PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

22 Sep 59

2. LOCATION

South Charleston, West Va.

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local _____

GMT 23/0100Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. SOURCE

Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

10 secs

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

one

9. COURSE

SW

12. CONCLUSIONS

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Bright green obj observed to burn w/bright yellow tail. Exploded.

11. COMMENTS

Characteristics of bolide observation present. Case evaluated as a Meteor.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

[redacted]
South Charleston 3,
West Virginia

Department of The Air Force
Washington 25,D.C.

Dear sirs:

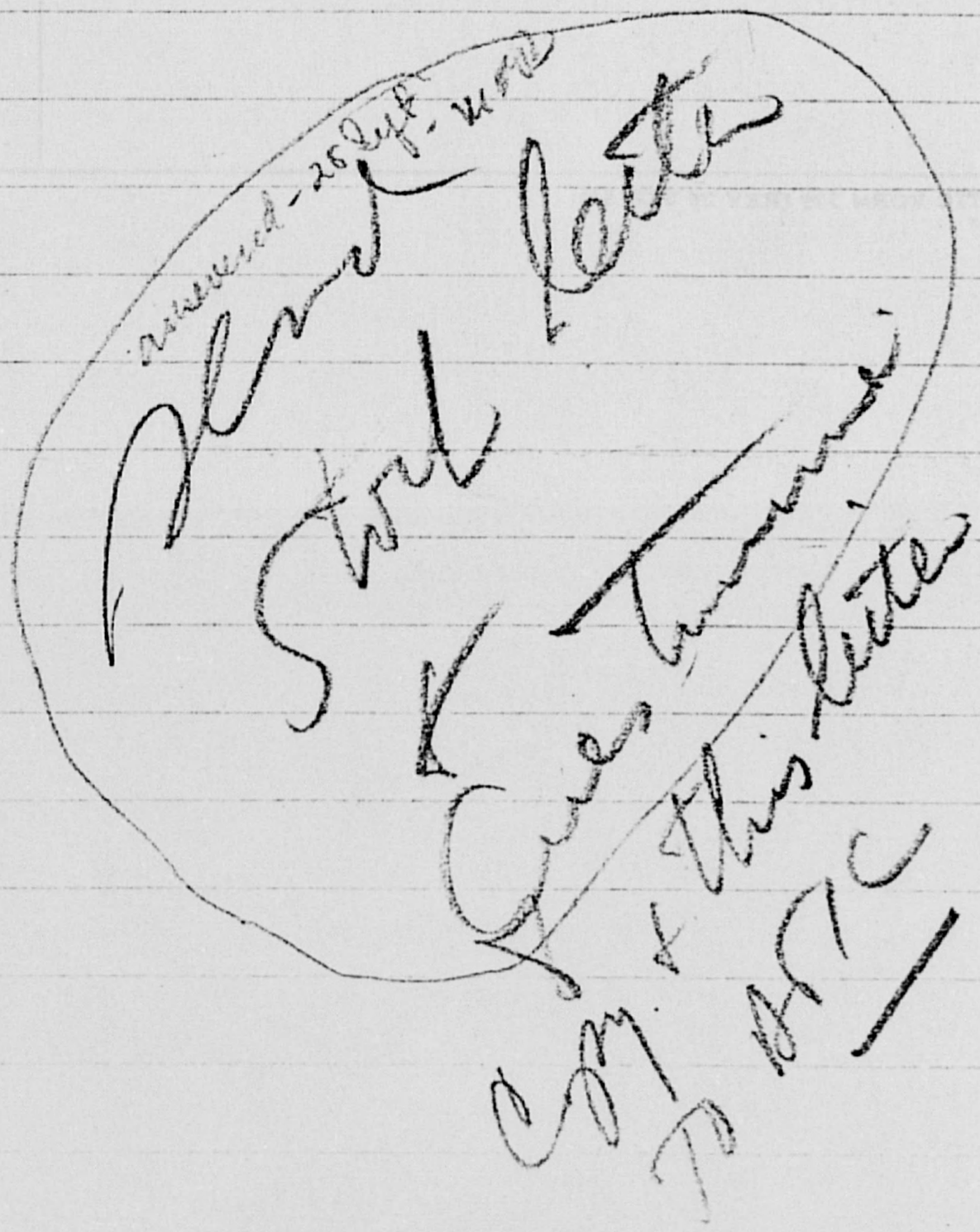
Iwish to report an Unidentified Flying Object.

Sept.22,1959-8:00PM-EST
About as large as a large star,round heading west.It flew in a stright line stopping once for about 2 or 3 seconds.A very bright green.It mad no sound.I watched it forbabout 6 seconds and then it disappeared.The sky was completly clear.It traveled fairly fast.

[redacted]
South Charleston 3,
West Virginia

Age 14

Remarks:-None



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SAF[illegible] j Tacker/mhb/72291

28 September 1959

Dear Mr. [redacted]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 23 September 1959 concerning an Unidentified Flying Object you sighted on 22 September at South Charleston, West Virginia.

Your letter contained insufficient data to allow a valid conclusion. Therefore request you complete the attached Air Force Questionnaire in regard to this sighting and forward the completed paper to the Air Force Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for analysis and evaluation.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Inclosure

Mr. [redacted]
South Charleston 3, West Virginia

Comeback IS-3d
Reader IS-1

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?

22 (Day) September (Month) 1959 (Year)

2. Time of day: 8:00 (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?

[redacted] (Nearest Postal Address) South Charleston (City or Town) West Virginia (State or Country)

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ (Hours) _____ (Minutes) 10 (Seconds)

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

a. Certain
(b.) Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
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
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)	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) Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	(Yes)	No	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: HORIZON

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?

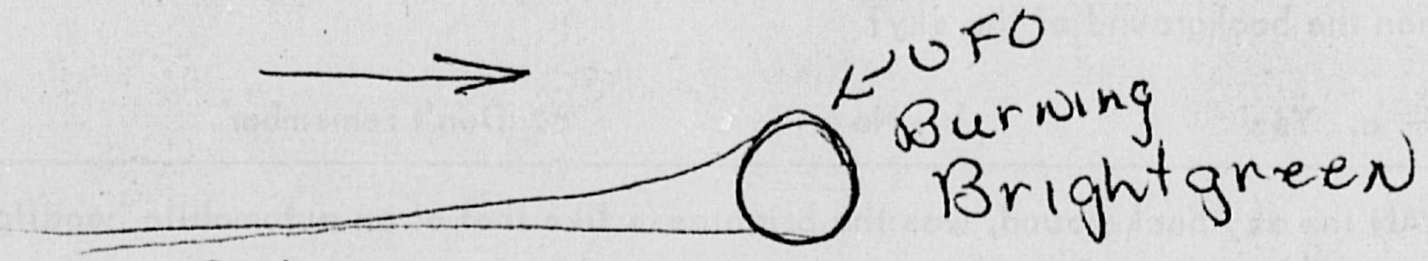
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	(No)	e. Binoculars	Yes	(No)
b. Sun glasses	Yes	(No)	f. Telescope	Yes	(No)
c. Windshield	Yes	(No)	g. Theodolite	Yes	(No)
d. Window glass	Yes	(No)	h. Other Naked unaided eye		

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

a. Sound None

b. Color Very Bright green

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.



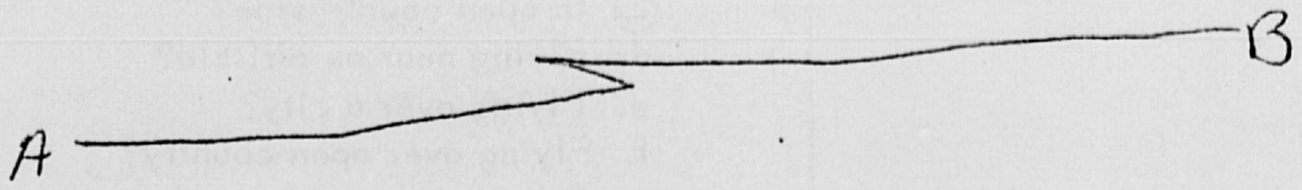
Exhaust tail
Bright Yellow

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? 1.
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.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
200 to 300 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
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
(f.) Half dollar
g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other _____

22.1 *(Circle One* of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

a. Certain
(b.) Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? IT DISAPPEARED Behind the horizon.

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.

a Fifty cent piece held about an arms Length away. Burning very bright green.

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 _____

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

looking at the stars. Observing ONE which was burning all different colors. I NOTICED A Flash.

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

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).

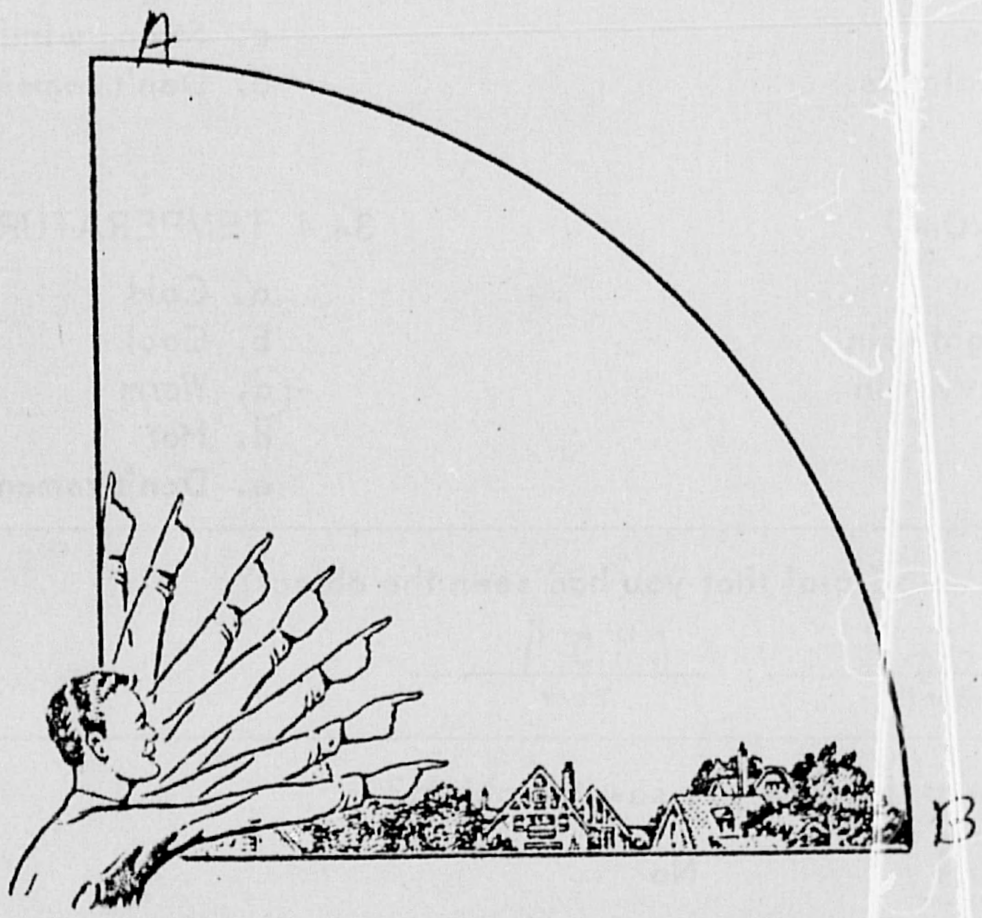
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North 340 degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

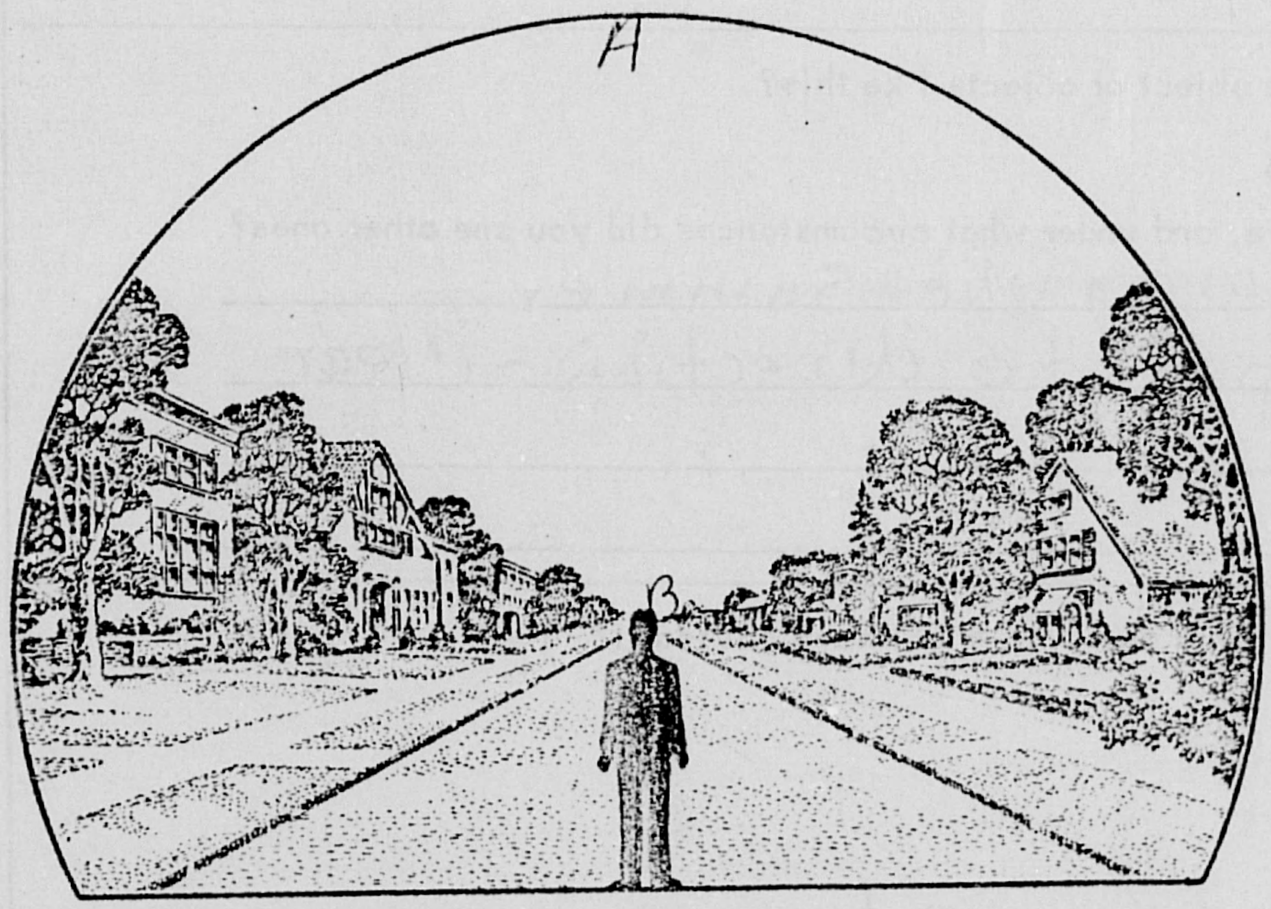
31.2 When it disappeared:

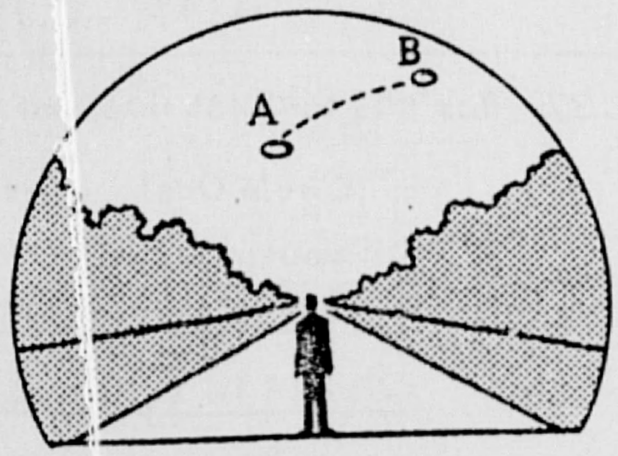
a. From true North 340 degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

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
(c.) Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

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

~~[illegible]~~22 Sept 1959
Day Month 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:

[redacted]
South Charleston 3, W.Va.

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?

Severel times during the Summer going in the oppiste direction - Clear sky

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

A Flying Saucer.
Coming into our atmosphere.

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? 10,000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) So Chas. (City) 3 (Zone) Wa (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? NONE

Age 14 Sex Male

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school V
b. High school _____
c. College _____
d. Post graduate _____
e. e. Technical school _____
(Type) _____
f. Other special training _____
_____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 1 (Day) Oct. (Month) 1959 (Year)

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(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 [redacted] (Please Print)

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE Oct. 1, 1959

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

While watching stars with a neighbor I suddenly noticed a very bright light about 90° or zenith. I looked up and it shot forward then stopped. I then noticed its color and shape. After about 2 seconds it shot forward and disappeared behind the horizon. Total time of sight 10 seconds.

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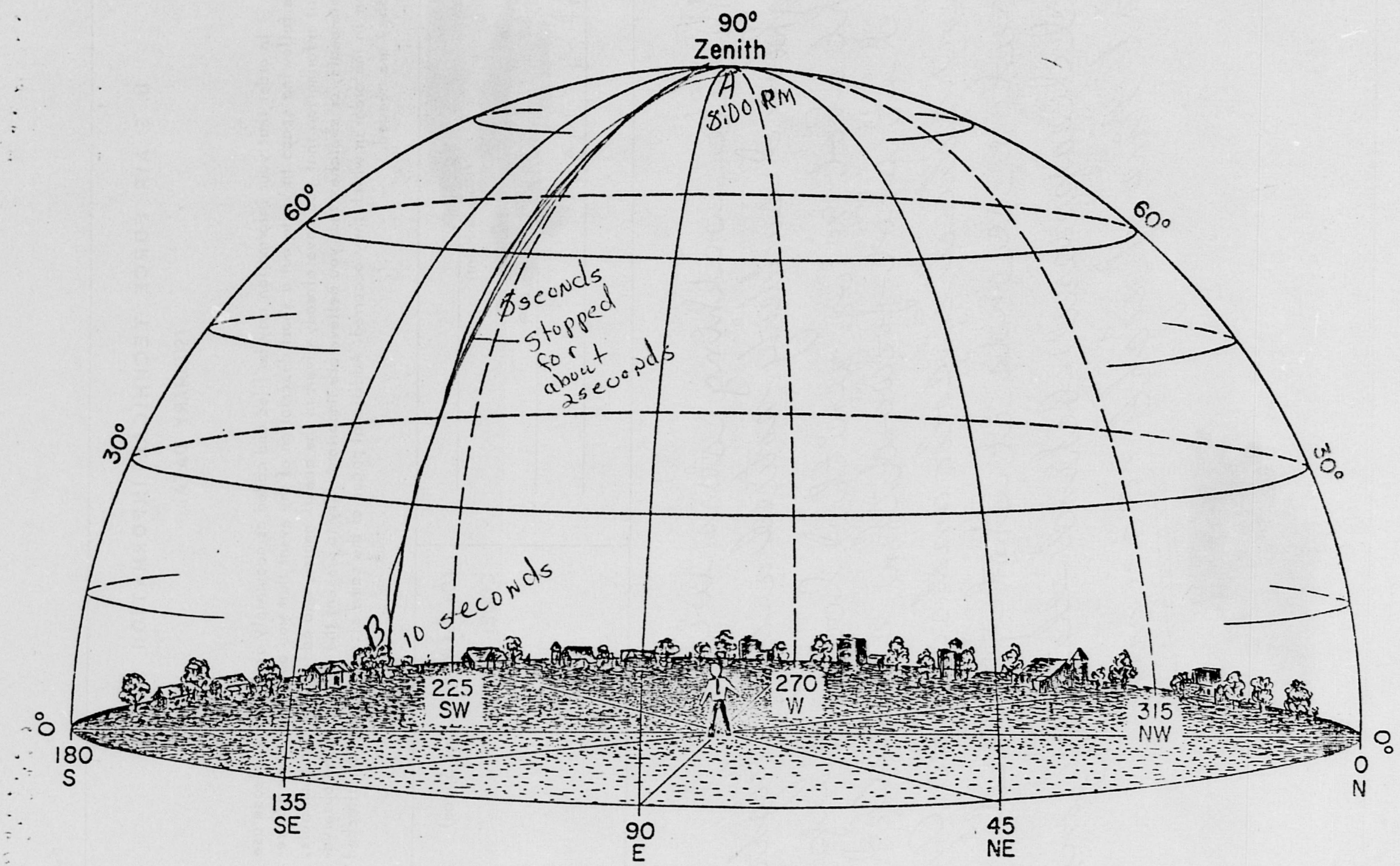
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