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that were under instant on watching the object, they could not determine their ground track; any closer than 5 nautical miles, and that it would be feasible to observe a flight path within 5 nautical miles of the river track. Since the two interpretations as to location of the ground track differed to some extent, the track marked on a chart included with airtel statement is deemed to be most nearly correct.

Referring to the assumed flight path on the included sketch, it is the subject's opinion to be that Sandy Hook. It will be noted that a presumably small object closer to the a/c would appear to be larger if caused to be over Sandy Hook. (See Figure 1.)



Figure 1. Plan View of Initial Sighting  
(Not to scale)

As the T-1 approached the balloon, the balloon appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed. Several remarks must have been made after the initial sighting while the pilot decided that the object was not a conventional a/c and that he should attempt to identify it. During this period, it is assumed that the a/c continued on course under the object's power to be flying straight and level on a westward heading. The fact that the object appeared to be ascending when first sighted cannot be explained. The fact that only one of the balloons was seen can be explained by the fact that the observers concentrated on one balloon and did not notice the other one.

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