

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 August 1958		2. LOCATION Kansas City, Kansas		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 8:40 P.M. GMT 22/0240Z		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		<input checked="" 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 Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE NE to SW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Flashes of light, a few secs apart moving across the sky fm NE to SW. Obj spanned the entire sky with six flashes observed.			11. COMMENTS A B-47 a/c was flying the approximate course of the sighting, which may have been checking wing lights or flashing their lights for other a/c in the area.		

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

MEMO ROUTING SLIP		NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS DISAPPROVALS CONCURRENCES OR SIMILAR ACTIONS	
1. NAME OR TITLE Major Tacker		INITIALS	CIRCULATE
2. ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION SAFIS-3		DATE	COORDINATION
3.			FILE
4.			INFORMATION
5.			NECESSARY ACTION
6.			NOTE AND RETURN
7.			SEE ME
8.			SIGNATURE
REMARKS 1. It is the opinion of this Center that the observers saw one of the several SAC aircraft that were in the area, checking their lights. One A/C, reference page 4, par. 5 of IR 112, attached, was in the exact position and heading reported by observers.			
FROM NAME OR TITLE T/Sgt James O. Bollen		DATE 10 Sept 58	TELEPHONE 6-9216
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION AFCIN-4/EL			

DD FORM 1 FEB 50 95  
Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 49, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

GPO : 1950-O-488488

22/0156Z (21/1956C)

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (if any)

# DISPOSITION FORM

FILE NO.

SUBJECT

Richards-Gebaur AFB Weather Observations

TO 1006AISS

FROM Det 1, 19th Wea Sq

DATE 2 Sep 58

COMMENT NO. 1  
EAW/7275/wg

The following weather observations for Richards-Gebaur AFB on 21 Aug 58 between 1956CST and 2156CST is submitted:

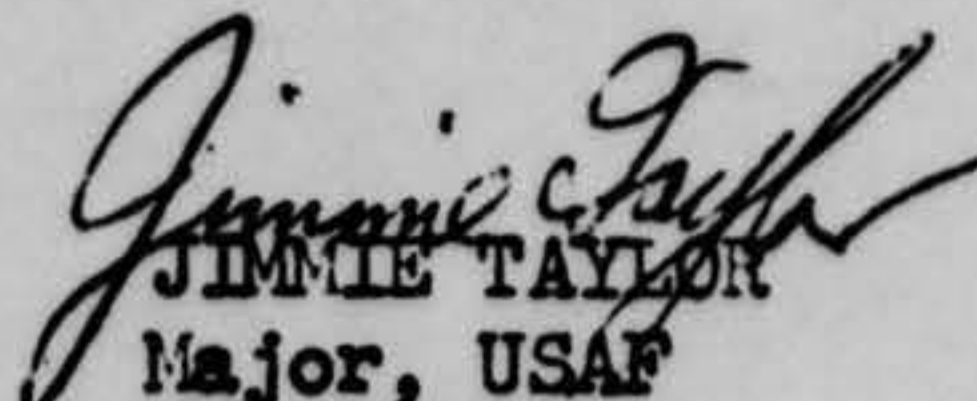
GW 22/0156Z (21/1956C)  
 Sky condition..... Clear  
 Visibility..... 15 miles  
 Temperature..... 62° F  
 Dew Point..... 58° F  
 Wind..... Calm  
 Altimeter Setting..... 30.11 inches

GW 22/0258Z (21/2058C)  
 Sky condition..... Clear  
 Visibility..... 15 miles  
 Sea Level Pressure..... 1018.9 millibars  
 Temperature..... 62° F  
 Dew Point..... 57° F  
 Wind..... Calm  
 Altimeter Setting..... 30.11 inches

GW 22/0356Z (21/2156C)  
 Sky condition..... Clear  
 Visibility..... 15 miles  
 Temperature..... 61° F  
 Dew Point..... 51° F  
 Wind..... Calm  
 Altimeter Setting..... 30.11 inches

TOP Wind Aloft 22/0000Z (21/1800C)

Level	Direction	Speed
6,000 ft	020°	10 knots
10,000 ft	350°	15 knots
16,000 ft	300°	15 knots
20,000 ft	300°	20 knots
30,000 ft	290°	20 knots
50,000 ft	290°	45 knots

  
 JIMMIE TAYLOR  
 Major, USAF  
 Commander

## 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.

1. When did you see the object?

21 August 1958  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

8 40  
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern  
b. Central  
c. Mountain  
d. Pacific  
e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving  
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[Redacted]  
Nearest Post Office Address

Kansas City  
City or Town

Kansas  
State or Country

Additional remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes 45 Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain  
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure  
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight  
b. Dull daylight  
c. Bright twilight

d. Just a trace of daylight  
e. No trace of daylight  
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you  
b. In back of you  
c. To your right

d. To your left  
e. Overhead  
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One)  a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

~~b. Several blocks away?~~

c. A block away?

~~d. Several yards away?~~

e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	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?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Don't Know
f. Change shape?	Yes	No	Don't Know
<input checked="" type="radio"/> g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Don't Know

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

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, than tell what

it moved in front of: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. 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	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
c. Windshield	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	g. Theodolite	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Color it was a bright light slightly brighter than a star usually is.

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.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.

\_\_\_\_\_ feet. *Impossible this appears only as a light*

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):-

- |                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| a. Head of a pin      | g. Silver dollar |
| b. Pea                | h. Baseball      |
| c. Dime               | i. Grapefruit    |
| d. Nickel             | j. Basketball    |
| e. Quarter            | k. Other _____   |
| <u>f. Half dollar</u> |                  |

22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain        | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain     |

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? \_\_\_\_\_

*It got in ~~the path~~ of the area where the moonlight was bright disappeared from view.*

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? 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.

*Impossible this appeared only as a blue of light*

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
- 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. Flying 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?

We were looking expecting to see the ~~satellite~~  
Sputnik rocket carrier which appeared later.  
My husband saw this and called me out to look.

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)

- |   |  |              |              |
|---|--|--------------|--------------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. North | <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. East | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast                              | <del>d. Southeast</del>                  | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

- |              |              |   |   |
|--------------|--------------|---|---|
| a. North     | c. East      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> e. South     | <input checked="" type="radio"/> g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | <input checked="" type="radio"/> f. Southwest | <input checked="" type="radio"/> h. Northwest |

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

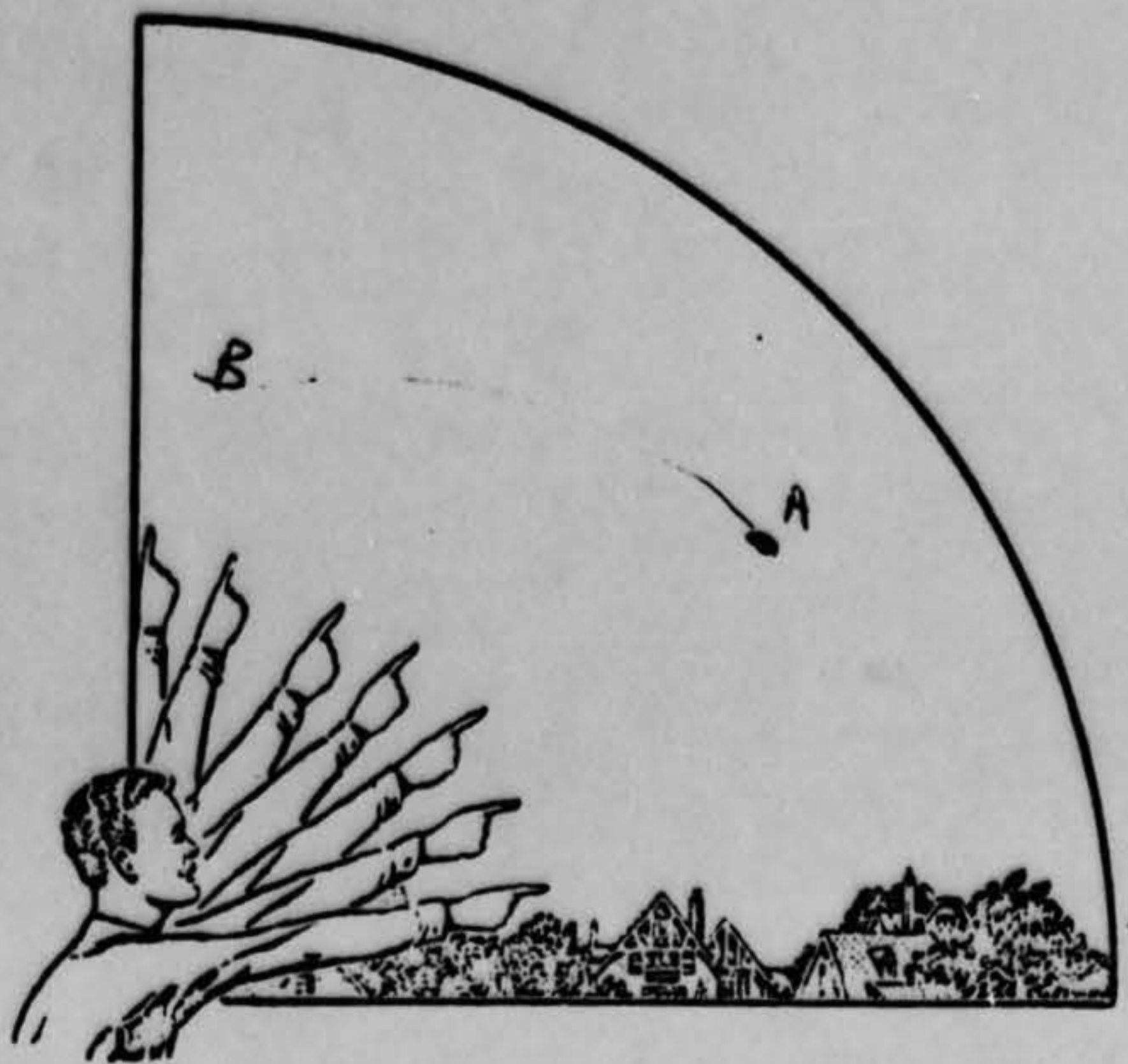
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.
- b. From horizon \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.

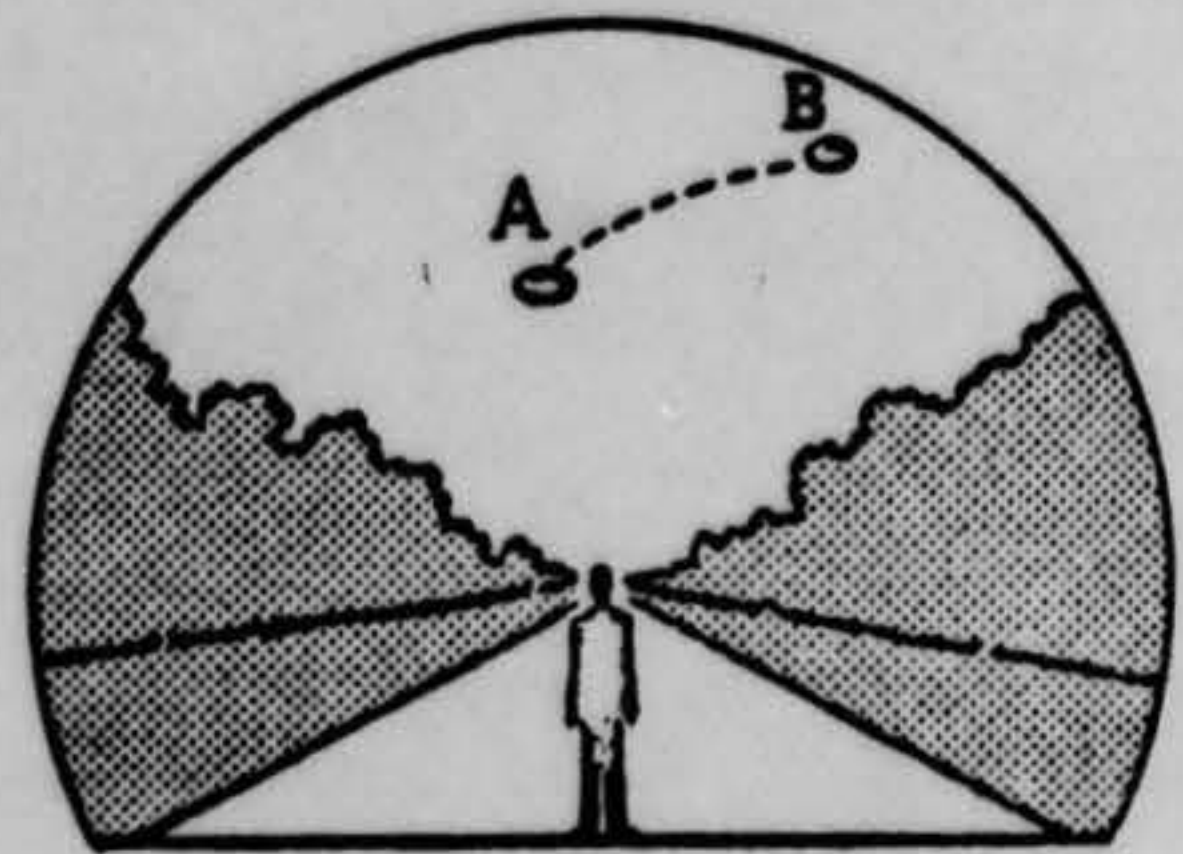
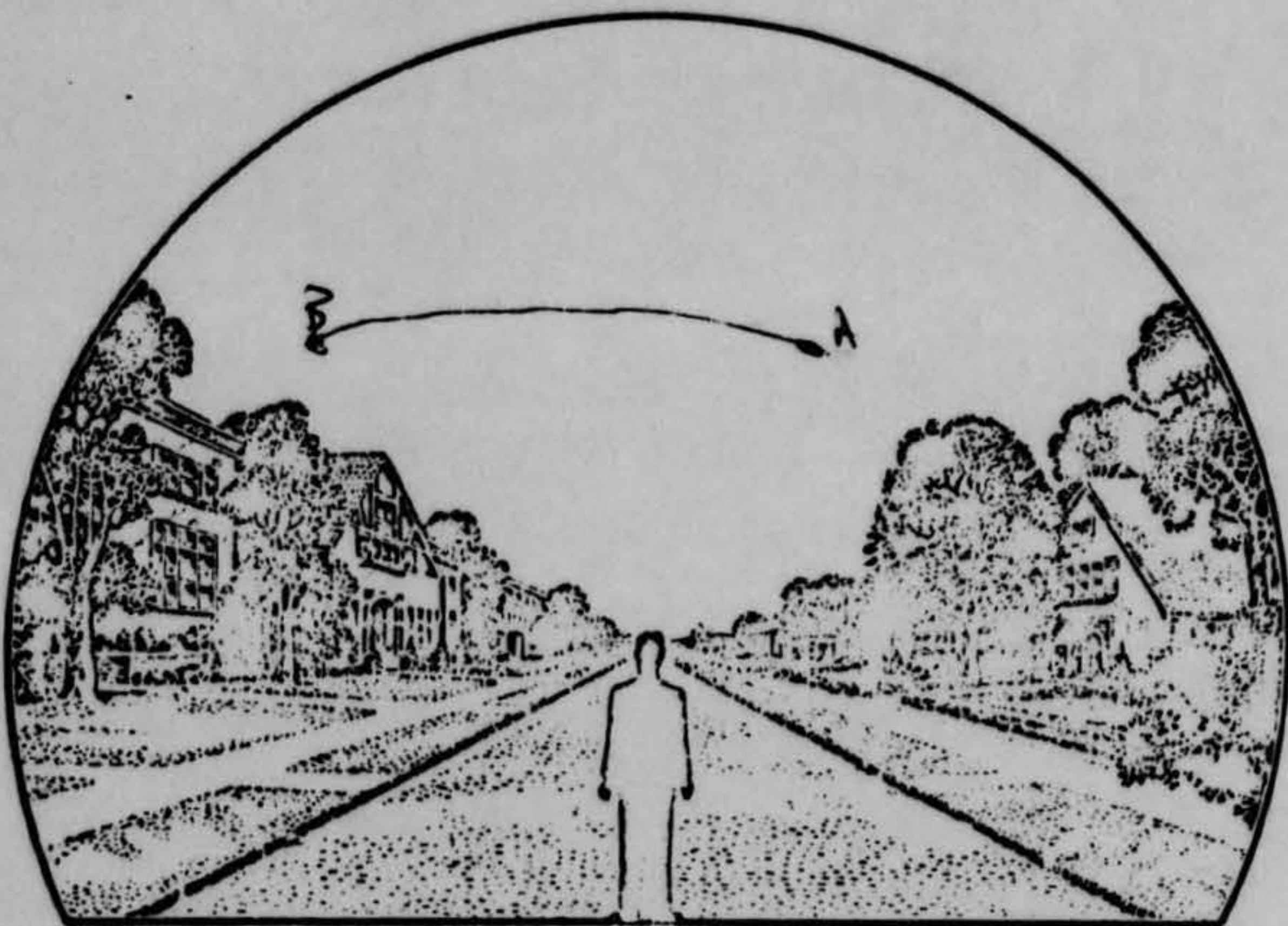
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.
- b. From horizon \_\_\_\_\_ 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?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official 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:

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
 K.C. Kamm

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?

*I have no idea, it certainly did not seem to me to be plane, falling star or other natural phenomena.*

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? \_\_\_\_\_ m.p.h.

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? \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zone State  
Kansas City 6 Kans

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

What is your present job? housewife

Age 28 Sex female

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school \_\_\_\_\_
- b. High school \_\_\_\_\_
- c. College U of Iowa
- d. Post graduate \_\_\_\_\_
- e. e. Technical school \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type) \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other special training \_\_\_\_\_

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

8 Day 30 Month 58 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 [REDACTED]  
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]

K.C. KANSAS

CODE:

DATE 8-30-58

We read the notice of the satellite rocket carrier going over. My husband started looking earlier than anticipated because didn't <sup>know</sup> exact time. When he spotted this he mistook it for the rocket carrier & called me outside. When I got out doors this light was was slight to my right up in the sky. It was brighter than usually is common with stars. It was moving in a slight arc across the sky. It would be visible for perhaps 10 seconds & then disappear & then flicker on again farther along the arc. I saw it flicker about 4 times & then it was no longer visible. Later the neighbors called us out & showed us the light.

S:HC

21 AUGUST

17 September 1958

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of 23 August 1958 concerning an unidentified flying object was referred to the Air Technical Intelligence Center for analysis and/or evaluation.

As you know, a thorough check of the circumstances surrounding this sighting was made by qualified investigators.

The evaluation revealed that several Air Force planes were in the area that night and one aircraft was in the exact position and heading reported by you. These planes had completed training mission and were preparing to descend and land. Also it is common practice prior to landing to check wing lights and landing lights or to flash lights when other aircraft are in the area. Evidentially this is the solution to your sighting on that particular night.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER  
Major, USAF  
Executive Officer  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information Services

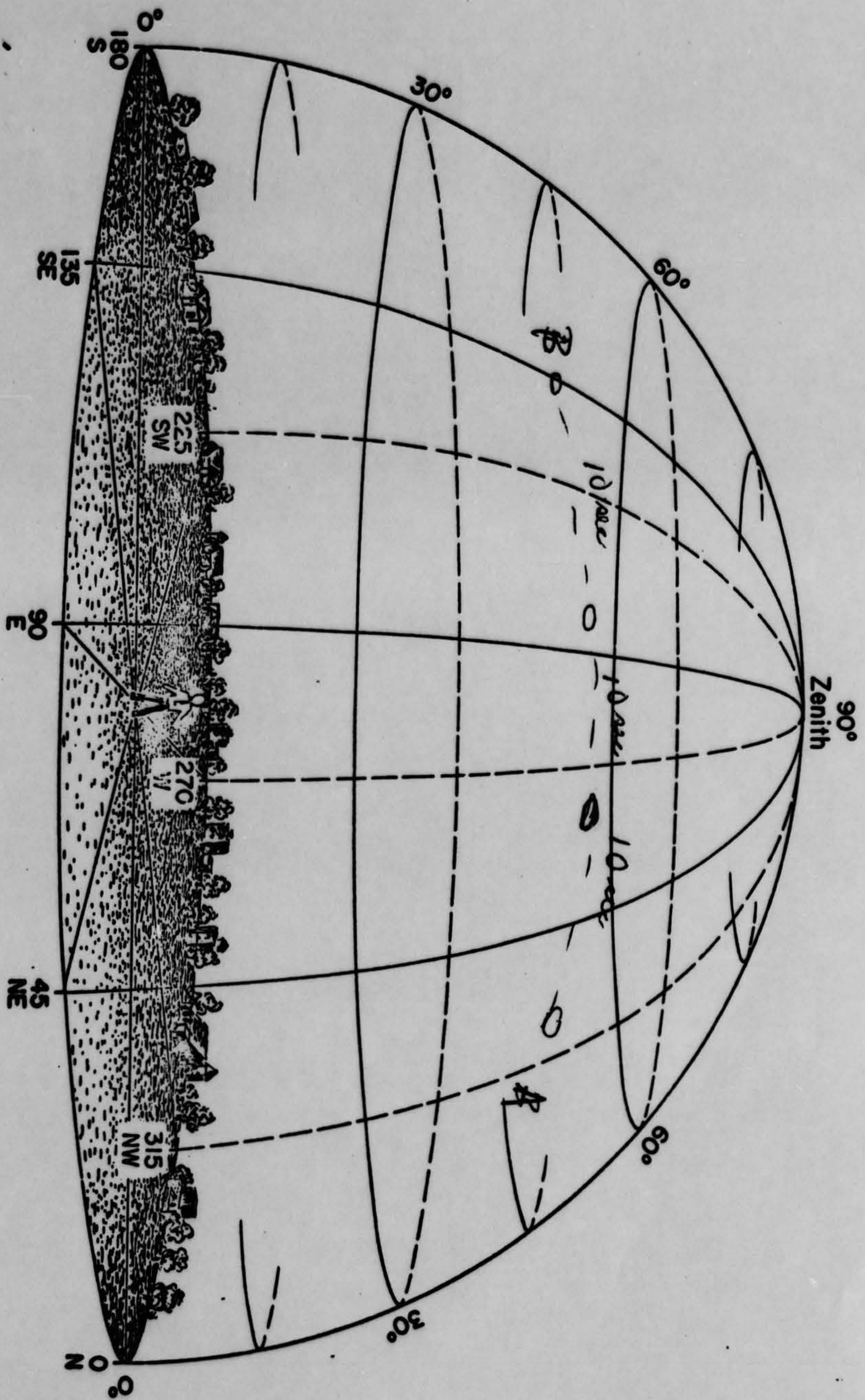
Mr. [REDACTED]  
Kansas City, Missouri

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rocks canis which acted exactly  
the way the paper described it.  
The neighbors had been watching it  
every night this week.



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1. When did you see the object?

21 Day    Aug Month    1958 Year

2. Time of day: \_\_\_\_\_

Hour

8 \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes

(Circle One):

A.M.

or

P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One):

a. Eastern

b. Central

c. Mountain

d. Pacific

e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One):

a. Daylight Saving

b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
Nearest Postal Address

Kansas City  
City or Town

Kansas  
State or Country

Additional remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

Minutes

Seconds

30 to 45

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Bright daylight

b. Dull daylight

c. Bright twilight

d. Just a trace of daylight

e. No trace of daylight

f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One):

a. In front of you

b. In back of you

c. To your right

d. To your left

e. Overhead

f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One)

a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other a bright star

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. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't Know |

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

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

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

- |                 |                                      |                                     |                |     |                                     |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 None
- b. Color White light

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.

*No shape seen. Only a light*

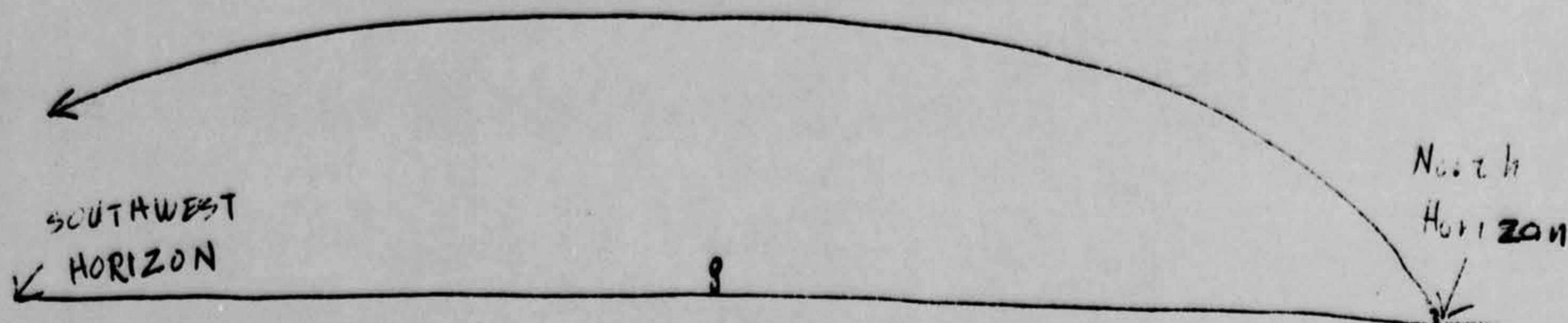
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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? Only one object  
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.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.

*No guess possible.*

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin  
b. Pea  
c. Dime  
d. Nickel  
e. Quarter  
f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar  
h. Baseball  
i. Grapefruit  
j. Basketball

k. Other *Very bright star*

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.)

- a. Certain  
b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure  
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? *Near SW horizon and came near to moon which was very bright and made it difficult to see light flashes.*

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? 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.

*No guess possible. Only saw a light.*

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
- 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. Flying 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?

*I was watching for the Sputnik III Rocket car.*  
*It appeared 20 minutes later.*

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

*Not in automobile*  
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)

- |   |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. North | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast                              | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

- |              |              |   |              |
|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> e. South | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest                              | h. Northwest |

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

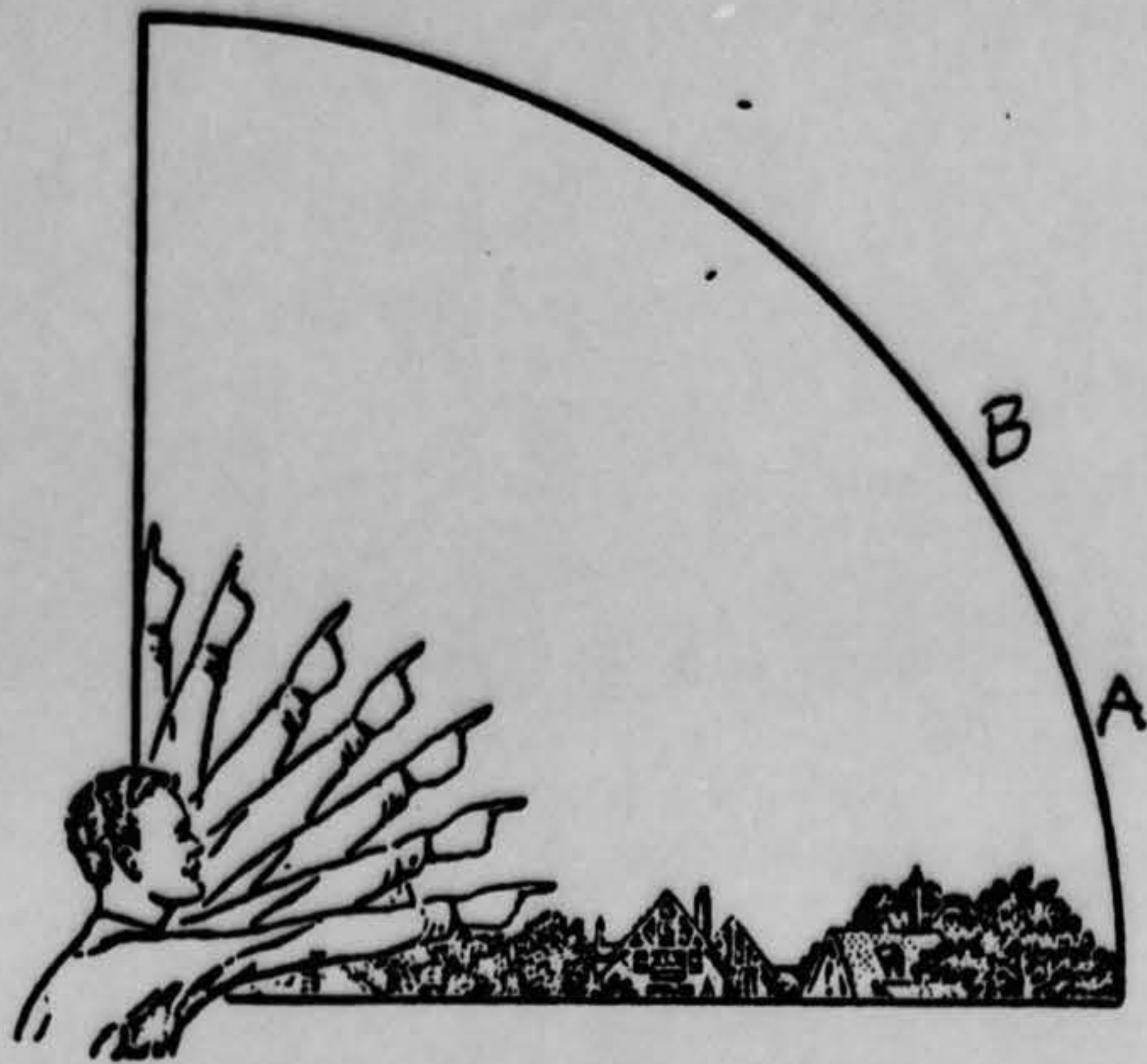
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 5° degrees.
- b. From horizon 15° degrees.

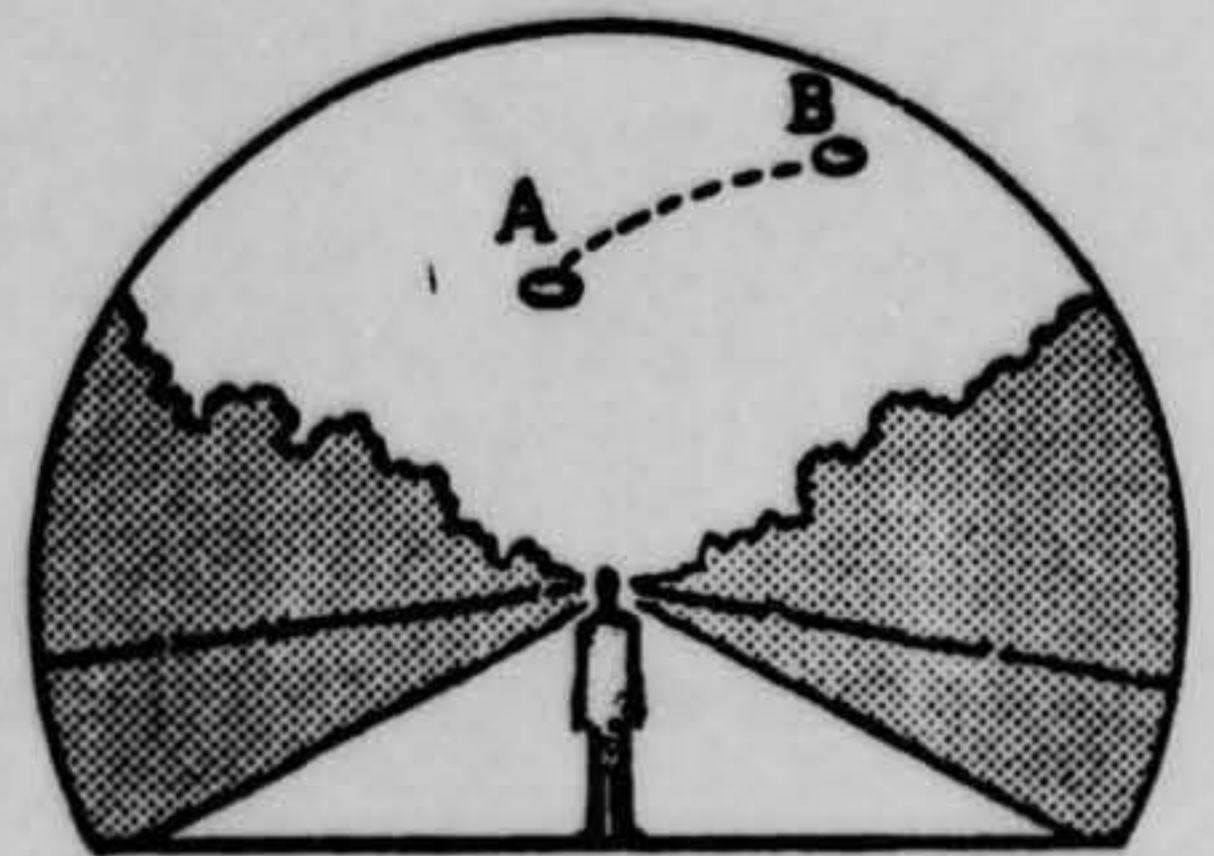
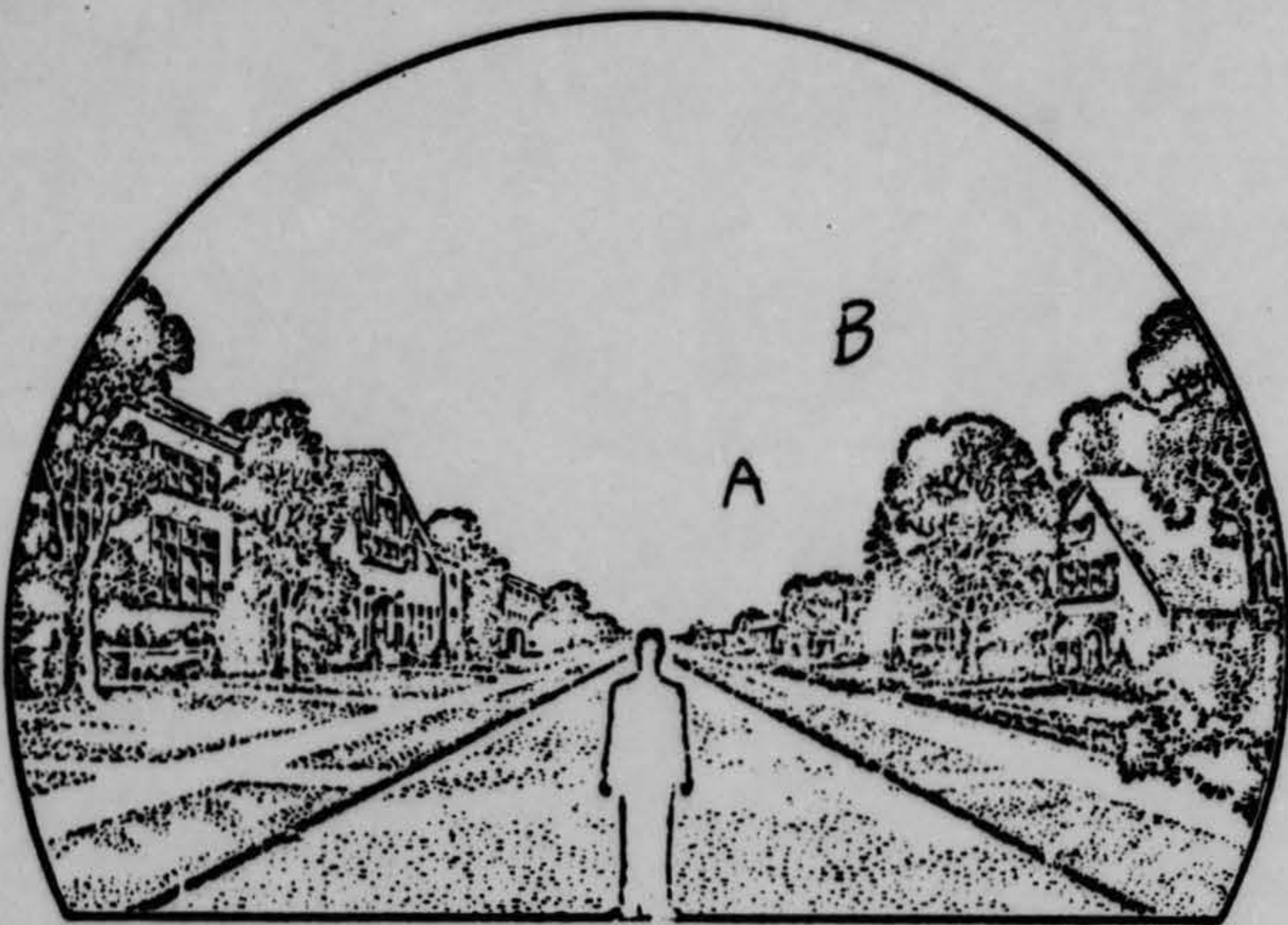
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 195° 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?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky  
 b. Hazy  
 c. Scattered clouds  
 d. Thick or heavy clouds  
 e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind  
 b. Slight breeze  
 c. Strong wind  
 d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold  
 b. Cool  
 c. Warm  
 d. Hot  
 e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

22      Aug      1958  
 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:

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]  
 Kansas City 6, Kan.

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?

*It flashed at even intervals as it crossed the sky. Perhaps it was something reflecting the light of the sun in the same manner the Sputnik rocket carrier reflected the sunlight as it tumbles in its orbit.*

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

(Circle One)

Yes

No

*It crossed very quickly but I have no idea of its height.*

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? \_\_\_\_\_ m.p.h.

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? \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_

First Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name

ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

Street

*Kansas City*

City

*6*

Zone

*Kansas*

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

What is your present job?

*Artist for Hallmarks Cards, Inc.*

Age

*27*

Sex

*Male*

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school \_\_\_\_\_

b. High school \_\_\_\_\_

c. College *Journalism, Pol. Sci.*

d. Post graduate \_\_\_\_\_

e. e. Technical school \_\_\_\_\_

(Type) \_\_\_\_\_

f. Other special training \_\_\_\_\_

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

*30*  
Day

*Aug*  
Month

*1958*  
Year

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Mr. & Mrs. [redacted]  
Kansas City 6, Kansas

10 ATIC for  
[redacted] analysis and/or  
evaluation  
[Signature]

August 23, 1958

Department of the Air Force  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I've heard that the Air Force collects and studies reports of unidentified flying objects. Here is a brief description of something I observed recently. I hope you will forward it to the proper office, and that it may be of some use.

At 8:40 p.m., August 21, I was standing in my yard in Kansas City watching for the rocket carrier of the Sputnik III which had been observed over Kansas City on several previous nights that week. I had not seen the Sputnik before so didn't know exactly what to expect.

I noticed a flash of light near the horizon almost directly north, possibly slightly east of north, which I first thought to be a meteor. However, I had the impression (I saw the flash from the corner of my eye) that the light had moved up from the horizon rather than down toward it. A few seconds later another flash occurred, moving upward at about 45 degrees from the horizon. After another interval a flash occurred at 90 degrees from the north horizon, but not directly overhead. It was perhaps 75 degrees above the west horizon. Three more flashes occurred at constant intervals of a few seconds, each one farther south and slightly west. After the first three flashes, the distance between the flashes appeared less although the time of the intervals seemed the same. The last two flashes were close to the moon which was very bright and made it difficult to observe the flashes even though they were as bright as a bright star and were moving.

The total impression was that something had flown overhead within less than a minute, giving off flashes of light at regular intervals. It spanned the entire sky with six flashes observed. Since the flashes of light were not as far apart as it went south it seemed that it might not be following the curvature of the earth as closely as it had when appearing from the North. It was a quiet night and I heard no sound.

I was certain that I had seen the Sputnik rocket carrier until 20 minutes later, at 9:00 p.m. the neighbors called for me to come out and see the Sputnik. The neighbors had observed the Sputnik on previous nights and assured me that what I had seen earlier was not the Sputnik. The Sputnik on this night was similar to a faint star in intensity, and it appeared in the vicinity of the Big Dipper constellation which was about 25 degrees west of where the other light had appeared. The Sputnik rocket carrier flashed many times and was visible for about 10 minutes.

I have inclosed a diagram of how the first object appeared to me. I hope this information may be of some use to you.

Sincerely,

[redacted signature]

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

(Do Not Write in This Space)

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CODE:

DATE 30 Aug 58

*a meteor or "falling star" in its path!*

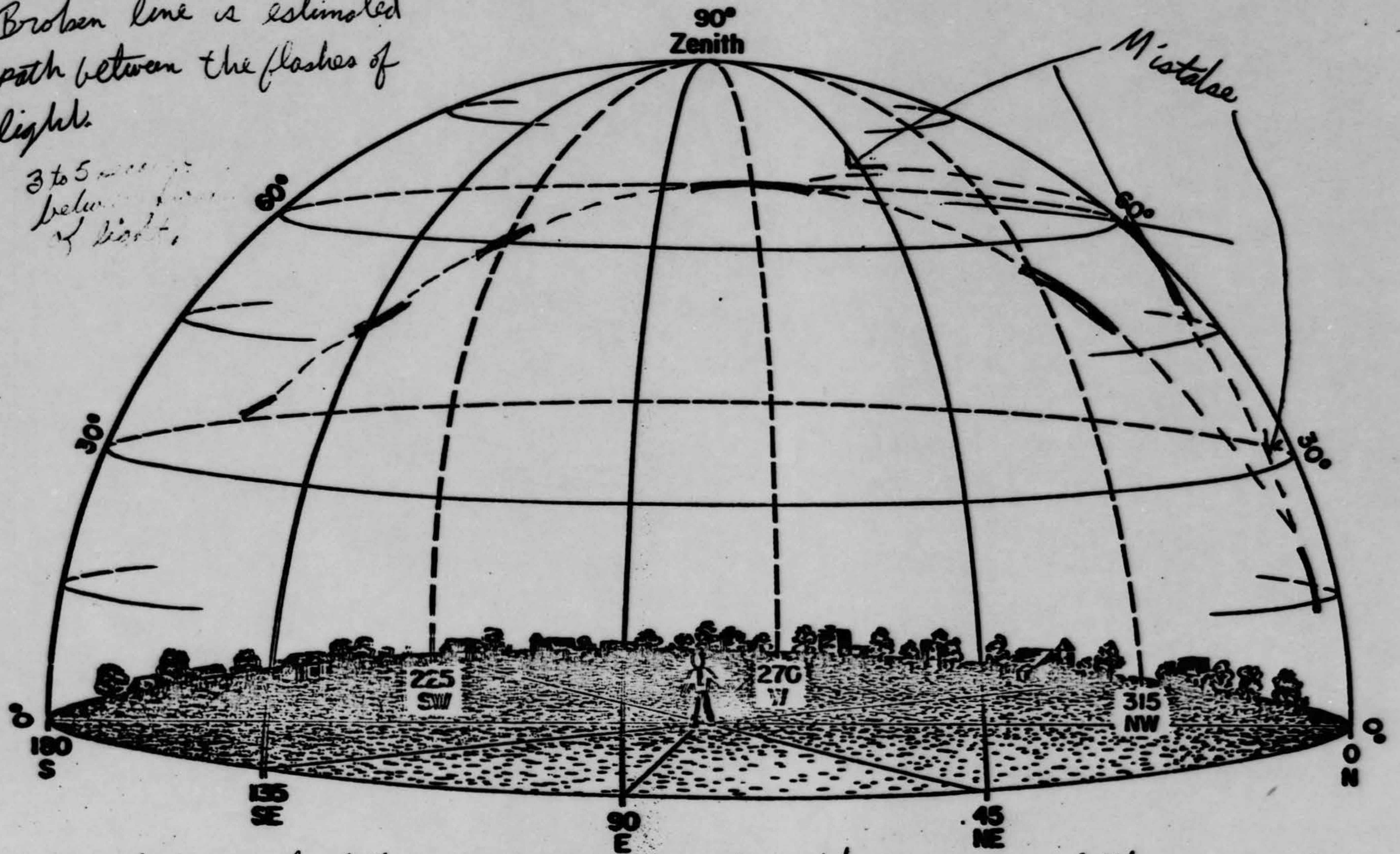
All that was seen was a series of flashes of light similar to that produced by a meteor or falling star. However the flashes occurred at regular intervals of a few seconds, and a straight line could be drawn through the paths of each six flashes. It was therefore convincing that one object had passed quickly from North to southwest horizon, giving off flashes of light at regular intervals. Nothing was seen between the flashes. It appeared near the North horizon and traveled to the southwest horizon within less than a minute.

The flashes occurred at regular intervals of time, but after it crossed overhead the space distance between flashes was progressively less. Six flashes were observed altogether.

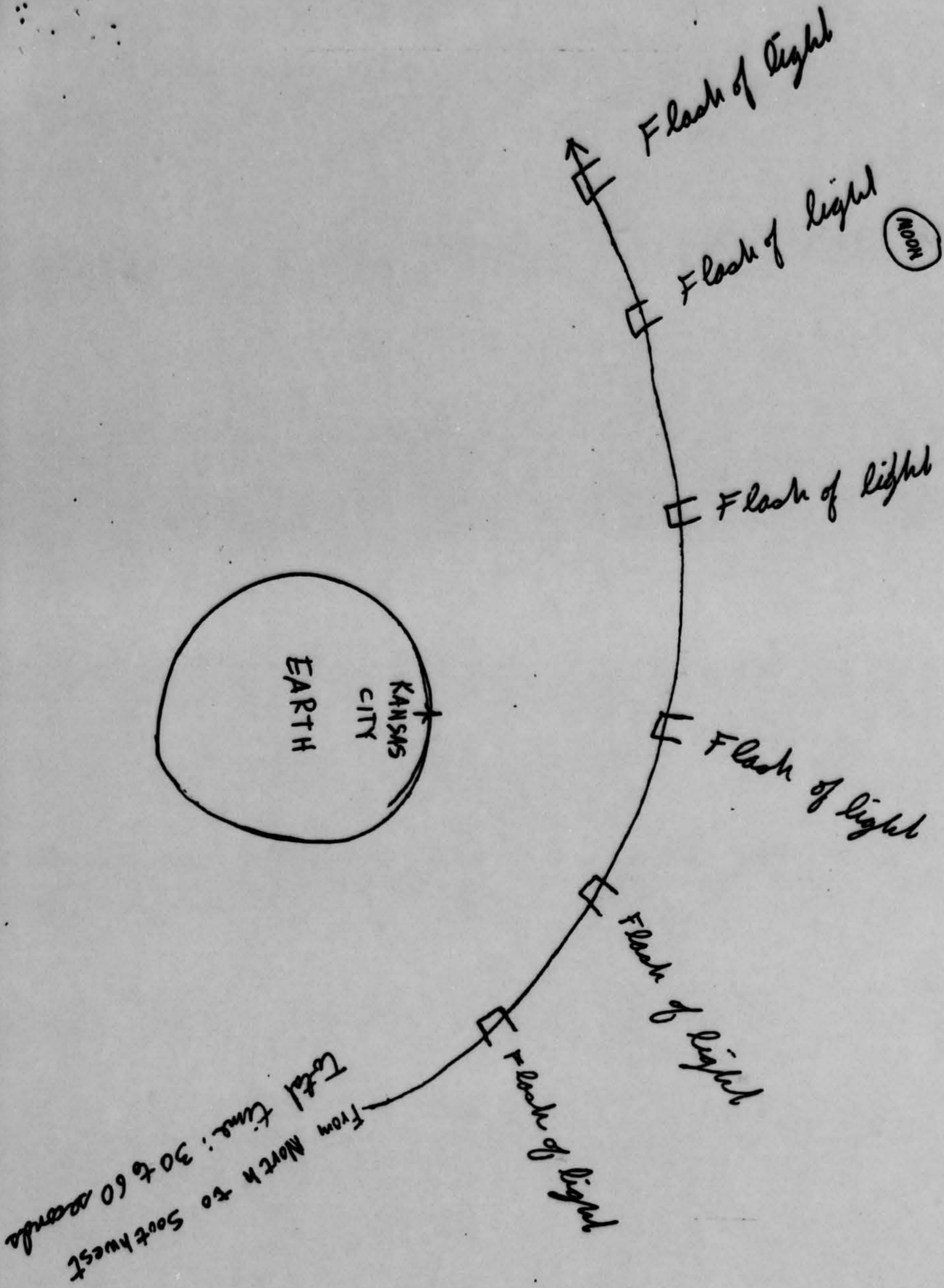
Solid line is path of light observed.

Broken line is estimated path between the flashes of light.

3 to 5 miles below surface of light.



Moved from slightly East of North in straight arc to a little South of Southwest.



From North to South  
Total time: 30 to 60 seconds

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AREA REPORT CONCERNS KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, USA		
AGENCY OF ORIGIN DET 2, 1006TH AISS	DATE OF REPORT 2 Sep 58	
SOURCE OF INFORMATION Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]	DATE OF INFORMATION 21 Aug 58	
PREPARING OFFICER JOHN P. VINIK, Major, USAF	EVALUATION F 6	

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

TELECOM AIHOP 1006TH AISS, 29 August 1958

SUBJECT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 118a.)

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED], artist, Hallmark Cards Inc., Kansas City, Missouri (GEORF FJLK 2605).

PART TWO: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] housewife.

PART THREE: Supplementary Investigation Efforts.

PART FOUR: Comments of the Preparing Officer.

II. SUMMARY: On August 21, 1958 an unidentified flying object was observed by Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] of Kansas City, Kansas (GEORF FJLK 2207) at approximately 2040 hours C. S. T. while standing in front of their home looking for the Sputnik III carrier. It appeared to be a bright elongated light blinking on for about a second every four to six seconds crossing most of the sky in thirty to forty five seconds. The follow up investigation consisted of a thorough interview of the above mentioned persons and a check of other agencies that could possibly help in the identification of this sighting.

III. INVESTIGATOR: S/SGT LAWRENCE B. HOYT, AF17376508

*John P. Vinik*  
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Major - USAF  
Commander

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PART ONE

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**I. SOURCE:** [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Kansas City, Kansas

AGE: 27

OCCUPATION: Artist for HALLMARK CARDS, INC.

EDUCATION: College graduate majoring in journalism and political science

QUALIFICATIONS: None

**II. RELIABILITY:** Source was sincere and eager to help. He gave positive information as to sequence of events, however, he was not too sure of his convictions.

**III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:** Source stated that he had read that the rocket carrier of Sputnik III was to pass over the Kansas City area on the 21st of August 1958 at approximately 2100 hours CST. That evening he started watching the sky early so he wouldn't miss it. At 2040 hours CST he noticed an object appear on the north horizon at a fifteen (15) degree elevation. It looked like a bright star flashing on and off as it moved across the sky. There was a three (3) to five (5) second interval between flashes. Length of flashes could not be estimated. It followed a path due north to slightly west of him (seventy five (75) degree elevation) when overhead and disappeared in the southwest thirty (30) degrees above the horizon. The approximate degrees elevation from him for each of the six (6) flashes sighted were: twenty (20) degrees, sixty (60) degrees, seventy five (75) degrees, sixty five (65) degrees, fifty (50) degrees, thirty (30) degrees. The object crossed the sky in less than one (1) minute. Source could not estimate speed or altitude.

After further questioning Source stated that the flashes of light were possibly elongated. At arms length the flash of light was visible travelling through the sky approximately seven (7) inches before it faded out.

The sky was clear with a bright moon shining. The night was warm with many stars. A slight breeze was blowing.

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## I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED], Kansas City, Kansas

AGE: 28

OCCUPATION: Housewife

EDUCATION: Attended University of Iowa

QUALIFICATIONS: None

II. RELIABILITY: Source was helpful and cooperative, however in her own words her sense of direction and timing are very poor.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: On 21 August 1958 at 2040 hours CST, source was called from her home by her husband who had seen an unknown object in the sky while watching for the rocket carrier of Sputnik III. Source observed the object for 45 seconds.

Source could not estimate the speed, size, altitude or material of the object. She did state that it was as bright as an auto headlight a mile or more away and flickered off and on, and was slightly brighter than a star. The light was on for ten (10) seconds at a time and was observed four times. The object appeared from the northeast and disappeared into the southwest, where it was lost in moon light. It moved in a slight arc.

It was a clear night with a bright moon and many stars were visible. The night was cool and dry.

A short time later the source was called outside by a neighbor who showed her the rocket carrier passing overhead.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

## 1. The following agencies were checked with negative results:

- a. Military Flight Service Center, Lowry AFB, Colorado
- b. Base Operations, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Missouri
- c. Whiteman AFB, Sedalia, Missouri
- d. AC&W site at Olathe Naval Air Station, Olathe, Kansas
- e. GOC, Kansas City, Kansas

2. Mr. [REDACTED], president of the Moonwatchers team of the Astronomy Club, Kansas City, Missouri, stated that on 21 August 1958 the rocket carrier of Sputnik III officially passed over Kansas City, Missouri between the hours of 2047 and 2057 CST following a course generally from the Northwest to the Southeast. The satellite, Sputnik III, was heard over Kansas City, Mo at 2007'30" hours that evening but it has never been seen over Kansas City.

3. The Chief Controller, Mr. [REDACTED], Air Route Traffic Control, Kansas City, Missouri stated that there were ten (10) aircraft in the Kansas-Missouri area over 30,000 feet on 21 August 1958 between 2030 and 2045 hours. Aircraft, B-47s, were flying local and exact locations could not be determined.

4. Base Operations, Schilling AFB, Salina, Kansas(GEOREF FJHJ 2450) stated that on the day and time in question, they had one B-47 over Kansas City heading West at an altitude of 30,000 feet.

5. A check with Base Operations, Forbes AFB, Topeka, Kansas(GEOREF FJJK 1905) revealed that on 21 August 1958, at the stated time, they had four (4) B-47s and one (1) T-33 aircraft in the area between Kansas City, Missouri and Topeka, Kansas. One B-47, Nursemaid 34, Captain Baltes-pilot, at 35,000 feet was completing a mission at this time and was flying to Forbes AFB from the direction of St. Joseph, Missouri(GEOREF FJLK 0946). Captain Roberts, airdrome officer, stated that it was a common practice prior to landing to check wing lights for icing or blink wing lights if other aircraft are in the area.

6. Detachment 1, 19th Weather Squadron, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo. was contacted and gave the following weather observations for 21 August 1958 for the time 1956 hours CST to 2156 hours CST:

Surface wind - Calm

Winds aloft

6000'	-	020 degrees at 10 knots
10000'	-	350 degrees at 15 knots
16000'	-	300 degrees at 15 knots
20000'	-	300 degrees at 20 knots
30000'	-	290 degrees at 20 knots
50000'	-	290 degrees at 45 knots

*This is the direction given by Mr. Norman.*

The night was clear and warm.

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## Comments of the Preparing Officer:

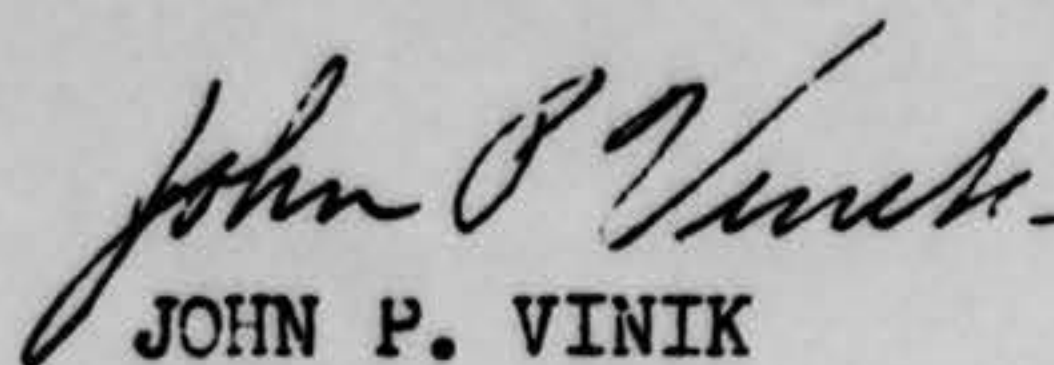
1. This sighting was probably caused by one of the aircraft flying in the area during the time of the sighting, for the following reasons:

a. A B-47 aircraft, Nursemaid 34, was flying the approximate course of the sighting. Since other aircraft in the area were flying local, they, too, could have flown the course of the sighting.

b. It is a common practice for SAC aircraft to check wing lights for icing or flash their lights whenever other aircraft are in the area. This would account for the elongated flash of light observed by the Source.

c. Judgement of time by Mr [REDACTED] ment that the object was observed thirty (30) to forty-five (45) seconds. During this time he observed the first flash from the corner of his eye, faced in the direction of the flash and looked for the second flash, and upon locating it called to his wife, who in turn came out of the house, was shown the path of the flashes, and she saw approximately four (4) of these flashes.

d. The unidentified object was not the Sputnik carrier, because Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] were shown the carrier by their neighbors approximately fifteen (15) minutes later. The neighbors stated to the interviewer that they have seen the Sputnik carrier before and were able to recognize it immediately. The time of their sighting of the Sputnik carrier also corresponds with the official time.



JOHN P. VINIK  
Major USAF  
Commander