

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

3 Nov 52

LAREDO AFB TEX

- CONCLUSIONS
- Very Balloon
 - Ordinary Balloon
 - Heavy Balloon
 - Very Aircraft
 - Possibly Aircraft
 - Possibly Aircraft
 - Very Unconventional
 - Probably Astronomical
 - Possibly Astronomical
 - Other
 - Insufficient Data for Evaluation
 - Unknown

DATE-TIME GROUP

03/1829 CST

TYPE OF OBSERVATION

- XXXX (Visual)
- (Sound)
- (Aerial)
- (Astronomical)
- (Radar)

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2 tower operators

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Long, elliptical light, colored whitish grey and traveling at high speed, seen from control tower at Laredo by two tower operators. Estimated altitude - 4000 feet.

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RETURN TO:

Director
Aerospace Studies Inst
ATTN: Archives Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

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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? _____ 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? _____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR, USAF

Age 20 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school 6 YEARS
- b. High school 6 YEARS
- c. College _____
- d. Post graduate _____
- e. e. Technical school A.F. CONTROL TOWER Sch.
(Type) CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR Sch.
- f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 14 Nov 52
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 [REDACTED]
(Please Print)

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SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE 14 Nov. 52

The night of Nov. 3, 52 I was working in the Control Tower at Saredo AF Base, I worked the evening shift from 1630 to 2230 hours, it was while looking out an open window for a T-33 jet aircraft, I saw the object moving in from a southwesterly direction and pausing a short time directly south of Saredo AF Base, then disappearing immediately in a southeasterly direction, I saw the object against a dark cloud bank. The object appeared to be light in color against the dark cloud bank, I do not know the distance or the altitude the object was away from my position.

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Form A

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.

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| <p>1. When did you see the object?</p> <p><u>3</u> <u>November</u> <u>52</u></p> <p>Day Month Year</p> | <p>2. Time of day: <u>1800</u> <u>29</u></p> <p>Hour Minutes</p> <p>(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)</p> |
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3. Time zone:

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| <p>(Circle One):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Eastern (b.) Central c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other _____ | <p>(Circle One):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Daylight Saving (b.) Standard |
|---|---|

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

1923-9 AACCS DET., LAREDO AFB LAREDO TEXAS

Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____

Hours Minutes 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 |

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? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | 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? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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, than tell what it moved in front of: _____

The sky was overcast with dark clouds.

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?

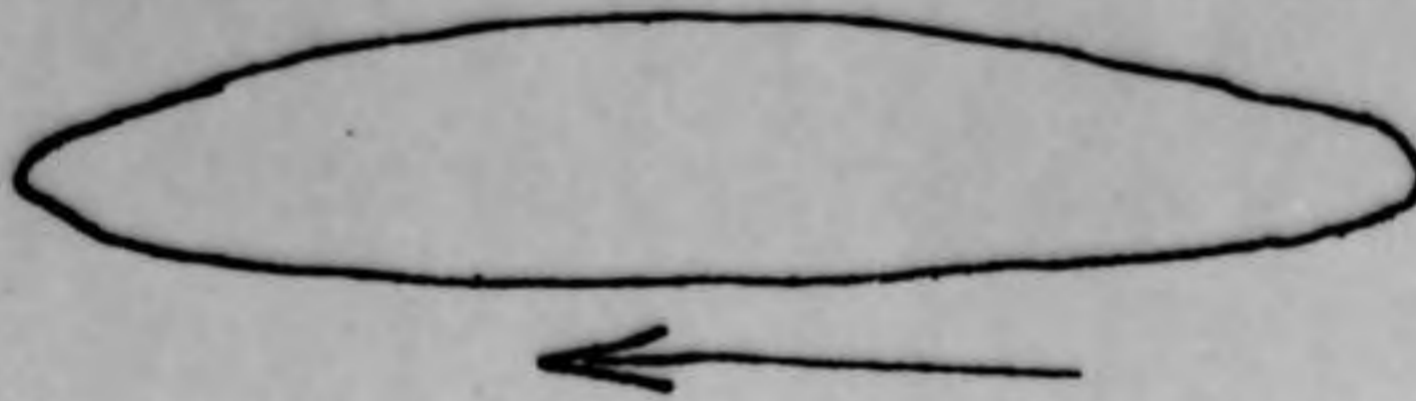
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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | e. Binoculars | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | f. Telescope | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| d. Window glass | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

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

a. Sound None

b. Color Blueish-grey

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
- b. Pea
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball
- k. Other _____

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

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain
- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? moving at a fast rate of speed
it disappeared from sight.

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.

I would say the object was constructed out of some shiny metal, such as aircraft metal. I would estimate it to be about the size of medium bomber, that is larger than fighter type aircraft. Its shape would be like that of a football in the air.

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?

I was working in the Laredo AFB, Control Tower, looking at a T-33 aircraft
intending the traffic pattern + I saw the object moving in the same
area across the sky.

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)

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|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | <input checked="" type="radio"/> e. South | 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. Northwest | <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).

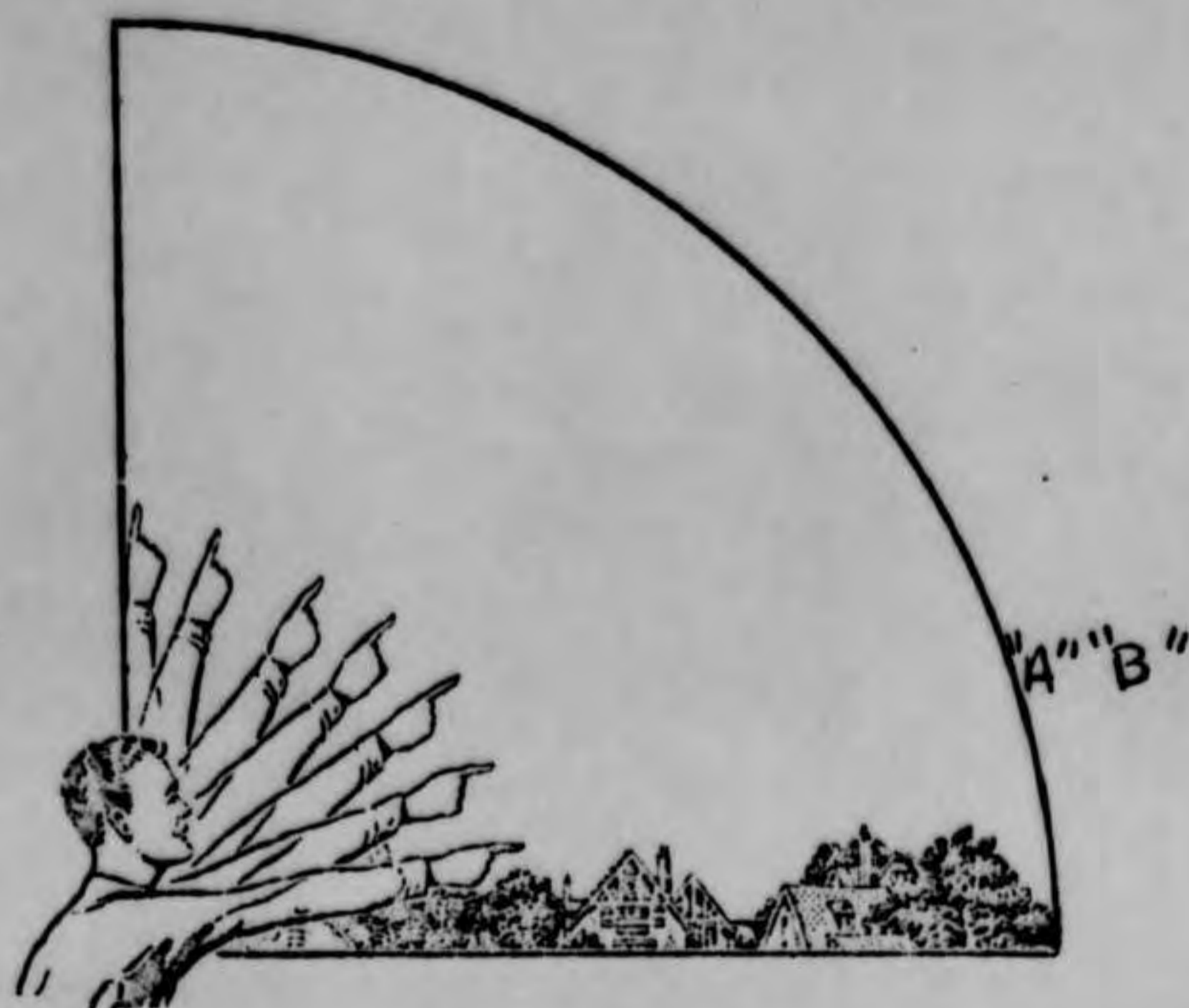
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 200 degrees.
 b. From horizon 30 degrees.

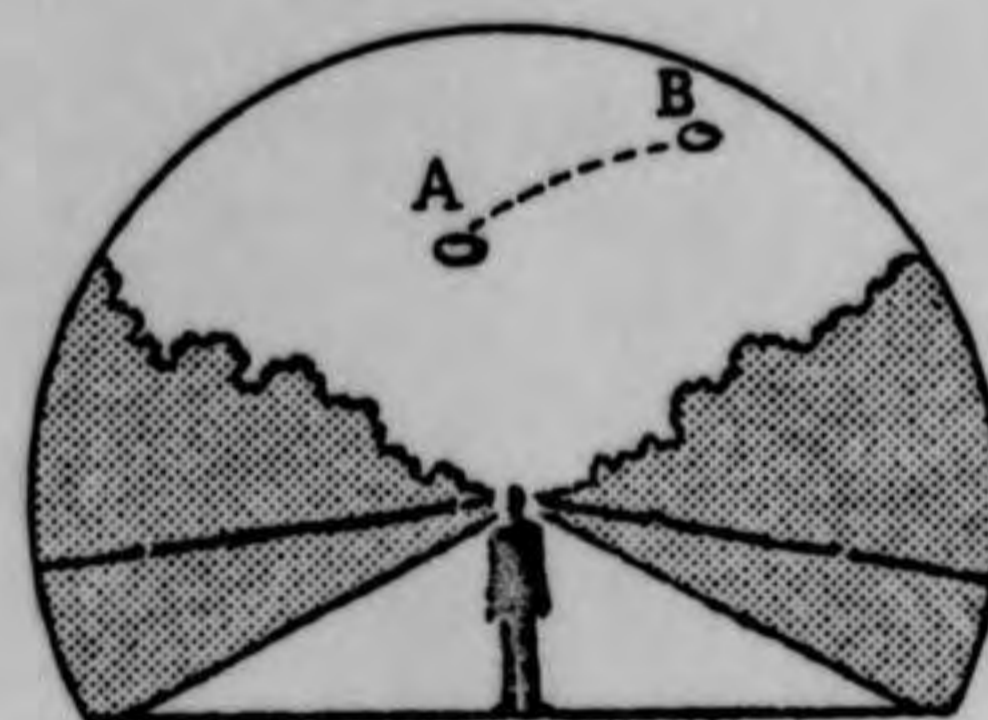
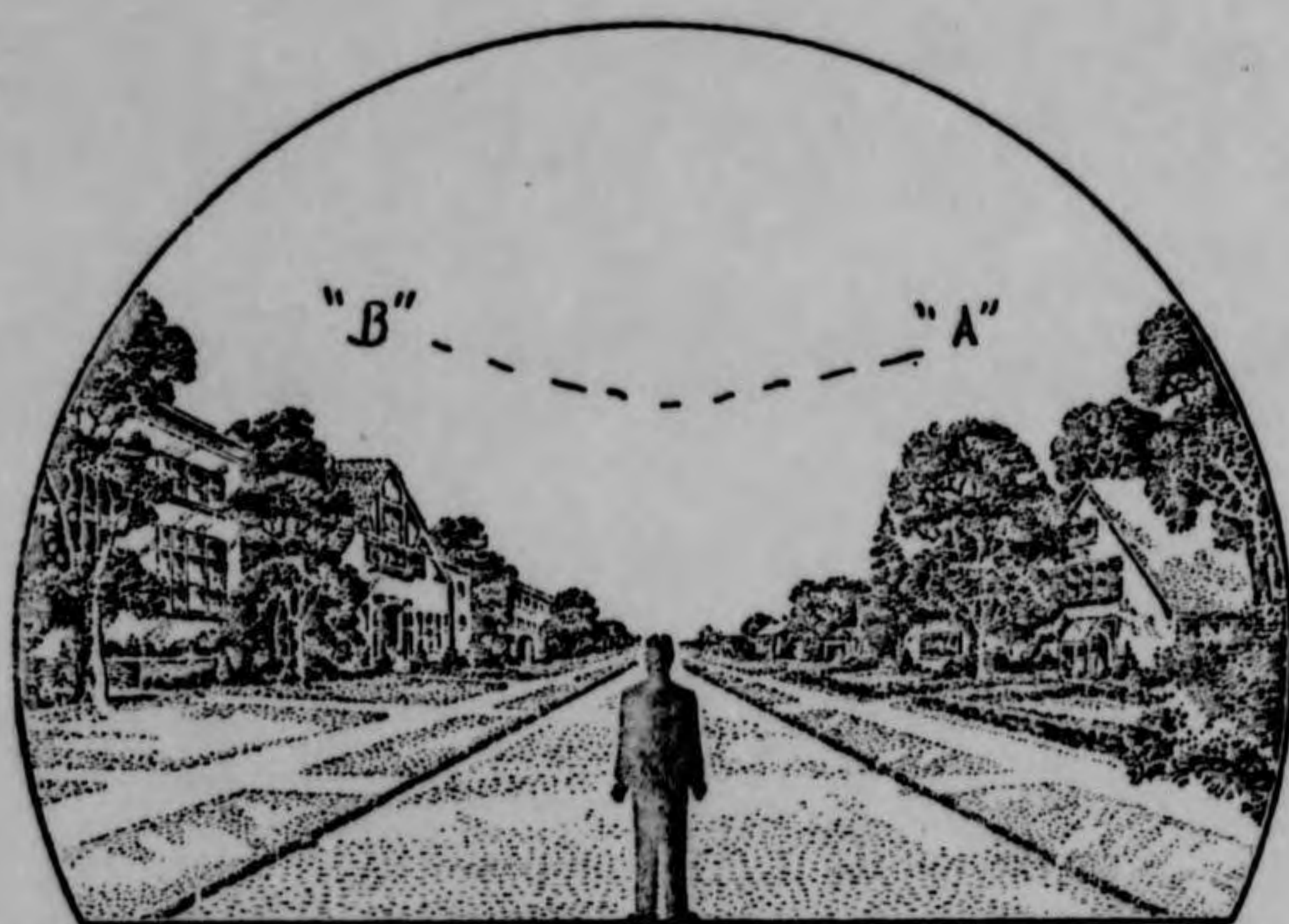
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 140 degrees.
 b. From horizon 30 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?

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?

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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:

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
 LAREDO AFB, TEXAS

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?

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

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? _____ 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? 10 to 20 ^{MILES} _{feet.}

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street City Zone State
LAREDO AFB, LAREDO TEXAS

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR, US.AF

Age 23 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school graduate
- b. High school graduate
- c. College 3 1/2 years
- d. Post graduate _____
- e. e. Technical school Control Tower Operators
(Type) School
- f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 13 November 1952
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200-5 29 APR 52 PD 1 SINGLE OBJECT CMA LONG ELLIPTICAL LIGHT COLORED
WHITISH GRAY PD NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST OBSERVED PD PROPULSION SYSTEM
UNKNOWN PD EXACT SPEED UNKNOWN CMA WITNESSES SAY VERY HIGH SPEED PD
NO SOUND HEARD PD OBJECT APPROACHED AB FROM SW CMA PAUSED SOUTH OF AB
CMA THEN DISAPPEARED TO SE WITH INCREASE IN SPEED PD 2 OBJECT OBSERVED
1829C 3 NOV 52 FOR THREE OR FOUR SECONDS PD 3 OBJECT OBSERVED FROM OPEN
CON TWR WINDOW PD 4 CON TWR LOCATED LAREDO AFB PD ESTIMATED ALTITUDE
OF OBJECT FOUR THOUSAND FEET CMA DISTANCE FROM AB UNKNOWN PD 5 OBJECT
OBSERVED BY CON TWR SHIFT SUPERVISOR AND CON TWR OPR PD TOTAL SERVICE
OF BOTH MEN TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS PD TOTAL CON TWR EXPERIENCE BOTH
MEN EIGHTEEN MONTHS PD CONSIDERED RELIABLE THOUGH YOUNG AIRMEN PD

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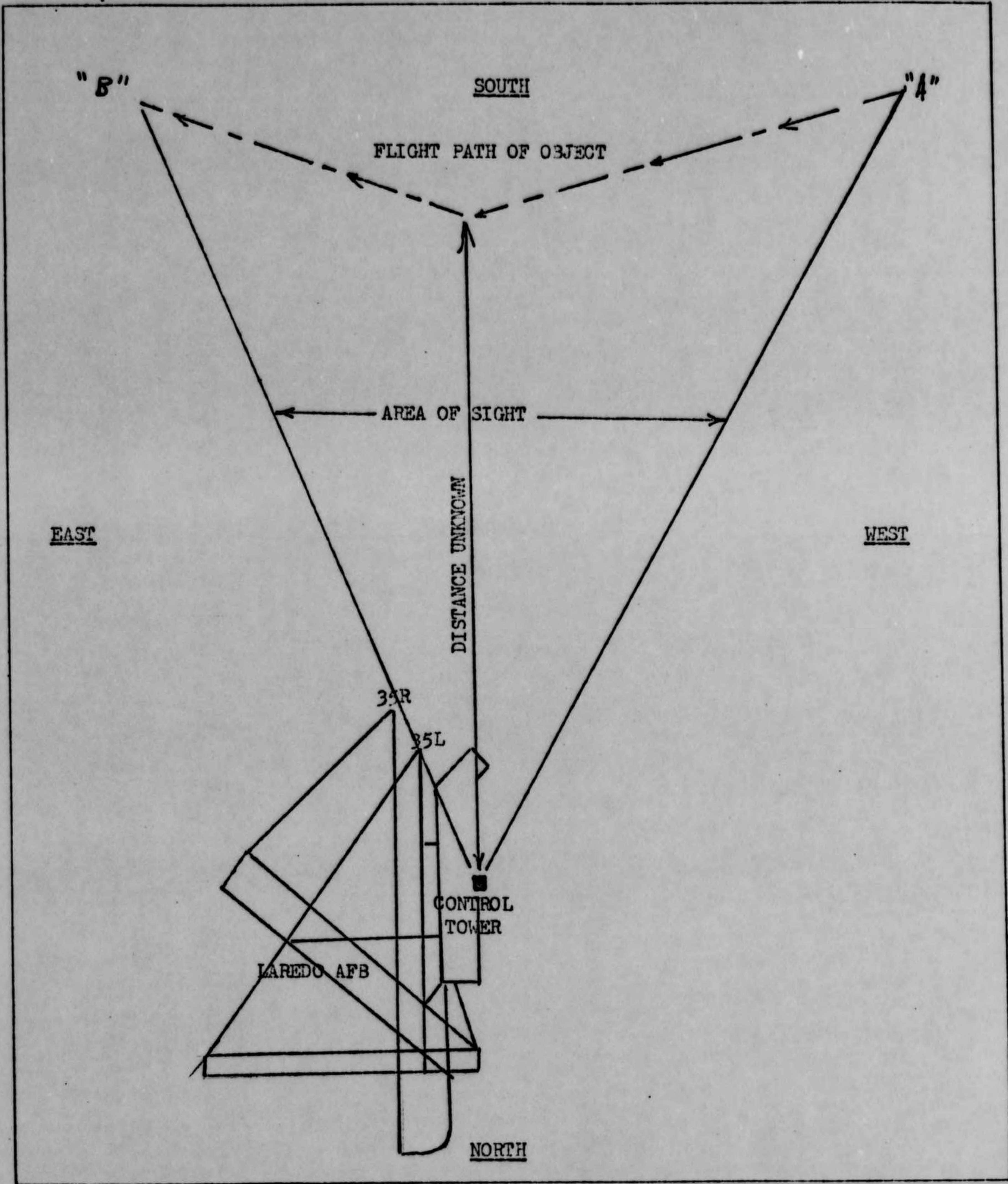
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DATE

November 13, 1952

[REDACTED] member of the 1923-9 AACS Detachment, Laredo AFB, Texas was on duty as Shift Supervisor in the Control Tower 3 November 52 at 1829C when I saw an object appear southwest of Laredo AFB. It appeared to be a whitish-grey object which was traveling at a very high speed. I do not know the distance it was from the field but estimate the height as approximately four (4) thousand feet. I cannot estimate its dimensions but it appeared to be long and elliptical. The object appeared in the southwest traveling east. Momentarily my vision of the object was blocked by a brace dividing two windows and when it again appeared it was heading in an easterly direction and disappeared from sight. I estimate the object was in sight 2 or 3 seconds. At the time the object was in sight there was a T-33 aircraft that had just turned initial about four (4) miles south of the field for landing on Runway 35 R. After the object disappeared I queried the pilot of the jet as to whether he has seen the object. The pilot of the T-33 on initial said he had not seen anything. The reason I asked the pilot was because I was not sure whether the object had passed in front of the jet or behind the jet. I am certain that this object was not a known type of aircraft. Local traffic flying in the vicinity of Laredo that was known traffic consisted of the one T-33 and approximately sixteen (16) T-28's. I am certain I did not confuse this object with any of the T-28's flying local.



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(~~SECRET~~) FLYCERPT

Texas

Intelligence Branch, Hq AACS

22 December 1952

3 November 1952

Unevaluated

Capt Brown

Joe D. Mitchell, T/Sgt, USAF

1. The following information was furnished this headquarters by T/Sgt Joe D. Mitchell, NCOIC, 1923-9 AACS Detachment, Laredo AFB, Laredo, Texas, in his FLYCERPT, dated 6 November 1952.

2. Subject report consists of signed statements by A/IC William R. Mallory, Shift Supervisor, and A/2C Charles A. LeMaster, Control Tower Operator in the Laredo Control Tower, describing the sighting of a light colored, elliptical shaped object, south of Laredo AFB, on 3 Nov 52. Also included is a sketch of the object and an aeronautical chart of the Laredo area with the path of the object marked.

COMMENTS of the Preparing Officer:

3. The source gave no indication of his rating of the two Airmen concerned, consequently the report is submitted as an unevaluated report.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS;
DOD DIR 5200.10

APPROVED:

EUGENE E. BROWN
Captain, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Branch
Hq AACS

MAX: Put this sighting in a temporary incident folder + file.

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- 1. A/IC Mallory Statement
- 2. A/2C LeMaster Statement
- 3. Object Sketch
- 4. Marked Aeronautical Chart

to ATIC only

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SECURITY INFORMATION

Intelligence Branch, Hq AACCS

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[REDACTED]
A/IC AF 19 339 792

2. Statement by [REDACTED]

I, [REDACTED], A/2C, AF 17 342 039, a member of the 1923-9 AACCS Detachment, Laredo AFB, Texas, was on duty in the Control Tower, 3 Nov 52 as a Control Tower Operator, when at 1829C, I saw a strange object through an open window of the Control Tower. I saw the object as a light colored elliptical object against a dark cloud bank. I was unable to estimate the distance from the field but by comparing the object and the cloud formation I would estimate its altitude as approximately three (3) or four (4) thousand feet. I can't estimate its dimensions. It first seemed to slow up and pause directly south of the field and then at a tremendous rate of speed disappeared travelling southeast. After the object paused it was in sight only long enough to tell which direction it took before disappearing. The object was in sight for a total time of approximately 3 seconds. No method of propulsion, vapor trails, or light of any kind was observed. This object was sighted while I was watching a T-33 type aircraft on initial for landing on Runway 35R. I'm certain the object was not a known type of aircraft, although there was T-28's flying local besides the one T-33.

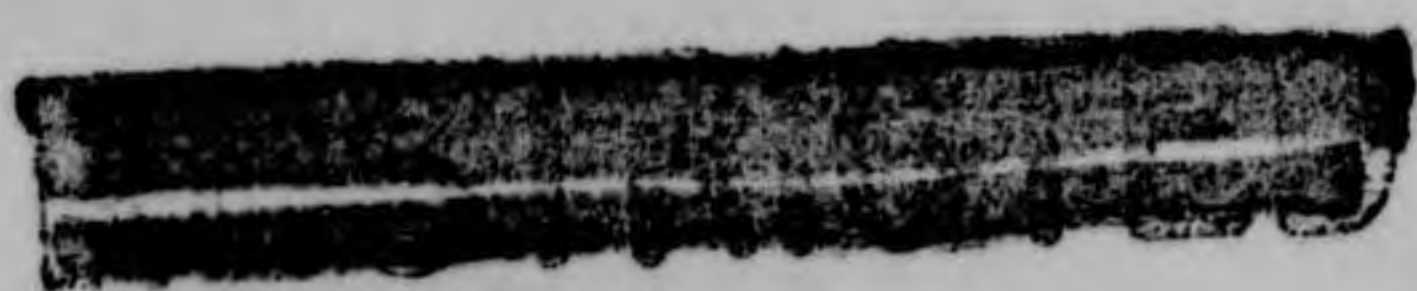
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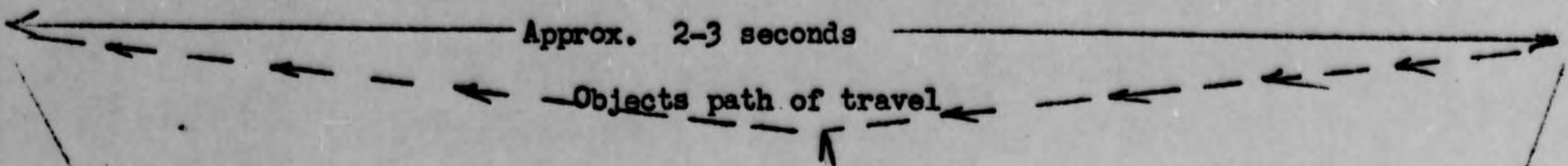
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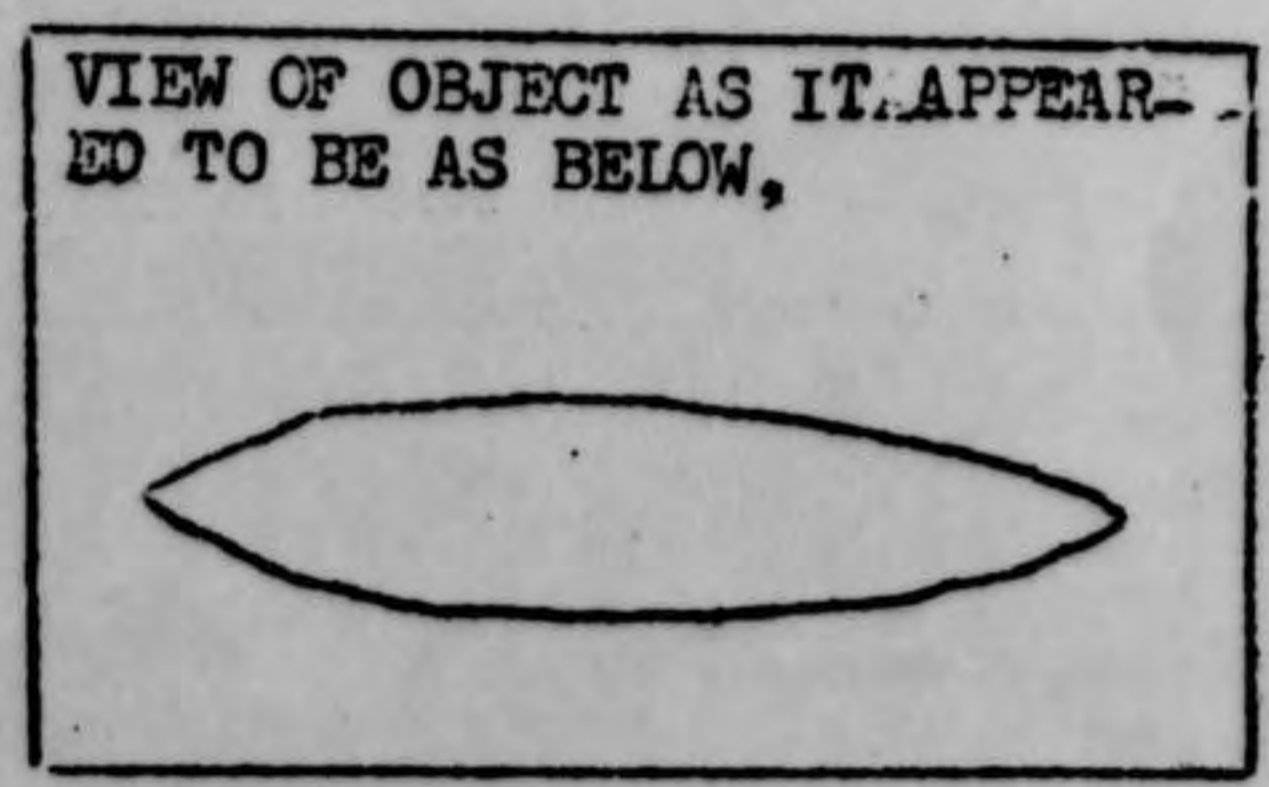
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LAREDO AFB, LAREDO, TEXAS

CONTROL TOWER



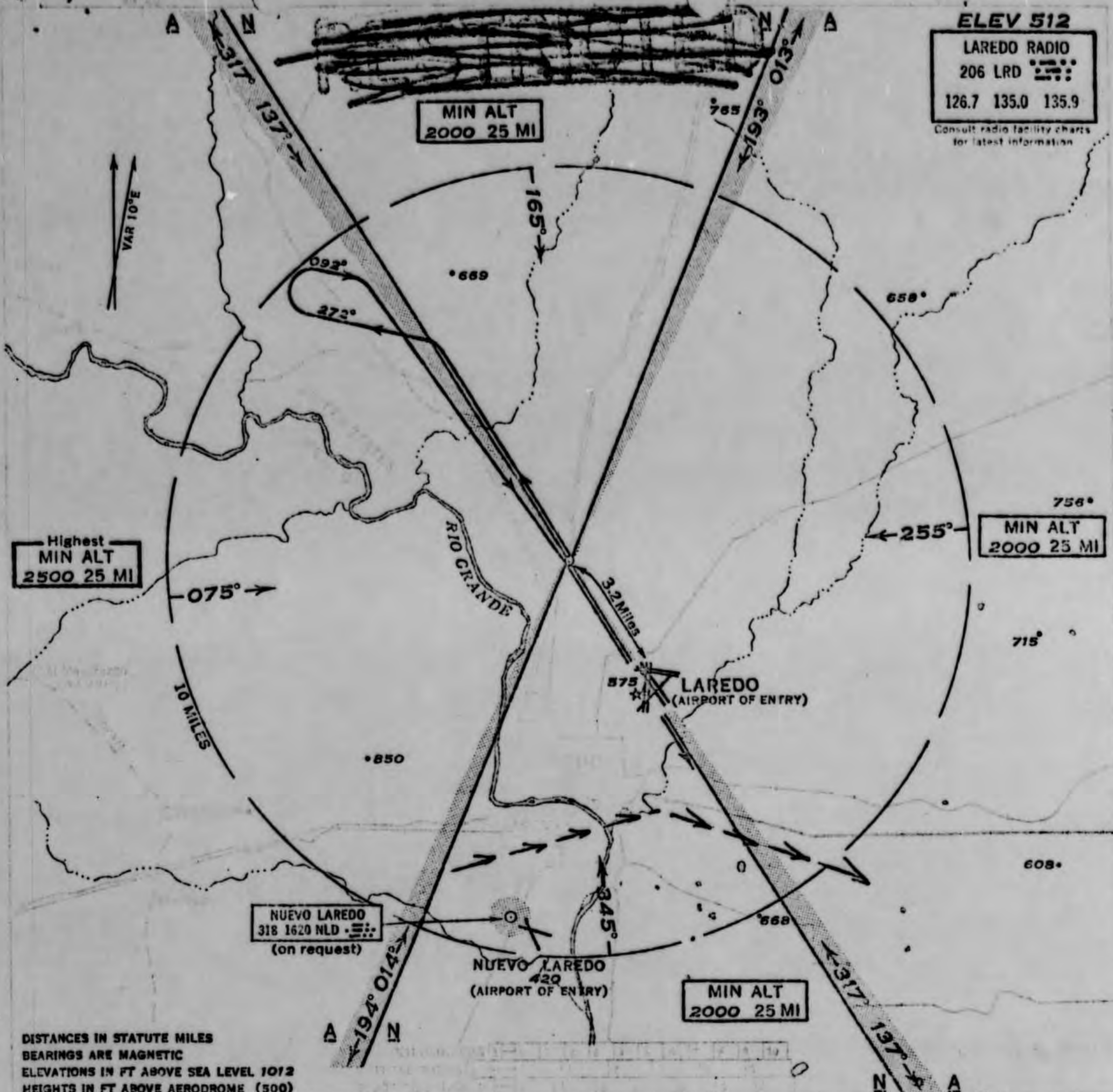
SKETCH DRAWN BY:

*William Mallory
Charles A. LeMaster*

NORTH

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ELEV 512
LAREDO RADIO
206 LRD
126.7 135.0 135.9
Consult radio facility charts
for latest information



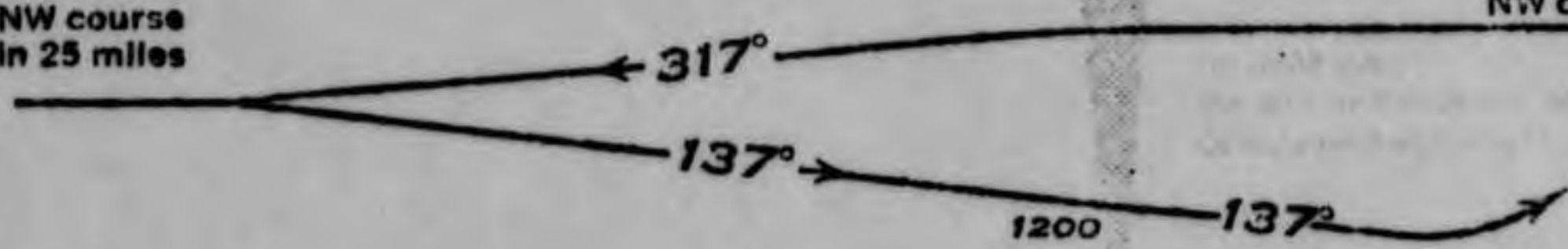
DISTANCES IN STATUTE MILES
BEARINGS ARE MAGNETIC
ELEVATIONS IN FT ABOVE SEA LEVEL 1012
HEIGHTS IN FT ABOVE AERODROME (500)

STANDARD INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURE INITIAL APPROACH

PROCEDURE TURN
West side NW course
1700 within 25 miles

INITIAL APPROACH
N course 2000 from SKF Range Station
1800 from int SW course RND Range
SE course 1800 from int W course BRO Range
SW course min enroute altitude
NW course min enroute altitude

If visual contact not established at
authorized landing minimums within
3.2 miles after passing Laredo Range
Station, or if landing not accomplished,
climb to 1800 on SE course within
25 miles.



NW

SE

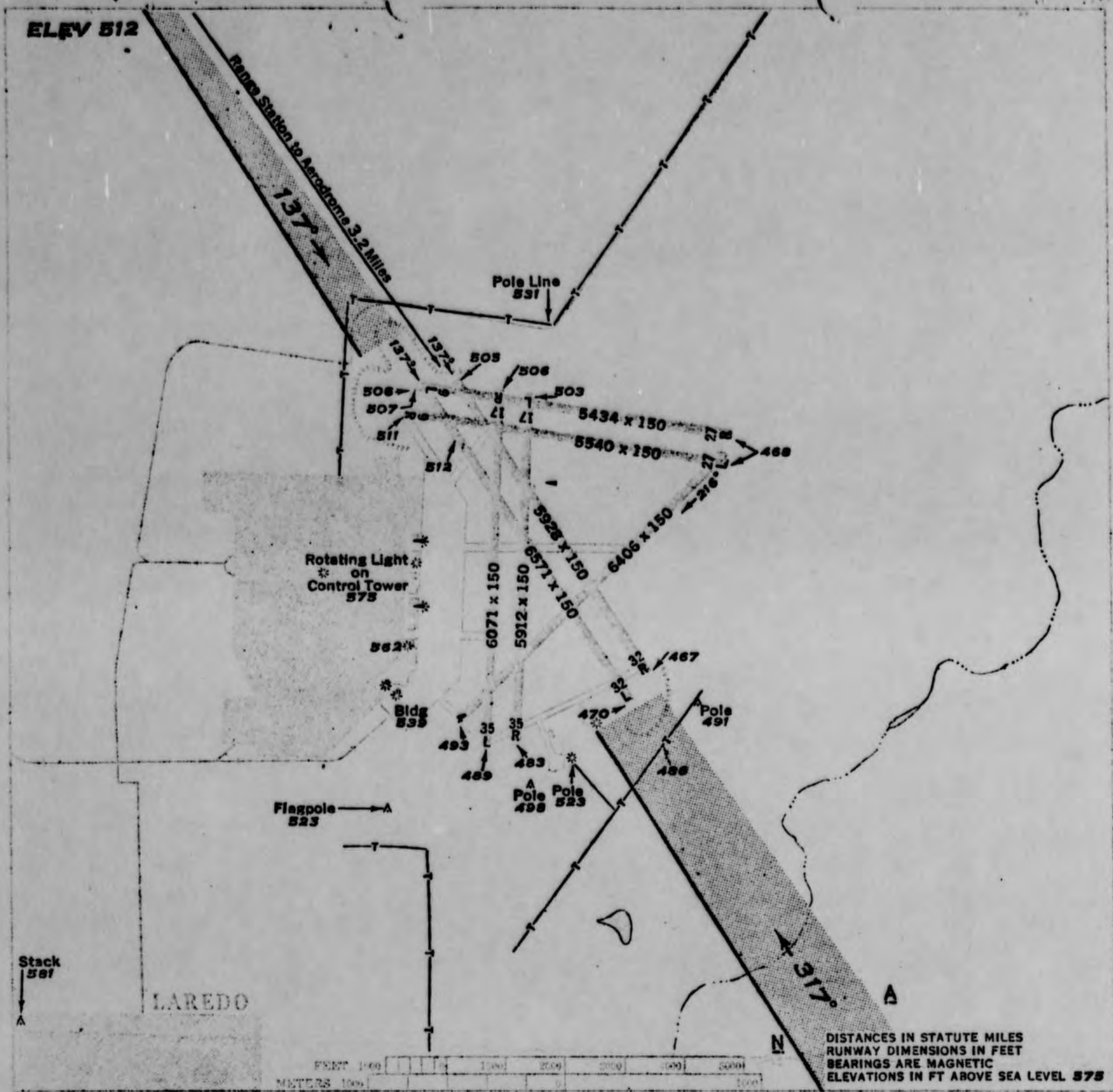
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LAREDO AIRPORT
LAREDO, TEXAS

LANDING CHART



AERODROME POSITION: Lat. 27°32'N., Long. 99°28'W.

RADIO: SBRAZ range and VHF voice.

LIGHTING: Rotating light. Obstruction, threshold, and runway lights on request.

REMARKS: Lights on runways 9L-27R, 14L-32R, and 17L-35R only.

CAUTION: The ground profile covers only a fan area of 006° from the facility along the letdown track.

CHART LOCATION: Corpus Christi Sectional, WAC 522, and RF 58.

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Form A

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?

3 Day Nov Month 52 Year

2. Time of day: 18 Hour 29 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?

LAREDO AF BASE LAREDO WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: OBJECT WAS SEEN FROM CONTROL

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ Hours _____ Minutes 3 Seconds

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

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

6. What was the condition of the sky?

- (Circle One):
- a. Bright daylight
 - b. Dull daylight
 - c. Bright twilight
 - d. Just a trace of daylight
 - e. No trace of daylight
 - 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
 - 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, 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 UNKNOWN

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

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

it moved in front of: A CLOUD BANK.

14. Did the object appear:

(Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

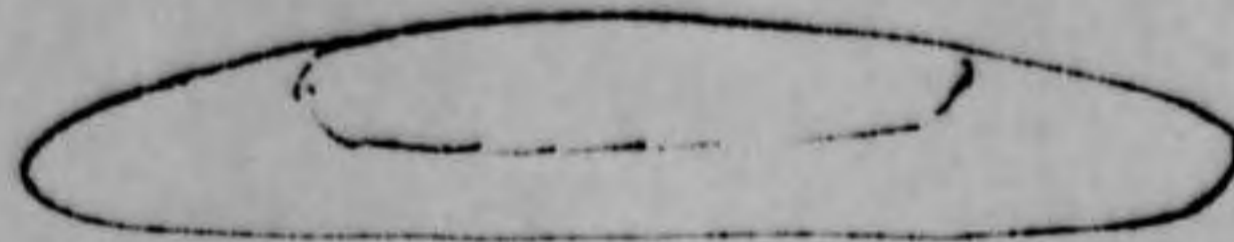
15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | e. Binoculars | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | f. Telescope | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | h. Other | <u>AN OPEN WINDOW</u> | |

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

- a. Sound NONE
- b. Color LIGHT COLORED AGAINST A DARK CLOUD BANK.

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.



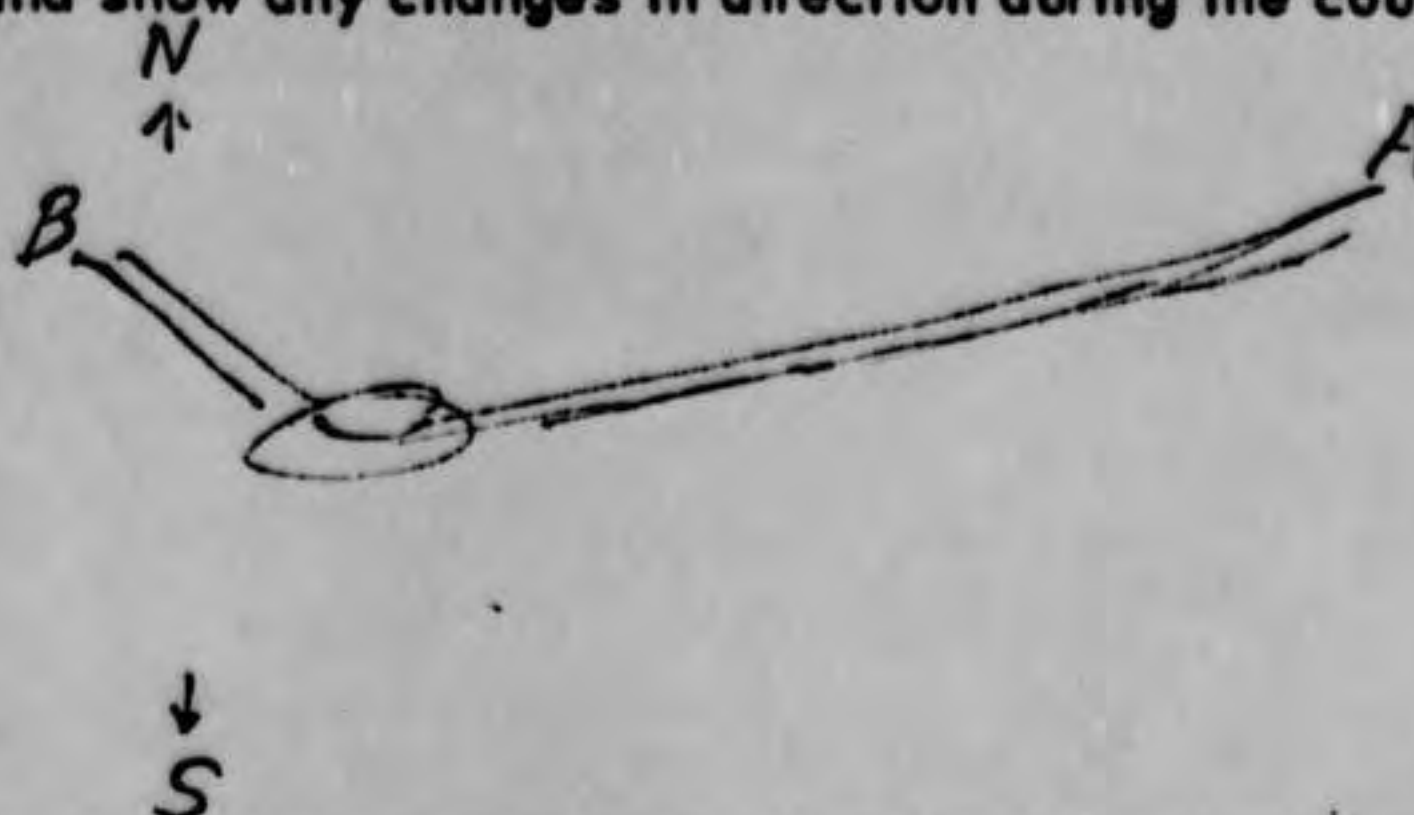
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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.

DONT KNOW 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
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other _____


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

- a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure**
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? ALMOST INSTANTLY.

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.

1. 
2. DONT KNOW.
3. DONT KNOW.
4. UNKNOWN.
5. SIMILAR TO A FOOTBALL ONLY NO CHARP POINTS.

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 CONTROL TOWER

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

I WAS LOOKING FOR A JET A/C THAT WAS
INTERING TRAFFIC, THE UNUSUAL APPEARANCE
IS WHAT GOT MY ATTENTION.

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

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

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

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 210 degrees.

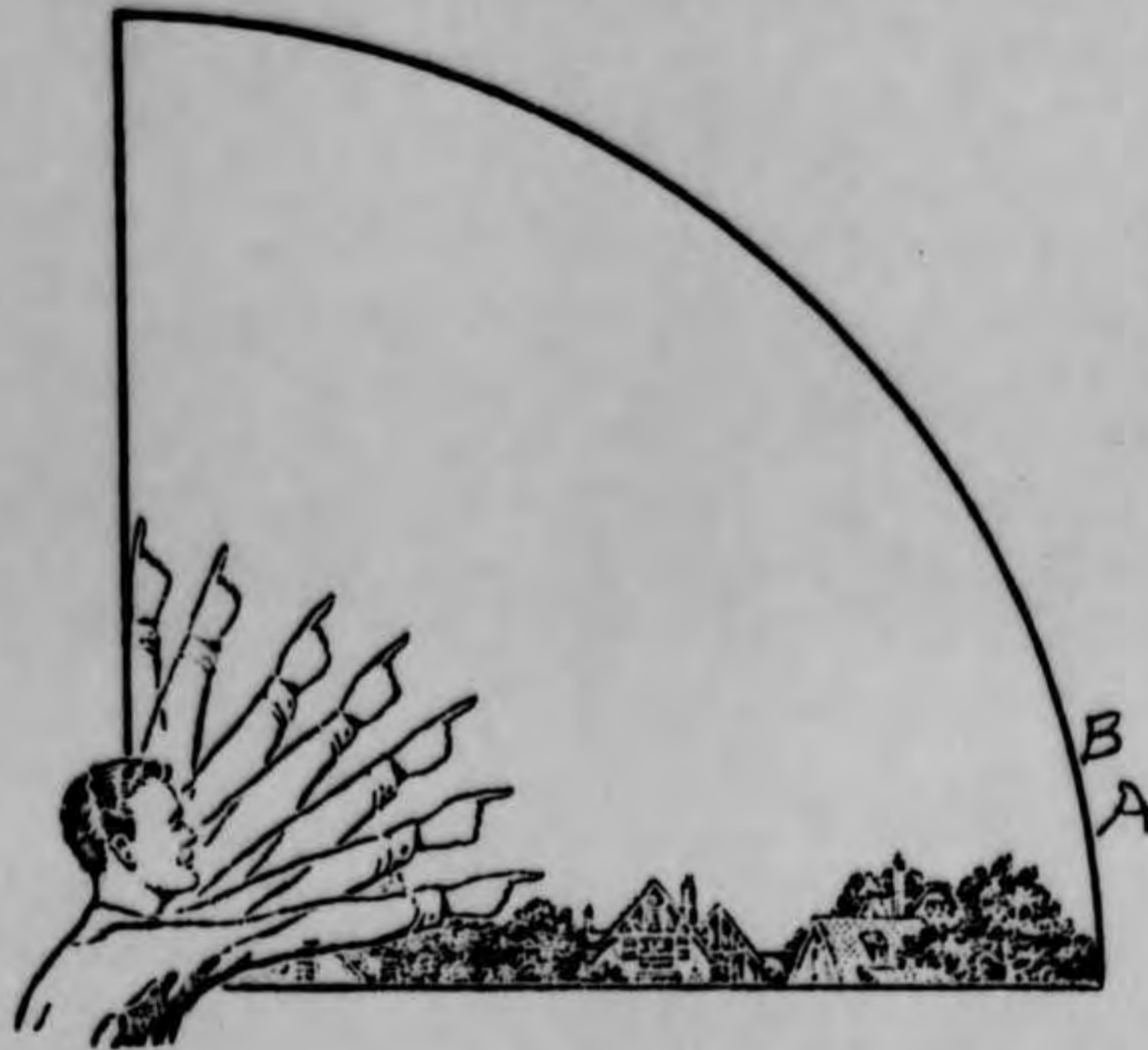
b. From horizon 70 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

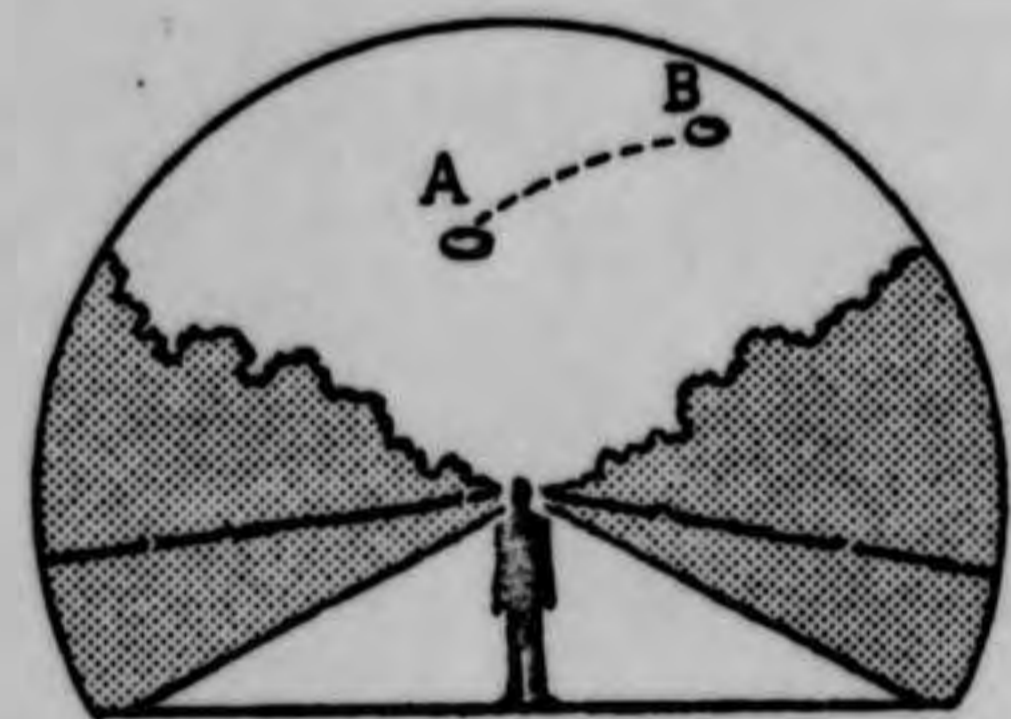
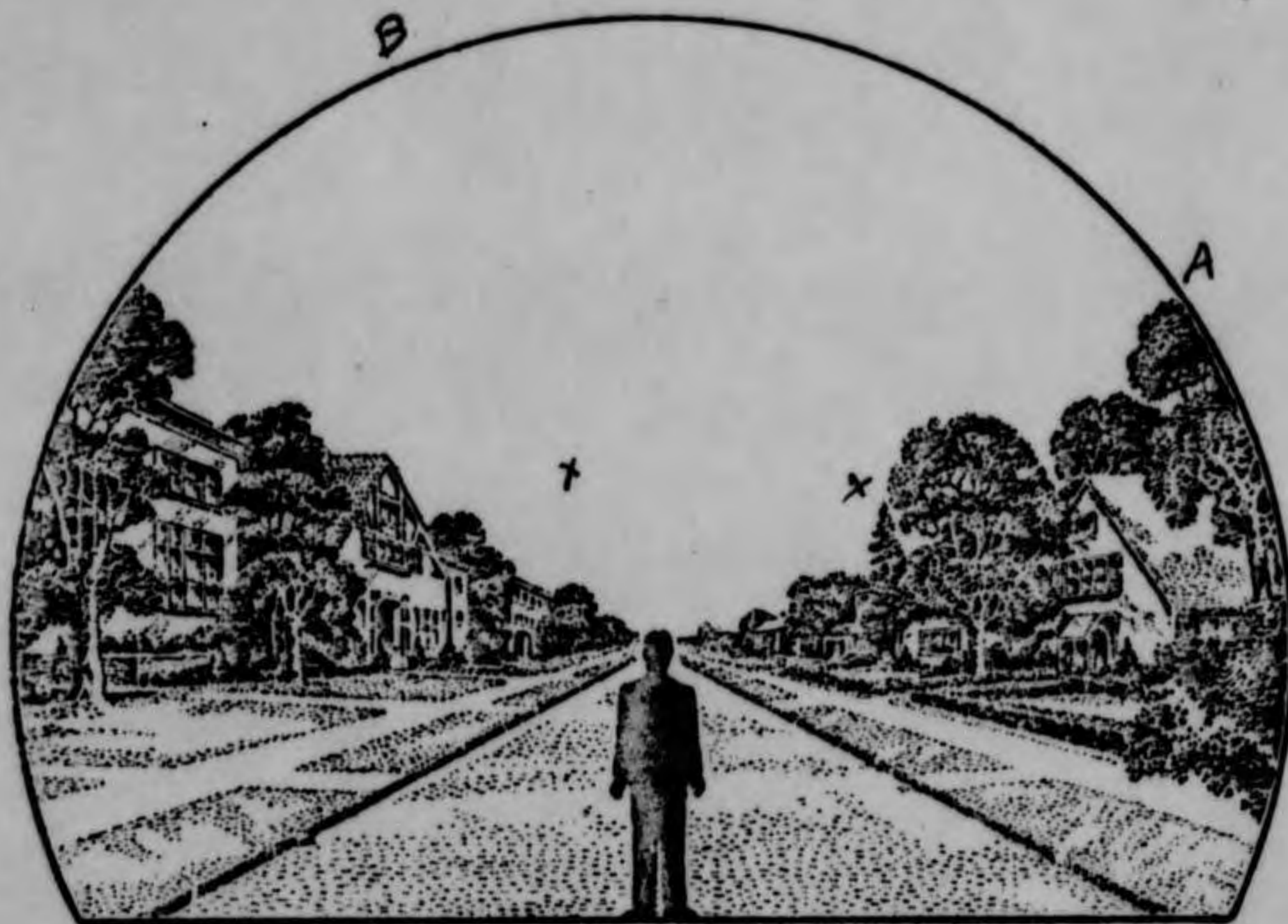
a. From true North 175 degrees.

b. From horizon 70 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?

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?

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 Day Month Year

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:

A/c [REDACTED]

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?

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

DON'T KNOW!