

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>21 Dec 52</u>	LOCATION <u>SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS</u>	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
2. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>21/1815CST</u> GMT <u>22/0015Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	5. SOURCE <u>Civ. Male</u>
6. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>Unknown</u>	7. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>One</u>	8. COURSE <u>N</u>
9. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Green ball-shaped object traveled at a high rate of speed in a slightly downward course, then took a further downward dip and disappeared. Elevation of object when first sighted was 15° above the horizon. Estimated speed of object was faster than a jet a/c and slower than a meteor. Reliability of source is unknown	10. COMMENTS <i>Melvin</i>	

STATEMENT

TIME: 1815 hours, 21 Dec 1953
LOCATION: Freer-Tilden Highway approximately one mile South
of the Seven Sisters Road intersection San Antonio, Texas
DIRECTION: Object was traveling in a South-Eastern Direction

I was driving my car on a heading of approximately 0 degrees. Suddenly, a pale green light appeared in the sky at about one o'clock. It had much the same appearance as a "Ball from a Roman candle". It was at an elevation of about 15 degrees above the horizon and traveled very rapidly to a two o'clock position on a slightly downward course. The velocity of the object seemed considerable slower than a meteor but faster than any jet aircraft which I have observed.

The intensity of the object's light seemed to vary, for after an interval which I would estimate to be one to one and a half seconds, as the object was moving in the downward course, it took a further downward trend, seemingly loosing velocity and light, and disappeared from view. The object appeared to be about 10 degrees above the horizon when it disappeared.

At the time the above took place I was alone, however, one car was stopped on a South heading about 250 yards South of the Seven Sisters intersection, and another car's headlights going East on the Seven Sisters Highway was observed. It is possible that occupants of these cars observed this phenomena.

I certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

[Redacted]

OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object?

1.1 Date: 21 Dec 52

Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 8:15 hrs or 6:15 P.M. A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zones: (Circle One):

a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain

d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One) a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are
of your answer to the above question 1.2:

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

I was at Latitude 28°N and Longitude 98°-45'W
Postal Address City or Town State Country

3. 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 _____

3.1 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 _____

CONT.

4. How did you happen to notice the object? It made itself
readily apparent.

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

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Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Driving
a car.

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

Driving my car

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No.

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

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

7.2 How fast were you moving? 55 miles per hour.

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

- (Circle One): a. North e. South
 b. Northeast f. Southwest
 c. East g. West
 d. Southeast h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One): a. North e. South
 b. Northeast f. Southwest
 c. East g. West
 d. Southeast h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

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

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One): a. Through window glass e. Through theodolite
 b. Through windshield f. Through sun glasses
 c. Through binoculars g. Through open space
 d. Through telescope h. Other _____

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

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

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 0 Hours 0 Minutes 1 1/2 Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain
b. Fairly sure

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent? - couldn't tell

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

- 14.1 Change direction?
14.2 Change speed?
14.3 Change size?
14.4 Change color?
14.5 Break up into parts or explode?
14.6 Give off smoke?
14.7 Change brightness?
14.8 Flicker, throb, or pulsate?
14.9 Remain motionless?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? light green

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

16.1 Sound none heard.

16.2 Color intense light green.

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? one only
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

If you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

If you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- a. Pea
- b. Baseball
- c. Basketball
- d. Bicycle wheel
- e. Office desk

- f. Automobile
- g. Small airplane
- h. Large airplane
- i. Dirigible
- j. Other not determinable

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? ? ^{15° approx.} feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? ? feet or ? miles ^{5 1/2 sec. approx.}

20.3 How fast was it going? ? miles per hour. ^{15° approx.}

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

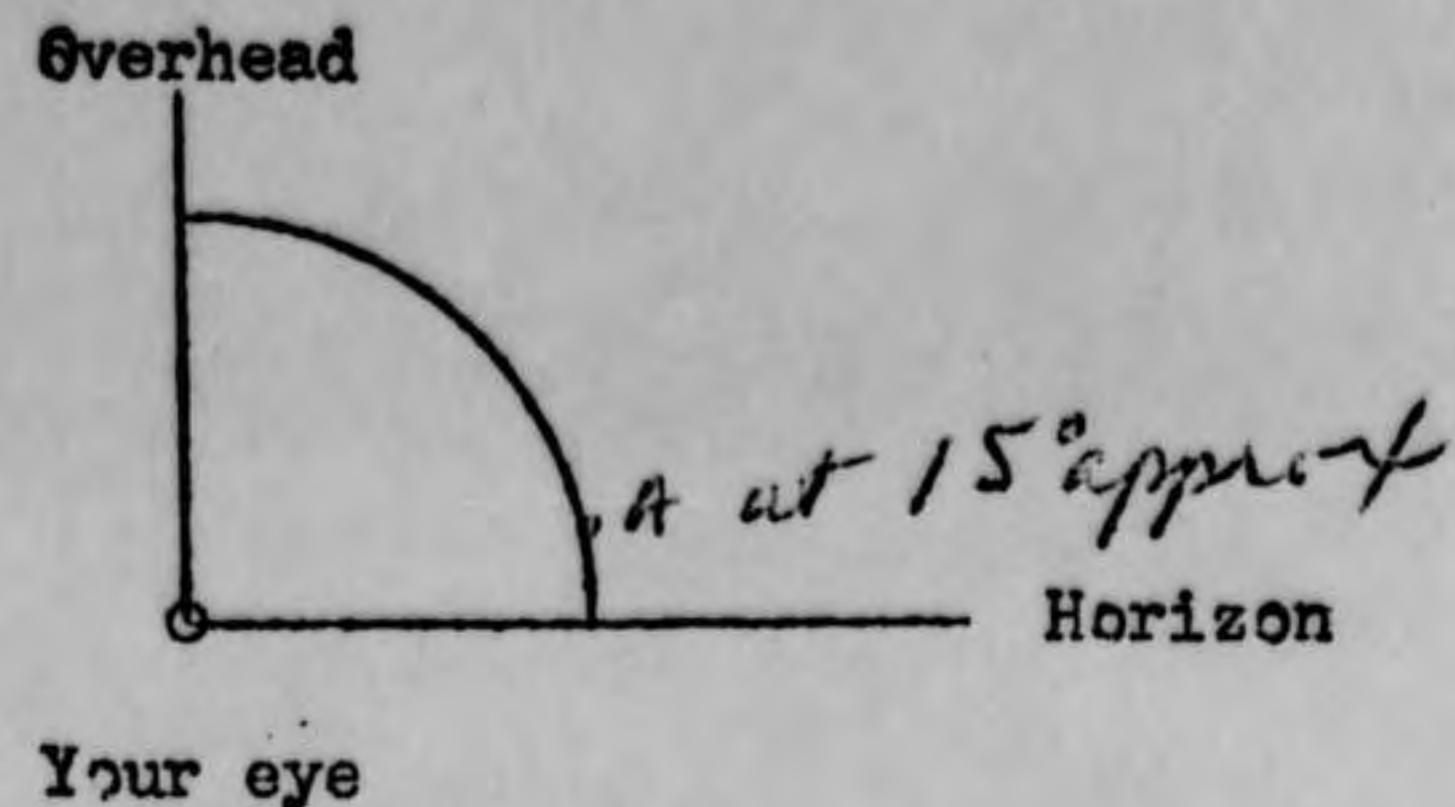
21. How did the object disappear from view?

(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually

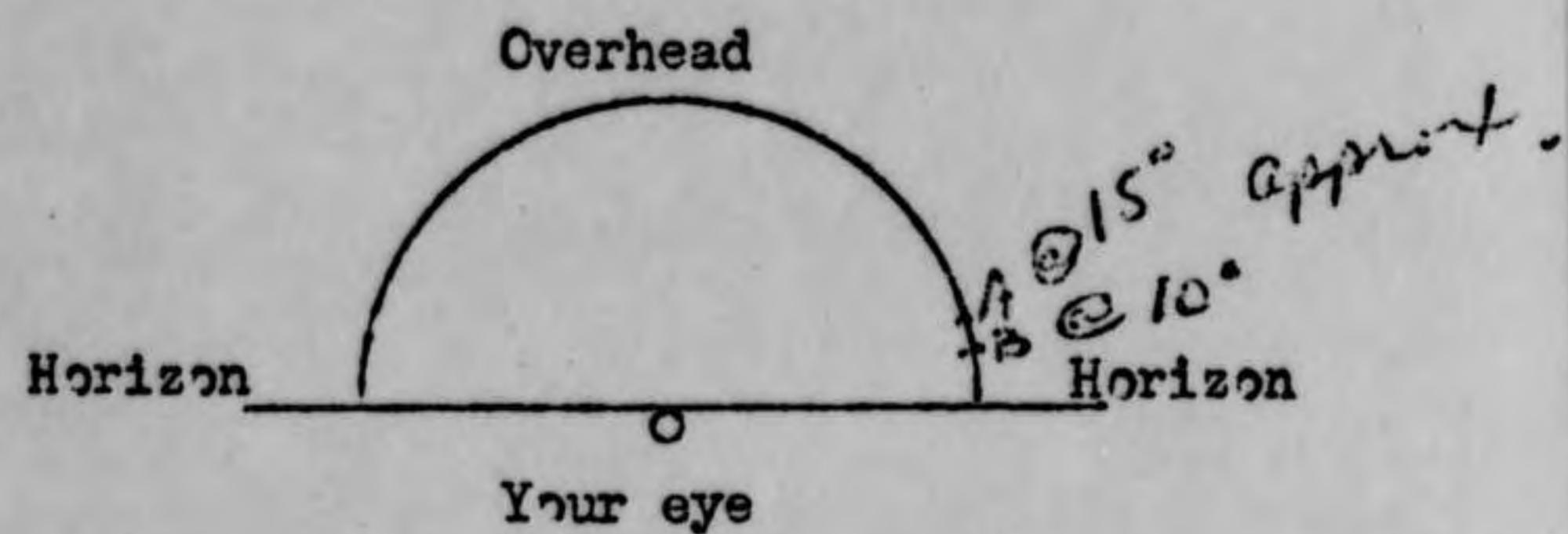
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

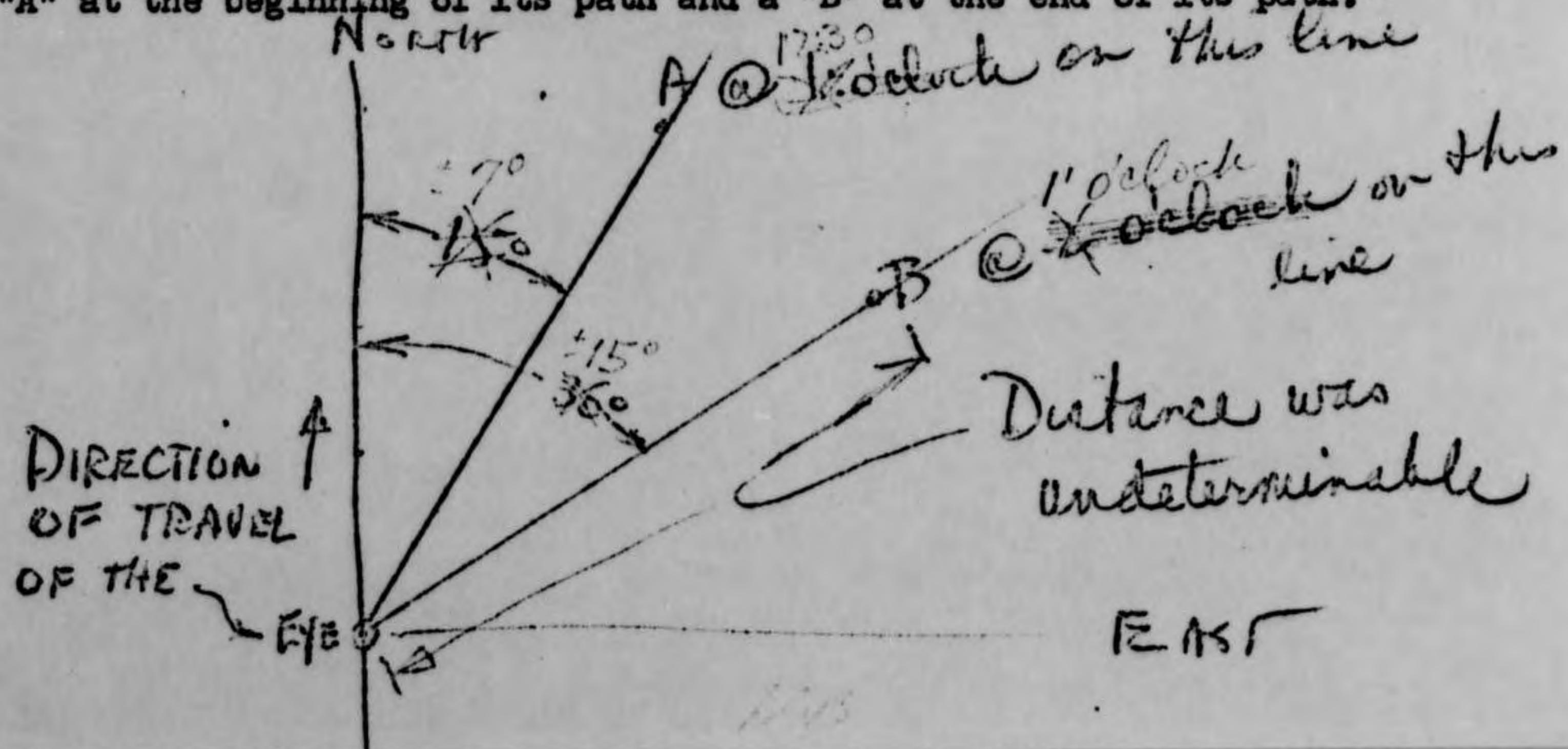
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when when you last saw it.



23. In the following 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.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

Object looked like a tall fum a roman candle.

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?
(Circle One): Yes No

- 26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

I do not know what the object was but it did not appear to be a meteor, nor was it an aircraft light nor flare.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

SAN ANTONIO

Zone

TEXAS

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

GENERAL ENGINEER (AIR FORCE) *STAMM*

Age 36

Sex Male

Last School Attended UNI. OF CALIF. (BERKELEY)

Year of last attendance at this school 1948

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

All the observable facts of the sighting of this phenomenon was included in my signed statement. I believe that I am a fairly qualified observer due, first, to my engineering experience and, second, to my experiences as an Air Force pilot of the Eighth AF in Europe from Feb. 43 to Jun~~45~~'44.

It is my considered opinion that this object was not a meteor, or so-called "shooting star"; nor did the light emanate from an aircraft.

It is further my opinion that this questionnaire is poorly executed. As example; No. 2: the postal address would be applicable in a limited number of cases. No. 19 leaves much to be desired in determining the actual size of the object—apparent size plays a part in this. No. 20. The units of measurement are too arbitrary—should the "guesstimate" of No. 19 be in error, No. 20 has no significance.

[REDACTED] 24 Dec 52.

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G-5 22 Dec 1952
BANNING, CALIFORNIA

TD-E /Lt Col Friend/mb/69216

31 January 1963

Request for UFO Information (Jr. Guermeur).

Hq USAF SAFOI-3b (Major Hart)
Wash 25 DC

1. Reference the attached letter from [REDACTED] requesting information on unidentified flying objects. This letter is forwarded to your office for whatever action you deem necessary.
2. The following information is provided to assist you in preparing a reply. The only case from 22 December 1952 is a sighting from Banning, California reported by a civilian.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Robert Friend USAF

ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

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San Antonio, Texas

21 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

One round, unidentified object of undetermined size, that emitted an intense green light was observed and reported by a civilian man while driving in his car in San Antonio. Time of sighting was 1815 hrs., CST, for a few seconds only. Object looked like a "Roman Candle" and faded just before disappearing.

II. Discussion of Incident

This can be written off with quite a bit of assurance as simply a common meteor. It has all the characteristics, including a short time in sight and faded out just before disappearing.

III. Conclusion

Probably meteor.

(Serial No 4522-00)

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(Use this return address as is)

Gentlemen, Sir,

I am a student and I am very much interested in special questions.
At the present time I am working up on a subject that is quite debatable--
do flying saucers exist or not?

I read an article in a French magazine which stated that on the 22nd
of December, 1952, a technician of the United States Air Force saw in the
sky a luminous object (report ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~U.S.~~ ~~Air~~ ~~Force~~ ~~as~~ ~~perfectly~~...
perfectly).

Could you get hold of it and within the scope of your possibilities
let me have some data on the subject?

Awaiting your answer I extend you my regards

(Illeg)

(signed) [REDACTED]

HEADQUARTERS
HOLLOMAN AIR DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Holloman Air Force Base
New Mexico

29 December 1952

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Air Intelligence Information Report

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

In compliance with Air Force Letter 200-5, Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting, dated 29 April 1952, the following Air Intelligence Information Report is submitted for your information.

Please furnish this center with a supply of these forms.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Clarence L. Elder

CLARENCE L. ELDER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Plans & Programs

1 Incl:
Observers Questionnaire

ATIAA-5/EJR/vs

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In reply refer to
AFCIL-ATIAA-5

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Questionnaires for Reporting Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding Officer
Headquarters
Holloman Air Development Center
ATTN: Deputy for Plans & Programs
Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico

1. Reference is made to your letter of 29 December 1952 in which you request a supply of questionnaires for reporting unidentified flying objects.
2. Attached are 25 copies of the questionnaire used for reporting visual sightings and 10 copies of the questionnaire used for reporting radar sightings.
3. If this supply should be exhausted, this Center will be glad to supply you with more at any time.

ATIAA-5 FILE

2 Incls

1. U.S. AF Tech Info Sheets
(25 cys, Forms A and B)
2. Electronics Data Sheet
(10 cys)

(Unclassified) Material for Project Blue Book

13 Jan 53

Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

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Department of the Air Force
Headquarters USAF - AFOIN

Capt Smith/71016/ac
OIN-2A2

Inclosure is for your information, retention and appropriate
action.

1 Incl (W/orig only)

WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Topical Division
Deputy Director for Estimates
Directorate of Intelligence DCS/O

FLYOBRPT from
Holloman AFB
New Mexico
dtd 29 Dec 52

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

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SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 22 December 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 7 30 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- a. Eastern
 - b. Central
 - c. Mountain
 - d. Pacific
 - e. Other _____

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

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

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

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

Postal Address Banning
City or Town Calif.
State Country

Additional Remarks:

3. 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 _____

3.1 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

4. How did you happen to notice the object? Was driving toward Banning, California. Saw the bright light, got out of the car and watched the object.

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

24 Day December Month 1952 Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Driving between Los Angeles, California and Holloman A. F. S., New Mexico.

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

Had dinner in restaurant at approximately 6:30 P.M. Drove through Beaumont, Calif. Stopped at a gas station for gasoline. Left gas station at 7:25 P.M.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

7.1 What direction were you moving?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. <u>East</u> | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

7.2 How fast were you moving? 40 miles per hour.

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

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. <u>Northeast</u> | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One): a. North e. South
b. Northeast f. Southwest
c. East g. West
d. Southeast h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

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

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One): a. Through window glass e. Through theodolite
b. Through windshield f. Through sunglasses
c. Through binoculars g. Through open space
d. Through telescope h. Other _____

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

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

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

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

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

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

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

Hours 15 Minutes Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain
b. Fairly sure

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

- 14.1 Change direction?
14.2 Change speed?
14.3 Change size?
14.4 Change color?
14.5 Break up into parts or explode?
14.6 Give off smoke?
14.7 Change brightness?
14.8 Flicker, throb, or pulsate?
14.9 Remain motionless?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? Brilliant white

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

16.1 Sound None

16.2 Color Top side white - Bottom deep orange red

17. 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 they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- a. Pea
- b. Baseball
- c. Basketball
- d. Bicycle wheel
- e. Office desk

- f. Automobile
- g. Small airplane
- h. Large airplane
- i. Dirigible
- j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 1500 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 4 miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? 180 miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

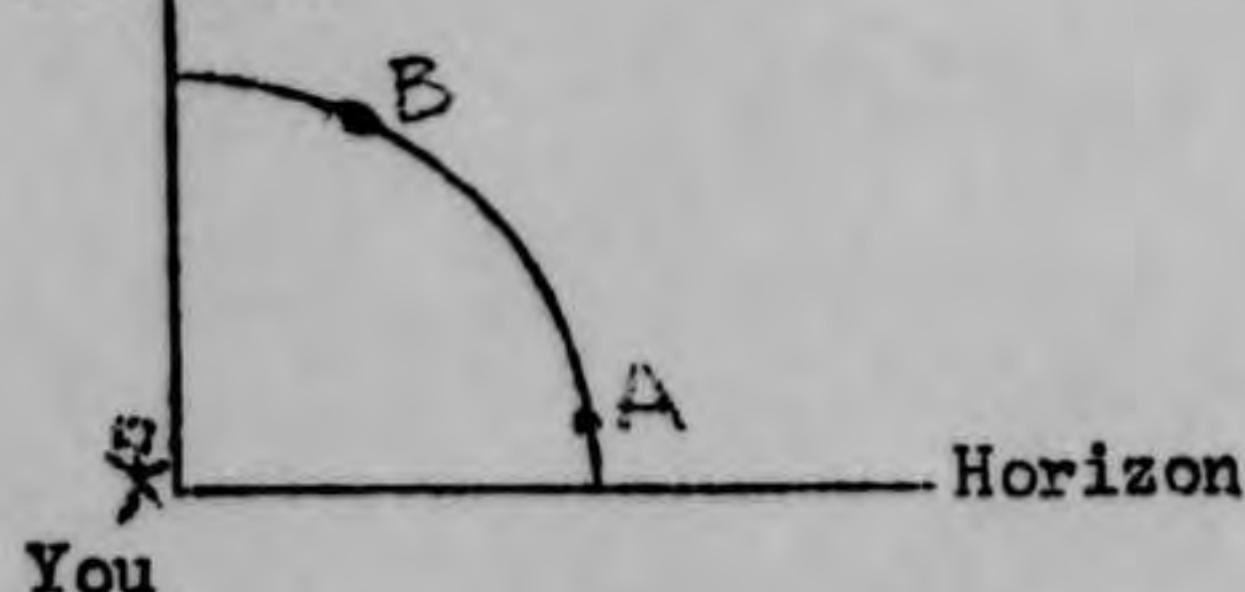
(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually

c. Other Took a position south of Jupiter miles high
d. Don't remember

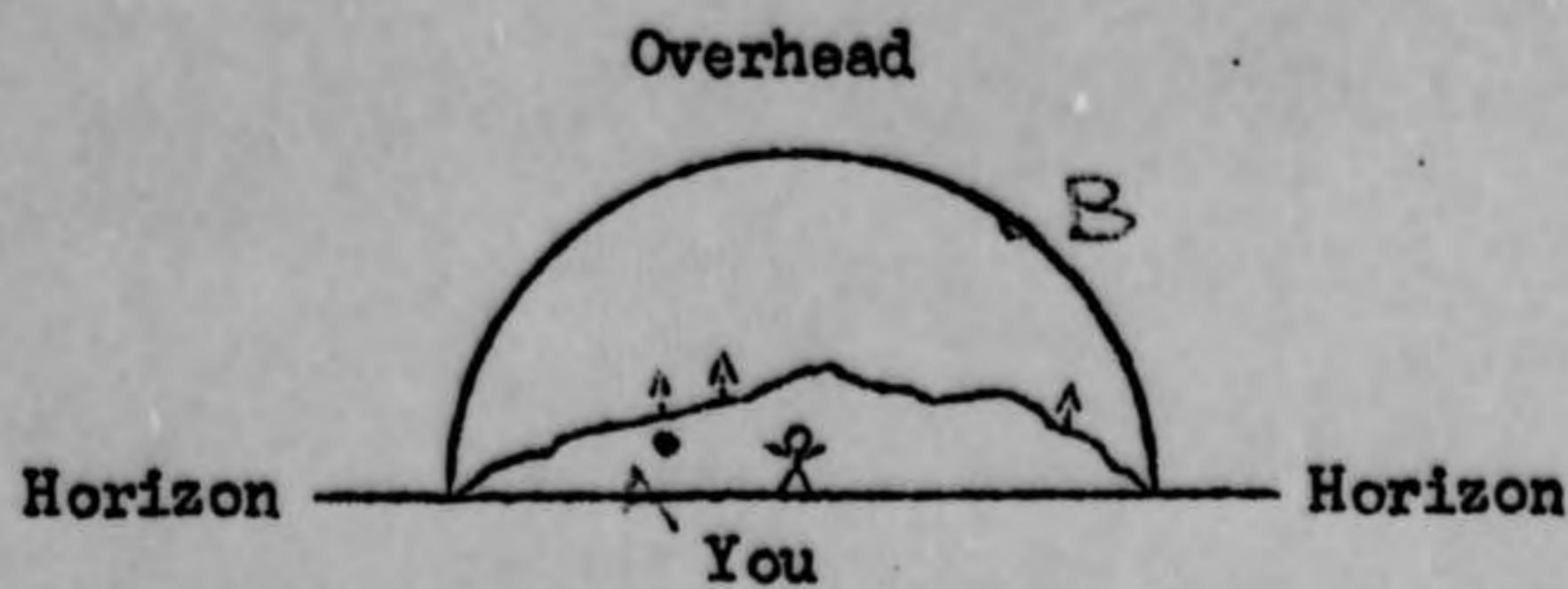
SECTION D

22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye 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" to show where it was when you last saw it.

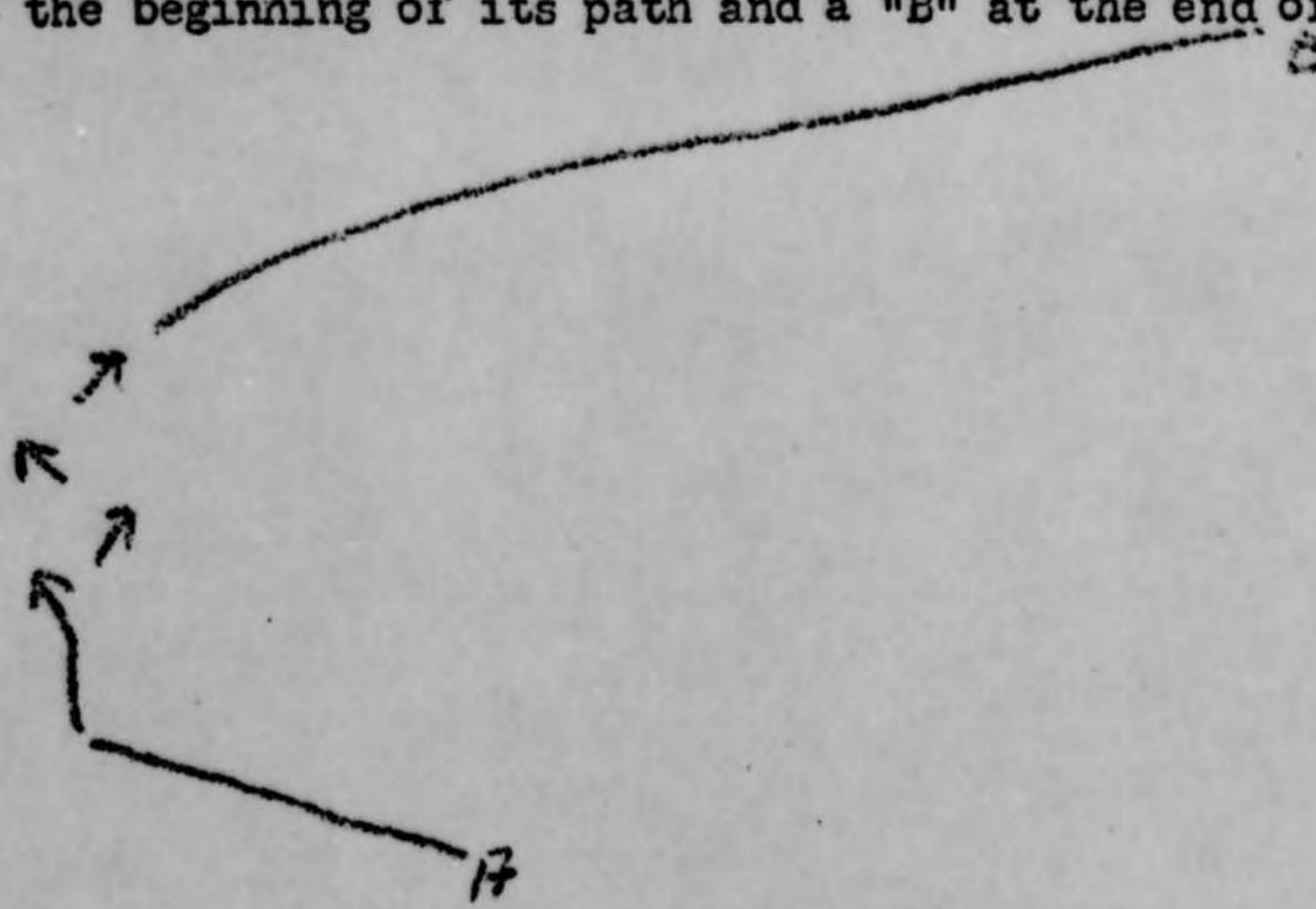
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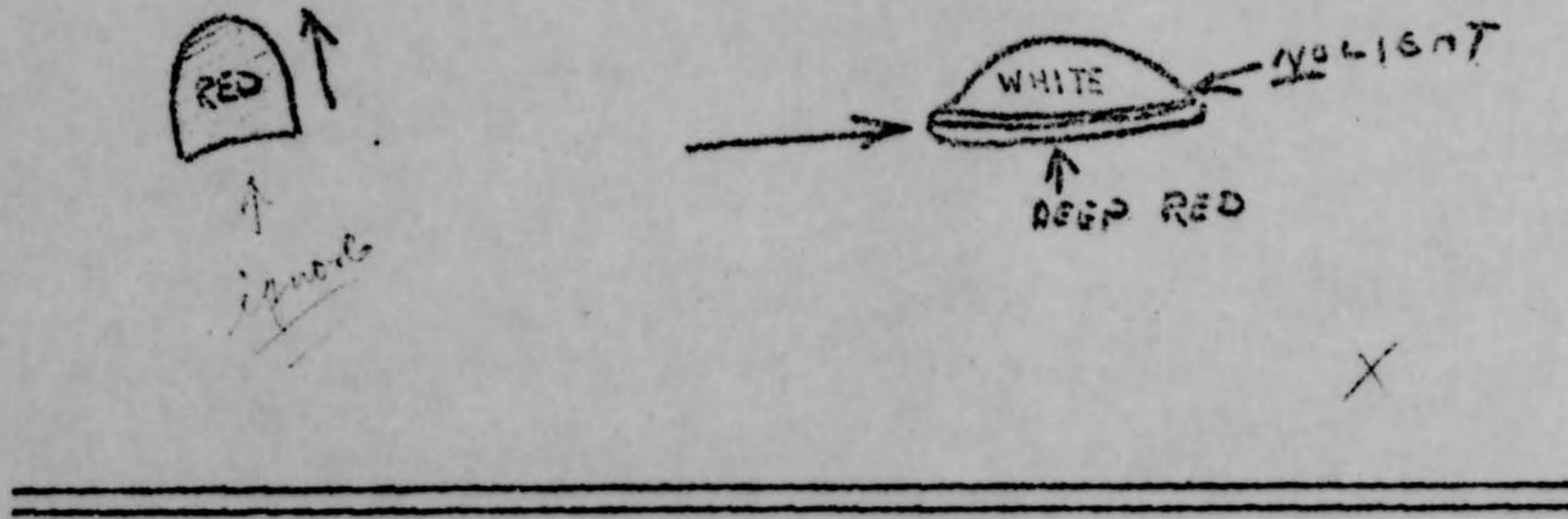
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



IN REPLY, ADDRESS BOTH
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HEADQUARTERS
SAN ANTONIO AIR MATERIEL AREA
KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS



31 December 1952

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) PILOTS/AF

TO: Commanding General
ATTN: Intelligence Division
Air Materiel Command
 Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
 Ohio

RE: Director of Intelligence
 Headquarters USAF
 Washington 25, D.C.

In compliance with AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the attached AF Form 112 is forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:
1. AF Form 112
2. Statement -Black

Robert W. Fox
Robert W. Fox
Major, USAF
Asst Air Provost Marshal

cc: ATIC
ATTN: ITIM-2C
AFM, Ohio

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SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

A controlled object

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

ADDRESS _____
Street _____ Holloman A. F. Base, _____ New Mexico
City _____ Zone _____ State _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER Ext. _____

What is your present job? Auto Pilot Instrument Technician

Age 36

Sex Male

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

My first impression was that it was a taillight of an airplane. Since it was in the plane of an airplane taking off toward me I discounted the taillight idea. Stopped my car while still keeping the object in sight. Got out of the car and heard no sound of any kind. Suddenly the object whipped straight up toward the zenith showing its bottom side which was a deep orange red. It shot upward in pulses from right to left at about 45 degrees from vertical. Each time it accelerated faster. Suddenly it streaked across the sky toward the south at about an angle of 50 degrees with its white side toward me the major portion of the time. Three times it rocked through a plane which showed its reddish under side. A point about midway through this roll showed no light. It finally took up a position to the south of the planet Jupiter and stopped at an altitude which I estimate at 100 miles. All this happened in 5 minutes. At this position it would dart forward each time in an alternate direction, Left or Right. I watched until 7:45 P.M. or a total of 15 minutes later.

Note: I walked across the highway to a gas station and called the attendant's attention to the object. This was 5 minutes after the object reached its zenith and stopped. He confirmed its movement. Do not know attendant's name or type of gas sold in his station.

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San Antonio, Texas	SAMA	
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
21 December 1952	23 December 1952	
PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE	
Taylor, Robert W. Fox	Spec-fitter	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		
AF Letter 200-5, dated 21 April 1952		
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 113—Part II.)		
<p>One round, unidentified object of undetermined size, that emitted an intense green light was observed 1615 hours, 331, 21 December 1952, flying at a rate of speed which exceeded all conventional type jet aircraft yet was considerably slower than a meteor. The above was observed for a few brief seconds over San Antonio, Texas.</p>		
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- (3) A visual surface observation without electronic or optical equipment was made.
- (4) Observer was on Freer-Pilden Highway approximately one mile South of the Seven Sisters road intersection San Antonio, Texas.
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STATEMENT

TIME: 1315 hours, 21 Dec 1952
LOCATION: Freer-Tilden Highway approximately one mile South
of the Seven Sisters Road intersection San Antonio, Texas
DIRECTION: Object was traveling in a South Eastern Direction

I was driving my car on a heading of approximately 0 degrees. Suddenly, a pale green light appeared in the sky at about one o'clock. It had much the same appearance as a "Ball from a Roman candle". It was at an elevation of about 15 degrees above the horizon and traveled very rapidly to a two o'clock position on a slightly downward course. The velocity of the object seemed considerable slower than a meteor but faster than any jet aircraft which I have observed.

The intensity of the object's light seemed to vary, for after an interval which I would estimate to be one to one and a half seconds, as the object was moving in the downward course, it took a further downward trend, seemingly loosing velocity and light, and disappeared from view. The object appeared to be about 10 degrees above the horizon when it disappeared.

At the time the above took place I was alone, however, one car was stopped on a South heading about 250 yards South of the Seven Sisters intersection, and another car's headlights going East on the Seven Sisters Highway was observed. It is possible that occupants of these cars observed this phenomena.

I certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:



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FLYORRPT. 1 GREEN, BALL SHAPED, UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WAS OBSERVED IN THE SKY OVER SAN ANTONIO TEXAS BY MR. [REDACTED], KELLY AFB EMPLOYEE. OBJECT WAS SIGHTED 1315 HOURS 21 DEC 52, AT FREER-TILDEN HIGHWAY APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE SOUTH OF THE 7 SISTERS ROAD INTERSECTION AND WAS TRAVELING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION. OBJECT WAS AT AN ELEVATION OF ABOUT 15 DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON, AND TRAVELED AT A RAPID SPEED IN A SLIGHTLY DOWNWARD COURSE. OBJECTS VELOCITY WAS ESTIMATED TO BE FASTER THAN ANY JET ACFT, YET SLOWER THAN A METEOR. OBJECTS LIGHT INTENSITY VARIED AND AFTER A PERIOD OF BETWEEN 1 TO 1 AND 1/2 SECONDS, AS THE OBJECT WAS PROCEEDING IN A DOWNWARD TREND, IT TOOK A FURTHER DOWNWARD DIP (SEEMINGLY LOOSING VELOCITY AND LIGHT), AND DISAPPEARED. SIZE OF OBJECT WAS COMPARED TO THAT OF A MEDIUM SIZE BALL. ALTITUDE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST WAS NOTED NOR WERE THERE ANY AERODYNAMIC FEATURES ABOUT THE OBJECT. RELIABILITY OF OBSERVER UNKNOWN. AIR PROVOST MARSHAL.

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