

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 Jan 53 1/0130Z	2. LOCATION Lexington, Kentucky
3. SOURCE Civ. Boy	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR) Possibly Meteor observation
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 40 Sec	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Oval shaped yellowish object traveled at slow rate of speed, growing larger as it approached observer then disappeared in the SE. Source is a 13 year old boy who seems to be very intelligent.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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

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

NAME _____

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE _____

DATE February 28, 1953

When I first observed the oval-shaped object, it seemed small and vaguely defined. In between 5 & 10 seconds, it grew larger, as though approaching, and became sharp and clear in shape and color.

The light from the object was steady. No wobbling motion was apparent.

At first it was in the N.E.

After seeming to approach, it ceased to increase in brilliance and size.

It then moved slowly across the sky (keeping at the same distance from the horizon) to the S.E.

This movement took about 30 seconds. It stopped in the S.E., slowly grew smaller, as if moving away; became very vague in shape; then faded out completely. This fading out process took between 5 and 10 seconds.

Shortly before and sometime after observing the object I saw the moon. The moon was not in the same direction as the object, was not ~~at~~ the same height above the horizon, and did not have the same shape or color.

The direction of the movement of the object was almost the opposite of the wind direction at that time.

1 - 14 FEBRUARY 1953 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Feb	Syracuse, New York	[REDACTED]	Other (CONFLICTING DATA)
Feb	Finland AFB, Minnesota	Ground (RADAR)	Radar Interference
1	Quarryville, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS/VENUS)
1	Saratoga Springs, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
1	Terre Haute, Indiana	Air Visual	1. Aircraft 2. Astro (JUPITER)
2	Atlantic Ocean (Accident) letter from [REDACTED] (INFO)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
2	Victorville, California	Military Air (PHOTO)	Balloon
2	Indonesia	Multiple	Insufficient Data
3	Iceland	Ground (RADAR)	UNIDENTIFIED
3	DiETRICH, Idaho	[REDACTED]	Balloon
3	Peppersett Newfoundland	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
3	Pumsey, New Jersey	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
4	Yuma, Arizona	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
4	Blythe, California	Military Air	Balloon
4	Lancaster, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
4	Maxwell AFB, Alabama	Military	Astro (METEOR)
6	Truk Atoll, Pacific	WX Bureau Official	Aircraft
6	Rosalie, Washington	Military Air	Balloon
6	King Salmon, Alaska	[REDACTED]	Astro (STAR/PLANET)
7	Okinawa	Air Visual	Astro (VENUS)
7	Hokkaido, Japan	Ground (RADAR)	Other (False Targets)
7		Ground Visual MIL	Astro (REGULUS)
7		Ground (RADAR)	Other (WX Effects)
7	Corbin, Kentucky	State Police	Insufficient Data
8	Barter Island, Alaska	Military Air	Balloon
8	Dobbins AFB, Georgia	Military	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
9	Cherry Point, North Carolina (CSI)(INFO)	Military Air	[REDACTED]
9	Dobbins AFB, Georgia	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
10	Misawa AB, Japan	Ground (RADAR)	Insufficient Data
10	Richmond, Virginia	Civilian Guards	Other (Searchlights)
10	Laurel, Montana	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
11	Olean, New York	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
11	Hamptonville, North Carolina	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
11	Tunis, Libya	Military Air	Astro (VENUS)
11	Patrick AFB, Florida	Military	Insufficient Data
11	Great Falls AFB, Montana	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
12	Misawa AB, Japan	Military	Astro (VENUS)
12	Lake Charles, Louisiana	GS & Air Visual	Astro (METEOR)
12	Vichy, Missouri	Military Air	Astro (VENUS)
12	Carswell AFB, Texas	GS Visual - Radar	Aircraft
12		Ground (RADAR)	Other (Ground Targets)
13	Petersburg, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
13	San Francisco, California	Multiple	Other (Inversion Effects)

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LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

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1 Witness

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?

31 January 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 10 30
Hour 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?

Lexington Lexington Kentucky
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours Minutes 40
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 (from behind clouds)
- 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?: **No**

- (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 | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input 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: cloud; but light from it and its general shape were still visible

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: _____

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

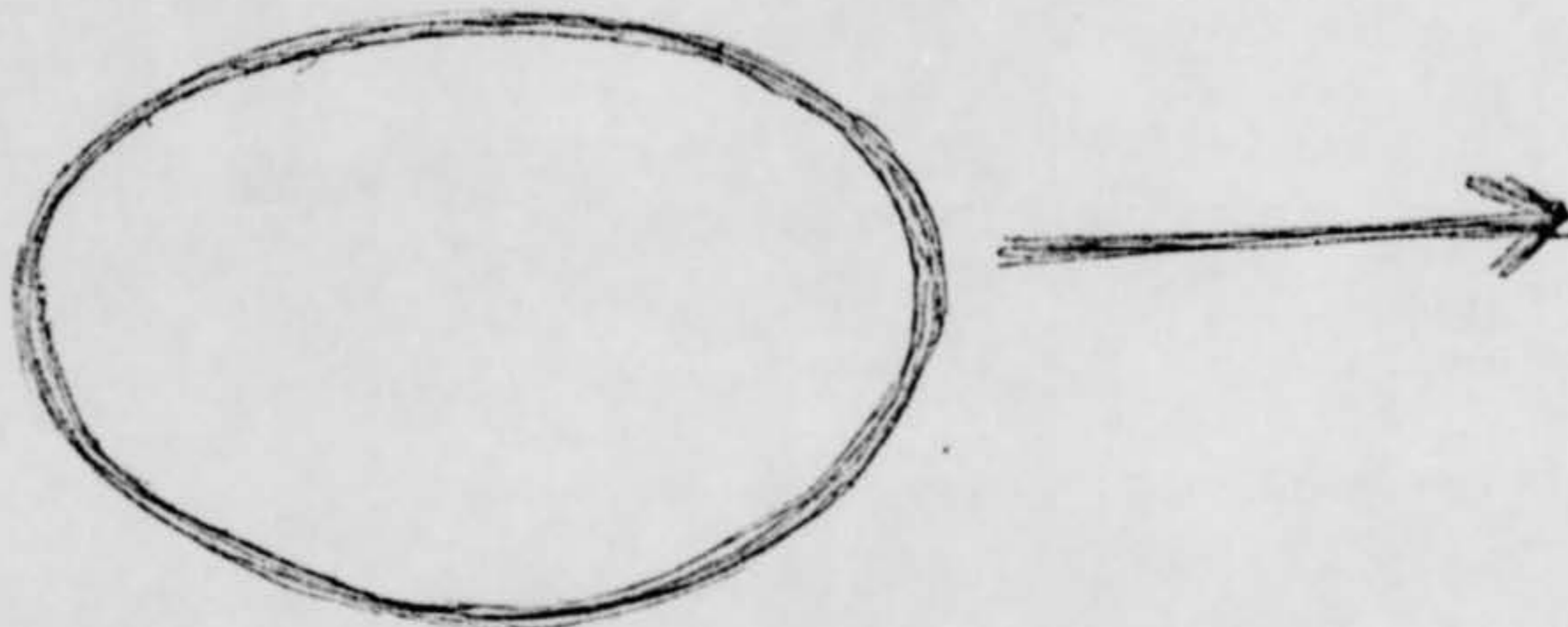
15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 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 _____ | | |

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

- a. Sound None
- b. Color Yellowish; resembled color of hot metal

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.

A-----B

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

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

b. Fairly certain

d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Stopped moving, grew smaller, became vague in shape and color, then disappeared entirely

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.

It is nearly impossible for me to imagine that I could construct the object I observed because I have no knowledge concerning the construction of anything similar to it.

It resembled an oversized egg covered with self-luminous paint.

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?

Was leaving dancing school — happened to glance up into 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)

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

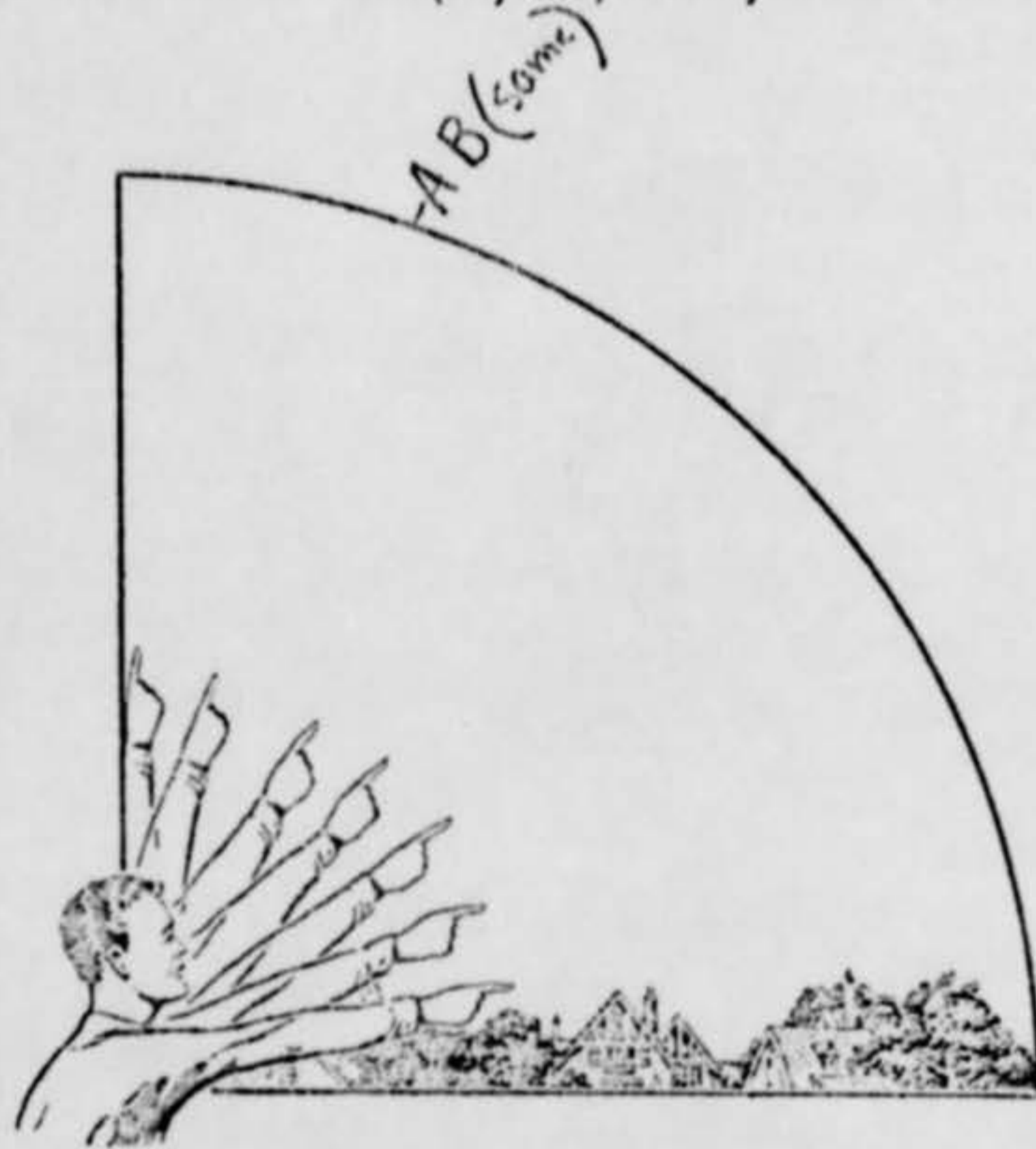
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

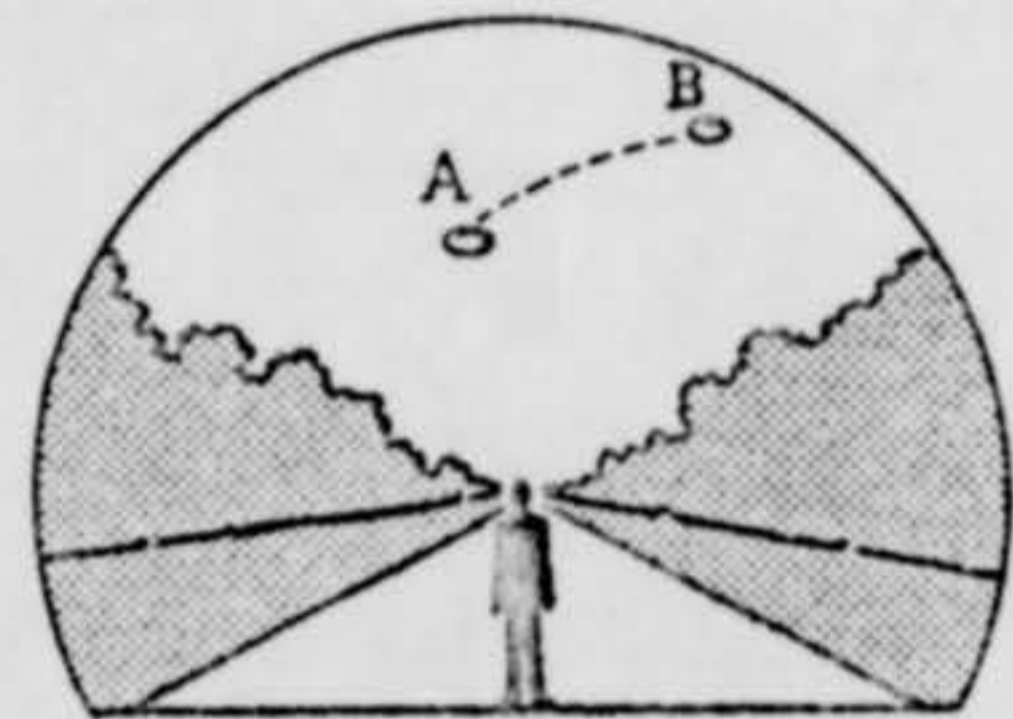
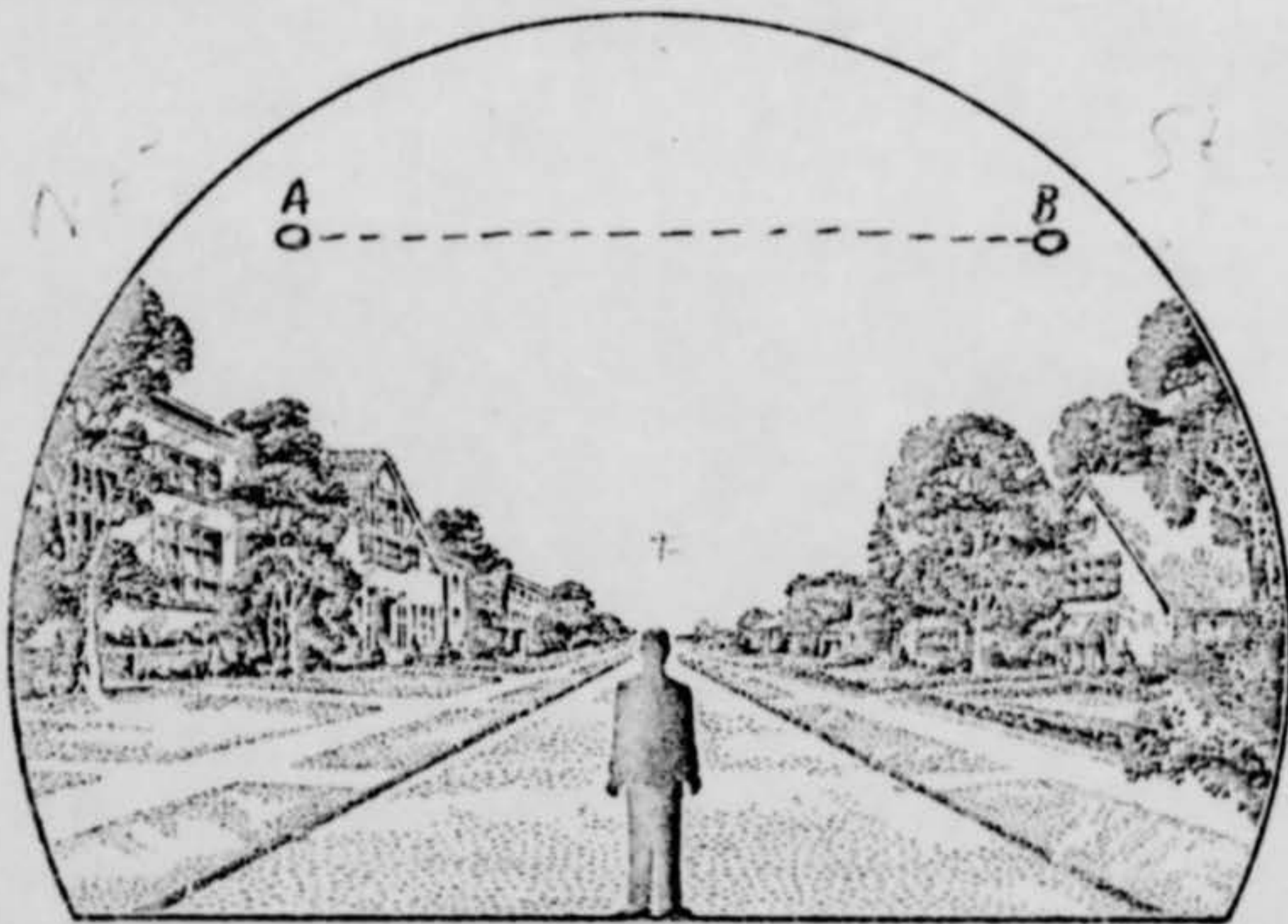
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ 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 (11 m.p.h.)
- 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 (45°)
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

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

9 Day February Month 1953 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?

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

I believe the object was some sort of an
airborne machine.

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? about 2500 feet. (altitude)

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____ Lexington _____ Ky.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? None

Age 13 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school _____
- b. High school _____
- c. College _____
- d. Post graduate _____
- e. e. Technical school _____
(Type) _____
- f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 11 Day March Month 1953 Year