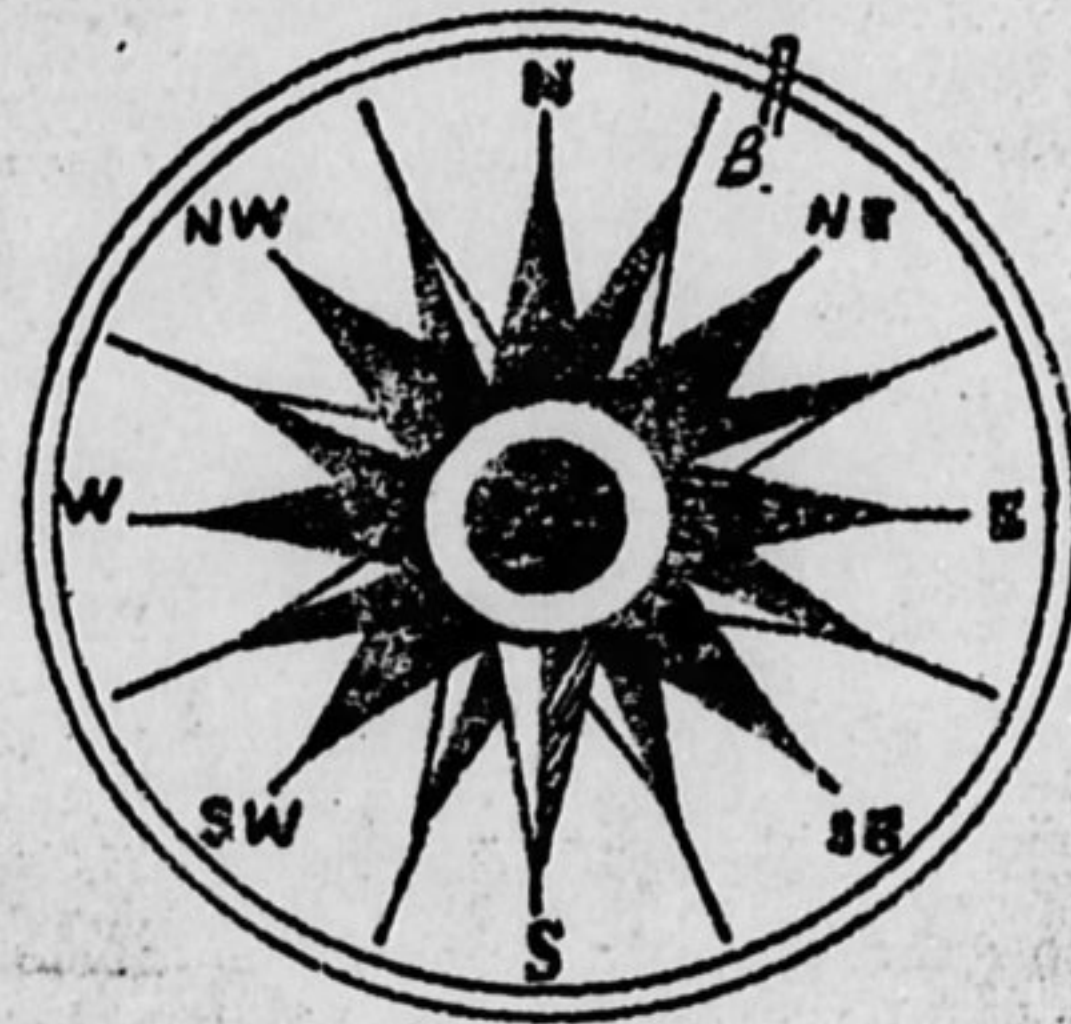
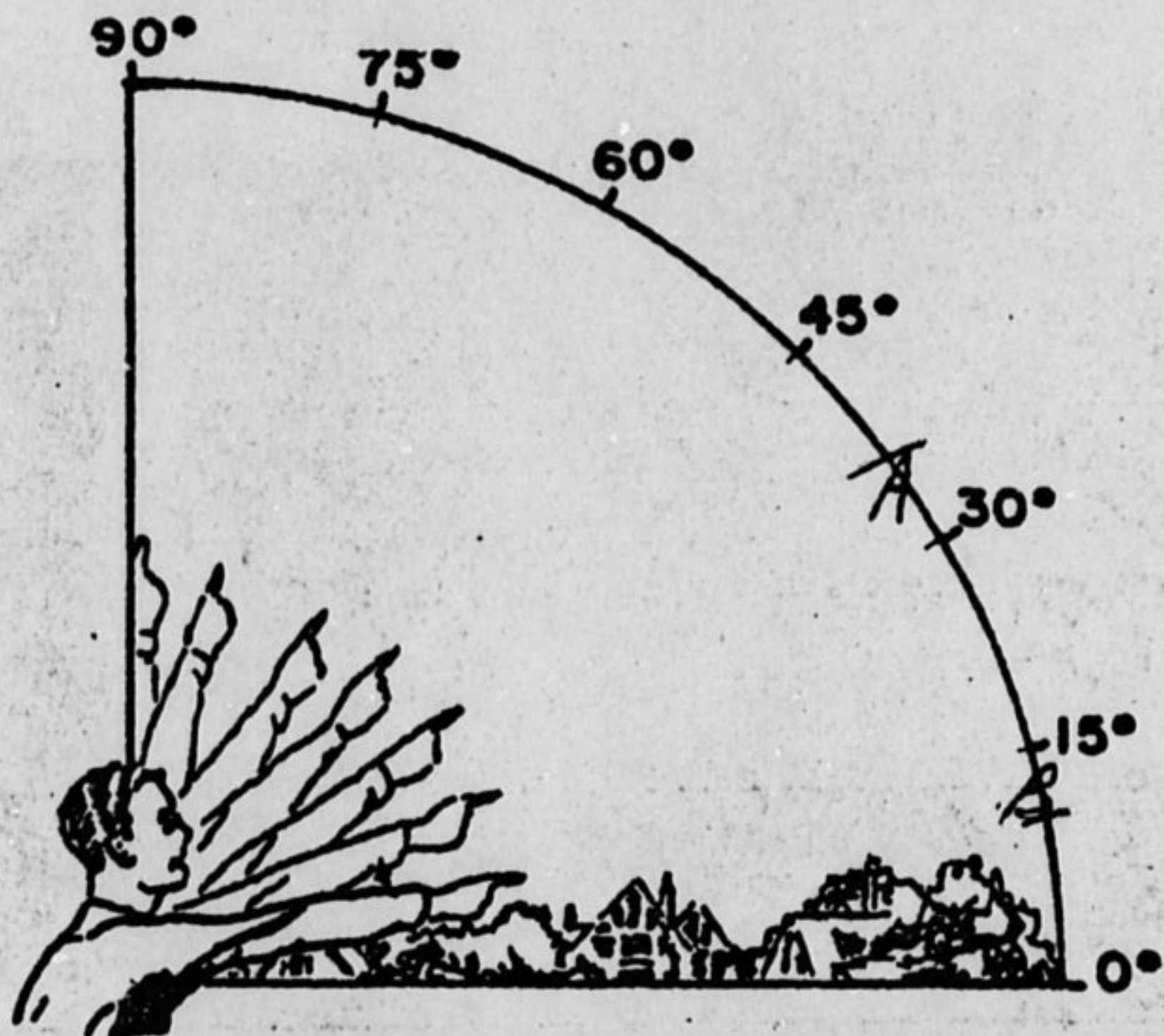


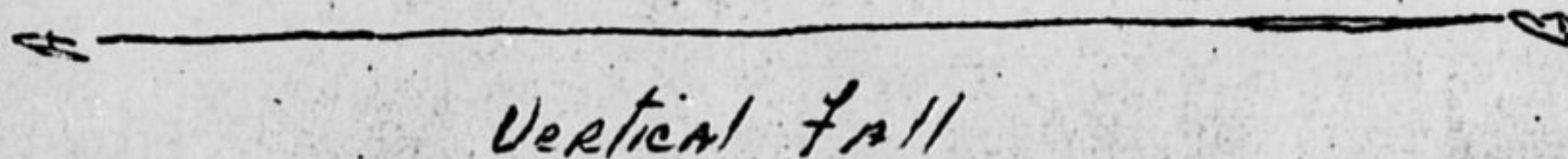
PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 May 64		2. LOCATION Ansted, West Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2030 EDST GMT 26/0030Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION xxx <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 - 2 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE falling		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Witness observed obj from brief glance while driving. Falling obj 2 - 3 ft in diameter. Ball of fire. Tail of fire 40 ft long. Bright like welders arc. High heat indicated to observer. Extremely bright. No sound. Brighter than sun. Vertical fall. Thought to be 3 - 4 miles away.			11. COMMENTS Meteor Sighting.		

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.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

26

Day

June

Month

64

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.

I can not recall the date because so much has happened since I sent the letter to U.S.C. Office, I gave a big part of the Details in this letter. The reason I reported this was because a jet trail was in the Sky. I also thought that it might be a Russian Booster since it was so large.

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Ansted, W Va

September 2, 1964

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is in reference to an Unidentified Flying Object report you forwarded to the Air Force.

Evaluation of the information you submitted indicates that the object you observed was a meteor. The duration of 1-2 seconds, the description of the object with a flaming tail and a vertical fall through 25° of arc are consistent with this analysis. A meteor which falls vertically is a rare phenomena, and we have not ruled out the possibility of a fireball observation, which is defined as a luminous type of meteor. Contrasting meteor observations with those of satellite decays, it can be noted that the duration of a decay is much longer (up to 4 minutes); the colors tend to be reds and yellows; speeds are much slower, and disintegration or breaking up is quite common.

Thank you for reporting this observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Ansted, West Virginia

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 25 May 64, Ansted, W Va

27 Jul 64

TO: Hq USAF SAFOI PB [REDACTED]
Wash D C 2030

1. This office has received an unidentified flying object report from [REDACTED] Ansted, West Virginia. This letter is forwarded to your office in order that you may make a reply.
2. Evaluation of the information submitted by [REDACTED] indicates that the object observed was a meteor. The duration of 1 - 2 seconds, the description of the object with a flaming tail and a vertical fall through 25° arc are consistent with this analysis. In his initial letter the duration had not been included and there was a possibility that magnesium flares used in night photo missions may have been the cause. Since the duration indicates that the object was not free falling this could not have been the case. The reported vertical fall of this meteor is rare, however, this does not rule out a fireball observation. Contrasting meteor observations with those of satellite decays, it should be noted that the duration of a decay is much longer (up to 4 minutes) the colors tend to be reds and yellows, speeds are much slower and disintegration or breaking up is quite common.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. G. Jonckheere, Maj
ERIC T. G. JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems



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May 25, 1964
Ansted, N. Va.

To whom it May Concern,

Dear Sir:

At approximately 8:30 PM on the evening of May 25, 1964, to the North-East of the City of Ansted, I saw a falling object. It was a ball of fire and looked to be 2 to 3 feet in diameter with a tail of approximately 40 ft. long.

This object was burning of a very high heat because it was as bright as a welding arc, or of a magnesium flare.

Shortly before, a jet had flown over traveling South west. I did not see it but there was a trail in the sky.

This falling object could have been a rocket, a satellite, or a meteorite. In all my years of life I have never seen a light so bright, and I have seen

a lot of bright light Such as the
Electric Arc Furnaces at Alloy, and
magnesium flares used by air plants.

I do not know if this will be
looked into but I hope it will be.

Thank you for your trouble.

Sincerely

[Redacted signature]

ANSTED, W. VA.

[Redacted address]
ANSTED, W. VA.



Unidentified Foreign Objects Office
U.S. Air Force Headquarters
Washington, D.C.

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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. 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? *This information is in the letter I sent. I do not recall the day.* May or June 64
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 8 / 30
Hour Minutes

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

Between May 19 - June 3

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?

ANsted West Virginia, Fayette Co.
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) _____
Hours Minutes Seconds

1 or 2 seconds

(Circle One): a. Certain
 b. Fairly certain
 c. Not very sure
 d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? JUST A GLANCE AWAY FROM ROAD (I WAS DRIVING)

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes _____ No ✓

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
 a. Bright
 b. Cloudy

NIGHT → evening - 8:30 PM
 a. Bright
 b. Cloudy

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 → oblique
 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. 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

Intensely Bright

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

No stars out

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

Brighter than an Arc Furnace or Magnesium Flare

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 A big ball of fire with a long tail.

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke? <i>→ Tail of fire</i> | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *This object was in a vertical fall, very high speed as to a shooting star, was driving and glanced away from the road, saw object, glanced back at road then back to the object which was gone.*

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: MAY have dropped behind, or ON TOP, or in front of A MOUNTAIN

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 I heard No sound.

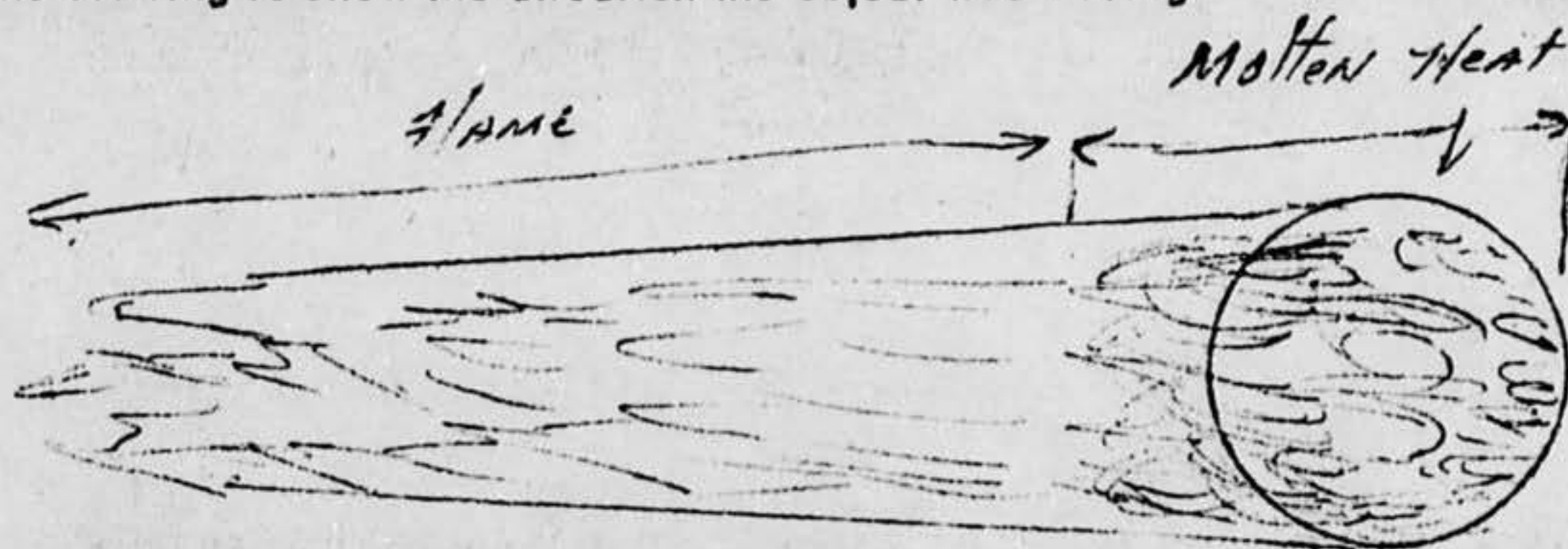
b. Color AS bright or brighter than the SUN.

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?

by looking at a tree or a mountain top approximately 2 miles away over this match 75 to 80% of the object would be covered.

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.



Tail may have been longer.

to Ground.

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? 20,000

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

(Circle One) Yes No Not sure

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 3 to 4 miles

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? same
- 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 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

24.2 How fast were you moving? 15 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 | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | e. Binoculars | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| b. Sun glasses | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | f. Telescope | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| c. Windshield | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| d. Window glass | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input 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

Shooting STAR but Tremendous in size