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Subject: REPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RE UFO REPORTS

DPR

1. The enclosed proformas which are replies to UFO sighting reports at folios 44 and 45 have been prepared for your signature and release.

(C.R. HICKEY)
Sqn Ldr
for DAFI

8 Mar 72

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GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Your report on the sighting of an Unusual Flying Object (UFO) has been investigated and the object was probably the reflection on a cloud layer of an unusually high burner flame at the ESSO-BHP plant at LONGFORD.

2. You may be interested in the investigation of reports in Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom and the following information provides a brief outline of the subject.

3. The investigation of reports of UFOs in Australia is carried out by the Royal Australian Air Force, Directorate of Air Force Intelligence, at the Department of Air in Canberra. A considerable amount of effort is spent in investigating each report and the majority of observers are interviewed by selected RAAF personnel.

4. Between 23 January 60 and 26 May 71, the RAAF received 572 UFO reports. Department of Air has assessed that 93 percent were explainable by present scientific knowledge. Six percent of the reports did not provide sufficient information to permit proper analysis and evaluation. One percent of the reports were attributed to unknown causes.

5. The United Kingdom Air Ministry has stated that on an average, 90 percent of the sightings it investigates are explained by causes ranging from meteorological balloons and meteors to aircraft lights. The other 10 percent probably remain unexplained because of lack of reliable information.

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7. The USAF 'Project Blue Book' investigation of unidentified aerial objects between 1953 and 1965 analysed 7,641 UFO reports. It concluded that:

a. 80 percent of sightings were natural phenomena, hoaxes, birds or man-made objects;

b. 17 percent of sightings provided insufficient data to permit thorough analysis and evaluation; and

c. three percent were unidentified.

8. US and Soviet space exploration has found no evidence to support the theory of life on planets in our solar system. It seems that the Mariner series of space exploration to Mars has proved it a 'dead' planet. The only other source of extra-terrestrial life, then, would have to be in another 'solar system'. It would seem, therefore, that whilst it may be possible for extra-terrestrial life forms to visit Earth, it is improbable.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(119)

22 MAR 1972

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Department of Air (DAFI)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a report by Mrs A. Higgins of Maffra Victoria concerning an unusual aerial sighting in the early hours of 11th February 1972.

2. The conclusions of the Investigating Officer that this sighting could have been the waste burner operating at the Longford Gas Plant is a reasonable explanation in this instance.

(W.C. KERITZ)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

ANNEXES: A. Mrs Higgins' Report
B. Report by Flg Off Ogden (Investigating Officer)

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ANNEX A to HQSC 5/6/1/Air(119)
DATED 2 MAR 72

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer.....Mrs A. Higgins.....Age....71.....

2. Address of observer.....37 Church Street Maffra.....

.....Phone.471308.....

3. Occupation of observer....Housewife.....

4. Date and time of start of observation..11 Feb 72. 0215 hours.....

How certain is the date? .....Certain.....

How accurate is the time of start?.....within 5 min.....

5. Duration of observation.....5 minutes.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting.....back porch.....

.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation..dark night - no stars visible.

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8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....

.....

9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings.....over the roof of a.....

neighbours garage

b. angle of elevation.....50° - 80°.....

c. compass angle bearing.....180°T.....

d. how accurate are these estimates?.....Reasonable.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....unusual object in the sky..

.....

11. If there was more than one light/object:

a. how many were there?.....N/A.....

b. in what formation were they?.....N/A.....

12. What was the colour of the light or object?,.....Red-gold.....

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg oridinary street light at 100 yards)..About as bright as the moon.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon.....larger than the moon.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....2 feet.....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.....50-80° elevation - 180°T - over neighbours garage.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....No.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity .....Nil.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.....50° - 80°.....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances.....

.....Nil.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases...Only observed as stationary.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres...Nil.....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen....Nil.....

23. Where was object last observed:

a. relative to your surroundings..As for first observation.....

b. angle of elevation.....

c. compass angle bearing.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..did not see it disappear.....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)....No.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity....Nil.....

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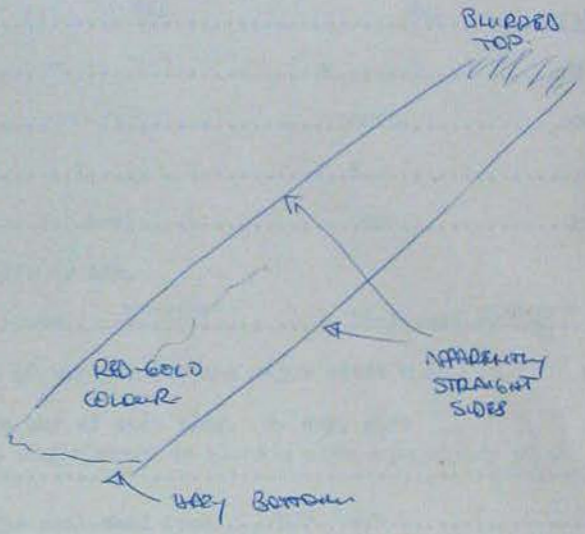
27. How many witnesses to the sighting?.....One.....

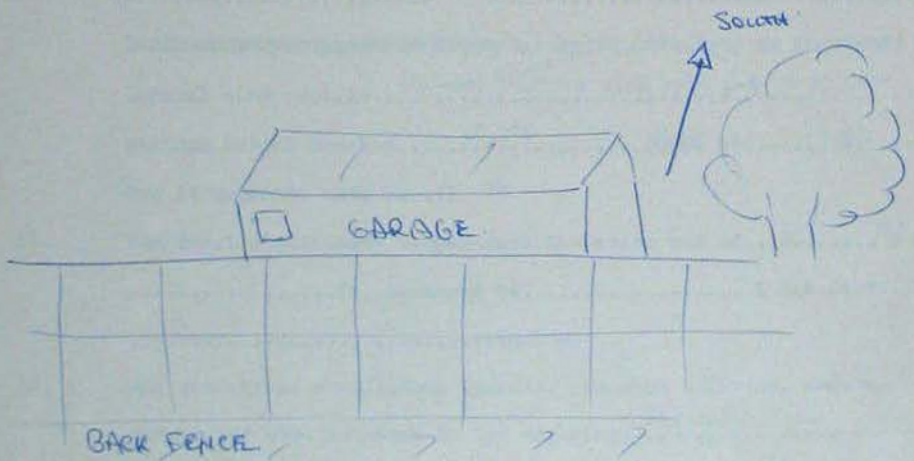
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No

29. What natural phenomenon (ro phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? ESSO-BHP Gas plant at Longford

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? Colour was gold and appeared much higher in the sky

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.





MAFFRA VIC

BURNER FLAME AT ESSO-BHP plant at Longford

Signature [signature] FLIGHT LT N.R.S. A. HIGGINS Date 16 Feb 72

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type....Nil....(1)....Nil....(2)....Nil....(3)

Heading....T....T....T

Height....,000 ft....,000 ft....,000 ft

Speed....K....K....K

ATD/ATA*....hrs....hrs....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type....Nil....(1)....Nil....(2)....Nil....(3)

Heading....T....T....T

Height....,000 ft....,000ft....,000ft

Speed....K....K....K

ATD/ATA*....hrs....hrs....hrs

*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's loaction: Latitude....37°58'S.... Longitude....146°59'E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only....No major stars or planets over a magnitude of 0....

36. A meteorological balloon was realeased from....East Sale....
at....1300....Z. Colour....White....Weight....1.5lbs....gm
~~Radio-sonde~~**/~~Radar~~**/~~Candle~~**/Battery** (**delete as required)
General wind profile....010-060 surface wind calm 6-8 at 10,000'....
Maximum height tracked....10,000....,~~000ft~~ at....1305....Z
Was it known to have burst? No

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of....Nil....°C at ....ft, measured at....Z hrs from.... ....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting,....Nil satellites....

29. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating....NEA....

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can*/~~cannot~~* be determined.

41. The object reported probably was*/~~may have been~~*(delete as required)

The reflection of an unusually high burner flame at the ESSO-BNR plant at Longford.

CFS (Unit) J. OGDEN (Name)

16 Feb 72 (Date) Flg Off (Rank)

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ANNEX B to HQSC 5/6/1/Air(119)
DATED 2 MAR 72

INVESTIGATING OFFICERS REPORT ON SIGHTING OF AN UNUSUAL OBJECT AT MAFFRA ON 11 FEB 72

INTRODUCTION

1. On the 11 Feb 72 the base duty controller received a telephone call from a Mrs Fulton of 39 Church Street Maffra reporting that her neighbour, Mrs A Higgins, had observed a strange object in the sky at 0215 EDST that morning.

2. The investigating officer visited Mrs Higgins on the 16 Feb 72 to conduct an interview with her about the sighting.

3. Mrs Higgins said that at about 0215 EDST she had gone out the back of her house, and had seen a strange object in the sky. She described it as looking like a large board, red-gold in colour with a blurred top end. She observed the object for about 5 mins, and then returned to bed.

QUALITY OF THE EVIDENCE

4. Mrs Higgins is an elderly lady in her seventies, who appeared to be very quiet, and somewhat shy in the presence of the investigating officer. Initially she did not even want to disclose her name, fearing some form of involvement resulting from an investigation. She did not want to report the sighting but her next door neighbour, Mrs Fulton, after hearing of the observation rang and reported instead. After talking with Mrs Fulton she disclosed that she was very interested in UFOs, and regretted that she had not shared her neighbours sighting.

5. Mrs Higgins wears tinted corrective lenses and on her own admission her eyes are "not as good as they used to be". After a series of questions, Mrs Higgins did not deviate from her original description, but it is the investigating officers opinion, that owing to her failing eye sight, the description she gave be treated with caution.

POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS

6. The following aspects were considered in attempting to find a satisfactory explanation:

a. Aircraft. There were no known civil or military aircraft in the vicinity at the time of the sighting.

b. Visible Satellites. There were no visible satellite passes at that time.

c. Meteorological Balloons. The balloons released from Sale and Laverton at 2400 EDST on the 10 Feb 72, would have been blown well to the south west of the area of sighting by the time of the sighting.

d. Celestial Bodies. There were no celestial bodies over a magnitude of 0 in the night sky on the 11 Feb 72.

e. Meteorological Conditions. At 1300Z the weather in the area was 4/8 alto cumulus at 10,000 with 4/8 of cirrus above, visibility was 15nm and the prevailing wind North Easterly at 6-8 knots at 10,000 feet and was calm on the surface.

f. Local Phenomena. The only applicable local phenomena is the ESSO-BHP gas plant at Longford. The investigating officer interviewed one of the engineers at the plant by telephone on the 16 Feb 72. The engineer stated, that at 0200 hours EDST an unusually large amount of waste was being burned causing the associated flames to become very large and bright, much more intense than normal. The bearing from Maffra to Longford is 178°T which almost exactly matches the bearing of the object Mrs Higgins saw at 0215 EDST.

CONCLUSION

7. The most likely cause of the object Mrs Higgins saw is the reflection of the ESSO-BHP waste burner at Longford, from a layer of high cloud. The golden colour would be the result of the higher intensity flame, and the lack of definition at the top of the object, characteristic of the flame itself. The regular shape of the remainder of the object is in keeping with the nature of a jet of high intensity flame, which would in nil wind conditions form a long board like shape as described by Mrs Higgins.

(J.N. OGDEN)
Flying Officer
Investigating Officer

16 Feb 72

Annex: A. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting, Part I and II

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25th February 1972

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Department of Air
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Enclosed is a report on an unusual aerial sighting by the undermentioned:-

Mrs D. Charlton
28 Bibby Street
HAMILTON NSW 2303

2. Headquarters Williamtown, who investigated the report, have not included a Part 2 of the report. However they state at the times of the various sightings and on days subsequent to the time Mrs Charlton ceased looking for UFOs, both the Civil Police and Air Traffic Control, RAAF Williamtown, received reports that some person was firing distress flares in the Broadmeadow area.

3. From the description given by Mrs Charlton, and the coincidence on times of sightings it is apparent that Mrs Charlton's sightings were in fact these flares.

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: Report on Unusual Sighting.

5/2/81

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer DOROTHY CHARLTON. RONALD DITTO Age ~~44~~ 43.
2. Address of observers 29 BIBBY St.
HAMILTON NSW 2303 Phone ——
3. Occupation of observers S.D.D. / ASSTNT. BOILERMAKER (B.H.P)
4. Date and time of start of observation AS ON SEPARATE SHEETS
How certain is the date? ACCORDING TO CALENDAR
How accurate is the time of start? SEE SEPARATE SHEET
5. Duration of observation POSSIBLY 1½-2 MINS 1st viewing, 2nd viewing possibly 2-2½ mins, 3rd 1½-2 mins
How accurate is your estimate? guesswork
6. Observer's location at time of sighting Road leading near Broadmeadow Station
How familiar is observer with this locality? Very familiar
7. Weather conditions at time of observation Good
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation Naked eye, binoculars, 8 x camera Wed night
9. Where was object first observed:
   a. Relative to your surroundings see sketch
   b. Angle of elevation see sketch
   c. Compass angle bearing I can't say anything about
   d. How accurate are these estimates? I feel about
10. What first attracted observer's attention? Bright pink light in sky, apparently stationary
11. If there was more than one light/object:
   a. How many were there? ——
   b. In what formation were they? ——
12. What was the colour of the light or object? Bright pink
13. What was the brightness? (Compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards) Would compete favourably with full moon
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
   a. Relative to Venus or Moon see sketch
   b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) ——
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? Not known
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? Object moved, but how I cannot say.

/17. Describe

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
No sound noticeable

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? Min. 1000 ft up - possibly 1500 ft

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances. Speed of ... pedal lightning

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. 30 secs - 1½ mins (guess)

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. Dropped straight down + disappeared

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. Rapid burst of smoke, then smoke tail down TOP of object

23. Where was the object last observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings. As marked on sketch
b. Angle of elevation. —
c. Compass angle bearing. —

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Change of shape + smoke tail

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). Negatives + photos will be submitted to headquarters as soon as they come to hand.

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity. None

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? Husband (1st + 2nd sighting) 3rd sighting on my own with camera

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No.

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? None

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? Natural phenomena leaves no smoke tail behind.

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form.

Have done so on sketch (page 2 of commentary)

Signature Dorothy Chandler Date 7/2/72

Ref/Air (39)

28 Bibby St.
Hamilton. 2303.
N.S.Wales.
5th Feb, 1972.

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1st Sighting

Monday night 31st Jan between 8.30 p.m. - 9. p.m. My husband and I had taken advantage of a beautiful night, to go "walkabout." our family had gone for the day to Banes Beach, and were not expected back before 9.30 p.m. We eventually found ourselves on Lambton Road, near the Public School; decided that that was far enough, and walked back along Lambton Road, down to Broadmeadow station, and from there later to home. While we were near the station, we looked over the brick wall, out towards the Hamilton Flour Mill, which is about the highest landmark in our area, other than the Showground lights. And immediately here's this "pink thing" stuck in the sky.

MONDAY NIGHT'S SIGHTING

30-1-72. Between 8.30pm - 9pm.

CLEAR SKY,
STARS, MOON,
NO SURFACE WIND

LENGTH OF TIME NOTICABLE - 1½ - 2 MINS (POSS. less).

MOON

"Strawberry" SIGHTED HERE

Dropped to here and disappeared

1500 FT - 2000 FT ABOVE GROUND POSSIBLY LESS

GENERAL DIRECTION OF B.H.P & COMM. STEEL

APPROX LOCATION OF CARRINGTON SLIPS AND DOCKYARD

HAM. FLOUR MILL

GAS TANKS

SORBYS LTD

SKYLINE

SITOWGROUND

TANKS

FUEL

TRAIN LINES

EDIT PEANUT BUTTER

APPROX. location of 28 Bibby St.

My husband's estimation of height of object.

POSSIBLY 20ft. high above ground

BRICK WALL

TO LAMBTON RD

TAXI RANK

BIMEDDON PLY. SIN

MAIN THOROUGHFARE INTO CITY →→

SELF

HUSBAND

Steps leading down into street level.

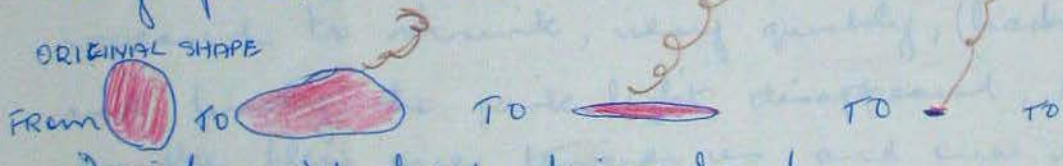
This may not be very accurate in every place, but 'Strawberry' appeared to be where shown.

It was so obvious, and out of place, amongst the stars. (Like an elephant in church).
Even while we watched, it appeared to drop down, could have been 700ft or more, the pink light shrank to practically nothing, () then there were no lights at all. My husband seldom comments on anything until he thinks all round it, but he spoke the same thought that I had at that moment - "They must have known we were looking and switched their lights off." Joking, of course. But he just might be right, too. He estimated its height from the ground at about 1500ft. Possibly up to 2000ft, but certainly no more. Very likely less. He works in the Switch Plant at the B.H.P. and is often in high places, so he would have better judgment on heights & distances than I would. But distance, "as the crow flies", and at night, could be deceptive.

~~Sighting~~ 9:20 pm. Tuesday, 1-2-72

After last night, we determined to go back to the same place. If it didn't show up, well, no matter; (but if so, then we'd note the time, and behaviour) which is as follows:

"Strawberry" looking at us again this thing makes me feel examly all over. Approx. in the same position as last night, the moon a little higher, then ~~Strawberry~~ appeared to do a flip, and appeared to change its shape - I could be wrong here, as I watched without my glasses, which I use for reading & sewing & anything involving detail or fineness - but we are both very sure of the smoke that came out of it - that was very plain to see.



I wish we'd had binoculars!

We figured it might have blown up in mid air, in which case there would be bits of hot metal in various parts of Newcastle. With this in mind we literally galloped down from Bn. station to where it had appeared to be; or rather, we should have been directly underneath where we reckoned it was. No metal, no nothing. We were then in Maitland Road, Islington, looking towards the high level bridge over the river. Absolutely nothing to be seen. So home to bed once more, but not to sleep. The more I thought about it, the more it appeared that the smoke we saw could have been smoke from the exhaust of a fast-moving vehicle. It appeared to shrink, very quickly, (backwards) and finally the pink light disappeared, the smoke blew over towards us, and over us, very fast. It must have been a steady

hard blowing up top. Clear sky, stars & moon, as on Monday night, no clouds surface wind.

PS. I tried to contact you all day Wednesday (but it seems you just weren't available), to report Sunday night events: Guess what we planned to do Wed. night!

3rd Sighting – 8:40 pm – 2-2-72

Slightly higher a further to right of myself. My husband stayed home with the girls, and I took my camera (Inst 25), no flashlight, but hopeful. Managed to snap "Strawberry" twice. It was very hot & humid, when I left home, but as I took the 2nd photo, a cold boisterous S.E. wind sprang up, and "Strawberry" appeared to do the same thing again – smoke coming out of the top, quick getaway. Same for me, too. I was freezing. I stood at the wall, where my husband stood. Would you care to keep the negatives, also the photos, if they turn out reasonably clear? (You'll have to climb over a few cats, etc.)

12. Still thinking. According to this sketch, 'Stanhenry' would appear to be fairly high above us: but we felt as though we were looking at it, not up. Its size compared with the moon, as shown, would be fairly right. If the road bridge over Br. Station is 20ft. up, more or less, then its all yours Tuesday night' viewing could have been a full 2 mins, or more. Very dilegent of it. But following up the comment of "it must have known we were looking and switched its lights off", how could it know? Are there any instruments so sensitive that it would know if it were being watched?

PPS. Would this thing sneak in at the end of the eclipse of the moon, as on Sunday night?

Thursday, 3rd Feb. 1972 - 8.30pm - 9.30pm

Sky covered with thick 'cottonwool' cloud.

No moon, no stars.

And no 'Strawberry'.

Friday, 4th Feb. 1972 - 8.30pm - 9.30pm.

Cloud, wind, light rain.

As before.

Sat. 5th Feb. 1972 - 8.30pm - 9.30pm.

Reasonably clear sky, some low-rain cloud.

Stars, but no moon.

Surface wind. (S.E).

Sun. night. 6th Feb. 1972 - 8.30pm - 9.30pm

Church. (Top of hill, Rosehead St. Waratah West)

(Sneaked out for a quick look during the sermon, but nothing to see)

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R E S T R I C T E D AI259UNUSUAL SIGHTING REPORT PD

MR W.S. STRAITON 114 SUTHERLAND ROAD COOK POINT PORT HEDLAND

REPORTED A FLYING OBJECT POSITIONED LOW OVER SEA TRAILING SMOKE MO-

VING WEST TO EAST AT APPROX 1110 H TIME 23 JAN 72 PD FIRST

OBSERVED AT APPROX TEN(10) MILES FROM COAST PD 2 HEDLAND FIZ

AIRCRAFT ACCOUNTED FOR PD HARBOUR AUTHORITIES ADVISE NO KNOWLEDGE

OF DISTRESS REPORT PD NO OTHER REPORTS OF SIGHTING PD

3 FURTHER DETAILS BEING REQUESTED

BT

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AC THIS MESSAGE IS CLASSIFIED [illegible] REPLY OR REFERENCE MUST BEAR A MINIMUM CLASSIFICATION OF RESTRICTED.

JOINT COMCEN CANBERRA Feb 3 00:20 72

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

(This side only to be written on)

580/1/1 (42)

Subject: REPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RE UFO REPORTS

DPR

Under the terms of 554/1/30 (75) the enclosed proformas which are replies to UFO sighting reports at folios 36 and 37 have been prepared for your signature and release.

(K.R. JANSON)
Gp Capt
DAFI

18 Feb 72



(A1)

GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Your report on the sighting of an Unusual Flying Object (UFO) has been investigated and the object was possibly an F.27 Fokker aircraft enroute Townsville to Mackay.

2. You may be interested in the investigation of reports in Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom and the following information provides a brief outline of the subject.

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4. Between ~~23~~ January 60 and 26 May 71, the RAAF received 572 UFO reports. Department of Air has assessed that 93 percent were explainable by present scientific knowledge. Six percent of the reports did not provide sufficient information to permit proper analysis and evaluation. One percent of the reports were attributed to unknown causes.

5. The United Kingdom Air Ministry has stated that on an average, 90 percent of the sightings it investigates are explained by causes ranging from meteorological balloons and meteors to aircraft lights. The other 10 percent probably remain unexplained because of lack of reliable information.

6. In 1966 the University of Colorado, under contract to the USAF, spent two years processing and investigating all American reports. Its findings have been published by Bantam Books as 'The Condon Report'. Its general conclusion is that 'nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge' and that 'further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby'. A panel of eminent scientists, chosen by the US National Academy of Sciences, has examined and endorsed the Condon Report.

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c. three percent were unidentified.

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CANBERRA

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Signed
A.J. Osborne
DAR

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CANBERRA

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Signed
Sqn Ldr
DPR

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GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Your report on the sighting of an Unusual Flying Object (UFO) has been investigated and the object was possibly a civil aircraft. At time of sightings on all three dates a civil aircraft were in the vicinity of PINGELLY.

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[signature]
A.I. Brooks
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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(66)

4th February 1972

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Enclosed are reports on unusual aerial sightings by:-

a. Mr L.J. Page
56 Park Street
PINGELLY WA 6308

b. Mr B.A. Sallur
72 Pitt Street
ST JAMES PARK PERTH WA

c. Mr G.C. Sawyer
12 Whitington Road
ELIZABETH FIELD SA 5113

John C Luker.

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosures: 1. Reports on unusual aerial sightings.

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

HQPEA 5/9/Air (102)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer..... LESLIE JOHN PAGE ..... AGE.... 34 .....

2. Address of observer..... 56 PARK ST PINGELLY .....

..... W.A. 6308 ..... PHONE.....

3. Occupation of observer ..... FARMER .....

4. Date and time of observation ..... 16 DECEMBER 1971 2100 HRS LOCAL

5. Duration of observation..... 20 - 25 MINS .....

6. Observers location at time of sighting..... 2½ MILES WEST PINGELLY

7. Weather conditions at time of observation..... WINDY .....

.....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation..... NIL .....

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9. Where was object first observed? (eg overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).

..... OVERHEAD .....

10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg light or noise)

..... LIGHT .....

11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object? .....

..... LIGHT .....

12. If there was more than one object:

a. How many were there? ..... N/A .....

b. In what formation were they? ..... N/A .....

13. What was the colour of the light or object? ..... WHITE .....

14. What was its apparent shape? ..... ROUND .....

15. Was any detail of structure observable? ..... NO .....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? ..... NO .....

/17.Was

17. Was there any sound? ..... NO (NOT SURE) .....

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) ..... VARIED TREE HEIGHT TO 1000' .....

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) ..... VARIED - STATIONARY .....

20. Was the object stationary? ..... YES AT TIMES .....

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?

..... WEST TO SOUTH WEST .....

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre at all?

..... DEVIATE .....

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen? ..... NO .....

.....

24. Where did object disappear? (eg in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon)

..... OVER THE HORIZON AFTER QUIVERING LIKE KITE FOR 10-15 MINS .....

25. Do you know of any physical evidence? (such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence).

..... NO .....

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously?

..... NO .....

27. If so, give brief details of incident(s) .....

..... N/A .....

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.

..... NIL .....

29. Are you a member of any organization interested in aerial phenomena?

..... NO .....

30. Name and address of organization .....

..... N/A .....

/31. Any

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Object first appeared 4 miles West Pringelly and I travelled parallel with object at 60 MPH before it disappeared behind hill at great speed reappearing 400 yds in front of car above the trees. It came straight above car blinding me with blue flash then reappeared 5 miles west Pringelly where it circled farm house. It then remained stationary at ½ mile distance for 10 - 15 mins went red in colour then faded over horizon. (When the light was 400 yds in front of the car it was similar size as the moon).

The light was sighted by several friends and again on the 26 Dec. and 27 Dec, approximately the same area and time.

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type ....NIL.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading..... T ..... T ..... T

Height..... 000 ft..... 000 ft..... 000 ft

Speed..... K ..... K .....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.. .....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type..BOEING..727....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....302 T . ..... T ..... T

OVERHEAD PINGELLY, 67 DME PERTH

Height.....11 000 ft..... 000 ft..... 000 ft

DESCENDING

Speed..... K ..... K ..... K

~~ATD~~/ATA*.PERTH...2120.hrs .....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : Latitude..32°32'S...Longitude.117°07'E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only .VENUS - ELEV..3°...AZ..244.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from .....NIL.....

at .....Z. Colour..... .....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde **/** radar **: Candle ** battery ** (** delete as required)

General wind profile..... .....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at .....Z

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .+2.6. °C at

.....1500...ft, measured at .....1100...Z hrs from .....

.....GUILDFORD.. station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting .....NIL.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating

NORMAL LIGHTS OPERATING..,...AIRWAY..ROUTE..G94...PINGELLY - PERTH

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40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~can~~*/cannot* be determined.

41. The object reported probably was*/may have been* (delete as required)

DC9 and 727 aircraft over/or Penguelly again on the 26th and 27th December at approximately 2100 hrs. local.

No. 2 FTS ..... Unit ..... J.A.T. LOWE ..... Name

25 JAN 72 ..... Date ..... FLT LT ..... Rank

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

HQPEA 5/9/Ai (103)

PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer ...B.A. SALLUR... AGE: 37

2. Address of observer ...72 PITT STREET, ST JAMES PARK..
.....PERTH.....W.A. PHONE: PERTH 684298...

3. Occupation of observer ...TECHNICAL OFFICER...PHILIPS T.M.C. (COMMUNICATIONS)

4. Date and time of observation ...12 DECEMBER 1971.....1045 HRS LOCAL

5. Duration of observation.....15 MINS.....

6. Observers location at time of sighting .....ABOVE ADDRESS.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation....FINE AND MILD.....
.....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation...BINOCULARS 6 x 40 MM
...REFLECTOR TELESCOPE 50 x 120 MM (4½" F/L 900 MM)

9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).
...OVERHEAD - ELEVATION 50° FROM EASTERN HORIZON

10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise).
.....FLICKERING REFLECTED SUNLIGHT.....

11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object? .....
.....INTERMITTANT SMALL FLASHES OF LIGHT.....

12. If there was more than one object:-

a. How many were there? .....APPROXIMATELY 6.....

b. In what formation were they? .RANDOM, SPREAD OVER 20°..

13. What was the colour of the light or object? GREY (LIGHT) METALLIC IN NATURE

14. What was its apparent shape? .....~~SQUARE~~ RECTANGULAR PLATE.....

15. Was any detail of structure observable? .....NO.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? .....NO.....

17. Was there any sound? .....NO.....

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation)...ELEVATION 50°.....

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) .SIMILAR TO WIND VELOCITY

20. Was the object stationary? .TUMBLING 1 REVOLUTION EVERY 4 SECS...

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass? .....SOUTH TO NORTH.....
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22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre at all?

MOVED SLIGHTLY UP AND DOWN

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen? No

24. Where did object disappear? (eg, in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon)

OVER THE HORIZON

25. Do you know of any physical evidence? (such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence).

No

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously?

No

27. If so, give brief details of incident(s) N/A

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.

READINGS FROM THE SCALES ON THE TELESCOPE

29. Are you a member of any organization interested in aerial phenomena?

No

30. Name and address of organization N/A

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Objects were invisible to the naked eye and slight flashes of light only with binoculars too small to recognise however more objects seen. With telescope rectangular objects appeared approx 3/16" x 5/16" slowly revolving but always in same direction and same plain. Due to field of view only possible to view one object at a time which became easier to keep in eye piece as it approached horizon. (One object did flash past field of view whilst observing another) It was possible to recognise shape until they disappeared over the horizon.

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type ...NIL.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading..... T ..... T ..... T

Height..... 000 ft..... 000 ft..... 000 ft

Speed..... K ..... K .....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs... .....hrs.....hrs

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Height..... 000 ft..... 000 ft..... 000 ft

Speed..... K ..... K ..... K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : Latitude 32° 00' S Longitude 115° 52' E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only ..VENUS....ELEVATION..45°...AZIMUTH..093..AT..1245 HRS LOCAL

36. A meteorological balloon was released from .....NIL.....

at .....Z. Colour..... .....Weight.....gm

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General wind profile..... .....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at .....Z

Was it known to have burst?

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sheets of paper, foil or similar substance. (Suggested by the observer during a telephone conversation).

No 2 FTS ..... Unit ..... J.A.T. LOWE ..... Name

24 JAN 72 ..... Date ..... FLT LT ..... Rank

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer. G.L. SAWYER ..... Age 21....

2. Address of observer. 12 WASHINGTON ROAD, ELIZABETH NTH. 5113 ..... Phone 54 6792....

3. Occupation of observer. MAINTENANCE ENGINEER .....

4. Date and time of start of observation 16.1.78 ..... 11.45 P.M.

How certain is the date? ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN .....

How accurate is the time of start ± 5 MINUTES .....

5. Duration of observation. 40 - 45 MINUTES .....

How accurate is your estimate? ACCURATE .....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting. OVER ABOVE .....

ADDRESS (ON THE ROOF) .....

How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY .....

.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. CLEAR NIGHT .....

WITH OCCASIONAL PATCHY CLOUD .....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation .....

BINOCULARS, DIFFRACTION GRATING .....

9. Where was object first observed:

(a) Relative to your surroundings. E.S.E. AT 120° .....

.....

(b) angle of elevation. APPROX 5° ABOVE ADELAIDE HILLS .....

(c) compass angle bearing ... 140° .....

(d) how accurate are these estimates. REASONABLE .....

10. What first attracted observer's attention? SAW LIGHT .....

IN SKY ... CLEAR SKY ... VIEWED AS OBJECT .....

11. If there was more than one light/object:

(a) how many were there? ... ONE .....

(b) in what formation were they? .....

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12. What was the colour of the light or object? Same Reddish Amber

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards). Much Brighter than Venus at Greatest? miles

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon. Not as Big as Venus or Moon.

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes). 3" Across

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? Bearing 140° Elev 5° Above Land as Judged

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity. No Sound

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? 5° Min

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances. Slow Max 50 Degrees To Traverse 5° Min Time 6 Seconds

20. Give duration of any stationary phases 12 Seconds At End of Travel

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. Slow Slow

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? Red Colour When Object Was At Greatest To White With Green Tint At Least

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings. At Furthest Most Easterly Part of Travel

(b) angle of elevation. 5° Above Hills

(c) compass angle bearing. 135°

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Not Quite Overhead

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). No

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..NOT AN AVIATOR OR OBSERVER BY TRADE.....

27. How many witness to the sighting?..NO OTHER WITNESS.....

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?.....
...NO.....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?..NONE.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....
..NOT APPLICABLE.....

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

MOST LOFTY.



A OBJECT TRAVERSED FROM A - B 6 TIMES.

A POSITION OF FIRST CONTACT.

B " " LAST "

FROM SUB STATION

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OBSERVATION MADE FROM THIS POINT

Signature..J. Scanlon..... Date..17th JANUARY 1972.....

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type.....N/L.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*. .....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....Longitude.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....Space (1st May 1966) Midnight about .....Very Sl. [illegible] South-east to east-south-east.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....Adelaide Airport.....at.....1000.....Z. Colour.....white with small light.....Weight.....350.....gm

Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile.....Southerly 15 knots.....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....1000.....Z

Was it known to have burst?.....No.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....1½ - 2.....°C at .....1500 - 1550.....ft, measured at.....2130.....Z hrs from..... .....Adelaide Airport.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, commets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....Nil.....

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39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....N/A.....
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40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can*/cannot* be determined.

41. The object reported probably was*/may have been* (delete as required)
.....Spica (Alpha Virginis).....

1. Spica to me Computer & the Astronomical Society. Described the symptoms.
2. He feels that such a sighting could be attributed to SPICA. Bright and - forth movement is optical illusion caused by refraction and stars proximity to the horizon

.....HQEDN.....(Unit).....B.G. KING.....(Name)

.....25 JAN 72.....(Date).....FLT LT.....(Rank)

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PRS DPR 24/1/72
580-1-1

TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(59)

24th January 1972

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Reference: A. HQTVL Message AJ45 17 Jan 72

Enclosed is a report of a sighting by:

Mr & Mrs O'SULLIVAN
36 Dyer Street
Pallaranda
TOWNSVILLE QUEENSLAND

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

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ANNEX A TO
ASI 3/A/5

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form)

1. Name of observer MR + MRS O'SULLIVAN Age .....
2. Address of observer 36 DYER ST
PALLARANDA Phone 74.1308
3. Occupation of observer P.M.G. TECHNICAL OFFICER
4. Date and time of start of observation 5:00AM 17 JAN 72 (161900Z)
How certain is the date? POSITIVE
How accurate is the time of start? AN APPROXIMATION ± 30 MINS.
5. Duration of observation FIVE MINUTES
How accurate is your estimate? ± 1 MINUTE
6. Observer's location at time of sighting AT HOME
How familiar is observer with this locality? QUITE FAMILIAR
7. Weather conditions at time of observation CLEAR
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation VISUAL
9. Where was object first observed?
(a) Relative to your surroundings OUT BEDROOM WINDOW
(b) Anlge of elevation 5°
(c) Compass angle bearing 100° MAGNETIC
(d) How accurate are these estimates? QUITE FAIR
10. What first attracted observer's attention? FLASHING LIGHT

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11. If there was more than one light/object: 1 ONLY
    (a) how many were there? ....
    (b) in what formation were they? ....

12. What was the colour of the light or object? ...RED.....

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)
    SIMILIAR...TO...AIRCRAFT....LIGHTS.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
    (a) relative to Venus or Moon ....
    (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)...SAME...AS....AIRCRAFT.....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..100°...Mag...(WITH COMPASS)
    ..5°.ELAV....USING...EXTENDED...FIST...F.B°.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? ....NO.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
    .....NONE.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? .5°...MAX...THEN...SLIGHTLY LESS AT POINT WHEN SIGHT WAS OBSCURED BY HOUSE.

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with movement of familiar objects at stated distances
    UNABLE...TO....ESTIMATE.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases ...2 MINUTES.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres 3 COMPASS READINGS WERE TAKEN STATIONARY AT 100° THEN MOVED THROUGH 110° AND AT 130° WAS LOST FROM VIEW

22. Describe any trail or exhaust, vapour or light seen.../.....
    .....NONE.....

23. Where was object last observed?
    (a) relative to your surroundings .OVER...NEIGHBOURS...HOUSE
    (b) angle of elevation ..<5°.....

(c) compass angle bearing 130° M

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? OBSCURED BY HOUSE

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)? NO

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity NONE

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? TWO (SEE ANSWER NO 1.

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? NO

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? AIRCRAFT

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? STATIONARY PHASE AND IT SEEMED TOO FAR AWAY. AND NO NOISE WAS HEARD THOUGH NORMALLY IT IS.

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

Signature [redacted] PTE Date 17th January 1971.

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type ..... (1)..... (2) ..... (3)

Heading .....T.....T.....T

Height .....,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type F27.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading 060.....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/~~ATA~~*.1830Z.hrs.....hrs.....hrs

TAKE OFF EN ROUTE TO MACKAY ON ABOVE RADIAL

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 19:39S..... Longitude 146:46E..

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....

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36. A meteorological balloon was released from TOWNSVILLE.....

at ...1715..Z Colour WHITE.. Weight .....gm

~~Radio-sonde~~**/~~radar~~**: Candle**/~~battery~~**(** delete as required)

General wind profile .SLOSE AT 5KTS TO 34,000.....

Maximum height tracked .....54..,000ft at ....1815.....Z

Was it known to have burst? .....YES.....

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37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ISO-THERMAL ...°C at 10000-10700ft, measured at ...2300....Z hrs from ....TOWNSVILLE.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellaties, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating ..NIL RADAR TRACE :- ..ALL LIGHTS OPERATIVE.....

40. The cause (or likely cause of the sighting [redacted]*/cannot be determined.

41. The object reported probably [redacted]*/may have been* (*delete as required) ..F.R.7. AIRCRAFT.....

.....HQTVL.....(Unit).....W.G.CANNIFFE.....(Name)
.....17JAN.71.....(Date).....PILOT OFFICER.....(Rank)

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20th January 1972

Headquarters Operational Command (Attention: C INTEL O)

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Enclosed is a report of an unusual aerial sighting which was dispatched direct to the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence by the RAAF Public Relations Office in Sydney.

2. It is requested that HQOC investigate the report in accordance with HQOC ASI 3/A/5.

(J.P. McCARTHY)
Flight Lieutenant
for Chief of the Air Staff

Encl: 1. UFO Report from Mrs C. Cameron

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CANBERRA
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R 170134Z JAN 72

FM HOTVL

TO RAYNPP/DEPAIR

RATROP/HQOC

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UNCLAS A145 FOR SO INTELL AND DAFI PD UFO SIGHTING PD MJ AND MRS M O'SULLIVAN 36 DYER ST PALLARANDA TVL SIGHTED FLASHING RED LIGHT IN SKY AT APPROX 161800Z JAN 72 PD BEING INVESTIGATED

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20th January 1972

Headquarters Operational Command

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Reference: A. Your 5/15/1/Air (56)

1. Under the terms of HQOC ASI 3/A/5, the alleged sightings detailed in Reference A should have been referred in the first instance to RAAF Base Edinburgh for initial investigation.

2. Department of Air policy with regard to UFO reports dispatched from units through the relevant commands is to answer the originator with the proforma at Annex A. This proforma is prepared by the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence and released through the Directorate of Public Relations.

3. Investigating officers should make a conscientious effort to complete para 41 of Annex A to HQOC ASI 3/A/5, so that a satisfactory explanation may be given in as many instances as possible.

(J.P. McCARTHY)
Flight Lieutenant
for Chief of the Air Staff

Annex : A. General Statement in Relation to UFOs

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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DEPT. OF AIR 580-1-1 DAFI GRI 14-10-71

TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(56)

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

12th January 1972

DAFI

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Attached are 11 reports of unusual Aerial sightings forwarded by Mr C NORRIS of "The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society -Adelaide".

(R.S. BLACK)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosures: 1. 11 Unusual Aerial Sighting Reports

OFFICIAL ..... FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer

File No.
Tape Recording

Local U.F.O. Group: The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name: JOHN RAMSDEN — Age: 20

Address: 4 GUSH STREET, ELIZABETH DOWNS SA 5113 — Occupation: ELECTRONICS APP. — State: SINGLE.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Calm, Very light Cloud Cover.

* Object was first observed: Date 9th December Time 2.00 a.m. ~~p.m.~~

(1.) In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. (3.) Movement. 4. Other reasons:
moving objects in sky.

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. (2.) Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration 15 secs. No. of objects 3 Formation In line.

Opinion of Propulsion: Not known. (no sound).

Details of structure and shape: Round Black objects

ESTIMATE: Speed Rather Slow Height (Alt.) 2,500 ft. Size Large.
Distance Approx 1 mile Sound None Colour Black

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? No.

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. (2.) Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise
Out of normal view (as seen from window).

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO

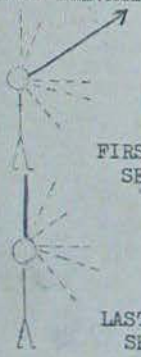
Is this your first sighting? ~~YES~~ / NO YES If not, give details of others: —

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

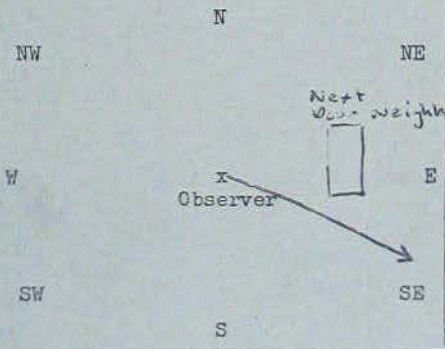
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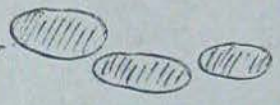
ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



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Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

As I saw them during the early hours of the morning and half asleep I am somewhat really unsure about them, although there were some clouds around but they were travelling faster than clouds, (not wildly) and there were three round objects, (rather indistinguishable)

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/~~may be published using~~/withholding my name.

Date: 15/12/71

Signature: John Ramsden.

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File No.
Tape Recording

Local U.F.O. Group: The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name: COONEY, PETER G. Age: 38

Address: 10 BELLEVIEW AVE, PANORAMA, 5041 Occupation: COMPANY SECRETARY

State: SOUTH AUST.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
IN SKY, THROUGH LARGE GLASS WINDOWS FROM FAMILY ROOM

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? CLEAR - NO CLOUD

* Object was first observed: Date 18.12.71 Time — a.m. 8.20 p.m.

(1. In the sky.) ~~2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc.~~ ~~3. Over a horizon.~~ ~~4. From the surface.~~

* Observer's attention attracted by: (1. Light/~~s.~~) ~~2. Noise.~~ ~~3. Movement.~~ ~~4. Other reasons:~~

* Object appeared as: (1. A light.) ~~2. Solid object.~~ ~~3. Changing shape.~~

Duration 2-3 secs No. of objects ONE Formation —

Opinion of Propulsion: UNKNOWN

Details of structure and shape: PALE BLUE/GREEN LIGHT 

ESTIMATE: Speed 2000-3000 m/h Height (Alt.) 2-3 miles Size
Distance 2-3 miles Sound N.C Colour BLUE/GREEN

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: (1. In the sky.) ~~2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.~~ ~~3. Over horizon.~~ ~~4. Or otherwise~~

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / (NO)

Is this your first sighting? (YES) / ~~NO~~ If not, give details of others:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:
WIFE: JULIE C. COONEY

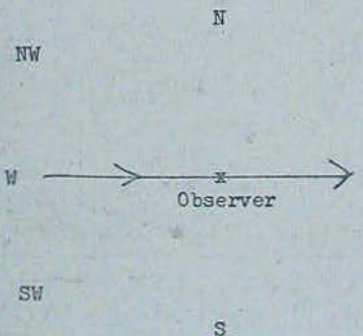
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Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:

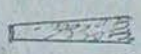
ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



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Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
Good clear sky, still quite light, no dust or stars. Believed to be a meteor or similar. Too large a close for a falling star.

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/~~may be~~ published using/~~withholding~~ my name.

Date: 29.12.71 Signature: P. Cooney

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File No.
Tape Recording

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name BRUCE TREVOR CORBELL Age 41

Address 11 BLYTHWOOD ROAD Occupation ELECTRICAL SERVICEMAN
TORRENS PARK STH AUST 5062 State

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
PRIVATE BACK YARD

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? CLEAR SKY

* Object was first observed: Date 25TH DEC. 1971 Time 10.15 a.m. p.m.

1. In the sky. ✓ 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. ✓ 2. Noise. 3. Movement. ✓ 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. ✓ 2. Solid object. 3. Changing ~~shape~~ COLOURS.
Duration 7 MINS. No. of objects ONE Formation

Opinion of Propulsion: ?

Details of structure and shape: ?

ESTIMATE: Speed ? Height (Alt.) 30° FROM HORIZON Size 3 TIMES OF STAR
Distance HARD TO ESTIMATE MILES Sound NIL Colour

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO TRAIL

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. ✓ 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO

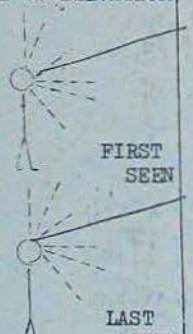
Is this your first sighting? ~~YES~~ / NO If not, give details of others: HAVE SEEN VARIOUS ~~UFO~~ UFO'S OVER LAST 16 YEARS

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:
WIFE & DAUGHTER AS ABOVE ADRESS.

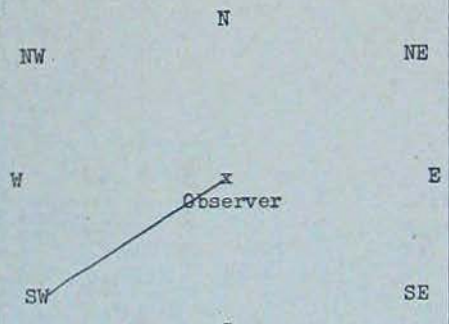
DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:

ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



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Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
ALWAYS INTERESTED, WISH WE COULD HAVE SEEN OBJECT CLOSER.

I the undersigned state that the above ~~shall not~~ may be published using/~~withholding~~ my name.

Date: 30-12-71 Signature: B.T. Corbell

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File No.
Tape Recording

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name Joseph Glanville Stevens Age 59 years.

Address 3 Parsley Street Allerton 5014 Occupation Storeman

S.A. Hist. State S.A.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
Allerton, Tennant Creek powerlines North By North West.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Cloudless & hot

* Object was first observed: Date 24th September 1968 Time ~~9 pm.~~ ~~a.m.~~ 9 pm. p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, (house) tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. (Light/s). 2. Noise. 3. (Movement). 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. (Solid object). 3. Changing shape.
Duration 7 seconds. No. of objects one. Formation —

Opinion of Propulsion: No Idea.

Details of structure and shape: Round with Silver Dome.

ESTIMATE: Speed Faster than Fighter Height (Alt.) approx 18000 Size Half round.
Distance a head? away. Sound none. Colour Dull lights.

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: I was in the army using Mortars Machine guns & Rifles

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? No.

* Object disappeared: 1. (In the sky). 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4 (Or otherwise)
after passing disappeared in two seconds.

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO

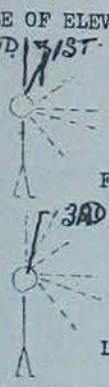
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Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

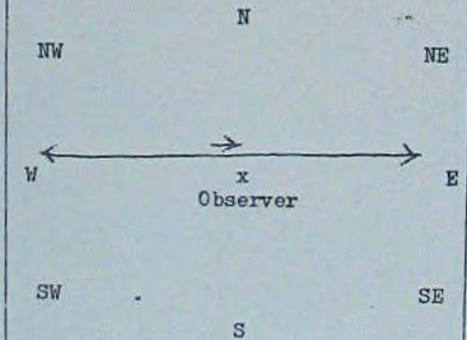
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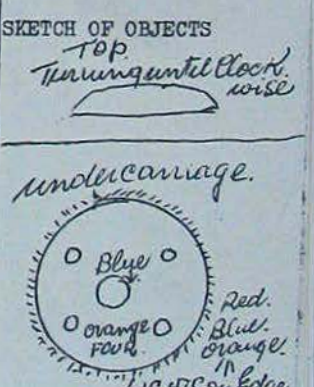
ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



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Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
approx 18000 ft, & its effect on me was wanting to know what made it tick & to see it more closely.

I the undersigned state that the above ~~shall not~~/may be published using/~~withholding~~ my name.

Date: 11/11/1971 Signature: J G Stevens

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* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer

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Tape Recording

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name Barry G Stevens Age 20

Address 3 Parker Street Occupation Driver

Alberton South Aust State South Aust

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, ~~power~~phone lines, etc. in vicinity)
Dublin South Aust

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 50%

* Object was first observed: Date 24/5/1969 Time ~~a.m.~~ 2 55 p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:
brightness of object

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration 2 MIN No. of objects ONE Formation ——

Opinion of Propulsion: no idea

Details of structure and shape: oval

ESTIMATE: Speed Hovering. Height (Alt.) 180 feet Size 20 feet across
Distance 180 feet Sound muffle choofing Colour silver

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:
NONE

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. ~~Behind a hill~~, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise
after hovering it speed off at 45 degree angle.

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO

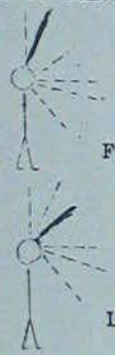
Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:
NONE

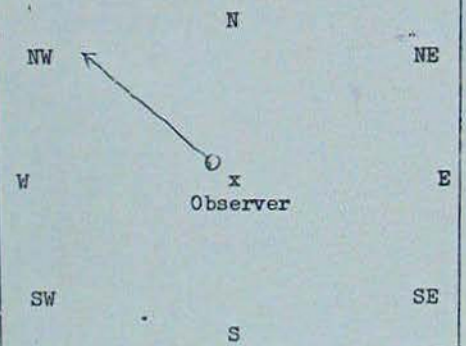
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Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:

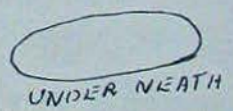
ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
I was in my car turning into a farm house I heard a engine noise looking up saw a objed, it moved sideways ten yards. It hovered and then shot away at very fast speed at 45 degrees

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Date: 11/11/1971 Signature: Barry G Stevens

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Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name JEANNETTE GEORGE Age 27

Address 10 DEWEY STREET Occupation HOUSEWIFE

ELIZABETH EAST 5112. State S.A.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
South of Mount Lofty Ranges, large creeks with lakes North of sightings.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Cold clear night no cloud in vicinity.

* Object was first observed: Date 2/10/71 Time - a.m.
7.45-8.15 p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:
Bright orange light which faded, then came again & was green then orange again.

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration Several minutes No. of objects 3 Formation formation.

Opinion of Propulsion: No visible sign of propulsion.

Details of structure and shape: Appeared to be large and round.

ESTIMATE: Speed Stationary Height (Alt.) 18 Thousand feet Size large
Distance About 30 miles Sound None, to far away Colour changing

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: Airman in R.A.F England and overseas, Radio Location. Radar.

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? Light radiating from them.

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise
Seemed to fall as we left for Adelaide.

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / ~~NO~~

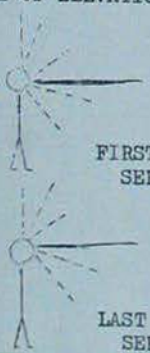
Is this your first sighting? ~~YES~~ / NO If not, give details of others:
Sighting approx 3 yrs ago I saw Saucer shaped objects (Port-Pirie Area)

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: Mr Brumley, 13 Haynes Street, Elizabeth Grove. 5112

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

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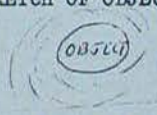
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DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH

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Observer
SW SE
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SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

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Date: 16/10/71 Signature: J George

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Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name J.A.D. REES

Age 37

Address 4 MARNHULL ST ELIZABETH GROVE

Occupation TECHNICIAN

State SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
SKY.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover?

* Object was first observed: Date 30 OCTOBER 1971 Time 8.12 ~~a.m.~~ p.m.

1. (In the sky.) 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. (Other reasons:) WAS ABOUT TO PHOTOGRAPH THE MOON

* Object appeared as: 1. (A light.) 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration APPROX 20 SECS No. of objects ONE Formation

Opinion of Propulsion: NOT KNOWN

Details of structure and shape: NOT KNOWN. APPEARED LIKE A STAR

ESTIMATE: Speed NOT KNOWN Height (Alt.) NOT KNOWN Size STAR SIZE
Distance NOT KNOWN Sound Colour

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, (house, tree) etc. 3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / ~~NO~~ If not, give details of others:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

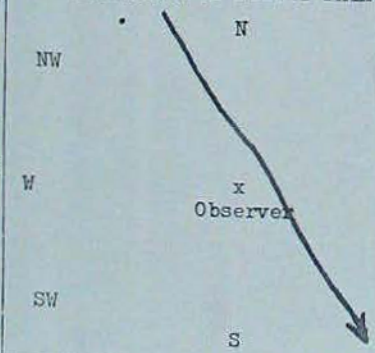
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ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
OBJECT APPEARED LIKE A STAR, BUT TOOK APPROX 20 SECONDS TO TRAVEL ACCROSS SKY FROM N.W. TO SE UNTIL LOST BEHIND A TREE & HOUSE OPPOSITE. I HAVE ALWAYS HAD AN OPEN MIND WITH REGARD TO U.F.O's AND WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO

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Date: 5 NOVEMBER 1971

Signature: [signature]

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Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name J.A.D. REES Age 37

Address 4 MARNHULL ST Occupation TECHNICIAN

ELIZABETH GROVE State SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
SKY.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover?

* Object was first observed: Date 30 ~~September~~ OCTOBER 1971 Time 8.12 ~~a.m.~~ p.m.

1. (In the sky.) 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. (Other reasons:)
WAS ABOUT TO PHOTOGRAPH THE MOON

* Object appeared as: 1. (A light.) 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration APPROX 20. SECS No. of objects ONE Formation

Opinion of Propulsion: NOT KNOWN

Details of structure and shape: NOT KNOWN. APPEARED LIKE A STAR

ESTIMATE: Speed NOT KNOWN Height (Alt.) NOT KNOWN Size STAR SIZE
Distance NOT KNOWN Sound Colour

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, (house, tree) etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

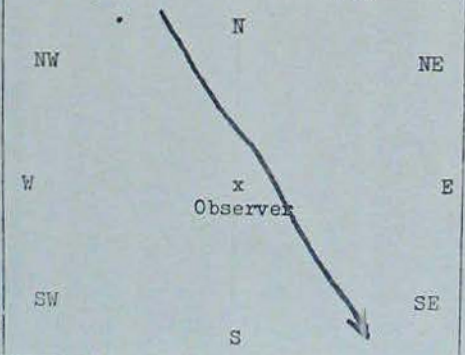
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ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
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Date: 5 NOVEMBER 1971 Signature: [signature]

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Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name B. T. SAVVAS Age 31

Address 603 GREENHILL RD Occupation SCIENTIST
BURNSIDE State S A

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
FROM TAA 727 OVER MILDURA FLYING ADELAIDE TO SYDNEY

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? · 50%

* Object was first observed: Date 8/11/71 Time 7.45 a.m. p.m.

(1.) In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: (1.) Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: (1.) A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration 30 SECS — 1 MIN No. of objects 1 Formation ~~CIRCULAR~~

Opinion of Propulsion: NO IDEA

Details of structure and shape: CIRCULAR

ESTIMATE: Speed AT 727 SPEED + Height (Alt.) 15 000 FT Size 3°
Distance 1 MILE Sound NIL Colour WHITE

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: NIL

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO TRAIL

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise
UNDER AND IN FRONT OF PLANE.

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? .YES / (NO)

Is this your first sighting? (YES) / NO If not, give details of others:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: NIL

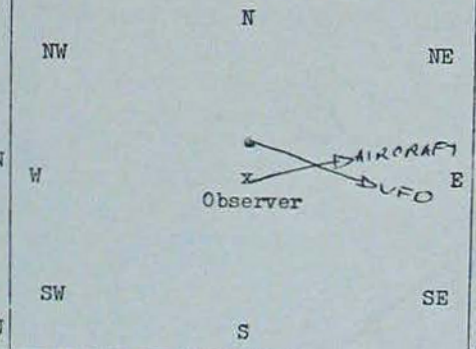
DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:

ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
I tried to assess whether the light was a reflection from a wing tip or distortion in the window. Having convinced myself it was not, I drew its attention to a fellow passenger. When the object started to move in front and down I half stood from my seat to follow.

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Date: 15/11/71 Signature: B. Savvas

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File No.
Tape Recording

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name Andrew Livingstone Age 20

Address 80, Gulfview Rd., Christies Beach, S.Aust. 5165 Occupation Uni. student

State S.A.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
Christies Beach (north) — telephone cables

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Little cloud - object continually in view

* Object was first observed: Date 30/11/71 Time 4 a.m. p.m.

(1.) In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. (2.) Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: (1.) A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration 5 ~~seconds~~ No. of objects 1 Formation —

Opinion of Propulsion: Difficult to judge (no visible indication)

Details of structure and shape: Roughly circular light

ESTIMATE: Speed above 1,000 m.p.h. Height (Alt.) ~~15000~~ 1500 ft. Size 100 ft. diameter
Distance in view 7 miles Sound 2 distinct sounds Colour Bright yellow
3 miles distance when first seen (see below)
State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: —

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
(3.) Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO

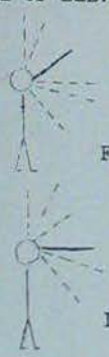
Is this your first sighting? (YES) / NO If not, give details of others: —

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:
Paul Livingstone, 80 Gulfview Rd, Christies Beach, S.A. 5165

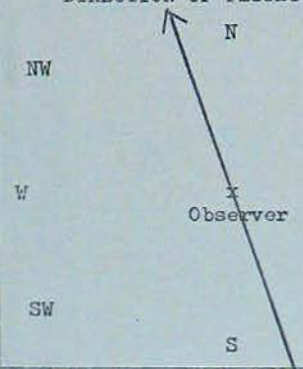
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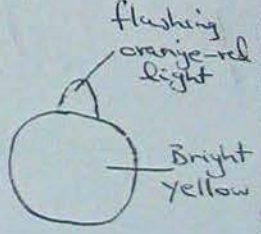
ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS (about 1 flash/sec.)



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
Highly unusual sound - unlike that of conventional aircraft. General noise like thunder with constant high-pitched sound. Object's direction was a direct straight line - gave impression that it was proceeding rapidly towards some definite area. Feeling of awe and some fear, object unlike anything I have seen before.

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Date: 2/12/71 Signature: Andrew Livingstone

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Local U.F.O. Group: The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name: GREGOR / JAMES BLACK Age: 22

Address: 10 HOADLEY STREET, SALISBURY NTH Occupation:

State: SA.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
TOWARDS WEST BEACH AIRPORT.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 20 %

* Object was first observed: Date 2 · 12 · 71 Time 9-40 ~~p~~.m. ~~a.m.~~

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. (3.) Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: (1.) Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: (1.) A light. 2. Solid object. (3.) Changing shape.
Duration 20 MINS No. of objects ONE Formation —

Opinion of Propulsion: — NO IDEA

Details of structure and shape: SINGLE LIGHT CHANGING COLOR

ESTIMATE: Speed HOVERING Height (Alt.) 30 DEGREES Size MATCH HEAD
Distance ~~30~~ 11 MILES Sound NONE Colour WHITE/BLUE/RED/ORANGE

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:
SCOUTS, A.T.C.

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NONE

* Object disappeared: (1.) In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO

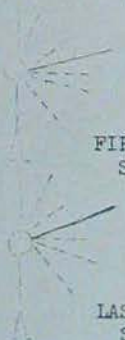
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Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

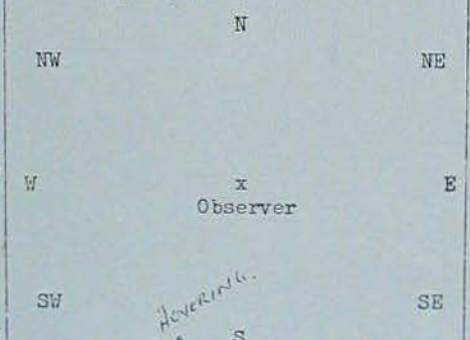
DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:

ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
DRIVING HOME, I SAW A LIGHT IN THE SKY I DID NOT THINK IT WAS A STAR. IT WAS CHANGING COLOR, THIS DREW MY ATTENTION. STOP CAR GOT OUT AND WATCHED FOR 25 MINS. THEN IT DISAPPEARED

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Date: 7 · 12 · 71 Signature: G J Black

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Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name F. Paulson

Address Kadina

Age

Occupation Retired

State South Aust.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity) 35000 V.
2 Miles of Kadina Disused Copper Mine Power Lene

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? None

* Object was first observed: Date Dec 2nd 1971 Time 12-45 a.m. ~~p.m.~~

(1.) In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: (1.) Light/~~s~~. 2. Noise. (3.) Movement. 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: (1.) A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration 5 MIN. No. of objects 1 Formation —

Opinion of Propulsion: No IDEAR

Details of structure and shape: Round

ESTIMATE: Speed Very Slow Height (Alt.) 200 ft Size 2 ft 6" DIA.
Distance 1/4 MILE Sound NONE Colour White Light

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:
NONE

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NOIVE

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. (4.) Or otherwise
Went to Land and then Desapered

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO

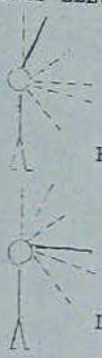
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Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

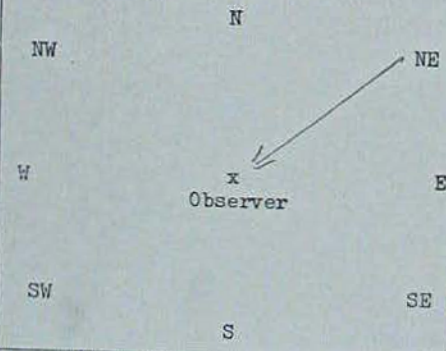
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Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:

ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to, and effects of sighting:
Just before retiring I went outside and the area was Pink. Then I looked up and saw an Intense white Light with a Pink Aura I shut my Eyes since then my left Eye weeps often I was amazed to see the Sighting

I the undersigned state that the above ~~shall not~~/may be published ~~using~~/withholding my name.

Date: 11-12-1971

Signature: F Paulson

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REPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RE UFO REPORTS

DPR

Under the terms of 554/1/30 (75), the enclosed proformas which are replies to UFO sighting reports at folios 20, 22, 24, 27 and 29 respectively have been prepared for your signature and release.

(K.R. JANSON)
Gp Capt
DAFI

7 Jan 72

Enclosures: 1. 5 general statements on UFOs

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GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Your report on the sighting of an Unusual Flying Object (UFO) has been investigated and the object was POSSIBLY A METEORITE.

2. You may be interested in the investigation of reports in Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom and the following information provides a brief outline of the subject.

3. The investigation of reports of UFOs in Australia is carried out by the Royal Australian Air Force, Directorate of Air Force Intelligence, at the Department of Air in Canberra. A considerable amount of effort is spent in investigating each report and the majority of observers are interviewed by selected RAAF personnel.

4. Between 23 January 60 and 26 May 71, the RAAF received 572 UFO reports. Department of Air has assessed that 93 percent were explainable by present scientific knowledge. Six percent of the reports did not provide sufficient information to permit proper analysis and evaluation. One percent of the reports were attributed to unknown causes.

5. The United Kingdom Air Ministry has stated that on an average, 90 percent of the sightings it investigates are explained by causes ranging from meteorological balloons and meteors to aircraft lights. The other 10 percent probably remain unexplained because of lack of reliable information.

6. In 1966 the University of Colorado, under contract to the USAF, spent two years processing and investigating all American reports. Its findings have been published by Bantam Books as 'The Condon Report'. Its general conclusion is that 'nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge' and that 'further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby'. A panel of eminent scientists, chosen by the US National Academy of Sciences, has examined and endorsed the Condon Report.

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7. The USAF 'Project Blue Book' investigation of unidentified aerial objects between 1953 and 1965 analysed 7,641 UFO reports. It concluded that:

a. 80 percent of sightings were natural phenomena, hoaxes, birds or man-made objects;

b. 17 percent of sightings provided insufficient data to permit thorough analysis and evaluation; and

c. three percent were unidentified.

8. US and Soviet space exploration has found no evidence to support the theory of life on planets in our solar system. It seems that the Mariner series of space exploration to Mars has proved it a 'dead' planet. The only other source of extra-terrestrial life, then, would have to be in another 'solar system'. It would seem, therefore, that whilst it may be possible for extra-terrestrial life forms to visit Earth, it is improbable.

Department of Air
CANBERRA
27 JAN 1972

Signed
N D TAINSWELL
A/DPR

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MELBOURNE SC1 VIC 3004

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(111)

17 DEC 1971

Department of Air (DAFI)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING
Mrs L. MARSH

1. Attached herewith is a letter from Mrs L. Marsh of Dandenong, Victoria, giving details of an aerial sighting during the evening of 4th December 1971. The sighting has been assessed as a meteor and the basis for this assessment is explained in paras 42 and 43 of the Unit Evaluation Sheet.

2. Mrs Marsh has been advised that her report has been examined and forwarded to Department of Air. Please advise Mrs Marsh (as requested in her letter) in accordance with standard procedures.

(W.C. KERITZ)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

ANNEX: 1. Mrs Marsh's Report
Appendix: 1. Pt2 - Unit Evaluation

ANNEX A to HQSC 5/6/1/Air(111) 109
DATED 17 DEC 1971

28 Ann St.
Dandenong
6th December 1971.

Headquarters Support Command,
R.A.A.F. Vic. Barracks.
Melbourne. 3004.

Attention for Command Intelligence Officer.

Dear Sir,

Please don't think that this is just another silly sighting, but I would like to know what my Husband and I saw.

Saturday evening 4th December, we watched a picture on T.V. "The Loudest Whisper" I don't know the time it ended, but it was to get a breath of fresh air, that we walked outside into our back garden, we did as we often do, look for Satellites, the night was clear, but the stars were not very bright, and we had just remarked on this, when I looked towards the east and saw this thing rushing at a very great speed, with flops of flame at the back, and a trail of lights following it, the lights did not go out as it passed but seemed to stay awhile almost in the full quarter arch before disappearing out of view.

The flops of flame lit up the barrel shaped object

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so it was quite easy to see its shape, it seemed to be about six inches long, but must have been very large indeed, it came from the E.N.E. towards W.S.W. We tried to pinpoint it at the time with the Southern Cross, but it must have been very low in the sky, because we could only see two of the stars and they were very dull.

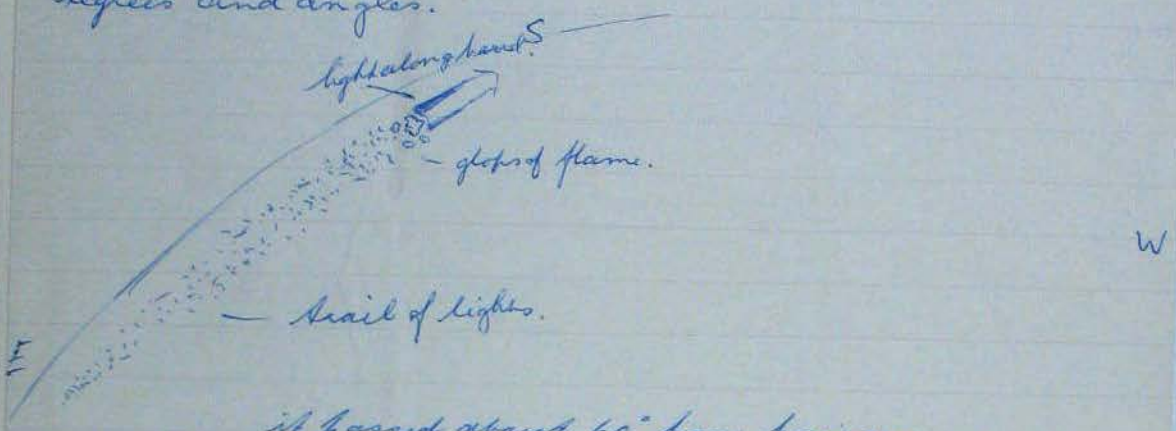
There were no clouds. I waved my arm from the direction the object came to where it went, and, at the speed it was going, it would not have taken more than about 3 seconds to pass. By the time I spoke to my Husband to look, he saw the fiery tail and the glops of flame but the object had moved out of range behind trees and houses.

We laughted and said "Woomeras Rocket was heading for Home" thats what it looked like a rocket, it moved at a far greater speed than any Satellite we have seen, it is possible it was not as high, but it seemed high. It travelled with the arch of the Earth not falling towards it, we thaught of a Meteorite, but the light from the fire behind it showed up its sides with light on top mostly, it seemed smooth and round at the back part, the front was mainly in darkness, I could have imagined I saw a shield type front on it, but the fiery back claimed most of my attention.

As we talked before we came back into the house, the Wandenong Town Hall Clock struck 11 O'clock, so this thing must have passed over about 4 mins to 11 O'clock

I hope I have not wasted your time, but we are curious to know just what we saw, we definately saw something.

I will draw a diagram, but I'm not so great on degrees and angles.



Yours sincerely.

(Miss) I Marsh

4 Dec 71

2300 1200Z

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Dated 07 DEC 1971

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time :

A/C type.....(1)...NIL.....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : Latitude...37 59 S.....Longitude...145 13 E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....SIRIUS AZ 70° EL 59°
PROCYON AZ 56° EL 32°
RIGEL AZ 25° EL 67°

36. A meteorological balloon was released from .....LAVERTON.....

at.....1000.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde** / radar** : ~~Candle~~** / battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile.....S.W. 10-15 KTS.....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ....+2....°C at ..5000...ft, measured at..0200 2300...Z hrs from.....
..LAVERTON.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....NIL.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace

if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... NA .....

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~was~~/cannot* be determined.

41. The object reported probably was*/~~may have been~~ (delete as required)

..... a meteor .....

42. From a study of the written report submitted by MRS L MARSH, it is assessed that the object sighted was a meteor. This assessment is based on the time the object was visible, its trajectory through the sky, and the general description of the "tail" as the object transversed the earth's atmosphere.

43. In an endeavour to confirm this, contact was made with the Royal Melbourne Observatory but they were unable to provide details of any confirmatory sightings. Further, discussions with the leader of the Current Phenomena Section, Astronomical Society of Victoria also proved fruitless, although some concurrence was obtained that the general description of the object sighted fitted that of a meteor.

..... 1 ASC .....(Unit)..... [signature] .....(Name)

..... 16 Dec 71 .....(Date)..... FLT LT .....(Rank)

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GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Your report on the sighting of an Unusual Flying Object (UFO) has been investigated and the object was .POSSIBLY. AN. UNUSUAL .CLOUD. FORMATION . . . . . .

. . . . . .

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CANBERRA

27 JAN 1972

Signed
NO TANSWELL
A/DFR

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(51)

4th January 1972

DAFI

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Enclosed is a report of a sighting by:

Mr. S.J. Day
Block 28
MILLAROO QUEENSLAND 4807

(R.S. BLACK)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report of Aerial Object Observed (Parts 1 and 2).

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer... Sydney Jack DAY. ...Age... 46 ...

2. Address of observer.... Block 28, MILLAROO (Mail Service 853, Phone Millaroo 25. ...Phone... Millaroo -4807)

3. Occupation of observer.... Cane farmer. ...

4. Date and time of observation.. 6th. November, 1971 at approx. 5.30pm.

5. Duration of observation.. Approx. 2 minutes. ...

6. Observer's location at time of sighting. Ayr-Dalbeg Road, near Sub-Station at Mona Park ...

7. Weather conditions at time of observation.. Scattered cloud. ...

8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation..... Nil. ...

9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).. Travelling in a southerly direction on road and object was in a southerly western direction. ...

10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise) ...

11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object?..... Appeared to be smoke. ...

12. If there was more than one object:

a. how many were there?.. Not applicable. ...

b. in what formation were they?.. Not applicable. ...

13. What was the colour of the light or object?.. Smokey grey ...

14. What was its apparent shape?.. Horse-shoe shape. ...

15. Was any detail of structure observable?.. No. ...

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?... No. ...

17. Was there any sound?..... No. ...

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation).. Unable to determine. ...

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) Appeared to be stationary and then dispersed.

20. Was the object stationary? See prev. question.

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass? None.

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre at all? No.

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen? No.

24. Where did object disappear? (eg, in mid-air, behind a hill, or over the horizon?) mid-air.

25. Do you know of any physical evidence? (such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence) No.

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously? No!

27. If so, give brief details of incident(s)

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.
Nil.

29. Are you a member of any organisation interested in aerial phenomena? No.

30. Name and address of organisation

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.
I have previously see a smoke flare fired previously and when I now think about the matter, this object seen by me was similar to a smoke flare.

(A.T. Henry)
Sen. Const. No. 5720.
Interviewer
O/C Police, Clare.

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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A/C type ..... (1)..... (2) ..... (3)

Heading .....T.....T.....T

Height .....,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

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Height.....,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude..19:45 S.. Longitude..147:15 E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only ....N/A.....

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36. A meteorological balloon was released from .....N/A.....

at .....Z Colour ..... Weight .....gm

Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery**(** delete as required)

General wind profile E to SE to 12,000' with S-SW aloft to 18,500'

Maximum height tracked .....,000ft at .....Z

Was it known to have burst? .....

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37. The first significant temperature inversion was of N/A .....°C at .....ft, measured at .....Z hrs from .....station.

38. Any remarks on satellaties, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting...N/A.....

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39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating ....N/A.....

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40. The cause (~~or likely cause of the sighting can~~*/cannot be determined.

41. The object reported probably ~~was~~*/may have been* (*~~delete as required~~)

...UNUSUAL....CLOUD...FORMATION.....

.....HQTVL.....(Unit)....W.G.CANNIFFE.....(Name)

.....21ST.DEC.1971..(Date)....PILOT..OFFICE.....(Rank)

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1. Your report on the sighting of an Unusual Flying Object (UFO) has been investigated and the object was PROBABLY A CIVIL AIRCRAFT

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2. You may be interested in the investigation of reports in Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom and the following information provides a brief outline of the subject.

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Signed
N.D. Townsend
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12th January 1972

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

References: A. HQTVL AI 41 dated 300430Z Dec 71

B. HQTVL AI 42 dated 040430Z Jan 72

Enclosed are reports of a sighting by each of the following:

Mrs Collins
12 Maben Street
TOWNSVILLE QUEENSLAND

Mr McDougall
Upper Ross River
QUEENSLAND

R.S.Black
(R.S. BLACK)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosures: 1. 2 Reports of Unusual Aerial Sightings

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form)

1. Name of observer .....Mrs. COLLINS..... Age .....
2. Address of observer ..12 Mabin Street TOWNSVILLE.....
   ..... Phone -.....
3. Occupation of observer .....Waitress.....
4. Date and time of start of observation 300325Z DEC 71.....
   How certain is the date? Positive.....
   How accurate is the time of start? within 10 minutes.....
5. Duration of observation Three minutes.....
   How accurate is your estimate? Fair.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting Initial sighting occurred at the traffic lights at Hermit Park TVL.
   .....
   How familiar is observer with this locality? Lived in area five years
   .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation ..cloudy.....
   .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation ..visual.....
   .....
9. Where was object first observed? out of RH window of car, fairly high in sky
   (a) Relative to your surroundings over a rubbish tip.....
   .....
   (b) Anlge of elevation could not estimate.....
   (c) Compass angle bearing 040 degress magnetic.....
   (d) How accurate are these estimates? ...just.fair.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? shape of object.....
    .....

11. If there was more than one light/object:
(a) how many were there? ..one only.....
(b) in what formation were they? ..n/a.....

12. What was the colour of the light or object? ..Silvery/white.....

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)
Same as aircraft in sky.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach: appeared larger than aircraft seen flying over TVL normally
(a) relative to Venus or Moon .....
(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.....same as A.9.....
.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? .....No.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
.....None.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? ..n/a.....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with movement of familiar objects at stated distances
n/a
.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases ..appeared stationary all the time.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres n/a .....

22. Describe any trail or exhaust, vapour or light seen.....none.....
.....

23. Where was object last observed?
(a) relative to your surroundings n/a .....
(b) angle of elevation ...see A. 9.....

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(c) compass angle bearing ..n/a.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? ..Simply disappeared.....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)? .....no.....

.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity .

.....none.....

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? ..one adult and 2 children.....

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?

.....no.....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? ...Aircraft.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?

.....lack of wings and its sudden disappearance.....

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature .....[signature]..... Date ..30th Dec 71.....

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type ..... (1)..... (2) ..... (3)

Heading ....T.....T.....T

Height .....,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type..French DC8.....(1).DC9.....(2).....(3)

Heading...(a) in local area after take-off.....T.....T

(b) 350° (2) BRISBANE

Height...30.t...,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft

Speed...Sa.....K.....K.....K

1405 ATD/~~ATA~~1408.....hrs.1415.....hrs.....hrs

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34. Observer's Location: Latitude.19.16S/1..... Longitude..146.46E....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....n/a.....

.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from .....Townsville.....

at ..2315....Z Colour white..... Weight .....gm

Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle~~**~~/battery**(** delete as required)

General wind profile .....Too early for reported sighting.....,

Maximum height tracked .....,000ft at .....Z

Was it known to have burst? .....

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41. The object reported probably ~~was~~*/may have been* (*delete as required) an aircraft, flying at such an attitude and course as to give the impression of being without wings and stationary. Its disappearance may have been caused by its flying into cloud.

.....HQTWL.....(Unit)...W.G.CANNIFFE.....(Name)
.....5JAN72.....(Date)...Pilot Officer.....(Rank)

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GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form)

1. Name of observer MR. M.C DOUGALL Age 27
2. Address of observer UPPER ROSS RIVER
   Phone BUSINESS 715990
3. Occupation of observer POSTAL OFFICER
4. Date and time of start of observation 02.11Ø2 JAN 72
   How certain is the date? POSITIVE
   How accurate is the time of start? QUITE (IF WATCH ACCURATE)
5. Duration of observation 2 TO 3 MINS
   How accurate is your estimate? POSITIVE
6. Observer's location at time of sighting NEAR GUMVALE STORE LOOKING ACROSS AT MOUNT STUART
   How familiar is observer with this locality? LIVED 2 WEEKS IN IMMEDIATE LOCALITY
7. Weather conditions at time of observation LOW CLOUD 8/8
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation N/A
9. Where was object first observed?
   (a) Relative to your surroundings ACROSS RIVER ABOVE PEAKS
   (b) Anlge of elevation 30°
   (c) Compass angle bearing EAST
   (d) How accurate are these estimates? FAIR
10. What first attracted observer's attention? PULSATING RED LIGHT

11. If there was more than one light/object:
(a) how many were there? ..... 1 ONLY .....
(b) in what formation were they? ..... — .....

12. What was the colour of the light or object? .. RED .....

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)
.. NOT AS BRIGHT AS STREET LIGHT .....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
(a) relative to Venus or Moon SAME SIZE AS CAR HEADLIGHT ON CASTLE HILL VIEWED FROM CIT /
(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) ..... —

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? .. about 090° at 30° .....
. Road runs almost due north. at light was seen at at angles to Road

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? ..... No though it seemed to be spinning.

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
..... NIL .....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height if an estimate can be justified)? .. 30° then down until detached by peak

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with movement of familiar objects at stated distances
..... No IDEA .....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases .. NIL .....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres Sudden downwards MOVEMENT

22. Describe any trail or exhaust, vapour or light seen .....
..... NONE .....

23. Where was object last observed?
(a) relative to your surroundings NORTH OF 1ST OBSERVATION
(b) angle of elevation less than 30° .....

(c) compass angle bearing ...080°.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? ...WENT DOWNWARDS.....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)?.....
...NO.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity
...NONE.....

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? ..YES...ANOTHER...THREE

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?
...N.U.....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?..AEROPLANE.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?
..N.o..sound..and..vertical..movement..downward

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

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Signature ..... Date 4 Jan 71.....

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Heading .....T.....T.....T

Height .....,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

Army helicopters? on Hook/Jaylow, 9 Oct 71

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type DC9 (1) DC9 (2) DC9 (3)

Heading 133 T 153 T EA CAIRNS T

Height .....,000ft.....,000ft 16,000ft DME ARRIVAL

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA* RIST (D) hrs 2143 (D) hrs 2125 (A) hrs LOCAL TIME

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 19:16S Longitude 146:46E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only TOO CLOUDY TO SEE STARS

36. A meteorological balloon was released from TVL

at 1115Z Colour WHITE Weight .....gm

~~Radio-sonde**/radar**~~: ~~Candle~~**/battery**(** delete as required)

General wind profile <AFTER SIGHTING MADE>

Maximum height tracked .....,000ft at .....Z

Was it known to have burst? .....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....°C at .....ft, measured at .....Z hrs from .....station.

38. Any remarks on satellaties, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting...N/A.....

.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating .....

.....

40. The cause (or likely cause of the sighting ~~was~~*/cannot be determined.

41. The object reported probably was*/may have been* (*delete as required)

.NO..AIRCRAFT...MOVEMENTS...TIE..IN.....

.....HQTUL.....(Unit)...W. G. CANNIFFE....(Name)

.....6JAN 72....(Date)....PILOT OFFICER....(Rank)

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MISS J. LOWRY (21)
335 BROOKER AVE
E. MOONAH TAS
7009.

GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Your report on the sighting of an Unusual Flying Object (UFO) has been investigated and the object was . . A FOKKER FRIENDSHIP (F-27) AIRCRAFT LANDING AT HOBART AIRPORT . . . . . .

. . . . . .

2. You may be interested in the investigation of reports in Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom and the following information provides a brief outline of the subject.

3. The investigation of reports of UFOs in Australia is carried out by the Royal Australian Air Force, Directorate of Air Force Intelligence, at the Department of Air in Canberra. A considerable amount of effort is spent in investigating each report and the majority of observers are interviewed by selected RAAF personnel.

4. Between 23 January 60 and 26 May 71, the RAAF received 572 UFO reports. Department of Air has assessed that 93 percent were explainable by present scientific knowledge. Six percent of the reports did not provide sufficient information to permit proper analysis and evaluation. One percent of the reports were attributed to unknown causes.

5. The United Kingdom Air Ministry has stated that on an average, 90 percent of the sightings it investigates are explained by causes ranging from meteorological balloons and meteors to aircraft lights. The other 10 percent probably remain unexplained because of lack of reliable information.

6. In 1966 the University of Colorado, under contract to the USAF, spent two years processing and investigating all American reports. Its findings have been published by Bantam Books as 'The Condon Report'. Its general conclusion is that 'nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge' and that 'further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby'. A panel of eminent scientists, chosen by the US National Academy of Sciences, has examined and endorsed the Condon Report.

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7. The USAF 'Project Blue Book' investigation of unidentified aerial objects between 1953 and 1965 analysed 7,641 UFO reports. It concluded that:

a. 80 percent of sightings were natural phenomena, hoaxes, birds or man-made objects;

b. 17 percent of sightings provided insufficient data to permit thorough analysis and evaluation; and

c. three percent were unidentified.

8. US and Soviet space exploration has found no evidence to support the theory of life on planets in our solar system. It seems that the Mariner series of space exploration to Mars has proved it a 'dead' planet. The only other source of extra-terrestrial life, then, would have to be in another 'solar system'. It would seem, therefore, that whilst it may be possible for extra-terrestrial life forms to visit Earth, it is improbable.

Department of Air
CANBERRA

27 JAN 1972

Signed
ND Jones Wells.
A/DPR

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DAFI Department of Air (DAFI)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. An unusual aerial sighting on 11th December 1971 of an alleged object at Carlton TAS, near Hobart, was reported to the Tasmanian Squadron ATC by Miss J. Lowry and Master S. Spaulding of Moonah.

2. Attached are the two reports together with Investigating Officer's assessment of the incident.

(J.R. NEWSON)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosures: 1. 2 Reports

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer...JENNIFER LOWRY.....Age...19.....

2. Address of observer....335...BROOKER...AVE.....E.MOONAH.....

.....TAS.....7009.....

3. Occupation of observer.....STUDENT.....

4. Date and time of start of observation....11th Dec 1971,...4.00 am.....

How certain is the date?....CERTAIN.....

5. Duration of observation.....3 H...& 30 MINS.....

How accurate is your estimate?FAIRLY...TIME CHECKED BY WATCH.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting...BEING A SHACK AT.....

CARLTON BEACH.....

How familiar is observer with this locality?...FAIRLY FAMILIAR.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. STILL, CLEAR, FINE, SLIGHT..

BREEZE.....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....NIL.....

.....

9. Where was object first observed?;

a. Relative to your surroundings....[illegible]...WEST.....

.....

b. angle of elevation.....45°-50°.....

c. compass angle bearing.....approx....270.....

d. how accurate are these estimates?estimated..what...aids.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention?..Stephen..called..to.....

..me..and....pointed..at..the..window.....

11. If there was more than one light/object :

a. how many were there?.2..objects..:..1:..lights,..other:..1..light...

b. in what formation were they?.....one..having:other..flying..to..it'

12. What was the colour of the light or object?..one..red..white.....

other white

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

4 lights - bit brighter than street light ... other ... duller

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?;

a. relative to Venus or Moon ... 3x ...

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 from the eyes)

about 3/4" ...

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? as before ... estimated ...

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? ... no ...

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity

... no ...

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? disappeared behind hedge in row of hills to right of Mt Rumney

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movements of familiar objects at stated distances. comparable to a car ~ 20 - 30 mph ... at 2 mile distance ...

20. Give duration of any stationary phases ... 5 - 10 secs ...

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. disappeared vertically, travelled horizontally backwards + forwards, + travelled diagonally towards ground

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ... nothing ...

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings ... upon ... West ...

b. angle of elevation ... at the skyline ...

c. compass angle bearing ... about 270 ...

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? one descended behind skyline. one disappeared - faded backwards

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photgraphs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)

... no ...

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity

... Magnetism ... Navigation ...

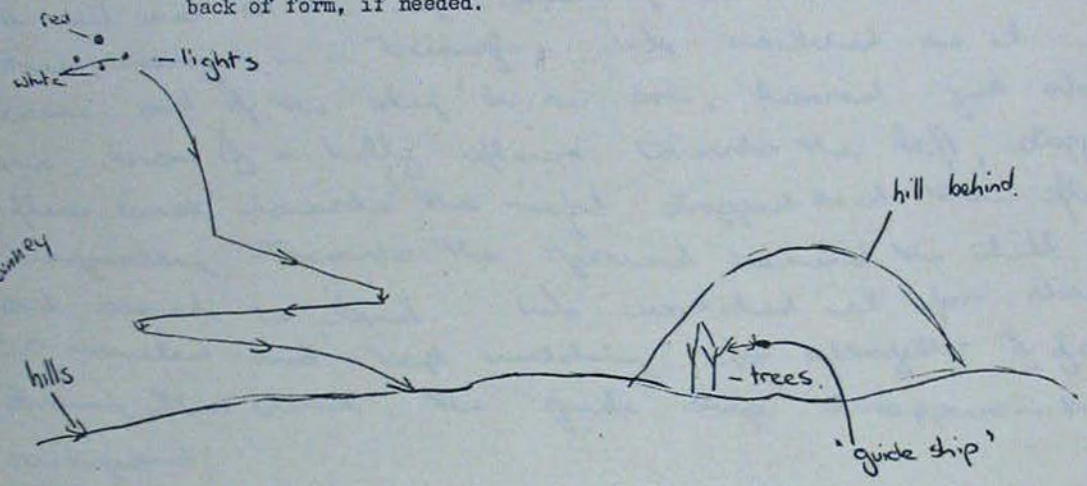
27. How many witnesses to the sig tings? ... 3 ...

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?...No.....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?...helicopter.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..positioning. e.g. lights., not in right position for. except., no residual. helicopter., movement was wrong.

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature...[redacted]..... Date....15..Dec...1980.....

about 4.00 am. Stephen standing [illegible] the bathroom of a friend's shack at Carlton (about 300 yds inland from the Surf life Saving club) where we were staying for the weekend. I ran to the bathroom and looked out the window with Michelle Gough and Stephen. We saw what we thought must have been a UFO as it was too early for planes and helicopters. There was also a light behind some trees to the right of the object which seemed to be like a "guide ship" - it was flashing and moved backwards and forwards.

The other ship consisted, to our view, of 4 lights a red one at the top - which flashed, and 3 whitish ones arranged in a triangle. We watched as it came out of the sky in an arc, hovered just above the brow of a hill, flew towards the left, stopped, flew back towards the right, stopped and at then flew diagonally towards the ground behind the hill and seemed to land. We watched it for about 20 minutes and kept watching for altogether 3/4 of an hour. During this time, the "guide ship" disappeared in to the background.

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer..Stephen Spalding.....Age...16.....
2. Address of observer....10A..ASHDOWN...CRES.....Moonah.....
.....
3. Occupation of observer.....STUDENT.....
4. Date and time of start of observation.....11th December 1971.....4. AM..
How certain is the date?.....CERTAIN.....
5. Duration of observation.....¾...hour.....
How accurate is your estimate?...Time..checked...on...watch.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting.....Carlton...beach.....
..Outer....300..yards..from..Surf..club..
. How familiar is observer with this locality?...Reasonably...familiar.
7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....Clear...and...Still.....
..Slight breeze.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....None.....
.....
9. Where was object first observed?;
   a. Relative to your surroundings.....West.....
   .....
   b. angle of elevation.....45° to 50°.....
   c. compass angle bearing.....270 ?.....
   d. how accurate are these estimates?...Estimated...with...out...aids.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....Bright..Stars.....
.....
11. If there was more than one light/object :
   a. how many were there?.....four..lights.....Two..objects.....
   b. in what formation were they?..One..Hovering,..One..Moving..about
12. What was the colour of the light or object?..One..was..Red..and..white.....
One was white

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)
..Street...light...at a...distance...about one...was...Dull....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?;

a. relative to Venus or Moon.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 from the eyes)
about...¾...of...an...inch.....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?...as...before.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?....No.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
.....No.:.....—.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..Disappeared...~~below~~...below...Horizon....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movements of familiar objects at stated distances...Slow...about...30...m.p.h.....
.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases...5...to...10...Seconds.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..Dropped...Vertically...& travelled...Horizontal...Diagonally...Reversed.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....Nothing.

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings...Still...approximately...West....

b. angle of elevation...above...Skyline.....

c. compass angle bearing....270.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..One...out...of...sight...one...hundred...behind...hill.

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photgraphs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)
.....No.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity
...Average...Good...knowledge.....

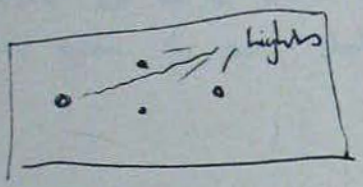
27. How many witnesses to the sig tings?.....Three.....

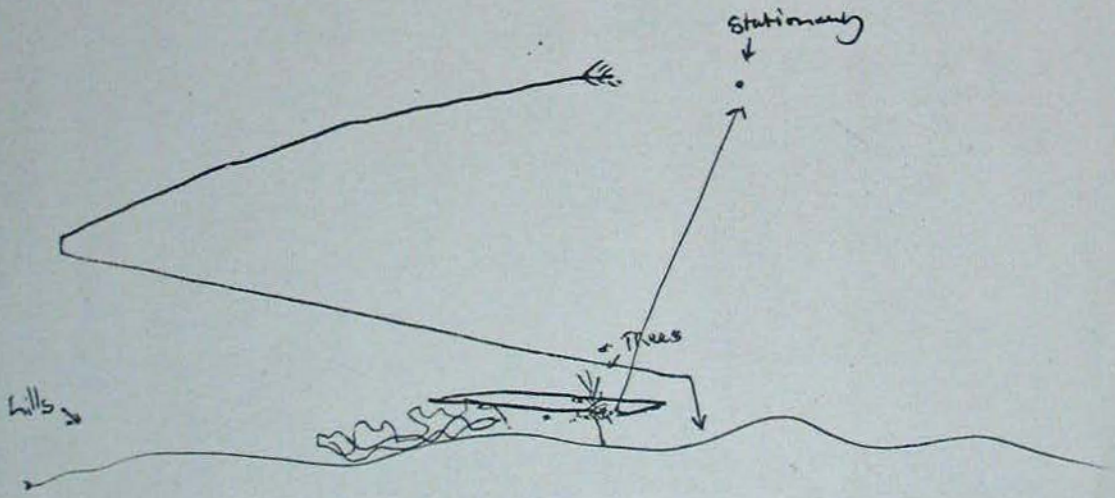
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No.

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? Helicopter.

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? Position of lights: away from the airport: no Helicopters stationed at the airport Movement was wrong.

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.





Signature S Harding Date 15th December 1971.

~~~~ it whole. I saw something out above Simcha Mill. I called Jeremy to come and have a look. Michelle Smith, and we all agree, it was a UFO. It had 4 lights. I was a Red flashing light. It moved across the sky and signaled to the other one hiyhen up in the sky. that one then seemed to move backwards till it disappeared the first one then flew in a sort of a Zig Zag line and Landed. we watched from a white hopeing it would take off it didn't. ~~~~ we watched the whole thing for about 3/4. we watched the UFO's for only fifteen to twenty minuts. we were all at a weekend Party at a friends shack at carlton. near the surf club.
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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicintity of the reported UFO position at the time : NONE

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000ft.....,000ft.....000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time :

A/C type FOKKER F27.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading 300°/120°.....T.....T.....T

Height CIRCUIT.....,000ft.....,000ft.....,000 ft

~~ATD~~/ATA* 0425(LST) - Hobart Airport.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 42° 50 S.....Longitude 147° 40 E.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only SATURN - NORTH WEST - 30°.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from HOBART AIRPORT..... at 101600.....Z. Colour WHITE.....Weight 100.....gm ~~Radiosonde~~**/radar**: ~~Candle~~**/battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile 270°/280° 20/40 Knots.....

Maximum height tracked 40,000ft at 1700.....Z

Was it known to have burst? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....°C at NO SIGNIFICANT INVERSION .....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from..... .....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting NONE.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace

if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating. 1. AC NAVIGATION LIGHTS 2. AERODROME BEACON

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can*/~~cannot~~* be determined.

41. The object reported probably was*.~~may have been~~ (Delete as required)

a. the FOKKER F27 on a right-hand circuit for runway 12 at HOBART AIRPORT. The aircraft's navigation lights would appear to the observer at CARLTON to move :

(i) north to south (downwind leg),

(ii) stationary (crosswind leg),

(iii) south to north (final approach), and

(iv) disappear diagonally (short final).

b. The Hobart Aerodrome Beacon (alt white/green 8.3 rpm) would be visible at tree level from CARLTON. The beacon was operating from approx. 0400 to 0430 (LST). The Hobart airport is WNW and approximately 5 miles from CARLTON.

TASATC (Unit) H E Dixon (Name)

7Jan72 (Date) Wg Cdr (Rank)

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13th January 1972

Chief Security Officer
Department of Supply
Constitution Avenue
PARKES ACT 2600

UNUSUAL SIGHTING - WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA

References: A. Your YA 26/9/2 of 24th December 1971

B. Your Y 10/5/1 of 7th January 1972

1. Although the known facts concerning this incident could lend themselves to speculation regarding the presence of a foreign aircraft in Woomera airspace on the 20th December, the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence considers this most unlikely.

2. The Directorate believes that a more plausible explanation involves the re-entry of space debris into the earth's atmosphere but is unable to confirm this possibility.

(K.R. JANSON)
Group Captain
Director of Air Force Intelligence

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In Reply Quote Y10/5/1

7 January 1972

Director of Air Force Intelligence,
Department of Air,
Russell Offices,
CANBERRA A.C.T. 2600

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT - WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA

Please refer to my signal C.26699, Y10/5/1 of 20 December 1971.

2. Attached is a copy of a report on this incident received from the Regional Security Officer, S.A., that provides more detail of the sighting of an aircraft with accompanying vapour trail over the Woomera Prohibited Area on 20 December. The course of the unidentified aircraft would be approximately at 90° to that flown by the two known aircraft whilst they were en-route Singapore-Darwin-Melbourne and the times are at variance.

3. Sketcher is a trained meterological observer and has been employed at W.R.E., Woomera, for many years. He is regarded as a most reliable officer and not one who would be prone to reporting an incident unless he was firmly convinced of his facts. After sighting the "tiny silver dot, forming this vapour trail across the sky" from the met. area in the Technical Area at Woomera, he proceeded to the Commonwealth Police Guard Station at the entrance to the Technical Area, some ¼ mile away, in order to obtain verification of his sighting. This resultant time delay would account for the fact that the Commonwealth Police Officers on duty only saw the vapour trail.

4. This sighting appears to be sufficiently authenticated, yet there is no official knowledge of any military or civil aircraft that could have intruded into the Woomera air space. It is therefore now a matter of speculation that some foreign aircraft passed through a Restricted Flying Area on 20 December 1971 without the knowledge of the appropriate authorities and this is cause for concern. Advice would be appreciated should any further information on this matter be gleaned by you.

CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER

c.c. Director of Naval Intelligence, Canberra
c.c. Director of Military Intelligence, Canberra
c.c. Director-General, A.S.I.O., Melbourne

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DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO : Chief Security Officer, CANBERRA

REGISTERED CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER Y 10 5 1

FROM : (Branch or Estab.) Regional Security Office, ADELAIDE

REFER : Mr. F.E. Ellis EXT'N. 506 484

OUR FILE NO. YA 26/9/2

DATE December 24th, 1971

Your Reference :

Subject : UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT - WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA

RECEIVED 25 JAN 1972 CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER

Further to telephonic advice to the D/C.S.O. on 20.12.1971 forwarded herewith is a copy of report 5/126/5 (YW10/3/4) of 21st December, 1971 in regard to an alleged sighting of an unidentified aircraft at Woomera at 6.50 a.m. on 20.12.1971.

2. Elaboration was requested from SKETCHER through the E.S.O., Woomera who later advised the following:

(a) No aircraft noise was heard by SKETCHER or the Commonwealth Police.

(b) Only the vapour trail was seen by the Commonwealth Police.

(c) The vapour trail was described as long and continuous but gradually dispersing.

(d) The vapour trail was visible for a period of some 5 - 10 minutes.

3. Department of Civil Aviation, Adelaide advised that, except for the two aircraft mentioned in paragraph 4 of the Establishment Security Officer's report, no other civil aircraft were in the Area at that time. The Military Air Traffic Controller at West Beach Airport advised that no military aircraft were recorded in the Area.

4. It is noted, in passing, that one of the aircraft flying south Singapore to Melbourne was Yugoslavian.

5. As requested, the Security Officer, Communications interviewed Mr. Brian HARKIN of Space Research Group, W.R.E., Salisbury to check satellite passings at the relevant time but Mr. HARKIN stated that, as there are some 4,000 pieces of hardware floating around in outer space, a number of which are liable to re-entry and resultant burning up at any time, it is difficult to reconcile these with any relevant time scale. However, he is checking further against records.

6. It is disturbing that, at the present time, no explanation is available in regard to an apparent unidentified aircraft which has intruded into Woomera Air Space.

7. If the object was an aircraft, the assessed height must be in the vicinity of 50 - 60,000 feet and consequently would involve an aircraft of a size which must utilise either a major civil or military airfield or, as is most unlikely, an aircraft carrier.

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8. As advised by you neither Directorates of Navy or Air Force Intelligence are aware of any aircraft which could have been involved in this incident and it is difficult to imagine any other Australian Defence source.

9. Any further information will be advised to you. It would be appreciated if any other channels which may have been responsible could be approached.

(F.E. ELLIS)
REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, (S.A.)

c.c. E.S.O., Woomera.

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DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY — INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO : REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, ADELAIDE.	REGISTRY USE ONLY
FROM : (Branch or Estab.) SECURITY BRANCH, WOOMERA.	OUR FILE NO. 5/126/5 (YW 10/3/4)
REFER : P.H. Zadow EXT'N. 05-224	DATE 21st December 1971

Your Reference :

Subject : SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT

As reported verbally, an unidentified high flying aircraft was observed over the Woomera Prohibited Area at 0650 hours on Monday 20th December, 1971.

2. The aircraft was sighted by Stanley James SKETCHER (SS 612) of the Meteorology Bureau, who immediately reported the incident to 1/c.c. DUTTON of the Commonwealth Police Force. DUTTON observed the vapour trail left by the aircraft shortly afterwards.

3. SKETCHER was interviewed about the incident. He stated that he saw the aircraft with the naked eye only and was first attracted to it by the vapour trail in the sky. He saw the aircraft as a tiny silver dot, forming this vapour trail across the sky. The aircraft was heading in a north easterly direction, (more east than north) and appeared to be slightly north of the Technical Area (not over Nurrungar as previously reported). SKETCHER assumed the aircraft was flying from Perth to Brisbane.

4. The incident was reported to this office by the Commonwealth Police at 0820 on 20.12.71. Enquiries were immediately commenced with the local D.C.A. representative, who later advised that only two high flying aircraft were in the vicinity at the time. These were over Leigh Creek at 0546 and 0707 respectively, however they were flying south-east from Singapore to Melbourne. A copy of the D.C.A. advice is attached.

Time sighted at Woomera 0650 20 Dec

5. As no further information can be obtained locally, it would be appreciated if the assistance of the C.S.O. could be sought.

(P.H. ZADOW)
Establishment Security Officer,
Woomera.

c.c. Area Administrator.
D.C.A. Woomera.

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AT 192020 A CLEAR VAPOUR TRAIL FROM A HIGH FLYING ACFT WAS OBSERVED CROSSING AREA R242 FROM A SOUTHWESTERLY TO NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION. SECURITY REQUESTS ANY INFORMATION ABOUR ACFT THAT COULD HAVE BEEN IN THAT AREA.

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RUMES 192215. NO INFO THIS OFFICE

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RUMES 192215. FOLLOWING HIGH FLYING AIRCRAFT TRACKED SOUTH THIS MORNING - JU7165 (JUGOSLAV) SINGAPORE FOR MELBOURNE WAS TMC 1846 F370 AALC 1916. QF168 (QANTAS) SINGAPORE FOR MELBOURNE WAS TMC 2007 F370 AALC 2037. NO OTHER KNOWN MOVEMENTS THAT COULD BE RELEVANT. PLEASE NOTE THAT VAPOUR TRAILS FROM THESE AIRCRAFT VERY CLEARLY OBSERVED AND PERHAPS THEY COULD HAVE DRIFTED

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J.P. McCARTHY IR-1 (DAFI)

J P McCarthy Flt Lt

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C O N F I D E N T I A L C26699 Y10/5/1 FOR DAFI INFO DNI INFO DMI FROM MORRISON CSO. FURTHER MY Y123/5/17 OF 22.11.71 FOLLOWING SIGHTING REPORTED AT 0659 HOURS TO-DAY BY A MR STAN SKETCHER, A METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVER, AND THE COMMONWEALTH POLICE FROM TECHNICAL AREA WOOMERA. VERY HIGH VAPOUR TRAIL MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTH EAST WHICH APPEARED TO PASS OVER NURRUNGAR PROHIBITED AREA. SEEN FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES. NO LOCAL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY AIRCRAFT.

DCA ADVISE NO KNOWLEDGE ANY AIRCRAFT IN AREA. CAN YOU HELP WITH ASSESSMENT OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS OR PREVIOUS SIGHTING ON 28 OCT 71 PLEASE

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(108)

21 DEC 1971

DAFI Department of Air (DAFI)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Reference: A. HQESL Message A302/CFS 220445Z NOV71

Herewith is a report and Investigating Officer's findings concerning a sighting by Mr and Mrs E.G. Ranford from their property at Briagalong VIC on the evening of 18th November 1971.

(W.C. KERITZ)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

ANNEX: A. HQESL 5/2/Air(20)

APPENDICES 1&2. UFO Report
Investigating Officer's Report

ANNEX A to HQSC 5/6/1/Air(108)
DATED 1 DEC 1971

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RECD. 29 NOV 1971 HQSC REGISTRY

Headquarters
RAAF Base
EAST SALE VIC 3852

24th November 1971

Headquarters Support Command

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING
EAST SALE - 18 Nov 71

Reference: A. Your 5/6/Air(20) of 17th January 1971
HQ ESL MESSAGE A30Y/CFS 220445Z NOV 71

1. Forwarded in duplicate is the report concerning an Unusual Aerial Sighting near Briagalong on 18th November 1971.

2. The conclusions drawn by the Investigating Officer follow the logical approach he adopted during the investigation of this sighting.

3. The Investigating Officer, Flg Off Ogden, has prepared a high standard report on this matter which assures a continuance of the previous high standards set by his predecessor Flt Lt J. Staal.

(J.S. WILSON)
Group Captain
Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Investigating Officer's Report on Sighting of a Phenomena at Briagalong on 18 Nov 71

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APPENDIX 1.
HQSC 5/6/1/Air(108)
DATED 21 DEC 1971

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT ON SIGHTING OF A PHENOMENA AT BRIAGALONG ON 18 NOV 71

INTRODUCTION

1. On the 18 Nov 71 the base duty controller received a telephone call from Mr E.G. Ranford, of Briagalong, reporting a strange light formation in the South West, which was sighted at 2120 EDST.

2. The investigating officer visited Mr Ranford on the 22 Nov 71 to conduct an interview with him about the sighting.

3. Mr Ranford said that, at about 2120 EDST his wife had called him outside to see a strange light formation which was evident to the south west, although at the time he had mistaken it to be the north west. The formation had one brilliant white light at the top, and a cone topped box below, with another bright light at the apex of the cone. The outline appeared to be composed of a myriad of smaller lights, and the formation was visible for approximately 20 minutes, after which it was seen to fade away.

QUALITY OF THE EVIDENCE

4. Mr Ranford and his wife appeared to the investigating officer to be a normal, quiet, elderly couple, both in full control of their mental facilities. Mr Ranford did not have any obsession with UFOs, and did not consider what he observed to be a UFO. According to Mr Ranford it was the first time either he or his wife had observed anything unusual in the night sky in their 20 years of residence at Briagalong, and he thought that he should tell some one about what he saw, as it may have been of interest.

5. The description of the phenomena given by both Mr Ranford and his wife closely matched, and after a series of questions neither had deviated from their original description. Mr Ranford showed a reasonable knowledge of the location of certain prominent stars and planets, and described the formation in relation to Venus, which he said was slightly to the south of the formation at the same altitude. It is the investigating officers opinion that the location and shape of the phenomena were accurately reported by Mr Ranford.

POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS

6. The following aspects were considered in an endeavour to find a satisfactory explanation:

a. Aircraft. There were no known civil or military aircraft in the vicinity at the time of sighting.

b. Visible Satellites. There were no visible satellite passes at that time.

c. Meteorological Balloons. The balloon released at Sale at 1015Z would have been blown due west by the prevailing winds, and would not have been near the area of the sighting. The balloon released from Laverton at 0500Z would have been blown well west of the area of the sighting by 1020Z, the time of the sighting.

/d. Local

d. Local Phenomena. The only local effect in the area is the waste burner at the Esso BHP gas plant, and this is well to the south of the sighting. Mr Ranford also stated that he is familiar with this phenomena and that it was not part of the sighting.

e. Celestial Bodies. The only two bodies which could have any effect on the sighting are Venus and Jupiter. At the time of the sighting Venus had an azimuth of 243°T and an elevation of 5° which closely ties in with Mr Ranfords identification of that planet. Jupiter had an azimuth of 242°T and an elevation of -0° .25min, which in the presence of an inversion could explain the one brilliant light at the top of the formation.

f. Meteorological Conditions. At 1000Z, the weather in the area was 1/8 of cumulus at 2500ft, visibility 20nm and the Laverton radiosonde trace at 1100Z, showed an inversion layer at 2.5°C between 7500ft and 9000ft.

CONCLUSION

7. The most likely cause of the formation observed by Mr Ranford was refraction of light through an inversion layer. The bright light at the top of the formation could have been Jupiter, the azimuth and altitude at the time being condusive to a refraction of the planet by the inversion, causing it to appear at an altitude of 14° in the form of a bright light.

8. The only possible explanation for the remainder of the formation would be a similar refraction of the lights of Morwell, which lies on a bearing of 240°T from Mr Renfords house. The regular shape of the formation, and the composition of small lights adds even more credance to the explanation. A slight change in the inversion layer would cause the refracted lights to appear to fade to an observer in the one location.

(J.F. OGDEN)
Flying Officer
Investigating Officer

23 Nov 71

Annexes: A. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting Part I and II

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APPENDIX V
HQSC 5/6/1/Air(108)
DATED 13 DEC 1971

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer.....Mr E.C. Rainford.....Age.....62.....

2. Address of observer.....Marathon Road BRIAGALONG.....

.....Phone.45.5273....

3. Occupation of observer.....Farmer.....

4. Date and time of start of observation.....18 Nov 71.....2120 East.....

How certain is the date? .....Certain.....

How accurate is the time of start?.....Within 5 minutes.....

5. Duration of observation.....20 minutes.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting.....Back yard of house.....

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7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....sky clear - 1/8 cloud.....

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8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....Nil.....

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9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings.....Through the trees at side of house

.....

b. angle of elevation.....20°.....

c. compass angle bearing.....240°.....

d. how accurate are these estimates?.....Reasonable.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....unusual light pattern in the sky.....

11. If there was more than one light/object:

a. how many were there?.....at least six.....

b. in what formation were they?.....box with pointed top.....

12. What was the colour of the light or object?,.....white.....

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg oridinary street light at 100 yards)....Brilliant.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon....4 times as big as Venus.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)...Formation - 12" x 14".....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? Brg 240°. Elevation 20°. - Reference to a telephone pole..

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?....No.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity .....None.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.....N/A.....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances.....

.....N/A.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases..Stationary for entire 20 mins....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....N/A.....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....N/A.....

23. Where was object last observed:

a. relative to your surroundings...N/A as for first sighting..... .....

b. angle of elevation.....N/A.....

c. compass angle bearing.....N/A.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?...Faded away.....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....None.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity...None.....

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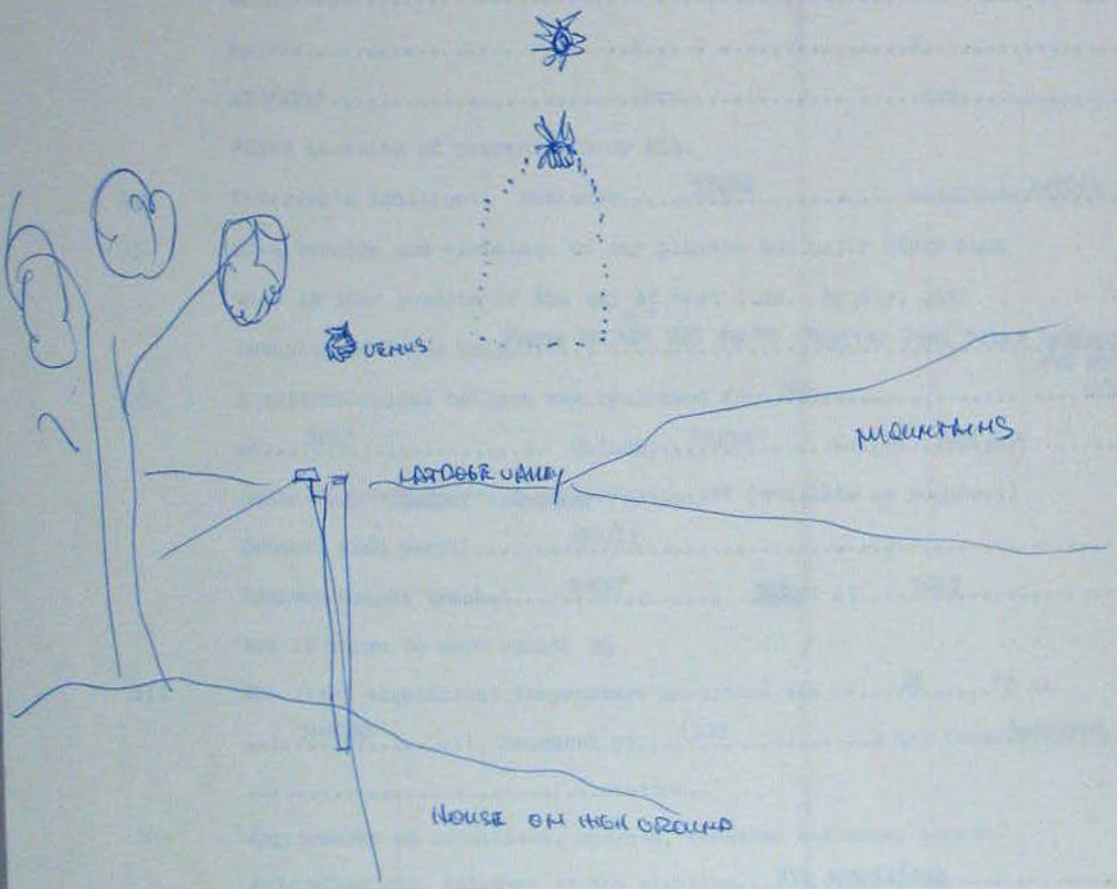
27. How many witnesses to the sighting?....2..... .....

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No

29. What natural phenomenon (ro phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? Refraction of Lights of Morwell

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? Living in house for 20 years - never seen it before

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature [signature] Date 22 NOV 71

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type.Nil.Military.....(1)..aircraft.in.....(2)..vicinity.....(3)

Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type...Nil.civil.aircraft(1)...in.vicinity.....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....,000ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's loaction: Latitude.....3748S..... Longitude.14705E.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....Venus EL 18° BRG 240°T Jupiter Just below horizon.....

36. A meteorological balloon was realeased from.....ESL..... BRG ~~235T~~ 242T

at.....1015.....Z. Colour.....White.....Weight..1.5 lbs.....gm

Radio-sonde**/~~Rodar~~**: ~~Sondler~~**/Battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile.....270/11.....

Maximum height tracked.....2000'..... ~~3000~~ ft at.....1017.....Z

Was it known to have burst? No

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....2½.....°C at .....7-9000.....ft, measured at.....1100.....Z hrs from.Laverton... .....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting,...Nil satellites.....

29. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....N/A.....

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can*/~~cannot~~* be determined.

41. The object reported probably ~~was~~*/may have been*(delete as required)

Refraction of light from Jupiter could account for the one bright lights seen. The formation could have been the reflection of the lights of Norwell.

Central Flying School (Unit) J Hayden (J. HAYDEN) (Name)

23rd November 1971 (Date) Flying Officer (Rank)

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(46)

25 NOV 1971

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Reference: A. HQTVL AI37 DATED 15th November 1971

Enclosed is a report of a sighting by the undermentioned:

Mr and Mrs PENMAN
Cromarty Railway Siding
North Queensland

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: Report of Aerial Object Observed

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer...MR & MRS...PENMAN.....Age..30-40..
2. Address of observer...CROMARTY...RAILWAY...SIDING.....
   .....Phone.....
3. Occupation of observer...RAILWAY EMPLOYEE.....
4. Date and time of observation...17.NOV.71...2.330K.....
5. Duration of observation...10 MINS.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting...FRONT STEPS OF.....
   ...HOUSE.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation...CLEAR SKY.....
   .....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation.....
   .....VISUAL.....
   .....
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon)...HIGH OVER TREES.....
   .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise)
    BRIGHT LIGHT.....
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object?.....
    .....LIGHT.....
    .....
12. If there was more than one object:
    a. how many were there?...N/A.....
    b. in what formation were they?...N/A.....
13. What was the colour of the light or object?...RED GLOW.....
14. What was its apparent shape?...CIRCULAR.....
15. Was any detail of structure observable?...No.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?...No.....
17. Was there any sound?...No.....
18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation)...about 60° angle of Elevation

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity)...60 MPH ?.....

20. Was the object stationary?....No.....

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?...352° magnetic.....

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22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre at all?....Straight down.....

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen?.....

.....No.....

24. Where did object disappear? (eg, in mid-air, behind a hill, or over the horizon?)....Behind trees (into swamp?)

25. Do you know of any physical evidence? (such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence).....

.....No.....

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously?.....

.....No.....

27. If so, give brief details of incident(s).....N/A.....

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28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.

nil: observer was hard to interview because of deafness in one ear and seemingly low intellect

29. Are you a member of any organisation interested in aerial phenomena?....No.....

30. Name and address of organisation.....N/A.....

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31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Interviewer Comments: The original size of the object was given as 6-8" diameter on the initial report to the Orderly Officer. When interviewed the size was given as 4" larger than the moon, which is hard to relate because of the shape of the moon that night & shape of object

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(W Cdr)
Interviewer

16 Nov 71

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*. .....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 20:38.5 ...Longitude 147:03E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only. Venus out at night. Saturn was visible.

36. A meteorological balloon was released from TVL.....

at 1115 Z Colour WHITE .....Weight 100 gm

4' DIAMETER ON RELEASE ~~Radio-sonde~~ **/~~radar~~ **: ~~Can~~dle **/battery ** (**delete as required)

General wind profile. N to 5000' ... W to SW 9000'.....

Maximum height tracked.....43,000 ft at 1149 Z

Was it known to have burst? YES.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....1..°C at .....1500..ft, measured at...2315.....Z hrs from. TVL.....

.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting. Local meteorological Group observed ~~comet~~ comet in area of sighting on that night

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....
.....

40. The ~~cause (or~~ likely cause) of the sighting can*/~~cannot~~* be determined.

41. The object reported probably was*/~~may have been~~* (delete as required)
Comet as observed by moonwatch group.....

.....HQTVL.....(Unit)...W.G. LANNIFFE....(Name)

.....17 DEC 71.....(Date)...PILOT OFFICER.....(Rank)

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22 November 1971

Director of Air Force Intelligence,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA A.C.T. 2600

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT - WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA

The attached report received from the Regional Security Officer, S.A., concerning the sighting of an unidentified aircraft passing over the Woomera Prohibited Area in S.A. on 28 October 1971, is forwarded for your information and any enquiries deemed necessary. You will note that the O.C., R.A.A.F. Edinburgh, has also been provided with a copy of this report.

Unfortunately the only evidence of this alleged overflight is the sighting by the meteorology observer, Murphy, who is regarded as a trained operator and a responsible and reliable employee. D.C.A. has stated that there was no authorised flight in the particular area at the time that could have been the basis of the sighting report, therefore the two most likely explanations of this incident are :-

(a) A mistaken identification of the object seen by Murphy through his theodolite.

(b) A flight across the Prohibited Area by an aircraft for which a flight plan had not been submitted to D.C.A.

CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER

c.c. Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy,
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Director of Military Intelligence,
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DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY — INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Security Officer, CANBERRA	CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER Y 123 3 : 17
FROM: Regional Security Office, ADMINISTRATION	OUR FILE NO. YA 26/9/2
ATTENTION: Mr. F.E. Ellis EXTN. 506 484	DATE November 11th, 1971

YOUR REFERENCE:

Subject: REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT - WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA

Further to telephoned advice forwarded herewith is a copy of report 5/126/5 of 8th November 1971, together with attachments, from the R.S.O., Woomera reporting the alleged sighting of an unidentified aircraft over the Woomera Prohibited Area at 1315 hours on 28.10.1971, 25 minutes prior to the launching of the Black Arrow missile.

2. Although MURPHY was on the Range intercom system at the time, he did not report the sighting to his superior until the next morning. This was in turn reported on to the Principal Officer, Range that afternoon and to this Branch at 1610 hours, 26½ hours after the sighting had been made. Although all Range instrumentation was trained on the anticipated Black Arrow flight path, if it had been reported at the time one of the Radars could probably have checked out the information.

3. Range Instrumentation including R5, in the vicinity of Parakylia Station, about 20 miles southeast of the Range and Red Lake Radar Post (R3?) did not sight or hear the aircraft nor did Station personnel at either Roxby Downs (approximately 15 miles East) or Purple Downs (about 20 miles south east). According to the sighting, the aircraft would have passed within the Roxby, Purple Downs, Red Lake, Parakylia Areas and although at height some sighting or aircraft noise could have been heard. In regard to R3?, it might be pointed out that even though the radar was trained on the launch site, any airborne object within a 100,000 feet and at a height of not more than 5,000 to 10,000 feet would have registered as a "blip" on the radar screen.

4. All Station and Instrumentation Post personnel would have been on launch alert at the time and this should have increased the possibility of either sighting or hearing the aircraft.

5. Although not mentioned in paragraph 3 of the report from the Security Officer, Administration, Woomera, theodolite images are reversed through the lens so that, as the theodolite was facing in a generally eastern direction to track the weather balloon, the unidentified aircraft would have been flying in a northerly direction and not south as it would appear from the report. Similarly the balloon and target too would be travelling south of east.



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WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA

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6. Although it would be difficult to assess the size of the aircraft because of lack of knowledge of distance from the balloon it does appear inconsistent that although twice the size of the target (30'), it was similar in size to the balloon (10 - 15 feet diameter). MURPHY's stated that the fuselage and wings appeared to be of uniform thickness and length and no engines or tail assembly could be distinguished.

7. Confirming paragraph 5 of the Security Officer, Administration report, Department of Civil Aviation Adelaide reported that the only flight in the immediate vicinity was a BOAC Flight flying south to north, which flew over Leigh Creek (approximately 150 miles slightly north of east of the Range area) at 1345 hours, three minutes after actual launch time. D.C.A. Woomera heard the aircraft captain expressing concern to D.C.A. at Leigh Creek in regard to the Stage 1 operation of the Blac Arrow launch. However it transpired that the BOAC Captain had not read his pre-flight material which contained information on the launch and details of a diversion route if required.

8. The only other aircraft, according to D.C.A. was a twin engined light aircraft in the vicinity of Lake Frome which is a further 70 miles due east of Leigh Creek. D.C.A. are satisfied that this aircraft did not deviate from its flight plan. No R.A.A.F. aircraft were in the vicinity, nor was there any Iron Curtain Country shipping in southern waters off the coast of South Australia.

9. In spite of all enquiries no confirmation of the alleged sighting has been obtained and the possibility that the object was a bird of the eagle variety, wedge tailed eagles are plentiful at Woomera, cannot be entirely discounted without any prejudice to MURPHY, although his delay in reporting the matter gives rise for some thought.

10. R.A.A.F. Edinburgh have no Intelligence Officer at present, although one is to be appointed in early December, but the D.S.O., Salisbury is forwarding a copy of the report to Officer Commanding, R.A.A.F. Edinburgh for information.

11. It is suggested that the matter be referred to DAAFI for his information and any action which he may consider necessary.

(F. E. HILLS)
REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, (S.A.)

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TO: Regional Security Officer, Adelaide.	REGISTRY USE ONLY
FROM: Security Branch, Woomera.	OUR FILE NO. 5/126/5
AUTHOR: R.T. Eadon. EXTN. 85 224	DATE 8th November, 1971.

Subject: REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OVER THE WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA.

Attached is a report from Security Officer Administration, Mr. R.D. Champion, concerning the reported sighting of an aircraft over the Woomera Prohibited Area, 25 minutes prior to the Black Arrow launch on 28th October, 1971.

2. Station Property personnel in the vicinity, were questioned as to whether or not they saw or heard an aircraft around that time, but with negative results.

3. In summary, the only information available, is that supplied by MURPHY. He is the only apparent person who saw the object and we have no alternative but to accept his word. MURPHY's Supervisor regards him as being a responsible, reliable employee, and considers his information to be correct. In view of the fact that MURPHY tracked the object for 15 seconds, a considerable time, and his certainty that the object in question was definitely an aircraft, it is considered that his report be accepted. It is therefore suggested that the information be passed to R.A.A.F Intelligence for further investigation.

(R.T. EADON)
Establishment Security Officer,
Woomera.

c.c. S.S.O. Murrurundi.

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TO: ESTABLISHMENT SECURITY OFFICER, WOOMERA.	REGISTRY USE ONLY
FROM: SECURITY OFFICER ADMINISTRATION, WOOMERA.	OUR FILE NO. 5/125/5
SUBJECT: R.D. Champion. EXTN. 05 285	DATE 6th November, 1971.

Subject: REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OR OBJECT SIGHTED FROM PRE-LAUNCH THEODOLITE ON BLACK ARROW ON 28th OCTOBER, 1971.

At 1315 hours on 28th October, 1971 an unidentified aircraft or object was sighted and tracked by a Meteorology observer at Range E.

2. At the time of the sighting the observer, Mr. A.E. MURPHY, was tracking a pre-launch meteorology balloon through an optical theodolite.
The balloon was situated almost due east of Range E at an assumed height of 20,000 feet (actual height from radar 6300 metres) and at a bearing 088.4 true and elevation 37.7°.

3. The following account of the sighting was given by MURPHY during a subsequent interview.
The balloon and target tow was backgrounded by thin lines of cloud at an estimated height of 20,000 feet. As the balloon moved slowly to the left of the theodolite lens MURPHY noticed an object moving away from the balloon to the right of the lens. He first thought that the target tow had separated from the balloon but then observed that the target was still attached.
MURPHY then reverted his attention back to the object which he initially observed to be a small grey object travelling in the opposite direction to the balloon. Realizing that he had reached the minus 20 second mark to his last instrument reading, MURPHY decided to swing his theodolite away from the balloon and track the object which by this time had almost escaped his field of view.
MURPHY tracked the object for a period of 15 seconds. The object appeared to be moving at a constant speed and in a shallow upward curve. MURPHY confirmed his initial observation that the object was shaped like a cross and from its general appearance concluded that the object was an aircraft.
The object was described as being light blueish grey in colour. Its outline was reasonably well defined although the image itself was small giving the impression that it was a great distance away. MURPHY stated that the image was twice the size of the target (actual diameter 30") and similar in size to the balloon (10-15 feet diameter). Its "fuselage" and "wings" appeared to be of uniform thickness and length. No engines were visible under the "wings" nor was there any evidence of a tail assembly. The object appeared to be at a height in excess of 20,000 feet as MURPHY observed thin lines of cloud passing intermittently through his line of view to the object. According to calculations, the object was moving in a [illegible] direction.
At minus 5 seconds to the last instrument reading, MURPHY stopped observing the object and re-aligned the theodolite with the balloon.

4. The object was not sighted or reported by any other Range Personnel. At the time all Range Tracking Systems were poised on Black Arrow in readiness for the launching which occured at 1340 hours.

5. The Department of Civil Aviation was approached to ascertain whether any aircraft had flown on or near the Woomera Restricted airspace at the time

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of sighting.

According to D.C.A. only one aircraft was in the approximate vicinity of the Woomera Restricted Area at the time. The aircraft, a B.O.A.C. Boeing 707 enroute from Melbourne to Darwin via Leigh Creek, was flying at an altitude of 35,000 feet. However a time check revealed that the Boeing aircraft passed over Leigh Creek at 1343 hours, some 28 minutes after the sighting at Range D. Considering the aircraft's speed of 425 knots/hr at 1345 hours, it would have been 150-200 miles south east of Leigh Creek and approximately the same distance from Range D.

6. When it was known that our preliminary enquiries had failed to provide a satisfactory explanation for the sighting, the Regional Security Officer (S.A.) and Establishment Security Officer (Woomera) were advised, of the situation.

(N.D. CHAMPION)
Security Officer Administration.

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75/60a 1st November, 1971.

Area Administration,
R.A.A.F. Building,
[illegible] ARMY. WOOMERA.

INCIDENT OF AIRCRAFT

At 1315 on Thursday, 28th October 1971, an observer with the Bureau of Meteorology, Mr. A.H. Murphy, who was carrying out a balloon flight from the Met. Post at Range "D", sighted an aircraft through the theodolite.

This occurred as he was about to take a reading of the balloon at the 20 minute mark (assumed height 20,000 feet, actual height from under 6000 metres). The aircraft passed across the field of view while Mr. Murphy was observing the balloon through the theodolite. After taking the balloon reading (which was the final reading for the flight), Mr. Murphy then briefly swung the theodolite to the aircraft. It seemed to be at a great distance and above cloud level (estimated at 20,000 feet). Shape of the tail was indistinguishable, the aircraft appearing as a cross (fuselage and main wings).

Bearing and elevation at first sighting were 088.4°True, 37.7°. Using the elevation of 37.7°, a table can be prepared using an assumed height of the aircraft and thus obtaining assumed horizontal distance from the observing point.

Assumed height	10000Ft.	20000Ft.	30000Ft.	40000Ft.	50000Ft.	60000Ft.	70000Ft.
Horizontal distance	12950Ft.	25900Ft.	38800Ft.	51800Ft.	64700Ft.	77600Ft.	90500Ft.

Mr. Murphy is available at any time for interview, should this be required.

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(P. O. BLAKE)
Director of Weapons

Copy for Information: Divisional Officer/Range
Establishment Security Officer

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Please summarize our action and pass it to RSO for any action he deems necessary.
RMA 2/11/71

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TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(44)

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

15th November 1971

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Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Reference: A. HQTVL A1135 4 Nov 71

Enclosed is a report of a sighting by the undermentioned:

MR. & MRS. K. WRIGHT
14 BARCELONA STREET
CRANBROOK
TOWNSVILLE QLD

John C Luker

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer. Mr. & Mrs. Ken. Wright ..... Age. 31.?.38

2. Address of observer. 14 Barcelona St. Cranbrook .....
Townsville ..... Phone. 79.14.36

3. Occupation of observer. Radar Technician .....

4. Date and time of start of observation. 3.NOV.71.1130 P.M. ...
How certain is the date? Positive .....
How accurate is the time of start ..... ± 5 mins .....

5. Duration of observation. 5 minutes .....
How accurate is your estimate? Highly .....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting. Lounge room
alone address .....
How familiar is observer with this locality? .....
Lived 1 year in immediate locality .....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. 1/8 cloud at
3.500'. Weather fine., visibility good. (full moon)

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation .....
Usual .....

9. Where was object first observed:
(a) Relative to your surroundings. Through lounge
room window above tree 200 yds down road
(b) angle of elevation ..... 45° .....
(c) compass angle bearing ..... 95° .....
(d) how accurate are these estimates. Quite fair .....

10. What first attracted observer's attention? Light .....
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11. If there was more than one light/~~object~~:
(a) how many were there? One .....
(b) in what formation were they? —

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12. What was the colour of the light or object? white to yellow

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards) duller than star

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
    (a) relative to Venus or Moon... ¼ size moon
    (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? as for nine

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? no

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity.... nil

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? 60°

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances.... faster than normal aircraft

20. Give duration of any stationary phases.... 4 mins 45 secs

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. went ↑ straight up

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.... none

23. Where was object last observed:
    (a) relative to your surroundings. same as 9(k) except higher
    (b) angle of elevation.... 70°-75°
    (c) compass angle bearing.. 95°

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Straight up then out of sight

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)... no

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26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.. Ex-Navy: familiar with local a/c movement

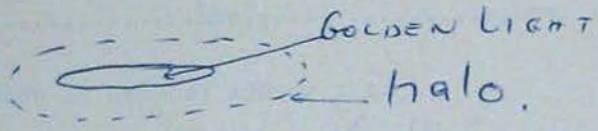
27. How many witness to the sighting?.. One

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?..... ..... no .....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..... .....

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



insignificant evidence

22 Nov 71

Townsville

Signature.... K E Wyatt ..... Date.. 5 Nov 71 .....

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....N/L T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*. .....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....N/L T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude....19:18.5.Longitude.146:45.E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....none in area at time.....

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36. A meteorological balloon was released from Garbutt.....

at ~~0700~~ 1115.Z Colour..Silver/White.Weight.....gm.

~~Radio~~-sonde**/radar**: ~~Candle~~**/battery**(**delete as required)

General wind profile..S.E...7000.....

Maximum height tracked...45,000...,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?..Yes.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of..8.5 - 10.4.....°C at ..6600.....ft, measured at..0222.00..Z hrs from..Garbutt.

.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....Nil.....

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39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... N/A .....

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40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~can~~*/cannot* be determined.

41. The object reported ~~probably was~~*/may have been* (delete as required)

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.....HQTVL.....(Unit)...W. G. CANNIFFE.....(Name)

.....3NOV.71.....(Date)...PIT OFF.....(Rank)

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer..MR & MRS...KEN. WRIGHT....Age.31.+38
2. Address of observer.14..BARCELONA...ST.....
   CRANBROOK...TOWNSVILLE..... Phone..79.1436..
3. Occupation of observer..RADAR..TECHNICIAN.....
4. Date and time of start of observation..3.NOV..71....11.20 AM
   How certain is the date?..POSITIVE.....
   How accurate is the time of start..±5 MINS.....
5. Duration of observation...3 to 4 mins.....
   How accurate is your estimate?..highly.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting...Lounge room of
   ..above address.....
   How familiar is observer with this locality?..1 years residence
   immediate vicinity.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation..⅛ cloud at 3500'
   ..Fine...Visibility..Good - Full moon.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....
   .....usual only.....
9. Where was object first observed:
   (a) Relative to your surroundings..Through...lounge room
   door...adjacent to awning of house next door
   (b) angle of elevation.....30°.....
   (c) compass angle bearing....083°.....
   (d) how accurate are these estimates..Reasonably accurate
10. What first attracted observer's attention?...Lights.....
    .....
11. If there was more than one light/object:
    (a) how many were there?.....3.....
    (b) in what formation were they?...One on top of the other

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12. What was the colour of the light or object? Red, White, Green

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards) Consistent with A/c lights / seemed brighter when stationary

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon.....

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? as per answer 9

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? no

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity. Nil

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? max 30° min 7°

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances. Two state that speed seemed in excess of A/c speed on base leg RH circuit to runway. One witness claims it would be about the same

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. At initial sighting

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. No major deviations followed a gently sloping arc from R to L

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. None seen

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings. About straight in front of house

(b) angle of elevation. 7°

(c) compass angle bearing. 26°

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Blocked by house opposite

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). No

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26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity. MR. WRIGHT ex. NAVY. Familiar with local A/C MOVEMENTS

27. How many witness to the sighting? One

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? —

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? —

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



with halo around

Lights seemed fused together

Red & green could be reversed.

1 says lights pulsating
2 say " constant

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Possibly Light A/C

Signature. K.E. Wright Jr. Date. 5 Nov 71

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....N/A.....,000 ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*. .....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....N/A.....,000 ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude..19:18S...Longitude..146:45E.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only....None in area at time.....

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36. A meteorological balloon was released from..GARBUT.T.....

at..~~0900~~ 1115....Z Colour..SILVER & White..Weight.....gm

~~Radio-sonde~~**/~~radar~~**: ~~Candle~~**/battery**(**delete as required)

General wind profile...S.E...7,000.....

Maximum height tracked..45,000.....,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?....45,000.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of..8.5 -10.4...°C at ..6600.....ft, measured at..0232hh....Z hrs from..GARBUT.T..

.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....Nil.....

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39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... N/A .....

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~can~~*/cannot* be determined.

41. The object reported ~~probably~~ ~~was~~*/may have been* (delete as required)

light aircraft .....

.....H.Q.T.V.L.....(Unit)...W.G. CANNIFFE.....(Name)

.....9.07.71.....(Date)....Plt. Off.....(Rank)

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R E S T R I I T E D AI37 FOR ST INTELL AND DAFI PD UFO SIGHTING PD

MR E W PENMAN CMM CROMARTY RLY SIDING CMM 25M STH TVL ON 12NOV71

2300K SAW RED GLOW 6 TO 8 INS DIA NTH OF CMARTY PD GLOW 200FT

ABOVE GROUND DISAPPEAGONG INTO SWAMP PD BEING INVESTIGATED

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TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(39)

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

- 3 NOV 1971

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Reference: A. HQOC Air Staff Instruction No 3/A/5

B. Letter from Sgt Boon to Dept of Navy, 22JUN71

C. 82W/5/9/Air(59) of 13th August 1971 — AR

D. HQTVL 5/40/Air(2) dated 18th August 1971 — AR

E. Letter from Dept of Civil Aviation to HQTVL of 21st September 1971

1. Attached are photocopies of References B and C concerning a reported sighting of a UFO in the Burketown Qld area on the 18th June 1971. Copies of a newspaper report of the incident and a letter from the Naval Intelligence Officer Brisbane are attached to Reference C. Attached also are copies of internal minutes and a letter from DCA Townsville to Headquarters Townsville (References D and E) regarding absence of known aircraft movement at the time of the sighting.

2. Unfortunately all action in the matter apparently ceased at that stage, probably due to the departure of AIR 4 HQ Townsville on detachment.

3. We consider that any action at this stage in accordance with para 7 of Reference A would probably be unfruitful and, because of the time lapse, could reflect poorly on the Service.

4. Perhaps as it has been determined that no RAAF or civil aircraft were operating in the area at the time, a reply to the informant's request could be based on that situation.

5. Your advice on further action is requested.

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosures: 1. Reference B
2. Reference C
3. Reference D
4. Reference E

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Police Station,
BURKETOWN..... 4830.
Queensland.
22nd June 1971.

Reference B
To S/001/AIR(1)

The Department of the Navy,
Navy Intelligence Centre,
Navy Office,
CANBERRA....A.C.T.,

Dear Sir,

RE:-SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

I wish to report that at 6.38.P.M. on Friday the 18th June 1971, an unidentified flying object was sighted in the sky by residents of Burketown, Queensland.

(1)... To the naked eye the object resembled an illuminous cigar shaped object (pointed at both ends); at first it took on an orange into red colour and lastly a clear light colour; it seemed to be about eight feet long.

(2)... It was sighted west of Burketown on the southern side of the setting sun in a clear sky and good weather conditions; the sunset created a red glow along the horizon for some distance.

(3)... It travelled from north to south along and above the horizon at what appeared to be a height of 30-40 feet; it moved only slowly across the sky, then seemed to become stationary momentarily, then lose altitude before changing to an easterly course towards Burketown for a few minutes before again changing course towards the south-west in which direction it disappeared.

(4)... It was sighted at 6.38.P.M. and disappeared at about 6.55.P.M.

(5)... The first sighting of the object was made by Mrs. Ivy McDERMOTT, a housewife of Burketown, who telephoned the local Post-Master-Mr. Albert Percy LEE who together with his wife Mrs. Ivy LEE then sighted the object as described; Other persons were then either phoned by the Post-Master or phoned him confirming the sighting some of their names being:- Dieter JORDAN, Grazier, of Burketown, Dawson HUMBLE, Shire Clerk of Burketown, Mrs. Gwen JOYNER, housewife of Burketown;& Mr. Alfred HORNE, Storekeeper, of Burketown.

The circumstances of the sighting are regarded as unusual and cannot be explained here. I request your opinion as to what this particular unidentified flying object may have been. Newspaper cutting on this sighting is attached.

I am a member of the Naval Coastwatching Organisation.

Yours Faithfully,
Sergt. 2/C W.G. BOON,
Reg. No. 5421.

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MEMO

TO: RAMB	OUR FILE: 82W/5/9/Air (59)	FOLIO: ENCLOSURE C
	DATE: 13 Aug 71	REFERENCES: TC 3/40/Air (1) SEE ATTACHMENT
HQTVL	ATTENTION: F10	AIR 4

RECD 18 AUG 1971 HEADQUARTERS RAAF TOWNSVILLE

Headquarters: Base Sqn. N.C. A.T.C. 10 Sqn. 2AD

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Attached is a letter and attachment received from Dept of the Navy, Brisbane concerning a UFO sighting near Burketown.

2. As it occurred in the Townsville FIR it may be possible to check whether there were any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting.

3. Dept of the Navy Brisbane have been advised that the matter has been referred to RAAF Townsville and it would be appreciated if a reply could be sent to them on the results of your check.

4. No reporting action has been taken under HQOS ASI 3/A/5..

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXT
S J Wilson	S. J. WILSON	FLT LT	F10	825

Sergt. G/C W.G. BOON,
Reg. No. 5421.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

311611
1416 G.P.O. Brisbane

NI.17/52/25

Naval Staff Office,
Edward Street,
Brisbane.

30th July 1971.

Base Security Officer,
R.A.A.F. Base,
AMBERLEY, 4305.

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Following upon today's telephone conversation enclosed is a photostat copy of the report received from the Coastwatcher at Burketown, together with a copy of the article which appeared in the local newspaper concerning an Unidentified Flying Object over Burketown on Friday, 18th June 1971.

2. It is regretted that the report has taken this long to be referred but even at this stage it would be appreciated if I could be informed of your comments.

(G. B. O'NEILL)
Naval Intelligence Officer (Civil)

Flt Lt Neilson.
Forwarded for info + action please
BK.
DSCO.
2831

Sergt. [illegible] Boon,
Reg. No. 5421.

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UFO sighting sends town 'buzzing'

An unidentified flying object was sighted over the Gulf township of Burketown last night.

The cigar-shaped object, which remained visible for about 20 minutes, sent the town "buzzing" as most of the townspeople reported the sighting.

Burketown postmaster Mr. Bert Lee, told the North-West Star last night that six of the nine 'phone subscribers in the town had phoned him to report the sighting.

Mr. Lee said that the "thing" was first sighted above the town at 6.38 p.m.

"It was just a silver streak, with no vapor trail. It had a red glow," he said.

Mr. Lee described it as: "Something more mysterious than a jet."

He said that it was still daylight, and the sun was going down below the horizon when he received the first telephone call reporting the object.

"I went outside with my wife, and just then the manager of Armraynald Station, 24 miles south of Burketown, Dieper Jordan, drove up. We watched the thing together.

"Dieper told us that he had been watching it for some time while he drove into town," Mr. Lee said.

"We watched it for about 10 minutes. It was travelling in a southerly direction, and seemed to be about 30 miles east of the town.

"I could not watch it for the full time it was over the town because I had to come in to attend the 'phone calls.

"Mrs. Gwen Joiner, who watched the object with her two sons, later told me that they watched it for about 20 minutes.

"They said that they saw it turn towards the south-west. Its length shortened for some distance as though it was on a more acute angle.

"It seemed to go away and then headed back towards Burketown again and then it turned again and they lost sight of it.

"Meanwhile I phoned the Shire Clerk, Mr. Dawson Humble. He watched it for about five minutes and phoned me back.

"His impression was that it looked like a jet travelling towards Darwin.

"I phoned DCA in Mount Isa and they told me that there were no planes in the area at all. They seemed to be interested in it."

Mr. Lee continued: "The jets that fly over Burketown fly right overhead, and are different in appearance.

"This thing was much further over to the east, and it had a red glow."

Mr. Lee said that as all the phone connections were local, he had no way of knowing what sightings had been made on the outlying stations. "We won't know until they report in on their set radio sessions."

Mr. Lee said that it was not the first sighting of an unidentified flying object over Burketown.

"My wife and myself were returning from the pictures about two weeks ago when we saw something going up and down in the sky, and then remaining in a stationary position," he said.

"Three or four weeks ago Mrs. Barbara Edwards of Brookdale Station, 40 miles south-west of Burketown, reported a glowing object in the sky.

"The Flying Doctor has reported a number of strange sightings in this area."

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MINUTE PAPER

(This side only to be written on) HQAL/5/40/AIR(2) 5/40/AIR(2)

Subject: UFO – BURNETOWN AREA – 1840 hrs 18 JUN 71

SATCO 18 Aug 71

1. Folio 1 and attachment describe a UFO sighting near Burketown on 18 JUN 71. Please inform me whether there were any RAAF aircraft in the vicinity at the time and whether you know of any phenomena which could have caused the sighting.

15 AUG 71

R. J. Salmon
Flt Lt
AIR 4

Ref.

1. No known RAAF aircraft in the vicinity at the time. Qin HS748 had planned to depart Mt Isa at 1500K on that date for Darwin. ETA Darwin was 1823K. It would not go anywhere near Burketown if it tracked direct. The actual departure time or route is not known.

18 Aug 71.

R Holmes Flt Lt
SATCO.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

TELEPHONE: 79.5544

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The Officer Commanding,
Headquarters,
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U.F.O. SIGHTING: BURKETOWN - 18th June, 1971

I refer to your letter of 23rd August, 1971.

I have had enquiries made and confirm that there were no known aircraft operating in the Burketown area at the time of the sightings.

F. E. GREGORY
AIRPORT MANAGER

Any AS / action?

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Headquarters
RAAF Base
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

5/40/Air(3)

23rd August 1971

Airport Manager
Townsville Airport
GARBUTT QLD 4814

Dear Sir,

UFO SIGHTING - BURKETOWN - 18JUN71

1. Enclosed are copies of a report from a sergeant of police at Burketown and a newspaper article, both of which claim that several people in the township of Burketown reported seeing a UFO on 18th June 1971.

2. Although the newspaper report states that DCA had no knowledge of any aircraft in the area at the time you are requested to verify this statement for us. Also would you provide information on the type of weather in the area at that time and whether the weather conditions could have caused the phenomena reported.

Yours faithfully,

RJ Salmond

(R.J. SALMOND)
Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commanding

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R E S T R I C T E D AI35 FOR SO INTELL AND DAFI PD UFO SIGHTINGS PD ALFA PD 031215Z TO 031230Z MR AND MRS KEN WRIGHT CMM 14 BARTHOLEMEW ST CMM CRANBROOK CMM TVL REPORTED SIGHTING GOLD COLOURED OBJECT WITH RED AND GREEN LIGHTS ON EXTREMITIES PD FIRST STN THEN MOVED OFF HIGH SPEED PD BRAVO PD SAME TIME SAME PEOPLE SAME DETAILS EXCEPT MUCH HIGHER AND FURTHER AWAY PD INVESTIGATION BEING MADE

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(37)

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

4.8.71.

25 OCT 1971

DAFI Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a copy of a letter and report received from the undermentioned, together with a copy of our reply:

Mr Ray ALLSOP
Box 3998 GPO
SYDNEY NSW 2001

2. In view of the time lapse (1968) since the sighting no evaluation has been carried out.

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Encls: 1. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting

2. Copy of HQOC 5/15/1/Air(33) 18th October 1971

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5/15/1/Air(33)

18 OCT 1971

Mr Amy Allsop
Box [illegible]
Albert [illegible] 2601

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the detailed information on your unusual aerial sighting in February 1966. It is indeed unfortunate that my staff were not informed at the time, when a first-hand investigation would have been possible.

There is no record at this headquarters of any other reported unusual sighting around the time indicated in your letter. However, you may rest assured that your report will be passed to Department of Air for examination and comparison with the more detailed records held by that organization.

Yours faithfully,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

(W.L. TOWNSEND)
Air Vice-Marshal
Air Officer Commanding

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S.O. INT.
I believe this is in order
Could you please
action and draft a reply for
AOC's signature

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RAY ALLSOP
F.I.R.E.E. (Aust.)

MAIL ADDRESS:
BOX 3998, G.P.O.
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AUSTRALIA
TELEPHONE: 46-2468

7th October, 1971.

11/10/71

Air Vice-Marshall W. E. Townsend, C.B., C.B.E.,
Headquarters Operational Command R.A.A.F.,
PENRITH, N.S.W. 2750.

Dear Sir:

Having pondered to some length in time on where to deposit the enclosed I consulted my old friend "Bunny" Hammond (no doubt known to you) who suggested the R.A.A.F. and you in particular.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Allsop

RAY ALLSOP
F.I.R.E.E. (Aust.)

MAIL ADDRESS:
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Re: U.F.O's.

Firstly, be it understood, I am open minded on the subject but, however, as peoples of our planet having developed means of visiting a heavenly satellite of planet earth, it is feasible greater intelligence centered in other parts of this universe, or beyond, has found means of escaping its local evironment to explore that elsewhere.

The following records an unusual event (a sighting) by me on the night of 25th. February, 1968.

My office/study at my home in Roseville, N.S.W., being situated high along a ridge (at "A" on attached plan) affords an unimpeded sweeping view from the mountain range (altitude 4,700') behind the Jenolan Caves area to the west, to the Jib at Bowral at the south-west, around to the highlands of the water catchment area along the south coast.

At about 9 p.m. on 25th. February, 1968, being a night of clear cloudless atmosphere, my attention was drawn to several lights in the sky on an approximate bearing indicated by the line drawn over the attached plan of the City of Sydney and environs.

At first glance I thought these were aircraft approaching Kingsfor-Smith airport but soon observed the lights remained in steady state, that is in the same position and brilliance, thus ruling out the possibility of the origin being normal aircraft.

Then the objects/lights, at first in line, stacked thus:-

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The maneuver conducted at a rate of speed definately ruling out the lights originated from conventional aircraft or even helicopters. The objects/lights remained in this position for some time - I estimate about five minutes - then vanished.

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Soon after the sighting I telephoned "The Sydney Morning Herald" to test if any reports had been received of similar experience by others, to be advised that numerous callers had reported seeing strange lights in the sky!.

The following morning, 26th. February, 1968, I made contact with Mr. Arthur Doubleday, Regional Director, D.C.A., N.S.W., who advised me that aircraft were not stacked over the Sydney area during the previous evening or were there any helicopters operating in the area at this time.

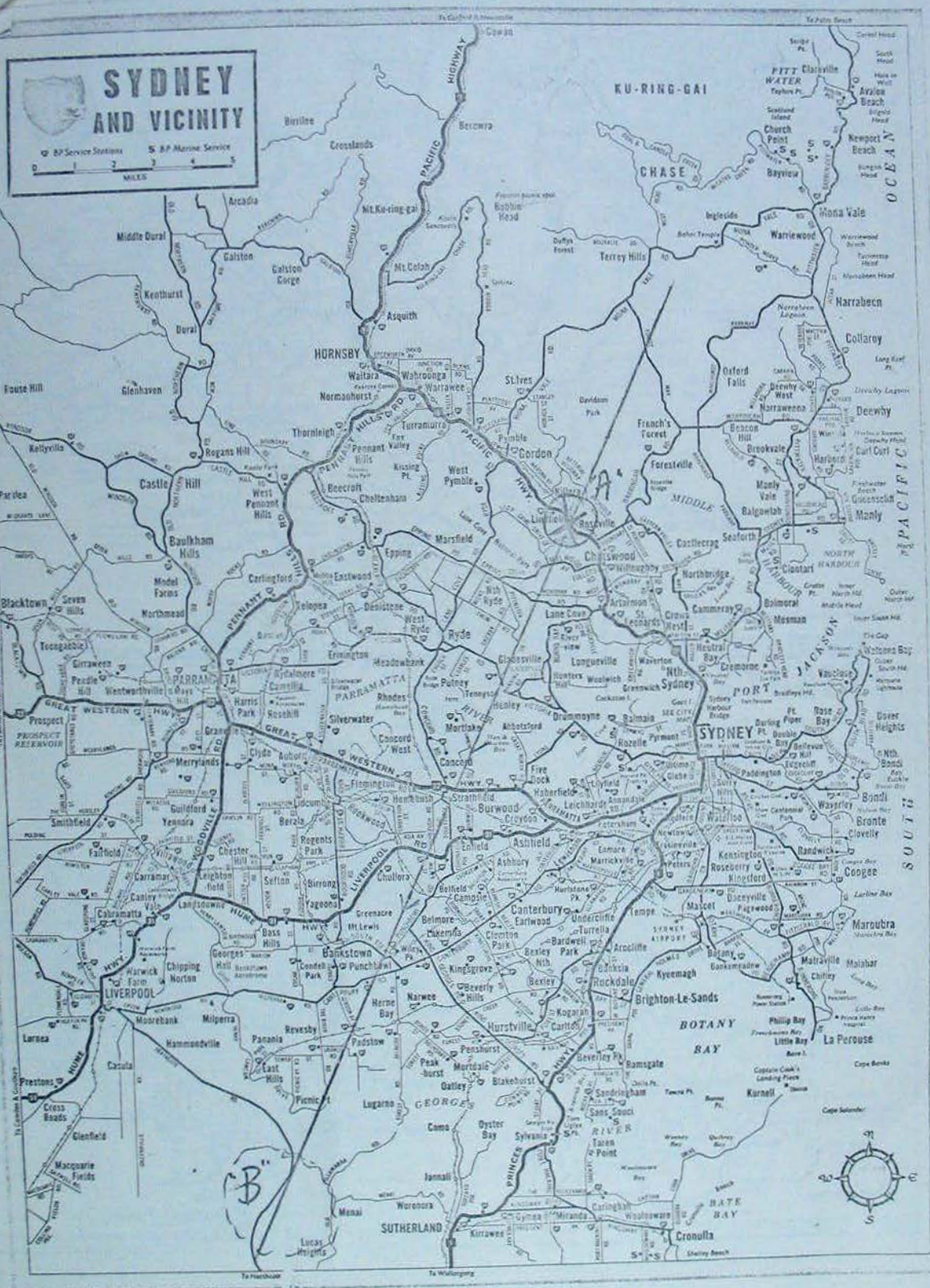
In concluding - I have accumulated some 2,500 passenger hours in aircraft from 1918 to the present day and being a mechanical, radio-electronic engineer of long standing (and having established the Design & Production Dept. of the R.A.N. for ASDIC and RADAR - 1940-45) I, therefore, possess some knowledge of aircraft operation.

I estimate the position of the objects/lights sighted at "B" on the attached plan and at an average mean altitude of 5,000 feet when in formation.

Ray Allsop.

(Ray Allsop)

27th. September, 1971.


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HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

25 OCT 1971

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Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Enclosed is a report of a sighting by the undermentioned:

Mr L.R. Richardson
4 Bacon Street
GRAFTON NSW

2. It is considered that the light observed was the landing light of the East Coast Company Britton Norman aircraft en route Lismore to Grafton.

John G Luker

(J.G. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting

5/15/1/Air (31)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer...Richardson, L.R. ..... Age....60....

2. Address of observer....4 Bacon St., Grafton, N.S.W.....

.....Phone....422540....

3. Occupation of observer...Professor of Zoology (retired).....

4. Date and time of start of observation...17.55 hrs. ..... 12 SEP 71

How certain is the date?...Refer to original report to Coffs Airport Control within ten mins.

How accurate is the time of start.....+/- 3 minutes.....

5. Duration of observation.....approx. 5 secs. max: 3 to 5 sec.

How accurate is your estimate?...slow count.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting...Front porch, above address

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How familiar is observer with this locality?...Closely.....

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7. Weather conditions at time of observation...Low full overcast... settling dusk

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8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation...Visual.....
Subsequent check of bearing by marching compass
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9. Where was object first observed:

(a) Relative to your surroundings....140° magn. ....in the..... direction of Grafton Airport.
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(b) angle of elevation.....30° initial, 20° final -- approx...

(c) compass angle bearing....140° magn.....

(d) how accurate are these estimates ....magn. bearing, quite close.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention?....A single small bright incandescent light, white, of high intensity, abrupt appearance, descending and curving in the path of its descent; abrupt extinction.

11. If there was more than one light/object:

(a) how many were there? .....

(b) in what formation were they?.....

The sighting was suggestive of an aircraft in an emergency situation, and accordingly I advised Control at Coffs Harbour within ten minutes of the sighting, rechecked bearings etc., noted these, but did not record the date.

I take it there was no traffic in the area at the time of the sighting, and it is now in the U.F.O. category.

Cloud cover was complete. There was no precedent glare in the cloud. There was no electric storm at that time. The light appeared abruptly, apparently below cloud base, continued at the same intensity throughout the sighting as though an a/c landing light switched on prior to landing,; but exhibited such a rate of descent as suggested some difficulty in approach to the airport.

I would not have reported the matter excepting the sudden extinction of the light at altitude, which if an a/c light could only read as an abrupt turn of an a/c already on final, and in steep descent.

Direction, duration and cloud cover, rule out falling stars, planets, etc. Absence of glare in the cloud, low brilliance, a vertical drop with then a slow drift to the East, hardly seem compatible with a meteorite below cloud base.

Since there was no traffic in the vicinity, it is most probable that some body fired off a white flare. This would be compatible, but not to be expected in these parts.

12. What was the colour of the light or object?.....White.....

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards)...Aircraft landing light at distance; or fuel tank on fire; flare.

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon .....

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....1/16th. inch. or. slightly less.

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..Bearing- in line with a... tree across the road-- checked immediately with compass. ..... Elevation, approx., by protractor.

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....No.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity.....None.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..30° initial, 20° final-- the latter, close above the skyline to the south.

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances..... a/c in rapid descent .....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....nil.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....initial, vertical descent, then slow turn or drift to East.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....nil..... .....

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings.....Same bearing.....

(b) angle of elevation ....20°. which might be a bit high....

(c) compass angle bearing .....same bearing.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.....abrupt.....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....no..... .....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity ample bush and sea experience; one time, p.p.l.

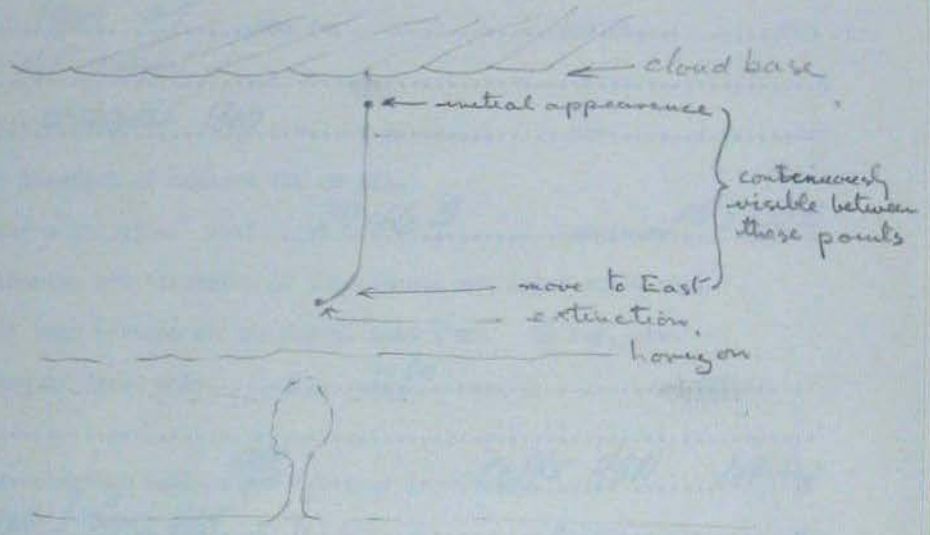
27. How many witness to the sighting? none that I know about.

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No.

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? meteorite

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? Seen below cloud base and not bright enough

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature L R Richardson Date Oct. 14/71

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type.....(1) UNKNOWN.....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height.....NO KNOWN,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type BRITTON NORMAN (1).....(2).....(3)

Heading LISMORE TO GRAFTON T.....T

Height 1000 FT ~~,000 ft~~.....,000ft.....,000 ft

Speed NOT KNOWN K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA* SCHEDULE 1140 hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 29463 S.....Longitude 153 02E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only..... N/A .....

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36. A meteorological balloon ~~was~~ ARE released from COFFS HBR DAILY at 0900/1500 HRS Z Colour.....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery**(** delete as required)

General-wind profile..... N/A .....

Maximum height tracked....., 000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....°C at .....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from..... .....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comments, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating HAD ONE LANDING LIGHT INADVERTENTLY LEFT ON AND REPORTED THE SAME WHEN IN CIRCUIT OF CAPTION TO DCA FLIGHT SERVICE AT COFFS HBR.

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can*/cannot* be determined.

41. The object reported probably was*/~~may have been~~* (delete as required)

EAST COAST COMMUTOR SERVICE AIRCRAFT WITH LANDING LIGHTS ON.

HQOC (Unit) John Lawton (Name)

19 OCT 71 (Date) SGT QR (Rank)

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11th October 1971

Department of Air
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Enclosed are six reports of unidentified flying objects from the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" of Adelaide, together with a copy of a letter from Headquarters Edinburgh which is self-explanatory.

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Encls:

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

FOLIO NO.

TELEPHONE: Adelaide 55 7000

Headquarters
RAAF Base
EDINBURGH SA 5111

IN REPLY QUOTE 6/32/Air(45)

24th September 1971

Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH NSW 2750

REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Herewith are six UFO reports received from Mr Norris who appears to be the "be-all and end-all" of a body calling itself "The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide".

2. These reports are passed to your Headquarters unprocessed at RAAF Edinburgh in view of the fact that this Base has neither an Air Staff Officer nor an Intelligence Officer available to follow-up these reports which generally are received sometime after the actual alleged sighting. It is undoubtedly the modus operandi of Mr Norris to co-operate with the Royal Australian Air Force only in that he submits copies of reports received direct and investigated by him. It is not his intention to pass this information to the Royal Australian Air Force at the time of receiving it as such action would tend to rob him of much of the kudos he seeks to gain out of his activities in this field.

(E.T. PICKERD)
Air Commodore
Officer Commanding

Enclosures: 6 - Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects

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OFFICIAL FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

File No. _____

Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name MISS SALLY E.J. Age 24

Address [redacted] Occupation COMPUTER PROGRAMMER

State S.TH AUSTRALIA

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
APPROX 20 MILES NNE OF PORIRUA, 4 MILES E OF DISUSED POWERLINE

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? VERY CLEAR, NO CLOUD (LAST NIGHT) ABOUT

* Object was first observed: Date SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 1967 Time 8.30 a.m./p.m.

(Overhead:) From behind a hill: Over-horizon: From the surface:

* Observer's attention attracted by: (Light:) Noise: Movement: Other reasons
FOUR OF US 3 YARDS FROM LIMITED SPINIFEX BUSH, LYING GAZING AT STARS — 2 SMALL LIGHTS FINISH NEAR HORIZON, THEN ALL SAW LIGHT DIRECTLY OVERHEAD ABOUT 5 SECONDS LATER.

* Object appeared as: (A light:) Solid object: Changing shape.

Duration 7 SECONDS No. of objects 1 Formation ?
OF 1 SECOND DIMINISHING FLASHES TIL TOO FAINT TO SEE

Opinion of Propulsion: ?

Details of structure and shape: ?

ESTIMATE: Speed ZERO TO VERY HIGH Height (Alt.) AT LEAST 1000 FEET ? Size ?

Distance OVERHEAD Sound NONE Colour WHITE

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:
(1) LIGHT SOURCE APPEARED 5-10 TIMES AS LARGE AND AS BRIGHT AS BRIGHTEST STAR.
(2) WE DON'T DISCERN SHAPE, HOWEVER AT LEAST 1000 FT, THOUGH ALSO VERY BRIGHT

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: (In mid-air:) behind a hill: Over horizon: Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO

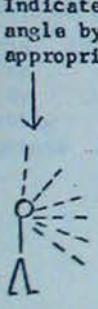
Is this your first sighting? If not, give details of others:
YES - FIRST

Are you a member of any aerial study group? NO
Organisation's name and address:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: MR BRIAN --- (SYDNEY) MR ANDREW --- (ADELAIDE) } 3 WITNESSES

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line



SKETCH OF OBJECTS

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
1/ 2 OF US THOUGHT THEY SAW SIMILAR PHENOMENON NEXT NIGHT AT ANGLE, TO ONE SIDE (20° ABOVE HORIZ, THIS SIDE OF LOW CLOUD)
2/ ATTITUDE TO SIGHTING: (1) METEOR, BOUNCING OFF EARTHS ATMOSPHERE TIL CONSUMED OR (2) INTELLIGENT POWERED OBJECT, DRAWN BY OUR 6' DIAMETER RING OF FIRE @ TWENTY MILES FROM NEAREST OTHER LIGHT
NOTE: A RATHER BUREAL & WIRE DENIED KNOWLEDGE.
3/ SPEED - COULD BE STATIONERY, OR COULD BE VERTICAL, TAKING 7 SECONDS TO DISAPPEAR VERTICALLY (11)

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/may be published using/withholding my name, and all others.

Date: 9th August 1971 Signature: Sally E. J.

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer.

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File No.
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Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name Arthur E. Jenke Age 46

Address 10 Laurence St Occupation Driver

Eudunda State South Aust.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
Sutherlands, flat country. East of Eudunda.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Calm, no cloud.

* Object was first observed: Date 18/8/71 Time 6:40 a.m. ~~p.m.~~

1. In the sky. 2. ~~From behind a hill, house, tree etc.~~ 3. ~~Over a horizon.~~ 4. From ~~the~~ surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. ~~Noise.~~ 3. ~~Movement.~~ 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. ~~3. Changing shape.~~
Duration 10 minutes No. of objects 1 only. Formation —

Opinion of Propulsion: No apparent means of propulsion.

Details of structure and shape: cigar shaped

ESTIMATE: Speed app 200 Height (Alt.) 2000 ft app. Size 60 ft app
Distance ½ mile moving away Sound N.L. Colour fluorescent white

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge ~~height and/or~~ speed:
I was travelling at 50 mph, and estimate object travelling at 4 times that

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? No

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. ~~Behind a hill, house, tree etc.~~ ~~3. Over horizon.~~ ~~4. Or otherwise~~

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO

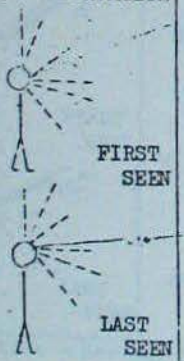
Is this your first sighting? YES / ~~NO~~ If not, give details of others:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:
My Son. Robert Jenke 10 Laurence St Eudunda

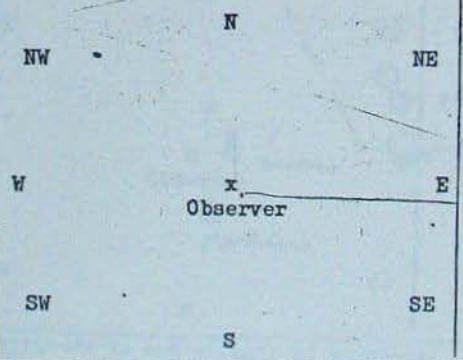
DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:

ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
Object was slightly tilted, was visible whole time while I covered a distance of 8 miles in vehicle.

I the undersigned state that the above shall ~~not~~/may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 18/8/71 Signature: A. E. Jenke

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File No.

Tape Recording

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name JOHN GREIG SMOR Age

Address Box 171. Occupation FARMER.

MATHILDA 5573 State SOUTH AUST.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
NEW PMG COMMUNICATION TOWER. (200' High) (WATER SUPPLY TANKS)

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? LOW CLOUD AROUND THE HORIZON

* Object was first observed: Date 22 AUG 71 Time 6.50 a.m. p.m.

1. (In the sky) 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. (Light) 2. Noise. (3. Movement) 4. Other reasons:
RED FLASHING (2 BEATS TO THE SECOND)

* Object appeared as: 1. (A light) 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration 30 MINS. No. of objects ONE Formation —

Opinion of Propulsion: NONE.

Details of structure and shape: NONE.

ESTIMATE: Speed — Height (Alt.) HAND TO EYE Size
Distance — Sound — Colour RED.

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? —

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise - CLOUD.
FLASHING LIGHT DISAPPEARED INTO THE DISTANCE OR

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

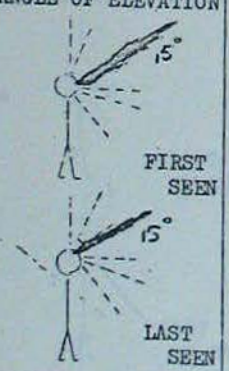
Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

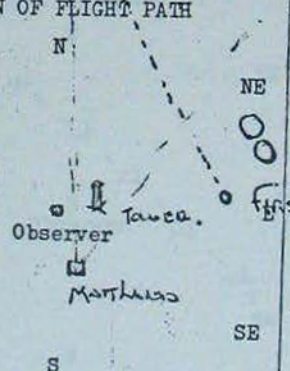
DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:

ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
FIRST SIGHTED IN THE AREA OF THE TOWER & WATER TANKS THEY TRAVELLED IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION.

I the undersigned state that the above shall ~~not~~/may be published using ~~my name~~.

Date: 22.8.71 Signature: Jack L. Greig Smor

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File No.

Tape Recording

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name Leonard Attree

Address 12 Dickerson St. Age 63

Barmera Occupation Store Manager

State South Aust.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
Kolodgla. Dams, Power Lines nil.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Fine & cloudless Sky.

* Object was first observed: Date 18th August Time 6-30 a.m. p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration 15 minutes No. of objects 1 Formation —

Opinion of Propulsion: Jet

Details of structure and shape: Object leaving a vapor trail

ESTIMATE: Speed 500 mph approx. Height (Alt.) 20,000 Size
Distance 10 Sound nil Colour Sunset caused by rising sun

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed? Regular daily jet service Sydney Adelaide.

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? Yes, ~~vapor~~ exhaust.

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise
Over horizon

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO

Is this your first sighting? ~~YES~~ / NO If not, give details of others: Have reported to Radio stations of fireings from rocket. Was involved in reception of Karoonda meteorite in the 1930's

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

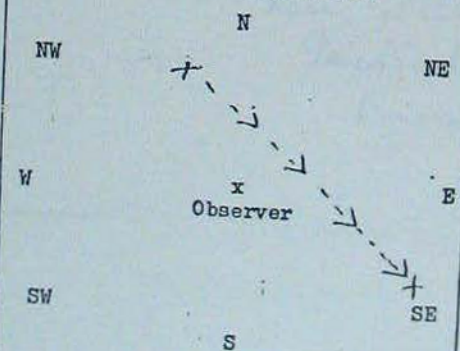
DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:

ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



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Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
Could not work out why any regularly known earth service should be travelling in the direction described.

I the undersigned state that the above ~~shall not~~/may be published using/~~withholding~~ my name.

Date: 18-8-71 Signature: L Attree.

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12 Dickson St.
Ramsgate 5211
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Dear Sir,

This morning I went out in the search for mushrooms after recent rains. At 6:30 A.M. I noticed an object in the sky and I followed its course for 15 minutes approx. It gave the appearance of a normal jet aircraft with a major trail. Direction bearings were N.W. to S.E at a maxima tele-level of 30°. The brilliant color (Sunset) was no doubt caused by the dawning sun. However, I contacted the A.B.C radio station 5MV at Renmark, who during the day contacted the Dept of Civil Aviation who in reply stated that no aircraft would have been flying in this direction at that hour.

I have once before picked up a jet major trail which I attributed to the new service from Singapore to Sullamanna (Vic). I believe that the sighting this morning was a jet on the same route, but why didn't D.C.A. know anything of this flight? Or was it a jet. I await your reply.

Yours truly.

Len Allnutt.

District Fire Officer.
Ramsgate E.F.S.

OFFICIAL .... FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

File No. _____

Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name John Glennon Age 14½

Address 16 Brooker Tce Cavandilla Occupation Student

Adelaide State S. Aus.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
Cavan Industrial Area

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Reasonably Clear Weather Calm

* Object was first observed: Date 2/8/71 Time Approx 7:30 a.m./p.m.

Overhead: From behind a hill: Over horizon: From the surface.
45 angle

* Observer's attention attracted by: Light/s: Noise: Movement: Other reasons

* Object appeared as: A light: Solid object: Changing shape.

Duration 40 mins No. of objects 2 Formation 0 straight line

Opinion of Propulsion: Possibly Magnetic as Object was hovering

Details of structure and shape: Oval Shape Apparently solid and gave off light

ESTIMATE: Speed Nine Hovering Height (Alt.) About Same as Passing Aircraft Size _____

Distance about 2 miles Sound Nine Colour Orange

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? Object Glowed with orangey light

* Object disappeared: In mid-air: behind a hill: Over horizon: Or otherwise
1st Object disappeared while I was getting field glass. 2) Move of Slowly out of sight

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? If not, give details of others: I sighted a similar object (white) in the same area travelling at an angle of about 45

Are you a member of any aerial study group?
Organisation's name and address: No

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: Mrs. N. E Powers
16 Brooker Tce Cavandilla

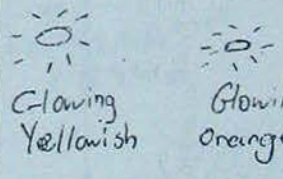
DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line



When object moved it went from NE to N

SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

Object ① seemed to be taking object ② to a certain position. Having done this it left the second object. I doubt sincerely that the objects were illuminated weather balloons certainly not. Definite

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 2/8/71

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer.

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Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name [illegible]

Age 14

Address 4 BAKER AVENUE MORPHETTVILLE 5043

Occupation Student

State South Australia

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
Wilcox Rd Forthbridge Morphettville (over Sturt creek)

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 50% cloud

* Object was first observed: Date Monday 26th July 1971 Time 6:00 a.m. p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:
The Orange Light moving in the sky at an incredible speed

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration 1½ minutes No. of objects one Formation ——

Opinion of Propulsion: Energy (Ball of Fire which could form energy)

Details of structure and shape: a round ball of fire

ESTIMATE: Speed 200 mph Height (Alt.) 500 feet Size SMALL
Distance 3 miles Sound (to far away) Colour Orange

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise
It dissapeared by going out of site behind a cloud

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / ~~NO~~ (WITNESS)

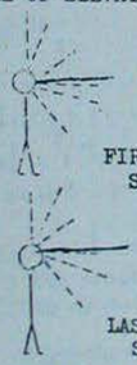
Is this your first sighting? ~~YES~~ / NO If not, give details of others: I saw 3 green Lights shoot through the sky one night.

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:
PLEASE LOOK ON BACK ATTACHED

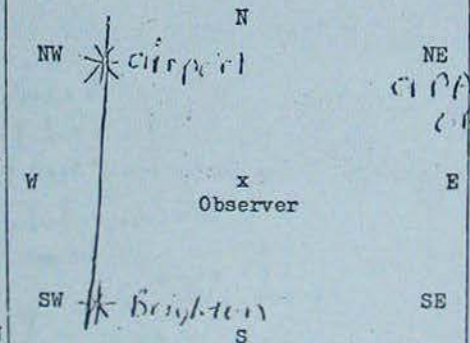
DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:

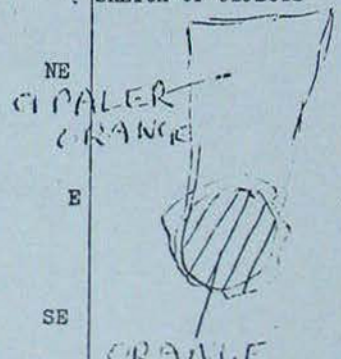
ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting: (APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 6" AWAY)
When I saw it it was over brighton Somerton way and when it dissapeared it went behind a cloud. so it may have come from further away and kept on going. in the background was a red sunset so the UFO may have been red for camouflage

I the undersigned state that the above shall ~~may~~ be published using ~~my initials~~ my name.

Date: 29th July 1971 Signature: [signature]

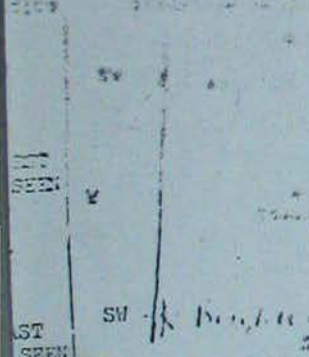
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Other Witnesses

(1) Brett Chilman
1 Wilcox Avenue
Morphettvile
South Australia 5043

(2) Mr ?
Wilcox Avenue
Morphettville
South Australia 5043

I went to the second witnesses house several times but no one was home.



Include attitude to
it was ever brighter
it disappeared it went
may have come from
in the background was a red
ned state that the above shall
using my name.

1971 Signature: