

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <b>6 February 1956</b>	2. LOCATION <b>Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana</b>		12. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <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 _____ GMT <b>07/0010Z</b>	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		
5. PHOTOS <del>Yes</del> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <b>military</b>		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <b>20 minutes</b>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <b>one</b>	9. COURSE <b>unknown</b>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object appeared to be pentagonal with bright spots at points. Changed to triangle bright spots at points, seen at approx 30,000 ft. just after sun went down. From other report in same area this was a balloon.		11. COMMENTS <b>Balloon sighting.</b>	

**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CODE:

DATE 6 FEB 56

Object was first seen north of the tower, appeared to be pentagonal in form with points highlighted by bright spots. Changed to triangular form with similar highlights. Object grew dimmer as it became darker out. Was first ~~observed~~ observed just after the sun went below the horizon. New Orleans ARTC said they had been reports of a similar object in the vicinity of Memphis and Meridian, Tenn. Miss. Control tower at England AFB said there was an object SW of them at time I observed object NNE

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### 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.

<p>1. When did you see the object?</p> <p><u>1 FEB</u> ? <u>FEB</u> <u>1956</u></p> <p>Day Month Year</p>	<p>2. Time of day: <u>1800</u> <u>10</u></p> <p>Hour Minutes</p> <p>(Circle One): A.M. or <u>P.M.</u></p>
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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?

CONTROL Tower Walt Chap. AFB La

Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

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

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Hours Minutes Seconds

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

a. Certain c. Not very sure  
b. Fairly certain 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 Below Horizon  
 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        | <b>No</b>     | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes        | <b>No</b>     | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | Yes        | <b>No</b>     | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | Yes        | <b>No</b>     | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | <b>Yes</b> | <del>No</del> | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes        | <b>No</b>     | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?                  | Yes        | <b>No</b>     | 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?

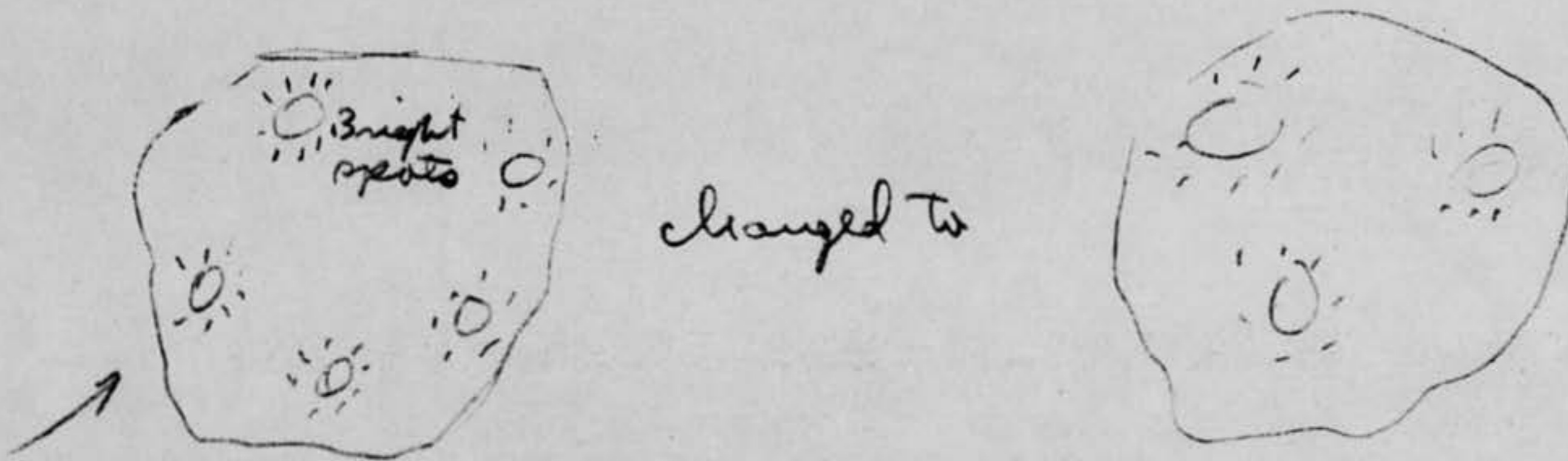
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|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses   | Yes | No | e. Binoculars  | <b>Yes</b> | No |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes | No | f. Telescope   | Yes        | No |
| c. Windshield   | Yes | No | g. Theodolite  | Yes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

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

a. Sound no sound

b. Color When first noticed was white changed to light green then pinkish then ash to cream color

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.



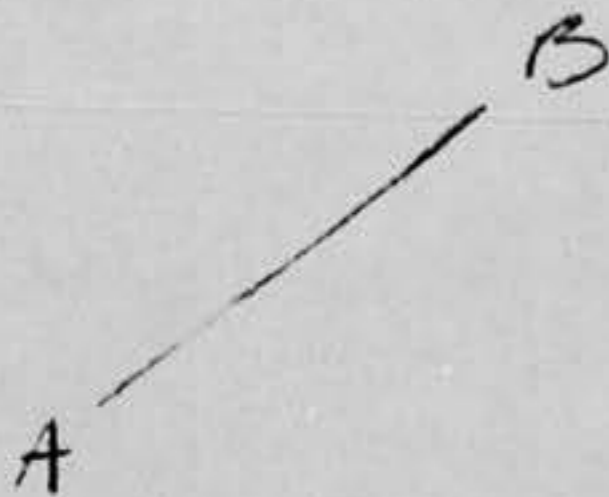
18. The edges of the object were:

- (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.



*moving up - getting steeper  
apparently*

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

f. Half dollar

- 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? faded out

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.

*material unknown  
appeared pentagonal with bright spots  
it points changed to triangle with  
spots at points. light could have originated  
from object or been reflected from sun*

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 CATWALK OF CONTROL TOWER

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

working in control tower tower office  
called on phone asked us to check  
it out

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
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- 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)

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

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

- a. North
  - b. Northeast
  - c. East
  - d. Southeast
  - e. South
  - f. Southwest
  - g. West
  - h. Northwest
- NORTH NORTH EAST

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).

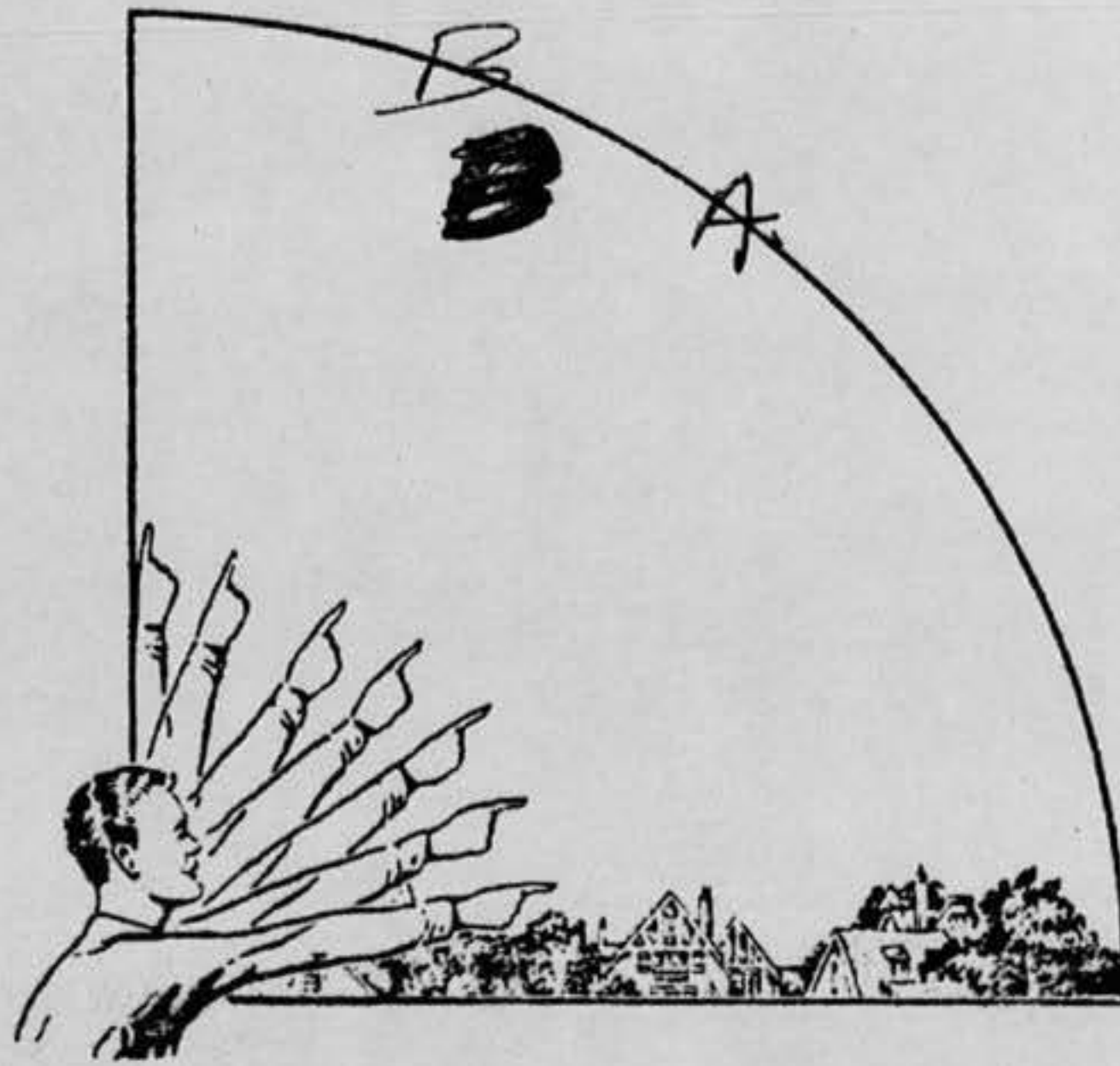
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 005° degrees.
- b. From horizon 3050 degrees.

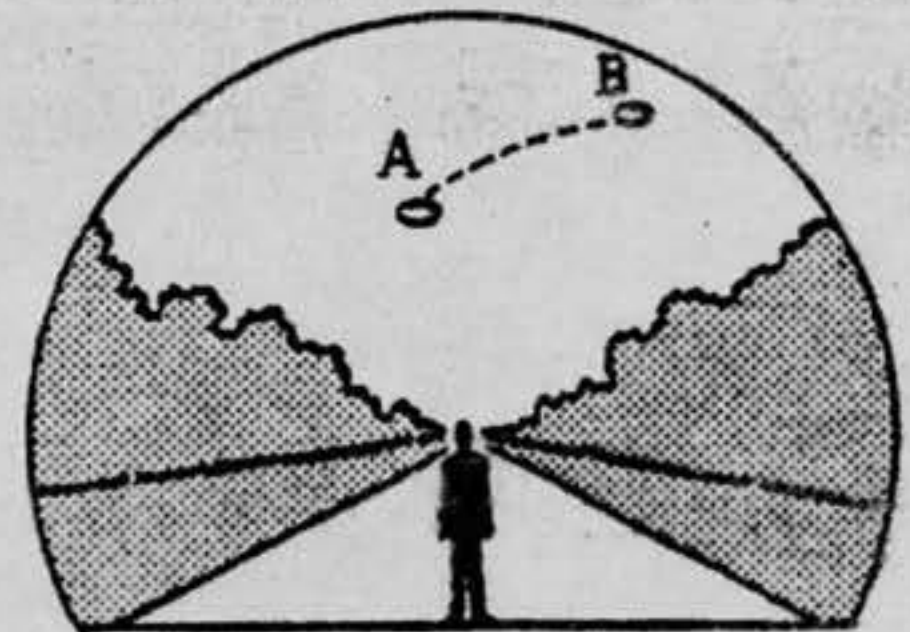
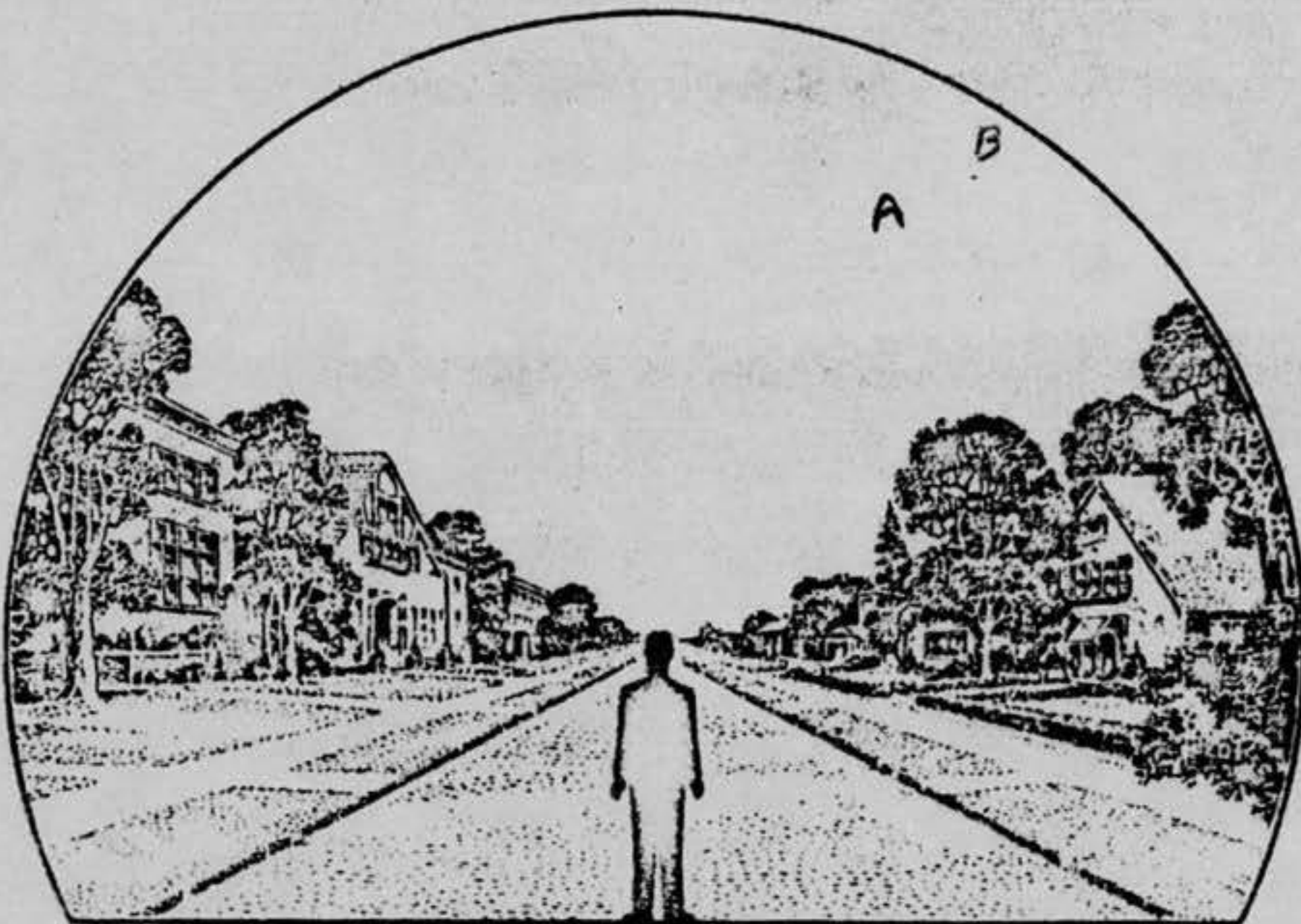
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 015 degrees.
- b. From horizon 70 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 58°
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

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

6 Day      FEB Month      56 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:

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~      CAFB La  
 \_\_\_\_\_      "      "  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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?

Weather Balloon reflecting  
 light from sun

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? 30,000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] WCAFB [REDACTED] La.  
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? Control Tower Operator

Age 22.5 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school \_\_\_\_\_
- b. High school \_\_\_\_\_
- c. College 2 YEARS
- d. Post graduate \_\_\_\_\_
- e. e. Technical school CONTROL TOWER  
(Type) \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other special training \_\_\_\_\_

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 6 FEB 1956  
Day Month Year