

PROJECT OBS RECORD

1. GROUP 24	2. LOCATION 25/Oct/04 McLeanville, Tennessee
3. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	10. CONCLUSION Possible (AIRCRAFT), Poss. Balloon - Sun set on it. <i>Wet</i>
4. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer stated that the object was a light. Brightness compared to that of a bright star. Object appeared to be brighter. Brightness compared to nearby Venus. Edges of object were like a star. Sound: None Color: white, possibly some reddish tints.
5. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Naked Visual	
6. TELESCOPY None	
7. FILTERS Yes No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE None	

began to dim and completely disappeared in a few seconds. We had observed it part of the time with binoculars, and my father, watching then, said he saw what appeared to be at least three solid fragments and some smoke where the object disappeared. Shortly after it disappeared, I checked the time on an accurately set electric clock and determined that the object had disappeared at 8:10 P.M., C.D.T. (plus or minus  $1\frac{1}{2}$  minute for human error.) We saw nothing more of the object. We think the object was probably a rocket or satellite of some kind, but wonder why it went so slowly and then disappeared.



[REDACTED]  
McMinnville, Tenn. 37110  
June 5, 1967

Project Blue Book Information Office  
SAFOI  
Washington, D. C. 20330

Gentle men:

Recently my father and I witnessed a phenomenon in the sky. Slightly after 8 p.m., C.D.T., on Wednesday, May 24, 1967, just outside McMinnville, Tenn., my father spotted what looked like a bright satellite in the western sky slightly under and to the north of Venus. McMinnville is near the center of the state--geographical co-ordinates approximately 85 45' west longitude, 35 38' north latitude. Since the sun had just gone down a few minutes before, the satellite had to be very bright to be visible in the bright twilight. This object was moving, upward and somewhat toward the south, at only a fraction of the speed of a regular 100-200 mile high satellite. My father called me out, and we both watched it as it passed north of Venus at perhaps the distance of a penny held at arms length. Had it gone on it would have passed somewhat north of a planet which was apparently Jupiter, as shown in the diagram included. Its color appeared to be roughly white, like Venus, although my father, watching it through field glasses, thought he saw some reddish color on it.

My father had been watching it for perhaps ten minutes at approximately 8:10 p.m. (plus or minus 1 1/2 minutes) when the light suddenly began to dim. Within maybe ten to fifteen seconds it had disappeared. I immediately thought I saw some non-glowing fragments, and my father, watching through the field glasses, said he saw what looked like at least three fragments roughly in line and some smoke. These things disappeared within a couple of minutes; we saw nothing else and soon stopped watching.

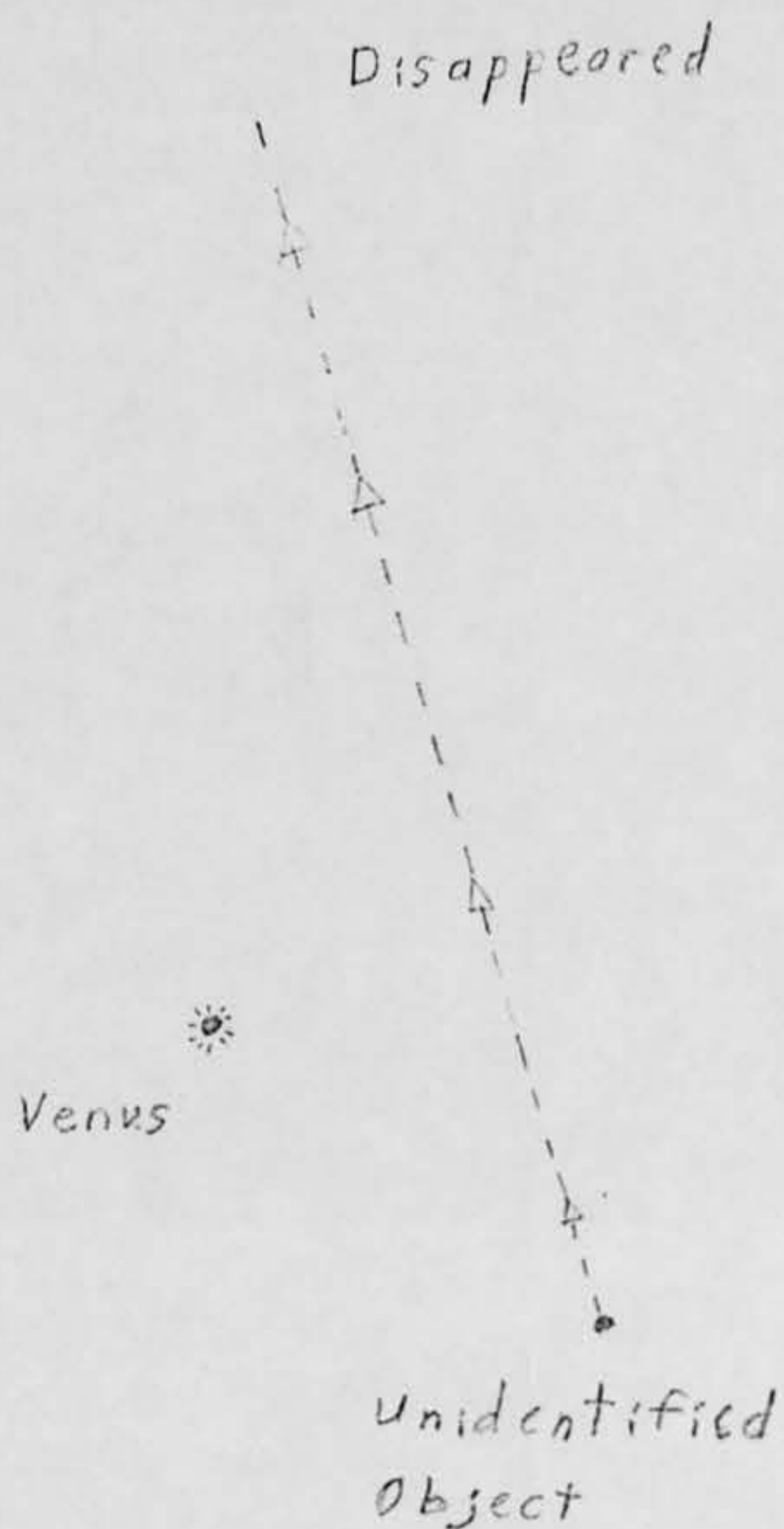
We would appreciate any information Project Blue Book or some other appropriate government agency could obtain about satellite re-entry, rocket launching in the western U.S., or some other occurrence which might have caused this visual phenomenon.

Yours truly,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

DRM/pam

Enclosures 1

Jupiter?



The distances in this diagram are only roughly in proportion.



*A/c (possible)*

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



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 24 May 1967

TO: Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
McMinnville, Tennessee 37110

*McMinnville, Tenn.  
24 May 67  
25/0/008  
JUN 21 1967*

Reference your unidentified observation. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

*for William Anderson SAC USAF*  
JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF  
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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FTD Form 164 w/envelope







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

Twilight - no moon

9. 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

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

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

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:

Nearly as bright as nearby Venus

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?           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No            | <input type="radio"/> Don't know                   |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <input type="radio"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know                   |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No            | <input type="radio"/> Don't know <u>Apparently</u> |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No            | <input type="radio"/> Don't know                   |
| e. Change brightness?                           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No            | <input type="radio"/> Don't know                   |
| f. Change shape?                                | <input type="radio"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know                   |
| g. Flash or flicker?                            | <input type="radio"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know                   |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | <input type="radio"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know                   |



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

It began to dim and disappeared, never came back.

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:

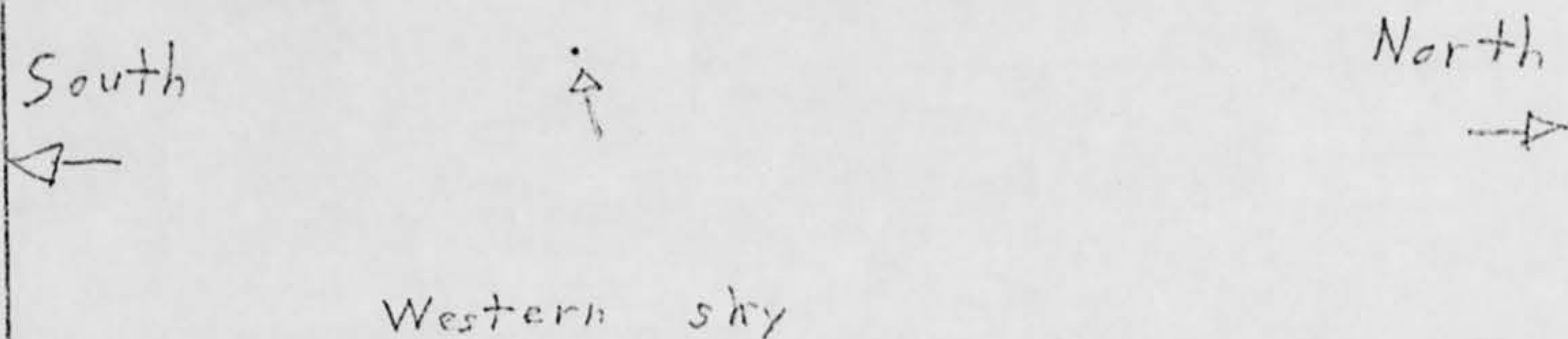
a. Sound None

b. Color White, possibly some reddish at times.

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?

It would have been totally obscured by the match head, which is much bigger at arm's length than the object.

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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)

- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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?

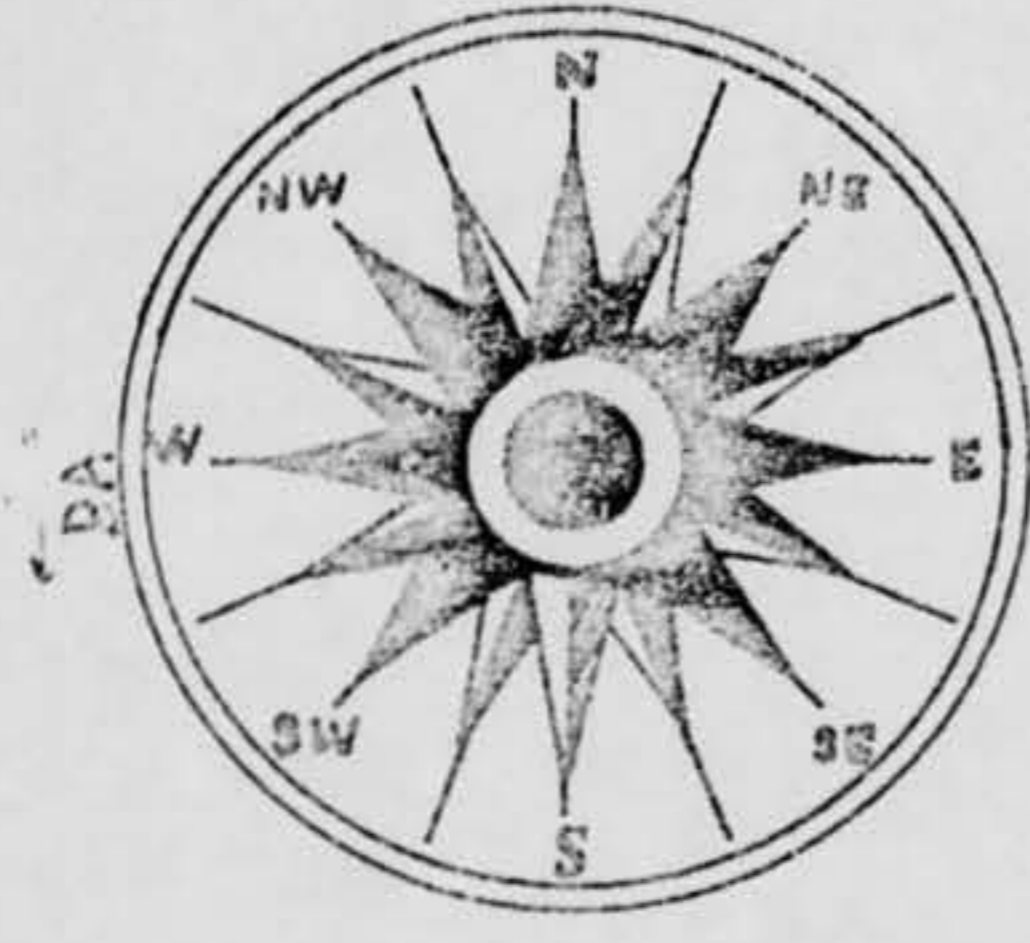
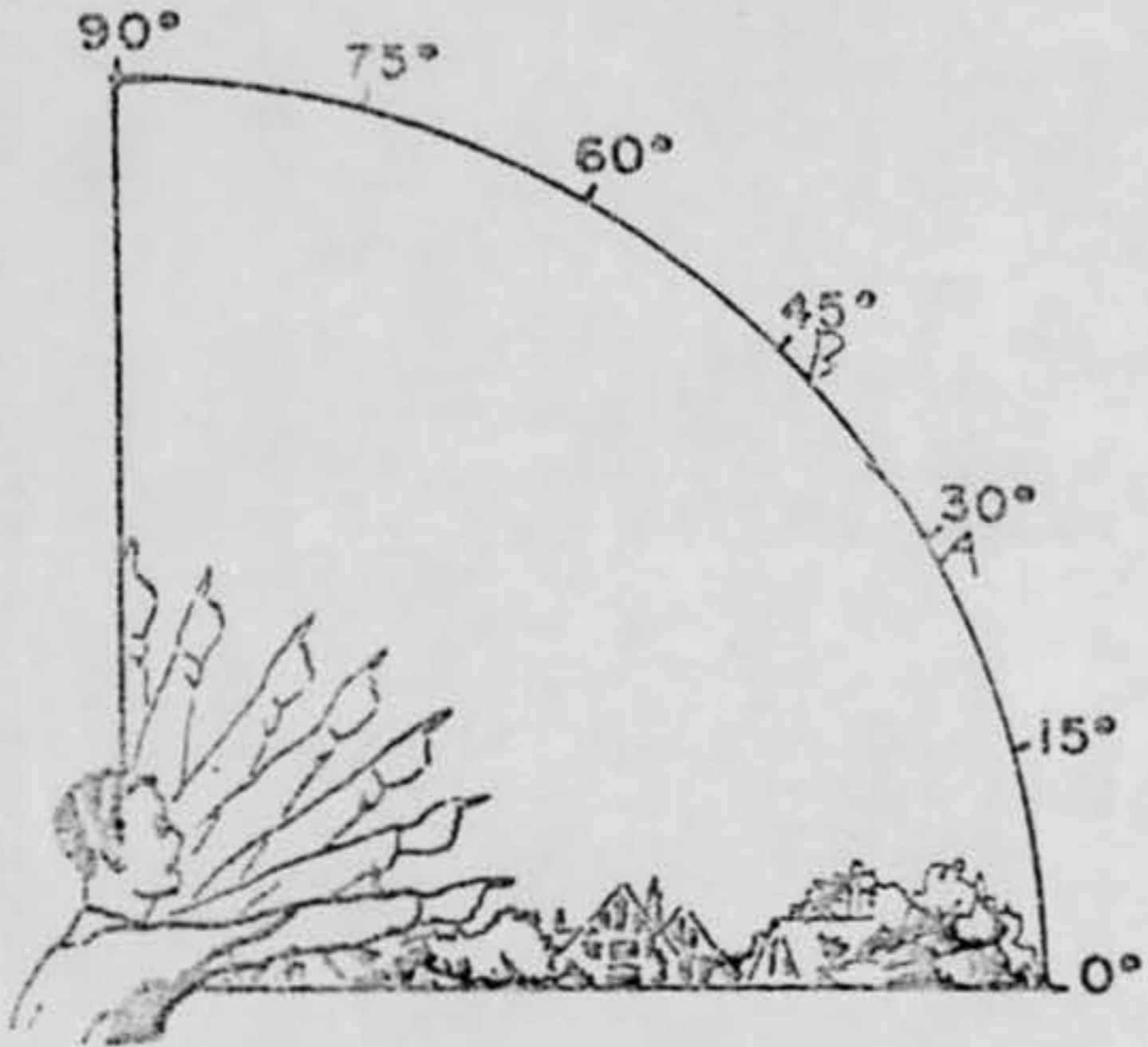
- |                 |     |                                     |                |                                      |                                     |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses   | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | e. Binoculars  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No            |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | f. Telescope   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| c. Windshield   | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | h. Other _____ |                                      |                                     |

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.

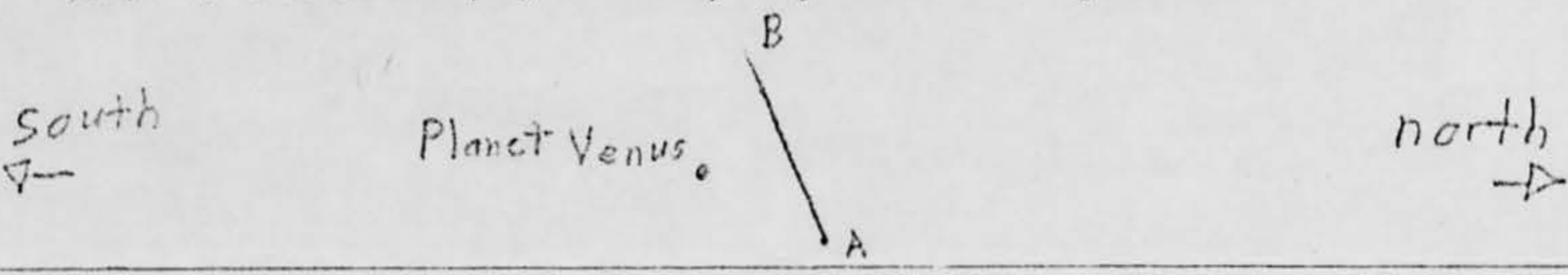
A planet such as Jupiter, moving, or a satellite moving extremely slowly.



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:

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, my father, same address  
as mine.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
Last Name First Name Middle Name  
ADDRESS ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ McMinnville Tenn. 37110  
Street City State  
TELEPHONE NUMBER ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ AGE 15 SEX M

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

I have had no special training, but my father and I have watched many artificial satellites.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object? to Project Blue Book  
Information office  
SAFOI  
Wash., D.C., 20330  
8 June 1967  
Day Month Year



34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

25

Day

June

Month

1967

Year

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.

Shortly after 8 P.M., on the date mentioned, my father and I began watching the unidentified object in the western sky. The sun had set only a few minutes before, and the western sky was still rather bright. Only the planets Venus and Jupiter were visible in the west, along with the object. We first saw it below and a little to the right (north) of Venus. At first it appeared to be motionless, but then we noticed that it was moving, upward and a little to the left (south) at a very low speed, maybe one-third to one-sixth as fast as an ordinary satellite. It passed by the north of Venus at perhaps the distance of a penny held at arm's length. It continued, in apparently a straight line, and would have passed somewhat north of Jupiter. But it