

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 Feb 67 16/0410Z	2. LOCATION Los Angeles, California multiple
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other(Satellite Decay)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1-2 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	Observers watched a bright white colored object slowly descend toward the ground. The object was much brighter than the brightest stars. It disappeared behind some apartment buildings. Observer first thought that the object was a comet but the descend rate was too slow. A white tail was visible behind the descending object.
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8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Contact with SPADATS revealed that there was a satellite decay at approximately 0416Z 16 Feb 67. This particular decay was observed by many persons along the west coast.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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1. AT 160415Z SIGHTED UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT. WITH THREE DISTINCT ORANGE RAILECS TURNING BLUE IN COLOR ON FINAL BURNOUT#
2. POSITION OF SIGHT 31-28 N 130-32 W
3. FIRST SIGHTED ABOUT 40 DEGS ABOVE HORIZON ESTIMATED BEARING 220 DEG BURNOUT APPEARED ABTUT 20 DEGS ABOVE HORIZON BEARING 175 DEGS FROM VESSELL
4. VESSELL BEARING 040 DEG SPD 10 KS SEA MODERATE-ROUGH. VUARDING LOG BEACH CGRADIO ON 2670 KCS

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MEMO for the Record: 20 Feb 67

Contact with SPADATS revealed that object number 2672 decayed at approximately 0416Z 16 Feb 67. The location of impact was approximately 34.4N 236.8E. This was the decay that was observed by many persons along the west coast.

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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 | No | e. Binoculars  | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes | No | f. Telescope   | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield   | Yes | No | g. Theodolite  | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | 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.

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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

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:

Brightness of an extremely bright meteor

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 fiery or sparkling

13. 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 |
| <u>f. Change shape?</u>                         | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker?                            | Yes        | No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | Yes        | No | Don't know |

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## U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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<p>1. When did you see the object?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <u>2</u>      <u>15</u>      <u>1967</u>  <small>Day                  Month                  Year</small> </p>	<p>2. Time of day: <u>8</u>      <u>17</u>  <small>Hours                  Minutes</small></p> <p>(Circle One):      A.M.      or      P.M.</p>
<p>3. Time Zone:</p> <p>(Circle One): a. Eastern  b. Central  c. Mountain  <u>d. Pacific</u>  e. Other _____</p> <p>(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving  <u>b. Standard</u></p>	
<p>4. Where were you when you saw the object?</p> <p><u>Van Nuys Airport</u>      <u>Van Nuys</u>      <u>California</u>  <small>Nearest Postal Address      City or Town      State or County</small></p>	
<p>5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)      <u>1</u>      <u>30</u>  <small>Hours                  Minutes                  Seconds</small></p> <p>a. Certain      c. Not very sure  b. Fairly certain      d. Just a guess</p> <p>5.1 How was time in sight determined?      <u>reasoning</u></p> <p>5.2 Was object in sight continuously?      Yes <u>X</u>      No _____</p>	
<p>6. What was the condition of the sky?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <small>DAY</small>  a. Bright      <u>NIGHT</u>  b. Cloudy      a. Bright     b. Cloudy </p>	
<p>7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?</p> <p>(Circle One): a. In front of you      d. To your left  b. In back of you      e. Overhead  c. To your right      f. Don't remember</p>	

8. IF you saw the object

8.1 STARS (Circle One)

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

9. What were the weather

CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. Clear sky  
b. Hazy  
c. Scattered clouds  
d. Thick or heavy clouds

10. The object appeared

a. Solid  
b. Transparent  
c. Vapor

11. If it appeared as a

a. Brighter  
b. Dimmer

11.1 Compare brightness

Bright

12. The edges of the object

(Circle One): a.  
b.  
c.  
d.

13. Did the object:

a. Appear to stand  
b. Suddenly speed  
c. Break up into pieces  
d. Give off smoke?  
e. Change brightness  
f. Change shape?  
g. Flash or flicker?  
h. Disappear and reappear

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Color \_\_\_\_\_

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?

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  
(Circle One)  
If you answered YES

21. Do you think you can  
(Circle One)  
If you answered YES

22. Where were you located?  
(Circle One):

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

24. IF you were MOVING

- 24.1 What direction
- a. North
  - b. Northeast

24.2 How fast were you moving?

24.3 Did you stop at any time?  
(Circle One)

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

- a. Eyeglasses
- b. Sun glasses
- c. Windshield
- d. Window glass

26. In order that you can identify the objects which, when plotted, will show the path of the object, please

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34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

15      2      67  
Day      Month      Year

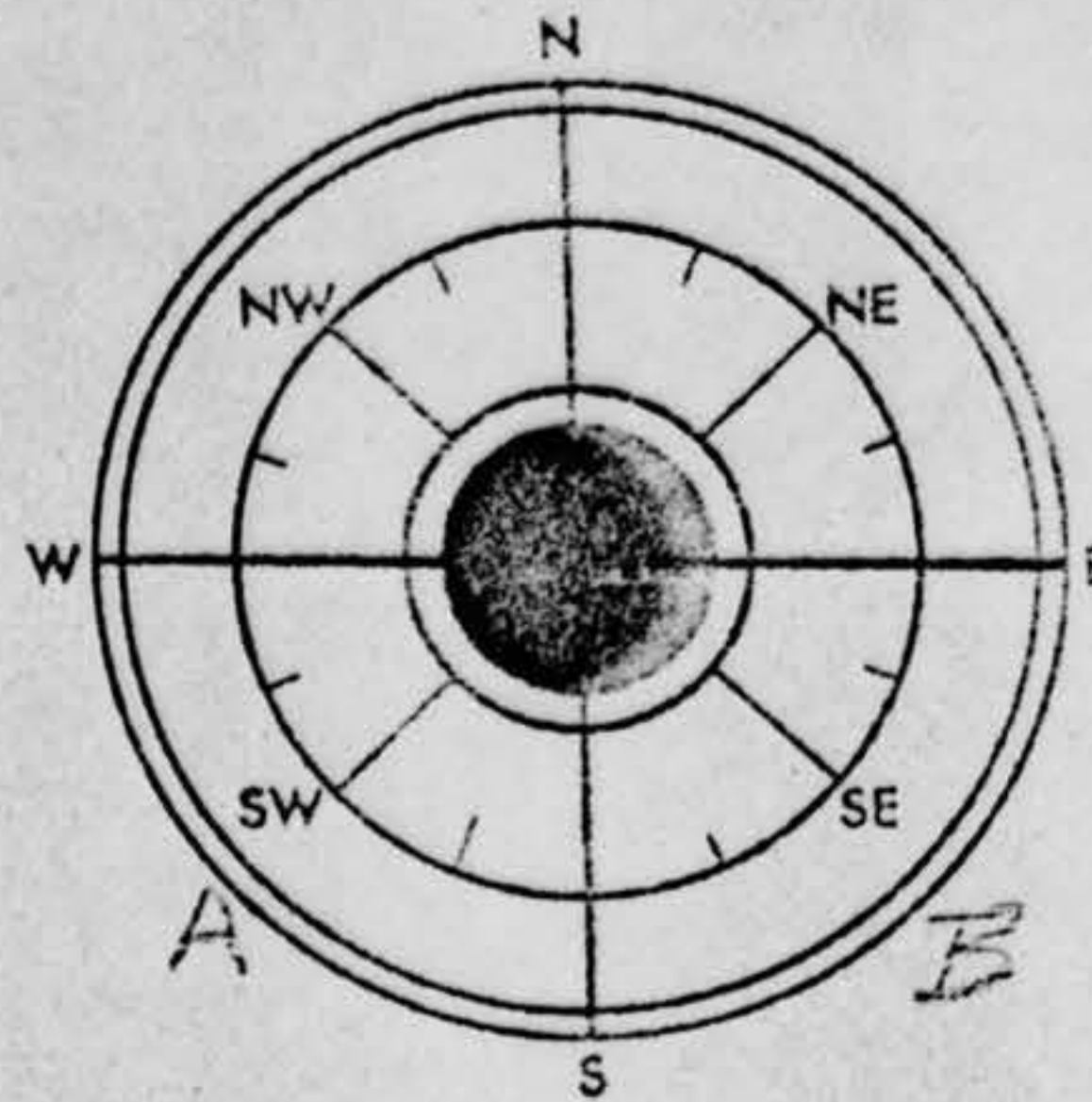
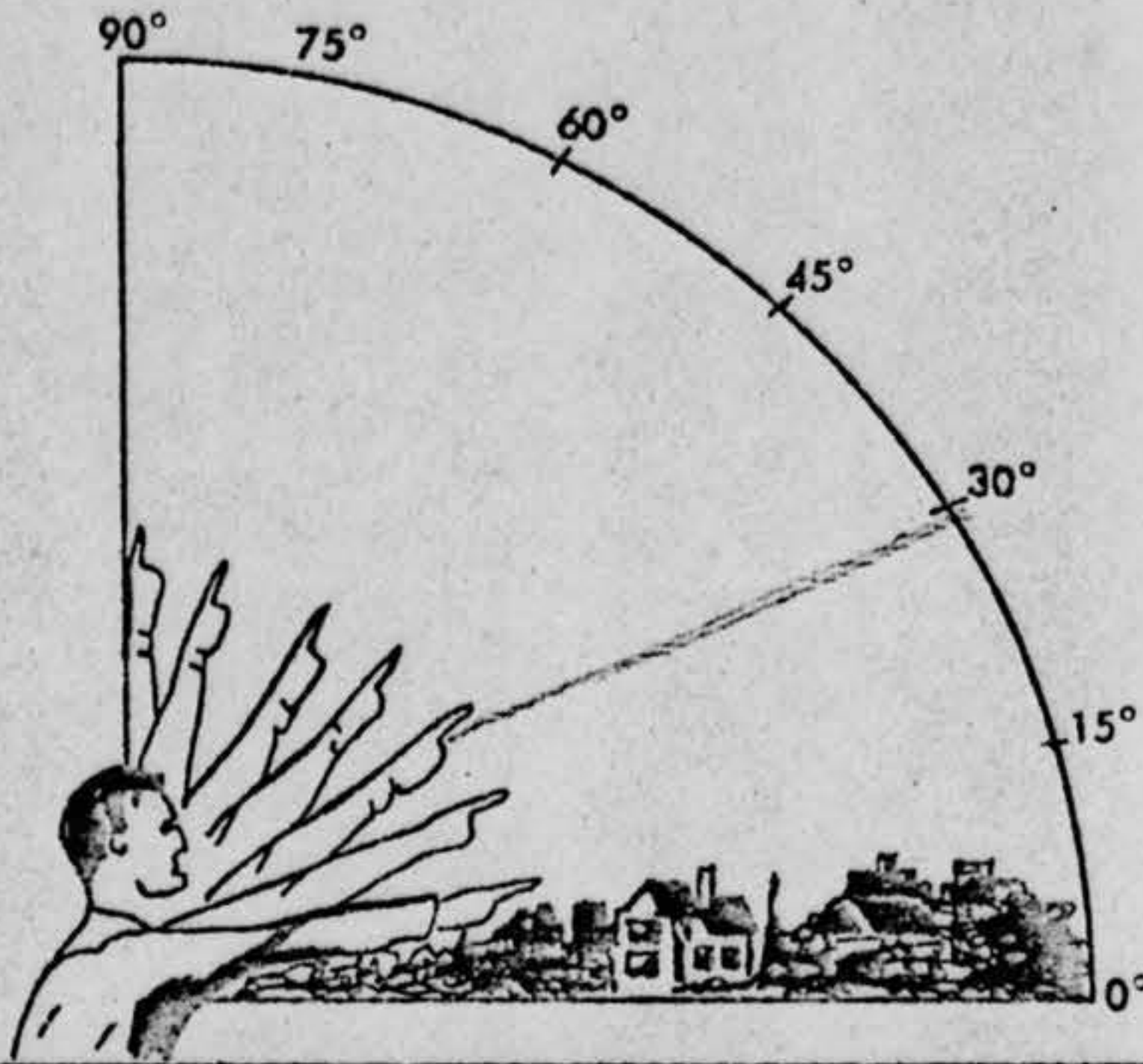
35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

I was travelling west on Van Owen Street in Van Nuys when object was spotted. My first thought was that it was a burning plane because of the speed it was travelling (approx. 300 to 400 mph), but because of the ~~but because of the~~ brilliancy of the "fire" it was soon apparent that if it were a plane on fire it would have almost immediately headed towards the ground. Instead it continued on its course parallel to the ground, then ascended slightly and then again descended slightly, finally disappearing behind the Santa Monica Mountains to the southeast. I cannot guess the length, but there was what I would call a large tail extending from the rear of the object equally as bright as the object itself. At 8:30 PM the California Highway Patrol reported what they thought was a plane afire at a 7000 foot altitude sighted in the East Los Angeles Area, heading towards Pomona. Shortly after this it was observed descending into the Pacific Ocean, which is in the opposite direction.

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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 the object. Place a "B" on the compass when 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? 1  
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  
any objects  
of this  
format  
reverse

31. Was anyone else  
31.1 If you are  
31.2 Please list  
Radio  
that  
area

32. Please give the  
NAME V...  
ADDRESS ...

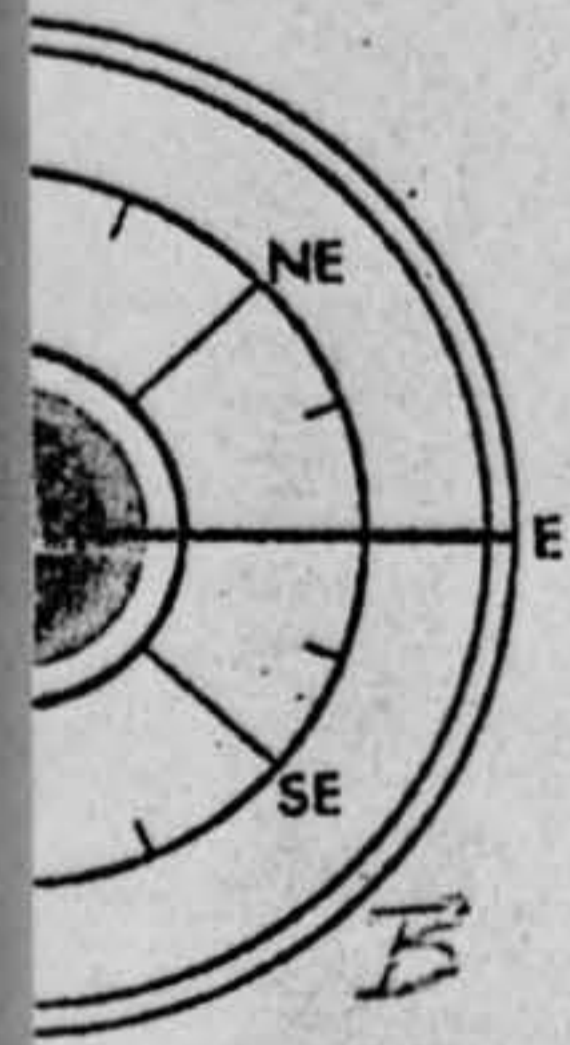
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33. When and to  
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eginning of the path, a "B" at

ere traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

Saw 3 objects near Cleveland Ohio, roughly 1956 in V formation travelling at high speed and then rapidly nearly reversed their direction.

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:

Radio Station KGIL in the San Fernando Valley reported that tens of thousands of residents of the Los Angeles area saw this object.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [Redacted] [Redacted] Sproul  
Last Name First Name Middle Name  
ADDRESS [Redacted] Van Nuys Calif.  
Street City Zone State  
TELEPHONE NUM [Redacted] AGE 36 SEX Male

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

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

15 2 67  
Day Month Year



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Satellite Decay 15-2-67 Los Angeles, Calif

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1. When did you see the object?

15 Feb 67  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 2:40 AM

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

City or Town

State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

1-2  
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain c. Not very sure  
b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? \_\_\_\_\_

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY  
a. Bright  
b. Cloudy

NIGHT  
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 d. To your left  
b. In back of you e. Overhead  
c. To your right 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 *light*
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter *much*
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

12. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One)
- a. Fuzzy or blurred *fuzzy*
  - 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?           | 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. Flash or flicker?                            | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |

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

*It disappeared after it was seen.*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Color *White*

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?

*Since the object was very small, it would have been covered by the match head.*

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.

*Sketch of a small, white, rectangular object with a tail section. The tail section has a small protrusion. An arrow points to the right.*

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? 200 mph

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? 5 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?
- 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

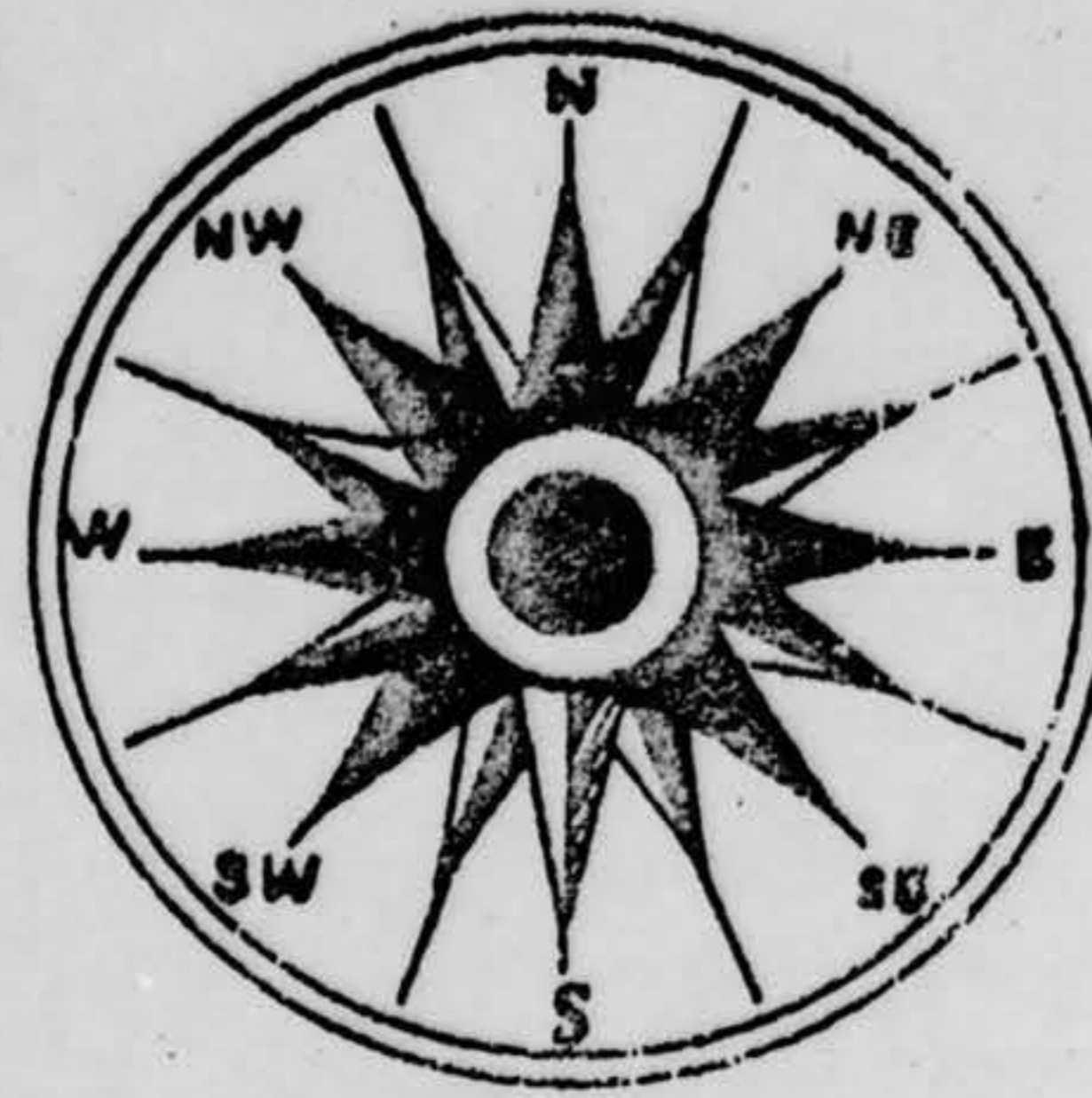
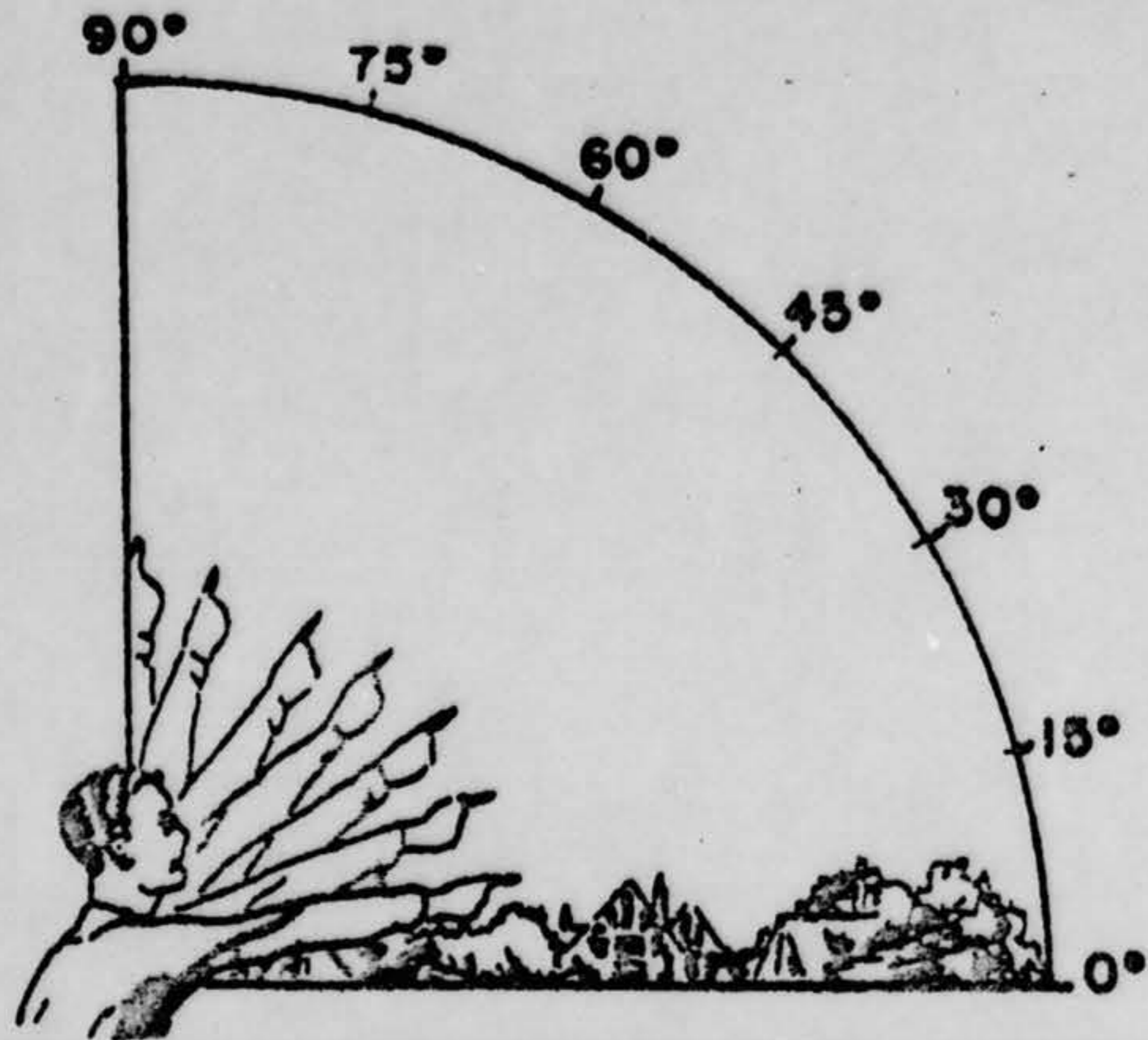
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- |                 |     |    |                |     |    |
|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|-----|----|
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| b. Sun glasses  | Yes | No | f. Telescope   | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield   | Yes | No | g. Theodolite  | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | 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.

*1500 ft. airplane flying over a field*

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.

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RUEDPV~~X~~ USAF WASHDC

RCCSO~~V~~ C ANAIRDEF MONTREAL

RCWNO~~V~~ C ANCOMARPAC

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RUWHE~~X~~ CTG THREE ONE PT FIVE

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