

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>11 Sep 52</u>	2. LOCATION Elizabethtown, Kentucky		12. CONCLUSIONS <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1710 CDT</u> GMT <u>2210</u>	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		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE airman		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>8</u> minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>	9. COURSE <u>WSW</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shape - egg. Normal maneuvers.		11. COMMENTS <del>Seen</del> 1 hr and 10 min after scheduled balloon launch.	



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

For a person with limited knowledge about things of this nature an opinion advanced may be of ~~some~~ little value, I don't know what it was, I can not well insist on what it was Not, I have seen meters, and the news-papers will have a hard time telling me I was looking at a meter on 7/12 - maybe it sounds good to persons who didn't see the object - this I think was being blown - picture for yourself a jet plane going over and into the horizon, now set it on fire to a bright glow and have it travel 3 times as fast covering the same trajectory in 1/3 the time - does it look like a meter?

In summation, this way sounds as tho I am inferring some fraud in the reports given to the public, perhaps responsible parties believe they are true and the best information available. But did they see the thing on 7/12 -



4. How did you happen to notice the object?

Its brilliance

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

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SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object?

Riding in the car. My wife was driving

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.

Getting our two small children ready for the ride.

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? Do not know exact direction at that point.  
(Circle One):

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

7.2 How fast were you moving? 30 miles per hour.

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

(Circle One): Yes or No Slowed down

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

Do not know exact direction  
(Circle One):

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

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

*Don't know direction*

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

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1). *When I am uncertain of an answer, I leave it blank.*

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain        | 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 |
| <u>b.</u> Through windshield | f. Through sunglasses |
| c. Through binoculars        | g. Through open space |
| 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

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SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours

\_\_\_\_\_ Minutes

10 Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

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

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent

14. Did the object at any time:


(Circle One for each question)

- |      |                                 |            |                                     |                   |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 14.1 | Change direction?               | <u>Yes</u> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.2 | Change speed?                   | <u>Yes</u> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.3 | Change size?                    | <u>Yes</u> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.4 | Change color?                   | <u>Yes</u> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.5 | Break up into parts or explode? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u>                           | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.6 | Give off smoke?                 | <u>Yes</u> | No                                  | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.7 | Change brightness?              | <u>Yes</u> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.8 | Flicker, throb, or pulsate?     | <u>Yes</u> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.9 | Remain motionless?              | <u>Yes</u> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <u>Don't know</u> |

*The object disappeared in mid air. See the answers to questions 25 and 30.*

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One):  Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? Greenish white

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

16.1 Sound I heard nothing since the motor of our car was running.

16.2 Color \_\_\_\_\_

17. 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 they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes  No Don't know

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

\_\_\_\_\_

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes  No Don't know

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

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes  Don't know

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

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| a. Pea           | f. Automobile     |
| b. Baseball      | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball    | h. Large airplane |
| d. Bicycle wheel | i. Dirigible      |
| e. Office desk   | j. Other _____    |

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

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

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

20.1 How high above the earth was it? \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? \_\_\_\_\_ feet or \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour. *Same speed as a passenger plane of scheduled airline*

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

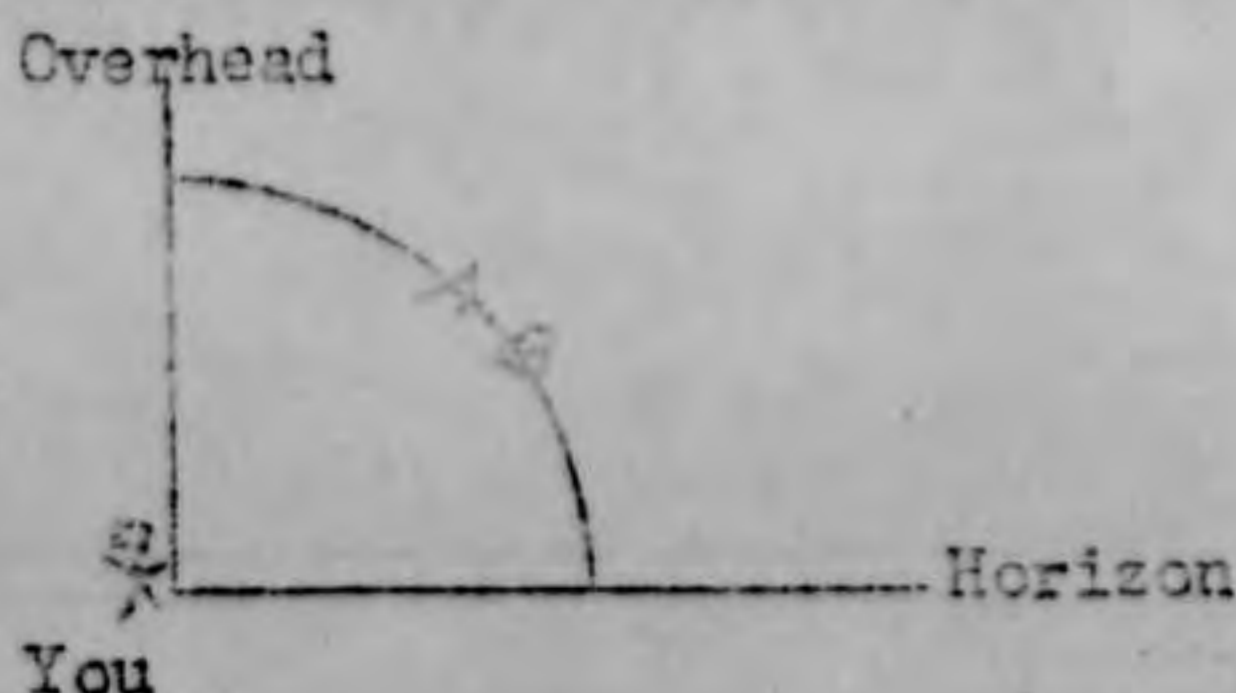
- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain                           | d. Just a guess  |

21. How did the object disappear from view?

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| (Circle One): <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Suddenly | c. Other _____    |
| b. Gradually   | d. Don't remember |

SECTION D

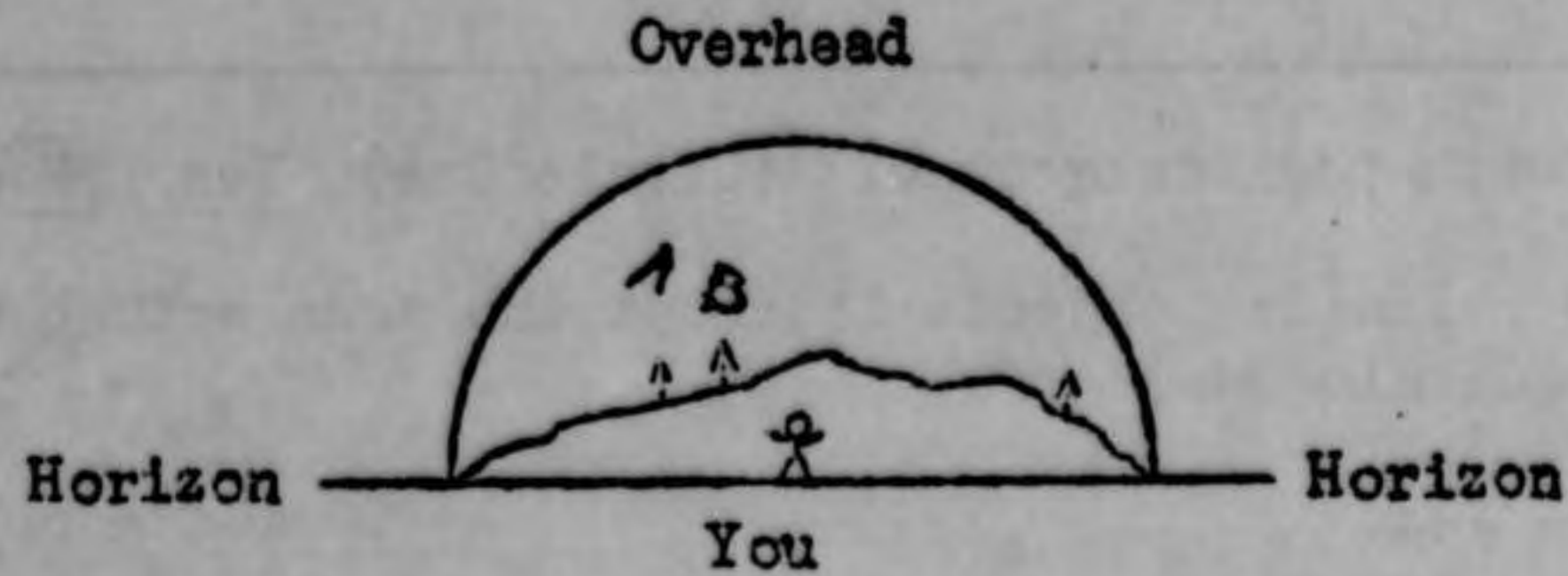
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



*Near enough for us to debate whether it was a car for that matter. It was not visible to the system. It was a passenger plane of scheduled airline*



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.

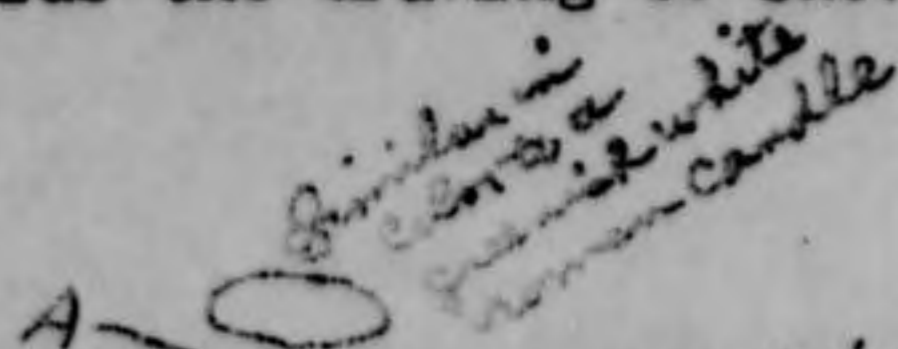


24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



*Very like a descending passenger plane in speed and angle of descent*

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.



*At this point the light disappeared and I saw what appeared to be a black → which I suppose could have been smoke instead of an object. That was visible for a second and then nothing.*



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

The object looked like an oval roman candle descending at the speed and angle of a passenger plane until it suddenly disappeared, leaving visible for a second <sup>black or gray</sup> the outline of an arrow or rocket which could either have been an object or ~~smoke~~ smoke. It was a greenish white <sup>light</sup> as I <sup>first</sup> saw it. My wife who was with me agrees with the above but adds that she would include pink in her description of the object.

COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. IR-4-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT		
AREA REPORTED ON Elizabethtown, Kentucky	FROM (Agency) 100th FTR BAF, Maxwell AFB, Kentucky	
DATE 11 September 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 11 September 1952	T-6
REFERENCES (List in final one-sentence paragraph, as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112--Part II.)

1. Observer saw one egg-shaped object size unknown, shining as though emitting a bright light. There was no sound and no exhaust nor vapor trail was seen. Its speed was estimated to be about the same as that of a C-47, or between 175 and 200 miles per hour. Its altitude was estimated to be between 1,000 and 6,000 feet. It travelled in a straight line from ENE to WSW.
2. The object was seen at 1710 CDSR, and was visible for approximately eight minutes.
3. It was observed without the aid of instruments from the ground.
4. The observer has had no qualifying experience. The object was observed from the outskirts of Elizabethtown, Kentucky - 37°40'N 85°52'W.
5. The observer has no qualifying experience. There were other people in the vicinity who saw the object, but the observer failed to get names or addresses of them.
6. The weather in the vicinity at the time of observation was clear, visibility 15 miles, with occasional cirrus clouds. The winds aloft were in an ESW and W direction.
7. No evidence
8. No evidence
9. No action taken to intercept or identify the object.
10. One (1) T-6 aircraft was returning from Lexington between 1630 and 1800.

*full view*

FRANCIS R. COLBERT  
Captain USAF

1 INCL.  
1. Sectional Aeronautical Map.

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE  
OHIO

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15 September 1952

Mr. [REDACTED]

S.E. District Heights  
Maryland

Dear Mr. [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*  
ROBERT E. KENNEDY  
Major, USAF  
Air Adjutant General

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a/s

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4. How did you happen to notice the object? WHILE WATCHING  
A PERSON I WAS TALKING WITH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN  
IN SKY BEHIND HIM

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

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Day      Month      Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? TALKING TO  
FRIEND

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.

SITTING & STANDING ON PORCH STEPS  
CONVERSING ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

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 looking when you first saw the object?

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

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

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

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

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Certain | 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 sunglasses                                  |
| c. Through binoculars   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> g. Through open space |
| 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)

- |  |
|--|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Clear sky (VERY) |
| b. Hazy  |
| c. Scattered clouds                                  |
| d. Thick or heavy clouds                             |
| e. Don't remember                                    |

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- |   |
|---|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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  |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Slight breeze |
| c. Strong wind                                    |
| d. Don't remember                                 |

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- |  |
|--|
| a. Cold                                  |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Cool |
| c. Warm                                  |
| d. Hot                                   |
| e. Don't remember                        |

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

0	0	25-45
Hours	Minutes	Seconds



12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

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

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

- |      |                                 |            |           |                   |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 14.1 | Change direction?               | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.2 | Change speed?                   | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.3 | Change size?                    | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.4 | Change color?                   | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.5 | Break up into parts or explode? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.6 | Give off smoke?                 | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.7 | Change brightness?              | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.8 | Flicker, vibrate, or pulsate?   | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.9 | Remain motionless?              | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? BRIGHT BLUE, GREEN

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

16.1 Sound None Audible

16.2 Color Very White in center to Blue Green on edges.

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? ONE  
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

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

DISAPPEARED BELOW HORIZON AT WEST

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes  No 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           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> f. Automobile |
| b. Baseball      | g. Small airplane                              |
| c. Basketball    | h. Large airplane                              |
| d. Bicycle wheel | i. Dirigible                                   |
| e. Office desk   | j. Other _____                                 |

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

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

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

- 20.1 How high above the earth was it? 25,000 feet.
- 20.2 How far was it from you? \_\_\_\_\_ feet or 1-3 miles.
- 20.3 How fast was it going? 3500 miles per hour.
- 20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

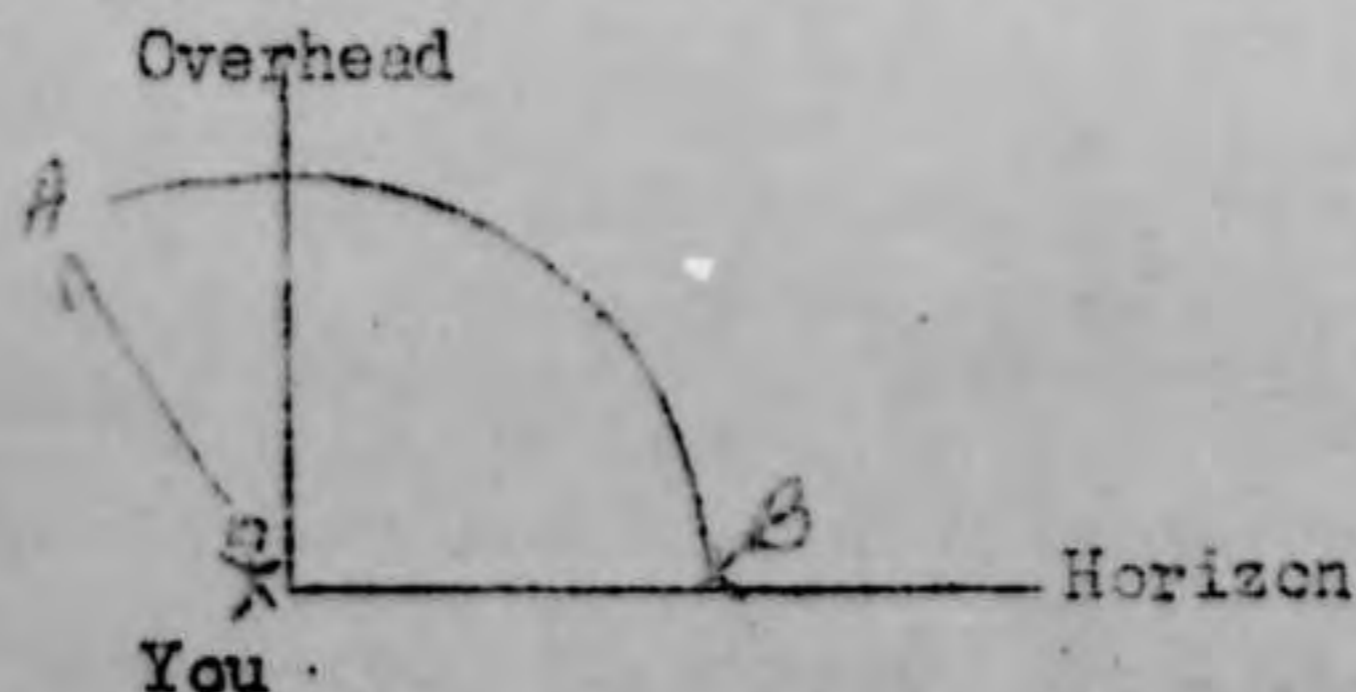
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|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> a. Certain        | <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. Not very sure |
| <input type="radio"/> b. Fairly certain | <input type="radio"/> d. Just a guess             |

21. How did the object disappear from view?

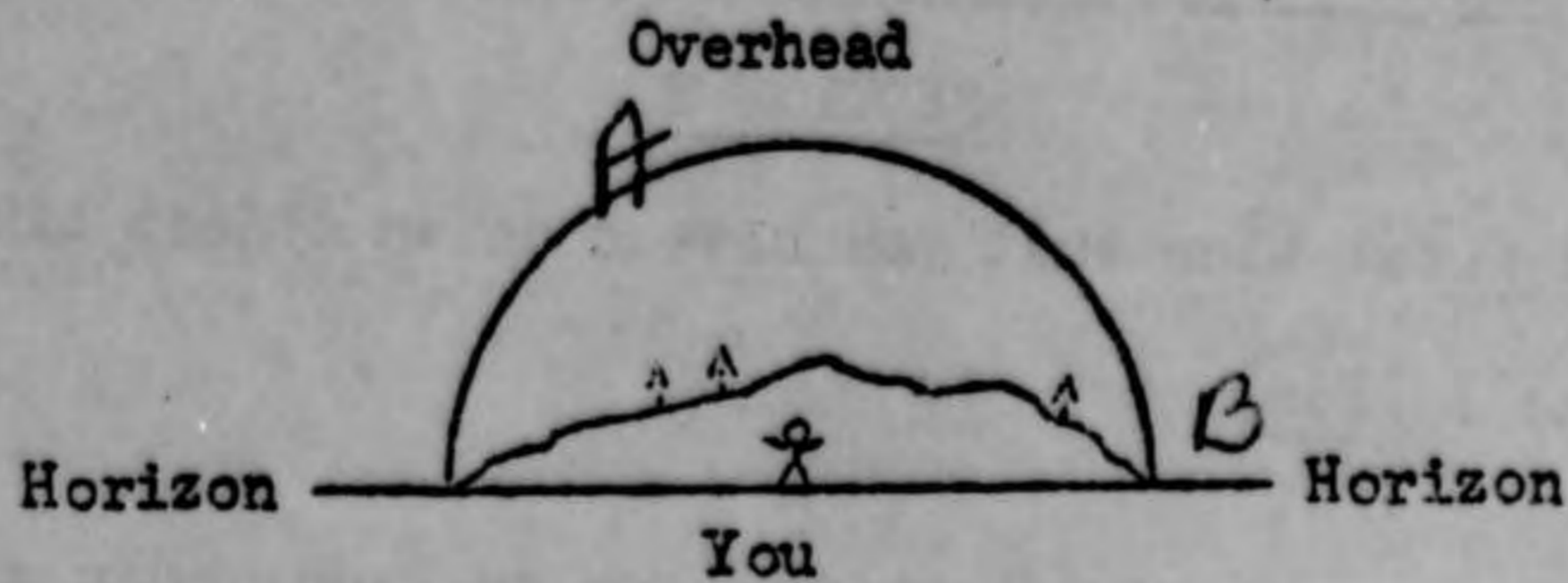
- (Circle One):  a. Suddenly  c. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Gradually  d. Don't remember

#### SECTION D

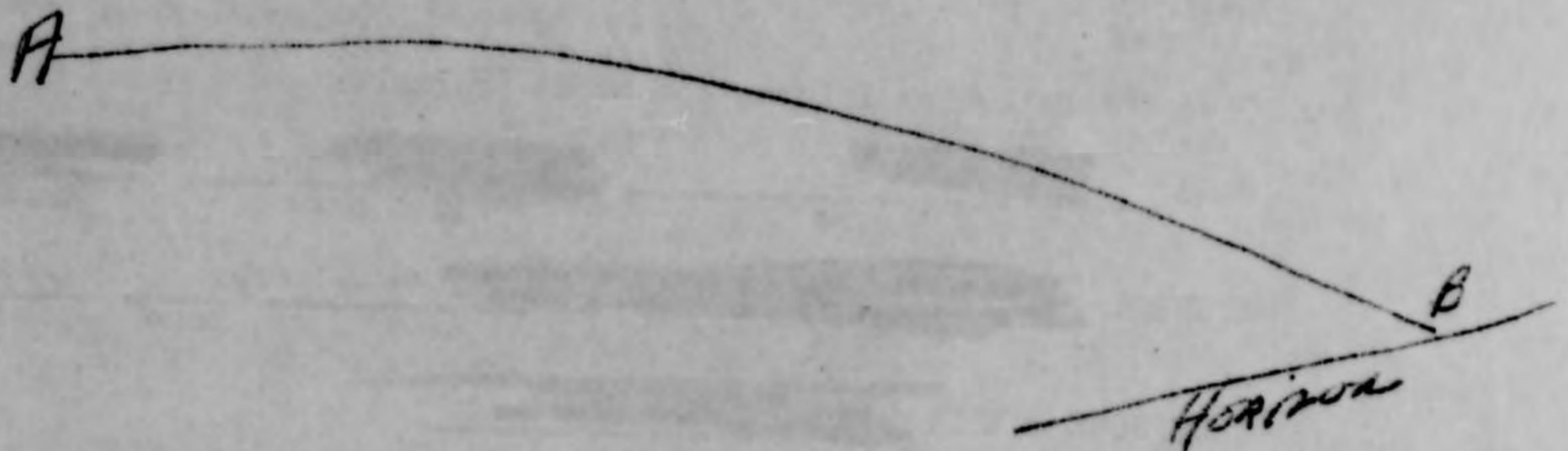
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



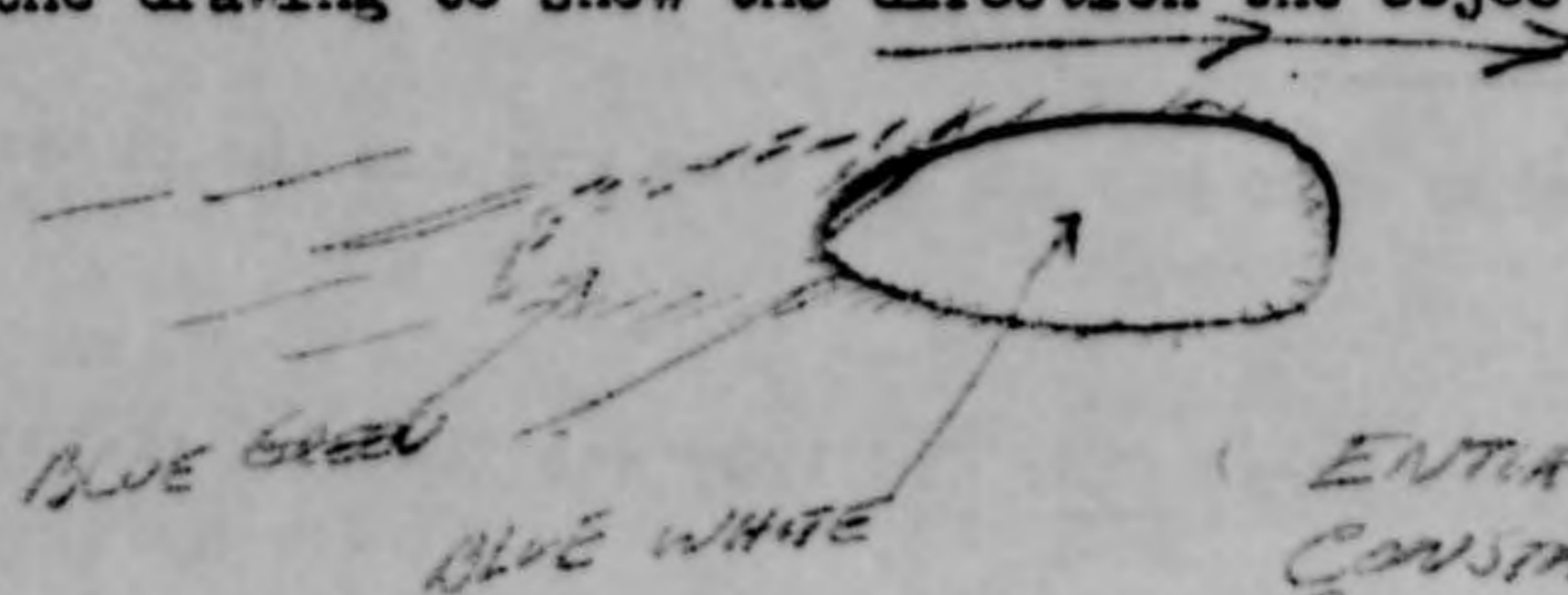
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



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.



ENTIRE OBJECT A  
CONSTANT VERY BRIGHT  
GLOW TRAVELING AT  
STEADY RATE