

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Sep 61		2. LOCATION Sandusky, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1920 GMT 020020Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-5 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE WSW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observation of ascending objt going WSW. Started to burn and burned fm 2-5 min. At twilight. Original objt appeared as light. About as bright as Venus, red and white, blinking, with trail or red orange smoke. See: Film 7-3745-457 (Film in Physical Specimen File)				11. COMMENTS Film does not have enough detail to allow an analysis. There are many possible objts which could result in image shown, ie meteor. There is no evidence which would indicate that this objt was an interplanetary space vehicle or constituted in any way a threat to our national security.	

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
☒ b. In a car
 c. Outdoors
 d. In an airplane (type)
 e. At sea
 f. Other _____

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
 b. In the residential section of a city?
☒ c. In open countryside?
 d. Near an airfield?
 e. Flying over a city?
 f. Flying over open country?
 g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

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? 65 miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No ONLY @ TRAIL

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

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

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

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

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

31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 270° degrees.
 b. From horizon 15-20° degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 270° degrees.
 b. From horizon 45° degrees.

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

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

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

ADDRESS [REDACTED] LANE WEBSTER N.Y.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

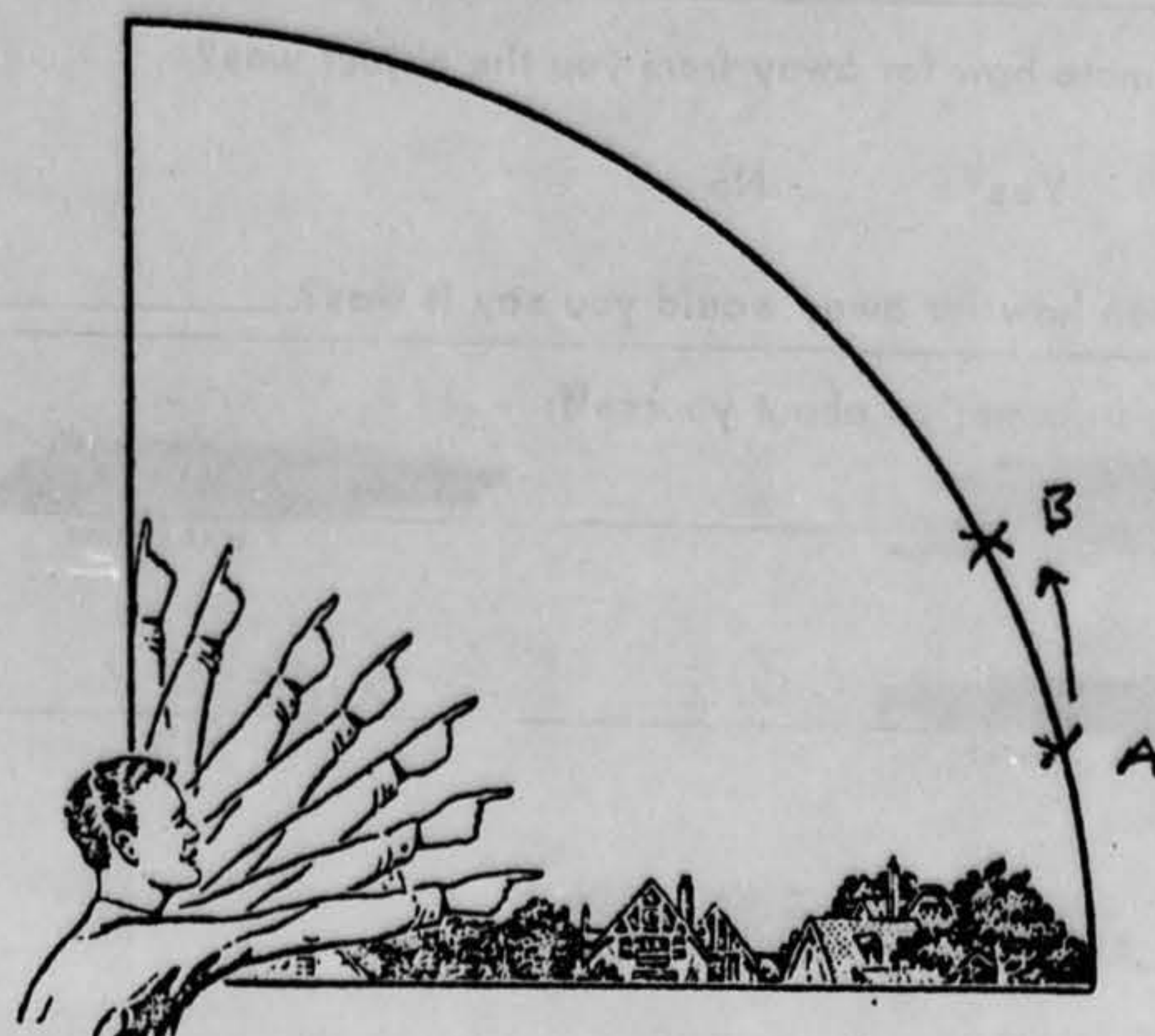
Age _____ Sex _____

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

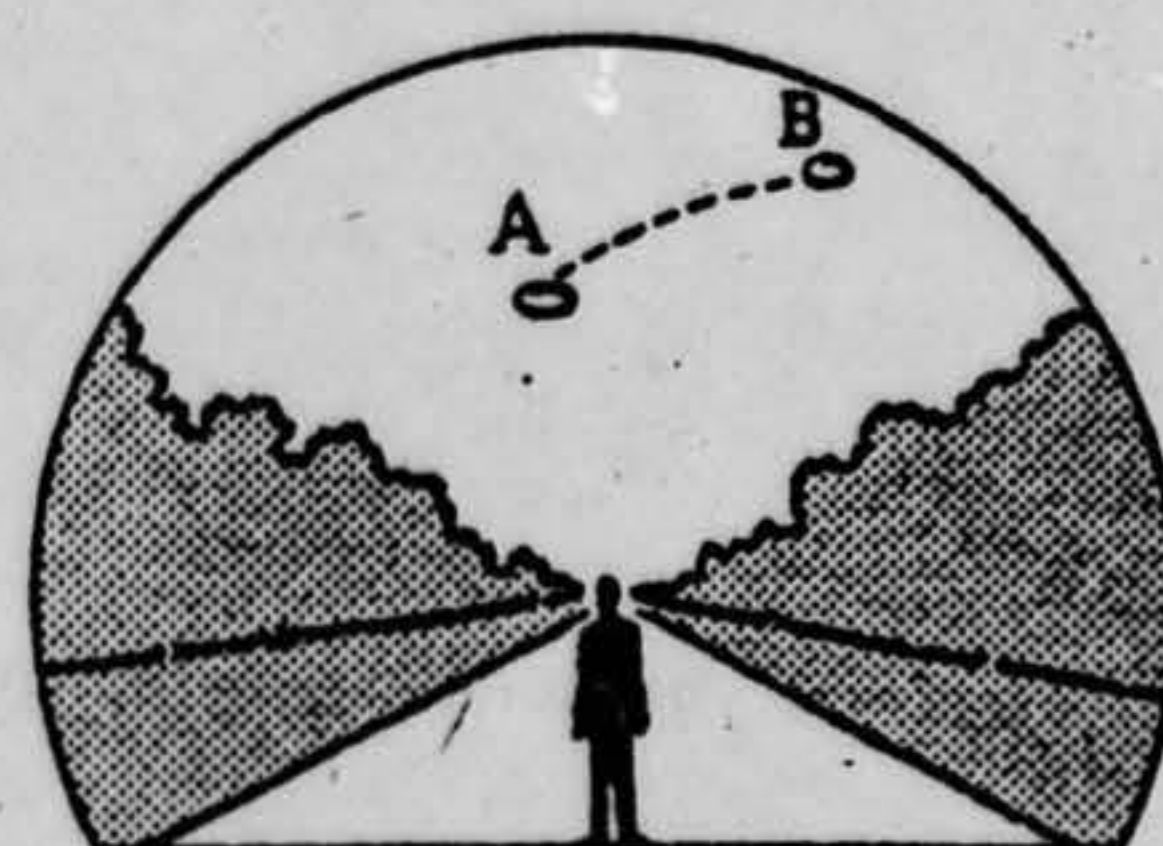
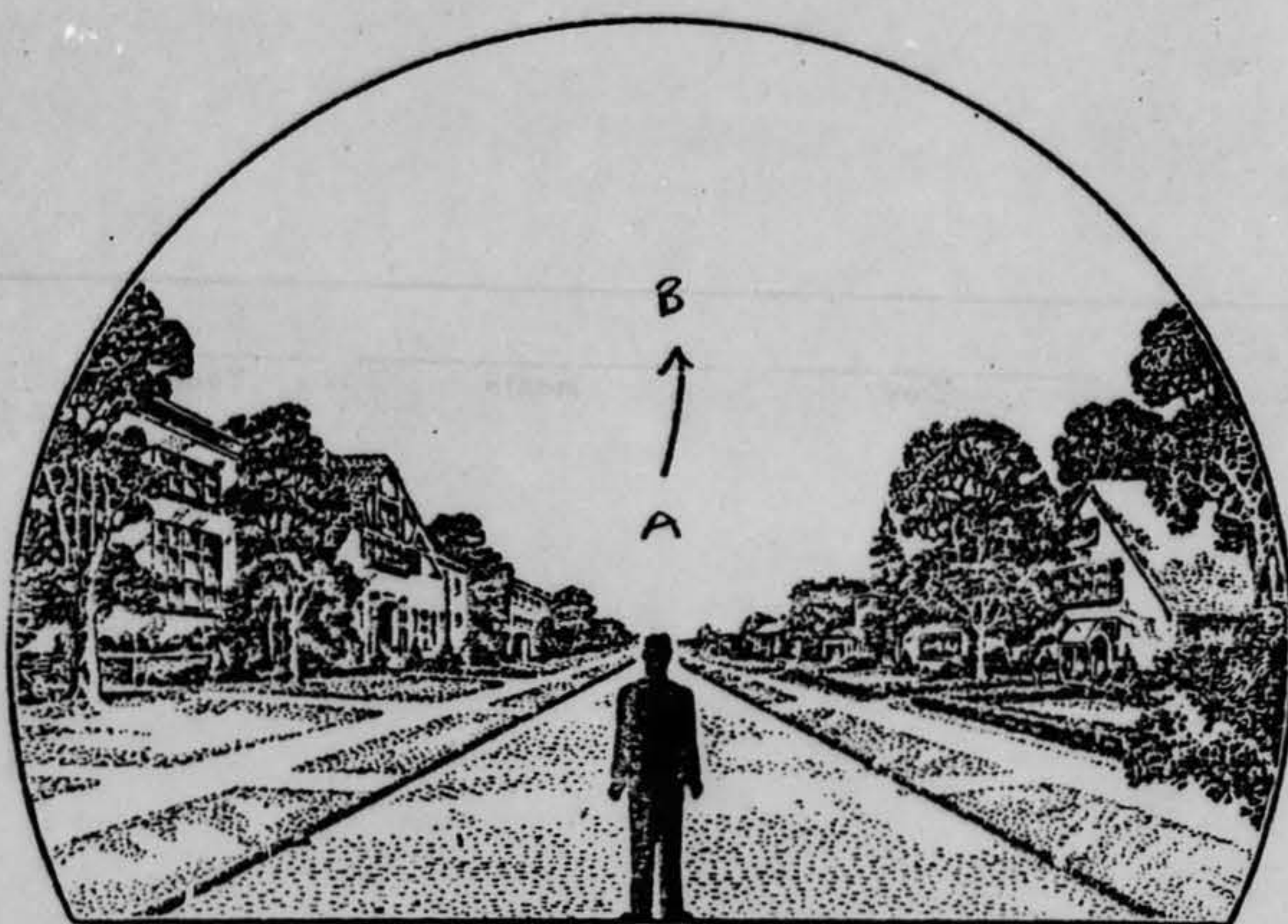
42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day Month Year

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.



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AERONAUTICAL SYSTEMS DIVISION
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

PHYSICS

LABORATORY

EVALUATION REPORT
Operation Midwing

REPORT NR: ASRCP 62-4

DATE: 7 February 1962

PROJECT NR: 6771

TYPE EVALUATION:

MANUFACTURER:

SPEC NR:

SUBMITTED BY: ASYIM

ITEM SERIAL NR:

Capt. Gearhart

I. PURPOSE

To determine the composition of the sample submitted for analysis and its origin if possible.

II. FACTUAL DATA

1. The sample submitted for analysis was assigned Materials Physics serial number 9237.
2. Microscopic examination showed the presence of finely divided metal-like particles.
3. Analysis of different portions of the sample by emission spectroscopic methods showed the presence of the following elements:
 - a. Principal aluminum
 - b. Minors magnesium, calcium, silicon
 - c. Traces manganese, lead, copper, and titanium
4. Analysis by X-ray methods showed the presence of $Al_2O_3 \cdot 3H_2O$. This material has a bayerite crystalline structure.
5. Analysis by mass spectrometric methods using a double focus Mattauch-Herzog mass spectrometer showed that the metal-like particles were high purity aluminum.
6. Analysis of different portions of the sample by infrared spectrophotometric methods showed that the organic material was composed of polyisobutyl methacrylate.

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ARTIFACT # 341-15-479

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7. Analysis of different portions of the sample by chemical methods did not show the presence of nitrates or perchlorates in the sample.
8. Chemical analysis of two samples, a mineral-like material and an organic material found in the vicinity showed them to be:
 - a. Slag. This material is commonly found around iron foundries.
 - b. Polyethylene.

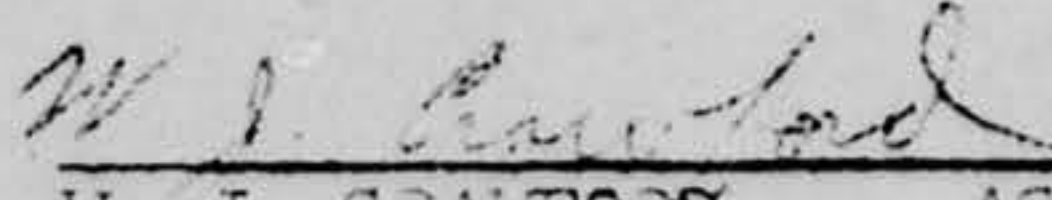
III. CONCLUSIONS

1. The sample is non-homogeneous.
2. Chemical analysis of the sample submitted showed it to be man made because
 - a. Finely divided, high purity aluminum does not occur in nature.
 - b. Polyisobutyl methacrylate is a commercially available chemical compound.
3. The sample is not a sour batch of resin based paint because paint manufacturers
 - a. Add components to restore the desired formulation of a particular resin paint, or
 - b. Sell the one batch of paint at cost as a "closing out of stock" sale.
4. The $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$, bayerite structure, formed in place. Bayerite does not occur in nature but results from the reaction of water with finely divided aluminum of high purity at low temperature, about 40°C . ("Aluminum Properties," ALCOA Research Lab. 1960 AD No. 250599.)
5. Analysis of different organic portions showed the presence of polyisobutyl methacrylate throughout.
6. The possible origin cannot be determined from these chemical data.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

None, data merely submitted.

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This report has been reviewed and approved.

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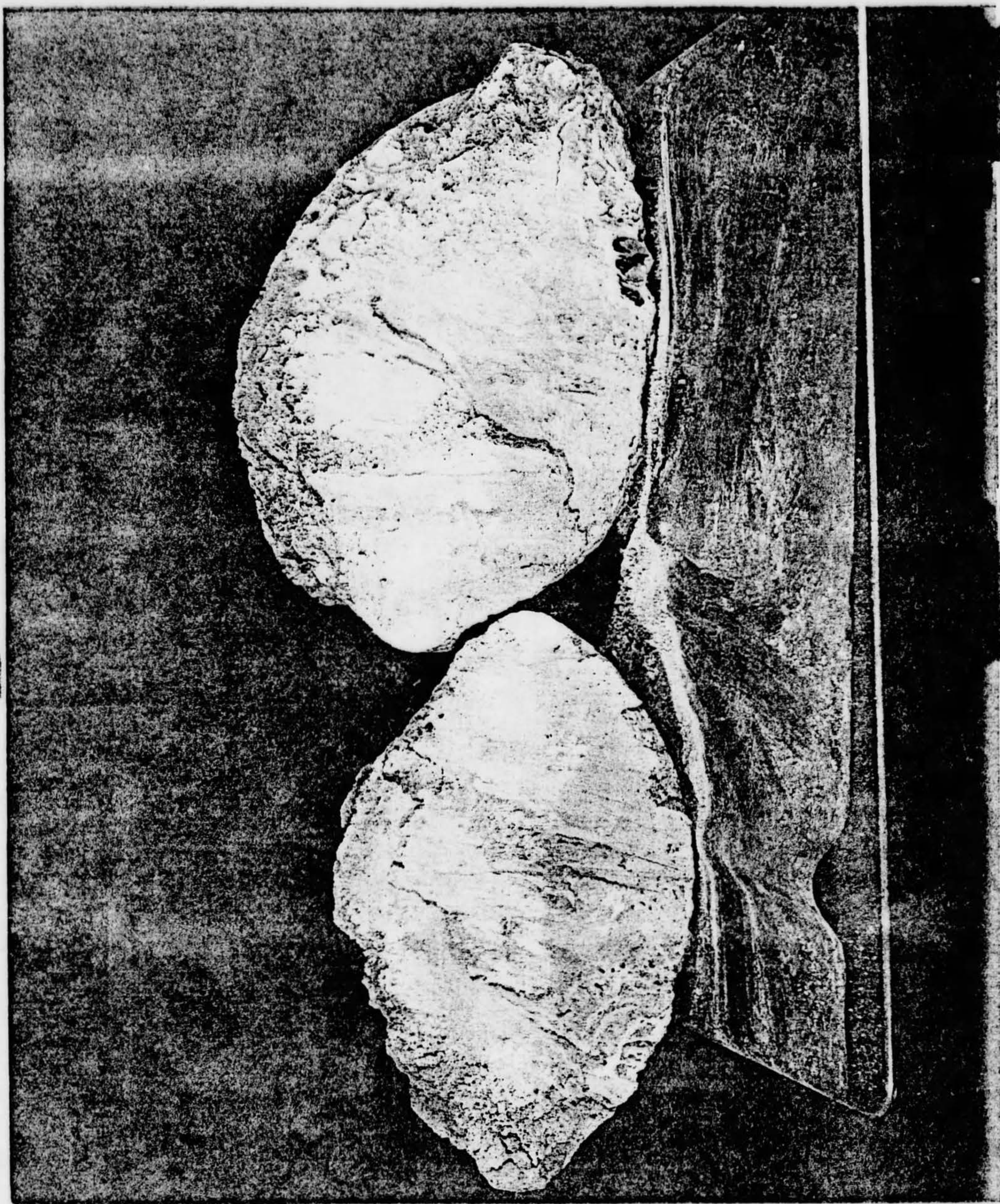
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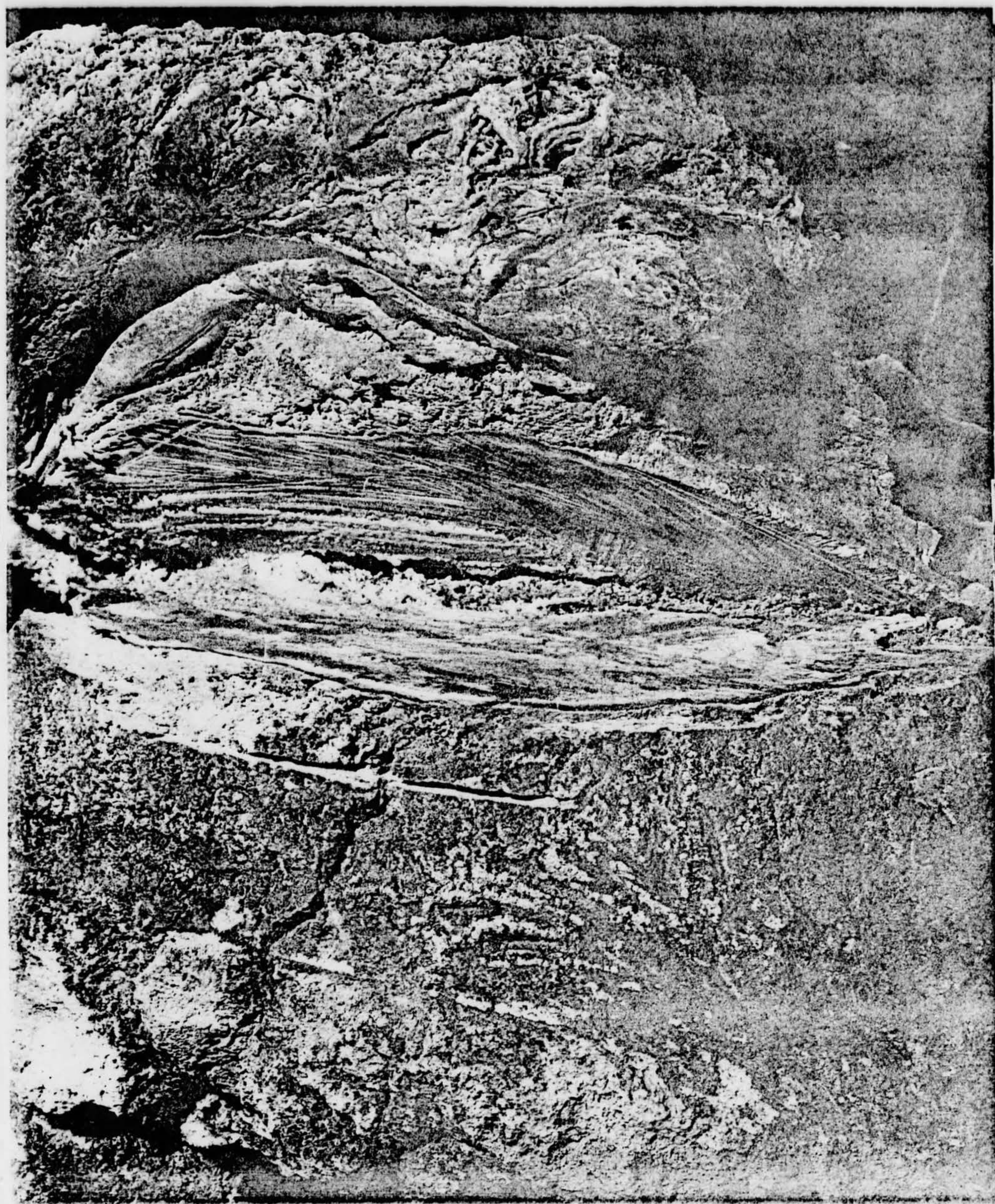
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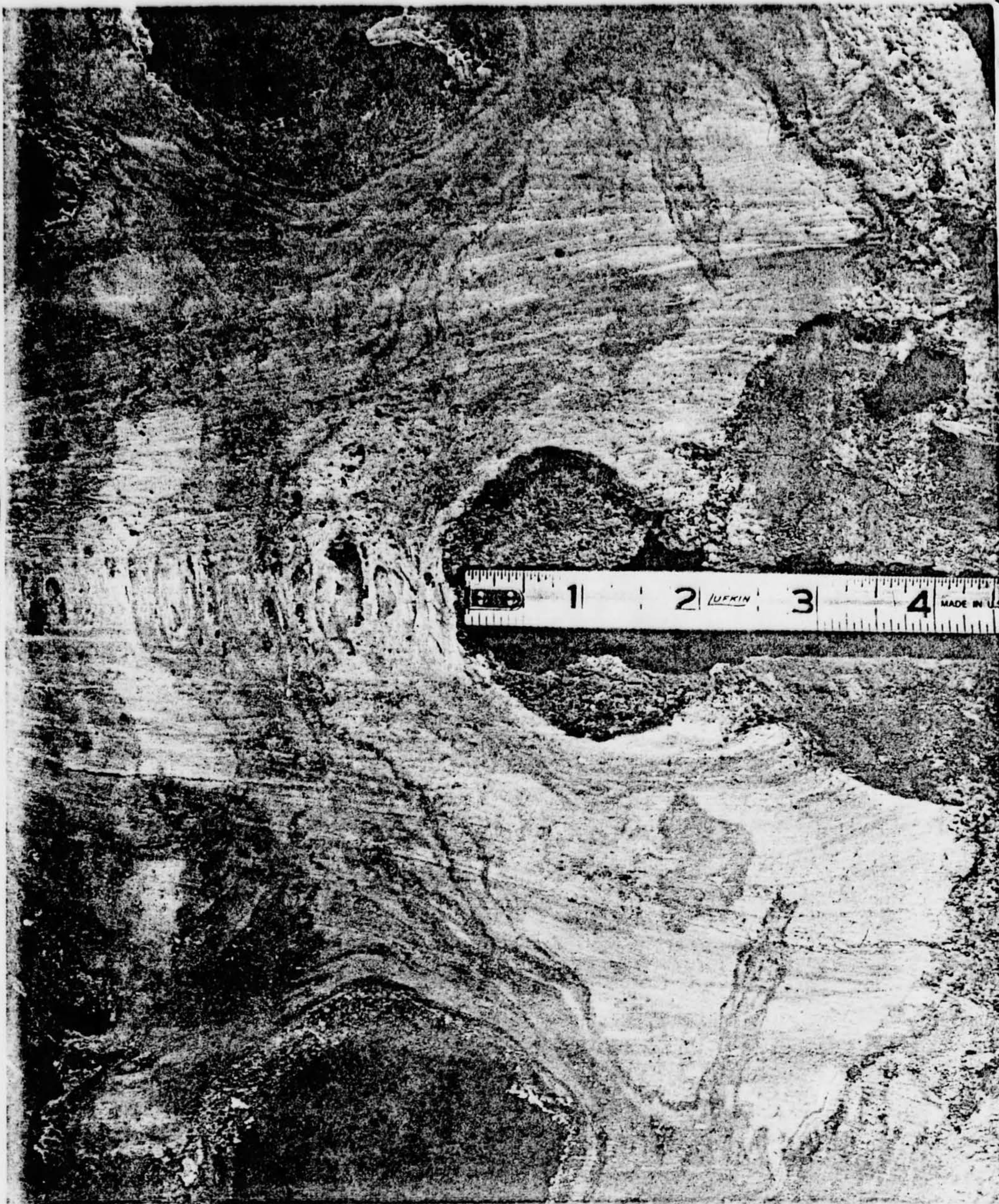
Film
Sept. 1, 1961
SANDUSKY, Ohio
Observer: ~~REDACTED~~
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CONNORSVILLE, INDIANA

Exp 61

case includes seven (7)

8' x 10" photos and

one (1) physical specimen (see
separate folder)

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Lane

Webster, N. Y.

home telephone ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

engineer at Stromberg-Carlson, Rochester, N.Y.
telephone ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

sighted object on Ohio Turnpike
near Sandusky.

Right after sunset - about 7:20 EST
object going W to SW, upward
elevation. Started descent in SW
and started to burn. Burned
from 2-5 minutes.

Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ stopped and took
some 35 mm color slides.

Call from: Capt R. B. Orr

Special Assistant for Ballistic
missiles

Rochester APB, N. Y.

telephone ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Ext. ~~XXXX~~

SANDUSKY, OHIO

1 Sep 61

case includes 35mm film

~~Webster, N.Y.~~

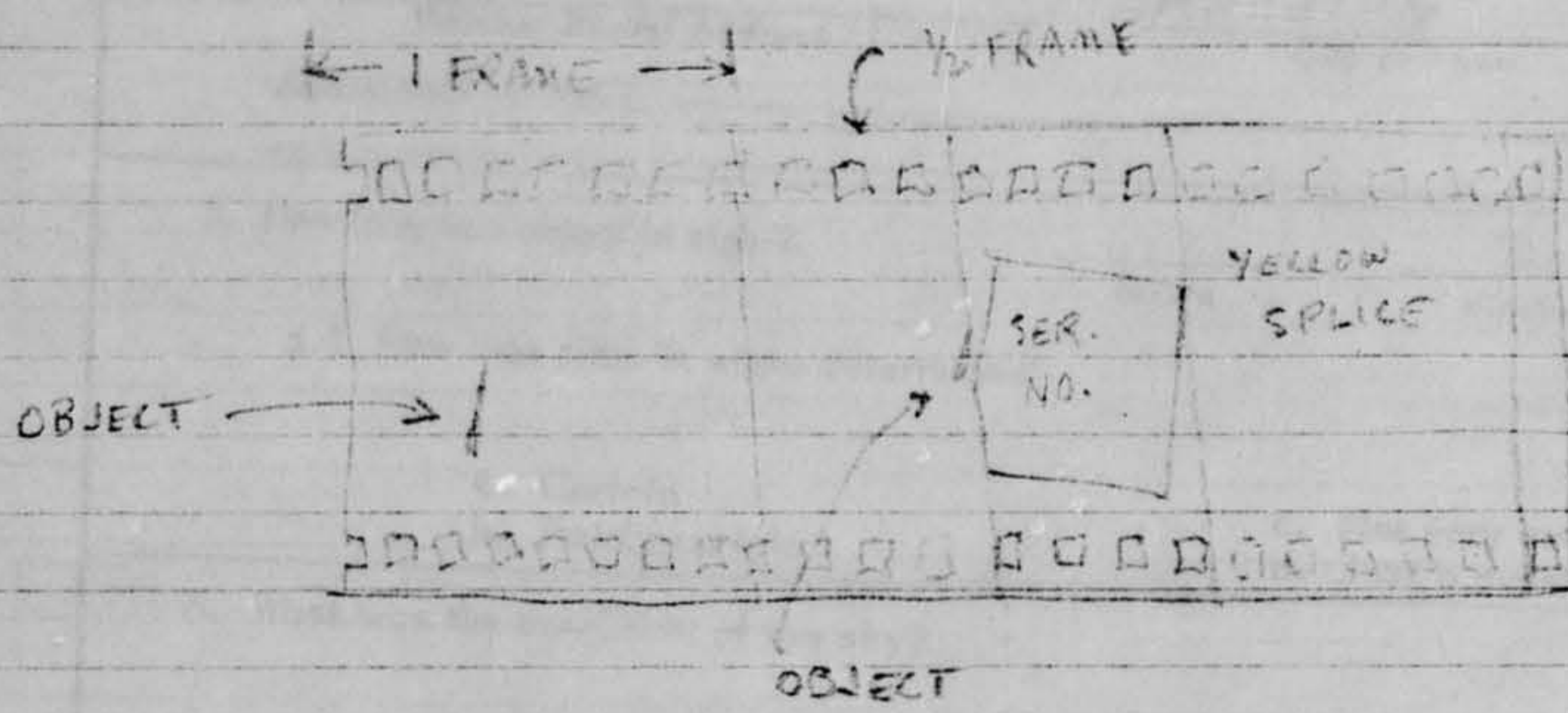
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Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

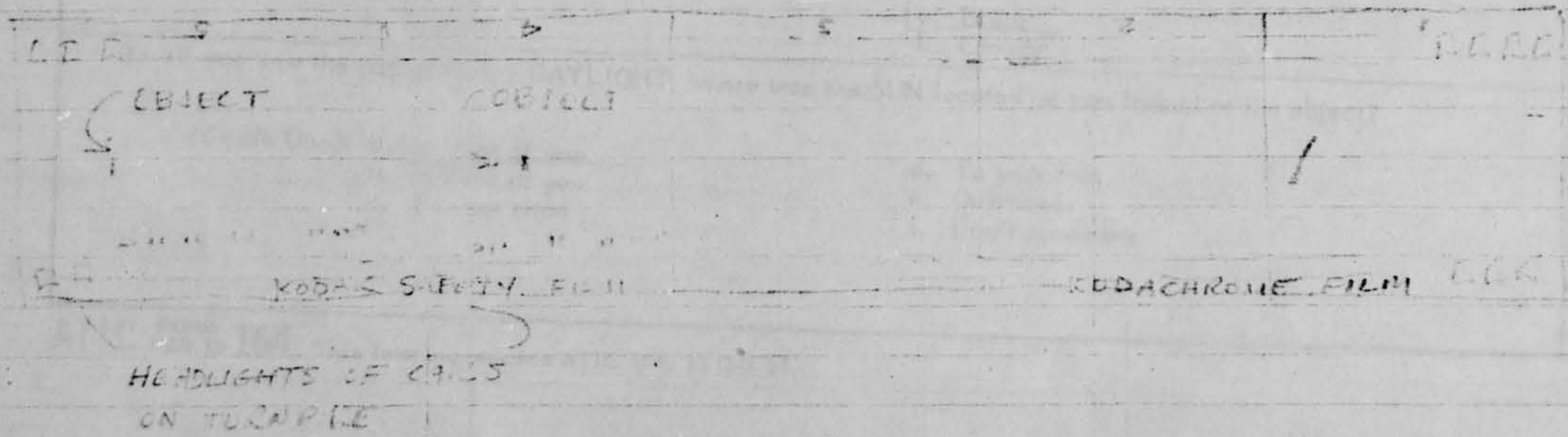
Attn: TDE Major Friend

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the 35 mm film showing the
object sighted on September 1, 1961 near Sandusky,
Ohio. The exposures are poor so I will try to
locate the object in the different frames by the
sketches below.



RETURN TO:	K243.6012-1
	1-15 Sep 1961
Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama	



I was using an Argus C.3 camera.

The only lens and shutter setting I remember is for frame #5 which was $f/3.5$ at $1/10$ sec.

If I can furnish any other information I will be happy to do so.

Very sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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?

1 SEPT 61
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 1920 - 1925
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?

Nearest Postal Address SANDUSKY OHIO
City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. How long was object in sight?

Hours 2 Minutes Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

TWILIGHT

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, 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, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight — pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. The object appeared:

(Circle One): a. As a light b. Shiny c. Dark d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars?

AS BRIGHT AS VENUS —

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? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |

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

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One): a. Solid b. Transparent c. Vapor d. Don't Know

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

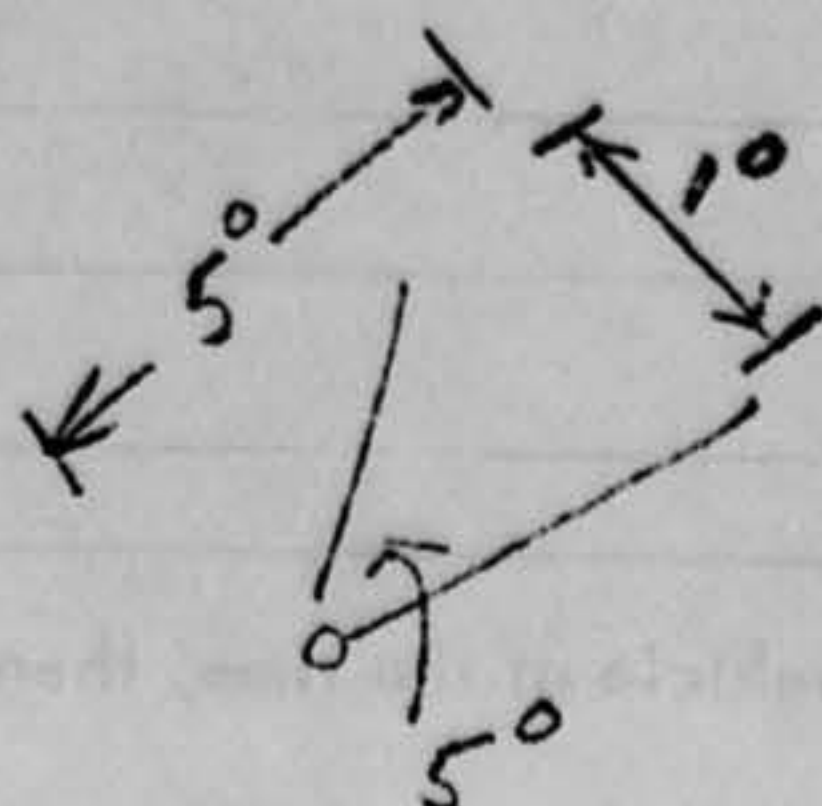
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| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | <u>Yes</u> | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other | _____ | |

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound NO —

b. Color BLINKING LIGHT — (RED-WHITE) TRAIL — RED-ORANGE

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 ^{LIGHT} 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.