

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6-7 Sep 68 2125 CDT 0125Z	2. LOCATION CHARLESTOWN, INDIANA
3. SOURCE CIVILIAN	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS TWO	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION TEN MINUTES	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS See case files
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION GROUND - VISUAL	COMMENTS: The observer wrote that "We have seen lights like stars, but not like stars before. They are brighter than stars, appear at random in different parts of the sky." For the past two summers the observers family and his uncles family have been seeing lights around their farms. Since all the sightings are of point light sources there is little change of identifying the stimulus. Some may be caused by hot air balloons, aircraft, satellites, and stars and planets. Also since the sightings are of point light sources they do not meet the definition of a UFO as given in AFR 80-17 and as such are carried as Insuff. Data.
7. COURSE ENE TO WNW	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes XXXX No	

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

## 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?

also one week prior

DAY 6 + 7 MONTH Sept. YEAR 1968

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR nine MINUTES 25  A.M.  P.M.

3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR nine MINUTES 35  A.M.  P.M.

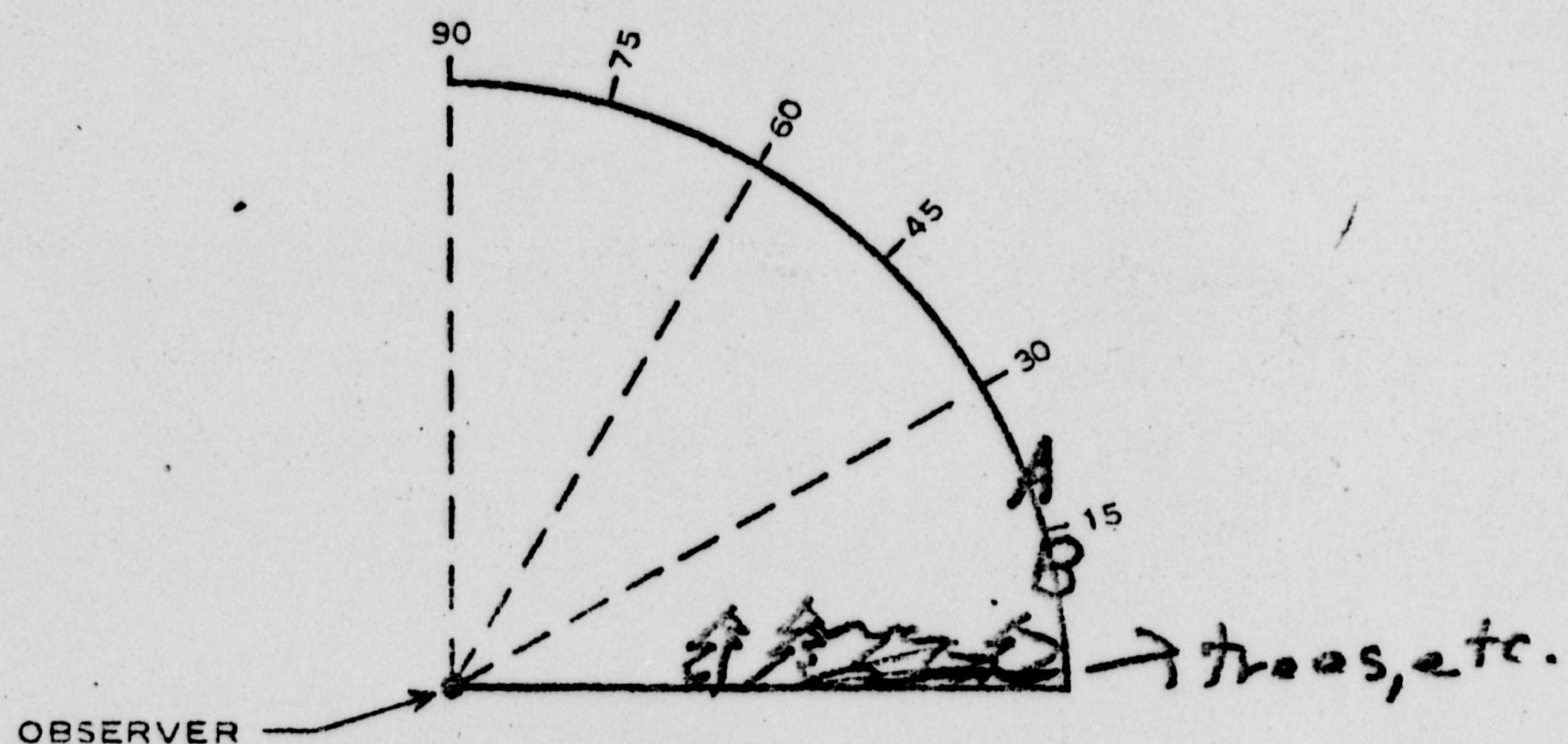
4. TIME/ZONE

 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STANDARD EASTERN CENTRAL MOUNTAIN PACIFIC OTHER

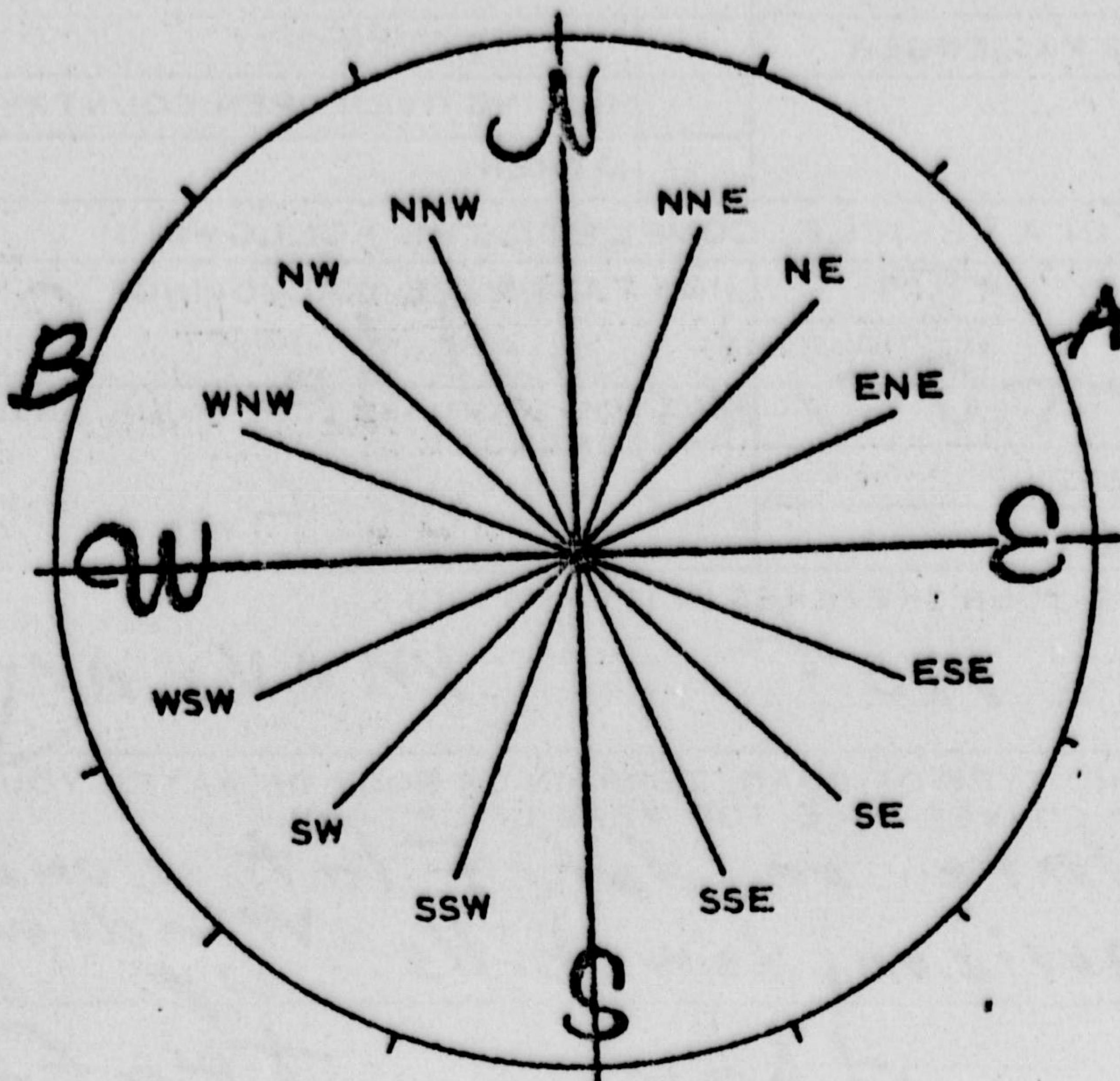
5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE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

Sitting in automobile parked at side of old State Road 62 facing towards Charlestown at crest of hill just south of Zollman Road. (September 6 sighting). Sighting of September 7 observed from inside house of [REDACTED] at same location.

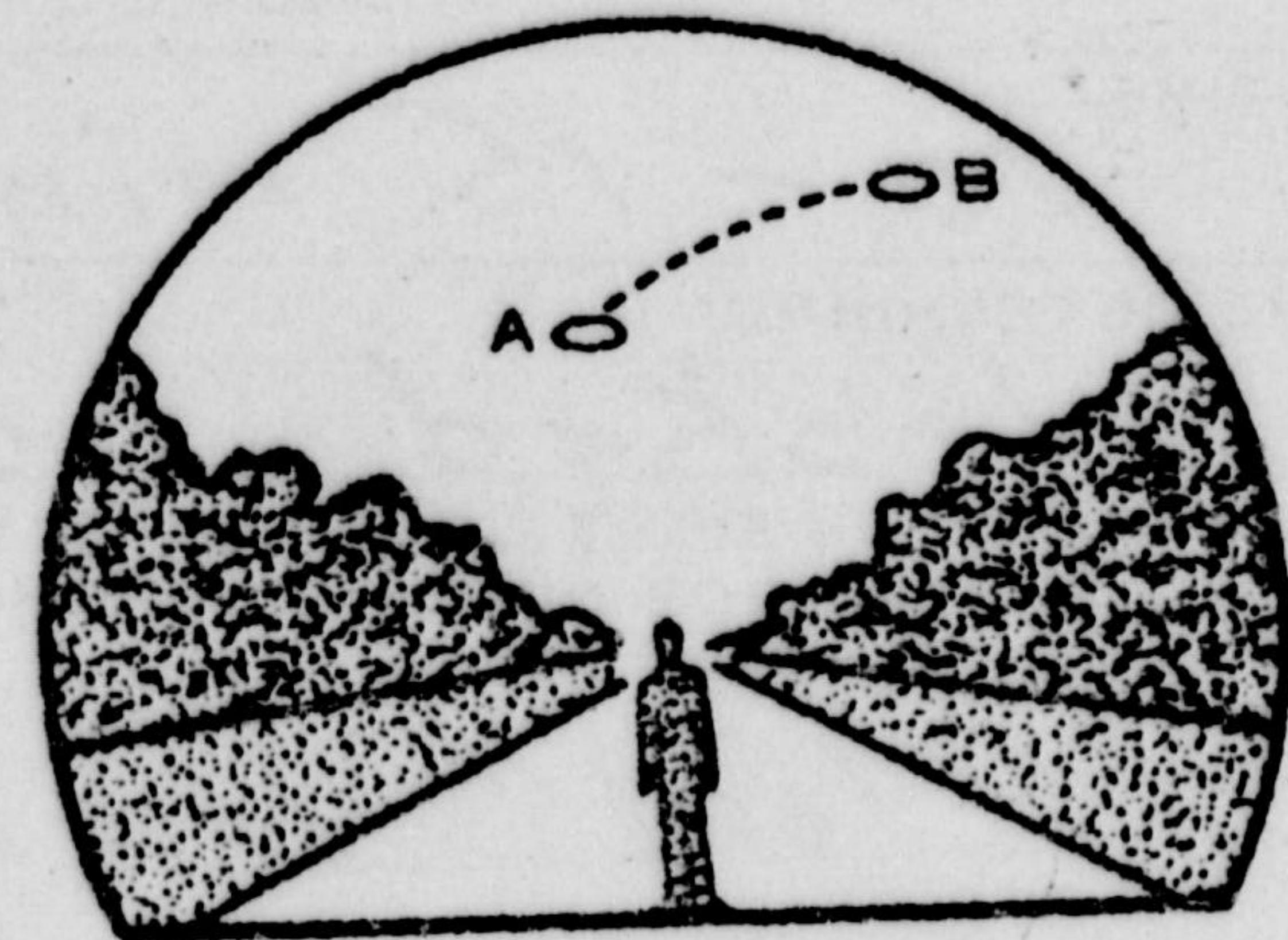
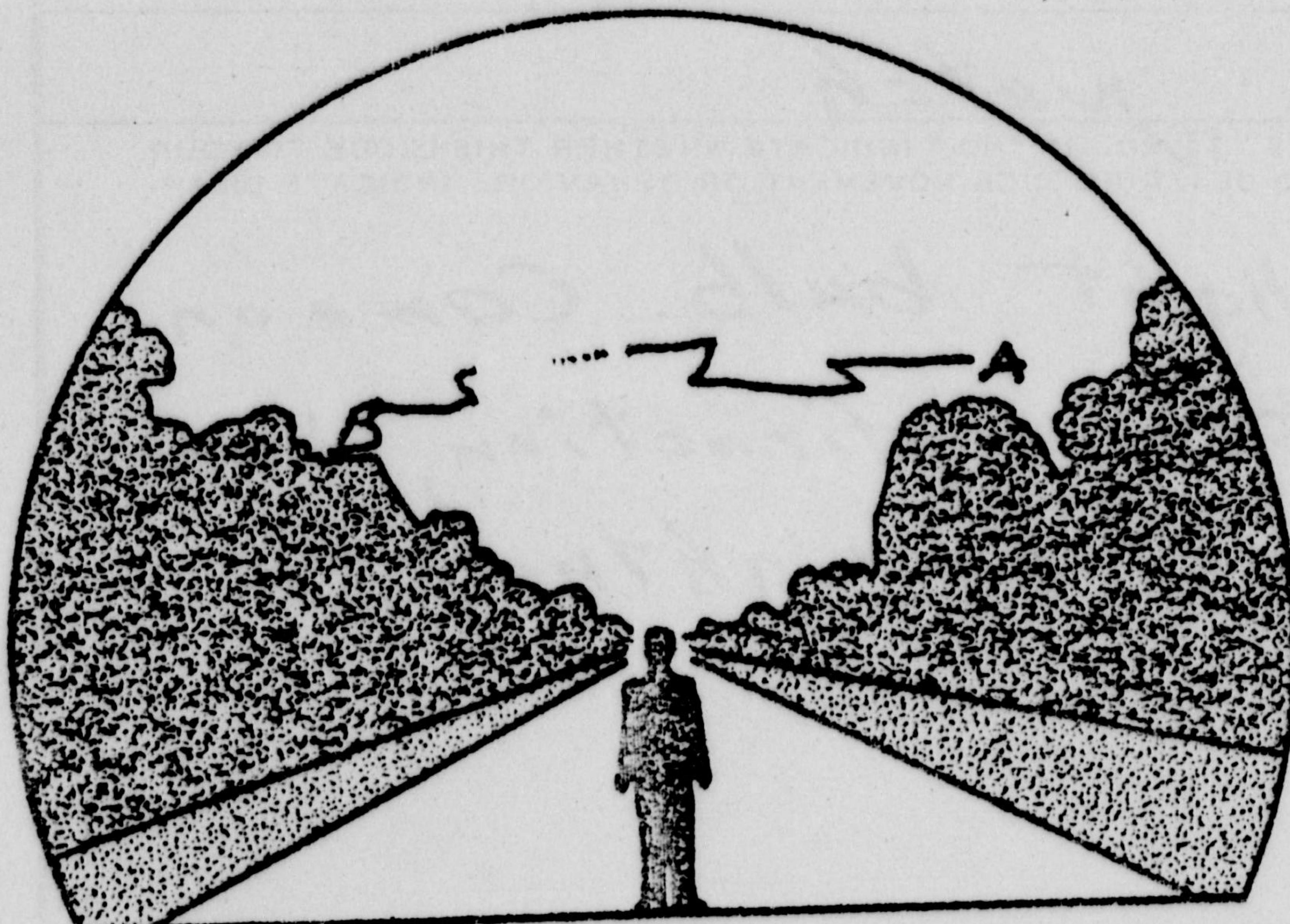
6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.



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.



went "out" like electric light, then turned on again, irregularly.

## 8. 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	<input type="checkbox"/> AS DRIVER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AS PASSENGER	IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
IN BOAT			NEAR AIRFIELD
IN AIRPLANE	<input type="checkbox"/> AS PILOT	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	<i>Parked facing the South.</i>	
SOUTH	WEST	ID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON?	
NORTHEAST	SOUTHEAST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
NORTHWEST	SOUTHWEST		

## EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.

*Was not moving*

DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVESED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN.

*Passenger car - late model. Flat countryside with trees on horizon, low hills. Windows both up and down.*

## HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?

*No other traffic*

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	<i>10 - 15 minutes</i>	CERTAIN OF TIME	<input type="checkbox"/> NOT VERY SURE
		<input type="checkbox"/> FAIRLY CERTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JUST A GUESS

## HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?

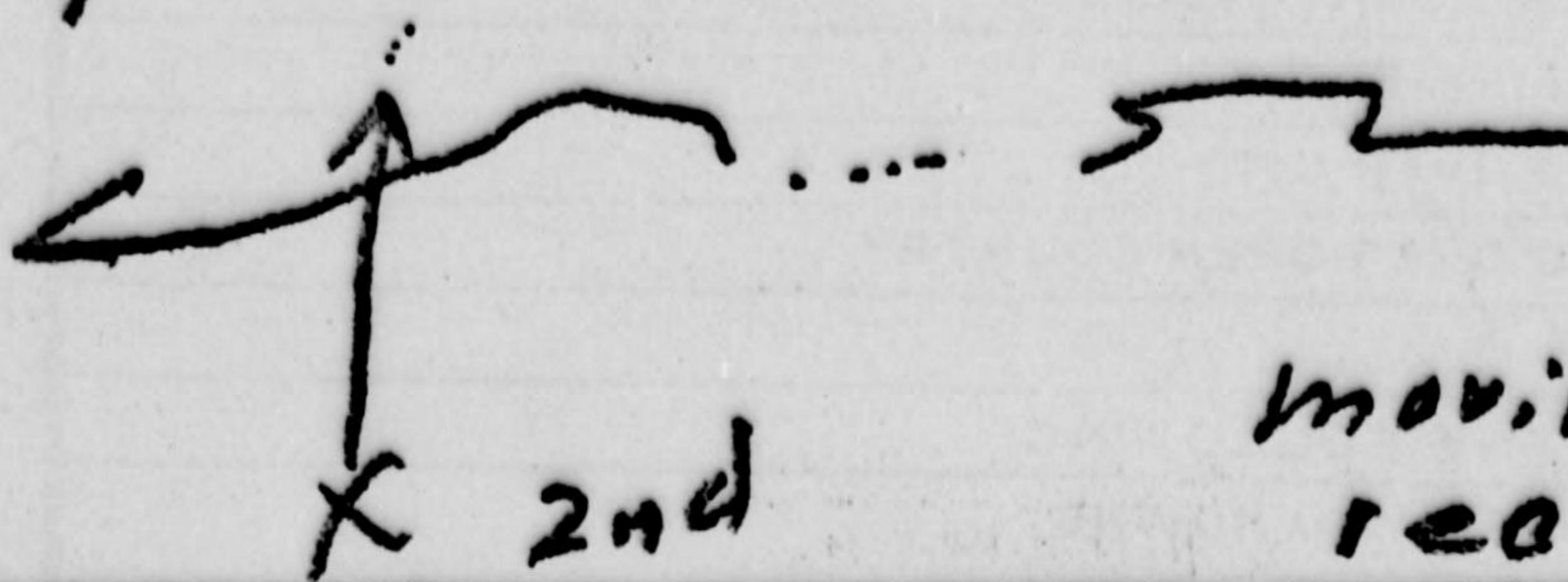
*Looked at watch*

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.

*went "out" like light bulb. Came on again. Moved in some direction, but changed altitude & brightness.*

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?

2 phenomena.



1st phenomena, almost gone when 2nd appeared. Looked like blinking red light of airplane moving towards us. But didn't reach us & had no sound.

11.

CONDITIONS (Check appropriate blocks.)

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

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO MOONLIGHT
A FEW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		MOON WITH HALO	UNKNOWN
MANY		MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS	
UNKNOWN		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.

*lights of Louisville, Ky. 25 miles to South.*

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.

*It was a distant point of bright light moving towards the Indiana Arsenal. Irregular path of flight. Brighter & then dimmer. Went out for varying intervals & came back on again. Sept. 7 sighting was stationary in the distance over power transmission lines (several hundred feet above.) Appeared to have alternating, flashing lights on top. Very visible for 2 hours, then completely gone.*

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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?

We have seen lights like stars, but not like stars before. They are brighter than stars, appear at random in different parts of the sky. They move, change in intensity, disappear & are near power & defense installations. ~~like~~ like others

## A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

We had soon before

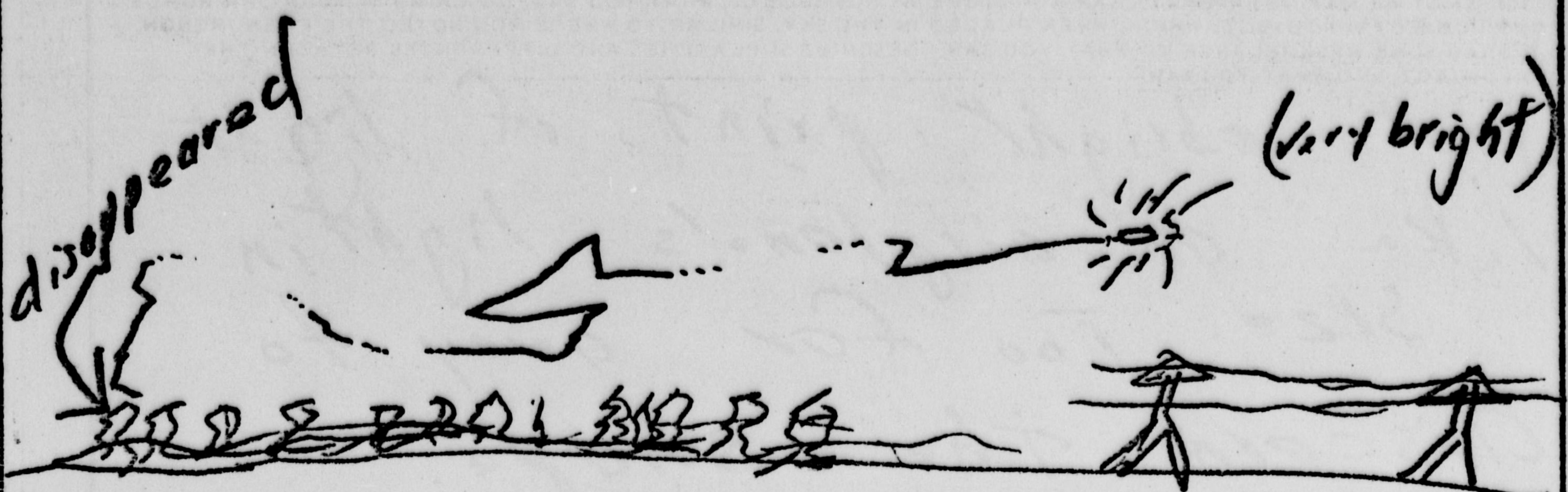
Was so low on horizon that it went below tree line & was to be seen no more. Then we soon noted we thought was the flashing red horizon light of ~~which we could see it all day~~.

**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. IT NEVER OCCURRED

OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING, AT ANY TIME?  
IT NEVER REACHED 45.

Moved behind the screen  
on the horizon

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.

all of the object would have been covered by the match head. It was a long way off.

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
SUNGASSES	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 *speed of propeller plane*

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE *11 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.

*just a bright point of light like an airplane's light in size. Too far away to discern the shape.*

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.

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.

During the past 2 or three <sup>summers</sup> ~~on our farm.~~

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

Mrs. [REDACTED]

47130

Jeffersonville, Indiana [REDACTED]

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME

ADDRESS (City, State and Zip Code)

Charlestown, Indiana 47111

TELEPHONE (Area code and number)

AGE	20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE	<input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
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INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.

Undergraduate college student  
majoring in Government at  
Indiana University, Bloomington,  
Indiana 47401.

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

NAME U.S. Air Force DAY 29 MONTH Sept. YEAR 1968

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

DAY 22 MONTH Sept. 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.

We looked out the car window and saw the light moving irregularly toward the direction of the Indians beyond at Fort Verde. We saw it both inside and outside the car. It disappeared and reappeared until it went below the horizon. What we thought was the red flashing light of a engine then appeared from the direction of the light's disappearance. It did not come directly over us, as expected. It had made a wide and we could no longer see it. (September 6th)

(September 7th) Light a bit over. Saw it out window of our house. Several miles away, a few hundred feet over electric power lines. Light flashing on and off in top and bottom of St. Vrain's steering for 2 hours, then disappeared.

6 Sept 68

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AF Form 117 w/envelope

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Ref Ltr 9/24

September 9, 1968

Rural Route #1  
Charlestown, Indiana 47111

Project Blue Book  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

Gentlemen:

When you read what is in this letter, please keep in mind that I am neither a crackpot or eccentric, nor a practical joker. I am merely a citizen who is concerned about what is happening in the skies of our nation, and I am interested in finding out what is going on.

For the past two summers members of my family and my uncle's family have been seeing "lights" in the skies around our farms. Last summer my aunt and her two small children saw a light over the trees behind their barn, a very bright light that got alternately brighter and then dimmer and remained stationary for several hours. My aunt did not go to the barn since it was night and she and the children were alone (my uncle had gone to work). She told us about it and we thought it was funny.

Last summer I was at the other farm feeding the dogs. I finished, got in the car, and proceeded to make a turn. In the middle of the turn I saw a peculiar light in the sky towards the direction of Jeffersonville. It was like a star, but something told me it wasn't a star, it just didn't look right. I stopped the car, left the headlights burning, and the light went out like someone would switch out an electric light in the house. It didn't temporarily disappear from view or twinkle like a star will do, it just disappeared. Later I remembered that the light would have been just about over the Indiana Army Ammunition Plant at Charlestown.

Nothing more unusual than that was seen by me last summer, but this summer I and others have seen other, more strange things. A couple of weeks ago, my mother and I were sitting outside in a car talking, when I saw a light, that peculiar sort of star, but not a star, in the extreme southwestern sky. The light was moving, but it was not a plane because it was moving erratically, in a sidewise-forward-and-backwards motion. As it rocked along, it got alternately brighter and dimmer, and it eventually proceeded toward the south (the direction of the Indiana Army Ammunition Plant). We, my mother and I, could hear no jet or piston motors; there was no sound. When over the ammo plant it appeared to go so low on the horizon that we couldn't keep sight of it any longer. We then saw a red light that was blinking regularly on-and-off and coming from the direction of the ammo plant towards us. I told my mother the first light we had seen could not have been a plane, since a plane was then coming towards us and the difference could readily be seen. But then we lost

(1)

sight of the "airplane," and we listened for the sound of its motors, which we would have by then heard directly over us. There was nothing. We knew then that neither of the lights had been airplanes. Once we thought that the first light might have been a helicopter, but we dismissed this guess, since why would a helicopter be flying at night over the ammo plant with his light off part of the time? Surely he could have seen more during the day and not had the safety risk that he had without his light in continuous use.

My brother and I have seen from our bedroom window a "star" which would come from a higher region of the sky in a "waterfall" or "staircase" pattern, go back to the higher sky region, and continue the sideways, zig-zag, staircase pattern of movement for an extended period of time.

Last Friday night, the 6th, my 13-year-old sister came running from her bedroom [REDACTED] about 11:30 to tell me that she had just seen one of those lights in the sky. We looked out the back door, (she and I, the others had already gone to bed), and we saw one of the "stars" which are not stars. They look so much like stars that, unless you have seen them before, you would never pay them any attention, unless they started to move. Once you have seen one moving in the sky and cavorting, you can easily pick out the "suspect" stars for observation. The light was bright enough that we could watch it easily even though it was in the same region of the sky that our pole light is in. The light moved back-and-forward for a few minutes until it "blinked out" and disappeared.

Saturday night, my sister again saw one of those lights in the sky. This time it did not move, but we had seen them before and we recognized it as one of the strange kind. We did not keep a close watch on [REDACTED] the object, and after about an hour and a half I went back for another look (it had been there during a few checks during the hour and a half, but we did not check very often). When I looked again after the hour and a half, the "star" was gone.

I am beginning to be concerned about this matter, since there are a number of things in this general area that may be very interesting to someone: the Indiana Army Ammunition Plant at Charlestown, the Public Service Company of Indiana electric generating plant at New Albany, the McAlpine dam and locks at Louisville, the Jefferson Proving Grounds (for artillery shells) at Madison, and the electric [REDACTED] generating plant at Madison (whose heavy power lines pass through our fields not far from our house, in fact the light of Sept. 7 was just about over the extended power lines in the distance several miles), to name a few.

I am of the opinion that a discreet investigation is in order. I and some of the members of our two families would like to know something about what this can and does mean, and what the government is prepared to do about it.

Signed,