

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1961	2. LOCATION Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	INFORMATION ONLY
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	<p>This case was reported in March-April 1966. Since the actual sighting had occurred some time ago it is almost impossible to check it out. Also due to the time lag the pertinent data has probably become distorted. Therefore this case is considered <u>Information Only</u>.</p>
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS	
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9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
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EARLY JANUARY 1 (1961)
RUSHVILLE, NEBRASKA

Civilian U. F. O. Research

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Transcript of article appearing in the Sheridan County (Nebraska) STAR 12 January 1961. Taken from transcript sent to Civilian UFO Research by a member living in the area.

The mysterious fascinates us all. And there was a mysterious object in the heavens over Rushville several nights ago which was seen and smelled by many responsible people in and near Rushville.

Those who saw it reported it looked like a big round light globe that was very bright and visible for a time only to disappear and pop up in some other part of the sky. Some smelled a strong odor of gas, described by Sheriff Hills as very much like tear gas.

Mrs. [REDACTED], her son [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were walking toward [REDACTED] home. The gas odor was so strong they could only take it for a few minutes and by the time they got [REDACTED] the boys eyes were so affected they watered for a couple of hours.

When Mrs. [REDACTED] went to the phone to report it to Sheriff Hills, she looked out the window and saw a very brilliant light that seemed to be floating in the sky over the school house. It was not a flame and did not drop quickly as a meteor or any falling object might, but just weaved its way toward town and suddenly disappeared.

Sheriff [REDACTED] went down town and the gas odor was so strong he at first thought it was tear gas but when he checked his supply, no gas was missing.

The same night [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], driving back from [REDACTED] saw the object near what [REDACTED] thought was the [REDACTED] pasture. He started in that direction but before he could get there the light faded, later appearing to the north of them.

[REDACTED] and other boys driving towards [REDACTED] on Highway 20 saw what looked like a bright globe hovering just at the crest of a hill but as they speeded up to get closer it turned to sort of a rosy glow and faded out.

Near the Rushville hospital [REDACTED] and the two [REDACTED] boys, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], saw the same or a like object in the sky.

[REDACTED] told the story to his science teacher [REDACTED] who, one time not long ago, had seen a classified report on "flying saucers" and other unidentified flying objects being seen all over the nation. Some people and some scientists think that other worlds out there in space may be inhabited and that it is possible they are trying to contact us just as we are trying to reach them. Even the Air Force, which investigated all reports of flying objects (and which sent a major from Rapid City to interview the folks who saw this one) admits that even careful checking fails to turn up any known explanation for about 5% of these reports even though 95% are explainable.

So, keep your eyes on the heavens, some "little men" from outer space might just want to drop in for supper some evening!

I would appreciate comment on this incident.

6 June 1961

Dear [REDACTED]

I have your letters of 26 May and 1 June in hand.

Regarding the Trinidad Island sighting, we know of no photographs being sent to the Brazilian Navy for comparison purposes. However, if you will look closely at the photographs (from your letter I assume you have seen them) you will note that shadows on the ground are the reverse of those on the object. We can only conclude that the photograph was a double exposure.

We have no knowledge of the Rushville, Nebraska, sighting. Perhaps you could furnish more detail. As you know, lightning and fireballs leave a pungent odor (ozone).

Regarding the cited publications in your letter of June 1st, I must point out to you that the Air Force cannot prevent civilians from doing what they will. We must warn them should their acts or intentions involve the Espionage Laws and should they not heed this warning, then we immediately notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation which does have jurisdiction. Whenever a report involves vital intelligence and the civilian concerned is aware that it is vital intelligence, then he is subject to the applicable laws so passed by the Congress of the United States; however, I must emphasize that the Air Force or any defense department is not the enforcing agency. Other federal agencies so constituted would be the body concerned with the prevention of compromise of the security information.

I trust this information explains the questions brought forth in your letters.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN
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Public Information Division

Mr. [REDACTED]
Chicago 18, Illinois

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26 May 1961

Office of Information Services
United States Air Force
Pentagon Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

You are probably aware that, during late 1957 and early 1958, Brazilian Navy personnel observed a number of unidentified flying objects at and near the Island of Trindade, in the Atlantic. One of the people involved in the case has been quoted as saying that U.S. officials sent photographs to Brazilian officials for comparison with photos taken on 16 January 1958 at Trindade.


Since the U.S. Air Force, by virtue of AFR 200-2, has control of UFO research in this country, and therefore would have been the American agency involved, I would like to have this statement confirmed or denied.

In another case, several people in and around Rushville, Nebr., reported seeing a luminous globe early in January, 1961, that emitted a pungent odor. An Air Force major from Rapid City, S.D. (probably Ellsworth AFB), investigated the sighting.

I would like to know the results of his and any other investigations of this particular sighting.

Your immediate attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely;


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DIRECTOR

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1 June 1961

Office of Information Services
United States Air Force
Pentagon Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

In March, 1960 I wrote to you asking for a "reading" on certain phases of the CIRVIS system, as outlined in JANAP-146; particularly in regards to charges that the Air Force can prevent civilian pilots from discussing CIRVIS reports with others.

In his reply of 18 Mar 61, Lt. Col. (then Major) Tacker said that the answer was a "definite 'no'."

May I point out that Section III, para. 210, of JANAP 146(c) states that "all persons aware of the contents or existence of a CIRVIS report" are governed by the Communications Act of 1934 and Espionage Laws. And that "the unauthorized transmission or revelation of the contents of CIRVIS reports in any manner is prohibited."

I understand, of course, that these restrictions are intended for reports of aircraft formations, missiles, submarines, etc. and most likely were not intended for UFO reports. I continue to be confused, however, by the general character of the security provisions; if they did not pertain to one phase of the information desired (UFO's) why was this not specified within the body of the instructions? It certainly would not have required an undue amount of effort.

Would you, for sake of clarification, please inform me as to what extent the security provisions cover UFO's?

Sincerely yours:


Director
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3 October 1961

Major William T. Coleman
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division, USAF
Pentagon Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Major Coleman:

On 10 June 1961, at your request, I sent you information regarding a sighting of an unidentified flying object over Rushville, Nebraska early in January, 1961. I would appreciate knowing, in accordance with AFR 200-2, section 8, the outcome of the official study into this sighting.

Would you please send me a copy of the latest DOD News Release on the subject?

On 7 August 1961, I requested information regarding two Chicago-area sightings. (4 Nov 57, Elmwood Park; 19 Jul 58, Des Plaines, Ill.) I have been trying to obtain information about these incidents for over a year. If I cannot get it through normal channels, I may be forced to seek assistance, as I have done before.

On 11 September 1961, I requested information regarding a series of UFO reports (30 Aug 61; 5 Sep 61) over Cincinnati, Ohio. I would like to know the official conclusion in this case, in accordance with AFR 200-2, section 8.

Major, I have a considerable amount of patience and I feel you are competent for the work you are doing. I hope you will provide the information requesting, thereby insuring ~~the-ia~~ that both these characteristics will remain unchanged.

Sincerely;

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Director
Civilian UFO Research

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6 October 1961

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

In an earlier letter I replied to you concerning the sightings you mentioned in previous correspondence.

The latest Department of Defense release on the subject of UFOs is enclosed. I had forwarded you this release several months back. It will be several weeks before the new fact sheet is published.

Sincerely,

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UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Chicago 18, Illinois

No Case (Information Only)

1 January 1961
Andean Highway, Venezuela

One other tragedy and another near tragedy UFO encounter
occured in Venezuela. On January 1, 1961 Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

WAS HE
WAS HE
DRINKING
a government topographer in Merida, Venezuela was driving his
car from La Victoria to El Vigia on the Andean Highway. Suddenly
a brilliant metallic disc colored like polished blue steel swooped
down at incredible speed and crossed close to the hood of a passing
truck. The object rose into the sky immediately and was lost to
sight in seconds. When the disc rose above the truck, the truck
also rose a few feet in the air and overturned in the direction
of the object. The truck overturned in a nearby sandbank and rolled
over with its wheels in the air. The driver of the truck escaped
with minor scratches and nervous shock.

No Case (Information Only)

12 January 1961
Ellington AFB, Texas

On January 12, 1961 1st Lt. [REDACTED] of Ellington Air Force Base, Texas was killed in a UFO pursuit near Alvin, Texas. In his 28-F-102 jet the National Guardman's plane was sent up on a 'hot scramble' "loaded for Bear" when his plane crashed in bad weather.

No Case (Information Only)

13 January 1961
Pacific Ocean

On January 13, 1961 a "mystery object" was tracked over the Pacific Ocean by a USAF radar station on Shemya Island, off Alaska. As there was no advanced international warnings as in previous Soviet Pacific shots, as Russian ships were a days sailing time from the impact area, as there was no splash noted and no further visual/^{or}radar or transmissions reported, this object could have been a UFO or another one of those objects from outer space.

15 - 31 JANUARY 1961 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
-15	60 Mi NNE Duluth, Minnesota	Military & Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
-15	Holt, Minnesota	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
-15	El Portal, Florida	City Police	Aircraft
-15	Cannon AFB, New Mexico	Military	Astro (VENUS)
-15	SE Payne Field, Washington	Military	Astro (METEOR)
-16	Southern California	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
-16	40 Mi W Santa Rosa Isk & La.	Military & Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
-16	Fitchburg, Massachusetts	Multi/[REDACTED]	Aircraft (REFUELING OPR)
-17	Troy, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
-19	42.39N 42.12W (Azores)	Military	Satellite
-19-21	NE Coast U.S.	Military	Astro (MARS)
-20	38.55N 95.40E (Kansas)	Military	Astro (METEOR)
-21	Akron, Ohio	[REDACTED] SLIDES ⑥	Astro (MOON)
-22	Weston, Missouri	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
-23	Maxwell AFB, Alabama	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
-24	E of U.S. (Atlantic)	3 Reports	Other (MISSILE)
-27	Russell, Salina, Kansas	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
-28	Midway Island	Military	Insufficient Data
-28	Newark, New Jersey	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
-28	Terre Haute, Indiana	Moon Watch	Insufficient Data
-29	25.43N 48.22W (Atlantic)	USN	Insufficient Data
-30	Fobes, Kansas/Kirksville, Missouri	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
-30	63.57N 22.35W (Atlantic)	Military	Other (REFLECTION)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES) SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
16	Southern California	American Meteor Society	
17	Merco, California	Newsclipping	
22	Ft Walton, Florida	Newsclipping	
30	Greenfield, Massachusetts	Newsclipping	

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

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds ALMOST CLEAR
- 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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

LIKE A GLOBE THEN AS SOLID BRIGHT METAL

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

12. 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 _____

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|------------|----|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | <u>Yes</u> | 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? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | No | Don't know |

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

15. 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: _____

16. 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: _____

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

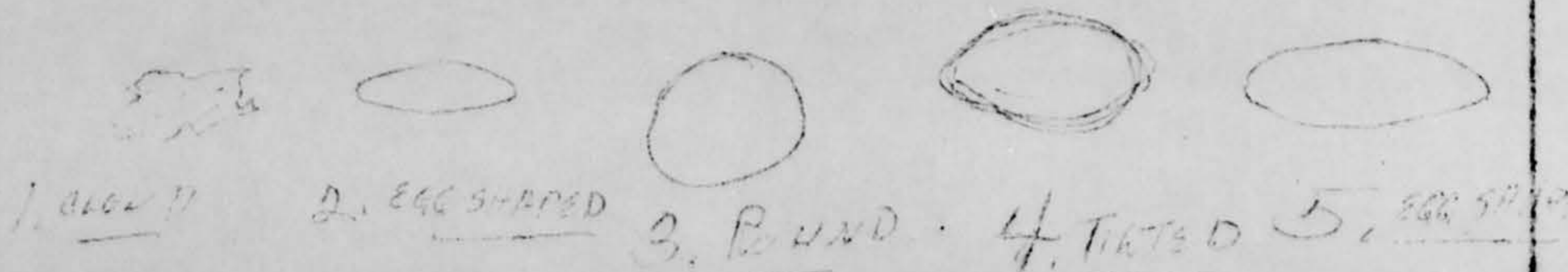
a. Sound NO SOUND

b. Color WHITE VAPOR AS A CLOUD, THEN SHINY LIKE STAINLESS STEEL

18. 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?

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19. 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.



20. 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? SPEED VARRIED

21. 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? _____

22. 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 _____

23. 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 _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

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

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

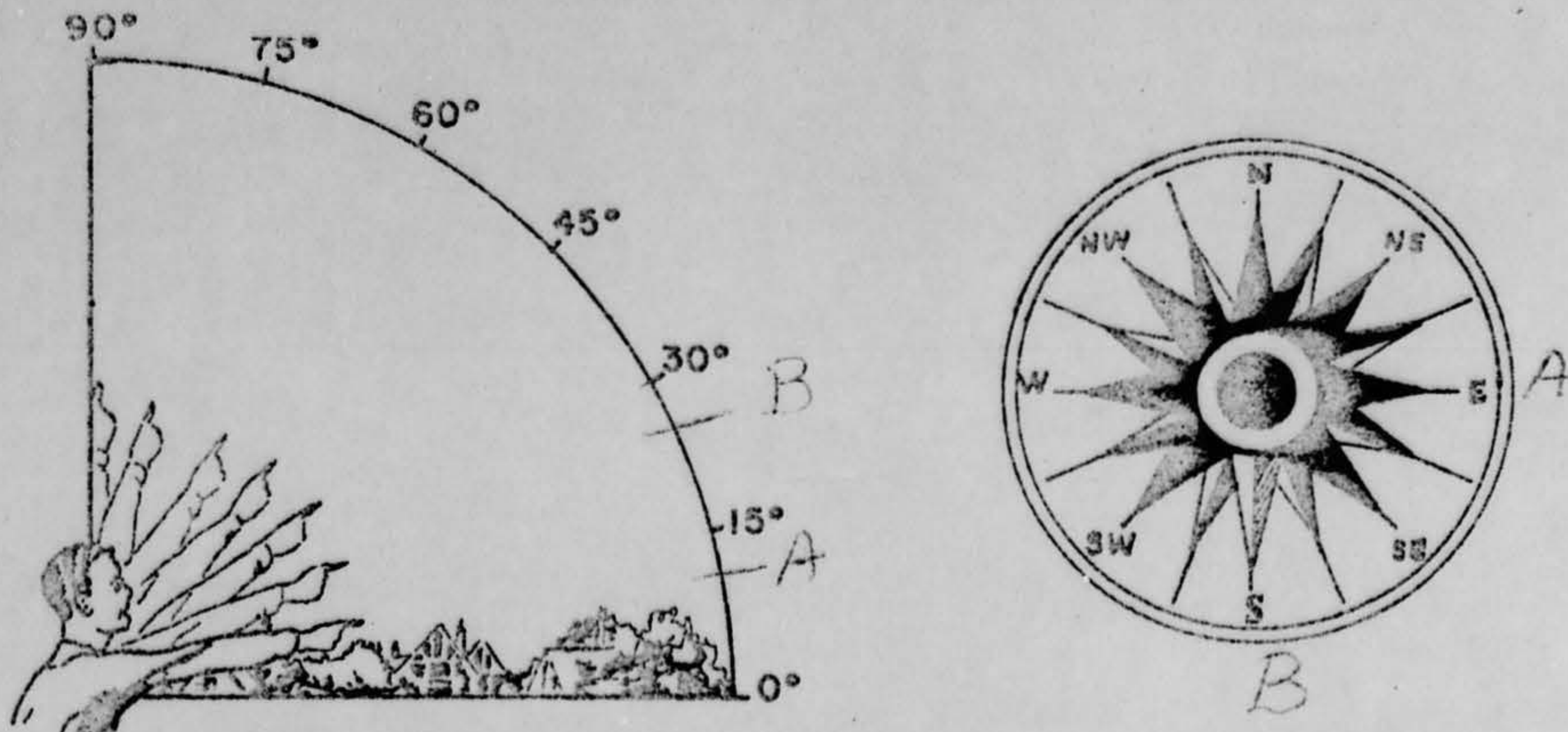
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

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|-----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | h. Other | <u>NAKED EYE</u> | |

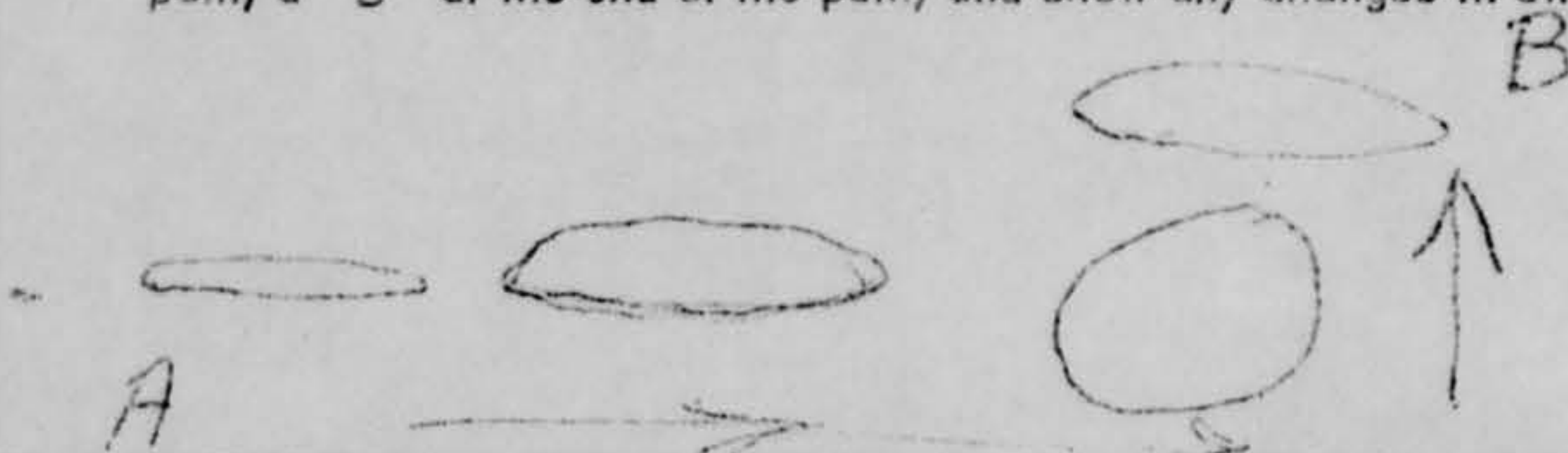
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

A NEW HALF DOLLAR TILTED UP JUST A LITTLE AND THEN UP ALL THE WAY

27. 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. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.



28. 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.



29. 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.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) Yes No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) Yes No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] COYAHOGA Falls OHIO
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE 42 SEX MALE

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

2 1/2 YEARS IN NAVY (W.W. II) AS RADIO MAN AND GUNNER ON TORPEDO BOMBERS AND DIVE BOMBERS. LAST RATE: AVIATION RAIDMAN 2C

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

Day Month Year

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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Day

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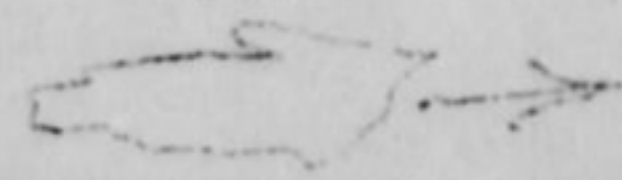
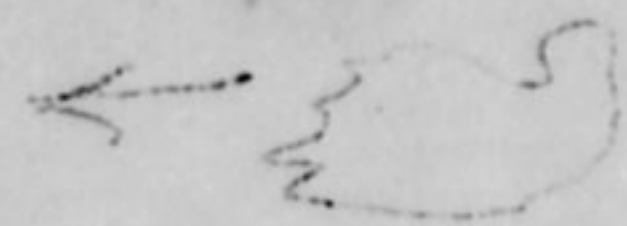
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35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

I STARTED FROM THE HOUSE ABOUT 11:15 A.M. WITH MY BIRD DOG TO HUNT. WE WERE ABOUT ~~700~~ 700 FEET BACK IN THE FIELD HEADING SOUTH. WHEN I LOOKED UP AHEAD IN THE SKY AND SAW 3 SMALL CLOUDS THEN I WENT BACK TO HUNTING I TOOK 4 OR 5 MORE STEPS AND THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS PECULIAR SO I GLANCED BACK UP AT THE CLOUDS THEN I REALIZED WHAT IT WAS. THE TOP AND BOTTOM CLOUDS WERE GOING FROM WEST TO EAST ~~WITH~~ THE WIND BUT THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE WAS GOING FROM EAST TO WEST AGAINST IT.



THEN I STOPPED AND WATCHED REAL CLOSE, AS I WATCHED THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE CONTINUED

TO MOVE TO THE WEST THEN THE CLOUD SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR OR FORM INTO A METALIC ELONGATED EGG SHAPED OBJECT STILL MOVING TO THE WEST AGAINST THE WIND VERY SLOW THEN IT TILTED UP AND THE SUN GLEAMED FROM IT TILL IT STOPPED STILL IN THE AIR FOR A FEW SECONDS. THEN IT SEEMED TO TILT BACK A LITTLE AND MOVED UP AND AWAY FROM ME (DUE SOUTH) IT MOVED VERY SLOWLY AND WOBBLER UP AND DOWN SLIGHTLY THEN FROM THE EDGE OF IT CAME WHAT SEEMED TO BE RAYS OF LIGHT WHICH WERE ALTERNATELY BRIGHT

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LIKE A SPOT LIGHT AND DARKOR BLACK. AFTER A FEW SECONDS OF THIS IT TINTED FURTHER BACK AND WOBBLLED A LITTLE MORE THEN CONTINUED TO MOVE UP AND AWAY FROM ME SLOWLY THEN I LOOKED AROUND TO SEE IF ANYONE ELSE WAS OUT. ~~SEEING~~ SEEING NO ONE AROUND I CALLED MY DOG AND RAN FOR THE HOUSE, WATCHING THE OBJECT OVER MY SHOULDER. AS I WENT, I WAS CALLING FOR MY WIFE. BUT COULDN'T GET HER OUT OF THE HOUSE AT FIRST SO I CAME DOWN OFF A SLIGHT RISE BEHIND THE HOUSE, CALLED HER AGAIN. THEN ~~HE~~ WENT RIGHT BACK ON THE RISE BUT IT WAS GONE.

