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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

MARSAR FILE 78/* 1205

606/2 Pt 1978

VESSEL VH-DSJ ACFT. (~~MS/FW/RC/NAVAL~~)

TITLE LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND

AREA F2 G1

CHART ~~BA/~~AUS 789

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Former Papers			Archival Action	Later Papers	
Folio No.	Referred to and Date	Cleared Initials and Date	Folio No.	Referred to and Date	Cleared Initials and Date
				Radio Flag	
				No Survivors	
				No of Lives Lost	

BROADCAST MESSAGES						SEARCHES AND RESULTS
CRS	Type	DTG	Big/Small Ship	Interval	Cancelled	AIR SEARCH PLANNED (Yes)/~~No~~
VIM	XXX	210948Z	RTG/RTF	½ HRLY	AMENDED	AIR SEARCH CARRIED OUT (Yes)/~~No~~
VIM	~~XXX~~	211958Z	RTG/RTF	1HRLY	212152Z	AIR SEARCH SUCCESSFUL ~~Yes~~/(No)
VIM	XXX	212152Z	" "	"	AMENDED	SEA SEARCH PLANNED (Yes)/~~No~~
VIM	CQ	220434Z	" "	2HRLY	221904Z	SEA SEARCH CARRIED OUT (Yes)/~~No~~
VIM	XXX	230213Z	" "	4HRLY	AMENDED	SEA SEARCH SUCCESSFUL ~~Yes~~/(No)
VIM	XXX	221904Z	—do—	2HRLY	230213Z	
VIM	XXX	231900Z	—do—	4HRLY	232328Z	* Delete as required.
VIM	CQ	240645Z	—"—	2HRLY	240348Z	

SAR PHASE			
Type	AFTN Address	Declared	Cancelled
DETRESFA	by AMMLYU		250900

CO-ORDINATION	
FILE RAISED BY	JD
INITIAL CO-ORD	SOC MELB.
MOC ASSUMED CO-ORD	
CO-ORD PASSED TO	

INCIDENT OPENED 21/10/1978 INCIDENT CLOSED 25/10/1978.

D.o.T. 2137 (Rev. 10/77)

MARSAR No. 78/1205 SHIP'S NAME VH-DSJ ACFT. ~~MS/PX/PC/NAVAL~~

INCIDENT TITLE LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE AT KING ISLAND.

POSITION _____ TIME _____

REPORTED BY SOC MELBOURNE. 0333924776 THROUGH _____

AUTHORITIES INVOLVED _____

CRS VIM POLICE K1 004-621211, 024 AD(SO) VIC, TAS.
HOBART, 024, Lakes Entrance.

DEFENCE DEFMAN DEFENCE

OTHER CONTACTS	Tlx/Ph. No.		Tlx/Ph. No.	
1. GRAHAM OLIVER	004-621368	9.	~~FV BELAMARA / VNM4076~~	
2. HM CURRIE	004-621493	10.	BRISBANE TRADER / WAV	
3. SMITHTON - TAS Seafoods	004-521496	11.	IRON WYNDHAM / VRBD	NOMAD / VIK 2627
4. NANCY HEATH / VLNH		12.	GOLIATH / VKGH	PISCESIS / VK 3648
5. BALAMARA / VM 4076		13.	IRON MONARCH / VLKL	MARY HOLYMAN / GOSS
6. Rec MELBOURNE 03	328 4450 538 4470	14.	NGAPARA / ZMJT	
7. _____		15.	SAFOCEAN ALBANY / ZTEN	
8. ~~MARY HEATH~~		16.	BOTANY CHEMIST / GMYY	

CAPE OTWAY LE
NAUTILUS / VM 4129
HELEN D / VM 4774

DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL

NAME _____ REG/SAIL No. _____ RADIO C/S _____

TYPE _____ LENGTH _____ TONNAGE _____ SPEED _____

COLOUR: HULL _____ DECK _____ SUPERSTRUCTURE _____

FUNNEL/SAILS _____ HULL MATERIAL _____

ENGINE TYPE _____ FUEL _____ RANGE _____

REMARKS _____

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT (If 'YES', insert details)

ANCHOR	YES/NO		LIFEBUOYS	YES/NO	
FLARES	YES/NO		EPIRB	YES/NO	
DINGHY	YES/NO		FOOD	YES/NO	
LIFERAFT	YES/NO		WATER	YES/NO	
LIFEJACKETS	YES/NO		OTHER	YES/NO	
RADIO	YES/NO	FREQS			

PERSONS ON BOARD	Age	Sex	Address	Phone No.
1. (Skipper)				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

VOYAGE DETAILS

DEPARTED _____ DTG _____ DESTINATION _____ ETA _____

INTERMEDIATE PORTS AND TIMES _____

CONTACTS Address Phone No.

OWNER/AGENT _____

NEXT OF KIN _____

OTHER _____

NARRATIVE:

LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE AT KING ISLAND.

1. Airways Operations Melbourne advised that a Distress phase had been initiated on a Cessna 182 overdue at King Island on a flight from Moorabbin to King Island. The aircraft had reported a rough running engine prior to communications being lost.

2. An urgency message was passed to VIM for transmission requesting sighting and hearing reports. AUSREP was checked and the vessel NANCY HEATH/VKNH was thought to be in the vicinity. VIM was asked to contact the vessel.

3. SOC AMML advised that the aircraft was probably overland when the trouble began. Nancy Heath was not employed at this stage until the aircraft's position could be confirmed.

4. Eight vessels answered the XXX message but only Nancy Heath was in an immediately useful position. Four of these vessels were released immediately but the others were not as they could enter the area later "Nancy Heath" which had offered to assist was requested to proceed down the aircraft's intended track to 5 miles from Cape Wickham Light and if nothing sighted to resume its course.

5. SOC AMML said the aircraft reported seeing things (perhaps a UFO) shortly after departing Cape Otway at 0903Z and requested all work out the drift about the northern tip of King Island. ACSC advised that normally only the sea current given as SMC works out the rest. As SOC seemed unsure of procedures ACSC agreed to provide Seacurrent and wind current calculations after clarifying with the SOC. The target, the estimated splash point, the wind velocity and the proposed search datum time. This anusual procedure was explained later by the SOC and who thought ACSC had a computer that provided all these answers!! SOC ALso requested ACSC to ask local fishing boats for sighting/hearing reports.

6. A King Island cray fisherman, Mr Graham Oliver advised that all fishing boats had finally departed the subject area the day before.

7. The xxx message was suspended overnight as it had been sufficiently promulgated.

8. SOC AMML amended the splah point by 22 miles at 211418Z. Advised him to use a Sea Current/Wind Current sector of 100/6 NM at 212000Z.

9. This new splash point was close to Victoria so it was suggested that ACSC that D24 be informed in order to alert Victorian fish coops. ACSC undertook to advise D24. ACSC advised Police Hobart and D24 of situation by telephone and telex.

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10. The urgency message was reinstated at first skeds.

11. "Nancy Heath" oeported a negative result to her search and a strong eaterly drift in the area.

12. An Orion aircraft and crayfish boats from King Island commenced searching at first light. Search vessels were requested to search for a survivor or wreckage on a drift line of 100 degrees from splashpoint.

13. Orion reported an oil slick in position 3920Z 14404E and a CQ was broadcast on RTG/RTF seeking vessels able to detain a sample.

14. The fishing vessel NOMAD/W2E remained in the position of the oil slick which appeared to come from a stationary source.

15. RCC AMML requested submarine drift. This information was provided from many sources but the indication was that there would be no net flow through Bass Strait in the prevailing weather conditions.

16. A number of reports of a fast moving brilliant white light were received from various parts of the country. Mt Stromlo Observatory advised that the night of the 21st was the peak of the meteorite stream with 10-15 sightings per hour achieved.

17. The "Nomad" collected an oil sample and cooperated with the Orion in investigating its contacts.

18. The Urgency message was cancelled at 232328Z but the air search continued.

19. A CQ requesting vessels to recover if possible two objects off Apollo Bay was broadcast at 240445Z.

20. A SURPIC for the area for 240700Z was provided.

21. At 250900Z the search for the aircraft was terminated with no sightings of aircraft, wreckage or body made despite intensive search in a small area.

22. As a postscript to this mystery, wreckage was reported off Lakes Entrance, checked by police but was not relevant to this search. The pilot's father believed that a UFO had taken his son and would re[illegible] him later. The accident received wide newspaper and television cover because of the UFO connection.

23. Incident closed.

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MARSAR 78/1205

31 JAN 1979

A.S. (Finance Branch)
CANBERRA

Bass Strait Search for Missing Aircraft - Charter of Fishing Vessels.

Three Treasury Vouchers are hereby forwarded for payment. The Vouchers are for the charter of three fishing vessels, the HELEN D, BALAMARA and NAUTILUS 1. The vessels carried out a surface search for the missing aircraft in the Bass Strait area on 22 October 1978.

2. The charter was authorised by the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre and it is requested that appropriate accounting and payment action be taken.

(W.M. Blumenfeld)
for FAS (CSD)

Not willing to accept request

AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

AUSTRALIAN SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM AND SAR ORGANISATION

QUESTIONNAIRE OF SHIPS PARTICULARS

Name _____ Call Sign _____ Year Built _____

If name changed, previous name and call sign _____

GROSS TONNAGE _____ LENGTH _____ SPEED _____

TYPE OF VESSEL _____ TYPE OF ENGINE _____

NUMBER OF CREW ____ NUMBER OF PASSENGERS (IF ANY) _____ DR. CARRIED Yes/No*

PORT AND NATION OF REGISTRY _____

MAJOR LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

TOTAL NUMBER OF LIFEBOATS _____ NUMBER OF MOTORISED LIFEBOATS____

NUMBER AND CAPACITY OF INFLATABLE LIFE RAFTS ___X___MAN, ___X___MAN, ___X___MAN,

RADIO EQUIPMENT

W/T Main Transmitter Freq. (M/F & H/F) _____

_____

W/T Reserve/Emergency TX Freq. _____

R/T Main Transmitter Freq. _____ VHF Channel 16

R/T Emergency Transmitter Freq. _____ ($156.8M_2$) Yes/No*

Lifeboat/Life raft Transmitter Freq. _____ EPIRB Yes/No*

Radio Watch Keeping Hours _____

OWNER/CHARTERER _____

MAIN AUSTRALIAN AGENTS _____

DO YOU RECEIVE COPIES OF NAVAUS MESSAGES YES/NO*

DO YOU RECEIVE WEAPONS PRACTICES NOTICES YES/NO*

DO YOU HOLD ON BOARD ANNUAL SUMMARY OF AUSTRALIAN NOTICES TO MARINERS YES/NO*

Date _____ _____

Signed Master

* Delete whichever not applicable.

MINUTE

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for FAS (CSD)

(82)

P.O. 11
TELEPHONE 36 1101
G.P.O. BOX 308 C
HOBART 7001

HRP:GJB

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT
MR. Plummer

Our Reference AV 63/78

Your Reference .....

TASMANIA POLICE

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
80 ELIZABETH STREET
HOBART

4th January, 1979.

Mr. David Simmonds,
Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre,
Department of Transport,
P.O. Box 367,
CANBERRA. 2601
A.C.T.

Bass Strait Search for Missing Aircraft

Attached for your information and attention are three Treasury Vouchers for a combined cost of $1,838.45. The costs were incurred during a search for a Cessna aircraft piloted by Frederick Valentich which went missing on a flight from Moorabbin, Victoria to King Island on the 21st October, 1978.

Statements are also enclosed by the persons who undertook the search following a telephone call from your office at approximately 9.00 p.m. on Saturday, the 21st October, 1978.

(D. Finch)
ACTING SECRETARY

Enclosure

C AESC. FWA.

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P.O. 41
TELEPHONE 38 1101
G.P.O. [redacted] 308 C
HOBART 7001 HCR.LM

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT
MR. Rainbird

TASMANIA POLICE

Our Reference AV 63/78
Your Reference

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
80 ELIZABETH STREET
HOBART

21st December, 1978

The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
HOBART.

Search Carried out for Missing Aircraft

The three attached Treasury Vouchers for a combined cost of $1,838.45 is forwarded for your information and consideration please in transmitting the file to the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre for consideration of having the vouchers paid for.

The costs were incurred during a search for a Cessna aircraft piloted by Frederick Valentich which went missing on a flight from Moorabbin, Victoria to King Island on 21st October, 1978. To date, no evidence has been obtained to indicate what happened to the 'plane or pilot during the flight mentioned.

(H. C. Rainbird)
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
(OPERATIONS)

TASMANIA POLICE

My Reference RME:CF
Your Reference

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN:
Superintendent's Office,
North West 10,
BURNIE.

18th December, 1978.

Commissioner of Police,
HOBART.

Sir,

Search carried out for missing aircraft

The attached treasury vouchers (3) for a combined cost of $1,838.45 is forwarded for information and transmission to the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre for consideration as to payment.

I consider the amounts claimed to be reasonable. The costs were incurred during a search for a Cessna aircraft piloted by Frederick Valentich, which went missing on a flight from Moorabbin, Victoria to King Island on the 21st October, 1978.

J. Nichols
A/Superintendent

AV-63/78

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[illegible] Circled Out For Final Strength.

Yours
(T. [illegible])
1/C Constable. 1040.
Det/Sleuth.

Officer in Charge.
Thirsty Corner.
Dist/Con. No. 10.
[illegible].

No. 45

TASMANIA POLICE

05-051

District	Division	Station	FILE NUMBER
North - Western	No. 10.	CURRIE.	

SUBJECT: RE: Search Carried Out For Missing Aircraft.

Date: 5th.DEC.1978.

Sir,

I respectfully report on search carried out for missing aircraft on King Island on the 22nd of October 1978 by three (3) fishing Boats, The HELEN D, The NAUTILUS 1 and the BALMARA.

On Monday the 4th of December 1978 the three owners of the above mentioned boats came to the Currie Police Station to make a Declaratio in relation to costs incurred by themduring the search and to apply for Re-imbursement.

I obtained a statement from each of the three owners in relation to their expenses, I also listed their respective costs on treasury vouchers which are attached. Costs incurred were as follows.

Graham John OLIVER.
HELEN D.

Fuel.
Wages of Deckhand. 27.00
Personal & running cost. 100.00
Estimated loss of catch. 260.00
300.00

Total. 687.00

John Thomas HENDERSON.
BALMARA.

Fuel.
Wages of Deckhand. 27.00
Personal & running cost 100.00
Estimated loss of catch 292.50
150.00

Total. 569.50

Donald Hugh BOWLING.
NAUTILUS 1.

Fuel.
Wages of Deckhand. 39.45
Personal & running cost 100.00
Estimated loss of catch 292.50
150.00

Total. 581.95

Total combined cost of the three boats. $1838.45.

Please find attached relevant statements together with Voucher for each of the abovementioned costs.

Forwarded for information and transmission please.

TASMANIA POLICE

STATEMENT

Name of Witness	OLIVER	Graham John	Date 4/12/78
	Surname (in capitals)	Christian Names	
Address	P.O. BOX 237, Currie, King Island.		
Occupation	Fisherman.		Age 38 (8/12/39.)

States— At about 9 pm on Saturday the 21st of October 1978, I Received a phne call From Marine Operations, CANBERRA, I was requested to organize some boats to carry out a sea rescue search North of Cape Wickham, King Island for a missing Light Aircraft. I then organized three of the largest boats on the Island one of which is my own to commence a sea search early on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978. I also received a second phome call on the 21st of October from Melbourne confirming that the boats would be required for the search.

I left Currie Harbour in My boat the HELEN D together with Hugh BOWLING on the NAUTULIS 1 and John HENDERSON on the BALAMARA and travelled to the North Western tip of King Island and for the next 13 hours we carried out a search of the surrounding area for the missing plane. At 5.30 am on the mornig of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978

There were two persons on my vessel Daniel Scott my deck - hand and myself. I would estimate that the vessel used approximately 180 litres of diesel fuel during the course of the search. I would also estimate a loss for a bag of Crays valued at about 300 dollars, other costs incurred were that of my deckhand whom I paid the sum of 100 dollars for the days search. Also I estimated my cost and other running expenses to be about 20 dollars per hour.

After completing a thorough search of the areas directed to us by Melbourne radio we all returned to Currie harbour just as darkness was falling it was approximately 6.30 pm.

Graham Oliver.

Statement taken at Currie Police Station at 4 pm on Monday the 4th of December 1978.
(I.R.DAVIS.)
1/C Constable. No. 1049.

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STATE OF TASMANIA

Dr. to Graham John OLIVER
(Name in block letters)
P. .Box 237, Currie, King Island.
(Full postal address in block letters)

TREASURY VOUCHER N

Claimant's Special Instruction regarding Payment if desired.

I hereby authorize the Treasurer to pay the amount of this Claim to (Name and full postal address)—

Signature

FINANCIAL YEAR, 19 78 / 79

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY.

Minister's General Authority Dated

Stores Order No.

Reference No. or Ledger A/c.

Goods Received

Recorded on Plant or Equipment Inventory

Services Rendered

Notes, Calculations, Additions

Authorized by

Funds Available

Posted Dept'l Ledgers

DEPARTMENT
Autralian Coastal Survalance Centre.
HEAD OF SERVICE.

Date of Supply, or Date of Service,	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT $	c
/78	180 litres of deisel fuel at 15c per litre.	27	00
	Wages of Deckhand	100	00
	Personal and Sundry running costs $20 per hour.	260	00
	Estimated loss of Catch. 1 Bag.of Crayfish	300	00.
	Total $	687	00

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cents.

Graham Oliver
(Signature of Claimant)

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Certified Correct, Recorded, and Funds Available.
(Certifying Officer or Head of Department)

Date Paid

TASMANIA POLICE

STATEMENT

Name of Witness	HENDERSON	John Thomas	Date 4/12/78
	Surname (in capitals)	Christian Names	
Address	Post Office, Currie, King Island.		
Occupation	Fisherman.		Age 35 (3/6/43)

States— At 5.30 am on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978 I left Currie Harbour in my boat the BALAMARA to assist in a search for a missing aircraft North West of King Island. There were two other boats with me the NAUTILUS 1 and the HELEN D. There were only two persons on my boat my deckhand Thelma CRANE and myself. I would estimate the vessel used about 180 litres of fuel during the days search. I would also estimate a loss of 1 a bag of crays during the day as I was able to work a few pots on the return trip to Currie Harbour. I also incurred a cost of 100 dollars in wages for my deckhand. I would estimate my personal and sundry running costs for the days search at about $22.50 per hour for the 13 hour search.

After completing the search I returned to Currie Harbour at darkness.

John T. Henderson.

Statement taken at Currie Police Station on Monday the 4th. of December 1978. at 5pm.
(I.R.DAVIS.)
1/C Constable. No. 1049.

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STATE OF TASMANIA

TREASURY VOUCHER No.

Dr. to John Thomas HENDERSON.
(Name in block letters)
Post Office, Currie, KIng Island.
(Full postal address in block letters)

Claimant's Special Instruction regarding Payment if desired.

I hereby authorize the Treasurer to pay the amount of this Claim to (Name and full postal address)—

Signature

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PARTICULARS	AMOUNT $	c
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263 litres of deisel fuel at 15c per litre	27	00
Wages of Deckhand	100	00
Personal and Sundry running costs $22.50 per hour.	292	50
Estimated loss of Catch. ½ Bag of Crayfish.	150	00
Total $	569	50

John T. Henderson
(Signature of Claimant)

TREASURY.

Certified Correct, Recorded, and Funds Available.

(Certifying Officer or Head of Department)

Date Paid

TASMANIA POLICE

STATEMENT

Date 4/12/78

Name of Witness	BOWLING: Surname (in capitals)	Hugh (Donald) Christian Names
Address	Box 130, Currie, King Island.	
Occupation	Fisherman	Age 39 (20/6/39.)

States— At 5.30 am on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978 I left Currie Harbour in my boat the NAUTILUS1 to assist in a sea rescue search North West of King Island for a missing aircraft. There were two other boats with me in the search they were Graham Olivers HELEN D and John Hendersons BALAMARA.

There were only two persons on my vessel Raymond BOWLING my deckhand and myself. I would estimate the vessel used about 263 litres of deiseil fuel during the 13 hour search. I would also Estimate a loss of ½ bag of Crays during the day as I was able to work a few of my pots on the return trip from the search area. I also incurred a cost for my deckhand of 100 dollars for the days search and also personal and sundry expenses of about $22.50 per hour.

After completing a complete search of the directed areas I in company with the other two boats return to Currie harbour at approximately 6,30pm. I did not follow the other two boats all the way to the harbour but stopped to pick up some pots north of Currie.

D.H.BOWLING.

Statement taken at Currie Police Station at 4.35 pm on Monday 4/12/78/
(I.R.DAVIS.)
1/C Constable. No. 1049.

REFERENCE (by Claimant or Department ding Cheque)

STATE OF TASMANIA

TREASURY VOUCHER N

Dr. to Donald Hugh BOWLING.
(Name in block letters)
P.O. BOX 130 Currie, King Island.
(Full postal address in block letters)

Claimant's Special Instruction regarding Payment if desired.

I hereby authorize the Treasurer to pay the amount of this Claim to *(Name and full postal address)*—

Signature

FINANCIAL YEAR, 19 78 / 79	DEPARTMENT Australian Coastal Survalance Centre.	$	c
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Date of Supply, or Period of Service, 19 78	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT $	c
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"	Personal and sundry running costs $22.50 per hour.	292	50
2	Estimated loss of Catch. ½ Bag of Crayfish.	150	00
Amounting to			
One Hundred and Eighty One dollars	Ninety Five. cents. $	581	95

D.H.Bowling
(Signature of Claimant)

NED:

ECTOR, TREASURY.

Certified Correct, Recorded, and Funds Available.

(Certifying Officer or Head of Department)

Date Paid

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 NOV 21 3 35

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SOC Melbourne

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO. 78/1205

TAPE REF. 18/2 921 – 938

CO-ORDINATOR

TEXT:

What height was acft reporting sighting acft under water

Below 5000. Saw it once orbitted but could not sight again due rough seas.

SOC has doubts but has briefed aircraft to keep lookout.

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 NOV 21 2 49

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM ~~TO~~ SOC MELB.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO. 78/1205

TAPE REF. 16/2 899 - 908

CO-ORDINATOR

TEXT:

Report fm acft Lowes - King I

Saw underwater Object like aircraft -

39.18.5 S 144.36 E

Check. Depths & underwater rocks etc plse?

Nil marked on chart. Depth 30 fathoms approx.

OK Thx

D.o.T. 2085 (Int. 9/76)

Judy,
Put on Mascar File 78/1205
pls

INWARDS 25 OCT 1978

DMSS

c DESC. for Mascar file

OP
TRANS AA31004
TRANS AA30276

25/10/78

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AS(ES)
DIRECTOR P.R.
DAM
ADPR MELBOURNE
DIRECTOR VIC/TAS

COPY TO
FAS(AO)

FROM
SCHOFIELD (FAS(AO))

SITREP 2 25 OCT 1978 1000

. MISSING CESSNA 182 VH-DSJ KING ISLAND AREA.

. SEARCH ACTIVITY FOR 24 OCT
- 7 CIVIL AIRCRAFT SEARCHED AN AREA OF 5000 SQ. NM
- DEBRIS SIGHTED CLOSE TO VICTORIAN COASTLINE AND DETAILS PASSED TO ACSC FOR INVESTIGATION BY MARINE CRAFT.

. TOTAL SEARCH HOURS TO DATE 62 HOURS 35 MINS.

. ANALYSIS OF OIL SAMPLE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

. SEARCH ACTIVITY FOR 25 OCT
- 1 CIVIL AIRCRAFT CARRYING OUT DETAILED SEARCH WITHIN 24 NM OF DATUM
- APPROXIMATELY 8 HOURS OF FLYING REQUIRED
- INTENDED THAT ACTIVE SEARCH OPERATIONS CEASE 1900 HOURS (EST) 25 OCT
- AIRCRAFT AND SHIPPING TRANSITTING THE AREA WILL BE REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN LOOKOUT FOR POSSIBLE WRECKAGE
- DEPARTMENTAL AERO COMMANDER WILL CARRY OUT RANDOM BEACH SEARCHES LATER IN THE WEEK.

SENT: 251157 A E S T OP
TRANS AA31004
TRANS AA30276

INWARDS

24 OCT 1978

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TRANS AA31004
TRANS AA30499

24/10/78

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ADPR MELBOURNE
DIRECTOR W.A.

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FAS(AO)

FROM
SCHOFIELD (FAS(AO))

SITREP 1 24 OCT 1000

. FURTHER TO INITIAL NOTIFICATION BY AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATION BRANCH RE MISSING CESSNA 150 VH-DSJ.

. SEARCH ACTIVITY ON NIGHT OF 21 OCT CONSISTED OF
- 3 SORTIES ALONG VH-DSJ INTENDED TRACK
- 1 SHIP TRACKED THROUGH AREA
- KING ISLAND POLICE CHECKED FOR UNUSUAL SIGHTING OR HEARING REPORTS
- NIL SIGHTING OR HEARING.

SEARCH 22 OCT

- 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT LAND SEARCH OF KING ISLAND
- 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT COASTAL SEARCH
- 1 RAAF ORION CARRIED OUT DETAILED SEARCH OF PROBABLE MARITIME AREA
- 3 VESSELS SEARCHED WEST COAST AND ISLANDS OFF KING ISLAND
- OIL SLICK SIGHTED IN SEARCH AREA

SEARCH 23 OCT

- 2 CIVIL AIRCRAFT INCLUDING G.A.F. NOMAD AND ONE RAAF ORION CONTINUED SEARCHING
- VESSEL ''NOMAD'' INVESTIGATED OIL SLICKS AND DEBRIS SIGHTED BY SEARCH AIRCRAFT
- CONFIRMED DEBRIS NOT FROM AIRCRAFT
- SAMPLE OF OIL SLICKS COLLECTED FOR ANALYSIS.

. SEARCH OPERATIONS CONTINUING.

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SENT:- 241233 A E S T
TRANS AA31004
TRANS AA30499

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MARSAR NO:

NARRATIVE:

1. Airways Operations Melbourne advised that a distress phase had been initiated on a Cessna 182 overdue at King Island on a flight from Moorabbin to King Island. The aircraft had reported a rough running engine prior to communications being lost.

2. An urgency message was passed to VIM for transmission requesting sighting and bearing reports. AVSAR was alerted and the vessel NANCY HEATH/VKNH was thought to be in the vicinity. VIM was asked to contact the vessels.

3 SOC AMML advised that the aircraft was probably overland when the trouble began. 'Nancy Heath' was not employed at this stage until the aircraft's position could be confirmed.

4 Eight vessels answered the XXX message but only 'Nancy Heath' was in an immediately useful position. Four of these vessels were released immediately ~~but~~ the others were not as they would enter the area later. 'Nancy Heath' which had offered to assist was requested to proceed down the aircraft's intended track to 5 miles from Cape Wickham light and if nothing sighted to resume its course.

5 SOC AMML said the aircraft reported seeing things (perhaps a UFO) shortly after departing Cape Otway at 0903Z and requested we work out the drift about the northern tip of King Island. ASC advised that normally only the sea current given as SMC weaks out the rest. As SOC seemed unsure of procedures ASC agreed to provide seacurrent and wind current calculations after clarifying with the SOC. The

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NARRATIVE:

Target the estimated splash point, the wind velocity and the proposed search datum time. This unusual procedure was explained later by the SOC who thought ACSC had a computer that provided all these answers !! SOC also requested ACSC to ask local fishing boats for sighting/hearing reports.

6. A King Island crayfisherman, Mr Graham Oliver advised that all fishing boats had finally departed the subject area the day before

7. The XXX message was suspended overnight as it had been sufficiently promulgated.

8. SOC AMMC amended the splash point by 22 miles at 2114182. Advised him to use a Sea current/wind current vector of 100/6 NM at 2120002

9 This new splash point was close to Victoria so it was suggested by ACSC that D24 be informed in order to alert Victorian fish coops. ACSC undertook to advise D24. ACSC advised Police Hobart and D24 of situation by telephone and telex

10. The urgency message was reinstated at first skeds.

11 'Nancy Heath' reported a negative result to her search and a strong easterly drift in the area.

12 An Orion aircraft and crayfish boats from King Island commenced searching at first light. Search vessels were requested to search for a survivor or wreckage on a drift line of 100 degrees from splash point

13 The Orion reported an oil slick in position 39 50 S 144 04 E and a CQ was broadcast on RTG/RTF seeking vessels able to obtain a sample.

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NARRATIVE:

14 The fishing vessel NOMAD/WZE remained in the portion of the oil slick which appeared to come from a stationary source

15 RCC AMSOIL requested submarine dept. This information was provided from many sources but the indication was that there would be no net flow through Bass Strait in the prevailing weather conditions

16 A number of reports of a fast moving brilliant white light were received from various parts of the country. The Stromlo Observatory advised that the night of the 21st was the peak of the meteorite stream with 10-15 sightings per hour advised.

17 The 'Nomad' collected an oil sample and cooperated with the Orion in investigating its contents.

18 The Urgency message was cancelled at 232328Z but the air search continued

19. A CQ requesting vessels to recover if possible three objects off Apollo Bay was broadcast at 240445Z

20 A SURPIC for the area for 240700Z was provided

21 At 250900Z the search for the aircraft was terminated with no sightings of aircraft, wreckage or body made despite intensive search in a small area.

22 As a postscript to this mystery, wreckage was reported off Lakes Entrance, checked by police but was not relevant to this search. The pilots father believed that a UFO had taken his son and would return him later. The accident received wide newspaper and television cover because of the UFO connection.

23. Incident closed. Jeff Daly

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Police O/s Melbourne AUTHORITY VICPOL

TEL. NO. 03-6620911. MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

TAPE REF. 0733-0762. CO-ORDINATOR PdD.

16/1

TEXT: No reply to our P 260742 Z
What was outcome?

Sorry for not replying, his fault, over sight etc.
Wreckage turned out to be the kids from some crayfish boxes.
Do we want telex on that?
No, OK. as long as we know.
TVM.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/~~TO~~ SOC AMML	AUTHORITY DOT
TEL. NO. —	MARSAR NO. 78/1205.
TAPE REF. 16/1 0601 - 0604.	CO-ORDINATOR TdD.

TEXT: Wreckage picked up by Police, not yet identified.

TVM.

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VKC AA30717
ACSC AA62349

P 260742Z OCT 78
FM ACSC CANBERRA
TO POLICE OPS MELBOURNE
INFO POLICE LAKES ENTRANCE (D24 PLSE ON PASS)
BT
UNCLAS
MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT VH-DSJ MISSING BASS STRAIT
A. ACSC P 232328Z OCT 78.
1. REPORT RECEIVED FROM SOC MELBOURNE (TULLEMARINE)
THAT AIRCRAFT VH-FYR HAS SIGHTED WRECKAGE 400 METRES OFF
90 MILES BEACHES NEAR LAKES ENTRANCE IN A SOUTH EASTERLY
DIRECTION FROM RAYMOND ISLAND AT 260705Z OCT 78.
2. DESCRIPITION: 3 PIECES MEASURING 3FT ☒?6 4 FT, WHITE
IN COLOUR. ONE PIECE MEASURING 2 FT BY 20 INCHES. ALL
PIECES SEEM TIED TOGETHER OR FLOATING TOGETHER.
3. LAKES ENTRANCE POLICE NOTIFIED ON BEHALF OF SOC MELBOURNE
WITH REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE AND RECOVER IF POSSIBLE.
LAKES ENTRANCE POLICE HAS INDICATED IMMEDIATE ACTION.
4. OUTCOME OF INVESTIGATION TO BE REPORTED IN FIRST INSTANCE
TO SOC MELBOURNE WITH COPY THIS CENTRE.
BT

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CORRECTION - LINE 2 SHLD READ MEASURING 3FT BY 4FT TKS
SENT ONE FIN
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VKC AA30717
ACSC AA62349

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

~~FROM~~/TO Lakes Entrance Pol. AUTHORITY Vic Pol.

TEL. NO. 051 - 551206. MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

TAPE REF. 0568 - 0595 CO-ORDINATOR PdD.

16/1

TEXT: Gave details of wreckage sighting + SOC's phone No.

Can he see if it can be recovered?

Yes, will do.

TVM.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/~~TO~~ SOC AMML. AUTHORITY DoT

TEL. NO. — MARSAR NO. 78/1205

TAPE REF. 16/1 0545 - 0568. CO-ORDINATOR PdD

TEXT: Fish spotter VH FYR
Wreckage. at 0708 5.

400 ~~metres~~ off 90 ~~metre~~ mile beach
SE of. Raymond Island.
Lakes Entrance.

3 pieces of 3'x4' white.
1 piece — 2 x 20"
tied together.

must have been low!!!

Can we send a boat out?
Will contact local police.

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SITREP 5 VH-DSJ.....DAY 5 WED 250CT.
WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD WITH 20KTS N WIND SEA STATE SLIGHT SWELL.
SEARCH DETAILS.
ETV B58 FROM MOORABBIN IN 2 SORTIES COMPLETED THE SEARCH OF THE SEA AREAS WITHIN 3904S 14350E 3904S 14453E 3950S 14453E 3950S 14350E. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT WAS SIGHTED. THE COVERAGE FACTOR ACHIEVED TODAY WAS 1.0 AND POD 78PER CENT. AVERAGE COVERAGE FACTOR OF TO DATE 1.05 CUMULATIVE POD 97 PER CENT. THE LAND SEARCH OF KING ISLAND ON PREVIOUS DAYS RESULTED IN A COVERAGE FACTOR OF 0.5 AND CUMULATIVE POD 74PER CENT. FOR INFORMATION THE KING ISLAND COASTLINE HAS BEEN COMPLEELY SEARCHED TWICE AND THE NORTHERN HALF 4 TIMES. THE VICTORIAN COASTLINE WAS SEARCHED 6 TIMES FROM TORQUAY TO WARRNAMBOOL PLUS 3 TIMES CAPE OTWAY TO TORQUAY. SEARCH HOURS 25 OCT ETV 0920. PROGRESSIVE TOTAL 71.55.
DISTRESS PHASE CANCELLED AND SEARCH ACTION TERMINATED AT 250900.
INTENTIONS: A DOT ACFT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SEARCH PURPOSES FOR USE BY THE RCC/SOC ON SAT 28 OCT.

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ACSC AA62349

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SIG KAO
MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT
FINAL
1. MELBOURNE RCC ADVISE SEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT VH-DSJ TERMINATED. NIL FOUND.
2. THANKS FOR ALL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING SEARCH.
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ACSC AA62349

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/~~TO~~ SOC AMML
TEL. NO. —
TAPE REF. 0332 — 0344
16/1

AUTHORITY DOT
MARSAR NO. 78/1205.
CO-ORDINATOR PAD

TEXT: Search terminated.
Yes we got that and acknowledged.
Said that oil sample not yet known.
Search "suspended" as he calls it
Will probably be called: "inconclusive."
He also dwelled shortly on the
depth of Bass Strait and a few
other irrelevancies.

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TOO 250900.
CORRECTED COPY

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TRANSML AA32900

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM MT Stromlo ORS

AUTHORITY Vince Ford

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 141, 601 – 624

CO-ORDINATOR RS

TEXT:

Re Rang St Search.

They discussing if this mng + one of his research aides. Said bloke rang ORS 18/10/78 enquiring into expected peak for meteorite activity. Spoke "American English as tho' foreign language"

Said if bloke planning to dissertate + wanted info – good way of doing it!

Thanked him for report.

Consider NFA RS.

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT
A. ACSC 240445Z OCT - CQ BCAST
1. CANCEL CQ BCAST IN REF - AIR SEARCH CONTINUES
BT

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO RCC MRCC

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR LS.

14/1 590

TEXT: INFO re 250000

EXPLAINED H/C SAILS IN MRCC. APPROACHED AT 250000. HARD COPY NOT BEING SENT.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/~~TO~~ ACC MEL

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE/REF. 14/1 513 - 590

CO-ORDINATOR ~~WTD~~ RB.

TEXT: SITREP 25 OCT.

1 a/c to NR K.I. ☐ 24 x 48.

REQUEST SUPPLY 250000.

DRIFT. - WIND GETTING UP FM NORTH. - SE SWELL

? F/V FROM ADELE BAY - NO

VESSEL FM K.I. ARE TWO POLICE

OIL SLICK ANALYSIS - POOR ON FIRST ANALYSIS.

UNLIKELY OIL TRACE.

INTENTIONS PROBABLY WRAP UP TODAY

ONLY REASON NOT WRAPPED UP EARLIER

WAS BEING SPENT SO MUCH TIME WITH

OIL SLICK investigation

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

~~FROM~~ TO RCC Mar 4	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF 0233. 0244	CO-ORDINATOR VJD

14/1 ~~0244~~

TEXT: Told them CQ on wreckage not heard due lateness at night Recommended relocation of wreckage then a.m. before diverting ships to look for it.

Rqr good idea will check with Sme when he comes on.

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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ACSC DE VIM 2019Z

GM
ARE WE TO CONT BCAST OF YR CQ 240445Z RE MARSAR 78/1205
2 HRLY ?

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MELBSAR AA31591

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MELBSAR AA31591
ACSC AA62553

GM OM DE ACSC REF MARSAR 78/1205CQ
PLS HOLD BCAST FIR TIME BEING AS WE ARE GETTING UPDATED
POSITION OF WRECKAGE BEFORE CONTINUING

OK FINE NOT MANY LSN YET ANIWAY X OUR SS SKED
AT 0748

OK OM MY TKS CULTR

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SITREP 4 VH-DSJ
DAY 4 TUESDAY 24 OCT.
WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD WIND MODERATE NORTHERLY BECOMING LIGHT VARIABLE. CLOUD SCATTERED WITH SOME SHOWERS LATE AFTERNOON.
SEARCH DETAILS.
DNS C172 CONTINUED SEARCH OF COASTAL AREAS OF NORTH KING ISLAND.
A NOMAD AIRCRAFT FROM AVALON AND FIVE LIGHT TWINS FROM MOORABBIN COMPLETED THE SEARCH OF AN AREA ENCOMPASSED BY TORQUAY - 3902S 14450E -4000S 14450E - 4000S 14410E - LAVINIA POINT - 3940S 14340E - 3915S 14340E - 3915S 14455E - CAPE FRANKLIN.
MUCH DEBRIS WAS SIGHTED BY THE AIRCRAFT OPERATING CLOSE TO THE VICTORIAN COASTLINE. MUCH COULD BE DISCOUNTED BUT POSITIONS OF POSSIBLY SIGNIFICANT WRECKAGE WERE PASSED AMSC CANBERRA FOR TRANSMISSION TO SHIPPING IN THE ABSENCE OF AVAILABLE LOCAL VESSELS.
THE ANALYSIS OF THE OIL SAMPLE PICKED UP ON 23 OCT HAS YET TO BE RECEIVED. SEARCH HRS 240CT GAF 1/5 0600 DNS 0149 ETV 0210 BOC 0313 RTO 0410 MBT 0406 MBQ 0342
TOTAL SEARCH HRS 240CT 25.10 PROGRESSIVE TOTAL 62.35.
SEARCH DETAILS FOR 250CT.
ETV IS TO MAKE A SEARCH OF AN AREA 24NM RADIUS OF COMPUTED DATUM 3928S 14421E, REQUIRING 8 SEARCH HRS.

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FOLLOWING DEBRIS SIGHTED
(A) TWO RECTANGULAR OBJECTS ONE WHITE AND ONE BLUE TWO FEET BY TWO FEET . POSITION 143 DEG 58E 38 DEG 57S AT 0515Z 24 OCT
(B) YELLOW OBJECT ONE FOOT BY ONE FOOT POSITION 144 DEG 08E 38 DEG 43S AT 0650Z 24 OCT
NIL RECOVERY DUE LACK OF SURFACE CRAFT. REQUEST ADVISE SHIPPING IN AREA.

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TRANSML AA32900

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ACSC AA62553

VIM DE ACSC
GE OM PLS SUSPEND CQ BCAST FOR THE NITE.
WE ARE NOT YET AWARE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR TOMORROW BUT WILL LET
YOU KNOW ASAP OK?

OK W ILL DO

THANKS AND CUL OM
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SURPIC AS REQUESTED FOR 240700

NAME	CALLSIGN	POS	CSE	SPD	DESTINATION
MARYHOLYMAN	GOSS	4043S 14535E	315	12.5	AAAD
JEPARIT	VLGV	3754S 14007E	144	13.0	AMML
IRON SIRIUS	GVWE	3900S 14323E	096	14.0	ASSY
CAPE HAWKE	GOXV	3925S 14711E	270	14.0	AMML
LADY GAY	VLLG	3914S 13924E	090	4.0	
LADY RACHEL	VMRL	3914S 13924E	090	4.0	

REMARKS:
VLLG AND VMRL BOTH TUGS TOWING VK2436 TO BASS STRAIT OIL PLATFORM AREA.
FOLLOWING FROM SIBOEN/JWXD:
POSITION 1600 LOCAL TIME CAPE OTWAY 138 DEG (T) 12 MILES OFF STOP
NO WRECKAGE OR OIL SPILL SEEN STOP MASTER

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TRANSML AA32900⊕
ACSC AA62554

MARINE OPERATIONS
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ACSC

SIBOEN JWXD POSITION 1600 LOCAL TIME CAPE OTWAY 138 DEG 12 MILES
OFF STOP NO WRECKAGE OR OIL SPILL SEEN
MASTER

(1600 138 12)

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ACSC AA62349

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Rec MRCC

TEL. NO.

TAPE REF. 141 1477 - 1507

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

CO-ORDINATOR pb.

TEXT:

? ADVISE SHIPPING.

SEARCH UPGRADED TO MEDIUM TORQUAY

40 - 50 MILES OFF COAST.

APOLLO BAY NIL ADVISE.

AND ONLY COAST TRAFFIC

POLICE NO GOOD. -

A/C IN AREA 6.

REQUEST SURFACE ANYWAY OK.

SEARCHING AGAIN TOMORROW.

SAID IF BODY SIGHTED ADVISE US

+ WE WILL ADVISE SHIPPING.

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MARINE SEARCH AND
CENTRE CANBERRA

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT
1. VIM PLS BCAST FOLLOWING CQ ON RECEIPT RTF/RTG AND
2 HRLY UFN
2. CQ DE VIM AUSTRALIA MELBOURNE APPROACHES
AIRSEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT SIGHTED 2 OBJECTS APPROX
4FT SQUARE IN APPROX POSITION 3847S 14400E AT 240430.
VESSELS TRANSITTING AREA REQUESTED TO KEEP LOOKOUT
REPORT FURTHER SIGHTINGS AND RECOVER IF POSSIBLE
ACSC 240445Z OCT 78
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MARINE RESCUE
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ARMY DE ACSC REQUEST RELAY OSCAR TO NAVY UNABLE TO GET DIRECT

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/~~TO~~ RCC Melb. AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 1438 - 1458 CO-ORDINATOR GM

TEXT:

acft has sighted 2 objects in water off Wya river

1 blue one white

both about 4 Ft Square

They are trying to get in touch with Apollo Bay Fish Coops — can we ~~al~~ ot any shipping in area altho acft did not see any

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PART TWO OF TWO
CONTINUED WITH SQUARE SEARCH AND
FOUND SOX OBJECTS IN THE WATER POSITION3917SO 14406E5 AT 2301501.
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PART ONE OF TWO PARTS
MSGID/11SQN/PURPLE/05/OCT
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MISSN/COPS/SAR/VIS-RADAR SEARCH FOR AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE
LAMP/NATIONAL COMMITMENT
FORCE/11SQN/P3B//RESCUE 252
TASK/AAED/222217Z6/222319Z9/230800Z3/230840Z7/AMES
AREA/3845S0/14322E2/3845S0/14450E4/3948S4/14322E2
AREA/3948S4/14450E4
CREW//PC-FLTLT DAVIDSON/TC-FLTLT TARRY
WEA/4/080/ST/090/10/H/AL005/340T/035K/NON/020T/07K
WEA/2/220T/08FT/1021
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YOUR MESSAGE 232253Z SIBOEN AT PRESENT STEERING 277 FOR
CAPE OTWAY STOP IF QOUREEEEE U REQUIRE SHIP CAN STEER 270 AND ARRIVE
REQUIRED AREA 1600 ROCAL TIME TODAY
MASTER

RGR PSE PASS OUR THANKS BUT NO DIVERSION REQUIRED PSE
KEEP LOOKOUT FOR WRECKAGE OIL SLICKS ETC ACSC 232337Z

ALSO UIN VIEW OUR NEXT SKEDS AROUND 5 AND 7 PM THIS EVENING
COULD WE BROADCAST CANCELLATION NOW PLS ?

NEG TKS OM PSE KEEP ON HAND FOR THE MOM WILL HAVE A CANCELLATION
FOR U LATER

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE CANCELLATION BUT IT SAYS TO BE
BROADCAST ON NEXT SKEDS IE AT 5 AND 7 PM APPROX
THIS EVENING IN MEANTIME NO BROADCASTS OF XXX ???

SRI JUST SEEN CANCELLATION OK OM PSE BCAST CANCELLATION NOW
AS PER OFFICIAL CANCELLATION TKS

THE OFFICIAL ONE SAYS NEXT BIG SMALL SHIPS SKED OUR NEXT
SMALL SHIPS SKED IN EEE IS AT 0333Z AND OUR NEXT SKED
IE WEATHER ETC IS AT 0948 MGMT

RGR UNDERSTAND PSE BCAST CANCELLATION NOW AND AGAIN FOR SMALL SKED K

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INFO MELBOURNE POLICE
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MARSAR 78/1205 AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND.
A. REF ACSC 231900Z OCT 78 X X X BCAST.
1. PLS CANCEL X X X BCAST. NO FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED ON AIRCRAFT. AIR SEARCH CONTINUES.
2. VIM PLS BCAST CANCELLATION ONCE ONLY NEXT BIG/SMALL SKED.
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MARINE SEARCH AND RESCUE CENTRE - CANBERRA

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MARINE OPERATIONS
CENTRE - CANBERRA

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT.
SEA CURRENT DATA.
BEST AVBL INFO FROM PUBLICATIONS AND VESSEL REPORTS
CONFIRM THAT CURRENT TO THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST OF
KING ISLAND IS EASTERLY DECIMAL 5 KNOTS (12MPD).
SW DRIFT FROM AIRCRAFT DATUM BUOYS CONSIDERED TO BE
A RESULT OF GREATER WIND DRIVEN SURFACE CURRENT
(WINDS GENERALLY NE OVER LATER STAGES)
EASTERLY SEA CURRENT MAY BE INCREASED BY PERIOD OF
WESTERLY WINDS.
TIDAL EFFECTS IN APPROX OIL SLICK POSITION SHOW A NORTH/
SOUTH FLOW/EBB OF APPROX DECIMAL 75 KTS

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Rcc MRC

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 14/1 389 – 435

CO-ORDINATOR RB.

TEXT:

Cape Otway Cape Wilson area S. Current.

Discussed. Other Buoy Data S.W.

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BRAMBLE E.

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SIBOEN JWXD SHIPS POSITION 3851SOUTH 14550 EAST PLEASE
INDICATE IF XXX 78/1205 IS STILL IN FORCE STOP
THIS VESSEL MIGHT PASS INDICATED POSITION
IN THE AFTERNOON IF YOU REQUIRE US TO DO SO
....MASTER

RGR PSE PASS FOLLOWING

SIBOEN/JWXD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR POSITION REPORT. AIR SEARCH STILL IN PROGREESS
EEE IN PROGRESS. NO IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT FOR DIVERSION OR YOUR ASSI
SRI ASSISTANCE. REQUEST YOU ADVIISE YOUR ETA AREA. REGARDS ACSC
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM ~~76~~ Jets

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 1941 525 - 562

CO-ORDINATOR LJ

TEXT:

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MARINE DEPARTMENT
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MARINE OPERATIONS
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DAY 3 MONDAY 23 OCT. WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD. MODERATE NE WIND MEDIUM SWELL, SCATTERED CLOUD.
FISHING VESSEL 'NOMAD' OBTAINED SAMPLES OF OIL. BEING FORWARDED TO MELBOURNE FOR ANALYSIS TUESDAY MORNING.
SEARCH DETAILS : DMU C150 COMPLETED LAND SEARCH OF KING ISLAND. GAF 1 (NOMAD) COMPLETED COASTAL SEARCH TORQUAY TO CAPE OTWAY TO WARRNAMBOOL AND RETURN. RESCUE 252 P3 COMPLETED A SEARCH OF 15NM RADIUS BASED ON 39.25S 143.52E. THIS AREA WAS 25 PER CENT OF ALLOCATED SEARCH AREA AS REST OF TIME SPENT IN DIRECTING FISHING VESSEL 'NOMAD' TO INVESTIGATE OIL SLICKS AND OBJECTS IN WATER.
SEARCH HOURS 23 OCT. GAF 1 0305 DMU 0617 RESCUE 252 0813
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

~~FROM~~/TO	SDC AMML	AUTHORITY	DOT
TEL. NO.	03-339476.	MARSAR NO.	78/1205.
TAPE REF. 13/2	1407-1414.	CO-ORDINATOR	PdD

TEXT: RCC still open?
No.
Seems one coordinate missing on Sitrep No. 3, last line, or else is searcharea triangular?
Will ring you back in morning, OK?
No, want it now, as we have to prepare broadcast to shipping.
OK, will call back.

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NARR/AT ON TASK TIME LOCATED SAR DATUM BUOY DROPPED BY RESCUE 251, IT HAS DRIFTED OVERNIGHT TO POSITION 3925S9 14351E4. TWO SMALL OIL SLICKS WERESIGHTED 2NM NORTH WEST OF THIS BUOY. AT 230005Z STARTED EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH FROM THIS DATUM AT 500FT WITH 2NM TRACK SPACING. AT 230132Z1 IN COMMS WITH NOMAD AND PASSED HIM POSITION OF OIL SLICKS. CONTINUED WITH SQUARE SEARCH AND FOUND SOX OBJECTS IN THE WATER POSITION 391730 144056E5 AT 230150Z1. PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO NOMAD AND AS HE COULD NOT LOCATE THE OIL SLICKS HOMED HIM ONTO THE OBJECTS. ORBITED THE DEBRIS UNTIL NOMAD REACHED THE AREA AT 230432Z4. NOMAD ADVISED US THAT THE DEBRIS WAS BOXES MOST PROBABLY FROM A SHIP. RESUMED SQUARE SEARCH AND RCC ADVISED US TO RELOCATE OIL SLICKS SO NOMAD COULD TAKE SAMPLES AT 230532Z5

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PLACED SAR DATUM BUOY ON OIL SLICKS AS REQUESTED BY RCC. POSITION 3923S2 14357E0. HOMED NOMAD TO OIL SLICKS AND INVESTIGATED UNDERWATER OBJECT AT 230534Z7. IN POSITION 3919S2 14354E7. CONTACT WAS ASSESSED BY NOMAD AS MARINE LIFE. TIME 230654Z0 RESUMED SQUARE SEARCH UNTIL OFF TASK AT 230800Z3. AREA SEARCHED WAS 15NM RADIUS FROM 3925S9 14352E5.
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DAY 3 MONDAY 23 OCT. WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD. MODERATE NE WIND MEDIUM SWELL, SCATTERED CLOUD.
FISHING VESSEL 'NOMAD' OBTAINED SAMPLES OF OIL. BEING FORWARDED TO MELBOURNE FOR ANALYSIS TUESDAY MORNING.
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/~~TO~~ SOC AMML

TEL. NO. —

TAPE REF. 13/2 1404 – 1447.

AUTHORITY DoT

MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

CO-ORDINATOR PdD.

TEXT: Nil RAAF A/c available to-morrow.

NOMAD A/c to go out to morrow, plus "lighties.

Area: 20 x 35 miles North King Island.

"NOMAD" picked up sample of oil/slick. Will be examined.

OK, can ACSC be included in sitreps pls?

Thinks they have gone to ACSC. Checking..... no you not on them. Will fix.

Re broadcast does he want any further to-morrow?

No, Wants shipping reports.

Explained re broadcast.

Oh, ... well at least till midday to-morrow. OK. will arrange.

P.T.O.

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FROM/~~TO~~ SOC ML. AUTHORITY DoT

TEL. NO. — MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

TAPE REF. 1404 – 1447. CO-ORDINATOR PdD

TEXT: SOC ML has assessed drift in SW direction, based on:

a. Position of re-located marker buoy dropped by RAAF. Direction 230° / 0.5 knot+(?)

b. NE winds. Wind has picked up in area.

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GE OM JUST HAD RATHER DIFFICULT CONVERSATION WITH GENT (WHO HAD A FEW UNDER HIS BELT) THRU POLICE STATION AU E E AT GEORGETOWN TASMANIA: THIS GENT PICKED UP ON 4525KHZ AT 0442 THIS AVO :'MAYDAY 3 TO E E TIMES' AND NOTHING A E E ELSE
CAN YOU MONITOR THAT FREQ FOR A WHILE AT ALL?

OK WILL DO NOW TKS

FOR INFO THIS GENT COULD NOT REPLY AS HE COULD NOT TRANSMIT AND THEY HAVE JUST COME ASHORE IN GEORGETOWN
HE SAID IT WAS VERY FAINT AND MY EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW HIM OVER FONE NOR E E NOT VERY GOOD. POLICE WILL TRY TO GET A STATEMENT FROM HIM AND IF ANY FUT E E FURTHER INFO COMES TO LIGHT FROM THAT WE WIL LET YOU KNOW OK??

OK TKS THINK CHANCES WE WILL HEAR ANITHING VERY SMALL SIEEEING WAS OVER 4 HOURS AGO BUT WILL MONITOR ANIWAY TKS CUL

YES I REALIZE TIME FACTOR IS NO HELP BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE THE EFFORT Z E E SINCE NIL ELSE AT MOM

OK UNDERSTAND BI NOW

TVM OM AND BEFORE I GO ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS (RADIO WISE)

NO DONT THINK SO THAT FREQ 4525 IS A FISHINGFREQ OR A FREQ FOR LIMITED COASTSTNS AND RECKON SOME OTHER F/V SHOULD HAVE HRD SOMETHING IF IT HAD BEEN ANI ACTIVITY ON FREQ K

YES AGREE AND THANKS OM WIL LET YOU KNOW AND IF YOU COULD MONITOR FOR SAY ABOUT HALF HOUR OR SO(OTHER DUTIES PERMITING)
OK WILL DO BY THE WAY SHALL WE CONTINUE BCAST OF YR MARSAR OVERNIGHT OR SUSPEND BCASTS AFTER DARK K

YES WILL BE SUSPENDED WIL SENT YOU OFFICIAL DITTIE ON THAT
WHEN IS YOU R NEXT BC DUE?

WILL BCAST TO BIG SHIPS ON MY WHRSKED 1948LT AND SENT LAST TO SMALL SHIPS ON MY SKED AT 1733LT K

OK MAKE THE BIG SHIP 1948 THE LAST ONE FOR THE NITE OK?

OK TKS OM CUL

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MARSAR 78/1205 MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT.
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO JOPS

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE/REF. 14/1 263 - 273

CO-ORDINATOR KS

TEXT:

IN NORMAL CELLS

SUB SURFACE CURRENT

CT 3 GAUGES. DIAM IN WIND 24 KTS NO NET FLOW. THROUGH BASS ST.

INFO

RANL + DIRECTOR NAVAL MET. + OCEANOGRAPHY

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FROM/~~TO~~ JOPS	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. N/R	CO-ORDINATOR LS

TEXT:

WINDS GALE ST RR SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.
Given.
SMRCC HONIARA GIVEN – Search continues.

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MARSAR 78/1205 - VHDSJ SEARCH
SIGHTING REPORT
MR ANDREW BATES (TEL 037929395) REPORTS EXPLOSION IN SKY
APPROX 0915 SAT NIGHT. SIGHTING MADE FROM VESSEL IN APPROX
POSN 3800S 14454E DIRECTION OF PORT ARLINGTON QUOTE IN SKY
CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM GROUND UNQUOTE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Lee ML

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03 338 4450

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 14/1 262 —

CO-ORDINATOR AB.

TEXT:

BATES SIGHTING PAGE 20

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/~~TO~~ MR ANDREW BATTLE

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03 792 9395

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 14/1 — 462

CO-ORDINATOR LB.

TEXT:

TAKING PART IN 100 YACHT RACE PORT PHILLIP BAY
SIGHTED EXPLOSION IN SKY DCT PORT ALLINGTON
IN SKY CONSID DIST FROM GROUND.
HAS OTH APP. SPOIL GROUND LT BUOY

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FROM/TO Rcc MRL.	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 155	CO-ORDINATOR US.

TEXT:

GUIDANCE CONTINUE SEARCH FOR WRECKAGE.
RE SUB SURFACE CURRENT - EXPLAINED NIL
INFO HMAS + RAN TO NAVY IN.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO ~~302~~ SOC Rec MC

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 14/1 116 – 152

CO-ORDINATOR CS.

TEXT:

Gave details of peak meteorite activity

ORION MAY HAVE SIGHTED SOMETHING.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Stamco 053.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 14/2 88 1111 0059 —

CO-ORDINATOR MS.

TEXT:

21 st Peak of Meteorite Stream.

Area N.E out Dawn Mag.

Lake Like Sighting

Mag Stream 3 Am ea

10 - 15 Sightings per hour

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FROM/TO MV SPOMICO 0852. AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 981053 MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 14/1 35 - CO-ORDINATOR AS

TEXT:

No Reply 230055.

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~~FROM~~/TO MELBOURNE OBSERVERY.	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO. 03	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 14/1 21 —	CO-ORDINATOR LB.

TEXT: OBSERVATORY CUNE UNARE.

SPACE MUSEUM

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NO LAUNCHED OBSERVATORY - DEMO ONLY.

MT STROMLO ~~CANBERRA~~. NEAREST ONE.

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FROM/ SMETHURST — AUTHORITY Fleet Ops Manager ANL

TEL. NO. — MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. CMOC FONE. — CO-ORDINATOR GM .

TEXT:

Report from Empress of Australia may be relevant to Plane search in Strait
3RD Mate and lookout both reported
what they describe as a brilliant-
white light moving very fast no indication
of light moving from E to W ahead of them
@(221445Z)
posn 39523 14534E 1245 pm last night
Course of ship 334/17.0.

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SOC DARWIN
QUOTE..
2. AIRCRAFT REPORT UFO
VH-DRB C421 ENROUTE TENNANT CK-DARWIN FL180 REPORTED BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT AT LEVEL 30 MILES NORTH OF HIM, IN TINDAL AREA FOR 3-4 SECS TRACKING N-SW ON DESCENT THEN DISAPPEARING.
VH-CKU C402 FROM MATARANKA ON SAME TRACK AND LOWER SAW SAME THING AT 0946Z. BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT FALLING FAST AND IRRIDESCENT, NOTHING IN AREA, NOTHING ON RADAR, CANNOT EXPLAIN IT.
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SIMILAR INCIDENT REPORTED THIS AREA 010225Z AUG 78.
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WX REPORT FROM R252 IN SEARCH AREA
0030 WIND 030/15 MAJOR SWELL 8FT DIRECTION 210 DEG TRUE
VIS 10NM + HAZE.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Rec MRC

AUTHORITY

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MARSAR NO.

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CO-ORDINATOR LS

TEXT: Call Iron Monarch Posn 0930

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT
1. C182 AIRCRAFT VH-DSJ OVERDUE OF FLT MOORABBIN/KING ISLAND 210CT78 - AIR/SEA SEARCH IN PROGRESS
2. OIL SLICK SIGHTED DURING SEARCH IN POSITION 3919S 14401E MAY BE RELEVANT
3. RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE MELBOURNE HAS REQUESTED ANY V AVAILABLE SUB SURFACE CURRENT DETAILS THIS AREA FOR SALVAGE/ INVESTIGATION PURPOSES
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VH-DSJ OVERDUE KING ISLAND
AS REQUESTED FOLLOWING VESSELS REPORTED IN BASS STRAIT AREA
IN RESPONSE TO URGENCY BROADCAST 210948GMT ON NOTIFICATION
OF DISTRESS PHASE.

0950	NANCY HEATH/VKNH	3902S	14416E	C0277 SPD12
1000	BRISBANE TRADER/VJMV	4008S	14602E	C0328 SPD16
1000	IRON WHYALLA/VMBD	3909S	14542E	C0102 SPD10.5
1000	GOLIATH/VKGH	4014S	14643E	C0023 SPD13.8
0930 1000	IRON MONARCH/VLKG	3751S	14002E	C0144 SPD16
1000	SAFOCEAN ALBANY/ZTEN	3912S	14620E	C0277 SPD17
1000	NGAPARA/ZMJT	4103S	14737E	C0293 SPD11
1230	BOTANY CHEMIST/6MYY	3849S	14507E	C0285 SPD13

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REF BOTANYCHEMIST 6MYY POSN GIVEN AT 211230GMT POSITIO N 3849S 1457E SP 13 KTS COURSE 285 TO ADELAIDE

RGR TKS OM THAT THE SAME AS BEFORE ALL OK JUST NOT SURE OF LONG WILL ASSUME 14507E.TKS AGAIN AND CU

OK 1457E AS SENT FM HIM
TKB CULTR
RGR AS MATTER OF INTEREST ASSUME THAT WAS RTF?
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GM VIM DE ACSC

AT 211237Z U HAD QSO WITH BOTANY CHEMIST/6MYY FOR A POSITION
IN CONNECTION WITH MISSING AIRCRAFT POSN GARBLED ON YOUR TLX
REQUEST CHECK AND ADVZ POSITION AGAIN PSE OM AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

OK WILL DO AND CALL BACK SHORTLY

TKS
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/~~TO~~ Rec MRE

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2 INPG -1490

CO-ORDINATOR RB

TEXT:

APOLLO BAY ABV3 WZG UNABLE
IN AREA 02002.
NEXT SKED 2345

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/~~TO~~ Melb Rec.	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 12/2. 1425-1483.	CO-ORDINATOR cl

TEXT: Requested.

(1) change in drift if any when known or assessed.

(2) Drift of acft/wreckage assuming it submarined along bottom - said mariners more interested on surface movement - realised info hard to get at but require it more for enquiry later.

(3) name of ship which was NE of KEB at 1100Z on night plane went down, as reckoned pilot could have been disoriented if he saw vsl which had a lot of bright lights on & if acft was flying upside down. (UFO) freighter moving W to E.

Nomad has been tasked to collect oil sample - Yes AESC await from Green - OK wrongly

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. (contd)	CO-ORDINATOR

TEXT: addressed but will send now.
CO× as at 2000Z KJ.
600 × 10 kts. 2/8 Ci SH sea low swell
Acft in area 2130Z.
Paid 6 cast current incl oil sample taken.
Confirmed MPP 39/35 143/38E

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ADDITIONAL SAR BRIEFING FOR R251.
FISHING VESSEL NOMAD WILL POSITION OVERNIGHT AT 3919S 14401E TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SAMPLE OF OIL FOR ANALYSIS. FISHING VESSEL NOMAD CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY CALLSIGN WZG PAINTED ON WHITE WHEELHOUSE ALSO CARRYING YELLOW DINGHY ON WHEELHOUSE. FREQS IN USE 4535 KHZ SHIP/SHORE AND 2112 KHZ SHIP/SHIP. IF UNABLE TO CONTACT F/V NOMAD RELAY TO AMML RCC VIA AMKI FS 123.9 MHZ

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GM OM - DAWN JUST STARTING TO BREAK HERE NOW, WHEN WILL
YOU WANT THE (PRESUME UPDATED) MARSAR REINSTITUTED??

RGR OM HAVE ONE NOW BEING TYPED UP ALSO INTEND CANCELLING THE
CQ AS ITS NOW INCORPORATED IN THE XXX KKKKK
OK OM I WILL AWAIT YR CALL BACK WHEN READY (MAYBE THE UFO'S DID
GET HIM HA HA)
HA HA BUT NOT FUNNY POOR CHAP KK
YES AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND O DOUBLY BAD FOR HIS FAMILY.
I OK AWAITING YR CALL TKS VM

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NARR/CONFIRM OIL SLICK IN POSN 3919S 14401E THEN SQUARE SEARCH
ON DATUM 3916S 14406E, ALT 1000FT, START POSN 3918S 14404E.
SUGGESTED TR SP 2NM - ADJUST FOLLOWING AREA WX ASSESSMENT. DATUM
MARKED BY R251 WITH SAR DATUM BUOY - 11SQN PURPLE 867 REFERS.
F/V NOMAD, C/S WGZ IN AREA ATTEMPTING TO GAIN SAMPLE OF OIL SLICK
LISTENING OUT 4535KHZ. ASSIST VESSEL TO HOME TO OIL SLICK. HOURLY
REPORTS VIA AOCC. MAINTAIN WATCH ON KI FIS 123.9MHZ, PASS REPORTS
AS NECESSARY. EXCLUDE LAND MASSES FROM SEARCH AREA.
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TASK/AAED/211758Z4/211910Z4/220525Z6/220649Z3/AAED
ACFT/P3B/A9-297//3NM
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EQMAL/APX-7/211805Z7/RETRO DISPENSER/211758Z4/ASA-16/211800Z2
LAMP/BDHI FUNCTION OF ASA-16 ONLY WAS UNSERVICEABLE
NARR/ON ARRIVAL AT SEARCH AREA, DATUM POSN 3914S7
14346E8, WAS MARKED WITH A SSQ-41 3HR LIFE SONOBUOY.
RADAR CONTACTS WITHIN 20NM OF DATUM WERE CHECKED
VISUALLY BEFORE BEGINNING SECTOR SEARCH BECAU E
LIGHT CONDITIONS WERE NOT YET GOOD FOR A VISUAL
SECTOR SEARCH. AT 1930Z3 SECTOR SEARCH 10NM RADIUS WITH
20 DEG ANGLE BETWEEN SEARCH LEGS WAS BEGUN.
EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH 2NM TRACK SPACING, FIRST
LEGS 8NM FROM DATUM WAS BEGUN AT 2053Z.
THE EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH TO 20 NMS FROM DATUM
WAS COMPLETED AT 0017Z8. FOR INFORMATION, THE
SSQ-41 AT THE DATUM POSN APPEARED TO DRIFT
SOUTH WESTERLY 1000 TO 1300 YDS IN THE 1 HR
42 MINS TT WAS USED. THIS INFORMATION IS BASED
ON RADAR FIXING OFF CAPE WICKHAM. THE CLA
SEARCH AT 3 NM TRACK SPACING WAS COMMENCED
AT 0041Z5. COORDS OF AREA SEARCHED AT 3 NM
TRACK SPACING ARE 3854S0 14351E4, 3844S9 14439E1,

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3923S7 14503E3 AND 3939S4 14350E1. CONDITIONS
WERE GOOD FOR SEARCH AND LARGE NUMBERS OF
BIRDS, FISH AND PIECES OF WOOD WERE SEEN. A
NUMBER OF SLICKS WERE ALSO SEEN AND ONE
WAS MARKED WITH AN SAR DATUM BUOY (24 HR LIFE, 245 MHZ)
AS REQUESTED BY RCC MELBOURNE. POSN
OF DATUM BUOY IS 3919S2 14401E0 AND TIME OF DROP WAS
0522Z9. NO AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WAS SEEN.
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093)Z VESSEL FIFTEEN MILES FROM REPORTED OIL SLICK BASS STRAIT
REGRET UNABLE SEARCH DUE DARKNESS
MASTER

CCN 0930Z RR 0930Z

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GE OM DE ACSC REF MARSAR 78/1205==

PLS SUSPEND CQ RE OIL SLICK OVERNITE AND RESUME AT DAYBREAK

OK WILL ODO TKS

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DE VIM 0919Z

U STILL WANT US KEEP BROADCASTING MARSAR EVERY HOUR PLS ??

SEC PLS SUSPEND OVERNITE OM

OK WILL DO AND START AT DAYLITE ??

YES PLS WE WILL UPDATE INTERVAL THEN

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DE VIM 0812Z

RE MARSAR 78/1205

SMALL SHIP ISEEEE PISCESIS VK3648 REPORTS IN SEARCH AREA WILL CONTINUE TILL AFEEE DARK THEN WILL HAVE TO ABANDON SEARCH NIL SEEN

RGR ANY CHANCE OF IT PICKING UP A SAMPLE OF THE OIL SPILL

HAVE BROADCAST SAME BUT HE DID NOT MENTION IT WILL TRY AND RAISE IM AGEN AND ASK HIM IF POSS

TKS OM CU CU

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FROM/TO 302 MELB.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 13/2 1145 – 1150

CO-ORDINATOR VAN

TEXT: VMR says not involved in SAR
Arent we assisting with Lt. A/c in Bass St

Assisting yes Lnt coord with KCC Amml
Leave him tele no.

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FROM (TO) ~~SBE~~ AMML	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO. 03 3384450	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 13/2 1096-1145	CO-ORDINATOR VJD

TEXT: Passed dayt as experienced by Nancy Heath of Easterly 2-3 kts. That would be combination of sea current and wind current. Suggested that if wind change goes thru as forecast that sea current is Easterly at ½ knot

Rgr. What is crayfishermans name & number as oil slick possibly light aviation spirit in stationary posit. Will try Apollo Bay vessel to take a sample but if no luck wants K.I. crayfisherman to take sample first light. Buoy has marked posit.

Rgr gave Graham Olsen's name & tele No.

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FROM/TO Rec Mail

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 108L

CO-ORDINATOR KS

TEXT:

SEA CURRENT MPP SPLASH

3913 143.38E

ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES,

40 MILS ALONG DRIFT LINE

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FROM/~~TO~~ SOC AMML

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 13-2/1016 - 1048

CO-ORDINATOR IKJ

TEXT:

Requested depths in form of reports air shots - gave him average of 50 fms: over abt bottom 1yrs.

He said RAAF a/c had datum marker and that some of shots had not moved -

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FROM ~~TO~~ Lee MRC.	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 13/2 1007 – 1018	CO-ORDINATOR LS.

TEXT:

DATUM for tomorrow 230210

Request we work out – understand we have consents – NO OK will work it themselves.

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FM BELAMARA TWO HOURS STEAMING FROM POSN OF OIL SLICK SO UNABLE OBTAIN THAT SAMPLE (

RGR OK OM AND PSE TO TK HIM WILL C WHAT ELSE CUMS UP

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AM ABT TO SEND THE CQ NW

OK FINE

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BELAMARA REPORTS NOT 10 MILES OF CAPE WICHAM AND HOLDING SEARCH PATTERN HEADING FOR CURRIE KING ISLAND

PRESUME THAT NOW 10 MILES ETC?
SRI 10 MILES NORTH OF CAPE WICKHAM

RGR HAVE CQ REF OIL SLICK FOR U SEEMS THAT BELAMARA MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE SAMPLE GIVE HIM THE DETAILS PSE POSN IS 16MILES NE CAPE WICKAM BUT IF HE DOEST VOLUNTEER NO WORRIES K

OK WILL ASK HIM AND CALL U BACK LTR

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MARSAR 78/1205 - DITCHED AIRCRAFT
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2. CQ DE VIM WESTERN BASS STRAIT CHART 1695B
SEARCH AIRCRAFT REPORTS SIGHTING OIL SLICK IN POSN 3920S 14404E. POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH DITCHED AIRCRAFT.
VESSELS IN AREA REQUESTED TO OBTAIN SAMPLE IF POSSIBLE.
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~~FROM~~/TO ~~Sec~~ Rcc MRL.	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO. 03 339 4450	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 12/2 1254 - 1263	CO-ORDINATOR RS

TEXT:

BELAMARA REST CURRENT F. LKTS.

PASSED CB HEARING REPORT.

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FROM/TO Hamill (ALL) AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. CARLINGFORD 051 832340 MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. CO-ORDINATOR

1/2 1238 - 1254

TEXT:

MANLY BEACH CB OPERATOR

CALL FM CB OPERATOR A/C HEARD
7.30 - 8PM MAYER 2AM. ALSO. WALKERVILLE
(W. SIDE WILSONS PROM)
CB VA Q644 — NO PHONE.

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FROM BELAMARA ESTIMATED DRIFT EASTWARDS ABOUTN 2 KNOTS OR LESS

RGR THAT ABOUT WHAT WE THORT OK THANKS VM OM
WE WILL ON PASS TO RCC NOW TKS

OK OUT FOR NOW

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FROM/TO RCC	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO. 03 3384410	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. M/2 — 702	CO-ORDINATOR LG

TEXT: BALLARAT

ETA 0345

ORION JUST GONE OVR SUCK TOO

BIG FOR LT AIRCRAFT — R CALL

BALLARAT OFF THAT ONE — DUN

DESCRIPTION OF BOAT GIVEN —

REQUEST CURRENT DETAILS FM BALLARAT.

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BALAMARA ADVISES HAS ALSO JUST RECOVERED THE RED BUCKET
REPORTED EARLIER

RGR THATS FINE MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE
CRASH SEC PLS WE JUST TALKING TO RCC NOW
ANY MARKINGS ON BUCKET AT ALLL PLS

SEC

ALSO THE RCC HAVE NOW INFO US THAT THEY DO NOT T REQUIRE THE
OIL SLICK INVESTIGEATED AS THEY THINK IS TOO BIG TO
BE CONNECTED WITH THE PLANE
OK ON PASSING TO VSL NOW

RGR AS ALOS ALSO CAN U ASK IF HE CAN GIVE US THE WEATHER DETAILS
IN THE AREA AND ALSO IF HE CAN GIVE US ANY IDEA OF THE CURRENT
AS THEY WILL BE BASING THE SEARCH TOMOORROW ON IT TKS

SEC

WIND EASTERLY FIVE KNOTS CURRENT UNKNOWN THE BUCKET IS UNMAKED
BUT HAS BEEN USED TO FOR PAINTING WHITE PAINT IN BOTTOM AS
HAS BEEN IN WATER SOME TIME WEED GROTH INSIDE

RGR THATS FINE TKS VM OBVIOUSLY NOTHING TO DO WITH THE
ACFT BUT PLS THANK HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS KK

OK HE AT PREVIOUS MENTIONED POSN AND NOW TUN TURNING SOUTH
AND SEACH SEARCHINT TOWARDS KING SILAND

RGR THAT FINE TKS VM HAVE U HEARD ANYMORE FROM THE NGAPARA
LATELY KK

NIL

OK FINE HOPE HE HAS RESUMED HIS VOYAGE BY NOW
OK PLS ASK THE BALAMARA IF HE CAN GIVE US THE CURRENT DETAILS
AS SOON AS HE CAN TKS

OK WILL DO

NO CONTACT WITH NGAPARA AND SHE HAS NOW SAILED OFF TO THE WEST

RGR THAT FINE TKS VM
OK CUL OM TKS

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MSG ONPASSED BELAMARA – HE SAYS WILL TAKE HIM ABOUT 1/2 HOURS
TO GETEEEEE ABOUT HALF AN HOUR TO GET TO THAT POSITION
AND WILL THE AIRCAREEEE AIRCRAFT BE IN THE AREA TO PINPOINT
THE SLICK THEN?

RGR WE WILL FIND OUT TKS

OK CALL BACK WHEN READY TKU CUL

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RE THE SEACH IN THE BASS T STRAIT CAN U PLS PASS TO
BELAMARA THAT AN OIL SLICK HAS BEEN SIGHTED BY
THE SEARCH AIRCRAFT IN POSITION 3919S 14402E AND THE
RCC REQUECST THAT HE INVESTIGATE IF POSSIBLE KK

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RGR FINE SHOULD S JUST BE ABOUT NEAR HIS POSITION TKS VM

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/~~TO~~ RCC MRC	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 11/2 - 1149	CO-ORDINATOR LS

TEXT:

OIL SLICK SIGHTED BY A/C 3919-SS

144.02E.

ANY VESSEL TO INVESTIGATE. WILL CHECK

+ ADVS.

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ACSC DE VIS 220300Z

RE YR REQUEST FOR INFO ON NOMAD HERE ALL THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US =

(1) NOMAD/VJ2539 LICENSEE N.L. BRIEDEN PO BOX 4529 GPO SYD
2524/6280/4120

(2) NOMAD/VJ5997 LICENSEE H.M. COOPER 25 JUDD ST CRONULLA 2230
2182/2112/2284?/2524/4136.3

(3) NOMAD/VJ6920 LICENSEE W.G. ROBERTS 35 WIGRAM RD GLEBE 2037
2182/2201(RX)

* (4) NOMAD/VK2627 LICENSEE A.J. HUNTER 50 PASCOE ST APOLLOBAY 3233
2182/2201/4125/2112/4535/4620/6215.5

(5) NOMAD/VL2555 LICENSEE R.F. BRADFORD 246 KING ST CLONTARF
2182/2201/2100/2524/2284

(6) NOMAD/VL3139 L.C. HAMILTON PO BOX 49 TOWNSVILLE QLD
2182/2201/6204/2524

(7) NOMAD/VL4491 E.R. BRIESE PO BOX 124 MOSSMAN/QLD 4873
2182/2524

(8) NOMAD/VL4781 R.K. TUCKER 75 ESPLANADE MANLY 4179
NO FREQUENCIES GIVEN ON LICENSE

(9) NOMAD/VL5128 H.D. MARTIN 344 JACKSON RD SUNNYBANKHILLS 4109
2182/2201/4136.3/6204

(10) NOMAD/VM5219 R.G. WAKEFIELD 74 DAVALLIA RD DUNCRAIGWA 6023
2182/2201/4136.3/2524

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not within scope of request

Don't release — personal info

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VIS DE ACSC 0221Z

REF SEARCH FOR AURCRAFT IN BASS ST REQUEST ANY AVBL DETAILS
ON VESSEL NOMAD RPT NOMAD WE HAVE ONE LISTING BUT MAYBE U HAVE MORE
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN FREQS

RGR WILL CALL BACK

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FROM BELAMARA 220215Z

CAN STAY IN AREA UNTIL AROUND 1.30P LOCAL TIME THEN HAVE TO RETURN TO PORT BEFORE DARK SAME APPLIES TO TOHER TWO VSL IN AREA

ALSO NGAPARA SAYS VSL CURRENTLY ALONG SIDE (NOMAD RR VSL NOMAD) AND TRYING TO ESTABLISH QSO AND FREQ AVAILABLE ASKING NOMAD TO RE RECOVER BUCKET

SEC

ONLY NOMAD WE HAVE IS SLOOP CALLSIGN VL 3139
FREQ 2182 2524 4136.3

WILL C IF WE CAN GET FURTHER K

OK TKS MAY GET IT VIA NGAPARA SHORTLY TKS NIL ELSE FOR NOW

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MARINE EXPLORATION
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MARSAR 78/1205 - VH-DSJ DETRESFA
1. VESSELS BALAMARA/VM4076 NAUTILUS/VM4729 HELEN D/VM4774 COMMENCING DRIFT LINE SEARCH FROM 3913S 14338E TRACKING 100 DEG TRUE. WEATHER REPORTED AS LIGHT ENE BREEZE SEA TEMPERATURE ''COOL BUT NOT COLD'' (NO THERMOMETER AVBL) VESSELS WILL SEARCH DRIFT LINE TO EAST FOR 11NM THEN SOUTH FOR 6NM. LEGS 1 TO 1 AND ONE HALF HOURS.
2. NGAPARA/ZMJT SIGHTED RED PLASTIC BUCKET 220135 IN 3919S 14355E ENDEAVOURING RECOVERY - VESSEL BOUND PORT LINCOLN

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R WILO ATTEMPTEEEEE

ACSC DE VIM 220145GMT

FM NGAKARA/ZMJT RE MARSAR 78/1205

R WILCO WILL ATTEMPT RECOVER BUCKET

(SMALL SHIPS IN AREA WARNED BY VIM OF NGAKAREEEEEE NGAPARA MANOEUVRING)

RGR TKS OK NIL ELSE

TKS CUL

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220153Z

FROM BALAMARA NOW COMMENCING SEARCH FROM GIVE POSITION TO EASTWARDS FOR 11 MILES THE SOUTH FOR 6 MILES FOR 1-12WWWWWEEE 1-1/2 EACH LEGS

THAT SHOULD BE 1-1/2 HOUR EACH LEG

OK FINE TKS UNDERSTOOD REQUEST U ASK HIM HOW LONG VSLS CAN STAY ON SEARCH TKS

OK WILL COME BACK ON THAT

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FROM BALAMARA 0140Z

WHR LIGHT BREEZE ENE AND NO THERMOMETER FOR SEA TEMP
BUT FROM HAND FEEL SAYS COOL BUT NOT COLD

RGR TKS VM

OK OUT FOR NOW

HE IS COMMENCING THE SEARCH OF AREA AS OF NOW

OK TKS AND DID HE ACK THE LAST ABOUT PROCEEDING EASTERLY ALONG DRIFT LINE

YES AND ONPASSING TO THE OTHER TWO VSLS IN HIS AREA

GOOD TKS OM CUL

SAID SIGHT THE ORION ABT HOUR AGON NIL SINCE THAT

OK FINE TKS AND IN CASE ORION SEES ANYTHING WHAT FREQ U HAVE HIM ON PSE

HAVE TOLD THE BALAMARA THAT ORION WILL POSSIBLE CALL UP ON 2182 IF WISHES TO GET IN CONTACT

OK FINE THAT ALL TKS AND CU

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VIM DE ACSC REF NGAPARA SIGHTING BUCKET
PSE PASS FOLLOWING

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NGAPARA/ZMJT

RYC . RCC REQUESTS RECOVERY OF BUCKET IF POSSIBLE
ACSC 220140Z

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~~FROM~~/TO Rcc	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 12/2 — 1085	CO-ORDINATOR VS.

TEXT:

Pinned bucket sighting
Segment recovery if possible - R.

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ACSC DE VIM 220135GMT

FM NGAPARA/ZMJT RE MARSAR

SIGHTED RED PLASTIC BUCKET FLOATING IN POSITION 39.19S 143.55E

RGR OM PLS CONFIRM BUCKET

RR CONFIRMED

RGR FINE TKS VM FOR HIS REPORT WE WILL ON PASS TO THE RCC AT MELBOUMNE TKS

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VIM DE ACSC HERE ANOTHER FOR BALAMARA OR ONE OF THE OTHERS IN COY PSE

BALAMARA/VM4076

RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE MELBOURNE REQUESTS THAT ON ARRIVAL ORIGIONAL SEARCH AREA VESSELS TRACK 100DEG TRUE ALONG ESTIMATED DRIFT LINE. TARGET FOR SEARCH SURVIVOR LIFEJACKET WRECKAGE OIL SLICK. RAAF ORION AIRCRAFT CALLSIGN RESCUE 251 IN SEARCH AREA. SEARCH DATUM 3920S 14425E AT 220300GMT. ALSO REQUEST LATEST WEATHER REPORT IN AREA INCLUDING ESTIMATED CURRENT AND WATER TEMPERATURE IF POSSIBLE. REGARDS ACSC 220045Z

REQUEST ADVZ WHEN PASSED PSE OM

OK

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FROM/TO Rcc

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

12/2 1035 – 1070

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TEXT:

EXPLAINED VSL INVOLVED. BALAMALA
NAMIMUI
HELEN D.

OLION REPD 26 MILE FEAT.

? NEW DATUM — 3920 S 14425 E. MAG E. 03002.

R2. VSLS PSE PROCEED TO E from DITCHINGS POIN.

OK.

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FROM BALAMARA/VM4076
TWO VSLS IN COMPANY ARE AS FOLLOWS
X
NAUTILASS VM4729 AND HELEN -D VM4774
STILL ABOUT ONE HOUR FROM THE DITCHED AREA
AND WILL BE SEARCHING THAT AREA ON ARRIVAL OF POSITION

NB... C'SIGNS SUPPLIED FROM HOBARTRADIO AS BALAMARA DID HAVE THE C/S

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VIM DE ACSC RE THE XXX U HAVE RUNNING ON THED DITCHED PLANE

PLASE AMEND THE BROADCAST TO READ

'VESSELS WITHIN 50 NM RADIUS REQUESTED TO LOOKOUT' ETC ETC INSTEAD OF VESSELS IN AREA ETC ETC TKS

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FROM/TO Lindal (?)

AUTHORITY "AUSTRALIA"

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. ~~585~~ -

CO-ORDINATOR L.

TEXT: ? A/c Bass Strait.

- Ring DOT (AO) Melbourne

OK thks.

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AMD SEARCH AREA CO-ORDS AS FOLLOWS
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3957S 14525E
4015S 14404E

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FROM/~~TO~~ Soc Rec	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 812 - 829	CO-ORDINATOR NS

TEXT:

Ref NANCY HEATH Drift

Do not suggest move orion at new datum will be outside area - Said in view of best avble info I would support no - OK will advise new datum for xxx.

Have yr drift re 2k.

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FROM/TO Lee MELBOURNE

TEL. NO. 03 338 4490

TAPE REF. 12/L 1035 FORECAST

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

CO-ORDINATOR MS.

TEXT:

3913 143.38 E.

BALLARAT about 1 hour from datum.

NANCY HEATH ADVISE SRT 2-3 kts E.

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VIM DE ACSC REF SERCH FOR AIRCRAFT MARSAR 78/1205

YOU HAD QSO WITH BALAMARA/VM4076 EARLIER
AND HE SAID HE AND 3 OTHER VESSES IN SEARCH

RWEE REQUEST U ASK HIM PSE NAMES OF OTHER VSLS INVOLVED
AND POSITION OF ALL OF THEM ALSO AREA BEING SEARCHED TKS

AT 0908LT HE CAME AND SAID WAS ABT 2 HOURS FROM THE AREA
OK TKS IF U GET HIM BACK REQUEST THE OTHER INFO TOO TKS

OK WILL DO

ERE ONE

VKNH NANCYHEATH

ACSC CANBERRA

EASTERLY SET EXPERIENCED 2 TO 3 KNOTS

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+RGR TKS COPIED CUL

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AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2 Lost 1027 — 1035

CO-ORDINATOR KS.

TEXT:

CLAY POINT. HOW MANY IN AREA.

SAID WR THINK HELEN D+1 + BALMORAL +3.

LAND SEARCH. ON BEACHES. — WANTS TO KNOW

~~HOW~~ POSN IF POSSIBLE IN CASE Beach PARTY

See anything for recovery.

I will endeavour contact v/l & see where

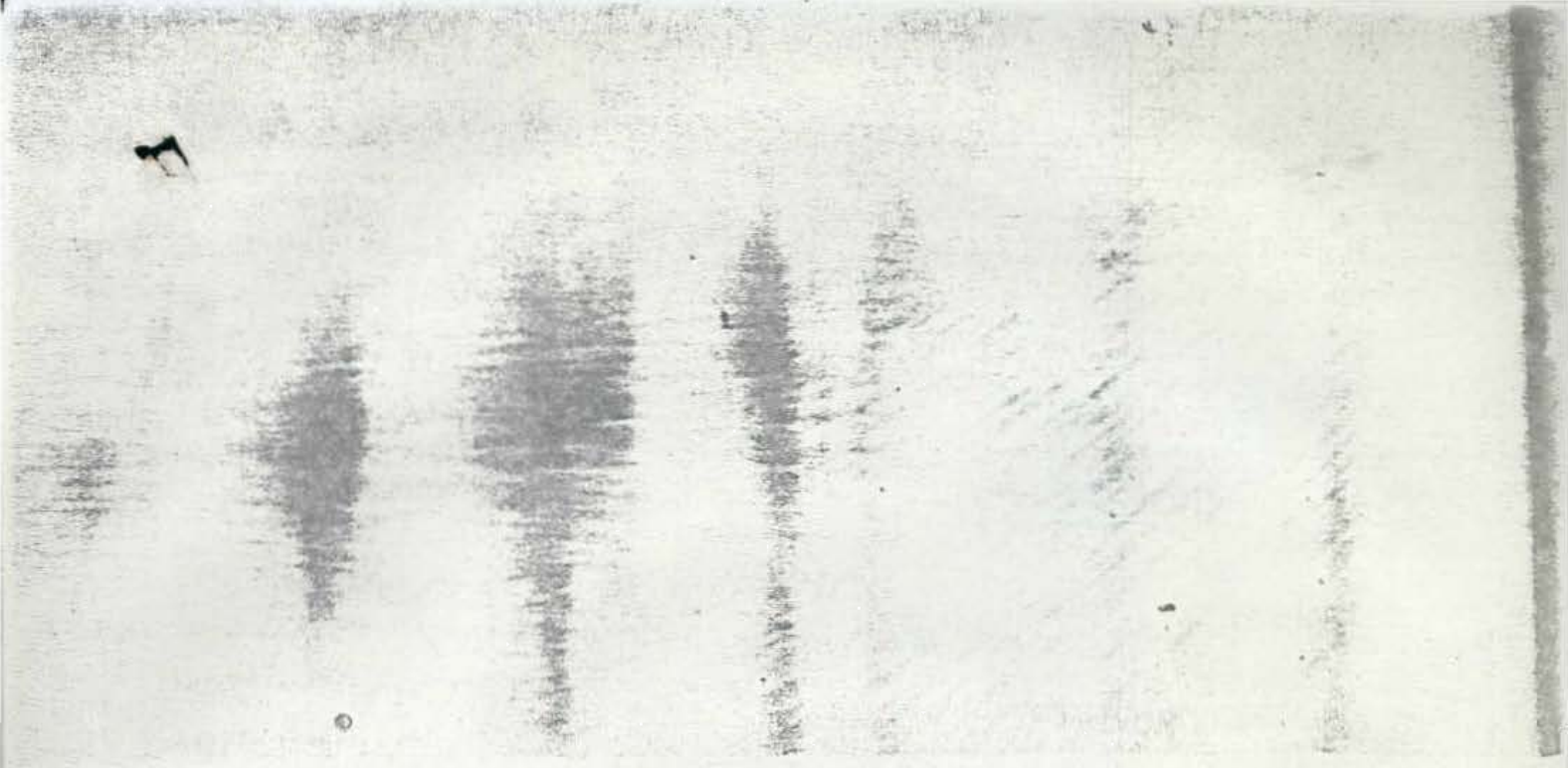
they are.

GAVE SITREP NANCY BOTH SET TO GO

ADVD.

ORION IN SEARCH AREA — No LIGHTERS. AS

MOM.



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OCEAN FORECAST FOR WATERS 38/50S BETWEEN 141/166E ISSUED 22452
ON 21/1D/78.....

PART 1. WARNINGS...
NIL.

PART 2.SYNOPTIC SITUATION...
A HIGH IS CENTRED NEAR 34S 150E,1027MB,MOVING SLOWLY EASTWARDS.
A FRONT EXTENDS FROM 37S 130E TO 40S 144E TO 50S 152E AND IS
MOVING EAST AT 30KTS.

FORECAST FOR 24 HOURS FROM TIME OF ISSUE...
(1) NORTH OF 42S: VARIABLE WINDS OF LESS THAN 10KTS,TENDING
NORTHWESTERLY IN THE SOUTH AT 10-15KTS. SLIGHT SEAS RISING TO
MODERATE.
(2) SOUTH OF 42S EAST OF THE FRONT: NORTHEAST WINDS,15-20KTS
IN THE NORTH,STRENGTHENING TO AVERAGE 20-30KTS IN THE SOUTH.
MODERATE SEAS RISING TO ROUGH.
(3) SOUTH OF 42S WEST OF THE FRONT: WESTERLY WINDS,INITIALLY
20-25KTS,GRADUALLY MODERATING. ROUGH SEAS ABATING TO MODERATE.

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VIM PSE PASS FOLLOWING

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NANCY HEATH/VKNH
RYC. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SEARCH. FOR FURTHER SEARCH PLANNING
REQUEST YOUR ESTIMATE OF STRONG EASTERLY SET EXPERIENCED IN AREA
REGARDS ACSC 212232Z

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ANCYHEATH/VKNH MELBOURNERADIO 21 22 00GMT

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SEARCHED AREA INDICATED IN GOOD VIS AND WEATHER STOP
RESULT NEGATIVE STOP IF FURTHER SEARCHES
CARRIED OUT PLEASE NOTE STRONG EASTERLY SEA EXPERIENCED
AT ABOVE AREA
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FROM/TO Soc MRL

AUTHORITY Rec

TEL. NO. 03 3384450

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2 940 - 1000

CO-ORDINATOR LJ.

TEXT:

Armed Hearing rept Cape Otway.

" " " Cape Otway.

0913 - 1572, LAST comms.

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MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND.
A. MY 211958Z OCT 18
1. VIM PLS AMEND XXX BROADCAST TO READ AS FOLLOWS AND BROADCAST HOURLY RTG/RTF UFN.
2. X X X DE VIM WESTERN BASS STRAIT CHART BA 1695B. LIGHT AIRCRAFT 1POB ON ROUTE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND POSSIBLY DITCHED IN ESTIMATED POSITION 3913S 14338E AT 210915Z APPROX.VESSELS IN AREA REQUESTED TO LOOKOUT FOR 1 SURVIVOR IN LIFEJACKET AND/OR WRECKAGE. AIR AND SEA SEARCH IN PROGRESS.
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FROM/~~TO~~ C. Offway

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF: 12/2. 952-980.

CO-ORDINATOR

TEXT: Gave sitrep.
Lady heard plane pass over about 6:30 to 7:00 pm last night but paid no attention as normal occurrence.
Keeper saw plane fly towards Melb 9:00 pm last night.

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FROM ~~To~~ 3XY.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2.7 -952.

CO-ORDINATOR

TEXT: Info on acft

Referred to SOC Melb.

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FROM/~~TO~~ AAP Melb

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2 935 - 947

CO-ORDINATOR L

TEXT: Reqr. info ON Acft.

Gave facts & contact airways Ops Melb.

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DE VIM 212100Z
MVSL BALAMARA/VM4076 CONTACTED VIM . HER QTH JUST NNW OF KING ISLAND AND FEW HOURS FROM ESTIMATED DITCHED POSN OF LIGHT AIRCRAFT . SHE REPORTS THREE OTHER VESSELS IN AREA ENGAGED IN SEARCH .
FYI .

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MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND.
A. ACSC 210948Z OCT - XXX MSG (NOTAL)
1. VIM PLS BCAST FOLLOWING URGENCY MESSAGE RTG/RTF ON RECEIPT AND HOURLY UFN.
2. X X X DE VIM BASS STRAIT LIGHT AIRCRAFT 1 PERSON ON BOARD OVERDUE KING ISLAND SINCE 210928Z OCT FROM CAPE OTWAY AND ESTIMATED DITCHED POSITION 3913S 14338E AT 210915Z OCT 78. POSITION REPORTS ARE REQUESTED OF VESSELS IN AREA. DESCRIPTION SINGLE ENGINE CESSNA 182 BLUE BODY WHITE STRIPE WHITE TAIL
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Police Hobart.
TEL. NO. 002-381101.
TAPE REF. 12/2 888-933.

AUTHORITY
MARSAR NO.
CO-ORDINATOR

TEXT: Ref acft.

Rqr. Police Hobart aware.
Gave Datum for 2120002
also fact re MV Oliver & K9
unaware of new datum. Pls
to info, also re phoning in
msg for brief.

Pls alert authorities & Fish
Co-ops.

Rqr send telex
will do.

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO D24

TEL. NO. 03-667/632

TAPE REF. 13/2.0788

AUTHORITY VIC POL

MARSAR NO.

CO-ORDINATOR OHO

TEXT: (INSP. HINDS)

Sitrep - pls advise local police and fish - co-ops.

O.K. Will do!

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SOC. MELB. AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2 860 - 888 CO-ORDINATOR CL

TEXT: Ref acft.

Datum given (39145 143346E) last conversation checked + is the one - Rqr.

Police Tas informed but still unsure of D24 - however could assist & info D24 and alert FITZR Co-ops.

Rqr will do.

(A.C. SCO. confirmed also on other phone)

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SOC MELB HUGHES AUTHORITY DOT.

TEL. NO. 03-339- MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2. 319-860. CO-ORDINATOR

TEXT: Ref atff.

① Has Police Hobart SAR Dir been informed

② D24 been informed.

Rgr not awake if Police Hobart been infod but THINKS SO and D24 NOT infod - but why D24 -

Explained now new SP. mid E. Otway - E. Wickham therefore assistance from F.VSIS & F. COOPS then D24 also told him when KI boat owner (Oliver) rings in mng will have to give him new SP. & Datum - 40 M from Lemnie

Datum SOC has 39145 143346E Orion to search 20 M radius round.

Beast to rescue during mng. SOC requested VSIS in area

SOC ~~has~~ just come ON & vague ON SIT.

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Sol Amml	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF 783 – 788	CO-ORDINATOR VJD

TEXT: Amended S.P 328°T Cape Leeuwin 27 nm
20 09152
(21)
Will have ORION to search area 4m.
+ light a/c coastal.

Will have bay fisherman search 10 miles around new datum.

Said to use Dijc (S/C + W/C) of alt 100/6 nm at 2120002.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
AIR TRANSPORT GROUP

SEARCH AND RESCUE WORKSHEET No 1

OCEANIC DATUM POINT

REPORTED DISTRESS POSITION 39 31 S 143 54 E at time 210920 GMT

PREVIOUSLY COMPUTED DATUM _____ S _____ E at time _____ GMT

DATUM TO BE COMPUTED FOR SEARCH COMMENCING AT 212000 GMT

TIME INTERVAL FOR PLOTTING OF VECTORS 10.6 HRS

SURFACE DRIFT

SEA CURRENT

AVERAGE SEA CURRENT SET 100 T/ .5 ~~MPD~~/KTS

AVERAGE SEA CURRENT VECTOR TO PLOT 100 T/ 5.3 NM

WIND CURRENT

SURFACE WIND 315 T/ 5 KTS for _____ HRS TO SPLASH

FETCH 50 NM for _____ HRS TO DATUM

LOCAL WIND CURRENT SET 115 T/ .05 KTS

LOCAL WIND CURRENT VECTOR TO PLOT 115 T/ .53 NM

LEEWAY

MINIMUM LEEWAY SET _____ T/ _____ MPD/KTS

MINIMUM LEEWAY VECTOR TO PLOT _____ T/ _____ NM

MAXIMUM LEEWAY SET _____ T/ _____ MPD/KTS

MAXIMUM LEEWAY VECTOR TO PLOT _____ T/ _____ NM

MINIMUM SURVIVAL CRAFT DRIFT D_{min} _____ T/ _____ NM

MAXIMUM SURVIVAL CRAFT DRIFT D_{max} _____ T/ _____ NM

DATUM OR DATUM MINIMAX _____ T/ _____ NM

DISTANCE MIN TO MAX _____ NM

$$\text{DRIFT ERROR } (d_e) = \frac{d_e \text{ (min)} + d_e \text{ (max)} + \text{dist min to max DATUM}}{2}$$

$$\frac{+ \qquad +}{2}$$

= _____ NM

Computed by .....

Checked by .....

CA 1949 (1974)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
AIR TRANSPORT GROUP

SEARCH AND RESCUE WORKSHEET No 2

SEARCH RADIUS AREA FOR 212000 GMT

DRIFT ERROR (d_e) _____ NM

DISTRESS CRAFT POSITION ERROR (FIX + DR) 15 + 15% of 45 (X) 21.75 NM

SEARCH CRAFT POSITION ERROR (Y) _____ NM

TOTAL PROBABLE ERROR OF POSITION (c)

$$= \sqrt{d_e^2 + x^2 + y^2} \quad = \sqrt{\quad}$$

= 21.75 NM

SAFETY FACTOR FOR THIS SEARCH (f_s) 1.1

SEARCH RADIUS (R) = (c) × (f_s) (R) 23.9 NM

ROUNDED UP 24 NM

AREA COVERAGE

SEARCH OBJECT _____ CLOUD BASE _____ FT

VISIBILITY _____ M/KM WIND _____ / _____ CLOUD COVERAGE _____ %

	SEARCH HEIGHT _____ FT	SEARCH HEIGHT _____ FT
UNCORRECTED SWEEP WIDTH	(W_u) _____ NM	(W_u) _____ NM
WHITECAP CORRECTION FACTOR	(fw) _____	(fw) _____
	_____	_____
CLOUD COVERAGE FACTOR	(f_c) _____	(f_c) _____
SWEEP WIDTH	(W) _____ NM	(W) _____ NM
COVERAGE FACTOR DESIRED	(C) _____	(C) _____
TRACK SPACING DESIRED $\frac{W}{C}$	(S) _____ NM	(S) _____ NM
PROBABILITY OF DETECTION	(P) _____	(P) _____

Computed by M J Daly Checked by .....

CA 1950 (1974)

3931 S. 14354E

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
AIR TRANSPORT GROUP

SEARCH AND RESCUE WORKSHEET No 4

		2109 20		2120 00			
T/I		10.6 HRS.					
W/N.	315/5	315/5	→		PLOT ↓		
SEA CURRENT	100/.5 KTS	.5 KTS. 100/5.333			100/5.33		
WIND CURRENT	20° L	.05 KTS 115/.53	→		115/.53		
MIN. LEEWAY							
MAX. LEEWAY							

CA 1952 (1974)

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM / TO Sec Amnic

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2 707 - 763

CO-ORDINATOR VJD

TEXT: Helen D + 1 other boat going out at first light from Lemnic up West coast then NW of Cape Whitsbun 10mm S. Oliver in charge. will ring AESC for assessment of object so he can reorder search.

Said forecast was for a SE change about 1000 hocal.

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REF YOUR LAST RE BOTANY CHEMIST VESSEL BIT FAR TO NORTH SO PLS THANK MASTER BUT RELEASE HIM FROM FURTHER ACTION

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MELBSAR AA31591
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MELBSAR AA31591

BOTANY CHEMIST/6MYY NR3 MELBOURNERADIO 21 1237GMT

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1230GMT POSITION 3849S 1457E SP 13 KTS COURSE 285 TO ADELAIDE
MASTER

+RGR SEC WHILE I CKECK
WILL CHECK WITH SOC AS THIS FELLOW MAY BE ABLE TO HELP AS WELL

IN MEANTIME PLS SUSPEND XXX UNTIL FIRST SKEDS IN AM AND WE WILL ADVISE YOU OF INTERVAL
OK CUL THEN

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ACSC AA62553

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM (TO) SOC Ammc
AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 033392476
MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 13/2 646 – 707
CO-ORDINATOR VJD

TEXT: Peculiar transmiss. Rang things 5 mins after dep Cape Otway at 0903½. Then came rough engine then nothing
Request block out some sort of dist Southern Tip of King Island. Also dist goes for somebody in life jacket
Datum 335 Cape Wickham 10 n.m. search time 2000z
W/V Lt. NW @ 5 knots. 315/35.

seeing things 5 - 6 mins after Otway about 0906 – 0907.
0913 repd ruff engine
Shortly after no comms

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM / TO Soc Amml

TEL. NO. 0333 92476

TAPE REF. 1/2 889 - 619

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

CO-ORDINATOR VJD

TEXT: Vis V good Cape Nelson to Cape Otway another A/c to run around K.I.

A/c was orbiting when he saw ~~object~~ UFO. Report Nancy Heath go 10 ~~05~~ 05 nm N of Cape Nelson. 335°T - 100 yds if Rocks 10 miles 05 Mort

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GDAY AGIN DE ACSC

LS PASS FLWG MSG TO MASTER NANCY HEATH
MASTER
NANVYHEATH/VKNH
YOU ARE REQUESTED TO PASS THROUGH A POSITION 335 DEGS TRUE
CAPE WICKHAM LIGHT 5 NAUTICAL MILES THE MOST PROBABLE POSITION
OF THE LIGHT AIRCRAFT IF IT IS DOWN IN THE SEA AND THEN IF
NOTHING SIGHTED PLS RESUME COURSE TO DESTINATION
REGARDS ACSC CANBERRA 211140Z OCT 78

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OK WILL ONPASS

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GDAY AGIN DE ACSC
PLS THANK FOLLOWING VESSELS AND REQUEST THEY PROCEED
VJMV VMBD VKGH ZMJT
OTHERS MAY STILL HAVE A PART TO PLAY

TKS OM
OK TKS WILL DO

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ACSC AA62553

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM (TO) Grassy K.I. Police
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TEL. NO. 004 6112113

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

CO-ORDINATOR VHD.

TAPE REF. 13/2 525 - 545.

TEXT: Enquiring abt light a/c

Yes. husband gone to airport as ATC Melb put them on alert for a/c due to land with rough engine. Has been trying to contact husband by radio but no joy.

Suggested she contact Fire brigade who would also have radio.

She said she would & ask them to report status.

Rgr will ring back

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STILLWANT US TO HANG ON ?

NO THORT U SAID SEC NOT ME

URE PROBLY RITE STI OM CULTR
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ACSC AA62553
DDVBI WAY VKNH RECKONS HE WILL BE AT LINE 11PM LT

OK OM WILL PSASS TO SOC MELB AND GET LATEST CU
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DE VIM

NGAPARA ZMJT PSN 2000LT GOOSE ISLAND LIGHT BEARING 050 DEGS 14 MILES CSE 293 DEGS SPEED 11 KNOTTS STOP NO SIGHTINGS OR HEARINGS

SAFOCEAN ALBANY POSITION 2000LT TWO MILES NORTH RONDONDO ISLAND FROM SYDNEY TO ADELAIDE COURSE 277 TRUE SPEED 17 STANDING BY VHF CHANNEL 16

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM (TO) G. Olsen
AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 004 621368
MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 13/2 502 – 525
CO-ORDINATOR VJD

TEXT: No boats in area. Usually Apollo Bay boats or San Remo boats but last boat left yesterday. that is Cape Wickham.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO: Tasman Sea Foods
TEL. NO. Smithton - McHansen. 004 521496
TAPE REF. 13/2 471 - 502
AUTHORITY
MARSAR NO.
CO-ORDINATOR FJD

TEXT: No Smithton boats in area as all in port.

Abalone Queen
Call Barry Funnell . 004 621447
(Crayfisher) Graham Oliver - 621368
(Crayfisher) Geo Newman 621176

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Hm Laurie.

TEL. NO. 004 621 493

TAPE REF. 13/1 471 —

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

CO-ORDINATOR JD

TEXT: Mallacoota Heard.

Hm Grassy
004 621 493

Mallacoota heard.

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FROM NANCYHEATH VKNH

WHEN WAS AIRCRAFT LAST SIGHTED OR LEAVE OTWAY OR ANY OTHER
RELEVANT DETAILS PLS ?

RGR LAST REPORT ESTIMATED TO BE 5-10MILES NORTH WEST OF CAPE
WICKHAM HEADING SOUTH X COMMS WERE LOST SHORTLY AFTER SO SOC
IS NOT SURE WHETHER AIRCRAFT CONTINUED ON TO KING ISLABD OR ATTEMPTED
TO RETURN TO CAPE OTWAY X AT MOM SITUATION IS NOT CLEAR SO
NO INSTRUCTIONS FOR VKNH X HOWEVER WE FEEL HE MAY BE ASKED TO DO
ONE SWEEP FOM ABOVE POSIT TO KING IS AHEN HE GETS THERE
BY THE WAY PLS DROPS XXX TO HOURLY NOW

OK WILL DO TKS WILL ON PASS VKNH

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM / TO SOC MarB

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 0333 92476

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 13/2 393 - 471

CO-ORDINATOR VJD.

TEXT: advised SOC of ships which repeated their point.

Rqr. a/c reported UFO above him, then rough running engine as afterthought.

SOC's EST Point 5-10 NM NW of Cape Leeuwin at 0915Z

Requested we ask local fishing boats operating in area if anything seen or heard

Rqr

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VKNH 3902S 14416.5E CO 277 SPEED 12 KNOTS Nancy Heath.

VJMV 40.08S 146.02E CSE 328 16 KTS 1000Z BRYBANETRADER

VMBD 3909S 14542E 102 T 10.5 KTS AT 1000Z Iron Whyalla

VKGH 211000Z 40.14S 146.43E CSE 023 T 13.8 KTS Goliath

VLKG 211000Z 37.51S 140.02E CO 144 SPEED 16 KTS Iron Meranchi
CCN TIME 210930Z

MNY TKS WILL ADVISE SOC MELBOURNE AND DECIDE NEXT ACTION X
UOK OK MANI TKS CUL

VKNH MAY PROCEED TO A POSSIYION ON THE LINE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND AND WHEN SHE REACHES THERE IF U WILL ASK HER TO ADVISE US WE MAY HAVE SUM EMPLOYMENT FOR HER IF SHE IS WILLING

OK WILL TELL EM TO LET US KNOW WHEN I N QTH

TKS OM CULTR⊕
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM: Sol Ammc
AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.
MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF: 386 . Not Taped
CO-ORDINATOR VJD

TEXT: Manly Radio Come in Close to Cape Otway then south to Cape Wickham. A/c probably overland North Tip of King Island & unlikely to have turned back.

In that case we might wait a while before directing Manly Heath.

Yes agreed

Told him xxx broadcast then VIM.

Thx.

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GE OM DE ACSC XXX MSG COMING ABOUT LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND BELIEVE NANCYHEATH/VKNH MAY BE IN VIVINITY X CAN U GIVE HER A CALL AND ASK FOR POSIT AND IF ANYTHING HEARD OF AIRCRAFT EN ROUTE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND

SEC AVE CALLED VKNH OR WILL CALL U BAK ALSO WILL DELAY MY OCEAN FCAST TILL U U CUM UP

MNY TKS OM

SEC VKNH NOW

QTH EXACTLY CENTRED ABEAM PORT PHILLIP BAY

BBRSTKS HAVE U GOT THE XXX

YES SEC

BROADCAST HOURLY ?

HALF HOURLY

OK TKS CUL

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SHIPS IN AREA ARE REQUESTED TO PASS POSITION COURSE AND SPEED AND MAKE HEARING OR SIGHTING REPORTS
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2. X X X AUSTRALIA SOUTH COAST CHART AUS422 SINGLE ENGINED LIGHT AIRCRAFT ENROUTE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND NOW OVERDUE AT KING ISLAND. ONE PERSON ONBOARD
SHIPS IN AREA ARE REQUESTED TO PASS POSITION COURSE AND SPEED AND MAKE HEARING OR SIGHTING REPORTS
ACSC CANBERRA
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO ATC Ops Melb
AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.
MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 13/2 363 - 386
CO-ORDINATOR VJ

TEXT: Distress Phase on Lt A/c Overdue to King Islands
King Island & Cape Otway

Single Eng C182 VH-DSJ
KI via Cape Otway. Rough running motor due KI 0928 ~~Z~~
1 P.O.B

D.o.T. 2085 (Int. 9/76)