

UFOB INDEX CARD **AISS-UFOB-255-55**

1. DATE 30 31 July 1955	2. LOCATION Queens, New York		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>31/0230Z Jul 55</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Twenty to Thirty (20-30) Min.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS (In pairs) Four (4)	9. COURSE W to E & E to W	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Four (4) round objects, resembling moons, and traveling in pairs were observed for a period of twenty to thirty minutes.		11. COMMENTS This sighting is being investigated by Det 3, 4602d AISS. Upon receipt of AF Form 112 on this sighting, the results are to be recorded on this card.	

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INVESTIGATORS SUMMARY

1. Telephone calls to the 26th Air Division, Roslyn AFB, Roslyn, New York and to COS, EADP, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, New York, revealed that there was no unusual aircraft, balloon or searchlight activity in the New York metropolitan area at the time of the sighting.

2. After the interview with the SOURCE, these facts were known to the investigator:

- (a) The objects moved in pairs from east to west and west to east; this pattern never changed during the sighting.
- (b) The color was similar to that of a light bulb.
- (c) Total duration of sighting covered approximately thirty minutes.
- (d) The cloud conditions at the time consisted of overcast Nimbus and Cumulous clouds.

It was logical to assume that the sighting was caused by either of the following:

- (1) The beams of two power searchlights illuminating one cloud layer, and reflecting on to another, thus giving the impression of four beams.
- (2) The beams of four power searchlights operating within reasonable proximity of each other.

3. A possibility existed that there was a slight error in the SOURCE's estimate of azimuth of objects relative to true North. The investigator, at the time of the interview, noted that the SOURCE was somewhat vague as to the distance and exact location of the UFOB. Applying a creditable latitude of error to the azimuth of the sighting, the investigator explored the possibility that this (presumed) searchlight activity had originated in the Times Square area of New York City where movie premieres, sporting events, etc. are prevalent, particularly on Saturday nights, at which time the sighting had occurred.

4. A check with the 16th Police Precinct, located at 47th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues, New York City (GEOR F HJBL 0101), whose area of jurisdiction includes Times Square, revealed that there was no multiple searchlight activity in their area on the evening of the 30th of July. The officers, however, were kind enough to give the investigator the telephone number of Mr. [REDACTED], owner of the Publicity Searchlight Company. A phone call was put through to Mr. [REDACTED], who checked his files, and informed the investigator that only single searchlights were in operation on that particular evening, and these were all widely scattered throughout the city. Before hanging up, Mr. [REDACTED], remembered that an associate of his, Mr. [REDACTED], operated a battery of four searchlights quite frequently at the Palisades Amusement Park, Palisades Park, New Jersey. An appointment was made to see Mr. [REDACTED] made a statement (see Incl #5) which substantiated the investigators theory, certifying that his four searchlights were in operation at the time of the UFOB sighting. He also

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stated that a pattern as described by the SOURCE was very possible, and it was not unusual for his lights to be visible from the relatively short distance of approximately 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

5. It is the investigator's conviction, therefore, that these lights were the four spherical objects observed, notwithstanding slight miscalculations on the part of the SOURCE concerning distance and azimuth.

John A. Proha
For and in the absence of
JOHN PROHA
Major, USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the sighting was caused by searchlight activity described in this report.

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SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON N/A	FROM (Agency) Det 3, 4602d AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 10 Aug 55	DATE OF INFORMATION 8 Aug 55	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) John Wrona, Major, USAF	SOURCE Mr. ██████████	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2 dtd 12 Aug 54; ATIC Form A; ADCR 200-7 dtd 29 Jan 55; Telecon AISOP 6 Aug 55		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 118-Part II.)		
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PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr. ██████████, ██████████, Rego Park, New York (GFORMF HJBL 0843).		
PART TWO: Investigators Summary		
<p>II. SUMMARY: At 06/1930Z AUG 55, Det 3 was notified by Headquarters, 4602d AISS to conduct a follow-up investigation of a UFOB sighting in Rego Park, New York (GFORMF HJBL 0843) at 31/0230Z JUL 55. SOURCE had immediately notified the New York Daily News who referred him to the Commander, 2230th ARFC, Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York. The Commander, 2230th ARFC forwarded the initial report through normal military channels. SOURCE estimated that the sighting, which consisted of four (4) spherical objects, was approximately five (5) miles north of his back-yard. These objects moved in groups of two, one group moving east to west, and the other, west to east. They changed directions every twenty (20) seconds. The total time of sighting was approximately thirty (30) minutes. The sightings were also observed by the wife, and the landlady of the SOURCE. The landlady was not available at the time of the interview, and the wife was of little assistance, taking the role of a "yes-man" for all of her husbands' statements. SOURCE was of the opinion that the four (4) spherical objects were searchlight beams but could not positively identify them as such because there were no visible shafts of light supporting them. The probability of the fact that the sightings were beams of light was substantiated by a statement from Mr. ██████████, Secretary-Treasurer of the Palisades Amusement Park Company, Palisades Park, New Jersey (See Incl #5).</p>		
<p>III. INVESTIGATOR: A/IC Raymond J. Swider, AF 12403072</p>		
<p><i>John A. Swider Capt</i> For and in the absence of JOHN WRONA Major, USAF Officer in Charge</p>		
<p>INCL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrangement of Objects 2. Motion of Objects 3. Position of Objects 4. Statement by SOURCE 5. Statement by Mr. ██████████ 6. Overlay map of N.Y.C. 		
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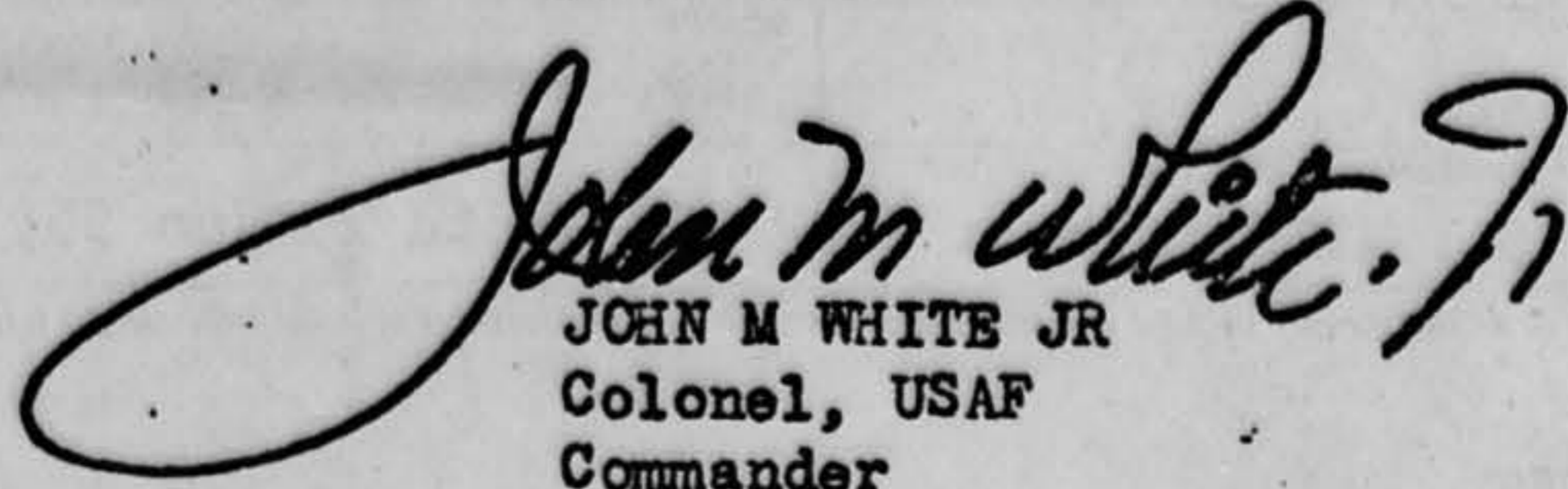
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JOHN M WHITE JR
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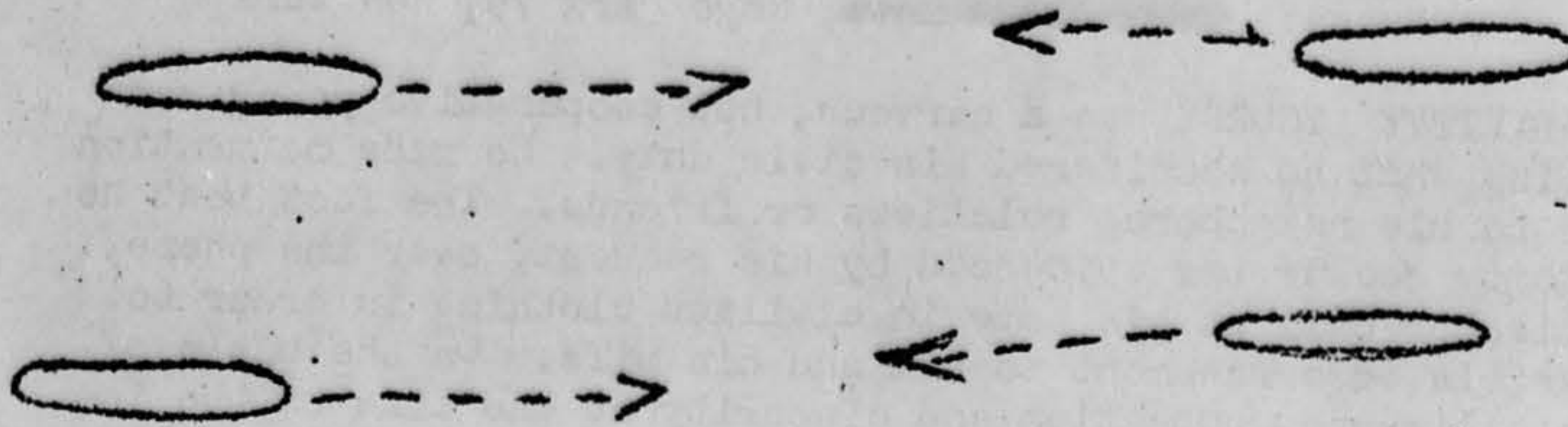
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SOURCE'S Memory Sketch of
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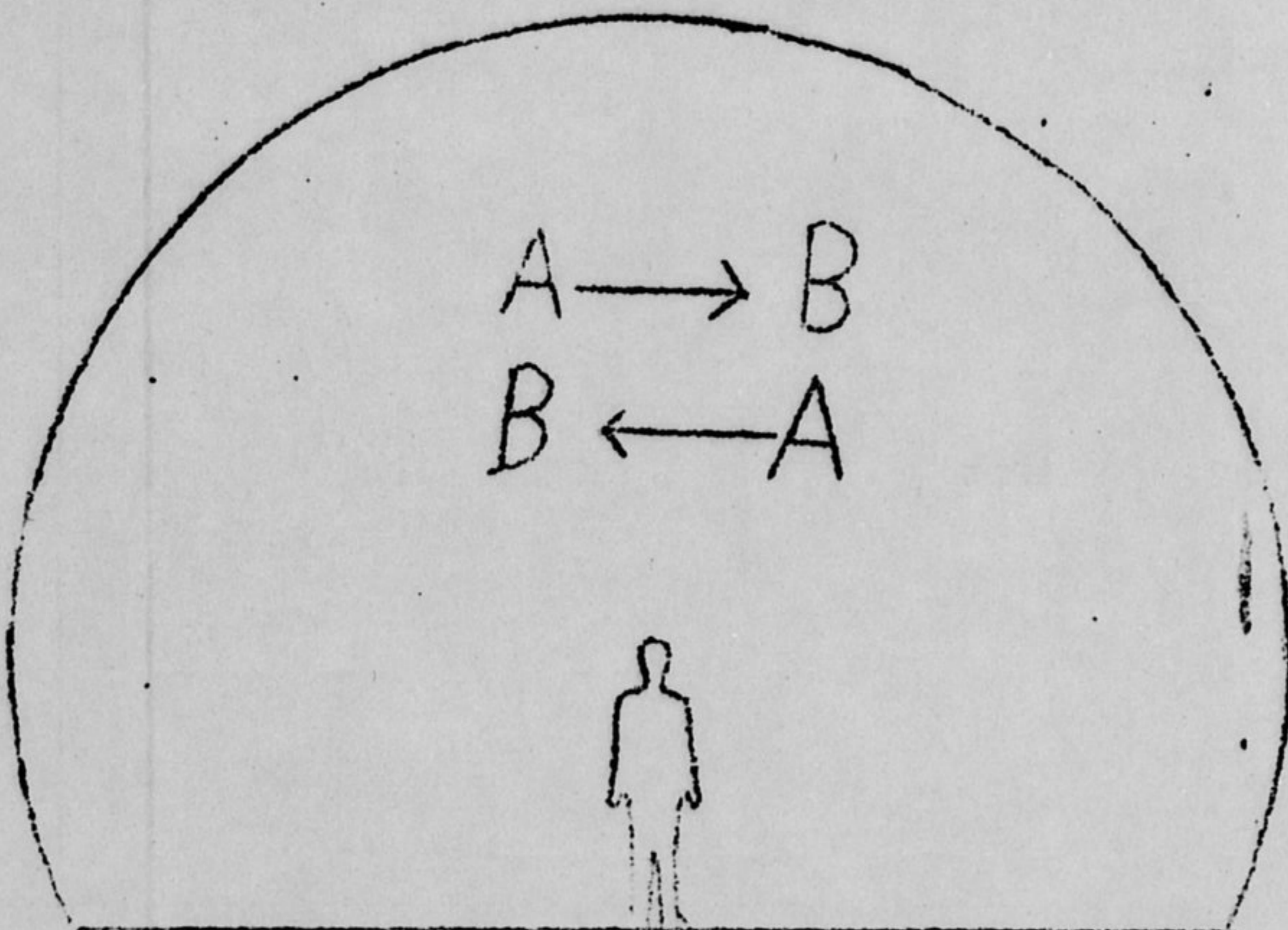
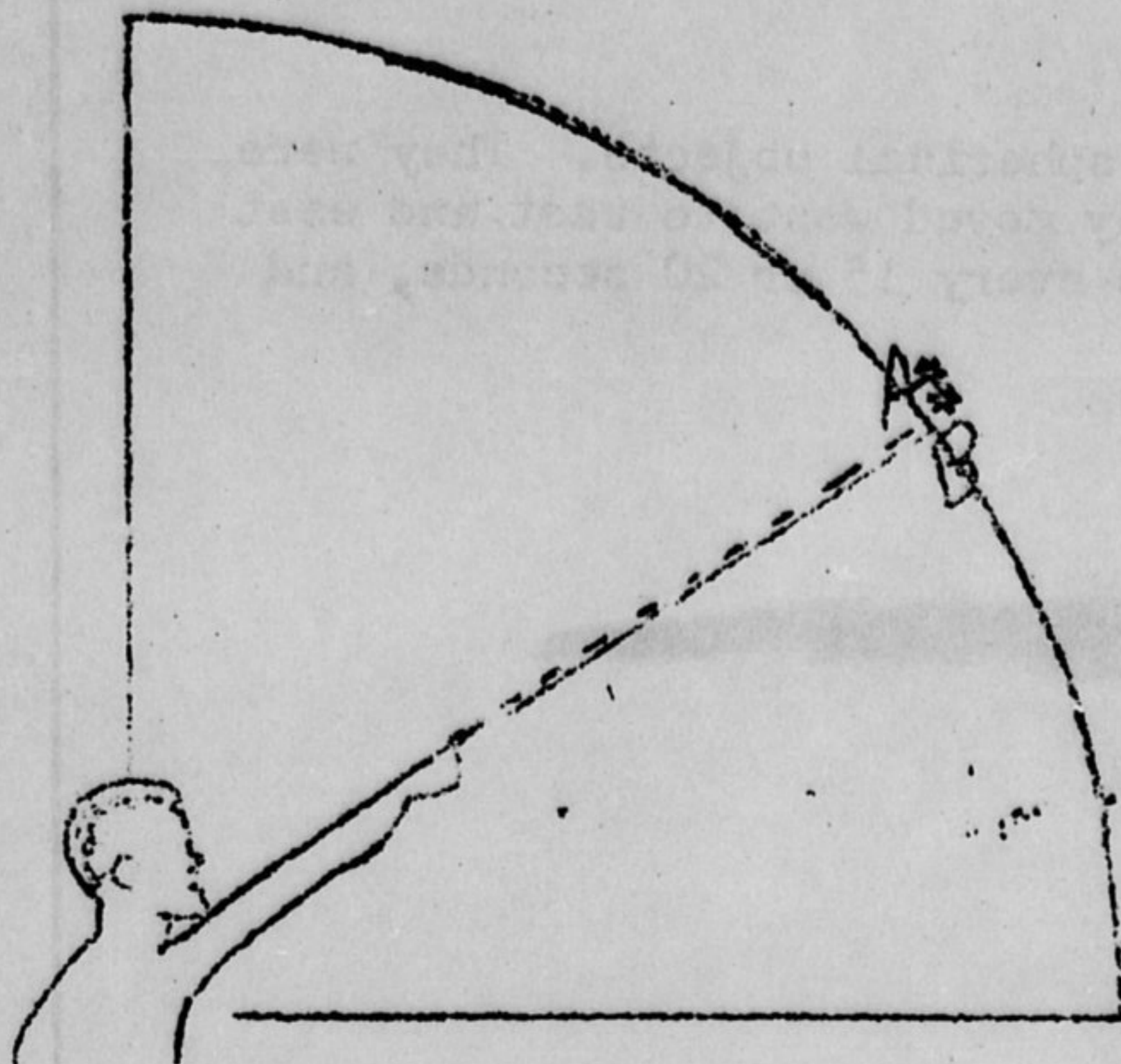
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Motion and Position of objects as seen by SOURCE.

- A. Position of objects when SOURCE first saw them.
- B. Position of objects when SOURCE last saw them.
- A.* Shows how high the objects were from the horizon when first seen.
- B.* Shows how high the objects were from the horizon when last seen.



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Incl #4, PART ONE, Rept D3-UFOB-4-55
Statement by SOURCE

S T A T E M E N T

At approximately 10:30 we saw four (4) spherical objects. They were grouped in pairs, crossing each other as they moved west to east and east to west. These spheres changed course about every 15 or 20 seconds, and after a half hour finally disappeared.

/s/ [REDACTED]

S T A T E M E N T

A TRUE COPY:

John A. ...

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Incl #5, PART ONE, Rept D3-UFOB-4-55
Statement of Mr. [REDACTED]

S T A T E M E N T

All four of my sixty inch power searchlights were operating on the evening of the 30th of July, between sunset and midnight. They are operated on separate electrical rotor units of varying speeds, thus making possible an infinite number of combinations of various patterns. It is not uncommon for these beams of lights to be visible for several miles.

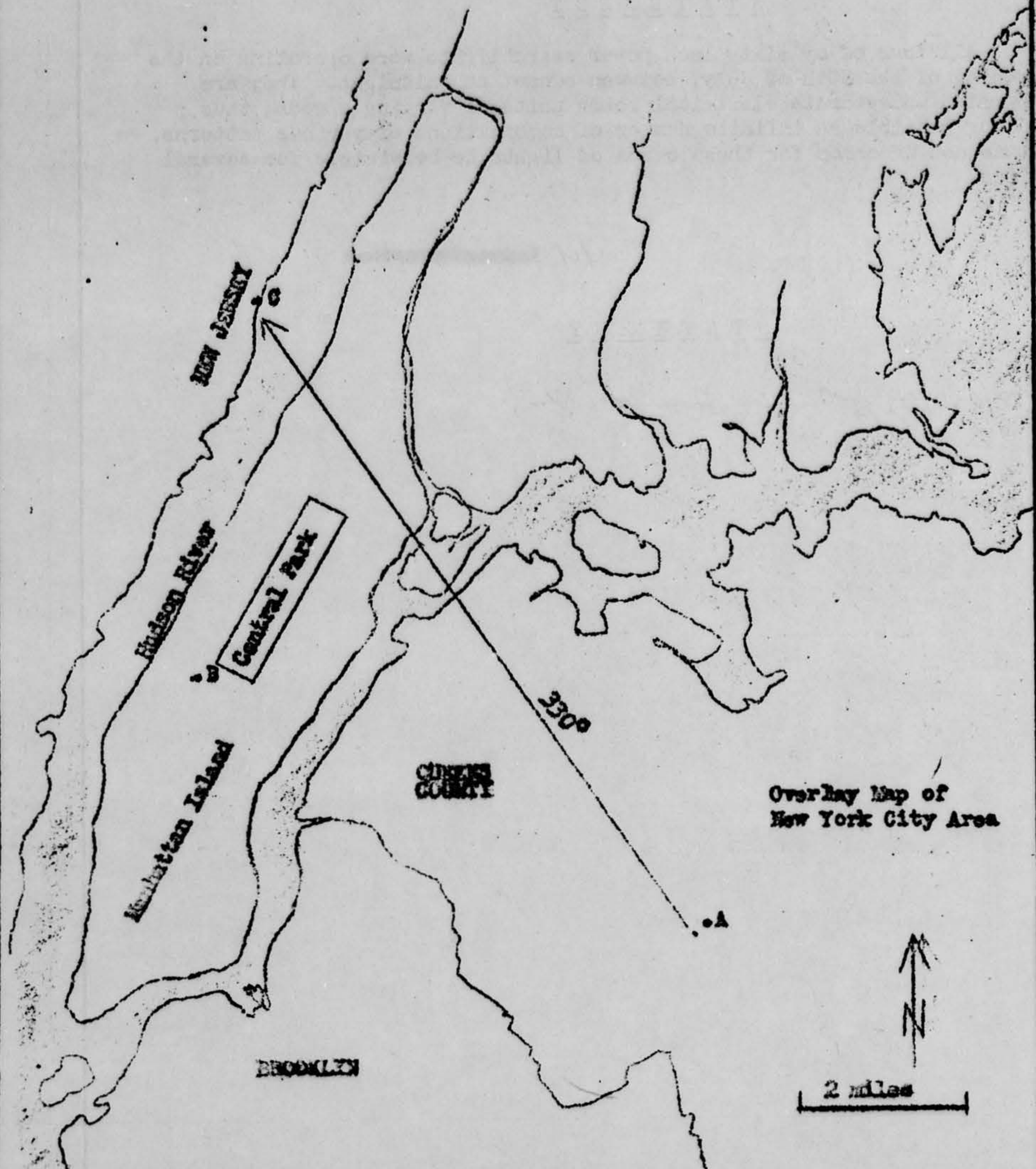
/s/ [REDACTED]

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- A. Point of "sighting"
- B. 16th Precinct Police Headquarters
- C. Location of Four (4) Power Searchlights



Overlay Map of New York City Area

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