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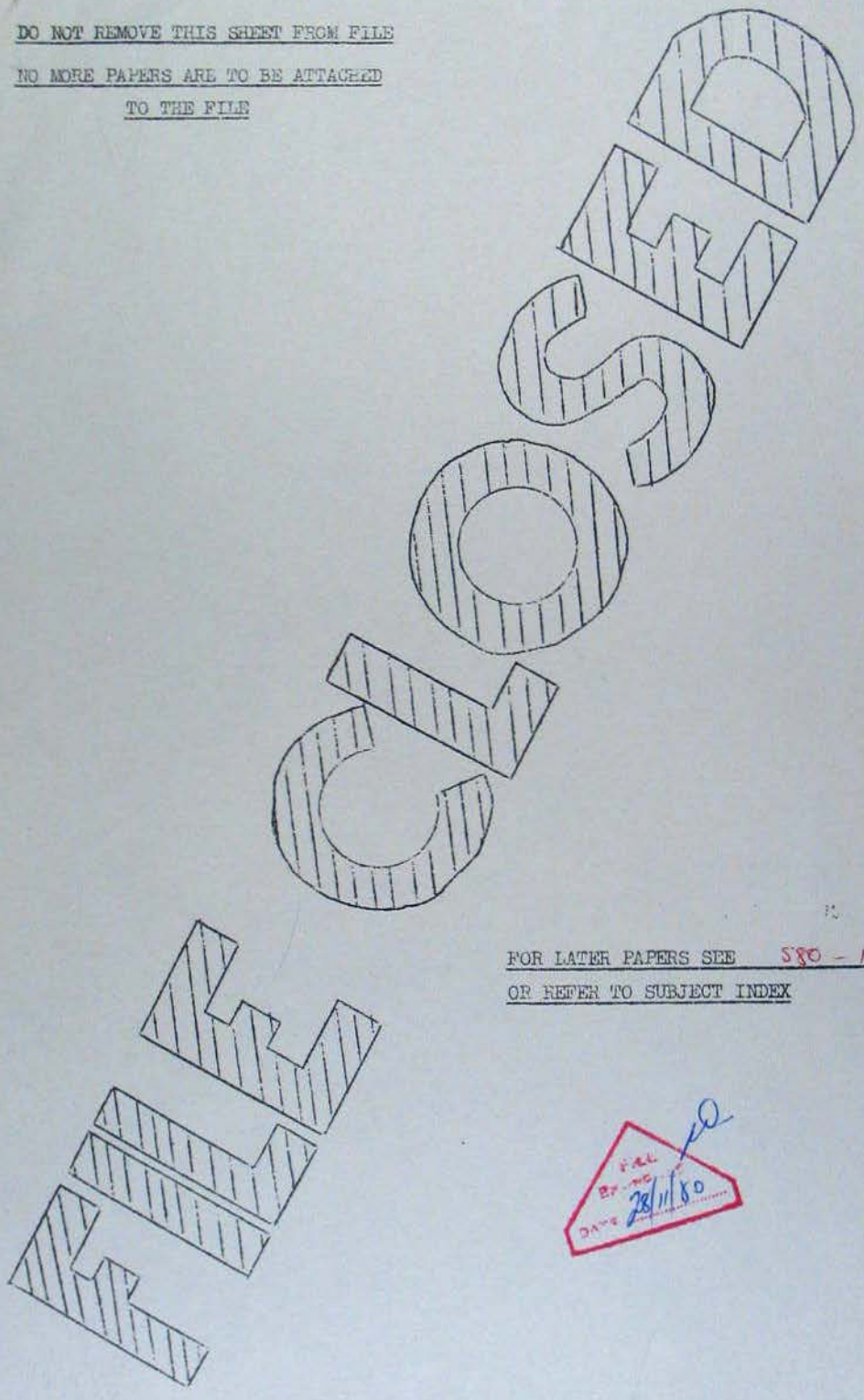
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THIS MESSAGE IS CLASSIFIED. YOUR REPLY OR [illegible]

RECEIVED
25 JUL 1972
DAFI

R E S T R I C T E D AI267 UNUSUAL SIGHTING REPORT PD MR H REITER C/-
QANTAS DARWIN REPORTED SIGHTING A BRIGHT LIGHT AT EYE LEVEL EAST FROM
POINT STUART (12-14S 131-55E APPROX) AT 0330 HOURS IK TIME 23JUL72 PD

SIGHTING LASTED OVER 90 MINUTES DURING WHICH TIME LIGHT BECAME
BRIGHTER AND ROSE TO POINT NEARLY OVERHEAD PD LIGHT APPEARED TO
MOVE AROUND BUT DID NOT CONFORM TO ANY PATTERN PD AT LEAST SIX MEMBERS
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OF PARTY WITH MR REITER WITNESSED OBJECT PD FURTHER DETAILS BEING
REQUESTED
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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(140)

18 JUL 1972

Department of Air (DAFI)

DAFI

INVESTIGATION OF UN-IDENTIFIED OBJECT

1. An alleged sighting of an unusual aerial object at Northmead NSW was reported to the Orderly Officer 2SD at 1905 hours, 10th July 1972.

2. As some doubt existed as to the authenticity of this sighting (see report attached), Flt Lt R.K. Brown of 2 Stores Depot sought the assistance of Parramatta Police to check out the address of the observer, and enquiries carried out by Police Sgt Reid revealed the following:-

a. there is no street called Chamer in Northmead or in the Sydney area;

b. Mr Kevenzikie is not listed on the Electoral Roll;

c. no person named Kevenzikie has ever worked with the Prospect County Council.

3. As information revealed in the report has been found to be misleading, it would appear that the report was submitted as a hoax.

(J.R. NEWSON)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

RECEIVED 25 JUL 1972 DAFI

Enclosure: 1. Report by A.N. Kevenzikie of 10 Chamer St Northmead, NSW

ACTION OFFICER

17. Was there any sound..... Buzzing sound .....

18. Height, or angle of elevation..... 1500 feet (observer definite) .....

19. Speed, or angular velocity..... 2000MPH (observer definite) .....

20. Was the object stationary?..... Yes, for 30 seconds or more. .....

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

From East to West, coming over Parramatta .....

.../2.

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

2. Name of Observer.....Mr. Kevenatkis A.N. Age.....42

3. Address of Observer.....10 Chumon Street Northmead NSW

4. Occupation of Observer.....Labourer Prospect County Council

Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local standard time).....1845 hours 10th July 1972

Duration of Observation(s).....10 minutes

Observers location at time or sightings (Give position in relation to observer, i.e. Chumer Street Northmead

Direction of the sun at the time.....West

Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s).....Clear with little cloud

Visibility.....Unlimited

Observation(s). (Describe what was seen, heard, felt, etc.).....Nil

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6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)

10 Chamer Street Northmead

Facing the East

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s)...

Clear night with little cloud

8. Aids to Observation(s). (Describe any equipment used in the observation)

NIL

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

From the horizon in an Easterly direction from Chamer Street

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

Bright lights flashing, which, at first, looked like a plane then turned out to be a U.F.O.

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

At first appeared as a light in the East

12. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.

One object

13. What was the colour of the light or object. Flashing lights in distance Blue, orange and silver Above - Blue and Green

14. What was its apparent shape... Cylinder shape approx 100 ft long 40 ft diameter

15. Was any detail of structure observable... Unable to ascertain

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious... Smoke from end of object

17. Was there any sound... Buzzing sound

18. Height, or angle of elevation... 1500 feet (observer definite)

19. Speed, or angular velocity... 2000MPH (observer definite)

20. Was the object stationary?... Yes, for 30 seconds or more.

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

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Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all? Object hovered then descended to 200 feet for about 30 seconds then moved off in a Westerly direction.

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. Trail which looked like smoke. also the lights were flashing blue and green.

24. Where did object disappear, eg in mid-air, behinds hill, over the horizon.

Over the Westerly horizon

25. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.

NIL

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously..NO.....

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

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 17 and 18.

Observer maintains he had never seen anything like this in his life previously.

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

NO

30. Name and Address of organisation.....

N/A

31. Any additional information.....

None

Signature of Observer.....

32. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.

33. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.

34. Comments.....

Signature of Interrogator.....

QUESTIONS 32, 33 and 34 to be answered by interrogator.

Note: Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object, it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

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GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
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Subject: REPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RE UFO REPORTS

DPR

The enclosed proformas which are replies to UFO sighting reports at folios 43A, 43B, 44 and 45 have been prepared for your signature and release.

(M.D. WALTER)
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for DAFI

20 Jul 72

Noted
Inspector
24/7/72

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Send To: Mrs M. PUDDY
13 ELGAN AVE
RYE
VIC

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GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(138)

11 JUL 1972

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Department of Air (DAFI)

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

1. Attached is a report received from Mrs M. Puddy of Rye, giving her impressions of an alleged object sighted in the Moorooduc (VIC) area on 3rd July 1972.

2. This Headquarters has no further comments to add to the information supplied at Part 2 of the questionnaire.

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

Enclosure: 1. Report by M. Puddy

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10. What first attracted observer's attention? Incandescent Blue Light

11. If there was more than one light/object : NO

a. how many were there?

b. in what formation were they?

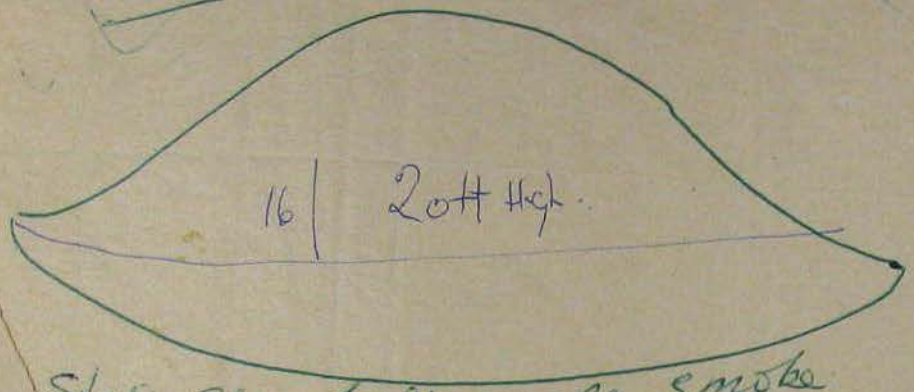
12. What was the colour of the light or object? Light Blue

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Noise sound like moving lift
not loud



Static Blue Light No smoke
no flashing lights
no portholes or windows

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

RECEIVED 10 JUL 1972 DSC REGISTRY

(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 Maureen Puddy Age 37

2. Address of observer 13 Elgar ave Rye

Phone 85 2653

3. Occupation of observer House wife

4. Date and time of start of observation 3rd July 1972 9p.m.

How certain is the date? Positive

How accurate is the time of start? 10 mins either side

5. Duration of observation 15 to 20 minutes

How accurate is your estimate? Good

6. Observer's location at time of sighting Mooredue Level Crossing (train)

How familiar is observer with this locality? excellent

7. Weather conditions at time of observation Very Good Weather Clear

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation None

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings Above Car

b. angle of elevation 2 oft forward

c. compass angle bearing Approx 45° Angle

d. how accurate are these estimates? fairly accurate

10. What first attracted observer's attention? Irradescent Blue Light

11. If there was more than one light/object : NO

a. how many were there?

b. in what formation were they?

12. What was the colour of the light or object? Light Blue

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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). exceptionaly Bright

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:
    a. relative to Venus or Moon. Approx 100ft up Size Wide than the Road 2 Floors High
    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?.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity Light Sound Similar to Elevator

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?. Approx 100ft off the ground

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 ..Hovering...

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. 2 minutes

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. followed Car

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. None

23. Where was object last observed :
    a. relative to your surroundings. Junction Moorooduc & Nepean Highway
    b. angle of elevation.....
    c. compass angle bearing.....

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

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

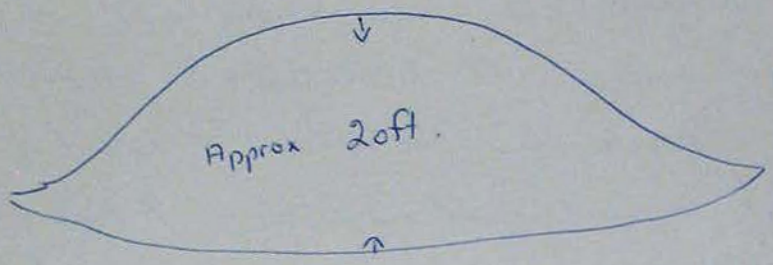
27. How many witness to the sighting? None

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? None.....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? Nothing.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? Nothing... Known like it... or seen like it.....

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. Ruddy..... Date. 7-7-72.....

first indication was Blue light accross road. Thought it was Helicopter landing light speeded to pass out of light. Kept up with me. I then slowed to approximately 20mph. It slowed down to I speeded up again light followed I then pulled to side of road thinking Helicopter was in trouble. got out and there it was Approx 2 light poles High off the ground and the only noise was the light burning sound like a lift.

I FROZE for about 2 minutes then got into car and took off at high speed to escape. IT FOLLOWED ME APPROX 8 miles according to the Police at Rosebud to whom I reported at approx: 9.15pm. Monday 3rd July 1972.

enclosed is drawing I did on arriving home while it was still very clear in my mind. No portholes or windows only very Bright light.

32. The following a
UFO position at
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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...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...Nil.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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...about 38:13.....S...Longitude.145.0E..

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 ...Laverton.....

at....2300.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

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

General wind profile.....N 6000 - W 1000 - WSW 10,000 ↑

Maximum height tracked....10,000.....,000 ft at..2300 +.....Z

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ...N/A.....°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.....

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)

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No military helicopters operating. Checked with DCA & local helicopter-operators. Only traceable IFR helicopter ~~operating~~ based at Sale.

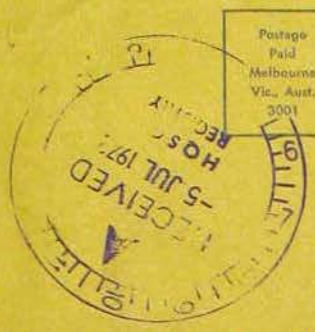
When Mrs Puddy made initial sighting report by phone, she expressed a wish not to be interviewed.

HQOC .....(Unit) R.O. Gibbs .....(Name)

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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Herewith is a report received through the Department of Civil Aviation (Tasmania Region) concerning a silver-grey object observed by Mr D.A. Horley of Devonport Tasmania.

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

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

a. how many were there?.....

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

12. What was the colour of the light, or object?..... SILVER - GRAY.....

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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 words using either separate sheets or the back of this form)

1.

2. Name of observer....DAVID ALAN HORLEY

Address of observer....13 JAMES ST.....

....DEVONPORT TASMANIA

3. Occupation of observer....CHEF

4. Date and time of start of observation

How certain is the date?....

How accurate is the time?....

Duration of observation is

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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 DAVID ALAN HORLEY Age 33
2. Address of observer 13 JAMES ST. DEVONPORT TASMANIA 7310 Phone /
3. Occupation of observer CHEF
4. Date and time of start of observation 14th APRIL 1972 1130 AM
   How certain is the date? VERY POSITIVE
   How accurate is the time of start? ACCURATE WITHIN 5 MINS
5. Duration of observation 20 MINUTES
   How accurate is your estimate? ACCURATE WITHIN 5 MINS
6. Observer's location at time of sighting 13 JAMES STREET DEVONPORT TASMANIA 7310
   How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY FAMILIAR
7. Weather conditions at time of observation VERY CLEAR SUNNY CLOUDLESS AND LIGHT BREEZE
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NIL
9. Where was object first observed? :
   a. Relative to your surroundings DUE NORTH
   b. angle of elevation 5°
   c. compass angle bearing DUE NORTH
   d. how accurate are these estimates? FAIRLY ACCURATE
10. What first attracted observer's attention? SUN REFLECTING OFF AN OBJECT
11. If there was more than one light/object : ONE ONLY
    a. how many were there?
    b. in what formation were they?
12. What was the colour of the light or object? SILVER - GRAY

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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)
LIKE THE SUN REFLECTING OFF A MIRROR

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

a. relative to Venus or Moon.... A HALF THE SIZE OF A FULL MOON.

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's lingth (about 20 inches from the eyes).... 1/2 INCH ACCROSS.

15 What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? HOVERING DUE NORTH AT 5° A OR ELEV. assessed By Talking to a GOVERNMENT SURVEYOR.

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)? 5° MIN. 5 1/2° MAX.

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimat can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances.... HOVERING AND TOO HARD TO JUDGE SPEED WHEN IT MOVED OFF.

20. Give duration of any stationary phases.... MOST OF THE TIME OF OBSE.

21. Describe any deviations or maneeuvres. CLIMED RAPIDLY N.N.W A.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen,.... NO.

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings.... HEDDING N.N.W. AND CLIMBING

b. angle of elevation.... APPROX 45°

c. compass angle bearing.... N.N.W.

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.... OUT OF SIGHT.

25. Do you know of any associated ph ysical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).... HAVE TAKEN PHOTOGRAPHS.

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.... ~~HAS~~ HAVE DONE FLYING EXPER. AND ALSO WORKED WITH SURVEYORS

27. How many witness to the sighting?.... FIVE

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

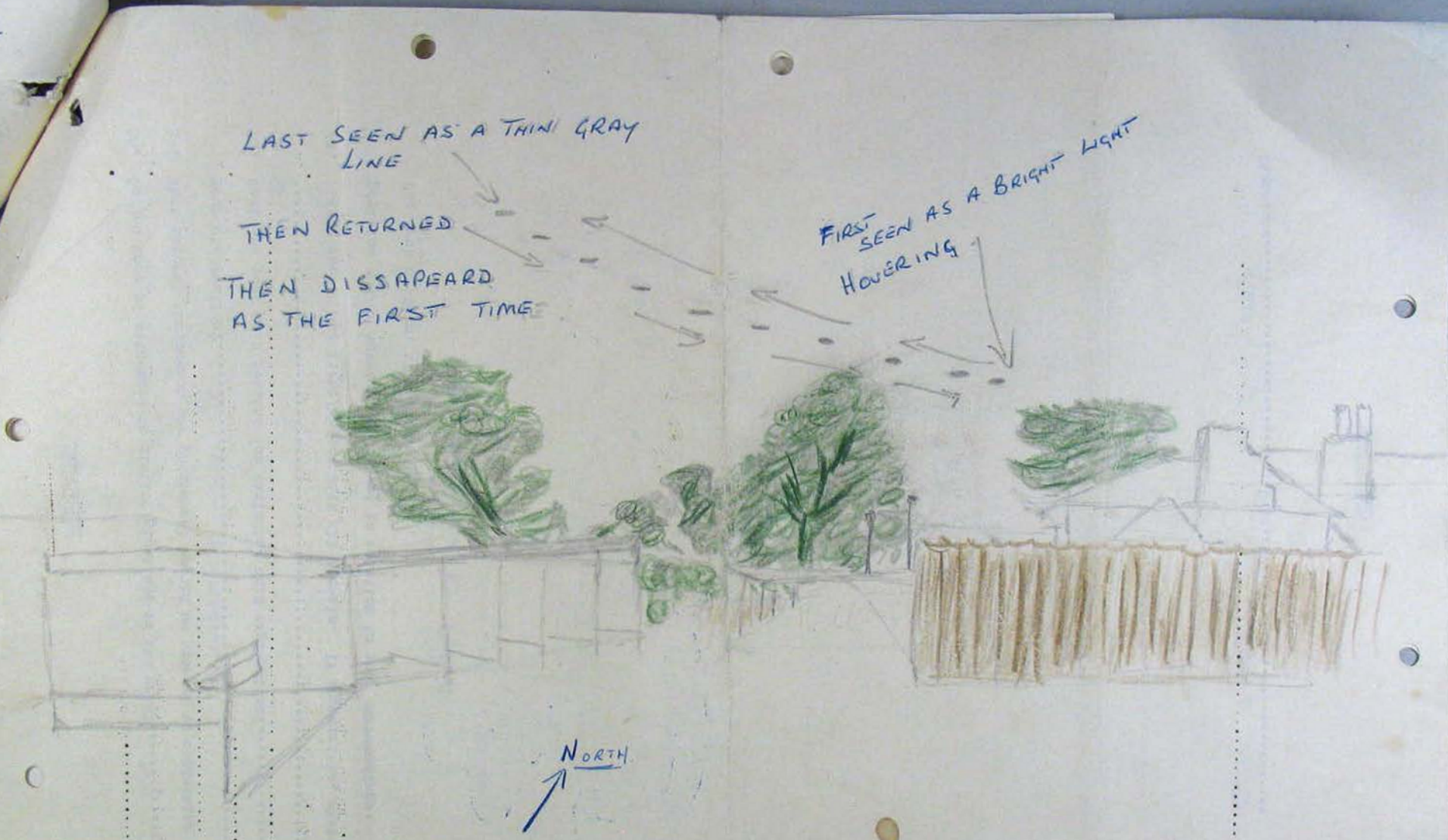
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) whould be nearest to explaining your observation?....NOTHING NATURAL.....

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

AS ON BACK OF FORM.

Signature.....[redacted]..... Date.....17th APRIL 1972.....


LAST SEEN AS A THIN GRAY LINE
THEN RETURNED
THEN DISSAPEARD AS THE FIRST TIME
FIRST SEEN AS A BRIGHT LIGHT HOVERING
NORTH

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.....000 ft

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

General wind profile.....

Macimum 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, 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.....

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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A small coastal ship was observed leaving the port approx 30 minutes prior to the sighting. At the time it was thought ~~that~~ it may have fired some type of flare but subsequent enquiries with the local Marine Board were unable to confirm or deny this.
The UFO was not observed from the airport.

D.C.A. DEVONPORT (Unit) L.K. HOLLIDAY (Name)

14.4.72 (Date) FLIGHT SERVICE OFFICER (Rank)

Re sitting of U.F.O.

My wife & I were standing outside the front of our home talking to a Miss Eggleton when our next door neighbours a Miss J. Stewart asked us to observe the bright object in the sky and asked us what it was. The object was about 1,000 ft. up and between two & three miles away, and hovering, it seemed as if the sun was being reflected from a mirror as it would get brighter and then dimmer, we observed this for some five minutes, then it started to move away, climing to the North west, when the sun was not being reflected off it, as it started to climb away it was just a thin gray line and was out of sight at about 3,000 ft. and still climbing,

It then appeared as a bright object again where we had first observed it, I then went inside the house and got my camera and came out again and it was still there, I then observed it in the view finder of the Camera and waited untill it was at its brightest and took a photo. Soon after it disappeared again in the same way as before. The insident possibly took 20 minuits,

I then went into our neighbours home and rang up the D.C.A. and asked them if there was anything to there knowlage flying in that area, and that is how everything happened.

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4 JUL 1972

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REPORTS ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

1. Herewith are reports received at this Headquarters, as follows:-

a. sighting at Westbury Tasmania on 7 Jun 72 by Mr W.Alexander.
Assessed as "type of flare" by Duty Controller Launceston Airport.
Report received from DCA.

b. At Mernda Victoria on 16 Jun 72 -
Observer Mr F.W. Rohl, farmer.
Assessed by the CFI Whittlesea Flying School as break-up of cirrus cloud.
See Part 2 of pro-forma.

2. Forwarded for information.

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Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 2 pro-formae

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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?....Green with white tail...

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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...BILL ALEXANDER.....Age...25.....

2. Address of observer...13 BARTLEY STREET, HADSPEN TAS.....

.....Phone.936262.

3. Occupation of observer...STOREMAN.....

4. Date and time of start of observation....7th June, 8.20 a.m. 1972.....

How certain is the date?.....

How accurate is the time of start?.....

5. Duration of observation.....10 - 15 secs.....

How accurate is your estimate?.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting....Westbury (Driving from.....

Hadspen to Deloraine).....

How familiar is observer with this locality?...Lives in vicinity.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation...Fine with fog patches.....

.....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation...None.....

.....

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings...(Northern) Right Hand side of road.....

.....

b. angle of elevation.....45°.....

c. compass angle bearing.....

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

10. What first attracted observer's attention?..Just appeared.....

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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?....Green with white tail...

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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)

.....Luminous similar to flare.....

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

a. relative to Venus or Moon. Green section 12 - 18 inches white tail 5 - 6 feet long

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

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

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

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

.....

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

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.....

.....

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

21. Describe any deviations or maneeuvres.....

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

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings....(Southern) left. hand. side. of. road.

b. angle of elevation.....Nil.....

c. compass angle bearing.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?...Behind. trees.....

25. Do you know of any associated ph ysical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....

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

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27. How many witness to the sighting?....Possibly. the. car. driver. in. front.. who braked sharply when object appeared

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

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) whould be nearest to explaining your observation?..Possibly a flare.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..Unusual..... for this area...Not like any flare encountered during army service...

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..... Date.....

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

Nil

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 poaition at the time:

Nil A/C type.....(1).....(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 location : Latitude...41°32'S.....Longitude...146°50'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...~~possible~~ N/A.....

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

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

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

General wind profile.....

Macimum 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, 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.....

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) some type of flare.....

.....LAUNCESTON OCC.....(Unit).....J. T. W. DOBSON.....(Name)

.....7th June, 1972.....(Date).....S.O.C.....(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 FREDERICK WILLIAM ROHL ....Age 60.....

2. Address of observer. BRIDGE INN LANE MERNDA VIC.....
...3754.....Phone..YI733573.....

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

4. Date and time of start of observation..16/6/72.....7-30 AM - 7-35AM

How certain is the date?.....DEFINITE.....

How accurate is the time of start?...WITHIN A FEW MINUTES

5. Duration of observation...APPROX....45 MINS.....

How accurate is your estimate?. AS HONEST AS I CAN MAKE....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting..2 MILES WEST OF.....
....MERNDA P.O.....

How familiar is observer with this locality?. LIVED HERE 14 YRS

7. Weather conditions at time of observation..CLOUDLESS & WINDLESS.
....FROSTY & CLEAR.....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation...NONE.....
.....

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings. N.E....REAR OF.....
.....PLENTY RANGES.....

b. angle of elevation.....30° APPROX.....

c. compass angle bearing.....AS ABOVE OR.....

d. how accurate are these estimates?..TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

10. What first attracted observer's attention?..~~UNUSUAL~~.....
..UNUSUAL VAPOUR TRAIL (PERPENDICULAR).....

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

a. how many were there?.....FOUR VAPOUR TRAILS 1 OBJECT.

b. in what formation were they?.....SINGLY.....

12. What was the colour of the light or object?...WHITE TRAILS.....

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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)....BRIGHT...SUNRISE.....

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? NE - ENE } 5000 - 6000 FT BY PLENTY RANGES IN FORE GROUND

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

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity .....TOO FAR AWAY.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?. 6000 - 2000 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 ..HARD..TO..... ESTIMATE.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases OBJECT 4 SECS } 4th SIGHTING 4-5 SECS..

21. Describe any deviations or (manoeuvres) NO). SLIGHT DEVIATIONS OF DIRECTION

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or (light NO seen.) SEE ATTACHED NOTES

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings APPROX 20 MILES EAST OF MERNDA

b. angle of elevation..ABOUT...25°.....

c. compass angle bearing.....EAST.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? OUT OF SIGHT BEHIND PLENTY RANGES

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..NO TRAINING .....



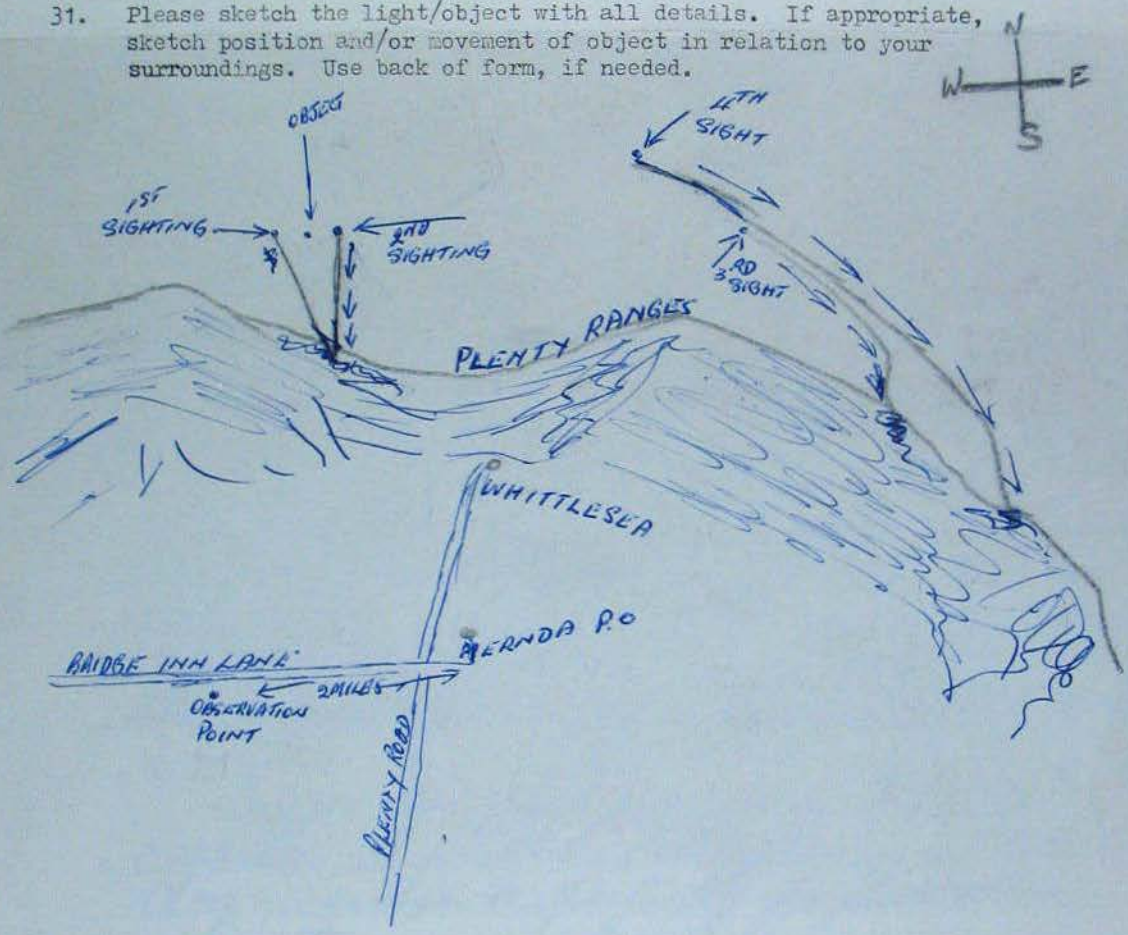
27. How many witness to the sighting?. 1 - WIFE.....

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

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

~~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.



Signature L.W. Pohl Date 17/6/72

Report on unusual lightings High above the Horizon to the rear of the Derby Ranges as ~~observed~~ observed from Meeda Aerodrome, Friday 16/6/72 - Time about 7-30 AM - 7-35 AM

Scanning the horizon in a N. E direction I noticed what appeared to be a very narrow Vapour trail similar to those made by a Jet Plane it was perfectly straight on an angle of approx 60° N-E = ↖

I tried to sight the plane I thought was responsible, there was none visible, whilst observing the apex of the Vapour trail I noticed some degrees to E N E what I thought was the faint gleam of a star as shown *. This object remained in this position for approx 30 seconds Suddenly it began to move down wards in a perpendicular direction very slowly at first then gathering speed until it joined the bottom of the first angle, as illustrated V.

I was somewhat amazed as I did not consider it possible for a plane to move downward in a perfectly perpendicular direction..

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

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ...N/A.....°C at ...5,000.....ft, measured at.1511 00.....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

staring at the V shaped trails so formed I was able to faintly discern the object I took to be the star in my second sighting (example V.).

The object remained ~~motionless~~ motionless for about 10 seconds suddenly it glinted in the morning sun similar to a plane banking and disappeared instantaneously without trace of vapour trail.

I am positive the last sighting was not an optical illusion as I had been watching the phenomenon for at least 60 seconds and my eyes had become adjusted to the morning light.

I called my wife to see the unusual formations. Vapour trails I have previously observed invariably drift and alter shape and dissipate rather speedily, this V formation retained its thin lines for about 20 minutes before very slowly broadening for about 2 hrs and eventually forming into a cloud mass.

General wind profile.....

Maximum height tracked.....,600 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ...N/A.....°C at ...5,000.....ft, measured at..1511 00.....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

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4th sighting.

Aboard 8:15 AM the same day, 16/6/72 I was looking through the kitchen window at the 1st sighting when I noticed E.N.E another V/Vapour trail commence. This time in a Southerly direction on a slightly downward plane — It then dipped to an almost vertical plane behind the nearby ranges.

My wife observed the latter part of this sighting.

Whilst sighting this a 4th V/apour trail started about 10 miles (in my calculations) north of the 3rd sighting this continued in a slightly downward Horizontal plane to the point of the beginning of the 3rd sighting, continuing on this plane for about 20 miles (approx) before dipping more perpendicular and disappearing further south behind the nearby ranges.

In my estimation all these sightings would be high above the horizon 20-30 miles from our residence

F.W. ROHL (F.W. ROHL)
Bridge Inn Lane Mernda 3754

(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 ...N/A.....°C at ...5,000.....ft, measured at.1511 00.....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

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 N/A °

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...Nil.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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° 38'S.....Longitude..145° 06' 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...Not visible before ~~Sunr~~ 0830

36. A meteorological balloon was released from ..Met. Bureau advise no balloons at this time 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 ...N/A.....°C at ...5,000.....ft, measured at..1511oo.....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.....

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)
.....High level cirrus under freak wind conditions.....

Following telephone conversation with Mr Rohl at time of sighting, I rang WHITTLESEA Flying School & spoke with Mr Cripps the CFI.

The Schod was not operating aircraft at that time & Mr Cripps checked the phenomena.

He reported long thin high level cirrus to the N.E. about 040° from WHITTLESEA airfield. In his opinion it was more likely to be cirrus than contrail. The formation broke into about three parts while he watched. His view was partially obstructed by hills.

In his opinion phenomena was cirrus breaking under freak wind disturbance.

.....HQSC.....(Unit).....R.O.GIBBS.....(Name)

.....4JULY72.....(Date).....Flg Off.....(Rank)

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COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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STORY: GEOFF HUSSEY

Why should this country area, otherwise undistinguished, have become the 'UFO capital' of the nation? Where the old tales are of giant gods and the new tales are of space phenomena, saucers at low altitudes and mystery landings in the paddocks. And where a woman's tale of being chased by a light in the sky is just one in a list of reports which began in the 1890s. Intrigued, Pix/People sent a team to investigate . . .

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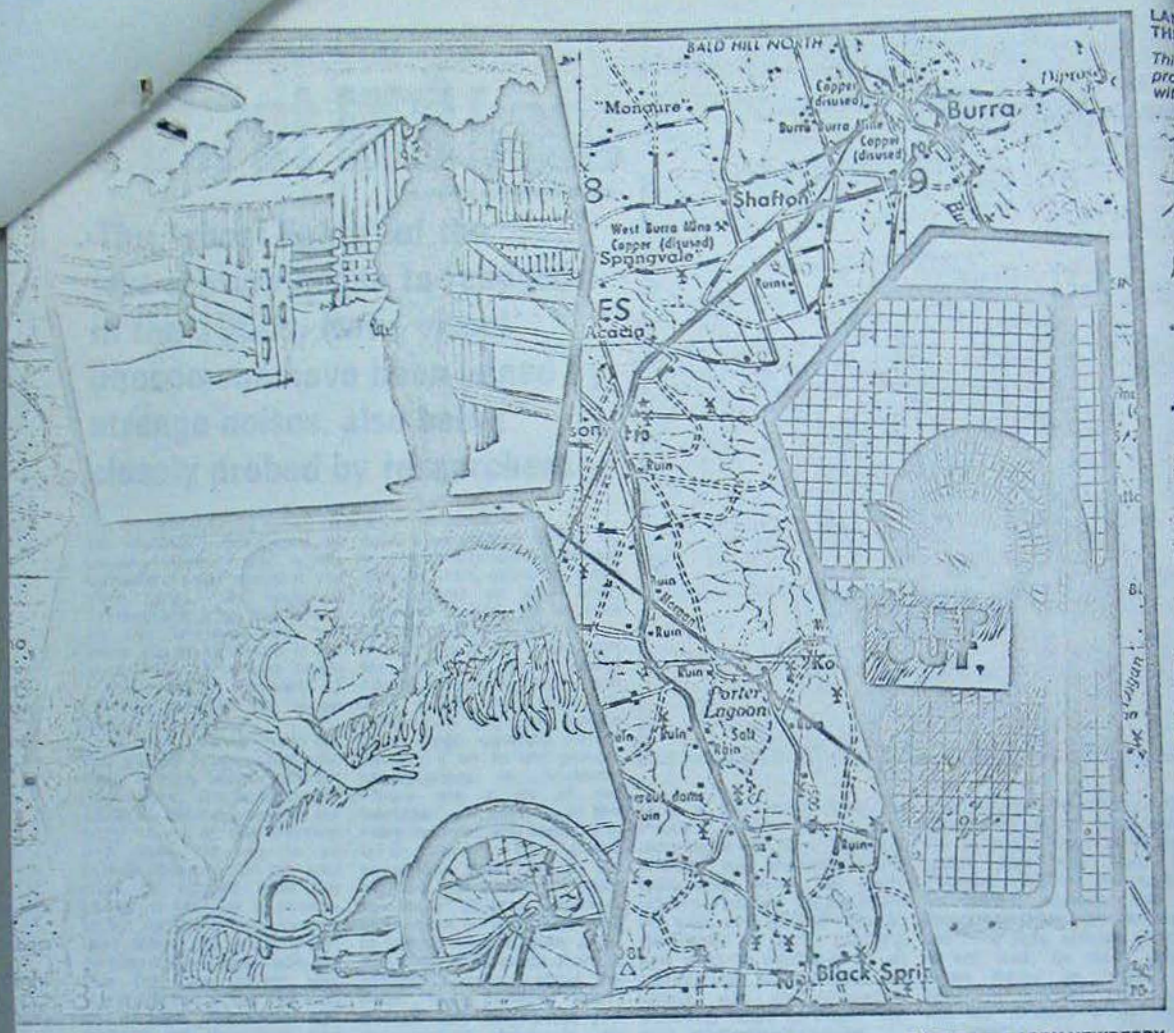
The wife of another farmer sees a creature in a tight-fitting suit step from a spacecraft carrying a camera-like box. Terrified, she hears him shuffle on to the veranda of her home.'

Incidents like these have become almost commonplace in the mid-north of South Australia, an area which many local residents have come to believe is being used as a base for flying saucers. For the past 12 years strange lights and objects have dominated skies where few aircraft ever fly.

In a climate of renewed world-wide interest — and belief — in unidentified flying objects, our ears ringing with theories of how "gods" came down from space in earth's dark past, a letter from a UFO researcher in South Australia was enough to prompt photographer Barry Newberry and myself to spend a few days in a UFO area. We didn't see any UFOs ourselves, but we met plenty of people who had.

In the sleepy little town of Burra, 120 miles north of Adelaide, lives a man known to local residents as "The Spaceman." He claims to have made contact with alien visitors and to have been taken on a trip around the moon.

Few of the townspeople give much credence to what The Spaceman says but many have themselves seen unidentified flying objects.



PICTURES: BARRY NEWBERRY

LANDING STRIP FOR THE SPACE VISITORS?

This area of South Australia provides UFO researchers with their best evidence.



NOISES IN THE NIGHT AT A DISUSED MINE

Extra-terrestrial craft seem to frequent copper-producing or quartz-bearing districts.

UFO base

One couple reputedly sold their farming property a few years ago because of continued spacecraft landings in their paddocks. A shearer tells of how another farm family heard an explosion and a "swishing" noise one night about 10 years ago and found next day a ring of scorched stones not far from their homestead. The ring was about 40ft in diameter and the rocks had turned a "gunmetal" colour. The shearer has kept one of the stones to prove it.

The town of Clare, in a grape-growing district 25 miles from Burra, has become as well known for its UFOs as for the wines it produces. Residents regularly see moving, pulsating red lights; three years ago two children saw, about dusk, a large glowing object land in a lucerne field near their home. Driving home one evening last year a farmer's wife was chased by a large yellow object which seemed to hover only a few feet above the car. She arrived home "badly shaken."

Now many local folk are asking themselves: Is there something about the area which makes it ideal for UFO flight and perhaps refuelling. Will the saucers one day land openly and give up their secrets? Will the "gods" return to earth?

On December 1 last year, Miss Joslyn Ashton was wakened in her bedroom on a farm at Sevenhill, a few miles south of Clare, by a strong yellow light shining through the window.

"It wasn't moonlight," she told us. "You know how moonlight will illuminate the whole room? Well this was a definite beam and, anyway, it was the wrong colour for moonlight."

She went to the window and saw through a group of trees in the garden a round whitish-yellow object which appeared to be about the size of a full moon but was moving from east to west. She raced outside but the object had disappeared. Miss Ashton, now an area representative for the amateur research organisation, UFO Search and Investigation, has seen other unidentified objects, including groups of saucers, "flying in formation."

On May 20 last year, from a hill near her home she saw three saucer-shaped objects, one large and the other two about half the size of the first, hovering over a line of hills and illuminated by the setting sun. "They were a light pink," she said, "and an even lighter colour around the edges. They were terribly hard to look at. The light hurt your eyes."

Later that same evening, Miss Ashton and a group of 10 others saw 14 saucer-shaped objects flashing across the sky in definite formation. They were visible long enough to be counted. On several other occasions she has seen pulsating red objects moving through the night sky. Many of her sightings have been confirmed by independent witnesses.

Miss Ashton took us to a group of long-abandoned copper mines four miles west of Clare where a local family regularly complains of hearing nocturnal noises, "like the sound of underground machinery." None of the mines show any sign of recent activity and at least one was inaccessible. The entrance was a vertical shaft about 12ft in diameter and of uncertain depth.

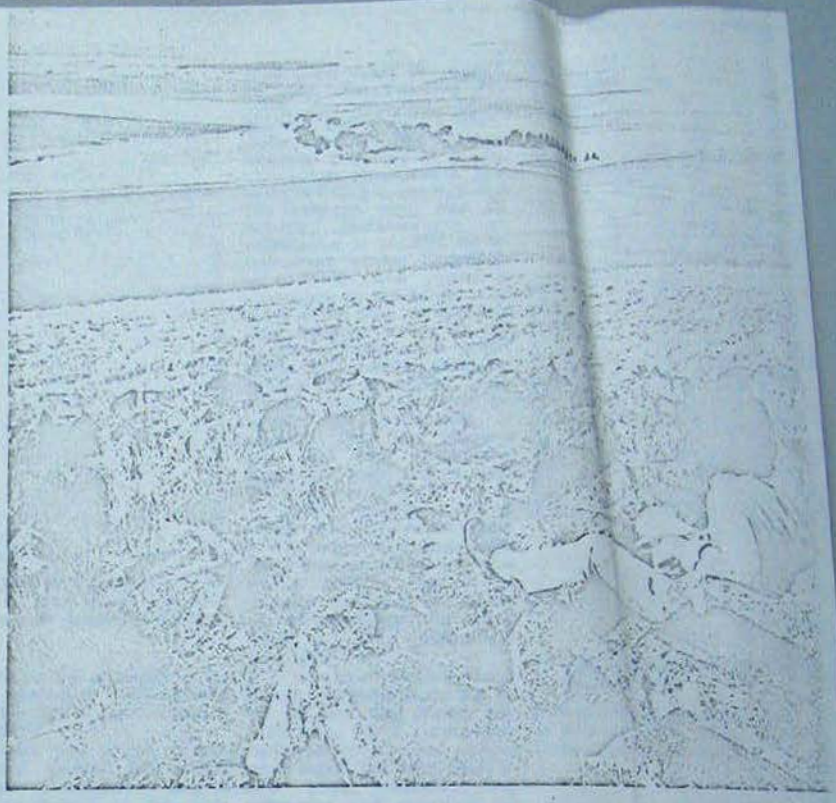
We also spoke to Mr Avian Pink, another UFO Research and Investigation representative, who collates reports of sightings from the area around his farm near Hilltown, 10 miles north of Clare. Mr Pink himself has seen red lights moving across the hills east of his property but more spectacular sightings have been made by his wife and his son, Gary.

On March 23, 1970, Mrs Pink was driving home from Clare about 10 pm when she saw a bright object circling the car. "It seemed long and rectangular," she said. "It was bright when close by, but faded to a faint yellow glow in

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Secret UFO base

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The 'ghost lights' of the last century began to reappear in the 1950s. Now, visual phenomena have been joined by strange noises, also being closely probed by researchers.

the distance." Continuing its circling pattern the object followed the car almost to the Pink home. "At times it seemed only a few feet above the car," Mrs Pink said, "but there was no reflection in the windscreen. I arrived home feeling badly shaken. I certainly wouldn't like to go through it again."

Gary Pink, 12, is one of the few people in the area who claim to have seen a UFO on the ground. On October 29, 1970, he left the house in the early hours of the morning and made his way to an outside lavatory. On his way back he noticed from the corner of his eye a strange object on the ground near a barn about 150 yards away. Turning for a closer look, he saw that the object was "cigar-shaped, about 18ft long and 4ft high." The object was standing on four legs and appeared to be partly transparent. "I could see through the middle of it but not the sides," Gary said. "The middle was white but the sides were yellowy white." He watched the object for several minutes then, afraid to wake his parents at that hour, returned to bed. He is quite definite about what he saw.

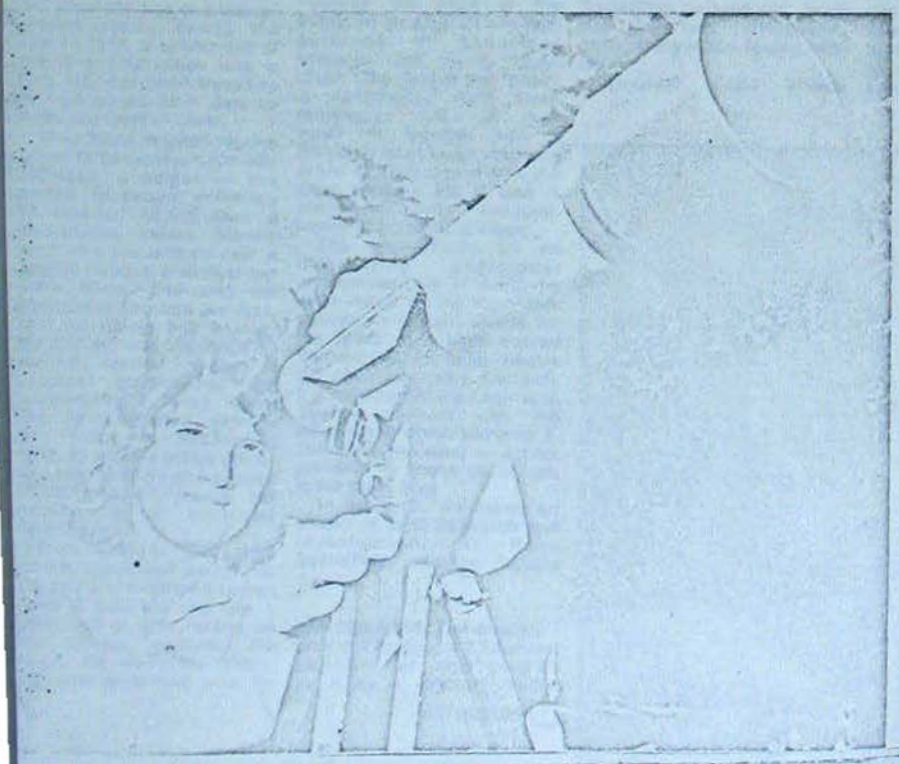
Sightings in this area, says Mr Pink, are most concentrated in May and June, but he can't offer any explanation why. He weighs each report carefully before passing it on to the group's headquarters in Adelaide. "There are a lot of red herrings," he says, "and the more involved you become in UFO study, the more sceptical you have to become. But there have been so many objects reported, often seen by large numbers of people over a wide area, that there is no doubt there is something moving about the skies. They certainly aren't aircraft. The only plane you see around here is an occasional crop duster, and they only fly during the day."

The only report of a daylight UFO sighting comes from Mr Stuart Thomas, who has a farm a few miles from Mr Pink's. About 9.30 one morning in late May, 1969, Mr Thomas was working in his wool shed when "for some unknown reason" he put down his tools and walked outside. He looked up at the sky and saw what he describes as an egg-shaped object with no wings, tail or propeller, travelling north at about 150 mph but making no sound.

Mr Thomas said he "seemed to stiffen all over" as he watched the object. It appeared to be flying at about 2000ft and looked the size of a four-seater helicopter. The lower part of the "egg" gave off a bright light while the upper part was dull. Mr Thomas watched the object for several minutes until it disappeared into the northern sky. The light emitted by the object was, he said, about three times as bright as reflected sunlight. He could not tell whether there were any windows or openings on the object because the glare was too great.

In November the year before, Deborah and Phillip Garrard, then aged 10 and 8, were playing in the road outside their farmhouse eight miles north-east of Clare. Dusk was approaching and the children were taking it in turns to ride a bicycle up and down the road, when Deborah looked towards the north-west and saw a "very bright, strange light" coming towards them. Three and a half years later, the brother and sister are still adamant about what they saw. The light was football-shaped and seemed about 2ft long and 1ft deep. It did not appear solid, just a very bright light. It moved towards them and passed within 50 yards of where they were standing before landing in a paddock 300 yards from the house.

After landing, the light seemed to vanish. Phillip was in favour of running to the spot for a closer look but Deborah was "just a wee bit" scared. Instead they went home to tell their mother what they had seen. Next day the children guided a small group of people, led by a local police constable, to the place where they had seen the light disappear. The paddock was heavily overgrown with the weed Salvation Jane, but in the spot the children indicated was a circular depression, about 5ft in diameter. It seemed something heavy had rested there and flattened the weeds, which were "tangled in a corkscrew fashion as if a giant top had been spinning on the spot." Other local residents report having seen a





RESEARCHER SKETCHES SIGHTING: *Joslyn Ashton (left) is an area representative for UFO investigators since she saw three flying objects and put down her impressions (above).*



ARMCHAIR OF THE GODS: *Local legend says giant "seats" of natural stone were once occupied by great gods. The tale echoes the much-publicised "Was God An Astronaut" theory.*

bright light in the sky the same evening.

Sightings of strange lights in the South Australian mid-north go back as far as the 1800s when farmers often saw "ghost lights" moving along roads and fence tops. At first they were taken for bicycle lamps, but people who saw them at closer range swore they were nothing but floating white lights. In the early 1900s these reports died out but in the 1950s the "lights" began to reappear.

On December 23, 1955, two Burra residents were startled by a "dense red ball of fire about the size of a house" moving silently across the sky. In 1957, a similar ball of fire, this time green with a long tail, was seen travelling at high speed from east to west, just north of Clare.

Then more detailed reports began to be received. On July 19, 1959, a woman — she prefers to remain nameless — reported having seen a disc-shaped object passing north at a low altitude over a rubbish disposal area near her Clare home. She and her sister, who also saw the disc, said the object had a shiny metallic surface. As the UFO moved farther away it appeared cone-shaped and surrounded by small lights. The next reported sighting was made in September, 1963, by a Clare police officer who saw "a white disc-shaped object with an orange tail moving in a southerly direction."

From 1963 to 1967 UFO reports again died away until one morning a Hilltown farmer woke at 2.30 am and saw a green ball of light resting on the ground opposite his house. He woke his family, who later confirmed what he had seen. He said the ball was about 8ft in diameter and gave out a "buzzing" sound. After about two minutes or so it lifted from the ground and rose vertically until it was out of sight.

A similar object startled a Clare farmer two years later as he was taking a walk one evening in May, 1969. The farmer, Mr Lionel Overton, had not long left his house when he saw a green glow coming from a creek bed 100 yards away. "Suddenly," he said, "a large green ball of light rose from the creek, paused at a height of about 60ft, then shot away to the east at tremendous speed."

Many of the lights or objects reported in the area are seen over, or travelling towards, one line of hills, the highest of which is known, because of its peculiar shape, as The Camel's Hump. Towards the peak of the hump, in an area strewn with outcrops of shapeless volcanic rock, is a "giant chair." The seat of the "chair" is constructed from three rectangular slabs of rock which fit together with a precision any mason might be proud of. Only one arm of the chair remains but it also is made of three separate, neatly-fitting slabs of stone.

The chair could be an interesting geological phenomenon, or it could be what many of the local folk believe — a giant throne for the "gods" who once walked the vast natural amphitheatre the chair overlooks. Certainly the structure of the chair is in marked contrast with the other rocks which surround it. There are two other — almost identical — chairs on hilltops in the same area.

In Adelaide, we asked an official of UFO Research and Investigation, Mr Keith Basterfield, what he thought might be the explanation for the continued concentration of UFO sightings in this part of the State.

"There are copper mines centred around Burra and Clare," he explained, "and to the south-east is the only known vanadium mine in the State (vanadium is an element used in small quantities for strengthening steel.)

"Also, six miles north-west of Burra there is a fairly large radio telescope designed for research into radio wave propagation from distant stellar objects.

"Apart from this, the area is farmland. The apparent lack of reason for the continued activity of UFOs in this area highlights our dismal, perhaps dangerous, lack of knowledge about the purpose behind these visits."

Visible UFOs, Mr Basterfield pointed out, were not the only unexplained phenomena in the State's mid-north.

"Unusual audio effects have been noted for years," he said. "On February 21, 1964, two occupants of a house in Clare heard a noise, which sounded like a loud whirring, travelling at a fast rate across the heavens. The noise definitely came from the sky although there was no aircraft, thunderstorm or earthquake to account for it. Something similar happened to a family who owned a roadhouse on the outskirts of Clare at the time. At 2.30 am they became aware of an intense whirring noise which they said sounded like an object descending and coming nearer. But just as quickly as it started it stopped. The next morning they and their neighbours found all their clocks had stopped — at 2.30 am.

"These strange noises which seem to have no visible source may, of course, have nothing at all to do with the visible objects. But it is peculiar that they are heard on approximately the same dates as visible objects are reported.

"The area screams out for a proper scientific study but so far no one has shown any interest. Our amateur research group has spent more than 1,000 man hours in the area, interviewing witnesses and watching for the phenomena ourselves, hoping to get photographs and spectra analyses. But so far the only results have been sightings of some elusive and inexplicable lights on the ground and one Polaroid photograph which reveals nothing of scientific interest.

"But there is certainly something going on in South Australia's mid-north and, as many of the locals believe, a flying saucer base could be located there."

Another group of South Australian Ufologists, the Flying Saucer Research Society, is led by Mr Colin Norris, of Adelaide. Mr Norris describes himself as the "big wheel" of the organisation and claims to have had experiences which "may appear to be unbelievable."



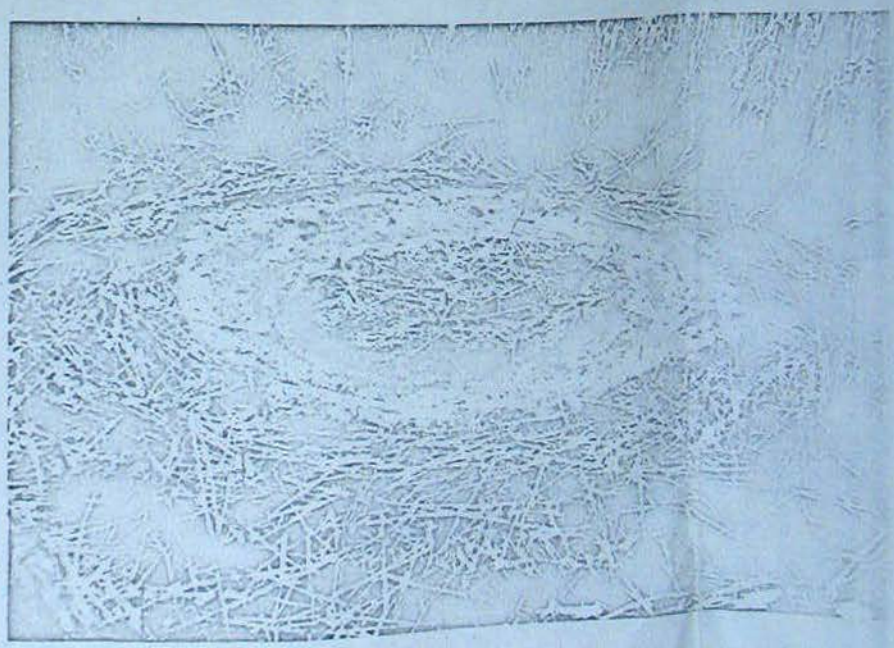
INVESTIGATOR SUPPORTS LOCALS' THEORY

Ufologist Keith Basterfield says of SA's mid-north: "A saucer base is possible there."

"I saw my first UFO," he told us, "during World War II. I was in air crew and I saw this object over Geraldton, Western Australia, in 1942.

"Then, in 1959, I was sitting in my kitchen just after midnight when this sky quake, or implosion occurred. It seemed to be above the roof of my house and the ground shook, waking my neighbours. Next morning I spoke to them and they said it had frightened hell out of them. But, more important, there was this thing, a small object the size of a golf ball, which left my house about three minutes after that. It was outside the laundry, 5ft from my son's bedroom. He was very disturbed; he'd

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SAUCER NEST: *This mystery 'ring' in a Tooligie Hill, SA, wheat paddock has been gouged as if by a spinning motion.*

...ecret UFO base

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Have aliens already infiltrated our society? Some researchers say 'yes' and cite an Adelaide mystery to support the theory

heard no noise, but there must have been a force field coming from the thing which caused his leg to flop around in bed. He couldn't control it and he yelled out to me, asking what was going on. Then the cat rushed out of the laundry with its hair sticking out on end. I might tell you that mine was too."

Mr Norris claims to have been contacted by several people he believes were either aliens or at least in touch with life from outer space.

"In 1963 I met this person who gave certain instructions to me," he said. "He asked me did I realise there were UFOs coming towards our planet, and that they had beings on board. He also wanted to know whether I'd had any experience with UFOs. This man was quite unusual. He gave me instructions not to talk about UFOs in the sense of sightings and so forth but to try and get the people on earth to have, as he put it, 'better manners'. He said there was a federation out in space and that when earth stopped its wars and the people behaved more kindly to one another and started using the planet a little more logically, when we learned to do all this, then we could join this space federation."

In 1968, Mr Norris met a mysterious benefactor, who, he believes, was sending coded messages into space with the help of a box-shaped device.

"This man was really quite an interesting personality," he said. "For instance, he didn't have any eyebrows. He was very concerned about my interest in UFOs and, I believe, still is to this day. He has helped me in many ways and I believe he will be giving me further help and instructions.

"I don't want to elaborate on what has happened because there are things that cannot be divulged at this time. He left Australia under the most mysterious circumstances. He literally disappeared."

Mr Norris claims this person, who he refers to as "our friend," helped him obtain equipment for his UFO research.

"He helped me acquire a powerful car which I need for my country trips. He also helped me get a new wardrobe of clothing and an answering service on my telephone. These were also necessary for my UFO work. He also had a tape recorder which he subsequently arranged for me to have. On this machine he used to transmit a taped message, coded in numbers. Also he had these four antennae on the house he was renting and he had some most elaborate instruments and gadgets. He was reputed to have been able to send messages a million miles away. I also believe he could contact a very important department in America quite easily."

Mr Norris believes the aliens regard terrestrials as primitive beings and this explains their reluctance to make open contact. "I believe they think we are not worth bothering about," he said. "We don't give too much credit to other peoples' intelligence and they, in a polite way, would do the same. We can't talk their language at this time and, anyway, we're not nice people to know really. I think these people wouldn't want to know us."

Ufologists speculate that aliens are already living on Earth and have infiltrated terrestrial society, some reaching high positions in scientific organisations and government. This has led many South Australian sky watchers to recall the mystery of an unidentified body found on Somerton Beach, Adelaide, in December, 1948.

The man's identity has never been established, nor has the cause of his death. The body was unmarked and had not been in the water. But doctors ruled out death by natural causes.

The man was found lying on his back against a sea wall. The legs were crossed and he appeared to have died while he was sleeping. A thorough search revealed no clue to his name. The body was 4ft 11in in height and well-built. The eyes were hazel. Fingerprints showed the man had never been in the hands of the police.

The only clue found on the body was a scrap of paper torn from a book. It bore the words "Tamam Shud." Later police were handed the book from which the paper had been torn. A copy of the "Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam," the book had been thrown on to the back seat of a car parked at Glenelg, another beach suburb. The words on the scrap of paper matched the words torn from the book. Translated, they mean "the end" or "the finish."

The mystery deepened when the book was found to contain a strange coded message which has defied all efforts by experts to decipher it. The code reads:

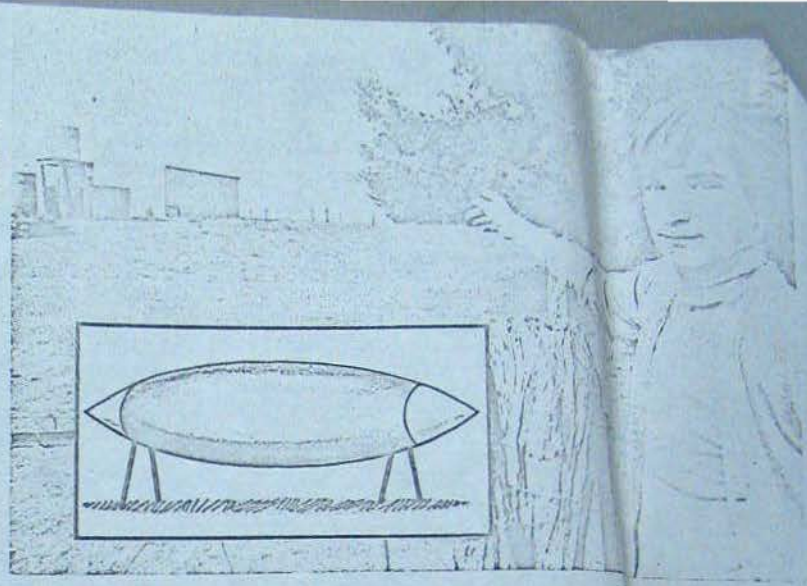
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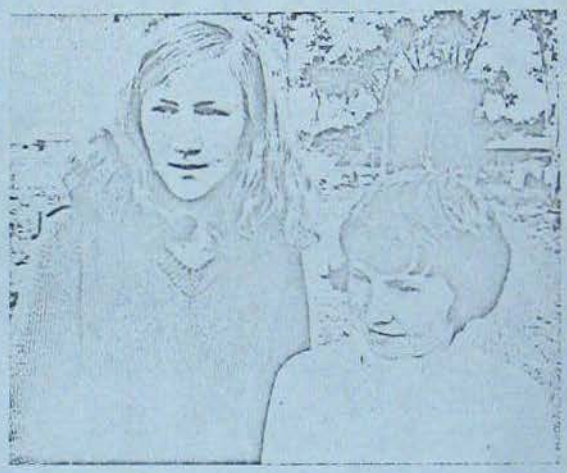
Naval cipher experts in Melbourne worked on the code for weeks without success. Its meaning is still unknown.

Was the man a Russian spy? What is the meaning of the undecipherable code? What "unnatural" cause could have brought about the man's death without leaving a mark on the body or a trace of poison in his system? Or was he an alien, left to die by his fellow beings or abandoned when already dead?

These questions, all asked 24 years ago, are now being raised again. Many Ufologists are inclined to favour the spaceman solution. The body lies in an Adelaide cemetery. The headstone bears the words "Unknown Man."

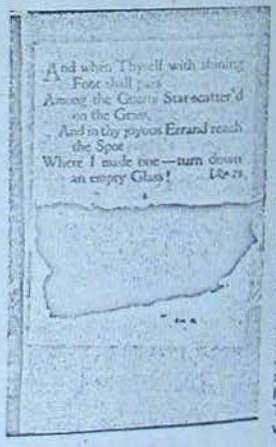
The answer to this puzzle, like that of the UFOs, is still, as a witty commentator pointed out recently, "up in the air." ■





CHILDREN SEE STRANGE OBJECTS NEAR HOMES *Gary Pink (above) saw and sketched a UFO. Deborah and Phillip Garrard (left) both saw a "bright, strange light."*





FROM OUTER SPACE: *Mask and "message" of man found dead in Adelaide . . . was he an alien left to die on Earth?*

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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.

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.

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Department of Air (DAFI)

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

1. An unusual aerial object, reported by phone to Department of Civil Aviation (Tasmania Region) by Mr J.T. Brown of Illfraville Tasmania, has been referred to this Headquarters.

2. The report has been examined and Part 2 of the pro-forma processed by a Controller of DCA.

3. Forwarded for information.

(J.R. NEWSON)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report by J.T. Brown, Marine Engineer

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

a. how many were there?.....

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

12. What was the colour of the light or object?..Red - later fading to.....
"rusty red"

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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 J. T. BROWN Age 52

2. Address of observer 30 BEATTY STREET

ILLFRAVILLE 7251 Phone 834377

3. Occupation of observer MARINE ENGINEER

4. Date and time of start of observation 2nd June 0225 + 3 mins

How certain is the date? Certain

How accurate is the time of start? As Above

5. Duration of observation 8 - 9 seconds initial then 2 mins

How accurate is your estimate? Fair

6. Observer's location at time of sighting On board Mt. Wybia located 250 yards North of Pt. Effinghan.

How familiar is observer with this locality? Very familiar

7. Weather conditions at time of observation Clear - some broken cloud

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

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings S.E. of location

b. angle of elevation Approx 40 deg

c. compass angle bearing Nil

d. how accurate are these estimates? Approx

10. What first attracted observer's attention? Light in sky

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

a. how many were there?

b. in what formation were they?

12. What was the colour of the light or object? Red - later fading to "rusty red"

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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)

Very bright "Cherry Red"

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

a. relative to Venus or Moon.....Venus x 20.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's lingth (about 20 inches from the eyes).....8 - 9 inches.....

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

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?...Yellowish blue exhaust.....

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

Nil heard

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

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 in comparison to usual aircraft....

.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....second time appeared - 1½ mins.

21. Describe any deviations or maneeuvres.....Nil.....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..See item 16.....

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings...Still S.E.....

b. angle of elevation.....

c. compass angle bearing.....

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

25. Do you know of any associated ph ysical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....Nil.....

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

30 yrs at sea as engineer.....

27. How many witness to the sighting?....three.....

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

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) whould be nearest to explaining your observation?.....Red flare.....

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.

Witnesses: Mr. H. Hill Tugmaster "Wybia"
Mr. G. Filgate " "West Tamar"

Received by phone

Signature....A. PIESSE..... Date....2/6/72.....

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type.....(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 poaition at the time:

A/C type.Bristol 170..(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading...338.....T.....T.....T

Height.4500 feeet.....000 ft.....000ft.....000ft

Speed.125 approx.....KTS (Gnd speed).....K.....K

ATD/ATA*0217.A.M. Launceston for Essendon.....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.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....Launceston Airport.....

at....1630.....Z Colour....White.....Weight.....100.....gm

Rxxxxxxxxx **/ radar ** : Candle **/ ~~battery~~** (** delete as required)

General wind profile.....WNW - NW.....

Macimum height tracked.....N/A.....,000 ft at....N/A.....Z

Was it known to have burst? N/A

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....2...°C at

.....1500..... ft, measured at.....1630.....Z hrs from..LT.....

.....Airport.....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 Nav and anti-collision lights.....

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 Bristol Freighter VH-SJQ en route Launceston to Essendon.....

The time of sighting (approx) is consistent with normal progress of the flight. Details of sighting description are consistent with aircraft anti-collision or port nav light as aircraft passed through or over patches of cloud.

.....(Unit).....(Name)

.....(Date).....(Rank)

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: Adelaide 55 7000

Headquarters
RAAF Base
EDINBURGH SA 5111

20th June 1972

IN REPLY QUOTE 6/13/Air(14)

RECEIVED 26 JUN 1972 DAFI

Department of Air (Attention: D/DAFI IR)

For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command

COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Reference: A. Our 6/32/Air(10) of 24th May 1972

1. Further to paragraph 6 of Reference A., enclosed are copies of five colour slides depicting peculiar ground markings discovered on a farming property at Tooligie Hill, Eyre Peninsula, in late December 1971.

2. The matter first came to the notice of this Headquarters through the "Day by Day" column of "The Advertiser" on 27th January 1972. A copy of the relevant clipping is attached at "A". This Headquarters contacted Mr Jim Robbins, the author of the column, and explained the RAAF's responsibility to investigate unusual incidents of this nature. Mr Robbins gave an assurance to in future pass first-hand to this Headquarters information on UFO sightings. This Headquarters' OIC UFOs also contacted the Peter Powell referred to in the clipping and again received assurances of co-operation. Mr Powell stated that considerable interest in the Tooligie Hill "phenomenon" was being evinced by local UFO groups and added that a meeting of several of the groups, including the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (of Colin Norris notoriety), was to be held that Sunday (30th January 1972). He promised to make known the RAAF position at the meeting. At this juncture it became apparent that a belated RAAF investigation of the "phenomenon" would attract unwanted publicity, and would in any case probably be paralleled by simultaneous investigations by civilian groups. The question of "co-operation" between the RAAF and local UFO groups would then be a matter for speculation and individual interpretation by the media. This Headquarters therefore deemed it prudent not to initiate an on-site investigation into the incident at the time.

3. On 28th February 1972 a letter was received from a Mr J.L. Miles, Secretary of the Murdinga Agricultural Bureau (Murdinga is about 10 miles north of Tooligie). A copy of this letter, which concerns the Tooligie Hill incident, and this Headquarters' reply, are appended as Attachments "B" and "C". Attachment "D" is a later letter from Mr Miles, also bearing on the topic.

4. Attachments "E" and "F" are two newspaper clippings from this Headquarters' files, dealing with a projected "safari" to Eyre Peninsula to investigate the "phenomenon". The airman referred to in para 3 of Attachment "F" was also mentioned in our AI082 DTG 090035ZMay72 to your Department.

/On his return

On his return from leave he was again interviewed by OIC UFOs. The "safari" had taken soil samples and photographed the markings, and also interviewed a number of people in the district, but after a week on the site had not make any findings. Present on the Habner property at the same time were two members of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, who also fossicked without discovering the origin of the markings.

5. The enclosed slides were sent to this Headquarters by Mrs Habner as the outcome of several telephone calls between her and OIC UFOs of this Headquarters. They were accompanied by a letter which reads, verbatim:

> "I am sending you, as promised, some slides and information on the mark we found in our paddock on December 28th 1971. This mark was made in the middle of a wheat crop, with no tracks or marks leading in or out. The diameter of the rim-shape which is spun into the clay soil is approximately 7 feet. 2 feet from the outer edge of the mark the crop was laid flat in an anti-clockwise spinning motion, and in the centre, which measures 45 inches across, the crop was cut to a height of 9 inches.
>
> The crop was also laid flat (anti-clockwise again) in a small crescent which joins onto one side of the mark. About 12 feet away from the main mark is the same shaped marking spun into the wheat straw, but not with as much force as the main mark. This mark was just on the top of the straw and not cut into the ground. We can only think that whatever tried to land here was put off because of a small mallee stump, and, wanting a smoother place to land, rose up and hovered over to finally land on the main "site".
>
> One family in our district say they saw a strange light which would have been in that position. They saw this on Christmas Eve. We were away from home all that evening.
>
> We have had approximately 200 visitors from surrounding districts to see it and they all wonder what could have made this mark.
>
> The cut out circle is still there and will be until we plough it up for seeding. There are still markings of the spun down straw etc too, although they are not as clearly defined as they were when fresh.
>
> I must close now to catch the mail. Trusting you will return these slides, as you promised, when you have taken duplicates if you think they are necessary."

6. At Attachment "G" is a letter from this Headquarters to the Commissioner of Police, dealing with the incident, and at Attachment "H" is the Commissioner's reply and a copy of a report by Inspector Adolf Schlein of Port Lincoln Police.

7. For your information.

(B.G. KING)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

Enclosures: A. Five colour slides
B. Attachments A to H

Advertiser, Tuesday 25 JAN 72

Attachment A1A

When a saucer leaves its mark... What?

DAY BY DAY
BY JIM ROBBINS

If a flying saucer makes an unauthorised landing on your lawn, do you report it to the Department of Civil Aviation or to the police?

Neither, until you're sure.

So a Flinders Park housewife first called in UFO investigator PETER POWELL, of the UFO Research and Investigation Society.

There was a big circular "burn" on her lawn, what we've been led to believe might be made by a flying saucer. Peter measured it, took samples and consulted expert analysts.

His verdict? It is slime-mould, brought on by the recent unseasonal wet weather. Peter accepts their judgment.

He and fellow UFO student KEITH BASTERFIELD take a sensible attitude to their studies, they check first, tell the newspapers afterwards.

The result is that the question and the answer come up together, which saves much to-do about nothing.

However, don't let all this deter you from reporting to Peter (79 2595) or Keith (82 3532) if you have burns on your lawn.

A friend of mine dreamt he found little green men emptying his rubbish bin.

What on earth would they want with garbage in outer space? Haven't they enough of their own — left by Man?

ADVERTISER, THURSDAY 27 JAN 72

Mention UFO and phones run hot

DAY BY DAY
BY JIM ROBBINS

The column item in which I mentioned Peter Powell and flying saucers set Peter's telephone aringing.

Saucer reporters were on to him before he knew his name was in the paper.

I told how Peter investigated a circular "burn" on a suburban lawn. Was it made by a flying saucer? Peter says it was slime mould.

He hasn't made up his mind about another burn, sighted by Eyre Peninsula farmer Robert Habner in the middle of a wheat paddock.

Farmer Habner found it while he was reaping. No tracks led to or from it. Peter is investigating.

As to queries lately on a strange light in the sky in the evening, Peter says he thinks it is the planet Venus, which shines more brightly than its celestial sisters.

The trouble with using items such as this is that people start ringing me about UFOs.

Peter is the chap to ring (79 2595). Flying saucers are his cup of tea.

Attachment 72/54 B

The Agricultural Bureau of South Australia

Branch . . . Mundinga . . . . . .

Date . . . . . 29 . . 2 1972

Royal Australian Air Force.
Edinburgh Airfield, 5111.

TEL NO.
TOOLIGIE HILL 13

Re U.F.O's

Dear Sirs,

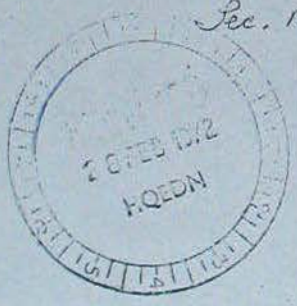
The people of this district, and many people from a wide area of Eyre Peninsula, are still puzzling over the "landing" of "something" on the property of R.V. - R.B.A. Halvorsen, Section 10, Hundred of Tooligie, at the end of last year.

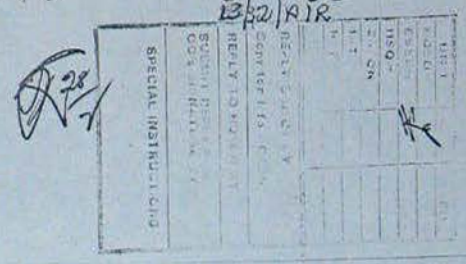
Because of this interest our Branch of the Ag. Bureau has planned an open night when both parents and children can come to hear an authority speak on this live topic. We would like to plan this meeting on the night school breaks up for the May holidays, i.e. Friday, May 5th.

We would be most grateful if you could either help us by arranging an authority on the subject to come over to our meeting, or suggesting to whom we could turn for this help.

Yours faithfully
G.L. Childs
Sec. Murdinga Agricultural Bureau.

Tooligie Hill
5620.





Attachment C

THIS FOLIO 56		
PREVIOUS	SUCCEEDING	
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55 7000

Headquarters
RAAF Base
EDINBURGH SA 5111

10th March 1972

6/32/AIR (56)

Mr J.L. Miles
Agricultural Bureau of South Australia
Murdinga Branch
TOOLIGIE HILL SA 5620

Dear Sir,

Thankyou for your kind invitation to address an "open night" meeting on May 5th on the subject of UFO's.

As the authority in South Australia responsible for the investigation of UFO sightings, this Headquarters collects information from observers who report such sightings; after normal on-site investigation, the information is then passed to higher authority for scientific evaluation. This Headquarters has no authority to release information on individual UFO sightings to the general public; however, an individual may obtain some post-event "feedback", by writing to the Director of Public Relations at Department of Air in Canberra. A copy of the General Statement forwarded to the individual by Department of Air is attached for your information. Also attached is a summary of UFO sightings reported to Department of Air which you may find of interest.

A reference in paragraph one of your letter to a "landing" on the property of R.V. and R.B.A. Habner is noted. This incident was not reported, as it should have been, to a RAAF authority, hence this Headquarters has no official knowledge of it, nor, at this late stage, is an investigation feasible.

It is therefore with regret that we advise that it will not be possible to send an officer to address the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

(B.G. KING)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

Enclosures: A. General Statement in Relation to UFO's.
B. Summary of UFO sightings reported to Department of Air since 1960.

Attachment D

The Agricultural Bureau of South Australia

Branch. MURDINGA.....

Date .....22.-.May.-.1972.

Flight Lieutenant B.G. King,
Headquarters RAAF Base
Edinburgh SA 5111.

UFO file

re 6/32/AIR (56).

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 10th March, and for the interesting enclosures.

Members of our Bureau were very sorry it was not possible for an officer to accept our invitation to address our meeting on U.F.O.'s.

It appeared the next best thing to do was to invite Peter Powell of the "U.F.O. Research and Investigation". With a title as impressive as that, we had hoped we would have a speaker who was a real authority on the subject; but the general feeling of our members was one of disappointment. After considerable publicity, we had a well attended meeting on May 9th. Interested folk travelled big distances to be there. For a 17 year old, Peter did quite a good job; but we had hoped that an older person, backed by a substantial organization, could have come over.

We are now wondering whether we should have invited the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society to send over a speaker.

It appears our problem began because you had not been informed of the "landing". I am wondering whether it is generally known that the R.A.A.F. should be notified.

The mark is still remarkably clear, and interested folk are still going to look at it. We presume it is one of those 2% of cases which cannot be explained.

Yours faithfully
J.K. Mills
Sec. Murdinga Ag. Bureau.

MORE UFOLOGY

Attachment E

THAT'S LIFE



by JIM ROBBINS

'TISER 11 Apr 72

Who's interested in joining a flying-saucer safari? It will go to Eyre Peninsula in May. A lively local lad will lead it.

Peter Powell (telephone 79 2595) is the lad; a chap who believes that something is up, but doesn't yet know what is it.

Unidentified Flying Objects give people quite a shock. Mrs. G. G. Major, of Port Lincoln, who saw a bright object in the sky, says she felt pins and needles.

And Mr. R. Habner, of Tooligie Hill, Eyre Peninsula, believes a strange mark on his property shows where a flying saucer landed.

He says the mark looks like one made by a giant tractor-tyre dropped from the sky, the tyre spinning so that it gouged a four-inch deep circle into the soil.

Peter's associate, Keith Basterfield, says some people believe there's a flying saucer base in the mid-north, around Clare.

And in the UFO group's magazine, several people put their names to SA sightings: Mrs. H. T. Betty, of Unley, Peter Williams and Mark Hegben, of Norwood, Miss J. Ashton, of Sevenhills, Mr. A. Mancini, of Largs Bay, Miss Marion Watson, of Glynde, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Watson, of Grange.

(1)

So Peter shouldn't have much trouble making up a UFO search party. It could turn out to be more exciting than fishing.

"ODD SPOT", News, 13 Apr 72

FLYING saucer spotter Colin Norris is to shoot up to Queensland to stay with a farmer who's seen craft landing on his property. The farmer told Colin he telepathically wished in bed one night that his over-supply of beans would be cleared. Next morning they'd vanished. Colin said the farmer was invited to go up with the "Visitors" for a flip but "was a bit scared of the unknown." Colin, of course, has no such fears and declares: "This is quite fantastic." He said it.

(3)

UFOs

What WAS that odd object in the sky on Tuesday of last week? Several readers rang to confirm a report by reader Rosalene Bester of having seen it about 10 p.m.

Among them is Frank Yule, of Gilles street, Adelaide, who says: "I and my neighbors Brig. Jeusen and Brig. Drysdale also saw it.

"It was not a plane. It had too many colored lights. It was round, and moving fast from South West to North . . ."

"THAT'S LIFE" Monday 17th April (Not reported to us).

12 Apr 72

Saucered

Yesterday's column item about flying saucers aroused interest. It prompted several readers to report their own sightings of UFOs.

I told them to ring Peter Powell, at 79 2595 and the RAAF at Edinburgh. The RAAF says it likes to hear about them. The reports are sent to Canberra for assessment and investigation.

This reminds me that the other day reader Norman Wallbank brought in a UFO picture.

He said his son John and a friend, Peter Hagan, had told him a most impressive tale of how a flying saucer had been photographed over an Adelaide suburb.

So impressive, in fact, that he said he'd pass it on to the newspapers.

At which they chickened out, and admitted that it was a hoax picture. No need to report this one to Peter Powell.

(2)



UFO over Adelaide . . . No saucer; probably a flying plate.

Thus despite my previous discussion with Mr Jim Robbins in which I fully explained the RAAF position

15 Apr 72 [illegible] Cdr OIC

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Attachment F

UFO REPORTING

"THE NEWS"

3RD MAY 1972

(1)

TEAM TO CHECK 'SAUCER LANDING'

A research team is investigating reports that a "flying saucer" landed on a farming property 90 miles north of Port Lincoln. . . .

The two-man team, Mr. Ken Ianson and Mr. Trevor Mackereth, made an all-night dash from Adelaide to the site.

The investigation is centred on a mystery circular marking on the ground.

Flying Saucer Research Society public relations officer, Mr. Colin Norris, today described the markings as "about the sibe and shape of a large tractor tyre."

Mr. Norris said the team would carry out a variety of tests on the soil, check variations of the magnetic field, and take measurements, photographs, and sketches.

He appealed to people in the district—where unexplained sightings had recently been made—to give all co-operation possible in the investigation. ....

The team is expected to return to Adelaide later this week with soil and vegetation samples which would be put to further scientific test.

(2)

Saucer hunt in outback

TWO members of the Flying Saucer Research Society dashed 330 miles to the tiny township of Tooligie in South Australia yesterday to examine what they believe may be the site of a "saucer" landing.

They will examine soil, check for variations in the earth's magnetic field, make measurements and take photographs of a mysterious circular marking in a gully near the town.

'Australian' Thursday 4th May '72

1. Ref above clipping.

2. This morning I received a phone call from Mrs Habner of Tooligie Hill. She said that Messrs Ianson and Mackereth had arrived and were investigating the "phenomenon" on the Habner property. As might be expected, Mr Norris had arranged the usual publicity and the ABC, 5KA and the Advertiser, according to Mrs Habner, were on the scene or on tap. She said that she had not expected so much publicity and in any case it was Peter Powell who was supposed to be doing the investigating. His "safari" (see item 1, fol 1) is due to arrive on Saturday and she had tried to contact him without success to tell him that he had been pre-empted. I informed Mrs Habner that there was nothing the RAAF could do about the situation and offered my condolences. Mrs Habner seemed surprised that this HQ had not been informed officially of the "phenomenon" in the first instance as she had reported it to the police in the area.

3. ORWO this morning noticed a leave application submitted by Cpl Armstrong CLKSPLY of Catering Section. The address given on the application for a week's leave was c/- the Habner property. I interviewed Cpl Armstrong who said that he had answered an advertisement inserted in the local newspapers by Peter Powell for people to accompany him to Eyre Peninsula to investigate the finding. I briefed him on the "no-publicity" requirement and asked him to keep me informed of events.

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4May72

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Attachment G

Adelaide 55 7000

Headquarters
RAAF Base
EDINBURGH SA 5111

12th May 1972

6/32/Air(4)

Commissioner of Police
Police Headquarters
1 Angas Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Commissioner,

1. I refer to this Headquarters' 6/32/Air(27) of 26th October 1970 and your 15/3/192244 of 4th November 1970. The result of this correspondence was a decision by you that any reports of UFO sightings received by the police would be relayed to the Officer-in-Charge of UFOs at this Base.

2. My attention has recently been drawn to newspaper reports concerning an incident which took place at Tooligie Hill, Eyre Peninsula, in December of last year. The first report ("The Advertiser", 27th January 1972, "Day by Day" column) referred to some burn marks found on the property of R.V. and R.B.A. Habner at Tooligie Hill, and later news items reported that Adelaide UFO "research" groups would investigate the marks. In the past two weeks two such groups have visited the Habner property and carried out their investigations.

3. A telephone conversation between my Officer-in-Charge of UFOs and Mrs Habner reveals that police authorities in the area were informed of the incident and indeed visited the Habner property prior to the "phenomenon" becoming public knowledge. Mrs Habner states that the police officer to whom she reported the burn marks was Inspector Adolf Schlein (she is unsure of the spelling) from the Police Station at Lock. She expressed surprise at the RAAF not having been notified of the event.

4. I am sure you will agree that, as this Headquarters was not informed of the incident in the first instance, any post-event official RAAF investigation of the incident, with attendant publicity, would prove not only unfeasible but also embarrassing to some extent.

5. In view of the above, I would appreciate your once again bringing to the notice of your staff the necessity of referring all UFO reports to this Headquarters with the minimum of delay.

Yours faithfully,

(E.T. PICKERD)
Air Commodore
Officer Commanding

POLICE HEADQUARTERS
ADELAIDE
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TELEPHONE: 8 0 1 2 2.
BOX No. 676, G.P.O.
ADELAIDE, 5001

4 Attachments H

OUR REF. 15/3/192244
YOUR REF. 6/32/Air(4)

30 May 1972.

Air Commodore E.T. Pickerd, OBE, DFC,
Officer-in-Charge,
RAAF Base,
EDINBURGH 5111.

Dear Air Commodore Pickerd,

Further to our letter of 17 May in reply to yours of 12 May, 1972, I enclose copy of a report furnished by Inspector R.A. Schlein of Port Lincoln.

It appears that there was no actual sighting of a U.F.O. at Tooligie Hills in December last, and although the Inspector was aware of strange markings in a field, he did not consider there was sufficient evidence at that time to connect them with a U.F.O. Moreover, as there was already growth from the dislodged wheat heads, it seemed that some time must have elapsed since the disturbance.

The remainder of the Inspector's report speaks for itself and we are sorry that you have been hindered or embarrassed by the lack of an earlier report.

Although members generally are already aware of the necessity to report such matters for your information, a further instruction will be issued by a notice in the Police Gazette.

Yours sincerely,

(J.G. McKinna)
Commissioner of Police.

(Enc.)

S.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Copy of report furnished by Inspector R.A. Schlein, Officer-in-Charge, No. 18 Division (Western)

Late in December, 1971, I received a telephone call from either Mr. or Mrs. Habner of Tooligie Hills reporting that they had found a strange 'marking' in one of their fields of wheat, which they could not explain. There was definitely NO reporting of any sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object or any other phenomena in the sky.

Mr. Habner's property is some 60 to 70 miles from Port Lincoln. Owing to the expense, I did not think a visit was warranted.

Several days later, Mr. Habner spoke to me in Port Lincoln and suggested the possibility of the markings in his field of wheat being made by a 'Flying Saucer'. My own personal views on such matters are that they should always be treated with respect but at the same time most cautiously. However, because of Mr. Habner's insistence on the 'strangeness' of the markings, I informed the local press and a photographer travelled to Tooligie Hills on 1st January, 1972, and photographed the markings. A picture and story were included in the Port Lincoln Times on 13/1/72.

I recall Mr. Habner stating that a strange feature of the incident was that none of the straw or stubble showed any signs of charring or burnmarks. A further feature was that the wheat 'knocked' from the heads on to the ground had sprouted and commenced growing again, which indicated that the area had been disturbed at least three to four weeks prior to the discovery.

At this time Mr. Habner had notified the U.F.O. Research and Investigation Group of whom Mr. P.M. Powell is Director. Mr. Powell contacted the Port Lincoln Times on 6th January, 1972, requesting copies of photos taken, and I understand he has been in communication with the Port Lincoln Times and the Habners ever since.

At no time have I been aware that any 'Flying Object' was seen or heard. I did not treat this matter in the true light of an Unidentified Flying Object. I was aware that a Research Group were in possession of photos of markings on the ground that were not easily explained and that these people intended to visit the scene.

I am also conversant with the people in this area, the local press were in possession of the 'story' and they are correspondents for the Adelaide daily papers. News of the strange markings has been wide spread as Mr. Habner has been pestered with phone calls from all over Australia and also from the United Kingdom.

I feel this incident did not come within the scope of the usual sightings. For these reasons I took no further action in the matter.

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'SAUCER' SEARCH AT WARRAGAMBA

Two Sydney men went to the Warragamba Dam area last night where they believe an unidentified flying object landed recently.

They were sent to a property opposite the Warragamba Lion Park to take samples of soil and vegetation from a flattened circular area of land about 33 feet in diameter.

Mr F. Wilkes, the director of Unidentified Flying Object Research Projects of Australasia, said last night he sent the men to the area after having had a report from the property owner.

"The two men are the major vice-president of our organisation, Barry Taylor, and one of our investigators, Paul Hebron.

"They will take some photographs and get samples.

"The property owner rang me tonight, and from his description of the ground it would appear that the UFO landed there quite recently.

"Within the circular area of flattened ground are two smaller circles.

"There are absolutely no marks leading into the area from either side of the big circle."

SAUCER 'NEST' NEAR SYDNEY

Investigators who examined strange marks on the ground at Warragamba last night are convinced it is an unidentified flying object landing site.

Sun Herald 19 Jan 72

Professional golfer Mr Ron Sarina, 59, discovered the marks on his 56-acre property yesterday.

He is developing the property opposite the Warragamba Lion Park for a golf practice course.

Mr Sarina said today he was intrigued by the marks which did not seem to have any explanation.

He called his wife to have a look at them and later two investigators from Unidentified Flying Objects Research Projects of Australasia went out to inspect them.

Director of the projects, Mr Frank Wilks, said today, "It is a landing site for sure."

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He said a circular area of grass 33ft in diameter had been flattened and there was another circle three feet inside this.

There were also indentations in the ground which could be from some type of landing gear.

Mr Wilks said the marks were no more than 48 hours old and could not have been caused by a car or helicopter.

"We assume it is probably one of the freshest UFO saucer nests discovered up to date," he said.

Two investigators who visited the site yesterday took soil samples to be analysed for radioactivity and deterioration of grass roots for sonic damage.

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MINUTE PAPER

(Write on this side only) 580/1/1 (35)

Subject: REPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RE UFO REPORTS

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(M.D. WALTER)
Flg Off
for DAFI

22 Jun 72

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26/6/72

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air

7th June 1972

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Attached is a report of an aerial object observed by the undermentioned:

H.W. Herbert
83 Honour Avenue
CHELMER
QUEENSLAND

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

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(a) how many were there? Only one object
(b) in what formation were they? N/A

13. What was the colour of the light or object? Blue
14. What was its apparent shape? N/A
15. Was any detail of structure observable? N/A

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL

OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer H.W. HERBERT AGE.....
2. Address of observer 83 HONOUR AVE
CHELMER QLD PHONE 79257A
3. Occupation of observer Economist
4. Date and time of observation Between 061500K MAY 72 & 061600K MAY 72
5. Duration of observation Approx 30 minutes
6. Observers location at time of sighting In boat, off
MANLY, Brisbane
7. Weather conditions at time of observation Cloudy
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).
First sighting of object - stationary in the sky over Mount PETRIE
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise).
Light
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object? As a flashing light
12. If there was more than one object:-
(a) how many were there? Only one object
(b) in what formation were they? N/A
13. What was the colour of the light or object? Blue
14. What was its apparent shape? N/A
15. Was any detail of structure observable? N/A

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

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

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation)... 5,000 feet ....

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity)..... N/A .....

20. Was the object stationary? ..... Yes .....

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

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

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

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

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)

Disappeared in cloud .....

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) .....

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

Association with DCA claimed .....

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

30. Name and address of organisation .....

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31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

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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 :-

Aircraft type.....N/A.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....

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

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

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

34. Calculations show that the following planets or major stars were in that portion of the sky at the time:-..N/A.....as cloud cover was reported at approx 5,000 feet.....

35. A meteorological balloon was released from..EAGLE FARM.....

at ~~0300~~ 0500.....Z and could NOT have been in the reported UFO position at the time.

36. The State Observatory in the nearest capital city affirms that aerial phenomena in that portion of the sky at the time were

.....N/A.....(comet, meteorite shower, etc).

37. Any other relevant remarks (eg about satelites, rockets, research balloons)..Met balloon released from Eagle Farm could not have been in position near Mt Petrie due to prevailing winds and rate of elevation (1000 ft/min)

38. There is conclusive evidence that the object reported was.....

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39. The object reported could have been..... .....

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✓ 40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting cannot be determined.

82 Wing.....(Unit) R Kennedy.....(Name)

30 May 72.....(Date) Flg Off.....(Rank)

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Reference: A. HQTVL message AI 67 21 Apr 72

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

LILY MAY AND ETHEL MARSHALL
Mittagong Head Station
Queensland.

2. The information contained in Part 1 is incomplete because the report of the sighting was not made directly by either of the witnesses but by another party who was unable to supply any information other than that given to him. Efforts to contact the witnesses have been unsuccessful to date.

3. Notwithstanding the lack of information, it has been possible to determine that the sighting was probably a meteorite which was seen in the general area by a reliable witness.

4. Should any further information be required, additional efforts to contact the witnesses to the sighting can be made.

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(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
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ANNEX A TO
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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 .LIAY..MAY...AND..ETHEL..MARSHELL Age .....
2. Address of observer ...MITTAGONG...HEAD..STATION.....
   ..... Phone REPS..MtIsa by RDC
3. Occupation of observer .HOUSEWIVES.....
4. Date and time of start of observation 19.4.72..K.APR.72.....
   How certain is the date? ..POSITIVE.....
   How accurate is the time of start? ..FAIR.....
5. Duration of observation ..UNKNOWN.....
   How accurate is your estimate? .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting ..IOM..N.OF..MITTAGONG...
   ..STATION...ON..ROAD..TO..CROYDON..(IN VEHICLE).....
   How familiar is observer with this locality? ..VERY..FAMILIAR.....
   .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation ..LITTLE..CLOUD.....
   ..GOOD...VISIBILITY.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation ...N.....
   .....
9. Where was object first observed?
   (a) Relative to your surroundings N.along..ROAD...OBJECT..TO..
   EAST...DISTANCE...UNKNOWN.....
   (b) Anlge of elevation ...—.....
   (c) Compass angle bearing ...—.....
   (d) How accurate are these estimates? FAIR.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? ...LIGHT.....
    .....

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

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

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

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?.....—.....
    .....

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

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

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

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
    —
    .....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases ..NONE.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres .VERTICALLY...DOWNWARDS

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

23. Where was object last observed?
    (a) relative to your surroundings SAME..AS...FIRST..SIGHTING.
    (b) angle of elevation ..TREE...LEVEL.....

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(c) compass angle bearing .....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? INTO OR BEHIND TREES

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? ..No..Just..Car..occupants

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? ..No.idea.....

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

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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.

Shaped like a telegraph pole

Signature ..... Date .....

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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/H...T.....T.....T

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

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

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

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

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....[redacted]..... Longitude..142.12E...

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 .....

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

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

General wind profile .....

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....METEORITE SIGHTED IN AREA BY DCA OFFICIAL.....

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

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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) ....A METEORITE.....

W.G. CANNIFFE

.....HQTVS.....(Unit).....~~.....~~.....(Name)

.....6 JUN 72.....(Date).....FLG OFF.....(Rank)

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Flt Lt
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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

1. Enclosed is a report by Master David Emmett of an unusual aerial sighting at Moonee Ponds VIC at 0530 hours on 2nd April 1972. Comments of the C Intel O are contained in Part 2 of the report.

2. The late submission of this report is due to a delay in returning the completed form to this Headquarters.

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

Enclosure: 1. UAO report

10. What first attracted observer's attention? ...Hum....Strange... ..Buzzing....sound.....

11. If there was more than one light/~~object~~ : 1 only.
a. how many were there? ...there....were....~~a~~ lights...just one Big one
b. in what formation were they? ...It...was...round.....

12. What was the colour of the light or object? ...a...bright...white...light

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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.)

David Francis Emmett

1. Name of observer David Francis Emmett Age 13

2. Address of observer 47 Primrose st Moonee Ponds Phone 371 524

3. Occupation of observer Part time Paper boy

4. Date and time of start of observation 2.4.72 ½ past 5 morning

How certain is the date? Very certain

How accurate is the time of start? 0530

5. Duration of observation 30 SEC

How accurate is your estimate? WHAT I SAW AT 0530

6. Observer's location at time of sighting at wilson st Moonee Ponds

How familiar is observer with this locality? very familiar

7. Weather conditions at time of observation very mild & CLEAR

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation very many eyes (NO EQUIPMENT)

9. Where was object first observed? : Above two houses in wilson st

a. Relative to your surroundings on one side N/W having on the other a tree (BUILT UP SIDES BOTH)

b. angle of elevation R/H 60 FT HIGH

c. compass angle bearing NO COMPASS

d. how accurate are these estimates? ———

10. What first attracted observer's attention? this strange Buzzing sound

11. If there was more than one light/~~object~~ : 1 ONLY.

a. how many were there? there were two lights just one Big one

b. in what formation were they? it was round

12. What was the colour of the light or object? a bright white light

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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)... 200 TIMES STREET LIGHT

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

a. relative to Venus or Moon.... FAST OF 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?.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity It was a smooth sound and did not change pitch

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?. 60 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 ... ?

~~It was a smooth sound and did not~~.....

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

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

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... NO

23. Where was object last observed : Disappeared behind two houses

a. relative to your surroundings... RIGHT HAND SIDE OF WILSON ST.

b. angle of elevation.....

c. compass angle bearing.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.. BEHIND HOUSES WILSON ST.

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 witness to the sighting? Man in a truck I think he saw it

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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? No.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? I thought it was important because I had never seen anything like it

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. David Emmett..... Date. 4.4.72.....

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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 : NIL

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

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.....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. VENUS NOT VISIBLE UNTIL ABOUT 1100 IN NE SKY

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.....CALM.....

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

Was it known to have burst?

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.....NONE.....

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

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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)

.....UNKNOWN.....

I have talked with David EMMETT who is adamant that he saw the object as described. On the first instance this report was made to the Dept of Civil Aviation security officer at Tullamarine, who advised the lad to contact the Intell staff at HQSC Although not mentioned in the report, a friend of EMMETTS who gave the same address, also reported the same phenomenon some time later, which suggests to the writer that there is the possibility of a hoax. Because of the lack of reports from other sources and the fact that EMMETT did not mention the second observer (who claimed to have seen the object with EMMETT) I am of the opinion that ~~this~~ this report was "cooked up" between the two youths to brighten up their paper round.

.....HQSC.....(Unit).....R.R ROOST.....(Name)

.....1 Jan 72.....(Date).....SGT ADR.....(Rank)

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29th May 1972

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

1. Enclosed are completed questionnaires by the undermentioned:

Mr L.J. HAYNES
13 Rhoda Street
GOULBURN NSW

Mr N. WARBUTON
5 Marsden Street
GOULBURN NSW

John B Luker.

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

Enclosures: Completed questionnaires

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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. L. J. HAYNES Age 43
2. Address of observer 13. RHODA ST. GOULBURN N.S.W. Phone 214352
3. Occupation of observer CARPENTER
4. Date and time of start of observation 18APR72 1942K
   How certain is the date? DEFINATE
   How accurate is the time of start ± 5 MINUTES
5. Duration of observation 2-3 SECONDS
   How accurate is your estimate? VERY ACCURATE
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. BACK YARD OF 13. RHODA ST. GOULBURN N.S.W.
   How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY FAMILIAR
7. Weather conditions at time of observation FINE & CLEAR
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NIL
9. Where was object first observed? :
   (a) Relative to your surroundings ABOVE TREES IN BACK YARD
   (b) Angle of elevation 30°
   (c) compass angle bearing EAST
   (d) how accurate are these estimates GOOD
10. What first attracted observer's attention? BRIGHTNESS & MOVEMENT OF LIGHT SOURCE

/11.

1. On 18APR72 at approx 7.42pm in ~~the~~ my back yard (facing east) I happened to look up to the sky and saw a bright light travelling at a very fast speed. It was going north to south in a straight line.

2. It disappeared into the darkness of the sky before reaching the horizon, being in sight for approx 2-3 seconds.

3. It was a dark clear night with no visible cloud. The light was bright - clear with a trail 1½ to 2' long and ⅛ to ¼" wide.

4. I have seen satellite reflections but this light seemed to be lower in the sky.

5. No noise accompanied the sighting.

L. J. Haynes

If there was more than one light/object:

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

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

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, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards) As...a..FLOURESCENT..LIGHT

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon 3x VENUS SIZE..WITH TAIL

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) ..2'..x..¼"....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?
.....EAST.,...30°...ELEVATION.....ESTIMATED

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)?
.....30°..MAX.....20°..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 .....
.....APPROX.....20° PER SECOND.....

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

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 .SOUTH..EAST...

(b) angle of elevation .....20°.....

/(c)

(c) compass angle bearing.... 150° .....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? VANISHED..

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 ...NIL.....

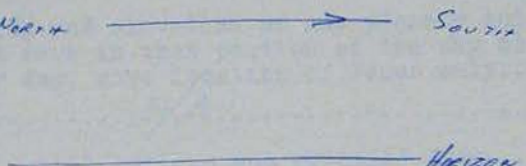
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? ...NIL.....

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?....YES.....(REPORT....ATTACHED).....

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

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? BRIGHTNESS...T...HORIZONTAL...MOVEMENT....

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 M. Lyons Flt Lt Date 15 MAY 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 .....N/A.....(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 .....(1).....(2).....(3)
Heading.....N/A.....T.....T.....T
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 34.46S Longitude 149.42E

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 .....
at .....Z Colour ..... Weight.....gm
Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery**(**delete as required)
General wind profile .....N/A.....
Maximum height tracked.....,000ft at .....Z
Was it known to have burst?.....

/37.

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....2.....°C at ..8000....ft, measured at 1700..Z hrs from .....NOWRA.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting
MT..STROMLO..OBSERVATORY...SUGGESTS...1...METEOR~~.~~

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)
.....A....METEOR.....

.....5 SQN.....(Unit) .....M. GLAJNARIC.....(Name)
.....17 MAY 72.....(Date) .....FLT. LT.....(Rank)

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. N. WARBURTON ..... Age 18...
2. Address of observer ...5...MARSDEN.....ST.....
...GOULBURN.....N.S.W..... Phone.....
3. Occupation of observer ..HIGH..SCHOOL...STUDENT..
4. Date and time of start of observation 18APR??..1945K
How certain is the date? .....DEFINATE.....
How accurate is the time of start ...I..20 MINUTES
5. Duration of observation .....5...SECONDS.....
How accurate is your estimate? ..VERY....ACCURATE.
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. FRONT..GATE OF...5...MARSDEN...ST....GOULBURN....N.S.W.....
How familiar is observer with this locality?.....
.....VERY.....FAMILIAR.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....
.....FINE....?....CLEAR.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation
.....NIL.....
9. Where was object first observed? :
(a) Relative to your surroundings ..ABOVE....A...
..LINE...OF.....HOUSES.....
(b) Angle of elevation ....30°.....
(c) compass angle bearing ...EAST.....
(d) how accurate are these estimates .GOOD.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? .....
..BRIGHTNESS...T..SIZE..OF...LIGHT..SOURCE....

/11.

1. Between 7.30 & 8.00pm on 18 APR 72 I was talking with a friend of mine at our front gate. He noticed the bright light first & told me to look up (facing east).

2. It was an orange light of oval shape travelling fast in a north-south direction.

3. It was 3 times as bright as the brightest star & was visible for about 5 seconds.

D.N. Warburton

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

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

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards).ORANGE...STREET...LIGHT...AT 100yds

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
    (a) relative to Venus or Moon 3 x VENUS...SIZE..
    (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) ..1" x ½"....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?
    .....EAST,....30°....ELEVATION~.....ESTIMATED

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)?
    .....30°...MAX.....20°...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 .....
    .....APPROX....12°...PER...SECOND.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases ..N/C.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres ...N/C.....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen
    .....N/C.....

23. Where was object last observed? :
    (a) relative to your surroundings .SOUTH. EAST.
    (b) angle of elevation .....20°.....

/(c)

(c) compass angle bearing.... 150°

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? VANISHED

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.....

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? .....1.....

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?....YES.....(REPORT ATTACHED).....

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

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

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 M. Stephens Fitch Date 15 MAY 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 .....N/A.....(1).....(2).....(3)
Heading.....N/A.....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 .....N/A.....(1).....(2).....(3)
Heading.....N/A.....T.....T.....T
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 34.45S Longitude 149.43E

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 .....
at .....Z Colour ..... Weight.....gm
Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery**(**delete as required)
General wind profile .....N/A.....
Maximum height tracked.....,000ft at .....Z
Was it known to have burst?.....

/37.

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....2.....°C at ..8000.....ft, measured at 1700..Z hrs from .....NOWRA.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting
MT..STROMLO..OBSERVATORY...SUGGESTS....A...METEOR.

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)
.....A.....METEOR.....

.....5 SQN.....(Unit) .....M. GLAJNARIC.....(Name)
.....17.MAY.72.....(Date) .....FLT...LT.....(Rank)

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

1. Enclosed is completed questionnaire by the undermentioned:

MRS. UNA ADAMS
115 Barrenjoey Road
Mona Vale NSW 2103

2. We have contacted Mrs. Adams and advised that an investigation seems to indicate that the vapour trail was probably made by a large commercial jet which was passing over Sydney en route to Melbourne, about the time of the sighting.

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

Encls: Questionnaire

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

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

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) UNA WINIFRED ADAMS Age 52

2. Address of observer 115 BARRENJOEY RD MONA VALE N.S.W. 2103 Phone 99 3396

3. Occupation of observer HOUSEWIFE

4. Date and time of start of observation SAT. 29th April 1972 6.40 PM

How certain is the date? I wrote it in my diary immediately

How accurate is the time of start? I noted the time by an electric clock alongside my diary

5. Duration of observation Almost 2 hours

How accurate is your estimate? I checked with the clock

6. Observer's location at time of sighting In the back garden of my home

How familiar is observer with this locality? I have lived here since 1956

7. Weather conditions at time of observation clear night - full moon

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

9. Where was object first observed: NO object was sighted - only vapour stream streaking

(a) Relative to your surroundings across the sky at an incredible speed travelling from NORTH to South -

(b) angle of elevation slightly west of the early rising moon - coming from behind Bungan Head and disappearing behind headland at Warriewood

(c) compass angle bearing

(d) how accurate are these estimates

10. What first attracted observer's attention? the loud whistling sound

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?.....

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).....

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?.....

.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity. High Pitched Sound like the Whoosh of a rocket

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

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.....

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20. Give duration of any stationary phases. The vapour trail was visible for about 1½ hours and then began to fade.

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

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. A wide pure white vapour stream in an arc like a wide rainbow.

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings.....

(b) angle of elevation .....

(c) compass angle bearing .....

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

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). a smell of burning similar to the smell on cracker night and about 2 hours later a fog or mist hanging at the level of the ~~the~~ electricity poles.

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

27. How many witness to the sighting?.....7.....

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?..No. but..my..sister..at..Turramurra..heard..the..noise.

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

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..the width..of..the..vapourstream..and..the..incredible..speed as it sped out of sight

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.

About 6.15 or near about my husband drew my attention to the rising moon over the ocean at Mona Vale. We live on the main road facing the sea. The moon was particularly beautiful - a very deep golden colour - I called the children to see it as well. They are 11 & 12. I went to the back garden to feed our pets and heard this incredible noise. On looking up at the sky I saw the vapour trail arc across the sky west of the rising moon. I called my husband to see it. The children were already on the front verandah calling us. They were speechless with excitement as to what it could have been. We observed the vapour trail at intervals. It remained stationery and during the next 1½ hours we had seen the moon rise higher in the sky & the fading vapour trail was then between the moon & the ocean. The faint smell of burning & the pall of mist was still evident. 18th May 1972.

Signature..Mona Adams.. Date.....18th May 1972.

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29th May 1972

Department of Air (Attention: D/DAFI IR)

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For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command

COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE -
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Enclosed is an UFO report forwarded to this Headquarters by "The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - (Adelaide)", together with an accompanying letter from Mr John Burford which, inter alia, outlines recent moves to amalgamate the various UFO "research" societies in South Australia. Mr Burford is the "investigating co-ordinator" for the AFSRS.

2. As on many occasions in the past, the report arrived at this Headquarters too late to make an investigation possible without considerable embarrassment and possible adverse publicity. The various UFO societies in this State, while aware of the RAAF's responsibility to investigate UFO sightings in an official capacity, are nonetheless reluctant to pass on information on UFO sightings to the RAAF until they have "picked the bones clean". Every attempt has been made by this Headquarters to elicit the co-operation of local UFO organizations, and in particular the AFSRS, in an endeavour to gain some first-hand information on UFO sightings.

3. From conversations with Mr Burford and others, it would appear that RAAF policy on non-recognition of unofficial UFO groups and restrictions on release of information (eg, military aircraft movements) to them, are in no small way responsible for the lack of "co-operation" experienced by this Headquarters in the past. Mr Burford himself, however, unlike his fellow AFSRS member, Mr Colin Norris, seems interested in co-operating with the RAAF "with no strings attached" and to date has not attempted to make political capital or to gain favourable publicity for his organization by his dealings with this Headquarters.

4. Also enclosed for your information is a list of alleged sightings investigated by the AFSRS alone in 1971. It is significant that of the 112 sights, not one was reported to this Headquarters in the first instance. Indeed, it was only at the personal whim of Mr Norris that the RAAF received copies of investigations (without "findings") in the long term. It would appear that, in spite of sparse and rather patronising publicity by the mass media to the effect that the RAAF is the responsible UFO-reporting organization, and arrangements with the police to have any individual sighting a UFO contact this Headquarters, the public at large in this State remains either ignorant of the correct procedure, or chooses to contact the more glamorous - and credulous - "flying saucer" society.

/Furthermore

Furthermore, we are not aware of any effort on a national scale by higher authority to inform the public of the RAAF position in this matter, which is very active in South Australia.

5. From the foregoing, it can be seen that, if the proposed amalgamation of UFO groups in this State comes to pass, and timely reports of UFO sightings are passed to this Headquarters as indicated by Mr Burford's remarks, the volume of work involved in investigating and processing such sightings will increase considerably. In fact, it is doubtful whether the Officer-in-Charge UFO's at this Headquarters (a secondary appointment) would be able to cope with such an increase, without significant and non-acceptable inroads being made into his primary role.

6. You can expect a comprehensive report based on exterior sources, and some most interesting colour slides, of a peculiar ground phenomena in the Eyre Peninsula under separate cover shortly. This incident has provoked widespread interest sparked by repetitive mass-media references.

7. Forwarded for your consideration.

(E.T. PICKERD)
Air Commodore
Officer Commanding

Enclosures: A. UFO Report

B. Letter from Mr Burford

C. Summary of AFSRS sightings

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ENCLOSURE A TO
6/32/AIR(10)
DATED 29TH MAY 1972

Subject: Report 7.3.72

Birkenhead, Sth. Aust.

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FILE No. U 372

U.F.O. REPORT FORM

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

1. Where did you see the object(s)? BIRKENHEAD, S.A.

2. Date -7 MAR 1972 Time 9.18 ~~a.~~/p.m.
Duration of sighting 20 - 30 SECS. How did you establish the time and duration time? WRIST WATCH (CORRECT TIME)

3. What were the local weather conditions at the time? CLEAR, STILL, STARLIT, NO MOON, WARM TEMP. APROX 70° NO BREEZE.

DETAILS ABOUT THE MOVEMENTS & SOUND EFFECTS OF THE UFO(s)

4. Please describe the actions and movements of the object(s)
OBJECT APROACHED FROM SE BY SOUTH DIRECTION AT REASONABLY FAST SPEED. BY OBSERVING ITS LIGHTS WOULD ESTIMATE IT WAS 9500 FT ELEVATION TOWARDS END OF MY OBSERVATION IT SUDDENLY INCREASED SPEED TWO - THREE TIMES DIP A FAST RIGHT BANK THEN A FAST LEFT BANK & IMMEDIATELY CLIMBED INT AN ELEVATION OF 45° AND I LOST SIGHT OF IT STILL CLIMBING.

5. Was there noise and or anyother effects?(Give details)
a' NO NOISE WHATSOEVER. THIS IS WHAT INTRIGUED MG IN THE FIRST PLACE.

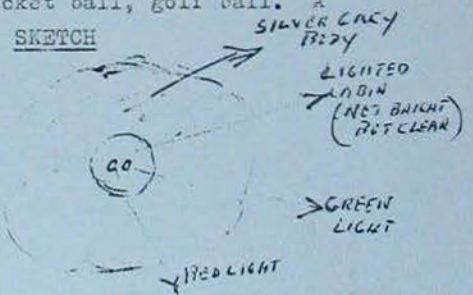
6. How did the object(s) come into your view? LOOKED AT SKY ACCIDENTLY

7. How did the object(s) depart from your view? CLIMBING EXTREMELY FAST IN N.W. BY NORTH DIRECTION.

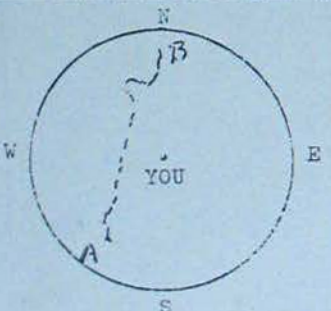
GENERAL DETAILS ABOUT THE OBJECT(S)

8. Please describe in as much detail as possible, the number, shape, colour, and size. Compare the object's size to a familiar object held at arm's length. e.g. a 1c coin, cricket ball, golf ball. A sketch would be most helpful.
ONE OBJECT. CIRCULAR SHAPE. SILVER GREY AS OF REFLECTED CITY LIGHTS OF A COMMERCIAL PLANE FLYING AT NIGHT. LIGHTED CABIN (CIRCULAR) CABIN MAY HAVE BEEN PROTRUDING OR MAY HAVE BEEN FLUSH WITH SO CALLED FUSILAGE. HARD TO TELL, SIZE — ABOUT THREE TIMES
ou THAT OF A SMALL PLANE BUT THIS IS APPROXIMATE AS IT IS HARD TO JUDGE HEIGHT & SIZE AT NIGHT.
ONE RED & ONE GREEN LIGHT AT POINT OF CABIN NOT FLASHING.

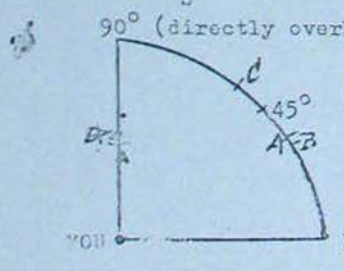
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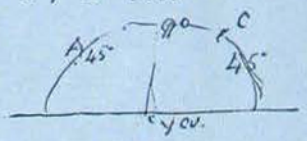
DETAILS ABOUT THE TRAVELLING DIRECTION & ANGULAR ELEVATION

9. 

Using the curcular diagram on the left. Indicate where you 1st. saw the object(s) marking this point "A" and where you last saw the UFO(s) marking this point "B". Then draw from "A" to "B" the direction of flight.

10. 

On the bottom diagram, on the left. Indicate the elevation of the object above the horizion. Mark this point "A". If the object(s) changed its elevation continue to mark to positions "B", "C" etc.



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GENERAL QUESTIONS

11. Have you seen anything like this previously or after the sighting in this report?(Give details) NO.

12. * Have you any photographs, news cuttings, notes etc. as items of evidence? (Please enclose. They will be returned) ~~YES~~/ NO

13. List names and addresses of anyother people who witnessed the UFO(s) with you, or people you know also saw the object(s). These names will be kept confidential if they wish so.

NIL

PERSONAL DETAILS

Please give the following information about yourself.

FULL NAME: RICHARD NOEL BARNATT, AGE: 52

ADDRESS: BIRKENHEAD TAVERN, 3 ELDER RD, BIRKENHEAD,

POSTCODE: 5015

TELEPHONE: - HOME 49-5150

or BUSINESS: DITTO

* You may use my name in connection with this report. ~~YES~~/ NO

* Prefer my name kept confidential. YES/ ~~NO~~

Date of filling out this report. 10 MARCH, 72.

Signature: R.N. Barnatt

Further signatures of witnesses:

* Strick out which does not apply

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PERSONAL ACCOUNT

14. In your own words, Please describe the incident as it happened. (If addition pages are needed, be sure they are numbered.)

Since my ~~observation~~ observation on the 1st March, 72. I have had plenty of time to think about it but the fact remains I saw something I am unable to explain with what I knowledge I have as a lay man of present day technology. I noted the time of 9.18 p.m. at the end of my observation. I first noted the object in the sky by the two lights red & amber and for a second thought it was a plane except that its lights did not flash as the do. Then I was struck with surprise at the total absence of noise & motion. Traffic noise level was very low. There was no wind to blow the nettles and observation only lasted 20 - 30 seconds as the object was travelling fast. I could dimly make out a circular shape of which are colour as reflected off lights. The "cabin" appeared circular and was lighted dimly blue/green. It could have been protruding at the bottom or it may have been flush with the body. It was too distant to see if there were occupants. Two lights (green & red) were mounted either before or within the cabin and burned steadily (they did not flash as with planes). These lights were close together. The object turned right abruptly and then left sharply and gathered even more speed and climbed fast at the angle of about 45°. The lights winked out whereupon I saw a grey circular body climbing and that it disappeared still climbing.

I have since thought about the lights winking out and this could have been caused by them being obscured from my vision by the acute angle of the climbing object because at the moment of climb the circular shape changed to a disc like appearance just before it disappeared into the night sky.

R. A. Bartlett

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Dispatched: 8 MAR 1972
Received:
Investigated: 20 Mar 72 JS
16 Mar 1972
Comments: Does not seem to be explainable.

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7 March 1972 LOCATION:Birkenhead TIME:9.18pm(2118 hrs)
esses;Mr.R.N.Barratt,Birkenhead Tavern Hotel,3 Elder Rd.,Birkenhead,only.
estigated;16.3.72 by.J.Burford.

equence of events; Mr.Barratt is licensee of the Birkenhead Tavern.At 8pm the hotel closes and for some time after this the books are balanced etc. Having closed this particular night,Mr.Barratt went out the back of the building(the western side)and burned some rubbish(he believes there may have been a fire ban that day).There were no lights on in his immediate vicinity except for one inside a door around a corner of the building. He happened to glimpse a moving light to the south--about 190°,I estimate, from fairly precise indications by the witness,referring to a conveniently positioned crane jib,not there at the time of sighting--and at 30° elevation (again,my estimation from his indications).He first thought of a satellite, but,seeing the red and green lights,next thought of a plane.However,he noticed the lights were not flashing and were closer together than a plane's wingtip lights would seem,so he followed the object with his eye.The witness' long sight is normal,but he wears glasses for closer use,and just to be on the safe side he put them on.

There was,he said,a definite reflection from ground light sources as if there was a shiny body attached to the lights.By now,he could see that this was something unusual,to him,so he continued watching,and as the object reached a position a few degrees(5°?)east of north,and again about 30° elev.,it banked swiftly right(east)then left(west),seeming to tilt(i.e. a swift "swinging" motion)as it did so,then ~~it~~ sped up and away at a 30° est. angle.

The object's speed was steady until it reached a bearing of about 280-290°,then it sped up,just before the banking manouver.It diminished in apparent size and was lost to him.He noticed that conditions at the time were very similar to those at the time of interview;traffic was sparse, making little noise(an aircraft such as fly in and out of Parafield would be audible),there was no cloud,although some haze towards ground level(less than 20°),numerous stars,and,unlike at the time of the interview,no wind--smoke from nearby chimneys rose vertically.

Description of object;

First noted as lights(one red,one green,distinct but close together), an area around the lights seemed to reflect ground lights.There was no distinct boundary of the object--witness compared commercial aircraft at night,when the lights and general shape are visible,but not the wing boundaries.From a general vague shape rather than a clearly defined outline,he said the object appeared to be twice the apparent size of a full moon,at least.However,his comparison to the distance between two adjoining house chimneys a couple of hundred yards to the north indicated a size of about 2°,i.e. 4x full moon.He was quite definite about the large size. The lights "had depth"-the description of a "cabin" is derived from this. he said there was no reflection as from perspex or glass,but the lights seemed recessed;this is the only way he could describe them.He just felt they were not flush with the surface of the object.The object changed from a round shape to a disc-profile just after the banking manouver;the lights vanished as if hidden by the tilting body(again the suggestion that they were recessed)and all that could be seen was the ground light reflection from the object,as it diminished.

Witness;

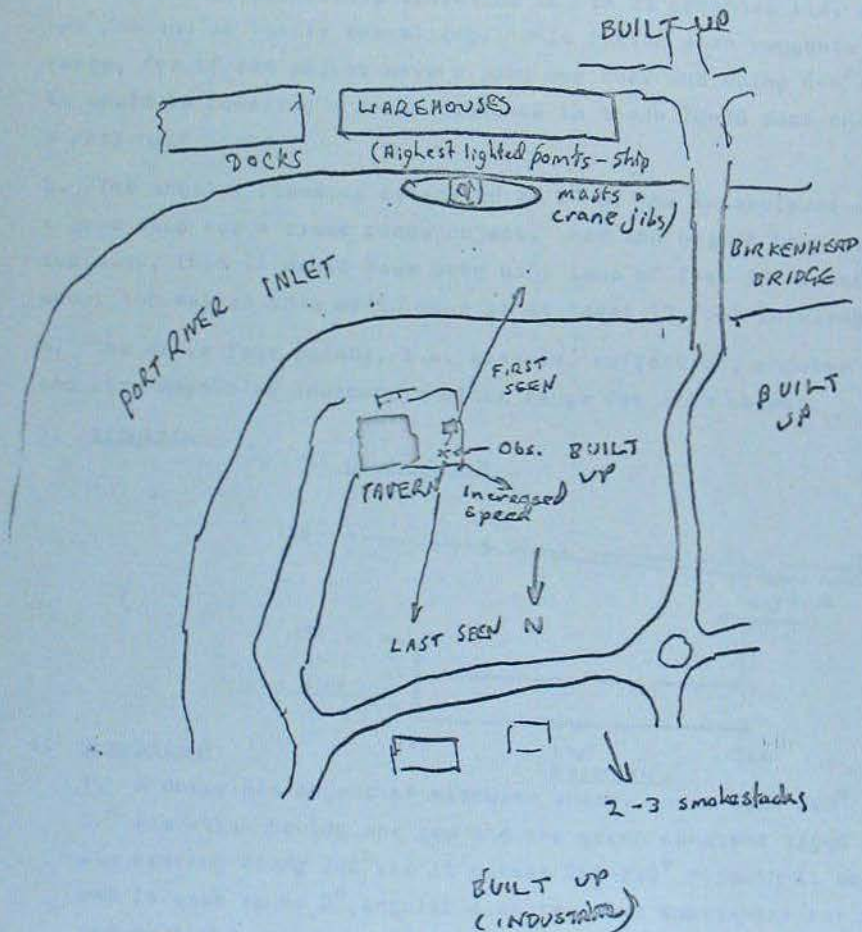
Age 52(see report form);wears glasses for near vision(lights less than about 100 yds, away slightly blurred)but long vision good.He was in army (AIF)where he says he learned how to observe(familiar with types of optical illusions because of training),and in my opinion is a reliable and thorough witness.He is well-informed regarding,as I said,observational illusions and still cannot offer any explanation for his sighting.He did not attempt to interpret the sighting in terms of "aliens",and was in fact dubious about reporting it.He thought of the RAAF but was uncertain as to how to report to them,and considered that UFO's were crank material until,since the sighting, he has found out a little more through P.Powell and myself.He reads some science-fiction,and this also caused him a little embarrassment as he felt that this admission would lower the worth of his observations in some way. At first he told only his wife and daughter,and told them not to repeat the story;however,it nagged at him,and he is curious to hear if anyone else

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saw the object or if any explanations present themselves.I informed him that "a metallic object with red and green lights had been seen on the 4th from Brighton road"after the interview,and we discussed UFOs in general.His knowledge of them was very vague,only a few press items and the fact that there had been an air force study somewhere.He had not seen any UFO books.He wishes his identity withheld(do not publish name of witness or of hotel-just area),but consents to publication of the other details.

ROUGH MAP OF AREA



-JB 16.3.72

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Subject: Personal comments on report of 7.3.72@ Birkenhead.
Author: Keith Basterfield 19.3.72

1. As the witness put on his glasses to focus short range objects, (e.g. 100m) and described the object with them on then this suggests that the object was around 100m or so away, otherwise the object in short range glasses would have been blurred had it been a lot further away. The apparent reflection of ground light sources also supports this close range idea.

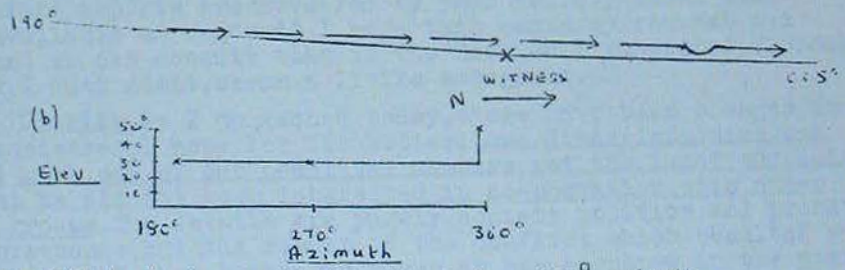
2. The angular velocity is approximately 180° in 20-30 seconds, this means either between 6-9°per second. For comparison, the Russian booster rocket of 11.2.72 travelled 70° in 25 seconds, i.e. about 3°/sec. 6-9°/second is really travelling. This factor also suggests a close range, for if the object were a long way away and doing 6-9°/sec then it would be covering a large distance in those 20-30 secs and hence at a very high speed.

3. The angular diameter estimated as 2° by the interviewer also makes a good case for a close range object. Had the object been at a mile or two away, then it would have been many tens of feet in diameter. At about 100 metres this would make it at least 10 foot in diameter.

4. The above four points, i.e. glasses, reflection, angular velocity and size appear to indicate a close range for this object.

5. Situation

(a) Ground track.



6. Summation:

1. A noiseless object of circular shape, comes from 190° azimuth, 30° elevation having one red and one green constant light on it, its bearing being 360°.As it passes 280-290° azimuth it accelerates and is seen to be 2° angular diameter, and apparently reflecting ground light sources. It continues to 005°azimuth, 30° elevation where it banks swiftly east then west and climbs, to be lost to sight at 005° azimuth, @ 50° elevation at an average angular velocity of 6-9°/second.

2. From the details given the object does not appear to have been: (a) a meteor, (b) a balloon, (c) a satellite, or (d) an aircraft.

7. Conclusion:

On the details given I am unable to offer a rational explanation, comments welcome.

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6/32/AIR(10)
DATED 29TH MAY 1972

THIS FOLIO B

19 MAY 1972
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5 King's Ave.,
Blair Athol,
S.A.5084
16.5.72

Flt.Lt. P.King,
R.A.A.F. Base,
Edinburgh, S.A.

Dear Sir,

As arranged by phone today, I am enclosing a photostat of a report of an unusual aerial sighting from Birkenhead on 7.3.72. I regret the delay in sending this report, but the civilian group for which I carried out the interview did not have any arrangement for sending reports through you to the Department of Air, and I only recently contacted the witness and obtained his consent to send you the report. He would appreciate the results of any official investigation, although I appreciate at this late stage this will not be a particularly easy task.

The gentleman concerned is proprietor of the "Birkenhead Tavern" and can easily be contacted if necessary. He requests his name be kept from any sort of publication, which I think is reasonable because of his position. I found him a very solid citizen, hardly the type I would suspect of a hoax, and although human error may enter into his sighting, I feel he would be as good an observer as we could hope for in civilian life, especially if, as he claims, he received some training in the army (communications, I believe) in observation. He is a very friendly type and keen to find out what exactly he saw, so if you find it necessary to contact him you should have no problems regarding co-operation.

I wrote to the Department of Air, Russell Offices for the UFO data you mentioned to me, and at the same time enquired as to the possibilities of obtaining, through them, results of their checking of any reports we send them. In the reply, I was told "...if future reports are required by your society these will be made available on request." I hope this means my request was granted, and we can consult them in the fashion I suggested, although the reply, I must admit, seems a little ambiguous.

refers to Norris

Finally, as I mentioned today, there have been changes in the UFO societies, I hope for the better. Some dissatisfaction was expressed with one of our committee members, not the least complaint being that he did not seem interested in co-operation with other civilian groups. The details are purely society politics and probably of no consequence, but the result of the conflict which resulted was the formation, not of a breakaway group as has happened in the past in such situations, but an amalgamation. Keith Basterfield, ex-head of the now defunct APRG (now amalgamated with UFORI under that name) was asked to head an investigations group consisting of investigators from the AFSRS and elsewhere, and I, for one, have great faith in his capabilities as an unbiased researcher. (In fact, I think he doubts that there is any great mystery in UFOs). As I also mentioned, from now on we hope to start an investigator training scheme, and of course, we have made arrangements for all reports to be pooled and investigations to be carried out through this group. There will, of course, be something of a lapse before things get under way properly as there is a great deal to be done to re-shape civilian research in this field into something better than half-hearted interviews and cultist meetings which was largely the case up until recently.

APRG = Aerial Phenomena research group
UFORI = UFO research institute

This will probably have one significant effect on you. While the AFSRS made a practice of sending you reports, the others concerned in the amalgamation were awaiting a written arrangement from you before they did this. Some debate is expected, and I hope that you will continue to receive not only AFSRS but all reports; I certainly think this is a good idea. But anyhow, you will no doubt hear more of this, and I think you will find that if such arrangements

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are made they will be of a higher quality report than you have been receiving in the past.

In closing, let me thank you for the time you have given me in a matter which I realise is only a part of your job. I hope such friendly relations can be maintained with the newly-formed group, and you will of course be informed of what develops as soon as the whole plan solidifies.

Yours sincerely,

John Burford

REPORTS SUMMARY SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1971

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DATED 29th MAY 1972

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	LOCATION	TIME	FROM	TO	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
06.01.71	Mtn.Adelaide	2045	NE	E	2 white lits	Poss. sats
07.01.71	Brighton	2140	W	N	Orange flickering obj.	
06.01.71	Strathalbyn	2100	45°W	45°SE	1 yellow lit	Poss. sat
16.01.71	Clare	0215	10°ESE		1 white lit stat.	
20.01.71	Brighton	2030	N	E-W	Oval,lights at edge	
29.01.71	Clearview	1330	55°NNE	stat	Half stat ¼°across	
03.02.71	Eudunda	2055	-	-	Three flashes SW,W,SE	
11.02.71	Thevenard	0035	SE	NW	White-blue oval,shining beam	
16.02.71	Adelaide	2100	E	N	Elongated puls red obj	
16.02.71	Magill	2014	60°E	35°NE	1 red puls obj	
19.02.71	Mitchell pk	2025	-	-	Humming oval, white lit	
27.02.71	Largo	2025	S	NW	3 round objects	
03.03.71	Ingle farm	1949	NW	Up?	Silver disc,red beacon	
07.03.71	Windsor	0345	30°S	stat	Red/white/green lit	
07.03.71	Salt creek	0345	SE	-	Red/white/green light	
13.03.71	Sevenhills	1955	60°NE	60°SE	1 white lit	Poss. sat
14.03.71	Mt.Compass	u/k	hov/osc		White light,	
17.03.71	Birkenhead	2010	E hd S		1 white lit	
17.03.71	Waringie hts	2030	- hov	-	1 obj	
17.03.71	Ashton	2030	-	-	1 obj with green/red lights	
17.03.71	Bedford Pk	2057	S°NNE		1 puls. red oval lit, moving err.	
17.03.71	Adel-Eliz	2100	- circling		Red/white/blue/green lit	
18.03.71	Bedford Pk	2030	NE	NW	1 red puls oval light	
21.03.71	Eliz.Dwns	-	ground		Circles on lawn, nothing vis. seen	
25.03.71	Para Hills	2030	NE	SE	1 grey 'oil drum'	
03.04.71	Flinders rge	1000	?	S	1 silver disc rose from hills	
04.04.71	Osborne	0040	N hov	N	Red oval w/-small lits	
05.04.71	Eliz area	2055	40°SW	20°W	1 white and 1 orange lit	Meteor
10.04.71	Gum Creek	1755	W	W	Orange light	
10.04.71	Katarapka ck	2100	W	W	Orange round obj.	
12.04.71	Clinton	0400	N	N	White light puls.	
20.04.71	Sevenhills	2130	45°E	stat	1 bright yellow light	
21.04.71	Yakka	2130	E	stat	6 yellow-white lights	
27.04.71	Adel. area	Night	o/h	W-E	Red ball, white tail light	
07.05.71	Eudunda	1039	NNE	20°N	1 bright white light	
08.05.71	Hart	0230	-	E	1 red puls light	
08.05.71	Penwortham	1930	NE	SE	Bright white light	
08.05.71	Sevenhill	2137	NW	W	red light, discoidal	
10.05.71	Gum creek	1615	N	SW	Red puls light	
11.05.71	Fulham	2210	-	-	Orange light with tail	
13.05.71	Redthoway	0815	-	-	Orange light	
14.05.71	Christies Bc	1000	W ?	E?	5 silver objs Angel hair	
15.05.71	Naoline Sch	1500	W ?	circl	2 silver objs Angel hair	
20.05.71	Sevenhills	1725	W	stat	3 pink discs	Poss clouds
21.05.71	3 ml S Clare	1630	SW	NE ?	Red light	

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	10 ml. S. Clare	1930	-	-	Red pulo light
.71	Mill River	1944	S	SW	Red pulo light
.71	Sevenhill	1955	W	NW	Red pulo light, elliptical
.71	Sevenhills	2007	WNW	NW	Red pulo light, elliptical
22.05.71	Mt. Gambier	2035	-	Lang	Blue/green domed saucer. Hoax ?
23.05.71	Adel. hills	2105	W	NW	3 orange spheres
25.05.71	Elizabeth Sth	1915	45°E	stat	Silvery/white disc. Photo taken
26.05.71	Mill River	1050	W	W	Pulo light, occas red.
28.05.71	Murray Bridge	1406	45°E	?	Yellow fireball
08.06.71	Darlington	2030	2050 S	S	2 green lights
15.06.71	Clare	2150	SW	S	Orange pulo obj.
15.06.71	Sevenhills	2210	NW	?	Red/green/white pulo.
16.06.71	Clare	2130	45°W	W	Red/green/white lits. Pass.stars
			30°SSW	S	" " " Pass.stars
20.06.71	Sevehhills	2110	15°S hd	E	Red/green rd obj. Poloroid photo.
21.06.71	Clare	2150	25°N	N	Green/red light
27.06.71	Pt. Adelaide	2125	W	Stat	Red-orange triangle
06.07.71	Woodville Nth	2000	10°NE	?	Several crescent,blue/gr/orge
07.07.71	Nantawarra	1930	-	E	Bright light
08.07.71	Gum Creek	1630	W hd	W	Bright white lit with red lit
10.07.71	Nth. Glenelg	1915	- hd	NW	White obj, orange lit
10.07.71	Marino	1745	-	-	Yellow lit
15.07.71	Klemzig	1740	E	Up	"Flying bedstead"
17.07.71	Mt. Gambier	1930	E hd	N	Orange light
17.07.71	Clare	2020	SE hd	N	Orange ellipse
17.07.71	Sevenhills	2020	SE hd	N	Orange ellipse
20.07.71	Morphetville	-	- hd	N	Orange sphere, cone top
20.07.71	Sevehhills	1840	70°E	NE	Small red light
01.08.71	Lower Edna	1230	?	W?	5 silver objs
02.08.71	Burnside	0535	W	Up	Red-orange sphere
02.08.71	Cowandilla	1930	-	-	1 yellow, 1 orange oval
05.08.71	Adelaide	2155	SE	SE	White light, 2 red lights
08.08.71	Kadina	1830	c/h	SE	Grey oval, orange light Car stop
10.08.71	Barmera	0630	c/h	hdNW⇔SE	Red obj., smoke trail
10.08.71	Eudunda	0640	-	E	White elongated object
19.08.71	Gilman	0830	N hd	W	Small black obj
20.08.71	Sevenhills	2205	5°NW	stat	Red/orange light
22.08.71	Maitland	0850	NE hd	NW	Red flashing light
04.09.71	McLaren Vale	0010	circling	N	Light in clouds. Searchlight
05.09.71	ParaHills	1900	N	E ciol	White light
07.09.71	Eliz. Dwns	1930	SW	Hov/osc	Bright light
08.09.71	Gawler	1930	SE	stat	White light
08.09.71	Clare	2040	S	Up	White light
11.09.71	Sevenhills	1830	W	W	Red/green "star". Star
17.09.71	Elizabeth Dwns.	2340	SE	NW	White/amber light
18.09.71	Parafield	1500	W	W	Reflection ?
19.09.71	Largo Nth	1915	N	Stat	White cylinder flashed

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ENCLOSURE C

[illegible].71	Semaphore Pk	2040	W	Down	Metal obj.	
[illegible].71	Stonyfell	2315	5°N	hd E	Orange obj.	Firework
29.09.71	City area	1930	-	hd N&S	Orange light.	Firework
01.10.71	Clare	0030	-	-	Roaring and odour over area	
01.10.71	Unley	2100	E	hd W	Yellow lite	Sats ?
02.10.71	Adelaide hills	1945	E	-	3 Objs oval, or/gr/or	
08.10.71	Gawler	1900	SW	hov	Golden oval	
15.10.71	Stanley Flat	2100	20°SW	stat	Red light	
20.10.71	Norwood	2015	E	hd E	2 white 1 red lights	
30.10.71	Elizabeth Gve	2010	o/h	NW/SE	Star like obj	
10.11.71	Christies Bh	1320	-	circl	Silver obj	
01.12.71	Sevenhills	0430	N	hd W	Yellow "moon"	
03.12.71	Marino	p.m.	-	-	Silver disc rim lights.	Hoax ?
05.12.71	Adelaide area	2130	S	N-NE	White light (2 reports)	
07.12.71	Windsor Gdns	2215	W	stat	White light.	Poss. Venus
10.12.71	Adelaide	2030	N	hd N	Red light	
13.12.71	Reynella	2015	S	hd W	Green ball of fire with tail	
24.12.71	Seaton	2145	45°S	S	3 white lits	
28.12.71	Belfern Towers	1530	35°SW	hov	Round silver object	
29.12.71	Athol Park	2200	W	hd SW	Green light	
30.12.71	Mount Gambier	2130	W.	stat	Obj with red/green/white lits.	

STATISTICS:

Total number of reports = 112

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1. Total number of reports from all sources was 112
Number removed as suspected conventional was 16
leaving 96
which included (single incidents) 88
Therefore the following is based on 88 incidents.

2. Monthly breakdown:

Jan. 3	Apr. 7	Jul. 11	Oct. 4
Feb. 5	May 16	Aug. 10	Nov. 1
Mar. 7	Jun. 6	Sep. 9	Dec. 9

3. Time breakdown:

Hour comm.	Rpts.	Hour comm.	Rpts.	Hour comm.	Rpts.	Hour comm.	Rpts.
0	1	6	2	12	2	18	8
1	0	7	0	13	1	19	12
2	2	8	1	14	1	20	17
3	2	9	0	15	3	21	16
4	2	10	0	16	2	22	5
5	1	11	0	17	3	23	2

Not given 5..T = 88

4. Days of week:

Sunday	13	Thursday	10
Monday	7	Friday	10
Tuesday	11	Saturday	19
Wednesday	15		

Not given 3..T = 88

5. What seen:

LITS.....	Orange	11		Yellow	4
	Red	16		Green	4
	White	12		Not given 14..T =61	
Shapes...	Oval	8		Cigar	1
	Disc	4		Other	4
				Not given 7...T = 24	

LITS...61
Shapes.24
N.K.....3
T = 88

6. Duration:

< 1 min	09
1-5	14
5-10	10
10-30	09
> 30 min.	08
T =	50

N.K. 38
88

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REPORTS SUMMARY SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1971 ADDITIONAL 2 ENCLOSURE C

1. This is statistics based on 19 "hard core" reports for 1971.

2. Monthly breakdown:

JAN	3	APR	3	JUL	3	OCT	0
FEB	1	MAY	3	AUG	3	NOV	0
MAR	3	JUN	0	SEP	2	DEC	1

3. Time breakdown:

Hour comm.	Repts.	Hour comm.	Repts.	Hour comm.	Repts.	Hour comm.	Repts.
0	2	6	1	12	0	18	2
1	0	7	0	13	0	19	3
2	0	8	0	14	0	20	4
3	0	9	0	15	1	21	2
4	1	10	0	16	2	22	0
5	0	11	0	17	0	23	0

Not known..1

4. Days of the week:

Sunday	4	Thursday	2
Monday	0	Friday	2
Tuesday	1	Saturday	3
Wednesday	6	N.K....1	

5. What seen:

Oval	6	Orange ball	1
Mtn. disc	3	LITS..red	1
Crescent	1	white	1
Cigar	1	yellow	1
N.K. 4			

6. Duration:

< 1 min	1
1-5	3
5-10	3
10-30	5
> 30	0

7. Comments:

a. These "hard core" reports were those of:-

11/2, 3/3, 17/3, 18/3, 3/4, 4/4, 27/4, 14/5, 15/5, 21/5, 20/6, 00/7, 17/7, 8/8, 18/8, 22/8, 8/9, 22/9, 1/12.

b. Nothing significant could be seen in directions of departure

c. Note these third reports of 8/5, 15/8, 22/8 were in the Kadina Eudunda, Maitland area.

d. To the question "what was it doing there ?2 the answer is, "there isn't just one answer, no consistent behaviour".

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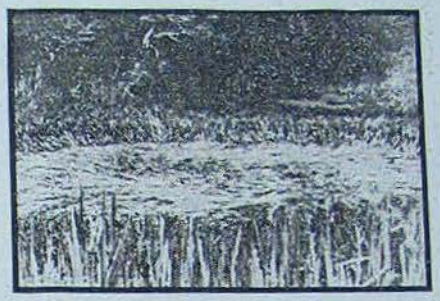
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BUCKLEY'S CHANCE

BY NEIL JILLETT

WEEKEND MAGAZINE

UFOs have their good and bad years



Did a flying saucer land here? The "nest" was found near Tully, northern Queensland.

THE only substantial reason I can offer for writing about flying saucers is that when I was in Canberra the other day I bumped into my friend Arthur.

After a few beers and prawns at his golf club, Arthur, who works for the RAAF, became ufological. He occasionally gets that way, and I honestly doubt that the beer and prawns had much to do with it.

Ufologists are people who are interested in flying saucers, otherwise known as UFO (short for unidentified flying objects).

The RAAF has a UFO section which checks flying saucer reports from all over Australia.

Now, I have never been particularly interested in ufology. Space bores me. I'm one of those reactionaries who cannot understand why on Earth anyone should want to land on the Moon.

But for those among us who believe that flying saucers and other odds-and-ends from outer space are keeping an eye (perhaps set cyclopsically in the middle of their foreheads) on us, I have comforting news.

The RAAF takes flying saucer reports seriously and has no intention of abandoning its UFO checking system.

This persistence keeps us, depending on your point of view, way behind or way in front of our Great and Powerful Friend.

In December, 1969, the U.S. Air Force closed down its UFO-watching department, known as Project Blue Book. This followed complaints from scientists that the department's continued existence could not be justified in terms of expense or national security.

Project Blue Book had a life of 21 years. It checked 12,618 reported sightings, including some of the more interesting ones from Australia, and spent millions of dollars.

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Arthur explained the reason for the RAAF's persistence: "Our UFO checking doesn't cost much. We're responsible for the air defence of Australia, and so any reports of unusual happenings in our air space are of interest to us.

"We certainly never rubbish any reports of flying saucers.

"On the other hand," he added, licking a few prawn crumbs from his fingers, "I wouldn't like you to get the impression that our interest suggests, at this stage, that we give credence to any 'little green men' theories.

"We're just open-minded."

Indeed, some UFO sightings have been made by RAAF men, pilots flying commercial airliners and Civil Aviation officials.

The RAAF has not added up all the reports it has checked since it went ufological in 1959. There have been — again depending on your point of view — good years and bad years.

In 1966, for example, 59 sightings were reported; in 1970 a mere 37.

The first UFO sighting over Australia was probably in 1893, though, with the lapse of time and the loss of documentation, no one seems to know where it was or how it was described.

The RAAF has a note that some Yorkshire monks sighted a "large, round, silver thing like a disc" in 1290. You can bet that caused quite a flap in the cloisters.

Some ufologists consider the Old Testament records the first UFO sighting. It is mentioned in the first chapter of Ezekiel, where the prophet has quite a bit to say about four winged-four-headed cherubim that seemed to be rushing about in wind and fire on a wheeled vehicle.

His description is not notably precise. Perhaps it lost something in the King James translation.

If you think you have seen a UFO, go to the nearest police station, which will arrange for you to fill in a form for forwarding to the Air Department in Canberra.

As an encouragement to greater precision than Ezekiel showed, this form lists 31 questions for you to answer.

If you are a conscientious form-filler-in and want to answer all the questions, it helps if you have noted the angle of elevation and the compass angle bearing of the UFO. But all that is realistically expected of you is that you give the time and place of the happening, describe the size, shape and color of the UFO and say how long it hung around.

If the police think you are drunk they may not be very helpful, I gather.

This strikes me as a serious flaw in the system. Anyone who did see what was in fact a flying saucer at close range would probably be shocked into giving a fair imitation of drunkenness.

Most UFO reports have been given a satisfactory explanation. The fact that a few — around three per cent — cannot be explained in terms of Earthly phenomena is the main reason that many sane, intelligent people believe in flying saucers.

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Satisfactory explanations produced by the RAAF for many sightings include stray weather balloons, car lights reflected on cloud, Venus glimpsed through a haze, bits of junk from disintegrating American and Russian space probes, comets and meteorites.

Two of my favorite reports and explanations are: —

● In Cabramatta, NSW, on April 29, 1970, a man was alarmed by "loud whooshing noises passing over his house." Explanation: a nearby fireworks display.

● On October 28, 1970, a report from Binalong Bay, Tasmania, terrifyingly described an "aircraft-shaped object with two small wing projections." This turned out to be . . . an aircraft, a Qantas trainer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

(This side only to be written on) 580/1/1 (26)

Subject: REPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RE UFO REPORTS

DPR

The enclosed proformas which are replies to UFO sighting reports at folios 16, 17, 18, 22, 23 and 25 have been prepared for your signature and release.

(J.P. McCARTHY)
Flt Lt
for DAFI

12 May 72

Desp. 16/5/72

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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 .possibly a FOKKER FRIENDSHIP aircraft heading north west.....

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28 MAY 1972

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

1. The attached report concerns the sighting of an unusual object by Mrs S. McFarlane of Newham Tasmania, and was received at this Headquarters from the Department of Civil Aviation, Melbourne.

2. The object observed by Mrs McFarlane has been sighted frequently by the Launceston Tower Controllers (and others) who state that the sighting is that of the planet Venus. See remarks by the Senior Controller on page 5 of the pro-forma.

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

Enclosure: 1. Report: S.McFarlane

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

a. how many were there? ONE

b. in what formation were they? ==

12. What was the colour of the light or object? METALLIC - SUN REFLECTING FROM IT.

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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. S. McFARLANE ..... Age.. OVER 21 ....

2. Address of observer... 14 EGAN STREET .....

..... NEWNHAM ..... Phone .....

3. Occupation of observer.... HOUSEWIFE .....

4. Date and time of start of observation 250650 GMT - Still visible at 250715

How certain is the date?..... POSITIVE .....

How accurate is the time of start?... ACCURATE .....

5. Duration of observation..... 10 MINS .....

How accurate is your estimate?... APPROX .....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting.. KITCHEN WINDOW FACING NORTH ...

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

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

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

..... BINOCULARS 7 x 50 .....

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings.....

..... NORTH .....

b. angle of elevation..... 30 DEG .....

c. compass angle bearing.....

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

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

..... SOUND OF JET ACFT PASSING OVER .....

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

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

b. in what formation were they?... == .....

12. What was the colour of the light or object?... METALLIC - SUN REFLECTING FROM IT.

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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)

.....MOD. BRIGHT.....

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

a. relative to Venus or Moon.....ABOUT SIZE OF VENUS.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's lingth (about 20 inches from the eyes)....rr.....

15 What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..rr.....

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

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)?....rr.....

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

.....

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

21. Describe any deviations or maneeuvres...NIL.....

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

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings.....

b. angle of elevation.....

c. compass angle bearing.....UNCHANGED.....

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

25. Do you know of any associated ph ysical 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.....

27. How many witness to the sighting?....4 (Self, Husband, & two neighbours

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

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) whould be nearest to explaining your observation?....VERY BRIGHT STAR.....

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

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.

Phoned in. Copied by

Signature A. PIESSE Date 25/4/72

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).....(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 poaition at the time:

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

NOT APPLICABLE - SEE ITEM 41

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 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.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....LAUNCESTON AIRPORT.....

at.....25/0510.....Z Colour.....WHITE.....Weight...100.....gm

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

General wind profile.....S.W.....

Macimum height tracked.....58.,000 ft at.....0604.....Z

Was it known to have burst? Yes

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....7.....°C at

.....5000.. ft, measured at.....2300.....Z hrs from.....LAUNCESTON

.....AIRPORT.....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..... NIL .....

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) PLANET VENUS .....

Witness McFarlane observed two jet civil aircraft northbound (CZE & TJC) it was sound of aircraft which caused her to look out window. No other aircraft in vicinity.

Object subsequently sighted by Launceston Tower Controller, Senior Ops. Controller, Met. Forecaster, Met. Observer, Light Aircraft Pilot, One F.S.O., one Com. Officer, and sundry others. - Opinion - Planet Venus.

Bearing from LT Airport. Approx 320 Deg. Elev approx 25 Deg.

Theodolite Readings by LT Met. at:

0730Z	148.8	144
0731	148.6	143
0732	148.4	142
0733	148.2	141
0734	148.0	140

LAUNCESTON OCC .....(Unit)..... A. V. PIESSE .....(Name)

25/4/72 .....(Date)..... ATC 4 S.O.C. .....(Rank)

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Attached is a report by Miss Robyn Ellis giving details of an object sighted in the sky on 29th March 1972. Remarks by C Intel O (HQSC) are shown at Unit Evaluation, pages 4 and 5.

(J.R. NEWSON)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report by Miss Ellis

10. What first attracted observer's attention?...BRIGHT OBJECT IN... ...VERY CLEAR SKY (DAYTIME).....

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?...SILVER, INTERMITTENTLY CROSSED BY BLACK LINE.

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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 ...ROBYN ELLIS.....Age ..17 years 4 months

2. Address of observer....62 THE BOULEVARD...NORTH BALWYN..

..VIC...3104.....Phone..85 5037.....

3. Occupation of observer....STUDENT.....

4. Date and time of start of observation...WED. 29th MARCH 1972..11.15 am

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

How accurate is the time of start?...ACCURATE.....

5. Duration of observation.....25 minutes ± 1 to 2 minutes....

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

6. Observer's location at time of sighting....RUYTON GIRLS'.....

..SCHOOL..VIEW...CORNER OF..WELLINGTON & SELBOURNE RD.

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

7. Weather conditions at time of observation...CLEAR SKY...NO....

..WIND.....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation...NONE.....

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9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings...LOOKING THROUGH SCHOOL..

.WINDOW.....

b. angle of elevation.....45°.....

c. compass angle bearing.....225° APPROX.....

d. how accurate are these estimates?...COMPARITIVELY (ESTIMATED)

10. What first attracted observer's attention?...BRIGHT OBJECT IN..

..VERY CLEAR SKY (DAYTIME).....

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?...SILVER, INTERMITTENTLY CROSSED BY BLACK LINE.

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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)....COMPARABLE TO VENUS AT NIGHT.....

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

a. relative to Venus or Moon...SLIGHTLY BIGGER THAN VENUS..

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....¼ inch.....

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

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....YES.....

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)?. ....45°-135°.....

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 ..SEE ANSWER 5.. .....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases...NOT CERTAIN - WENT SLOWLY AT TIMES

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.SLIGHT DEVIATION EASTWARD FROM N.E.

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

23. Wherewas object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings..SCHOOL GROUNDS.....

b. angle of elevation.....135° approx.....

c. compass angle bearing.....45°-55°.....

24. What was themanner of its disappearance?.DISAPPEARED IN DISTANCE...

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..... ...GEOMETRY.t.SCIENCE.....

27. How many witness to the sighting?.....40-50 (including teachers)

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

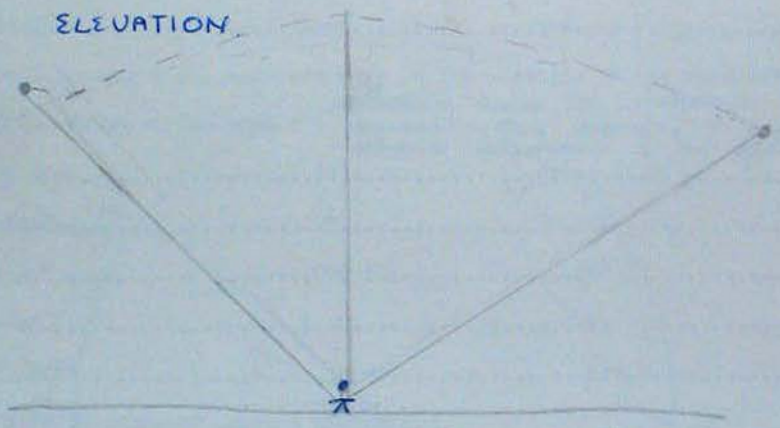
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?..NEAREST THING - STAR.....

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

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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.

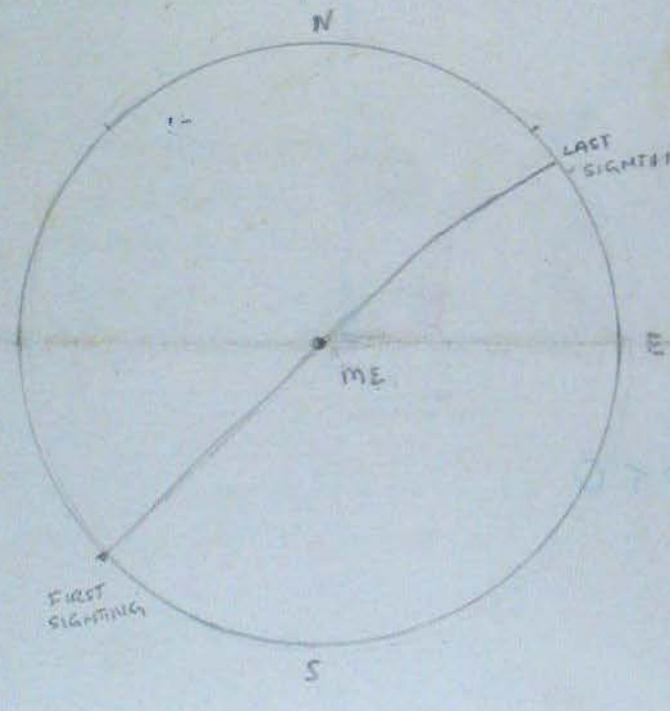
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Signature..Robyn Elles..... Date..7th April 1972.....


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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.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T.....N/C.....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 : NUMEROUS LIGHT A/C OPERATING FROM MOORABBIN PLUS ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES FROM/TO ESSENDON & TULLAMARINE.

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

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 44 S.....Longitude..145 5E

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..NE SKY ABT 50° VIS MAGNITUDE SCALE -4

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

at...0100.....Z. Colour..WHITE.....Weight...UNKNOWN.....gm

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

General wind profile.....090°.....

Maximum height tracked.....ABOUT 40-50000.....,000 ft at.UNRECORDED....Z

Was it known to have burst? UNKNOWN

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

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

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)

..... MET BALLOON .....

From the duration of this sighting and the general heading, it is probable that the object was a radar-tracked met balloon released from Essendon at 0100z.

..... HQ, SC .....(Unit)..... R.R. Roddy .....(Name)

..... 3 MAY 72 .....(Date)..... Pte. .....(Rank)

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28 APR 1972

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. The attached pro-forma, received from Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne, concerns a sighting on 15th April 1972 by Master Parsons of Georgetown Tasmania.

2. DCA, Launceston office, has assessed the object as a probable satellite.

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

Enclosure: 1. Report raised by DCA Launceston

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11. If there was more than one light/object :.....No.....

a. how many were there?.....

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

12. What was the colour of the light or object?.....Silver - Yellow.....

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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 NR. PARSONS Age 15

2. Address of observer 10 WIDDOWSON ST., GEORGETOWN, TASMANIA

Phone GTN 821761

3. Occupation of observer Student (Father's occupation - Caster)

4. Date and time of start of observation 150935 GMT

How certain is the date?

How accurate is the time of start? + - 5 minutes

5. Duration of observation 5 to 10 minutes

How accurate is your estimate?

6. Observer's location at time of sighting Home address

How familiar is observer with this locality? Very

7. Weather conditions at time of observation 3 -4/8 ths 5000ft

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation None

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings West over the Tamar River in vicinity of Kelso Antenna

b. angle of elevation Approx 100-150 ft

c. compass angle bearing

d. how accurate are these estimates?

10. What first attracted observer's attention? Light travelling south

11. If there was more than one light/object : No

a. how many were there?

b. in what formation were they?

12. What was the colour of the light or object? Silver - Yellow

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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)

Same brilliance as evening star

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

a. relative to Venus or Moon.....Similar to Venus.....

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

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

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

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

No sound heard

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

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

.....Approx 30 - 40 MPH.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases...None.....

21. Describe any deviations or maneeuvres..Appeared to jerk occassionally..

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen...None.....

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings..Approx Long Reach.....

b. angle of elevation.....

c. compass angle bearing.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..Behind hills & houses.....

25. Do you know of any associated ph ysical 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.....

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27. How many witness to the sighting?..6 (Father, mother and neighbours)...

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

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

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

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type..None.....(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 poaition at the time:

A/C type..None.....(1).....(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 location : Latitude..41°06' S.....Longitude 146°49'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.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from..No.....

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

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

General wind profile...170° 5KTS (Forecast).....

Macimum 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, 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.....

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

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

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Apparently the family are keen satellite observers and discounted this observation as a satellite.

....LAUNCESTON Q.C.C.....(Unit).....(Name)

....15th April 1972.....(Date).....S.O.C.....(Rank)

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28 APR '72

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Headquarters RAAF Base Fairbairn

ALLEGED UFO SIGHTINGS

The enclosed report of an alleged UFO sighting, received by Department of Air, is forwarded for action under HQOC AS1 3/A/5.

(J.C. SCOTLAND)
Wing Commander
for Chief of the Air Staff

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copy of report dispatched with J 20

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Gourock
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I wish to say however -

Tonight - 18th April 1971

Before 7.45 p.m. in Gourock -

from our back door which faces East, I happened to look up to the sky & saw a bright light - travelling at a very fast speed it was travelling North to South at about 11 o'clock, also it was in a straight line.

It disappeared into the darkness of the North East sky.

It is a dark clear night, no cloud in sight at above 2,000 feet.

It was not just bright clear light with a tail, about 12" to 2 feet long with it. I have seen satellite reflections, this light seemed to be lower in the sky than them.

Also no noise accompanied it, no aeroplane engine.

I hope it has some explanation. In case anybody else has seen it as well as.

L. J. Harper.

P.S. 19/4/71

I had learned today, 3 young people of high school living in the North end of Gourock also saw the same light.

LJH.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

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HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

18th April 1972

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

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

Mr J. LEISTER
3 Byrne Street
MAREEBA
QUEENSLAND

2. As can be ascertained from the amplifying letter, which is enclosed, the object was sighted slightly north of west, low on the horizon relative to the viewer's position. The observer was driving quite fast in a south-westerly direction and was positioned due west of Mount White on the Road Mareeba-Dimbulah.

3. Investigations into the incident have revealed the following facts:

a. at the time of the sighting 2045K, Venus would have been on a relative bearing of about 285° from the viewer's position, with an altitude of 10°. These figures were derived from the current Almanac, which further indicated that at this time the planet would be at its brightest;

b. the local wind at the time was south-east at 40 knots; and

c. there was heavy broken cloud in the area.

4. The conclusions drawn are:

a. the object seen was Venus;

b. the strong wind blowing broken clouds would have given the object apparent movement; and

c. the clouds at times partially obscuring the object would have made the light diffused, slightly changing in colour and larger than it actually was, as well as completely rendering impossible any accurate judging of distance.

John B Luker

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

Enclosure: 1. Copy of Letter
2. Copy of Report

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ANNEX A TO
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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. John LEISTER..... Age 18.....
2. Address of observer ...3 BYRNE STREET.....
   .....MAREEBA..... Phone 233.....
3. Occupation of observer ..APPRENTICE ELECT.....
4. Date and time of start of observation ..~~HOTS MAR72~~ 2135 25 MAR 72
   How certain is the date? .....25 MAR 72 - positive.....
   How accurate is the time of start? ..2115 K actual watching.....
5. Duration of observation ....10 minutes..... 3 minutes in total
   How accurate is your estimate? ..by clock.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting ..Driving from MAREEBA
   ...on the MAREEBA Road.....
   How familiar is observer with this locality? ..very familiar.....
   .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation ..Overcast at first. Then
   heavy cloud and rain.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation ..None.....
   .....
9. Where was object first observed?
   (a) Relative to your surroundings ..directly on right of car
   .....
   (b) Anlge of elevation ..20° roughly.....
   (c) Compass angle bearing ..about Norm.....
   (d) How accurate are these estimates? ..not very.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? ..unusual star-like
    light downdown.....

3 in obs car
2 in another car.

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

12. What was the colour of the light or object? yellowish tinge → red & low fwd

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)
brighter than a bright star 350 W. A.B. at about ½ mile

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
(a) relative to Venus or Moon larger than star - fuzzed? Non waxed
(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) couldn't say

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? didn't understand
moved very quickly to left & right & right.

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? Very slowly moving down

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

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? 30-40° (roughly)

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
very quick at first then slowly stopped then moved quickly to left. then moved slowly to right

20. Give duration of any stationary phases 5-10 minutes

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres moved up & down

22. Describe any trail or exhaust, vapour or light seen ~~nothing~~
none seen

23. Where was object last observed?
(a) relative to your surroundings 1 mile NE/NNE/A
(b) angle of elevation about 20° (roughly)

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(c) compass angle bearing ....don't know.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? ..disappeared..from..sight

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)? .....nil.....

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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

.....none.....

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? .....5.....

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

.....not..known..of..any.....

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

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

.....too..bright.....

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 ..Asst Pt Off ORD. Off.. Date ..24 MAR 72.....

for observer

Mr. John LEISTER

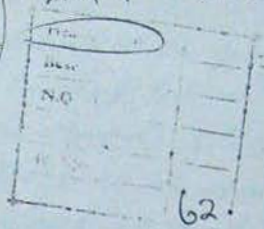
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questions answered by telephone.

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5 Byrnes St.
Mareeba, 4880
21th March 1970

Dear Sir,

On the night of Saturday 25th March, I was travelling along the Mareeba - Dimbulla road to a bar-b-que at Dimbulla. Our party of five was in two cars. I was in the first one. Approximately miles from Mareeba my attention was caught by a bright light in the sky to my right. The light appeared to be just above tree top level on a hill. This hill appears on a map I have as Mt. W Hale. The light at first seemed to be stationary.

A friend in the second car was watching almost continuously from this point on, except when trees blocked his vision. He said it suddenly bounced behind the hill and his vision was then blocked by close roadside trees. When he could see again, the light was again up above the hill, but then moved at a speed vastly unlike that from a moving car (50 m.p.h.) It was moving very slowly westward.

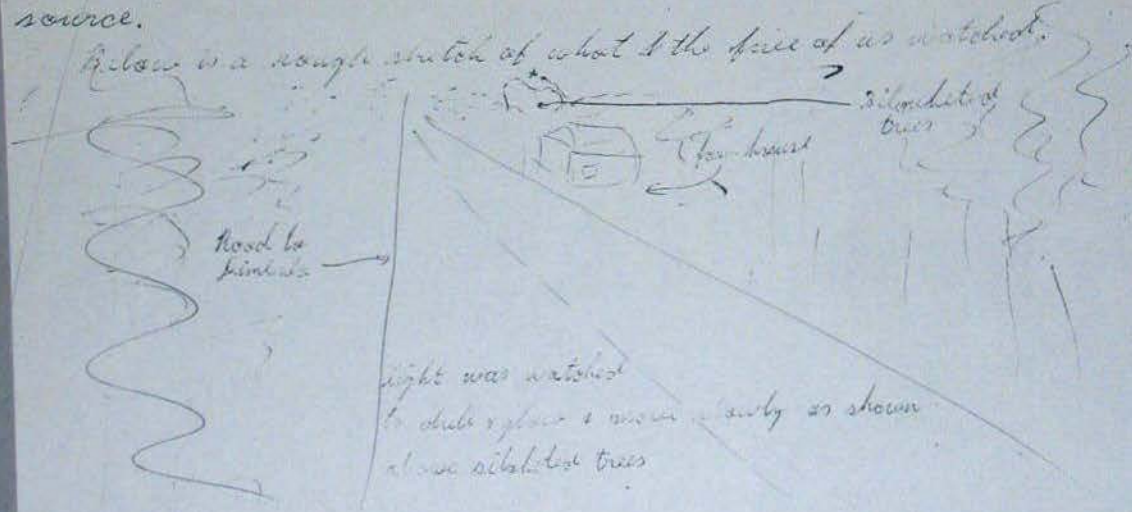
By the driver of his car then stopped and when we noticed the absence of his lights behind us we also stopped and he then came on up to us. As he alighted from the car he said he had seen this strange light, and I replied that I had also seen a strange looking light but had not taken a lot of notice of it. We then all stood on the road and watched the light which was now almost straight up the road and hovering. This part of the road was straight for about a mile heading slightly south of west. According to my map I would say the point at which we stopped would be about 145° 14' E, 17° 8' S. We were looking about 5° - 10° north of west from this point. We were watching the light in relation to a couple of thick distant trees directly below the light. It was between a quarter and three quarter minute of arc when we stopped. As we watched, the light moved very slowly downward and to the right, through about two or three degrees.

[illegible] it disappeared & we decided to go to a farmhouse about 200 yards up the road to ring Cairns airport. Also whilst we watched from the road, the light varied greatly in brightness. Most of the time it seemed to be much duller than when we first saw it but was brighter than most bright stars would have been if any had been visible through the hazy and low cloud cover. Once the light faded right out and could not be seen for two or three seconds, then gradually became brighter. When the intensity appeared to drop the colour changed from a slightly yellowish white to a red glow.

When we got to the farm, no one was home, so we proceeded to the Mutchilba post office. Most of the way to Mutchilba, the light could be seen through the trees when they weren't too thick. At Mutchilba I telephoned OCA in Cairns and we then proceeded to Dimbulah, still watching for the light but we did not see it again.

I don't think the light was at any time closer than a mile and was probably 2 or 3 miles away when we were watching it from the road, although this is only a very rough guess. I think the object, if the whole of it was illuminated could have been 5 or 10 feet across although again it cannot be said with any accuracy at all. I say it was this large because a large amount of light seemed to be being given out but it was not from an intense source.

Below is a rough sketch of what I the size of as watched.



[illegible] I have is one of the "Queensland Two Mile Series", and covers the area from 145° E to 135° 45' E and 16° 45' S to 17° 15' S and includes the parishes of Dagmar, Mara, and Rodyhinson. The light was first sighted from approximately 145° 16' 30" E, 17° 1' 45" S, and it was about 30° N of W from this point.

I hope that this report is adequate for your purposes and might some time be useful to you in other investigations of a similar nature. If I can be of any further assistance to you please let me know.

Yours Sincerely,

J. R. Leinster.

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
Headquarters
RAAF Base
DARWIN NT 5793

12th April 1972

Director of Air Force Intelligence
Headquarters Operational Command

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INVESTIGATION OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Reference: A. HQDAR A1259 of 8th February 1972

1. Attached is a report of an unidentified flying object sighted at Port Hedland on 23rd January 1972.

2. Efforts to obtain information from the Meteorological section Port Hedland have not been successful and has delayed the submission of this report.

(L.E. STAPLETON)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report of an Unidentified Flying Object

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(c) compass angle bearing...Relative bearing not given but approx NNW

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

10. What first attracted observer's attention?....Object appeared as long cloud much darker than others, lower and was moving too fast.

11. If there was more than one ~~night~~/object:

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

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

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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... WILLIAM BROWN STRAITON ..... Age... 43 .....

2. Address of observer... 11 Sutherland St .....

PORT HEDLAND W.A. 6721 ..... Phone... Pt Hed 731369 .....

3. Occupation of observer... Superintendent - Industrial Relations .....

4. Date and time of start of observation... 1845-1900 Hrs Sun 23 Jan 72 .....

How certain is the date?... Positive .....

How accurate is the time of start... Between times stated .....

5. Duration of observation... one to two minutes .....

How accurate is your estimate?... positive .....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting... Junction of Thompson and .

Sutherland Sts. Port Hedland (ocean front) .....

How familiar is observer with this locality?... have lived at current .

address since February 1969 .....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation... ~~excellent~~... Very light..

white cloud... Clear sky... Daylight .....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation ... none .....

. .....

9. Where was object first observed:

(a) Relative to your surroundings... straight out to sea .....

.....

(b) angle of elevation... eye level .....

(c) compass angle bearing... Accurate bearing not taken but approx NNW .....

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

10. What first attracted observer's attention?... Object appeared as long cloud much darker than others, lower and was moving too fast. .....

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?...Dark Brown.....

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)....Sighting took place in daylight.....

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).....Approx 1-1½ inches.....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.....Eye level during observation until it disappeared behing horizon.....

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 minimumangle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.....Difficult to assess. A few feet above sea all the time.

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...Again difficult to assess but considerably faster tha n helicopter or light aircraft other than jet propelled.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. .....None.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. .....Initially, in level flight; object appeared to divide, one part remaining level, the other dipping towards sea. Lower part rose slightly to join upper part, before

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....disappearing behind horizon. Upper part gave impression of smoke trail. Lower part indistinguishable.....

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings.....All as in question 9, except

(b) angle of elevation.....object had travelled a few miles

(c) compass angle bearing.....from west to east.

24. What was the manner of its desappearance?.....Disappeared over horizon with steep plunge

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or or radioactivity etc) .....Helicopter search following morning with local police sergeant revealed no physical evidence.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity (Royal Artillery - Heavy anti-aircraft) Army and Boy Scout training, Observer is current District Commissioner of Scouts, Pilbarra District W.A.

27. How many witness to the sighting? Three other (wife and two friends)

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? -

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. This question calls for a plan drawing combined with an elevation drawing which is beyond my capabilities. Thompson St., runs app N by NNE while Sutherland St., runs app W to E. The object was first sighted when we approached the junction of the two streets, on the ocean front (I was driving). The object appeared at first to be a thin, narrow, dark brown cloud (distinguishable because other clouds in the sky were white and at a higher altitude). At this point also, it was an entity and appeared to be stationary. As we turned east into Sutherland St., we observed that the object was following a parallel course but several miles out to sea. It then separated, one part dipping towards the sea, the other part remaining above and this took on the appearance of a smoke trail. The lower part then rose, as if in an attempt to gain height, joined with the upper part and then dipped straight down behind the horizon.

Because of the speed of the object (and it maintained level flight until the last few seconds) I discounted the possibility that it was a helicopter or even a civil light aircraft.

Both the police and DCA advised me after I had reported it to them that no reports of civil aircraft in the vicinity had been received. Because of this and because of it speed I have come to the conclusion (and, I emphasize that this is pure conjecture) that the object may have been a small jet-engined military or naval aircraft of either Australian or of foreign origin.

Again, I emphasize that this last is conjecture on my part.

P.S. If accurate compass bearings are required, I shall be pleased to arrange these.

Signature (signed) W.B. Straiton Date. 18th February 1972

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type.....NONE KNOWN.....(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.....(1).....NONE KNOWN.....(2).....(3)

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.....20-22S.....Longitude.....118-37E.....

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.....REQUESTS FOR DETAILS PARA'S 35 TO 38 HAVE NOT BEEN ANSWERED
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36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....

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.....°C at

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

.....Station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, commets, 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. 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) a flock of sea birds

Para 41 is based on the following comment by A/Supervisor Flight Service Centre PT HEDLAND in his reply to aircraft activity in the area. " My personal opinion is that it could have been a flock of sea birds (shags) returning to their roost for the night. These birds would give the appearance of an elongated object and as they change height above the water consistent with air flow, one half of the flock could drop below the horizon and become indiscernable to the observer. This would give the impression that the object had broken up in flight. As soon as the other half of the flock dropped this would leave no sign visible to the observer unless they rose again above the horizon. The report was received at 1910 hours local and last light for the day was approx 1915 local."

HQDAR (Unit) [signature] (Name)

12 APR 72 (Date) FLT LT (Rank)

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(12)

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Enclosed is a report on an unusual aerial sighting by the under-mentioned:

Mr. E.F. Edwards
10 Sixth Avenue
SOUTH TOWNSVILLE
QUEENSLAND

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

Enclosure: 1. Report

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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. E.F. EDWARDS Age 64
2. Address of observer 10 SIXTH AVE
STH TOWNSVILLE Phone 714494.
3. Occupation of observer WATCHMAN
4. Date and time of start of observation 2105ZOK MAR 72
How certain is the date? WORKING ON DUTY - POSITIVE
How accurate is the time of start? CHECKED WITH WATCH
5. Duration of observation 5 TO 7 MINS
How accurate is your estimate? CHECKED WATCH
6. Observer's location at time of sighting RAAF TVL
How familiar is observer with this locality? WORKED AS
WATCHMAN FOR 16 YRS
7. Weather conditions at time of observation FINE
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation STARS
FOR COMPARISON - VISUAL ONLY
9. Where was object first observed?
(a) Relative to your surroundings OVERHEAD
(b) Anlge of elevation 90°
(c) Compass angle bearing W of NORTH
(d) How accurate are these estimates? APPROX
10. What first attracted observer's attention? LIGHT MOVING
ACROSS SKY

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

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, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)
...SMALL JUST LIKE ORDINARY STAR.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
(a) relative to Venus or Moon ...SMALLER THAN VENUS
(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?..SEE 9.:...ESTIMATE ONLY
.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? ...N.A.....

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)? ..40-50,000.....

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
.....SAME AS ORDINARY A/C.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases .NONE.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres ...STRAIGHT FLYING.

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

23. Where was object last observed?
(a) relative to your surroundings ..FLYING N.W.....
(b) angle of elevation .....about 45°.....

(c) compass angle bearing ....300°-320°.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW

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

.....NONE.....

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? .....ONLY...SELF.....

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? .....A/C OVERFLYING.....

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

...NO...ENGINE...NOISE.....

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. SAME AS A STAR.

Signature ..... Date .....

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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..F.27..(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading...N.W....T.....T.....T

Height....14...,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft

Speed....275.....K.....K.....K

OVER FLEW ~~ATD/ATA*~~..0508 Khrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude...29:19 S.. Longitude..146:46 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 ..JUPITER..HIGH..IN..EASTERN..SKY...60°..

..N.A...OTHERS..NIAIB.VE.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from TOO LATE FOR 0315 K BALLOON at .....Z Colour ..... Weight .....gm

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

General wind profile .....

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

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

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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. OAO-A2 BOOSTER SCHEDULED TO MAKE PASS THOUGH HERDING 66'

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 ~~was~~*/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)

7 APR 72 (Date) FLYING OFFICER (Rank)

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ASI 3/A/5
Annex A
1 Apr 70

Re. U.F.O Sightings

On the morning of Sunday 26th April between the hours of 0580 & 0520. I noticed one aircraft coming over in a North-west direction & also at about 0510 I also noticed a white light which I took to be an aircraft flying at about 10,000ft. flying in a North-East direction. I could not hear any engine noise only the faint light moving across the sky

At the time I was in front of Base H.Q.B facing towards the civil airport. The the light came from the South East & I watched it for nearly ten minutes until it disap in the distance.

L.F. Edwards
Watchman

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

(This side only to be written on) 580/1/1 (15)

Subject: REPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RE UFO REPORTS

DER 26 Apr 72

The enclosed proformas which are replies to UFO sighting reports at folios 1, 4, 5 and 7 have been prepared for your signature and release.

(C.R. HICKEY
Sqn Ldr
for DAFI

24 Apr 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 . POSSIBLY . A METEOROLOGICAL . BALLOON . LAUNCHED . FROM . RAAF . BASE . FAIRBAIRN . . . . . .

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.

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GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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5th April 1972

Department of Air, Russell Offices CANBERRA

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Enclosed are reports on unusual aerial sightings by the undermentioned:

a. Mr P. JEFREMOV
141 Atherton Street,
DOWNER ACT

b. Mr B.D. LEE
20 Cleveland Terrace,
Melton Hill
TOWNSVILLE QLD

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

Enclosures: 1. Report by Mr JEFREMOV
2. Report by Mr LEE

c. How accurate are these estimates..REASONABLY.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....
...SIZE AND BRIGHTNESS.....

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?...ORANGE.

ANNEX A TO
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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 PETER SEFREMOV ..... Age. 46

2. Address of observer. 141 ATHERTON ST
DOWNER CANBERRA ACT ..... Phone. NIL

3. Occupation of observer. ENGINEER (DEPT. OF NAVY)

4. Date and time of start of observation. 11 MAR 72 1800Z - 1830Z

How certain is the date? EXACT

How accurate is the time of start? ± 15 MINS

5. Duration of observation. AT LEAST 10 MINS

How accurate is your estimate? REASONABLY

6. Observer's location at time of sighting. HOSKINSTOWN
N.S.W.

How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. CLEAR
SKIES. NIL WEATHER

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

9. Where was the object first observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings.
291° RELATIVE (OVER MOLONGLO RIVER)

b. Angle of elevation. 15° APPROX

c. Compass angle bearing. 291° T

d. How accurate are these estimates. REASONABLY

10. What first attracted observer's attention?
SIZE AND BRIGHTNESS

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? ORANGE

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards) ABOUT MOON BRIGHTNESS

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

a. relative to Venus or Moon... ¼ MOON (FULL)

b. relative dimensions in inches at arms length (about 20 inches from the eyes). NOT KNOWN

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

291° T ~ 15° (OFF MAP 1:50,000 BUNGENDORE)

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

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)?

TWICE HEIGHT OF MT BALLOMBE TO VALLEY FLOOR (1400' AGL)

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 object at stated distances.....

NIL

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. ALL TIME

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres MOVED TO LEFT AND DOWN

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

THROBBING LIGHT ONLY

23. Where was object last observed?:

a. relative to your surroundings. HILLS TO LEFT OF MOONGLO

b. angle of elevation. DISAPPEARED

c. compass angle bearing.. 282° T

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? VANISHED

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground identations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)?

NIL

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

27. How many witnesses to the sighting:.. WIFE + OBSERVER

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.....NIL.....,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.....FRIENDSHIP ON FINAL.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....RWY 35.....T.....T.....T

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

Speed.....100.....K.....K.....K

~~ATD~~/ATA*.....1052 Z FAIRBAIRN.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....35°25'.....Longitude.....149°27'

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.....

.....NIL.....

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

at.....1115.....Z Colour.....WHITE.....Weight.....100.....gm

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

General wind profile.....8-47 KTS.....W - WNW.....

Maximum height tracked.....20.....,000ft at.....1139.....Z

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

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of

.....°C at.....NIL.....ft, measured at

.....Z hrs from.....station.

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

.....NIL.....

/39. When

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)

..MET. BALLOON LAUNCHED FROM FAIRBAIRN.

ENCL:- a. MAP OF AREA

b. NEWS CUTTING

.....5 SQN.....(Unit)..J.M. FIELDING.....(Name)

.....15 MAR 72....(Date).....FLG OFF.....(Rank)

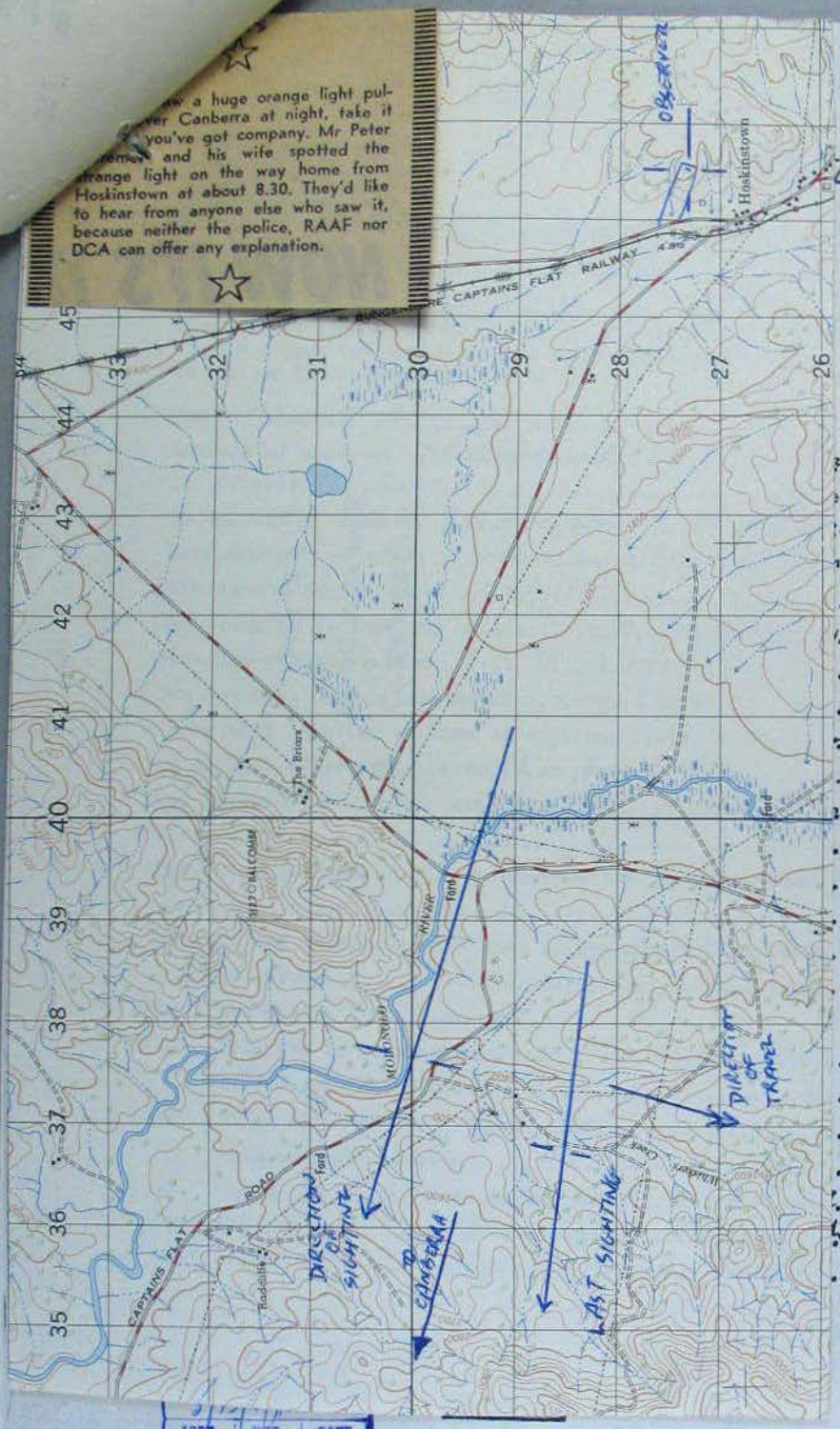
1. Met offic at Fairbairn state that the 100 g balloon can, at times, appear to be a dull flickering orange colour as the attached light passes behind the balloon relative to the observer. The balloons usually tumble while in flight.

2. The winds tracked through the balloon would be in such a direction as to cause the balloon to head toward the observers location.

3. The observer gives the impression of being very sincere in his sighting and accurate in his facts, although not too certain of the exact time of sighting. He lives in the area at weekends and says he has seen nothing like it before.

4. He reported the sighting to the local press and the resultant news item is enclosed.

...w a huge orange light pul-
...ver Canberra at night, take it
... you've got company. Mr Peter
...emore and his wife spotted the
strange light on the way home from
Hoskinstown at about 8.30. They'd like
to hear from anyone else who saw it,
because neither the police, RAAF nor
DCA can offer any explanation.



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ANNEX A TO
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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 .Brian...D..LEE..... Age .16. years.
2. Address of observer .39..Cleveland..Terrace...Melton..Hill....
....Townsville..4810..... Phone ..713595.
3. Occupation of observer .Full.time.student..at...correspondence....
4. Date and time of start of observation .8:30.p.m..on..15th.of.March..1972.
How certain is the date? ..Definite.....
How accurate is the time of start? .with.ten.minutes.either.way..
5. Duration of observation ..2½..to...3..minutes.....
How accurate is your estimate? ..Very..close.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting .laying.down.on.deck.of..
.trimiran..(passenger)..moored.in..Ross..Ck.....
How familiar is observer with this locality? .Very...Familiar.....
.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation .Very..clear...no.clouds
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation .only..the.....
..naked..eye.....
9. Where was object first observed?
(a) Relative to your surroundings .Due..north...and...higher....
..than..horizon.....
(b) Anlge of elevation .about...10°.....
(c) Compass angle bearing .....North.....
(d) How accurate are these estimates? As.accurate..as.I.can.make out.
10. What first attracted observer's attention? ..The..fact..that..it....
.was..~~as~~.moving..while..other..objects..in..sky..remained..stationary.

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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? .orange.x..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)

.very..similar...to...that...of...a...star.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon More.than..a..size..of..a.star..

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)..1/4..of..an..inch.....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..angle.of.elevation.=.90°.to.horizon (directly above)

.but.with.a..slight..eastward...tendency.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? ..None.....

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)? .....could..not..assess..height.....

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

.it..crossed...the...sky..in..about...2½..minutes.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases .none.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres .slight..'zig..zag'..before..disappearance

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

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23. Where was object last observed?

(a) relative to your surroundings ..Due...south.....

(b) angle of elevation approx...25°.....

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(c) compass angle bearing ....Due...south.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Pulled then blacked out.

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
..Just..general..knowledge.....

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? .Myself,..and..a..friend.....

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

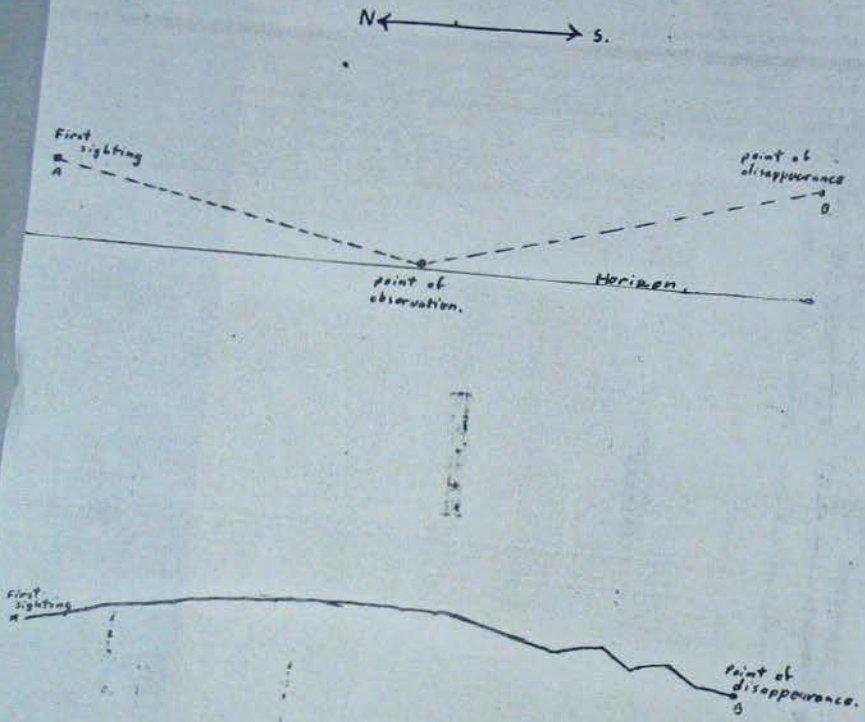
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? .....No..ideas.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?
I..thought..it..might..help..in..determining..exactly..what..all..these things are

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 ..... Date .....

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Course was smooth save last quarter.

Course - looking from below.

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

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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.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 19:16 S Longitude 146.46 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 LOW ON HORIZON 15°
MARS 30° SATURN 40°

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

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

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

General wind profile .....

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

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

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

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

HQTUL (Unit) W. G. CANNIFFE (Name)
29 MAR 72 (Date) FLG OFF (Rank)

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The Moonwatcher Group confirm that no satellites were visible at that time but suggested that the answer to para 41 as a remote possibility.

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22nd March 1972

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Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

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

MR. P.W. SMART
25/23 Queens Road
BRIGHTON LE SANDS NSW 2216

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

Encls: Report

AIR 4

What wind was blowing?.....GUSTY.....

What was the approximate temperature?....65°F...

8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation.(binoculars,.compass.etc)...NONE...

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RAAF RICHMOND

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

The Observer is invited to complete this form in his or her own manner, using the back of the form if necessary for additional information and sketches.

1. Name of observer: MR. P.W. SMART Age: 46.

2. Address of observer: 25/23 QUEEN'S ROAD
BRIGHTON-LE-SANDS N.S.W. 2216

Phone: (Business) 660-0566 EXT 311
(Home)

3. Occupation of observer: TECHNICAL OFFICER

4. Date and time of start of observation:
5th MARCH 1972 19:35

How certain in the date? 100%

How accurate is the time that you first sighted the sighting? ± 2 MINUTES

5. For how long did you observe this sighting?
15-20 SECONDS

How accurate is your estimate? GOOD

6. Observer's location at the time of sighting
AT HOME

How familiar are you with this locality?
18 MONTHS RESIDENCE

7. What were the weather conditions at the time of observation? How much cloud? 10/10. INTERMITTENT RAIN.
Where was the moon? NOT VISIBLE
What wind was blowing? GUSTY
What was the approximate temperature? 65°F.

8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation.(binoculars,.compass.etc) NONE

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9. Where was the object first observed?
Relative to your surroundings...APPEARED...TO.....
..HAVE...COME...FROM...BEHIND.....
How high above the horizon?..ELEVATION..APPROX..60°...
Direction or compass bearing?..HEADING..DUE..WEST..
How accurate are your estimates?....REASONABLE.....

10. What first attracted your attention?..BRIGHT..WHITE..
.LIGHT...BELOW..CLOUD..BASE....MOVING..AWAY..
.FROM....ME....IN...A.STRAIGHT...LINE.....

11. If there was more than one light or object:
How many?.....
In what formation were they?.....
.....
Were they all seen at the same time?.....
.....

12. What was the colour of the light or object?..WHITE..
Did the colour change?.....NO.....
Did the brightness change?..NO.....

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon, bright star, or streetlight at a stated distance)
AS.BRIGHT..AS..VENUS..WHEN..LOW..ON.HORIZON.

14. What was the apparent size of the object at it's nearest approach?
Compared to the moon....VERY...SMALL.....
Compared to a star..COMPARABLE...TO..VENUS....
Dimensions in inches compared to your fist held at arms length.....

15. What was it's bearing and elevation angles at it's nearest approach to you and how were these values assessed?..DIRECTLY...IN..FRONT...OF..ME..AT..
AN..ELEVATION...OF....60°..(ESTIMATED).....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....N.D.....
.....

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)?.....
.....

19. What was the maximum and minumum angular velocity (or speed if an estimate can be justified. If necessary compare with the movement of familiar objests at stated distances).SPEED...ESTIMATED...AT...200-250.KTS.
APPEARED...TO...SLOW..AND..THEN..ACCELERATE....

20. Give the duration of the time when tis object was stationary...CONTINUOUSLY...MOVING.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres....NONE.....
.....
.....

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

23. Where was the object last seen?...ON...HORIZON.....
Relative to your surroundings?...DUE...WEST.....
Angle of elevation (height)?....3000...5000 ft.....
Compass bearing (or direction)?.....

24. What was the manner of it's disappearance?.DISAPPEARED..
.INTO...MURKY...WEATHER....ON...HORIZON.....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, schorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)?.....N.D.....,
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26. State any training which enables the observer to be reasonably certain of his or her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity... SERVED WITH A.T.C. IN U.K.

27. Do you know of any other witnesses to the sighting? NO.

Name.....

Address.....

(if any more place names and addresses on back of this form)

28. What natural phonomenon or human activitity would be nearest to explaining your observation? (star, meteor, lightning, aircraft, rocket, searchlight, weather balloon etc)?.. AIRCRAFT (?).....

29. Do you think the above explanation is satisfactory?.... .....NO.....

If not, why?... NO ENGINE NOISE, NO NAVIGATION LIGHTS.....

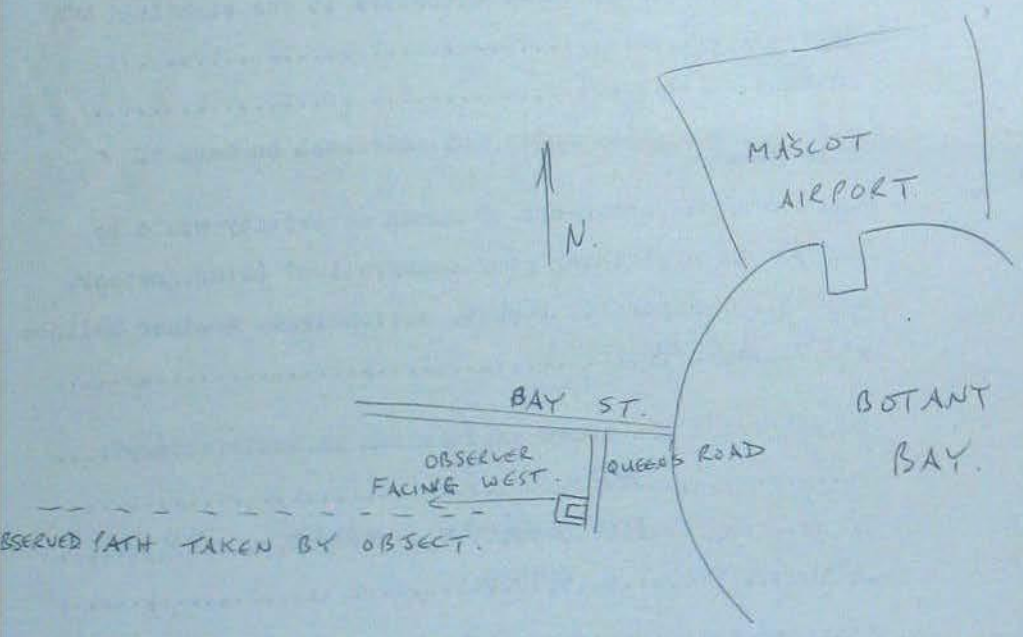
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30. Please sketch the light or object with all details. If appropriate, sketch the position and/or movement of the object in relation to your surroundings. Use the back of the form if needed.

Signature of observer:.....P.W.Smart.....

Name (please print) :PETER WILLIAM SMART.....

Date:....9/3/72.....


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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 :-

Aircraft type.....Nil.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....Numerous.....

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

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

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

34. Calculations show that the following planets or major stars were in that portion of the sky at the time:-.....

.....Overcast.....

35. A meteorological balloon was released from.....Nil.....

at.....Z and could have been in the reported UFO

position at the time.

36. The State Observatory in the nearest capital city affirms that aerial phenomena in that portion of the sky at the time were

.....Nil.....(comet, meteorite shower, etc).

37. Any other relevant remarks (eg about satelites, rockets, research balloons).....

.....No.....

38. There is conclusive evidence that the object reported was.....

.....Civil aircraft approaching Moscot.....

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39. The object reported could have been..... .....

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40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting cannot be determined.

.....HQ RIC.....(Unit) .....J. N. NEUMANN.....(Name)

.....17 Mar 72.....(Date) .....Flt Lt.....(Rank)

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8th March 1972

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
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DAFI

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

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

Miss A.J. HOBBS
Post Office
LUCINDA QUEENSLAND 4853

2. It is noted that Headquarters Townsville have not offered any possible cause for the sighting. It is probable that the observer sighted a combination of VENUS and SATELLITES 1969/65A 1969/68B.

John C Luker

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

Enclosure: 1. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting

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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 ..Miss...A..J...HOBBS..... Age ..37....
2. Address of observer .....P.O.S.T....OFFICE.....
   .....LUGINBA...QLD Phone ..14.....
3. Occupation of observer ....POSTMISTRESS.....
4. Date and time of start of observation ..28/12/71 (3 nights in succession) 8.45 PM.
   How certain is the date? .....
   How accurate is the time of start? ....APPROXIMATE.....
5. Duration of observation .....HALF..HOUR.....
   How accurate is your estimate? .....APPROXIMATE.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting ....BACK....VERANDA..
   .....OF...RESIDENCE.....
   How familiar is observer with this locality? ....IT...HAS....BEEN
   ...MY...HOME....ALL...MY....LIFE.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation ....CLEAR...SKYS.....
   .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation ..BINOCULARS
   .....
9. Where was object first observed?
   (a) Relative to your surroundings ..~~.....~~...W.S.W.....
   .....
   (b) Anlge of elevation .....45°.....
   (c) Compass angle bearing .....
   (d) How accurate are these estimates? ...APPROXIMATE.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? ..MOVEMENT...OF...
    ...LIGHT....POINTER...OUT....BY...MY....UNCLE.....
    MR. S. HERRON, OF SALVATION ARMY, GLENROA ROAD, RED HILL, BRISBANE,

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

(a) how many were there? ONE

(b) in what formation were they? SMALLER MOVING BACK AND FORT from LARGER DOWNWARD LEFT MAN CORNER

12. What was the colour of the light or object? LARGE - BRIGHT YELLOW SMALL - 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)

ORDINARY STREET LIGHT AT APPROX 200 YDS

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN VENUS

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) 5"

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

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? Up/down/side to side/SW.

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

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

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

FASTER THAN A STAR & SLOWER THAN AN AEROPLANE

20. Give duration of any stationary phases 3rd night only APPROX 20 min.

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres

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

23. Where was object last observed?

(a) relative to your surroundings WSW

(b) angle of elevation APPROX 45°

(c) compass angle bearing .....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? ....FADING AWAY QUICKLY

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)? .....

.....

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

.....

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

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

.....

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

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

..UNEXPLAINABLE.....

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 .....A.J. Hobbs..... Date .....9-2-1972.....

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Annex A
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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.....(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.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 18 32 S Longitude 144 6 20 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 ..see attached photo copy of Almanac pages.....

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

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

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

General wind profile .....

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.....
.....

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)
...UNK.....

.....HQTVL.....(Unit).....W. G. CANNIFFE.....(Name)
.....2MAR 72.....(Date).....FLG OFF.....(Rank)

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Annex A
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The attached amplifying comments by the observer defy explanation at this level though the position of VENUS is such as to cause some comment by the casual observer, though hardly the case in this instance

This light was seen three knights in succession. The first two nights, following a similar pattern appearing west south west of my home. and moving up and down, and from side to side gradually moving away in a south westerley direction, with an exception that on the second night we saw a pale red or pink light at the bottom of the larger bright light.

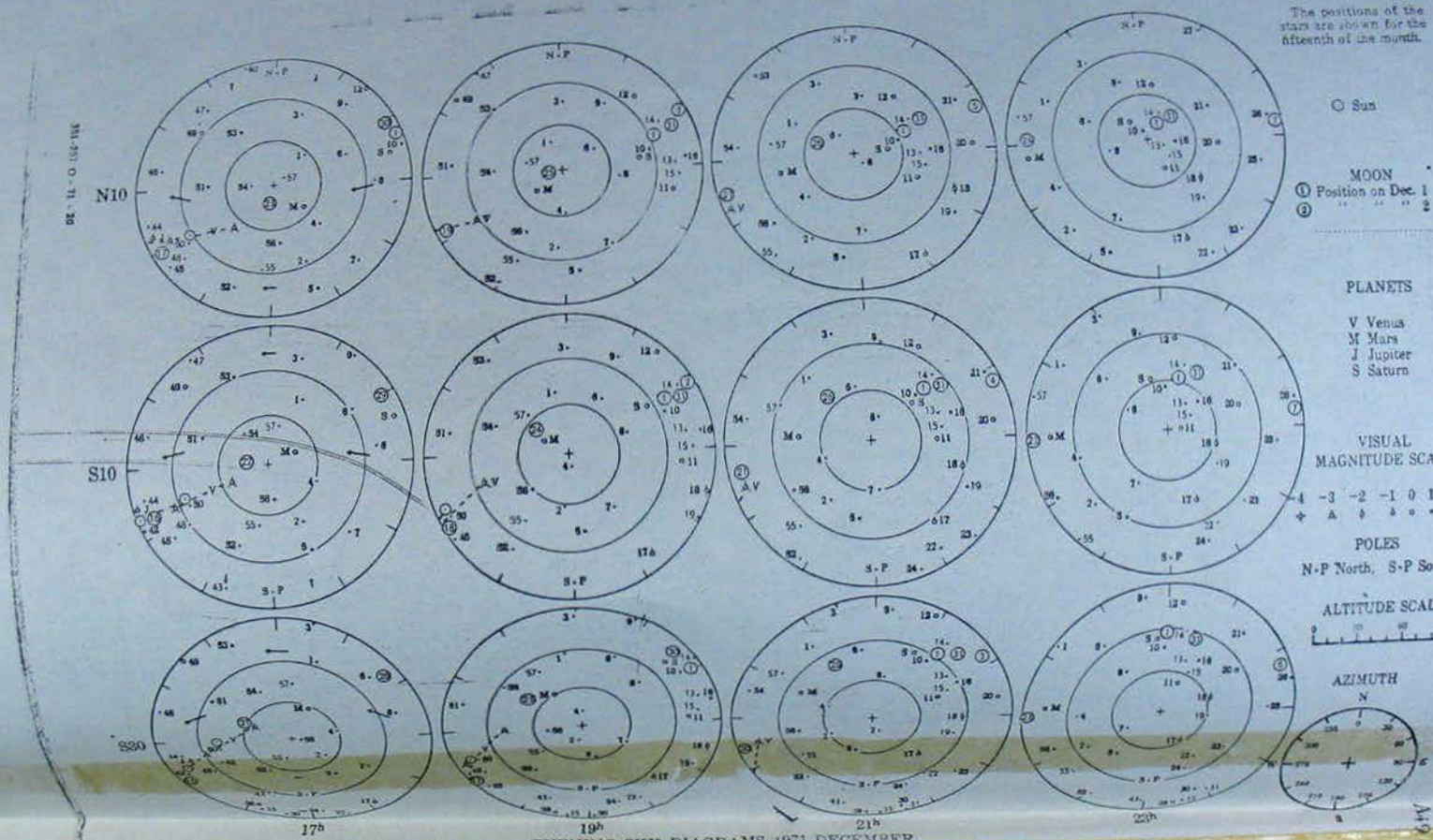
On the third night the light hovered more or less in the same area for about twenty minutes. During this time I was able to borrow a pair of binoculars which gave us a clearer view of the object which seemed crystal shaped with a long narrow shadow on the right hand side reaching nearly to the centre of the light. The shadow later moved more to the top of the light but, still on the right hand side.

At intervals only, a smaller round light appeared from behind the larger light on the bottom left hand corner, moving away from and then returning towards the larger light, sometimes dissapearing completely behind the larger light, moving much faster than the larger light.

This smaller light was a bright pink in colour and the size of the sammer light was like a ping-pong ball beside a foot-ball in comparison with the larger light.

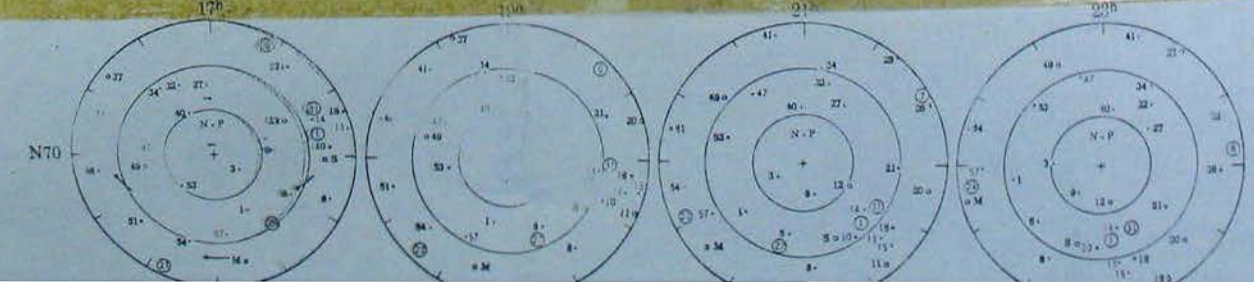
After about twenty minutes, the larger yellow light moved away in a similar pattern as the two previous nights, leaving no trace of the smaller pink light.

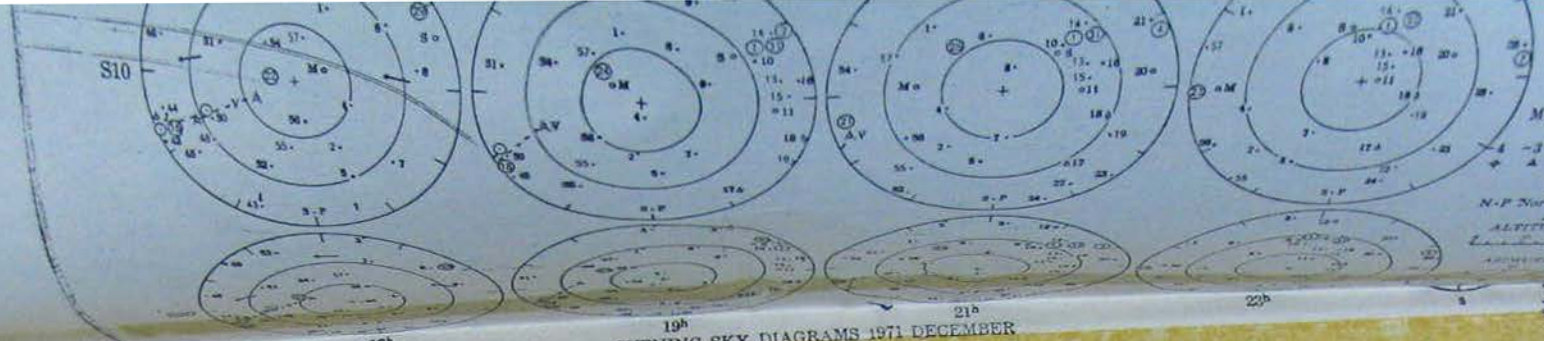
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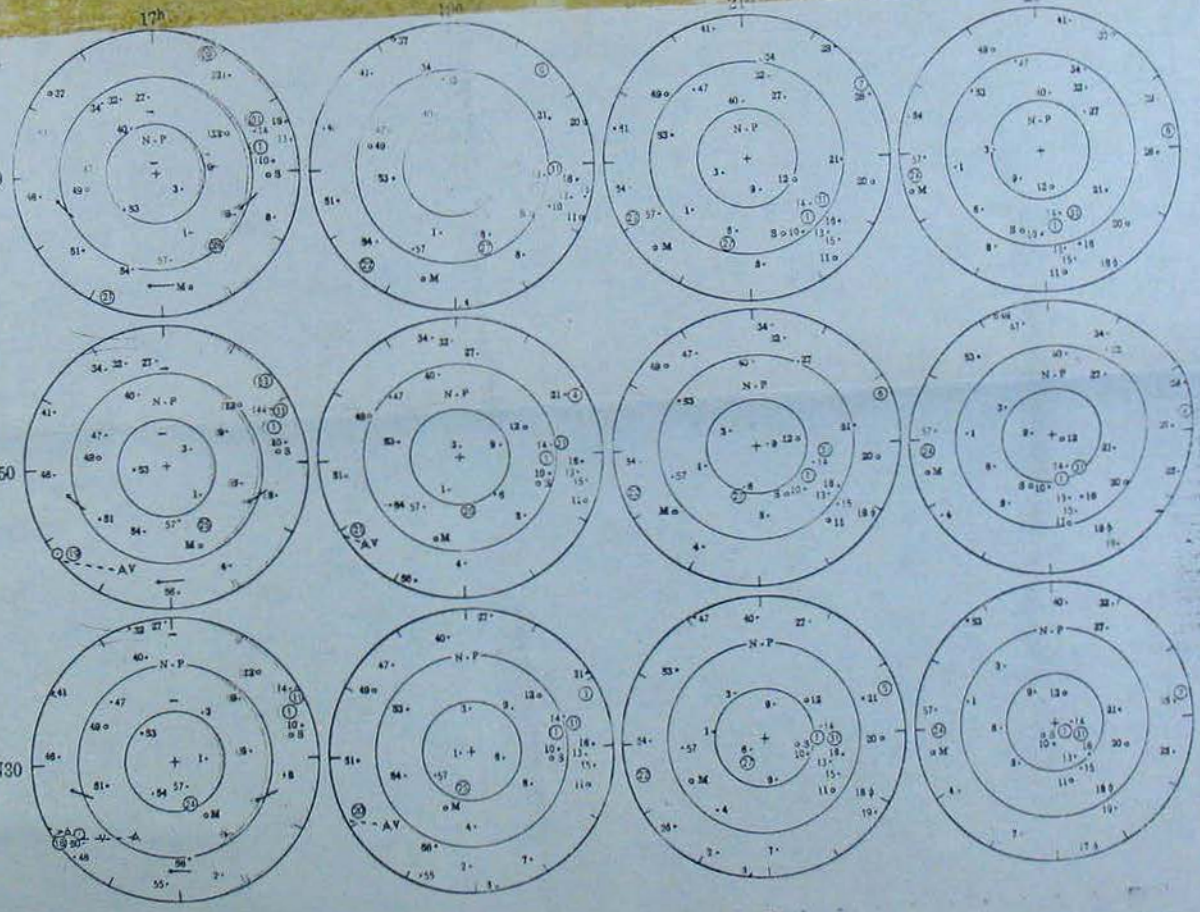
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REPORTS ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached are reports by Mr R.A. Powell and Miss J. Pennells concerning an unusual aerial object sighted in the East Doncaster-Lower Templestowe area on 9th February 1972.

2. The two reports have been processed jointly because of proximity in time and location, and may possibly be explained as aircraft movements.

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

Enclosures: 2 Reports

(d) how accurate are these estimates? ONE NORTH SEE BACK PAGE

10. What first attracted observer's attention? Another person in my company saw it approaching by chance

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

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? Extremely bright ORANGE colour

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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 ...RICHARD ALLAN POWELL.....Age ...27.....

2. Address of observer.....116...BEVERLEY STREET, EAST DONCASTER.

.309.....VICTORIA.....Phone.....—.....

3. Occupation of observer.....CLERK.....

12202 4. Date and time of start of observation...9th Feb...1972...11.20 PM

How certain is the date?.....Positive.....

How accurate is the time of start?.....Within 5 minutes either way...

5. Duration of observation.....30 seconds.....(approx.).....

How accurate is your estimate?..Could be up to 45 seconds.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting...Standing in front garden

..of my own home at the above address.....

How familiar is observer with this locality?.lived here 2 years....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....Clear night,...stars.

visible....No clouds interrupted the view of the object.....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....None....

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9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings.....To the NORTH...appeared

..to be...very high,..above house across the street.....

b. angle of elevation.....40°-45°...from horizontal.....

c. compass angle bearing...NORTH...,...possibly up to 10° to the WEST from DUE NORTH

(d.) how accurate are these estimates?..-SEE BACK PAGE -.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....Another person in

my company drew it approaching by chance.....

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

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?.Extremely bright ORANGE colour

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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)....Not as bright as a full moon; a dull light

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

a. relative to Venus or Moon....4 times as large as biggest visible star

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)....3/16" - 1/4" diameter

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?....Object passed almost overhead travelling in SOUTHERLY direction

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

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

(18.) What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?....45° maximum 30° minimum

(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 ....- SEE BACK PAGE -

20. Give duration of any stationary phases....None; Steady constant movement

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres....None; object travelled in straight line

(22.) Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen....- SEE BACK PAGE -

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings....Beyond and above my house

b. angle of elevation....Approximately 30° from Horizontal

c. compass angle bearing....Up to 10° east of due SOUTH

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?....Lost sight due to distance

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 witness to the sighting?....Eight people including myself.

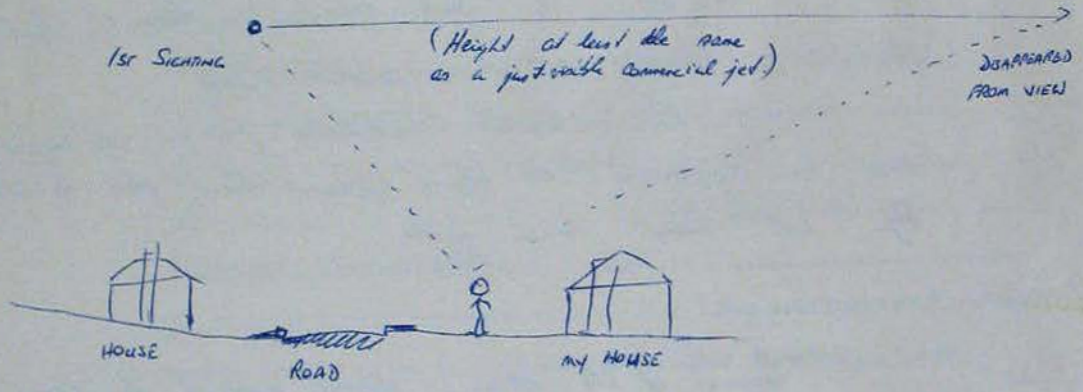
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?....No.....

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

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?...Have never observed any flying object of this nature.....

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.

Object was a three dimensional sphere thus: O



Answers to questions:

9 (d) Angle of elevation was estimated with a protractor and ruler from memory (on receipt of this report form on 11/2/72) Compass angle bearing was estimated from a road map of the area

18/19 Object was first observed when almost over road in front of house, it was watched until it disappeared from view, in the distance. It is difficult to state any speed except to say that it moved much faster than a plane (which I have observed descending to land at Tullamarine from the same area - i.e. passing overhead) P.T.O.

Signature.....Lovell.... Date.....15.2.72.....

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From first sighting to disappearance took approximately half a minute. The object seemed at a great height. That is, at least as high as a just visible commercial jet 'plane. However, you will appreciate that at night, and with the absence of any sound, speed and height are difficult to estimate by an untrained observer.

The object did not ascend or descend, but kept to a straight path at a constant speed.

I have observed satellites passing at night, and in comparison, the object appeared lower, due to its size, and moved much faster.

22. Because of its speed, object appeared to leave a short trail of light, though I consider the trail to be an illusion. I am quite certain that I did not see any vapour, or emission in the nature of a sky-rocket (firework) trail.

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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 JANE PENNELLS ..... Age 13 .....

2. Address of observer. 37 OLYMPUS DRIVE .....

LOWER TEMPLESTOWE ..... 3107 ..... Phone. 848-3369 .....

3. Occupation of observer. student .....

1030z 4. Date and time of start of observation. 9th February ... 9:30 PM ..

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

How accurate is the time of start? .. A range of 10 minutes .....

5. Duration of observation .. no longer than 1 minute .....

How accurate is your estimate? .. good .....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting. 37 .. Olympus Dve .....

.. Lower .. Templestowe ..... 3107 .....

How familiar is observer with this locality? my permanent adress

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. hot evening .. calm, ...

. clear .....

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. almost overhead .....

.....

b. angle of elevation .....

c. compass angle bearing .. East .....

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

10. What first attracted observer's attention? .. the movement of ..

the star .....

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? Same colour as star ..

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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). same brightness as medium bright star.....

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?.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..na.....

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

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

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 .....

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20. Give duration of any stationary phases. didn't stop.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. moved in a line at a steady speed.

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

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings..past Orion.....

b. angle of elevation.....

c. compass angle bearing..South to North.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?. passed out of sight behind building

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....

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

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27. How many witness to the sighting?..2. mum and Dad.....

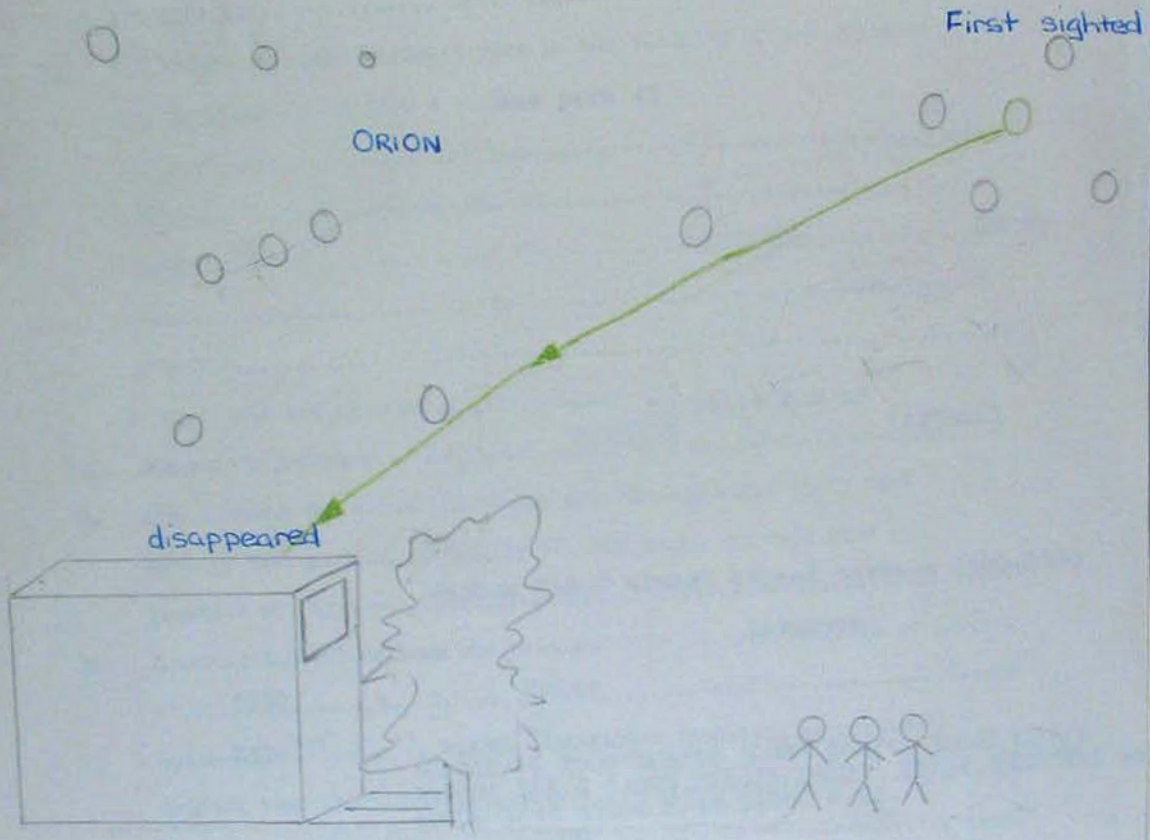
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?..no.....

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

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

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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. Jane. Pennells..... Date. 11:2:71.....

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time : NONE

A/C type.....(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 : See para 42

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

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. 10 miles ESE of

34. Observer's Location : Latitude....374347S.....Longitude....1445808E....

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 MAG-2 almost o'head between 2100-2300

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

at....1030.....Z. Colour..White.....Weight.....gm

Radio-~~sonde~~**/radar**: ~~XXXXX~~**/~~XXXXXX~~** (**delete as required)

General wind profile.....1000'E/16 2000'ESE/18 3000' ESE/12 5000' SSW/4 10000' ESE/8 14000 ENE/10 24000' NE/32 35000'NNE 46 40000'N/44 45000 N/44 55000 N/22

Maximum height tracked.....61000'....,000 ft at.....1157.....Z

Was it known to have burst? Unknown

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 predicted.....

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 [redacted]/may have been* (delete as required)

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42. Tullamarine The following airmoves were advised:

a. DC3 departed R/W 26 2115
b. 727 arrived R/W 26 2124 from Sydney
c. Electra arrived R/W 26 2310 from NZ
d. 747 arrived R/W 26 2327 from Sydney
e. DC9 departed R/W 26 2330 for Sydney

Moorabbin Checked with ATC Moorabbin who advised that the East Doncaster and Lower Templestowe areas are near the Moorabbin CTZ. It was also advised that no light aircraft were in the vicinity at the times quoted (but see below). The controller stated that the two localities above are in the approach path for both Essendon and Tullamarine.

Essendon Following aircraft movements were reported by ATC:

a. FZK Piper ex Moorabbin landed R/W 35 2125
b. BFL Aero Commander landed R/W 35 2322
c. FZK for Swan Hill departed R/W 26 2147
d. SJQ Bristol Freighter departed R/W 26 2144

Observatory Could offer no help.

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND (Unit) R.R. RODDY (Name)

3 MAR 72 (Date) Flt Lt (Rank)

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