

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 Jan 61	2. LOCATION Maxwell AFB, Alabama		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2030 GMT 240130Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" 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 Military and Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <i>METEOR</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE E-W or SE-NW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A "round disc" or "ball-like" object, blue or blue-white in color. Variously described as half-dollar to basketball in regard to size. "Burned out" before hitting ground. All observers saw the object to the S, possibly over the Gulf of Mexico. It was moving E-W or possible SE-NW. One observer guesses the speed as 450 mph or faster. Another estimated altitude as "above 30,000 ft." Appeared 180° fm true N. 45-60° fm horizon. Disappeared 180° fm true N, 30° fm horizon.		11. COMMENTS Description and duration is characteristic of a meteor entering the earth's atmosphere. There were a large number of witnesses, indicating that it was a fairly large meteor which penetrated the lower reaches of the earth's atmosphere where it burned out before reaching the earth's surface.	

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

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DATE

23 Jan 61

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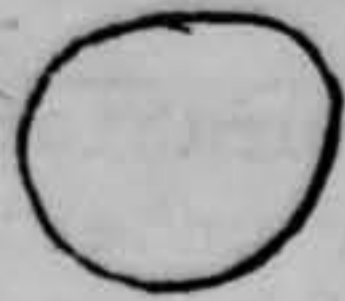
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16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound NONE

b. Color BLUE OR BLUE-WHITE

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.



"ROUND DISC" OR "BALL LIKE"
WITH "LONG ARCHING TAIL"

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.

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, 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. The object appeared:

(Circle One): a. As a light b. Shiny c. Dark d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars?

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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. Flash or flicker?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Don't Know
h. Disappear and reappear?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Don't Know

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

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: _____

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

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following? SEE SECT 24 FOR BREAKDOWN

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	_____	

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. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar?

VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS HALF-DOLLAR TO BASKETBALL

22. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? "BURNED OUT"
BEFORE HITTING

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, 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. REPORTED TO MAXWELL O. D. BY.

1) 4 T-33 PILOTS IN MAXWELL AREA. ACFT FLYING 4,000' TO 19,000'.
ONE PILOT ESTIMATED ALT OF OBJECT AS "ABOVE 30,000 FT".

2) 3 CIVILIANS IN MONTSDOMERY AREA. ONE GUESSED IT MIGHT BE
TRAVELING 430 MPH OR FASTER.

3) NATIONAL GUARD TOWER OPERATOR AT BIRMINGHAM.

ALL OBSERVERS SAW THE OBJECT TO THE SOUTH, POSSIBLY OVER
THE GULF. IT WAS MOVING EAST TO WEST OR POSSIBLY SE TO NW

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 (type)
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

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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. 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?

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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
- i. Overhead

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
- i. Overhead

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

31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 180 degrees.
- b. From horizon 45 - 60 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 180 degrees.
- b. From horizon 30 degrees.

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

NO WIND

35. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

_____ Day _____ Month _____ 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?

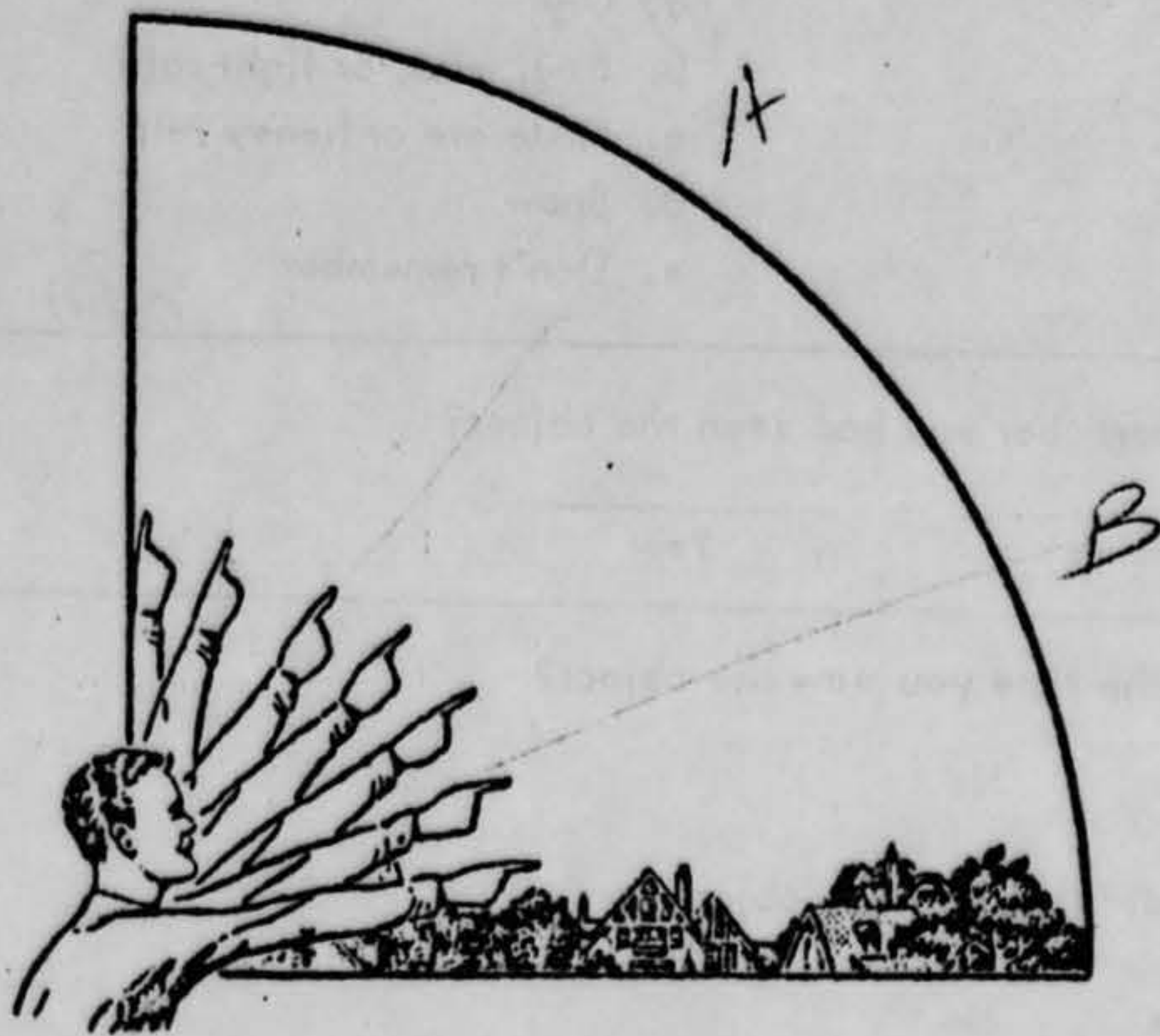
(Circle One) Yes No

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

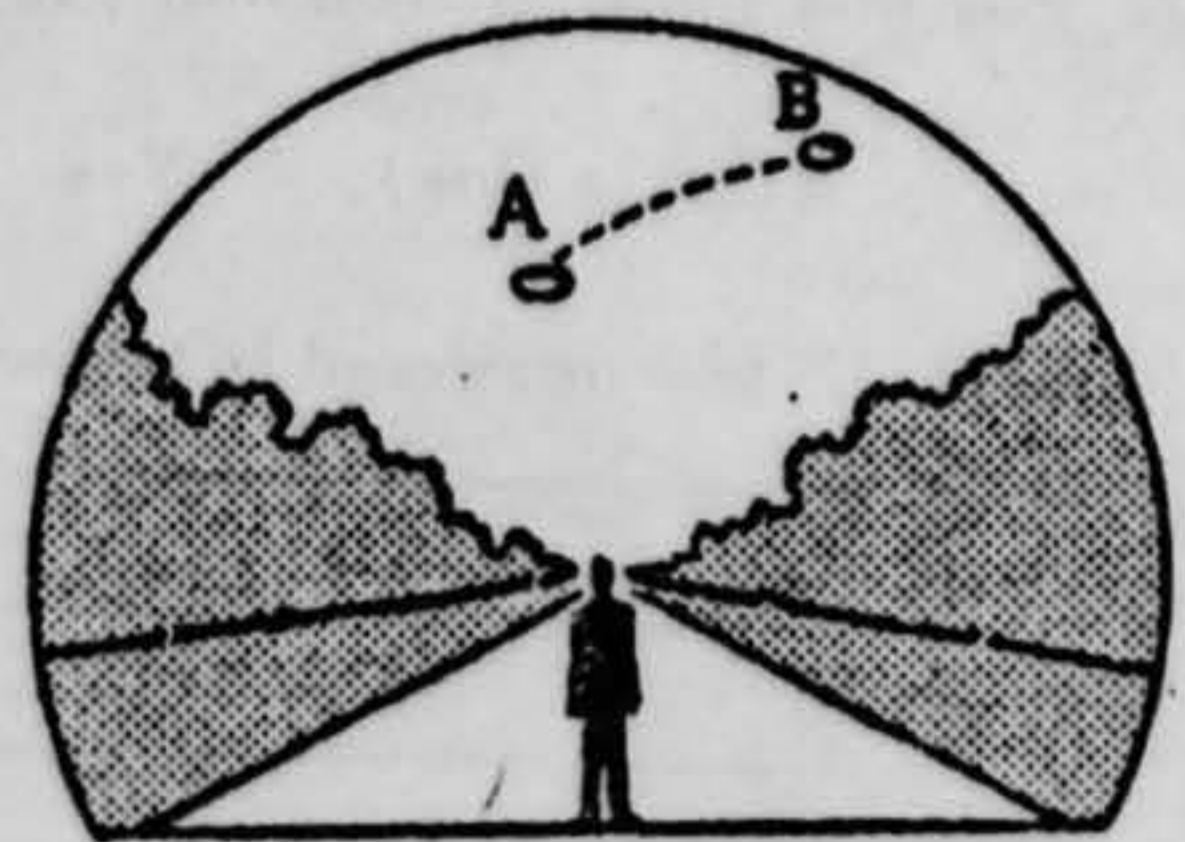
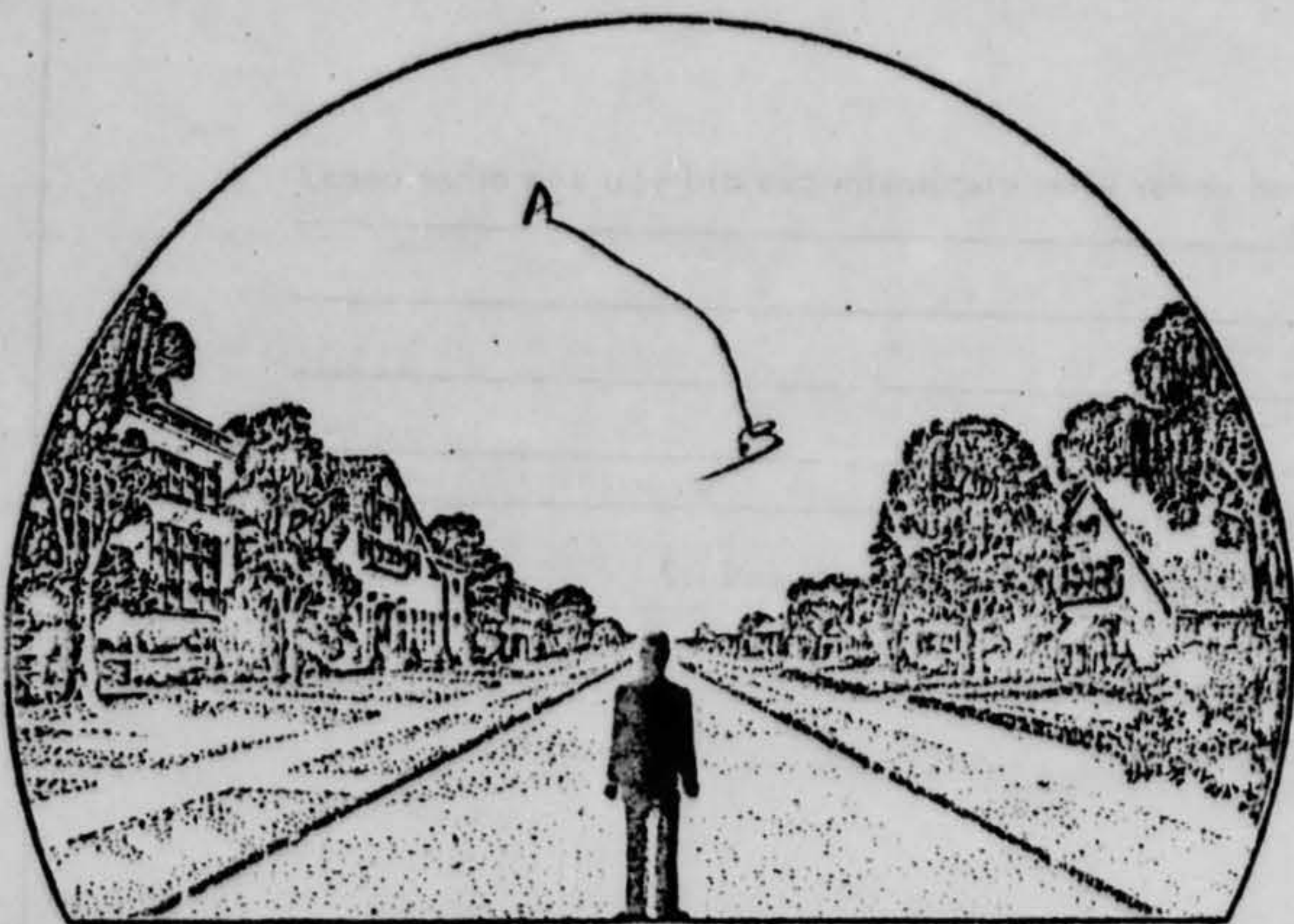
38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

POSSIBLE METEOR

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.



39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

ONE CIVILIAN OBSERVER GUESSED
IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 450 MPH +

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? _____

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME Col [REDACTED] _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS MAXWELL O.D. _____
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

Age _____ Sex _____

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any education, which might be pertinent.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 23 Jan 61
Day Month Year