

UNCLASSIFIED UFOB INDEX CARD ATSS-UFOB-398-56

1. DATE 29-30-31 Aug 56		2. LOCATION Fresno, California		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Over-active imag.</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP 20/30/31/Aug 56		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Sketches <input type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Variable		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS See attachments	9. COURSE See attachments		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One gray saucer-shaped object. Object was seen in a very steady flight, slowly and gracefully. Object was noted in a very graceful flight path. Vary odd odor was noted. THIS CARD TOGETHER WITH CORRESPONDENCE IS CLASSIFIED /// [REDACTED] /// PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN AFR 200-2, par 7e AND AFR 205-1, par 30c. 2 Incls: DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED WITHIN 12 YEARS. 3 Incls Ltr [REDACTED] w/10 Incls			11. COMMENTS This sighting, together with two others were reported by letter from Mr. [REDACTED] Fresno, Calif. ATIC Form 164 was sent to source and returned. Analysis of returned form indicates that Mr. [REDACTED] possesses an over-active imagination. All correspondence relative to this sighting, including a copy of ATIC FORM 164 are being forwarded for your information and necessary action. [REDACTED]		

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TIME 8:55 PM.

CLEAR SKY.

OBSERVER THROUGH
10X50 glasses.

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OBJECT - SOLID

COLOUR - BUFF BROWN
SMOKY GREY.

NO LIGHTS

NO NOISE

OBSERVATION TIME 45 SECONDS.

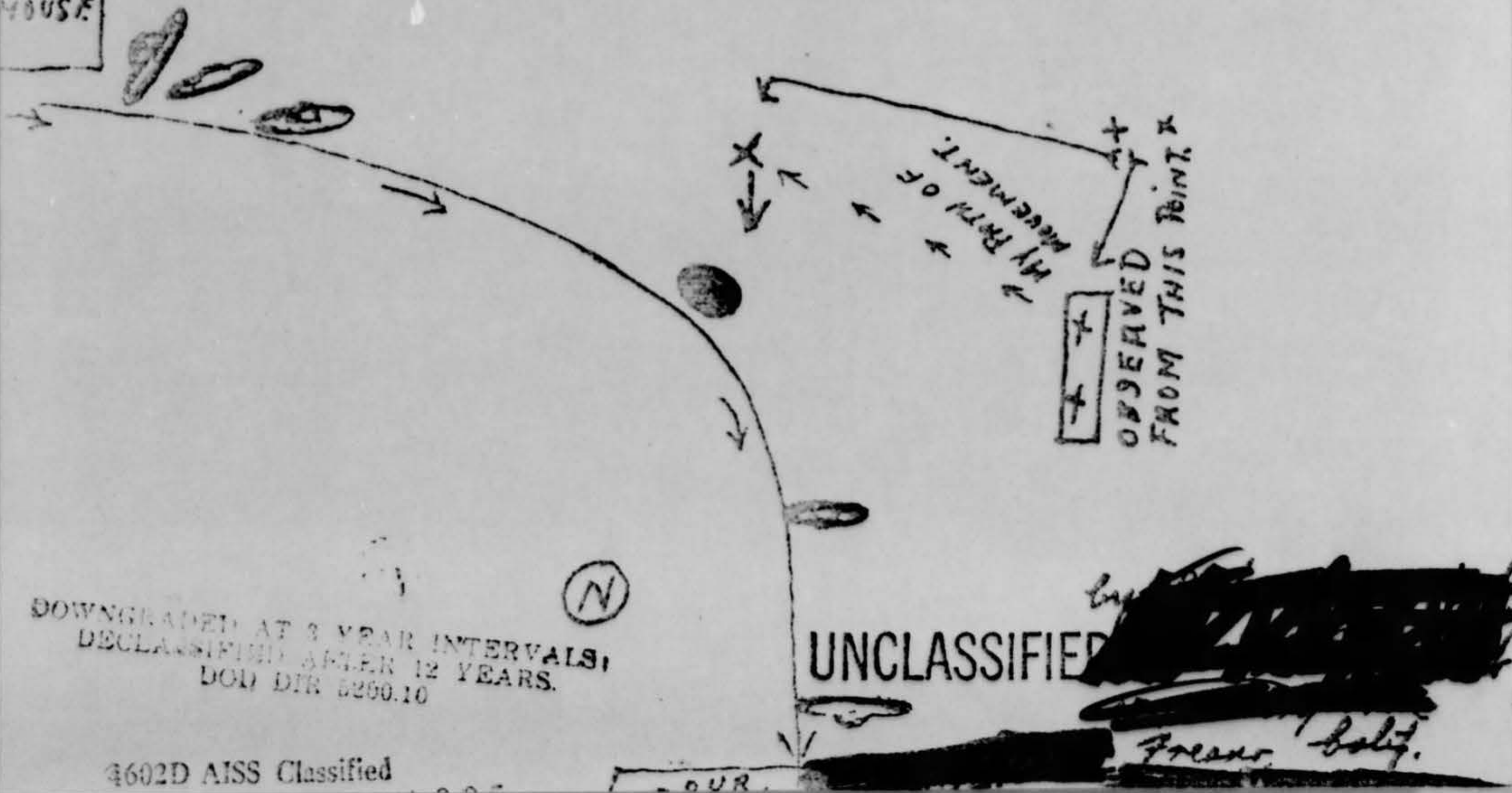
Very steady flight - no wobble - slow + graceful like - flight at a very slight downward angle, very odd odor some time after passing cannot even guess at odor - just a stink -

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MR
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OUR
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16TH OCT - 1956

Charles W. Godsey.
Captain, USAF

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Dear Sir:

Received your letter and forms of this date. I notice you thank me for reporting sighting - I mailed three sketches of three sightings with a note about others - I hope you received all of them. In any case - copies are on hand - will be glad to forward same - but my job will be a little easier if you would kindly forward forms necessary to give detail, these forms make it very much easier to complete the picture.

Certainly happy to know where to forward data - it certainly was a long drawn out affair trying to give information on hand to proper parties.

Thanks to you Sir - and I hope to be of a little help some where along the line -

Yours Sincerely

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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?

31ST / AUGUST / 1956
Day / Month / Year

2. Time of day:

~~7:55~~ 8 / 55
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?

[Redacted] / FRESNO / CALIFORNIA
Nearest Postal Address / City or Town / State or Country

Additional remarks:

5. Estimate how long you saw the object:

Hours / Minutes / 145^{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?

From- c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

To e. Other Directly overhead

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

Traveled
struck

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:

It moved behind garage roof going away

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?

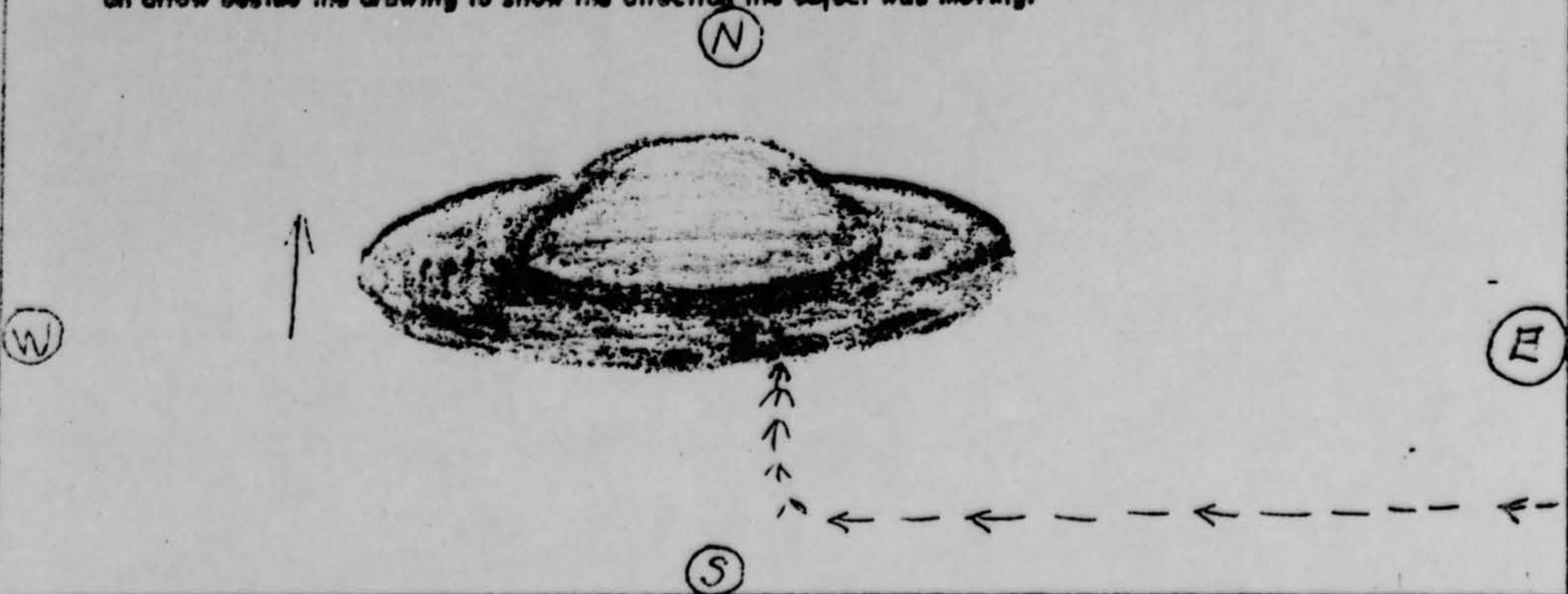
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	<u>No</u>	e. <u>Binoculars</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	<u>No</u>	f. Telescope	Yes	<u>No</u>
c. Windshield	Yes	<u>No</u>	g. Theodolite	Yes	<u>No</u>
d. Window glass	Yes	<u>No</u>	h. Other _____		

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

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- a. Sound None whatever
- b. Color Smoky grey or Dove 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

a. Other Object looked very solid
- I would say edges were
blended in with the
whole -

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

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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.

30 feet. Very hard to estimate positive size at night - not knowing height of object.

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 slightly larger.
- 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?

appeared to just vanish - my wife explained it that way - she ran to side of garage to follow flight - I remained to keep it in binoculars - had to move backward to do so - garage finally hid it from my view

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. of a light-durable metal
- #2. 30 to 50 feet diameter - 12 to 15 feet in height
- #3. Washing machine lid or cover (upside down) with a dome center top side (more like squatty dome) about one third size in diameter of base.

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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 _____

24. 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 I would call it fringe area of Business section.

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

Doing our regular sightings - we spend an hour to three hours on good nights - you might say just observing + chatting -

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? _____ 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

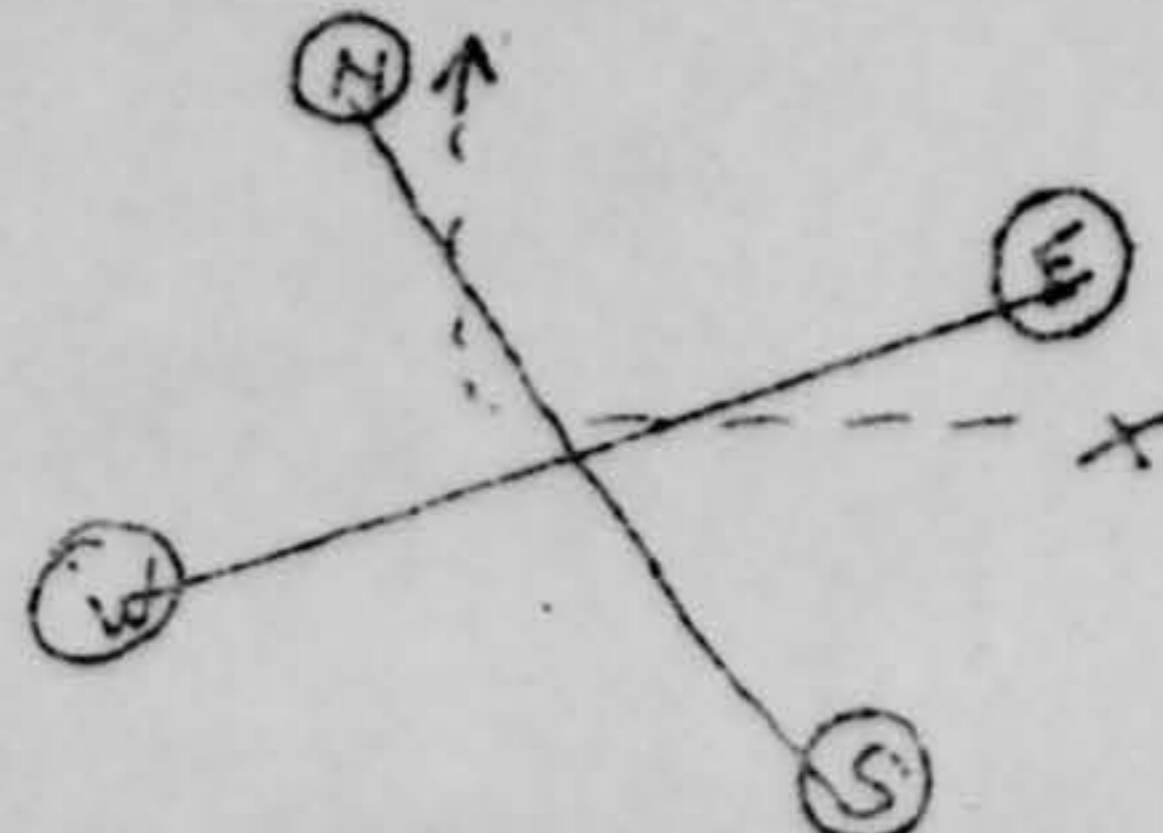
31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

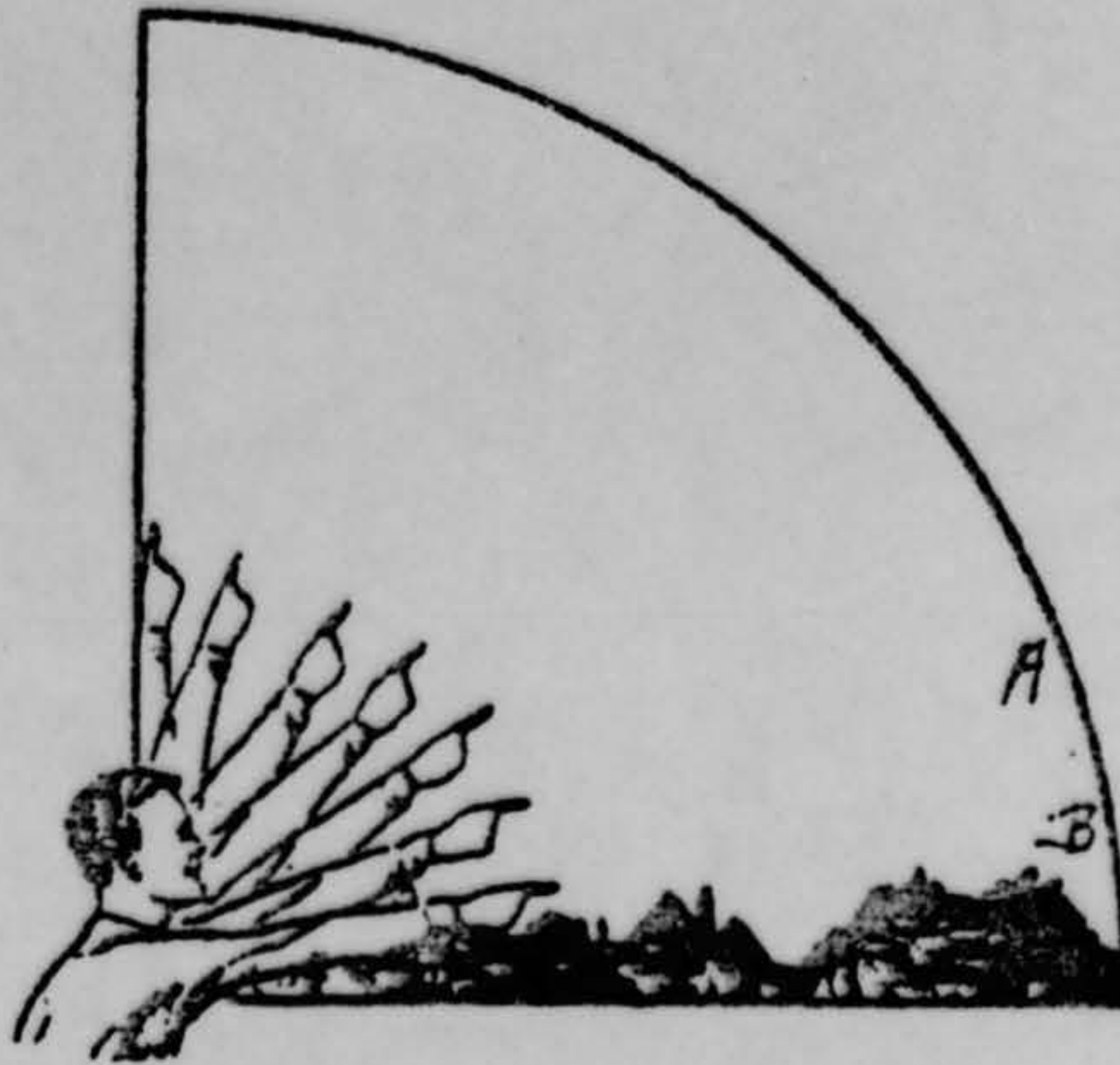
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

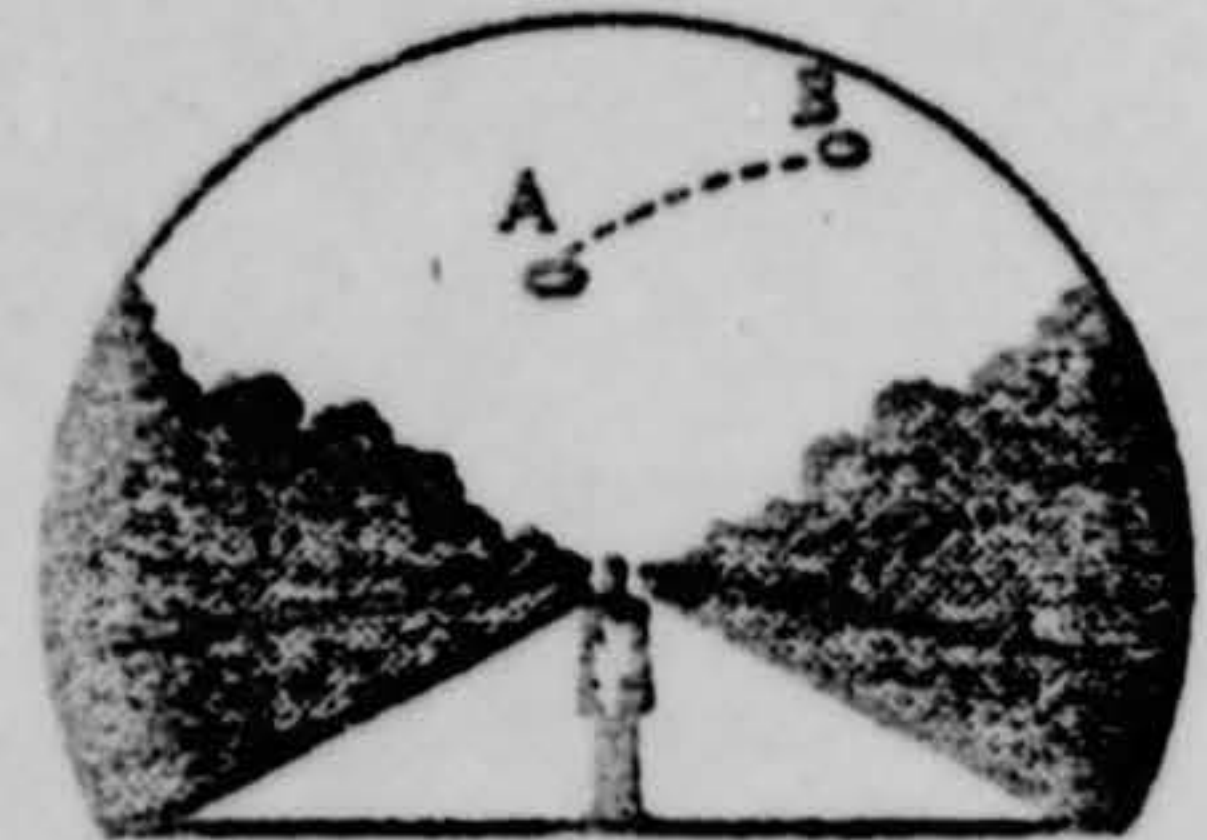
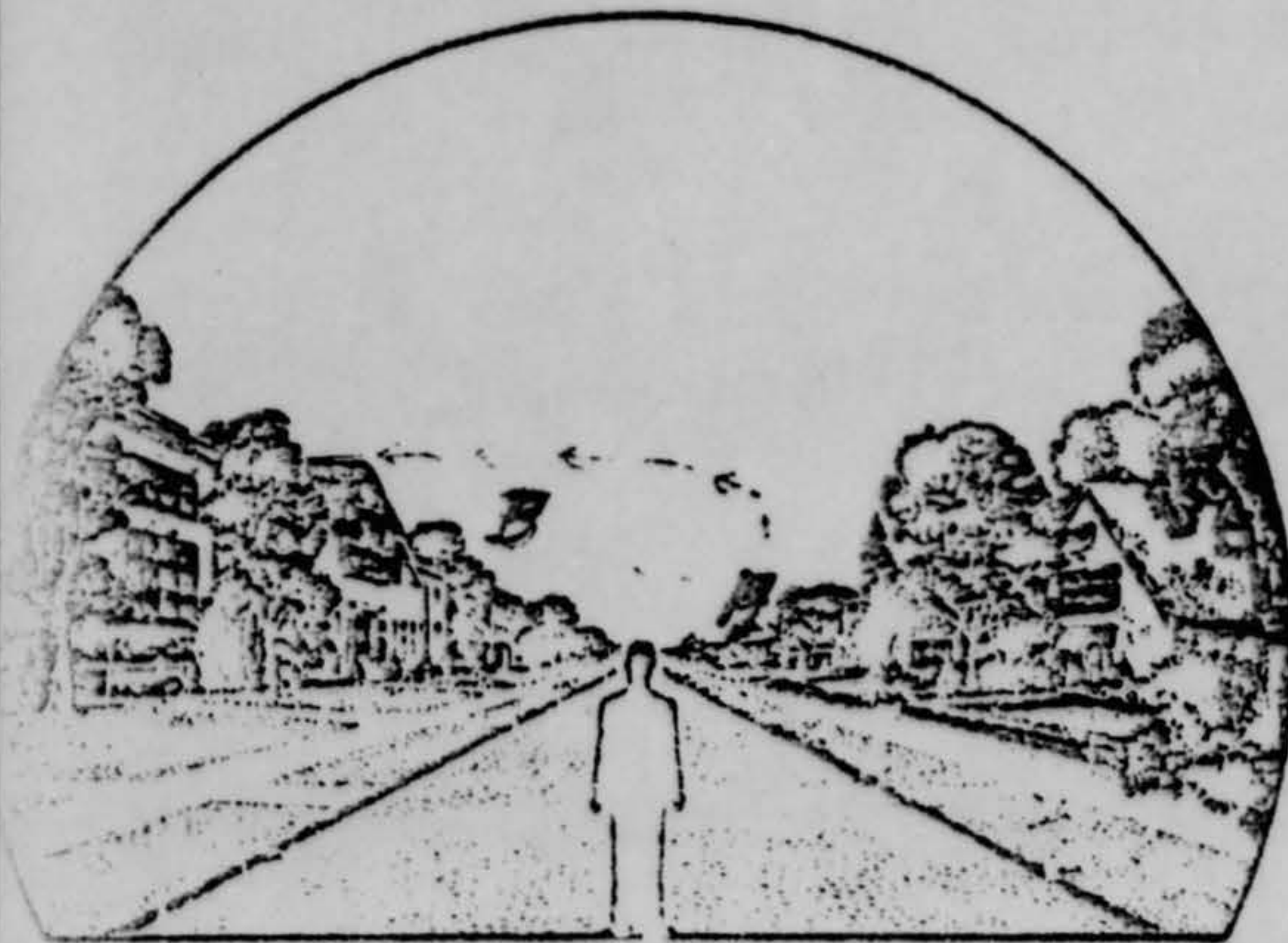
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.



22. 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.



23. 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.



object came to-ward us and curved as it was very near to direct overhead

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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 SEPT Year 1956

Day before letter was mailed to local base Com -

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:

*My WIFE - [REDACTED]
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA.*

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this? + others of different nature ✓

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

*as per sketches on lunch - AUG 29 - 1956 - AUG 30 - 1956 -
Sept 9th 1956 - (2) Sept 24th 1956. others not recorded
only remembered.*

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it? I DO NOT KNOW -

*In my opinion and from past sightings - a type of aircraft -
not known to us as we know the airplane or airship - I know
what caused it - I would say advanced thinking backed up
with know how along scientific lines. what I have seen I
have done everything in my power to explain away as natural
phenomena - but - six of the sightings just do
not fit into our way of thinking or knowledge we possess*

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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? 50 m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No *when passing overhead appeared to be high for a streamlined object -*

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] Last Name [REDACTED] First Name [REDACTED] Middle Name [REDACTED]
ADDRESS [REDACTED] Street FRESNO City 1 Zone CALIF State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? Sales + Service [REDACTED]

Age 50 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school _____
- b. High school _____
- c. College 1 year
- d. Post graduate _____
- e. e. Technical school PARKS AIR COLLEGE
(Type) AIRCRAFT
- f. Other special training MID CONTINENT AIR LINES (PROPELLERS)

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

16 TH Day OCT Month 1956 Year

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(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)

(Do Not Write In This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

CODE:

DATE OCT-16-1956

First - May I mention that shortly after passage of flying object my wife and I could not help but notice a very peculiar odor - nothing I could recall anytime in my life - can only say it was a plain stink - lasted for about 20 minutes -

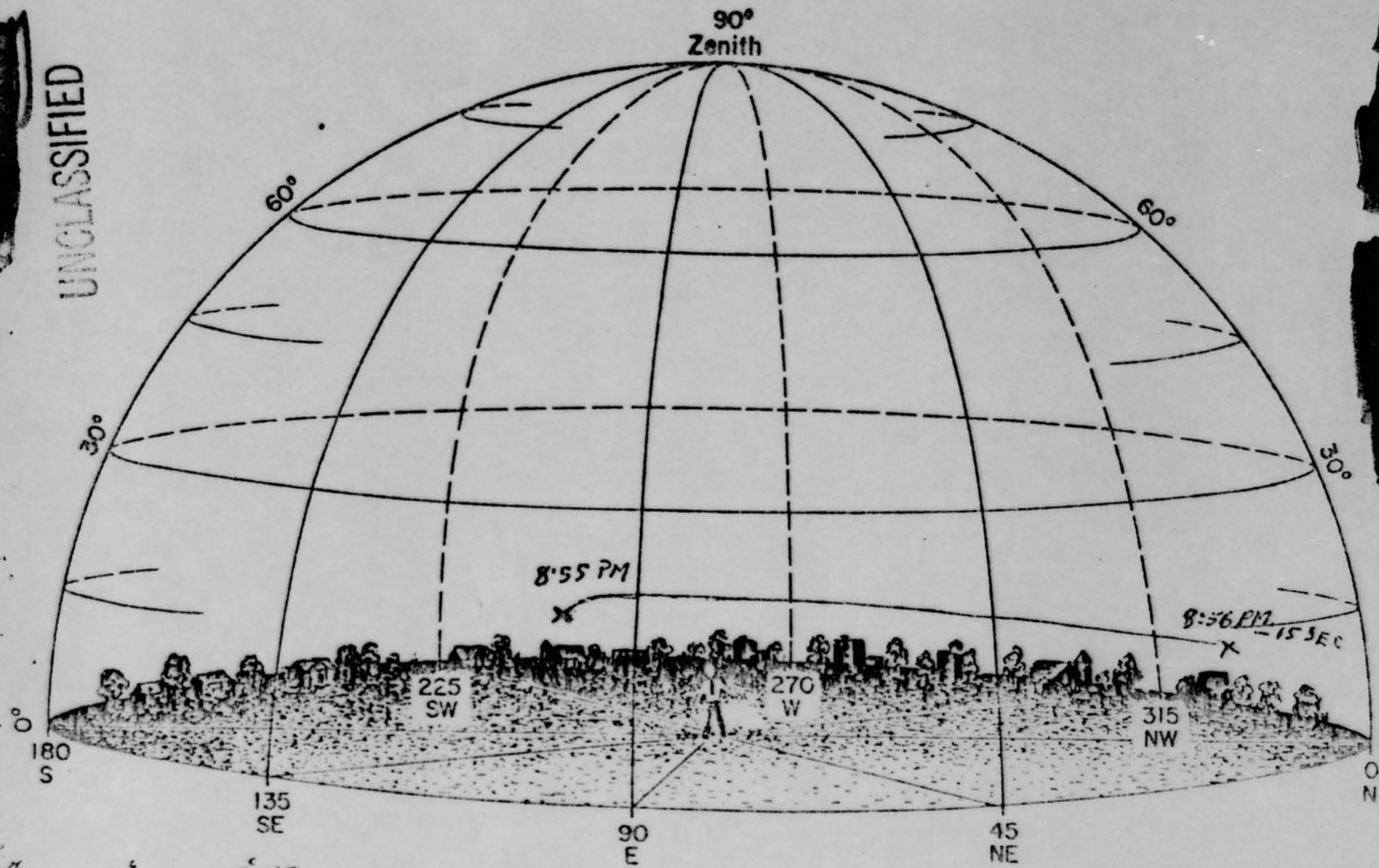
Next [REDACTED] + myself were sitting on bench in back yard enjoying cup of coffee - binoculars on seat - we sight planes and any object that happens to attract our vision. My wife first pointed out object - described herein and remarked - what's that - on seeing it I remarked - that's a new one - we watched it approach it looked like what is called flying saucer - it appeared dove grey in colour - no lights - I reached for glasses and had a little trouble getting it in field (10x50 glasses) on fixing it knew I was looking at something I had never seen before - but it was very plain. While holding glasses on object - I said to my wife - If there is such

a thing as a flying saucer then we are seeing one - held it in view by stepping back^{ward} - as by this time it circled directly overhead and headed north - (approaching from east) called to wife to keep it in view as it was passing over garage and I did not want to lose one second of sighting. I watched it go below garage roof line + dashed down to where Mrs. Gargood was standing - too late - she said just plain vanished.

I immediately questioned the Mrs as to sound and her observation - nothing outstanding - no noise - no sound of any kind - no lights - no glow - no nothing - while we compared sighting we kept up constant look-out for maybe a return - NONE - about five to six minutes later - I asked - what in blazes is that stink - she said - I was about to ask some thing - we checked alley + looked for smoke - none - just an awful stink - it remained about 20 minutes.

We both agreed the colour was smoky grey or dove grey - object was SOLID. I made rough sketch + notes right away. After making sketch did everything possible to figure out what it was - allowing for just about everything - nothing seemed to replace that which we had seen. The time was noted on observation + immediately afterward - this was due to other sightings of which we had been not to hold on - it was due to these other sightings that I purchased the binoculars - and have since exchanged them for 16X50 from 10X50.

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" 15° TO 12° on HORIZON

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO

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AISOC

30 October 1956

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: AFOIN LEL
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Inclosed is AISOP Form No. 5 (copy) on sighting No. AISS-
UFOB-398-56, Fresno, California together with two (2) inclosures.

2. This letter will be downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED when the
inclosure is withdrawn or not attached.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

CHARLES W. CODSEY
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

1 Incl:
AISOP Form 5 w/2Incls

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FRESNO AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE
CALIFORNIA AIR NATIONAL
P.O. BOX 3290, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

27 September 1956

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander
144th Fighter-Interceptor Wing
Hayward ANG Base
P.O. Box 539
Hayward, California

1. Inclosed for your information and action is a letter, with three (3) attachments, relative to Unidentified Flying Objects observed and reported by a local resident.

4 Incl:
1 Ltr
2,3,4-Sketches

GEORGE W. EDMONDS
Lt Col, Cal ANG
Commander

WADJ

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HQ, 144TH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR WING, Hayward ANGB, Calif., 1 Oct 56

TO: The Adjutant General, State of California, Sacramento, Calif.

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Hq Fresno ANG Base, 27 Sep 56, Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects

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State of Calif., Military Dept., OTAG, Sacramento, Calif., 3 Oct 56

TO: Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

FOR THE ACTING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

4 Incls:
n/c

ROY R. SANTIN
Colonel, AF, Cal ANG
Deputy, Air Opns & Tng

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Maj Graham

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Base Commander
Air National Guard
Fresno, California

Aug 20th 1956.

Dear Major Graham.

My best wishes for your good health.
You will recall my phone conversation
regarding a central point for forwarding
UFO information.

Enclosed are three sketches (Rough) on this
matter. I have others on hand - but forward
ing only those which were observed through
10x50 night glasses. Have other sightings
also that were not sketched due to my
not realizing that others were to follow.
I hope I have not wasted your time, and
that these may be of some interest to
those at Hamilton Fld.

Thanking you for your help + consideration.

Yours truly -

~~_____~~

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UNCLASSIFIED Fresno, California

P.S. Please excuse my haphazard
stationary

Phone ~~_____~~

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AUG 29TH 1956

[REDACTED]

John

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- 1. TIME 8:15 PM. PLUS OR MINUS FEW SECONDS
- 2. SIZE (NAKED EYE) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " - $3\frac{1}{2}$ "
- 3. COLOUR WHITE - WITH BLUE PATCHES - EXCEEDINGLY BRILLIANT
SIMILAR TO MOON & DARK AREAS.
- 4. THE WHOLE OBJECT PULSATING
- 5. NO TAIL - NO SPARKS
- 6. TWO (2) SHORT STOCKY EXHAUSTS.
- 7. NO NOISE
- 8. SPEED - VERY FAST.
- 9. IN VIEW 8 TO 9 SECONDS.

Very clear sky -
NO WIND



X Vanished without exploding

STRAIGHT OR LEVEL FLIGHT
ABOUT ONE BLOCK DISTANCE

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By [REDACTED]
7 Fresno, Calif.
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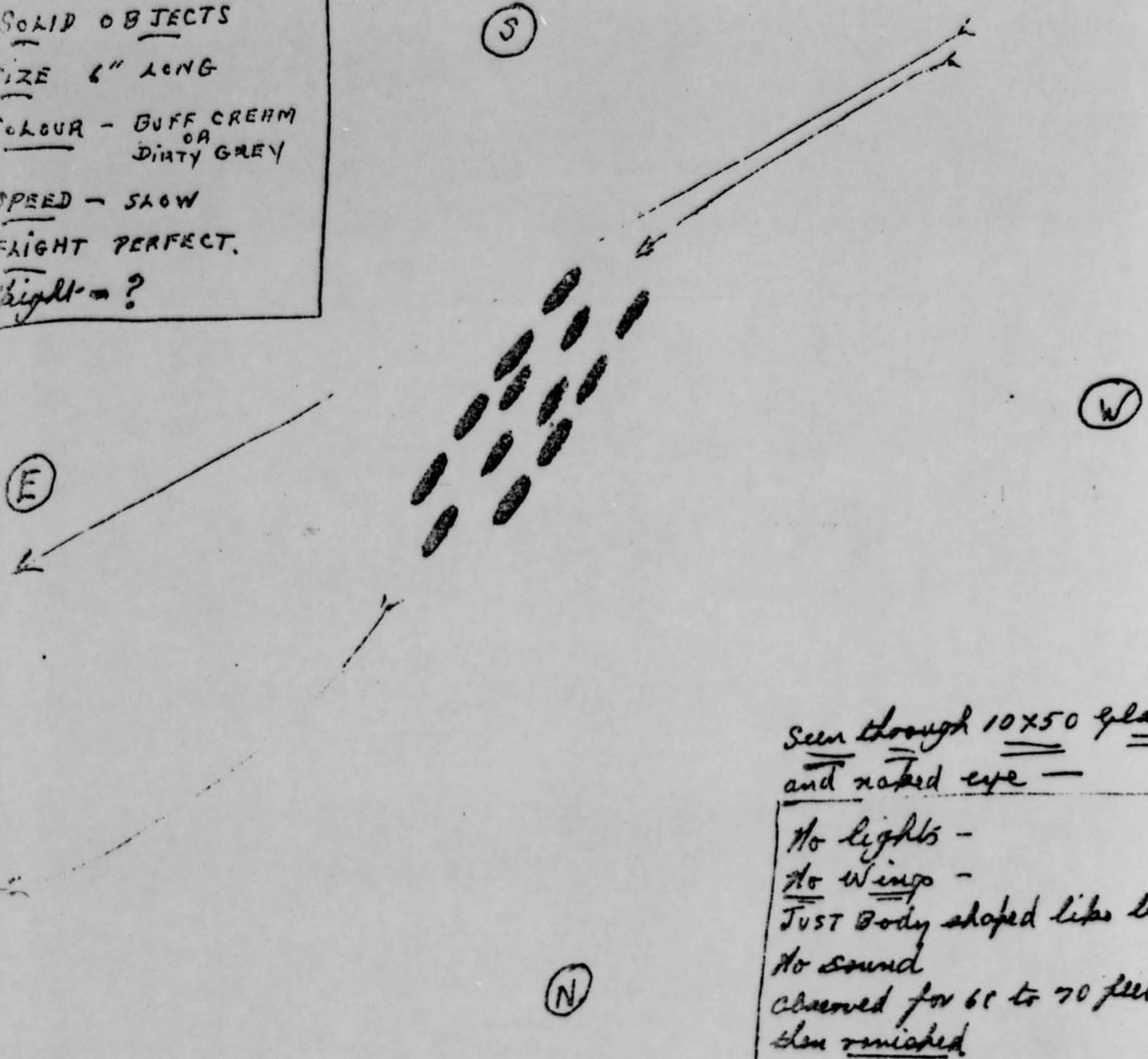
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SKY - CLEAR.

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SOLID OBJECTS
 SIZE 6" LONG
 COLOUR - BUFF CREAM
 OR
 DIRTY GREY
 SPEED - SLOW
 FLIGHT PERFECT.
 Bright - ?



Seen through 10x50 glasses
and naked eye -

No lights -
 No wings -
 Just Body shaped like bin
 No sound
 observed for 60 to 70 feet
 then vanished

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