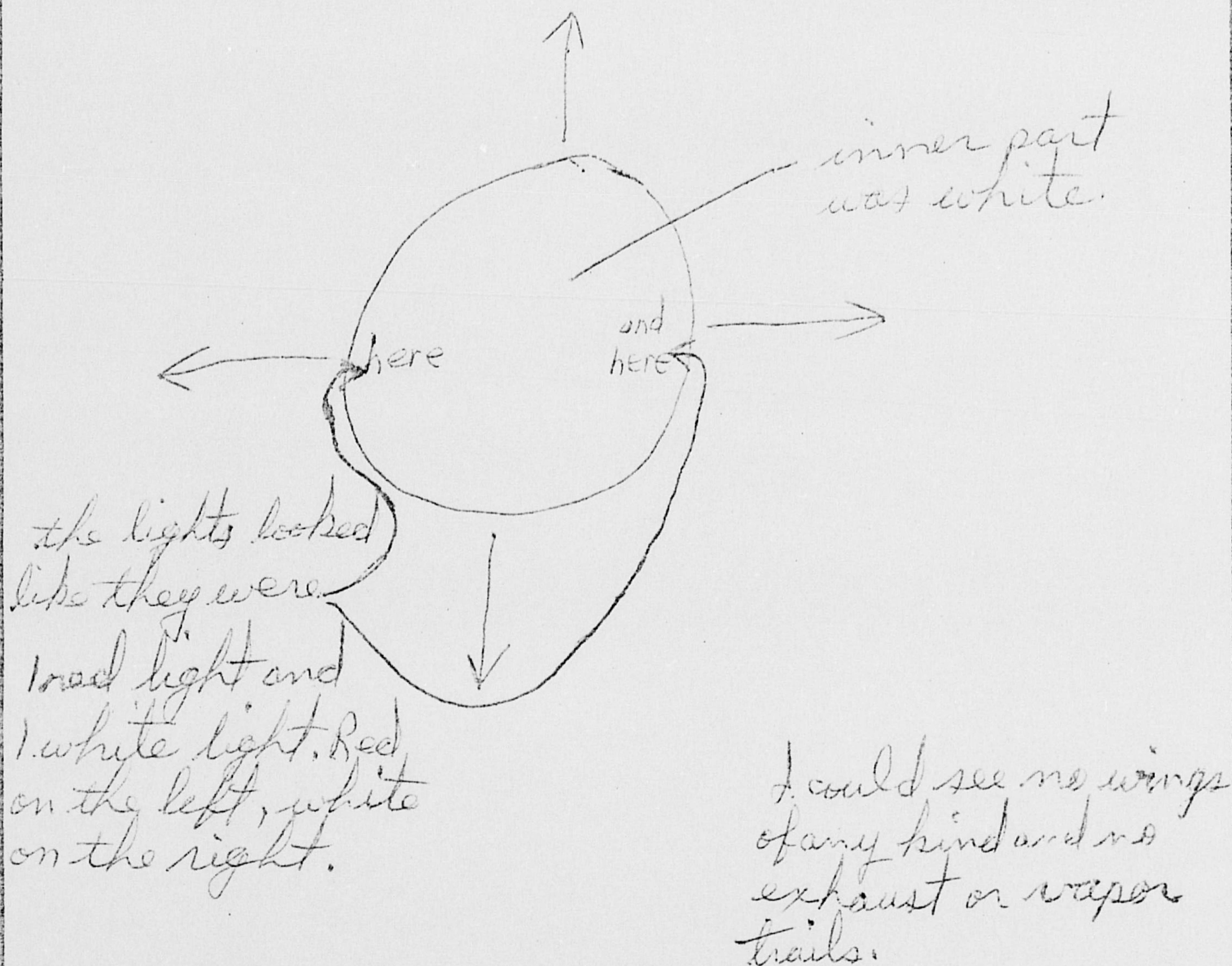
A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

It did not disappear. After it made its circle, it just stopped dead. To me it looked like it was waiting for someone ^{and} for something like another object to come to it.

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.

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.



15. 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.

Almost all of the object would have been covered by the match head, because it was so high up.

17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.

EYEGLASSES		CAMERA VIEWER
SUNGLASSES	☒	BINOCULARS
WINDSHIELD		TELESCOPE
SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE		THEODOLITE
WINDOWPANE		OTHER

A. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES? ☐ YES ☒ NO B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? ☒ YES ☐ NO

18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED. *couldn't tell, but it was slow enough I couldn't see really.* 19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE *4 or 5 miles*

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.

A common object that when placed in the sky would look like what I saw, would be a search light. It was white like a search light, except for the red and white light on either side that blinked off and on. It moved from side to side, and then up and down. Then it made a complete circle and stopped.

21. DID YOU NOTICE ANY ODOR, NOISE, OR HEAT EMANATING FROM THE PHENOMENON OR ANY EFFECT ON YOURSELF, ANIMALS OR MACHINERY IN THE VICINITY? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

Our outdoor light kind of dimmed. My dog turned and looked at me and then up to the sky with his ears sticking straight up. He came to me when I asked what was the matter and we headed for the house. He was at the door before I was. He indicated like he was scared.

A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION. *July 11, 1968 over thousand palms california, were I live.*

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

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES
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24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME *[REDACTED]*

ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code) *[REDACTED] PALMS, CALIF. 92276*

TELEPHONE (Area code and number) *[REDACTED]* AGE *17* ☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE

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

I would like to give my address again, but in full. you see the other way is shorter.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

THOUSAND PALMS, CALIFORNIA 92276

I do not have a occupation because I am not working as yet. I hope to be soon. I had another experience as I indicated in 22, as I was watching the skies, I like to "sky watch", as I call it.

25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU FIRST REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON? *TO MY FATHER!*

NAME *[REDACTED]* DAY *10* MONTH *July* YEAR *1968*

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. DAY *29* MONTH *July* 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.

If you want to send me another questionair sheet I would be glad to tell you about the other object I saw the night after. My mother said that in the service you make copies of a report like this, but civilians only make 2. The ~~of~~ object that I refer to is the one on the near collision in mid-air. My second letter to "Project Blue Book".