

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE TIME GROUP 22 Oct 54 22/2010Z	2. LOCATION MARYSVILLE, Ohio, JEROME, Ohio, WHEELERSBURG, Ohio
3. SOURCE - - -	10. CONCLUSION  OTHER: SPIDER GOSSAMER
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS multiple	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Air filled with soft white tufts that looked like cotton. Silvery. Landed in schoolyard and surrounding area.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	
7. COURSE falling	
8. PHOTOS  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

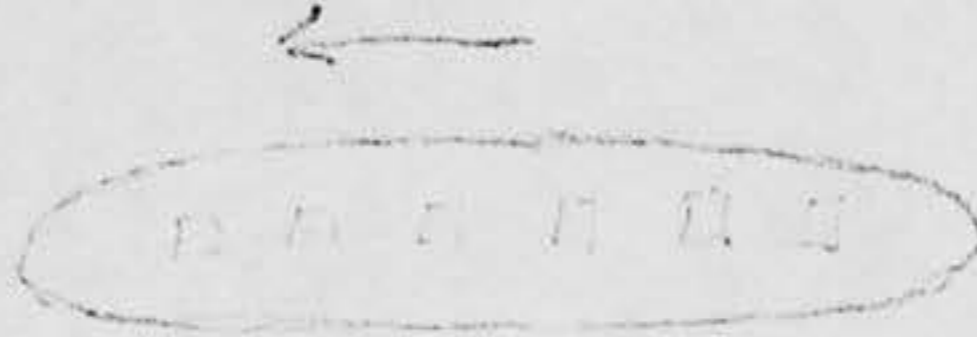
16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound completely silent

b. Color Silver

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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? just one  
 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.  
5 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? *Object motionless in initial observation - approximately 1 minute later object proceeded in westerly direction with burst of speed.*

24. In order that you can give us 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.

*aluminum  
 about 50 ft. long and 10 ft in diameter,  
 cigar shaped  
 an egg*

23. 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 On fire escape outside school house

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?

Originally in schoolhouse - children playing in school yard  
1st noticed object and called me

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

28.2 How fast were you moving? N/A 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
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

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

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

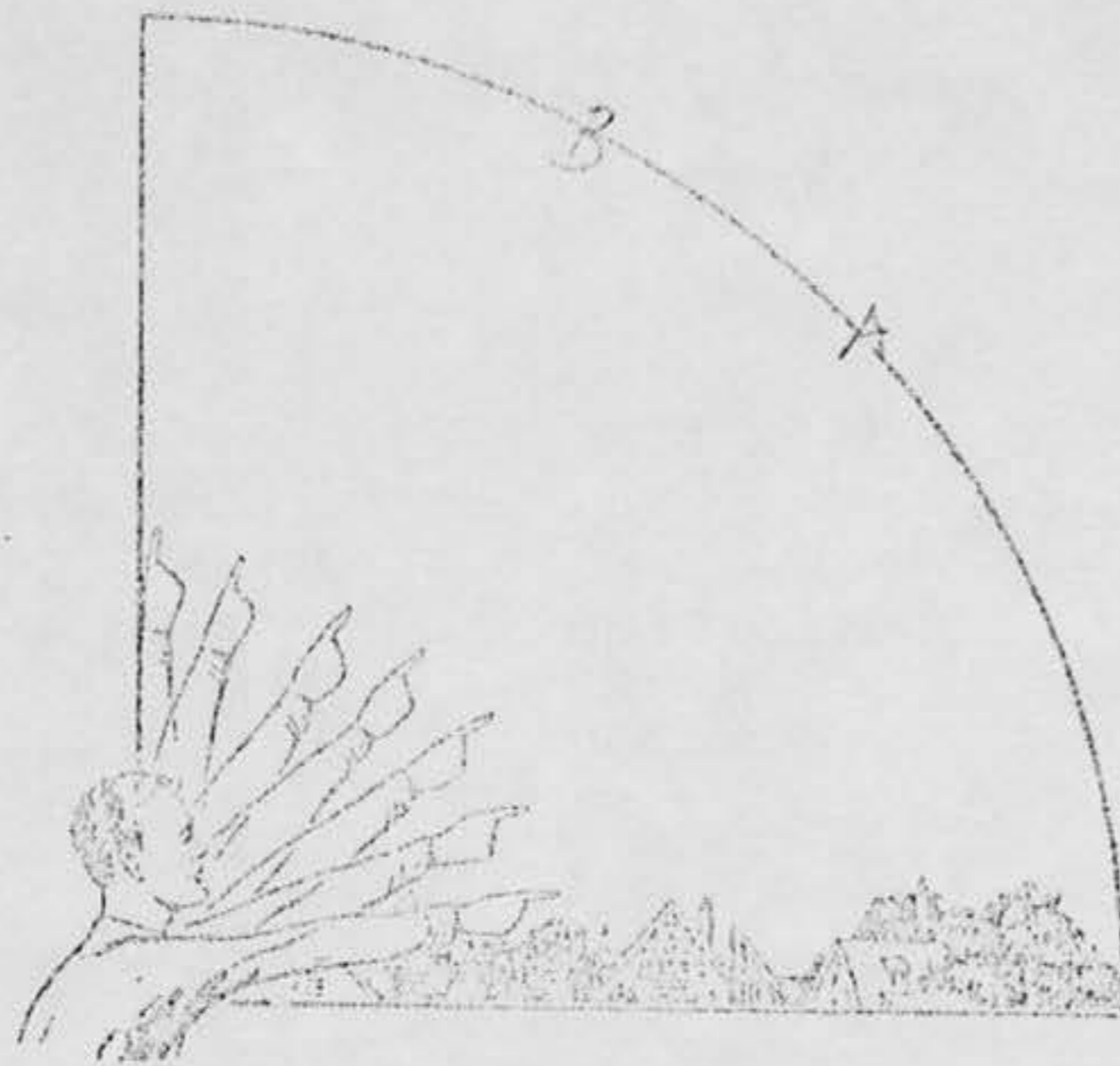
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

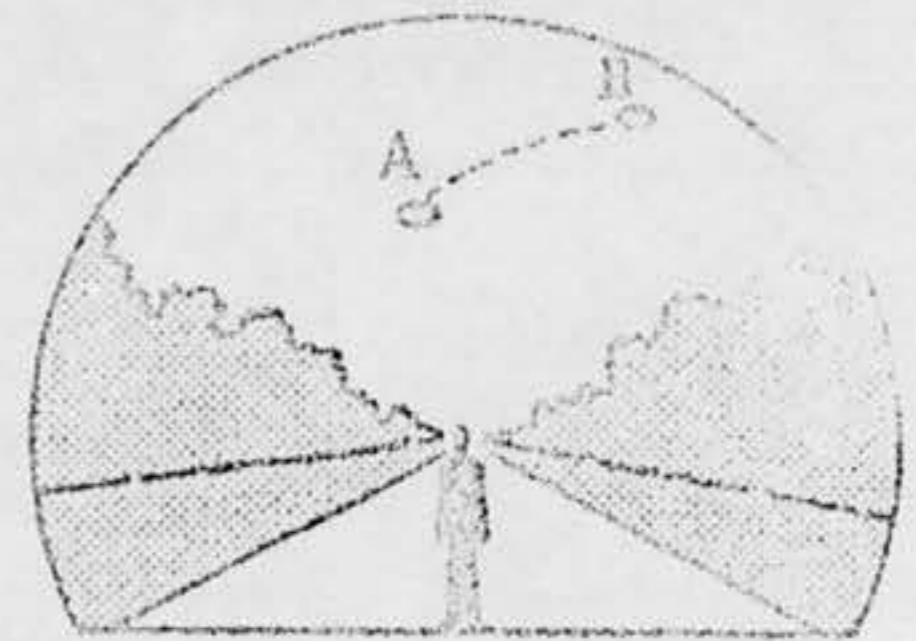
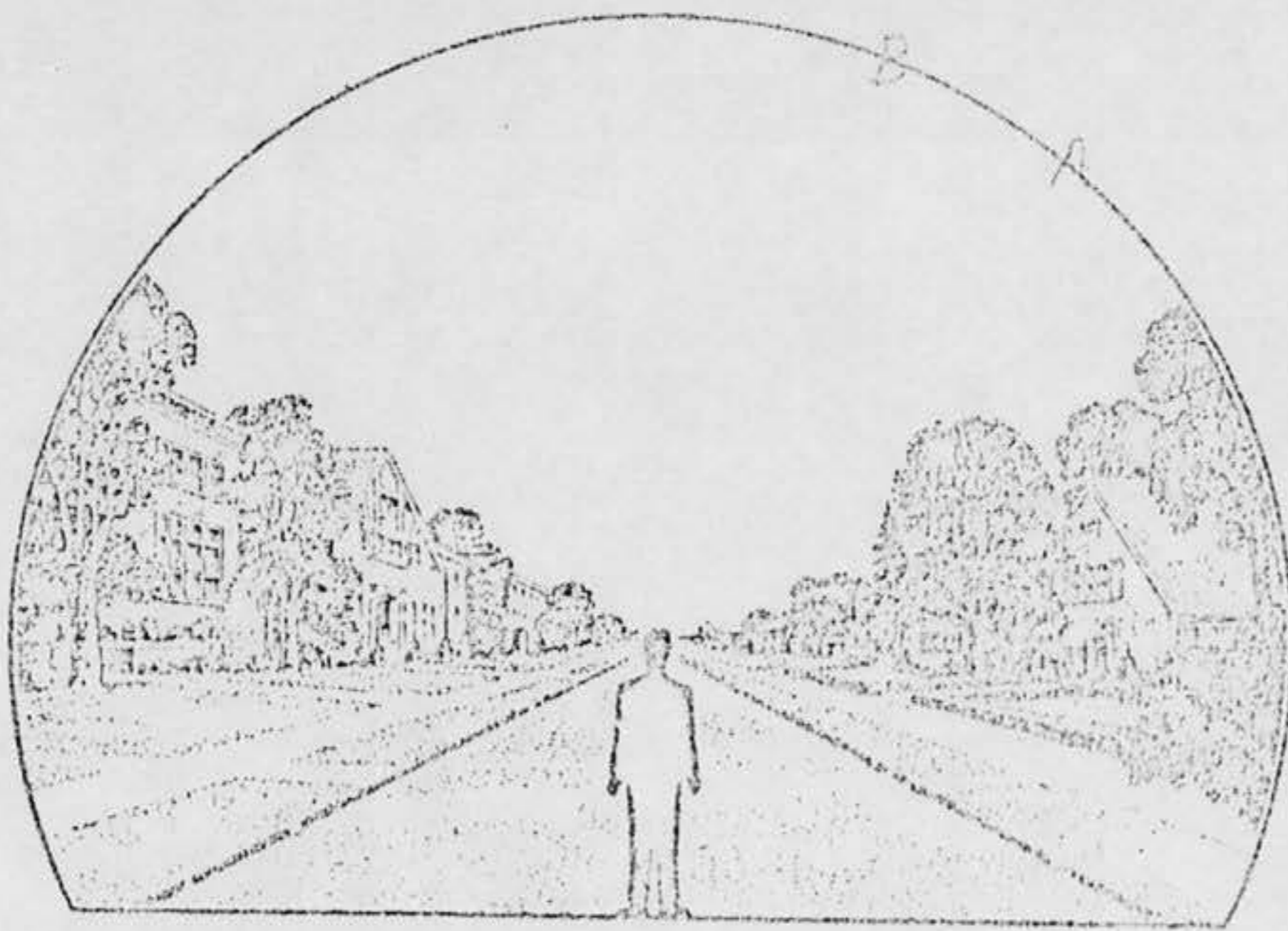
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 20 degrees.
- b. From horizon 20 degrees.

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



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



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?

Day

Month

Year

*Did not - was contacted by Union County  
 Journal on Monday 25 Oct.*

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:

*approximately 60 of the school children 1st saw the  
 object. Ages of children range from 12 to 14 years.*

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?

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

*Looked like dirigible.*

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? 1100 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? 1 1/2 miles feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present

Age

39

Sex

M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

e. e. Technical school

b. High school

(Type)

c. College

f. Other special training

d. Post graduate

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

4

Day

Nov.

Month

1954

Year

1. Substance appeared to be like strands of asbestos or spun glass. Was of brilliant white material. ~~Of~~ Material rained down from sky. Material was handled by me. Material was very strong - seemed to be unbreakable. Handled it for about one minute at which time it disappeared. No trace of material after disappearance.

Approximately 5 minutes after touching material my hands took on a <sup>dark</sup> greenish hue. Surrounding countryside was covered with the material. Material scattered <sup>in general</sup> in path of object. Extended as far as Dublin which lies approximately 4 miles south of Jerome Elementary School.

Material not noticed by school children at approximately 1200 hrs while on noon recess. None of the children handled the material at that time.

At 1500 Material started showering down in general vicinity of school house. Shower lasted for approximately 30 minutes.



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?

12 Day    oct Month    54 Year

2. Time of day: 15 Hour    10 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?

[Redacted] Nearest Postal Address    Jarome City or Town    Ohio State or Country

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

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. \_\_\_\_\_ Hours    1 Minutes    \_\_\_\_\_ 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

NOTE: Interrogation of this source accomplished by  
1st Lt. [Redacted], FLT 3-B, 4002nd AISS

8. IF you saw the object, at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

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

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |   |     |    |            |
|---|-----|----|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?                  | Yes | No | Don't Know |

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

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Did the object appear:

(Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

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

- |                 |     |    |                |     |    |
|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses   | Yes | No | e. Binoculars  | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes | No | f. Telescope   | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield   | Yes | No | g. Theodolite  | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ |     |    |

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

- a. Sound Completely silent
- b. Color Silver

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Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

22 October 1954  
Marysville, Ohio

Source: World of Flying Saucers DHM

A similar fall of angel hair occurred in the United States on October 22, 1954, near a school in Marysville, Ohio. At afternoon recess the pupils of the Jerome Elementary School noticed a dazzlingly bright object in the sky. It disappeared, and for the next forty-five minutes both children and teachers watched white, cottonlike tufts floating slowly down to the ground. The material was in long strands, very fine and soft, could be stretched and rolled into a tiny ball, but quickly vanished to nothing and left a green stain on the hands. The stuff clung to grass and cars, draped the telephone wires for a distance of three miles, and was like a misty canopy over the road [6].

Unfortunately none of the material was preserved and no analysis was possible. Marysville is near Columbus, Ohio, an industrial center, and the stuff might have been waste products from one of the many factories. Since similar falls were reported in Indiana during the same period, the substance more probably was gossamer. As in the French incidents, the time was late October and the weather was perfect, a warm autumn day with a sunny, cloudless sky. Both the time and the weather were ideal for migrating spiders to take to the air, float down to earth on their fluffy parachutes, and then discard the no longer necessary *fil de la Vierge*.

Many falls of angel hair that occur in the warm days of Indian summer are probably abandoned gossamer. It is significant that of fourteen such incidents reported in Europe and the United States, all but three took place in October and November, the season of spider migration [6].

*Layton Journal Herald*  
2 Nov 54

*Warrick*

### "Saucer" Trailing "Angel's Hair" Seen In Ohio

MARYSVILLE, O., Nov. 1— (AP) — Two school teachers and some 60 children here have reported a cigar-shaped "flying saucer" which first hovered over the Jerome elementary school then flashed off, leaving a three-mile trail of "angel's hair."

The teachers—Rodney Warrick and Mrs. George Dittmar—told a story similar to reports made in California, France and New Guinea in the past two years.

Warrick and Mrs. Dittmar said

webbed strands of the substance were strung over trees, bushes and lines along the road away from the school. Warrick said:

"It looked to be like asbestos and felt like asbestos."

Both reported they pulled a strand into a long thread, "so tough," according to Warrick, "that it could hardly be broken."

They said the stuff would disappear within a minute after being touched and that when one end of a strand was handled it would curl into a ball before disintegrating.

Mrs. Dittmar said her hands turned green after touching the substance, but the color was rinsed off without soap. Warrick said the green disappeared from his hands without rinsing in about a half hour.

Warrick added: "No one was frightened and the children considered it quite a lark."

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.  
5 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? Object motionless in initial observation  
Approximately 1 minute later object proceeded in westerly direction  
with burst of speed.

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.

aluminum  
about 50 ft. long & 10 ft in diameter  
cigar shaped  
and egg

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 Outside, escape outside school

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?

Arrived at school for a lesson - children were playing in school yard, 1st Date. Object and called school

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? N/A 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     | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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     | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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).

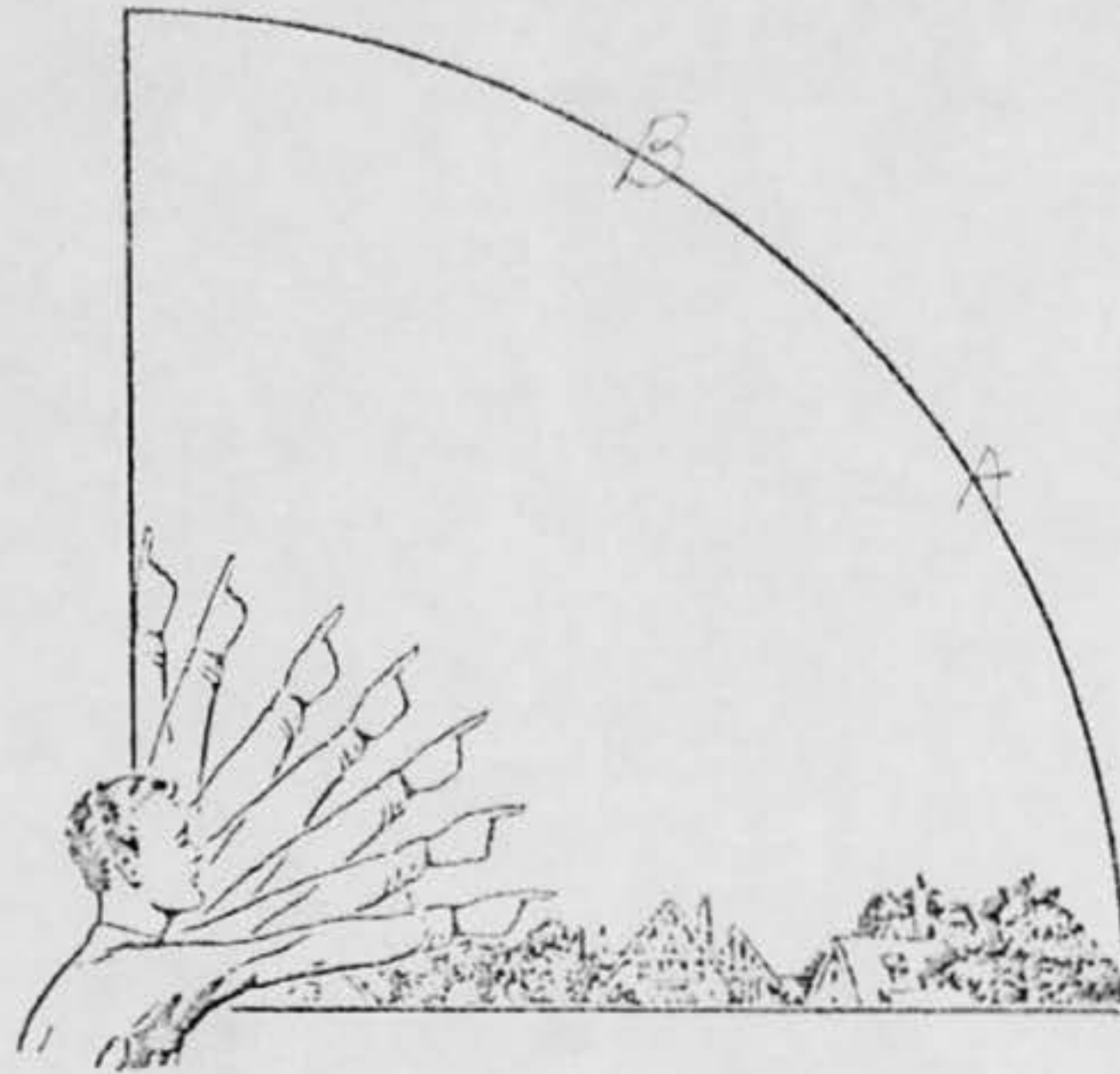
31.1 When it first appeared:

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

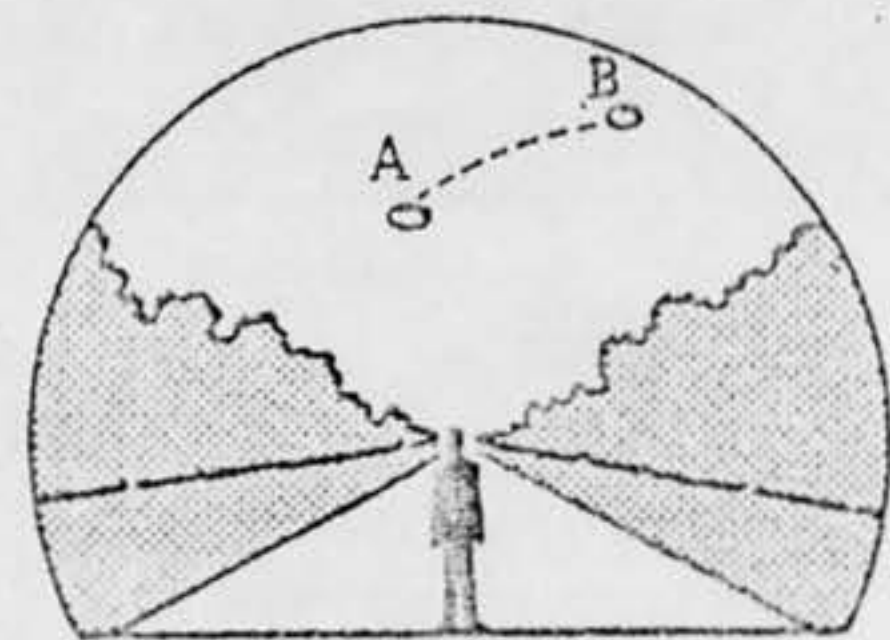
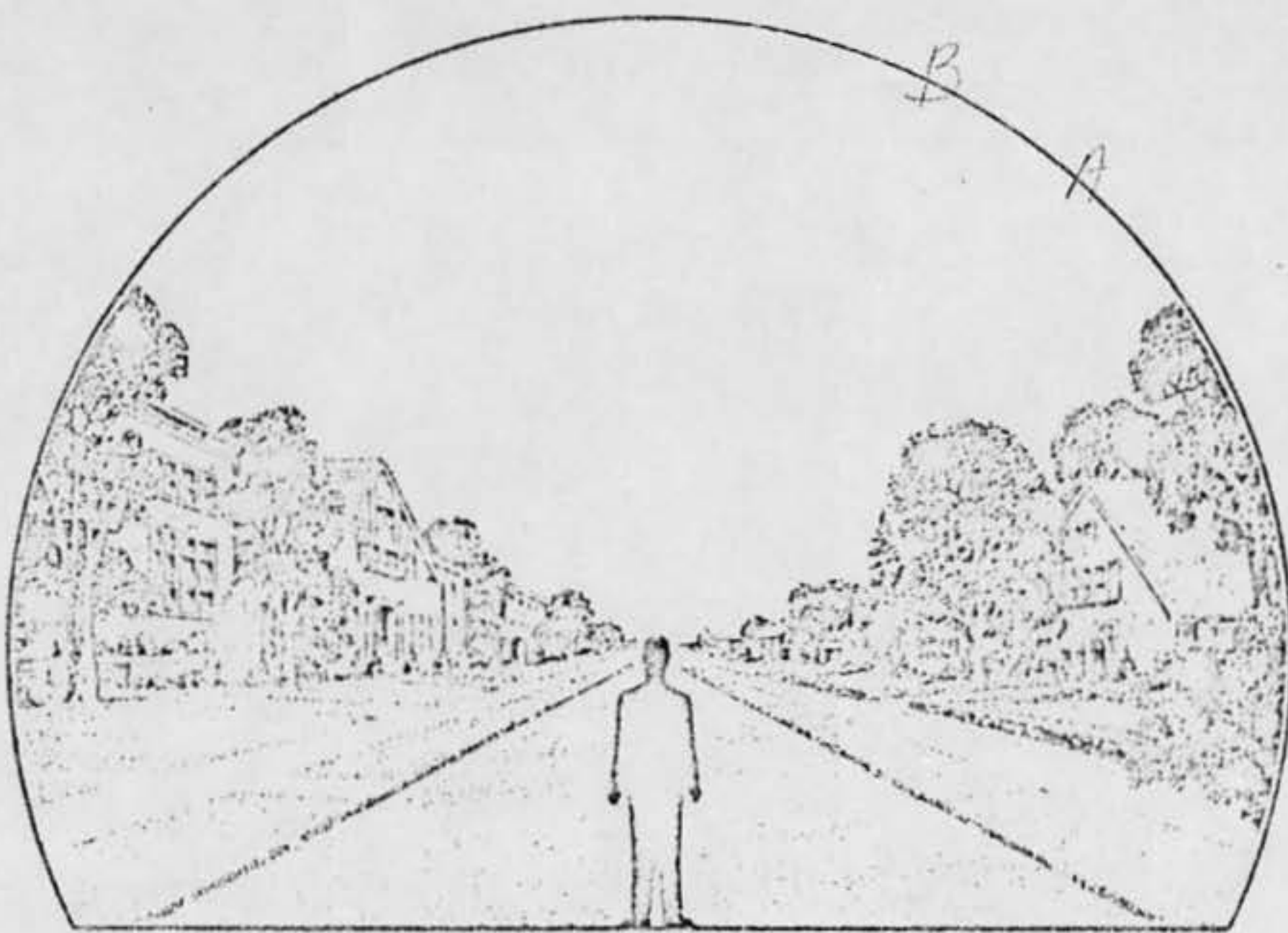
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 30 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?

\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year

*Didn't - was contacted by Union County journal on Monday 25 Oct*

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:

*Approximately 60 of the school children 1st saw the object. Ages of children range from 12 to 14 yrs.*

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?

*Looked like dirigibles*



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? 1100 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? 1000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [Redacted] Street [Redacted] City Raymond Zone [Redacted] State Ohio

TELEPHONE NUMBER [Redacted]

What is your present job: [Redacted]  
Age 39 Sex M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had:

- a. Grade school \_\_\_\_\_
- b. High school \_\_\_\_\_
- c. College 4 yrs Bowling Green
- d. Post graduate [Redacted]
- e. e. Technical school None
- (Type) \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other special training None

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 4 Day Nov Month 1954 Year

Substance appeared to be like stream  
 of asbestos or spun glass. Was of brilliant  
 white material. Material rained down from  
 sky. Material was to be used by me. Material  
 was very strong - seemed to be  
 indestructible. Handled it for about one  
 minute at which time it disappeared.  
 No trace of material after disappearance.  
 Approximately 5 minutes after touching  
 material my hands took on a pinkish  
 greenish hue. Surrounding countryside  
 was covered with the material. Material  
 scattered in general path of object.  
 Extended as far as Dublin which is approximately  
 4 miles south of Jerome Elementary School.  
 Material 1<sup>st</sup> noticed by school children at  
 approximately 1200 hrs while on recess.  
 None of the children handled the material at  
 that time.  
 At 1500 material started showing down  
 in general vicinity of school house. Show lasted  
 for approximately 30 minutes.

Wheelerburg, Ohio  
Oct. 27, 1954.

U.S. Air Force  
Defense Dept.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

A few days ago, my son came running in to tell me there were "parachutes" flying overhead. Since I have seen a flying saucer and know what they look like, I grabbed my binoculars and ran after him. So high it was almost impossible to see with the naked eye, I found his "parachute". True, it was large enough and shaped like one, also it was white. It seemed to be drifting more or less but as I observed it closely, it seemed to be spinning around with its edges changing shape. They saw several more of various sizes. Later small bits of spider web material seemed to be falling. The boys got them and when washed they disappeared. Now I observed a small piece falling out of the blue sky. It looked round as it fell. It was very small. I am enclosing a small portion of it. I believe some people are taking these things for flying saucers which they are not. There is a black shiny metallic surface on flying saucers. Perhaps this substance can be analyzed and an explanation given us to how it gets in the air in large quantities. The large one I saw did not land. It went higher & vanished (over)

from sight.

The little bit of substance created a shipping problem. I hope it is not too mashed when you get it.

I would appreciate your letting me know what substance it is composed of.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs [REDACTED]

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly a stamp or a very light signature]*

[REDACTED]  
Marysville, O.  
Nov. 12, 1954

[REDACTED]  
Marysville, O.

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

In reply to your direct questions, first, I was called from Columbus last Sat. by some one from '---Kress', I presume he said Associate but I thought afterwards he said United, at the time I was expecting a call of a different matter.

Second, Government officials have made no statements to me, or to the other teacher, to my knowledge. However we were both carefully interviewed by a Lt. from Wright Field Dayton.

I shall be glad to write you an account of what I witnessed on Oct. 31st. (the date has been slightly mixed on different accounts.)

At a little past 3 p.m. on the above date Mr. [REDACTED] called me to the upstairs fire escape of our school building. He asked me to look in the air and tell him what I thought about what I saw. The air as high and as far around as I could see was filled with the most beautiful soft white looking tufts, much resembling tufts of cotton, slowly floating to the ground. It was one of those glorious warm fall day's and the whole sky was a clear blue.

As I looked he told me how the children (who had done good work for that week & were permitted out for extra play) called him to come out on the fire escape quickly. He said he did so just in time to see a very shiny and silver looking cigar shaped object high in the air above, which seemed for a split second to just hang and all in an instant take off at a terrific rate of speed, out of his view over the top of the school house. The children all told us that for a second it nearly blinded them to look at it before taking off. Mr. [REDACTED] told me it was almost at once, while he was still standing there looking at the object disappeared, that he saw the white tufts coming down.

We watched this scene most of the time from then on until time to dismiss just before 4:00 p.m.

While we were on the fire escape watching some of the children brought pieces up for us to look at. As it floated nearer to the ground we could see most of it had long fibers very much as if someone had taken strands of angel hair and pushed some of it in little bunches toward the middle or one end, leaving a trail of fibers attached to it.

We handled this material, it was very soft and fine to touch. It did not stick to our hands but when we had two ends and pulled; it stretched without tearing. Where it stretched it had a shiny appearance. The part we held between our fingers very quickly seemed to go to nothing. However we could roll it between our fingers into a very, very tiny ball. In a short while our hands had a green stain on them. I soon washed my hands, just in warm water and the stain rinsed right off.

Mr. Varrick said he was letting it on his hands to see what would happen. He later said his hands became clammy and finally the color disappeared of its own accord.

When we left school some was visible, clinging to the grass, some on our cars, also clinging to the flag pole.

So the real impressive and astounding thing was, as we drove the three miles from our school, over a country road, to the Columbus road, the telephone wires the whole distance were completely woven shut.

Just as if hands had carefully spread it out very evenly. Not only this, but the telephone wires were connected to the electric wires on the other side of the road, so that it was like a misty canopy over the road for the whole three miles. By this time no more of the material could be seen coming down.

We did see some hanging on the telephone wires along the Columbus road, but either because the sun was behind us and no longer shone through this misty net as it did on the country road, or there was considerably less from there on into Marysville.

Later a few people admitted having seen a little and nearly everyone who said anything, all stated that it was on their clothes lines.

The few people around Jerome who consented at all, said it was cob webs due to Indian Summer or else due to the harvesting of soy beans. I know no cob webs would cover the wires as that did, somewhere within the space of one hour or less.

I expected someone from the Jerome area to report it, but on Sat. after scanning our Country Journal I couldn't find a trace of a single statement. On Sat. evening as I talked with a close friend I ventured to tell her and she told me there was an article like that in Nov. Esquire magazine. She gave me the article and after reading it I felt certain I should tell someone, not knowing who to begin with, I asked our editor to read the article & then told him our experience at school. He asked me to bring a sample to him if possible.

On Mon. he published a very fine account in our paper.

When I went back to school there were no traces of what had happened on Fri. One of my pupils told me casually some of the stuff stuck on a sheltered screen in their window. I asked her to put a piece in a glass jar, without touching it, except with a stick & tightly seal it, then bring it to me, if it was there when she got home. This she did & I sent it to our editor telling him I couldn't work fibres the same material, unless I could handle it. He informed me he would send it to the Airforce, which he later told me he did, without of course ever hearing any more about it.

It was not until about ten days later, we were surprised to hear it was being broadcast over radio and T.V. also we both began receiving phone calls, personal interviews and are still receiving letters. Two of my recent letters are from California.

Mr. Merrick was also asked to make a tape-recording over the phone for one of the C Columbus stations, which they told him would eventually be sent to the Pentagon.

This concludes the extent my never to be forgotten experience, which I am very glad it was my privilege to see.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. [REDACTED]

P.S. I am not aware I have actually read an account as released by Associate Press, but I have read articles from other papers. All of them have been correct but most of them very much briefed, from the lengthy one in our own paper.

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AFOIN-X/Lt Col Bloomer/ar/71092/4 Nov 54

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Wheelersburg, Ohio

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of October 27th, which reported your observation of certain unidentifiable aerial phenomena and further enclosed a piece of substance which you found.

The Air Force has had a major active program in this area over the last several years, and your report and substance will be turned over to our analysts for further evaluation.

For your convenience I am attaching a copy of the "U. S. Air Force Summary of Events and Information Concerning the Unidentified Flying Object Program," which compiles the latest facts established by the Air Force in its program in this area.

Very truly yours,

signed

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USAF Summary on  
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## U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

22 Day      Oct Month      54 Year

2. Time of day:

3:15  
Hour10  
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?

[REDACTED]  
Nearest Postal Address

Jerome  
City or Town

Ohio  
State or Country

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

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hours1  
Minutes\_\_\_\_\_  
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

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, then tell what it moved in front of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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