

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<b>1. DATE</b> 2 October 1958	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Johnson Hill, Calif.		<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b> <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 <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local _____ GMT 09:00Z	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b> Civilian		
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 20 seconds	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> one	<b>9. COURSE</b> N to SE	
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b>  Hazy bar of light, orange color, somewhat brighter at ends than in the middle.		<b>11. COMMENTS</b>  The army has a new type of helicopter which fits description given. These a/c have an engine on each side of fuselage.	

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WEATHER BUREAU

AIRPORT STATION  
OAKLAND CALIF

Oct 14 1958


Department of the Air Force  
Washington 25 D C

Subject: UFO Report

Gentlemen:

The attached report of the sighting of a  
UFO is forwarded to you for disposition.

Yours very truly



Meteorologist Acting in Charge

[REDACTED]  
Pleasant Hill, Calif.

October 9, 1958

Weather Bureau  
Oakland Airport  
Oakland, California

Gentlemen:

I would like to call to your attention an object of interest I noticed in the sky last night, ( Oct. 8 ) at about 9:20 PM, and to inquire if you have received any other reports about it.

The object itself appeared as a hazy bar of light, perhaps a degree in length, of orange color if I recall correctly, somewhat brighter at the ends than in the middle.

The object appeared in the west, passed rapidly across the sky 30 to 40 degrees south of the zenith, executed a couple of turns, and wandered into the haze of light from the highway to Walnut Creek, to the southeast. At about that time, an airplane headed southwest, from the direction of Concord or Travis, crossed the path the object had taken. For a few seconds, both plane and object were visible to me, and it is on the chance that someone might have seen it, and radiod the information to the Oakland Airport, that I have chosen to write to you.

The duration of the object's appearance could hardly have exceeded 15 seconds. From the rapidity with which its size and brightness changed as it moved away, it seemed to be travelling rather low than high. It moved much faster even than low flying planes, and no sound whatsoever could be heard until the appearance of the above-mentioned plane. It was moving much too fast to be wind-propelled, unless there were winds aloft of a few hundred miles per hour on a clear, calm, night.

The size of the object, its hazy, steady light, its ability to execute sharp turns and lack of luminous train clearly indicate it was not a meteor, several of which I also saw last night.

I would much appreciate any information you can give me on the nature and sightings of this object. I realize your department may not handle such matters, but would appreciate your bringing this letter to the attention of the appropriate office.

Yours very truly,  
[REDACTED]

# MEMO ROUTING SLIP

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CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS

1	NAME OR TITLE ATTC	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	DATE	COORDINATION
2			FILE
			INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE

### REMARKS

Forwarded for possible analysis and/or evaluation.

FROM NAME OR TITLE	DATE 21 Oct 58
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	TELEPHONE 74966

AFCIN-4E4/T/St Bolieu/ac  
6-9216/Bldg 828  
Typed 29 Oct 58

*Mr. [redacted]*  
[redacted]  
Pleasant Hill, Calif.

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated 9 October 1958, addressed to the Weather Bureau at Oakland, California, has been forwarded to this Center.

We would appreciate your filling in the inclosed questionnaire in as much detail as possible to enable us to make a more accurate analysis of your sighting.


Your interest in these matters is appreciated.

Sincerely,

1 Incl:  
1. ATIC Fm 164

H. K. GILBERT  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Science  
and Components

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Pleasant Hill, Calif.

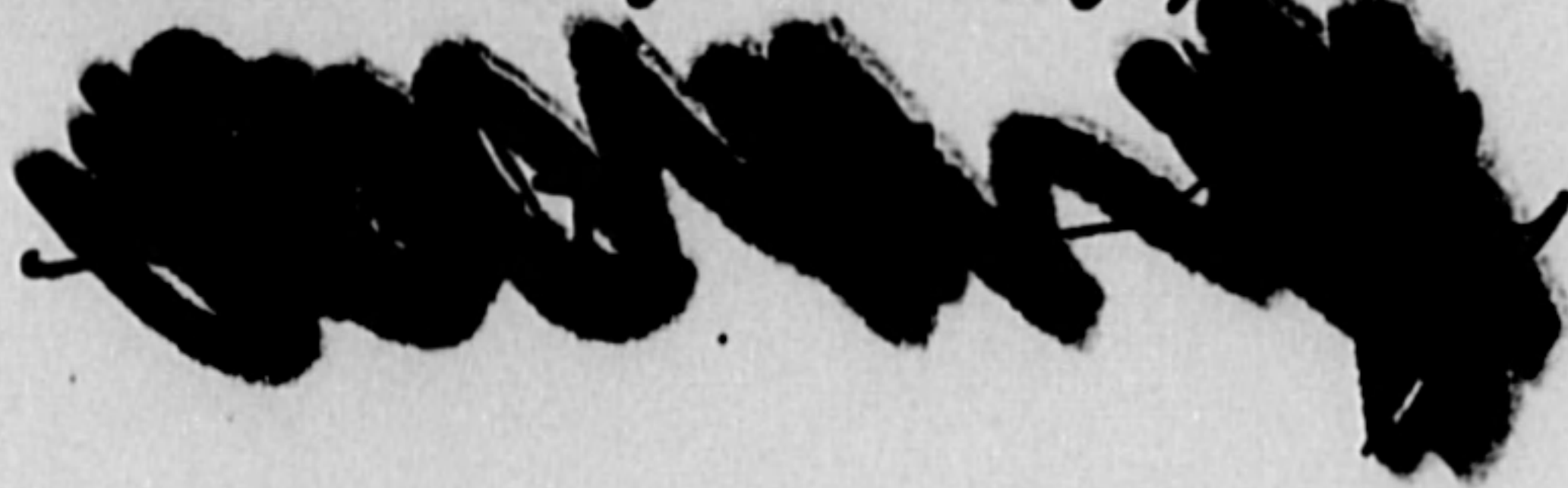
Nov. 8, 1958

4E4  
Col. H. K. Gilbert  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Col. Gilbert:

In response to your letter of 30 October 1958 with enclosed questionnaire, am returning latter filled out as well as possible. Estimates of size, distance, etc. are almost impossible to make, but comparison might be made with a small airplane, flying low and moving very fast.

I hope this information will make possible identification of the object. I would very much like to learn what it was.

Yours very truly,  


Incl #1

C I R SHEET										SUSPENSE				
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TO: SAFIS-3, Attn: Maj. Tacker										DATE: 19 November 1958				
FROM: AFCIN-4E										COMMENT NO. 1				
COMMENTS (Use reverse, if necessary)														
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1 Incl: Ltr dtd 8 Nov 58 fr [REDACTED]										<i>Nicholas Ent</i> f H. K. GILBERT Colonel, USAF AFCIN-4E				

Case 1958

1 December 1958

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of 8 November 1958 concerning an unidentified flying object (with inclosed questionnaire) addressed to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, has been referred to this office for reply.

A check was made with the Army Aviation Section. They have six helicopters, H-37s, stationed in the San Francisco area which fit the description given by you. These helicopters, which are not based at very many locations, have an engine on each side of the fuselage driving one large rotor. It is our conclusion that you saw one of these aircraft flying in the area.

Thank you for your interest in the matter.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER  
Major, USAF  
Executive Officer  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information Services

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Pleasant Hill, California

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OFFICE INFO SERVICES

1958 DEC 5 TO 30

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# 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?

8 Day      Oct. Month      1955 Year

2. Time of day:

9 Hour      20 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?

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Address      Pleasant Hill City or Town      Calif. State or Country

Additional remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

\_\_\_\_ Hours      \_\_\_\_ Minutes      10 ± 5 Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain      c. Not very sure  
 b. Fairly certain      d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight      d. Just a trace of daylight  
b. Dull daylight       e. No trace of daylight  
c. Bright twilight      f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you      d. To your left  
b. In back of you      e. Overhead  
c. To your right      f. Don't remember

*Good 11/1*

8. IF you saw the object, at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):  a. Yes      b. No      c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

- (Circle One)  a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
- b. Several blocks away?
  - c. A block away?
  - d. Several yards away?
  - e. Other

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |   |                                      |                                       |            |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No   | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No   | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No   | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No   | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? <i>only with distance</i> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                    | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No ? | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?                  | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No   | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes  No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes  No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- |                 |                                      |                                     |                |     |                                     |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | e. Binoculars  | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 at all
- b. Color orange; when more distant, purple

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. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.  
\_\_\_\_\_ feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| a. Head of a pin                        | g. Silver dollar |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Pea | h. Baseball      |
| c. Dime                                 | i. Grapefruit    |
| d. Nickel                               | j. Basketball    |
| e. Quarter                              | k. Other _____   |
| f. Half dollar                          |                  |

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.)

- |  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| a. Certain   | c. Not very sure |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain     |

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Faded into glare & light  
in S.E. sky

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? 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.

Perhaps the size of a small airplane, flying fast and low, underside of wings luminous orange, enlarged or brighter at wing-tips.

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
- 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. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

star-gazing, & watching for meteors. It  
came behind trees while I was looking about in that  
direction.

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     | <input checked="" type="radio"/> g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest                             |

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

- |              |   |              |              |
|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East                                       | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | <input checked="" type="radio"/> d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

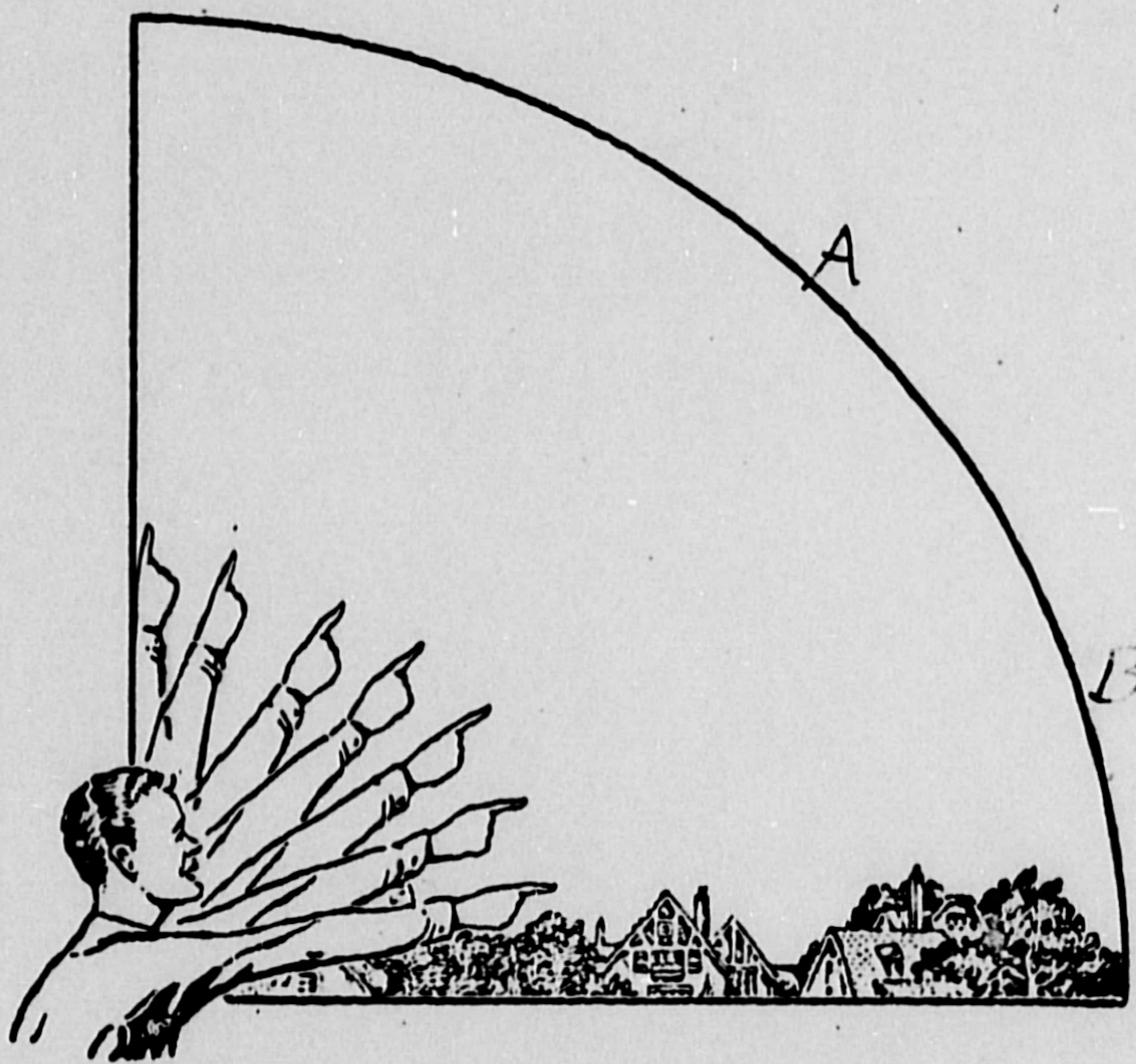
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 260 degrees.
- b. From horizon 45 degrees.

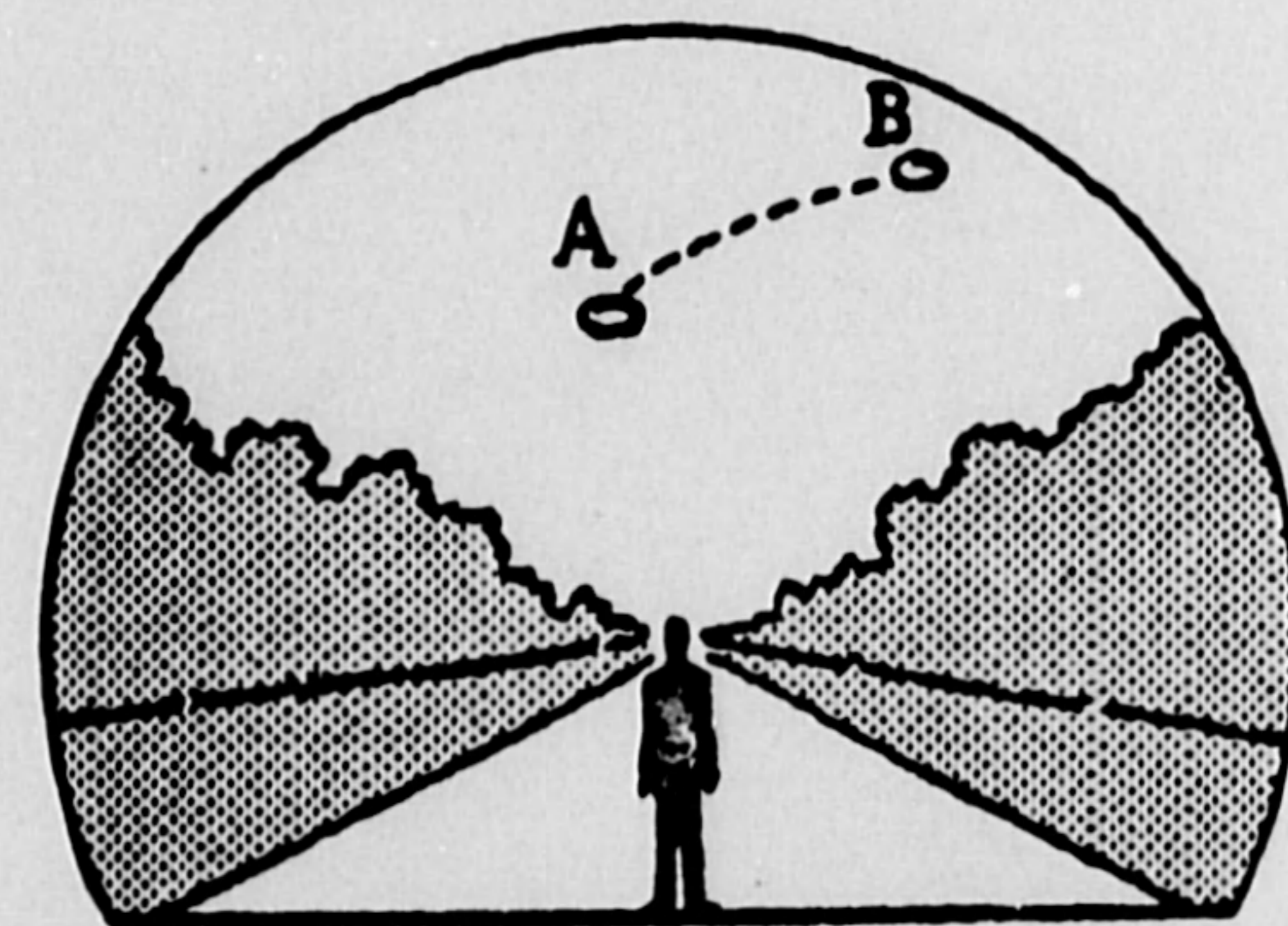
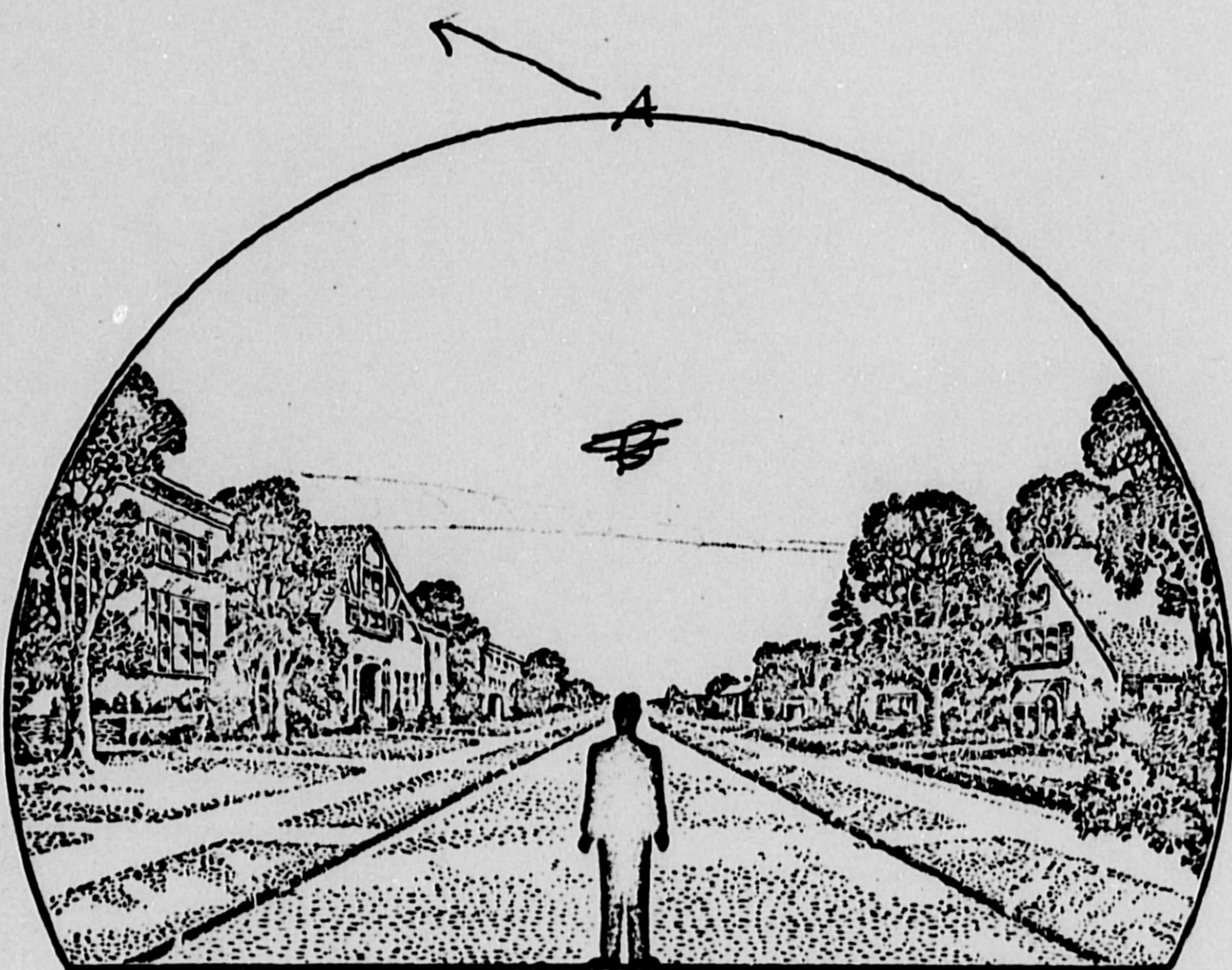
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 120 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.



sketch is not appropriate

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

9 Oct 1954  
Day Month Year

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?

Under similar circumstances, noticed a faint,  
whisker, white object, elliptical shape, about  
1° long, travel west to east for a few degrees disappearing  
behind roof & could not catch sight of it again.

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

It is easier  
to think of things it was not. From the motion, etc, it  
must have been self-propelled, but it was like no aircraft  
I have seen before or since.

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? > 200 m.p.h.

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? 2000 - 3000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]  
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

ADDRESS [Redacted] Pleasant Hill [Redacted] Calif.  
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [Redacted]

What is your present job? Chemist

Age 29 Sex m

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school \_\_\_\_\_
- b. High school \_\_\_\_\_
- c. College \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Post graduate Ph.D., Chemistry
- e. e. Technical school \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type) \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other special training \_\_\_\_\_

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

7 Nov 1958  
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)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CODE:

DATE

Nov. 7, 1958

Reclining in folding beach chair & watching western sky, noticed bright, hazy orange dumbbell shaped object emerge from behind poplar trees that line the western edge of the property. It moved across the southern part of the sky, more rapidly than customary for airplanes. Motion appeared to be more or less perpendicular to dumbbell axis. In size, it was  $\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  -  $1^{\circ}$  long. In brightness, about the same in total as a low airplane, but the light was diffuse or hazy, no discrete light source.

Got up almost immediately & ran to back of lot from where the southeast sky is visible. Object passed meridian  $30^{\circ}$  -  $40^{\circ}$  south of zenith, turned sharply southward for  $\sim 10^{\circ}$ , then northward again. Was faint against the glare of lights from shopping center, and seemed to be distant or moving more slowly.

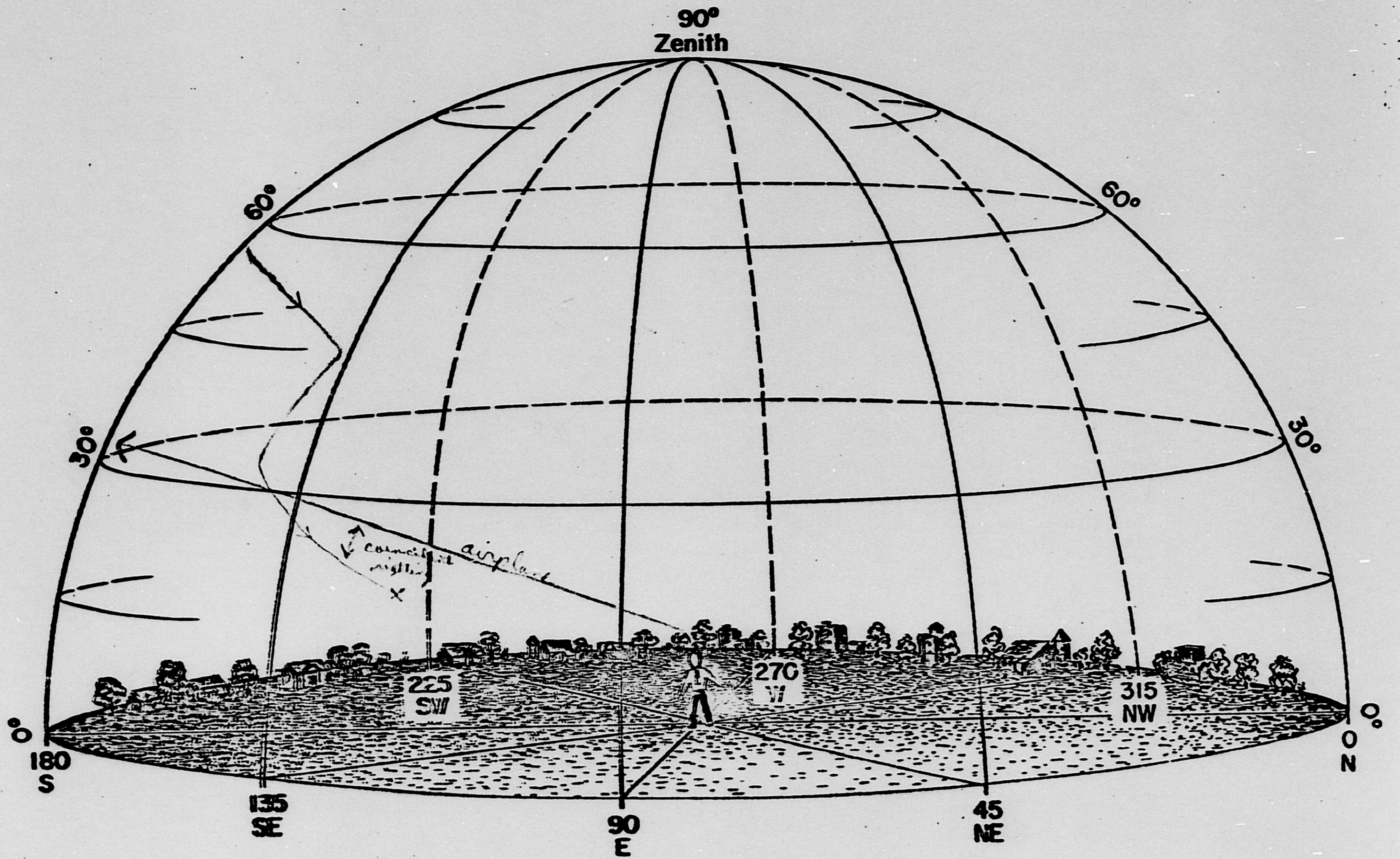
While it was in S.E., a low flying plane flew across the path the object had taken, headed in the direction of the Oakland Airport. Object was still visible beyond the plane, though faint. Wrote to Oakland Airport on lunch that someone in the plane might have seen & reported it.

When in the S.E., the object was no longer distinctly orange or bar or dumbbell shaped, but more like a whitish patch. Could not follow its motion so well.

Object made no sound, and travelled on a path not much used by airplanes here.

First saw it in Aquila, it passed through northern Aquarius, I believe, and got lost in eastern Cetus.

Could hardly have been visible for more than 15 seconds, but this may be underestimated, as I could not time it. When it occurred to me to note the time it appeared, I estimated at least 5 minutes had passed, & the time was therefore about 9:20. Could be fixed accurately from the schedule of the airplane.



UFO Sighting, Pleasant Hill, Calif.

SAFIS-3, Attn: Maj. Tacker

19 November 1958

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