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Headquarters Operational Command RAAF PENRITH NSW 2750
Headquarters Support Command RAAF Victoria Barracks MELBOURNE VIC 3000

INVESTIGATION OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
OUR 2/25/1(15) DATED 25TH MARCH 1966

1. The referenced letter laid down the general policy to be followed in the investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs). In order to widen the scope of such investigations this Department approached certain Government Departments and private organizations to obtain their agreement to assist. Permission is now granted for RAAF bases to correspond directly with the organizations concerned when it is thought that they could provide information to assist an investigation.

2. It is appreciated that RAAF bases may have already made local contacts with organizations in an effort to finalize an investigation. It is not the intention of this letter to terminate any existing working arrangement but to provide the basis for contact where there is no present liaison.

3. The attached list is provided as a guide to local contacts.

(D.R. SHEPPARD)
Group Captain
for Chief of the Air Staff

Drafted Sqn Ldr Cattell
Approved Wg Cdr Bembridge

Encl:

ORGANIZATIONS APPROACHED BY DEPARTMENT OF AIR
TOGETHER WITH ADDRESSES OF HEADQUARTERS AND STATE BRANCHES

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The Director
Mount Stromlo Observatory
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Bureau of Meteorology
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Regional Director
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BRISBANE QLD 4001

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Regional Director
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Observatory Building
PERTH WA 6000

New South Wales

Regional Director
Bureau of Meteorology
PO Box 4658
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Tasmania

Regional Director
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HOBART TAS 7001

South Australia

Regional Director
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ADELAIDE SA 5000

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Perth Airport
GUILDFORD WA 6055

Melbourne Airport

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Essendon Airport
NORTH ESSENDEON VIC 3041

Adelaide Airport

Officer-in-Charge
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Adelaide Airport
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Townsville Airport

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
Townsville Airport
GARBUTT QLD 4810

Port Hedland Airport

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
Port Hedland Airport
PORT HEDLAND WA 6721

Launceston Airport

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
Launceston Airport
WESTERN JUNCTION TAS 7257

Brisbane Airport

Officer-in-Charge
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Lae

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RAAF Base
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Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organisation
314 Albert Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

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Senior NASA Representative
339 Swanston Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

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Department of Civil Aviation: Headquarters - Director-General
Department of Civil Aviation
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MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Note: RAAF bases investigating UFO sightings should liaise directly with Department of Civil Aviation Regional Austhorities in their area.

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7 AUG '67

The Director,
Mount Stromlo Observatory,
Private Bag,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT INVESTIGATION

Enclosed is a copy of the investigation of a series of unusual lights sightings on 27th June, 1967 and a map showing the location of the people making the sightings. Your comments on this report and its conclusions and any information that you may be able to make available on this series of sightings would be appreciated by this Department. These sightings received quite a lot of publicity and an authoritative and viable statement as to their likely source could be of great value.

The actual sighting reports have not been included as it is thought that the report summarizes them adequately. However, if you feel it necessary, copies of the sighting reports can be forwarded to you.

Yours faithfully,

A B McF

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

per R.

Encl.

Drafted by Wg Cdr N.G.S. Marshall
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Reply on 580/1-11

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DIRECTORATE OF AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

RUSSELL OFFICES

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Headquarters Support Command
RAAF
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT INVESTIGATION
Your 5/6/Air(76) dated 14th July 1967

1. Reference is made to the investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects reported on 27th June 1967 in Southern Victoria forwarded under cover of your letter.

2. It is apparent that Flight Lieutenant Stewart had a considerable amount of material on which to base his investigation, and it is considered that he made excellent use of it. He is to be congratulated on producing a first class report.

(N.G.S. MARSHALL)
Wing Commander
For Director of Air Force Intelligence

THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF AIR,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

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For your information.

L. G. Wilson /ms

L.G. Wilson,
SECRETARY
(Administration)

28.4.67

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2 MAY 1967
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COMMONWEALTH AERIAL PHENOMENA INVESTIGATION ORGANISATION
(Affiliating Australian U.F.O. Societies.)
Under the distinguished Patronage of Air Marshal Sir George Jones, K.B.E., C.B., D.F.C.

President: PETER E. NORRIS, LL.B. Secretary: Mrs. SYLVIA SUTTON P.O. BOX 180, MOORABBIN, VIC., AUSTRALIA. Telephone: 95 1659

Mr. Wilson.

100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

19th April, 1967.

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20 APR 1967

The Secretary,
C.S.I.R.O.,
Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURN E.

Dear Sir,

My organisation affiliates the principal Australian Societies concerned with investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFO) sighting reports.

Research in UFO's has been hitherto undertaken principally by defence organisations, such as the Royal Australian and United States Air Forces. Of recent months, however, the subject has become one of general scientific interest following hearings before a Committee of the U.S. Congress, and published statements made by Dr. J. Allen Hynek of North Western University who was for 18 years U.S. Air Force Scientific Consultant on UFO's.

Shortly after the Congressional hearings the U.S. Air Force announced the making of a grant of $313,000 (U.S.) to the University of Colorado for the purpose of an analysis of the UFO problem by a team of University scientists.

The project has now been organised under the leadership of Dr. Edward U. Condon of the University of Colorado's Physics Department.

The purpose of my letter is to enquire whether the C.S.I.R.O. would consider establishing a similar investigation in Australia to the Colorado Project. No doubt, there are certain advantages to be gained in such an investigation being made here at this time, arising from the possibility of exchange of information, and correlation of procedures between the two projects.

I have no doubt that full co-operation can be expected from Colorado University, since I understand that some contact has already been made between

your meteorological branch at Aspendale and the University.

If you require any further information concerning the Colorado Project on the subject of UFO's generally, I would be only too glad for the opportunity to advise you further.

Yours faithfully,

Peter E. Norris
President

LGW/BT

28th April, 1967

Peter E. Norris, Esq.,
President,
Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organization,
100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1

Dear Mr. Norris,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th April in which you raise the possibility of C.S.I.R.O. conducting investigations in Australia similar to those being conducted by the University of Colorado on the U.F.O. problem.

I am sorry to tell you that it would not be appropriate in Australia at this time for C.S.I.R.O. to embark on such an investigation. Furthermore, as the resources of the Organization are at the present time fully committed, it would not be possible or practicable to give any priority to your suggestion.

I understand that the Commonwealth Department of Air is the Government Department with an interest in these matters, and your Organization might be advised to contact the Secretary of the Department if you have not already done so.

Yours sincerely,

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

REC'D.
1 MAY 1967
AIR MINISTRY
CANBERRA

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TELEPHONE: 34 9021
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4th April, 1967.

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Russell Offices,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

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Dear Sir,

INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

As requested in your letter 554/1/30(123) of 3 March 1967, we are agreeable to our Regional, Area, Local and Interpreter offices co-operating in the initial investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects. A list of addresses of these offices is attached.

The co-operation will of course be restricted to comment on meteorological phenomena and the times of release and trajectories of meteorological balloons. We cannot undertake to provide astronomical information.

Yours faithfully,

(J. W. LILLYWHITE),
Acting Director of Meteorology.

REC'D. 7 APR 1967 C.A.S.

C.D.O. 9394

Bureau of Meteorology,
P.O. Box 1289K,
MELBOURNE.
4th April, 1967.

LIST OF ADDRESSES OF BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY REGIONAL, AREA, LOCAL AND INTERPRETER OFFICES (APRIL, 1967)

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MELBOURNE. VIC.

Regional Director, Tasmania

Regional Director,
Tasmania
Regional Office,
Bureau of Meteorology,
Box 727G, G.P.O.,
HOBART. TAS.

Regional Director, Northern Territory

Regional Director,
Northern Territory
Regional Office,
Bureau of Meteorology,
Box 948,
Post Office,
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Regional Director, New South Wales

Regional Director,
New South Wales
Regional Office,
Bureau of Meteorology,
P.O. Box 4658,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Regional Director, Queensland

Regional Director,
Queensland
Regional Office,
Bureau of Meteorology,
P.O. Box 413F,
BRISBANE. Q'LD.

Regional Director, Western Australia

Regional Director,
Western Australia
Regional Office,
Bureau of Meteorology,
Observatory Building,
PERTH. W.A.

Regional Director, South Australia

Regional Director,
South Australia
Regional Office,
Bureau of Meteorology,
West Terrace,
ADELAIDE. S.A.

Regional Director, Canberra, A.C.T.

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CANBERRA CITY. A.C.T.

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Sydney Airport,
MASCOT. N.S.W.

Perth Airport

Officer-in-Charge,
Meteorological Office,
Perth Airport,
GUILDFORD. W.A.

Darwin Airport

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Meteorological Office,
Aerodrome,
DARWIN. N.T.

Melbourne Airport

Officer-in-Charge,
Meteorological Office,
Melbourne Airport,
NORTH ESSENDON. W.6

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Brisbane Airport

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QUEENSLAND.

Townsville

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Lae

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LAE. T.N.G.

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Meteorological Office,
Aerodrome,
PORT HEDLAND. W.A.

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Boroko,
PORT MORESBY. PAPUA.

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Launceston Airport,
WESTERN JUNCTION. TAS.

LOCAL OFFICES

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ADELAIDE. S.A.

East Sale

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Amberley

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AMBERLEY. Q'LD.

Richmond

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Meteorological Office,
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RICHMOND. N.S.W

Laverton

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Meteorological Office,
R.A.A.F. Station,
LAVERTON. VIC.

Williamtown

Officer-in-Charge,
Meteorological Office,
R.A.A.F. Station,
WILLIAMTOWN
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Pearce

Officer-in-Charge,
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R.A.A.F. Station,
PEARCE. W.A.

Alice Springs

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Aerodrome,
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Charleville

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CHARLEVILLE. Q'LD.

Mildura

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Meteorological Office,
P.O. Box 779,
MILDURA. VIC.

Rockhampton

Officer-in-Charge,
Meteorological Office,
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ROCKHAMPTON. Q'LD.

Mt. Isa

Officer-in-Charge,
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MT. ISA. Q'LD.

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Meteorological Office,
Cairns Airport,
Cairns, Q'LD.,
AUSTRALIA. Cable:

Queen Talend

Officer-in-Charge,
Meteorological Office,
Jacobsone,
Queen (Keeling) Island,
Indian Ocean,
via PERTH. W.A.

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CHARLEVILLE. Q'LD.

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Folio 130

29th March, 1967

MEMORANDUM TO :-

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Russell Offices,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

A Sec A

INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
YOUR REFERENCE 544/1/30 Pt 1(128)

Thank you for your memorandum of the 23rd March regarding UFO investigations.

We concur in your proposal that your RAAF Base should send direct to me in Melbourne any reports which they might issue.

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

To be included in
policy letter when answers
to F123, 124 + 125 are received.

REC'D. - 4 APR 1967 C.A.S.

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3 APR 1967
HM REGISTRY
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SATURDAY FEATURES AND BOOK REVIEWS

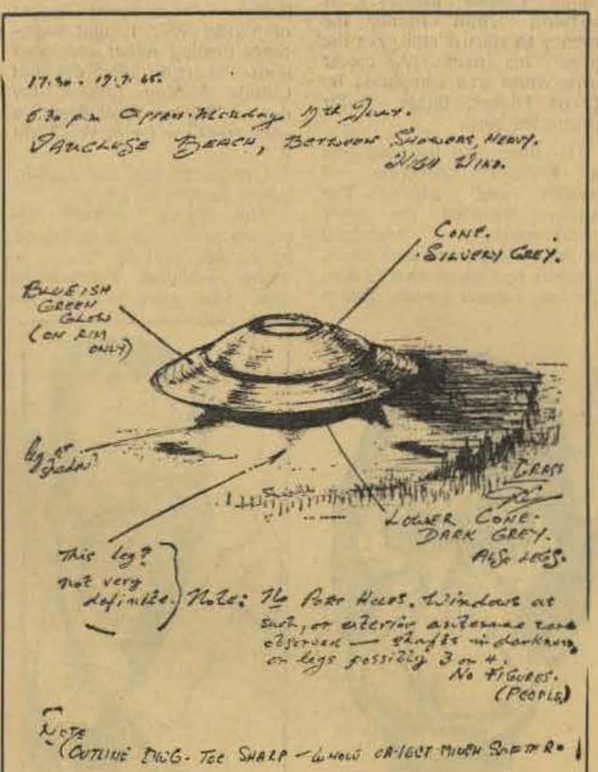
MARSH GAS, MOONSHINE or SPACEMEN?

IN a reversal of its policy over the past 10 years, the US Air Force decided on a bid to unravel the flying saucer mystery. Arturo F. Gonzales Jr tells of the scientific project now under way.

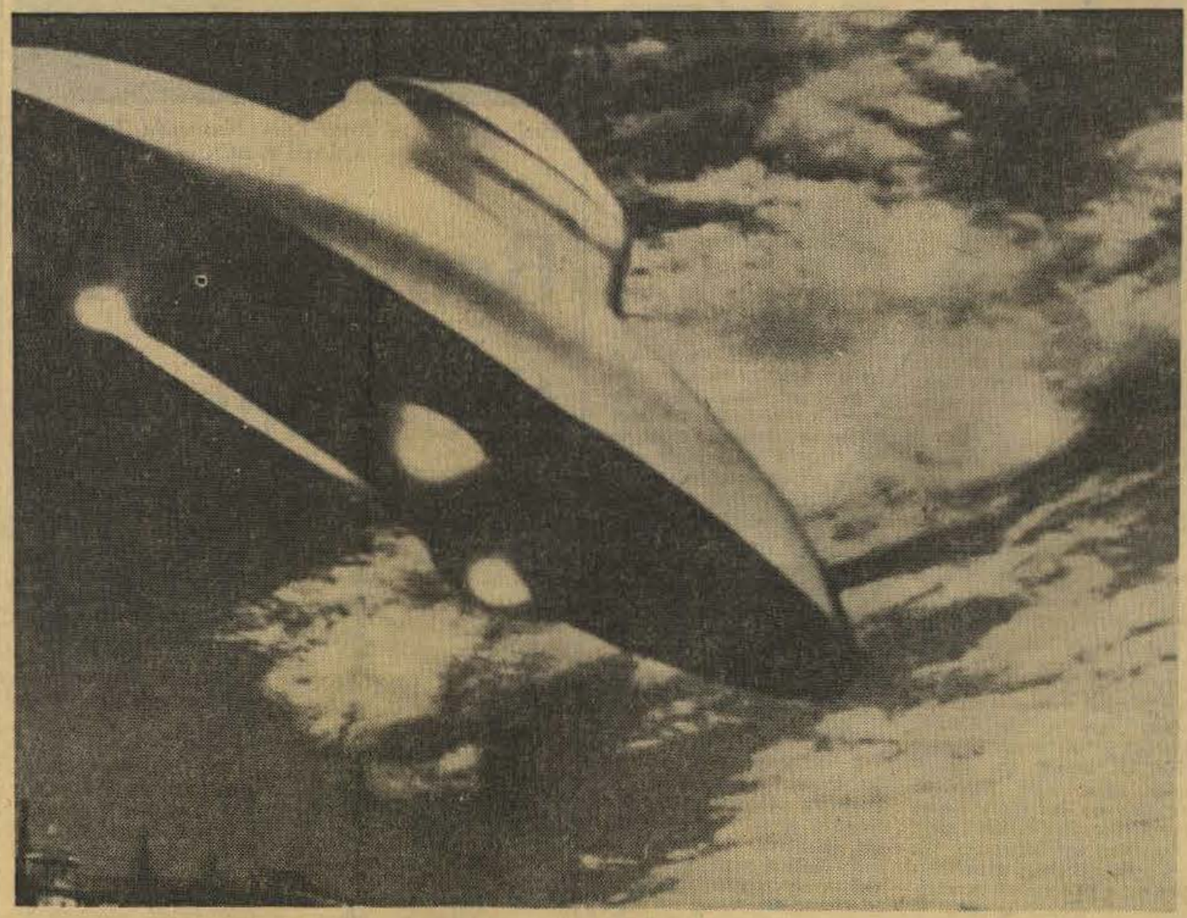
THERE can be no doubt that Unidentified Flying Objects — UFOs — are among the most perplexing phenomena of our era. Sightings have been reported by trained and intelligent individuals: astronomers, regular army officers, physicians, radar operators, university professors, test pilots and the police.

Many who claim to have seen them were not aware of the phenomenon before making their sightings, and came forward only out of a sense of duty as well as the desire for a rational explanation. In many cases they were ridiculed as a result, and their honest perplexity about what they saw is one of the strongest arguments for the fact that UFOs may exist: sightings have been reported from more than 70 countries.

Last October the US Air Force announced that a



Sketch by Mr Denis Crowe of flying saucer which he reported having seen on Vaucluse Beach,



This mock-up by artists reproduces the details of the most commonly reported variety of flying saucer.

stooped old man dressed in animal skins wandered into the auditorium saying "I'm an observer from Alpha Centauri. It's been a very informative meeting". Flying saucer zealots regularly appear on television, are heard on the radio, and write for the mass magazines. Some of these crackpots say they have made trips aboard saucers, believe the saucers are flown by demi-gods and, in general, put discredit on any serious investigation of the phenomena. The head of the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Club of America in Los Angeles, Gabriel Green, insists he can prove that "we have been visited regularly by extra-terrestrials". Many of the 3,700 members of his group say that they have seen saucers and some claim they have travelled in the space craft, according to Mr Green — a lean, intense man who has twice run for the presidency of the USA on a "Flying Saucer" ticket.

The explanation for these types is simple: they have been conditioned by years of space-age comic strips, science fiction and TV shows. Just as a few generations ago intelligent and observant people believed in ghosts, saw them, and described them in great detail, so these individuals now see saucers.

But in ruling out the cranks, one still cannot completely rule

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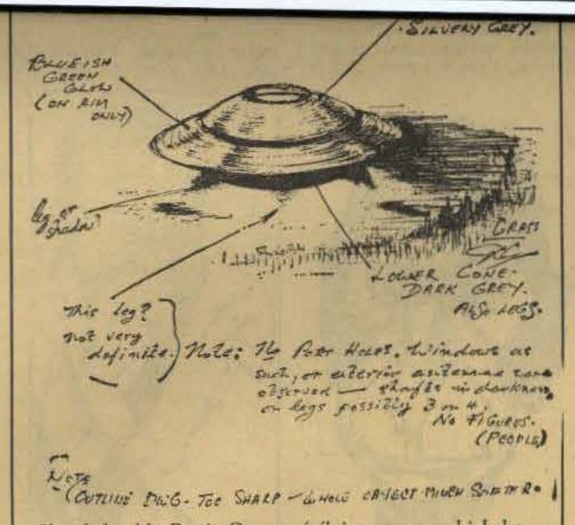
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Last October the US Air Force announced that a thorough investigation of "unidentified flying objects" (UFOs) was to be conducted at the University of Colorado by a team of distinguished scientists headed by Dr Edward Condon, former director of the National Bureau of Standards. At long last, the scientific community is apparently abandoning the stance of the medieval astronomers who refused to look through Galileo's telescope at sun spots because "since the sun is perfect, it couldn't have spots, and therefore it is no use looking for them".

Dr Condon has 15 months and $313,000 with which to arrive at some conclusions about flying saucers. As many as 100 specialists will be consulted, and the National Academy of Science has agreed to review the results of the doctor's work.

Since the announcement of the programme more than 400 letters have arrived on his desk, many of the writers wanting jobs or seeking to assist the project in one way or another. "The important thing is that a lot of people in both the physical and psychological sciences in other universities are interested", Dr Condon says. "There is no tendency to ridicule the project at that level".

One of this scientist's main problems will be to send out investigating teams whenever a new saucer sighting is reported. "Most of these things are so transient and evanescent that you are not likely to be able to get the men there with the equipment you would like them to have", he admits. It's not like rushing a medical team to an epidemic area because "an epidemic stays there until you get there", he complains. The saucers, like the biggest fish, always seem to get away.



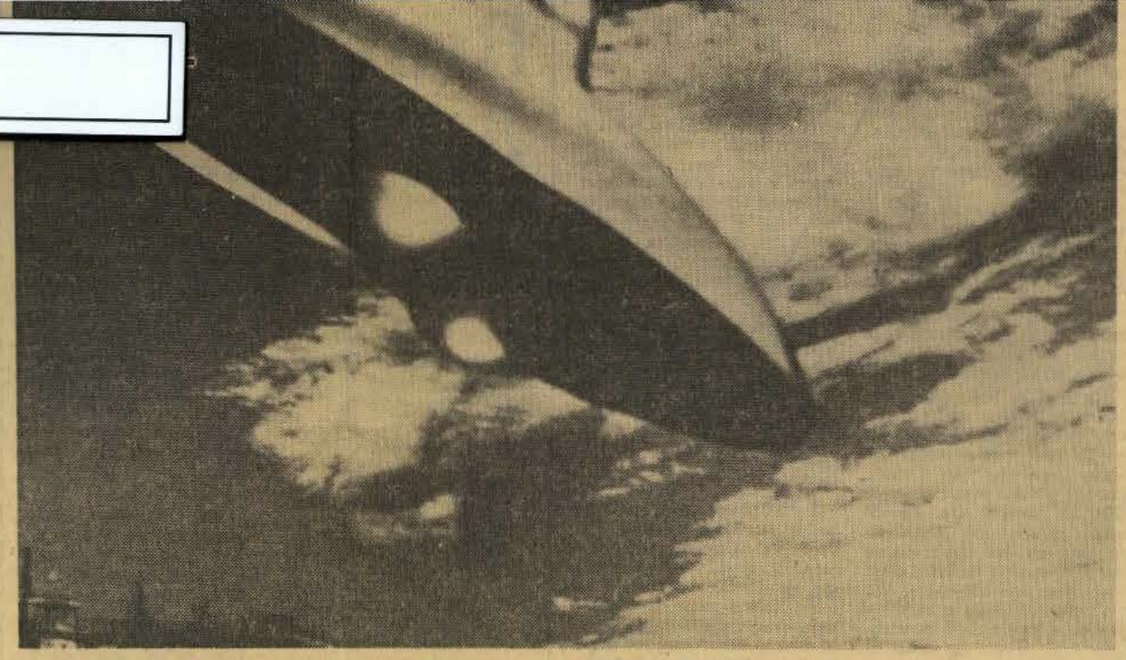
Sketch by Mr Denis Crowe of flying saucer which he reported having seen on Vaucluse Beach, Sydney, on July 19, 1965. Illustration from Flying Saucers Over Australia, by James Holledge (Horwitz Publications Inc.).

The man who probably knows more about UFOs than any other is J. Allen Hynek, head of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and, since 1948, the US Air Force's official adviser on the subject. For almost 20 years he has been monitoring the UFO situation around the world, devouring thousands of reports and interviewing hundreds of eye witnesses. Although Dr Hynek is loath to make accusations, he feels evidently that the Air Force has, to some degree, tried to sweep the UFO situation under a rug for the past two decades. In 1953 the military hastily assembled a panel of senior scientists under the direction of Howard P. Robertson from the California Institute of Technology, discussed UFOs for only four days, looked at just 15 reports and concluded that "the evidence presented on unidentified flying objects showed no indication that these phenomena constitute a direct physical threat to national security", and that "there is no evidence that the phenomena indicated a need for revision of current scientific concepts".

Since then, whenever a rash of UFO sightings has occurred, the Air Force has dutifully pointed to the "Robertson Report" as firm evidence that it is nothing serious. Now, all that will be changed. How does one explain away the many sightings of UFOs? They have been called swamp gas, identified as weather balloons, satellites, aircraft, meteors, searchlights on clouds, and optical illusions. They definitely do not seem to be a mass hallucination because too many reputable people have seen them. It is also unlikely that they are secret military weapons because no veil of earthly secrecy can last for two decades.

Those who doubt that UFOs are from outer space have, in recent years, been able to point to significant evidence. The space-scanning devices used by the North American Air Defence Command had not until 1965 reported any unknown objects, although they keep track of more than 1,000 items in orbit. Strangely enough however, three objects in orbit have just recently been listed as "unknown" — objects that have not been connected with any launching site or country of origin.

They were discovered last May and June by US tracking radar. Their existence was kept secret until early October while government officials debated whether to admit that they had found objects whose origin could not be determined. Secrecy prohibits US officials from discussing the sizes of the three objects. Tracking agencies have said in the past that radar could find orbiting objects as small as 12in long. Yet there have been indications that at least two of the three objects found last May are much larger, and that they were in orbit perhaps for years before they were discovered.



This mock-up by artists reproduces the details of the most commonly reported variety of flying saucer. The three spheres beneath it are described by observers who claim to have seen saucers on the ground, as undercarriage.

Conversely, a continuing sky survey conducted by the Mount Palomar Observatory in California produced 5,000 wide-angle, high magnification photographs of the heavens. The Harvard Meteor project of 1954-58 produced 3,300 hours of star-gazing. Another 2,500 hours were added by the Smithsonian's visual Prairie Network project. "Not a single unidentified object has been noted", the reports indicate.

Until Dr Condon's group got together, those who believed in saucers complained that detection efforts were cursory and ill-manned. Believers began their own semi-private organisations to track down the origin of saucers.

In 1952, APRO (the Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation) was founded, and several years later the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena began. The latter group has seen its membership double to more than 11,000 in the last year alone. One of its top executives Richard Hall, says there have been enough confirmed sightings to justify an intensive scientific scrutiny of UFOs, but his group declines to express a view on the nature of the saucers.

Other fringe groups are not so conservative. At a recent Los Angeles convention, a trips aboard saucers, believe the saucers are flown by demigods and, in general, put discredit on any serious investigation of the phenomena. The head of the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Club of America in Los Angeles, Gabriel Green, insists he can prove that "we have been visited regularly by extra-terrestrials". Many of the 3,700 members of his group say that they have seen saucers and some claim they have travelled in the space craft, according to Mr Green — a lean, intense man who has twice run for the presidency of the USA on a "Flying Saucer" ticket.

The explanation for these types is simple: they have been conditioned by years of space-age comic strips, science fiction and TV shows. Just as a few generations ago intelligent and observant people believed in ghosts, saw them, and described them in great detail, so these individuals now see saucers.

But in ruling out the cranks, one still cannot completely rule out the possibility that some of these UFOs may be visitors from afar. Scientists confirm it is hard to believe that our world, alone among the countless planetary systems, is the only one where intelligent life has evolved. It remains for Dr Condon's group, within the next year, to determine whether there is life out there and if it is trying to get through to us on earth.

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The Director
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organization
314 Albert Street
EAST MELBOURNE C2 VIC

Dear Sir,

INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTINGS OF
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Thank you for your letter of 10th March. In view of the organization of CSIRO as outlined in your letter it is considered that the quickest and most effective way of obtaining expert opinion on any particular case would be for the RAAF Base which is investigating the UFO incident to send a copy of the report direct to you at your Melbourne office. You could then forward it to the appropriate branch of your Organization.

2. If you have no objection to this proposal instructions to this effect will be issued by this Department.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A. B. McFARLANE
(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Drafted by
Wing Commander N.G.S. Marshall
D/SAFI (OPS)

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314 ALBERT STREET, EAST MELBOURNE, C.2. VIC. TELEPHONE 419 1333 TELEGRAMS CORESEARCH MELBOURNE

10th March, 1967

MEMORANDUM TO :- DAFI

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Russell Offices,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Thank you for your memorandum of the 3rd March on this matter. ? folio 122

Unfortunately, the organization of C.S.I.R.O. is not such that it would be possible for the Commanding Officer of the relevant R.A.A.F. Base investigating an U.F.O. to correspond directly with people at a regional level.

C.S.I.R.O.'s laboratories cover research work in both the agricultural and biological sciences and the industrial and physical sciences, and these laboratories are spread throughout the Commonwealth. There is no Officer-in-Charge on a regional basis as such.

However, it would be possible to nominate officers in Perth, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane, and Canberra through whom the relevant R.A.A.F. Commanding Officer might get in contact. Our officer could then get in touch with this office in order to determine where a specific enquiry might best be directed in C.S.I.R.O. The normal functions of the officers I have in mind would be administrative, and they would be unable to provide any technical advice. However, if you feel the suggestion would be of assistance, I would be grateful if you would let me know.

As mentioned in my memorandum of the 7th November, it would be helpful if correspondence about these matters could be addressed to me at this office, rather than to the Organization's office in Canberra.

L. G. Wilson

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

REC'D.
15 MAR 1967
C.A.S.

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3 MAR '67

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The Director
Weapons Research Establishment
Box 1424H GPO
ADELAIDE SA

Dear Sir,

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
YOUR SA 5644/2/1 OF 15TH DECEMBER, 1966

Further to my letter 554/1/30 of 9th January, 1967, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration have already agreed to assist in the investigation of those UFOs reports which might have originated from the sighting of a satellite. We therefore do not require the weekly prediction of visible satellite passes that you so kindly offered.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD.) A. B. McFARLANE

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Drafted by
Sqn Ldr N.G.S. Marshall
D/DAFI (Ops)

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544/1/30(125)

3 MAR '67

Senior NASA Representative
339 Swanston Street
MELBOURNE VIC

Dear Sir,

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Thank you for your letter of 1st December, 1966. A great many of the reports of UFOs that are received refer to a light that was observed travelling at a great height in a straight line, or of a light with a fiery trail that was seen to disappear after a few second. It is therefore felt that your Administration could be of great assistance in helping to identify such reports.

2. Since the initial investigation of UFO reports will be undertaken by the nearest RAAF Base, it would be convenient if that Base could deal direct with your Administration, preferably at regional level. If you agree, it would be appreciated if you would provide this Department with the addresses of your regional branches.

3. Thank you also for your information on the flying balloons in Australia. We will write to Mr Homewood at the Department of Supply as you suggest.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A. B. McFARLANE

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Drafted by
Wg. Cdr. N.G.S. Marshall
D/DAFI (OPS)

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554/1/30(124)

13 MAR '67

The Director
Mount Stromlo Observatory
Private Bag
CANBERRA ACT

Dear Sir,

INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTINGS OF
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Thank you for your letter agreeing to assist in the investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

2. As the initial investigation of the report will be carried out by the RAAF Base nearest to the area of the sighting your agreement is requested for the Commanding Officer of the investigating Base to correspond directly with your organization, at regional level if the assistance of your organization becomes necessary.

3. If you agree, it is requested that you provide the addresses of your regional officers so that this information can be passed to the RAAF Bases.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD.) A. B. McFARLANE

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Drafted by
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D/DAFI(OPS)

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3 MAR '67

The Director
Bureau of Meteorology
Department of the Interior
PO Box 1289K
MELBOURNE C1 VIC

Dear Sir,

INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTINGS OF
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Thank you for your letter agreeing to assist in the investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

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Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A. B. McFARLANE

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

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D/DAFI(OPS)

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The Director
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organization
AMP Building
Hobart Place
CANBERRA ACT

3 MAR '67

Dear Sir,

INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTINGS OF
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Thank you for your letter agreeing to assist in the investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

2. As the initial investigation of the report will be carried out by the RAAF Base nearest to the area of the sighting your agreement is requested for the Commanding Officer of the investigating Base to correspond directly with your organization, at regional level if the assistance of your organization becomes necessary.

3. If you agree, it is requested that you provide the addresses of your regional officers so that this information can be passed to the RAAF Bases.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD.) A. B. McFARLANE

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

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Wg. Cdr. N.G.S. Marshall
D/SAFI (OPS)

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3 MAR '67

554/1/30 (121)

Director-General
Department of Civil Aviation
"Henty House"
499 Little Collins Street
MELBOURNE C1 VIC

Dear Sir,

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
YOUR 21/1/387 of 17TH JANUARY, 1967 - fol. 120

Your suggested procedures are agreed to by this Department, Headquarters Operational Command and Headquarters Support Command will be told of this arrangement so that all RAAF Bases can be notified.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD.) A. B. McFARLANE

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Drafted by
Wg. Cdr. N. G. S. Marshall
D/DAFI (Ops)

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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IN REPLY QUOTE 21/1/387

REC'D. 19 JAN 1967 C.A.S.

17 JAN 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR :

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA.

1 A. SEC. A.
2 DAF 1.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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We refer to your 554/1/30 (112) of the 7th December, 1966.

2. We note that you will be informing your Command formations of the policy of direct liaison from R.A.A.F. bases to our Regional authorities in respect of all aspects connected with the investigation of UFO sightings, as suggested in our memorandum of the 26th October, 1966.

3. However, there is a further point regarding notification of UFO sightings about which we would appreciate further clarification. As you are aware, some reports of UFO sightings are received in this office, either direct or through our Regional offices, and, in each case, we refer the report to your headquarters for investigation. Under the proposed new system we suggest that the following procedures apply :-

(i) when a report is received by one of our Regional offices, it shall be referred to the Office Commanding the nearest R.A.A.F. Base (or Command in the case of New South Wales and Victoria/Tasmania Region) :- or

(ii) when a report is received directly in this office, it shall be referred to your headquarters as has been the practice in the past.

4. We would appreciate your comments on this aspect in order that we can include appropriate guidance in the instructions we are forwarding to our Regional offices.

Frank E. Yeend

(F. E. YEEND)
for Director-General of Civil Aviation.

19 JAN 1967
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

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314 ALBERT STREET, EAST MELBOURNE, C.2. VIC. TELEPHONE 416611. TELEGRAMS CORESEARCH MELBOURNE

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12th January, 1967

MEMORANDUM TO :-

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

1 A. SEC. A.
2 DAFI.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

In reply to your memorandum (554/1/30) of the 6th January, I wish to advise that the Organization has no objection to your passing reports of U.F.O. sightings to Dr. Duggin should you choose so to do.

I would confirm that Dr. Duggin's interest in this matter is quite unofficial.

L.G. Wilson.

SECRETARY
(Administration)

C.A.S. RECD 17 JAN 1967

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Will you see that the completed UFO reports are copied & sent to Dr Duggin at CSIRO in future.

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16 JAN 1967
AIR REGISTRY
OTTAWA

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The Director
Weapons Research Establishment
Box 1424H, GPO
ADELAIDE SA

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO)
YOUR SA 5644/2/1 DATED 15TH DECEMBER, 1966

1. Thank you for your letter and for the offer to provide a weekly list of predictions of visible satellite passes.

2. This suggestion will be discussed next week with visiting staff officers from Command Headquarters, and you will be advised further as soon as possible.

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

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The Secretary (Administration)
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organization
314 Albert Street
EAST MELBOURNE C2 VIC

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. A request has recently been received from Dr Duggin of your organization for details of all UFO sightings in order that he and some other scientists of several countries can undertake scientific investigation of this phenomena. I am forwarding a photostat copy of his letter and of a letter of introduction from a Professor J.A. Hyneck who apparently is the scientific adviser on UFOs to the United States Air Force.

2. It is understood that this scientific investigation is quite unofficial and is inspired out of interest in this subject by the members of the team. As you are aware there is already an official arrangement whereby this Department passes reports of UFO sightings to your Organization when specialist advice is required. However this Department has no objection additionally to passing reports of all UFO sightings to Dr Duggin provided that this will not cause you any embarrassment.

For signature please
Cleared with DPR

A B McFarlane
(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Plt Lt Wg. Cdr.
D/DAFI(OPS)

DEARBORN OBSERVATORY
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201

16 November 1966

To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. M. Duggin is collecting information on UFO's and is part of an International effort to collate information on this phenomenon from several countries. For many years I have acted as a scientific monitor on this scientifically vexing problem of UFO's, and a number of colleagues and I have agreed to act as a "clearing house" for the investigation of which Dr. Duggin is a part. Any cooperation which may be expended to Dr. Duggin would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek

J. Allen Hynek
Director, Dearborn Observatory

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NATIONAL STANDARDS LABORATORY — DIVISION OF PHYSICS

UNIVERSITY GROUNDS, CITY ROAD, CHIPPENDALE, N.S.W. TELEPHONE 68 0566. TELEGRAMS CORESEARCH SYDNEY

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20 Dec 66.

Dear Squadron Leader Baxter,

Please excuse this handwritten letter but I wanted to catch the evening mail as may not have done so had I waited for the typiste. I would like to add a few details to today's telephone conversation. Dr. Vallee an astronomer at the University of Chicago and Professor J. A. Hynek, whom I saw in Chicago a few weeks ago are very interested in the U.F.O. phenomena from the point of view of a scientific investigation: so am I and so are many other scientists in other countries. These gentlemen have carefully documented files on many (about 6000) sightings in many different countries. Many of these sightings are doubtful but there are a large number which it has not so far been possible to explain in terms of natural phenomena — these are the cases of interest. Dr. Vallee has at his disposal a computer program for an automatic question-answering system (which was originally developed for stellar astronomy). He has asked Dr. O. Phantos in Brazil, Professor Michel in France, myself and several other scientists in different

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countries to collect data on sightings and where possible interview those who originate the report in order to determine its reliability and so weight it for future statistical analyses. This information will be coded, so that it can be punched onto an IBM card and later fed onto a magnetic library tape for use with the question - answering system. Present investigations have indicated the existance of certain patterns in this phenomenon but unfortunately much more data is required before great reliance can be placed on the results of such an investigation. Several report from isolated observers, contiguous in time and consistent in description would appear to suggest that perhaps some observations are made sequentially along great circle routes: again more data is needed. "handing" reports have been quite frequent in South America and, I believe, in the Southern Hemisphere as a whole. What is needed is information ① as soon as it is turned in - so that the case can be correlated with other information, if possible, at Dearborne Observatory ② results of the follow-up. I would like to investigate cases myself where possible and would be very willing to be of

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any help which I can.

Dr. Hynek is the scientific advisor on UFO's to the U.S. Air Force. I am enclosing a letter from him to substantiate my request. I stress that this is a scientific investigation and that, although my interest is extra-curricular, I feel that it is very necessary to subject these unexplained phenomena to scientific investigation

Sincerely Yours

(Dr.) M. J. Duggin.

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In Reply Please Quote SA5644/2/1

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SALISBURY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

15 DEC 1966

Secretary,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

1 A SEC. A.
2 DAFI.

(Attention: Director, Air Force Intelligence)

Dear Sir,

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL SIGHTINGS

We received a letter on 18th October, 1966 from H.Q. R.A.A.F. Base Richmond in which the Commanding Officer included certain information relating to an unidentified aerial sighting. He requested in return, particulars of satellites, rockets or research balloons which might have been airborne at the time and which could have been the subject of the reported sighting.

We have since replied to this letter but this raised the question here whether or not it would be of use to you if we forwarded a list of predictions of visible satellite passes that this Establishment issues weekly.

If you would like these predictions for reference purposes, we would be glad to place you on the distribution list.

Yours faithfully,

M.W. Woods

(M.W. Woods)
DIRECTOR

REC'D 20 DEC 1966 C.A.S.




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DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

(This side only to be written on)

Subject: INFORMATION ON UFO's

~~DAFI~~ Seen by DAFI who agrees

1. The attached letter is a follow-up to a long telephone call which AI-2 took recently. You will note that one of the scientists involved in this UFO investigation is Dr HYNEK who is stated to be the scientific advisor on UFO's to the United States. Dr DUGGIN, however is acting in an extra- curricular capacity.

2. You will note that these scientists are mainly interested in the unexplained UFO's, but as far as I can make out they would like information on all sightings. As you know, we already have an official arrangement with CSIRO whereby we can pass to them any UFO report on which we would like their assistance, so it would really be only a question of stretching this arrangement slightly to pass them a copy of all reports. However, Dr DUGGIN's interest is un-official as far as CSIRO is concerned and this may cause embarrassment.

3. These scientists, with all the documents and facilities available to them, are obviously in a position to assist us in this matter, and though I am not too keen on releasing the details of the RAAF investigations or anything which may increase the interest of the general public in this field, I think we should give these scientists the information they require. However, although they would like the information as soon as possible, I recommend that we stick to our present system for UFO investigations, i.e. the nearest RAAF Base investigates the report and passes it up through Command Headquarters to Department of Air. If we change the system to allow CSIRO to get a copy of the report before it has completed the RAAF process, we may have two concurrent investigations of the same report.

(N.G. MARSHALL)
Wg Cdr
D/DAFI (Ops)

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314 ALBERT STREET, EAST MELBOURNE, C.2. VIC. TELEPHONE 416611. TELEGRAMS CORESEARCH MELBOURNE

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5th December, 1966

MEMORANDUM TO :-

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Russell Offices,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

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A. SEC. A

DAFI.

BALLIANG UFO INVESTIGATION

Thank you for your memorandum of the 28th November (554/1/30(111) in which you ask for information about a "team of C.S.I.R.O. scientists" visiting Mr. A.S. Ricketts of Bacchus Marsh on the 7th July.

I have made enquiries from several likely C.S.I.R.O. Divisions, but with negative results.

I wonder if you have any additional information as to who the C.S.I.R.O. personnel might be.

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
MELBOURNE OFFICE

C/o DEPT. OF SUPPLY, 339 SWANSTON STREET
MELBOURNE, C.1, AUSTRALIA

IN REPLY REFER TO

TELEPHONE: 32 0261

1st December, 1966

Mr. A. B. McFarlane
Secretary
Department of Air
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Register
DAFI



Dear Mr. McFarlane:

Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects

The NASA Melbourne Office will be happy to assist in any way in commenting on sightings of UFO's as requested in your letter of 28th November. However, at this time it does not appear likely that any comments we might make would be particularly useful.

Satellites launched by NASA operate at such altitudes and are of such small size that it is extremely unlikely that any of these would result in the typical public report of an UFO. The mere fact that satellites are listed as "visible" in various periodic listings does not make them visible in the sense that UFO's are reported to be.

Spent launch vehicles or spacecraft or parts, such as nose-cones or aerodynamic fairings, do of course, re-enter the atmosphere when their orbital altitudes reduce, but these objects would behave very like a meteor and again would not be candidates for the typical public UFO report.

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Only one class of object which NASA is currently involved with in this country might lead to public reports of UFO's and these are the high altitude balloons which we plan to fly from Mildura. These balloons, with a volume of 10 million cubic feet, relatively low altitudes of 140,000 feet maximum, and velocities corresponding to high upper air winds for periods of up to 12 hours, might conceivably lead to UFO reports. NASA is not alone in flying balloons in this country - in fact we are just now starting - but all such operations are under the cognizance of the Department of Supply, including the NASA operations. I would therefore like to suggest that you enlist the services of Mr. M. Ian Homewood, Assistant Secretary (Projects), Department of Supply, for his comments on UFO reports, since his staff is intimately concerned with Australian high altitude balloon operations.

Sincerely yours,

Willson H. Hunter

Willson H. Hunter
NASA Senior Scientific Representative
in Australia

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7 DEC '66

554/1/30(112)

Director-General of Civil Aviation
Department of Civil Aviation
PO Box 1839Q
Elizabeth Street,
MELBOURNE C1 VIC.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Your 21/1/387 - 26th October, 1966

1. Thank you for your letter agreeing to assist in the investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). Your suggestion that the investigation be decentralised to Regional Director level, as for the investigation of RAAF/DCA air safety incident reports, is fully supported. The "Designated Authority" for the RAAF will be the Officer Commanding of the RAAF Base investigating the UFO sighting, who will be acting on behalf of the Air Officer Commanding Operational Command or the Air Officer Commanding Support Command as appropriate.

2. If it is thought that DCA may be able to help in providing information relevant to a sighting, the Base will forward a copy of the UFO report direct to the local DCA authority responsible for the area in which the sighting was made with a request for any information that could be of assistance to the inquiry

3. Headquarters Operational Command and Headquarters Support Command will be informed of this arrangement so that all RAAF Bases will be aware of the policy of direct liaison with local DCA authorities in the investigation of UFO sightings.

A B McFarlane

(A. B. McFarlane)
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The Secretary (Administration)
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BALLIANG UFO INVESTIGATION

1. During the course of an investigation into the unusual sightings made by Mr A.S. Ricketts of Bacchus Marsh, VICTORIA, it was learned that a "team of CSIRO scientists" had visited him on 7th July, 1966.

2. This Department would be grateful for any information on this visit that could be of assistance in assessing the origin of Mr Ricketts sightings.

(Sgd.) A P McFARLANE
(A. B. McFarlane) per R.
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Senior NASA Representative
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) have during recent months been receiving considerable publicity. Although it is not considered that any of these sightings give any cause for alarm or reflect a need to change the official view on this subject, it is important that the system of investigation should make the best use of resources in AUSTRALIA.

2. As you are no doubt aware the Royal Australian Air Force is responsible for the investigation of UFO's. Under existing arrangements anyone who sights an object which he cannot identify is invited to fill in a questionnaire which is designed to provide all the details necessary for an investigation. The nearest Air Force base is then required to give an assessment as to the origin of the sighting.

3. The decision to investigate reports of UFO's at RAAF base level was made on the grounds that base personnel would be familiar with local phenomena, weather conditions and aircraft movements which between them give rise to many UFO reports. There are occasions however when the investigation points to some phenomena such as a satellite as the likely explanation. In many instances RAAF units have been able to obtain information from local bodies to assist them in their enquiries, but it is now considered that all authorities that could throw any light on these incidents should be officially associated with the investigation system.

4. Your agreement is therefore sought to the proposal that whenever the UFO investigation suggests that your organization might be able to provide some assistance a copy of the UFO report should be sent to you for your comments. It is felt that in this way better use could be made of the information available within your organization and that a more accurate assessment of the likely cause of the UFO report could be achieved.

(SGD.) A. B. McFARLANE

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Mr. A.B. McFarlane,
Secretary,
Department of Air,
Canberra. ACT.

REGISTRY
DAFI

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Dear Mr. McFarlane,

We shall be glad to cooperate in the identification of what you refer to as "Unidentified Flying Objects".

If I can be permitted a personal observation I would like to say the following:

Astronomers, by definition, are (1) trained scientific observers who spend long hours on mountain tops under completely dark skies, and (2) familiar with what objects should be present in the dark sky. Yet, in twenty years of spending a large fraction of the nights in this way - on mountain tops in Australia, California, and South Africa, I have not seen any object that could be called "unidentified and flying". Nor have any of my colleagues on these same mountain tops. Nevertheless, during the same period, members of the general public, living in the haze and glare of large cities, and unacquainted with the night sky, are constantly seeing such objects.

Yours sincerely,

O.J. Eggen
Director

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MEMORANDUM TO :-

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The Secretary,
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Thank you for your memorandum of the 12th October about the Royal Australian Royal Air Force's responsibility for investigating reports of U.F.O.'s, and that you would like agreement to the proposal that whenever a U.F.O. investigation suggests that C.S.I.R.O. might be able to provide some assistance, a copy of the report should be sent to us for comment.

The Organization is quite happy to assist in this way and to provide you with comments on those occasions when it is felt that we may be to give helpful advice about a particular investigation.

General enquiries concerning this overall matter should be addressed to the Secretary (Administration) at this address. Should any of your officers wish to contact me personally, I am permanently located here.

L. G. Wilson/ms

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

Dictated by Mr. Wilson, but signed in his absence.

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The Secretary,
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Further to your memorandum * on the above topic, the Bureau of Meteorology may be of some assistance in assessing unidentified flying object reports and I agree to relevant information being referred to us.

(W.J. GIBBS)
Director of Meteorology.

* 2/27/1 (25) of 12 Oct

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The Secretary,
Department of Air,
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I have received your request 2/25/1 (29) of 12 October, 1966, regarding investigation of V.F.O. sightings.

I doubt whether this station could be of much help in this regard, since, because we track deep space probes, we have very little information on hand regarding Earth orbiting satellites. These latter spacecraft are tracked by stations located at Orroral Valley (A.C.T.), Carnarvon (W.A) and Cooky Creek (QLD). A further station at Honeysuckle Creek (A.C.T.) will also become operational in the near future.

Although we would be pleased to supply information within our particular field, I suggest that you contact the Senior NASA Representative (399 Swanston St., Melbourne.)

for R. A. LESLIE
Station Director

cc. S/APD

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MEMORANDUM FOR :

Secretary,
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Receipt is acknowledged of your 2/25/1(27), dated 12th October, 1966.

2. We will be pleased to provide any assistance you require in connection with the investigation of reports on unidentified flying objects.

3. I suggest that, during the investigation, requests for information or assistance should be handled in the same manner as proposed for the investigation of R.A.A.F./D.C.A. air safety incident reports, vide your 400/1/39 dated 30th June, 1966 and our 6/1/144 dated 6th September, 1966. Requests for additional information and/or comments should then be addressed to this office.

4. The above procedure is suggested so that the collection of information necessary for your investigation may be commenced without unnecessary delay. If you are not in agreement with this procedure, we would be pleased to consider any alternative procedure you may propose.

5. Your comments on our proposals would be appreciated so that any necessary instructions may be issued to our regional headquarters.

(D. S. Graham)
for Director-General of Civil Aviation.

Fl. Lt. Cattell

Will you obtain copies of these letters so that we can decide whether that system is suitable for our purposes. Suggest you try Flight Safety

RAMarshall

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Attention: Director Air Safety
Investigation Branch

REPORTING AND INVESTIGATING OF AIR SAFETY INCIDENTS WHERE RAAF AND CIVIL AIRCRAFT ARE INVOLVED

1. During a liaison visit to this Department between the Director of the Air Safety Investigation Branch, Department of Civil Aviation and the Director of Flying Safety, RAAF, the present system of reporting and investigating air safety incidents, where RAAF and civil aircraft are involved, was discussed.

2. As a result of this discussion the enclosed proposal to amend the system of investigation and reporting between Civil and RAAF authorities was drafted. Your comments on the acceptability of this proposal are requested.

(A.B. McFarlane)
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REPORTING AND INVESTIGATING OF AIR SAFETY INCIDENTS WHERE RAAF AND CIVIL AIRCRAFT ARE INVOLVED

1. During a liaison visit to this Department between the Director of the Air Safety Investigation Branch, Department of Civil Aviation and the Directorate of Flying Safety, RAAF, the question of the present system of reporting and investigating air safety incidents, where RAAF and civil aircraft are involved was discussed at some length.

2. It was obvious from this discussion that DCA are experiencing difficulty in implementing the present system of reporting and investigation direct to Commands. One of the main difficulties is that DCA have no knowledge of which command an RAAF aircraft may come under. As a result of this discussion the following proposal is put forward for consideration.

3. Where air safety incidents occur which involve RAAF and Civil aircraft the following system of reporting and investigation is proposed should apply:-

(a) RAAF Designated Authorities should be nominated, their appointments should be advised to DCA and written into the scheme, with authority to investigate and report on all air safety incidents which occur in their area of responsibility.

(b) The following should be appointed as Designated Authorities:-

(2) AOC Operational Command - for the investigation and reporting of all ASIMs in Northern NSW and the SYDNEY Area.

(1) AOC Support Command - for the investigation and reporting of all ASIMs in the Victorian Area.

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OC RAAF Base EDINBURGH - South Australian Area.

OC RAAF Base PEARCE - Western Australian Area.

OC RAAF Base DARWIN - Northern Territory Area.

OC RAAF Base TOWNSVILLE - North Queensland Area.

OC RAAF Base AMBERLEY - South Queensland Area.

OC RAAF Base CANBERRA - Southern NSW Area.

It is envisaged that the CATCO at Commands and the SATCO at bases will carry out the actual work of investigation and reporting for the Designated Authority.

4. With the above organization the scheme would work along the following lines:-

(a) Where the person reporting is the captain of an RAAF aircraft.

(b) The captain notifies the ground station controlling him at the time that an air safety incident has occurred. Full known details including aircraft call sign and destination or next point of landing should be given.

(c) The ground station receiving the report, whether RAAF or Civil should make a written report and forward it to the nearest DCA regional director.

(d) The RAAF captain, upon landing, and in conjunction with the base SATCO dispatches an AIM to Depair (DFS) for info command.

(e) If the incident has occurred within the area of responsibility of the base at which the aircraft has landed the SATCO will dispatch an air safety incident message (ASIM) to the DCA Regional Director for the area, also keeping the Designated Authority informed of his actions.

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(f) The Designated Authority, through SATCO will then investigate the incident fully with the DCA Regional Director and if possible arrive at a decision and make recommendations for any necessary action.

(g) The Designated Authority will then make a written report through Command to Depair. This written report does not absolve the captain of the aircraft from his obligation under AFO 10/D/1 from raising the normal form A182.

(h) If the incident occurs outside the area of responsibility of the base at which the aircraft has landed the pilot in conjunction with SATCO is to dispatch an AIM as in 4(d) above, but in addition is to address a copy headed "FOR INFO AND ACTION" to the Designated Authority for the area where the incident occurred.

(j) The Designated Authority in this area, upon receipt of such an AIM is to raise an ASIM and dispatch it to the DCA Regional Director for the area. He is then to carry out the investigating and reporting procedure with the Regional Director as outlined in para 4, sub paras (f) and (g).

5. Where the captain reporting the incident is a civil pilot:-

(a) The captain makes his initial report on VHF to the ground station controlling him and upon landing makes his report to the DCA Regional Director.

(b) The DCA Regional Director will then contact the RAAF Designated Authority in the area and the investigation and reporting procedure, so far as the RAAF are concerned, will be as stated in the previous paragraphs.

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(c) If the Designated Authority is unable to complete such an investigation, ie the aircraft may have only been transitting through his area, he is to ascertain through Air Traffic Control the parent command and if possible the home base of the RAAF aircraft and have these details notified to the DCA area Regional Director. He will also ensure that a signal is sent to the captain of the RAAF aircraft at destination advising him that an ASIM has been raised and giving the pertinent details. The DCA Regional Director should forward his report, via his normal chain of command to the DCA Regional Director of the aircraft's home base.

(d) The DCA Regional Director in this area should then work through the RAAF Designated Authority to have the incident investigated and reported upon. The RAAF Designated Authority will then forward his reports through command to Depair.

6. The following are examples of how the scheme should work in practice:-

Situation. A RAAF aircraft of Operational Command CW onroute RICHMOND to PEARCE has a near miss with a civil aircraft near KALGOOLIE. The RAAF Captain is reporting the incident.

(a) The RAAF Captain will report the incident in the first instance by VHF to DCA ground station KALGOOLIE. Upon arrival at PEARCE the captain, in conjunction with SATCO will dispatch an AIM to Depair, for info Operational Command. The SATCO will dispatch an ASIM to DCA PERTH. Full investigation will be carried out by the DCA Regional Director, PERTH and the Designated Authority RAAF PEARCE.

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(b) On completion, the Designated Authority RAAF PEARCE will forward his report to Depair via Support Command and include an information copy for Operational Command. Headquarters Operational Command will then advise the pilots home base of the outcome.

Situation. A RAAF aircraft of Support Command enroute TOWNSVILLE to WILLIAMTOWN has an incident with a civil aircraft abeam AMBERLEY.

(a) The RAAF Captain will advise the ground station controlling him that an incident has occurred.

(b) On arrival WILLIAMTOWN, he, in conjunction with SATCO will dispatch an AIM including the address "for info and action AMBERLEY". The Designated Authority, RAAF AMBERLEY, will raise an ASIM to DCA Regional Director BRISBANE. The two authorities at AMBERLEY and BRISBANE will then investigate and report the incident fully. The Designated Authority, RAAF AMBERLEY will then forward reports to Depair via Operational Command, copy for Support Command. Headquarters Support Command will then advise the pilot's home base.

Situation. A civil aircraft enroute PERTH to SYDNEY has an incident with a RAAF aircraft over ADELAIDE. The RAAF aircraft is enroute RICHMOND to PEARCE and is under the control of Operational Command. In this incident DCA procedure is for the Regional Director ADELAIDE to carry out all investigation for the civil report.

(a) The DCA Regional Director, ADELAIDE contacts the RAAF Designated Authority EDINBURGH and the investigation and reporting procedure is carried out. The

RAAF Designated Authority forwards his reports via Support Command to Depair, copy to Operational Command.

7. In all case, if agreement cannot be reached between the RAAF Designated Authority and the DCA Regional Director, the matter is to be referred to higher authority.

8. The scheme as here outlined, if acceptable, should be circulated to both commands and to DCA for comment. Following this, a conference between DCA and the RAAF, should be called to settle upon a final scheme which is acceptable to both.

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MEMORANDUM FOR :

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DFS

REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION OF AIR SAFETY INCIDENTS WHERE R.A.A.F. AND CIVIL AIRCRAFT ARE INVOLVED.

Thank you for your 400/1/39 of the 30th June, 1966.

2. Following a close examination of the draft proposals attached to your memorandum we believe that the principles and procedures expressed therein will result in an improved system for reporting and investigating air safety incidents of mutual interest and therefore we generally agree with them. However, there are some areas where we believe the system could be further improved and we submit the following supplementary proposals for your consideration :-

(i) In paragraph 1, no R.A.A.F. Authority has been allocated responsibility for investigating air safety incidents of mutual interest occurring in either Tasmania or Papua/New Guinea. We would appreciate your including these states in the areas allocated to R.A.A.F. Commands or Bases.

(ii) While agreeing to your proposed sub-division of South Australia/Northern Territory and Queensland into areas associated with R.A.A.F. bases, we suggest that the responsibility for investigating air safety incidents throughout New South Wales be vested in the Air Officer Commanding, Operational Command. We feel that the overlapping nature of R.A.A.F. operations in this area justifies the designation of a single authority with overall responsibility for investigations throughout the State.

(iii) In paragraph 3(c) you state that where an incident cannot be investigated readily by the Authority located in the area of occurrence, the responsibility for the investigation, both R.A.A.F. and D.C.A., should be transferred to the Authority in the area where the pilot is based. We believe that the principal that the responsibility for the investigation remains with the authorities situated in the area of occurrence, irrespective of the location of the home base of any aircraft concerned in the incident, should be preserved. Our reasons

for this are that the majority of the information required for the investigation (e.g. personnel, logs, tapes, etc.,) is available only in the area of occurrence, and the locally based investigators have a greater knowledge of the procedures and systems used in their area than investigators located in other areas.

(iv) You propose that notification to D.C.A. of R.A.A.F air safety incidents be made by A.S.I.M. We would prefer that the initial advice of incidents be passed between investigators by telephone and confirmed subsequently by written advice. We believe that telephone advice permits a freer exchange of information concerning the circumstances of the incidents and promotes discussion of mutual interest concerning the proposed handling of the investigation. We also believe that a ground unit should follow the same procedure when reporting an air safety incident of a serious nature.

(v) We suggest also that the proposed procedures should apply when an air safety incident report is submitted by ground units as well as when submitted by pilots-in-command. In this respect we are considering such occurrences as unauthorised penetrations of R.A.A.F. air space by civil aircraft etc.

3. To clarify the situation we have prepared a summary embodying the principles set out in your proposals and the amendments suggested in the previous paragraph. A copy of this summary is attached hereto for your consideration.

4. If this summary, as a basic statement of a system is acceptable to you, we suggest that we should then separately develop draft working procedures for our respective instruction documents with a view to meeting again before they are promulgated to clear away any ambiguities or inconsistencies before the new system is implemented.

5. We look forward to receiving your comments on the suggested course of action.

Frank E. Yeend

(F. E. YEEND)
for Director-General of Civil Aviation.

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THE INVESTIGATION OF AIR SAFETY INCIDENTS INVOLVING OVERLAPPING R.A.A.F. & D.C.A. RESPONSIBILITIES

(This paper proposes the framework of an Organization for the joint investigation of Air Safety Incident Reports involving overlapping R.A.A.F. & D.C.A. responsibilities. It is designed to serve as a statement of principles from which detailed working procedures could be developed.)

1. AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATION

1.1 The allocation of responsibility for the investigation of air safety incidents is based on the principle that they shall be investigated by an authority in the area in which they occur. In order to comply with this principle the following authorities shall be responsible for the investigation of air safety incidents involving overlapping R.A.A.F. and D.C.A. responsibilities in the areas shown -

	R.A.A.F.	D.C.A.
Victoria	Air Officer Commanding, Support Command	Regional Director Victoria/Tasmania Region
Tasmania	Air Officer Commanding Support Command	Regional Director Victoria/Tasmania Region.
New South Wales	Air Officer Commanding, Operational Command	Regional Director New South Wales Region.
Queensland (Brisbane Flight Information Region)	Air Officer Commanding Qld / Officer Commanding R.A.A.F. Base, Amberley	Regional Director Queensland Region.
Queensland (Townsville Flight Information Region)	Senior Air Force Officer Qld / Officer Commanding, RAAF Base, Townsville	OIC Air Traffic Control Townsville / Regional Director Queensland Region.
Papua/New Guinea	Senior Air Force Officer Papua/New Guinea	Regional Director, Papua/New Guinea Region
South Australia	Air Officer SA. / Officer Commanding, RAAF Base, Edinburgh	Regional Director South Australia/Northern Territory Region.
Northern Territory	Senior Air Force Officer N.T. / Officer Commanding, RAAF Base, Darwin	Assistant Manager Darwin / Regional Director, South Australia/Northern Territory Region.

	R.A.A.F.	D.C.A.
Western Australia	Officer Commanding, RAAF Base, Pearce	Regional Director, Western Australia Region.

1.2 The following officers shall investigate air safety incident reports on behalf of the responsible authority -

(a) R.A.A.F. - Chief Air Traffic Control Officer, where the responsible authority is the Air Officer Commanding a Command Headquarters; or Senior Air Traffic Control Officer, where the responsible authority is the Officer Commanding a Base.

NOTE: Chief Air Traffic Control Officers may instruct a Senior Air Traffic Control Officer at a Base within the area in which the incident occurred to conduct an investigation on their behalf.

(b) D.C.A. - The Officer-in-Charge of the Air Safety Investigation Branch at the Regional Headquarters.

2. NOTIFICATION OF AIR SAFETY INCIDENTS

2.1 A pilot becoming aware that an air safety incident has occurred shall report brief details to the unit with which he has been communicating and, after landing, shall submit an air safety incident report through the normal channels.

2.2 An officer in a ground unit becoming aware of an incident shall immediately inform the senior officer on duty.

2.3 The senior officer on duty shall ensure that the Air Safety Incident Report is forwarded through the normal channels to the authority, within his Department, responsible for the conduct of the investigation. When the information available indicates that the safety of an aircraft has been seriously hazarded, or when the circumstances appear to constitute a serious threat to safety of other operators or when an aircraft has not been operated in accordance with the terms of a clearance he also shall pass the details by telephone to the responsible investigating authority as soon as possible.

2.4 Details of the incident shall be exchanged by telephone between the R.A.A.F. and D.C.A. investigators in the area of occurrence as soon as possible after the information is received, and these details

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shall be subsequently confirmed by written advice through the normal channels.

3. INVESTIGATION

3.1 Irrespective of where an aircraft concerned in an air safety incident is based, the responsibility for the investigation shall not be transferred from area of occurrence.

3.2 Evidence available from sources under the jurisdiction of the investigator's own Department shall be obtained through normal channels.

3.3 Evidence available only from sources within the jurisdiction of the other Department shall be obtained through that Department's investigator in the area of occurrence.

3.4 On completion of the investigation the investigator shall prepare a report and submit it, together with any recommendations, through the normal channels to the appropriate Departmental authority.

4. EXCHANGE OF REPORTS

4.1 The responsible Air Officer Commanding and Regional Director shall exchange information as to the outcome of each investigation and on any other matters arising therefrom.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN, SIR FREDERICK WHITE K.B.E.

1st November

My dear McFarlane

You may not have seen this American decision.

Yours sincerely
Fred White

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Condon To Head UFO Study

The Air Force, beset for years by charges that it considers reports of unidentified flying objects to have a psychiatric rather than an aerodynamic basis, took steps last week to establish what it hopes will be regarded as an impeccably objective scientific investigation of the UFO issue. It announced that the distinguished physicist Edward U. Condon, who is noted for speaking his mind, has agreed to serve as scientific director of a far-ranging, no-strings UFO inquiry backed by $313,000 of Air Force money. The study, under contract from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, will be centered at [illegible] where Condon, 64, is professor of physics and astrophysics and a fellow of the Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics.

Condon, who declined to work at Los Alamos during World War II because of what he considered stifling and unnecessary security arrangements, served as director of the National Bureau of Standards from 1945 to 1951. During that time he was attacked by the House Un-American Activities Committee as "one of the weakest links in our atomic security," a charge that caused widespread indignation throughout the scientific community. In 1954, while he was director of research and development for Corning Glass Works, the Navy suspended his security clearance after he had been cleared by three government agencies. Condon publicly denounced the procedure and, rather than reapply for a clearance, resigned from Corning. He later assailed the Eisenhower administration for "callous indifference" to political attacks on scientists.

Condon was president of the American Physical Society in 1946 and president of the AAAS in 1953. Prior to joining the Colorado faculty, in 1964, he was professor of physics at Washington University, St. Louis.

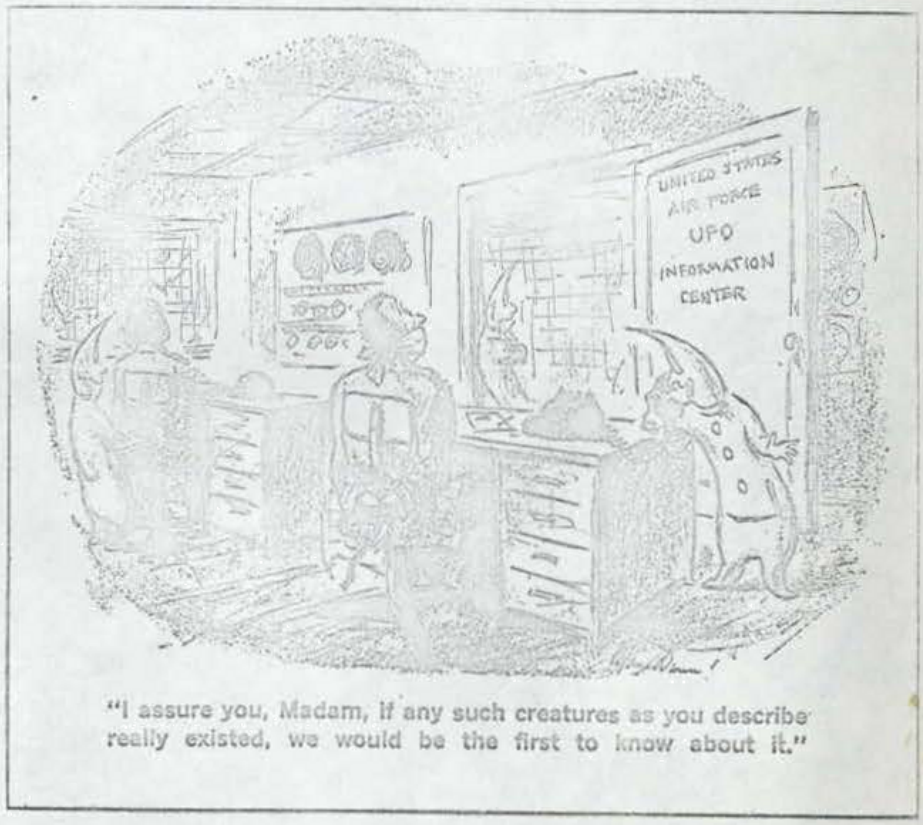
Associated with him in the UFO study will be Franklin E. Roach, an astrophysicist and air glow specialist on the staff of the Environmental Science Services Administration, Boulder, and Stuart W. Cook, chairman of the Colorado psychology department. Cooperation will be sought from other institutions, and, as a final certification of scientific purity, the National Academy of Sciences will review the results of the study.

One of the first steps will be a conference around mid-November in Boulder at which Air Force officials will brief Condon and his associates on earlier UFO reports and investigations. It is hoped that detailed plans for the new study can be formulated by the beginning of February.

In connection with the study, the University announced that "the Air Force has given assurances that all information in its possession which bears on the subject will be made available to the University investigators. The University will be given everything, not merely that which it requests." The contract for the investigation is for 15 months, but the Air Force said the study may be extended if necessary.—D.S.G.



Edward U. Condon



"I assure you, Madam, if any such creatures as you describe really existed, we would be the first to know about it."

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Subject: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - RAAF POLICY

DPR (Through EO (Air)) 26/10.

1. Reference E 102.

2. The release of UFO information has been discussed with officers concerned.

3. In view of the Minister's statement as mentioned at reference para 2 the synopsis of UFO sightings at E 95 may be released to the public after amending those "Possible Causes" shown as "Venus", "Moon", Meteor", etc to read "Astronomical".

4. I can see no reason why files on this subject should not be UNCLASSIFIED; this Directorate will close off any classified files on the subject.

Sheppard.
Wg Cdr
D/DAFI (S & O)

19 Oct 66

Being done by Mrs Hemsley - the amended version to replace stocks of old version which will be tossed out. BJ Sq Ldr PRO 24Oct66

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - RAAF POLICY

DAFI — sighted by DAFI (see folio 103)
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1. Reference folios 23 - 29.

2. There appears to be some confusion concerning departmental policy over UFO's. At folio 5 of file 569/5/461, there is a ministerial statement to the effect that:-

> "Anyone who is interested in the sightings of UFO's can apply to Department of Air for information on this subject and is welcome to a synopsis of UFO sightings, which includes a very brief assessment of the probable cause".

This statement was made in answer to ministerial representations. It would appear however, that the policy represented by this statement may not have reflected the views of DAFI (see folio 96 on file 554/1/30) despite earlier, although perhaps inconclusive evidence of his concurrence (see folio 94 on file 554/1/30).

3. At folio 24 on file 2/25/1 DAFI has proposed to DGPP, who in turn referred to DCAS, that ~~our~~ approach to UFO reports be liberalised. It does not appear that either DGPP or DCAS were aware of the Minister's statement. In my opinion, we must either comply with the terms of that statement or inform the Minister of our "new approach" if it is not now intended to provide the synopsis of sightings and on this I am not altogether clear from reading the files.

4. It would however, seem that agreement has now been reached that DPR is to handle all enquiries for information (see folio 15 on ~~[illegible]~~ file 2/25/1). However, it does not appear that DPR has been consulted on the extent of the liberalisation proposed by DAFI in answer to his (DPR's) submission. — not consulted as yet.
Copy of this submission in both 2/25/1 (2) and 574/3/88*

5. It would also appear that there is some need for rationalisation of our files on this subject. There are at least four different files which contain a confusion of policy, reported sightings and requests for information. Three of these files are classified - two of which are secret, although there appears to be nothing on the files consistent with this classification. Could DAFI and DPR consider rationalising these files please? The relevant files with the exceptions of 2/25/1 and 580/1/1 (withdrawn by DAFI) are attached.

*Note DPR rationalised his part by opening 574/3/88; the rest of the files are DAFI's affair.

12 Oct 66 — 24 Oct 66 — Squadron Leader FR3 — A S Blumm — E O (AIR).

Since writing the above, file 574-3-88 has been removed for other urgent action. The remaining relevant files are attached.

13 Oct 66.

A S Blumm

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Supervisor of United States Projects
TIDBINBILLA ACT

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(A. B. McFarlane)
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Note
confirmed with US Embassy (Sgt Watson) that there was no objection to us writing to Tidbinbilla. [illegible] 30 Oct 66

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Subject: Summary of Unidentified Aerial Sightings

DPR

1. In view of the apparently renewed interest by various outside organizations & 'foreign bodies' in the UFO question, DAFI would prefer that the summary at Folio 95 was not passed to the public. In our opinion such a hand-out will only whet their apetites rather than satisfy them.

2. Whilst it is agreed that the Minister has stated that the RAAF will be pleased to investigate & report on such sightings, etc, we feel this summary goes too far in this regard.

3. We would be interested in what organizations or persons if any, have received this summary so far. Also I have believe that the SAAB Challenge is one of the causes. Could this be checked, please.

John Grant
SQNLDR
FOR DAFI

18 May 66. copy placed on file 554/1/30

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SUMMARY OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL SIGHTINGS REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT OF AIR, CANBERRA ACT, FROM 1960

ready for "passing out" to the public wef Apr 66

Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
23 Jan 60	Twin Yellow Lights over Launceston, Tasmania. Elevation 20° - 30°.	Refraction of Light.
1 Feb 60	Bright object emitting flashes, moving W to E over Melbourne, Victoria.	Meteor
26 Mar 60	Spherical, silvery object, elevation 80°-65°, over Canberra, ACT.	Venus
13 Jun 60	Flashing red light and fixed white light over Mangalore, Victoria.	Aircraft
26 Jun 60	Explosion of light with spark showers, elevation 40° en route Melbourne, Victoria, to Launceston, Tasmania.	Meteor shower
18 Aug 60	Bright flashing object travelling E to W, 160 miles N of Mullewa, WA.	Meteor
2 Oct 60	Crescent shaped object, horns lighted, 5° above southern horizon, Launceston Tasmania.	Moon
4 Oct 60	"5 flying saucers and a mother ship" cigar shaped, 4 vertical bands, over Cressy, Tasmania.	Moon rise associated with meteorological conditions at the time.
13 Oct 60	White light, angle of elevation 45°, Mackunda Downs, Queensland.	Venus
25 Oct 60	Downs, Queensland.	"
15 Oct 60	UAS traversing sky, W to E over Launceston, Tasmania.	Met balloon with light attached.
18 Oct 60	Slow moving cigar-shaped object similar to aircraft - bright orange rear portion, rest dull grey.	Probably TAA aircraft Viscount VH-TVG.
27 Oct 60	Mysterious explosions, Cressy Area, Longford, Tasmania - orange coloured ball hovering in sky, also described as cigar-shaped.	Meteor
27 Oct 60	Orange/blue/red round object, trailing cloud of sparks, exploded at Poatina, Tasmania.	Meteor
15 Nov 60	Orange transluscent ball, approx 70 ft in diameter at altitude 35,000 ft heading 140° at high speed.	Meteor
27 Nov 60	Light in sky over Poatina/Cressy, Tasmania.	Venus
29 Nov 60	Point of blue/green/red light, just above horizon, rising slowly over Trevallyn, Tasmania.	Venus

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7 Dec 60	Silvery, disc-shaped formation of 30/40 objects over Launceston, Tasmania, flying southwards.	Flight of pigeons.
21 Dec 60	24 grey/blue objects, moving southwards over Great Lakes, Tasmania.	Refraction of light
25 Dec 60	Star like object, 20 minutes to pass over $\frac{1}{4}$ sky over Campbell Town, Tasmania, west to east.	Satellite
5 Jan 61	Bright light in sky, Oatlands, Tasmania.	Venus
Early Jan 61	Bright, white sphere, 45° from vertical, over Camptell Town, Tasmania.	Venus
18 Jan 61	Apparently controlled light, no sound, several sightings around Kerang Victoria.	Venus
12 Mar 61	Bright light, with tail of orange sparks over Indooroopilly, Queensland, from N to S.	Meteor
9 Apr 61	Flashes of light west of Beaconsfield, Victoria, similar to lightning.	Meteor shower
23 May 61	Large object like a meteor - position 32305 15240E object broke up.	Meteor
25 May 61	Dull silvery thermometer-shaped object - Devonport, Tasmania - seen through binoculars.	Aircraft
5 Jun 61	Conical shaped object falling to earth - Darwin, NT.	Meteor
7 Jun 61	Oval shaped, red-glowing object, Cairns, Queensland, photographed through 4in telescope.	Temperature inversion sighting of an aircraft.
31 Jul 61	Long white glowing object, flaming tail buzzed train on railway, 285 miles south of Darwin, NT.	Meteor
8 Aug 61	12 objects flying high, in pairs, dropping white substance - Meekatharra, WA.	Probably migrating "balloon spiders".
24 Aug 61	Red light, elevation 3.5° at Hobart airport.	Venus.
Nov/Dec 61	Golden sphere with silver protuberances on either side - like motor armature, moving and rising in westerly direction, Koorda, WA.	Venus.
28 Dec 61	Spherical object, emitting flashes of green and orange light - slow moving - Collaroy, NSW.	Meteor.
16 Jan 62	Fiery, rocket-like object across Caulfield, Vic.	Meteor.
23 Jan 62	Green fading to yellow object over East Sale, Vic.	Probably private aircraft.

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30 Jan 62	White spherical object, Manly, NSW.	Venus
25 Jan 62) 2 Feb 62) 13 Feb 62)	Bright white, planet-like object, sometimes orange and occasionally zig-zagging or changing direction, Fremantle, WA.	Venus
3 Mar 62	White spherical object with metal lustre, Manly, NSW.	Venus
11 Mar 62	Star-like object, 75% elevation to SSW of Flinders Island, Tasmania.	Venus
13 Apr 62	3 objects, 2 with firey trails, moving from NW direction over Tennant Creek, NT.	Meteor shower
5 May 62	White object, zig-zagging, Redcliffe, WA.	Venus
5 May 62	Contrail and metallic glint preceding contrail, over Richmond, NSW.	Aircraft
7 May 62	Dark glinting object leaving 4 condensation trails - climbing vertically over Holbrook, Victoria.	Aircraft
25 May 62	Light, travelling across sky, stops, changes course and gradually disappears, Lucinda Point, Queensland.	Venus
25 Jun 62	Glowing red object, great size and speed at Kurrajong, NSW.	Meteor
22/23 Aug 62	Silver-coloured object over Yass, NSW.	Venus
16 Aug 62	Star-like object, red/green/blue - slowly moving up/down/right/left over Kimberley, Tasmania.	Venus
31 Aug 62	Bright star-like object moving across sky over Denmark, WA.	Aircraft
Aug 62	Starlike object, stationary in sky over Cressy, Tasmania.	Venus
Aug 62	Moving, star-like object Launceston, Tasmania.	Venus
23 Sep 62	Bright cluster of lights, moving from S to N - Aircraft en route Christchurch, NZ, to Sydney, NSW.	Meteor shower
13 Oct 62	Aircraft like object high over sky, leaving yellowish trail - Canberra, ACT.	Aircraft
30 Oct 62	Large object with red front emitting thick orange coloured exhaust - over Goulburn, NSW.	Meteor
3 Nov 62	Bright metallic glinting needle shaped object flying in straight-vertical path over Cressy, Tasmania.	Aircraft
8 Dec 62	Yellow, star-like object, from S to N in straight path, over Cressy, Tasmania.	Probably Satellite.
17 Dec 62	Cylindrical object, with 2 vertical projections travelling NNE/SSW over Norfolk Island.	Aircraft

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Jan 63	Apparently spherical object, white vapour emitted. Moved downwards in sky over Penna, Tasmania.	Meteor
15 Feb 63	Grey, rotating object descending and then moving over to West - gave off swishing sound, Moe, Victoria.	Tornado like meteorological manifestation.
Feb 63	White, spherical object, illuminated, in level flight over Maitland, NSW.	Satellite
27 Feb 63	Two bluish/green lights, oval in shape, oscillating in sky in tandem, Braybrook, Victoria.	Refraction of light.
4 Apr 63	Two bright objects, star-like, side by side, stationary, Tasmania.	Refraction of light.
7 Apr 63	Long slender, silvery-white pencil-like object - soundless, Forster, NSW.	Aircraft.
19 May 63	Bright red/white object, rising vertically, looked like bulldozer, Mt Gambier, SA.	Meteor
1 Jul 63	Explosion of light in sky over Melbourne, Victoria.	Meteorites exploding on entry into earth atmosphere.
3 Jul 63	Bright greenish/blue light over Iron Range, Queensland.	Meteor.
19 Jul 63	Bright star-like object, red, stationary over Deloraine, Tasmania.	Venus.
25 Jul 63	Light grey, circular object, noise like jet engine heard, hovering above Warragul, Victoria.	Tornado
8 Aug 63	Shower of lights over Darwin area, NT, making swishing noise.	Meteor shower of Aquarids.
20 Aug 63	Explosion in sky Turner Station/Ord River Station, SA. Silver spot or streak sighted before explosion.	Re-entry of Cosmos 2.
23 Oct 63	White starlike object, bulbous front and elongated tail - Mt Dandanong area, Victoria.	Venus.
19 Nov 63	Bright orange light, jet engine noise - from W to NW, Moorabin, Victoria.	Meteor.
26 Nov 63	Pinkish/brown starlike object oscillating over Beaumaris, Victoria. Rotating in circular manner towards south.	Venus.
24 Dec 63	Marks on negative of photo taken at RAAF, Darwin.	Static charge on photo paper during loading of camera.

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23 Jan 64	Seen at sea by crew of a vessel NE Point of Groote Eylandt, WA. Large lights in water, made compass go "haywire". Shadow in centre of lights rotated clockwise, causing lights to pulsate.	Unknown
24 Feb 64 2 Mar 64 8 Mar 64	Bright light, like bushfire, Balladonia, WA, Eyre Highway (178 mile peg).	Venus
3 Mar 64	White, planet like object, bright light, Bridport, Tasmania.	Venus
22 Mar 64	Cigar shaped, travelling sideways, brown colour, at Armidale, NSW.	Venus
9 May 64	Two moving lights, yellowish, Pascoe Vale, Victoria oscillating in sky.	Refraction of light.
24 Jul 64	Formation of whitish objects over Longreach, Queensland.	Meteor shower
1 and 2 Aug 64	Bright headed object, glowing tail over Onslow, WA.	Meteor
2 Aug 64	Rocket like object, with windows in side, yellow/orange, above Wittenoom Gorge/Hammersley Ranges, WA.	Meteor
12 Aug 64	White light moving across sky over Kavieng, Papua and New Guinea - like bright star.	Satellite
17 Aug 64	Bluish star like object, moving in circles over Launceston, Tasmania.	Venus
2 Sep 64	Two silvery solid oval objects seen on flight Melbourne/ Canberra.	Refraction of light
22 Sep 64	Object like exploding meteorite - lit up surface of sea, Cambridge Gulf, WA.	Meteor
8 Nov 64	Light at horizon, Lowhead Lighthouse, Tasmania.	Venus
8 Nov 64	Long and narrow, red/orange object - travelling fast over Point Sorrell, Victoria.	Meteor
4 Dec 64	Strip of scrub 600 yds wide, 4½ miles long subjected to extreme heat, Queensland.	Bushfire
13 Jan 65	Apparent aerial objects, with vapour trails, flying in formation over Tasman Sea.	Meteor shower
17 Jan 65	Elongated light with tail- oscillating in sky over Trevallyn, Tasmania.	Meteor
17 Jan 65	Two red lights and line of apparent cabin lights - stationary over Mentone, Victoria.	Refraction of light.
23 Feb 65 30 Mar 65 1 Apr 65	Orange lights in sky over South Cottesloe, WA.	Probably Vampire aircraft from RAAF Pearce.

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19 Mar 65	Yellow spherical object moved from overhead to horizon in SE direction - Lakes Entrance, Victoria.	Meteor
19 Mar 65	Orange spherical object, West Tamar, Tasmania.	Meteor
21 Mar 65	Sphere with red dome on top; 3 illuminated tails - moving Southwards over Malvern, Victoria.	Weather balloon
22 Mar 65	Yellow steady light from spherical body moved about the sky.	Venus
24 May 65	2 objects, one above the other, silvery, moved from SSW over Geelong area, Victoria.	Refraction of light.
21 Apr 65	Dark grey/black amorphous object over Pakenham East Victoria - moving erratically up and down.	Tornado
5 May 65	Banana shaped, white/orange object over Mowbray, Tasmania.	Moon
5 May 65	Green changing to orange to green light over Youngtown, Tasmania.	Venus
13 May 65	Slightly elongated, brightly lit, broke into several pieces, over Griffith, NSW.	Meteor
13 May 65	Greenish/yellow light travelling fast over Queanbeyan, NSW.	Meteor
25 May 65	Blue light eminating from object coloured red - through to green - wavered in sky. Eminated light sufficient to illuminate beach - Sehulea Papua and New Guinea.	Unknown
3 Jun 65	Bright starlike object, increasing in size, Bowen/Proserpine area, Queensland.	Venus
13 Jun 65	Yellowish ball with tail. Emitted brilliant bluish-white flash on disappearing over horizon, Mudginberri Station, NT.	Meteor
17 Jun 65	Bright object, emitting red light directed to earth, passed over Sewataitai, Papua and New Guinea.	Meteor
24 Jun 65	Star shaped object, yellowish/white, moving over Youngtown, Tasmania.	Echo 2 Satellite
24 Jun 65	Saucer shape - dome top and rows of lights across front and along side - bluish white, red trail, Daunia Station, via Nebo, NT.	Meteor
24 Jun 65	Bright light, oscillating from L to R - Bwaruada, Papua and New Guinea.	Venus
29 Jun 65	Blue to green, cigar shaped object, red glow at rear Lindisfarne, Tasmania.	Meteor
29 Jun 65	Bright object with short tail, morning E to W over Launceston, Tasmania.	Meteor

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29 Jun 65	Vivid light blue, circular shape, travelling NS, Longford, Tasmania.	Meteor
3 Jul 65	Loud humming, glowing object, yellow/white light eminating from object illuminated herd of cattle, Kimberly, Tasmania.	Meteor
5 Jul 65	Bright white light, near Elliot, Queensland.	Satellite
5 Jul 65	Bright light over sea, Tewatewa, Papua and New Guinea.	Satellite
12 Jul 65	Bright light oscillating from L to R, Bwaruada, Papua and New Guinea.	Venus
15 Jul 65	Brilliant white light in sky at moon rise over Murella Park, NT.	Venus
15 Jul 65	White sperical object, Canberra, ACT.	Venus
17 Jul 65) 18 Jul 65) 19 Jul 65)	Red glowing cyclindrical object, moving from L to R (oscillating) emitting "diesel-engine" sound, Nivani Plantation, Samarai, Papua and New Guinea.	Meteor shower
22 Jul 65	Bright light turning from red, through white to green and red, Dalby, Queensland.	Meteor
30 Jul 65	Silver coloured object - disappeared with flash, 70 miles west of Cook, SA.	Meteor
Aug 65	Saucer shaped object with bluish green glow at rim, grey in colour, Vaucluse Beach, Sydney, NSW.	Tornado
1 Aug 65	Bright green/red/white light, Woodstock, NSW.	Meteor
3 Aug 65	Two starlike objects over Frankston, Victoria.	Met balloons.
4 Aug 65	Silvery sphere with aerial on top, Orange, NSW.	Met balloon.
24 Aug 65	Red/orange body, leaving trail of white, came from SW Lat 1048 south long 13315 East, Western Australia.	Meteor
26 Aug 65	Flashing light travelling NS, Goomalling, WA.	Meteor
26 Aug 65	Spherical, starlike objects Launceston, Tasmania.	Meteors
14 Sep 65	Flashing red, green, white, flying object, Ganawe, Papua and New Guinea.	Meteor
19 Sep 65	Streak of light, Dubbo, NSW.	Meteor
15 Sep 65	White object sighted west of Port Moresby, Papua and New Guinea. Moved westwards, slowed then sped northwards.	Unknown
27 Sep 65	Bright light in sky WSW of Goroka, Papua and New Guinea. Intensity of light fluctuated. Later disappeared below horizon.	Satellite

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2 Nov 65	Dull vertical narrow beam ascending from sea offshore Bunama Point, Papua and New Guinea.	Water spout
27 Nov 65	White, apparently triangular in shape, stationary in sky, under moon, Launceston, Tasmania.	Venus
2 Dec 65	Bluish-through-to-reddish light, larger than star, 20° above horizon. Disappeared below horizon after about 10 minutes. Popondetta, Northern Territory.	Satellite

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Subject: LISTS OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL SIGHTINGS FOR PUBLIC RELEASE AS REQUIRED.

DPR

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6 Apr 66
Thank you - no comments - very interesting reading!

1. Attached are the stencil cartons of our "SUMMARY OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL SIGHTINGS REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT OF AIR ---"

2. They are being passed to you so that you can examine them and comment before we run the stencils off.

3. May we have your "go ahead" at your convenience, please.

5 Apr 66

F.W. Fearon Squadron Leader
for DPR

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13 Jun 60	Flashing red light and fixed white light over Mangalore, Victoria.	Aircraft
26 Jun 60	Explosion of light with spark showers, elevation 40° en route Melbourne, Victoria, to Launceston, Tasmania.	Meteor shower
18 Aug 60	Bright flashing object travelling E to W, 160 miles N of Mullewa, WA.	Meteor
2 Oct 60	Crescent shaped object, horns lighted, 5° above southern horizon, Launceston Tasmania.	Moon
4 Oct 60	"5 flying saucers and a mother ship" cigar shaped, 4 vertical bands, over Cressy, Tasmania.	Moon rise associated with meteorological conditions at the time.
13 Oct 60)	White light, angle of elevation 45°, Mackunda Downs, Queensland.	Venus
25 Oct 60)	Downs, Queensland.	"
15 Oct 60	UAS traversing sky, W to E over Launceston, Tasmania.	Met balloon with light attached.
18 Oct 60	Slow moving cigar-shaped object similar to aircraft - bright orange rear portion, rest dull grey.	Probably TAA aircraft Viscount VH-TVG.
27 Oct 60	Mysterious explosions, Cressy Area, Longford, Tasmania	VH-TVG.
27 Oct 60	Mysterious explosions, Cressy Area, Longford, Tasmania - orange coloured ball hovering in sky, also described as cigar-shaped.	Meteor
27 Oct 60	Orange/blue/red round object, trailing cloud of sparks, exploded at Poatina, Tasmania.	Meteor
15 Nov 60	Orange translucent ball, approx 70 ft in diameter at altitude 35,000 ft heading 140° at high speed.	Meteor
27 Nov 60	Light in sky over Poatina/Cressy, Tasmania.	Venus
29 Nov 60	Point of blue/green/red light, just above horizon, rising slowly over Trevallyn, Tasmania.	Venus

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
7 Dec 60	Silvery, disc-shapped formation of 30/40 objects over Launceston, Tasmania, flying southwards.	Flight of pigeons.
21 Dec 60	24 grey/blue objects, moving southwards over Great Lakes, Tasmania.	Refraction of light
25 Dec 60	Star like object, 20 minutes to pass over ¼ sky over Campbell Town, Tasmania, west to east.	Satellite
5 Jan 61	Bright light in sky, Oatlands, Tasmania.	Venus
Early Jan 61	Bright, white sphere, 45° from vertical, over Camptell Town, Tasmania.	Venus
18 Jan 61	Apparently controlled light, no sound, several sightings around Kerang Victoria.	Venus
12 Mar 61	Bright light, with tail of orange sparks over Indooroopilly, Queensland, from N to S.	Meteor
9 Apr 61	Flashes of light west of Beaconsfield, Victoria, similar to lightning.	Meteor shower
23 May 61	Large object like a meteor - position 32305 1524OE object broken up.	Meteor
25 May 61	Dull silvery thermometer-shaped object - Devonport, Tasmania - seen through binoculars.	Aircraft
5 Jun 61	Conical shaped object falling to earth - Darwin, NT.	Meteor
7 Jun 61	Oval shaped, red-glowing object, Cairns, Queensland, photographed through 4in telescope.	Temperature inversion sighting of an aircraft.
31 Jul 61	Long white glowing object, flaming tail buzzed train on railway, 285 miles south of Darwin, NT.	Meteor
8 Aug 61	12 objects flying high, in pairs, dropping white substance - Meekatharra, WA.	Probably migrating "balloon spiders".
24 Aug 61	Red light, elevation 3.5° at Hobart airport.	Venus.
Nov/Dec 61	Golden sphere with silver protuberances on either side - like motor armature, moving and rising in westerly direction, Koorda, WA.	Venus.
28cDec 61	Spherical object, emitting flashes of green and orange light - slow moving - Collaroy, NSW.	Meteor.
16 Jan 62	Fiery, rocket-like object across Caulfield, Vic.	Meteor.
23 Jan 62	Green fading to yellow object over East Sale, Vic.	Probably private aircraft.

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
30 Jan 62	White spherical object, Manly, NSW.	Venus
25 Jan 62) 2 Feb 62) 13 Feb 62)	Bright white, planet-like object, sometimes orange and occasionally zig-zagging or changing direction, Fremantle, WA.	Venus
3 Mar 62	White spherical object with metal lustre, Manly, NSW.	Venus
11 Mar 62	Star-like object, 75% elevation to SSW of Flinders Island, Tasmania.	Venus
13 Apr 62	3 objects, 2 with firey trails (trails), moving from NW direction over Tennant Creek, NT.	Meteor shower
5 May 62	White object, zig-zagging, Redcliffe, WA.	Venus
5 May 62	Contrail and metallic glint preceding contrail, over Richmond, NSW.	Aircraft
7 May 62	Dark glinting object leaving 4 condensation trails - climbing vertically over Holbrook, Victoria.	Aircraft
25 May 62	Light, travelling across sky, stops, changes course and gradually disappears, Lucinda Point, Queensland.	Venus
25 Jun 62	Glowing red object, great size and speed at Kurrajong, NSW.	Meteor
22/23 Aug 62	Silver-coloured object over Yass, NSW.	Venus
16 Aug 62	Star-like object, red/green/blue - slowly moving up/down/right/left over Kimberley, Tasmania.	Venus
31 Aug 62	Bright star-like object moving across sky over Denmark, WA.	Aircraft
Aug 62	Starlike object, stationary in sky over Cressy, Tasmania.	Venus
Aug 62	Moving, star-like object Launceston, Tasmania.	Venus
23 Sep 62	Bright cluster of lights, moving from S to N - Aircraft en route Christchurch, NZ, to Sydney, NSW.	Meteor shower
13 Oct 62	Aircraft like object high over sky, leaving yellowish trail - CANBERRA, ACT.	Aircraft
30 Oct 62	Large object with red front emitting thick orange coloured exhaust - over Goulburn, NSW.	Meteor
3 Nov 62	Bright metallic glinting needle shaped object flying in straight-vertical path over Cressy, Tasmania.	Aircraft
8 Dec 62	Yellow, star-like object, from S to N in straight path, over Cressy, Tasmania.	Probably Satellite.
17 Dec 62	Cylindrical object, with 2 vertical projections travelling NNE/SSW over Norfolk Island.	Aircraft

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
Jan 63	Apparently spherical object, white vapour emitted. Moved downwards in sky over Penna, Tasmania.	Meteor
15 Feb 63	Grey, rotating object deccending and then moving over to West - gave off swishing sound, Moe, Victoria.	Tornado like meteorological manifestation.
Feb 63	White, spherical object, illuminated, in level flight over Maitland, NSW.	Satellite
27 Feb 63	Two bluish/green lights, oval in shape, oscillating in sky in tandem, Braybrook, Victoria.	Refraction of light.
4 Apr 63	Two bright objects, star-like, side by side, stationary, Tasmania.	Refraction of light.
7 Apr 63	Long slender, silvery-white pencil-like object - soundless, Forster, NSW.	Aircraft.
19 May 63	Bright red/white object, rising vertically, looked like bulldozer, Mt Gambier, SA.	Meteor
1 Jul 63	Explosion of light in sky over Melbourne, Victoria.	Meteorites exploding on entry into earth atmosphere.
3 Jul 63	Bright greenish/blue light over Iron Range, Queensland.	Meteor.
19 Jul 63	Bright star-like object, red, stationary over Delorraine, Tasmania.	Venus.
25 Jul 63	Light grey, circular object, noise like jet engine heard, hovering above Warragul, Victoria.	Tornado
8 Aug 63	Shower of lights over Darwin area, NT, making swishing noise.	Meteor shower of Aquarids.
20 Aug 63	Explosion in sky Turner Station/Ord River Station, SA. Silver spot or streak sighted before explosion.	Re-entry of Cosmos 2.
23 Oct 63	White starlike object, bulbous front and elongated tail - Mt Dandanong area, Victoria.	Venus.
19 Nov 63	Bright orange light, jet engine noise - from W to NW, Moorabin, Victoria.	Meteor.
26 Nov 63	Pinkish/brown starlike object oscillating over Beaumaris, Victoria. Rotating in circular manner towards south.	Venus.
24 Dec 63	Marks on negative of photo taken at RAAF, Darwin.	Static charge on photo paper during loading of camera.

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23 Jan 64	Seen at sea by crew of a vessel NE Point of Groote Eylandt, WA. Large lights in water, made compass go "haywire". Shadow in centre of lights rotated clockwise, causing lights to pulsate.	Unknown
24 Feb 64 2 Mar 64 8 Mar 64	Bright light, like bushfire, Balladonia, WA, Eyre Highway (178 mile peg).	Venus
3 Mar 64	White, planet like object, bright light, Bridport, Tasmania.	Venus
22 Mar 64	Cigar shaped, travelling sideways, brown colour, at Armidale, NSW.	Venus
9 May 64	Two moving lights, yellowish, Pascoe Vale, Victoria oscillating in sky.	Refraction of light.
24 Jul 64	Formation of whitish objects over Longreach, Queensland.	Meteor shower
1 and 2 Aug 64	Bright headed object, glowing tail over Onslow, WA.	Meteor
2 Aug 64	Rocket like object, with windows in side, yellow/orange, above Witteneom Gorge/Hammersley Ranges, WA.	Meteor
12 Aug 64	White light moving across sky over Kavieng, Papua and New Guinea - like bright star.	Satellite
17 Aug 64	Bluish star like object, moving in circles over Launceston, Tasmania.	Venus
2 Sep 64	Two silvery solid oval objects seen on flight Melbourne/ Canberra.	Refraction of light.
22 Sep 64	Object like exploding meteorite - lit up surface of sea, Cambridge Gulf, WA.	Meteor
8 Nov 64	Light at horizon, Lowhead Lighthouse, Tasmania.	Venus
8 Nov 64	Long and narrow, red/orange object - travelling fast over Point Sorrell, Victoria.	Meteor
4 Dec 64	Strip of scrub 600 yds wide, 4½ miles long subjected to extreme heat, Queensland.	Bushfire
13 Jan 65	Apparent aerial objects, with vapour trails, flying in formation over Tasman Sea.	Meteor shower
17 Jan 65	Elongated light with tail- oscillating in sky over Trevallyn, Tasmania.	Meteor
17 Jan 65	Two red lights and line of apparent cabin lights - stationary over Mentone, Victoria.	Refraction of light.
23 Feb 65 30 Mar 65 1 Apr 65	Orange lights in sky over South Cottesloe, WA.	Probably Vampires aircraft from RAAF Pearce.

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
19 Mar 65	Yellow spherical object moved from overhead to horizon in SE direction - Lakes Entrance, Victoria.	Meteor
19 Mar 65	Orange spherical object, West Tamar, Tasmania.	Meteor
21 Mar 65	Sphere with red dome on top; 3 illuminated tails - moving Southwards over Malvern, Victoria.	Weather balloon
22 Mar 65	Yellow steady light from spherical body moved about the sky.	Venus
24 May 65	2 objects, one above the other, silvery, moved from SSW over Geelong area, Victoria.	Refraction of light.
21 Apr 65	Dark grey/black amorphous object over Pakenham East Victoria - moving erratically up and down.	Tornado
5 May 65	Banana shaped, white/orange object over Mowbray, Tasmania.	Moon
5 May 65	Green changing to orange to green light over Youngtown, Tasmania.	Venus
13 May 65	Slightly elongated, brightly lit, broke into several pieces, over Griffith, NSW.	Meteor
13 May 65	Greenish/yellow light travelling fast over Queanbeyan, NSW.	Meteor
25 May 65	Blue light eminating from object coloured red - through to green - wavered in sky. Eminated light sufficient to illuminate beach - Sehulea Papua and New Guinea.	Unknown
3 Jun 65	Bright starlike object, increasing in size, Bowen/Prosperpine, Queensland.	Venus
13 Jun 65	Yellowish ball with tail. Emitted brilliant bluish-white flash on disappearing over horizon, Mudginberri Station, NT.	Meteor
17 Jun 65	Bright object, emitting red light directed to earth, passed over Sewataitai, Papua and New Guinea.	Meteor
24 Jun 65	Star shaped object, yellowish/white, moving over Youngtown, Tasmania.	Echo 2 Satellite
24 Jun 65	Saucer shape - dome top and rows of lights across front and along side - bluish white, red trail, Daunia Station, via Nebo, NT.	Meteor
24 Jun 65	Bright light, oscillating from L to R - Dwarnadia, Papua and New Guinea.	Venus
29 Jun 65	Blue to green, cigar shaped object, red glow at rear Lindisfarne, Tasmania.	Meteor
29 Jun 65	Bright object with short tail, morning E to W over Launceston, Tasmania.	Meteor

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
29 Jun 65	Vivid light blue, circular shape, travelling NS, Longford, Tasmania.	Meteor
3 Jul 65	Loud humming, glowing object, yellow/white light eminating from object illuminated herd of cattle, Kimberly, Tasmania.	Meteor
5 Jul 65	Bright white light, near Elliot, Queensland.	Satellite
5 Jul 65	Bright light over sea, Tewatawa, Papua and New Guinea.	Satellite
12 Jul 65	Bright light oscillating from L to R, Wraruada, Papua and New Guinea.	Venus
15 July 65	Brilliant white light in sky at moon rise over Murella Park, NT.	Venus
15 Jul 65	White sperical object, Canberra, ACT.	Venus
17 Jul 65) 18 Jul 65) 19 Jul 65)	Red glowing cyclindrical object, moving from L to R (oscillating) emitting "diesel-engine" sound, Nivani Plantation, Samarai, Papua and New Guinea.	Meteor shower
22 Jul 65	Bright light turning from red, through white to green and red, Dalby, Queensland.	Meteor
30 Jul 65	Silver coloured object - disappeared with flash, 70 miles west of Cook, SA.	Meteor
Aug 65	Saucer shaped object with bluish green glow at rim, grey in colour, Vaucluse Beach, Sydney, NSW.	Tornado
1 Aug 65	Bright green/red/white light, Woodstock, NSW.	Meteor
3 Aug 65	Two starlike objects over Frankston, Victoria.	Met balloons.
4 Aug 65	Silvery sphere with aerial on top, Orange, NSW.	Met balloons.
24 Aug 65	Red/orange body, leaving trail of white, came from SW Lat 1048 south long 13315 East, Western Australia.	MMteor
26 Aug 65	Flashing light travelling NS, Goomalling, WA.	Meteor
26 Aug 65	Spherical, starlike objects (2), Launceston, Tasmania.	Meteors
14 Sep 65	Flashing red, green, white, flying object, Ganawe, Papua and New Guinea.	Meteor
19 Sep 65	Streak of light, Dubbo, NSW.	Meteor

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From: Squadron Leader R.J. Wheeler

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

554/1/30 (93)

18th August 1965

Mr Peter E. Norris
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MELBOURNE VIC

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1. I refer to your letter dated 19th July 1965 addressed to Mr B. Roberts of this Department, requesting information on UFO sighting by an airliner Captain on the 28th May 1963 while enroute Brisbane to Port Moresby.

2. This is the first information we have received of the reported sighting and therefore have no record of the incident. Perhaps you may care to follow the matter up with the Department of Civil Aviation, but as it is normal practice for that Department to refer all sightings to the RAAF it seems most unlikely that they had it reported.

3. From the article you enclosed for information it appears that photographs were made of the UFO. This is most interesting and if copies can be made available should provide some interesting discussion.

4. Thank you for the copy of the report but as this is the first information the RAAF has received concerning the incident it is not possible to provide any further details.

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C A P I O COMMONWEALTH AERIAL PHENOMENA INVESTIGATION ORGANISATION
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19th July, 1965.

Mr. B. Roberts,
Senior Research Scientist,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA.....A.C.T.

Dear Mr. Roberts,

Herewith a photostat copy of an article appearing in a recent U.S. U.F.O. magazine.

Are you able to confirm the sighting?

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Peter E. Norris

PETER E. NORRIS
President

Enc.1.
copy of article (photostat)

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1. Herewith letter sent to me covering UFO report
2. For your action, please.

Note of Action
Contacted HQOC
Checked on report of UFO listed in folio
16/8/65

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UFO NOT SECRET WEAPONS

When former skeptics of UFO reality are suddenly faced with convincing evidence, many fall back on a last refuge — the idea that the U.S. or Russia has a super-weapon, kept secret for years. To some, there is a psychological block to the mere thought of spaceships from a more advanced world.

Today, more and more former disbelievers, finally convinced by increased UFO reports from highly qualified observers, are jumping to the secret-weapon explanation. Because this answer is not only unfounded but could create new problems, we once again will give the facts which show it is impossible.

POST-WAR PROOF

1. In World War II, by official records, UFOs paced, circled and outmaneuvered our fastest planes—and the enemy's. Observers included hundreds of pilots, bomber crewmen, air-base and carrier personnel, radar-operators, and other members of our armed forces. Signed, verified reports in NICAP files show UFO speeds of 3,000 m.p.h. or more. Nothing used by the warring nations even remotely approached such fantastic speeds and maneuvers.

2. After the war, long before the first primitive space experiments, official, verified UFO reports kept piling up—sightings and trackings of UFOs singly and in formation, by expert observers in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and civil aviation. At White Sands Proving Ground, Navy scientists and technicians saw and tracked a UFO at 18,000 m.p.h., in 1948. In 1952, AF pilots, navigators and crewmen aboard a B-29 bomber saw and tracked formations of UFOs flying at 5240 m.p.h., and also tracked a gigantic craft—apparently a carrier ship—at over 9,000. (Official AF Intelligence report.) There have been hundreds of such operations—many of them before the first tiny Russian Sputnik.

3. Today, these same UFO operations continue, in our atmosphere, at such terrific speeds that any conventional aircraft or rocket would burn up from air friction. Massive verified evidence proves that some revolutionary force is involved in UFO propulsion and control—something we have not to date been able to duplicate.

REVOLUTIONARY MACHINES

4. If any of the warring nations had had such tremendously advanced devices in 1942-45, whoever possessed them could have ended the war summarily—and controlled the world. If the U.S. or the U.S.S.R. had had such revolutionary craft after WW II, the possessor long ago would have been operating in space—not with tiny "capsules" but with huge UFO-type spacecraft. Neither we nor the Russians would have kept on spending billions on outmoded aircraft and rockets. The very idea is ridiculous—and no such gigantic development could have been kept secret all these years.

Occasionally, an Echo satellite, a rocket launching or re-entry has caused mistaken UFO reports. So, occasionally, have balloons or meteors. This does not alter the basic facts:

NO earthmade device can possibly explain the UFOs' speeds in our atmosphere. This was true in World War II—and it is still true today.

If you read the "secret weapon" answer in your local paper or hear it broadcast, please try to convince the editor or newscaster that it is untrue, using the facts listed above.

ORDERING BACK ISSUES

Members frequently ask about ordering earlier issues, so they will have a complete file of the UFO Investigator. The supply of Vol. II, No. 5, and Vol. II, No. 10, is exhausted, but the other issues in Volume II and back issues of Volume III are available to members at 50 cents each, five for $2.00.

We are sorry that all 12 issues of Volume I are out of print. However, the most important UFO reports and developments of that period are covered in "THE UFO EVIDENCE," This is the 184-page documented NICAP report containing hundreds of UFO cases and reports on developments from January, 1957, to January 1, 1964. The price of "THE UFO EVIDENCE" is $5.00 postpaid.

UFO Photos By Airline Captain Reported

Bulletin: The following preliminary report, forwarded to NICAP by an officer of the Criminal Investigations Branch, Townsville, North Queensland, Australia, was received just before our deadline. We are trying to get further details for the next issue.

Five nights after the landing described on page 1, an Australian DC-6 airliner was "buzzed" by an unidentified flying object. According to the police source stated above, the airline captain photographed a round-shaped machine while it paced the aircraft.

This latest UFO encounter, in the early hours of May 28, 1965, involved a DC-6 operated by Ansett-A.N.A. It was on a regular flight from Brisbane to Port Moresby, New Guinea.

At about 3:25 a.m., the airliner captain, using the flight call sign of "VH-INH", radioed a Queensland airport control tower that the DC-6 was being "buzz[illegible] by an unknown flying object. He described it as spherical in shape, flat on the top and the bottom. Exhaust gases could be seen coming from it, he reported.

For ten minutes, the UFO paced the airliner, during which time the captain took several photographs of the mystery craft. He also had two other members of the crew confirm the sighting, before the object raced ahead of the aircraft and disappeared.

CENSORSHIP REPORTED

NICAP note: Although we are reducing the number of censorship stories, following the majority's wishes in the recent poll (see page 6), we believe this case will have special interest since it shows UFO secrecy is not confined to the United States.

"He was instructed not to have the film developed in New Guinea," states the report. "He was flown to Canberra [on his return] where the film was taken from him.... The twelve-hour tapes with the pilot's report to the control tower also were confiscated."

It is not clear whether the film was confiscated by a government agency at Canberra, or by a representative of the airline. The understandable uneasiness of airline officials, who fear UFO-encounter stories might frighten away passengers, could be a factor. But one reference in the report indicates the Department of Civil Aviation was involved. In the May 24th landing case, on page 1, the DCA made no attempt to cover up. But since the Royal Australian Air Force is the official UFO investigating agency, the civil aviation agency may only be following orders.

In the past, Australian authorities usually have not tried to hide UFO sightings—even official Navy reports. We hope this censorship is only temporary and that the full story will soon be available.

To print the above report, a discussion of cases involving UFO interference with car ignition, aircraft instruments, radio, TV, etc., had to be omitted. It is scheduled for the next issue.

NEW PHASE (Continued from page 3, column 2)

In the Australian case, one witness was ready to fire at the UFO. In another recent case, one man actually did fire. This happened on April 3, when two couples from Seattle saw a large glowing UFO maneuvering above their cabin on Whidbey Island. Donald Peterson, a former skeptic, got his rifle and fired at the object—"to make it go away," according to his wife.

Other cases of firing by citizens are on record, besides earlier attacks by interceptor pilots.

If landings to establish contact cause frightened citizens to open fire, or if the armed forces try to capture a UFO for examination, the UFO controllers might strike back in self defense. At the very least, they would probably postpone communication plans indefinitely—or cancel them.

It would seem commonsense for our Government, and others, to start preparing citizens in case UFOs land openly, for contact. They could emphasize that the unknown space race does not seem hostile. At the same time, they could warn citizens to keep away if UFOs land and leave communications in official hands.

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22 APR 1965

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Richard T. Crowe Esq
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CHICAGO USA

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 23rd March, 1965, in which you ask for information on Australia's official policy towards flying saucers and unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

2. The Minister for Air, on behalf of the Australian Government, is responsible for official policy towards UFOs. The investigation of all reports of such objects is carried out by the Royal Australian Air Force Directorate of Air Force Intelligence at the Department of Air in Canberra.

3. A considerable amount of effort is spent in investigating each report, and the observer is interviewed by selected RAAF personnel. It is the experience of Great Britain as well as Australia that nine out of ten sightings can be identified and attributed to such sources as astronomical phenomena, eg, falling meteors or planets, aircraft, weather balloons or satellites. In the United States, where more time and money is spent on these investigations, 99 per cent of sightings can be satisfactorily identified. If more effort and money were put into the investigations, we have no doubt that all such sightings could be identified and satisfactorily explained.

4. With regard to the metallic ball found in Australia, it was eventually shown to be a portion of an old fashioned type of refrigerator.

5. The RAAF has to date neither received nor discovered in Australia or overseas any evidence to support the belief that the earth is being observed, visited or threatened by machines from other planets; nor is there any evidence to prove the existence of flying saucers.

Yours faithfully,

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

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R. & P. Branch,
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25 Feb 60

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Note to :- DAFI, CANBERRA ACT

The following material is forwarded for perusal and return :-

US Air Technical Intelligence Centre - "Special Report No 14 - Analysis of Reports on Unidentified Aerial Objects"

Forwarded on loan at request JIB Rep, Canberra (ref JIB Rep Canberra Teleprint K189 of 22 Feb 60)

Please return to R. & P. Branch, J.I.B. on or before 25 March 1960

J. Petrella
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Department of Air
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Ref: 554/1/30(90)

14th April 1965

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Dear Sir:

I am interested in learning Australia's official policies toward flying saucers (or Unidentified Flying Objects [U.F.O.]). Also any information on those metallic balls found in N.S.W. in 1963 would be appreciated.

Sincerely
Richard T. Crowe

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29 MAR 1965
AIR ADJUTANT
CANBERRA

It was found to be a part of an old fashioned evaporator type of refrigerator

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence

6 APR 1964

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Office of the Air Attache
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ENQUIRY FROM NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
ON AERIAL PHENOMENA, US

1. Reference is made to your letter 6/13/Air(5) dated 19th March, 1964, in which queries from a Mr. John Laval were forwarded.

2. Similar queries from Mr. Laval were directed to the Civil Air Attache, Australian Embassy, Washington DC in January, 1963. These queries were forwarded to this Directorate through the Department of Civil Aviation, Melbourne, and a reply, a copy of which is attached, was sent direct to Mr. Laval in March, 1963.

3. This Directorate has no further comments to add to the information contained in the previous letter to Mr. Laval.

Att:

(M.C. RABAN)
Wing Commander
For Director of Air Force Intelligence

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE 6/13/AIR (5)

19th March 1964

Secretary
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ENQUIRY FROM NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA, US

1. The following is the text of a letter received from Mr. John Laval who is a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), Headquarters WASHINGTON DC:-

"1- What is the present situation in Australia regarding unidentified flying objects and, also, the Australian Government policy on same?

"2- Does the Australian Government inform its public of all the facts concerning UFO reports, including those made by the military?

"3- Which governmental agency in Australia is responsible for the investigation and evaluation of UFO reports, and what are the conclusions, if any, of that agency as to the nature and source of these objects?

"4- What are the dates and results of any official investigations made of any recent UFO sightings in Australia? "

2. The Department of the United States Air Force has stated that NICAP is an organization having no official standing with the United States government.

3. This office would appreciate the forwarding of necessary informatio to enable a reply to be sent to Mr. Laval. Meanwhile, an interim reply has been sent to his letter.

(P.F. RAW)
Wing Commander
for Air Attache

PFR:lb

OFFICE OF THE AIR ATTACHÉ
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WASHINGTON 6, D. C. (DUN 7900)
TELEPHONE RECTOR 6-7400
IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Your Ref:

Our Ref: A\F3\AIR (2)

Secretary
Department of Air
Canberra A.C.T.

AUSTRALIA

ENQUIRY FROM NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA, US

1. The following is the text of a letter received [illegible] who is a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), Headquarters WASHINGTON DC:-

"1- What is the present situation in Australia regarding alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects and, also, the Australian government policy on same?

2- Does the Australian Government intend its policy of all [illegible] facts concerning UFO reports, including those made by the military?

3- Would Government Laboratories be willing to undertake scientific investigation of UFO reports, and what would be the nature and the conclusions, it was, of that agency as to the nature and source of these objects?"

2. The Department of the United States Air Force has stated that NICAP is an organisation privately run [illegible] with the United States Government [illegible]

3. This office would appreciate the forwarding of necessary information as to enable a reply to be sent to Mr. Isaac. Alternatively, an interim reply be sent for his letter.

(P.F. HAM)
Wing Commander
for Air Attaché

RECD 31 MAR 1964

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23 APR 1963

Mr. Fred Doenige
6421 Iroquois
Montor
OHIO USA

Dear Sir,

1. I refer to your undated letter regarding unidentified flying objects.

2. From time to time reports of unidentified flying objects are received and investigated by the Royal Australian Air Force, but details of individual investigations have not been made public.

3. On October 20th, 1960, the Minister for Air, the Honourable F.M. Osborne, made a statement in the Australian National Parliament at Canberra, summarizing the position, and his comments may be pertinent to your request.

4. In the course of his remarks Mr. Osborne said, "The Department of Air does obtain information about all well-reported cases of unidentified flying objects. Although reports of this sort have been investigated very carefully for some years, nearly all of them are explainable on a perfectly normal basis. Sometimes they are found to be weather balloons, high-flying aircraft, or even stars. On one occasion, it was established that a reported spaceship was the moon. Of all these reports, only three or four per cent cannot be explained on the basis of some natural phenomenon, and nothing that has arisen from that three or four per cent of unexplained cases gives any firm support for the belief that interlopers from other places in this world or outside it have been visiting us."

Yours faithfully,

(A. D. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

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D/DAFI (Ops)
22 Apr 63

Fred Doenige
6421 Iroquois
Mentor, Ohio
U.S.A.

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Dear Sir:

I am interested in the subject of Unidentified Flying objects and would appreciate it very much if you could send my any news sitings, photographs, or conclusions arived at. Thanks you in advance for your help.

Yours Truly
Fred Doenige

DAFI

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554/1/30 (83)

6 MAR 1963

Dear Sir,

I have been asked to pass the attached copy of a letter to Mr. John Laval sent in reply to his query on unidentified flying objects.

Yours faithfully,

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Att:

Mr. K.J. Leonard,
Civil Air Attache,
Australian Embassy,
WASHINGTON DC6, USA.

D/DAFI (Ops)
5 Mar 63

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

(This side only to be written on)

~~S/A~~ 82

Subject: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UFOs

DAFI

1. Without being saucy (and pardon the pun) do you think you could accept the chore of replying to the attached enclosures. Just a little quid quo pro.

1 Mar 63

/s/ Dan Daggett
DPR

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6 MAR 1963

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated 23rd January, 1963, regarding unidentified flying objects.

From time to time reports of unidentified flying objects are received and investigated by the Royal Australian Air Force, but details of individual investigations have not been made public.

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Yours faithfully,

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Mr. John Laval,
7 Idlewild Lane,
Matawan,
NEW JERSEY, USA.

Wg Cdr
D/DAFI (Ops)
5 Mar 63

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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IN REPLY QUOTE.....

20th February, 1963.

Mr. H. Raynor,
Director of Public Relations,
Department of Air,
Russell Offices,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Harry,

Our Embassy in Washington has sent us the attached letter - it looks like your baby. You know how we feel about saucers - we prefer to concentrate on cups.

I mentioned this to Frank Doak and he suggested I refer the thing to you. Would you please reply direct to Mr. Laval and send a copy of your reply to Mr. K.J. Leonard, Civil Air Attache, Australian Embassy, Washington D.C.

Hope to buy you a beer in Canberra in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

(Rex Banks)
Public Relations Officer.

Att.

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7 Idlewild Lane,
Matawan,
NEW JERSEY.

January 23, 1963.

The Embassy of Australia,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Sirs,

I would appreciate very much your answering the following questions :

1. What is the official Australian Government policy concerning unidentified flying objects (UFO_s)?

2. Does the Australian Government inform its public of all the facts concerning UFO reports, including military sightings?

3. Which Government agency in Australia handles UFO reports and what are the conclusions, if any, of this agency as to the nature of these flying objects?

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) (John Laval)
NICAP member.

From : Group Captain H.R. Rayner (R) BA Dip J

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Director of Public Relations

24th November, 1961

Dear Mr Fitch

Your letter to the Civil Aviation Department has been handed to me.

Requests of this nature are usually referred to the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence, who however have supplied the following findings on the investigation:-

"The Phonomena was the result of the moon rise associated with meteorological conditions at the time of the sighting. On 4th October, 1960 moon rise (full quarter) at Cressy would have been visible shortly after 1800 hours and in an ESE direction. The objects apparently seen were near the sky-line in an easterly direction. The presence of "scud" type clouds, moving in varying directions due to turbulence in and around the rain squall near which the objects were sighted, and the position of the moon or its reflections, produced the impression of flying objects".

Also enclosed are your postal coupons.

J.D. 27.11.61

Mr C.W. Fitch
6526 Carnegie Ave
Cleveland 3
OHIO USA

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

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Subject: INQUIRY RE U.F.Os.

DAFI

1. The attached is self-explanatory. Have you any comments to make before a reply is sent.

DPR.

23.11.61

D.A.F.I. — Thanks, but you're welcome.

DAFI would normally reply to E 79 but as DCA have mentioned your name I suggest you use our explanation in quotes at E 78 in your reply. The best of luck!

D.DAFI(afp)

23 Nov 61.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

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IN REPLY QUOTE 21-1-387

16th November, 1961.

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Mr. H. Raynor,
Director,
R.A.A.F. Public Relations,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Harry,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from one of these U.S.O. Men. As we have passed the flying saucer buck to the R.A.A.F. you may as well add this to your collection along with his international postal note.

I am also enclosing a copy of the letter which I am sending today to Mr. Fitch.

All the best to you and yours,

Rex Banks

(Rex Banks)

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6526 Carnegie Ave.,
Cleveland 3,
Ohio, U.S.A.

August 7th, 1961.

The Civil Aviation Department,
Canberra, A.C.T.
AUSTRALIA.

Gentlemen :

In THE EXAMINER of Launceston, Tasmania on Sun., Nov. 18, 1960 reference was made to the sighting of an unidentified flying object as reported by Rev. Lionel Browning, of Cressy, Tasmania.

For your information I quote from the news item :

"Mr. Osborne said that his department did not interview everyone who claimed to have seen unidentified flying objects. But if no natural explanation was found, a more detailed investigation was made.

This action was being taken as a result of a written report which the Civil Aviation Department had made on Mr. Browning's experiences".

The subject of unidentified flying objects is one in which I have been interested in collecting information on for several years.

This sighting appears to have been a particularly good one and for that reason I would like to obtain a copy of the written report referred to above since I am interested in reading your evaluation of it.

If there is a charge to obtain a copy of this report will you kindly advise me as to how much it is and I will send you an international Postal Money Order in payment for one by air mail on receipt of your reply. I am enclosing International Postal Coupons in sufficient amount to enable you to reply to this letter by Air Mail.

I will thank you for an early reply in reference to this request.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) C.W. Fitch.

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21/1/387

16th November, 1961.

Mr. C.W. Fitch,
6526 Carnegie Ave.,
Cleveland 3,
OHIO. U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Fitch,

You wrote to this Department recently seeking details of an unidentified flying object sighting by the Rev. Lionel Browning, of Cressy, Tasmania.

All U.S.O. reports in Australia are handled by the Royal Australian Air Force. Contrary to the newspaper reports, and although we did have some initial contact with Mr. Browning, we did not make a full investigation of his sighting but merely passed on details (time, place, what he saw, etc.) to the R.A.A.F. for whatever action they considered necessary.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Mr. H. Raynor, Director, R.A.A.F. Public Relations, Canberra, A.C.T., in the expectation that he might be able to send you a full report on the sighting.

Hoping this meets with your approval.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Rex Banks)
Assistant Public Relations Officer.

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence,

— U0422.

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-7 MAR 1961

Dear Sir,

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With reference to your letter dated 24th February, 1961, the findings of our investigation are as follows :-

"The Phenomena was the result of the moon rise associated with meteorological conditions at the time of the sighting. On 4th October, 1960 moon rise (full quarter) at Cressy would have been visible shortly after 1800 hours and in an ESE direction. The objects apparently seen were near the sky-line in an easterly direction. The presence of "scud" type clouds, moving in varying directions due to turbulence in and around the rain squall near which the objects were sighted, and the position of the moon or its reflections, produced the impression of flying objects".

Yours faithfully,

Mr. P.E. Norris, LL.B.,
Hon. President,
Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society,
Box 32 P.O.,
TOORAK VICTORIA.

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VICTORIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY 78

BOX 32, TOORAK, VIC PHONE XY 1283

February 24, 1961.

Squadron-Leader F. A. Lang,
Directorate of Air Force Intelligence,
Department of Air,
Russell Offices,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Squadron-Leader Lang,

re Reverend Lionel Browning,

Your Ref. 554/1/30 (64A)

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th November last, and will be glad to be advised of your findings concerning the above sighting report.

Yours faithfully,

P. E. NORRIS, LL.B.,
Hon. President.

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REPORT OF UFO SIGHTING AT CRESSY TASMANIA

SAA(I)

1. Further to our 554/1/30 dated 23rd December, 1960, I am enclosing copies of the Reverend Lionel Browning's report, Wing Commander G.L. Waller's investigation, and newspaper clippings referring to this and other incidents.

2. We are of the opinion that the phenomena was the result of the moon rise associated with meteorological conditions at the time of the sighting. On 4th October, 1960 moon rise (full quarter) at Cressy would have been visible shortly after 1800 hours and in an ESE direction. The objects apparently seen were near the sky-line in an easterly direction. The presence of "scud" type clouds, moving in varying directions due to turbulence in and around the rain squall near which the objects were sighted, and the position of the moon or its reflections, could have produced the impression of flying objects.

3. As can be seen from Wing Commander Waller's investigation, this report emanated from a genuine and reliable source and this Directorate has no reason to doubt the sincerity of the Reverend and Mrs. Lionel Browning. However, I would like to draw your attention to the attached copy of a minute to the Minister for Air dated 7th March, 1960, dealing with the subject of unidentified flying objects.

27 Jan 61

Wg Cdr
A/DAFI

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Secretary,
Department of Defence,
Administrative Building,
CANBERRA, ACT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
BOIANAI AREA - NEW GUINEA

1. Herewith is a copy of a report by Squadron Leader F.A. Lang of Directorate of Air Force Intelligence who investigated the alleged sightings by the Reverend W.B. Gill, of UFO's in the Boianai area of New Guinea in June/July, 1959.

2. I concur with Lang's findings. It seems probable that the lights observed by Mr. Gill were natural phenomena.

3. Air Ministry, London, have advised us that 90% of all sightings of UFO's investigated by them can be attributed to a variety of causes ranging from meteorological balloons to aircraft lights. The 10% usually remain unexplained because of a lack of reliable evidence.

4. An inquiry, relative to the latest views of the United States Government has been directed to the United States Air Force, Directorate of Intelligence, but no reply has yet been received.

5. In the light of our own and overseas military experience, the reported sights of UFO's by Reverend Gill do not contain sufficient additional evidence to warrant any firm opinion that illegal flights by alien countries are being made over Australian Territory.

(A.B. MacFarlane)
SECRETARY

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REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION OF UFO ACTIVITY IN THE BOIANAI AREA - NEW GUINEA

1. On Tuesday, 29th December 1959 I visited the Reverend William Gill at his home in Sassafras, Victoria, and discussed alleged UFO activities in the area of Boianai, New Guinea.

The Reverend Gill

2. Mr. Gill is a young married man. He is obviously well-educated and has had considerable experience as a missionary/teacher in New Guinea. He stated that until late June 1959 he had not considered UFO's seriously and even now was not convinced that what he had observed in the sky were, in fact, UFO's. He added that he would be prepared to accept any logical explanation for the phenomena. He did not appear to be seeking publicity, and claimed that the report was made public by his superior in Begura. Further, he implied that the press and flying saucer organizations had distorted some of the facts.

Previous Experience of UFO's.

3. Mr. Gill stated that UFO's have been seen regularly in the Begura/Boianai area over a long period and that a number of the white population, including government officials, professional men and missionaries, were taking an active interest in them. The first occasion that the Reverend had heard directly of UFO's operating in the area was in November 1958 when three of his friends in Begura observed, on two separate occasions, lights travelling at high speed and at high altitude. One of these lights was said to be intermittent. In March/April 1959 he and his wife saw unexplainable lights high on Mount Purdi, which is some four to five miles south of the mission station, and which is not normally frequented by natives. These lights appeared to switch from one side of the mountain to the other with great rapidity.

Sightings of June/July 1959

4. Prior to the first sightings by the Reverend Gill, he had undertaken a trek in the jungle for a period of ten days. On his return he was informed that one of his native teachers had observed a bright light in the sky, on the evening of the 21st June. Subsequently, over a period of approximately two weeks, the Reverend observed a series of bright lights in various sections of the sky in the vicinity of his mission station. These lights were also seen by a number of his native staff (refer to copy of Reverend Gill's report held by you).

5. On the night of the 26th June the largest of the bright lights had projections along the upper edge which resembled human forms. Although features and clothing could not be distinguished they appeared to respond to hand-waving by the party of observers who concluded that they must be humans. The Reverend Gill was unable to take photographs because he had no film at the time of the sightings.

Comments

6. Many of the white and native population of the area have been seeing bright lights which travel at great speed for some considerable

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time and are convinced of the existence of flying saucers.

7. Probably the constant light and the intermittent light observed in November 1958 were the USSR and US Satellites. The lights seen by the Reverend and his wife on Mount Purdi, in March 1959, could well have been light from the setting sun reflected on wet or shiny-surfaced rocks.

8. Although the Reverend Gill could be regarded as a reliable observer, it is felt that the June/July incidents could have been nothing more than natural phenomena coloured by past events and the subconscious influences of UFO enthusiasts. During the period of the report the weather was cloudy and unsettled with light thunder storms. Although it is not possible to draw firm conclusions, an analysis of rough bearings and angles above the horizon does suggest that at least some of the lights observed were the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. Light refraction, the changing position of the planet relative to the observer and cloud movement would give the impression of size and rapid movement. In addition, varying cloud densities could account for the human shapes and their sudden appearance and disappearance.

(F.A. LANG)
Squadron Leader
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DAFI

Jan 60

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Dogur Norsk Green light travelling from N.E & intermittent red light

Dr K Hawdon.

Rev. David Mowry

Mr. Bryan. Sweet. Sputnik?

March/April Mt. Pudi, from four miles ESE. obsv. North. el v'Lights. a other sufe.

10 day trek. Had arrived back days before. sighting.

Penal Beam.

Asst Dist. Officer Mr Ron Orwin
on leave in Dust

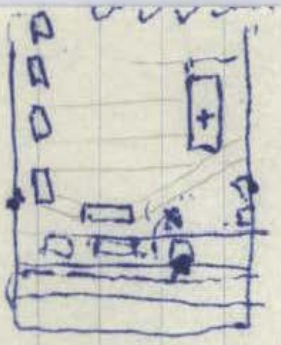
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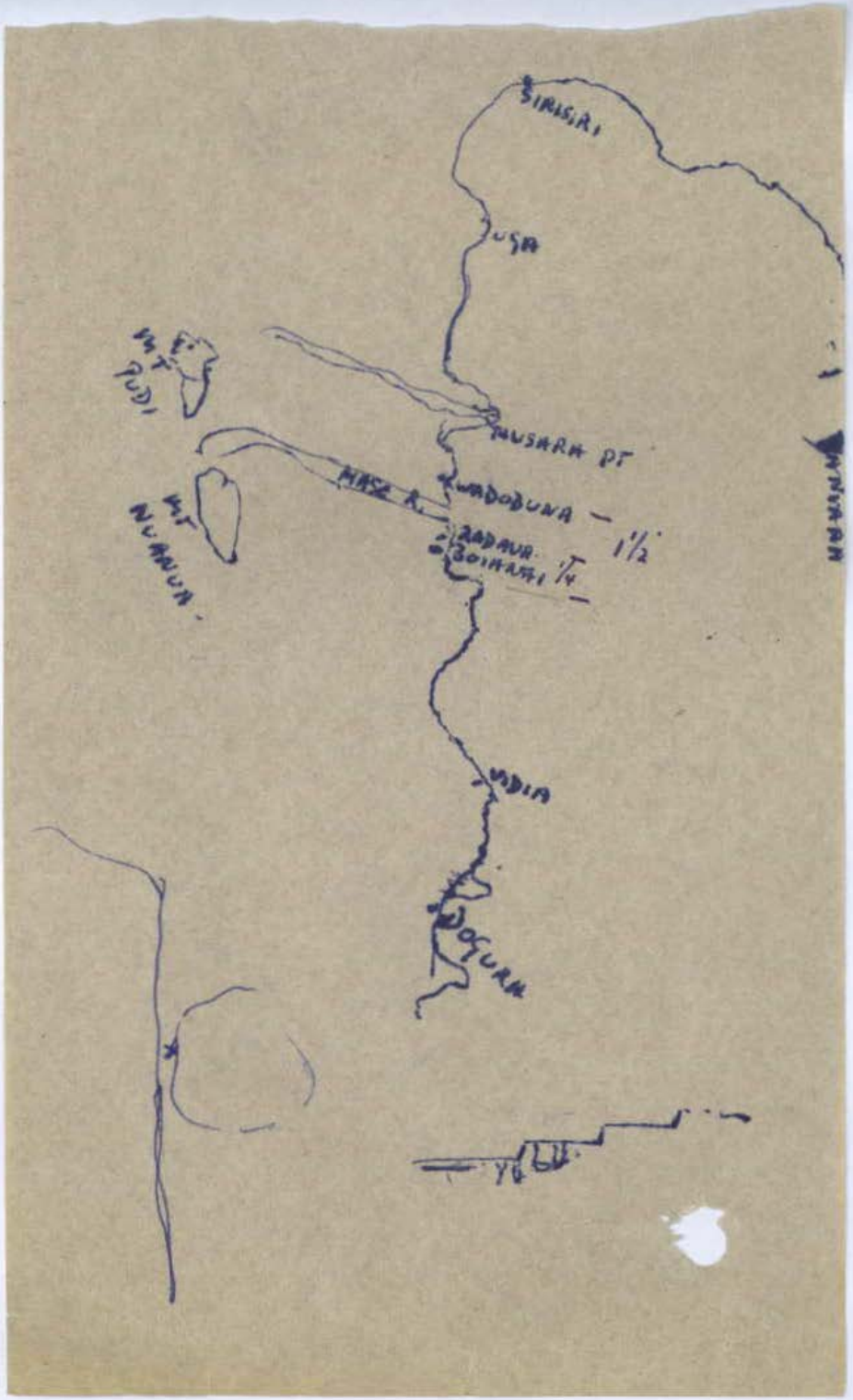
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Phone:- Sassafras 25

No photographs — no film at time




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OBJECTS SIGHTED

APPROX BEARINGS AND ALTITUDE.

252°	30°
180°	35°
120°	30°
105°	15-30°

PLANETS AT TIME (APPROX ONLY)

JUPITER	250°	70°
SATURN	137°	70°
MARS	095°	VERY LOW ON HORIZON.



TELEPHONE
SPE. 1053

DR. B. E. FINCH

851 FINCHLEY ROAD
N.W.11

10.1.61

Dear S/Ld Lang,

I enclose a photograph of a flying object seen in the Pacific Ocean & was taken by Radio officer T/FOGL of Londa in 1957 (Dec) about SS RAMSAY from Vancouver to P. Elizabeth via Panama they had just passed San Pedro (California) & saw patrolling U.S.A Navy Ships when the object was sighted.

There is an extraordinary resemblance between this object, the Papuan, & French sightings. Similar objects have been described elsewhere. The legs, dome, & Eye & Legs are characteristic. If the object is terrestrial it must be a form of VTO anti Gravcraft

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Principle (I have seen some American
Paleozoic resembling [illegible])

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defined not "terminal"

Yours faithfully
B.E. Finch

Ref: 554/1/30 (64A)

Dr. Bernard E. Finch

851 FINCHLEY ROAD
LONDON - N.W.11

Telephone SPEedwell 1053

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Dear Squadron Leader Lang,

thank you very much for your letter. I quite agree that there is no positive concrete evidence that the "objects" were manned vehicles. On the other hand there is no evidence that they were not manned vehicles.

There are many obs sighting in different parts of the world (& at sea) where similar objects have been seen (& in one case photographed) this photograph is in "FLYING SAUCER REVIEW" JAN-FEB 1959 vol 5 NO.1 - 1 DOUGHTY ST LONDON W.C.1

the object photographed resembles the Japanese object exactly.

It is also remarkable that the descriptions of objects, again are exactly

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as there in other parts of the world.
& Europe (see "FLYING-SAUCERS & the STRAIGHT-
line mystery by AIMÉ MICHEL
CRITERION BOOKS - NEW YORK 1958

All the objects resemble the main basic
type viz.  (LEGS). with minor
differences.

The Rev. Gill report was debated in
London recently by the Rev. V.E. CRUTTWELL
of the Anglican Mission, Menapi
Papua, New Guinea. He showed "slides" of
the sightings & I had a long discussion
with him.
I have studied the phenomena of U-FO's
for 10 years & all the "evidence"
appear to point to "solid objects"
rather than planets or meteorological phenomena
Thank you again for your kind
interest, & the copy of the Rev Gills' report
I will forward any further information
that would be of help to you.

Yours sincerely

B.E. Stark

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In 1955, Radio-officer T. FOGL of HARWICH FORD London S.E. 11 ~~74b~~ 75.A
was on a Panamanian Ship Eagle. The ship was on its
way from Philadelphia to Rotterdam. Irish Nov 25/1955
"At about noon we heard an ear-splitting noise & vehicle
followed by a thunderous roar. It lasted a few seconds
Everything on board shook from vibrations caused by the
Noise. When we reached a deck there was nothing to be
Seen ....

→ 1957 as SS. Ramsay (Vancouver to Port Elizabeth)

Later he repeated & photographed the enclosed

... "There was a queer looking object hovering in the
distance. It was Silver & black
There was no smoke or any gases coming
from it. Beneath, under the disc a red light
pulsated ...

... The disc was rather thick and had a flat
dome. There were no ports, but there were
some black marks, resembling exhausts..."

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REPORT OF UFO SIGHTING AT CRESSY, TASMANIA

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SAA(1)

1. Reference your 128/1/21 dated 13 Dec 60.

2. A report on the investigation of alleged sighting of UFO's in the Cressy area of Tasmania by the Reverend Browning, has been received from Wg Cdr Waller and is being analysed by specialists of this Directorate. Details will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Wg Cdr
A/DAFI

23 Dec 60

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554/1/30

Headquarters
Tasmanian Squadron
Air Training Corps
RAAF
8 Fitzroy Place
HOBART

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Your 704/1/P1(3A), dated 3 Dec 60

1. For your information, the objects sighted by Mrs. D.A. Webster and her daughter at about 1630 hours on 18th October 1960 have been positively identified as a TAA Viscount aircraft enroute to Hobart. The aircraft, which has an iridescent red tail fin, was in the approximate position at the time of the reported sighting. This is yet another example of the hysteria which normally follows a much publicized incident such as the earlier sightings by the Reverend Browning. Furthermore, it illustrates the unreliability of untrained observers.

2. Should you receive any further reports of this nature, would you please forward them through the normal channels to this Department. Investigation, if considered necessary, will be initiated by DAFI.

(F. A. LANG)
Squadron Leader
For Chief of the Air Staff

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From:- Squadron Leader F.A. Lang

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

Ref: 554/1/30

I regret that I am unable to provide any of the details requested in your letter, dated 15th November 1960. My investigation of the report by the Reverend Gill of unidentified flying objects in the Boianai area of New Guinea failed to reveal any evidence that they were manned vehicles. After examining all available facts, I concluded that the sightings were either known planets seen through fast-moving cloud, or meteorological phenomena.

2. As, during the course of my studies of this subject, I have been unable to find any tangible proof that any of the objects sighted were manned vehicles from this or any other planet, I am particularly interested in the photograph which you possess. I would be grateful if you could provide me with a copy.

3. For your information, I am enclosing a spare copy of the Reverend Gill's report, together with a covering letter from the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society.

Dr. B.E. Finch
851 Finchley Road, N.W.11
LONDON, England

Att

TELEPHONE
SPE. 1053

DR. B. E. FINCH

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Dear Sir

I have recently had a long conversation with a Rev. NORMAN E.E. CRUTTWELL, of the ANGLICAN MISSION MENAPI PAPUA NEW GUINEA. He described how a Rev. W.B. Gill from BOIANAI saw several strange hovering air-craft over his mission His description of the air-craft, their mode of flight, propulsion & colour changes interested me immensely. When I saw sketches of these craft I ~~reta~~ realised that they were the same that were seen over parts of France & England in the last few years

(I have seen this myself)

In addition I have an excellent photograph (day-time) of an identical object seen by a London Met-office (1955- Panamanian Skyp Eagle)
R.O-T. FOGL

As you have investigated these aircraft - I would be very grateful for your kind opinion re 1) TYPE of craft
2) Country of origin
3) mode of propulsion

- As you know, a form of Hover-craft is due to fly here in the Spring.
I have an interest in the project -

Yours sincerely

B.E. TINK
LR R.A.F.
S/Ldr

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VICTORIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 32, TOORAK, VIC

PHONE XY 1283

100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

25th November, 1960

Squadron Leader F.A. Lang,
Directorate of Air Force Intelligence,
Department of Air,
Russell Offices,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

re UFO Sighting by Reverend Lionel Browning
554/1/30(64A)

Thank you for your letter of the 18th inst.

I shall look forward to receiving advice as to the Directorate's findings herein when you have completed evaluation of the evidence.

Yours faithfully,

Peter E. Norris

PETER E. NORRIS LL.B.
HONORARY PRESIDENT

ADASTRA
TELEVISION COLLEGE

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GEOFFREY PARK,
Principal

117 LAWRENCE VALE ROAD,
SOUTH LAUNCESTON, TAS.
TELEPHONE 4 1312

Squadron-Leader F.A.Lang,
D.A.F.I.,
Dept. of Air,
Russell Offices,
CANBERRA, ACT.

20th November, 1960.
AGP@ST.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your 554/1/30 (64A) of 18th inst, may I thank you for your consideration of the subject raised, and advise as follows:

1. Research is proceeding.
2. No radio transmissions will b e made.
3. Findings of any value will always be available on request.
4. Lines of investigation will be;
   (A) Gravity gear
   (B) Translation process, impact compression into light
   " " , surface heat into light.
   (C) Changeovers; hoverflight--sonic,
   sonic---luminary,
   luminary--galactic vortexial, speed ranges.
   (D) Use of self-charging radiation-powered scouts by mothercraft.
   (E) Use of remote-controlled miniature registering discs for autoreconnaissance.
   (F) Invisibility by micowave-doubling.
   (G) E.S.P. of crews.
   (H) Crew immunity to cosmic radiation-sickness: immunisation of medullas against bio-electronic poisons.
   (I) Detection monitor design.

Progress is expected to be slow due to limited research manpower and facilities.

Per ardua,

Yours Faithfully,

A G Park

(A.G.PARK)
Senior Research Fellow
and Principal.

From:- Squadron Leader F.A. Lang

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

Ref: 554/1/30 (5A) 18th November 1960

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 7th November in which you requested approval to apply certain scientific studies to the investigation of unidentified flying objects.

Although the RAAF is responsible for the investigation of UFO reports, as a private citizen you are at liberty to undertake any research into this subject that you wish. However, if, as part of your experiments you propose to make electronic transmissions of any kind it will be necessary to obtain the approval of the Postmaster-General's Department. The RAAF cannot offer any official recognition or assistance.

As for the desirability of carrying out UFO research, I can only suggest that this would depend entirely on your own interest in the subject. You would undoubtedly find the study most intriguing but an unrewarding task. Considerable research has already been carried out by both official and unofficial authorities on a world-wide basis but so far, without producing any positive results. Less than 10% of all reports received cannot be explained and this is generally because of a lack of evidence.

Yours faithfully,

Jan

Mr. A.G. Park,
Adastra Television College,
117 Lawrence Vale Road,
SOUTH LAUNCESTON, TAS.

From: - Squadron Leader F.A. Lang

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence 65.
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

Ref: 554/1/30 (64A) 18th November 1960

63A

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of the 4th November 1960. The Reverend Lionel Browning's report of unidentified flying object activities in the vicinity of Cressy, Tasmania is being investigated but no decisions have yet been reached. When all available evidence has been fully examined I will advise you of our findings.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Peter E. Norris LL.B.,
Hon. President,
Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society,
100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. VIC.

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WITH A PORTION OF THE INFORMATION MISSING.

MINUTE SHEET *Reference* 114/1/201

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A Sec Min

1. With reference to Enclosure 29A we cannot discuss government policy with this correspondent who is a private citizen of the United States.

2. I have prepared a reply for your signature at Enclosure 30A which should help him gain some of the information he seeks without bringing us into it.

18 Dec 58

Wg Cdr
A/DAFI

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Note for Action

1. Policy statement at 31B cleared with Sec to Minister for Air by telephone on 1st May 59. The statement was required by Mr Casey to answer an enquiry received from a S.A. private member.

1 May 59

D.J. Gibson
Sqn Ldr
D/D Ops.

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1 Reference enclosure 62A.

2. For your opinion please.

14 November 1960

J. Lang
Sqn Ldr
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2. There is nothing untoward or contentious in this application. On the contrary it offers an honest scientific attempt to probe a doubtful field. The equipment to be used is in general use and would not hinder or obstruct on any other investigation. It is suggested that some University sources may even be interested in the results of any investigation - geomagnetic for example.

14 Nov 60

H.H. Birch
Squadron
Services 1 Offr.

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VICTORIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 32, TOORAK, VIC. PHONE XY 1283

100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

4th November, 1960

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The Director of Air Force Intelligence,
Department of Air,
Administrative Building,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

My Society is conducting investigations into the sightings of unidentified flying objects reported by the Reverend Lionel Browning of Cressy, Tasmania, and by numerous residents in surrounding districts.

We feel that UFO activity in the vicinity of the Great Lake area of northern Tasmania is of particular significance, having regard to the fact that a large hydro-electric project is currently under construction in that region.

Would you be so kind as to inform us whether Reverend Browning's sighting has been investigated by your Department, and if so, what is the Department's evaluation of the sighting.

With sincere thanks in anticipation of an early reply,

Yours faithfully,

Peter E. Norris

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PETER E. NORRIS LL.B.
Hon. President

TELEPHONE: 690-550 AI. RESTRICTED

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

RECD. 11 ONOV 1960 AIR REGISTRY CANBERRA

Headquarters Support Command
Victoria Barracks
St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

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- 8 NOV 1960

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

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CORRESPONDENCE WITH CIVIL ORGANIZATION

1. Enclosed are letters from Mr A.G. Park requesting permission to carry out certain studies.

2. Receipt of these letters has been acknowledged, and Mr Park advised that his request has been forwarded to your Department for action.

(D. VERNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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GEOFFREY PARK,
Principal

117 LAWRENCE VALE ROAD,
SOUTH LAUNCESTON, TAS.
TELEPHONE 41312

The Director,
R.A.A.F. Intelligence,
Unidentified Flying Objects Section,
R.A.A.F. H.Q.,
MELBOURNE.

7th November, 1960.
AGP:ST

U.F.O. RESEARCH.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find carbon copy of letter raised by me to the Manager of the Launceston Airport.

It will be noted that my dealings with DCA are in the capacity of Chairman of Directors of a projected Airferry service due to commence operations in the future.

In addition, the capacity of Senior Research Fellow & Principal of this small private post-graduate College, (the existence of which has been known to the RAAF for some time) still occupies a large portion of my time.

In the latter capacity as well as the former, I have been approached by the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society, to apply studies in the fields of Geomagnetic, Radiological, and Cosmic sciences, to private research into reports of U.F.O!s.

I should very much appreciate a direction from your Headquarters as to whether or not such research is in fact permissible and/or desirable.
"Research" would not include any practical experiments involving projection of infra-red or other rays; or the transmission of any radio control impulses or traffic; being merely the collation of data, analysis of same, and the construction of logical hypotheses based on findings. (In short, purely paper work).

May I, then, expect a lead from you, in due course, please?

With Thanks,
Yours Faithfully,

A. G. Park

(A.G.PARK)
Senior Research Fellow & Principal,
(Late No.3825, W/O PARK, A.G., O.I.C.
Instrument Laboratory & Technical Library,
R.D.I.U.; N.C.O. i/c Sigs, 3 Sqdn, M.E.)

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GEOFFREY PARK,
Chairman

117 LAWRENCE VALE ROAD,
SOUTH LAUNCESTON, TAS.

November 7th 1960.
AGP:ST

The Airport Manager,
Dept. of Civil Aviation,
Launceston Airport,
LAUNCESTON. (C.C. to RAAF HQ I.)

U.F.O's.

Dear Sir,

May I intrude upon your time with a somewhat unusual request, please?

I have recently received a request from Mr. Peter Norris,LLB, (President,Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society,P.O.Box 32, TOORAK, V.),to act as Launceston representative of that Society.

This request had been complied with, pending any instruction to the contrary from DCA or RAAF.

May I therefore ask you to place the matter before higher authority in the shape of a request for permission to:

1. Set up gravity-mesuring instroments at this address if necessary.
2. Investigate reports of unidentified flying objects, as a civilian interested in scientific phenomena.
3. Measure and record the strength and character of fluctuations in local geomagnetic field, together with the occurrence of relevant eleutro-magnetic storms, visual phenomena, sonic disturbances, a nd radio traffic on 1,420 MC/S.
4. Interrogate individuals claiming to have sighted U.F.O's.
5. Compile data and diagrams of U.F.O's.

No possibility of security breach. Channel reserved for Navy aids and Soviet "Lived mobile" transmitters

It is emphasised that, while perfectly willing to assist the cause of aeronautical and astral science to the best of my ability,I have no desire to intrude in closed preserves. I would therefore welcome advice as to the standing of the VFSRS in this matter,and an instruction as to procedure personally. If you would be so kind as to check?

With Thanks,
Yours Faithfully,

A G Park

(A.G.PARK)
Chairman of Directors.

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REQUEST INVESTIGATE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTING CRESSY AREA 4 NOV PD REPORTED BY REV LIONEL BROWNING CHURCH OF ENGLAND RECTORY CRESSY PD YOUR REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE (A) PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS OF MR BROWNING AND DETAILS OF BACKGROUND (B) PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AERIAL PHENOMENA (C) ASSOCIATIONS WITH UFO SOCIETIES (D) ANGLE ABOVE HORIZON AND BEARING (E) WEATHER CONDITIONS THUNDER LIGHTNING ETC (F) STATEMENTS BY WITNESSES OTHER THAN VICARS WIFE (G) ROUGH DIAGRAMS (H) ANY OTHER RELEVANT DETAIL PD AVOID CONTACT WITH PRESS PD DO NOT AGREE TO PROVIDE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS PD FOR HQSC THIS CONFIRMS TELETALK DAFI AI-1 SO ORG 101655K

NO UNCLASSIFIED REPLY OR REFERENCE

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SQN LDR F.A. LANG 4-33 406

WG CDR C.H. SPURGEON

23 JUN 1960
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

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THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

DEPT. OF AIR
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Headquarters: 22 Northcote Street, Kilburn, Sth. Aust. Phone MB 1233
Represented in every State
HON. NATIONAL DIRECTOR: FRED. P. STONE

Associated and Affiliated Societies with observers in Asia, Brazil, Canada, Ceylon, England, France, Germany, Hawaii, Holland, Honolulu, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Manilla, Mexico, Natal, New Zealand, Norway, Pretoria, Peru, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America

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Director. Information.
R.A.A.F
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

JUNE 20th 1960

Dear Sir,

In a recent letter we have recieved from an associate in the U.S.A. we have been informed that your dept. in replying to a letter re a questionaire put to the Air Attache in the Embassy in Washington re the R.A.A.F. opinions of U.F.O. and which was passed on to you. that you refferred them to myself giving my address as 100 Collins St. Melbourne. Vic.

We are deeply grateful for your passing the matter over to myself as President of the Society, but desire to advise you that the Victorian Society Is NOT in any way connected with us, but is an independant group. however it was at one time a branch of this society, but became separated some time ago. since when it has become very closely allied with a Sydney Group.

My real reason for drawing your attention to this matter is that an important letter was so addressed to me, as you gave. and opened by the Pres. of the Victorian society. notwithstanding that it was addressed to me and My society. he passed it on to me with an excuse it was openend by mistake.

This may appear trivial, but as we have very good reasons for not altogether trusting this group due to its very close association with the Sydney one which has some folk in its control who have "pink" tendencies, and to which we are constitutionally opposed. we would like it to be made clear that we urge that any matters addressed to me or my society should be sent to the above address.

I would like to thank your dept. for the very good co-operation we have had with you in the past and can assure you that we desire in every way to continue these very friendly and helpful relations.

Thanking You I am, Yours Faithfully

Fred Stone

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See Enclosures 46A/47A
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Address Correspondence to
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AREA FINANCE OFFICE
PERRY PARK
NEWSTEAD, BRISBANE

27th AUGUST, 1959.

Secretary,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Forwarded herewith is a letter which is self-explanatory. Mr. Jamieson has been informed that his letter has been sent to you with a request that a reply be sent direct to him.

(C. H. DONNELLY)
AREA FINANCE OFFICER.

Encl.

Note
Found in basement vault 28/6/60
by O.R. Sgt.
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See endeavours 52A and 56A

Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau

"IT IS EASIER TO RIDICULE THAN TO INVESTIGATE, BUT IT IS NOT AS PROFITABLE"

Pacific Highway,
SLACK'S CREEK.

August 24th, 1959.

The Department of Air,
Perry Park,
BRISBANE.

Dear Sirs,

We would refer you to a recent article in the Courier Mail, of a red glowing object, reported to have landed on Prince of Wales Island, off Cape York Peninsula.

Having contacted the Civil Aviation Department regarding this report, they have advised that all information they have received, was forwarded to your Department for further investigation, and we therefore, would be grateful for any information you may offer.

This Society is one of many civilian organizations throughout the world, endeavouring to elucidate the mystery of Unidentified Flying Objects Phenomena, and as it is our desire to co-operate with any Authority investigating UFO sightings, we would request mutual co-operation, and therefore, need not stress the importance of a report of your findings.

We trust you will oblige at your earliest convenience,

Yours Faithfully,

Gordon L. Jamieson

G.L. Jamieson. Hon. Secretary.

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PROJECT BLUE BOOK

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SPECIAL REPORT NO. 14

(Analysis of Reports of Unidentified Aerial Objects)

Project No. 10073

5 May 1955

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Ohio

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SUMMARY

Reports of unidentified aerial objects (popularly termed "flying saucers" or "flying discs") have been received by the U.S. Air Force since mid-1947 from many and diverse sources. Although there was no evidence that the unexplained reports of unidentified objects constituted a threat to the security of the U.S., the Air Force determined that all reports of unidentified aerial objects should be investigated and evaluated to determine if "flying saucers" represented technological developments not known to this country.

In order to discover any pertinent trend or pattern inherent in the data, and to evaluate or explain any trend or pattern found, appropriate methods of reducing these data from reports of unidentified aerial objects to a form amenable to scientific appraisal were employed. In general, the original data upon which this study was based consisted of impressions and interpretations of apparently unexplainable events, and seldom contained reliable measurements of physical attributes. This subjectivity of the data presented a major limitation to the drawing of significant conclusions, but did not invalidate the application of scientific methods of study.

The reports received by the U.S. Air Force on unidentified aerial objects were reduced to IBM punch-card abstracts of the data by means of logically developed forms and standardized evaluation procedures. Evaluation of sighting reports, a crucial step in the preparation of the data for statistical treatment, consisted of an appraisal of the reports and the subsequent categorization of the object or objects described in each report. A detailed description of this phase of the study stresses the careful attempt to maintain complete objectivity and consistency.

Analysis of the refined and evaluated data derived from the original reports of sightings consisted of (1) a systematic attempt to ferret out any distinguishing characteristics inherent in the data of any of their segments, (2) a concentrated study of any trend or pattern found, and (3) an attempt to determine the probability that any of the UNKNOWNS represent observations of technological developments not known to this country.

The first step in the analysis of the data revealed the existence

of certain apparent similarities between cases of objects definitely identified and those not identified. Statistical methods of testing when applied indicated a low probability that these apparent similarities were significant. An attempt to determine the probability that any of the UNKNOWNS represented observations of technological developments not known to this country necessitated a thorough re-examination and re-evaluation of the cases of objects not originally identified; this led to the conclusion that this probability was very small.

The special study which resulted in this report (Analysis of Reports of Unidentified Aerial Objects, 5 May 1955) started in 1953. To provide the study group with a complete set of files, the information cut-off date was established as of the end of 1952. It will accordingly be noted that the statistics contained in all charts and tables in this report are terminated with the year 1952. In these charts, 3201 cases have been used.

As the study progressed, a constant program was maintained for the purpose of making comparisons between the current cases received after 1 January 1953, and those being used for the report. This was done in order that any change or significant trend which might arise from current developments could be incorporated in the summary of this report.

The 1953 and 1954 cases show a general and expected trend of increasing percentaged in the finally identified categories. They also show decreasing percentages in categories where there was insufficient information and those where the phenomena could not be explained. This trend had been anticipated in the light of improved reporting and investigating procedures.

Official reports on hand at the end of 1954 totaled 4834. Of these, 425 were produced in 1953 and 429 in 1954. These 1953 and 1954 individual reports (a total of 854), were evaluated on the same basis as were those received before the end of 1952. The results are as follows:

Balloons	- 16%
Aircraft	- 20%
Astronomical	- 25%
Other	- 13%
Insufficient Info	- 17%
Unknown	- 9%

As the study of the current cases progressed, it became increasingly obvious that if reporting and investigating procedures could be further improved, the percentages of those cases which contained insufficient information and those remaining unexplained would be greatly reduced. The key to a higher percentage of solutions appeared to be in rapid "on the spot" investigations by trained personnel. On the basis of this, a revised program was established by AF Reg. 200-2 Subject: "Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting" (Short Title:UFOB) dated 12 August 1954.

This new program, which had begun to show marked results before January 1955, provided primarily that the 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron (Air Defense Command) would carry out all field investigations. This squadron has sufficient units and is so deployed as to be able to arrive "on the spot" within a very short time after a report is received. After treatment by the 4602d AISS, all information is supplied to the Air Technical Intelligence Center for final evaluation. This cooperative program has resulted, since 1 January 1955, in reducing the insufficient information cases to 7% and the unknown cases to 3%, of the totals.

The period 1 January 1955 to 5 May 1955 accounted for 131 unidentified aerial object reports received. Evaluation percentages of these are as follows:

Balloons	- 26%
Aircraft	- 21%
Astronomical	- 23%
Other	- 20%
Insufficient Info	- 7%
Unknown	- 3%

All available data were included in this study which was prepared by a panel of scientists both in and out of the Air Force. On the basis of this study it is believed that all the unidentified aerial objects could have been explained if more complete observational data had been available. Insofar as the reported aerial objects which still remain unexplained are concerned, there exists little information other than the impressions and interpretations of their observers. As these impressions and interpretations have been replaced by the use of

improved methods of investigation and reporting, and by scientific analysis, the number of unexplained cases has decreased rapidly towards the vanishing point.

Therefore, on the basis of this evaluation of the information, it is considered to be highly improbable that reports of unidentified aerial objects examined in this study represent observations of technological developments outside of the range of present-day scientific knowledge. It is emphasized that there has been a complete lack of any valid evidence of physical matter in any case of a reported unidentified aerial object.

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CONCLUSIONS

It can never be absolutely proven that "flying saucers" do not exist. This would be true if the data obtained were to include complete scientific measurements of the attributes of each sighting, as well as complete and detailed descriptions of the objects sighted. It might be possible to demonstrate the existence of "flying saucers" with data of this type, IF they were to exist.

Although the reports considered in this study usually did not contain scientific measurements of the attributes of each sighting, it was possible to establish certain valid conclusions by the application of statistical methods in the treatment of the data. Scientifically evaluated and arranged, the data as a whole did not show any marked patterns or trends. The inaccuracies inherent in this type of data, in addition to the incompleteness of a large proportion of the reports, may have obscured any patterns or trends that otherwise would have been evident. This absence of indicative relationships necessitated an exhaustive study of selected facets of the data in order to draw any valid conclusions.

A critical examination of the distributions of the important characteristics of sightings, plus an intensive study of the sightings evaluated as UNKNOWN, led to the conclusion that a combination of factors, principally the reported maneuvers of the objects and the unavailability of supplemental data such as aircraft flight plans or balloon-launching records, resulted in the failure to identify as KNOWNS most of the reports of objects classified as UNKNOWNS.

An intensive study, aimed at finding a verified example of a "flying saucer" or at deriving a verified model or models of "flying saucers" (as defined on Page 1)[1], led to the conclusion that neither goal could be attained using the present data.

It is emphasized that there was a complete lack of any valid evidence consisting of physical matter in any case of a reported unidentified aerial object.

Thus, the probability that any of the UNKNOWNS considered in this study are "flying saucers" is concluded to be extremely small, since the most complete and reliable reports from the present data, when isolated and studied, conclusively failed to reveal even a rough model, and since the data as a whole failed to reveal any marked patterns or trends.

Therefore, on the basis of this evaluation of the information, it is considered to be highly improbable that any of the reports of unidentified aerial objects examined in this study represent observations of technological developments outside the range of present-day scientific knowledge.

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1 In June, 1947, Kenneth Arnold, a Boise, Idaho, businessman and private pilot, publicly reported the now-famous sighting of a chainlike formation of disc-shaped objects near Mount Rainier, Washington. Resulting newspaper publicity of this incident caught the public interest, and, shortly thereafter, a rash of reports of unidentified aerial objects spawned the term "flying saucers". During the years since 1947, many reports of unidentified aerial objects have been received by the Air Force from many and diverse sources.

The unfortunate term "flying saucer", or "flying disc", because of its widespread and indiscriminate use, requires definition. Many definitions have been offered, one of the best being that originated by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Director of the Emerson McMillin Observatory of The Ohio State University, who has taken a scientific interest in the problem of unidentified aerial objects since 1949. Dr. Hynek's definition of the term is "any aerial phenomenon or sighting that remains unexplained to the viewer at least long enough for him to write a report about it" (Hynek, J. A., "Unusual Aerial Phenomena", Journal of the Optical Society of America, 43 (4), pp 311-314, April 1953). Dr. Hynek, elaborating on his definition, says, "Each flying saucer, so defined, has associated with it a probable lifetime. It wanders in the field of public inspection like an electron in a field of ions, until 'captured' by an explanation which puts an end to its existence as a 'flying saucer'".

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Administrative Building
CANBERRA ACT

554/1/30 22nd February 1960

Thank you for your letter of the 25th January 1960. An officer of this Directorate has investigated Reverend W. Gill's report of U.F.O. activities in the Boianai area of New Guinea and copies of his findings have been submitted to appropriate authorities. As mentioned in our 114/1/201/(22A) dated 14th February 1957, such reports are not releasable to the public. However, although it is not possible to reach any positive conclusions, we do not believe that the phenomena observed by the Reverend Gill and his party were manned space vehicles. An analysis of bearings and angles above the horizon does suggest that at least three of the lights were planets, e.g. Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. Light refraction, the changing position of the planets relative to the observers and the unsettled tropical weather could give the impression of size and rapid movement.

Mr. P.E. Norris
Honorary President
Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society
100 Collins Street
MELBOURNE, VIC.

See enclosure 53A

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554/1/30

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Minister

1. The Directorate of Air Force Intelligence wrote to Air Ministry London, and to the Australian Joint Services Staff in Washington on 26th November 1959 for the latest views of the British and United States Governments on Unidentified Flying Objects. You may be interested in the replies received recently.

2. Air Ministry stated that specific questions have been asked in the House of Commons concerning individual sightings reported in the press. The Air Ministry has replied to questions as they have occurred and Parliament has not at any time debated the subject. All sighting reports occurring in the United Kingdom have been processed through Air Ministry Intelligence. On an average 90% of all sightings have been explained by a variety of causes ranging from meteorological balloons and meteors to aircraft lights. Air Ministry is confident that the other 10% only remain unexplained because of lack of reliable information.

3. The Defence Department in Washington stated that "over twelve years of investigating and evaluating unidentified flying object sightings has provided no evidence to confirm the existence of the popularly-termed "flying saucers", as interplanetary or interstellar space ships". During the period June 1947 and October 1958, 6,000 reports were investigated. More than 84% of the reported UFO sightings were definitely established as natural phenomena, hoaxes, birds, or man-made objects. Insufficient data was available to thoroughly analyse and evaluate 14% of the reports and less than 2% were classified as unknown. The investigations carried out during the last half of 1958 set a record low for the number of cases classified as "unknown" - .67%.

for Gp Capt
DAFI

7 Mar 60

From:- Squadron Leader F.A. Lang

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Administrative Building
CANBERRA ACT

19th February 1960

I refer to your letter of the 9th January, 1960, regarding a request for information which you directed to this Department through the Area Finance Officer, Brisbane. Although enquiries have revealed that your letter was forwarded from Brisbane, I am unable to find any trace of it, or record of its receipt.

2. As I have not seen the "Courier Mail" report or received any information on U.F.O. activity in the Cape York Peninsula area during August 1959, I regret that I am unable to assist in this matter.

Jac

Mr. G.L. Jamieson,
Honorary Secretary,
Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau,
Pacific Highway,
Slack's Creek,
QUEENSLAND.

See enclosure 52A

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In reply quote No.

9/6/25(5A)

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.
12th January, 1960

BY AIR BAG

Director of Air Force Intelligence,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA.

SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Your 554-1-30(DO) dated 26 Nov, 59
From Wing Commander H.D. Byrne, AFC, RAF

Enquiries placed with the United States Air Force relating to recent reports on the above subject indicate that the latest report prepared by the U.S.A.F. on this subject is contained in Air Technical Intelligence Centre Special Report No. 14 entitled "Analysis of Reports of Unidentified Aerial Objects". Project No. 10073 dated 5th May 1955 is the latest comprehensive report prepared in the U.S. As this is quite a large document, it is felt that perhaps a copy may already be held in Australia by D.A.F.I. or by J.I.B. Before proceeding further, in an endeavour to obtain copies of this publication, it is requested that a check be carried out in Australia to determine if this publication is in fact held. On receipt of your communication to the contrary, efforts will be made to obtain further copies of this report.

2. In the meantime, the enclosed copies of Department of Defence press releases give the latest information currently published.

C.H. Spurgeon,
Wing Commander
RAAF Intelligence Representative

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
Washington 25, D. C.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE October 6, 1958

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LI 5-6700 Ext. 75131

FACT SHEET

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT "UNKNOWNS"
STILL BELOW 2 PERCENT IN LATEST 1270 CASES

According to latest information tabulated by Air Force authorities charged with investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects, 1270 new UFO reports were investigated during the period July 1, 1957 through July 31, 1958. More than 84 percent of the reported UFO sightings were definitely established as natural phenomena, hoaxes, birds, or man-made objects. Insufficient data was available to thoroughly analyze and evaluate 14 percent of the reports and less than 2 percent were classied as unknowns.

Although investigations were completed on these "unknown" cases without positive or final conclusions, nothing was found to substantiate any claims that such sightings were interplanetary visitors, or so-called "Flying Saucers".

A sighting is considered unknown when the report contains sufficient information to draw at least one valid conclusion from the facts available but when the description of the reported object or its movements cannot be related to the norm. Refinements in Air Force investigative processes, however, have resulted in a steady decline in the number of UFO reports placed in this category. During the early months of the Air Force's investigation, some 20 percent of the reports were classified as unknown. These unknowns were reduced to 9 percent in 1953 and 1954, 3 percent in 1955, and 1.8 percent during the first six months of this year. It is believed that specific conclusions could be drawn for all reports if additional observational data were provided by individuals originating these reports. Also, the Air Force believes that there will always be a small number of unknowns due to high altitude phenomena which are strange to the untrained eye.

The 1270 new reports during the past thirteen months increases the total Air Force investigations conducted since June 1947 to more than 6,000.

All investigations of reported unusual aerial objects are conducted by the U.S. Air Force Air Defense Command personnel. These reports are reviewed by a select scientific advisory group at the Air Technical Intelligence Center which analyzes and evaluates, by scientific means, all information assembled by investigative teams.

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Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Professor of Astrophysics and Astronomy at [illegible] Ohio State University, is the chief scientific consultant to the Air Force on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

His services and those of other eminently qualified civilian scientists are utilized if deemed necessary by the Air Force to further its investigation of individual cases or to perform detailed studies of the general subject. As an example, a panel of scientific consultants was called upon by the Air Force in 1953 to make an over-all examination of investigative procedures and findings on specific reports.

The panel said at that time "the evidence presented on UFOs showed no indication that these phenomena constitute a direct threat to national security." Further there was no "residuum of cases which indicates phenomena which are attributable to foreign artifacts capable of hostile acts." The panel concluded that "national security agencies should take immediate steps to strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of the special status they have been given and the aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired."

In line with this recommendation, the Air Force periodically has made available through the national press and radio-television agencies, information on investigations and findings pertaining to cases which have received national attention. Only in a few instances were sighting reports classified to keep from compromising some elements in our Air Defense System, and no reports of sightings have been classified because they contain some authentic proof or even reasonable inferences that UFOs were real. Moreover, there are no Air Force documents which prove the existence of flying saucers or show that the earth is being observed, visited or threatened by machines from other planets.

However, because of limited personnel resources and to preclude possible embarrassment to individuals who have assisted Air Force investigators or who have originated reports later found to be erroneous, the Air Force does not honor individual requests for detailed analyses of specific cases.

A tabulation and evaluation of UFO report statistics follows:

1. The following represent the results of the evaluation of world-wide UFO reports investigated, processed and analyzed during the period July 1, 1957 through December 31, 1957, under pertinent categories:

UFO Report Evaluations -- By Category and Percentage Breakdown:

Total Reports 928

	Totals	Percent
Balloons	143	15.41
Aircraft	214	23.06
Astronomical	265	28.56
Others (Hoax, Lights, Birds, etc.)	152	16.38
Insufficient Data	139	14.98
Unknown	15	1.61
Sum Total	928	100.00

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2. The following represents the results of the evaluation of world-wide UFO reports investigated, processed and analyzed during the period January 1, 1958 through July 31, 1958, under pertinent categories:

UFO Report Evaluations -- By Category and Percentage Breakdown:

Total Reports 342

	Totals	Percent
Balloons	51	14.9
Aircraft	76	22.2
Astronomical	89	26.0
Others (Hoax, Lights, Birds, etc.)	72	21.1
Insufficient Data	48	14.0
Unknown	6	1.8
Sum Total	342	100.0

3. UFO Evaluations -- Category Breakdown by Months: July 1957 - July 1958

	Balloons	A/C	Astro	Other	Insuf Data	Unknown
July	16	26	7	6	9	1
Aug.	18	29	27	9	17	1
Sept.	15	10	8	18	8	2
Oct.	25	19	37	17	13	3
Nov.	49	105	112	74	70	4
Dec.	20	25	74	28	22	4
Jan.	5	13	18	11	9	-
Feb.	7	11	15	9	5	1
March	9	3	13	13	8	1
April	7	17	12	10	8	1
May	7	8	9	7	4	1
June	5	8	9	8	4	1
July	11	16	12 13	14	10	1
Totals	194	290	354	224	187	21

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Washington 25, D. C.

IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 15, 1959 No. 798-59
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AIR FORCE REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTINGS DECREASE BY FIFTY PERCENT

Over twelve years of investigating and evaluating unidentified flying object sightings has provided no evidence to confirm the existence of the popularly termed "flying saucers", as interplanetary or interstellar space ships. The total number of sightings for the first six months of 1959 was only 143. This is in sharp contrast to the previous six months total of 296 or a little more than a 50 percent drop in reported sightings.

As in previous compilations, the astronomical category accounted for the highest percentage of sightings at 45 percent of the total. The unidentified category amounted to only three cases or 2 percent of the total sightings for the period.

A statistical tabulation for the six months period follows:

UFO Report Evaluation - By Category and Percentage Breakdown

Balloons	7	4.89%
Aircraft	23	16.09%
Astronomical	65	45.45%
Other (Birds, Hoaxes, Searchlights, etc.)	19	13.29%
Insufficient Data	26	18.19%
Unidentified	3	2.09%
Total Reports	143	

UFO Evaluations - Category Breakdown by Months 1 January 1959 - 30 June 1959

	Balloons	A/C	ASTRO	OTHER	INSUF DATA	UNIDENTIFIED	TOTAL	%
Jan	0	3	15	4	5	0	27	16.88
Feb	3	5	12	2	5	1	28	19.58
Mar	0	3	15	4	3	1	26	18.18
Apr	1	4	10	4	3	1	23	16.08
May	3	3	7	4	4	0	21	14.69
June	0	5	6	1	6	0	18	12.59
Total	7	23	65	19	26	3	143	
%	4.89	16.09	45.45	13.29	18.19	2.09	-	100

The Air Force, assigned the responsibility for the Air Defense of the United States, will continue to investigate all reports of unusual aerial sightings over the United States, including objects that may become labeled Unidentified Flying Objects. The services of qualified scientists and technicians will continue to be utilized to investigate and analyze reports, and periodic public statements and releases will be made as warranted.

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AIR FORCE UFO STUDY
SHOWS "UNKNOWNS" DECREASING

The latest tabulation of Unidentified Flying Objects reports by Air Force authorities and scientists of the Air Technical Intelligence Center, covering the last half of 1958, has set a record low for the number of cases classified as "unknown", which is down to less than 1%.

The total number of sightings for the six month period was also lower than the number reported in the preceding half-year.

From July 1958 through December 1958, 296 cases of UFO reports were analyzed. This was a 14% decrease in sightings over the first half of the year.

As in previous compilations, the astronomical category accounted for the highest percentage of sightings at 32% of the total. A new category, satellites, accounted for only 1.36% and the "unknown" category amounted to only 0.67%.

A statistical tabulation of the six months period follows:

UFO Report Evaluations -- By Category and Percentage Breakdown:

Total Reports 296

	Totals	Percent
Balloons	23	7.77
Aircraft	60	20.27
Astronomical	96	32.44
Satellite	4	1.36
Other	50	16.89
Insufficient Data	61	20.60
Unknown	2	.67
Grand Total	296	100.00

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UFO Evaluations -- Category Breakdown by Months:
July 1958 - December 1958

	Balloons	A/C	Astro	Satellite	Other	Insuf Data	Unknown
July	11	16	13	0	14	10	1
Aug	5	17	20	2	14	19	0
Sep	1	10	19	0	6	12	0
Oct	3	11	19	1	10	8	1
Nov	2	5	11	0	2	7	0
Dec	1	1	14	1	2	5	2
Totals	23	60	96	4	50	61	4

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DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY,
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FROM C S O MELB

TO HARMAN CANBERRA

PLEASE ADVISES SQD LDR LANG D A F I NO FURTHER ACTION

REQUIRED ON MT. EBA REPORT (.)

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[redacted]TORIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 32, TOORAK, VIC

PHONE XY 1283

100 Collins Street,

MELBOURNE.

Squadron-Leader D.F. Gilson,
Directorate of Air Force Intelligence,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

25th January, 1960

Dear Squadron-Leader Gilson,

re ~~SS4~~/1/30 (36A) UFO Sightings of Revd. Father W. Gill.

Father Gill informs me that a member of your Department has questioned him concerning the sightings herein.

Has your Department reached any conclusions as to the nature of the objects sighted?

Yours sincerely,

Peter E. Norris

PETER E. NORRIS LL.B.
HON. PRESIDENT

See enclosure 57A

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Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau

"IT IS EASIER TO RIDICULE THAN TO INVESTIGATE, BUT IT IS NOT AS PROFITABLE"

DEPT. OF AIR
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Pacific Highway,
Slack's Creek,
QUEENSLAND.

January 9th, 1960.

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Administrative Offices,
CANBERRA.

REC'D. 12 JAN 1960 AIR REGISTRY CANBERRA

Dear Sir,

On the 24th August, 1959, a letter was forwarded to the Department of Air, Brisbane, requesting information on an article which appeared in the Brisbane Courier Mail, of a red glowing object, which was reported to have landed on Prince of Wales Island, off Cape York Peninsula.

Their reply, dated 27th August, copy of which is enclosed, informed us that our letter had been forwarded to you with a request that you write to us direct, but as yet, no reply has been forthcoming. It would be our pleasure to hear from you in the near future.

Yours Faithfully,

Gordon L. Jamieson

G.L. Jamieson. Hon. Secretary.

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8 JAN 1960

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Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Attached, for your information, is a copy of a reply to a request by the Minister for Defence for a report on the alleged sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in the Boianai area of New Guinea by the Reverend W.B. Gill.

(A.E.L. DAVIES)
Group Captain
DIRECTOR OF AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

Att

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Area Finance Office,
Perry Park,
Newstead,
BRISBANE.

27th August, 1959.

Mr. G.L. Jamieson,
Honorary Secretary,
Q.F.S.R.B.,
Pacific Highway,
SLACK'S CREEK.

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24th August, 1959 in which you refer to a recent article in the "Courier+Mail" concerning a red glowing object which was reported to have landed on Prince of Wales Island off Cape York Peninsula.

2. As I have no information on the matter I have forwarded your letter to the Secretary, Department of Air, Administrative Offices, CANBERRA with a request that a reply be sent direct to you.

Yours Faithfully,

(C.H. DONNELLY)

Area Finance Officer.

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Staff Officer to the Minister

1. Attached, for Mr. Osborne's information, is a copy of a reply to a request by the Minister for Defence for a report on the alleged sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in the Boiana area of New Guinea by the Reverend W.B. Gill.

8 Jan 60

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8 JAN 1960

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Secretary,
Department of Defence,
Administrative Building,
CANBERRA, ACT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
BOIANAI AREA - NEW GUINEA

1. Herewith is a copy of a report by Squadron Leader F.A. Lang of Directorate of Air Force Intelligence who investigated the alleged sightings by the Reverend W.B. Gill, of UFO's in the Boianai area of New Guinea in June/July, 1959.

2. I concur with Lang's findings. It seems probable that the lights observed by Mr. Gill were natural phenomena.

3. Air Ministry, London, have advised us that 90% of all sightings of UFO's investigated by them can be attributed to a variety of causes ranging from meteorological balloons to aircraft lights. The 10% usually remain unexplained because of a lack of reliable evidence.

4. An inquiry, relative to the latest views of the United States Government has been directed to the United States Air Force, Directorate of Intelligence, but no reply has yet been received.

5. In the light of our own and overseas military experience, the reported sights of UFO's by Reverend Gill do not contain sufficient additional evidence to warrant any firm opinion that illegal flights by alien countries are being made over Australian Territory.

(A.B. MacFarlane)
SECRETARY

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REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION OF UFO ACTIVITY IN THE BOIANAI AREA - NEW GUINEA

1. On Tuesday, 29th December 1959 I visited the Reverend William Gill at his home in Sassafras, Victoria, and discussed alleged UFO activities in the area of Boianai, New Guinea.

The Reverend Gill

2. Mr. Gill is a young married man. He is obviously well-educated and has had considerable experience as a missionary/teacher in New Guinea. He stated that until late June 1959 he had not considered UFO's seriously and even now was not convinced that what he had observed in the sky were, in fact, UFO's. He added that he would be prepared to accept any logical explanation for the phenomena. He did not appear to be seeking publicity, and claimed that the report was made public by his superior in Dagura. Further, he implied that the press and flying saucer organisations had distorted some of the facts.

Previous Experience of UFO's.

3. Mr. Gill stated that UFO's have been seen regularly in the Dogura/Boianai area over a long period and that a number of the white population, including government officials, professional men and missionaries, were taking an active interest in them. The first occasion that the Reverend had heard directly of UFO's operating in the area was in November 1958 when three of his friends in Dogura observed, on two separate occasions, lights travelling at high speed and at high altitude. One of these lights was said to be intermittent. In March/April 1959 he and his wife saw unexplainable lights high on Mount Purdi, which is some four to five miles south of the mission station, and which is not normally frequented by natives. These lights appeared to switch from one side of the mountain to the other with great rapidity.

Sightings of June/July 1959

4. Prior to the first sightings by the Reverend Gill, he had undertaken a trek in the jungle for a period of ten days. On his return he was informed that one of his native teachers had observed a bright light in the sky, on the evening of the 21st June. Subsequently, over a period of approximately two weeks, the Reverend observed a series of bright lights in various sections of the sky in the vicinity of his mission station. These lights were also seen by a number of his native staff (refer to copy of Reverend Gill's report held by you).

5. On the night of the 26th June the largest of the bright lights had projections along the upper edge which resembled human forms. Although features and clothing could not be distinguished they appeared to respond to hand-waving by the party of observers who concluded that they must be humans. The Reverend Gill was unable to take photographs because he had no film at the time of the sightings.

Comments

6. Many of the white and native population of the area have been seeing bright lights which travel at great speed for some considerable

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time and are convinced of the existence of flying saucers.

7. Probably the constant light and the intermittent light observed in November 1958 were the USSR and US Satellites. The lights seen by the Reverend and his wife on Mount Purdi, in March 1959, could well have been light from the setting sun reflected on wet or shiny-surfaced rocks.

8. Although the Reverend Gill could be regarded as a reliable observer, it is felt that the June/July incidents could have been nothing more than natural phenomena coloured by past events and the subconscious influences of UFO enthusiasts. During the period of the report the weather was cloudy and unsettled with light thunder storms. Although it is not possible to draw firm conclusions, an analysis of rough bearings and angles above the horison does suggest that at least some of the lights observed were the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. Light refraction, the changing position of the planet relative to the observer and cloud movement would give the impression of size and rapid movement. In addition, varying cloud densities could account for the human shapes and their sudden appearance and disappearance.

(F.A. LANG)
Squadron Leader
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18 FEB 1960

February, 1960

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 14th November, 1959 regarding unidentified flying objects.

2. I regret that we are unable to answer your questionnaire. I suggest, however, that you might be able to obtain some of the information you seek by communicating with the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society. The Honorary President of this society is Mr. F. Stone and his address is:-

100 Collins Street
MELBOURNE VICTORIA
AUSTRALIA

Wrong address
This address is for
the Flying Saucer
Research Society

Yours faithfully,

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

See enclosure 46B

S. Urbano, Esq.,
901 North Juniper,
Midwest City,
OKLAHOMA.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In reply quote No.

13/1/AIR

25 November, 1959.

REC'D. 21 DEC 1959 AIR REGISTRY CANBERRA

Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne, S.C.1,
Australia.

Canberra

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Forwarded herewith for your action please is a letter from Steven Urbano, requesting information on Australian interest in Unidentified Flying Objects.

(E. GENTLE)
Wing Commander
for Air Attache'
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Encl. ✓
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REC'D. 18 DEC 1959 REGISTRY

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901 North Juniper
Midwest City, Oklahoma
November 14, 1959

The Air Attache
Embassy of Australia
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am intensely interested in the phenomena referred to as flying saucers, or Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's). Likewise, I am interested as to how your government stands concerning this enigma. As a represenative of the Australian government I would appreciate your answering the following questions:

1. Is your government officially interested in UFO's?

2. Has your government any agency (official or otherwise) investigating UFO reports?

3. If the answer is yes, has this agency come to any conclusions regarding the nature of UFO's, and are their findings secret, or available to the general public?

I wish to thank you for your time, and would greatly appreciate as prompt a reply as is convenient to you.

Very truly yours,

Steven Urbano

Steven Urbano

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Office of the Air Attache
American Embassy

39 Jardine St., Kingston
Canberra, A.C.T.
5 January 1960

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena

TO: Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Administrative Building
Canberra, A.C.T.

Attn: Squadron Leader F. A. Lang

1536 Connecticut Av NW
Washington DC

Dear Sir;

1. With reference to our recent conversation regarding the status of the National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena, we have queried our Headquarters and have received the following reply:

Director

a. The organization referred to is a group of private civilians whose interest is unidentified flying objects and other phenomena. Major Kehoe has no official status although he is a retired Marine officer. United States Air Force press releases and evaluations of Air Technical Intelligence Center are regularly made available to the committee through accredited media. Kehoe is a writer of Science Fiction. He regularly makes unfounded claims that United States Air Force does not reveal information.

2. I trust the above information staisfies your immediate requirements.

3. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

Mance C. Smith

MANCE C. SMITH
Major, USAF
Assistant Air Attache

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REC'D. 30 DEC 1959 AIR REGISTRY CANBERRA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L 1485/DDI3 22 DEC PERSONAL FOR WING CDR BYRNE FROM SUTHERLAND . YOU MAY INFORM AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OF THE FOLLOWING (A) SPECIFIC QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED IN THE HOUSE CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL SIGHTINGS REPORTED IN THE PRESS . (B) THE AIR MINISTER HAS REPLIED TO QUESTIONS AS THEY HAVE OCCURED AND PARLIAMENT HAS NOT AT ANY TIME DEBATED THE SUBJECT . (C) ALL SIGHTING REPORTS OCCURING IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE BEEN PROCESSED THROUGH AIR MINISTRY INTELLIGENCE . (D) ON AVERAGE 90 PER CENT ALL SIGHTINGS CAN BE EXPLAINED . VARIETY OF CAUSES RANGING FROM MET BALLOONS METEORS TO AIRCRAFT LIGHTS .

REC'D. 24 DEC 1959 REGISTRY

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WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE OTHER 10 PER CENT ONLY REMAIN UNEXPLAINED BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THEM . (E) AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MAY BE INTERESTED TO OBTAIN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTRE REPORT KNOWN AS QUOTE PROJECT BLUE BOOK UNQUOTE PUBLISHED IN 1955. QUOTE PROJECT BLUE BOOK UNQUOTE ANALYSES THOUSANDS OF REPORTS AND ATTEMPTS TO TABULATE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE A POSSIBLE COMMON DENOMINATOR . THE REPORT CONCLUDES BECAUSE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN VARIOUS REPORTS DISCERNABLE THAT SIGHTINGS PURPORTING TO BE FLYING SAUCERS ARE EITHER CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY OR IMAGINARY
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DAFI Canberra

8 Jan 60.

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AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

From: Wing Commander H.D. Byrne, AFC, RAF

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Administrative Building
CANBERRA ACT

554/1/30 17th December, 1959

The Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society has sent to this Department your reports on unidentified flying objects in New Guinea.

I would very much like Squadron Leader F. Lang to visit you at your home to discuss this report with you. He will be in Melbourne all of next week. If you could see him, would you be good enough to contact him by telephone. His number is JX2843.

Reverend Father W.B. Gill
"The Emily Adams"
Main Road
FERNY CREEK VIC

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IN REPLY QUOTE 10-1-78 (3)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

15 DEC 1959

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Secretary,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - PAPUA.

The Minister for Defence has received a letter, dated 25th November, from the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society, about a series of alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects in Papua some months ago.

2. As discussed with D.A.F.I. today, it would be appreciated if a report could be provided on the subject.

J. Rumsfeld
Secretary.

From:- Wing Commander H.D. Byrne, AFC, RAF

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligenc
Department of Air
Administrative Building
CANBERRA ACT

554-1-30.

26th November 1959

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HDB.

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From:- Wing Commander H.D. Byrnes, AFC, RAF

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Air Ministry
Whitehall Gardens
LONDON

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
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Thank you for your letter dated 16th March 1959, enclosing Father Gill's sighting reports. We have initiated enquiries into Father Gill's claims, but it is too early to have reached any conclusions.

Reports of this type are continuously filed in an attempt to develop sufficient depth of evidence for accurate analysis to be made. It may, however, be some time before the required depth of evidence is available.

Mr. P.E. Morris
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16th November 1959.

Squadron-Leader D.F. Gilson,
Directorate of Air Force Intelligence,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

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Dear Squadron-Leader Gilson,

re 554/1/30 (36A) UFO.
Sightings of Revd. Father W. Gill.

Under separate cover I am forwarding you a roneoed copy of Father Gill's sightings report, with our evaluation annexed thereto.

If your Department has now received official information pertaining to the sightings herein, I would be glad to receive answers to the questions respectfully submitted to you in my letter dated 12th September 1959.

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Yours sincerely,

PETER E. NORRIS, LL.B.,
HON. PRESIDENT.

WG/PEN/HC-2L.

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THE REVEREND WILLIAM B. GILL'S REPORTS OF UFO ACTIVITY OVER BOIANAI ANGLICAN MISSION AND VICINITY, PAPUA-NEW GUINEA, 1959.

Introduction to the Boianai Reports.

The reports described in the following pages constitute the most remarkable testimony of intensive UFO activity reported to civilian investigators in the entire history of UFO research. The sightings are unique in that, for the first time, credible witnesses have reported the presence of humanoid beings associated with UFO's.

One important aspect of the Boianai incidents is that the UFO's were observed closely by the witnesses for a total period of some hours; accordingly, the reports should be examined exhaustively for some clue as to the nature and origin of the craft, and for possible points of correlation with other credible reports.

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF FATHER GILL, THE PRINCIPAL WITNESS:

Aged 31 years. Married with two children. Educated Trinity Grammar School, Melbourne, and St.Francis College, Brisbane. Ordained priest of the Anglican Church. Licentiate in Theology. A qualified teacher, he completed over eight years of service as a missionary in New Guinea.

FATHER GILL'S RELIABILITY AS WITNESS:

VFSRS investigators found Father Gill at all times co-operative and obviously deeply interested in UFO's and the implications of their presence. Prior to his sightings he discounted the possibility of their existence as manned craft. He exhibits an impressive scholarly detachment and his objectivity is evident in reading the report which follows within. Father Gill still remains reluctant to speculate as to the origin or precise nature of the UFO's - at least, until he has had an opportunity to complete some research into the subject.

THE CORROBORATIVE WITNESSES:

These numbered up to a total of 38 persons during the principal sightings at Boianai, 27 of whom signed the original statement examined by VFSRS investigators. The witnesses were all Papuan natives, several of whom were educated teachers and medical assistants.

BACKGROUND TO THE PRINCIPAL SIGHTINGS:

The Boianai sightings climaxed a relatively short but remarkably acute period of UFO activity in the vicinity of eastern New Guinea. UFO's were observed by both Papuan natives and Europeans. Sightings were reported by educated Papuans and by totally illiterate natives relatively untouched by western civilisation and quite ignorant of "flying saucers".

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Introduction .... (continued)

TYPES OF UFO SIGHTED AT BOIANAI AND RANGE OF AERODYNAMIC PERFORMANCE:

Types: Large, manned craft with elaborate superstructure and smaller apparently remote-controlled discs with no apparent protuberances.

Performance: Hovering, pendulum swinging, tremendous spurts of speed. The manned UFO obs rved on June 27th was seen to cross the Bay at Boianai (approximately 30 miles wide) in less than a second. Even allowing for the admitted inaccuracy of such a calculation made by scientific laymen the range of the UFOs' performance is staggering. The reported changes of colour and l ight intensity are especially interesting.

EVALUATION OF THE BOIANAI SIGHTINGS:

It is submitted that the following propositions may be cited as established by these sightings :-

1. The principal witness is veracious and psychologically stable. This is admittedly a subjective impression gained by investigators, but is supported by the balance of probabilities arising from a consideration of the witness's professional standing and training. The legion of corroborative witnesses supplies supporting testimony of an objective nature.

2. The Boianai UFO's are not psychological phenomena. The undoubted psychological element present in some UFO sightings has been demonstrated by Jung in his recent treatise. However, the limits of operation of this factor are still undefined and it would appeal arbitrary to relegate the Boianai sightings to the category of mass hallucination. The reader is especially referred to Father Gill's prefatory remarks within.

3. The Boianai UFO's are demonstrably not electrical phenomena, meteors, birds, conventional air-craft, and cannot reasonably be attributed to any of the gamut of accumstomed physical rationalisations.

4. The Boianai UFO's are advanced craft, manned by humanoid beings, capable of a fantastic range of aerodynamic performance.

5. The Boianai sightings do not PROVE ipso facto that the UFO's are non-terrestrial spaceships; they indicate a strong LIKELIHOOD that they are such.

6. UFO researchers need no longer enquire as to the NATURE of the UFO's but only as to their ORIGIN.

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Boianai, Territory of Papua and New Guinea, 1959

By W.B. Gill
at Boianai 14/7/59

INTRODUCTION.

These reports of observations together with relevant material combine to describe with fair accuracy what is thought to have been a series of activites in the sky at nights over and near Boianai by U.F.O.'s. Main recordings were made on the evenings of June 21st, 26th and 27th.

As chief observer and sole recorder and reporter of the Boianai phenomena on those dates (at Boianai) I would now hesitate to re-state without further long consideration backed by scientific investigation any opinions or theories as expressed in my personal letters hastily written in that period and which are included in this present material. The value (personal) lies in their subjectiveness against what I hope is objective observational data, and in the complete change of mind from scepticism to the conviction that the UFO's as observed by me cannot be explained away in terms of natural phenomena in the light of past knowledge and experience.

Consideration to the following possible factors, however, cannot be overlooked if this paper is to have any value at all as an attempted objective record.

1. Hallucination
Sketches in the body of the report may be figment of imagination or hallucination. Hallucination may have been experienced simultaneously by the 27 eye-witnesses whose names appear on the signature list.

2. Suggestion as an influence to "witnesses"
There may have been undue influence by suggestion of a European observer over a less sophesticated or inexperienced native body; there may have been influence caused by subservience of the native body of "witnesses" towards the European observer.

3. Illusion
It is possible that "freak" atmospheric conditions or subjectiveness on the part of the observer(s) resulted in a mis-interpretation of natural phenomena.

4. Unreliable Observers
Inexperience in astronomical observation. Ignorance regarding such natural phenomena as falling stars, meteors, comets, electrical disturbances in the atmosphere; the appearance and usual movements of these.

5. Variation in descriptive evidence from different sources
   (a) Mis-interpretation due to inexperience or faulty observation.
   (b) Differences in interpretations by individual observers resulting from different experiences.
   (c) Variation in distances between reliable observers and the phenomena sighted. Independent obsdrvers have noted and reported sightings from as far as twenty miles from Boianai, the source of activity.

In absence of scientific investigation into this present report, theory and hypothesis should be made with note to

the following relevant facts concerning the conducting of the main part of the observation and execution of procedure in gathering evidence and writing the report:

1. The sketch of the UFO on page 5 of the report was drawn by Papuan observer Stephen Gill Moi. It is important in one significant detail from later sketches. The "underside" is described by him and drawn as showing four "black spots". These markings are replaced in subsequent descriptions and drawings by what appeared to be four straight legs or stands pointing diagonally downwards from the "base" of the UFO.

Can it be assumed therefore that suggestion played no part in respect of this detail upon the minds of observers in subsequent sightings when all, including Stephen G. Moi, independently thought they saw "legs", though descriptions of the general shape of the whole "object" were in fact much the same?

2. Drawing up of the report was conducted in the following way:

(a) On the night of June 26th immediately following the disappearance of the UFO through cloud, 38 witnesses were brought together into a well-lighted room.

(b) On separate sheets of paper three observers, namely William Gill, Ananias Rarata and Stephen Gill Moi, drew what they thought they saw. Each worked in separate parts of the room. Then the sketches were compared and it was found that each resembled the other differing only in size of drawing.

(c) Representatives of groups who thought they observed "men" on the UFO wrote their signatures under the respective headings (see page 7).

(d) All observers were briefly addressed by the reporter and given the opportunity of signing a paper stating that a UFO as described in the sketches was seen by them. It was pointed out that they must be truthful and sign only if they believed that they saw the UFO as represented by the three drawings. 27 observers of a total of 38 voluntarily signed.

(e) The data (1) on page 6 of the report is a copy of the original recorded during the actual time of observation by the reporter.

(f) Diagrams on page 8 were made by the reporter and signed voluntarily under the same conditions as described in par. (d) except that the signatures are representatives of groups only.

(g) The sketches on page 12 were made as part of a written statement by the Rev'd. D. Durie, Acting Principal of St. Aidan's College, Dogura. This statement was drawn up by him a few minutes after the observation.

(h) The UFO's described on page 9 are significantly different in appearance from any previously described.

NOTE: The reporter not being a mathematician has attempted estimates of size and distances. It is suggested that the measurements should not be regarded as indisputable.

In this respect, as result of further practice with hand-measurement as noted on page 8 of the report, the reporter has taken the liberty of making alteration to original data. The HAND-SPAN which originally read as 8 inches now reads as five inches. Other estimated measurements should therefore be adjusted accordingly.

(sgd) William B. Gill

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Dear David,

Have a look at this extraordinary data. I am almost convinced about the "visitation" theory. There have been quite a number of reports over the months, from reliable witnesses. The peculiar thing about these most recent reports is that the UFO's seem to be stationary at Boianai or to travel from Boianai. The Mt. Pudi vicinity seems to be the hovering area. I myself saw a stationary white light twice on the same night on April 9th, but in a different place each time. I believe your students have also sighted one over Boianai. The A.D.O., Bob Smith and Mr. Glover have all seen it, or similar ones on different occasions - again, over Boianai, although I think the Baniara people said they watched it travel across the sky from our direction. I should think that this is the first time that the "saucer" has been identified as such.

I do not doubt the existence of these "things" (indeed I cannot now that I have seen one for myself) but my simple mind still requires scientific evidence before I can accept the from-outer-space-theory. I am inclined to believe that probably many UFO's are more likely some form of electric phenomena - or perhaps something brought about by the atom bomb explosions, etc. That Stephen should actually make out a saucer could be the work of the unconscious mind as it is very likely that at some time he has seen illustrations of some kind in a magazine, or it is very possible that saucers do exist, but it is only a 50/50 chance that they are not earth made, still less that they should carry men (more likely radio controlled), and it is still unproven that they are solids.

It is all too difficult to understand for me; I prefer to wait for some bright boy to catch one to be exhibited in Martin Square.

Please return this report as I have no copy and I want Nor. to have it.

Yours,

Doubting William.

REPORT ON UFO SIGHTING

Place: Boianai.

Time: 1 a.m. Sunday, 21st June, 1959.

Weather Conditions: Patches of low cloud, otherwise clear. Moonlight.

Name of Observer: Stephen Moi, Teacher.

Description: (as told to W.B. Gill by the observer 23/6/59 at Boianai.

On coming out of the house at one o'clock on Sunday morning (21st June) I saw a bright light (white) silently coming out of the sky from a point about a quarter of a mile out to sea, slightly west of the Boianai station. It descended from what seemed a great height and I watched it for the space of about three minutes moving and descending eastwards and parallel to the coast. It stopped at a point a little to the east of the station and at a height of about three hundred feet. There it remained stationary for

perhaps half a minute and gradually decreased in brilliance until the shape of an inverted saucer could be discerned, which was tilted slightly backwards with part of the base visible. The object then moved upwards and disappeared from view into the clouds.

When first sighted, I thought it to have been a light similar to those dropped by 'planes during the war.

P.S. Underneath the saucer I saw about four round black spots.

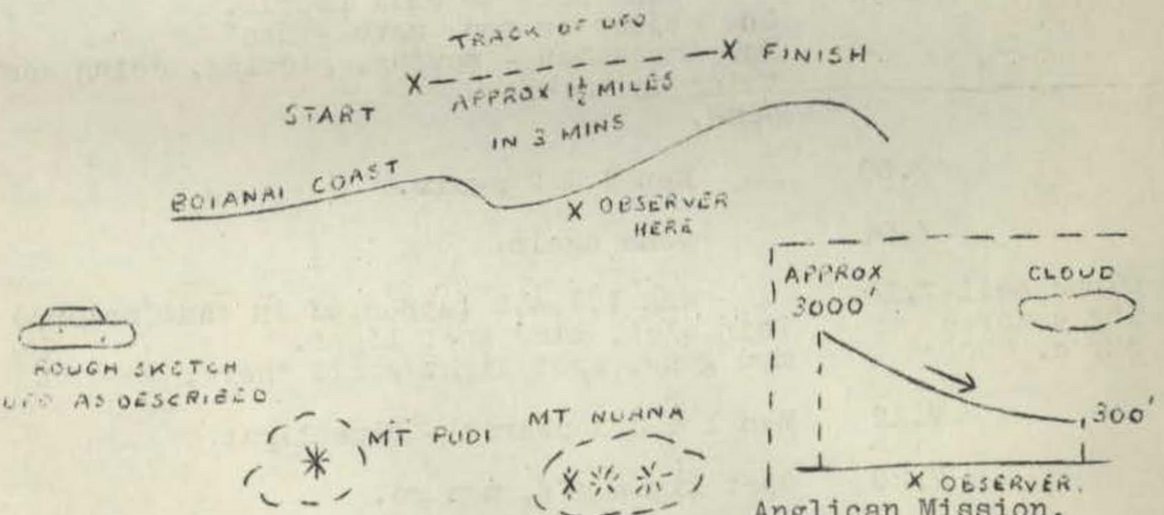
(sgd) Stephen Gill Moi

(OBSERVER)

NOTE: All this imfromation was volunteered without any knowledge of previous sightings of UFO's by Stephen, and when questioned afterwards, Stephen Moi claimed never to have heard of "flying saucers". I asked him if he was quite sure the shape of the object was like an inverted saucer and was not, for instance, the shape of a plate, or like a "sixpence", or "like a ball". He was quite certain in his mind that it was more like a saucer than anyhting else.

(sgd) William B. Gill

(REPORTER)



Anglican Mission,
Boianai.
27/6/59

Dear David,

Life is strange, isn't it? Yesterday I wrote you a letter, (which I still intend sending you) expressing opinions re the UFO's - Now, less than 24 hours later I have changed my views somewhat. Last night we at Boianai experienced about 4 hours of UFO activity, and there is no doubt whatsoever that they are handled by beings of some kind. At times it was absolutely breathtaking. Here is the report. Please pass it round, but great care must be taken as I have no other, and this, like the one I made out re Stephen, will be sent to Nor. I would appreciate it if you could send the lot back as soon as poss.

Cheers,

Convinced Bill

P.S. Do you think P. Moresby should know about this?

(N. Cruttwell is at present in the Daga country and will not be returning home until 16th July at earliest.) If people think it worth while, I will stand cost of a radio conversation of you care to make out a comprehensive report from the material on my behalf!! It's interesting Territory news if nothing else.

W.B.G.

26/6/59 U.F.O. Boianai

DATA (1)

Sky	Time (p.m.)		
Patches of low cloud; clear over Dogura and Menapi	6.45	Sighted bright white light from front direction N.W.	40°/45°
	6.50	Call Stephen and Eric - Langford.	
	6.52	Stephen arrives. Confirms not star like other night. Coming closer, not so bright. Coming down 500 ft?, orange?, deep yellow?	
	6.55	Send Eric to call people. One object on top, move - man? Now three men - moving, glowing, doing something on deck. Gone.	A.
	7.00	Men 1 & 2 again.	
	7.04	Gone again.	
Cloud ceiling covered sky c. 2000'	7.10	Man 1,3,4,2 (appeared in that order.) Thin elct. blue spot light. Men gone, spot light still there.	
	7.12	Men 1 & 2 appeared - blue light.	
	7.20	Spot light off, men go.	
	7.20	UFO goes through cloud.	
Clear sky here, heavy cloud over Dogura.	8.28	UFO seen by me overhead. Call station people. Appeared to descend, get bigger. Not so big, but seemed nearer than before.	B
	8.29	Second seen over sea - hovering at times.	A
Clouds forming again	8.35	Another over Wadobuna village.	C
	?	Another to the east.	D
Clouds patchy	8.50	Big one stationary and larger - the original (?) Others coming and going through clouds. As they descend through cloud, light reflected like large halo onto cloud - no more than 2000', probably less. All UFO's very clear - satellites? "Mother" ship still large, clear, stationary.	
	9.05	Nos. 2,3,4 gone.	

9.10 "Mother" ship gone - giving red light. No. 1 gone (overhead) into cloud.

9.20 "Mother" back.

9.30 "Mother" gone across sea towards Giwa - white, red, blue, gone.

9.46 Overhead U.F.O. re-appears, is hovering.

10.00 Still there, stationary.

10.10 Hovering, gone behind cloud.

10.30 Very high, hovering in clear patch of sky between clouds.

10.50 Very overcast, no sign of U.F.O.

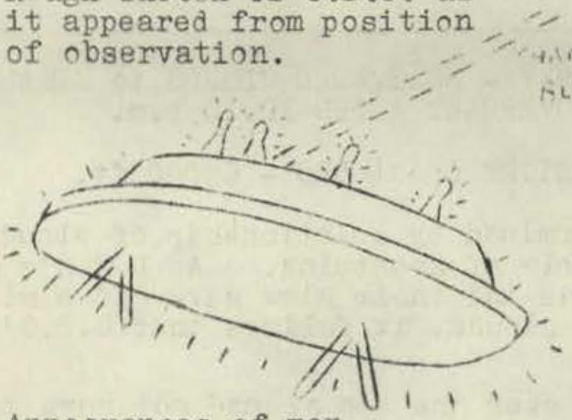
11. 4 Heavy rain.

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Data sheet of observation of U.F.O's
6.45 - 11.4 p.m.
26/6/59.

(Sgd.) William B. Gill.

Rough sketch of U.F.O. as it appeared from position of observation.



1 - 4 men clearly seen, appeared in this order at 7.10 p.m. (from waist up)

"men" illuminated.

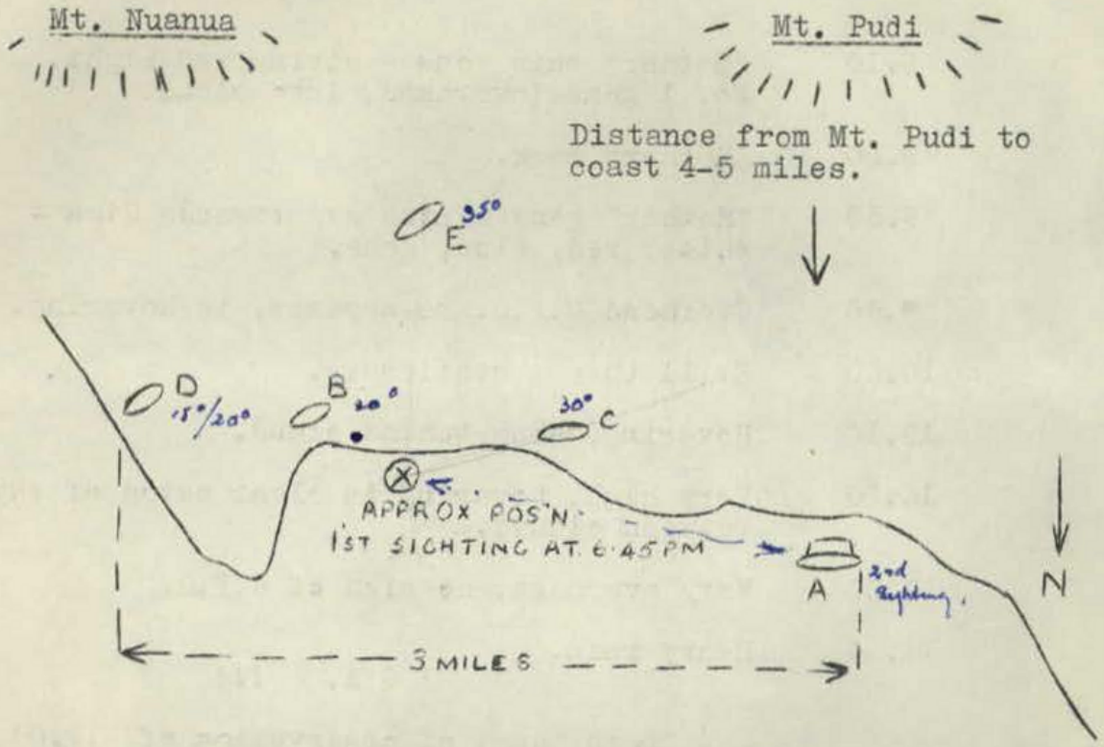
Appearances of men
1, 2 and 3 at 6.55 p.m.
William B. Gill
Stephen Gill Moi.

Appearances of men at 7.00 p.m.
1 and 2
William B. Gill
Stephen Gill Moi
Ananias Rarata
Nessie Moi

Appearances of men and light shaft at 7.10 p.m.
1, 3, 4 and 2 (in that order)
William B. Gill.
Stephen Gill Moi
Ananas Rarata

Appearances of men 1 and 2 and light shaft at 7.12 p.m.
William B. Gill
Stephen Gill Moi
Ananias Rarata

This paper drawn up and signed by chief observers at 7.30 p.m. 26/6/59.



Positions of U.F.O's observed from Nioanai Station at 8.28 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. 26/6/59.

(Sgd.) William B. Gill
Stephen Gill Moi.

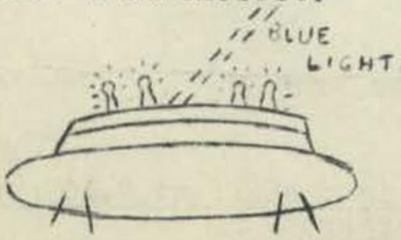
WEATHER VARIABLE SKY - SCATTERED CLOUDS to CLEAR AT FIRST, BECOMING OVERCAST AFTER 10.10 p.m.

APPROX. HEIGHT OF CLOUDS - 2,000 ft.

NOTE. This determined by relationship of clouds to highest point visible of mountains. As U.F.O's were often below (under) clouds and their glow gave off a wide halo of light reflected on clouds, it follows that U.F.O's descended to below 2,000 ft.

The first sighting over the sea seemed not more than 500 ft. above the water at times.

Size of U.F.O. "A" (across) (as appeared) Full HAND-SPAN at arm's length (8 inches) when U.F.O's at closest.



U.F.O. "A"

Colour. Dull yellow (perhaps pale orange) except when moving, then very bright. When finally moved away at great speed at 9.30 - colour changed from thin white to deep red, then to blue-green.

A rough sketch of U.F.O. as observed between 6.55 p.m. and 7.22 p.m. by 38 witnesses at Boianai, T.P. & N.G., Friday 26-6-59.

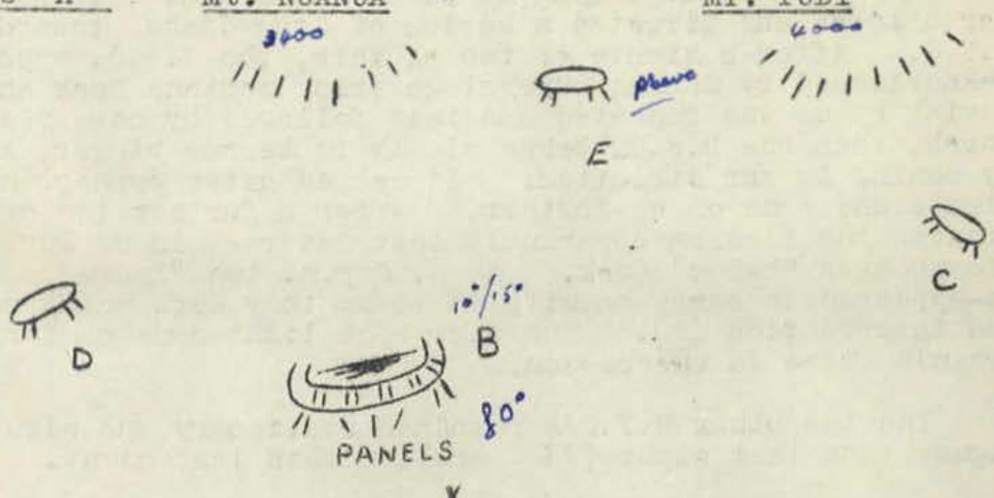
This sketch is a reasonable reproduction of U.F.O. which was clearly visible and mostly stationary for 25 minutes.

(Sgd.) William B. Gill, Priest
" Stephen Gill Moi - Teacher
" Eric Kodaware - Schoolboy.

Colour
Same as "A"

Mt. NUANUA

MT. PUDI



NOTE
"B" had 5 panels of bright "windows" on near edge.

SIZES of U.F.O's (as appeared)
"E" about ½" across
"C" " " "
"B" " 1" "
" ¼" deep
"D" " ½" across.

Four of the five U.F.O's seen in the sky at the one time between 8.28 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. (asthey appeared. "B" was directly overhead.)

(Sgd.) William B. Gill - Priest
" Stephen Gill Moi - Teacher
" Eric Kodawara - Schoolboy.

U.F.O. DATA BOIANAI.

Saturday, 27/6/59.

Large U.F.O. first sighted by Annie Laurie at 6 p.m. in apparently same position as last night (26/6/59) only seemed a little smaller, when W.B.G. saw it at 6.02 p.m. I called Ananias and several others and we stood in the open to watch it. Although the sun had set it was quite light for the following 15 minutes. We watched figures appear on top - four of them - no doubt that they are human. Possibly the same object that I took to be the "Mother" ship last night. Two smaller U.F.O's were seen at the same time, stationary. One above the hills west, another overhead. On the large one two of the figures seemed to be doing something near the centre of the deck - were occasionally bending over and raising their arms as though adjusting or "setting up" something (not visible). One figure seemed to be standing looking down at us (a group of about a dozen). I stretched my arm above my head and waved to our surprise the figure did the same. Ananias waved both arms over his head then the two outside figures did the same. Ananias and self began waving our arms and all four now seemed to wave back. There seemed to be no doubt that our movements were answered. All mission boys made audible gasps (of eother joy or surprise perhaps both).

As dark was beginning to close in, I sent Eric Kodawara for a torch and directed a series of long dashes towards the U.F.O. After a minute or two of this, the U.F.O. apparently acknowledged by making several wavering motions back and forth. Waving by us was repeated and this followed by more flashes of torch, then the U.F.O. began slowly to become bigger, apparently coming in our direction. It ceased after perhaps half a minute and came on no further. After a further two or three minutes the figures apparently lost interest in us for they disappeared "below" deck. At 6.25 p.m. two figures re-appeared to carry on with whatever they were doing before the interruption (?). The blue spot light came on for a few seconds twice in succession.

The two other U.F.O's remained stationary and high up - higher than last night (?) - smaller than last night.

6.30 p.m. I went to dinner.

7.00 p.m. No. 1 U.F.O. still present but appeared somewhat smaller - observers go to church for Evensong.

7.45 p.m. Evensong over and sky cloud covered - visibility V.L.

10.40 p.m. A terrific explosion just outside the Mission House. Nothing seen. Could have been an electrical atmospheric explosion as whole sky overcast. At 11.05 a few drops of rain. This may or may not have something to do with U.F.O. The explosion seemed to be just outside the window - NOT ordinary thunderclap - but a penetrating 'earsplitting' explosion. It woke up people on the station.

SUNDAY - 28-6-69.

To sign of U.F.O. 6 p.m.

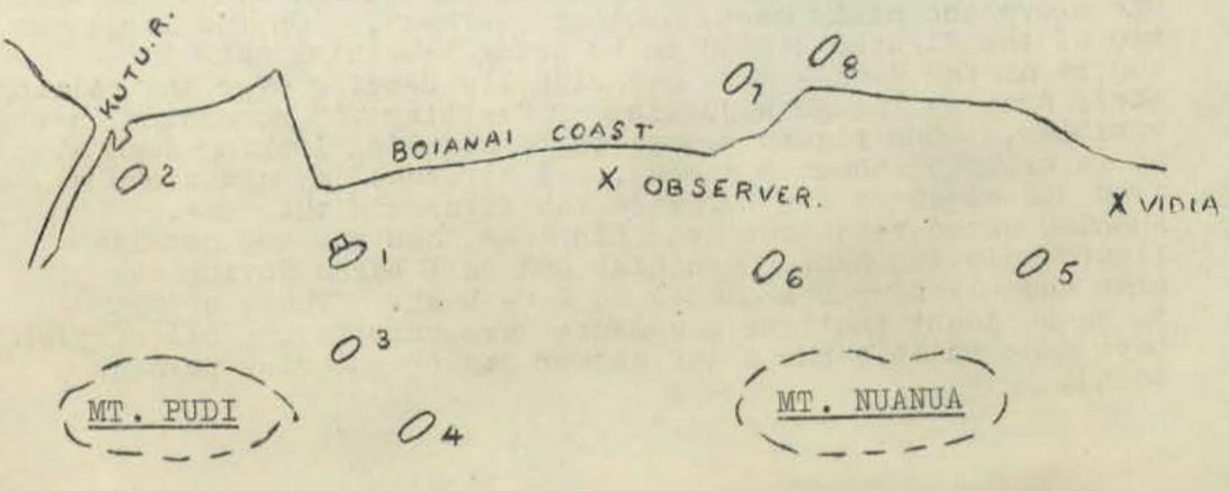
6.45 p.m. 1 only U.F.O. practically overhead - slightly north - very high, but clearly distinguishable due to hovering.

7.30 p.m. Same U.F.O. - moved to southern position but still more or less overhead.

9.10 p.m. 3 U.F.O's in almost straight line - all high, sky clear.

11.00 p.m. 8 U.F.O's - this the greatest number yet seen at one time. One fairly low, but except for occasional hover, no activity seen on board.

Approx. position.



11.20 p.m. A sharp metallic and loud bang on Mission House roof as though piece of metal dropped from great height. No roll of "object" down roof slope afterwards. Outside 4 U.F.O's in circle around station. All high.

11.30 p.m. To bed and U.F.O's still there.

MONDAY, 29-6-59.

A.M. Roof examined. No apparent sign of mark or dent, which one might expect after last night's noise.

A.M.
Boianai.
30-6-59.

Dear David,

Have been having further experiences nightly with U.F.O. - counted 1 large and 7 small over Saturday night,
1 large and 2 small Sunday night,
1 large and 4 small Monday night.

Believe it or not, Ananias, Mission boys and self exchanged hand signals (before dark Saturday) with the occupants of the "mother" ship a little after 6 p.m. There is no doubt that she occupied by at least 4 men. Assuming that men are the same size as average of earth, I have worked out size of the ship - Top "deck" - 20' diameter) the "mother"
Bottom "deck" - roughly 35') ship.

Distance of operations, therefore, as we have sighted, have been, at highest altitude 2,500 feet; lowest altitude 450 feet.

That's all for now, must away on patrol.

Yours,

Bill.

P.S. No "human" activity has yet been observed on smaller U.F.O's, which seem to be disks rather than saucers.

Unidentified Flying Objects.

Date, Monday 6th July, 1959.

At about 8.40 p.m. I noticed a white glow through the cloud, similar to that caused by the moon. Position - North West - a few degrees above Gubanauna Point (the Point is about 3 miles from the College).

The flow changed to a brilliant spot of white light. It descended and moved a little to the South. The brilliance faded to a glow and then to a faint glimmer.

After 5 minutes it glowed again brilliantly and moved in a circular motion (see sketch) anticlockwise. Then it moved further south and down until it became obscured by the Point

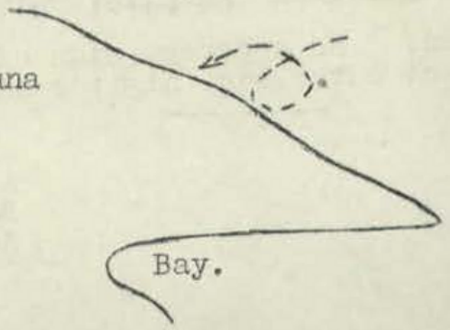
of land at 9.00 p.m.

Through the binoculars I noticed it to be orange in colour and shaped like a disk.

This was observed by Mrs. Durie, Rev. E. Dams, Rev. W. Gill and more than ten College men.

David F. Murie.

Movement: Gubanauna Point.



PAPER SIGNED BY MAJORITY OF WITNESSES AT 7-45 p.m. 26/6/59.

Signatures of WITNESSES OF U.F.O.

Observed on the night of 26th June 1959 at BOIANAI, PAPUA.

William B. Gill
Dulcie Freda Guyorobo - Teacher
Ilma Violet Iorere - Teacher
Eric Kodawara
Ida Mary Giriebo - Teacher
Love Daisy Kolauna - Medical Assistant
Annie Laurie Borewa - Medical Assistant
Milton Baramani
Amos Nudai Rarate
Ananias Rarata - Teacher
Lily Davis Niniwara
Annie Grace Yaweige
Maurice Sangford Totianawai
Ronald W.K.
Daisy Ponewewa
Nurst Mary Gunaula
Jane Rarata
Frank Gunuala
Randolph Gill Kawarewa
Nessie Moi
Stephen Gill Moi - Teacher
Kipling Guveropa - Teacher
Montague Tauwarunani
Carson Kivaua
Cecil Tyonai

APPENDIX TO REPORT.

STATEMENT

Dogura,

9th July 1959.

Last night I went out of my house between 11.30 and midnight and I saw a bright beam of light shining across the sea near the shore and parallel to the beach.

The light was white and it lit up waves of the sea. I thought it was coming from a boat and so I returned to the house. I heard no noise.

(Dgd.) Kingsford Dibela,

Teacher, Dogura.

Note:

It is reported that Richard, Teacher, was dazzled by a bright white light in night of July 8th (about midnight).

No personal statement has been taken from him by me.

Richard lives on the beach below Dogura Plateau. It is said that he describes the light as originating in the direction of Guvanayba Point and that it lit up the coast line beyond Wedau.

The boat Kekaha (?) was at Wedau wharf on the evening of July 9th. If this information interests you it would be worth checking on the movement and activity of that boat then. Gubanauna Point is roughly 4 miles west of Wedau wharf.

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VICTORIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

P.O.-BOX 32, TOORAK, VIC

PHONE XY 1283

100 Collins Street, MELBOURNE.

20th October 1959.

Squadron-Leader D. F. Gilson,
Directorate of Air Force Intelligence,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Squadron-Leader Gilson,

re ~~SS4/1/30~~ 554 (36A) UFO Sightings of Revd. Father W. Gill.

Thank you for your letter of the 15th inst.

Father Gill is now resident at "The Emily Adams" Main Road, Ferny Creek, Victoria. We have found him most co-operative and eager to help in any possible way.

I shall be glad to furnish any further information you may require.

Yours faithfully,

Peter E. Norris

PETER E. NORRIS, LL.B.,
HON. PRESIDENT.

AAB/Z2005

From:- Squadron Leader D.F. Gilson

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence

554/1/30

Thank you for your letter of 12th September, 1959.

2. We have no official information of any sightings by Gill in New Guinea, but we are now making enquiries into the matter.

Mr. P.E. Norris,
100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, VIC.

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36A

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100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, VIC.

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VICTORIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 32, TOORAK, VIC.

PHONE XY 1283

100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

12th September, 1959

The Director of Air Force Intelligence,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

My Society has been undertaking investigations into the alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects reported by the Reverend Father W.B. Gill of Boianai Anglican Mission, Papua, New Guinea.

Since Father Gill and his many witnesses reported exchanging signals with humanoid beings aboard the objects, these sightings, once established as authentic, appear to furnish the much-coveted proof that the UFO's are intelligently-guided machines.

Accordingly, I respectfully submit your Department the following questions, trusting that you will see fit to assist us in our enquiries:-

1. Has the Department initiated enquiries into Father Gill's claims? If so, has any conclusion been reached as to the veracity and accuracy of the witnesses?

2. If the reports are regarded as genuine, has the Department arrived at any conclusion as to the nature and origin of the objects described therein?

3. If the Department has not in fact investigated the reports, is the Department satisfied that these incidents do not constitute the infringement of Australian territorial jurisdiction by air-craft emanating from an alien earth nation?

Yours truly,

Peter E. Norris

PETER E. NORRIS LL.B.
Hon. President



THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

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Represented in every State

HON. NATIONAL DIRECTOR: FRED. P. STONE

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File Please

Associated and Affiliated Societies

with observers in Asia, Brazil, Canada, Ceylon, England, France, Germany, Hawaii, Holland, Honolulu, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Manilla, Mexico, Natal, New Zealand, Norway, Pretoria, Peru, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America

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QUARTERLY MAGAZINE "THE AUSTRALIAN SAUCER RECORD"

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Wing Commander Dawson. Jan. 8th . 1959.
RA.A.F. Intelligence
St. Kilda Rd .
Melbourne Vic.

Dear Sir,

I recieved a letter from a Mr Dave Daughters of Chicago. Ill. USA. which originally had been addressed to your Dept. and upon your advise had been sent on to me.

I felt that I could not take sucha confidential responsibility as to answer the main questions which were directed at your Dept. but have answered such as I felt wise to do so.

I must thank you however for directing the gentleman to my society for help and have enclosed a copy of my answer to him for your perusal.

I am most anxious that our cordial relations shall continue and again assure you that information we can supply to assist your dept. in its evaluation of these objects I will be most happy to supply.

My only regret is that we cannot operate more as a team together in this quest . even if under strictest confidence.for I am positive that much we have discovered could be a assistance to you ,even if only as small peices of the jig saw puzzle. which go to make up the whole.

I am

Yours Faithfully .

Fred Stone

FRED STONE.

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Dave Daughters
13138. Drake Ave.
Chicago 18. Ill.
U.S.A.

Jan. 8th 1959.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of enquiry of the I. Jan. and which was initially addressed to the Dept. of Air, who in turn have addressed it to direct it to me.

I regret although I have been in touch personally on a number of occasions with this dept. in relation to the above subject . thatI do not feel that I could adequately express what they feel officially in reply to your questions.

However I can assure you that from those interviews I feel I can safely say that this Dept. on behalf of our government to use their own words " Have an open mind , on the subject". and whilst not committing themselves to an open statement re same they I believe are keenly interested in any factual evidence we can supply.

In regard to questions. 6 and 7 I can answer in the affirmative . and say that we not only have attempted contact with space people but have had success . in that they have taken the initiative at times and contacted us rather than we them. the result of such being that we have been directed on two occassions to go to certain places , at certain times. number of party designated. and these instruction were recieved three days before the incident. we obeyed strictly the instructions given and the result was an undeniable U.F.O sighting witnessed by five people and tape recorded. there was not actual contact of persons . but the UFO was certainly NOT any other known Object. this incident was repeated later and three other people were happy to have a similer sighting .

Other messages of instruction have been recieved from them at times in which we have been alerted to world events some time prior to them happening . such as the san-francisco earthquake etc. and the Suez Canal Crisis.

I must add however that such was NOT any spiritualistic manifestation as by a medium in a dark room , but purely telepathic messages recived in a perfectly normal state and to the reciepient rather a shock.

Hoping these facts may at least help you in some small way , and assuring you that were it possible I would gaddly answer all the questions. and of my sincere offer of mutual co-operation in any way in the future.

Yours Faithfully.

From:- Squadron Leader D.F. Gilson, DFC

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence

554/1/30

3 SEP 1959

Thank you for your letter of 31st August, 1959.
May I refer you to this Department's letter 114/1/201(22A) dated 14th February 1957 to Mr. P.E. Norris, Honorary President of The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, C/- P.O. Box 32, Toorak. This letter sets out the RAAF's attitude towards investigations of reports of unidentified flying objects, which has remained unchanged.

Miss D. Gillman
P.O. Box 32,
TOORAK, VIC.

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[redacted]CTORIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 32, TOORAK, VIC.

PHONE XY 1283

31st. August, 1959.

To Whom It May Concern.

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the above mentioned Society, to ask if it would be possible to procure information on UFO sightings.

Our Society has been in operation for 3 years and we approach the matter in a purely scientific manner. We have had reports of many sightings but, to our disappointment, we have not heard of, or had contact with anyone (in Australia) who has the good fortune to have taken a clear photograph of a UFO.

We would be most grateful if you could let us have any information you receive on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

D. Gillman

(Miss) D. Gillman.
(Secretary)

From:- Squadron Leader D.F. Gilson, DFC

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1st May, 1959.

The attached statement was made by the Minister for Air a few years ago. I hope it will fill the bill for you.

Mr. D. J. Horne,
Department of External Affairs,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

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INVESTIGATION OF FLYING SAUCERS

STATEMENT OF R.A.A.F. POLICY

1. The R.A.A.F. accepts reports on flying saucers and attempts an allocation of reliability. Those that fall in the reliable class are then subjected to further investigation as and when the opportunity occurs. As a result of this further investigation, a smaller number of reports are followed up and investigations are made with the Meteorological Services, the Government Astronomer and the Civil Aviation authorities in an attempt to fit the original occurrences in with any normal flying activity or meteorological phenomena.

2. As a result of investigations in the past, there is no doubt that reliable observers have reported sightings which today are inexplicable within the resources available to the R.A.A.F. Reports of this type are continuously filed in an attempt to develop sufficient depth of evidence for accurate analysis to be made. It may however, be several years before the required depth of evidence is available.

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22 DEC 1958

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Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 8th December 1958 regarding unidentified flying objects.

2. I regret that we are unable to answer your questionnaire. I suggest, however, that you might be able to obtain some of the information you seek by communicating with the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society. The Honorary President of this society is Mr. F. Stone and his address is:-

22 Northcote Street,
KILBURN, South Australia

Yours faithfully,

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

D. Daughters, Esq.,
4134 N. Drake Avenue,
CHICAGO 18, Ill., U.S.A.

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8 Dec., 1958

Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE, Vic.,
AUSTRALIA

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9/3/57

Dear Sir:

This letter is being sent to the air forces of several countries other than yours as I wish to compare the conclusions of various countries throughout the world.

In June, 1947, Kenneth Arnold saw nine (9) unknown round objects in the vicinity of Mt. Rainier in Washington state. The same day, a prospector in Oregon saw one (1) unknown object in the sky. He also saw that his compass reacted violently when the object was in the area. The United States Air Force conclusion was that ice had fallen from the upper atmosphere, and was gliding in the wind near the mountain. Pieces of similar size and shape and capable of flying in formation. Thus began the present story of "flying saucers" in the United States.

On 5 May, 1955 the United States Air Force released the "Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14", supposedly containing the latest information about UFO'S. However, the head of the same project in 1953 threw out the report as being unsound.

I would like to know the official standing of your government on this controversial (and important) subject. I know of only two or three sightings in Australia. I would appreciate it very much if you would send any available information released by your government.

I would like very much to have the following questions answered:

(1) Does your government believe that it is possible for craft from another world to travel through interplanetary space and observe areas of this world?
    (a) Why or why not?
(2) Is information about UFO's classified by your government so as to prevent interested civilians from seeing it?
    (a) Why or why not?
(3) If information about UFO's is not classified, is it available to citizens of other countries?
    (a) If so, what steps are necessary to obtain said information?
    (b) Is there any charge (postage, handling, etc.) for any information sent by your government?
(4) Is the opinions or conclusions of your governments in any way affected by the opinions or conclusions of any foreign government?
    (a) If so, why?

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(5) Does your government have a special unit established for the purpose of investigating UFO's?
    (a) Why or why not?
    (b) If so, what is their mailing address?
(6) Is there any organization in your country attempting to contact the occupants of UFO's?
    (a) If so, is it governmental (civilian or military), or none governmental?
    (b) If so, has this organizationchad any success whatever?
    (c) If so, what is their mailing address?
(7) If your government does not now believe that UFO's are real, would it, if UFO's were proven real, admit that they had been wrong in their conclusion?
    (a) If not, why not?

I would like to have this letter answered as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours;

Dave Daughters

Dave Daughters
4134 N. Drake Ave.
Chicago 18, Ill.
United States of America

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Overseas Headquarters
R.A.A.F.
Australia House
Strand
LONDON, W.C.2.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Your 13/1/Air(72A) 3655 5 Nov 57

The R.A.A.F. accepts reports of unidentified flying objects and investigates each one. However, insufficient reports have been received on which to base any worthwhile answers to the questionnaire from the "World Wide" magazine.

(A. D. HENDERSON)
Group Captain
For Chief of the Air Staff

D.F.G.
Secretary
AE Plans
26 Nov. 57

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Overseas Headquarters
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LONDON, W.C.2.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Attached are two copies of a reply to the questionnaire originated by "World Wide" magazine.

2. The reply given will probably be of little value to the magazine since we have at this Department ~~very little~~ scant information of any importance which is worth releasing to the public.

3. Some time ago an organization known as the Flying Saucer Society Research Society was formed in Adelaide. The Society sponsors radio programmes in Adelaide and Melbourne and the majority of observations of so-called flying saucers are reported to this organization. "World Wide" magazine would probably get more information from the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society than we can give, though of course their information is a great mixture of fact and fancy. The Honorary President of the Society is Mr. Fred Stone, 22, Northcote Street, Kilburn, S.A., who would be only too pleased to provide any information the magazine required.

Note of Action: This draft not approved by Air Commodore Plans, who instructed that letter on lines of 28A should be sent instead.

(A.D.HENDERSON)
Group Captain
for Chief of the Air Staff

D.G.
Sqn Ldr
AI Plans
24 Nov. '57

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REPLY TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - WORLD WIDE MAGAZINE

1. Q. What is the official attitude and policy of your Government in connection with so-called flying saucers?

A. At the time of the spate of flying saucers reports in 1952/54, the Australian Government adopted a 'wait and see' attitude. Reports on flying saucers from various parts of the world have been studied and local investigations have taken place. The Government has adopted the attitude that there is still insufficient evidence available to enable an accurate analysis to be made.

2. Q. The United States of America have a special commission which investigates reliable reports of unidentified flying objects. Has your Government a similar project in operation?

A. There have been insufficient reports of unidentified flying objects in Australia to warrant the formation of a special commission to investigate them. The Royal Australian Air Force accepts reports and attempts an allocation of reliability. Reports that fall in the reliable class are subjected to further ~~information~~ investigation as and when opportunity occurs. As a result of this further investigation a small number of reports are followed up and investigations are made with the Meteorological Service, the Government Astronomer and the Civil Aviation authorities in an attempt to fit the original occurrences in with any

2. (cont'd) normal flying activity or meteorological phenomena. Reports have been filed for five years in an attempt to develop sufficient depth of evidence for an accurate analysis to be made. However, reliable reports are few and far between and it may be several years yet before the required depth of evidence is available.

3. Q. Have you had any reports of unidentified flying objects seen over your country? If so, who many? What proportion of those investigated have been found to be natural phenomena such as balloons, meteors and parhelia, etc.?

A. The R.A.A.F. has received 11 official reports of unidentified aerial phenomena in the last twelve months. Each report has been investigated, but in most cases the information received has been too sketchy. Investigations have shown that of the 11 reports, 2 were related to meteorological balloons and 5 were ~~from~~ probably high flying or night flying aircraft. Insufficient evidence was available to decide the nature of the remainder.

4. Q. Is it possible for you to supply details of any of the more reliable recent reports of flying saucers soon over your country?

A. None of the reports that the R.A.A.F. has received during the last twelve months have been, upon investigation, related to anything abnormal.

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5. Q. Have you any pictures of alleged flying saucers which could be made available to me?

A. No.

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Telephone: TEMPLE BAR 2435

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.
OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIA HOUSE,
STRAND,
LONDON, W.C.2

Reference 13/1/Air(72A) - 3655

5th November 1957

RECEIVED 18 NOV 1957 DEPARTMENT

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne, S.C.1., Vic.,
Australia.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. The News and Information Bureau at Australia House, London, has received the attached Questionnaire from the World Wide Magazine.

2. Could a suitable reply be prepared and passed through this Headquarters.

(I. ROBERTS)
Group Captain
For Air Officer Commanding

DAFI 19/11/57

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

(26B)

1. What is the official attitude and policy of your Government in connection with so-called fl ying saucers?
2. The United States of America have a special commission which investigates reliable reports of unidentified flying objects. Has your Government a similar project in operation?
3. Have you had reports of UFOs seen over your country? If so, how many? What proportion of those investigated have been found to be natural phenomena, such as balloons, meteors, parhelia etc.?
4. Is it possible for you to supply details of any of the more reliable recent reports of flying saucers seen over your country?
5. Have you any pictures of alleged flying saucers which could be made available to me?
6. Any other information you are able to supply on this subject would be most welcome.

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21 NOV 1957

Secretary,
Department of the Army,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE.

MINISTERIAL : UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

With reference to your A31/1/102(G4) dated 15th November, 1957, this Department has received 11 official reports of unidentified aerial phenomena in the last twelve months.

2. Each report has been investigated to the best of our ability, but, in most cases, the information received has been very sketchy. Our investigations showed that of the 11 reports 2 were meteorological balloons and 5 were very probably aircraft. Insufficient evidence was available to decide the nature of the remainder. However, on the basis of wide investigations carried out in the United States, it is probable that the unexplained reports did not relate to anything abnormal.

3. It will be appreciated, therefore, that we have insufficient data available at this Department to be in a position to make a comprehensive study of the subject, and we have no information of any importance which is worth releasing to the public.

4. Regarding Mr. Baudish's discussions with members of the R.A.A.F. concerning unidentified flying objects, only one report has ever been received from a R.A.A.F. member, and the phenomena he reported was almost certainly an aircraft. In addition, to the best of our knowledge, none of the observations during the last twelve months took place anywhere near military exercise areas or during air force exercises.

for (A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

D.J.G.
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AI. Plans
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MXY 440

No A31/1/102(G4)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MELBOURNE, SC1

15 NOV 1957

Secretary Department of Navy
Secretary Department of Air

MINISTERIAL : UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. I enclose a copy of a letter received by the Minister for the Army from Mr RAOUL E BAUDISH on the subject of sighting of unidentified flying objects in the vicinity of military exercises.

2. No information of this nature has been reported to this department.

3. I would be grateful for any information which you can give on this matter.

(A.D. McKNIGHT)
Secretary

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RACHEL E BAUDISH

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54 Wood Street, Lane Cove N.S.W.

October 28, 1957

Dear Mr. Cramer,

with the successful launching of their satellite, another problem has gained considerably in importance : unidentified flying objects.

Recently, in discussions with members of the R.AA.F., I have been told that these have been observed over Australia on a number of occasions, particularly in several instances when military exercises were being held.

I think it is the responsibility of the Government to make whatever information has been gathered, available.

I shall be pleased to have your views in this matter and remain,

Yours truly,

(Signed) R E Baudish

The Hon. J.O. Cramer, M.H.R.
Minister for the Army
Sydney

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1 Apr 57

Director,
Joint Intelligence Bureau,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE.

INVESTIGATIONS INTO REPORTS OF
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

This Department frequently receives reports direct from civilians, or passed on by other departments, of unidentified flying objects. We also receive requests for assistance and advice from various "Flying Saucer Research Societies".

2. Many of these reports presumably cover such mundane things as meteorological and astronomical phenomena; others appear to be inexplicable. Most of them are outside the aeronautical field.

3. As your branch has now established a Scientific Intelligence Section, it would appear that these reports could best be investigated and evaluated by one of your Scientific Research Officers, who will have a broader background of knowledge of this type of phenomena than anyone in this Directorate.

4. If you agree that you can accept this commitment, I will be glad to make available all the papers which we have acquired, to date, on this subject.

(A.D. HENDERSON)
Group Captain
DIRECTOR OF AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

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MISS CLODAH ANDERSON,
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100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

P.O. Box 32,
TOORAK.

The Officer-in-Charge,
Air Department,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

4th February, 1957

Dear Sir,

We wish to inform you that a group of Melbourne citizens has decided to establish here a branch of The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society whose headquarters are in Adelaide.

This decision was made following the news item reported in "The Herald" of January 7th, 1957, concerning the inauguration in the U.S.A. of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena under Admiral Delmar Fahrney. This body aims at encouraging the formation of saucer clubs throughout the nation to supply trained observers.

We are not clear as to the Department's attitude towards Unidentified Flying Objects. To resolve this ambiguity we respectfully submit the following questions:

1. Is the Department still actively engaged in the investigation of U.F.O. reports? If so, is it interested in receiving details of any reports made to the Society by members of the public?

2. Are reports investigated by the Department classified material? If not, have members of the public access to reports and evaluations made to and by the Department?

THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

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3. Would the Department be prepared to co-operate with the Society to the extent of providing data which would assist the latter in evaluating reports received by it? This would necessitate information concerning the locality of aircraft and meteorological devices at given dates and times.

We have enclosed a stamped self-addressed envelope for your reply for which we most respectfully thank you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

P.E. NORRIS
(Honorary President.)

Envelope addressed
MR P. E. MORRIS
P.O Box 32.
TOORAK.

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From:- Wing Commander P.W. Dawson (R.A.F.)

114/1/201(22A)

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne
Victoria

14th February 1957

Dear

Thank you for your letter of 4th February requesting clarification of the attitude of the Department of Air towards investigations of reports of unidentified flying objects.

2. All reports received by this Department are investigated within the limits of our capability. We are prepared to examine any reports which you care to send us, relating to your investigations.

3. Any reports submitted direct to the Department of Air by the public, and our investigations into them, cannot be released; we are unable to release official papers for any purpose. However, you may be assured that we have, at present, no information of importance which would appreciably further your investigations.

4. We should be prepared to comment on any reports sent to us by you, and, where practicable, to supply information on military aircraft movements. Any information you might required regarding the movements of civil aircraft or meteorological observing equipment, should be obtained direct from the appropriate departments.

Yours

Mr. P.E. Morris
P.O. Box 32
Toorak
Melbourne
Victoria

20A

From:- Wing Commander P.W. Dawson (R.A.F.)

114/1/201(19A)

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne
Victoria

21st May 1956

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6. I regret that you consider us to be unhelpful to your Society. We are unable to release official papers for any purpose, but I can assure you that we have no information of any importance which is worth releasing, or which would appreciably further your investigations. As I explained earlier, we are prepared to examine any reports which you care to send us relating to your investigations.

Mr. F. Stone
22 Northcote Street
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Enc.

DRAFT 19A

From:- Wing Commander P.W. Dawson

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
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St. Kilda Road
Melbourne
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7th May, 1956.

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A. F. I.
Dept. of Air.
Victoria Barracks.
MELBOURNE. Vic.

22 Northcote St .
KILBURN . S.A.
April 27 th . 1956

Dear Sir,

My apologoes for delay in reply but this was due to checking up of certain matters before replying to your letter of the 12th inst .

Re. Bartholomew. This chap has now returned to Adelaide and as yet has nor cinfided in us what matters he claimed were going to be dealt with in alleged interview with you . he says now that ge had interviews with Security here who advised him to see you . but this was postponed at a later date . but will reveal the matter to us in June . actually my committee have felt for some considerable time the whole of his evidence and claims to be phoney . and the subsequent events seem to strongly confirm same . should anything further occur I will keep you posted. one point however we would like to clear up is whether he DID see any such local rep. here and recive such advise. you may be able to help us clear this angle . X

Re. Gen . Mac Arthur Statement . At present the full text of this is not before me as it is in a magazine out on loan but the condensed matter is as follows which covers the main details .

The Statement was made in aninterview with the Mayor of Naples . Signor. Achille Lauro at the Waldorf Astoria. where the visiting dignitary said he was discussing the world political situation with the General , when the latter suddenly blurted out that he was more concerned about interplanetary war, thana crystallization of the terrestrial cold war.". Later the Mayor. reviewed the statements made by the Gen . " He beleives that because of the developments of science , all the countries of the earth will have to unite to survive and to make a common front against attack from people from other planets "

We as a society have so far felt that the evidence we hold does not confirm such a view, but are not convinced that it is entirely impossible . and realize that much evidence to support such a view may be held in Intelligence files to which we have no access . to make such an assessment . the fact thet the Gen . made this statement suggests such a possibilty as far as the U.S.A. is concerned . Y

It is because we think it possible that such evidence

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could possibly be held by you that we have placed the question as we did. and as we are constantly being asked whether the U.F.O. are hostile or peaceful in thie interest . that we are anxious to know the full facts , even if only for our own guidance and not for public. information . as we have often expressed our desire not to cause any public panic in our public statements , and certainly would not do so without consulting your own Dept. for confirmation .

Since writing you . the papers have reported that the U.S.A. hve released the films held by their Security taken some time ago by several people of U.F.O. and formally not available despite many requests . such films prove undeniably that they are certainly not of this earth by their performance as well as many other features , we are therefor wondering if it it is possible that your own Dept . would be now willing to release for private showing at least. the film made in New Guinea . and held by your Dept. this film we have on report from America . has the same type of evidence to support the extraterresstrial theory .

Generally we are disapointed that your Dept. does not come more out in the open at least with us. and let us know some of the evidence which undoubtedly you must hold . even if only for our guidance so that we can make a true assessment of the matter .

We are well aware that all facts are not suitable for public consumption in large doses and that they have to be educated upt to recieve such . but it would give us greater confidence to know that you do appreciate our work and assist by co-operating in the above regard .

Fortunately for us. your Dept. has been always willing to hear our case . and unlike the U.S.A. not been antagonistic to our work or held us up to ridicule by publishing statements which deppite evidence held by both parties. only confuse the issue. for this we express our gratitude. but appeal for more tangible evidence from your own files.

Hoping that this may be possible in the coming days. and again assuring you of our loyalty and assistance in any way .

I am
Yours faithfully .

Fred Stone

NATIONAL DIRECTOR.

From:- Wing Commander P.W. Dawson

(19A)

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
St.Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.

12th April, 1956

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 24th March and 7th April.

I have had no communication from Mr. Bartholomew and will inform you if and when I do.

I have no knowledge of the statement by General MacArthur in the United States and if you will let me have all the particulars concerning his statement, I will look into the matter and send you our opinion of his views.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. F. Stone,
22 Northcote Street,
Kilburn,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Wing Cmdr. P.W. Dawson . 22 Northcote St . KILBURN . S..
RA.A.F. H.Q. April . 7th. 1956.
St Kilda Rd.
MELBOURNE. VIC.

Dear Sir.

There are a few matters which 1 would like to get your guidance on which has occured through international correspondence in the course of our research work .

they evolve themselves into mainly two questions which 1 would like your answer to if possible . knowing however of your temerity in committing yourself 1 would suggest you follow the proceedure which 1 oultined to you personally . in our relationship of liason one with the other i.e.

A. For Personal Guidance only as Director.
B. For Executive Guidance only .
C. For general public Consumption .

1 am sure that you may be able to answer these questions in one of these catergories.

The Querdes are as follows.

Do you concur with the view expressed by gen Doug . mac Arthur. of the U.S.a that the world has to be prepared for an invasion of extraterrestrial forces. ?.

What is your direction to us in the light of such and what would you desire us to do if any large scale sight ings were madeby the public which may cause alarm and panic.

The latter question is put because of many of our associates overseas who consider that such is very possible this year .

This my committee and myself have not regarded as completely proven . but in view of the fact that some of those observers have been rather correct in their forecasts in the past , we feel we cannot entirely overlook such a possibilty as being impossible. and are terefor prepared to keep an open mind on the matter . but as this involves general public security feel that it should be handled with care and therefor the above guidance is sought in the light of our genuine desire to assist as always expressed in the past in our personal or written contact with you .

So far we have not recieved any reply re the case of Bartholomew of which 1 wrote you recently , am 1 to take it that the whole thing was a hoax ,or that you are not prepared to make a statement in regard to the same. ?

Hoping you will treat the whole of the above in the light of a sincere and genuine desire to co-operate .

I am Yours Faithfully

NATIONAL DIRECTOR .

15A Tele on Otyn saucer file +

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Wing Cmdr. P.W. Dawson .
Dept. of A ir.
Victoria Barracks.
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

A matter has come up which I desire to bring before your notice . and of your Dept .

One of our members and also an advisory committee man. informed us that he had approached. unofficially a security man here in S.A. and discussed Saucer matters with him . he did not name the man or the matter of the discussion but said he was advised to contact your dept. on the way through Melbourne which he intends doing this coming week .

As my committee disapprove of his action and he had no official sanction of it to make any contact . I desire to make some information available to you regarding the person in question . He is Mr . Ross Bartholomew and he works in the Salisbury Long Range Weapons Estb. and thus as far as we are concerned has been screened by S.S.

He came to us on the understanding that he was a member of a small group of men out there who were also studying the above subject . and was to have acted as liason between them and us. but a few weeks after being admitted onto the advisory staff said the committee he was attached to there had folded up.

This member has been attached to the Rosicrucian Scty. and we had to quite often demand that he keep such apart from our meetings which he tried often to introduce .

Unfortuneately however he took the advantage once or twice of my absence at discussion groups to introduce some practices which border on the black magic ritual . and which has brought him into discredit with my committee. as we do not allow any religious or political views to enter into or scty. the reasonableness of this you will see.

Regarding the intended interview with your Dept. he has said that it is to do with the occult side of his studies that you are interested in . and therefor we feel it necessary to place th above information with you and strongly insist that he in no way represents this society in his views . and in fact we strongly reject all his secret black magic practices as totally adverse to our our constitution as well as our views.

We do not deny the possibility of our visitors

from space being of sucha high vibration that they resemble spirit forms in their capabilities . but as thsi side of our subject is so much in the form of intense research and study and as little to date has been available to full explain all such ,and is so far apart from the general conception of things we like you say we have an open mind but will not certainly commit ouselves to any dogmatic statement.

I would be greatly obliged if you could confirm the fact of this interview being arranged , and if without divulging confidences let me know the outcome of such . as I feel that as their leader personally I am responsible for the Society and its activities ,and the above member has been for some time under my observation as being of a type that is likely to bring discredit to us.

In view of his stated interview this has made it more than necessary to know what he is up to.

Thanking you for your help in the past and hoping your will appreciate the spirit in which this is sent.

I am ,
Yours faithfully .

Fred Hoare

NATIONAL DIRECTOR.

14A

MINUTE SHEET Reference 114/1/201

1.

Transcription of Minute 12 on 114/1/197 ⊛ must be Part 1

D.C.A.S. 15/3 Noted. I am not prepared to afford a full time investigation

1. You will remember in our discussions concerning flying saucers I mentioned that a Melbourne University professor was doing a scientific appreciation of our reports. The Minister has, I think, been informed of this fact.

2. At enclosure 105A you will find the scientific report which is, I think, worthy of your study. You will see that among his recommendations Professor Turner urges "greater official interest in reports of flying saucers and the establishment of at least one full time investigator."

3. I await your instructions.

R.A.G. Ellen
Wg. Cdr. D/DAFI (Ops)

24 Feb 55

Part 2 opened 16 Sep 55

2.

see folio 5A

D.Ops.

The present position concerning "Flying Saucers" - whether you like to believe in them or not - is

(a) A Ministerial statement in the House on 19 Nov 53 to the effect that the R.A.A.F. make detailed investigations of every report received, (which in truth we are not yet doing).

(b) A Press release of April 1954 to the same effect.

(c) A report completed at our request by a Mr. Turner, then of Melbourne University, in which he analysed the reports received by the R.A.A.F. to date. He recommended:-

(i) An increase in official interest.
(ii) A full-time investigator. (This was subsequently turned down by D.C.A.S.).
(iii) Publicity to encourage submission of reports by the public.

R.A.A.F. Form A 60 (Mar., 45)

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Subject:- The Search for 114/1/197 Part 1

⊛ This "transcription of Min 12" must have come from file 114/1/197 Part 1, because, if one were to refer to the current file 580/1/1 Part 1 (formerly 114/1/197) Part 1 was not specified but opened on 16 Sept 55 at an enclosure between 47A + 48A, one will find, a Minute sheet belonging to 114/1/197 ("last-not specified) on an enclosure of the existence of a 12th minute, when which only one (1) minute has been written - there is no evidence of the existence of a 12th minute. Enquiries this "Min 12" must have been transcribed from the Minute sheet of 114/1/197 Pt 1 ("turn missing) and Enquiries - the contents of 580/1/1 Part 1 must be the contents of the earliest extractable 114/1/197 Part 2, because the earliest reference is 580/1/1 Part 1 dated from the end of 1955 and 114/1/197, Part 1 dated from the end of 1953.

23 March

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D.A.F.I.

1. Reference Mins.2 and 3.

2. Professor Turner accepted Keyhoe's book as being authentic and based on official releases. Because Turner placed so much weight on Keyhoe's work he emphasized the need to check Keyhoe's reliability. Encl.12A removes Keyhoe's work as a prop for Turner's work so that the value of the latter's findings and recommendations is very much reduced.

3. A suitable investigating panel would presumably require representatives from at least:-

(a) Commonwealth Observatory.

(b) Melbourne University Physics Department.

(c) Meteorological Bureau.

(d) Weapons Research Establishment.

(e) R.A.A.F.

(f) Army.

(g) Navy.

(h) D.C.A.

(i) Medical world - specialists in both psychology and the function of the eye.

4. Such a panel could not sit as a panel but would have to act as a number of individuals each considering each incident. Only one or two representatives could interview the people making the report and this would seriously lessen the value of the investigation. I don't think it is practicable or justified.

5. I suggest:-

(a) We have met our commitment to the Minister up to the date of Turner's report.

(b) We should continue on from Turner's work by transcribing recent and future reports onto the U.S.A.F. form at Encl.12C and forwarding them to the U.S.A.F.

Gp.Capt.
D.Ops.

16 Feb.56

2. (cont'd)

(iv) Establishing liaison with U.S.A.F., R.C.A.F. and R.A.F.

(v) The formation of a Scientific Advisory Panel.

(vi) The establishment of more radar stations manned for longer periods (1)

(d) A visit to this Department (D/D.A.F.I. unfortunately) of the President of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society in which he states -

(i) That his Society are convinced of the reality of Saucers.

(ii) That they do a considerable amount of investigation of reported sightings throughout the country.

(iii) That they are concerned that these investigations do not clash with our security interests - particularly with guided weapons at Woomera.

(iv) That his Society would like to have the results of any investigations the R.A.A.F. do on reported sightings.

(v) His Society wishes to know what Defence policy is likely to be regarding dissemination to the general public of the information which they purport to hold.

2. As you will realise some of the above is getting outside the realms of Intelligence. To honour the Minister's statement and the Press release, some effort should be made to investigate any reported "sightings". This could only be done properly by a panel including operations, technical, navigation and meteorological staff. As I suppose that the R.A.A.F. will have to do something about this matter will you let me have your views?

T.W. Lawson
Wg.Cdr.
A/D.A.F.I.

1 Nov ~~Oct~~ 55

3.

D.OPS.

Further to above we have now received a letter, a report and an official press release from the United States on this subject. The general tone of all of them is that the U.S.A.F. consider "Flying Saucers" do not exist- either as machines from outer space, or of a foreign government.

2. To meet our commitment to the Minister I still consider that some form of investigation will have to be made by the R.A.A.F. of any "unidentified flying objects" which may be reported directly to the R.A.A.F.

T.W. Lawson
Wg.Cdr.
A/D.A.F.I.

14 Nov 55

R.A.A.F. Form A 60
(May, 1936)

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AUSTRALIAN JOINT SERVICE STAFF

INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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2 Nov 55

BY AIR BAG

Director of Air Force Intelligence
Headquarters, RAAF
MELBOURNE S.C. 1 Australia

FLYING SAUCERS-PROJECT BLUE BOOK

Forwarded herewith is a supplemental instruction regarding the handling of the above publication. This will serve to confirm my signal DJ650 of 17 Oct 55.

W.E. Bolitho
Wing Commander
RAAF Intelligence Representative

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCOMPANY PROJECT BLUE BOOK

(SPECIAL REPORT NO. 14)

"The attached Special Report No. 14 (Analysis of Reports of Unidentified Aerial Objects) is forwarded as a matter for official use only. AF Regulation 200-2, "Unidentified Flying Object Reporting" dated 12 August 1954, specifies that any release to the public concerning this subject will be made by Hq USAF"

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19 Oct 55

BY AIR BAG

Director of Air Force Intelligence
Headquarters, RAAF
MELBOURNE S.C. 1 Australia

6A

FLYING SAUCERS

I refer to Wing Commander Dawsons' DO 1A/1955 of 21 Sep on the above subject.

I have discussed with the USAF the status of Major Keyhoe. I understand that his book is written in such a way as to convey the impression that his statements are based on official documents, and there is some suggestion that he has made improper use of information to which he had access while he was serving with the Marine Corps. He has, however, no official status whatsoever and a dim view is taken officially of both him and his works.

Keyhoe and other writers on this subject have caused the USAF a considerable amount of embarrassment, and I understand that it was largely for the purpose of refuting their arguments and conclusions that the Air Force undertook Project Blue Book, a copy of which you will have received by now. I believe that this publication explains something like 98 percent of the cases reported. The Air Force issued it, not only to counter earlier statements on the subject, but also in the hopes that it would cut the ground from under a new book by Keyhoe which is soon to be published. However, subsequent to its issue the new Secretary of the Air Force refused to agree to its release to the public. This was the subject of my signal DJ650 of 17 Oct 55.

As stated in this signal, I have discussed with the USAF the extent to which the publication can be used by you in replying to the experts who are worrying you. They are quite happy to have you use it as a basis for a statement on the subject, provided you do not directly quote its contents or refer directly to it or its source.

As the Blue Book has been sent to you, I have not made any request for individual reports held by the USAF. However, if you still require them, I shall be pleased to do so. New reports of unidentified flying objects are made available to me on the reading panel, and if you wish to have copies of them, please let me know. I have not bothered to take them in the past as I felt that they would be of no use to you.

W.K. Pohlner
Wing Commander
RAAF Intelligence Representative

Since writing the above I have received the attached Summary which may be of interest to you.

/SP.

ENCLOSURE 11A

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114/1/201(11A)

8 NOV 1955

Mr. H.J. Brown,
Controller,
Weapons Research Establishment,
SALISBURY. S.A.

INVESTIGATIONS OF REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The President of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" visited this Department recently and requested, inter alia, that his Society be given the name of some person at Woomera, or in the Salisbury or Adelaide area, with whom they could discuss their investigations.

2. The Society is apparently very concerned that none of their investigations into reported sightings of unidentified flying objects should clash with the security of official projects emanating from the Weapons Research Establishment.

3. Since this matter is primarily the concern of your Department, I would be grateful if you would arrange to contact Mr. Stone and make whatever arrangements you may consider desirable to cover his and your requirements.

4. The name and address of the President is:-

Mr. Fred Stone,
22 Northcote Street,
KILBURN. S.A.

(E. W. Hicks) 8/11
SECRETARY

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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MELBOURNE, S.C.1

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS FLYING SAUCERS

Australian Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Tues. — The United States Air Force wound up an eight-year study of flying saucers today by concluding that they did not exist.

But it warned that radical new planes now being built could give the "illusion" of being saucers.

The Secretary of Air, Mr Donald Quarles, said an investigation of almost 5000 "saucer" sightings produced "no evidence of the existence of the popularly termed flying saucers. He made public a 316-page book summarising the inquiry.

He said new planes would rise vertically, and would zoom away in level, supersonic flight, possibly giving "the illusion of the so - called flying saucer."

Mr Quarles disclosed that the U.S. Air Force had contracted with Avro Limited, of Canada, to produce what had been popularly described as a flying saucer.

The Air Force conceded the Avro vehicle "could result in disc - shaped aircraft somewhat similar" to the public concept of a flying saucer.

The study showed that the Air Force was now able to identify as balloons, aircraft, astronomical bodies or other objects all but three per cent. of the so-called flying saucers.

Those three per cent. still were listed as "unknown."

From:- Wing Commander P. W. Dawson (R.A.F.)

9A

114/1/201

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne
Victoria

25th October 1955

Thank you for your letter dated 10th October. I was the officer who you saw and would be glad if further communications were addressed to me.

2. I am arranging for the R.A.A.F. authorities in your area to nominate someone with whom you can get in contact as necessary. I will inform you of the particulars shortly.

3. We have received no information on untoward occurrences in the Mildura area; guided missiles would not be in this area.

4. We have seen no reports, other than those contained in the Press, of the purported incident in Melbourne on 30th September and would have nothing to add to the information already in the possession of your Society as reported in the "Sun" on 1st October 1955.

5. As I mentioned during our discussion, we are prepared to examine any reports which you, or your district representatives, care to make available to us.

6. Thank you for the copy of your magazine.

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29th March 1955

Dear Mr Turner

Thank you very much for your interesting and informative report on unidentified Flying Objects. Terry and I are most appreciative of your efforts to assist us in this field.

2. My Director has decided to send copies of your report to both Washington and London, together with some of the more probable of the sighting reports, in an endeavour to learn their official views. If red tape will permit, we will advise you of the results.

3. In compliance with your request to Terry, I am attaching a copy of your report.

4. I do hope you are enjoying your work in England.

Kind regards
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26th. Dec. 1954

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

Under the authority of the Secretary of the Department of Air, the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence arranged for two files of reports dealing with "flying saucers" to be placed at my disposal for analysis. My departure for the United Kingdom in November 1954 curtailed this investigation. The conclusions reached at that stage are given in the attached report.

If there is any desire on the part of the R.A.A.F. to continue this co-operation in any way, Iwould be only too happy to do so.

Yours faithfully,

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REPORT ON "FLYING SAUCERS"

INTRODUCTION

1. In order to assist in assessing two files of reports held by the Director of Air Force Intelligence concerning "flying saucers", a general inquiry into the subject matter was held by the writer. Among the books investigated were the following:-

Keyhoe:	"Flying Saucers From Outer Space"
Menzel:	"Flying Saucers"
Leslie and Adamski:	"Flying Saucers Have Landed"

In addition, numerous periodicals and magazines were found to supply odd reports.

2. The Victorian Flying Saucer Investigation Committee was helpful in supplying further information. The Committee was not aware of any connection with the R.A.A.F.

3. Some local sightings of interest were personally investigated. Such investigations were found to render considerably more information than expected. Finally, discussions were had with various staff members of the Physics Department, University of Melbourne.

4. In this way, it was hoped that a basic understanding of the problem would be achieved.

5. As regards the filed reports, it was the initial intention of the writer to analyse the evidence in an attempt to understand the basic reason causing the then recent wave of saucer reports. However, largely as a result of Keyhoe's book, it would appear that this evidential analysis is no longer necessary. Instead, an attempt has been made to assign each of the various filed reports to some particular category. This is a preliminary move in understanding the methods and motives of these "saucers" rather than determining whether they exist or not.

AMERICAN REPORTS

6. It is worthwhile studying the evidence presented by Keyhoe. This ex-Major of the U.S. Marines purports to publish U.S. Air Technical Intelligence Reports dealing with sightings of "Unidentified Flying Objects". It is almost inconceivable that this is not an official release, as they bear the testimony of Albert M. Chop of the Office of Public Information, Department of Defence, Washington. Direct official confirmation from, say, the U.S. Air Attache or the Australian Liaison Officer in Washington would nevertheless be highly desirable.

7. Some of the cases discussed by Keyhoe are summarised below (in chronological order).

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1. Norfolk, Virginia - July 14th, 1952, 2112 hours

Pan-American Airways' report to A.T.I.C. of six discs seen manoeuvring below the aircraft. Description given of an abrupt change of course, colour changes, high speeds. Diameter to thickness ratio about 7/1. Joined by two more discs before departing.

2. Washington, D.C. - July 20th, 1952, 0040 - 0530 hours

Three radar stations - Air Traffic Control Centre at Washington National Airport, Control Tower at same airport, and Andrews Field, Maryland - all located echoes at approximately the same position, and some of the objects producing the echoes were seen by ground and air observers as coloured lights. The observations continued for five hours during which time the objects were found to be capable of linear acceleration in excess of several 'g'. They could reverse, perform right-angled turns and in one instance exceed several thousand m.p.h. They would outdistance any intercepting 'plane, although the interceptors could often locate their lights before they went out of sight. Their departure would be observed on the radar screen.

3. Michigan - July 29th, 1952, 2140 hours

G.C.I. radar ordered an F.94 to intercept an unknown object flying at 635 m.p.h. When at 20,000 ft., the interceptor located object on its radar as being four miles distant, same altitude, position marked visually by a light alternately flashing red, green and white. The F.94 chased the object at maximum speed for twenty minutes, during which time the flashing light remained visible in a position corresponding to the aircraft's radar. The attempted intercept was tracked by the G.C.I. station.

4. Bellefontaine, Ohio - August 1st, 1952, 1050 hours

G.C.I. radar picked up an unknown moving at 480 m.p.h. and at great height. Visually detected by ground observers. Two F.86's ordered to intercept. At a ceiling of 40,000 ft., one pilot took camera-gun photographs of a bright, round object. The radar gunsight indicated that the object was 12 - 20,000 ft. above the observer. The attempted intercept was tracked by the G.C.I. radar.

5. Hamilton Air Force Base, California - August 3rd, 1952, 1615 hours

Two discs observed from ground with binoculars. Picked up by G.C.I. radar. Six more discs arrived. Group departed before interceptors could take off.

6. Oneida Air Force Base, Japan - August 5th, 1952, midnight

Round dark object with bright light observed from control tower with binoculars. Approached base slowly, hovered nearby for several minutes, then departed. Tracked by G.C.I. radar. Appeared to split into three units.

7. Gulf of Mexico - December 6th, 1952, 0525 hours

B.29 at 18,000 ft. Four groups each of about five objects were observed at approximately two-minute intervals by three radar-scopes. Each group was travelling in excess of 5,000 m.p.h. Some of the objects were also sighted visually. One group briefly slowed down to aircraft speed, then accelerated to its earlier speed and was seen to merge with a large ½" blip, the whole then rapidly accelerating to more than 9,000 m.p.h. before going out of range.

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CONCLUSIONS

8. If one assumes these Intelligence Reports are authentic, then the evidence presented is such that it is difficult to assume any interpretation other than that unidentified flying objects are being observed. This applies particularly to those cases where an object is independently observed to be in a certain position at the one time by means of radar, visual and/or photographic methods. Such combined evidence positively eliminates alternative explanations such as 'spots before the eyes', mass illusions, meteorological phenomena (including temperature inversion), etc. In many cases, the measured velocities and accelerations are highly indicative of objects that are intelligently controlled and whose performance is superior to that known by Western science. Indeed, the superiority is such that it is highly improbable that such objects have a terrestial origin.

9. An extra-terrestial origin is preferred to that of a Russian origin as, even if the Russian forces were so much in advance of the Western group that they could produce such aircraft, it is highly improbable that they would send their secret devices over enemy territory with the attendant risk of capture or breakdown. In addition, espionage would surely be more profitable if undertaken by fifth column activities rather than by the elusive aerial spotting practised by these U.F.O's.

10. The evidence presented by the reports held by the R.A.A.F. tend to support the above conclusion - namely, that certain strange aircraft have been observed to behave in a manner suggestive of an extra-terrestial origin. However, as the Australian evidence is inferior to the American evidence from the viewpoint of proving the real existence of 'flying saucers', the writer has contented himself with a modest attempt at sieving the probable U.F.O. sightings from the probable 'natural phenomenon' category. This is done in Appendix I. If one could regard this initial sorting out as being sufficiently reliable, then reports categorising U.F.O. should be re-examined in an effort to understand the methods of propulsion and the motives for the visitations. Reports that are simply visual have strictly limited analysis value. Many new reports involving instrumental plotting are needed. It is possible to list a number of such recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To increase official interest in U.F.O. reports.

2. To have at least one full-time investigator who is encouraged to interview personally any witnesses involved in an interesting report. Such interviews tend to uncover considerable information and can convert a nebulous report into one suitable for analysis.

3. Some measure of publicity to encourage people to submit their reports. A warning should be given to potential hoaxers that action will be taken if the hoax involves public expense.

4. Liaison established with the U.S. Air Force Intelligence with a view towards exchanging information and verifying Keyhoe's claim.

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5. Request information from the R.A.F. and the Canadian "Project Magnet".

6. An attempt could be made to form a Scientific Advisory Panel to assist in the analysis of reports, provided that in the future these reports are more numerous and of greater detail than most earlier accounts. The first three recommendations should enhance these requirements. The U.S.A.F. and R.A.F. may even be willing to permit such a panel to examine their reports.

7. It is highly recommended that more radar sightings be gained. One radar report is worth many unsupported visual reports. Only radar can supply range, height, speed and true course. Visual aids can add shape and colour and, if synchronised with radar, true size. More radar stations are needed and they should operate for longer periods. Radar operators should be briefed as to the procedure to be adopted when a U.F.O. is suspected. They should be familiar with such things as anomalous propagation and ionised clouds.

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APPENDIX I

Explanation of Table

Column

'Time' T - represents an observation made within the period of civil twilight.

'Additional' Sp - Speed

Tr - Trail or exhaust

Dim - Dimensions (in angular units)

Ns - Noise

Dis - Manner of disappearance

'Identification'

A blank indicates that the sighting could not be identified to better than an estimated 50% probability.

Identification with a question mark indicates an estimated 50 - 80% probability.

Identification without a question mark indicates a probability greater than an estimated 80%.

The term U.F.O. is adopted from the U.S.A.F. terminology, but is here understood to also include all aircraft, balloons, guided missiles, etc. that have escaped official detection and have not been mentioned in the filed reports. Of course, in many cases, even if such unauthorised objects were in the vicinity, they still would not be identified with the reported sighting as the respective behaviour characteristics differ too greatly e.g. controlled level flight at 3,600 m.p.h. is uncharacteristic of present aircraft or missiles.

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Record No. Rpt.	DAFI	Place	Date	Time	Duration	Description	Wit-nesses No.	Dir-ection Seen	Direction Moving	Additional	Ident-ifica-tion
1	1	Bass Pt, NSW	16. 7.50	0150-0500	1 hour 45 mins.	2 lights circling	3	E to S	NE & SW	Sp - 15 mph	(See notes)
2	2,4	Qld - NSW	29.11.50	1910T	8-10 secs.	green-blue light	15	E to S	S	Tr - flame Dis - Mid-air	Meteor? (See notes)
3		Melbourne	30.11.50	2000T	Several secs.	green-blue light	12			Tr - flame	Meteor?
X 4	5,6	Condamine, Q.	2. 2.51	1600	brief	8"rockets"	2	Overhead	NW	Sp - "tracer bullet" Tr - "Exhaust" Dim - 15' Ns - "loud swish" Dis - Over horizon	U.F.O.
5	9	Darwin, NT	13. 6.51	1500	hours	white object	many	Elev.56°	W	Sp - 24'/mt	Venus
X 6	10	Nr.Dowerin,WA	29.10.51	1350	~/m	Wingless silver fuselage	2	Overhead	W then WSW	Sp - "Fast" Dim - 15 - 20' Dis - mid-air	U.F.O.
X 7		E. of Bridgetown, WA	28.11.51	2303	brief	long fuselage	1	From horizon to overhead	W then climbed	Sp - "jet" Dis - mid-air 5 orange "ports" on side	U.F.O.?
8	16	Kew, Melb.	3. 5.52	0545	brief	glowing white object	1	W	E	Tr - vapour Dim - ~1'	Meteor?
9	17-28	NSW	3. 5.52	0610T	~30 secs	brilliant white lights then cluster yellow lights	28	Southerly 30-40° elev.	E	Dim - 15 -20' Dis - behind cloud	Meteor

Record No. Rpt.	DAFI	Place	Date	Time	Duration	Description	Wit-nesses No.	Dir-ection Seen	Direction Moving	Additional	Ident-ifica-tion
10	30	Woomera, SA	27. 9.52	2050	5 secs	light grey "cigar"	5	NW	S	Tr - yellow Dis - over horizon	U.F.O.?
11		Woomera, SA	8.10.52	1400	45 mins	Radar echo (5/1)	1		120°	Sp - 27 mph height fluctuated between 1500' and 5600'	Ionised cloud?
12	32	Terrigal, NSW	30.12.52	1200	~80 secs	bright light (like carbon arc)	3	E(elev. 7½°)	N then E	Sp - 8°/mt to N faster to E	U.F.O.?
13	36	Dalwallinu, WA	16. 1.53	2130	20 mins	white light with halo	4	Overhead N for 6-7 mins., W for 15 mins.		Dim - <1' Dis - over horizon	U.F.O.
14	39	Melville Is., NT	14. 5.53	1830		fiery trail	many	low to N	W	blue & white smoke	
15	44	Mackay, Qld.	10. 5.53	1812	5 mins	light like star	3	E then circled N, W, S		Dis - above plane	U.F.O.
16a	45	Midland, WA	21. 7.53	1145	15 mins	white light, flashing red	2	Overhead	hovered then E	Dis - mid-air	
16b	46	Midland, WA	21. 7.53	1300	brief	white light	1	Overhead	N	Dis - mid-air	
17	47	Woomera, SA	24. 7.53	0145		white oval light (detected by doppler)	1	Overhead	NW then SE	Sp - >80°/mt. Dim - 10-12'	U.F.O.?
18	48	Woomera, SA	29. 7.53	1030 -1530	brief intervals	white round objects	many	elev. high		x10 binoculars used	Thistles
19	49	Wonthaggi, VIC	8. 7.53	2130	>10 mins	orange/blue light	1	elev. high	dropped then S		

Record No. Rpt.	DAFI	Place	Date	Time	Duration	Description	Wit-nesses No.	Dir-ection Seen	Direction Moving	Additional	Ident-ifica-tion
20	50	Wyndham, WA	31. 8.53	0545	brief (smoke 5 mins)	exploding fire, smoke	6	elev. 30-40°	From E to N	Dis - mid-air	
21	53	Eyre Pen., SA	15.10.53	0440	2 mins	white light	2	level ahead	E		TAA a/c rear light
22	58	East Kew, MELB	1. 1.54	1015	12 secs	"mushroom"	1	ENE at cloud base	SE around to NE	Sp - jet Dim - ~1½° Dis - into cloud	U.F.O.?
23	60	Adelaide, SA	9. 1.54	0230	45 mins	white/yellow light	1	310°-303° elev. 10°-7°	Down and SW	Dim - <1'	Jupiter
24	61, 71	Mallala, SA	14. 1.54	1120	5 secs	silver square	1	190° elev. 25°	W	Dis - mid-air	Balloon with tin reflecto r
25	62	Mansfield, VIC	15. 1.54	2130	20 mins	"mushroom"	2	in front 300 yds.	various	Sp - hover to fast Tr - yellow at times Dim - 150' diam. 60' high Ns - whirring	U.F.O. if not a hoax
26	63	Blackburn, VIC	3. 1.54	1555	1 min	silver oval	1	270° elev. 10°	~115° "whip like motion"	Sp - hover then 300° in <1 mt. Dis - over hill	U.F.O.?

Record No. Rpt.	DAFI	Place	Date	Time	Duration	Description	Wit-nesses No.	Dir-ection Seen	Direction Moving	Additional	Ident-ification
27	64	Tooma, NSW	5. 1.54	1200	15 mins	3 bright round objects	3	E elev. 12°	W then S	Weaving W, 12-35° elev. line astern S, 18° elev. polaroid glasses effective. Dis - mid-air	U.F.O.
28	66	SE of Woomera, SA	22.11.53-23.11.53		brief	green round lights orange-blue flares	4	various	N for green lights	4 separate sightings	
29	78	Mallala, SA	15. 1.54	2105	brief	silver disc (2 plates joined to-gether)	1	overhead and S	N	Tr - yellow Ns - "like 'plane with engine cut" Dis - mid-air	U.F.O.?
30	67, 79	St. Morris, SA	17. 1.54	1810	15 mins	2 black saucers join-ed by a span	1	E elev. 45°	W then N	Dis - over a hill	U.F.O.
31	77	Wasley, SA	26. 1.54	0200	3 mins	yellow light	1	290° elev. 30°	290°	Dis - over horizon	
32	75	Kingaroy, QLD	23. 9.53	1726	~12 scs.	silver circle	1	S elev. 10°	hover 10s W - 2s	Tr - smoky haze Dim - <16'	
33	81	Grassy Heads, NSW	May, 1953	1400	~½ min.	"log" or short telegraph pole	3	W	over-head	Rotated in 120° jerks	
34	82	Pyramid Hill, VIC	11. 3.54	2000	~½ min.	5 white streaks	2	310°		Ns - "express train"	

Record No. Rpt.	DAFI	Place	Date	Time	Duration	Description	Wit-nesses No.	Dir-ection Seen	Direction Moving	Additional	Ident-ifica-tion
35	12	Rosebud, VIC	3. 1.54	2045	3-4 secs	bright light	2	E	W	blue tail	Meteor?
36	18	Heathcote, NSW	24. 3.54	1500	2 mins	bright object	1	N	S	blue tail, white vapour Sp - crossed sky in 2 mins.	
37	20	Moama, NSW	27. 3.54	1520	3-5 mns	twin vapour trails (white)	1	N	overhead and S	Ns - thunder, wind, train whistle	Jet?
38	21	Moama, NSW	6. 4.54	1703	brief	twin vapour trails	2	N	overhead and S	Ns - low thunder	Jet?
39	26	Clarkefield, VIC	15. 3.54	1500	1 min	dull grey disc	1	N (low down)		Dim - ~2½°	
40	27	Cressy, VIC	April, '54		~½ mn?	dark disc	2	W		train crew	
41	28	Cunderdin, WA	3. 2.54	1730	10-15 mins	bright silver disc	3	W (45° elev.)	W (horizon)	undulatory motion	U.F.O.?
42	28	Nth.Cunderdin, WA	9. 4.54	1715	3 mins	bright silver disc	3	W (45° elev.)	W (into sun)	undulatory motion	U.F.O.?
43	32, 46	Woomera, SA	5. 5.54	~1630	5 mins	radar echo of misty grey disc	3	355°, 35 mls > 60,000'	S then E	visual observation aided by binoculars Dim - ~10' Sp - 3,600 mph to E (measured on trace)	U.F.O.
44	36	Ballarat, VIC	1. 5.54	2112	5-10 mins	bright white disc (later orange)	1	W (15° elev.)	E to 70° then N	2 discs at first but one disappeared Dim - ~15° at closest	U.F.O.

Record No. Rpt.	DAFI	Place	Date	Time	Duration	Description	Wit-nesses No.	Direction Seen	Direction Moving	Additional	Ident-ifica-tion
45		Brisbane, QLD	10. 5.54	1030		eggshaped object	1	S?	E?	Tr - vapour	Canberra
46	39	Nr.Ballina,NSW	14. 5.54	1730	10 secs	bright white light	1	S(25° elev.)	SSW		aircraft DC6(1755)?
47	42	Queensland	15. 5.54	~2345	~15 secs	bright light	28	W	S or SW	varied descriptions. up to "6°" in ang. dim.	Meteor?
48	41	E.Malvern, MEIB	30. 5.54	0025	5-10 secs	oval body with dull blue glow	6	E	S	Tr - yellow/orange gas Dim - >5° Ns - whirring (motor bike) Dis - mid-air	U.F.O.
49	43	Wangaratta,VIC	11. 6.54	1100		vapour trail	1	E	W	Ns - soft jet	Jet?
50	44	W.Brunswick,V.	14.6. 54	1830		ball of light	1	SE	stnry.		
51	45	Denmark, WA	9. 6.54	2015	5 mins	light (green/ blue/red/white	2	N.W.	mostly stnry.		Star?
52(a)		Sydney	14. 6.54	1857	13 mns.	white light	5	WNW(15° elev.)	WNW	met.observer rpts beneath cloud base of 14,000'. Another observer says 10° in 2 mts.	(See notes)
(b)		Sydney	14. 6.54	1900	10 mns.	yellowish light		280-285°	W		
(c)		Sydney (Bankstown)	14. 6.54	1950	12 mns.	white to red light		250-260°(30° elev.	W		
(d)		do.	14. 6.54	1955	10 mns.	white to red light		250-260°	W		
53		Frankston, V	7. 7.54	0855	10-15 secs	dark log	1	in a 30° glide		Dis - behind trees	
54	58	Lismore, VIC.	12. 7.54	1850	brief	blue/white light	1	NW	S (65° el. to 20° el.)	Tr - blue/white	

Record No. Rpt.	DAFI	Place	Date	Time	Duration	Description	Wit-nesses No.	Direction Seen	Direction Moving	Additional	Ident-ifica-tion
55		Lismore, VIC	4. 9.54	2230	brief	bright light	1	N (20° elev.)	W?	Tr - green : allegedly perform-ed a looped turn	
56		E. Dandenong, VIC.	5. 6.54	1823	several minutes	rotating disc with a window-ed canopy, 3 wheels, 3 ports etc.	2	S (level) ~30 yds.	various N finally	Tr - yellowish glow (3 ports) Dim - 30° (~40 ft. diam.) Ns - "motor bike" also ticking	U.F.O.

APPENDIX II

NOTES ON INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

Report No.1 - Bass Pt., N.S.W. - 16.7.50

1. If it is assumed that the report is genuine and that it is sufficiently accurate to warrant analysis, one is aware of an incongruity in the description. On the one hand, red and green lights that circle an area of about a mile in length for about 100 minutes are most unusual according to most U.F.O. reports and far more indicative of an aeroplane, particularly as the red light is to port, and the green to starboard. On the other hand, the estimated time for one circuit gives a speed of only 15 m.p.h. Further, the lights were reported to be stationary at one period for five minutes, and that at no time was any noise of an aircraft heard. Civil and Air Force authorities were unaware of the presence of any aircraft. If an unauthorised aircraft were to be flying between 0150 and 0335 hours, it is suggestive of subversive activities. For this reason alone, further action should have been taken by E.A.H.Q. If the report proved to be a hoax, litigation could have been invoked to deter future potential hoaxers.

2. The subsequent account of mysterious car headlights and a quarry explosion may have been due to entirely unrelated phenomena. Prompt investigation would have been able to assist in that direction. At this late stage, it would be difficult to differentiate between (a) hoax, (b) clandestine operations of a possibly subversive nature, and (c) unusual behaviour of a U.F.O.

Report No.2 - Vicinity Queensland - New South Wales - 29.11.50

3. Newspaper reports lack sufficient detail to warrant analysis. The only worthwhile reports are from Captain Herman and First Officer Quinn flying off Nambour, Qld., and Captain Boyd of the C.M.F., Sydney. The discrepancy in stated times is interesting. Captain Herman gave a duration of 8 - 10 secs. at 1908 hours which time should be accurate as he had just been given radio let-down. Captain Boyd estimated two secs. at 1918 ± 2 or 3 mins. If the discrepancy between the observed times of 1908 and 1918 hours were proved to be significant, then the object observed could not be a single meteor, but would have to be either two separate meteors or an object travelling at more than 3,000 m.p.h. If it were shown that in actual fact the two times were probably in agreement, then it is necessary to make a fit of the following two sets of observations.

	Initial Bearing	Final Elevation	Apparent Course
1. Nambour:	090°	'level with aircraft'	190°
2. Sydney:	060°	045°	240°

If the object were a meteor, the best compromise was found to be:-

		Bearing	Elev.	Course	Range	Altitude
1. Nambour:	First sighted	090°	10°	225°	400 mls.	80 mls.
	Last sighted	160°	5°	225°	400 mls.	50 mls.
2. Sydney:	First sighted	045°	10°	225°	~250 mls.	<60 mls.
	Last sighted	045°	30°	225°	~ 90 mls.	50 mls.

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4. This compromise course involves a path length of almost 600 miles in 8 - 10 secs. or an average speed of about 60 - 70 miles/second. As it has been shown (see footnote (a)) that strongly hyperbolic meteors are not to be expected, the range of meteor velocities at about 1900 hours should be between 7 and 20 miles/second when first penetrating the upper atmosphere. (Heliocentric parabolic velocity of 42.1 km/sec. when added vectorially to the earth's orbital velocity of 29.8 km/sec. gives the maximum expected meteor velocity apart from a few meteors that may have been perturbed into slightly hyperbolic orbits.) Unless a strongly hyperbolic meteor is to be postulated, it is necessary to either assert that Captain Herman'sand First Officer Quinn's estimation of duration and bearing is drastically in error, or else discard the single meteor hypothesis. In view of Captain Boyd's time discrepancy, it would appear logical to prefer to discard the single meteor idea.

5. There is a further difficulty in that the colour of the light is consistently described as a brilliant green-blue. Although there has been little systematic scientific investigation into meteor spectra (see footnote (b)), it would appear that a predominant green-blue is unusual. It would be most unusual if two such meteors were witnessed within ten minutes of each other, particularly as a third was seen over Victoria on the next night.

6. On the other hand, out of the millions of meteors visible each night, there must occasionally be some sufficiently unusual to arouse the interest of the public. Until more is known of the probability of occurrence of unusual meteors, the possibility remains that two green-blue meteors were seen on 29.11.50 and a third on 30.11.50.

Footnote (a)

References - Astrophysics Journal 113, 225 (1951); 114, 448 (1951).
Royal Astronomical Soc. Monthly Notices 111, 585 (1951); 112, 21 (1952) 113, 411 (1953)

Footnote (b)

Usual classification is -

X - rare - mainly 3830Å (U.V.) line of Mg plus weak Ca lines.

Y - showers and sporadic - 3933Å, 3968Å, also ~6,000Å Ca lines.

Z - sporadic - many lines of Fe, hardly any Ca. (appears white)

However, Astrophysics Journal 118, 555 (1953) reports that a 5,162Å (green) line due mainly to Mg has been found emanating from a meteor. The probability that a Cu green is produced is remote as only .02% Cu is found in iron meteorites, and even less in stony meteorites, whereas the latter contain about 14% Mg. Nevertheless, the probability that the Mg green line predominates is remote.

No.5 Report - Darwin - 13.6.51

7. Theodolite data check with the position and movement of the planet Venus, except that the bearings given are out by 180°.

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Report No.7 - Bridgetown - 28.11.51

8. There are some people from whom this report could possibly represent a highly distorted impression of a most unusual meteor. In this case, however, the tenor of the report is indicative of an observer sufficiently rational to suggest that he was probably observing a U.F.O.

Report No.8 - Kew - 3.5.52, 0545 hours

9. Although this may possibly be identified with the N.S.W. occurrence at 0610, it is unlikely as the discrepancy in time is probably real and the course from "Melbourne to Kew" suggests an elevation much greater than the expected 10 - 20° (see notes on 9). There is insufficient evidence to form an opinion as to its identity.

Report No.9 - Parkes, Sydney : Kiama, - 3.5.52, 0610 hours

10. An analysis of 15 separate reports indicates that an object or objects of total apparent size, that of about half full moon, passed over N.S.W. at considerable height and at an elevation of about 35° to most observers. The average duration was about half a minute. The descriptions are fairly consistent with a large slow meteor travelling horizontally or at a shallow angle and beginning to break up. Such a meteor should have been visible to Melbourne residents at an elevation of 10 - 20°. It is a pity that Victorian newspaper reports failed to supply any details, and that no official investigations were made in Victoria.

11. It is somewhat surprising that intense 'flaring' did not occur during the break-up, and that the smaller particles did not fall away more rapidly.

Report No.10 - Woomera - 27.9.52

12. From the five reports, the observed phenomenon could only be a meteor or U.F.O. A meteor that could give rise to the stated descriptions would have to be rare indeed.

Report No.11 - Woomera - 8.10.52

13. The velocity and direction of the phenomenon producing this well-defined radar echo could easily agree with the velocity and direction of the wind. The considerable height fluctuations could conceivably be explained by variable up-currents of hot air due to variations in surface contours and in soil and vegetation changes. There was insufficient dataavailable to correlate the plotted height variation with a cross-section of the surface features. It may be worthwhile doing this.

14. To produce an echo similar to a large aircraft and yet not be visible to the observer, one could postulate the existence of a compact highly ionised cloud. A layer of snow (or ice) crystals is unlikely as the ground temperature was 84°F and freezing point would be unlikely at heights of only a few thousand feet. It is highly improbable that an ionised cloud could cross Australia from the Monte Bello's without being dispersed, but the recent atomic explosion is suggestive of a connection. Perhaps a precipitation of radio-active rain which vapourised shortly before reaching the ground could produce a locally-ionised cloud. The observed apparent breaking away of segments of the radar echo would indicate that if the echo were due to a cloud then it would be relatively short-lived.

Report No.12 - Terrigal - 30.12.52

15. The Wing Commander's evidence that the observed light or object underwent a change in course and an increase in apparent

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speed should be accepted. Coupled with the observation that this was contrary to ground winds, and after considering possible effects produced by the sun, it would appear that there is a reasonable probability that a U.F.O. was sighted.

Report No.15 - Mackay - 10.5.53

16. The description given by Captain Jones is indicative of a U.F.O. Anticipatory vectoring on an internal light reflection may possibly have produced the circling movement, but it would not give the impression of flashing overhead. In any case, a pilot is well aware of illusions produced by light reflections and there was ample time to check various possibilities as to the origin of the light.

Report No.25 - Mansfield - 15.1.54

17. This report is anonymous and could be a hoax based on Captain Barker's account (see Report No.22). Conceivably, someone had a grudge against the R.A.A.F. and hoped to inconvenience them by sending them on a wild goose chase. If it is a hoax, the author has shown considerable ingenuity. If it were genuine, it would supply valuable information as the following observations may indicate.

1. Whirring noise like wind in wires - this description has been given in other (non-R.A.A.F.) reports, including more recent ones.

2. Green lights used when descending - apparently to aid navigation or for visual inspection.

3. On becoming stationary, green lights extinguished, whirring noise louder - as greater upthrust required when stationary, the whirring noise may be associated with the force required to maintain lift.

4. 12-foot rim of bright metal suggests that this part may rotate to provide upthrust and the ndse.

5. To ascend, yellow gaseous light from base of stem and whirr stops - i.e. jet thrust sufficient to dispel with the earlier means of upthrust.

6. To go forward, yellow gaseous light from side of stem - could this cause Barker's "light amber observation car"?

7. Inspection of aircraft - American reports suggest that aircraft provide a centre of interest for U.F.O.'s.

8. Green light from centre of rim apparently used for visual inspection. This agrees with the Kongwok report.

9. "Sudden roar" suggests rapid jet efflux. (Would the normally silent propulsion indicate that usually only a small mass is ejected. If so, then either the U.F.O. has a low mass or else the exhaust has high velocity.)

Report No.28 - S.E. of Woomera - 22 - 23.11.53

18. Insufficient evidence to assess these reports. It would have been worthwhile if security had pursued this matter further.

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Report No.48 - East Malvern - 30.5.54

19. One of the observers of this sighting, David Reese, was personally investigated on this matter. The writer felt reassured as to the integrity of this witness. The noise described was of interest, as it was either omitted or insufficiently described in newspaper reports, and yet was repeated a week later by Jeanette Brown at East Dandenong.

Report No.52 - Sydney - 14.6.54

20. It is possible that (a) and (b) were witnessing Venus, which was in that general direction at the time. However, Venus would have set before (c) and (d) were observing. Possibly (c) and (d) were watching a bright star.

Report No.56 - Dandenong - 5.6.54

21. A separate report has been submitted on this and subsequent sightings. The writer considers that this particular sighting has an extremely high probability of being a U.F.O. without any provisos.

Kongwok - 23.8.54 and 8.9.54

22. Separate reports have been submitted on these two sightings. Again a personal interview has influenced the writer into considering that these observations are of some phenomenon quite unknown to present scientific understanding. The possibility that these sightings may have been due to balloons was investigated and shown to be virtually impossible.

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22 Northcote St
KILBURN. S.A.
Oct. 10th. 1955

Squad. Ldr. A.H. Birch.
R.A.A.F. Headquarters
Melbourne. Vic.

Dear Sir,

Please accept my expression of regret that we did not personally meet on my visit recently , but I am obliged (1) to you for arrangeing your associate whose name I have unfortunately forgotten .however I must thank you and he for the interview which whilst not so informative as hoped for was very helpful in determining future activities as also the extent of liason between us.

Amongst other things he promised that a contact would be appointed here for us to keep in touch with from time to time where found necessary and thus obviate a lot of wasting of your own good time and our own .

So far we have not recieved from you any person (2) appointed as nominee , and would be glad if you would give this your consideration .

We have recieved recently reports from the Mildura - Barmera area , many accounts of things seen in the (1).... sky which closely resmble in description either jet or missile weapons. and as you are aware that is the strong policy of this society not to be entangled in any depart mental matters. we would like to get some clear guidance if any such craft is regularly at times being sent over these places the direction giving is travelling from N.W. to S.E. approx. the descriptions given could be .U.F.O. but this we doubt very much , and favor the above as most likely . but before making any reply or statement we feel we would prefer to refer the matter to you. for guidance.

In keeping with these sightings has also been accounts of a strange wierd loud humming noise. this particular matter is that which led to the reports being given of the above as . at first the reports of noises similar have been recieved quite consistantly from places near Adelaide . all investigation as to any likely cause seems to bring a negative answer. . one of those reporting this so consistantly visited the areas mentioned above and came back with the report from friends up there which has been handed on to us. all reports are firm that it is no machinery or phone buzzings or electrical, water or other likely causes. . but the Adelaide reports have not given any account of any aerial object being seen at the time although they strongly claim that it is something whizzing very fast overhead.

-no time given

Following upon reports recieved in the local papers of U.F.O. being seen over Melbourne on the 30th . Sept. we would like to know if you have any explanation or comment to make . (2)

In making comments of any matter will you be so good as to mark same in the category explained to your collegue i.e.

A .. Personnal information to myself and strictly confidential for my guidance.

B. Information for executive matters only.

C. " for discussion but not for publication . (press)

D. Information for general public consumption.

THis is a proceedure which is being followed by our societies. generally over the world . due to the fact that we have much reported to us which is in strict confidence , as well as matter which we feel the public are not able to recieve until further education up to it .

Whilst we do not favor the withholding of information experience has taught us that much which we recieve has to be given in doses . perhaps you may or may not agree I would like to know your answer to that one . for my personal help.

A copy of our latest magazine will be mailed to you this week andthis will be regularly sent fromtime to time for your dept . files. or personal use as desired.

Hoping you will be able to help with the above.

I am
Yours faithfully .

Red Stone

National Director.

From:- Wing Commander P. W. Dawson

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne
Victoria

21st September 1955

We are being somewhat embarrassed by an Australian Society which is plugging the existence of "flying saucers", and it may become necessary for us to prepare a report of some sort as a basis for an official pronouncement on this matter.

2. Some time ago we instigated a semi-official inquiry into several score of reports on saucer sightings held within the department. A Professor from the Melbourne University carried out this inquiry and attached is an extract from his report.

3. I would be grateful if you could ascertain for us whether any official credence is placed upon Keyhoe's reports. Also whether U.S.A.F. have themselves any reports on this subject which they are prepared to release to us.

Wing Commander W. K. Bolitho, D.F.C.
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Temporary "U" Building
12th & Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington 8, D.C. U.S.A.



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SERVICE TELEGRAM

WING COMMANDER A. H. BIRCH, DEPARTMENT OF AIR.

MR. F. STONE, 22 NORTHCOTE STREET, KILBURN, S.A.

AT 871.

12TH SEP.

INTERVIEW GRANTED 0930 THURSDAY

MORNING

Routine

[Wg. Cdr. Dawson rang Mr Stone 0930 - 1030
15 September.]

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Sept. 7th 1955

Squad. Ldr. A.H. Birch.
R.A.A.F. H.Q.
MELBOURNE. Vic.

Dear Sir.

Following upon my recent letter to you requesting an interview whilst passing through Melbourne. I beg to advise you of an alteration in transport arrangements which will probably make the situation more easier for you to grant the above.

I will now be arriving by train , at approx. 9.15 on Thursday morning of the 15th inst. and leaving that same evening for Sydney .

Could you grant this suggested interview during th morning I would indeed be grateful . this would allow me to attend to other matters which need tieing up also.

I would deem it a favor if you could advise me as early as possible of your answer to the above so that other appointments could be fixed accordingly .

Hoping you will accede to the above requests.

I am

Yours faithfully .

Hon. Pres. and Gen. Secretary.

Fred Stone

P'S. Would also like to pick up photos of Pt. Moresby incident made available by you. at the same time.

D/D.A.F.I.(Ops)

Wg. Cdr. Birch will have left D.A.F.I. by the date suggested in this letter, and his successor will not have taken over.

Do you wish to see this gentleman on say Friday 16th September ?

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Sept. 3rd. 1955

Squad. Ldr. A.H. Birch.
R.A.A.F. H.Q.
St Kilda Rd.
Melb. Vic.

Dear Sir ,

Thank you for your recent letter which we found helpful in some respects.

I however feel it necessary to advise you that our recent collegue in Sydney , has found it necessary to resign his position and control of the A.F.S.B. of which he was National leader . his committee however have asked me to take over the leadership of the whole of Australia and this I have consented to do , they in their part have also decided it is better to unite all efforts and therefor will be in future working under our Societies heading .

To tie up the whole of the above situation Iam travelling to Sydney for a week end conference with the new committee , which now is under the leadership of Mr. Andrew Tomas. and to whom all affairs of our new N.S.W. bra branch will be directed.

As there may be points of interest and also of instruction and guidance which we feel you may be able to either give me personally , or generally . I would deem it a great favor if you could grant me an interview whilst passing through to Sydney . which matters could well be discussed in conference whilst there.

I expect to get to Melbourne about five or six of Thursdayevening of the 15th of this month . and plan to leave Melbourne . early Friday morning . a conference then would have to be held somewhere early of Thursday evening could this be arranged by you . I know it is asking a favor out of time of your usual duties , but you will see I am unable to make any other arrangments .as allready this has meant the loss of about four days work to me , which my society cannot afford to reimburse.

Hoping you will see fit to grant me the above favor and hoping to hear from you early so that I can fix all details of other appointments whilst passing through .

I am .
Yours faithfully .
Fred Stone
Hon . Pres. and Gen. Secretary

Wg. Cdr Dawson

From:- Wing Commander A. H. Birch, A.F.C.

114/1/197

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
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2A.

10th August 1955

Dear Mr Stone

Thank you for your letter of the 30th July.

2. I have seen the recent article in "People" on flying saucer investigation. As you will understand from reading it, no direct statement was made by me to the Magazine; the article sets out Mr. Jarrold's recollection of some aspects of interest to him that came up in conversation.

3. We discussed only those matters already covered in my last letter to you, and the same facilities would have been extended to you had we met when you were in Melbourne. The interview was in line with R.A.A.F. interest in matters relating to unidentified flying objects, and you may be assured that information given by individuals and organizations to us is carefully treated on an equal basis.

4. On the other hand, information given by the R.A.A.F. is naturally limited, and no access is given to our files. In the same way, Mr. Jarrold did not repeat evaluated comment but rather an incident of conversation, which would not have been the text of a formal statement issued by us. This may settle some of your queries.

5. We hold some prints from a film taken in Port Moresby and will be happy to supply you with copies of five of them which you may or may not find interesting. The cost of the prints is 4/9d each, and you would have to arrange to remit £1. 3. 9. to the Collector of Public Moneys before they could be sent to you. The reference number on this letter should be quoted.

Yours sincerely,

A H Birch

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July 30th 1955.

Sqad. Leader. Birch.
R.A.A.F. H.Q..
Melbourne.

Dear Sir.

It is some time now since I contacted you re an appointment with you , but which proved unsuitable from your angle .

Unfortunately matters have arisen which make it necessary for me to get a clearer picture of your departments angle in relation to the matters below .

I strongly desire to assure you not only of my personal but that of my committees earnest desire to co-operate with you and your department in every way , and particularly that we may in no way commit any fau- pax even in an indirect fashion . this is the reason of our desire to contact you and to know where we can make this co-operation and assist each other mutually to the best advantage of all concerned.

This week has brough t forth an article published by Mr. Edgar Jarrold . of the A.F.S.B. of Sydney in the July 27th . publication of"PEOPLE" which you now doubt have seen this unfortunately has caused a gret deal of enquiry regard ing the statements made init in regard to your interview with the said gentlemen.

Added to this is the fact that overseas contabts have informed me that he has stated he has access to the files of the R.A.A.F Security in relation to these matters , which statement I strongly doubted .

However in view of the above article openly boasts of the invitation extended to him by your dept. many are raising the question as to what extent is the liason being conducted ,and how can we copperate .

Contrary to the statement made by Mr Jarrold and yourself . it states that the discussion CENTRED on the occupants of the saucers, and the inference is that you personally are sold on the idea of them being Martians in that your opinion was that " the Martians are not like us

As we had to unfortuneately break off relations with Mr Jarrold owing to lack of confidence in his administration both financially and as the Secretary. we have not been able to get any communication from him for over twelve month this despite the fact that he was asked to deny a rumour which was printed in an English paper that he had been closed down by your Dept. and as his continued silence and failure to meet his obligations seemed to suggest that such was the case we naturally excused him on this ground .

It was because of such inexcusable behaviour that

We were forced to form our own organisation here as a result .and make the severance with his.

This was one of the main reasons for mydesire at the recent date date to clear this story of his silence from your angle for he himself made no attempt to clear even after repeated corresponddance .it appears he must have wanted to continue the delusion .

The above article has however cleared the picture in at least the fact the he is still in operation but we would like to know to what extent he has the confidence of your S.S. and if his statement of access to files etc. bears veracity or not .

As I am asked a number of questions particularly from overseas in relation to this mans boasts of this , and as I cannot recieve any communication from him to deny it or confirm it .^I would be grateful if you could clear the air for me . to assist in my replies to such .

Also many enquiries have been made re the Port Moresby film of 1953 which Jarrold told us was confiscate by your Dept. now in his story he infers that either he has it in his files or that he had such made available to him by your dept. if such was the case is it possible for my own committe to have this privilege extended to them also even if for only exucutive veiwing .

If contact with you is personally not convenient to clear up these and many other matters . could you give us a local point of contact whom we can contact from time to time to consult for laison purposes .for we are most anxious not to fall foul of your dept . in any way and such a contact could advise if we happen to inadverdantly step on dangerous ground.

Hoping you will see our viewpoint and make some way clear to keep us acting on the square with you and your associates .

I am .
yours faithfully .

Fred Stone

Hon. Pres and Gen. Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL ENQUIRY - RADAR SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, NOWRA.

ENCS. 85A-C for 114/1/197 - missing 23 Aug 82

Secretary,
Department of Air. (Copy to C.A.S.)

1. Attached is a copy of a report received on the 4th October, 1954, from the Department of the Navy concerning the above sightings.

2. Since the beginning of August until quite recently, all reports on unidentified flying objects were referred to Mr. O.H. TURNER of the Physics Department of the University of Melbourne, who had offered to carry out a statistical analysis on such reports.

3. Before his recent departure for England, Mr. TURNER stated that he would be submitting a report on the results of his research. The report has not yet been received.

16 DEC 54

Group Captain, D.A.F.I.

Minister

16/12/54

Thank you

17 DEC 1954

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MR E W HICKS

SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF AIR

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HAS ANY FACTUAL REPORT AIRCRAFT PHENOMENON CANBERRA NOWRA BEEN RECEIVED REPORTS TODAYS PRESS CAUSING CONSTANT ENQUIRIES FROM JOURNALISTS STOP TRUST NO MERMAID IS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SIGHTING

... ATHOL TOWNLEY

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Navy are also inquiring in connection with a request received from them. - Navy.

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The Director-General of Civil Aviation,
Department of Civil Aviation,
Henty House,
499 Little Collins Street,
Melbourne,
Victoria.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - REPORTS

1. It would be appreciated if reports of unidentified flying objects forwarded by you to this Department could have a statement giving the location of any civil air traffic in the general area at the time of sighting.

2. The general practice for your public relations' staff is to forward these reports as personal letters to the public relations' staff of this Department. This involves a delay in replying to the person who originated the report and any subsequent investigation. Therefore, it is requested that these reports be forwarded direct to the Secretary, Department of Air.

(E.W. Hicks)
Secretary

DATE 23 Aug

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Group Captain Charlton,
DIRECTOR OF AIR INTELLIGENCE.

With the Compliments

of the

Private Secretary to the Minister for External Affairs

The attached letter was sent to the press in Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne -

C. Hansen

COMMONWEALTH OFFICES,
TREASURY GARDENS,
MELBOURNE, C.2

23/6/1954.

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Press Release 7A

INVESTIGATION OF FLYING SAUCERS

STATEMENT OF R.A.A.F. POLICY

Approved By. DCAS and issued in April 1957.

1. The R.A.A.F. accepts reports on flying saucers and attempts an allocation of reliability. Those that fall in the reliable class are then subjected to further investigation as and when the opportunity occurs. As a result of this further investigation, a smaller number of reports are followed up and investigations are made with the Meteorological Services, the Government Astronomer and the Civil Aviation authorities in an attempt to fit the original occurrences in with any normal flying activity or meteorological phenomena.

2. As a result of investigations in the past, there is no doubt that reliable observers have reported sightings which today are inexplicable within the resources available to the R.A.A.F. Reports of this type are continuously filed in an attempt to develop sufficient depth of evidence for accurate analysis to be made. It may however, be several years before the required depth of evidence is available.

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Treasury Gardens,
MELBOURNE. C.2.

28th January 1954

Dear Sir,

From time to time people report having seen unexplained objects in the sky which have come to be called "flying saucers". There have been many explanations of them - the sun shining on high flying aircraft - meteorological balloons - imagination, etc. There is another possibility that may account for some of them, which has not been suggested, so far as I know. On known dates in each year, the earth passes through meteor streams. These are the remains of meteors that have disintegrated in outer space, but which continue their original paths round the sun in the form of streams of solid particles and meteoric dust. The fact that the earth moves round the sun in a fixed path and that these debris of meteors also move round the sun in fixed paths, means that the paths of the earth and of some of these meteoric streams intersect each other on a series of dates which are the same each year. The earth sometimes takes a number of days to pass through the more important of these meteoric streams. The dates of maximum meteoric activity are - 3rd January, 21st April, 4th May, 8th June, 30th June, 28th July, 10-13th August, 10th October, 20-23rd October, 3-10th November, 14th November, 16th November, 11-13th December.

I have lists of the dates over the last several years on which people have reported having seen "flying saucers" in Australia, and have compared them with the dates on which the earth passes through the principal meteoric streams. There appears to be a noticeable relationship between these two sets of dates. By this I mean that there tends to be a grouping of flying saucer sightings round about the meteor-stream dates that it is hard to believe is by chance. And again, there is a relative absence of "flying saucer" reports during the principal gaps between meteor-stream dates. For instance, the minimum meteoric activity of the year is between January and April. These are also the months in which fewest "flying saucers" have been reported in Australia. I do not suggest that this evidence is by any means complete, or that it is, at best, more than a partial explanation of "flying saucer" phenomena. All that I suggest is that there is some evidence that people seem to report otherwise unexplained objects in the sky round about the dates on which the earth passes through the principal meteor-streams, and there seems to be a lull in the reporting of flying saucers in between these dates.

I do not suggest any more than that what I have said may be an explanation of at least a proportion of the "flying saucer" reports.

I am,
Yours very truly,

R. G. CASEY

(R. G. CASEY)

The Editor,
"The Sydney Morning Herald",
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

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Mr. Downer, M.P. is going to ask the Minister the following question in the House at 10 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Last year I asked the Honourable Gentleman a question about flying saucers to which he gave a facetious reply.
Is the Minister aware of the attention now being devoted in Canada and by the R.A.F. in England to the nature and origin of these mysterious objects? Are similar investigations contemplated by the R.A.A.F. or does the Minister still regard flying saucers as a problem for Psychologists rather than the Defence authorities?

Phoned through at 4-40 p.m. 19/11/53.

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

(This side only to be written on)

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SUBJECT:

Note of Action:

1. Reference Encl. 6A, the following reply was telephoned to the Minister at 5 p.m. on 19th November, 1953:-

"Yes. I am aware that Services overseas are devoting some time to investigating the reports of unidentified objects and optical phenomena in the sky.

Likewise, the R.A.A.F. makes detailed investigations of every such report it receives. It has been found that the greater number of these reports coincide with the passage of large meteorites across the sky. Information concerning the meteorites is obtained from the observatories in the various States."

2. Nevertheless, all reports are still being investigated closely and recorded as an aid to further research into future reports of this nature.

R Lumsden

20 Nov. 53 C.A.A. (C.A.S.)

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(Attention STAFF OFFICERS INTELLIGENCE)

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

A pro-forma to be used for the purpose of standardising reports of unusual sightings was forwarded under cover of my SEC.CD2/2 (5A) of 17th January, 1951.

2. This pro-forma has now been revised with a view to obtaining additional information. Future reporting should be in accordance with this new pro-forma a copy of which is attached.

3. Though it is a fact that an observer cannot judge the distance from him of an unfamiliar object in the air, observers in general seldom hesitate to give an estimated height and speed when reporting unusual sightings. Items 16 and 17 on the pro-forma have been specially annotated with a view to overcoming these two weaknesses.

4. In almost every case the only attributes of position and movement that can be measured are :-

(a) Bearing.

(b) Angle of elevation.

(c) Angle through which object moves.

(d) Angle between path of movement and horizon.

(e) Time taken for movement in (c).

and though observers will seldom think of actually measuring these at the time of sighting an object, fairly accurate estimates can often be deduced by skillful questioning and a reconstruction of the incident.

5. The bearing of the object can be checked by reference to a good map, to prominent local features, or to celestial bodies.

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6. Angle of elevation can often be checked by asking the observer to point out a cloud or other reference at the same time estimating the elevation of the object under investigation. The investigator should then measure the elevation of this. It is unlikely that an accurate means of measuring angles will be available but it should be remembered that if a foot rule be held loosely at arms length and at right angles to the line of vision each inch will subtend an angle of about two degrees at the eye. Further simple means of measuring angles should also be memorised.

7. Angular movement can be discussed and deduced in a fashion similar to that used to determine elevation.

8. Direction of movement can also be translated to angles to the horizon or some other datum.

9. Time taken for an event to happen is very hard to estimate but it is important, and every effort should be made to estimate lapsed time as accurately as possible. In doing this it may be of help to time the observer while he re-enacts what he did and said during some aspect of the incident.

10. These new instructions do not emanate from any renewed interest in "Flying Saucers" or any new intelligence on the subject, but are merely intended to improve the standard of reporting.

(J. ALEXANDER) Group Captain,
for CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF.

Encl.

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11th November 1953 "Age" Melbourne

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R.A.F. Officers Investigating 'Saucer' Stories

"The Age" Correspondent.
LONDON, Nov. 10.

Intelligence officers of the R.A.F. are now investigating every case of "flying saucers" over Britain, according to a "Daily Express" correspondent.

The serious approach to "saucers" follows several cases in which trained observers, such as R.A.F. men, have seen flying saucers.

The latest case comes from two pilots, together in a Vampire jet at 20,000 feet over Kent last week.

They saw an object which at first seemed to be a star or bright stationary light.

The R.A.F. is now exchanging information on the subject with America.

The U.S. air force is beginning to suggest hesitantly that "flying saucers" could be inter-planetary.

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Melbourne, Australia
20 Jul 53

AA-120-53

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Air Force Headquarters
Melbourne C.1

Attn: Wing Commander R.A.G. Ellen, M.B.E.

Dear Wing Commander Ellen:

Thank you very much for your letter of 6 July in which you inclosed copies of previous correspondence in connection with citings of unidentified flying objects.

As I mentioned to you when I was in your office on 18 May, my headquarters is very interested in receiving reports of all unusual sightings not only in this area but all over the world. My headquarters has requested that, if possible, the following information should be reported on any unusual sighting:

1. Electrical Means. (This should be reported immediately upon sighting.) Reports forwarded by this method will include, insofar as possible:

   a. A brief description of the object(s); shape, size, color, number, formation if more than one, aerodynamic features, trail of exhaust, propulsion system, speed, sound, maneuvers, manner of disappearances, and other pertinent or unusual features.
   b. Time of sighting in 24-hour clock zonal time, and length of time observed.
   c. Manner of observation; visual or electronic, from air (give speed, altitude, and type of aircraft), or surface. Any type of optical or electronic equipment used should be described.
   d. Location of observer during sighting, giving exact latitude and longitude as closely as feasible, and/or reference to a known landmark. Location of object(s) with respect to observer, giving distance, direction, and altitude.
   e. Identifying information of observer(s) and witness(es), estimate of reliability and experience, and any factors bearing on estimated reliability of the sighting.

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f. Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sightings.

g. Any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

h. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs and thelike, of the sighting.

i. Interception or identification action taken. (Such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives.)

j. Location of any air traffic in the general area at the time of the sighting.

2. Written Reports. These reports will expand on the points enumerated above. Photographs, sketches, and signed narrative statements of observers will be appended. Statements should be recorded in as great detail as possible, with particular attention given to times, angles of observation, and flight paths or locations. The angles of observations, locations, flight paths, etc., should be drawn on aeronautical charts or maps.

Any help you can give me in making this information available to my headquarters will be sincerely appreciated and will be handled in strict accordance with the security classification you attach to it.

Sincerely yours,

George A. Uhrich

GEORGE A. UHRICH
Lt Colonel, USAF
Asst Air Attache

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