

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. SOURCE GROUP	2. LOCATION
	Spotsylvania, Va.
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION <del>Possible</del> <sup>OTHER</sup> (BIRD)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Observer sighted an object that darted like a bird except it did not <sup>appear to</sup> have any wings. The object appeared as a bright steel blue bird and when first seen was hovering over the dog house. The object disappeared at tree top <sup>level</sup> in the woods to the NNE.  COMMENTS: The observer states several times that the object looked similar to a bird except no wings could be seen. She further states that the object was just above the height of the house and was between 20 ft and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away. She states that "I went on down the steps and to the end of the yard still watching what I thought was a new bird. It seems possible that the observer did actually see a bird under unusual conditions."
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE NNE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.

EYEGLASSES	CAMERA VIEWER
SUNGLASSES	BINOCULARS
WINDSHIELD	TELESCOPE
SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE	THEODOLITE
WINDOWPANE	OTHER

A. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES?  YES  NO

B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES?  YES  NO

18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED 5 mph/hr.

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE 20 ft.

20. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY OBTAIN AS CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH, WHEN PLACED IN THE SKY, SIMILAR TO WHERE YOU NOTED THE PHENOMENON, WOULD BEAR SOME RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT YOU SAW. DESCRIBE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMON OBJECT AND WHAT YOU SAW.

It was like a toy foil covered missile pulled along as though floating and floating slowly with the zigzag motion. We have bats and night hawks they fly - this floated and there was no wing spread.

21. DID YOU NOTICE ANY ODOR, NOISE, OR HEAT EMANATING FROM THE PHENOMENON OR ANY EFFECT ON YOURSELF, ANIMALS OR MACHINERY IN THE VICINITY?  YES  NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

Dogs were excited but did not bark. Just seemed  
looked.

A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.  YES  NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

27. INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS PERTINENT BUT WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, ALTERNATIVELY PROVIDE A NARRATIVE EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTING.

I started out of the house to water some newly transplanted plants and paused on the steps a moment to look toward the north. It was just growing dusk and I was surprised by what I perceived at first to be a bright teal blue bird hovering over the dog house. I went on down the steps and to the end of the yard still watching what I thought was a new bird.

I emptied the water and returned watching it all the while. I realized that it couldn't be a bird. It stayed all this time over the dog house and gained only about five feet beyond it - and just above it. As I approached it continued on beyond it leisurely, turning as though a partial rotation and glinting and brightening almost like a firefly would had it been that large and of this teal color. There was no sound and no wing motion - in fact no wing definition at all. It gradually disappeared into the gathering darkness and the woodland beyond. It reflected or glowed and darkened alternately well beyond the reach of our night light.

The dogs did not bark but they didn't want to come in out of the pen and they seemed to be quite excited.

Once before in 1963 I saw a similar and smaller object perform in nearly the same fashion while returning from work one winter night. This was late February or early March and driving about 9:30 at night on the wooded road an object floated in front of the car about mid vision drifted slowly to the right and off into the woods. It was an elongated pear shape and glowed constantly with only slight pulsation and with this same blue teal iridescent color. At the time I thought it might be some sort of electronic finding device that had been released by the jets that sometimes come over. I was coming home from Washington and I did not pursue the matter because it was late and cold and I had work to do. This was about 2 miles from home.

Please excuse the typing. My hands are  
suffering from fence repairs in cold weather.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

13 Dec.

Col. Hippler wants us to send a 117 to this lady.

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Spotsylvania, Va. 22553

She has been seeing UFO's over her kennels. (Blue green lights)

Col Hippler wants us to send a copy of the 117 to Colorado

because her dogs howl when the UFO's are near.

29 Oct 67 *undated*  
*Highly Sensitive*

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: TDPT/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Observation,

DEC 13 1967

TO:

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Spotsylvania, Virginia 22553

Reference your recent unidentified flying object sighting which you reported to the Air Force. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific investigation. Request you complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the self-addressed envelope. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

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JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF  
Director of Production

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AF Form 117

*Spotsylvania is only about 50  
miles from Washington D.C. There are  
numerous AF bases in the area and  
the area is quite well covered by  
radar. No similar reports were  
received from the area on this date.*

**SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE**

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN PREPARED SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE THE U.S. AIR FORCE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENON THAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED. PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE WILL BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF YOUR STATEMENTS OR CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. RETURN TO AIR FORCE BASE INVESTIGATOR FOR FORWARDING TO FTD (TDETR), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433, IAW 80-17. (IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE NEEDED FOR NARRATIVE OR SKETCHES ATTACH SECURELY TO THIS FORM OR ANNOTATE WITH YOUR NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

1. WHEN DID YOU SEE THE PHENOMENON?  
 DAY Sunday 29 MONTH October YEAR 1953 67

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?  
 HOUR Dusk MINUTES \_\_\_\_\_  A.M.  P.M.

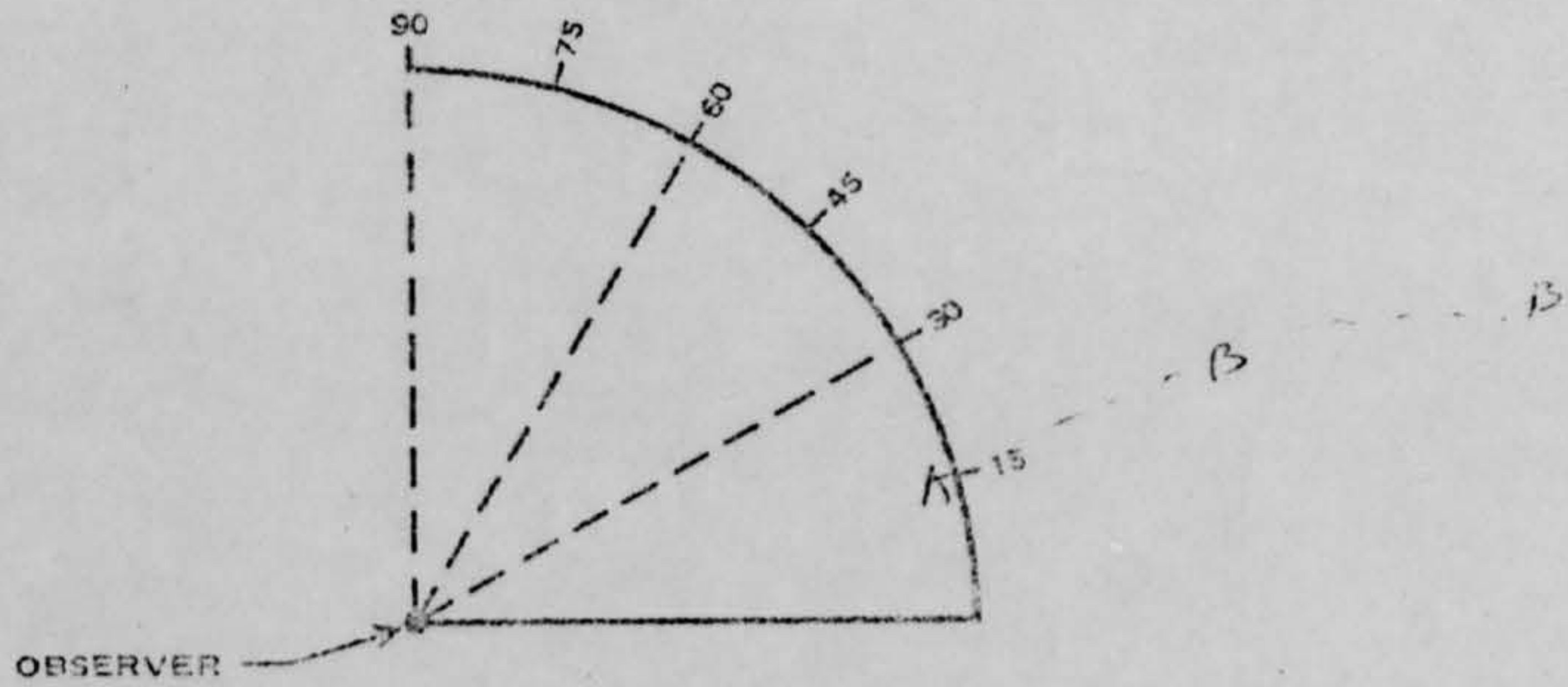
3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?  
 HOUR about 10 mins later MINUTES \_\_\_\_\_  A.M.  P.M.

4. TIME/ZONE  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  STANDARD  
 EASTERN  CENTRAL  MOUNTAIN  PACIFIC  OTHER

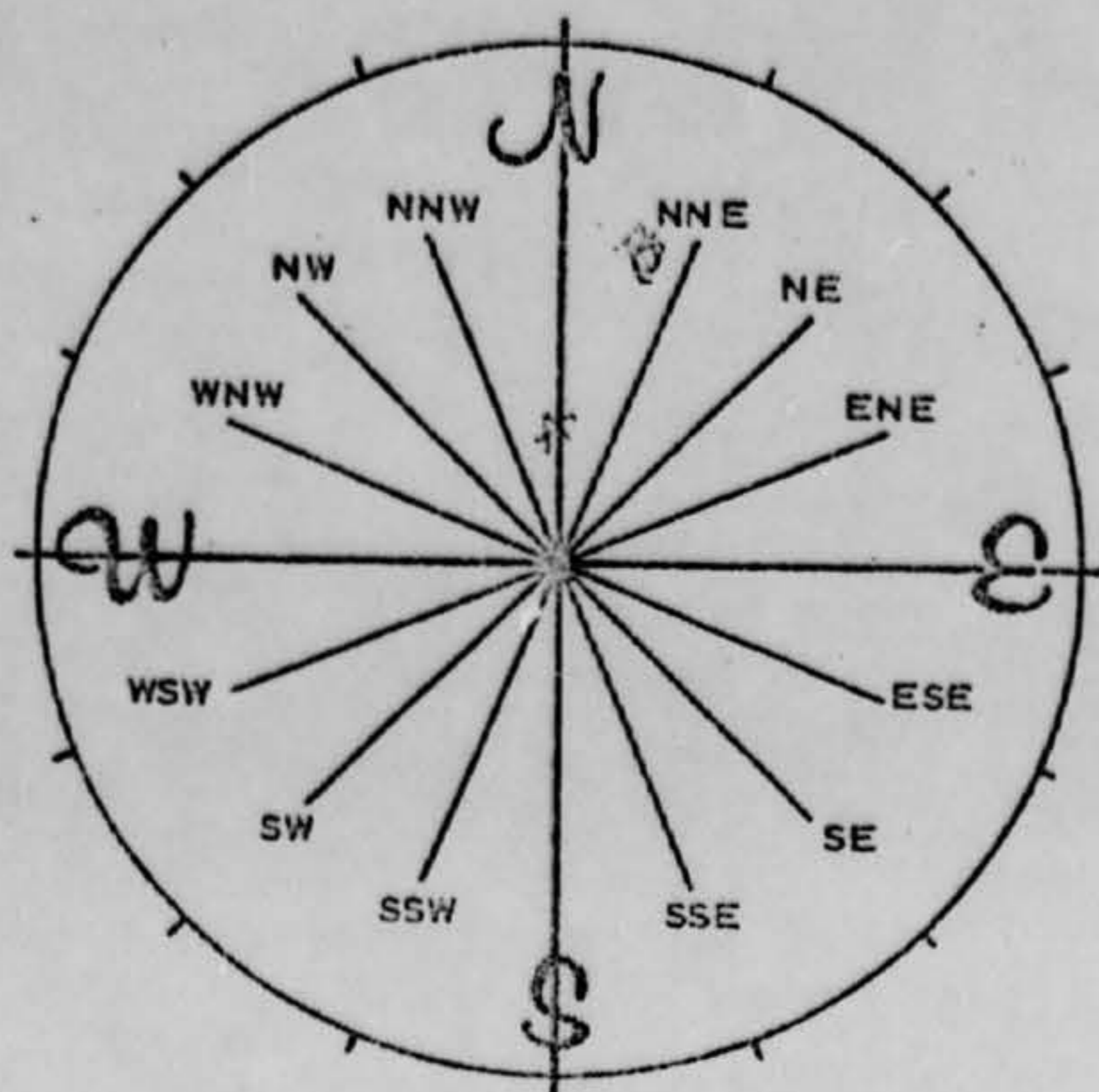
5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARK.

I had gone out the door to water a plant newly set out. Looked toward the north barn to see if cattle had come down to gate. Dog kennel is at immediate right across drive way. The object was over - or nearly over the house and attracted my attention by its metallic brightness. I thought at first it must be a tool reflecting the night light which was just coming on with the dusk. Twilight was still in the north western sky behind it. It dived and darted like a bird, but there was no wing spread to support it. Moreover a bird would soon have been out of the reflective light and would appeared as a dark object against the twilight. this thing kept its glinting brightness all the way to the woods the other end of the pasture.

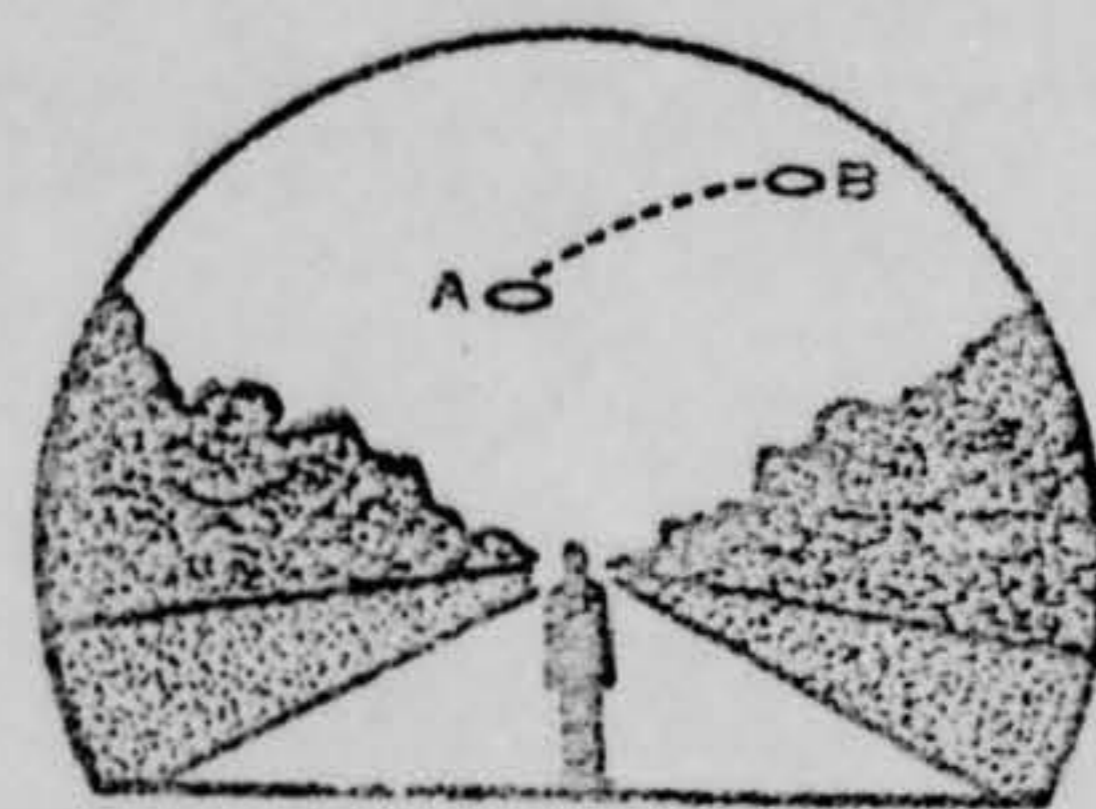
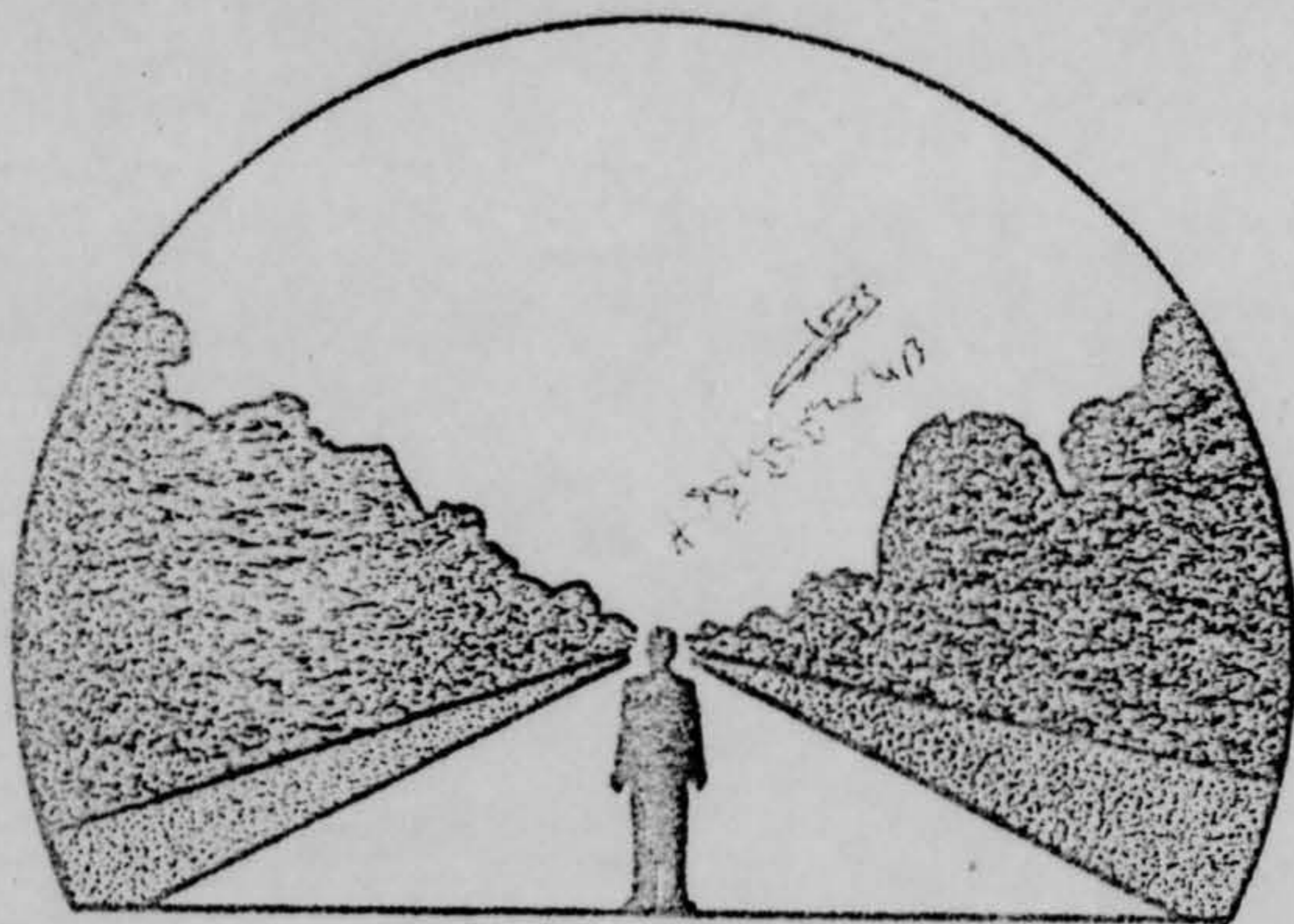
6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.



5A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



7. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN, AND A "B" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN. CONNECT THE "A" AND "B" WITH A LINE TO APPROXIMATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE PHENOMENON BETWEEN "A" AND "B". THAT IS, SCHEMATICALLY SHOW WHETHER THE MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE STRAIGHT, CURVED OR ZIG-ZAG. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.



10. IF THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PHENOMENON, HOW MANY WERE THERE? DRAW A PICTURE TO SHOW HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED. DID THIS ARRANGEMENT CHANGE DURING THE SIGHTING?

11. CONDITIONS (Check appropriate blocks.)

A. SKY		B. WEATHER	
<input type="checkbox"/> DAY		<input type="checkbox"/> CUMULUS CLOUDS (Low fluffy)	<input type="checkbox"/> FOG OR MIST
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TWILIGHT		<input type="checkbox"/> CIRRUS CLOUDS (High fleecy or Herringbone)	<input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY RAIN
<input type="checkbox"/> NIGHT		<input type="checkbox"/> NIMBUS CLOUDS (Rain)	<input type="checkbox"/> LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLEAR		<input type="checkbox"/> CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS (Thunderstorms)	<input type="checkbox"/> HAIL
<input type="checkbox"/> PARTLY CLOUDY		<input type="checkbox"/> HAZE OR SMOG	<input type="checkbox"/> SNOW OR SLEET
<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETELY OVERCAST			<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE OF THE ABOVE

C. IF THE SIGHTING WAS AT TWILIGHT OR NIGHT, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS AND MOON?

(1) STARS	(2) MOON
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> BRIGHT MOONLIGHT
<input type="checkbox"/> A FEW	<input type="checkbox"/> MOON WITH HALO
<input type="checkbox"/> MANY	<input type="checkbox"/> MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS
<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	<input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL (New or quarter)

D. IF SIGHTING WAS IN DAYLIGHT, WAS THE SUN VISIBLE?  YES  NO. IF "YES," WHERE WAS THE SUN AS YOU FACED THE PHENOMENON?

<input type="checkbox"/> IN FRONT OF YOU	<input type="checkbox"/> TO YOUR RIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> OVERHEAD (Near noon)
<input type="checkbox"/> IN BACK OF YOU	<input type="checkbox"/> TO YOUR LEFT	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN

E. SPECIFY THE MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION PRESENT DURING THE SIGHTING, SUCH AS THE SUN, HEADLIGHTS OR STREET LAMP, ETC. FOR TERRESTRIAL ILLUMINATION, SPECIFY DISTANCE TO LIGHT SOURCE.

automatic from night light to my left at first to right

12. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHENOMENON, INDICATING WHETHER IT APPEARED DARK OR LIGHT, WHETHER IT REFLECTED LIGHT OR WAS SELF-LUMINOUS AND WHAT COLORS YOU NOTICED. DESCRIBE YOUR IMPRESSION OF WHETHER IT WAS SOLID OR TRANSPARENT, WHETHER EDGES WERE SHARP OR FUZZY. DESCRIBE THE SHAPE OR INDICATE IF IT APPEARED AS A POINT OF LIGHT. INDICATE COMPARISONS WITH OTHER OBSERVED OBJECTS, LIKE STARS, A LIGHT OR OTHER OBJECT IN YOUR FIELD OF VIEW.

It was clearcut and angular - shaped like a duck that might be just unlifting off the water - with no wing spread yet. It did not change its shape or flutter it darted and dived - that is why at first I ~~thought~~ thought it a bird after insects. It never leveled off - kept the vertical conformation - which a bird couldn't have done.

It seemed to rotate slightly glinting with a metallic teal blue as it did so.





8. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? (Check appropriate blocks.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUTDOORS			IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY
IN BUILDING			IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY
IN CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AS DRIVER <input type="checkbox"/> AS PASSENGER		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE
IN BOAT			NEAR AIRFIELD
IN AIRPLANE <input type="checkbox"/> AS PILOT <input type="checkbox"/> AS PASSENGER			FLYING OVER CITY
OTHER			FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY
<i>on foot</i>			OTHER

A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?		HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?
NORTH	EAST	
SOUTH	WEST	DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
NORTHEAST	SOUTHEAST	
NORTHWEST	SOUTHWEST	

EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT EFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.

*No*

DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVERSED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN.

HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?

DID YOU NOTICE ANY AIRPLANES?  YES  NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE WHEN THEY WERE IN SIGHT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING THE PHENOMENON AND WHERE THEY WERE IN THE SKY RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON.

9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?

LENGTH OF TIME	CERTAIN OF TIME	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT VERY SURE
<i>about 10 miles</i>	FAIRLY CERTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	JUST A GUESS

HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?

*by appointment with clock*

WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY?  YES  NO. IF "NO," INDICATE WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO YOUR MOVEMENT OR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PHENOMENON, AND DESCRIBE SUCH MOVEMENT OR BEHAVIOR. INDICATE DISAPPEARANCES ON PREVIOUS SKETCHES.

It continued to dip and dart in a straight line with a variation of not more than five feet in either up or down variant all the way to the darkness of the wooded area due north.

13.	DID THE PHENOMENON	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
	MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE?			
	STAND STILL AT ANYTIME?			
	SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUN AWAY?			
	BREAK UP IN PARTS AND EXPLODE?			
	CHANGE COLOR?			
	GIVE OFF SMOKE?			
	CHANGE BRIGHTNESS?	*		
	CHANGE SHAPE?			
	FLASH OR FLICKER?			
	DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR?			
	SPIN LIKE A TOP?			
	MAKE A NOISE?			
	FLUTTER OR WOBBLE?	v		

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

I automatically looked in that direction as a car out of the house I always do because both the dogs and the cattle are in that direction. Ordinarily I don't look over the top of the dog house. The brightness of the object attracted my eyes.

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

It lost itself in the woodland or disappeared into the night at about tree top level in the wooded area north of the pasture.

B. DID THE PHENOMENON MOVE BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING AT ANY TIME?  
 YES  NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

It was ~~xxxx~~ just above the level of the top of the building all the time.

15. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE PHENOMENON. INCLUDE AND LABEL ANY DETAILS THAT MIGHT HAVE APPEARED AS WINGS OR PROTRUSIONS, AND INDICATE EXHAUST OR VAPOR TRAILS. INDICATE BY AN ARROW THE DIRECTION THE PHENOMENON WAS MOVING.

It was moving slightly east of north  
and was shaped like an arrow but I  
got the impression that it was metallic



16. WHAT WAS THE ANGULAR SIZE? HOLD A MATCH AT ARM'S LENGTH IN FRONT OF A KNOWN OBJECT, SUCH AS A STREET LAMP OR THE MOON. NOTE HOW MUCH OF THE OBJECT IS COVERED BY THE HEAD OF THE MATCH. NOW IF YOU HAD BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM THIS EXPERIMENT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, ESTIMATE WHAT FRACTION OF THE PHENOMENON WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED BY THE MATCH HEAD.

about  $\frac{1}{5}$  of it

22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE?  YES  NO. IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION.

23. WAS ANYONE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON?  YES  NO. IF "YES," DID THEY SEE IT TOO?

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME  
[REDACTED]

ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code)  
[REDACTED] Sootsylvania Va. 22553

TELEPHONE (Area code and number)  
at work Du 3 2044 tie line 182

AGE  
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MALE  FEMALE

INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.

I work for the Department of State and I am an FSS grade 7 with the bureau of Intelligence and research in Washington.

I was a physics major at Kansas State college.

25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON? I called DIA

NAME Sent the forms DAY \_\_\_\_\_ MONTH June YEAR 64

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.  
DAY 1 MONTH 1 YEAR 65