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# Summary of Sightings

| No        | Place/Date                     | Name                     | Recd      | Reply          | Remarks                                          |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1<br>3    | Box Hill South Vic<br>9 JUL 73 | MISS B. SMITH            | 6 AUG 73  |                | FOR INFORMATION REQUESTED                        |
| 2<br>7    | Lilydale Vic<br>24 JUL 73      | C. PALMER                | 7 AUG 73  | 2 AUG 73<br>✓  | CANOPUS                                          |
| 3<br>11   | Colac Vic<br>7 AUG 73          | MRS L. HAYES             | 9 AUG 73  | 10 AUG 73<br>✓ | JUPITER                                          |
| 4<br>✓    | Wendy WA<br>25 JUN 73          | V. E. HOLT               | 9 AUG 73  | 11 AUG 73<br>✓ | MACCHIS                                          |
| 5<br>✓    | Perth WA<br>14 JUN 73          | L. A. RICHES             | 9 AUG 73  | 11 AUG 73<br>✓ | SPACE DEBRIS RE-ENTRY                            |
| 6<br>✓    | LYNWOOD WA<br>29 MAY 73        | MRS M. CHARNNEY          | 9 AUG 73  | 31 AUG 73<br>✓ | SPACE DEBRIS RE-ENTRY                            |
| 7<br>✓    | Perth WA<br>25 MAY 73          | BILL THOMPSON            | 9 AUG 73  | 11 AUG 73<br>✓ | MACCHI                                           |
| 8<br>3    | MADAMBA WA<br>24 JUL 73        |                          | 13 AUG 73 |                | EXT TERRITORIES GETTING MORE INFO.               |
| 9<br>1    | SPRINGVALE VIC<br>1-30 JUL 73  | K O'Rourke               | 13 AUG 73 | 14 AUG 73<br>✓ | DISCREPANCIES IN REPORT PRECLUDED INVESTIGATION. |
| 10<br>9   | CHELSEA VIC<br>24 JUL 73       | R. S. WOODMAN-BROWNE     | 13 AUG 73 | 22 AUG 73<br>✓ | METEOR                                           |
| 11        | ESSEDON VIC<br>23 JUL 73       | G. C. BENTON             | 13 AUG 73 |                |                                                  |
| 102<br>11 | LANCASTER VIC<br>4 JUL 73      | MRS M. YURITA            | 13 AUG 73 | 31 AUG 73<br>✓ | "Stratus latel"<br>STRATUS PATCH                 |
| 12<br>10  | WATSONIA VIC<br>24 JUL 73      | S. DORICOTTI             | 1 AUG 73  | 22 AUG 73<br>✓ | METEOR                                           |
| 13<br>5   | BANMARIS VIC<br>24 JUL 73      | Miss M. Hamilton-Simpson | 1 AUG 73  | 22 AUG 73<br>✓ | METEOR                                           |
| 14<br>4   | BANARAT VIC<br>23 JUL 73       | B. Reynolds              | 1 AUG 73  | 18 SEP 73<br>✓ | METEOR.                                          |
| 15        | SOUTH COAST VIC<br>24 JUN 73   | MRS J. CUNNINGHAM        | 1 AUG 73  | 22 AUG 73<br>✓ | AIRCRAFT                                         |



24 Jan 73

SIGHTING # 15

SOUTH CROYDON MRS J. GUNZBURG  
VIC



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| Royal Australian Air Force<br><b>A273</b> Feb 70 <b>MEMO</b> |  | For use within the RAAF only<br>Write or print clearly | OUR FILE<br>580/1/1 P-28                   | FOLIO<br>15b |
| FROM<br>DEPAR (DAFI)                                         |  | DATE<br>24 AUG 73                                      | REFERENCES<br>BS/S/1/Air/50<br>OF 8 AUG 73 |              |
| TO<br>HOPCK                                                  |  | ATTENTION<br>BS ADJT                                   |                                            |              |
| SUBJECT<br>REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING                |  |                                                        |                                            |              |

Enclosed for your records is a copy of a letter from this Department to Mrs J Gungberg in reply to her report of an unusual aerial sighting

Enclosure - Copy of letter to Mrs J. Gungberg

|                         |                            |                     |                     |           |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| SIGNATURE<br>M. GRETTON | PRINTED NAME<br>M. GRETTON | RANK<br>FLY OFF R-2 | APPOINTMENT<br>2408 | PHONE EXT |
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580/1/1 Ft28 (15a)

22 AUG 1973

Mrs J. Gunzburg,  
17 Stephen Crescent,  
SOUTH CROYDON VIC 3136

Dear Mrs Gunzburg,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 24th July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was an aircraft.

On the day of the sighting, three commercial flights were scheduled to arrive at Tullamarine at 6.30 PM from Canberra. These aircraft track over Eildon Weir and break off at approximately Yarra Glen and head 264° for approach to the airport. You would have sighted the aircraft about 10 miles north of your position and no noise would, therefore, have been evident. The current practice of turning aircraft landing lights on after descending below 10,000 feet would account for the bright light you described.

We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your report.

Yours faithfully,

*G. J. Odgers*

(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

*By email  
DAN  
24 Aug 73*

*Not  
Dorothy Day  
22 Aug 73  
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE 395 1322

Headquarters  
RAAF Base  
POINT COOK VIC 3029

IN REPLY QUOTE BS/5/1/Air(30)

8th August 1973

DAF 1  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING REPORT

Forwarded herewith, a report on an unusual aerial sighting, made at South Croydon, Victoria on 24th July 1973.

*[Signature]*  
(A.J. POOKES)  
Wing Commander  
for Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting.



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10. a. how accurate are these estimates?... Approx  
What first attracted observer's attention? First light, then movement of subject.
11. If there was more than one light/object:  
a. how many were there?... N/A  
b. in what formation were they?... N/A
12. What was the colour of the light or object? Bright white/yellowish.
- /13. What

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

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

1. Name of observer. Mrs J. GUNZBURG and Family.....Age.....
2. Address of observer. 17 Stephen Crescent.....  
..... SOUTH CROYDON.....Phone. 7234670.....
3. Occupation of observer. Speech and Drama Teacher.....
4. Date and time of start of observation. 1825 hours 24 JUL 73.....  
How certain is the date?.....  
How accurate is the time of start?.....
5. Duration of observation. 2 - 3 minutes (possibly less).....  
How accurate is your estimate? Approx.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. In car at corner of.....  
..... Eastfield and Jesmond Roads.....  
How familiar is observer with this locality? Reasonable.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation. Clear, dusky.....  
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....  
..... Naked eye.....
9. Where was object first observed?:
  - a. Relative to your surroundings. Travelling north-east to.....  
..... north-west.....
  - b. angle of elevation. About 40°.....
  - c. compass angle bearing. Not known.....
  - d. how accurate are these estimates? Approx.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? First light, then.....  
..... movement of subject.....
11. If there was more than one light/object:
  - a. how many were there? N/A.....
  - b. in what formation were they? N/A.....
12. What was the colour of the light or object? Bright white/  
..... yellowish.....

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/13. What



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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards) ~~Very intense, start but larger, brighter than moonlight but small in size than moon.~~
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?
  - a. relative to Venus or Moon. About same but elongated.....
  - b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes). Could not judge.....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? At an elevation of about 40°-45° when first sighted-elevation visual estimate only.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... No.....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity..... None.....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? From about 40° elevation to about 15°-20° on loss of sighting behind trees.....
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances. Object moved in a slow hesitant curve... Speed could not be assessed as distance unknown.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. Slight hesitation of 1 sec or less.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... None.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... None.....
23. Where was object last observed:
  - a. relative to your surroundings. Could not recall.....
  - b. angle of elevation. 250°-20°.....
  - c. compass angle bearing... Not known.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Disappeared behind trees.....
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)... None.....
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..... No.....
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? 4. (Husband and 3 children).....
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No.....

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/29. What natural



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29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? None (Helicopter) .....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? No known similar. ....
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

Report received by telephone call to Orderly Officer.

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

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Part II - UNIT EVALUATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A/C type.....DC9-CZF.....(1).....F27-TGH.....(2).....DC9-TJL.....(3).....DC9-TSO.....(4)

Heading.....Approx. 270°.....T.....Approx. 270°.....T.....Approx. 270°.....T.....Approx. 270°

Height.....5,000ft.....5,000ft.....5,000ft.....5,000ft

Speed.....200.....K.....120.....K.....200.....K.....200 K

ATD/ATA\*.....1826 K.....hrs.....1828 K.....hrs.....1829 K.....hrs.....1841 hrs K

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....37°47'.....S.....Longitude.....145°18'E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....None

36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....None released.....

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

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

General wind profile.....

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

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....13°.....C at.....1000.....ft, measured at.....1100.....Z hrs from.....Leverton.....station. Relative humidity at this time 59%

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting.....None known.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating. No radar trace. All aircraft listed at para 33 operated navigation lights and landing lights from 10,000 ft on descent.

/40. The cause

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40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~was~~/cannot\* be determined.
41. The object reported probably ~~was~~/may have been\*:  
(\*delete as required)
- ..... one of the civil aircraft listed at para 33, on approach to  
..... Melbourne International Airport. All these aircraft apparently  
operated their landing lights on approach from the abnormal altitude  
of about 10,000 ft.

BASE SQUADRON  
RAAF BASE  
POINT COOK VIC 3029

B.H.F. van der Wijngaart

..... (Unit)..... (B. H. F. VAN DER WIJNGAART) (Name)  
..... Flying Officer  
-7 AUG 1973 (Date)..... Adjutant (Rank)

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23 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 14

BALLARAT  
VIC

B. ROWINS

|         |                                     |      |                             |      |           |            |
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| FROM    | DEPAIR (DAFI)                       | FILE | 580/1/1 P.28(1.2) 19 SEP 73 | DATE | 19 SEP 73 | REFERENCES |
| TO      | HQSC                                |      | CINTELLO                    |      |           |            |
| SUBJECT | REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS |      |                             |      |           |            |

Enclosed, for your records, is a copy of a letter from this Department to Mr B. ROLLINS in reply to his sighting of an unusual aerial sighting on 18 SEP 73

ENCLOSURE: Copy of letter to Mr B. ROLLINS

|                                                                                    |              |        |             |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|-------------|----------|
| SIGNATURE                                                                          | NAME         | RANK   | APPOINTMENT | PHONE NO |
|  | K. J. PARISH | PT OFF | 12.3        | 2409     |



580/1/1 Pt26 (14a)

18 SEP 1973

Mr B. Rollins,  
29 Sweeney Street,  
BALLARAT, VIC 3350

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 23rd July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was a meteor.

The description corresponds to a typical sighting of a meteor entering Earth's atmosphere on a low trajectory. The bright glow would have been caused by the heat generated by friction with the atmosphere continuously melting the outer layers of the meteor, which stream off leaving a luminous tail. Additionally, the possibility of sighting this phenomenon is increased during July and August as these months are recognized as periods of greatest meteor activity.

We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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17/8/73*

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*11.9.73*

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Spoke with Mr. Rollins who was able to provide the following information:

- a. direction of travel was E-W on horizontal plane;
- b. sighted for about 3 seconds;
- c. object disappeared over horizon; and
- d. could not estimate speed, but saw it long enough to estimate that if pencil was held up against it,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of pencil would take up sighting.

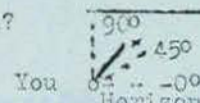
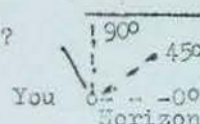
In view of size would suggest that space debris might be more acceptable than meteor, although the colour is consistent with other meteor sightings.

7 SEP 73 1112-2



REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer JULIAN ROLLINS Age 13  
BRUCE ROLLINS Age 41  
Address 29 SWEENEY ST  
BALLARAT State VIC Postcode 3350  
Occupation LECTURER  
Phone (home) 324 870 (business) 301 800
2. Exact location of observer \_\_\_\_\_
3. Start of observation: Date 23/7/73 Time 7.40 am/pm  
End of observation: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm
4. Accuracy of date \_\_\_\_\_ Times \_\_\_\_\_
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc NO CLOUD OR WIND  
VERY CLEAR EVENING
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?  
At what angle to the horizon?   
You \_\_\_\_\_
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?  
At what angle to the horizon?   
You \_\_\_\_\_
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
AM NOT ABLE. (PERHAPS 1500 ft)
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

JULIAN ROLLINS

Completely White

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White Flame

HOUSE

FROM WINDOW

BRUCE ROLLINS

Similar shape with the exception that  
I thought there was a blue (natural gas color)  
aura (or flame)



10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? No.

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Neither my son nor myself think it could have been a meteorite. It seemed to move too slowly + definitely moved horizontally - i.e. it was not falling.

I should add that I saw the object from my car while driving near my home. I was looking north.

My ~~son~~ son saw it from inside the house while looking through the windows which face South.

Date 27/7/73

Signature

Priscilla Collins

24 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 13

BEAUMARIS  
VIC

MISS M. HAMILTON



|                                                              |  |                                                        |                           |              |
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| Royal Australian Air Force<br><b>A273</b> Feb 70 <b>MEMO</b> |  | For use within the RAAF only<br>Write or print clearly | OUR FILE<br>580/1/1 P. 28 | FOLIO<br>135 |
| FROM<br>DEPAR (DPM)                                          |  | DATE<br>24 AUG 73                                      | REFERENCES                |              |
| TO<br>HQSC                                                   |  | ATTENTION<br>CINTERLO                                  |                           |              |
| SUBJECT<br>Reports Of Unusual Aerial Sightings               |  |                                                        |                           |              |

Enclosed for your records are copies  
 of letters from this Department to Messrs  
 J. S. Keenan, R. S. Wogan-Browne, S. Dorogoff,  
 and Miss M. Hamilton-Simpson.

Enclosures : Copies of letters to Keenan, Wogan-Browne,  
 Dorogoff, and Hamilton-Simpson.

|                         |                            |                |                     |                   |
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| SIGNATURE<br>M. CRETION | PRINTED NAME<br>M. CRETION | RANK<br>Fw Off | APPOINTMENT<br>12-2 | PHONE EXT<br>2428 |
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580/1/1 Pt28 (13a)

22 AUG 1973

Miss M. Hamilton-Simpson,  
21 Surf Avenue,  
BEAUMARIS VIC 3193

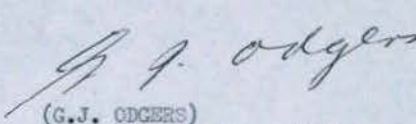
Dear Miss Hamilton-Simpson,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 24th July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was a meteor.

Your description corresponds with a typical sighting of a meteor entering the Earth's atmosphere on a low trajectory. The bright glow would have been caused by the heat generated by friction with the atmosphere continuously melting the outer layers of the meteor which stream off leaving a luminous tail. Additionally, the possibility of sighting this phenomenon is increased during July and August as these months are recognized as periods of greatest meteor activity.

We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your report.

Yours faithfully,

  
(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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DAM  
21 Aug 73

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21 Aug 73  
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# REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

## Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer Melinda Hamilton - Age 13  
 Address 21 Surf Avenue, <sup>Simpson</sup> Beaumaris,  
~~1973~~ State Vic. Postcode 3193  
 Occupation Student  
 Phone (home) 99-5352 (business) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Exact location of observer through back window  
of private house at above address
3. Start of observation: Date 24/7/73 Time 5:46:00 pm  
 End of observation: Date 24/7/73 Time 5:46:06 pm
4. Accuracy of date positive Times positive
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring  
 to cloud, wind, visibility etc clear - visibility good.  
no wind or cloud.
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?  
North North West  
 At what angle to the horizon? 40°  

You 90° 45° 40° Horizon
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?  
North West  
 At what angle to the horizon? 20°  

You 90° 45° 20° Horizon
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
no idea.
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own  
 words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape,  
 brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound,  
 speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance  
 and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

Description

One bright pale greenish-white star-like object with a short tail. The object moved visibly across the sky in the North-West from an angle of  $40^\circ$  to an angle of  $20^\circ$  in 6 seconds, making no sound, ~~until~~ <sup>and</sup> was then obscured from view. Had a tiny speck of red on the front like a pinpoint of red light.





10.

Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations?

NO evidence or  
photographs

11.

How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)

No other witnesses -

12.

Any additional comments you wish to make.

crashing plane I thought it may have been a  
at front. because of the small red dot

Date 26/7/73

Signature Melinda H. Lingson.

24 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 12

WATSONIA  
VIC

S. DORIGOTTI



22 AUG 1973

580/1/1 Pt28 (12a)

Mr S. Dorigotti,  
7 Grace Street,  
WATSONIA VIC 3087

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 24th July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was a meteor.

Your description corresponds with a typical sighting of a meteor entering the Earth's atmosphere on a low trajectory. The bright glow would have been caused by the heat generated by friction with the atmosphere continuously melting the outer layers of the meteor which stream off leaving a luminous tail. Additionally, the possibility of sighting this phenomenon is increased during July and August as these months are recognized as periods of greatest meteor activity.

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*G. J. Odgers*

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Director of Public Relations

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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer S. DORIGOTTI Age 33  
Address 7 GRACE ST.  
WATSONIA State VIC Postcode 3087  
Occupation TRAINEE PHYSICIST (3 1/2 B.S.)  
Phone (home) 435 8397 (business) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Exact location of observer Home address
3. Start of observation: Date 24/7/73 Time ≈ 5.45 pm  
End of observation: Date " Time ≈ 5.45 pm 2 or 3 seconds later
4. Accuracy of date \_\_\_\_\_ Times order of seconds
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc light clouds & light wind, visibility good
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?  
EAST to SOUTH-WEST  
At what angle to the horizon? 90°  
You 45° approximately  
Horizon 0°
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?  
At what angle to the horizon? 90°  
You 45°  
Horizon 0°
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
Very difficult to estimate
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

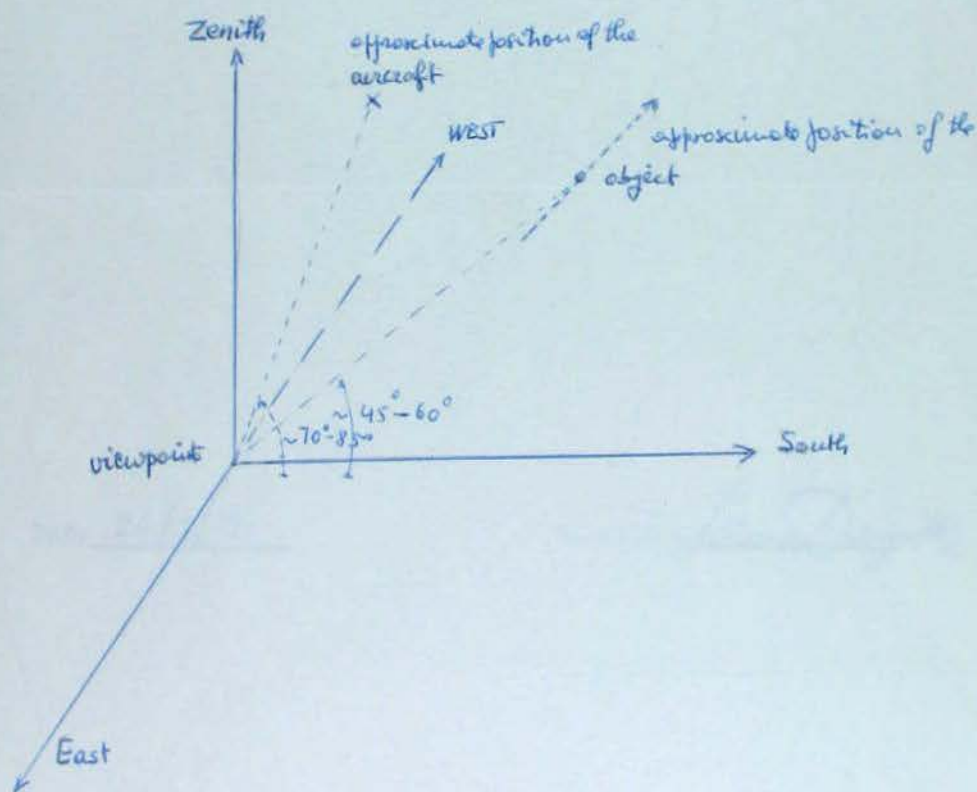
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Charts



Spheroidal object travelling rapidly across the sky; bright 'moon-like' colour (perhaps reflected light from the sun). Appeared larger than an aircraft passing in the vicinity at the same time.

No sound heard above aircraft noise.

Movement: extremely rapid, seemed on a fixed direction. Disappeared out of sight



10.

Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations?

No

11.

How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)

None

12.

Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 26/7/73

Signature

Silvan Drigoth



4 Jun 73

SIGHTING # ~~11~~ 11

WANCEFIELD  
VIC

MRS M. YURITA

DAF 1  
Phone: 50 4727

101 Finch Street,  
East Malvern,  
Victoria, 3145.  
26/10/73

  
Mrs G. Odgers  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
Canberra

Dear Mrs. Odgers, Thanks you for the information contained in your letter ref. 580/1/1 Pt. 28(11a) dated 31/8/73. It is most interesting and knowing the area the probable explanation of what I saw.

This still does not necessarily cover the original object my husband & I saw. Though also resembling cloud



both appearance & behaviour  
were completely different.

In future, should I  
ever see similar objects I  
will be able to study them  
from the point of view of  
this knowledge.

Thanking you  
yours truly

(Mrs) M. Jantzen





580/1/1 Pt28 (11a)

31 AUG 1973

Mrs M.A. Yuritta,  
101 Finch Street,  
EAST MALVERN, VIC 3145

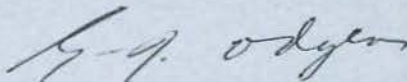
Dear Mrs Yuritta,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting at Benlock via Lancefield on 4th July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was a meteorological phenomenon known as a 'stratus patch'.

On very cold mornings, small patches of fog or 'stratus patches' often form on the top of small dams or water holes. As the sun rises and begins to warm the surface air, the stratus patch lifts slowly giving the effect of a long and narrow object, hovering at a low elevation. The rising sun would give the object the red colouring around the base while reflection of the early morning sky would have made the upper surface appear greenish or bluish in colour.

We trust that this explanation will be suitable to you and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

*Handwritten:*  
G. J. Odgers  
D.A.H.  
30/8/73

*Handwritten:*  
not  
Sent by D.P.R.  
31.8.73  
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# MEMORANDUM

RAAF FORM A273 MAR 63

For use within the RAAF only  
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OUR FILE

5/6/11 Air (45)

FROM

HQSC

DATE

9 AUG 73

TO

~~DEPAIR~~

ATTENTION

DAFI 1R2

REFERENCES

580-1-1

DAFI 24-73

SUBJECT

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

1 Attached are unusual aerial sighting reports from Mr G. BINMORE of ESSENDON, Mr R. WOGAN-BROWN of BALACLAVA and Mrs M. YURITTA of E. MALVERN

*status patch*



SIGNATURE

*Gibbs*

PRINTED NAME

R.O.GIBBS

RANK AND APPOINTMENT

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C.O.O. 9777

9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

*5/6/11*  
*CDT*



## Part 1 -- Report by Observer

19. (cont'd)

5/6/11  
C. D. D.



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'gate'

House  
X

I had walked from house down Baynton Rd to check lambs. As I went to open paddock gate saw this long narrow white cloud just above the trees directly in front at far end of property. There were no other clouds in the sky. I thought I would have a look through the field glasses. I could then see a pink reflection underneath as of metal reflecting the crimson of the frosty sky & a green reflection on top as though from the clear green upper sky. The colors did not seem to be absorbed as by a cloud but reflected away & shiny. As I continued to watch I could see two round white (puffs?) off an even deeper density than the cloud appear in the center several times & then found the big dead tree to the left had appeared in my vision & the cloud was moving left. It was so cold I gave up watching & as I walked across the paddock the sun rose. From our position on top of the Range the distance could not have been very great (though over 1 mile) but the object must have been very large - at least twice the size of a big jet.



10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? No

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)

No

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

This object resembled the one my husband & I saw in June 1966 on the way up the Hume to Albany. That also was a clear frosty morning. Both resembled ordinary white clouds against a clear sky - the only reason to look at them was because they were the only clouds in the sky & if they had stayed put instead of running away there would have been nothing to remark.

Date 30/7/73

Signature M. Grinta

Part 2 - Unit Report

1. a. Details of military aircraft in the area at the time of sighting.

| Type | Heading | Height | Speed | Departed from | ATD | Destination | ATA |
|------|---------|--------|-------|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
|      |         |        |       |               |     |             |     |
|      |         |        |       |               |     |             |     |
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|      |         |        |       |               |     |             |     |

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Details of civil aircraft activity, including light private aircraft and international flights, in the area at the time of the sighting.

| Type | Heading | Height | Speed | Departed from | ATD | Destination | ATA |
|------|---------|--------|-------|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
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|      |         |        |       |               |     |             |     |

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

2. Give the bearing, elevation and movement of any planets or major stars that were in that portion of the sky at the time of the sighting.

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Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

3. Details of any predicted satellites, rockets, comets or meteorite activity in the area at time of the sighting.

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

/4. Details



4. Details of any meteorological, research or radar balloons known to have been in the area at the time of sighting (refer to point of release, size, colour, ROC, wind profile and whether it was known to have burst)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

5. Details of any unusual radar traces or images which may relate to the sightings, as recorded by military or civil networks

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\_\_\_\_\_

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

6. Provide the following information relating to the weather and atmospheric conditions at the time of the sighting:

Temperature (dry bulb) \_\_\_\_ °C (wet bulb) \_\_\_\_ °C Relative Humidity \_\_\_\_ %

Cloud Cover \_\_\_\_\_ type \_\_\_\_\_

Temperature inversion of \_\_\_\_ °C at \_\_\_\_ ft measured at  
from \_\_\_\_\_ hrs

Wind direction \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ ft

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ ft

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ ft

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ ft

Pollution level \_\_\_\_\_

7. Details of terrain and natural and/or man-made features in the area (Attach map with significant points marked, if possible)

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Part 3 - Investigating Officer's Evaluation

1. a. Date of interview \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Place of interview \_\_\_\_\_

2. Names and addresses of persons interviewed (include phone numbers where applicable)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

3. Narrative evaluation of personalities of witnesses (include any relationship with UFO organizations and their interest in subject matter).

Mrs. Yuritta seems to believe she has seen UFO's in 1966 & 1973

4. Investigating Officer's evaluation of possible cause(s).

Cloud. Ms. Yuritta may be interested in the improbability of space-travel in view of distance to nearest star (25 million million miles to Alpha Centauri, twice as far to next galaxy) and time needed to travel to earth (at 200,000 mph = 156 years for one way trip) from AC. Pink colour on base of clouds reflected rising sun, green top was probably optical result of rising sun.

H.Q.S.C. U. (Unit)

R.O.GIBBS (Name)

9 AUG 73

(Date)

Flg Off

(Rank)

15000 ft.



24 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 10

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vic

R. S. Wood - Browne

580/1/1 Pt28 (10a)

22 AUG 1973

Mr R.S. Wogan-Browne,  
12/66 Westbury Street,  
BALACLAVA VIC 3183

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 24th July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was a meteor.

Your description corresponds with a typical sighting of a meteor entering the Earth's atmosphere on a low trajectory. The bright glow would have been caused by the heat generated by friction with the atmosphere continuously melting the outer layers of the meteor which stream off leaving a luminous tail. Additionally, the possibility of sighting this phenomenon is increased during July and August as these months are recognized as periods of greatest meteor activity.

We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your report.

Yours faithfully,

*G. J. Odgers*

(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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on 8/80/1/1 R-28 (136)  
24 Aug 73  
G. J. Odgers  
R-2*

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Copy sent to Hove  
24 Aug 73  
to*



# REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

## Part 1 Report by Observer

- Name of observer Richard S. Wogan - Browne Age 23  
Address 12/66 Westbury St BALACLAVA  
VICTORIA State                      Postcode 3803  
Occupation CIVIL ENGINEER  
Phone (home)                      (business) 783 7415
- Exact location of observer 1 mile south of Chelsea  
on Nepean Highway
- Start of observation: Date 24/7/72 Time 6:00 am/pm am  
End of observation: Date 24/7/72 Time 6:01 am/pm am
- Accuracy of date exact Times ± 10 min
- Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc Clear, fine  
no wind, good visibility - just before dusk
- In what direction was the sighting first observed?  
At what angle to the horizon? 90°  
You 85° 45°  
Horizon 0°
- In what direction was the sighting last observed?  
At what angle to the horizon? 20°  
You 85° 45°  
Horizon 0°
- Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
Approximately the same height as a plane (airliner)
- Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

x 5/6/72  
Chris

The object was an aqua-blue light which ~~was~~ appeared to be the size of a very intense wing light of a plane. It was still <sup>day</sup> light when I observed it. ~~As~~ I observed it fly from south to north (approx.  $10^\circ$  west of north) at a velocity far greater than a plane (jet). When it reached a position at approximately  $20^\circ$  to the horizon it disappeared in a white flame — it appeared to burn up. The length of time I observed it for was approx. 3-4 sec.



10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? no

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 1 8 78

Signature *Robert B. Bane*

Part 2 - Unit Report

1. a. Details of military aircraft in the area at the time of sighting.

| Type | Heading | Height | Speed | Departed from | ATD | Destination | ATA |
|------|---------|--------|-------|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
|      |         |        |       |               |     |             |     |
|      |         |        |       |               |     |             |     |
|      |         |        |       |               |     |             |     |
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Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Details of civil aircraft activity, including light private aircraft and international flights, in the area at the time of the sighting.

| Type | Heading | Height | Speed | Departed from | ATD | Destination | ATA |
|------|---------|--------|-------|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
|      |         |        |       |               |     |             |     |
|      |         |        |       |               |     |             |     |
|      |         |        |       |               |     |             |     |
|      |         |        |       |               |     |             |     |

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

2. Give the bearing, elevation and movement of any planets or major stars that were in that portion of the sky at the time of the sighting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

3. Details of any predicted satellites, rockets, comets or meteorite activity in the area at time of the sighting.

Nil

Source of information Vis Sat Passes Bulletin

/4. Details



4. Details of any meteorological, research or radar balloons known to have been in the area at the time of sighting (refer to point of release, size, colour, ROC, wind profile and whether it was known to have burst)

*Not considered*

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

5. Details of any unusual radar traces or images which may relate to the sightings, as recorded by military or civil networks

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

6. Provide the following information relating to the weather and atmospheric conditions at the time of the sighting:

Temperature (dry bulb) \_\_\_\_\_ °C (wet bulb) \_\_\_\_\_ °C Relative Humidity \_\_\_\_\_ %

Cloud Cover \_\_\_\_\_ type \_\_\_\_\_

Temperature inversion of \_\_\_\_\_ °C at \_\_\_\_\_ ft measured at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs

Wind direction \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ ft

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ ft

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ ft

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ ft

Pollution level \_\_\_\_\_

7. Details of terrain and natural and/or man-made features in the area (Attach map with significant points marked, if possible)

*Wx conditions covered by*

*USC 5/6/1/Air(43)*

*2 AUG 73*

Part 3 - Investigating Officer's Evaluation

1. a. Date of interview \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Place of interview \_\_\_\_\_
2. Names and addresses of persons interviewed (include phone numbers where applicable)  
1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Narrative evaluation of personalities of witnesses (include any relationship with UFO organizations and their interest in subject matter).
4. Investigating Officer's evaluation of possible cause(s).

Man made space debris or meteorite  
burning up on reentry.

H&SCU (Unit) R. O. Gibbs (Name)  
6 AUG 73 (Date) Flg Off (Rank)



1-30 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 9

SPRINGVILLE  
VIC

K O'Rourke

580/1/1 Pt28 (9a)

24 AUG 1973

Master K. O'Rourke,  
6 Virginia Street,  
SPRINGVALE VIC 3171

Dear Kenneth,

With reference to your report of an alleged unusual  
aerial sighting, this Department has attempted to contact you by  
telephone, to no avail, in order to clarify some of the information  
contained in the report.

The report cannot be evaluated seriously at this stage  
due to apparent discrepancies such as the period of the sighting -  
28 days - and the direction-451° north.

Should you wish to forward factual information the  
report will be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

Yours faithfully,

*G.J. Odgers*  
(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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23 Aug 73*

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27 Aug 73  
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# MEMORANDUM

RAAF FORM A273 MAR 63

For use within the RAAF only  
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OUR FILE

5/6/1/Air (44)

FROM

HQSC

DATE

9 AUG 73

TO

~~DEPAIR~~

ATTENTION

DAFI 1R2

REFERENCES

SUBJECT

UNUSUAL AERIAL OBSERVATION

580-1-1

DAFI 6-8-73

1. The attached unusual aerial sighting report from Master K. O'ROURKE of SPRINGVALE appears to be a masterpiece of over-imagination. No attempt has been made to complete Part 2. but this will be done if you require it.

2. It would appear difficult to legitimize this report by replying to Master O'ROURKE.

3. Master O'ROURKE reported another UFO on 27 JUL 73. Part 1 in respect of the 27 JUL report has not yet been returned to this office.



SIGNATURE

*R.O. Gibbs*

PRINTED NAME

R.O. GIBBS

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9.

Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

Sketch of U.F.O

/9. (cont'd)

Springvale Rd  
Virginia St

5/6/1/Air  
C. Gibbs







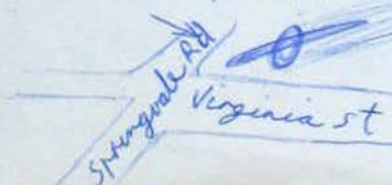
REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 -- Report by Observer

1. Name of observer Kenneth O'Leary Age 14  
Address 6 Virginia St Springvale  
State Vic Postcode 3171  
Occupation Student at Springvale High School  
~~Phone (home)~~ ~~(business)~~
2. Exact location of observer I was in my front yard at the time
3. Start of observation: Date 1st July Time 8 ~~am~~/pm } 28 days  
End of observation: Date 30 July Time 7 ~~am~~/pm
4. Accuracy of date \_\_\_\_\_ Times \_\_\_\_\_
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc the weather was  
visibility ??
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed? North 45° ??  
At what angle to the horizon? 90°  
You 64° 45°  
Horizon -00°
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed? West 135°  
At what angle to the horizon? 90°  
You 64° 45°  
Horizon -00°
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
The altitude was about 50 to 100 yds
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

Sketch of U.F.O.



x 5/6/11/12  
C. O'Leary



The shape of the U.F.O was  
round no lights the speed was  
about 85 m.p.h to 90 m.p.h.

The sound was something like  
SSSSH H H H H, S S H H H, S S S H H H.

10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations?

Sorry but no  
evidence of such kind

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)

Sorry but no

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Would you please send  
me if possible a U.F.O  
kit so I could get something ??  
for you next time

Date 1 Aug 1973

Signature Ken O'Rourke



24 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 8

Madang  
PAC



DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL TERRITORIES

HOBART PLACE, CANBERRA CITY, A.C.T. 2601

Telephone: 48 6644  
Telegrams: Territories  
Telex: 62012

In reply please quote 69/4393

10 AUG 1973

The Director of Air Force  
Intelligence,  
Department of Air,  
CANBERRA A.C.T. 2600

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT - SAIDOR, MADANG DISTRICT

Attached please find a copy of a memorandum  
on the above siting from the Department of Foreign Relations  
and Trade, Papua New Guinea.

2. Referred for your information.

*Non*  
*Range Mr Duke who*  
*indicated that he would*  
*try to obtain further information,*  
*names and addresses etc.*

*B. E. Duke*

(B. Duke)  
for Secretary

*22 Aug 73*







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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TELEGRAMS: ADMR.  
TELEPHONE: 44335

Foreign Relations Division,  
P.O. Box 2121,  
KONEDOBU.

The Secretary,  
Department of External Territories,  
Hobart Place,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2601

Date: 3/8/73.

Our Reference: SR16-16-3/1

Action Officer: Mr. A.H. Farapo.

Designation:

Your Reference: Mr. Granger.

Date:

6 AUG 1973

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT -  
SAIDOR, MADANG DISTRICT.

We have received the following telegram from Madang  
and copied for your information:-

"DISCOM MADANG...S32 BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT SEEN IN  
SKY 24 (JULY) FROM 7:30 P.M. TO 10:30 P.M. STOP  
MOVING IN GENERAL EAST WEST DIRECTION AT TIMES  
MOVE IN CIRCLE STOPPED GOT BRIGHT AND SEEMED TO  
INCREASED IN SIZE STOP SMALL BRIGHT OBJECT  
APPEAR TO HANG FROM LOWER LEFT PORTION SEEN BY  
MANY...DISTROFF"

W. L. Conroy  
(W.L. CONROY),  
SECRETARY.

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REC'D - 9 AUG P.M.

Mr. Storer.

Please refer to Defense

B/C

25 MAY 73

SIGHTING # 7

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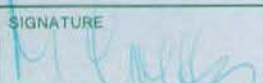
Bill THOMPSON



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| Royal Australian Air Force<br><b>A273</b> Feb 70 <b>MEMO</b> |  | For use within the RAAF only<br>Write or print clearly | OUR FILE<br>580/1/1 P.28 | FOLIO<br>75                                              |
| FROM<br>DEPAIR (DAFI)                                        |  | DATE<br>28 Aug 73                                      |                          | REFERENCES<br>HOREN 5/9/11/12<br>P 5(11) OF<br>30 JUN 73 |
| TO<br>HOREN                                                  |  | ATTENTION<br>FLG OFF PYERS                             |                          |                                                          |
| SUBJECT<br>REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS               |  |                                                        |                          |                                                          |

Enclosed for your records, are copies of letters  
 from this Department to Mr B Thomson, Mr V.E  
 Holt and Mr L.A. Riches in reply to their  
 reports of unusual aerial sightings

Enclosures: Copies of letters to Mr B Thomson  
 Mr V.E Holt and Mr L.A. Riches

|                                                                                                 |                           |                 |                      |                   |
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| SIGNATURE<br> | PRINTED NAME<br>M. COTTON | RANK<br>FLG OFF | APPOINTMENT<br>12 12 | PHONE EXT<br>2405 |
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27 AUG 1973

580/1/1 Pt28 (7a)

Master B. Thomson,  
20 Amberley Road,  
BALGA WA 6061

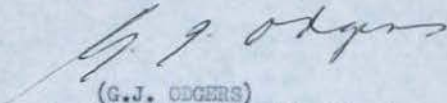
Dear Bill,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 25th May 1973 it has been determined that the most likely cause was a Macchi jet trainer aircraft on a training flight from RAAF Base Pearce.

Our investigations have shown that a Macchi was in the vicinity of the sighting at the time described. The manoeuvres reported are typical of those made by these aircraft when undergoing aerobatic training. The 'pulsating red glow' would have been the aircraft's anti-collision light.

We trust that this explanation will be satisfactory to you and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,

  
(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

No 4  
Dec 1973  
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B. Thomson  
23/8/73



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|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| FROM<br>H & PEA ✓                              | FILE<br>5/9/AIR Pts (11) | DATE<br>30 JUL 73 | REFERENCES                            |
| TO<br>DEPTAIR DAFI                             |                          |                   | DEPT. OF AIR<br>580-1-1<br>DAFI 67/77 |
| SUBJECT<br>REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS |                          |                   |                                       |

ATTACHED ARE REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS  
AS SEEN BY MR BILL THOMPSON, MRS MARGARET CHARNKEY,  
MR LESLIE RICHES AND M/S V.E. HOLT.



|               |                        |                 |                            |                  |
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| SIGNATURE<br> | NAME<br>R. R. J. PIERS | RANK<br>FLG OFF | APPOINTMENT<br>LPO OFFICER | PHONE NO<br>2296 |
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## REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

## Part 1 - Report by observer

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

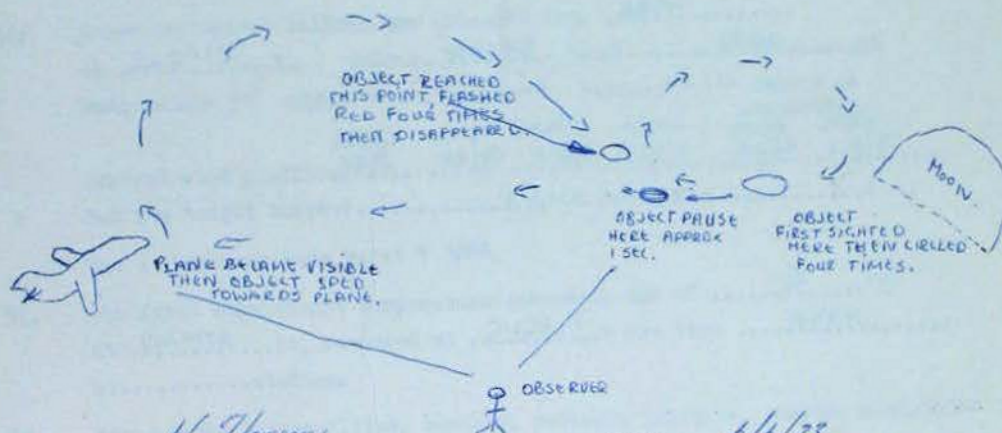
1. Name of Observer.....BILL THOMSON.....Age.....13.....
2. Address of Observer.....20 AMBERLEY RD......  
.....BALGA PERTH W.A. 6061.....Phone No. 495763.....
3. Occupation of Observer.....HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.....
4. Date & Time of start of Observation.....10:22 am 25<sup>th</sup> May 1973.....  
How certain is the date?.....Positive.....  
How accurate is the time of start?.....WITHIN THREE MINUTES.....
5. Duration of the observation.....Approximately 30 seconds.....  
How accurate is your estimate?.....PLUS OR MINUS 10 SECONDS.....
6. Observers' location at the time of sighting.....FRONT GARDEN.....  
.....OF ABOVE ADDRESS.....  
How familiar is the observer with this locality?.....VERY FAMILIAR.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....SUNNY & CLOUDLESS.....  
.....  
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....None.....  
.....  
.....
9. Where was object first observed?  
a. Relative to your surroundings.....NORTH TO NNW.....  
.....  
b. Angle of elevation.....70° TO HORIZONTAL.....  
c. Compass angle bearing.....~~100°~~ N TO NNW.....  
d. How accurate are these estimates?.....80% ACCURATE.....
10. What first attracted observers attention?.....HAPPENED TO GLANCE.....  
.....UPWARD AND SAW OBJECT.....



11. If there was more than one light/object:
- How many were there ? ..... JUST ONE .....
  - In what formation were they ? .....
12. What was the colour of the light or object ? ..... Pale white .....
13. What was the brightness ? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance; eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)
- ..... NOT PARTICULARLY BRIGHT ..... (NOT SHINING) .....
14. What was the apparent size at the nearest approach ? :
- Relative to Venus or Moon..... APPROX ..... 1/20<sup>th</sup> OF SIZE OF HALF MOON .....
  - Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)
  - ..... APPROX ..... 3" ..... 16 ..... DIAMETER .....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at the nearest approach and how these values assessed ?
- ..... SEE QUESTION 9 ..... (ESTIMATED) .....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? ..... NONE .....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
- ..... NONE .....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified) ?
- ..... UNSURE .....
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified) ? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at a stated distances
- ..... UNABLE TO ESTIMATE .....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... 1-1 sec ..... 1-2 sec .....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... SEE DIAGRAM BACK PAGE .....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... PULSATION .....
- ..... RED GLOW ..... PRIOR TO ..... DISAPPEARING .....
23. Where was objects last observed ? :
- Relative to your surroundings ..... As Number 9A .....
  - Angle of elevation.....
  - Compass angle bearing .....



24. What was the manner of its disappearance? ..... OBJECT FLASHED .....  
 ..... FOUR TIMES BRIGHT RED IN COLOUR .....
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc) .....  
 ..... None .....
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity. ....  
 ..... None ..... POSITIONS ESTIMATED BY PARENTS .....
27. How many of witnesses to the sighting? ..... ONE .....
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area .....  
 ..... NO .....
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? .....  
 ..... None .....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? .....  
 ..... OBJECT MOVED IN CONTROLABLE MANNER .....
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form if needed.



Signature..... W. Thompson

Date..... 6/6/73.....





Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type... 1. MACCH ..... (1) ..... (2) ..... (3)  
 Heading... SF 1N NW ..... T ..... T ..... T  
 Height... AT 00448 ..... ,000 ft ..... ,000 ft ..... ,000 ft  
 Speed... K ..... K ..... K  
 ATD/ATA\* ..... hrs ..... hrs ..... hrs

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

A/C type ..... NIL ..... (1) ..... (2) ..... (3)  
 Heading ..... T ..... T ..... T  
 Height ..... ,000 ft ..... ,000 ft ..... ,000 ft  
 Speed ..... K ..... K ..... K  
 ATD/ATA\* ..... hrs ..... hrs ..... hrs

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 31° 56' Longitude 115° 50'

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

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36/ A meteorological balloon was released from APPH

at 242315 Z. Colour WHITE Weight 1200 gm

Radio-sonde \*\*/ radar \*\* : Candie \*\*/ battery\*\* (\*\* Delete as required.)

General wind profile 2000 5000 10,000 23000 29000 53000  
52/6 33/10 27/18 27/20 29/60 27/50

Maximum height tracked 97,000 ft at ..... Z

Was it known to have burst? YES

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

at SURFACE ft, measured at 242315 Z hrs from APPH station.

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

NIL

/ 39. When an

39. When identified as possible aircraft, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.

.....*NIL*.....  
.....

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

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

.....*A MACCHI*.....  
.....

.....*NO. 22A*.....*30 JUN 73*.....  
(Unit) (Date)

.....*R. PYERS*.....*FLG OFF*.....  
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)



29 MAY 73

SIGHTING # 6

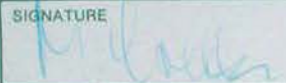
LYNWOOD  
WA

MRS MCHEWLEY

|                                                              |  |                                                        |                         |                                                        |
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| Royal Australian Air Force<br><b>A273</b> Feb 70 <b>MEMO</b> |  | For use within the RAAF only<br>Write in print clearly | OUR FILE<br>580/11 P-28 | FOLIO<br>66                                            |
| FROM<br>D. PAIR (DAR.)                                       |  | DATE<br>3 SEP 73                                       |                         | REFERENCES<br>HOREN 54/AIR<br>P-5 (11) OF<br>30 JUN 73 |
| TO<br>HOREN                                                  |  | ATTENTION<br>FWD OFF PERS                              |                         |                                                        |
| SUBJECT<br>REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS               |  |                                                        |                         |                                                        |

Enclosed for your records is a copy of  
 a letter from this Department to Mrs M.  
 Charney in reply to her report of  
 an unusual aerial sighting.

Enclosure - Copy of letter to Mrs M Charney

|                                                                                                 |                               |                 |                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| SIGNATURE<br> | PRINTED NAME<br>M. E. GRETTON | RANK<br>FWD OFF | APPOINTMENT<br>IR-2 | PHONE EXT<br>2405 |
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31 AUG 1973

580/1/1 Pt28 (6a)

Mrs M. Charnley,  
112 Watling Avenue,  
LYNWOOD, WA 6155

Dear Mrs Charnley,

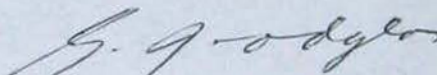
With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 29th May 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was space debris on re-entry to the Earth's atmosphere.

At present there are 2949 man-made objects in space. On re-entry, these objects burn up and often break into smaller components. This would account for the three smaller objects sighted adjacent to the larger object.

Although predictions are made for the re-entry of the majority of satellites, it is not possible to predict the re-entry of the many other items of space debris such as space vehicles and boosters currently orbiting the Earth. It is therefore the opinion of the investigating team that the objects sighted by you can be attributed to an unpredicted re-entry of space debris.

We trust that this explanation will be satisfactory to you and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

*[Handwritten notes]*  
G. J. Odgers  
JMS  
30/8/73

*[Handwritten notes]*  
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Rec'd. 5/11 June

ANNEX E

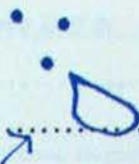
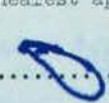
REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by observer

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

1. Name of Observer MARGARET CHARNLEY (MRS) Age 51
2. Address of Observer 112 WATLING AVE,  
LYNWOOD BISS Phone No. 686691
3. Occupation of Observer HOME MAKER
4. Date & Time of start of Observation 5:40 PM, 29th MAY 1973  
How certain is the date? VERY  
How accurate is the time of start? MAYBE 5:45 PM
5. Duration of the observation ABOUT 5 SECS  
How accurate is your estimate? PRETTY
6. Observers' location at the time of sighting Standing in drive  
WAY OF HOUSE  
How familiar is the observer with this locality? living here 2 1/2 yrs.
7. Weather conditions at time of observation CLEAR
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation EYES
9. Where was object first observed?
  - a. Relative to your surroundings NORTH SKY just above  
Tree tops
  - b. Angle of elevation 
  - c. Compass angle bearing NOT A GUE
  - d. How accurate are these estimates? VERY
10. What first attracted observers attention? SPEED & COLOUR  
& BRILLIANCE



11. If there was more than one light/object:
- How many were there ? ONE LARGE
  - In what formation were they ? 
12. What was the colour of the light or object ? GREEN... AS OBSERVED IN MARINE FISH TANKS.
13. What was the brightness ? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)
- BRIGHTER BY FAR THAN STREET LIGHT.
14. What was the apparent size at the nearest approach ? :
- Relative to Venus or Moon. 3/4 MOON
  - Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)
- 10 to 12 inches
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at the nearest approach and how these values assessed ?
- I thought first of a plane crashing 
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? NO
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
- NONE
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified) ?
- Done my best with drawings
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified) ? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at a stated distances
- Speed of falling star but longer in sight
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. NONE
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. NONE
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. only 3 dots
- AS SHOWN
23. Where was object last observed ? :
- Relative to your surroundings NORTHERN SKY
  - Angle of elevation. 
  - Compass angle bearing —

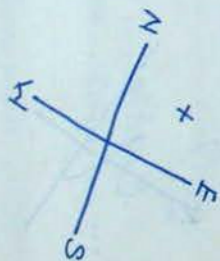


24. What was the manner of its disappearance? FLASHED OUT  
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25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)  
NO  
.....
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of ~~his~~ her ability to estimate ~~angles~~ and angular velocity.  
W.P.F. during World War 2.  
.....
27. How many of witnesses to the sighting? 1  
.....
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area. NOT AT  
LYWOOD but friend at Dalkeith saw something  
over the SWAN TOWARDS CORRESLOE
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?  
Had it not been for the storm I would have felt it  
was a plane crash landing at Kirkcubright.
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?  
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31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form if needed.

Signature M. Chasney.....Date 5th June 1973.....



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X-axis



Y-axis





CHANNEL  
390 PM  
29 2900Z

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
Heading.....T.....T.....T  
Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type { THREE WAS }.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
Heading { A PA 23 }.....T.....T.....T  
Height { IN CIRCUT }.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
Speed { A2FA 940 }.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\* { AT 07E TIME }.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 31° 56' Longitude 115° 50'

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

36/ A meteorological balloon was released from SFP  
at 291115 Z. Colour WHITE Weight 500 gm  
Radio-sonde \*\*/ radar \*\* : Candle \*\*/ battery\*\* (\*\* Delete as required.)  
General wind profile 2000' 28/22 5000' 30/28 10000 30/28 23000 29/74 29000 28/96 56000 28/50  
Maximum height tracked.....85,000 ft at .....Z  
Was it known to have burst ? YES

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

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

NIL

/ 39. When an

39. When identified as possible aircraft, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.

.....*NIL*.....  
.....

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

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

.....*THE PA23*.....  
.....

.....*HQ PEA*.....*30 JUL 73*.....  
(Unit) (Date)

.....*R. PYERS*.....*FLB OFF*.....  
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)



14 JUN 73

SIGHTING #5

PERTH  
WA

L.A. RICHES

580/1/1 Pt28 (5a)

27 AUG 1973

Mr L.A. Riches,  
26 Casuarina Road,  
HAIDA VALE WA 6057

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 14th June 1973, it has been determined that the most likely cause was a re-entry of space debris to the Earth's atmosphere.

At present there are 2891 man-made objects in space and debris periodically burns up on re-entry and often breaks up into small components during this phase.

The date of your sighting corresponds with the confirmed re-entry time for the satellite booster rocket 1964-074B and it is thought that your sighting can be attributed to this re-entry.

We trust that this determination satisfactorily explains your sighting and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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on 580/1/1 Pt 28 (7b)  
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## ANNEX E

## REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

## Part 1 - Report by observer

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

1. Name of Observer. LESLIE A. RICHES Age 44
2. Address of Observer. 26 CASUARINA RD  
MAIDA VALE 6057 Phone No. ....
3. Occupation of Observer. GUARD W. A. GPKYS
4. Date & Time of start of Observation. 6.36 AM 14/6/73  
How certain is the date? RECORD KEPT ON TRAIN WORKINGS  
How accurate is the time of start? CHECKED WATCH
5. Duration of the observation. 6 TO 10 SECONDS  
How accurate is your estimate? GOOD EYESIGHT
6. Observers' location at the time of sighting. MARSHALLING  
YARDS AT ROSS JETTY  
How familiar is the observer with this locality? TRAIN TRIPS EVERY WEEK
7. Weather conditions at time of observation. CLEAR AT DAWN  
NO CLOUDS
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation. NONE
9. Where was object first observed?
  - a. Relative to your surroundings. APPEARED ABOVE ROTWEST
  - b. Angle of elevation. 40 TO 45 DEGREES
  - c. Compass angle bearing. SAME
  - d. How accurate are these estimates? CHECKED BY PAINTED COMPASS
10. What first attracted observers attention? THOUGHT TO BE BRIGHT  
STAR TILL IT MOVED



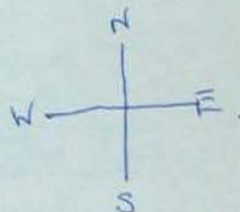
11. If there was more than one light/object:
- How many were there ? ..... FIVE OR SIX .....
  - In what formation were they ? ..... TRAINING .....
12. What was the colour of the light or object ? ..... BRIGHT YELLOW .....
13. What was the brightness ? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)
- ..... ORDINARY STREET LIGHT .....
14. What was the apparent size at the nearest approach ? :
- Relative to Venus or Moon ..... VENUS .....
  - Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)

..... 25 TO 30 .....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at the nearest approach and how these values assessed ?
- HOLDING PIN HEAD BETWEEN FINGERS AT ARMS LENGTH
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? ..... OWN FORCE .....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
- ..... NONE .....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified) ?
- 80° COURSE WOULD NOT SEE PLANE AT THAT HEIGHT
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified) ? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at a stated distances
- SIMILAR TO SHOOTING STAR
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. 2 TO 4 SECONDS
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. STRAIGHT LINE
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen
- VAPOUR TRAINING CONE SHAPE
23. Where was objects last observed :
- Relative to your surrounding. HEADING SEAWARDS
  - Angle of elevation. MOVING 80° COURSE
  - Compass angle bearing ..... SIMILAR .....



24. What was the manner of its disappearance? DISSAPPEARED INTO  
THE MORNING FLARE OVER SEA.
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc) NO.
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity. NONE
27. How many of witnesses to the sighting? NONE
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area. NO F.  
ASKED OTHER EMPLOYEES IF THEY SIGHTED  
SAME ANSWER NO.
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?  
THERE WAS ONE STAR DIRECTLY ABOVE (ONLY ONE)
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form if needed.

SECOND SIGHTING. FIRST SIGHTING.



Signature.....

Date.....



Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
 Heading.....T.....T.....T  
 Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
 Speed.....K.....K.....K  
 ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type F28.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
 Heading APCH.....T.....T.....T  
 Height NEUMAN.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
 Speed.....K.....K.....K  
 ATD/ATA\* APCH 1222Z.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 31°56' Longitude 115°50'

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

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36/ A meteorological balloon was released from GFD

at 132315 Z. Colour WHITE Weight 1200 gm

Radio-sonde \*\*/ radar \*\* : Candle \*\*/ battery\*\* (\*\* Delete as required.)

General wind profile 09/32 11/16 11/18 12/14 13/18 13/73 2476

Maximum height tracked.....103,000 ft at .....Z

Was it known to have burst? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....1 °C

at .....2000 ft, measured at 132315 Z hrs from GFD

.....Station.

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

.....NIL.....

/ 39. When an



39. When identified as possible aircraft, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.

.....*NIL*.....  
.....

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

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

.....*THE FZS*.....  
.....

.....*HQ PEA*.....*30 JUL 73*.....  
(Unit) (Date)

.....*R. PYERS*.....*FLG OFF*.....  
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)

25 JUN 73

SIGHTING # 4

WEMBLEY  
WA

V. E. HOLT



580/1/1 Pt28 (4a)

1973

Mr V.E. Holt,  
55 Blanche Street,  
GOSNELLS WA 6110

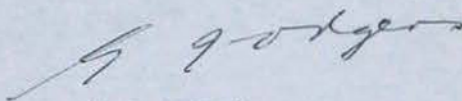
Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 25th June 1973 it has been determined that the most probable cause was a formation of two Macchi jet trainer aircraft on a training flight from RAAF Base Pearce.

Our investigations have shown that at the time of your sighting two Macchis were practicing formation flying at altitudes of 25,000 to 35,000 feet over the area described. Atmospheric distortions would account for the brief disappearance of the aircraft.

We trust that this explanation will be satisfactory to you and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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250/1/1 P. 25 (73)  
28 Aug 73*

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5 JUL 1973

## REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

## Part 1 - Report by observer

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

1. Name of Observer... HOLT Valentine Ernest Age 26
2. Address of Observer... 53 BLANCHE STREET GOSNELLS 6110  
.....Phone No. NIL
3. Occupation of Observer... PLANT OPERATOR
4. Date & Time of start of Observation... 26 JUNE 73 10.00 AM  
How certain is the date?... POSITIVE  
How accurate is the time of start?... CORRECT WHEN FIRST SIGHTED
5. Duration of the observation... 3 TO 5 MINUTES  
How accurate is your estimate?... BY ORDINARY WRISTWATCH
6. Observers' location at the time of sighting... BISHOP ST  
WEMBLEY (EMPLOYERS PROPERTY)  
How familiar is the observer with this locality?... QUITE FAMILIAR
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... FINE & SUNNY
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... NONE
9. Where was object first observed?  
a. Relative to you: surroundings... DUE WEST OVER  
COASTLINE AREA  
b. Angle of elevation... 30° APPROXIMATELY  
c. Compass angle bearing... NOT KNOWN  
d. How accurate are these estimates?... BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
10. What first attracted observer's attention?... I WAS OBSERVING  
A CIVIL AIRCRAFT FLYING EAST TO WEST AND  
RETURNING (AERO-COMMANDER)



11. If there was more than one light/object:
  - a. How many were there ? ..... 2 OBJECTS
  - b. In what formation were they ? ..... SIDE BY SIDE
12. What was the colour of the light or object ? ..... APPEARED TO BE WHITE
13. What was the brightness ? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)
 

..... DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS
14. What was the apparent size at the nearest approach ? :
  - a. Relative to Venus or Moon..... NOT OBSERVED
  - b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)
 

..... APPROXIMATELY 1/16"
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at the nearest approach and how these values assessed ?
 

..... BOTH OBJECTS APPEARED SIDE BY SIDE, I THOUGHT AT FIRST THEY WERE WEATHER BALLOONS
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? ..... TO FAR AWAY
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
 

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

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

..... SIMILAR TO <sup>SMALL</sup> AIRCRAFT BUT MOVEMENTS DIFFERED
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. WHEN FIRST SIGHTED
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. THEY APPEARED TO BE DRIFTING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION THEN DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT FOR A FEW MINUTES
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.
 

..... NONE NOTICABLE
23. Where was objects last observed ? :
  - a. Relative to your surroundings MORE NORTH WEST
  - b. Angle of elevation. STILL ABOUT 30°
  - c. Compass angle bearing NOT KNOWN



24. What was the manner of its disappearance? THEY BOTH APPEARED TO BE MOVING AROUND EACH OTHER BEFORE VANISHING FROM SIGHT

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

NO

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

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27. How many of witnesses to the sighting? ONE

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

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

NONE

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

NONE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME OF DAY

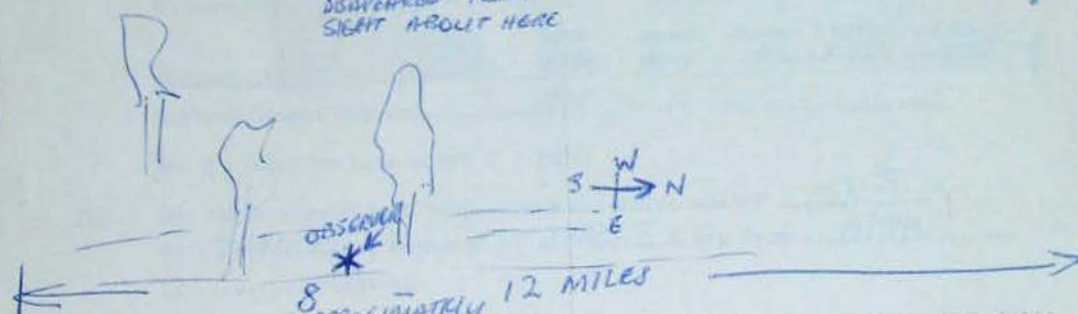
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form if needed.

APPEARED TO BE DRIFTING  
WHEN 1ST SIGHTED

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REAPPEARED  
ABOUT HERE

DISAPPEARED FROM  
SIGHT ABOUT HERE



Signature J. Holt

Date 3. 7. 73

I also on the same day contacted the Department of Civil Aviation and also the Meteorological section trying to get information if any weather balloons or civil or military aircraft were in the area, but no information could be sought from them.





Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type... MACCH (1)... MACCH (2).....(3)  
 Heading } SF IN NW T } FORM SF T.....T  
 Height } AT 0135 - ,000 ft } N NW ,000 ft.....,000 ft  
 Speed.....K } 0220 K } 0156-0257 K.....K  
 ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type .....(1).....(2).....(3)  
 Heading .....T.....T.....T  
 Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
 Speed.....K.....K.....K  
 ATD/ATA\* .....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 31° 56' Longitude 115° 50'

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

36/ A meteorological balloon was released from APPH  
 at 242315 Z. Colour WHITE Weight 1200 gm

Radio-sonde \*\* radar \*\* : Candle \*\* battery\*\* (\*\* Delete as

|                       | 2000  | 5000 | 10000 | 15000 | 20000 | 25000 |
|-----------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| General wind profile. | 19/16 | 25/4 | 16/14 | 19/16 | 22/27 | 25/53 |

Maximum height tracked.....105,000 ft at .....Z

Was it known to have burst? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of 1.5 °C  
 at SURFACE ft, measured at 242315 Z hrs from APPH  
 .....station.

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

NIL

/ 39. When an



39. When identified as possible aircraft, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.

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.....

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

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

..... A. MACCHI FORMATION .....  
.....

..... HQ PEA ..... 30 JUL 73 .....  
(Unit) (Date)

..... R. PIERS ..... PLG OFF .....  
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)

7 AUG 73

SIGHTING #3

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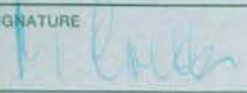
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| Royal Australian Air Force<br><b>A273</b> Feb 70 <b>MEMO</b> |  | For use within the RAAF only<br>Write or print clearly | OUR FILE<br>5801.1 P-28                    | FOLIO<br>36 |
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| TO<br>HOLLN                                                  |  | ATTENTION<br>SADMINDO BSHAV                            |                                            |             |
| SUBJECT<br>Reports of Unusual Aerial Sightings               |  |                                                        |                                            |             |

Enclosed for your records is a copy of  
 a letter from this Department to Mrs L  
 Hayes in reply to her report of an unusual  
 aerial sighting.

Enclosure: Copy of letter to Mrs L Hayes

|                                                                                                 |                           |                 |                     |                   |
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17 OCT 1973

Mrs L. Hayes,  
P.O. Box 133,  
COLAC, VIC 3250

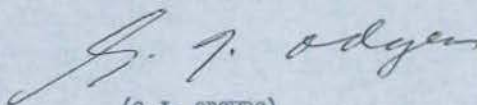
Dear Mrs Hayes,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 7th August 1973, the most probable cause, as assessed by the investigating team, was the planet Jupiter.

At the time of sighting, Jupiter was visible on a bearing of  $260^{\circ}$  at an elevation of  $50^{\circ}$  with a magnitude of -2. Additionally there was slight cloud cover of cirrus (2/8) very high, and cumulus type cloud (5/8) at medium level. The cirrus cloud would feasibly impart a magnification of the planet, and the movement of the cumulus cloud would give the light source apparent speed.

We regret that the theory cannot be confirmed, but trust that the explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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16 Oct 73

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: 399-1311

Headquarters  
RAAF Base  
LAVERTON VIC 3027

IN REPLY QUOTE.....BS/5/4/AIR(21).....

21st September 1973

Department of Air (ATTN: DAFI R 1)  
Headquarters Support Command (ATTN: C Intel O)

REPORT ON UFO SIGHTED IN COLAC AREA

Forwarded in accordance with HQSC 5/6/AIR(27) dated 11th August 1972  
are copies of a report of an unidentified flying object sighted in the Colac  
area on the 7th August 1973.

(W.A. LOCKHART)  
Squadron Leader  
for Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Two copies of UFO report and findings





INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT  
ON THE SIGHTING OF AN UNIDENTIFIED  
FLYING OBJECT AT COLAC VIC ON 7TH AUGUST 1973

INTRODUCTION

1. On the 7th August 1973, Flt Lt D. Weston, Base Operations, received a telephone call from a Mrs. L. Hayes of Irrewarra, Colac, concerning a UFO sighting at 0140K that morning. No other witnesses to the sighting are known.
2. Mrs. Hayes was interviewed over the phone and a proforma was sent to her to fill in and return.
3. Mrs. Hayes stated that she had been awakened by the cattle which were very restless and noisy. When investigating, as she switched on a light in the kitchen, from the corner of her eye she observed a bright red/orange shimmering light. The light was to the south-west at an elevation of approximately 45° and remained stationary for approximately 2½ minutes. The object then climbed swiftly and disappeared rapidly in a southerly direction. A circular reflection of bright red/orange light seemed to follow. No sound was heard.

POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS

4. The following aspects were considered in attempting to find an explanation:
  - a. Aircraft. There were no known military or civil aircraft in the vicinity at the time of the sighting.
  - b. Visible Satellites. No evidence available of visible satellites at the time of the sighting.
  - c. Meteorological Balloons. The balloon released from Laverton at 1100Z would have blown to the SSE of Laverton and burst prior to the time of sighting.
  - d. Local Phenomena. At the time of the sighting, reflection from the lights of Colac was visible on cloud.
  - e. Meteorological Conditions. At 061540Z the weather in the area, according to Mrs. Hayes, was clear, cool and calm conditions. Weather at Laverton 1100Z was fine, visibility 25NM, surface wind northerly 14KTS, cloud 5/8 alto-cumulus 2/8 cirrus (exact heights not recorded), temperature 17°C dew point 14°C. Weather at Laverton 1700Z was fine, visibility 25NM, surface wind WNW 3KTS, cloud 7/8 strato-cumulus 4000ft, temperature 16°C dew point 13°C. Inversions - 1100Z nil at Laverton  
2300Z + 3°C 5000-6000 ft at Laverton.  
At the time of sighting, cloud cover over Colac area would have been increasing in amount and the base lowering as is evident from 1100Z and 1700Z met reports from Laverton.
  - f. Celestial Bodies. The Melbourne Observatory advised that at the time of sighting the following celestial bodies would have been visible:
    - (1) Mars - to NE - bright red;
    - (2) Rigel - bright red star - to east;
    - (3) Canopus - bluish white star - to east;



- (4) Achernar - bluish white star, not as bright as Canopus - to south;
- (5) Fomalhaut - bluish white star, not as bright as Canopus or Achernar - to SSW; and
- (6) Altair - bluish white star.

CONCLUSION

5. The cause of the sighting cannot be determined, however, the object was most probably Mars or the star Rigel. Due to the low cloud cover the object would have seemed to have relative motion through the cloud, to the observer.

6. Another possible explanation could be a searchlight aimed at the cloud base.



(B.A. WRIGHT)  
Flying Officer  
Investigating Officer

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Headquarters  
RAAF Base  
LAVERTON VIC 3027

BS/5/4/AIR(20)

9th August 1973

Mrs. L. Hayes  
Box 133  
COLAC VIC 3250

Dear Mrs. Hayes,

1. Your sighting of an unusual aerial object as reported to RAAF Base Laverton on 7th August 1973 has been recorded and preliminary investigations have been commenced.
2. To assist the RAAF in our investigations, a proforma is enclosed and you are asked to kindly complete this form at your earliest convenience, after which the form should be returned to this Base in the envelope provided.
3. Thanking you for your keen interest in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

(W.A. LOCKHART)  
Squadron Leader  
for Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Proforma - report on Unusual Aerial Sighting

*N & A.*

1. Proforma received back at Base 30 Aug 73.
2. Proforma received by formation UFO officer, 12 SEP 73.

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12 SEP 73

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

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

1. Name of observer..... LILIAN SUSAN HAYES ..... Age..... 53 .....
2. Address of observer... P.O. BOX 133, COLAC .....  
..... Phone..... 31.5786 .....
3. Occupation of observer... HOME DUTIES .....
4. Date and time of start of observation... 7th AUGUST, 1973, 1:40a.m., ....  
How certain is the date?..... EXACT .....
- How accurate is the time of start?..... ACCURATE .....
5. Duration of observation... APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES .....
- How accurate is your estimate?..... FAIRLY ACCURATE .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... OBSERVED FROM KITCHEN WINDOW..  
FACING WEST AT IRREWARRA, FIVE MILES EAST OF COLAC .....
- How familiar is observer with this locality?..... VERY FAMILIAR .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... CLEAR, COOL NIGHT HARDLY  
ANY WIND .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... NONE .....
9. Where was object first observed? : SOUTH-WEST OF HOUSE, IRREWARRA  
a. Relative to your surroundings... SOUTH - WEST .....
- b. Angle of elevation... ABOUT 45° .....
- c. Compass angle bearing... NOT KNOWN .....
- d. How accurate are these estimates? ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE... WITHOUT..  
COMPASS .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? ATTENTION CAUGHT BY SIZE AND  
BRIGHTNESS OF OBJECT, FROM CORNER OF MY EYE, AS I TURNED TO SWITCH  
ON ELECTRIC LIGHT.
11. If there was more than one light/object: NONE  
a. How many were there?.....  
b. In what formation were they?.....
12. What was the colour of the light or object? VERY BRIGHT GLOWING RED-ORANGE  
SHIMMERING.

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)..100%.TO FULL MOON.....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:  
 a. Relative to Venus or Moon...RELATIVE TO THE MOON.....  
 b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)...1 1/2 inches.....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..VERY DIFFICULT TO ASSESS WITHOUT INSTRUMENTS.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..NO OBVIOUS PROPULSION BUT DEFINITELY A CONTROLLED MOVEMENT.....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity  
 ...NO SOUND AT ALL.....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..MINIMUM ANGLE 45° MOVING TO 60° ANGLE.. ORANGE GLOW REFLECTED THEN ON CLOUD.....
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances..ESTIMATE IMPOSSIBLE, HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING COMPARABLE IN SPEED.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases..STATIONARY, WHEN FIRST SIGHTED FOR ABOUT 2 1/2 minutes.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..RISING SWIFTLY, DISAPPEARED IN SOUTHERELY DIRECTION, CONTROLLED MOVEMENT.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..NO TRAIL OF VAPOUR OR EXHAUST AS OBJECT MOVED, A CIRCULAR REFLECTION OF BRIGHT ORANGE RED LIGHT SEEMED TO FOLLOW.....
23. Where was object last observed:  
 a. Relative to your surroundings...TRAVELLING SOUTH.....  
 b. Angle of elevation...GOING HIGHER.....  
 c. Compass angle bearing...NO COMPASS BEARING.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..RECEDED VERY SWIFTLY FROM VIEW.....
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)?..NO. CATTLE VERY RESTLESS AND NOISY, SOUNDS AWAKE MI.....
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity...NONE.....
27. How many witnesses to the sighting) ?..NO WITNESSES.....



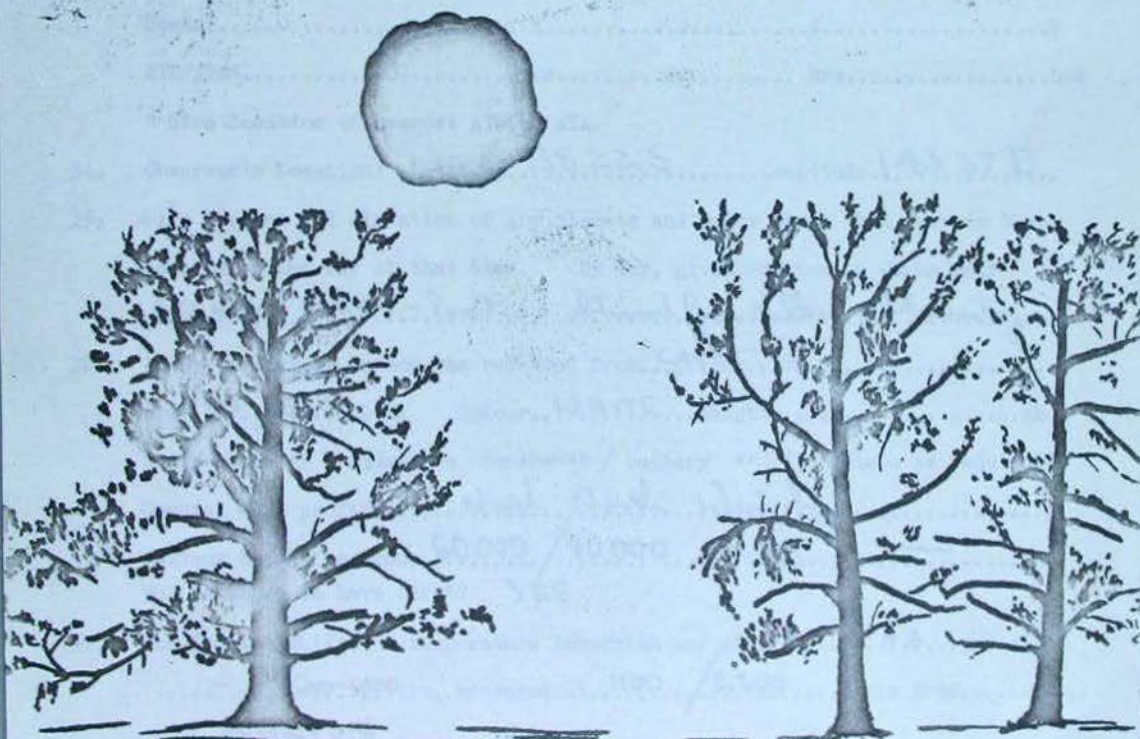
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28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? *no*.....
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? *Nothing. Have never seen*.....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....  
*...I have never seen anything like this object before*.....
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

50 ft

*Reflection of lights from  
City of Colac*



*Pine Trees approximately 40'-50' high*

Signature

*Lillian Hayes*.....

Date *28.8.1973*..

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported  
USO position at the time: NIL  
A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
Heading.....T.....T.....T  
Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs
33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO  
position at the time: NIL - advised by Flight Information Unit.  
A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
Heading.....T.....T.....T  
Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs  
\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.
34. Observer's Location: Latitude 38 22 S.....Longitude 143 37 E..
35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that  
portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only  
SEE NEXT PAGE - Position obtained from Melbourne Observatory...
36. A meteorological balloon was released from LAVERTON.....  
at 1100 / 2300...Z. Colour WHITE...Weight.....gm  
Radio-sonde \*\* / radar \*\*: ~~Candle~~ \*\* / battery \*\* (\*\* delete as required)  
General wind profile.....North North Westerly.....  
Maximum height tracked 60000 / 90000 ,000 ft at.....Z  
Was is known to have burst? YES
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of NIL / +3...°C at  
.....5000-6000 ft, measured at 1100 / 2300...Z hrs from.....  
.....LAVERTON.....station.
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites  
etc. relevant to the sighting...NOT AVAILABLE.....
39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace



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

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

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

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

...a...STAR...ST...MARS.....

35. Moos was to the North East - Bright red.

STARS.

- a. RIGEL - Bright red star - to East,
- b. CANOPUS - bluish white star - to East,
- c. ACHERNAR - bluish white star - not as bright as CANOPUS -  
to South,
- d. FOMALHAUT - bluish white star - not as bright as  
CANOPUS or ACHERNAR - South South West,
- e. ALTAIR - Bluish white star.

BSLAV.....(Unit).....B.A. WRIGHT.....(Name)

17SEP73.....(Date).....FLG OFF.....(Rank)

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FOR CINTELLO CMM DAFI PD

UFO REPORT PD MRS L HAYES HOUSEWIFE BOX 133 COLAC VIC 3250  
STD 052 315786 PD REPORTED FOLLOWING SIGHTING OVER COLAC FROM  
ER HOME AT IRREWARRA (4NM COLAC) AT 061545Z AUG 1973 PD  
LARGE MOON TYPE OBJECT CMM BRIGHT ORANGE OR RED STATIONARY OVER  
COLAC TO SOUTH WEST PD OBJECT THEN DISAPPEARED TO SOUTH  
MOVING VERY RAPIDLY CMM OBJECT LEFT A BLURRED TRAIL PD WEATHER  
FINE AND CLEAR WITH LOW CLOUD PD INVESTIGATION COMMENCED  
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24 JUL 73

SIGHTING #2

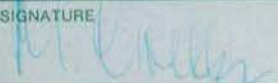
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| FROM<br>DEPAIR (DAFI)                                        |  | DATE<br>28 Aug 73                                      |                           | REFERENCES  |
| TO<br>HQSC                                                   |  | ATTENTION<br>C-INTERLO                                 |                           |             |
| SUBJECT<br>Reports of Unusual Aerial Sightings               |  |                                                        |                           |             |

Enclosed, for your records, are copies of letters from this Department to Mr E C Phillips and Master B. Schneider in reply to their reports of unusual aerial sightings.

Enclosures: Copies of letters to Mr E C Phillips and Master B. Schneider

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| SIGNATURE<br> | PRINTED NAME<br>M. G. GIFFORD | RANK<br>FLG OFF | APPOINTMENT<br>12-3 | PHONE EXT<br>9408 |
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27 AUG 1973

Mr E.C. Philippe,  
13 Circle Ridge,  
Chirnside Park,  
LILYDALE VIC 3140

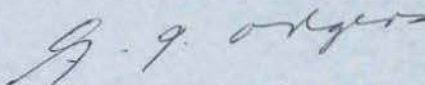
Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 24th July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was the star CANOPUS.

Astronomical charts show that at 6.45 AM, Canopus would have been visible with a magnitude of -1 on a bearing of  $136^{\circ}$  at an elevation of approximately  $35^{\circ}$ . This position coincides with the description of your sighting. Additionally, a temperature inversion of  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$  recorded at an altitude of 600 feet would account for any abnormal brightness due to the star being viewed through pollutants being trapped below that level.

We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your report.

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

*File  
Dm  
23 Aug 73*

*Also  
27 Aug 73  
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# MEMORANDUM

RAAF FORM A273 MAR 63

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FROM

HQSC

OUR FILE

5/6/1/Air (42)

DATE

2 AUG 73

TO

~~DEPAIR~~

ATTENTION

→ DAFI IR-2

REFERENCES

SUBJECT

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING



Enclosed is an unusual aerial sighting from Mr C PHILIPPE of LILYDALE.



SIGNATURE

*[Signature]*

PRINTED NAME

R.O.GIBBS

RANK AND APPOINTMENT

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C.D.O. 9777

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*from the mountain at night*  
Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

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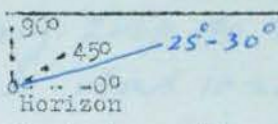
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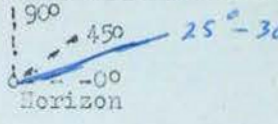
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# REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

## Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer ERIC CHARLES PHILIPPE Age 57  
Address 13 CIRCLE RIDGE CHIRNSIDE PARK  
LILYDALE State VIC Postcode 3140  
Occupation INVESTIGATION OFFICER INCOME TAX  
Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (business) 6092320
2. Exact location of observer CIRCLE RIDGE  
CHIRNSIDE PARK LILYDALE OPPOSITE EAST LINK
3. Start of observation: Date 24/7/73 Time 6-45 am  
End of observation: Date 24/7/73 Time 6-50 am
4. Accuracy of date Tuesday 24/7/73 Times correct
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc Visibility at time of observation looking towards Mt Dandenong was good
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?  
Looking South East.  
At what angle to the horizon?  
Approx 25° to 30°  


You 45° Horizon
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?  
Object was stationary and in the same direction  
At what angle to the horizon?  
25°-30°  


You 45° Horizon
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
Peak of Mt Dandenong approx 10 miles higher than the mountain in flight
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)



Object was unmoving during the period in which it was observed and was of a bright white light much larger than any star which had previously been noticed during lifetime. At first it was thought to be the lights on an aeroplane but after subsequent observation it became apparent that it was not moving. I then called my wife's attention to it and she confirmed that it was unmoving and that it did not appear to be a star as it was too large. The sky in the area of the sighting was quite clear at the time the light was observed, the peak of Mt Dandenong with its usual lights on top was quite visible and silhouetted against the sky. The object observed was higher than the mountain and was situated to the east of it. It was estimated to be approximately 2000 to 3000 higher than the mountain and about 10 miles distance.

Knock Ridge  
Chernside Park

MT  
Dandenong /10.

NORTH



10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? No photographs were taken.

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)  
One witness, my wife, Mrs Maude Jane Phillips

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 27/7/73

Signature E. Phillips



Part 2 - Unit Report

1. a. Details of military aircraft in the area at the time of sighting.

| Type | Heading        | Height | Speed | Departed from | ATD | Destination | ATA |
|------|----------------|--------|-------|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
|      | Not considered |        |       |               |     |             |     |
|      |                |        |       |               |     |             |     |
|      |                |        |       |               |     |             |     |
|      |                |        |       |               |     |             |     |

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Details of civil aircraft activity, including light private aircraft and international flights, in the area at the time of the sighting.

| Type | Heading        | Height | Speed | Departed from | ATD | Destination | ATA |
|------|----------------|--------|-------|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
|      | Not considered |        |       |               |     |             |     |
|      |                |        |       |               |     |             |     |
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Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

2. Give the bearing, elevation and movement of any planets or major stars that were in that portion of the sky at the time of the sighting.

Canopus

Source of information Air Almanac

3. Details of any predicted satellites, rockets, comets or meteorite activity in the area at time of the sighting.

Not considered

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

/4. Details

4. Details of any meteorological, research or radar balloons known to have been in the area at the time of sighting (refer to point of release, size, colour, ROC, wind profile and whether it was known to have burst)

Source of information

5. Details of any unusual radar traces or images which may relate to the sightings, as recorded by military or civil networks

Source of information

6. Provide the following information relating to the weather and atmospheric conditions at the time of the sighting:

Temperature (dry bulb) 2 °C (wet bulb) 2 °C Relative Humidity 97 %

Cloud Cover 8/8 Fog type

Temperature inversion of 5 °C at surf to 600' ft measured at

from LAV

0900 hrs EST

Wind direction 070° @ 12 kts at 3,000 ft

360° @ 6 " at 5,000 ft

280° @ 4 " at 10,000 ft

210° @ 10 " at 15,000 ft

Pollution level

7. Details of terrain and natural and/or man-made features in the area (Attach map with significant points marked, if possible)

Observer has covered.



Part 3 - Investigating Officer's Evaluation

1. a. Date of interview \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Place of interview \_\_\_\_\_
2. Names and addresses of persons interviewed (include phone numbers where applicable)  
1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Narrative evaluation of personalities of witnesses (include any relationship with UFO organizations and their interest in subject matter).
4. Investigating Officer's evaluation of possible cause(s).

Canopus. At that time of day the rising sun could have been reflected off Canopus. It was a fine frosty morning, even the LAV recorded 8/8 fog

HQSCN

(Unit)

R. O. GIBBS

(Name)

31 JUL 73

(Date)

1st Lt.

(Rank)

9JUL73

SIGHTING # 1

Box Hill South  
Vic

MISS B. SMITH



14 AUG 1973

580/1/1 Pt 28 (1a)

Miss B. Smith  
30 Howard Street  
BOX HILL SOUTH VIC 3128

Dear Miss Smith,

Your letter dated 12th July 1973 relating to an unusual aerial sighting has been forwarded to this Department by the University of Melbourne.

To enable us to conduct an investigation into this sighting, would you please complete the attached form and return it to the following address as soon as possible:

Headquarters Support Command  
RAAF  
Victoria Barracks  
St Kilda Road  
MELBOURNE VIC 3004

Yours faithfully,

*G. J. Odgers*

(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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*14.8.73*  
*[Signature]*



DAFI  
17-7-73

580-1-1

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

With the Compliments

of  
The Secretary

Department of Defence

Dep Air - Attention DAFI

Ref Your 580-1-1 (1726)

Please reply to Miss B Smith  
direct.

Phone 2918. *A. Perkin*  
Information Central  
2 Aug 73.

Miss B. Smith,  
30 Howard Street,  
Box Hill South, Vic. 3128.

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Yours sincerely,

B. PERKIN,  
Secretary,  
Faculty of Science,  
for A. T. J. BELL, Registrar.







University

of Melbourne

With the Compliments of  
Faculty of Science

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July 24

Dear Miss Smith,

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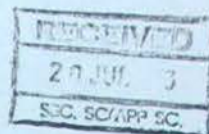
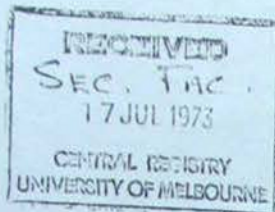
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30 Howard Street,  
BOX HILL SOUTH. 3128.

12th July, 1973.

Dear Sir,

On Monday evening of this week at approximately 6.15 p.m. I was walking up Howard Street looking at a beautiful sparkling star with all colours coming from it - it was more beautiful than a diamond. Then my attention was suddenly turned to a huge star, much larger than Venus - it was to the right of the sparkling star. It was so bright and close. I rang a friend straight away to go and have a look at it, but when my friend went to see this huge star, it had gone. It was a clear night and I had not noticed any clouds.

On Tuesday evening at approximately 7 p.m. I was travelling from Noble Park to the City by car when I noticed the large star. I looked at it for quite a while when suddenly its "light" turned off completely and all I could see was a dim red light moving across the night sky! Previously it had been stationary, but when the star "switched off its light" it moved across the sky as a dim red light.

Could you please advise me on this, and also what is the name of the beautiful diamond-like star which shoots all beautiful colours from it?

Yours faithfully,

(M.) B. Smith.

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