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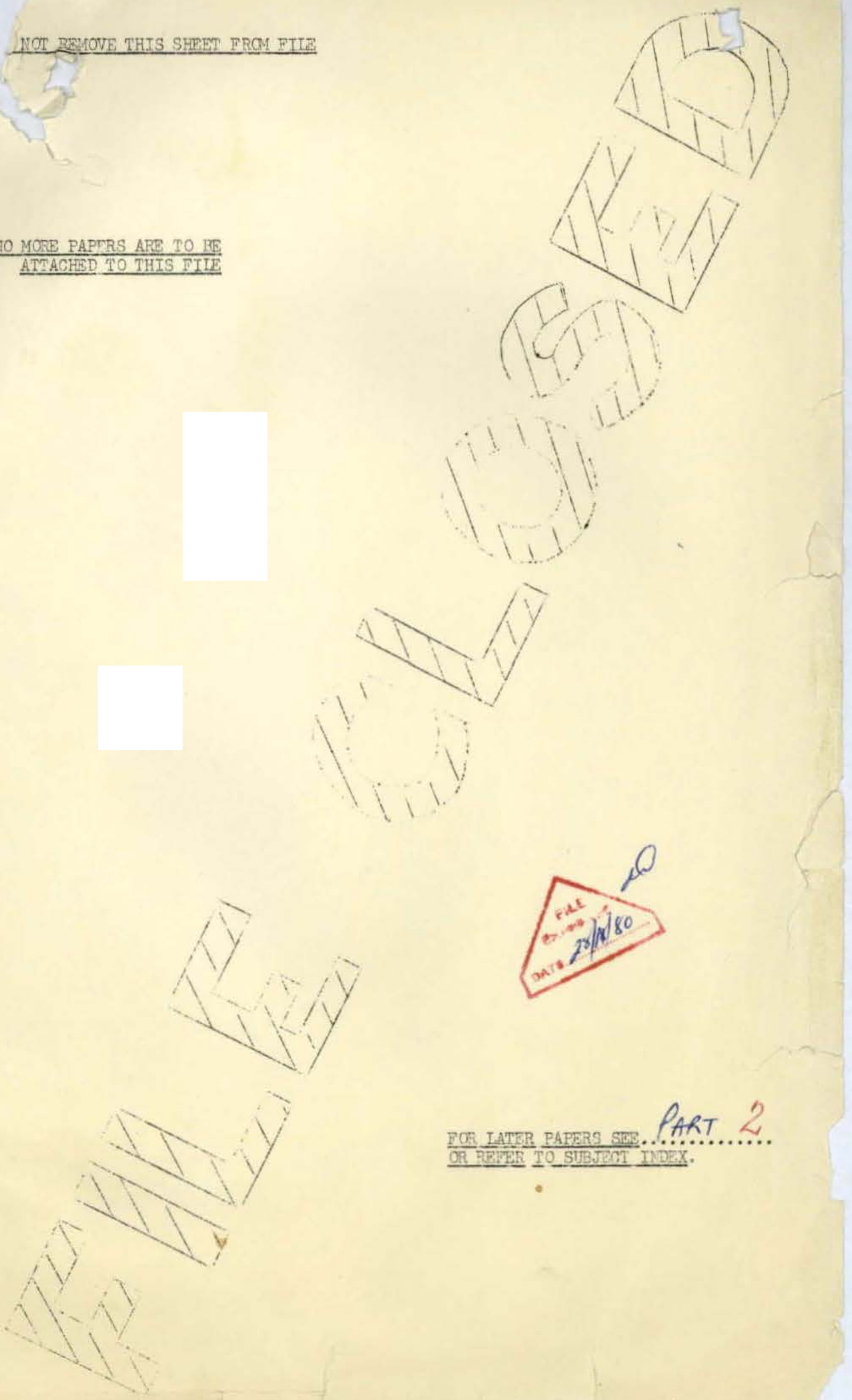

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5th September, 1958

MEMORANDUM for:

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA

I am forwarding for your information a copy of a report of the sighting of unusual aerial phenomena by Mr. A.F. Wishart, at Wooroloo, on 19th August, 1958.

Encl.

Ross G. Alexander

(R. G. Alexander)
Assistant Public Relations Officer

DAFI.

C O P Y

Bailey Road,
WOOROLOO

19th August, 1958

Officer in Charge,
Department of Civil Aviation,
PERTH. W.A.

Dear Sir,

Having noticed an object in the sky this AM, which I could not identify I am writing of it in case some-one else saw it. At 10 past 10 a.m. I had been watching Vampire Jets and although there was a Jet noise but faint in the air I glanced up in the hopes of spotting it, I saw what I first thought was a whitish object like a table tennis ball, several hundred feet up moving rapidly. I fully expected it to disappear behind the trees on the edge of the clearing where I was standing but it didn't, it just faded in the sky as the distance got too great and it was then that I realized it was at a terrific height but the speed it travelled has prompted me to write this.
I would say it had the speed of 3 times the jets, that is a rough estimate I know, but having watched them flying and diving there is at least time to call anyone to have a look, with this there wasn't.

The direction it flew was East

to West. I have given it a lot of thought as to whether it could have been a Vampire or some accountable reason but it was almost directly overhead to start with and the shape didn't appear to change at any time while it was visible.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: (A.F. Wishart)

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
Headquarters, Home Command
Penrith I.W.
New South Wales

13th May 1958

Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE, VIC.

REPORT ON AERIAL SIGHTING

Attached is a report obtained from Mrs.C.MacDonald,5 Neville St, Oatley,New South Wales by the Assistant Provost Marshal, Sydney.

(P.G.METZLER)
Wing Commander
for Air Officer Commanding

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
A11870 Sgt. Quinn N.W.
R.A.A.F. Provost Service
Field Security Section
Sydney

9th May 1958

Assistant Provost Marshal
Sydney

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. On Thursday 8th May, 1958 in company with A216306 Sgt. Sheppard, E.D., of this Section, I interviewed Mrs. Constance MacDonald, Housewife, at her place of residence No. 5 Neville Street, Oatley, New South Wales, in reference to the sighting, by herself, of an unidentified flying object on the morning of 25th March, 1958.

2. When questioned regarding the sighting of the object Mrs. MacDonald stated that she first sighted the object at 0200 hours on 25th March, 1958. The object was in sight for about (3) three minutes, at first it appeared to be directly overhead in the vicinity of the milky way, where it remained for a very short period, then it dropped toward the horizon travelling in a North to South direction. It was travelling slowly at first and then increased to a great rate of speed.

3. In the course of the interview Mrs. MacDonald spoke in a very excited manner and constantley repeated herself as to the object being a glorious spectacle of a heavenly body in the milky way. Throughout the interview Mrs. MacDonald would return to this manner of speech always extolling the virtue of the glorious sight she had seen. At the conclusion of the interview Mrs. MacDonald informed the investigators that she had forseen their visit, as she had read in her teacup that the Kings Heralds were coming to see her.

4. It is considered by the investigators that the object sighted by this woman could have been a falling star.

Noel W. Quinn
(NOEL W. QUINN)
Sergeant.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. Mrs. CONSTANCE MACDONALD

2. Address of Observer. 5 Neville Street, Oatley, New South Wales.

3. Occupation of Observer. Home Duties

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
25th March, 1958 at 0200 hours

5. Period of observation(s). App. 3 minutes

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
No equipment used in observation.

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coning from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Overhead

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Light

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Appeared as a definite object

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object. Pale shining yellow.

12. What was its apparent shape. Like a comet, with a trailing tail.

13. Was any detail of structure observable. No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. No

15. Was there any sound. No

16.** Height, or angle of elevation.

17.** Speed, or angular velocity. Steady at first, then very fast

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

** 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.

Report on aerial object observed (contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

North to South

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

Came down from sky in a North to South direction

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. Long brilliant tail

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

In mid-air out of sight

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

No

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s).....

Very clear night, no cloud

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

District is in circuit area of mascot aerodrome

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

Nearest known is Mascot

27. Any additional information.....

See attached report.

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters, Home Command
Penrith I.W.
New South Wales

16th April 1958

Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE. VIC.

REPORT ON AERIAL SIGHTING

Attached is a report obtained from a Mr.R.V.Gaist, 33 Beach Road, Dulwich Hill, Sydney by the Assistant Provost Marshall, Sydney.

for (P.G.METZLER)
Wing Commander
for Air Officer Commanding

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
A216306 Sgt. Sheppard E.D.
R.A.A.F. Provost Service
Field Security Section
Sydney

11th April 1958

Assistant Provost Marshal
Sydney

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. On Wednesday 9th April 1958, accompanied by A25298 F. Sgt. NEAL, W.J. of this Section, I interviewed Mr. R.V. GAIST at his home, 33 Beach Road, Dulwich Hill, in reference to his sighting of an unidentified flying object in the Northbridge, Castlecrag area, on the morning of 6th April 1958.

2. Mr. Gaist, an Assistant Television Producer at A.B.N. Studio, St. Leonards. He appears to be a very level-headed man and not one who would imagine things. He stated that he has sighted unidentified objects before, particularly one in August 1957. However this is the first time he has reported a sighting. (Our 20/98/AIR dated 7th August 1957, refers to a sighting report on the 2nd August 1957, by Mr. G. VINEY and Miss H. WHITE of Matraville.)

3. When questioned regarding the position of the object, Mr. Gaist said he first sighted it at 0300 hours travelling slowly in an easterly direction from his position at Castlecrag. Whilst proceeding to his home by car, Mr. Gaist said the object was continually sighted and was still evident at 0410 hours on the same day.

4. Mr. W. TULLOCH, Public Relations Officer for De-Havilland Aircraft Co., Bankstown, who was with Mr. Gaist at the time of sighting, agreed with the latter's statement as to the movement and elevation of the object but claimed that it was star shape and not cigar shape as previously stated by Mr. Gaist.

5. The Weather Bureau was contacted and from the information received it appears that the object sighted was not connected with the operations of this Department.

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E.D. Sheppard

(E.D. SHEPPARD)
Sergeant.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. GAIST RONALD VINCENT.

2. Address of Observer. 33 BEACH ROAD DULWICH HILL

3. Occupation of Observer. ASST. PROD. T.V. T.V. ABN. ST LEONARDS

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
0300 APPROX. 6TH APRIL 1958.

5. Period of observation (s) OVER 1 HOUR.

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
BETWEEN CASTLECRAG AND NORTHBRIDGE (SYD)
USED SUNGLASSES TO REMOVE AURA FROM LIGHT.

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
STATIONARY ABOVE HORIZON

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
LIGHT

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
LIGHT WITH SHAPE IN CENTRE.

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object. WHITE

12. What was its apparent shape. SHORT 'CIGAR'

13. Was any detail of structure observable. NO.

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. NO.

15. Was there any sound. NO.

* 16. Height, or angle of elevation. APPOX 25°

* 17. Speed, or angular velocity. MOVED SLOWLY WHEN IT DID SO

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
RAAF NAT. SERVICE.

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.

Report on aerial object observed (cont.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

EAST FROM POSITION OF OBSERV.

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

SLIGHT MANOEUVRE IN MOST DIRECTIONS.

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

DID NOT SEE OBJECT DISAPPEAR.

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

NIL.

24. Weather conditions experienced at time (s) or observation (s)

CLEAR, FINE NIGHT (MOON ON WANE FOR SECOND NIGHT)

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

Contacted Operations room at Mascot informed that no aircraft was operating in that area at this particular time.

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

Observatory Hill, ICI RU Brookvale & Riverview Observ.

27. Any additional information... See report

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

Mr. Bill Tilbock P.R.A. (rwf)
De-Havilland Bankstown
UV 0111

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1. Reference enclosure 47A & 47B, para. 4.

2. Do you require me to answer this, please

D. Wilson
Sqnhar
A.I. Plans

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Headquarters Home Command
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17th March 1958

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Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE. VIC.

REPORT ON AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a report obtained from a Mr. Moore, 15 Nygong Street, North Manly by the Assistant Provost Marshal, Sydney.

(P.G. METZLER)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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Royal Australian Air Force
A2860 Sergeant Cusick, J. H.
R. A. A. F. Provost Service
Field Security Section
Sydney

6th March 1958

Assistant Provost Marshal
Sydney

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. It is advised that the information on the attached forms and drawing were obtained from Mr Moore residing at 15 Nygong Street, North Manly.

2. Mr Moore showed little interest in answering the questions contained in the form, he preferred to use the map attached.

3. This person produced credentials that identified his as an official of the international U. F. O. organization. Mounted in the backyard of his residence was a 7" telescope with ,which he claimed he and fellow members of U. F. O. kept watch on selected nights. Also in his possession were numerous publications and charts containing information regarding U. F. O. sightings.

4. The services of this group were offered to the R. A. A. F. by Mr Moore, who stated that they would keep watch on a "hush hush" basis.

5. Mr Alan Light ,residing at 22 Lloyd Avenue ,Cremorne New South Wales, who was the subject of our 20/98/AIR dated 17th July 1956, is known to Mr Moore. It is thought that Mr Light is also a member of the U. F. O. organization.

(J. H. Cusick)
Sergeant

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer MOORE. DAVID OSBORNE - MARIE ELSPETH MOORE
2. Address of Observer 15 NARGONG ROAD NORTH MANLY
3. Occupation of Observer INSTRUMENT MAKER - DOMESTIC DUTY
4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
   10-2-58 SEE SKETCH ATTACHED.
5. Period of observation(s) " " "
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
   DEFINITE OBJECTS.
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
    TWO OBJECTS.
11. What was the colour of the light or object SILVER
12. What was its apparent shape SPHERICAL
13. Was any detail of structure observable NO
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NO
15. Was there any sound NO
16. ✱✱ Height, or angle of elevation ALMOST AT THE LIMIT OF
17. ✱✱ Speed, or angular velocity UNAIDED VISION - SEE SKETCH
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

✱✱ 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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19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

SEE SKETCH

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

" "

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

" "

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

NIL

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s).....

6/10 CLOUD

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

Numerous Aircraft in area. (Auth. Mascot Control) J.H. Smith Sgt.

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

Sydney Meteorological Station

27. Any additional information.....See attached report.

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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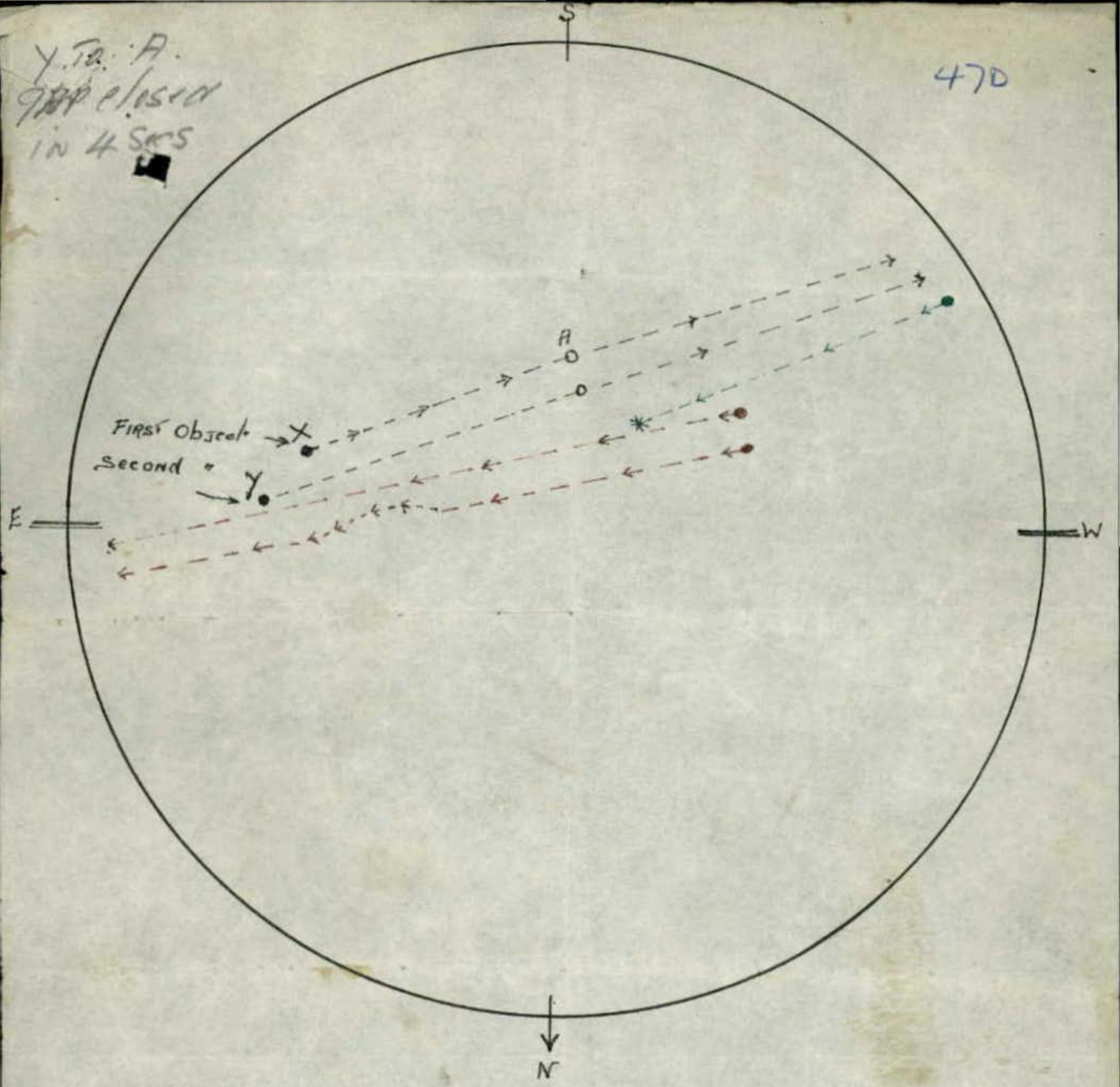

Sightings	Legend	Time Observed	Duration	Date
First	Black	2-10 PM	35 Secs	
Second	Green	2-55 PM	12 "	
Third	Red	3.05 PM	65 "	

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R.A.A.F.
Albert Park Barracks
MELBOURNE, S.C.3, VIC.

27 FEB 1958

Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE, S.C.1, VIC.

SIGHTING OF AN UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

Forwarded is a report of sighting of an unusual aerial object at Mildura on 3rd February, 1958.

(J. DOWLING)
Group Captain
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer Mr. G.W. Rees

2. Address of Observer Benetook Avenue, Mildura

3. Occupation of Observer Poultry Farmer

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
App. 1100E 3/2/58

5. Period of Observation(s) 5 mins

6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Casual observation

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Observed in a stationery position East of Mildura

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Only object in a clear sky.

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
As white cloudlike object

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object white

12. What was its apparent shape pencil shaped and incline on slight angle

13. Was any detail of structure observable no

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious . ...no

15. Was there any sound no

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation about 40 degs. from horizon ("Appeared about the height of a normal white cloud")

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity ...Nil

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
NA. observer said unable to estimate height or distance

++ 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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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

n.s.

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

did not manoeuvre

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen no

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

faded from vision.

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

nil

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)

cloudless weather report attached

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

HSN/Canberra/3355S-14410E @ 0105Z eta WLM 0151Z. QAH470

HSI/Canberra/3435S-14350E @ 0130Z eta EDN 0209Z QAH 370

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

Mildura Airport

27. Any additional information Observer doubted the possibility of a vapour trail from the above aircraft but mentioned that the object seemed to disappear from one end. Object appeared (in perspective) to be about a yard long. Observer was attached to 252 Squadron R.A.F. 1914-1918 as an Observer.

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

Signed J.A. MARTIN

Officer-in-Charge,
Mildura. 3/2/58

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Secretary
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MELBOURNE, S.C.1, VIC.

- 5 FEB 1958

UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA SIGHTING

Attached herewith is a report of the sighting of an unusual aerial object at Essendon on 18th January, 1958.

(JOHN H. PROUT) Flg. Off.
Flying Officer
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl.

This "object" path + time of sighting coincide exactly with reported passage of Sputnik II crossing over 18 Jan.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer .RAHLING H.S. and Wife.....

2. Address of Observer 18 Wright Street. Essendon.....

3. Occupation of Observer Ansett-A.N.A. Foreman Bldg. Maintenance.....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

..18/1/58..2145E received at 2215E.....

5. Period of Observation(s) Approx. 5 minutes.....

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

.....Appeared from SE proceeding toward NW(Aerodrome).....

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7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

.....Overhead.....

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.

.....Light.....

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

.....Light only.....

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

.....One object only.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object ...White light.....

12. What was its apparent shape ...Not apparent.....

.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable ..No.....

.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious .....No.....

15. Was there any sound .....No.....

16. **Height, or angle of elevation Low SE. - directly overhead - NW. height undetermined but appeared low.

17. **Speed, or angular velocity ...Normal aircraft speed.....

18 State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

Works at aerodrome...Familiar with A/c performances.....

** 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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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

.....See.6.....

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

.....Straight.path.but.appeared.to.hover.over.aerodrome.....

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen .Light.only.....

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

.....Over.horizon.....

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

.....NIL.....

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)

.....See ML weather attached.....

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

.....NIL.aircraft.....

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

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27. Any additional information .....

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Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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Headquarters
R.A.A.F.
PEARCE W.A.

12th December 1957

Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
MELBOURNE S.C.1.

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

1. Attached hereto are copies of reports of an unusual aerial sighting and explosion in the vicinity of Marble Bar on the night of the 3rd July, 1957.

2. The Police Department, Perth have not been asked to arrange the compilation of the standard pro-formas for reporting these sightings, in view of the additional delay involved.

D.A. Burgess-Lloyd

(D. A. BURGESS-LLOYD)
Squadron Leader
for Officer Commanding

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GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Police Department
Commissioner's Office

W.A. Police No. 51/4630

Perth, W.A. 19th November, 1957.

Air Officer Commanding,
R.A.A.F. Station,
PEARCE

Dear Sir,

I am forwarding for your information, and such action as may be deemed desirable, copies of reports and statement made with respect to an unusual sighting and explosion in the vicinity of Marble Bar on the night of the 3rd July last.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: J.M. O'BRIEN
Acting Commissioner of Police

(Encls.)

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ACTING COMMISSIONER OF POLICE :

For your information, please.

No reports of any nature have been received that might connect the explosion and bright light alleged to have been seen.

Perhaps the information may be of interest to official at Woomera Rocket Range.

(Sgt.) B. McGEARY,
DISTRICT INSPECTER

D.O. Broome.
8/11/57.

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OFFICER IN CHARGE,
PORT HEDLAND.

I have to report having made inquiries at Pilga, Spear Hill and Hillside Station relative to the explosions heard by Richard Joseph WEBBER and party at the Fibre Queen Mine on the 4th of July, 1957.

None of the people interviewed could give an eye witness account of the incident, but Mr. James Jackson DOUGHTY of Pilga Station stated that he saw the flash while lying in bed and went out and saw a glow in the sky due west of Pilga, and he also heard a rumbling noise which followed the glow.

The people at Hillside also heard the noise and saw a light while sitting in the kitchen at Hillside and when they went out to investigate they saw a glow in the sky north west of Hillside.

All persons described the light as very bright with a greenish colour.

The light and flash was heard by Kenneth John PEARSON when he was employed at the Coongan Lead Mine and he gave the direction from the Coongan Lead Mine as south west.

Some residents in Marble Bar saw the light due West from Marble Bar.

On checking all the directions given from all points of observation it appears that the object hit the ground between Pilga Station and the Fibre Queen Mine in the area known as Dalton Creek or Soansville.

Mr. WEBBER has been interviewed recently but can throw no more light on the subject. He will be advised the result of Police inquiries and advised the alleged location of the object as it appears from Police inquiries relative to directions.

Marble Bar Station.
3rd November, 1957.

Signed: IAN D. BLAIR
Constable 2517.

Meteorite?

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O.I.C. POLICE,
MARBLE BAR.

On the 4th July inst. Richard Joseph WEBBER, Manager of the Fibre Queen Asbestos Mine situated about 126 miles south east of Port Hedland reported over the pedal radio that at about 9.30 p.m. the previous evening he had heard a loud explosion followed by a number of smaller explosions which came from a location north east of the mine.

Immediately afterwards he saw a very bright green light directly overhead light up the whole of the sky.

After the explosions he heard a loud noise which sounded like the motor of a truck mis-firing and after about thirty seconds it ceased.

After reporting the incident, WEBBER agreed to investigate further and later that day made a search in the locality from which the explosion appeared to have been but with negative result.

He has since made a further search but has found nothing to indicate what may have caused the explosions and light.

The country in this area is particularly rough and to investigate thoroughly would take some considerable time.

The Department of Civil Aviation at this centre reported no planes in the area at the time, and according to WEBBER there are no prospectors in the immediate vicinity of the explosion.

Further inquiries here reveal that at about the time and date mentioned Richard HOUGHTON, a messenger boy employed by the P.M.G. Department at Port Hedland had seen a long green light travelling high up in the sky coming from the direction of the Fibre Queen Mine. He described the light similarly to WEBBER and saw it for several seconds before it completely disappeared.

Ronald Jack WALKER an employee of the Fibre Queen Mine also heard the explosions and saw the light as also did two other employees, Vincent FLYNN and Frederick THORNBASCHER.

When WEBBER and WALKER visited Port Hedland, statements were obtained from them and are attached hereto.

Information is to hand here that the residents at Hillside Station in the Marble Bar sub-district have also heard these explosions but it is not known if they saw any light or observed anything further and it is suggested that further inquiries be made in this direction.

Please have inquiries made at Hillside Station.

(sgd.) H.M. HASLEBY
Sergt. 1876

Port Hedland Station.
23rd July, 1957.

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RONALD JACK WALKER states :-

I am 28 years of age and am employed at the Fibre Queen Asbestos Mine as a miner.

The Fibre Queen Mine is about fifteen miles east of Woodstock Station, via Port Hedland.

I have been working at the Fibre Queen for about six weeks.

On Wednesday night, 3/7/57, I was in bed in a tent near the mine about 9 o'clock when I heard an explosion.

It was a fairly loud explosion and for a while I thought the magazine had exploded so I went outside to investigate.

As soon as I got outside my tent I saw a brilliant green light in the sky. It appeared to be stationary for a few seconds and then appeared to move off in an easterly direction.

When the light began to move, a noise like the sound of a motor truck, started at the same time and as the light got further away the noise died away too.

The light seemed to go right out of sight then and we thought that it was a jet plane. We could still hear the noise, like a motor, for about two minutes after the light had gone.

There was four of us at the mine at the time and we all saw the light and heard the explosion and then the noise which sounded like a motor.

There was Dick WEBBER, Vince FLYNN, Freddy THORNBASCHER and myself. Dick WEBBER is the manager of the mine and the other two work there.

We all got the impression that it had been a jet plane or a rocket. We did not think that it was a meteor because of the noise which seemed to accompany it.

The next day Dick WEBBER went out in the utility and had a look around in case it had been a plane and had crashed or something. I also went out, in a different direction, and had a look around but could find nothing unusual.

There had been no planes around during that day and we did not hear anything else that night.

The only other person who I know to be in that area is Jimmy TOOD, a prospector.

After the loud explosion which I heard on Wednesday night there were several smaller ones, like a rumbling noise. This could have been the echos from the hills of the first explosion.

This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(sgd.) W. WALKER.

Witness: Laurie T. Keown, Constable 2792. 5/7/1957.

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RICHARD JOSEPH WEBBER states:-

I am the manager of the Fibre Queen Asbestos Mine, which is 126 miles south east of Port Hedland.

On the night of 3rd July 1957, I was in a hut near the mine when suddenly a very bright light lit up the whole area. It was then about 10 p.m.

I rushed outside and just as I did so a loud explosion occurred and it was followed by several smaller explosions. The explosions came from a position north east of the mine.

After I first noticed the light and got outside the hut the light was still in the sky. It was a very bright and a greenish colour. It seemed to be directly above us.

There was three others at the mine at the time and they all saw the light and heard the explosions.

After the explosions we heard a noise begin which sounded like the motor of a truck. It seemed to be misfiring and after about half a minute it stopped altogether.

My impression of the event was that something had blown up and disintegrated.

The day after the light and the explosions I went out and from a high hill had a look over the surrounding area but my view was limited and could see nothing unusual.

The following weekend I spent another day looking around in the hope of fidning something which would give some indication of what had happened and what it had been. However I found nothing unusual in the locality from which the noises and the light appeared to come.

This statement was given voluntarily by meand is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(sgd.) R.J. WEBBER.

Witness: Laurie T. Keown. 22nd July '57.

TELEPHONE: MXY 130

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Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE, S.C.1, VIC.

-5 DEC 1957

AERIAL PHENOMENA - SIGHTING OF

Attached herewith are two (2) reports relative to the sighting of aerial phenomena as follows:-

(a) At Glenhuntly - 23rd November, 1957

(b) At Nhill - 27th November, 1957

(J. DOWLING)
Group Captain
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ..... E. H. CHARLES .....

2. Address of Observer ..... 22 ROYAL AVE GLENHUNTLY .....

3. Occupation of Observer ..... (PHONE UL 3351) .....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
..... 232232 E/NOV — 232235·15 E/NOV .....

5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 3 MINS .....

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
..... Visual observation from residence at .....
..... above address. No camera & telescope .....
..... reported possible .....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
..... Approx 15° ELEVATION above horizon 220°T from Residence .....

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
..... Showing steady light .....

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
..... Light only .....

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... Yellow white .....

12. What was its apparent shape ..... Not discernable .....

.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable ..... No .....

.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... No .....

15. Was there any sound ..... Not noticeable .....

16. ** Height, or angle of elevation ..... As above .....

17. ** Speed, or angular velocity ..... Disappeared behind housetops on Southern horizon - 1° below BETA CENTAURAI .....

18 State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
..... Amateur astronomical observer for 15 years .....

** 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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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
Postulated southerly - difficult to assess.

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
On straight path or uniform curve

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ..... no

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
behind housetops

23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.
2 witnesses

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)
Clear and practically cloudless.

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
Nil within 1 hour either side of time

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
Unknown

27. Any additional information Observer saw this object while waiting to observe Satellite 2 to appear. He subsequently observed Satellite at 22.3 E.

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

[signature]
Sec. 30/11/57

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer .....J.Reddy.....

2. Address of Observer ..Elizabeth Street Nhill.....

3. Occupation of Observer Com.Officer.....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

.270255.E.S.T.....

5. Period of Observation(s) about.one.second.....

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

A T NHILL
Strong.line.of.light.observed.in.north east.went through Regulus which.was.at.an.altitude.of.23.degrees..The.light.burnt.out after.covering.some.15.to.20.degrees.moving.from ~~xxx~~ NNW to SSE

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

OBSERVED.at.about.15.degrees.and.disappeared.at.about.30.degrees.

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.

.solid.display..of..aurora.australis.to.south..light similar to meteorite

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

.light.....

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

A.second.line.of.light.was.observed.much.fainter.and.in.vicinity of Procyon.

11. What was the colour of the light or object .yellow.....

12. What was its apparent shape .....pencil.line.of.light.....

.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable ..no.....

.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ...no.....

15. Was there any sound .....no.....

16. **Height, or angle of elevation .15.to.30.degrees.roughly.....

17. **Speed, or angular velocity ...did.15.to.20.degrees.in.1.second.....

18 State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

Former navigator. RAAF.....

** 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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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

From.NNW.TO.SSE.....

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

Straight.path.....

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen light.as.a.meteorite.....

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

Disappeared.before.reaching.zenith.....

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

.nothing.....

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)

Thin.line.of.stratus.to.south.otherwise.cloudless.....

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

.no aircraft in area.....

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

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27. Any additional information .....

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Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

John Keeley

Communications Officer

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TELEPHONE: MXY 130

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Headquarters, Training Command
R.A.A.F.
Albert Park Barracks
Melbourne S.C.3

15 NOV 1957

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

UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA - SIGHTING OF

Attached herewith is a report of the sighting of an unusual aerial object at Launceston on the 1st November, 1957.

(J. DOWLING)
Group Captain
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer MRS. R.H. DAVEY

2. Address of Observer 39 JANET ST. LAUNCESTON

3. Occupation of Observer HOUSEWIFE

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
1ST NOVEMBER 1957 2215

5. Period of Observation(s) INTERMITTENT BETWEEN 2215 AND 2325.

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
At Campbell Town at 2215 by visual means for a period 20 minutes and then intermittently until 2325 from a motor vehicle travelling to Hobart

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
From behind a hill

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
The light

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
~~No~~ A light only

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object Yellow

12. What was its apparent shape No definite shape

13. Was any detail of structure observable No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No

15. Was there any sound No

16. ~~**~~Height, or angle of elevation 150 to 200 feet

17. ~~**~~Speed, or angular velocity Variable roughly 50 MPH.

18 State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
No previous experience

** 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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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
Southerly direction between Campbell Town and Tunbridge.

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
Remained on a straight path

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
Over the Southern horizon

23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.
No

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)
Clear and Cloudless

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
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26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
Hobart and Launceston only

27. Any additional information Mrs Davey and her husband were travelling from Launceston to Hobart by car. The light was first noticed at Campbell Town and was observed at irregular intervals until Tunbridge when it disappeared over the horizon ahead of the car.

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

On one occasion the car was stopped and the light more closely observed. Its general direction was South.

This report was not received at Launceston until 4th November, 1954

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ENCLOSURES 39A and 40A placed on file

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
Headquarters, Home Command
Penrith I.W.
New South Wales

14th November 1957

Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks (Attention D.A.F.I.)
Melbourne S.C.I.
Victoria

REPORT ON APPARENT VAPOUR TRAIL

1. Attached is a report of a sighting of an apparent vapour trail by Sqn.Ldr. F.M.Griggs of this Headquarters.

2. No amplification of this report can be made.

P.G.Metzler

(P.G.METZLER)
Wing Commander
for Air Officer Commanding

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LOOSE MINUTE

S.O. OPS.

REPORT ON APPARENT VAPOUR TRAIL

1. At 0100 hours, 12th November, 1957 what appeared to be a well defined vapour trail was observed to the west of Springwood, New South Wales (33.42 S, 150.33 E.), by Squadron Leader F.M. GRIGGS.

2. The vapour trail appeared to be caused by an aircraft flying from south to north, as it was dissipating towards the south, while clearly defined towards the north. When first sighted, the trail was approximately 30 degrees above the western horizon. A 360 degree turn appeared to have been executed towards the north west. Unfortunately, nothing could be seen creating a vapour trail.

3. A check with R.A.A.F. Williamtown, Amberley and D.C.A. revealed that no aircraft were known to be in this area at the time.

F.M. Griggs

(F.M. GRIGGS)
Squadron Leader
S.O. AIR PLANS 1

12th November, 1957.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer....F.M. GRIGGS.....

Address of Observer....RAAF....H.C.H.Q .....

3. Occupation of Observer....RAAF....G.D....PILOT.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

.....12..NOV..1957...0100.....

5. Period of observation(s)....0100...-0115.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

.....APPARENT....VAPOUR...TRAIL.....

....OBSERVER'S...POSITION....33.42..S...150.33.E.....

.....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

.....30°..ABOVE....WESTERN..HORIZON.....

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g.light or noise.

.....

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

.....NO.....

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

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11. What was the colour of the light or object.....

12. What was its apparent shape.....

.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable.....

.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....NO.....

15. Was there any sound.....NO.....

16.** Height, or angle of elevation.....30°....ABOVE...HORIZON...

17.** Speed, or angular velocity.VAPOUR..TRAIL...NOT..SEEN..FORMING

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

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** 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.

Report on aerial object observed (contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

APPARENT DIRECTION SOUTH TO NORTH

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

STRAIGHT, EXCEPT FOR ONE 360° TURN

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ONLY VAPOUR TRAIL SEEN

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

TOWARDS NORTHERN HORIZON

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

NO

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s).....

CLOUDLESS FULL MOON

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting. N/L

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

MASCOT, SYDNEY

27. Any additional information.....

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

From: Flying Officer J.H. Prout

TELEPHONE: MXY 130

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters, Training Command
R.A.A.F.
Albert Park Barracks
Melbourne S.C.3

17 OCT 1957

Dear Squadron Leader Gilson

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS SIGHTED FROM MELBOURNE AIRPORT

Further to our telecon. 17 Oct. 57, attached are completed pro-formae for your information as required.

2. D.C.A. have advised that action has now been taken to have copies of this pro-forma distributed to all their control centres for future submissions of this nature.

Yours Sincerely
John H Prout

Squadron Leader D.F. Gilson, D.F.C.
D.A.F.I. (A.I.-Plans)
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne S.C.1

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Mr. Soden

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer .. SODEN, F.R

2. Address of Observer ... 30 Columba St Nth Balwyn

3. Occupation of Observer Supervisor Air Traffic Control

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
19th August 1957 — 0950 EST

5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 5 MINS.

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
FROM CAB OF MELBOURNE Airport Control Tower

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
to the North East

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Phone call from Airport Employee

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Globular — definite shape

10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
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11. What was the colour of the light or object ... white / Grey

12. What was its apparent shape ...


13. Was any detail of structure observable ...
no

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious .. no

15. Was there any sound ..... no

16.** Height, or angle of elevation } difficult to assess as
17.** Speed, or angular velocity } object appeared to NE — at a fair distance though hard to estimate

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

** 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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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

Stationary

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

as for 19 but appeared to change from white to half white - half grey.

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

just disappeared —

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

nil

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)

Visibility good - middle level cloud to NE.

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

RAAF DC3 - who could not see anything

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

Mt airport - no recent balloon flight conducted.

27. Any additional information

Radar requested to search for echo in area mentioned - nil sighting however did pick up a blip in the Preston area. The ~~of~~ object had disappeared by this time and there were no known aircraft either from Mt or MRB in the Preston area.

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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Mr. Burge

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer .. N. T. BURGE

2. Address of Observer 29 Clovelly Ave., Glenroy.

3. Occupation of Observer Air Traffic Controller

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
August 190950

5. Period of Observation(s) approx 5 mins.

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
From control tower.

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
045 T from tower

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Telephone report.

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
definite round shape.

10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
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11. What was the colour of the light or object off white

12. What was its apparent shape circular

13. Was any detail of structure observable no.

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious no.

15. Was there any sound no

16. **Height, or angle of elevation approx 25° Height? or distance away? Don't know how big it really was.

17. **Speed, or angular velocity nil

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

** 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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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

stationary

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

no

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen no

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

disappeared in mid air.

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

no.

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)

middle cloud NE of field

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

C47. RAAF. Pilot was asked for his impressions ~~but~~ he stated the object observed from tower may be reflection of the moon on cloud

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

Melbne Airport

27. Any additional information Radar unable see any object on bearing of observed sighting (Radar range 20 miles)

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

SAO.

CONFIDENTIAL Dr Lewitzka.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer .. L. C. LEWITZKA
2. Address of Observer ... 4 CRADLEY AVE KEW
3. Occupation of Observer . AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
   19th August 1957 — 0950 EST
5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 2 mins
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
   From CAB of Melbourne Airport Control Tower
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
   North East of Melbourne Airport
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
   Phone call from Airport Employee
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
   Round - definite shape
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
11. What was the colour of the light or object White to grey
12. What was its apparent shape ○
13. Was any detail of structure observable No.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No.
15. Was there any sound No.
16. ** Height, or angle of elevation Approx. 20° from tower.
17. ** Speed, or angular velocity Appeared to be stationary
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

** 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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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

Stationary

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

As for 19

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

Just disappeared

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

Nil

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)

Visibility good - Broken middle level cloud 6/8 NE

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

RAAF DC3 who could not see anything although the pilot stated the moon could be causing a reflection on the clouds.

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

ML Airport

27. Any additional information Radar requested to search for echo but could not pick anything out

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer G.E. FLETCHER
2. Address of Observer 2 ST KINNORD ST ESSENDON
3. Occupation of Observer TRAINEE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
4 AUGUST 1957 0950 EST
5. Period of Observation(s) APPROX 5 MINS
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
FROM CONTROL TOWER
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.,
NE OF MELBOURNE AIRPORT
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
TELEPHONE REPORT
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
SPHERICAL OBJECT - (BALLOON OR BUBBLE)
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
ONE OBJECT
11. What was the colour of the light or object GREY/SILVER
12. What was its apparent shape CIRCULAR
13. Was any detail of structure observable NO
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NO
15. Was there any sound NO
16. ** Height, or angle of elevation 20 TO 30°
17. ** Speed, or angular velocity NIL
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

** 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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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

MOTIONLESS

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

NO

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

DISAPPEARED

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

NO

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)

MIDDLE CLOUD NE OF FIELD

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

CFT RAAF

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

MELBOURNE AIRPORT

27. Any additional information

NO PLOT FROM RADAR

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

From: Flying Officer J.H. Prout
TELEPHONE: MXY 130

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. 5/6/Air(73A)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
Headquarters, Training Command
R.A.A.F.
Albert Park Barracks
Melbourne S.C.3

16 OCT 1957

Dear Squadron Leader Gilson

Attached are four (4) reports of the "Tasmania sighting" on 27th September, 1957.

2. These reports have not been submitted on the normal pro-formae but I think they are all reasonably complete anyway. Should you require a re-submission, please let me know.

3. I have requested D.C.A. to submit all future sightings of this nature on the pro-forma as this method is the most desirable one, both from an efficiency and an economy viewpoint.

Yours sincerely,
J.H. Prout

Squadron Leader D.F. Gilson, D.F.C.
D.A.F.I. (A.I.-Plans)
Department of Air
Victoria Barrakcs
Melbourne S.C.1

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Launceston Airport 27.9.57 270944 GMT.

Sighting Unidentified Object

Approximately at 270944 GMT I noticed a white light bearing approx. 025° M from the tower moving in a southerly direction. It appeared to be at 2000 to 2500 feet at about the speed of a DC3. It passed abeam of the field at precisely 270945½ GMT from which time I had it under observation with binoculars until Flight 597, VH-AEY called to tower at 20 NORTH by DME. It was then passing over the lights of Evandale bearing approximately 125° from the tower. A check with Area Control revealed that no known traffic was in the vicinity. A check was then made with the Meteorological Section on the possibility of a balloon flight being in progress - negative result. S.O.O. was notified. No further sighting of the object was made at Launceston and the last sighting would have been at 270947 GMT approximately.

The light was intense of about the same brightness as a runway light but larger. Its progress was steady and of a horizontal nature. Colour was white. Study through binoculars showed it to be circular or spherical with no evidence apparent, of any shape surrounding or attached to it. Size was difficult to determine as it was difficult to assess the distance from the tower. My impression was that it was comparatively small, probably no more than a foot or two in diameter at the very most.

The sky was overcast at the time of observation with cloud base 4000 feet. reduced to approximately 3000 feet during showers. No rain was falling at the airport at the time. The ground wind was 300 °/10 knots.

L. Stinson A.T.C. Gr. 1 27.9.57

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Launceston
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Launceston 27.9.57 270946 G.M.T.

Sighting of unidentified object

At approx. 0950 the tower controller at Launceston advised that he had observed a bright light travelling from the north east, passing east of field and disappearing in the direction of Evandale. He hadhad the light in sight for approx. 3 minutes. No known aircraft were in the vicinity.HBT tower was advised to keep a look-out and also to alert the Met radar.

At 1024 HBT tower advised that the radar operator had had two sightings. The last sighting was 354^{0} 17 miles from HBT at 1023. The height of the object being between 9 and 10,000 ft. The object had then appeared to accelerate and disappear.

ML Operations were advised of these events by phone.

K. Eddy A/S.O.O. 27.9.57

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Meteorological Office,
Aerodrome

CAMBRIDGE

28th September, 1957

The Officer-in-Charge,
Meteorological Office,
Cambridge Airport, TAS.

RADAR LOCATION of UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

At 1950K on Sat. 28th Sept., whilst on duty at Cambridge Airport, information was received from the A.T.C. Officer on duty, that an unidentified object has been sighted by Launceston A.T.C. heading in a southerly direction. Launceston requested that we make an attempt to locate same by radar search.

Accordingly, Mr. Powell and myself proceeded to Hobart Airport, and at approx. 2020K commenced a radar search of the area. An echo was located at approx. 2025K at true North bearing of 356 degs. a slant range of 34000 yds, and an elevation of 5 degs.

It was moving at a fast rate, and we were unable to track it for more that approx. 15 seconds, but during this period, the range increased about 200 yards. We continued attempts to find it for twenty minutes, but were unsuccessful.

Results of 356 degs, height 9000 ft, and distant about seventeen nautical miles north of Cambridge, are consistent with Launceston's report of the object.

Observers on duty

G.J. Carter
A.L. Powell

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to S.A.T.C.
LAUNCESTON

Through O.I.C.
CAMBRIDGE.

REFERENCE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED BY CONTROL LAUNCESTON.

At approx. 0957z on the 27th Sept. I was requested to look out for an unidentified object sighted passing Launceston and heading in the direction of Hobart.

Met. Radar was requested to co-operate if convenient.

At 1027 Radar reported a very clear trace bearing 356° M 17 mls from Hobart at a height between 9/10000 ft.

They held it for approx. 15 seconds then lost all trace, scanning was continued for a period of 30 mins. without further contact.

(F.E. Heggie)

Note : A report from the MET Radar Operators will be forwarded as soon as possible.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
Headquarters, Home Command
Penrith I.W.
New South Wales

8th October 1957

Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne S.C.I.
Victoria

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT

I. Attached is a report on a Sighting by Mr.J.Johnson of Mininera East.

2. A suitable letter of acknowledgement has been forwarded to Mr Johnson.

(P.G.METZLER)
for Wing Commander
for Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer..Ian G.Johnson.....

2. Address of Observer..Mininera East, Via Streatham.....

3. Occupation of Observer..Primary School Teacher.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
.....1950 - 1955 Est.....

5. Period of observation(s) July. 30th. {others August, 4, 6, 16 and 22nd .....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

..37° 36's..143° 3' E.(Minutes only approximate could be 1' or so....
..either way) only naked eye used.....
.....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coning from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

Two thirds way between overhead and horizon.....

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.

Very bright white light.....

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

A light.....

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

One only.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object. White changing to red and green, sometimes regularly sometimes not.

12. What was its apparent shape.....

.The intensity of the light prevented any other thing being seen.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable.....

No.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious..No.....

15. Was there any sound.....No.....

16.** Height, or angle of elevation.....About 12° - 18°.....

17.** Speed, or angular velocity.Cannot give accurate answer only clue. was intensity of light compared with a/c port Nav.Light and regards intensity could be going about 10(ten) M.P.H. at 600 feet.

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

Only general served with R.N.A.S. with night flying (ground). for 6 years Pilot by day only

** 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.

Report on aerial object observed (contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

About due W. changing to WSW. have no compass. According to Rly map roads don't run S&W etc therefore could be WNW changing to W.

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

Fairly straight

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

Behind Grampians or nearer hill

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

None

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s).....

Clear overhead. Stratus with well defined edge approaching from west. Little wind. Stratus between light and sky.

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

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

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27. Any additional information. Observed Venus on clear night extremely bright, but varying in brightness. With eyes half closed rays appear downward, whereas ordinarily Venus rays appear all directions. When very low over horizon goes red, green (Aug 6th) white in flashes...

Normally when setting over Grampians will go red due to haze, but the red is not the same hue even. Most of information in first letter, lights in second letter not as bright as first one. Times of later sightings not recorded but generally about 8pm-8.30pm.

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

Small faint ones due south seen about 9pm-9.30pm appeared to move laterally, but not dead certain ie E & W.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer Air Traffic Control Launceston - Met Radar Hobart

2. Address of Observer Dept. Civil Aviation - A.T.C. Launceston & Hobart

3. Occupation of Observer Professional Air Traffic Controllers

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
241946 & 242023(K) E.S.T. 27/9/57

5. Period of Observation(s) As above in para (4).

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
24/1946 A strong white light was sighted from Launceston Tower to the East of the field proceeding at DC3 speed towards HOBART(K). Met Radar and Hobart Tower alerted at once

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
By Launceston Tower - visually - to the East - heading South

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Bright white light

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Light

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object White

12. What was its apparent shape Not described

13. Was any detail of structure observable
NO

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NOT OBSERVED

15. Was there any sound NOT REPORTED

16.** Height, or angle of elevation TO BE LATER WORKED OUT BY RADAR

17.** Speed, or angular velocity DC3 at first then phenomenal

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
Confirmed by Radar - Professional Tower Operators

** 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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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

1. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
See Radar fix at para 27.

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
Apparently straight from Launceston to Hobart.

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Only light.

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
Appeared to disintegrate at phenomenal speed.

23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.
Not known at first report.

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)
See A225 to be submitted by Launceston A.T.C.

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
See A225 — No heavy traffic.
(A225 is a Dept. Civ. Aviation Incident Report Form.

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
Hobart Met Radar.

27. Any additional information At 2023 K — Met Radar Hobart reported strong echo on radar screen 356° x 17 miles at 9 to 10 thousand feet heading towards Hobart — gave a terrific burst of speed and appeared to disintegrate.

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

Time of Report 27/1100Z by Mr Cooper Senior Operations Officer. D.C.A. Essendon.

J. H. Norris Flt Lt
T.C.H.Q. Operations Room.
27/9/57

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Telephone: Adelaide, LX 9 Ext.....

REFERENCE 13/2/Air (22A)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE,
HEADQUARTERS,
R.A.A.F., EDINBURGH,
SALISBURY,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A/P: DAFI 9/5/57

RECEIVED 5 SEP 1957 REGISTRY

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Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne S.C.1.
Victoria

(Attention D.A.F.I.)

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Attached for information is an article which appeared in "The Advertiser" on 30th August, 1957.

2. The "phenomenon" was reported to Weapons Research Establishment by the sighters on 29th August and the sighting was brought to the notice of the Formation Intelligence Officer on the same date by Mr. J.A. Fisher an employee of W.R.E. who is a member of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society.

3. The people concerned declined interview by the Intelligence Officer.

4. It seems most probable that the "object" was an aircraft in the circuit area at West Beach Airport.

DAFI 5/9/57

Encl. ✓

(D.R. CUMING)
Group Captain
Officer Commanding

Car "Followed By Flying Saucer"

Three Adelaide people yesterday claimed to have seen a a "flying saucer" above Jetty road, Glenelg, between 8.15 and 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

They said the "saucer" followed their car along Jetty road and Dunbar terrace to Fifth avenue, Helmsdale.

The people in the car were Mr. H. I. Cranwell, a retired company director, of Anzac Highway, Novar Gardens, his wife, and Mrs. N. J. Eustice, of Fifth avenue, Helmsdale.

Mrs. Eustice, who was sitting in the back seat of the car, was the first to see the object.

"When we turned out of Durham street into Jetty road, I saw an object like a quarter moon following the car," she said.

"I watched it through the back window for about three minutes.

"First of all I thought it was the reflection of street lights on the back bumper bar.

"Mr. Cranwell said I was seeing things, but near Fifth avenue, he stopped the car and we watch it for about 20 seconds before it disappeared.

"It was uncanny. It seemed very near the car and quite low."

Mrs. Cranwell said the object was circular and was illuminated across the bottom half by a yellowish light.

"It got bigger and bigger as it came nearer the car," she said.

"When we got out of the car, it stopped for a while and then veered off in a westerly direction towards Henley Beach.

"As it moved away the illumination on the bottom faded away and we noticed small lights, like little windows, across the bottom.

"It was almost frightening.

"It seemed to descend very near the car and then move away.

"It was much brighter than moonlight and it didn't make any sound when it moved."

Mrs. Cranwell said there were many other cars on Jetty road at the time.

Mr. Cranwell said that when he saw the object it appeared to be about 200 ft. up in the sky.

"It moved in from over the sea and appeared to travel straight along Jetty road," he said.

"Only the bottom half was illuminated, but a faint circle could be seen."

The Adelaide Weather Bureau and the Department of Civil Aviation said they had had no report of an object in the sky on Wednesday night.

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The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

26 JUL. 1957

Dear Sir,

REPORTED SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED LIGHTS

Forwarded herewith for your information is a copy of a report received from our officer in charge at Longreach concerning the sighting of unidentified lights.

UFO File pls

Yours faithfully,

(C. BEECH)
for Regional Director.

Dio/s
30/7/57

Encl. ✓

C.A. Form 225
(revised Oct., 1956)

Enclosure No.
Station LONGREACH
No. 7
Reg. Off. No. I/0356/57
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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

AIR SAFETY INCIDENT REPORT

Normally this report should be mailed to the Regional Director of the State or Territory in which the incident occurred. If more convenient it may be lodged with the O.I.C. of any A.T.C. or Communications unit.

LOCATION OR ROUTE SECTION : LONGREACH Date 16th July, 1957 Time 1010 G.M.T.

AIRCRAFT : Type and Marking PILOT : Name & Initials

OWNER/OPERATOR : FLIGHT CONDITIONS : (underline) V.F.R. I.F.R.

TYPE OF OPERATION (underline applicable type):
Regular Public Transport Charter Agriculture Aerial Work
Private Aircraft Test Flight Training Dual Training Solo

FLIGHT : Last departure point : First point of intended landing : Flt. No.

When this report is submitted by a Departmental officer, enter Fault Report No. (if applicable)

DESCRIBE INCIDENT AND RELEVANT CIRCUMSTANCES, with comments and suggestions :

At 1010 a trunk line call was received from Mr. Lamond "Torcombe" Arrilalah Telephone 3-U reporting sighting an aircraft crash in the vicinity of the Homestead. I was not able to contact the Officer in Charge so I opened Aeradio and originated the attached message, addressed to Brisbane and Cloncurry. (Charleville was closed). Attached are replies from both stations. On advising Mr. Lamond of the outcome of his report I was able to obtain the full story but not from Mr. Lamond who had gone to the scene of his alledged incident. The incident was reported by a fencer employed at "Torcombe" who advised Mr. Lamond as follows:- An object with flashing red and green lights was seen very low and approaching the observer. After watching it for approximately one minute it vanished below the horizon so suddenly that the observer believed it had crashed. Mr. Lamond then advised Longreach Aeradio. The observer is considered to be a reliable person and not given to flights of fancy.

(Continued over leaf)

NOTE : (If you desire an acknowledgment of this report please place your name and address hereunder.

Name :

Address :

H3577

Region

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Air Safety Incident Report concerning

on / /

For future reference it has been allocated No.

You will be advised of the outcome of the investigation as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Date / /

For Regional Director

SIGNED : G.L. PLEESMAN DESIGNATION : COMM. OFFICER DATE : 17 / 7 / 57.

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ACTION BY REGIONAL INVESTIGATOR :

SIGNED : DESIGNATION : DATE : / /

Any papers or documents which may assist in the investigation of your report should be submitted as attachments to this form. If you think your report can be supplemented by information from an Aeradio Station or Air Traffic Control Centre, where possible please notify the circumstances of the incident, and the fact that a written report is being submitted, to the senior officer on duty at the station or centre concerned. On receipt of your notification, action will be taken to collect and retain the data relevant to your incident report.

Where it is necessary to urgently inform the Regional Director of any matter affecting the safety of aircraft you are requested to notify him of the circumstances of the incident by the quickest available means; i.e., radio, telephone, telegram, etc. This initial notification should be confirmed in writing on this form.

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TELEPHONE REPORT FROM MR. LAMOND TELEPHONE S/U ARRILALAH REPORTS SIGHTING AIRCRAFT CRASHING. POSITION 2341S 14352E NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE.

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RE NSBL 161018 SOS. NO KNOWN ACFT IN AREA. NO OUTSTANDING LTRAS THIS STATION

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SOS NSBL

NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED ON REPORT FROM MR. LAMOND. LIGHT AIRCRAFT SUMMARIES FROM LA AND CV STATE NO OUTSTANDING MOVEMENTS. CY ADVISES NO KNOWN ACFT IN AREA THIS CONFIRMED BY R.A.A.F. AND BN ATC.

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Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

DAFI
13/5/57

8th May, 1957

Dear Mr. Stewart,

I thank you for your letter of 30th April, 1957, in which you reported the sighting of a strange object over Sydney. I have forwarded your letter to the Department of Air where reports of this nature are studied.

In this instance, however, I feel that there could be a simple explanation.

The meteorological office at the Sydney Airport release a balloon, three times daily, in order to obtain upper air meteorological readings. These balloons are normally white or black in colour. On release they measure approximately five feet in diameter but, due to the decrease in pressure at height, the balloons expand as they rise. At 16,000 feet they are approximately double their original size. Although the balloon is relatively small, it can be seen during a considerable portion of the ascent as long as the eye is continually focused on it.

The balloon at height would look like a disc or saucer and it is very probable that it was one of these balloons that your wife and daughter observed.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) F.M. Osborne

(F. M. Osborne)

The Secretary:

Referred, by direction, for information.

Private Secretary.

R. A. Stewart, Esq.,
Stewart & Cadogan,
Chartered Accountants.

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(Sec Air) 13/5/57
DAFI
CAA (Ass'ts)



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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
(AUST.)

R. A. STEWART, F.C.A. (AUST.), A.C.I.S.
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TELEPHONES: MA 3871
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147-149 Castlereagh Street,

Sydney 30-7- 1957

Hon F.M. Osborne.
Minister for Air.

Dear Sir - If I am wasting your time, I apologize.

I live at Tancluse. Yesterday my wife & daughter watched the planes come in. Shortly after the planes had passed, my daughter saw some object in the sky, apparently much higher than where the planes had been. At first she thought it was the wing of a reconnaissance plane reflecting in the sun - While she was looking my wife exclaimed "what is that". My daughter looked at the object through the glasses (binoculars) and the only description she can give is that it looked like a saucer. - When she looked again it had disappeared. She searched the skies, but could not sight it again. She estimated that about 2 minutes elapsed between sighting it, and losing sight of it. It may be that there →

is a simple explanation, but for what it is worth, if anything. I pass it on to you.

Yours faithfully,

R A Stewart

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TELEPHONE: B.2211

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. 5/1/Air(11A)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters, Home Command
Penrith 1W
New South Wales

Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne
Victoria

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT

1. A report on a sighting which took place at Tambar Springs, New South Wales on 9th December 1956, is forwarded.

2. This report was obtained with the assistance of the State Police, Tambar Springs being approximately 247 miles north west of Sydney.

(P.G. METZLER)
Wing Commander
for Air Officer Commanding

Encl.

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COPY

'Waitara'
Tambar Springs

9 Dec.

Dear Sir,

I don't quite know to whom to write this letter but it contains information which might be very important. I've always laughed & scoffed at reports of strange objects in the sky & have always thought that there must be some good explanation for it.

However on Friday 7 Dec. at about 12.15 p.m. on a beautiful sunny morning with just a solitary cloud in the sky my sister-in-law and I saw the queerest sight.

I was inside the house feeding my young son when we heard the sound of a jet going over. Marie, my sister-in-law, went outside to watch it when she called me to see "The Flying Saucer". I might add we didn't see the jets which I understand were high up and leaving contrails behind them and they didn't loiter but kept going and were out of sight very quickly.

My first impression of the object was that it was a huge clump of thistledown but as the object dropped lower, it started whirling all in its own space & appeared to turn over several times while still whirling. Marie and I distinctly saw the sun shining on plane wings a couple of times.

When the object reached its lowest point it wasn't very high in the sky & we had a perfect view of it. It stayed in the one spot then & continued whirling at a tremendous speed & at this point I noticed a ring around the object, like around the planet Saturn.

Marie went inside to ring the local policeman up but he was away and I watched the object for well over 5 minutes while it stayed in the one spot & then it started floating upwards very quickly & another smaller edition appeared out of nowhere & floated off in another direction. I did not watch it but followed the first object. It floated straight up, very high, & stayed motionless & I noticed half a dozen white dots all around it and then it took off in a straight line for about ½ a minute & then went straight up into the only cloud in the sky and disappeared.

That is all I can tell you and quite realise you will find it hard to believe but Marie and myself are quite reliable witnesses & we definitely saw what I described. Actually it is very hard to write about. We have not told any newspapers as we saw no point in it. The way I see it, one would have to see the object to really believe it.

One of my little girls saw it & she described it as a "white saucer".

Yours sincerely,

FLORA HAYNE.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer..FLORA ALISON HAYNE.....

2. Address of Observer..."Waitara". Tamber Springs.....

3. Occupation of Observer..Domestic.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

.....1215 Hours.....

5. Period of observation (s) ....About 10 minutes.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

.Observed by naked eye, from position one(1) mile South of....

.Tamber Springs. No equipment used.....

.....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

Coming from the East appeared to be coming down

.....

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.

Heard jet engines and when went out saw object

.....

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

Definite object

.....

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

...One object.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object..White.....

12. What was its apparent shape..Appeared to be disc shaped like saucer seemed to be spinning

.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable..At one stage a wing was visible, appeared to have one wing on one side

.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious..No.....

15. Was there any sound..No.....

16. Height, or angle of elevation..At lowest point about 100/150 feet.....

17. Speed, or angular velocity..Spinning down and then went up/out of sight

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

No experience

.....

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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Report on aerial object observed (cont.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

Straight up and down

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all. Went straight up until it became a speck in the sky. It then went to the East and again straight up out of sight.

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

Straight up out of sight

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

Nil

24. Weather conditions experienced at time (s) or observation (s)

Fine clear day

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

Two(?) Jet planes travelling direction not known, could not be seen

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

Nil

27. Any additional information.....Nil.....

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

Signed. F.A. HAYNE.
29/3/57

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer....MARIE ANNE....HAYNE.....

2. Address of Observer..."Dunoon"..Tamber Springs.....

3. Occupation of Observer....Domestic.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
.....1215 Hours.....

5. Period of observation (s) .....5 Minutes.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

Observed from position 1 mile South Tamber Springs, No equipment used
.....
.....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

Came from east over mountains
.....

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.

Drawn to attention by sister in law Flora Hayne
.....

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

Definite object
.....

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

...Only one.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object....Silver.....

12. What was its apparent shape...Round.....
.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable...Looked round.....
.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious....No.....

15. Was there any sound.....No.....

* 16. Height, or angle of elevation...500 feet.....

* 17. Speed, or angular velocity..In one spot for a while then went south

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

.....No experience.....

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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Report on aerial object observed (cont.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

Coming down

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

spun around in circles & then went south

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

Straight up out of sight

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

Nil

24. Weather conditions experienced at time (s) or observation (s)

fine day

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

Nil

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

Nil

27. Any additional information.....

Nil

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

SIGNED M. A. HAYNE.
29/3/57

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Enclosure 29A

FJM/SB.

8th May, 1957.

Dear Peter,

I regret that, owing to my absence on holiday and later absence interstate, I have not replied to your letter of 6th April 1957, regarding the broadcasts sponsored by the Victorian Branch of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society.

I have discussed the possibility of an officer of the Department of Air being interviewed for the purpose of broadcast.

I regret that it is not possible to make an officer available for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,

(F.J. Mulrooney)

Mr. P. E. Norris,
100 Collins St.
Melbourne C.1.

EWART FRANCIS NORRIS
SOLICITOR

100 COLLINS ST.,
MELBOURNE

28A

6th April, 1957

Mr. F. Mulrooney,
Secretary for Air,
Air Department,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Mr. Mulrooney,

My father has suggested I should write you in regard to the recent inauguration in Melbourne of the Victorian Branch of The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society of which I am Honorary President.

The Society has lately achieved a considerable amount of publicity and we are sponsoring our own radio session over 3KZ every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

Although only three programmes have so far been broadcast, the interest exhibited by the public is truly tremendous, and we have received a number of reliable sighting reports from Melbourne citizens, one of the most remarkable of which I enclose herewith for your interest.

The scripts of these programmes have, of course, been factual, and we have endeavoured to express both sides of the argument. Consequently, we have interviewed astronomers and psychologists who have expressed their belief that the Saucers are meteorological phenomena or mass hallucinations.

During the last few years, officers of the Air Department have occasionally made statements to the Press expressing the Department's interest in the investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects. Would it be possible for us to visit one of your officers

EWART FRANCIS NORRIS
SOLICITOR

100 COLLINS ST.,
MELBOURNE

for the purpose of recording an interview with him for broadcast over 3KZ?

I would be very glad to hear any suggestions you may have to offer, and thank you in anticipation for a favourable reply.

Yours faithfully,

Peter E. Norris

THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY, VICTORIAN BRANCH.

P.O. Box 32,
TOORAK, VICTORIA.

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Willem Methorst,
7 Eisenhower Street,
EAST RESERVOIR, VICTORIA.

20th, March, 1957

Dear Sir,

After listening to your programme on Flying Saucers on Wednesday evening, I thought I would write you and tell you of an experience I had while in the Timor Sea on Thursday, 26th February, 1942.

This happened while on watch for enemy aircraft just after noon.

I was scanning the skies with binoculars when suddenly I saw a large aluminium disc approaching at terrific speed at 4,000 or 5,000 feet above us. This proceeded to circle high above our ship, the cruiser "Tromp" of the Royal Netherlands Navy.

After reporting it to the officer on duty, he was unable to identify it as any known aircraft. After keeping track of this object for about three to four hours still flying in big circles and at the same height, it suddenly veered off ina tremendous speed (about 3,000 to 3,500 m.p.h.) and disappeared from sight.

I have an account of this in notes made the same day in a diary which I still have in my possession.

Hoping you will find this of aid to your investigations.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

WillemMethorst

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DEPARTMENT OF AIR.

MINUTE PAPER.

(This side only to be written on.)

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30/1083/Air

D.46 8/9.45.—C.5025.

Subject: AERIAL OBJECTS OBSERVED

D./D.A.F.I. (O & S)

1. Herewith two proformae duly completed by M.A. and F.A. BAYNE, for your information.

(R.D. BARNES)
Flight Lieutenant
for Provost Marshal

18 Apr 57

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer... MARIE ANNE ... PAINE .....

2. Address of Observer... "Dungon" ... Tumber Springs .....

3. Occupation of Observer... Domestic .....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
7 December '62 1215 Hours .....

5. Period of observation (s) ... 5 Minutes .....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Observed from position 1 mile South Tumber Springs, No equipment used
.....
.....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Came from east over mountains
.....

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Drawn to attention by sister in law Flora Payne
.....

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Definite object
.....

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object... Silver .....

12. What was its apparent shape... Round .....
.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable... Looked round .....
.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious... No .....

15. Was there any sound... No .....

* 16. Height, or angle of elevation... 500 feet .....

* 17. Speed, or angular velocity... In one spot for a while then went south .....

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
No experience
.....

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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Report on aerial object observed (cont.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

Coming down

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

spun around in circles & then went south

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

straight up out of sight

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

Nil

24. Weather conditions experienced at time (s) or observation (s)

fine day

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

Nil

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

Nil

27. Any additional information.....

Nil

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

Signed M. A. HAYNE.
29/3/57

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer...FLORA ALISON HAYNE.....

2. Address of Observer..."Waitara". Tamhar Springs.....

3. Occupation of Observer...Domestic.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
7 DECEMBER '56 .....1215 Hours.....

5. Period of observation (s) ....About 10 minutes.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

.Observed by naked eye, from position one(1) mile South of...

.Tamhar Springs. No equipment used.....

.....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Coming from the East appeared to be coming down
.....

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Heard jet engines and when went out saw object
.....

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Definite object
.....

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

...One object.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object...White.....

12. What was its apparent shape...Appeared to be disc shaped like saucer seemed to be spinning
.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable...At one stage a wing was visible, appeared to have one wing on one side
.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious...No.....

15. Was there any sound...No.....

* 16. Height, or angle of elevation...At lowest point about 100/150 feet up

* 17. Speed, or angular velocity...Spinning down and then went out of sight

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
No experience
.....

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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Report on aerial object observed (cont.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

Straight up and down

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all. **Went straight up until it became a speck in the sky. It then went to the East and again straight up out of sight.**

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....**No**.....

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

Straight up out of sight

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

Nil

24. Weather conditions experienced at time (s) or observation (s)

Fine clear day

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

Two(2) Jet planes travelling direction not known, could not be seen

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

Nil

27. Any additional information.....**Nil**

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

Signed. F.A. HAYNE.
29/3/57

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26A

114/1/197

-3 APR 1957

Director-General of Civil Aviation,
Department of Civil Aviation,
"Henty House",
499 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

The Directorate of Air Force Intelligence has investigated Mr. F.S. Oliver's report of an unidentified aerial object. The report was forwarded to this Department under cover of your letter 492/1/411 dated 2nd April, 1957.

2. We are of the opinion that the vapour discharge seen by Mr. Oliver was probably the condensation trail of a jet aircraft carrying out a high-level training flight in the area. At great height, the aircraft would appear to the observor as a small cylinder, which is consistent with Mr. Oliver's description. Weather conditions in the area on the day in question were suitable for the formation of condensation trails.

(A.B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

D.I.G.
Sqn. Ldr.
A.I. Plans
5 Apr. 57

25A

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

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"HENTY HOUSE."
499 LITTLE COLLINS STREET.
MELBOURNE, C.1

IN REPLY QUOTE 492/1/411

2nd April, 1957.

RECEIVED 3 APR 1957 REGISTRY

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.

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Attention Mr. Brogden

... With reference to my telephone call this morning, I am sending you a copy of a letter received from Mr. F.S. Oliver of New Angledool, Northern New South Wales. The letter has not yet been acknowledged by us as we are awaiting information to meet the query. No civilian aircraft to answer the description given were in the vicinity at this time. If you could let us have some information on this we will reply immediately.

(P. J. KNOX)
for Director-General of Civil Aviation.

DAFI 3/4/57

Encl.

Copy

"Yerranbah",
New Angledool.

10th February, 1957.

RECEIVED
3 APR 1957
REGISTRY

Department of Civil Aviation,
S Y D N E Y.

Dear Sirs,

On the afternoon of Tuesday, January 29th, at about 3.30 p.m. - we heard what we have been told is a jet plane. It was not visible but whilst we were looking an object fell resembling - to the naked eye - a comet with a snow white tail. It appeared to come down a certain distance and then retained its height, travelling in a N.E. direction. We thought at first it was some kind of vapour discharge, but until it was lost to sight in the binoculars it had not disintegrated at all.

With the glasses, the object appeared to be more of a cylindrical shape. We would be grateful if you would let us know just what the object was. It was seen by a number of people.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) F. S. Oliver

24A

From:- Squadron Leader D.F. Gilson, D.F.C.

114/1/197(24A)

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne
Victoria

19th March 1957

Dear

Thank you for your letter dated 14th March, regarding the sighting of an unidentified aerial light.

2. Your report is being recorded for investigation.

Yours

(Sgd) D.F. Gilson

Mr. H. Nicholson,
19 Iluka Street
Revesby
New South Wales

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18 MAR 1957

19 Iluka St.
Revesby
NSW
14/3/57

The Air Ministry.
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

During the afternoon of 14th March 1957 whilst driving home westward into the sun about 6pm when I observed a white light to the left of the sun, and about 1° to my right driving along Canterbury Rd. Belmore. I observed this light for a period of ~~five~~ minutes (5) The light is a bright white in colour and is different to that of a star, which appears to have a coloured tinge in my opinion. The light was about the size of a large star at night, and as I observed it, it went in a westward direction then disappeared.

It was observed by my wife also who was present in the car at the time. Just prior to its disappearance the size was that of a pins head and then it was gone. The angle of sight was about 25°, distance 5-10 miles which would put it at about 4-5 thousand feet.

The day was perfect not a cloud in the sky and as the sun was on its way down the light could be seen very distinctly. It also appeared to move parallel to the ground it did not gain height.

Hoping this information is of assistance to your dept. although I believe the Civil Aviation Dept had forgone all enquiries of this nature.

I have been a visual communicator in the Navy and have been eyesight but this was as plain as the day itself.

Should there be any further information I would be only too glad to furnish it if possible. I will listen for the radio broadcast to see if there is any explanation

prior to forwarding this on.

I Remain

Yours faithfully

H. Nicholson.

P.S. The light appeared to be stationary for some time then moved westward. Ref

22A

From:- Squadron Leader D.F. Gilson, D.F.C.

114/1/197(22A)

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne
Victoria

14th February 1957

Dear

21A

Thank you for your letter dated 6th February, regarding the sighting of an unidentified flying object.

2. Your report is being recorded for investigation.

Yours

D.F.

Mr. C.P. Joseland,
86 Pasley Street
South Yarra, S.E.1.
Victoria.

86 Pasley Street 21A
South Yarra SE1
6. Feb 57.





U.F.O. Org.
RAAF
Victoria Barracks.
Melbourne.

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DEPT. OF AIR
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4/10/55c

Report of UFO.

Dear Sirs.

197

At 2320 hrs on Tuesday 5 Feb 57 a UFO passed over the Northern sky viewed from South Yarra. The course of the object was from the general direction of the suburb of Kew towards Williamstown.

The object appeared to be triangular and flying apex first. The proportions being roughly length 3: width at rear 1. It appeared to be light in colour or faintly luminous and was clearly visible for an arc of about 90° which was traversed in about 4 seconds.

DAFI 7/2/57

The night - at that particular time

in that area was quite quiet but the object made no noise. The height was difficult to estimate but possibly about 3000 ft.

I was alone at the time of sighting and have set out all the info. in my possession.

Percy Joseland.

Capt. AMF. retd.

I might mention that I am an engineer, 58 years old and was for 9 years till last October, Officer in Charge Wheeled vehicle testing at Dept. of Supply. Monegeeta. - Also a tea toteller.

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20A

114/1/197

Edwin F Benbow
95 Corrigan Rd
Noble Park
Vic

31/1/57

PPI DAFI (DIDOPS 3/2) 14/10/53

To Whom it may concern
Dear Sir

I would like to draw your attention to the fact, that yesterday (30/1/57) We observed something that I believe may have been a U.F.O. Three other people, my father, Mother + brother also saw it; It was practically straight over head; at first I thought it was a jet, because of a vapour? trail. but then it was travelling to slowly to be a jet; possibly no more than 60-100 miles an hour although. It was a very great height, but, I would not like to even estimate the height, there was no cloud to judge by The strange thing was that the vapour? trail seemed to waver as though it were exhausted out This inclines to contradict the other statement

about it being at a great height, as I dont think such a thing would be visible to the naked eye. The sibting was at Heywood, Vic the time exactly 9-50 AM it remained visible till 10-½ AM My parents address (To check the authintisity of the above statement) B & Benbow, Box 33, Heywood Vic) I have lived at home all my live, but, by the time you recieve this; I will be at the address on the top of this report.

(Questions)

Could it have been an extremely high flying jet, & the slowness of movement of the vapour? trail caused by the extreme cold at such an altitude ....?

Definelly not a weather balloon! because of vapour? .....?

Something I excluded in the above, although it was a perfectly clear morning with no breeze there was no sound from this craft, and although it was hard to tell I think the craft was a dull metalic grey. I could not even guess at the

shape of the craft, because of the height, with any accuracy. I am only sorry I was unable to photograph the craft as this may have been a big help to you.

Perhaps it would be possible to check if there were any aircraft in the area at the time. The craft was travelling due east towards Warrnambool; or, if picked up on any radar screens, or, if there were any other sitings in Victoria or South Australia on this day.

I am 17 years old and, am keenly intrested in this subject. I, have read the book. (flying Saucers from outer Space by Donald E Keyhoe) in which he stresses that point that people should report these sitings. and, as many other articles on this subject that I can I dont read fiction sciena, and such.

If you could enlighten me on this report on the other two pages I should be very gratful

I remain
Yours sincerely
Edwin J Benbow
10 Corrigan Rd
Noble Park
Vic

(Messrs Carey & Co)



To the Unidentified Flying Objects
Bureau
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Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne S.C.1.
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REPORTS ON UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

Forwarded for your information are reports on sightings of aerial objects.

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(P. G. METZLER)
Wing Commander
for Air Officer Commanding

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Williamtown
New South Wales

26th October, 1956

Headquarters
Home Command
R.A.A.F.
Penrith
New South Wales

UNUSUAL SIGHTING - AERIAL OBJECT

1. Attached hereto are reports obtained from the undermentioned personnel with reference to the sighting of an unusual aerial object at approximately 2015 hours on 11th October, 1956:-

Service Personnel

Plt.Off.	J.I.	THOMSON	(032446)	G.D.Pilot
A26698	F.Sgt.	PECK	C.H.	Airman Pilot
A216259	F.Sgt.	COLLITS	H.A.	Airman Pilot

Civilian Personnel

J.T.	BOURKE	Armidale
J.	McKEON	Taree
B.	Taylor	Broadbeach N.S.W.
W.D.	GAY	Allora, Qld.
N.	GORTON	Bundaberg, Qld.

2. Collation of information gathered from these reports indicates that the sighting was undoubtedly of a meteorite moving very rapidly in a southerly direction and appearing to strike the ground in the near vicinity.

3. It is considered that, in the absence of any positive information which could possibly establish an approximate point of impact with the ground a search for any remnants of the object would be pointless and consequently is not recommended.

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HOME COMMAND

(A.J. KEATING)
Flight Lieutenant
for Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer..Plt.Off. J.I. THOMSON (032446).....

2. Address of Observer....No. 3 (F)Sqn. R.A.A.F. Williamtown....

3. Occupation of Observer.....General Duties - Pilot.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

.....11th October 1956 - 2015K.....

5. Period of observation(s).....two seconds.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

Airborne at 15,000 feet - visual - 20 miles north east of.... R.A.A.F. Williamtown.....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

Approaching from starboard and losing height rapidly.....

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise

Bright greenish-yellow light.....

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

Round ball of fire.....

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

N/A.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object.....Greenish-white with orange tail.

12. What was its apparent shape.....Greenish ball.....

~~13.~~ .....

13. Was any detail of structure observable.....Nil.....

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14. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....Nil.....

15. Was there any sound.....Nil.....

16 * Height, or angle of elevation.....Initial sighting 5° above at 058°T Last sighting 30° below at 310°T Time two seconds.

17. * Speed, or angular velocity.....Very fast.....

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17

Aircrew training.....

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

Report of Aerial object observed (cont.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

South South West.

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

Straight path.

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. Orange tail

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

Mid air.

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

Nil.

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)

Very good - excellent visibility.

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

Nil.

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area

R.A.A.F. Williamtown

27. Any additional information. Plt.Off. THOMSON's initial sighting was of a brilliant green light approaching him from slightly above and on his starboard quarter. The object which appeared to be a green ball with an orange tail passed across him from starboard to port and downwards. His last sighting was of a flaming ball with an orange tail disappearing below him but which appeared to disintegrate prior to contact with the ground. The time between initial sighting and object exploding was approximately three seconds.

Questions 25,26, and 27 to be answered b interogator.

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. A26698 F.Sgt. PECK. C.H.

2. Address of Observer. No. 3.(F) Squadron.

3. Occupation of Observer. Airman Aircrew - Pilot.

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

11th October. 1956 - 2015K

5. Period of observation(s) three seconds

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

Tarmac-Williamtown-visual.

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

Over horizon, very low down.

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise

Blue-green light reflection from hangars.

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

A light

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

N/A

11. What was the colour of the light or object. Orange

12. What was its apparent shape. Round with an orange tail.

13. .....

13. Was any detail of structure observable. No.

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. No.

15. Was there any sound. No.

16 * Height, or angle of elevation. 1° - 2°

17. * Speed, or angular velocity. Very rapid.

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17

Aircrew training.

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

Report of Aerial object observed (cont.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

S.S.W.

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

Maintained straight path.

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. An orange trail of light

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

Over the horizon

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

Nil

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)

Very clear with excellent visibility

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

One service aircraft 20 miles north east of base.

(see Plt. Off. THOMSON's report)

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area

R.A.A.F Williamtown

27. Any additional information. The attention of this observer was first attracted by the reflection of a brilliant greenigh light from the hangars. He then noticed that object approaching low over the horizon losing height very rapidly and travelling in a South South west direction.

Questions 25,26, and 27 to be answered b interogator.

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer.....A216259 F.Sgt. COLLITS, H.A.....

2. Address of Observer.....No. 3 (F) Sqn. R.A.A.F. Williamtown...

3. Occupation of Observer.....Airman Aircrew - Pilot.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
11th October, 1956 - 2015K
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5. Period of observation(s).....Four seconds.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Tarmac Williamtown - visual.
.....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Over horizon, low down.
.....

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise
Brilliant greenish-yellow light
.....

9. Did object appear as light or as a definite object.
A light
.....

10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
N/A
.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object.....Yellow/orange or.....

12. What was its apparent shape.....

13. Round ball of fire with orange tail.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable...Nil.....
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14. Was any method of propulsion obvious...No.....

15. Was there any sound.....No.....

16 * Height, or angle of elevation...1° - 2°.....

17. * Speed, or angular velocity...Very fast.....

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17
Aircrew training
.....

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

Report of Aerial object observed (cont.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
South South West

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
Maintained straight path.

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. An orange trace

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
Over the horizon

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

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)
Very clear with good visibility

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
One service aircraft 20 miles north east of base
(see Plt.Off. THOMSON's report)

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area
R.A.A.F. Williamtown

27. Any additional information. This observer states that, in addition to the sighting, on contact with the ground the meteorite exploded and that, what he thought was a fragment rebounded into the air also leaving an orange trail which just fizzled out in a similar manner to a Very pistol flare.

Questions 25,26, and 27 to be answered b interogator.

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Department of Lands

Land Board Office,

ARMIDALE

23rd. October 1956

The Commanding Officer,
R.A.A.F.,
Williamtown.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report, via the A.B.C. news and the Daily Telegraph of the 12.10.56, "regarding sighting of Meteor", by one of your officers, "in the vicinity of Karuah", on the night of the 11.10.56.

I am a field officer of the Lands Department of N.S.W., and, on the night of the 11.10.56 I was camped with another employee in the Yarrowitch area.

While sitting around the campfire about 8.30 p.m. on the said night, we observed a brilliant flash of light and swung quickly to the north and witnessed the "Meteor" descending in a blaze of brightness; this brightness illuminated the whole area and was more brilliant than any flash of lightning or anything we had ever witnessed. Because of this brilliance we are of the opinion that the object probably descended in the locality. After discussing the subject for some-time we concluded that it may have been the crash of an aircraft so a bearing was taken, 35 degrees; on reading your report we have now decided it was probably the same object sighted by your officer.

The Surveyor General has been advised and I am now forwarding this information to you, trusting it may be of some benefit, if you are still interested in the matter.

J.T. Bourke

Land Inspector.

Forwarded through

The District Surveyor,
Armidale.

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J. McKeon
4 Nicoll St.
Taree

16/10/56

The Officer in Charge
R.A.A.F.
Williamsonstown

Dear Sir,

On Thursday evening last (11/10/56) about 8 p.m., I was travelling about 3 miles North of Nabiac on the Pacific Highway when a meteor fell.

It appeared to fall between the Highway and the Sea, in a direct line between that point and the sea.

Yours faithfully

J. McKeon

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Broadbeach Flats
Broadbeach.

13/10/56.

The C/O
R.A.A.F.
Williamtown.

Dear Sir,

With regard to the attached report and having heard over the radio that a search in the Karuah area would be made, it was thought that the following information might be of interest to those concerned.

Travelling South from Brisbane about 8 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Thurs. evening a gigantic flare lit up the field in which the meteor appeared to crash - the location of which is on the Southern bank of the Coomera River - about ½ mile from the Pacific Highway and on the left hand side of the road.

The spectacle was witnessed completely by my passenger, Mrs. L. Ellis of 2 Boomerang Road, Teerigal.

Yours faithfully,

B. Taylor

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M.S. 765 Allora,

Queensland.

13.10.1956

Dear Sir,

Noticed in today's "Toowoomba Chronicle" re explosion of a meteor observed by some of your pilots on Thursday night, time not stated.

At 8.15 p.m. Thursday, I observed a bright white light in a S.E. direction, which would be in your direction, it appeared to be just on the horizon & quickly disappeared below it.

It seemed to be in two flashes, & lit up the sky to right overhead, & I think it may have been of sufficient intensity to enable me to read newsprint.

If you know the air distance between Williamtown & Amberley, Qld., & add on a few miles you would have the approximate distance from which I noticed the meteor, & I am sure it may have been observed by others at greater distances.

Yours faithfully,

W.D. Gay

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Mullett Ck.
via Bundaberg Q'ld.
(240 miles North of Brisbane)

14.10.56

R.A.A.F. Williamtown.

Just thought I'd let you know that last Thursday night 11th inst. at approx, 8.15 p.m. my wife & I "were chasin the calves inter the other paddick". I saw in the South-East a bright light burst from below some low clouds & a bright object which appeared round, & smaller than the moon but much brighter (a light greenish colour) float down & dissappear behind a belt of trees.

My wife, who was looking the other way exclaimed "OOO! see the lightning!"

I was a bit late in seeing it (evidently a meteor) &, it was about 20° up & going South West as it fell. I did not see it explode, the timber would be about 5° high from where I stood.

M. Gorton

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer ..Mr. E. H. Bushy.....

2. Address of Observer ..Motor Vessel WAIMEA (contact through Union Steamship Co.)

3. Occupation of Observer ....Ships Officer.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal ti

4 Sept 1956 ... ~~2145~~ 2029 K.....

5. Period of observation(S) .....4 Seconds.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

On board M.V. WAIMEA.....

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7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

5° above horizon.....

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.

.....Light.....

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

Appeared to be the Tails of two comets.....

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

Two pairs formation.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object ...not stated.....

12. What was its apparent shape .....Comet Tail.....

.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable .....NO.....

.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious .....NO.....

15. Was there any sound .....NO.....

16. xx Height, or angle of elevation Took four seconds to cross sky in Easterly direction from position 5° above horizon near star 'Spika' to position 40° above horizon near Fomalhaut.

17. xx Speed, or angular velocity .....

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

.....Ships officer.....

xx 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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Report on aerial object observed (contd.).

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of t compass.

Easterly ..... see (16) .....

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvr all.

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

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ..... N/A .....

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, ov the horizon.

..... Mid air (near Fomalhaut) .....

23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photograph or other supporting evidence.

..... No .....

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s) .....

..... Fine .....

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinty at the time of sightin

..... not known .....

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

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27. Any additional information .....

Similar reports received at A.C.C. Essendon from Captain of civil viscount .....

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Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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Subject: AERIAL OBJECTS OBSERVED

554/1/3d(34)

D./D.A.F.I. (O & S)

Herewith two proformas completed by Mr. Alan LIGHT and Mr. Robert Charles MANSER, for your information.

(R.D. BARNES)
Flight Lieutenant
for Provost Marshal

29 Aug 56

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer... MR. ALAN LIGHT.....

2. Address of Observer.. 22 Lloyd Ave., Cremorne N.S.W.....

3. Occupation of Observer.... SINGER.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
...18/6/56 at 1320. 7/7/56 at 1305 and 1410.....

5. Period of observation (s) ..10 minutes.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
..North East of Television tower at Willoughby. My own.....
..position was East of Television tower.....
.....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
..Object stationery over shop at Northbridge. Shop situated on the Knoll Northbridge.

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
..Stationary light, increasing and decreasing in brilliancy..

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
..No. About a half moon in size.....

10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
..On first sighting, Mr. Light saw one. On second sighting Mrs. Light saw two, one on top of the other.

11. What was the colour of the light or object.....White.....

12. What was its apparent shape. Could have been oval or round....
.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable.... No.....
.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious..... No.....

15. Was there any sound..... No.....

* 16. Height, or angle of elevation...15 to 25 degrees.....

* 17. Speed, or angular velocity... Stationary during first observation moved at plane speed on last observation.

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
...Radar Operator in R.A.A.F. Rank Cpl. No. 63385.....

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Report on aerial object observed (cont.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

...On second sighting object disappeared into cloud, position of cloud was north west of Willoughby Television Tower.

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

...On first sighting object was stationary, on secondary sighting object appeared to go into cloud on a straight path.

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. After light went into cloud two vapour trails came out of cloud.

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

...Into cloud.....

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

...No.....

24. Weather conditions experienced at time (s) or observation (s)

...Bright day with cloud on horizon.....

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

...No air traffic at time of sighting.....

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

...Sydney Weather Bureau, Riverview College.....

27. Any additional information.....

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Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer.....MR..ROBERT,.CHARLES,.MANNER.....

2. Address of Observer.2.JERSEY.STREET,.MARRICKVILLE.....

3. Occupation of Observer..CLERK,.HARTFORD.FIRE.INSURANCE.CO.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

31st.. May. 1956.. 2045. Hours .-. 2130. Hours.....

5. Period of observation (s) ... 45. Minutes.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

VISUAL ONLY.. OBSERVED FROM RESIDENCE ON HILL WITH ELEVATION OF APPROX 60'.. APPEARED TO BE APROX.. 5. MILES. WEST. OF. MASCOT. AERODROME...

.....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

.OVERHEAD.....

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.

.LIGHT.....

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

.LIGHT.....

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

.TWO..ONE.RED.ONE.GREEN...SPACED.AT.SMAE.HEIGHT,BUT.WELL.APART.

11. What was the colour of the light or object.ONE.RED..ONE.BLUE..

12. What was its apparent shape...ROUND.....

.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable...NO.....

.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....NO.....

15. Was there any sound.....NO.....

* 16. Height, or angle of elevation..10-15.DEGREES,.NO.IDEA.OF.HEIGHT.

17. Speed, or angular velocity.....60.DEGREES.IN.10.SECONDS.....

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

AUSTRALIAN.FLYING.SAUCER.RESEARCH.SOCIETY.FOR.SIX.YEARS.....

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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Report on aerial object observed (cont.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

.MOVED. FROM. SOUTH. EAST. TO. NORTH. EAST.....

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

TRAVELLED. IN. STRAIGHT. LINE. APPEARED. TO. HOVER. FOR. 10. MINUTES...

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

..FADED. IN. A. HAZE.....

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

..NO.....

24. Weather conditions experienced at time (s) or observation (s)

.VERY. CLEAR. AND. FINE. NIGHT.....

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

.QUITE. A. NUMBER. OF. NAVAL. AIRCRAFT. CONDUCTIONG. SEA. EXERCISES. BETWEEN. 1945. HOURS. AND. WELL. AFTER. 1000. HOURS.....

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

KINGSFORD. SMITH. AIRPORT,. MASCOT.....

27. Any additional information. LIGHTS. APPEARED. TO. TRAVEL. TO-WARDS. EACH. OTHER. APPEARED. TO. BE. BLINKING. ALSO. THESE. LIGHTS. WERE... ALSO. OBSERVED. IN. THE. VICINITY. OF. NAVY. FLARES.....

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Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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Headquarters Home Command
Penrith lW
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Secretary
Department of Air (Attention D.A.F.I.)
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne S.C.1.
Victoria

REPORTS ON UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

1. Forwarded for your information are reports on sightings of aerial objects.

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(P.G. METZLER)
Wing Commander
for Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED.

Forwarded herewith id a report submitted by No. A23223 Cpl. RAMSAY,F.L.,of this section.

F.P. BELL
Flight Lieutenant
Assistant Provost Marshal.

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A23223 Cpl. RAMSAY, F.L.
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Headquarters Home Command - S.I.(S).O.

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED.

1. Attached hereto is a pro-forma of questions apertaining to Aerial Objects, duly answered by Mr. Alan LIGHT, 22 Lloyd Avenue, CREMORNE, N.S.W. in the presence of the writer and No.A2860 Sgt. CUSICK, J.H. of this section, on Tuesday the 10th. July 1956.

2. Mr. LIGHT appeared to be a man of above average intelligence and was very definite in his answers to the investigat-ors. It is considered that Mr. LIGHT may have in fact, seen an object or objects, as was first reported.

3. Submitted for information.

F.L. Ramsay
Corporal.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer... MR. ALAN LIGHT.....

2. Address of Observer.. 22 Lloyd Ave... Cremorne N.S.W.....

3. Occupation of Observer.... SINGER.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

...18/6/56 at 1320.. 7/7/56 at 1305 and 1410.....

5. Period of observation (s) .. 10 minutes.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

..North East of Television tower at Willoughby.. My own.....

..position was East of Television tower.....

.....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

..Object stationary over shop at Northbridge.. Shop situated.. on the Knoll Northbridge.

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.

..Stationary light, increasing and decreasing in brilliancy...

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

..No. About a half moon in size.....

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

..On first sighting. Mr. Light saw one.. On second sighting.. Mrs. Light saw two, one on top of the other.

11. What was the colour of the light or object.. [illegible]White.....

12. What was its apparent shape. Could have been oval or round....

.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable....No.....

.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....No.....

15. Was there any sound.....No.....

* 16. Height, or angle of elevation.. 15 to 25 degrees.....

* 17. Speed, or angular velocity.. Stationary during first observation moved at plane speed on last observation.

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

...Radar Operator in R.A.A.F.. Rank Cpl. No. 63385.....

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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Report on aerial object observed (cont.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

On second sighting object disappeared into cloud, position of cloud was north west of Willoughby Television Tower.

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

On first sighting object was stationary, on secondary sighting object appeared to go into cloud on a straight path.

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. After light went into cloud two vapour trails came out of cloud.

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

Into cloud

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

No

24. Weather conditions experienced at time (s) or observation (s)

Bright day with cloud on horizon

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

No air traffic at time of sighting

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

Sydney Weather Bureau Riverview College

27. Any additional information.....

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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AERIAL OBJECTS OBSERVED.

Forwarded herewith is a report submitted by No. A23223 Corporal RAMSAY F.L., of this section, setting out the results of an interview with a Mr. Robert, Charles, MANSER, 2 Jersey Street, Marrickville, New South Wales.

F.P. BELL
Flight Lieutenant
Assistant Provost Marshal

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AERIAL OBJECTS OBSERVED.

1. Attached hereto is a pro forma duly completed by Mr. Robert, Charles, MANSER, 2 Jersey Street, Marrickville, N.S.W., regarding alleged unidentified objects which were observed on the night of 31st. May 1956.

2. Mr. MANSER did not appear to be very clear in his mind to certain questions that were on the pro forma. Although he claimed to be a member of the Australian Flyging Saucer Research Society for the past six years, he could not recall the address of the Head Office in Sydney, and was not sure when or where the next meeting was to be held. His claim to be an amatuer astronomy student for the past few years is doubted.

3. On the night in question Sea Exercises were being conducted by the Royal Australian Navy. Flares were continually fired and several Naval aircraft were in the vicinity.

F.L. Ramsay
Corporal.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer..... MR. ROBERT. CHARLES. MANSER.

2. Address of Observer 2 JERSEY STREET. MARRICKVILLE.

3. Occupation of Observer..CLERK. HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE CO.

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

31st. May 1958. 2045 Hours - 2130 Hours.

5. Period of observation (s) ....45 Minutes.

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

VISUAL ONLY. OBSERVED FROM RESIDENCE ON HILL WITH ELEVATION OF APPR

60°. APPEARED TO BE APROX. 5 MILES WEST OF MASCOT AERODROME.

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

OVERHEAD.

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.

LIGHT.

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

LIGHT.

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

TWO. ONE RED, ONE GREEN. SPACED AT SMAE HEIGHT, BUT WELL APART.

11. What was the colour of the light or object ONE RED, ONE BLUE.

12. What was its apparent shape ROUND.

13. Was any detail of structure observable NO.

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NO.

15. Was there any sound NO.

* 16. Height, or angle of elevation 10-15 DEGREES, NO IDEA OF HEIGHT.

* 17. Speed, or angular velocity 60 DEGREES IN 10 SECONDS.

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY FOR SIX YEARS.

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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Report on aerial object observed (cont.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

MOVED FROM SOUTH EAST TO NORTH EAST.

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

TRAVELLED IN STRAIGHT LINE APPEARED TO HOVER FOR 10 MINUTES.

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

FADED IN A HAZE.

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

NO.

24. Weather conditions experienced at time (s) or observation (s)

VERY CLEAR AND FINE NIGHT.

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

QUITE A NUMBER OF NAVAL AIRCRAFT CONDUCTIONG SEA EXERCISES BETWEEN 1945 HOURS AND WELL AFTER 1000 HOURS.

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

KINGSFORD SMITH AIRPORT, MASCOT.

27. Any additional information. LIGHTS APPEARED TO TRAVEL TOWARDS EACH OTHER, APPEARED TO BE BLINKING ALSO, THESE LIGHTS WERE ALSO OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF NAVY PLANES.

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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No. B6/11/Sec(59A)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters, Western Area
Pearce
Western Australia

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27 JUL 1956

Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne

UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Attached hereto is a report on an unusual aerial sighting made by Mr. D. Pike of Wongan Hills, West Australia at approximately 2100H on the 4th July, 1956.

2. The Meteorological Bureau in Perth state, that throughout the night of the 4th July the surface temperature in the region of this report was exceptionally low. There were in addition, a number of very strong temperature inversion layers at intervals of approximately 2000 feet up to an altitude of 10,000 feet.

3. The Government Astronomer at the Perth Observatory has received no other reports of unusual aerial sightings on the night of 4th July 1956. He suggests however, that the phenomena may have been caused by abnormal atmospheric conditions refracting the light of the planet Jupiter, which was setting in the West at that time.

4. There were no aircraft operating in the vicinity of Wongan Hills at the time the observation was made.

5. Mr. Pike's letter has been acknowledged by this Headquarters but he has not been asked to complete the standard pro-forma.

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D.A. Burgess-Lloyd

(D.A. BURGESS-LLOYD)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding.

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Home Address:-
c/o L. King

5 July 1956

Present Address:- Box 29
Midland Junction

c/o D. Clarke
Box 29
Wongan Hills

Controller in Charge
Air Force Intelligence
Perth

Dear Sir,

Maybe the Air Force had a helicopter in the sky up this way last night flashing red green alternately & doing reconnaissance, if not you may know what it was. In case you know nothing about it the following may be of interest to you.

I am writing in case you know nothing about it, also I am curious to know if it was on new kind of airplane or what, sorry to bother you but thought it best to let you know.

I am working for D. Clarke about 10 miles W of Wongan Hills & 2 miles E of Konaling siding. I came out of the house about 9 p.m. last night & at once noticed what I took to be a rather bright star low in the S sky & that was changing colour like the evening star does. For that reason I continued to watch it for a few moments & then noticed how distinct & clear the colours red & green were & how regularly it pulsated red & green alternately.

As there are only a few dim stars in that quarter I was wondering why I had not noticed it on other nights when it started to alter position. I am not sure now whether it rose climbed first or not but it started travelling westerly, not extra fast by appearance, until it got way over must have been well the other side of the Wongan Hills range, it would be about W S W then from my position. I should say roughly it took 4 or 5 seconds.

I think it hovered there a short while, can't remember, & then returned to about original position. After that I knew it was no star or ordinary aircraft so went in & got Blake out to look at it. As he was very sick he could only stay out in the cold a few moments & unfortunately it did not move while he was watching. He reckoned it must be a helicopter, & went back in. It continued to hover for about another 5 minutes & then started going in various evolutions fairly fast, I suppose it was really making circles & then it went suddenly swiftly straight up & disappeared. I waited & watched for another 15 minutes but it did not return, it is not there tonight. The whole of the time it was hovering it was pulsating regularly, clear red & clear green, no white at all.

I may mention also that last Monday, just before 12 noon, I think it was, there was an explosion of some kind, it shook the big shed & house here, & shook the houses in Wongan Hills, no one knows yet what it was as we thought it must have been a jet plane too high for us to hear the engine; it was a calm still day & we heard no plane.

As regards former report, Blake estimated the object to be well the other side of Wongan Hills, he reckoned it was a fair way off. Had it been overhead it would have been quite spectacular. Others no doubt saw it also.

Please reply to Wongans Hills address. Yours faithfully

L. Pike


10 JUL 1956


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"HENTY HOUSE,"
499 LITTLE COLLINS STREET,
MELBOURNE, C.1

IN REPLY QUOTE 492/1/411

MEMORANDUM FOR :

Staff Officer (Intelligence),
R.A.A.F. Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.

UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA

Attached is a copy of a report on the sighting of Unusual Aerial Phenomena in Victoria.

This is forwarded for your information and such action you may desire.

Douglas N Gillison

(D. N. Gillison) per mw.
Public Relations Officer.
for Director-General of Civil Aviation.

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HILLIER'S ALBION GARAGE PTY.LTD.

HENTY STREET, CASTERTON.

10.7.1956

Department of Civil Aviation,
Henty House,
499 Little Collins Street,
Melbourne.

Dear Sirs,

When driving home from Melbourne last night at five minutes to twelve p.m., about four miles this side of Wickliffe I saw I thought a very bright star in front of me towards Hamilton; as it appeared to be moving I stopped the car and got out to watch it. It descended from what appeared to be a very high altitude (almost vertically) at a gradual rate of descent, I would say taking about fifteen to twenty seconds. When IT came down near the horizon, it appeared to be about over Glen Thomson. It shot off in apparently level flight, I would say towards Ararat direction, taking about four or five seconds to disappear. It was a bright orange coloured light, about the size of a football, there being no glow or trail behind it -

Could you explain - I feel sure it wasn't an aircraft.

I am yours truly,

(G. H. Hillier)

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Fitzroy Dry Cleaners

267 BRUNSWICK STREET, FITZROY
PHONE: JA 5740

EXPERT DRY CLEANING AND ART DYEING

7. 2. 1956

R.A.A.F Intelligence Dept,
Officer in charge
Dear Sir,

I would like to request some information from you which may interest the Dept. keeping records of unusual flying objects in the sky.

At 1.15 P.M. Today at the back of my business premises I noticed an object floating in the sky, I called out to my wife and a member of my staff to come out quickly, as they came out and looked up the object moved off at a very fast rate then suddenly vanished.

At the back of my business premises is a large family and they all came trooping out to see what the commotion was all about.

There was then eight or nine of us looking up in the sky and in the next 10 minutes or so we saw at least 30 objects appear in the sky and then move off.

Some of the objects seemed to glide across the sky and then shoot off, either at right angles or straight ahead, or straight up.

Fitzroy Dry Cleaners

267 BRUNSWICK STREET, FITZROY
PHONE: JA 5740

EXPERT DRY CLEANING AND ART DYEING

If I had seen these things on my own 7. 2. 1956.
I would of thought I was seeing things, but I have a number of people to back me up.

The objects would be very hard to describe, There was not a cloud in the sky at the time and we had a chance to have a good look, and I could not decide whether the shape was a saucer shape or the ~~se~~ bottom view of a completely spherical object, The colour was almost clear, a slight tinge of blue, ~~darker~~ in the centre and very light on the edges, with a shimmering effect all ~~over~~.

I have described them on paper to the best of my ability, if ~~I could~~ you are interested I can any more information, I would be only too pleased,

~~Yours~~

Yours Truly.

A. Finkelstein

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17th February 1956.

MEMORANDUM for:

Staff Officer (Intelligence),
R.A.A.F. Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE.

Subject: Unusual Aerial Phenomena.

Attached is a copy of report on the sighting of Unusual Aerial Phenomena in W.A.

This is forwarded for your information and such action you may desire.

Douglas N. Gillison.

(D. N. Gillison)
Public Relations Officer.
for Director General of Civil Aviation.

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FARMERS : GRAZIERS : SEEDMEN AND STOREKEEPERS.

Congelin Park,

Telephone No.

Williams. W.A.

Our Ref.

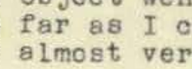
January 22nd, 1956.

Your Ref.

Superintendent Flying Operations,
Airways House,
St. George's Terrace,
PERTH.

Dear Sir,

Further to my telephone conversation with you last night regarding the behaviour of the strange flying object sighted yesterday afternoon by my wife and myself I shall quote the occurrence as recorded in the daily diary which it is my duty to keep for the farm.

20.1.56. Quote " Strange flying object seen by Mrs. Russell and self at 5 p.m. First sighted by Mrs. R. from T.J.S. Fowler's front lawn. Locality of the object about one hand's span S.E. of Moon which was clearly visible. Mrs. R. thought that the object might be a very bright star and drew my attention to it. At first glance I thought it might be sun's rays on a high-flying hovering bird. As my eyes got properly focussed I could see it was a big object at considerable height. Anything from 10,000 to 20,000 ft. No noise whatsoever. Hovering continued for a minute or two, then the object started to move with spasmodic impetus towards the S.W. (Surface winds were S.E.) The strange, slow, spasmodic forward movement continued until the object went out of sight in the far S.W. Shape of the thing was as far as I could see  . When it got away from its first almost vertical position it seemed to have depth of body.

LIGHTS. There seemed to be a bright light aft, a white light, with a duller yellower light above and forward. As the object got further away advancing by jumps forward at roughly second intervals and not at any great speed, the white light seemd to brighten at each forward jump. When fading in the far distance the last we could see if it was the intermittant brightening of this light.

We are convinced that it was not any sort of plane or helicopter we have ever heard of. It was not a bird nor a star nor comet nor was it a balloon nor a piece of paper at great height which latter we have sometimes seen carried up to fastastic heights by willy-willies and such like.

We reported the matter to the Department of Civil Aviation who requested us to write a full account to the Department at Perth for redirecting to Melbourne. This we promised to do." End of diary quotation.

2. In accordance with that promise I have given the recording in the diary and would be pleased to give any other details that may be useful.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: A.R.E. Russell.

Time elapsed from first sighting until the last sight of the intermittant light roughly 6 to 7 minutes.

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TELEPHONE: MXY 130

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Headquarters= Training Command,
Albert Park Barracks,
Melbourne, SC3.

21 NOV 1955

Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne, SC1.

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

1. Attached herewith is a report of an unusual aerial object submitted by Mr. Brian Probyn-Smith, of 50, Albert Avenue, Boronia.

2. A study of the report, together with the attached sketch has revealed the following factors which were considered in arriving at a conclusion:

(a) the angle of elevation at which the object was sighted was approximately ten degrees (10°);

(b) the movement of light was extremely slow;

(c) the object was sighted in the direction of Mt. Olinda and could have passed behind Mt. Olinda;

(d) the light appeared to move in a downward direction.

3. An investigation has revealed that car lights are visible in the region of Mt. Olinda.

4. From the foregoing, it is considered that the object sighted was the light of a car approaching from the vicinity of the mountain ranges surrounding Mt.Olinda. This light was visible for a short period and probably altered direction after which it was no longer visible.

5. It is recommended that no further action be taken.

(C.F. READ)
Wing Commander
for Air-Officer-Commanding.

Encl.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ... BRIAN PROBYN SMITH ...

2. Address of Observer ... 50 ALBERT AVE, BORONIA ...

3. Occupation of Observer ... ELECTRICIAN ...

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
... 15 Nov 55 ... 0220 hrs ...

5. Period of Observation(s) ... 1 minute ... 30 secs ...

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
... Visual - no artificial aids - No Grid Ref. Map ... available ... See attached sketch (Reverse side of form).

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
... Over the horizon, ... appeared to be stationary (for 1 minute)

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
... Light only ...

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
... As a light (no object visible) ...

10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
... One object only) ...

11. What was the colour of the light or object ... white light ...

12. What was its apparent shape ... like a burning flare, with a definite fluctuation in shape but not intensity -

13. Was any detail of structure observable ... No ...

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ... No ...

15. Was there any sound ... No ...

16. ** Height, or angle of elevation ... 10° above horizon ...

17. ** Speed, or angular velocity Moved left through 5° in 30 secs of time

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
... Service as RAAF Obs Gunner (140957) and subsequent flight Training, RAE. (3/1660)

** 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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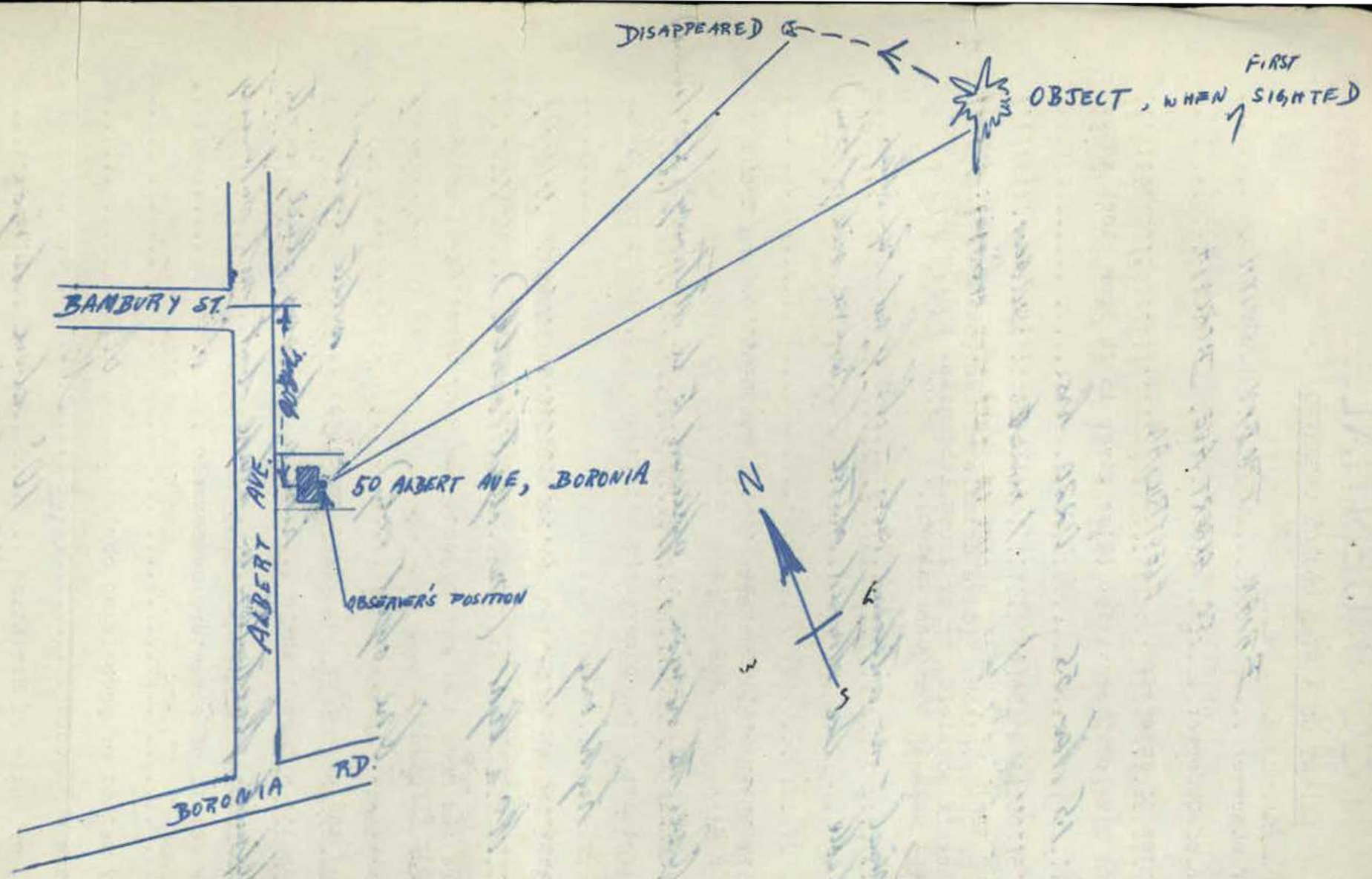
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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass. From being stationary, (due East) moved through 5° to the north, but as brightness dimmed was probably going NE. (Position and direction of movement judged from Southern Cross)

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all. During the thirty seconds of movement visible to me, the curve of movement seemed to be slightly down towards the horizon.

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Slight 'stretching' of light behind.

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon. I thought in mid-air, but visual check in daylight showed that it could have passed behind Mt. Elwin and adjacent hills.

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

Nil.

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)

Considerable mist over Bowmia, - few stars visible

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

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

27. Any additional information

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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Headquarters Western Area
R.A.A.F.
Pearce
Western Australia

-9 NOV 1955

The Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne S.C.1
Victoria

UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

1. Herewith is enclosed report on Unusual Aerial Object sighted by Mr. L. Vollprecht, Meteorologist at Perth Observatory, at 1400H 23rd September 1955.

2. Mr. Vollprecht stated that he based his estimation of altitude on comparison with local cloud conditions prevailing at the time of sighting (scattered cumulus). He considered the objects were small in size.

3. In view of this observers specialized experience, his opinion that the objects were scrap tinfoil carried aloft by conviction is probably correct.

(J.C. HARTLEY)
Flight Lieutenant
For Air Officer Commanding

Encls.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer..... Ross Wallpracht .....

2. Address of Observer..... Observatory .....

3. Occupation of observer..... Meteorologist .....

4. Date and time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
..... 23/9/55 1400 hrs W.S.T. .....

5. Period of observation(s)..... Few minutes .....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Attention was attracted by the pointing and argument of workmen in grounds. It is stated that about 200 of the objects appeared from the north moving southward, about 15 minutes earlier. I saw only one.

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, comming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.,
It was observed from the Observatory grounds and was then to the south over Kings Park at an elevation of about 30 to 40 degrees.

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise,
flashing light, which appeared ~~xxxxxx~~ to be reflection of sun.

9. Did object appear as a light or a definite object. Small oject, hardly visible except when reflecting sun.

10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation. See 6 above. Only two present when I arrived, and I could not see one of them , although it appeared visible to some of the others: Two were said to have moved in different directions at the same time.

11. What was the colour of the light or object. Dark, except when emitting flashes, when it appeared like polished metal.

12. What was its apparent shape.....
Too high and distant to distinguish.

13. Was any detail of structure observable.... No .....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... No .....

15. Was there any sound..... No .....

16. *Height or angle of elevation. Estimated as about 1 to 2 thousand feet , but may have been anything. Elevation 30 to 40 degrees.

17. *Speed or angular velocity. Low. Comp. vel approx nil.

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonable certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
Weather and cloud observations.

* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object it will usually be better toendeavour to

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determine the angle or elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

North to South, though little movement while I watched.

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manowuvre at all.

Appeared to rise at one stage, otherwise little movement.

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in min-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

I left to get radar onto it. Unfortunately it was Maintenance day for the set and it was out of action.

23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence. None in the way of photographs etc., plenty of other observations available, the best probably fron ~~carpenter who first saw them~~ saw them and watched for some time. He described one as rectanglar.

24. Weather conditions experienced at the time(s) or observation(s)

Fine. Surface wind changing from NE to W. Uppers northeast/north to 5000, northerly 5/7000, northwesterly above.

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

None

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

On the spot.

27. Any additional information I am inclined to think that these flying saucers came from the Lake Monger tip. It was one of the hottest days for a long time, plenty of convection, the time when local dust devils most frequent, and wind direction suitable at over 5000, and possibly in the first few thousand as the notheasterly swung round to the sea breeze. Could not find any evidence of dumping of tinfoil or similar rubbish at a suitable time, but Cadburys dumped a truckload which contained tin foil scraps at 3 pm or a little later. (I am not altogether ~~sure of~~ satisfied regarding this time, though the firm insists that it could not have been before 3 pm. I know that their truck was at the dump before this.)

Questions 25, 26, and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

The best description of the objects would be available from a Dutch carpenter who was working on the Observatory buildings at the time, and saw them first to the north of the Observatory. [illegible]

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Secretary,
Department of Air,
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Melbourne, SC1. (Copy Department of Civil Aviation)

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

1. Attached herewith is a sighting report of an unusual aerial object submitted by Mr. Andrew McLean Murfett, Weather Officer, Essendon Airport, Victoria.

2. Investigation revealed that a civil aircraft, in-bound from King Island, was descending over the area at 0733Z, approximately the time of sighting.

3. Further investigation was prohibited due to the following:

(a) no structural sighting was reported;

(b) no sound was heard from the object;

(c) there were no other reports of an unusual object made in the same area.

4. The angle of elevation was very slight (12° to 15°) and as it was sighted in a built-up area, it indicates that if such an object did exist, the altitude would be extremely low, the range would be short and therefore, the rate of speed would appear to be excessive.

5. Due to the height of the sun above the horizon, approx. 13° at 0733Z on 3 Oct.55, and the low altitude of the civil aircraft descending on finals at 0733Z, approx. 12° elevation, it is considered probable that the aircraft manoeuvred itself into a position where the reflection of the sun on the aircraft was visible for a brief period.

6. It is considered that the above factors give all the evidence of a reflection and therefore, recommend that no further action be taken.

(C.W. PEARCE)
Group Captain
for Air-Officer-Commanding.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer Andrew McLean Murfett.

2. Address of Observer Meteorological Office, Essendon Airport.

3. Occupation of Observer Weather Officer

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
3/10/55 1737 E.S.T.

5. Period of Observation(s) estimated 30 secs

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Observers Location Union St. Windsor (adjacent Windsor Rail Station). A deliberate attempt at accurate observation was made

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
About 12° - 15° above eastern horizon

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Light

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Light

10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
Object had appearance of a cluster of brilliant globes.

11. What was the colour of the light or object Brilliant yellow.

12. What was its apparent shape Elliptical. Considered flat if viewed from vertically beneath, it would be circular.

13. Was any detail of structure observable no

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious no

15. Was there any sound no

16. ** Height, or angle of elevation estimated 12° - 15° elev.

17. ** Speed, or angular velocity estimated 10° - 15° of azimuth in 30 secs

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
15 years in RAAF and civil aircraft & meteorological operations.

** 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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19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

Descending trajectory into the north. Object moved from E to ENE.

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

Straight Path

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

Behind roof tops to E.N.E.

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

None

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)

Cloud almost overcast 3/4 000. Small breaks to blue sky to south only.
Wind S.W. 2-6 Knots. Visibility excellent.

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

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

27. Any additional information

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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① .... Operations room reports on 19th October that without exact dates of sightings given, little help can be offered. "Woomera" can not be identified on quick search. No missile weapons would be in the Mildura area unless the guiding of them from Woomera had not been quite accurate [hope is expressed that they were impotent]. Unit moves to Pearce may have resulted in transport a/c associated repelling at Mildura. Operations Room would not receive reports of Woomera a/c ranging around this area or testing.

② .... Operations Room does not have any logging of report (ie from telephone calls by excited citizens) on 30th September. No other information is held by Ops Room.

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