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By HARRY SWIRSKY

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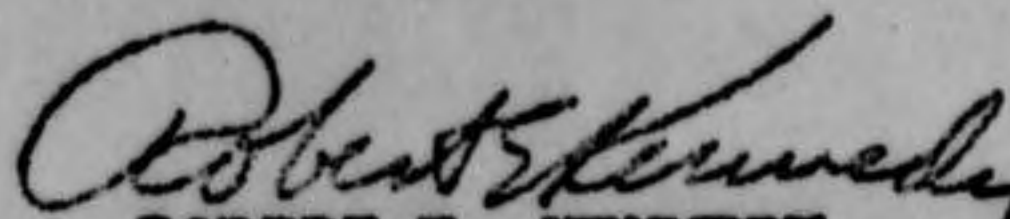
Miss [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
New York, New York

Dear Miss [REDACTED]

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: Friday July 25, 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 10 15 A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| <u>a. Eastern</u> | d. Pacific |
| b. Central | e. Other _____ |
| c. Mountain | |

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

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1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>a. Certain</u> | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

2. Where did you see the object?

~~_____~~ New York New York U.S.A.
Postal Address City or Town State Country

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| a. Inside a building | d. In an airplane |
| b. In a car | e. At sea |
| <u>c. Outdoors</u> | f. Other _____ |

3.1 Were you:

- (Circle One):
- | |
|---|
| a. In the business section of a city? |
| <u>b. In the residential section of a city?</u> |
| c. In open countryside? |
| d. Flying near an airfield? |
| e. Flying over a city? |
| f. Flying over open country? |
| g. Other _____ |

4. How did you happen to notice the object? It may seem silly but, I was counting stars for excitement. When all of a sudden I saw these strange objects.
5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?
Monday July 28, 1952
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? I was looking at the stars.
- 6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.
I was sitting outside talking with my mother, sister, and a friend. [25 min]
Then for the next 5 min. I was counting stars.
7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):
 Yes or No.

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

- 7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

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

- 7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| <u>d. Southeast</u> | h. Northwest |

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | <u>h. Northwest</u> |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>a. Certain</u> | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sun glasses |
| c. Through binoculars | <u>g. Through open space</u> |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other _____ |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

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

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. Pea

b. Baseball

c. Basketball

d. Bicycle wheel

e. Office desk

f. Automobile

g. Small airplane

h. Large airplane

i. Dirigible

j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 47,520 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? 47,520 feet or 9 miles

20.3 How fast was it going? 800 miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

(Circle One): a. Suddenly

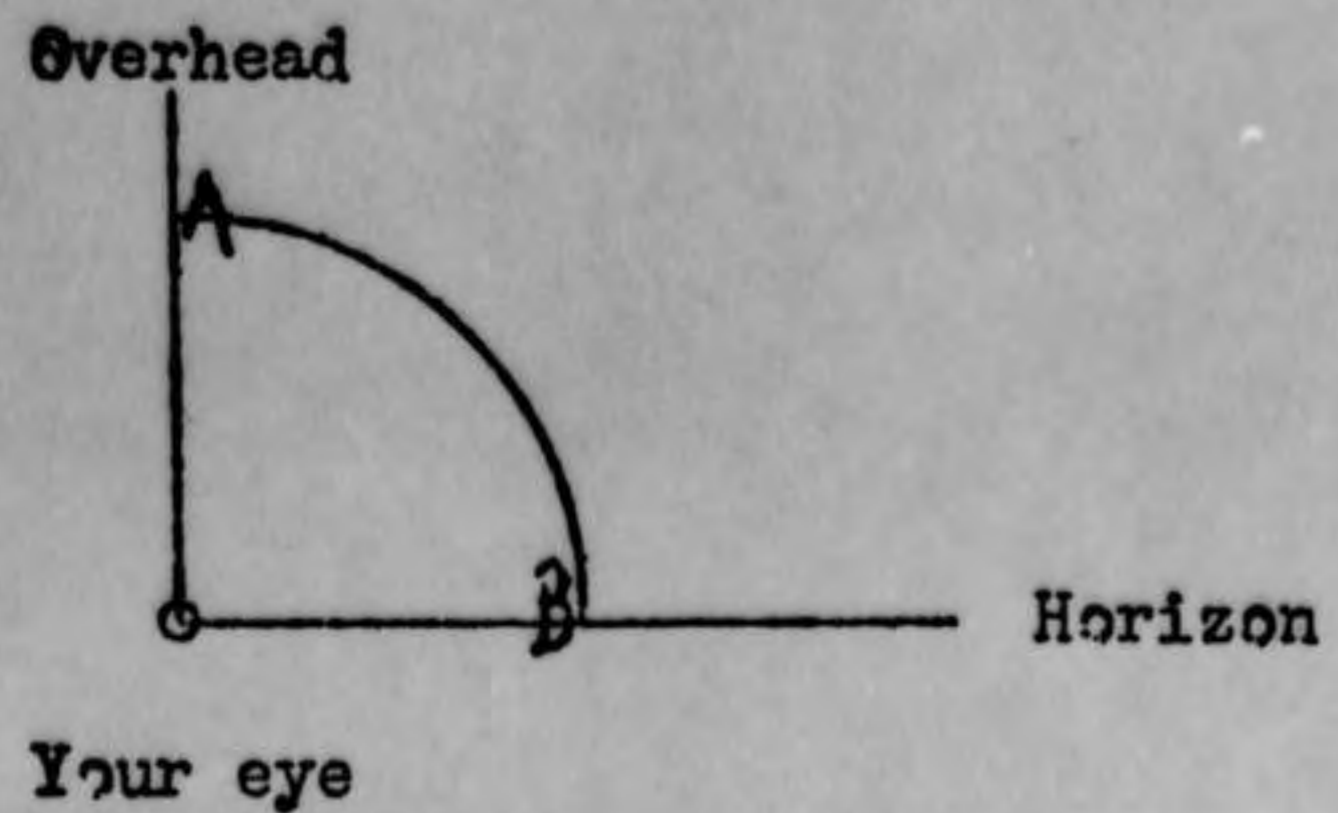
b. Gradually

c. Other _____

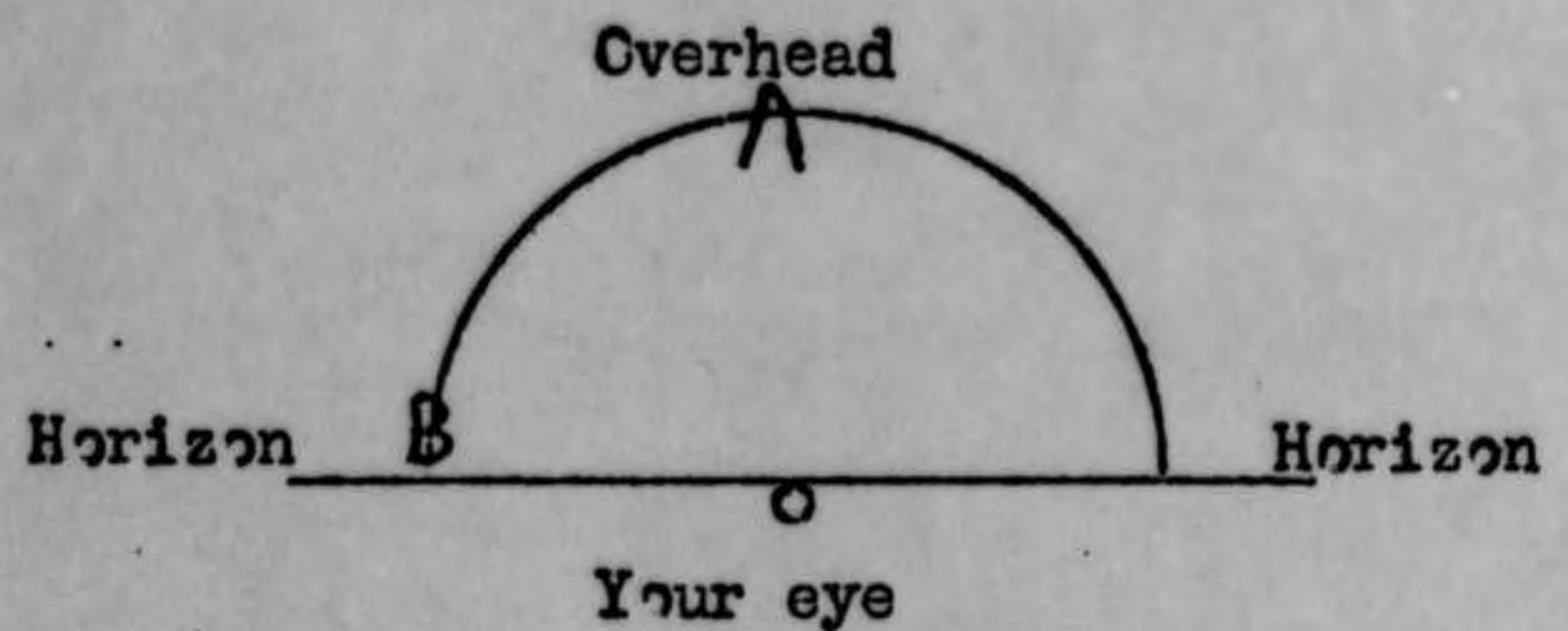
d. Don't remember

 SECTION D

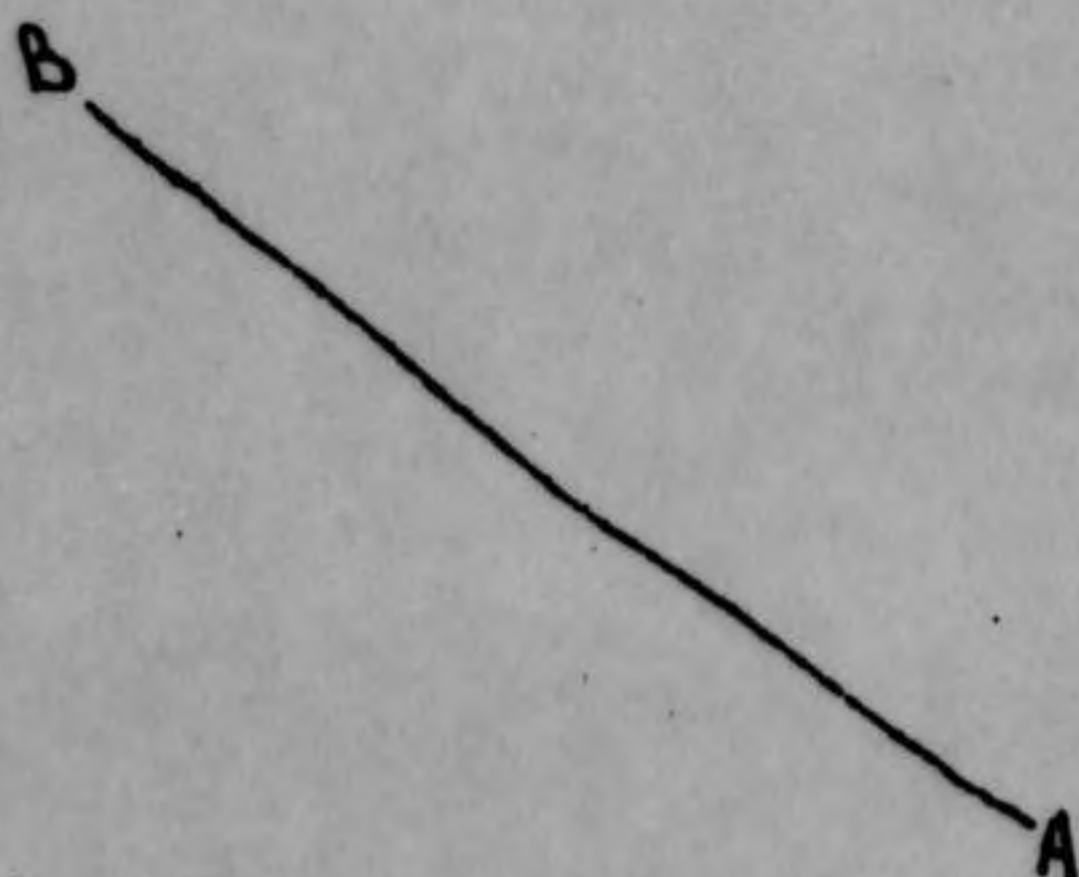
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



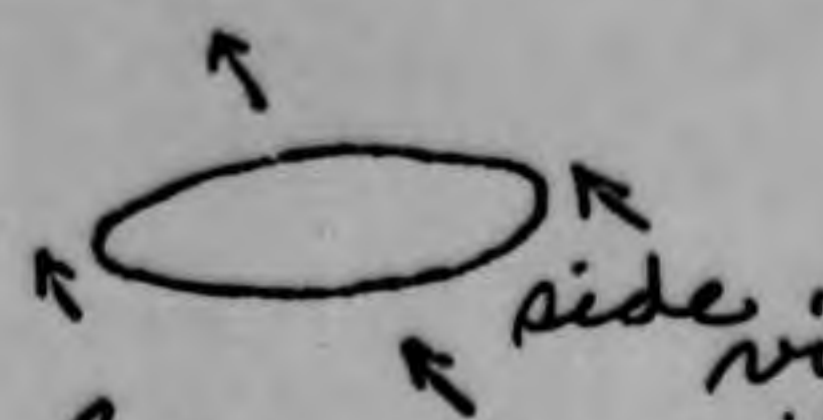
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



we couldn't see any details because it was too high.

I am sure it was a full circle when looked at from the top.

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?
(Circle One): Yes No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

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

If you want my honest opinion, I think its origin is that of another planet. Naturally if so it must be made of some forms of life much more advanced than we. Possibly their object, to study us. P.S. We have no proof to say whether it is or isn't true. Anything is possible.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [Redacted] New York 59 New York
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [Redacted] [Redacted]

What is your present job? None

Age 16

Sex girl

Last School Attended School of Industrial Art

Year of last attendance at this school _____

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

~~_____~~ - mother
~~_____~~ - sister
Mrs. ~~_____~~
~~_____~~
New York, New York

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

Although these objects seemed quite dull, they appeared to be self luminous. There also was a small halo around them.

This case contains 1, $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$
watercolor drawing.

**AIR FORCE SECTION
ARMED FORCES PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER
90 CHURCH STREET
NEW YORK CITY**

ROOM 1215

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31 July 1952

Lieutenant Edward Ruppell
Air Technical Intelligence
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Lieutenant Ruppell:

Forwarded as a matter of interest, in connection
with "flying saucers".

Sincerely,

Harvey Rivkins

HARVEY RIVKINS
Lt. Col., USAF
Chief, Air Force Section, JAF PIO

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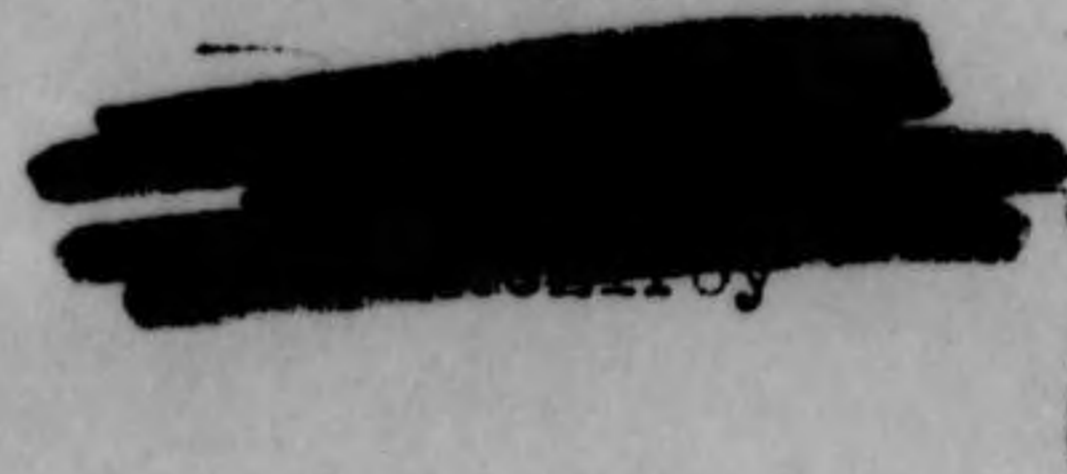
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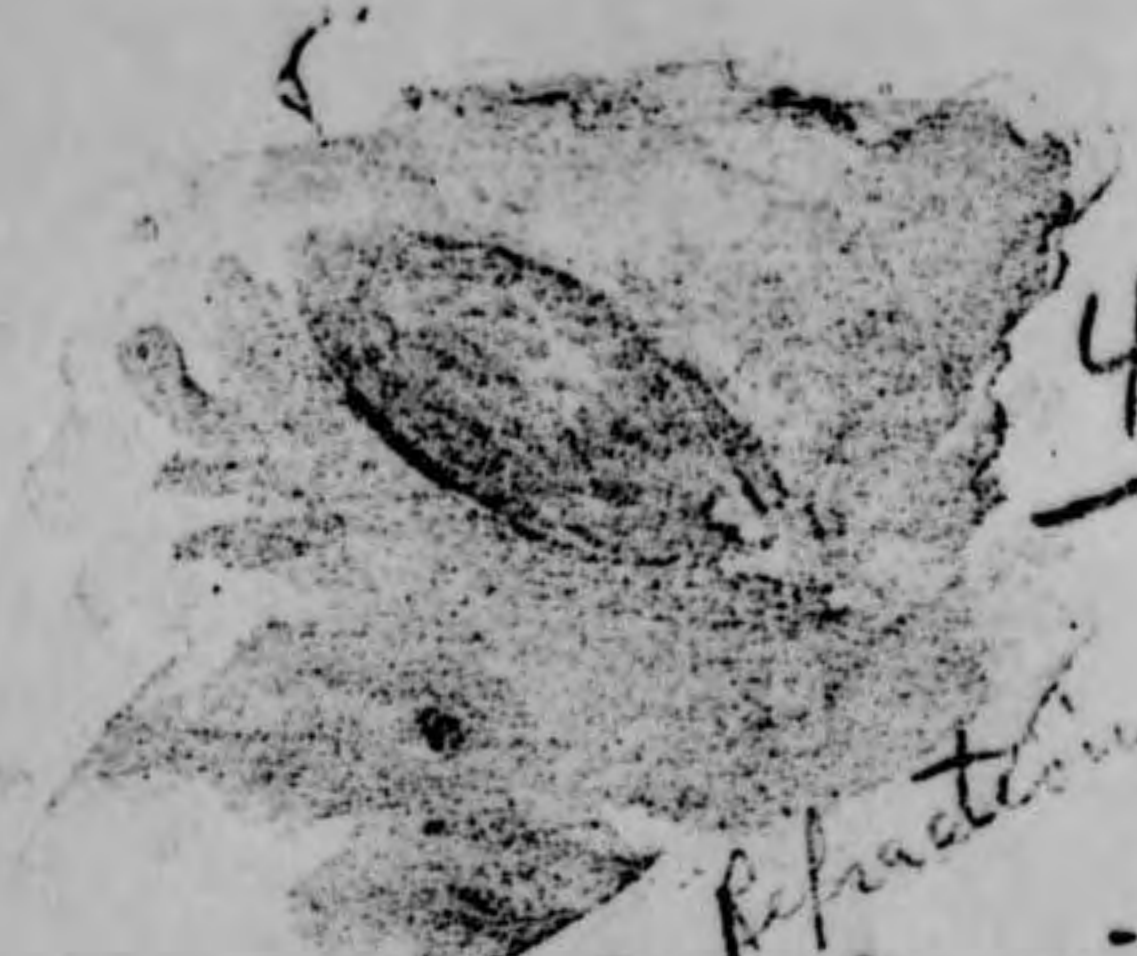
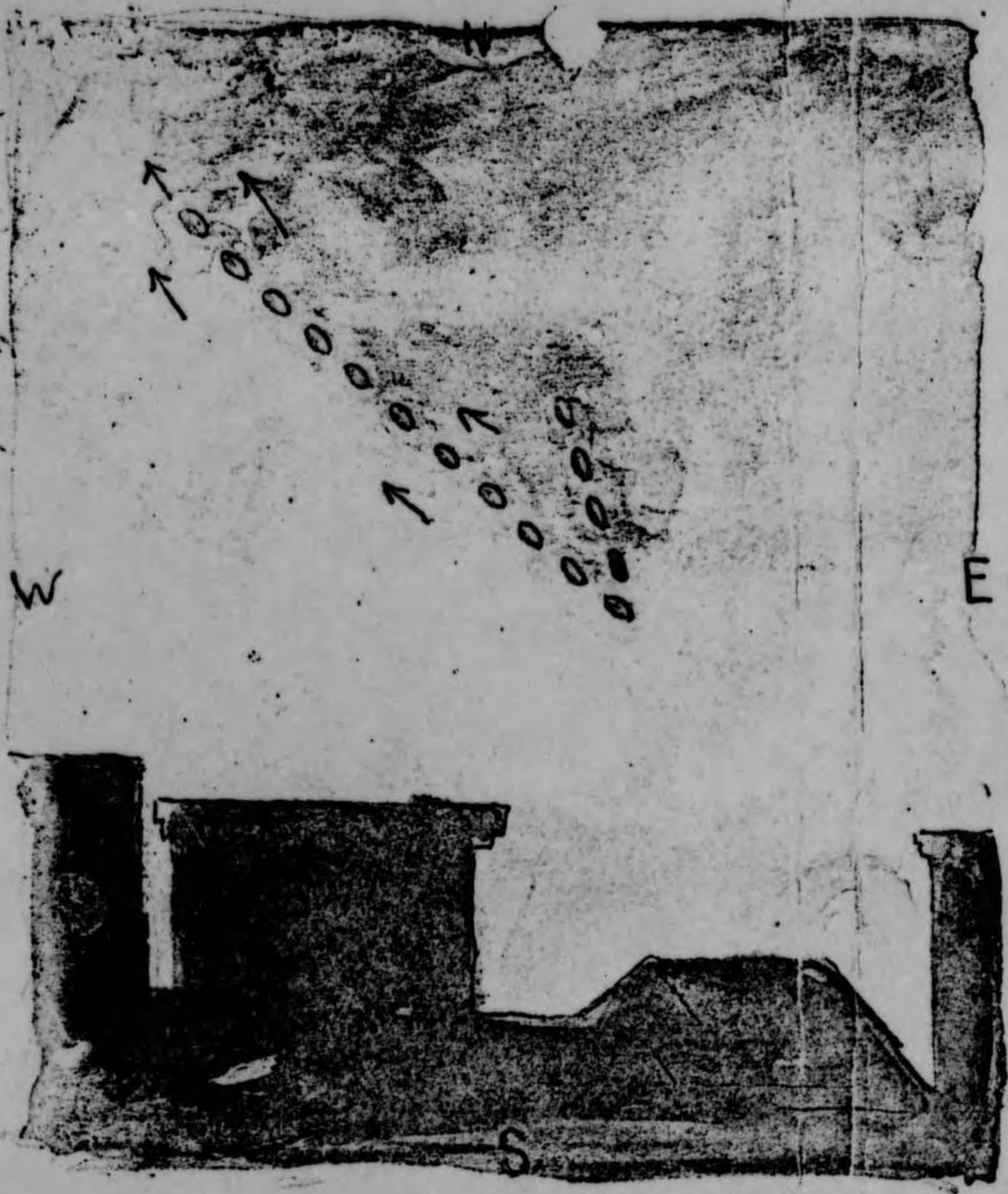
Air Force Public Relations
90 Church Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

This is a clipping of a story we ran
on flying saucers being spotted in the Bronx.
I'm enclosing the original letter and drawing for
your information.

Sincerely yours,

A large, thick black redaction mark covers the signature area. The name "M. J. [unclear]" is faintly visible through the redaction.



On the picture above it shows the objects form and color.

On the picture at the left it shows the formation and direction in which it traveled.

Recent

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] N.Y.

Dear Sir:

By the time you have already looked at the pictures. You can guess it concerns the flying saucers or whatever they may be.

at exactly 10:15 P.M. on July 25, 1952 Friday. Mrs. [REDACTED] my sister [REDACTED], Mrs.

[REDACTED], and myself saw these strange objects in the sky.

When we first spotted them, they came from the south. They revealed no sound at all.

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Doc [REDACTED]

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probably traveled at top speeds but, appeared to proceed quite slowly because of their height.

As you can see from the pictures they were a sort of an orange color with a yellow halo around them. They also appeared self luminous.

I am 14 years old and a student at the School of Industrial Art. I think this report is quite complete, but if you need any more information you can call or write to us.

Mrs. ~~██████████~~
~~██████████~~

~~██████████~~, N.Y.
or phone (DA. 3-9149 ^{hall phone} apt 4A)

or Mrs. ~~██████████~~
~~██████████~~, N.Y.
~~██████████~~

Sincerely yours,
~~██████████~~

P.S. This is no gag

City to Close 100 'Firetraps' in Bronx

A hundred Bronx dwellings, adjudged "dangerous and unfit for human habitation" for "lack of fire escapes" and other minimum safeguards, will be shut down by the Housing and Buildings Dept. before the end of the year, The Post learned today.

Chief Inspector Timothy J. Noonan, of the department's Bronx division, said the borough-wide crackdown—largest in scope

since the LaGuardia era—was centered against landlords who had illegally converted apartment buildings into hazardous, congested rooming houses.

Many of the buildings, Noonan said, were old law tenements which were swarming with human beings jammed together in rooms instead of the apartments the landlords' licenses called for.

Condemnation proceedings, Noonan told The Post, were pending against "about a hundred illegally-operated buildings, all of which lack fire escapes."

Large numbers of tenants will be forced to vacate the condemned buildings, the housing official noted, but added that the department—with the aid of the City Housing Authority and Welfare Dept.—was making every effort to relocate the evicted families.

The first of the ousters, Noonan said, is slated for Saturday, Aug. 3, when 24 persons—7 adults and 17 children—will be evicted from a two-story frame dwelling at 1684 Washington Av.

As many as seven persons a room had been jammed into the building which had illegally, Noonan said, been converted into a rooming house.

He added that similar condemnation and eviction proceedings

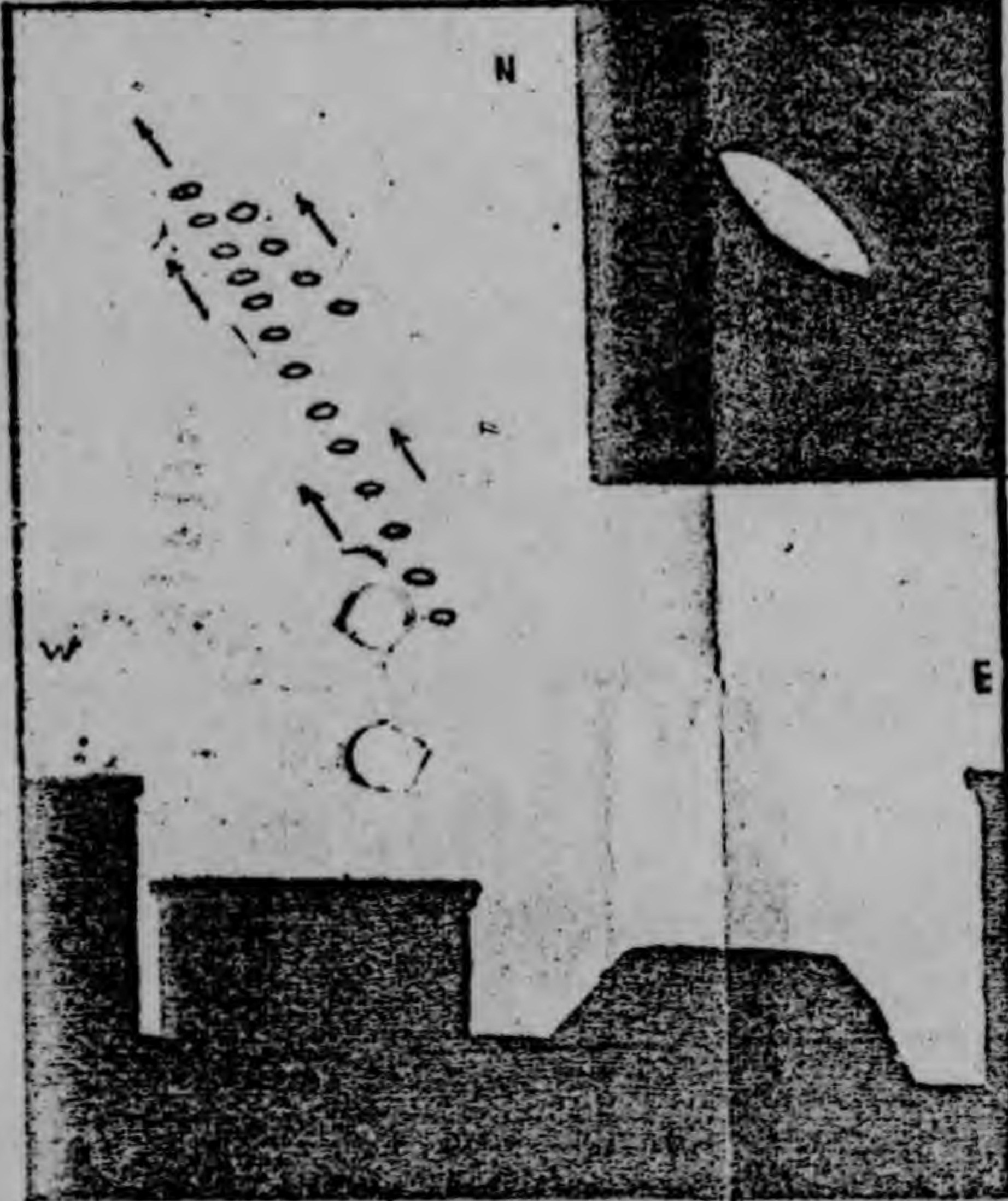
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Trooper of the N



Because of his outstanding record, Cpl. 181st St. has been named "Trooper of the N" of the 24th Constabulary Squadron, stationed in the Bronx. He is shown here being congratulated by Lt. ...

City Acts Traffic Snared by

The Traffic Dept. today gave fusing merry-go-round formed by Pelham Bkwy. N. and Bronx Park before the week is out.

The announcement came from Acting Traffic Commissioner Wiley less than 24 hours after this newspaper pointed out the confusing traffic pattern brought on by two one-way streets converging at right angles.

According to Wiley, Pelham Bkwy. N., established a few weeks ago as a one-way west street, will be restored to two-way traffic as soon as the signs can be taken down. A "No Through Traffic" sign at nearby Reiss Pl. and Bronx Park E. would also be removed, he said.

The Post had pointed out that drivers heading south along Bronx Park E. were sent into a dizzy series of left and right turns to get out of the pocket formed at the blind intersection.

The route included turns from Bronx Park E. to Reiss Pl., left to Barker Av., right on Thwaites Pl., left on Olinville Av., right on Astor Pr., and finally right to Boston Rd., more than a quarter

2 Boys Held Without Bail In Sniper-Slaying of Rabbi

Edward Baldwin, 16, of 4151 Paulding Av., The Bronx, and his pal, Donald Ferrick, 17, of 594 Morgan Av., Brooklyn, were being held without bail today on an indictment charging them with the murder of Rabbi Samuel London.

The youths, arrested July 17 when they tried to sell the .22 caliber rifle used in the sniper-slaying of the young rabbi June 26, were said to have admitted the killing at the time of their arrest but pleaded "not guilty" at yesterday's arraignment in Kings County Court.

The indictment charges that Ferrick, "aided, abetted and counselled by Baldwin," shot and killed the young Talmudic scholar. Baldwin was not repre-

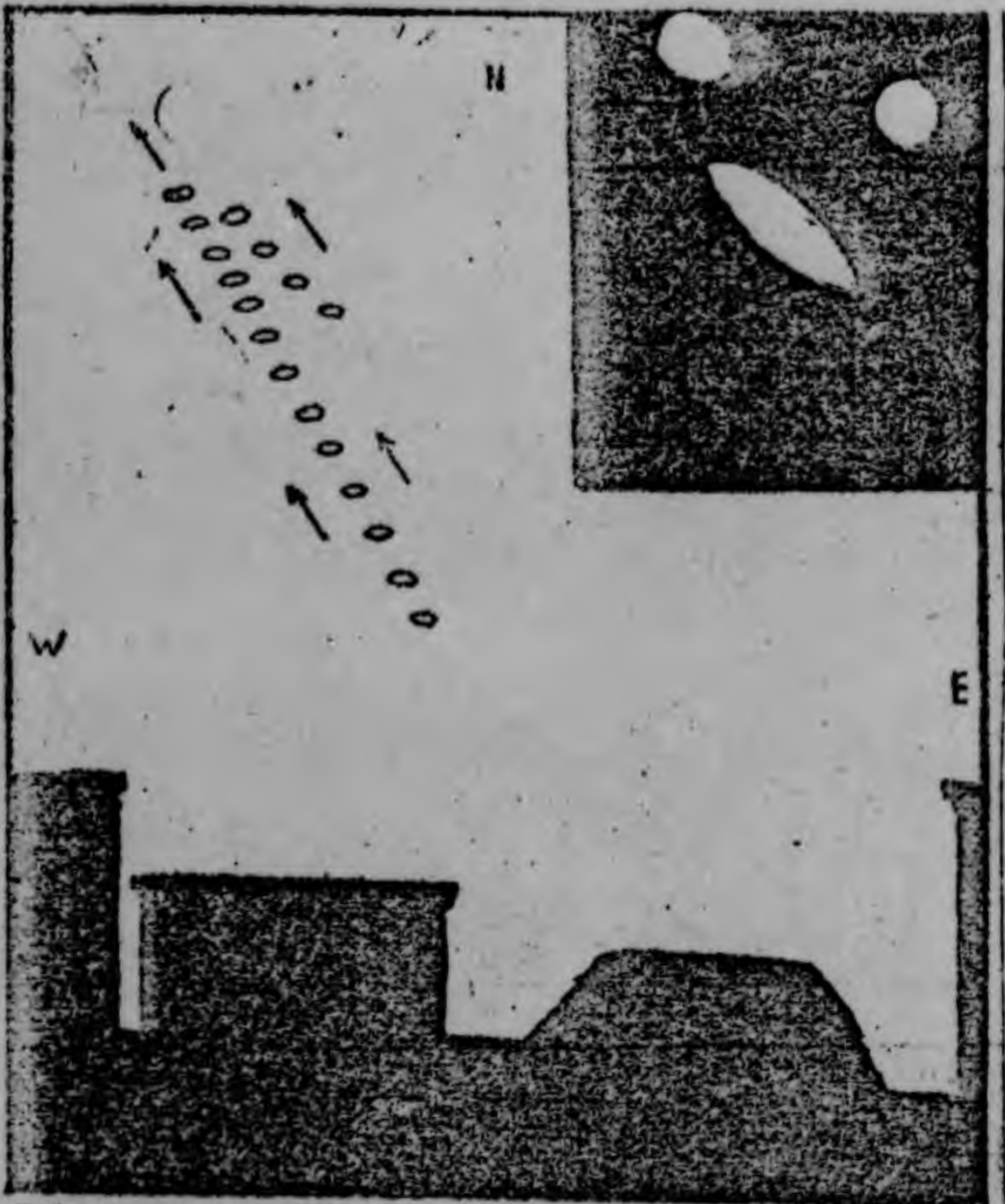
sented by counsel because neither he nor his family had the money to retain one, he told Judge Sobel.

Girl, 19, Shot in 'Reverse Roulette'; Boy Friend and Brother Accused

Shirley Samuels, 19, of 1261 Brook Av., The Bronx, was in Bouldware told him they played the game at the girl's insistence, critical condition today in Morrisania Hospital with a bullet wound inflicted by her boy friend was accidental. Bouldware said

removed five bullets from the revolver and handed it to her. Miss Samuels fired first. Then it was his turn. He spun the cylinder, reluctantly pointed

Weather
Fair and hot



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I saw.