

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Sep 60		2. LOCATION New London, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1942 GMT 18/0042Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE NE		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Appeared as a white light moving rapidly across the sky. Was about the size and brightness of Echo I. Disappeared behind trees.			11. COMMENTS Object has all characteristics of a meteor except for duration of 15 sec. This was an estimate and the witness was not very sure. Probable over-estimation of duration. Case listed as meteor sighting.		

5 October 1960

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of 17 September 1960, addressed to the National Academy of Sciences, has been referred to this Office.

There was insufficient information concerning the unidentified flying object you sighted for a valid conclusion. Therefore, we ask that you fill out the attached Air Force Questionnaire and send to the Commander, Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for their analysis and evaluation.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
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New London, Ohio

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NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

2101 CONSTITUTION AVENUE, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION

September 28, 1960

Mr. [REDACTED]
New London, Ohio

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I regret that we shall not be able to furnish any information regarding an aerial object that you might have seen on the evening of September 17th, since the Academy-Research Council does not conduct observation programs that might bear on your concern.

I am taking the liberty, however, of forwarding your letter to the Department of Defense, in the hope that some office there might be able to assist you.

Very sincerely,

Howard J. Lewis
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Director

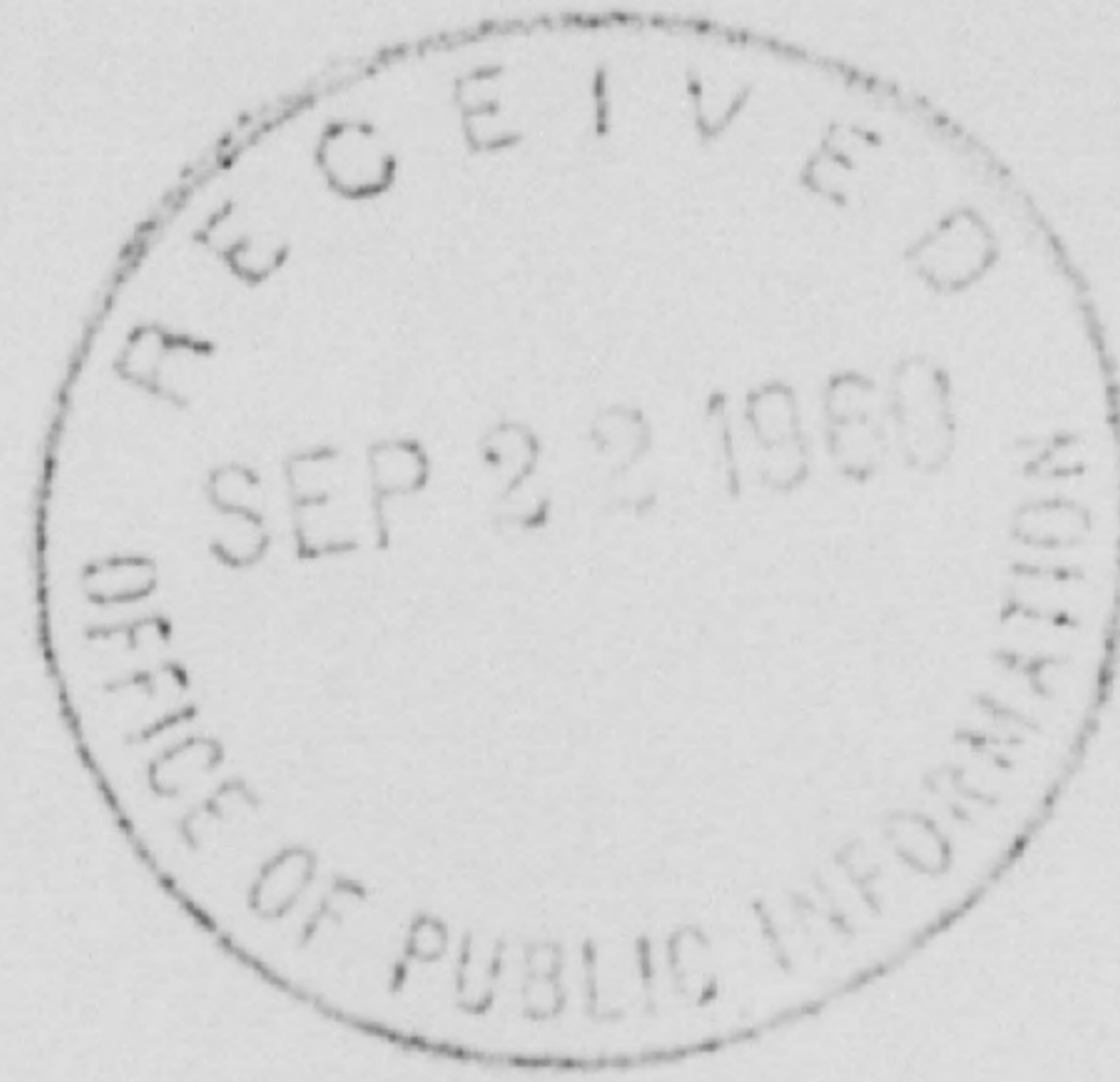
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CC: Department of Defense

[REDACTED]
New London, OHIO

September 17, 1960

National Academy of Sciences
Washington D.C.



*Letter addressed
referred to the office
in support info
to all who wish
Columbus
Gustavus*

Gentlemen;

I would appreciate it if you could send me any information on a certain aerial object that I saw tonight.

The object travelled at a ~~very~~ rapid pace from approximately Southwest to Northeast at 7:42 P.M. This object gave off, or reflected, a steady white light which was about as bright as Echo I.

I dismiss the idea that it was an airplane, although there is an air route just north of New London, because of the steadiness of its light and because it was single.

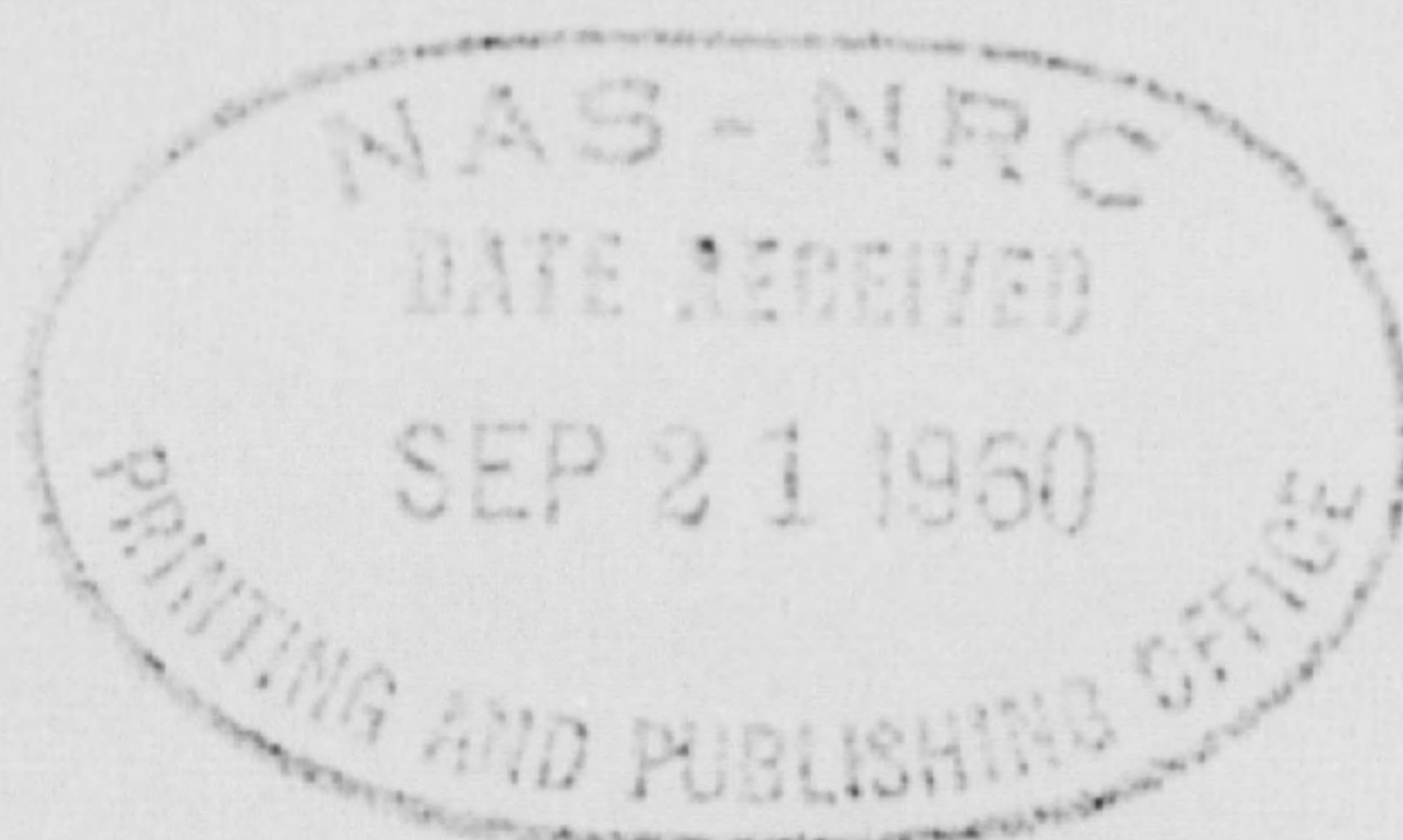
Two airplanes did cross on the route between 8:05 and 8:10 P.M. on the same night.

I am also positive that it was not a meteor.

This object travelled so fast that I did not have time to time its visibility. I first noticed it at 7:42 P.M. (EST (slow time)) when it was closest to the zenith and tracked it for about 15 seconds, THIS IS ONLY A ROUGH ESTIMATE.

I am writing to you because you handled the "Rocket and Satellite" division of the 1958 IGY, and I thought you might be able to identify it for me.

Thank you very much,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

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, and will be regarded as confidential material. 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?

17 Day 9 Month 1960 Year

2. Time of day: 1900 Hour 42 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?

[REDACTED] Nearest Postal Address New London City or Town OHIO State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. How long was object in sight?

0 Hours 0 Minutes 15 Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

a. Certain
 b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
 d. Just a guess

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. The object appeared:

(Circle One): a. As a light b. Shiny c. Dark d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars?

NO

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |

12. 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: the trees in front of my house

13. 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: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One): a. Solid b. Transparent c. Vapor d. Don't Know

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

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|----|---------------|------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | <u>Yes</u> | No | e. Binoculars | <u>Yes</u> | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other | _____ | |

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound None

b. Color White

17. 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.

18. 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 _____

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar?

ECHO I

22. 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? *ALL OF IT*

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *YES,*

It disappeared behind the trees in front of my house

24. 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.

25. 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 _____

26. 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 over town

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

I was staying in a hotel and noticed it because it was moving

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |
| | | | i. <u>Overhead</u> |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. <u>Northeast</u> | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |
| | | | i. Overhead |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North (thru east) and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

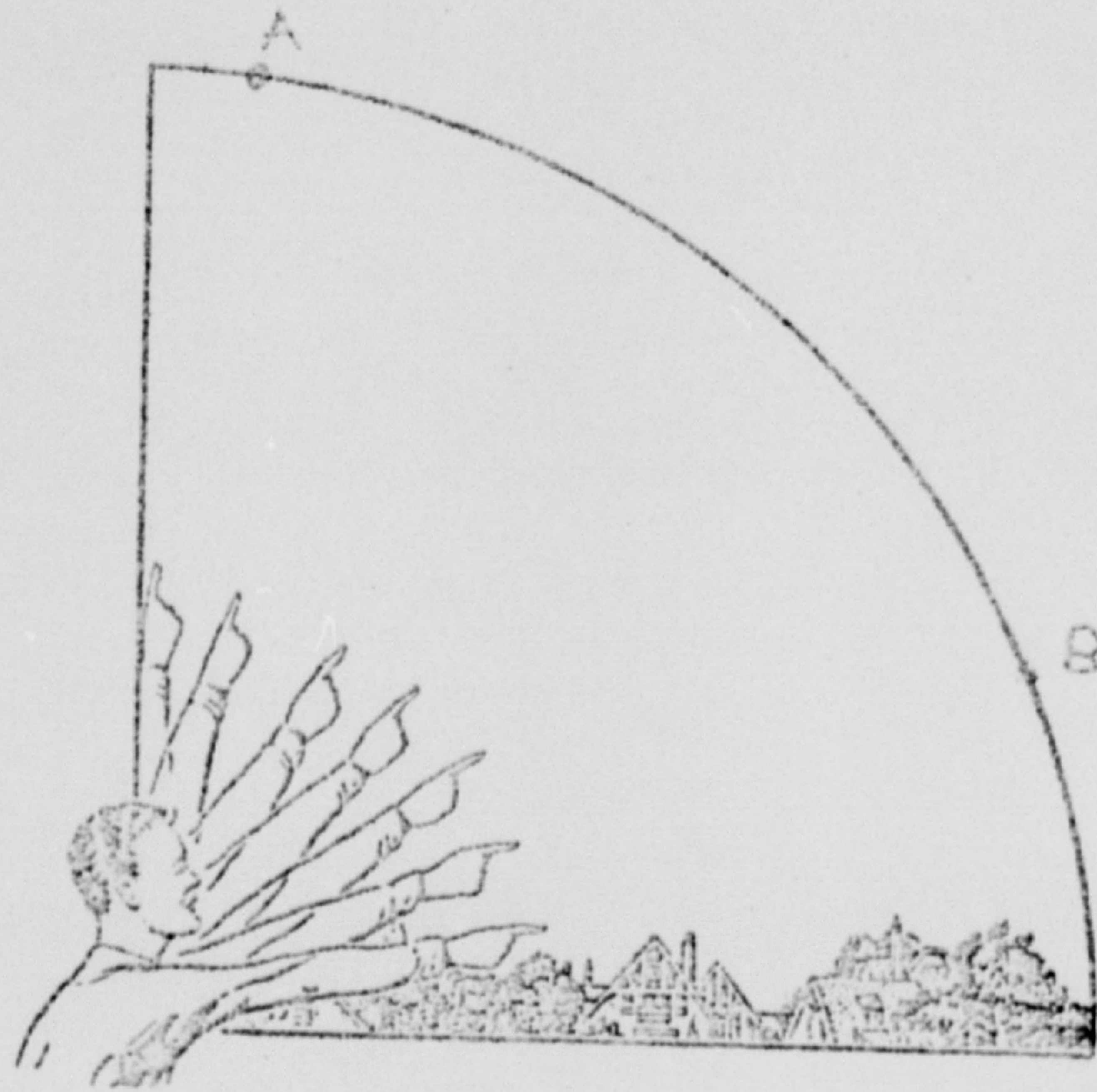
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 90 degrees.
- b. From horizon 80 degrees.

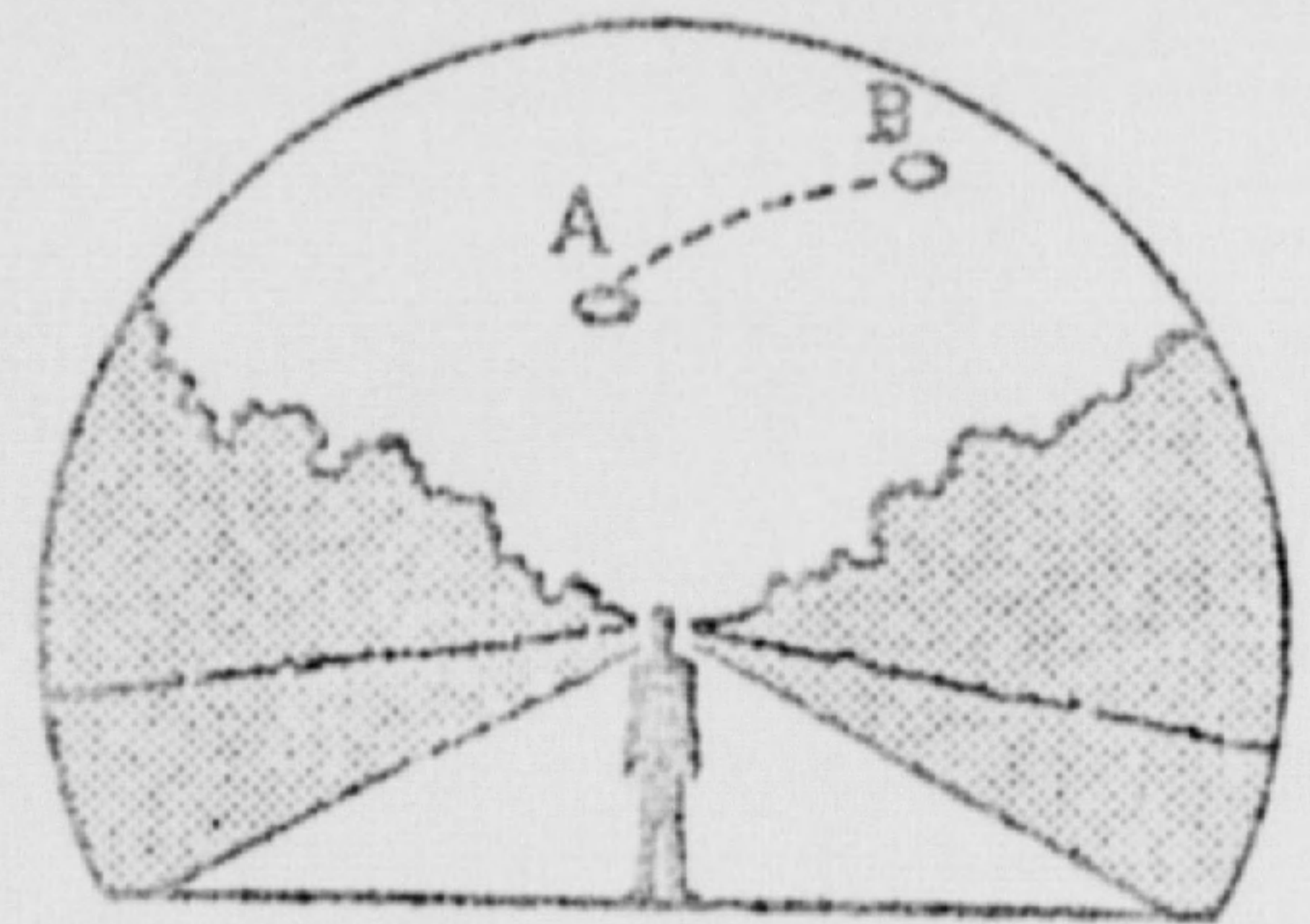
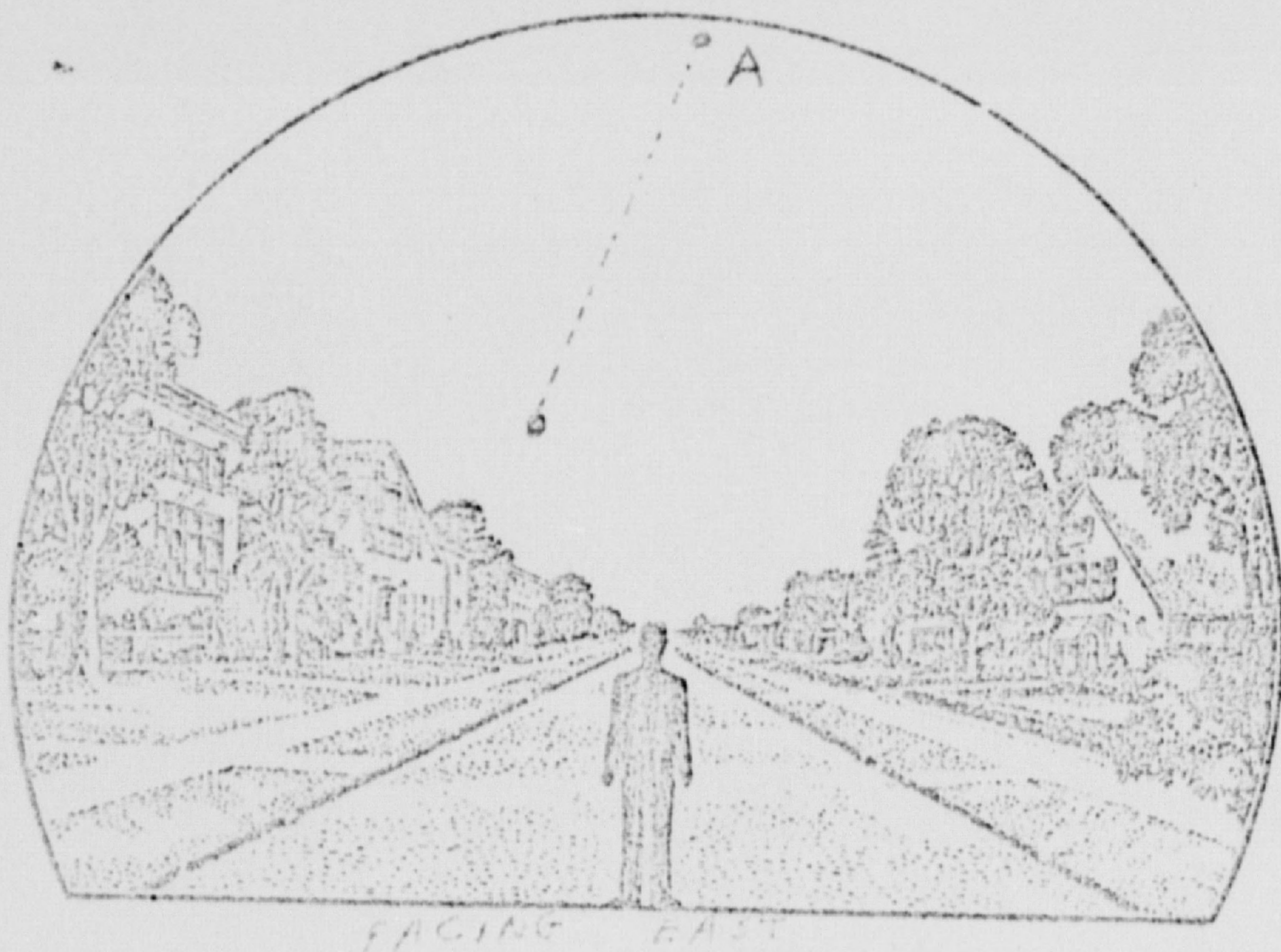
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 75 degrees.
- b. From horizon 20 degrees.

32. 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.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



34. 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

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

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Day

9

Month

1960

Year

*National Academy
 of Sciences
 Washington, D.C.*

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

*The only object that I have seen before that resembled
 the object seen last I*

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

I think that the object was a satellite.

39. 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? _____

40. 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? _____

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

Age 15 Sex Male

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

I have had no training in this field outside of my own interest.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: _____
Day Month Year

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME _____

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

9/10/60

This object that I saw was seen from my yard on September 17, 1960 at 1942 hours, standard time.

It appeared as a rapidly moving, steady, white light which traveled (from where I first noticed it) from almost the zenith in the direction of approximately Northeast.

It was about the size and brightness of stars, which I have seen 6 times before it went into the earth's shadow.

As I said, I saw it on 9/17/60 at 1942 hours, and on 9/25/60 I saw, what I believe to be the same object at 2130 hours. It was traveling in the same direction, and I first noticed it at the zenith.

I am very sure it was not a plane, because I have tracked several jets and at all times I could hear the noise they made, but this object was not accompanied by any noise. The light was also steady and bright.

I am also positive that it was not a meteor, because I have seen several meteors already, and they did not have any of the visible characteristics of meteors;

1. Traveled slower than most meteors
2. Was not as bright as meteors
3. Was visible much longer than any meteors that I have seen before.