

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Aug 61		2. LOCATION Kentland, Indiana		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2320 GMT 040630Z		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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1-2min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE ENE		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objt with wide fan of light behind. Speed and sound of a/c with system of lights.				11. COMMENTS Probable a/c. Speed, size, altitude and flight characteristics conform to known flight patterns. Sound when passing overhead indicates a/c. (conventional) as does lighting effects through telescope. Possible explanation of bright light is a/c running with landing light/lights on. This may not explain trailing position of light as a/c approaches, but there is the possibility that light may have appeared to trail while actually it was facing downward.	

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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?

*Chewing stars with a small telescope and watching  
for shooting stars. leaning back in my chair  
it caught my attention as I was scanning the  
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      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | <u>f. Southwest</u> | h. Northwest |
|              |              |                     | i. Overhead  |

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

- |                     |              |              |              |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North            | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| <u>b. Northeast</u> | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | 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).

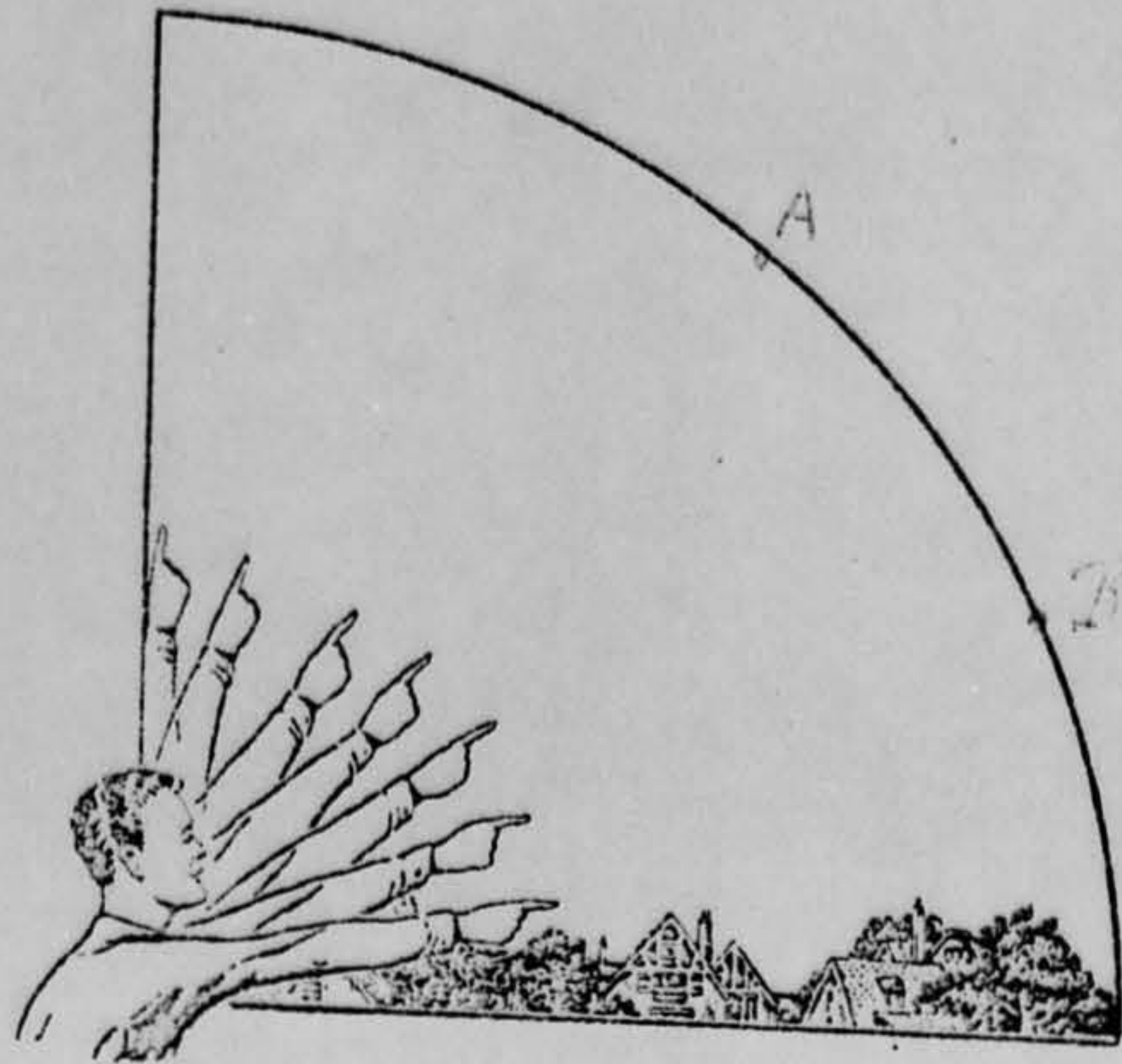
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 225 degrees.
- b. From horizon 75° degrees.

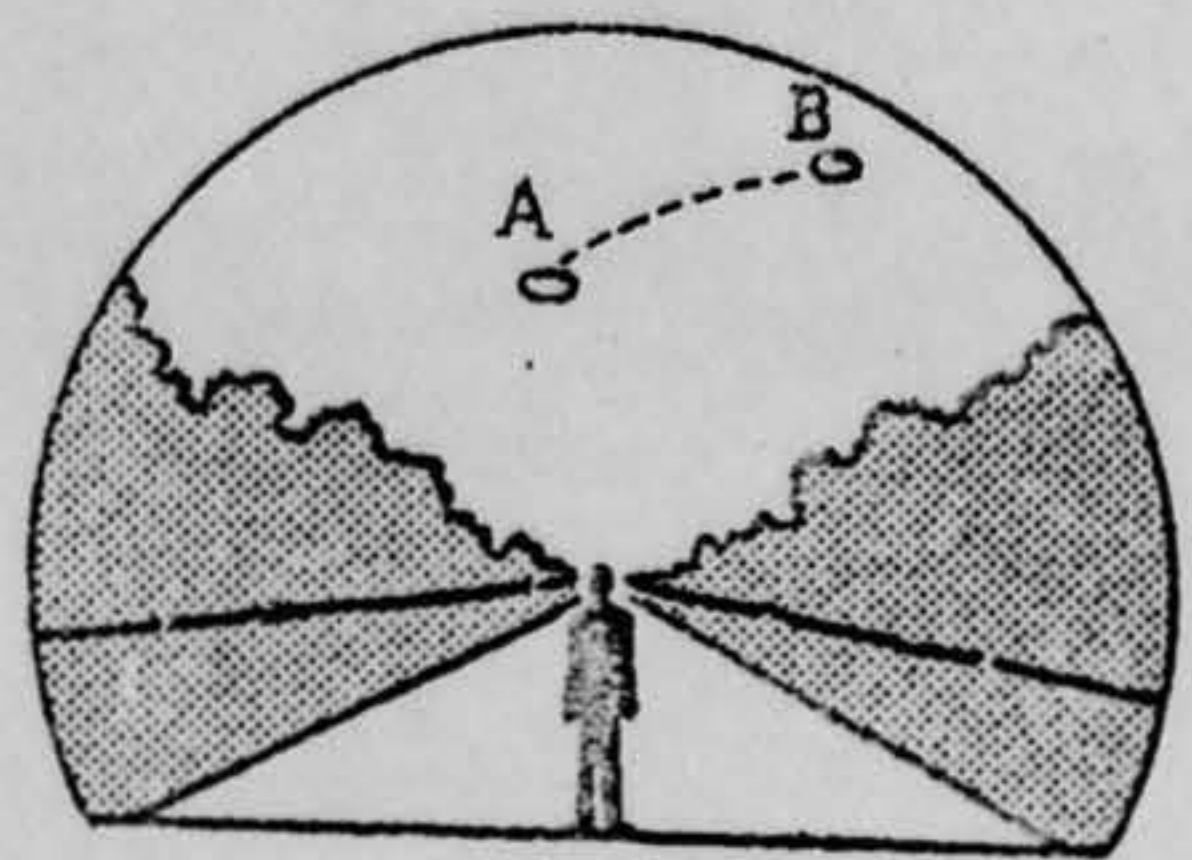
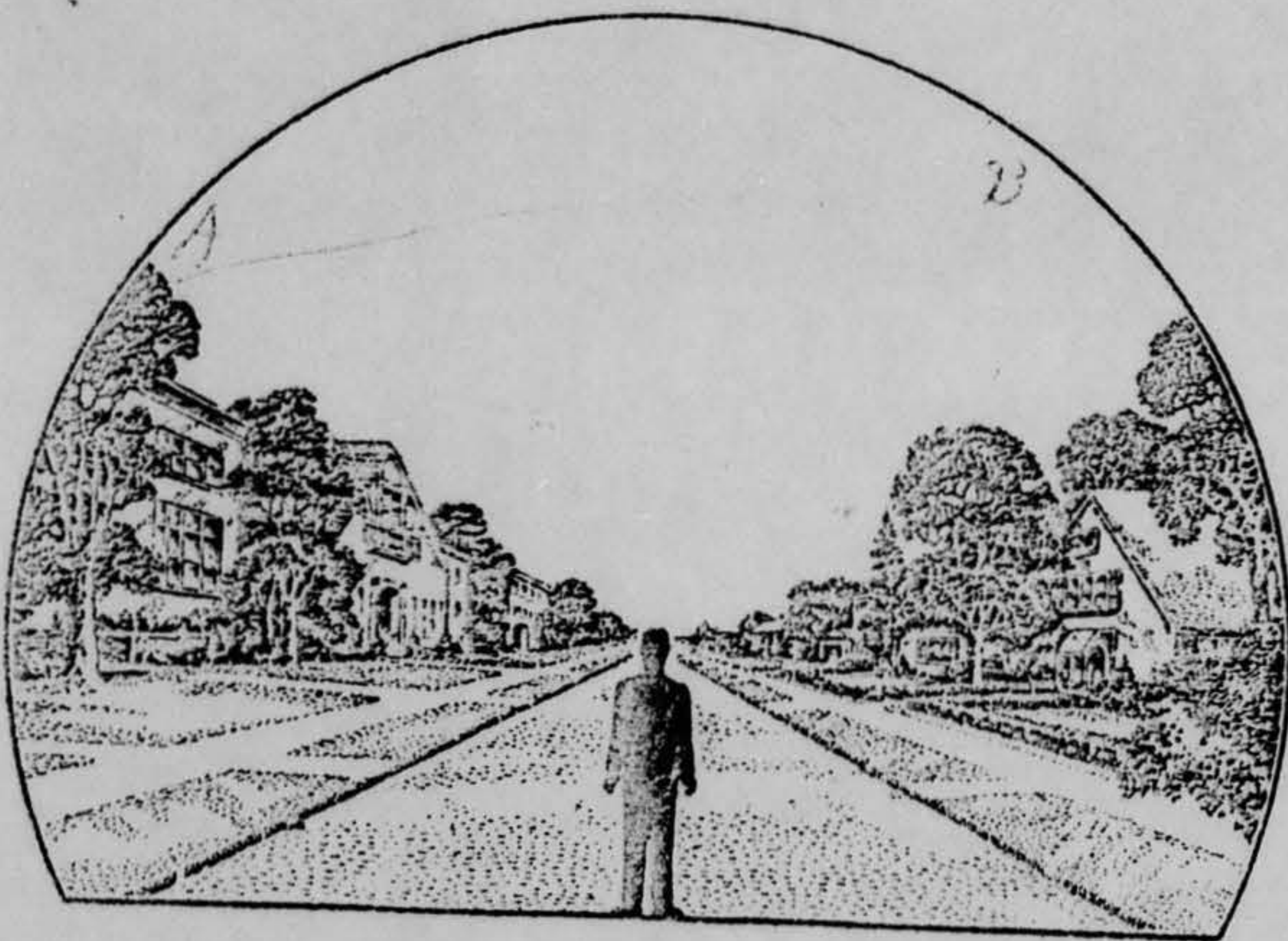
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 75° 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?

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

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

7 August 1941  
 Day Month Year

*Mr. S. W. Phipps, Command  
 Headquarters, Colorado  
 Springs, Co.*

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:

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
*Kentland, Indiana*

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?

*The object was an aircraft of some sort*

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] KENTLAND [REDACTED] INDIANA  
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

Age 19 Sex MALE

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

*I have had a semester of astronomy  
 at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana*

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> October 1961  
Day Month Year

**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 September 10, 1961

On the evening of August 3, 1961 we were sitting in the back yard, in Kendall, Indiana, with a small telescope. We had been watching Jupiter and Saturn. We were leaning back in our chairs looking for meteors and awaiting the 1207 passage of Echo-I satellite. The object in question caught our attention about 75 degrees above the horizon. It was moving in an east-north-easterly direction, and appeared to be moving at about the speed of a plane. We both immediately thought that it was a comet; it had a bright nucleus and a wide fan of light behind it, as a comet. I immediately tried to get it in focus with the telescope. I failed. I removed it just before it reached the meridian. It was

Then that I realized that it was not a  
 comet. It appeared to have a regular of  
 lights on it and then ~~some~~ sound from it  
 was heard. I lost it with the telescope and  
 my companion continued to watch it. He  
 says that it became very bright as it  
 passed overhead. When it passed the zenith,  
 perhaps the strangest thing of all occurred:  
 the direction of the tail or fan changed. It had  
 been in the ~~opposite~~ opposite direction  
 of the object's movement; now it was  
 directly in front of the object, as the  
 headlights of a car. When the object had  
 disappeared, I checked my watch; 11:34 PM CDT

I have spent many hours observing the  
 stars and planets with my telescope, and since  
 Kentland is on an airline out of Chicago I  
 have observed many airplanes at night & I  
 know what they look like. It is because  
 this object was so much out of the ordinary  
 that I feel compelled to report it.





[REDACTED]  
Kentland, Indiana  
August 4, 1961

U.S. Air Defense Command Headquarters  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Sir:

I am writing to report the sighting of a UFO by myself and a friend of mine, [REDACTED]. The following report is as accurate as our short observation of the object will permit.

On the evening of August 3, 1961 we were sitting in the back yard, in Kentland, Indiana, with a small telescope. We had been watching Jupiter and Saturn. We were leaning back in our chairs looking for meteors and awaiting the 12:07 passage of Echo I satellite. The object in question caught our attention about 45 degrees above the horizon. It was moving in an East-North-east direction and appeared to be moving at about the speed of a plane. We both immediately thought that it was a comet; it had a bright nucleus and a wide fan of light behind it, as a comet. I immediately tried to get it in focus with the telescope (60X), and I succeeded just before it reached the zenith. It was then that I realized that it was not a comet. It appeared to have a system of lights on it and then sound from it was heard. I lost it with the telescope and my companion continued to watch it. He says that it became very bright as it passed overhead. When it had passed the zenith, perhaps the strangest thing of all occurred; the direction of the tail or fan changed. It had been in the opposite direction of the object's movement; now it was directly in front of the object, as the headlights of a car. When the object had disappeared, I checked my watch: 11:34 PM CDT.

I have spent many hours observing the stars and planets with my telescope, and since Kentland is on an airline out of Chicago, I have observed many airplanes at night; I know what they look like. It is because this object was so much out of the ordinary that I feel compelled to report it.

I would be very interested in and would appreciate very much any information you might find concerning this object.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Kentland, Indiana

This is a small sketch of the object sighted.



It looked very much like a comet with an unusually wide tail.

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5 SEP 1961

UFO Sighting

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Kentland, Indiana

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter reporting the sighting of a UFO has been forwarded to the Foreign Technology Division. It does not contain sufficient information for a valid conclusion; therefore, request you and your friend complete the attached forms and return them in the attached self-addressed envelopes as soon as possible.

Sincerely

*Edward H. Wynn 5 Sep 61*  
EDWARD H. WYNN  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Science  
and Components

2 Atchs

1. ATIC Form 164, 2 cys.
2. Self-addressed envelopes, 2 ea.

COORDINATION: TD-E

*Robert J. Friend* DATE *1 Sept 61*  
Major Robert J. Friend

**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.

<p>1. When did you see the object?</p> <p align="center"><u>3</u>      <u>August</u>      <u>1961</u></p> <p align="center">Day                      Month                      Year</p>	<p>2. Time of day: <u>11:34</u> PM</p> <p align="center">Hour                      Minutes</p> <p>(Circle One):      A.M.      or      <input checked="" type="radio"/> P.M.</p>		
<p>3. Time Zone: (Circle One):</p> <table style="width:100%; border:none;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%; border:none;">                 a. Eastern                  b. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Central                  c. Mountain                  d. Pacific                  e. Other _____             </td> <td style="width:50%; border:none;">                 (Circle One): a. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Daylight Saving                  b. Standard             </td> </tr> </table>		a. Eastern b. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Central c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other _____	(Circle One): a. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Daylight Saving b. Standard
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<p>4. Where were you when you saw the object?</p> <p><u>[REDACTED]</u>      <u>Kentland</u>      <u>Indiana</u></p> <p align="center">Nearest Postal Address      City or Town      State or Country</p> <p>Additional remarks: _____</p>			
<p>5. How long was object in sight?      _____</p> <p align="center">Hours                      <u>1 or 2</u>                      Seconds</p> <p align="center">Minutes</p> <p>5.1 How was time in sight determined?</p> <table style="width:100%; border:none;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%; border:none;">                 a. Certain                  b. Fairly certain             </td> <td style="width:50%; border:none;">                 c. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not very sure                  d. Just a guess             </td> </tr> </table>		a. Certain b. Fairly certain	c. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not very sure d. Just a guess
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<p>6. What was the condition of the sky?</p> <table style="width:100%; border:none;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%; border:none;">                 DAY                  a. Bright                  b. Cloudy             </td> <td style="width:50%; border:none;">                 NIGHT                  a. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Bright                  b. Cloudy             </td> </tr> </table>		DAY a. Bright b. Cloudy	NIGHT a. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Bright b. Cloudy
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<p>7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?</p> <p>(Circle One):</p> <table style="width:100%; border:none;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%; border:none;">                 a. In front of you                  b. In back of you                  c. To your right             </td> <td style="width:50%; border:none;">                 d. To your left                  e. Overhead                  f. Don't remember             </td> </tr> </table>		a. In front of you b. In back of you c. To your right	d. To your left e. Overhead f. Don't remember
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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?

Yes

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                                  | No                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't Know                                  |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes                                  | No                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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

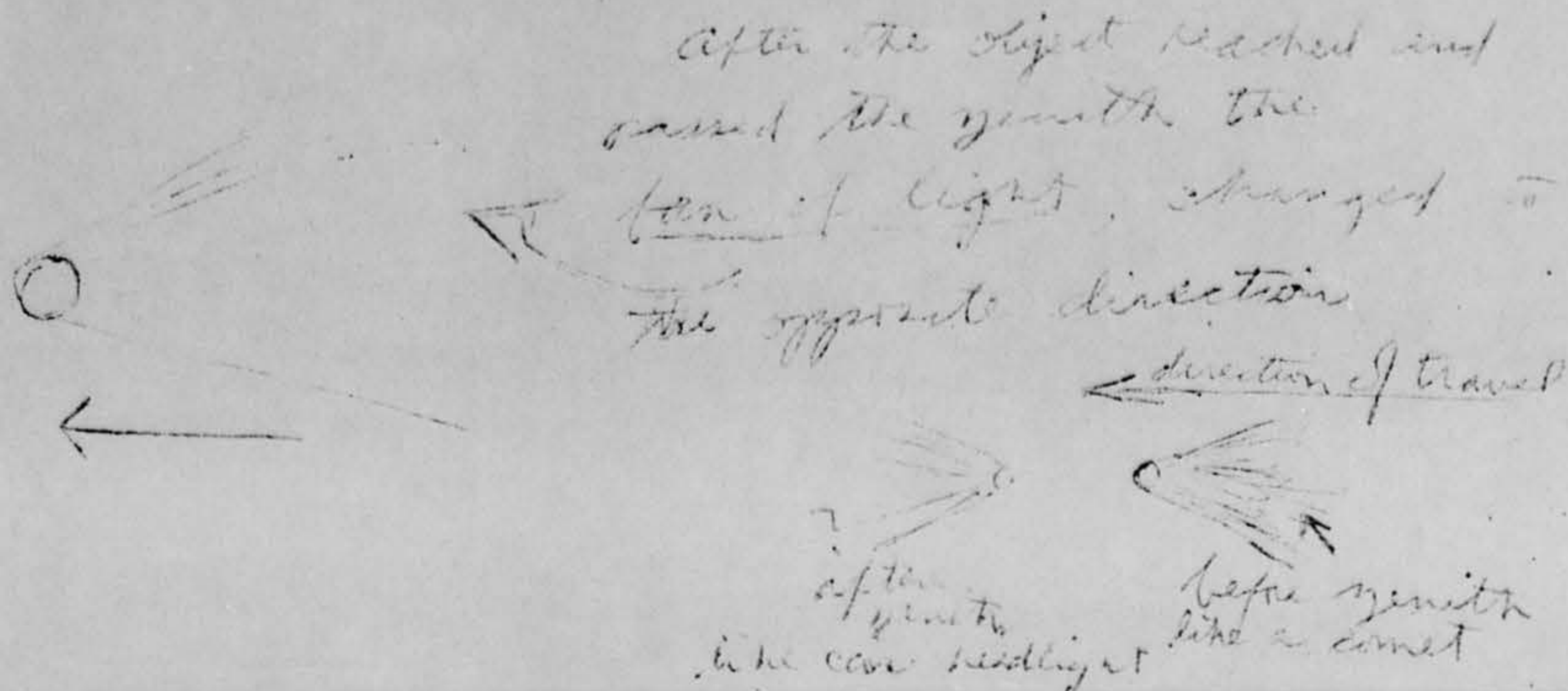
15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- |                 |     |                                     |                |                                      |                                     |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  |
| c. Windshield   | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite  | Yes                                  | 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 Like an airplane - but it was overhead before sound was heard  
 b. Color Through the telescope I noticed two red lights

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.

B

A

It made no change of direction, but traveled in a straight line.

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

I have not been able to form a valid conclusion.

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?

Probably  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

No

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.

I suppose that an automobile headlight placed at sufficient altitude would resemble this object. However I can think of no object that would resemble the fan of light belonging to the object.